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CATS - Carron Valley

Dear Rebecca

I am writing in support of the CATS - Carron Valley bid.

The Scottish Government is to be commended for enacting their policy of Community Asset Transfers. It provides wonderful opportunities to enable communities to aspire to and develop their local areas with long lasting benefits for the area and the confidence of the locals.

Being a scattered, Carron Valley currently has social infrastructure no places where we can gather together. The purchase of this woodland is an ideal opportunity for us to grow together & develop our skills as we transform our woodland into a range of spaces & facilities.

Our community woodland would be developed into an accessible & welcoming space to meet, learn new skills, take part in activities & gain confidence to further develop our community.

The location & size allows for a gradual approach to development. As our self belief & abilities grow so will the range of facilities in the space, from a local resource to a gathering / open event space to an indoor meeting space.

The future will not always be smooth & easy but our community has the desire, ability & willingness to learn the skills necessary to be successful in the short & the long term. The first step in any large undertaking is the most daunting but we want to make that step. Carron Valley has my support now & in the future to make a success of our aspirations

Yours sincerely