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To whom it may concern

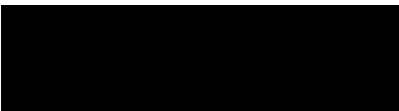
I am writing as the constituency MSP for Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch in support of the application made by Struan Community Trust for a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) of the Struan Primary School building.

The ownership of the former school will allow Struan Community Trust to make progress with their community action plan, the first action being 'Community Life Together'. The Trust is keen to develop this building as a community facility, attracting younger people to remain in Struan and allow the community to renovate the property and develop a programme of activities including a "Men's Shed", services for tourists and hiring out the hall for external use.

I am hugely supportive of the plans Struan Community Trust has in their '2023-2033 Community Action Plan'. Struan is a thriving and a well-integrated community, they aim to become a more independent community that has deliberately developed local skilled employment opportunities. The community action plan highlights that all residents should have access to the facilities, services, and the social activities that they need, including a vibrant community hub which also welcomes visitors. A successful CAT of the Struan Primary School building would be a huge landmark for this community and go a long way to support their action plan.

I have no hesitation in endorsing and supporting Struan Community Trust's application for a CAT of the primary school and would be delighted to provide further information if required.

Yours sincerely,



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