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Good Morning

I went along to the Ballater Station a few weeks ago to look at the plan for my area. I was asked to submit a comment – so here it is!

I am 28 years old, born and raised in Ballater. I work at the Local Distillery and am currently renting a home in Ballater with my boyfriend of 9 years (an our dog). I think the development of housing is great – this is where my interest lies.

Myself, and a number of friends and family of a similar age are crippled by the house prices and rent prices in Ballater; so the introduction of affordable housing would make a huge difference. I am currently paying the equivalent of a mortgage, meaning that saving for a deposit is very tricky. I do not want to leave Ballater, but if I want to buy a house and start a family – then this may be the only option for me. I know people who have benefitted from the Shared Equity homes in Braemar, and if we can have something similar in Ballater – it will make a very large difference to young people in the area.

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Thanks

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