



# Kilmallie Community Company

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*M. Tim Stott*

Dear Mr Archibald,

**West Highlands & Islands Local Plan  
Local Plan Examination- Corpach -MU1 - Hearings  
Statement from Kilmallie Community Company**

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Thank you for the invitation to the hearing session and for the opportunity to make these additional comments. Kilmallie Community Company's representative at the meeting will be Linda Taylor who is one of our directors.

In our original objection to the structure plan we stated that we hoped to own the areas of woodland one of which, Cnoc nam Faobh, is adjacent to the land MU1. The land transaction has now been in the hands of solicitors for nearly 3 months and the process should be complete well before 20th Jan.

The woodland area Cnoc nam Faobh will be managed by the community company for amenity and recreation. This is a very small area of woodland next to the Druim Fada housing estate. It is enhanced at present by the open fields and woodland (part of the MU1 land in question) next to it. Ideally we would like to see the existing open space continue as open space and be defined as such in the new structure plan. A lot of people will have seen the original plan and seen the area defined as OS. Many will not have realised that the classification has changed between one draft and the next.

Once we own the woodland we must draw up plans for its management. The classification MU is so wide ranging that it will be difficult to decide what to do. For example: heaven forbid that we have to plant a screen to hide heavy industry rather than preserve the existing light screen of trees and open views. Creating paths and walks which link with the surrounding countryside is possible at present, would be possible if the OS classification is retained but not possible if the entire MU1 area is fenced off for industry, etc.

From KCC point of view we would like to see all, or second best part of, the area classed as OS as it was in the original draft structure plan.



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At the very least we would ask for a strongly worded definition of what is acceptable in this MUI area.  
And obviously this definition would have to address our concerns

Yours sincerely,



Paul Biggin  
for Kilmallie Community Company