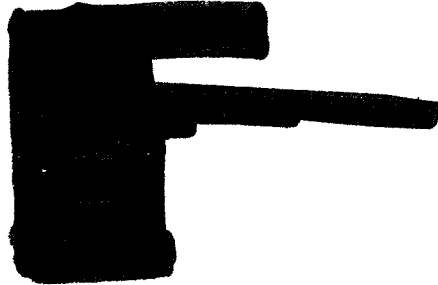




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I would like to thank you and your fellow Ardnamurchan Lighthouse Trustees for meeting with me to outline your exciting and forward-thinking plans for developing the visitor centre at this iconic landmark.

I have absolutely no hesitation in offering my support to the Trust in their endeavours, given the work that has been done over the past 21 years to preserve and promote Ardnamurchan Lighthouse, both as a historical monument and as a tourist attraction for visitors to this remote rural peninsula.

The outline proposals for developing the existing visitor centre and cafeteria are dynamic and enterprising and I know Trustees have the support of the local community as well as consultants and architects who have been involved through a Heritage Lottery funding application.

With an annual visitor count in excess of 18,000, the Ardnamurchan Lighthouse is clearly a major attraction for visitors and I was impressed by the many possible improvements to the facility which are being considered by the Trustees.

In remote areas such as Ardnamurchan, the importance of initiatives such as this - aimed at preserving the local history and culture, as well as attracting visitors to the area - cannot be overstated as a means of helping to sustain the community for many years to come.

I am glad to hear that Highland Council is looking favourably at the Trust's bid to purchase the site by means of a Community Asset Transfer and hope this can be progressed as quickly as possible.

I wish you all well with this project and look forward to receiving updates from you as matters progress. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you think I can assist in any way.

Kind regards,



Ian Blackford
Member of Parliament for Ross, Skye & Lochaber

