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Dear Mr McPhail,

Following on from your meeting with Denise Horan and John Raine last week, I am writing to confirm to you and all your members the decision we have taken in relation to 12 acres of land at the Dalgety Bay site known as Barns Farm.

Having carefully assessed all of the feedback received during our engagement exercise over the last three months, we recognise both the depth and breadth of feeling that exists in the community in relation to this matter. For this reason, we will not be proceeding with the proposed sale of the site to Persimmon Homes for housing development. Instead, the land will continue to be used for agricultural purposes, under the excellent stewardship of the existing tenant farmer. Furthermore, we are seeking to have Persimmon's objection to the land designation under the proposed new FIFEplan Local Development Plan removed.

This is a very difficult time for the oil and gas industry in Scotland, with spiralling costs in the North Sea and an oil price that shows no sign of recovery. This has resulted in thousands of job losses across the industry, including approximately 500 jobs within our own organisation in the last year. It is against this backdrop that we have taken this decision.

However, we believe it is the right decision and we hope it will allow for the positive relationship we have enjoyed with your Community Council, and with the wider community, over several decades to be maintained.

I wish you and the entire Community Council continued success with all your endeavours into the future.

Yours sincerely,

Erik Bonino
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