



Nairn West and Suburban Community Council  
Jointly with  
Nairn River Community Council

26<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Lewis

**SANDOWN COMMON GOOD LAND – FURTHER CONSULTATION**

On 21 October the Chair of NW&SCC emailed you – following email and telephone exchanges with you and an informal discussion with some NW&SCC members – to indicate that two representatives from NW&SCC would be prepared to attend the meeting you had proposed at very short notice to discuss arrangements for further consultation about the possible disposal of the Sandown Land.

This subject was debated at some length and in detail at the regular NW&SCC meeting on Monday evening 25 October, at which several members of Nairn River CC were also present. Nairn River CC have not yet had an opportunity to consider the subject at a regular full meeting.

There was serious concern that the purpose, membership and intended outcomes of this group meeting were insufficiently clear, and that CC participation in the meeting risked being regarded or interpreted - wrongly - as endorsement of a further consultation exercise. This would be inconsistent with the position set out in the jointly-agreed letter of 4 October, to which a reply is still awaited.

The agreed conclusion was that that the two CCs (which together represent the entire community of the burgh of Nairn) should decline to attend the meeting, on the grounds that we did not agree or accept that further consultation was appropriate or necessary.

Both CCs remain ready and keen to participate in dialogue on this important matter, subject to satisfactory arrangements for such engagement being clearly agreed in advance.

Yours sincerely,

**Alistair Noble**

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Chair, NW&S CC

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