From: Peg Shaw

To: <u>Forestry FLS Communities</u>

Subject: In support of asset transfer of Borgie Log Cabin and 0.7 ha of surrounding land

Date: 25 September 2025 08:32:51

Dear Community Asset Transfer Manager,

I'm writing in support of the request by North Sutherland Community Forest Trust to acquire the Borgie Log Cabin and surrounding 0.7 ha of land. As a Community Support Specialist for Fauna & Flora, I have the opportunity to provide bespoke support to community groups around Scotland who are forwarding their goals for natural heritage and nature conservation. NSCFT's proposed plans for the asset is very much aligned with their ongoing uses and activities of other assets within the landscape. The work of the NSCFTs promotes community use, engagement and reclamation of the historic landscape, deepening people's appreciation and knowledge of the natural and cultural history of the area, and creating contemporary, meaningful activities that build community and local empowerment. By transferring this asset to the NSCFT, Forestry and Land Scotland will be furthering the national goals of community wealth-building, well-being and ownership of land and assets.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peg Shaw, she/her Community Support Specialist | Scotland Fauna & Flora | Saving Nature Together

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RE Proposed Acquisition of Borgie Log Cabin by North Sutherland Community Forest Trust (NSCFT)

I am writing to express Common Ground's strong support for the North Sutherland Community Forest Trust's proposed acquisition of Borgie Log Cabin. As a community group committed to fostering education, well-being, community development, cultural heritage, and environmental stewardship, we recognise this project as being deeply aligned with our charitable purposes and values.

The Borgie Log Cabin represents a unique opportunity to expand the community-led space that NSCFT already offers, a space that is not only rooted in the area's history but also responsive to the needs of today. We see great potential for it to become a hub for learning and exchange, where peer-to-peer education and knowledge sharing can flourish.

We believe that the acquisition will contribute significantly to the health and well-being of the community, just as the current projects and events organised by the NSCFT and its collaborators already do. By providing a setting for community-based practice, events, and gatherings, the cabin has the potential to strengthen connections between people and place and foster community resilience.

The project has value in reclaiming and celebrating cultural heritage and we are particularly inspired by the possibilities it holds for integrating arts, local knowledge, and environmental action into a coherent programme that benefits the whole community.

For these reasons, Common Ground warmly endorses this proposal.

Yours sincerely, Cora Harrison

On behalf of Common Ground North (SC054523)