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Dear Mr Tait

Croft Ronan Cottage, Boat of Garten, PH24 3BY

Following our discussion regarding Section 75 imposed by CNPA on the house named above, I now write to make my case for the amendment of same.

**Reasons behind request for amendment:**

- a. Husband's post was made redundant September 2009
- b. Daughter has serious kidney problem most likely solution will be for major operation to try and rectify problem, unknown period of rehabilitation following treatment.
- c. Essential to let out cottage to supplement only one income, at present we are struggling to sustain 2 homes. It is therefore essential that we can cover the costs relating to Croft Ronan Cottage.

**Crofting justification:**

- a. Holiday lets can be staggered to allow us the use of the cottage and to enable me to continue to support my elderly mother eg shopping, banking, letters, paying bills and other essential tasks which allow her to remain on the croft and live independently.
- b. At present and since the cottage was completed in December 2007, we have travelled north every 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend to assist my mother and to maintain the house. I can only hope that the weeks between lets we would still be in a position to continue this.
- c. I have remained true to my undertaking presented at the planning committee in 2007, which set out my intentions.

**Periods of time**

- a. This is dependent on bookings throughout the year – not anticipated to be every week but due to timing of arrangements for this year, it will be necessary to take every opportunity allowed.
- b. Most probable length of holiday lets would be somewhere between 1 and 3 weeks duration – this is difficult to quantify as this is an unknown to us, therefore will require some flexibility.
- c. Duration of at least a period of 5 years until I retire as per my original request to CNPA.

d. Indefinite variation would be beneficial to cover all the unknowns in one's life and would save any further reference to CNPA in the future.

I would just like to ask that this request be treated with some compassion. I think it is obvious that we are committed to the house and still have no intention of selling it. We have struggled to keep the cottage for the past year and a half, we have down sized our home in Perth and there is no other way in which we can manage. Without a variation or relaxation of the Section 75 we will have no alternative but to sell it.

I look forward to a favourable reply and would like to thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

Anne Lawns