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To: Dan Harris
Subject: Site THC001, Insh Village

Dear Mr Harris

I should like to provide you with some background before commenting on the above. My family moved to Soillerie, Insh, in the early 1960's, which I think makes us the family with the longest connections to the village. My father was a teacher at Kingussie High School which we four sisters all attended.

I am pleased that Insh falls within the Cairngorm National Park Authority and as such, is now protected from the rush of developments we witnessed in the 1980's and 1990's, which were by and large 'out of keeping' with the rest of the village in terms of both number and style. With these new restrictions on building in place, I feel able to give my support to the development of site THC001.

In terms of your recent consultation, I think a more natural settlement boundary for the village would be to extend it to the east, to include (and end at) Waney Edge, thus incorporating those houses which currently lie outwith the present settlement boundary.

I am in support of the wish to develop the site THC001 for the building of one house; a development which I consider to be in line with one of your proposed objectives in your recent consultation: supporting small-scale organic growth.

Site THC001 previously accommodated a pylon which has since been decommissioned. It is classified as a 'brownfield' site. The site now looks like a 'gap' and would benefit aesthetically, if it had a sensitively-designed dwelling to help 'pull together' the village.

The couple who wish to develop this site have lived and worked locally for over 40 years and are now wishing to retire to Insh. They purchased this plot of land for this purpose, many years ago. Insh has many 'holiday' homes; this will not be one of them. John and Julie will live here and contribute to the life of the village.

I hope these comments will be given your fullest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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