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Dear David

I am writing to you on behalf of Dounreay Stakeholder Group to enquire about progress about releasing land (walled garden at the Viewfirth) to support the SimBA charity for a remembrance garden for the loss of babies.

This has been discussed over many years and certainly discussion started while your predecessor was still in place.

As I was personally involved in speaking with the SimBa charity at the beginning of this enquiry I am surprised to find this has not yet been brought to a conclusion as to whether NDA can release the identified property area for this to be progressed.

Can I request that you enquire with the NDA property team why a decision on this property has been delayed significantly and I would also request a clear timeline of when decisions can be made to allow this to progress if appropriate.

While we recognise the NDA property team probably deal primarily with land around the estates around England/Wales we thought it was appropriate to mention that under Scot's law there is a scheme to allow community asset transfers and your property team should explore this as a potential way forward to release the land if this is indeed the decision to support this project is a positive one.

We ask that you emphasis to the property team that this has been ongoing for so long now and ask that they now consider this as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely

Sent electronically without signature

Cllr Struan Mackie DSG Chair