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Our ref: SD00005
Date: 23 April 2025

Dear Ms Culbert,

Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (the Act) – Part 5 Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development
Request for owner's views on the application.
Prohibited dealings during restriction period

The Scottish Ministers have received an application from Ballindean Community Company Ltd in respect of land at Wester Ballindean Heritage Orchard, Ballindean, PH14 9QS . In terms of the application process they are required to send a copy of that application to you as owner. You should now be in receipt of that application. If not, please contact us as soon as possible at the email above.

You are now invited to send to the Scottish Ministers, so as to be received not later than 60 days after the sending of this invitation, views in writing on the application.

You are also invited to supply information on:

(a) Your views on the likely impact on the owner or tenant of the proposals for the land or tenant's interest, including on the current use of the land or tenant's interest (and any intended use),
(b) Whether you consider that the proposals for the land or tenant's interest satisfy the sustainable development conditions set out in section 56(2) and, if not, your reasons,
(c) Any rights or interests in the land of which you are aware that are not mentioned in the application, and
(d) Any other matter that you consider relevant to the application.]

A copy of this invitation will be sent to Ballindean Community Company Ltd, in terms of section 55(1)(c) of the Act.

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Please note that under section 61 of the Act, from the date the application appears on the Register of Applications by Community Bodies to Buy Land, the following dealings are prohibited during the restriction period where an application under section 54 of the Act is seeking consent to exercise a right to buy land –

(a) any transfer of the ownership of the land that is subject to an application under section 54 of the Act or land that includes land that is subject to an application under section 54 of the Act,
(b) any action taken with a view to a transfer of land prohibited by sub-paragraph (a).

Any views supplied to Scottish Ministers will be forwarded to Ballindean Community Company Ltd for their response.

Yours sincerely

Vicky Reynolds
On behalf of Scottish Ministers

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