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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to as the MSP for Kyle and Lochalsh to express my full support for the Kyle and Lochalsh Community Trust's community asset transfer application.

I understand that the Trust are looking to purchase two areas of land at Ratagan and Saraig with the aim of building affordable homes to retain local individual and families in the Loch Duich and wider Lochalsh area. The project would see the construction of six affordable homes on the site as well as another two to four affordable plots for self-builds and provision for at least five crofts.

In addition to affordable homes, the Trust are looking to build two business units for rent and also create spaces for shared working. A community plot for growing produce and a community-owned camping site to provide employment and tourist services are also planned.

The Loch Duich area in particular has suffered from depopulation with the local school now at risk of closure as a result of falling numbers. The project offers a key opportunity to address local need and that demographic imbalance, and I am pleased to give my full support to the Trust's application.

Yours faithfully,

Kate Forbes MSP

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