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To Whom it may concern

I am sending you this email on behalf of my Dad, [REDACTED] who I have been discussing with your proposed Local Development Plan public comment - Local Biodiversity Site in relation to Greenladean Farm as the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] right now and has asked that I may email this on his behalf for ease after much discussion together and with our farm manager. We would appreciate your communication back through myself and if you could copy in Peter Leggate, as in this email, that would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Dear Sirs

We have received your letter advising us that part of our farm, Greenlawdean, is to be designated as an SBC - Local Biodiversity Site

We would like to thank you for this consideration and are in support of your proposed plans as marked in your letter from TWIC on SBC - Local Biodiversity Site Dated 29th October 2020 for Greenlawdean Farm.

Whilst we are in favour of the Councils approach to designating important areas of land in the Scottish borders for biodiversity protection, we do feel that consultation with the landowners and farmers concerned would have provided you with a huge amount of information which would have contributed in no small way to your proposals. It would also have given the landowners a feeling of involvement with your proposal rather than the feeling of being dictated to, which seems to be the currently prevailing attitude.

As mentioned we are in support for SBC - Local Biodiversity Site at Greenladean and we would like to make a suggestion to inform us more and other landowners/ Community groups. This would be done by involving all the landowners and community groups of proposed and potentially existing SBC - Local Biodiversity Site:

How we propose you communicate and involve us all would be done by providing a Zoom conference between SBC, assosorts who compiled the relevant reports, relevant Landowners, community groups and possibly Scottish Land and Estates.

What we suggest is that you share with us:

1. Why you have chosen each site to be a SBC - Local Biodiversity Site,
2. How each farmer could support the biodiversity within their site,

3. What benefits this recognition of a SBC - Local Biodiversity Site could bring to each farmer and or local community.
4. What we could do working together as a whole
5. What additional surveys and reports you propose to do or how you propose the continued monitoring of these sites

Scottish Land and Estates have run a number of Zoom conferences and meetings of late which we have attended and they are very apt at setting these up, so we are aware of how simple this is to do a Zoom meeting, appreciating lack of movements due to Covid. This may be also a good time to involve SLE in these proposed sites for future support?

The objective of this Zoom meeting being to have all landholders and influencing bodies/ persons who have assisted in these assessments for SBC - Local Biodiversity Sites share their findings, reasonings and involve the landholders/ **community** groups in this now and for future years. We think by having the SBC, Landowners and Community groups informed of the merits and value of the SBC - Local Biodiversity Sites we will ensure the long term effectiveness of these sites and potential growth/ reporting of additional future sites.

Perhaps you could let me know if this might be possible . I believe that this would be a very positive move.

With kind regards

Peter Leggate

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