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To: Forestry FLS Communities
Subject: Email of Support for AGCT at Glenmore Cafe
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Hi there,

My name is and I live and work in Aviemore. Previously I have lived and worked in Glenmore and still often use this area recreationally.

I've often wondered for years how the cafe could be improved upon to better suit the needs of people visiting Glenmore and accessing the outdoors.

The cafe in its current offering, whilst fine, is a bit soulless. The food is good in that it's nice and simple, hearty food that keeps you going, but there's no vibe, no enthusiasm for the outdoors conveyed. The service is fast and furious and you can't rely on it being open after 1400. If you're lucky enough to be in at time the chairs are being put up on the table and you get the sense that your times up.

A cafe which conveys a sense of belonging in the area, one that supports the amazing activities on its door step and caters for the individuals that come to access them, both locals and visitors a like would be such a great asset to the area. It has the privileged position of being in amongst some great paths, at the foot of Meall a Bhuachille, on the hill road to Cairngorm mountain and all the activities available up there.

I feel that Glenmore would benefit from a cafe that caters better for walkers, hikers, skiers, climbers, cyclists & more. A cafe that has reliable opening times, possibly into the evening, and has the desire and flexibility to host events.

I think by giving the reigns of the cafe to AGCT will breathe new life into the cafe and give it the potential to be one of the jewels in the crown of the local area.

As far as I know, the members of the AGCT are local people who all enjoy the outdoors in different ways, nearly of them run hugely successful local businesses and they have proven themselves as a team with the ice rink. For AGCT not to be allowed to run the cafe would be a real tragedy for the area.

Kind regards