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Anne Coombs NOSAS Chair Evelix Cottage Dornach Sutherland IV25 3RD

Dear Anne

LEADER Application Support Letter

I am very pleased to have been asked to write a letter of support in favour of NOSAS' application to LEADER for assistance towards a development plan that will further the wonderful archaeological work that NOSAS has achieved to date.

As a once professional archaeologist, I have been aware of NOSAS and its members for a long time. Now coming to the end of my fifteenth year at the Highland Folk Museum, I first met NOSAS members at the end of the 1990s when the archaeological excavations that helped inform our 1700s Township recreation were being carried out at Easter Raitts. After that I was most impressed by the survey, excavation and publication surrounding the Glen Feshie project. And again, as an advisory panel member of the 'Scotland's Rural Past' administered by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments, I was equally impressed by the dedication employed and results achieved from the recent Strathconon project.

I have absolutely no hesitation or reservations in recommending NOSAS for consideration for a LEADER award. I have never failed to be impressed by the Society's successes, achieved through dedication and unerring professionalism. To see NOSAS develop further would be a great step forward for Highland archaeology, the furtherance of related skills, community development and engagement, not to mention the future of a worthwhile and proactive body of individuals.

Yours sincerely

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