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Date: 22nd April 2021

To whom it may concern

Community Asset Transfer – FES Holdings Inchree

I write as one of the elected representatives on Highland Council for the Inchree area in support of the community's request for a community asset transfer from Forestry Enterprise Scotland.

My support follows several year's involvement with this project providing both advice and support to the volunteers who have spearheaded the community request. I have also chaired an initial public meeting when the issue was first considered and at the request of the steering committee scrutinised the responses to the subsequent public consultation. From this, I know that there is widespread support amongst residents, not just in the immediate Inchree area, but throughout Nether Lochaber for a transfer of assets.

Additionally, the steering group comprises a dedicated team of volunteers who have considerable experience that will be vital as they develop and implement their plans for any assets transferred. There is a good mix of both professional and community experience within this group.

Whilst this community asset transfer may be modest in terms of scale it is an important component in a much wider desire to increase community involvement, provide new facilities and opportunities within Nether Lochaber and benefit from visitor spending. It is important that this asset transfer proceeds, as it is the starting point from which other benefits will flow.

I urge you to approve the principle of transfer.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor Andrew Baxter