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George Lyon, MEP
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Dear Mr Lyon

VISIT TO CAITHNESS

During the Liberal Democrat political conference held in March you indicated to me and David Alexander that you would be visiting the Black Isle and Orkney in the summer. During our discussion we suggested that a visit to Caithness would be a useful addition to your visit.

I am writing formally, on behalf of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group, to invite you to visit Caithness at your convenience. We would be pleased to welcome you to our county and to allow you to meet with members of the DSG which includes the Caithness and North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Thurso and Wick Trade Union Council, Dounreay Unions and Caithness Chamber of Commerce.

You may be aware that the decommissioning of Dounreay is gathering pace and as a result employment numbers are set to decline over the next few years until decommissioning is complete in 2025, subject to funding.

The Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership is working tirelessly to look at opportunities that could be attracted to the area to replace the 2000 jobs (direct staff and local supply chain) which will inevitably be lost in the Dounreay run-down.

We would very much welcome the opportunity to discuss our aspirations and the opportunities which we believe make Caithness a unique place to live, work and invest.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

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