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Dear Danny

### **Sandown Farm Road Development**

Thank you for your letter dated 24 February 2012 to Stuart Black, Director of Planning and Development. Stuart has asked that I respond to you.

As you will be aware, Mr Hart has been unhappy with the management of Nairn Common Good Fund for some time and this is reflected in his correspondence with you. He is particularly exercised about Highland Council's handling of Sandown Land; a key asset of Nairn's Common Good Fund. This has resulted in a series of FOI requests and other correspondence from Mr Hart that Nairn's Elected Members, other Council Officers and I have answered.

The whole issue had become very frustrating and resulted in a meeting of all three Nairn Community Council with Elected Members and Council officers on 5 March 2012. The meeting was well attended and very well received by Community Councillors. I delivered a presentation on a range of issues, including the two covered in your letter – Sale of Sandown and Land Registration Entry. The outcome is that, following the Local Government elections in May, local Members will establish a regular liaison meeting with a representative from each of the three Nairn Community Councils to discuss Common Good Fund matters.

Please find attached the Press Release from this meeting. The feedback Elected Members and I have received has been positive and this was reflected in several articles in the Nairnshire Telegraph.

I am happy to give you chapter and verse if you wish but, following the meeting on 5 March, I believe people are now in the mood to look to the future rather than look at the past.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Yours sincerely



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