



5 August 2020

Re: KF8779

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of Insh Community Holdings (ICH) in my constituency and their plans to purchase 6 ha of land from Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS).

I understand ICH have been leasing the land from FLS since 1999, investing significant amounts of time and energy improving and developing the site for village amenity, recreation and biodiversity. The site has been used to facilitate local education, with pupils from the Kingussie High School contributing as part of their Rural Skills class.

I am pleased that significant consultation has been undertaken with the local community, and that a questionnaire conducted in June showed high levels of support for the purchase among the community.

The group are putting together a Feasability study and Business Plan for a community buyout.

I am confident that a community buyout of this section of land would be a huge benefit to the local community. A buyout would also open up new avenues of potential benefit for the community in the long term.

I am pleased to add my support to their efforts.

Yours sincerely,

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