



Alastair Moodie  
Cormonachan Community Woodlands Ltd.

15 June 2021

Dear Alastair

### **Cormonachan Community Woodlands**

I am writing to confirm our support for your project and to highlight some of the ways you have been working with National Park teams over the last few years to sensitively develop these special woodlands, which are such a valuable resource for people and heritage.

Building on your previous success with the Red Squirrel Project and creation of the Contemplation Shelter, in 2019 you applied for and were successful in gaining a National Park grant of £5,425.00. This was to fund an archaeological survey of the Upper Cormonachan Township and the purchase and installation of interpretation on site. A full archaeological survey was carried out alongside the funding provided for the installation of an interpretation board and lectern for archaeological & historical information to be displayed for visitors to read at the start of the path to the township. Pupils from Lochgoilhead Primary School also visited the site whilst the archaeologist was surveying the township.

Building on this success the next phase of your plans, the subject of current funding applications include the creation of a new 2km circular walking route which will connect with existing paths to provide new access to the beautiful Cormonachan Falls and the now surveyed medieval ruined township.

In July 2019 you received planning permission for this new phase of path, carpark and interpretation installation works.

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You are also working with our nature and land use team who are providing advice on native woodland habitat management and control of invasive non-native species including rhododendron ponticum and have sought advice from our access team.

This project helps deliver the following [National Park Partnership Plan](#) outcomes/conservation priorities:

- Natural Capital - The Park's natural resources are enhanced for future generations: important habitats are restored and better connected on a landscape scale.
- Landscape and Heritage priorities - the National Park Authority, and its partners, will work to conserve and enhance the special landscape and cultural heritage qualities of the area
- Recreational Opportunities - The National Park has a wide variety of well promoted and managed outdoor recreation opportunities providing for a range of abilities and interests
- Health & Learning - People from a wider range of backgrounds are enjoying, valuing and helping manage the National Park. It is used more as a place for people to realise the personal health and wellbeing benefits of connecting with nature and being active in the outdoors.

This can only increase the benefits to visitors, both through tourism and outreach/educational opportunities for groups who would not normally have access to such experiences, as well as to local residents and you clearly have huge support from the local community, a broad range of organisations and businesses across the area, as illustrated in your many letters of support.

We wish you well with your fundraising efforts and look forward to continuing to work with you.

Yours sincerely

*SUSAN BROOKS*

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