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Dear Ms Carr

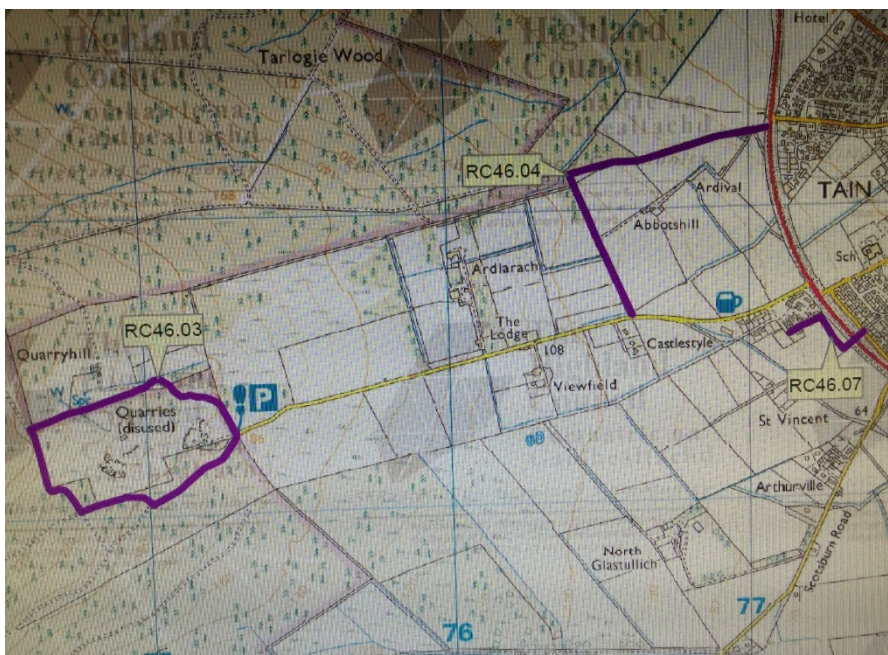
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I support the principle of the transfer of assets to community groups. Knowing this land so well and the community that use it, there are just three points I would raise, that the Evaluation Panel may wish to consider, regarding the mitigation of potential negative impacts of the transfer on the wider community.

1) Core Paths – Public Footpaths on Tain Hill

This well used circuit of footpaths surrounds the proposed extension site. Ardlarach Farm gave a useful right of way at Quarryhill to the FLS to enable the creation of the Circular path RC46.03



An informal telephone vox pop on this proposal (due to Covid Restrictions in January 2021) with some of the runners, riders and walkers that use these paths, resulted in resounding feedback that a) the expansion should not ever disrupt public access to the paths or b) create excessive noise disturbance as to spoil the present enjoyment of them.

## 2) Mineral Rights – Disused Sandstone Quarry

The Club have made it clear on their application that the site will “not be developed in anyway”. So, would it not be prudent, in this instance, for the FLS and the Scottish Ministers to reserve the Mineral rights for the public?

## 3) Public Liability Insurance

Presently the Club is situated perfectly for their purpose – enclosed in a wall of sandstone – accidents are unlikely. Taking any shooting activity out into the expanded site – given the proximity of the public footpaths, it would be reassuring to us all if Public Liability Insurance cover was in place.

Many thanks for the opportunity to make this representation.

With Best Wishes

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