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Dear Susan,

I am writing to express the Scottish Crofting Federation's support for the Kyle & Localsh Community Trust proposals for the Ratagan and Saraig areas.

As you know, the SCF has long campaigned for the creation of new crofts wherever possible as we believe crofting brings huge value both to rural communities and to land management in rural areas.

The proposals being put forward to include 5 woodland crofts and land for both homes and businesses on these would provide excellent opportunities to bring new families to the area, particularly alongside the other elements of your proposal such as affordable housing and the community growing area.

We know from our own records, and from those of the Scottish Land Matching Service, that there continues to be substantial demand for croft land, particularly from young people looking to bring up families in an area whilst also contributing to community life so any opportunity to support this is very welcome as access to such land is often difficult, particularly for new entrants.

We wish you the best of luck and sincerely hope that this project goes ahead and if we can be of any help in the future with this, please do let us know.

Yours sincerely,

Donna Smith
Chief Executive

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