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LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016: PART 5 RIGHT to BUY LAND to FURTHER SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Section 54(5)(a) and (c) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016
Application by a Part 5 Community Body for Consent to Exercise the Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development

Notes:

1. This form is to be used by a Part 5 community body applying for consent to exercise the right to buy under Part 5 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 ("the Act"). This form may be used to apply for consent to exercise a right to buy land or a tenant's interest. If applying to acquire both land and a tenant's interest you must complete separate forms.

2. Only a Part 5 community body within the meaning of section 49 of the Act is entitled to make this application. Note that under subsection 49(7) of the Act, a body can only be regarded as a Part 5 community body once Scottish Ministers have given it written confirmation that they, the Scottish Ministers, are satisfied that the body's main purpose is consistent with furthering the achievement of sustainable development.

3. Before making this application, a Part 5 community body must have conducted a ballot in accordance with section 57 of the Act. The ballot must have been conducted during the period of 6 months which immediately preceded the date on which this application is made.

4. Before making this application, a Part 5 community body must have submitted a written request to the owner of the land to transfer the land to the community body or, as the case may be, to a third party purchaser using the form specified in schedule 2 of the Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development (Applications, Written Requests, Ballots and Compensation)(Scotland) Regulations 2020. Where the application relates to a tenant's interest, a Part 5 community body must have submitted a written request to the tenant to assign the tenant's interest to the community body or, as the case may be, to a third party purchaser, using the form in schedule 2 of those Regulations. The request must have been made before the period of 6 months ending on the day on which the application is made.

5. You may print this form and complete it manually or you may download it and complete it electronically.

6. If you complete the form manually, you must do so using black or blue ink and capital letters.

7. Whether you complete the form manually or electronically, you may continue any answer on a separate sheet of paper. If you do this, please -
   - indicate on the form where any answer is given or continued on a separate sheet,
   - indicate on each separate sheet the question number(s) to which the sheet relates.

8. For more information and guidance on the right to buy for sustainable development please visit www.gov.scot and search for "right to buy".

9. You may submit the completed form and attached documents -
   - electronically to crtb@gov.scot, or
   - by post to Community Land Team, Q Spur, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH11 3XD.

SECTION 1 — WHO IS APPLYING

1.1 Please provide the name of the Part 5 community body ("CB") applying for consent to exercise a right to buy for sustainable development.

Achnamara Community Trust SCIO

SECTION 2 — DETAILS OF WHO IS APPLYING

2.1 Please supply details of the registered or principal office of the CB.

Postal Address: Castle Sween Cottage
Achnamara

Town: Lochgilphead

County: Argyll & Bute

Country: Scotland Postcode: PA31 8PT

Email: [redacted]

2.2 Please supply the address the CB wishes correspondence in relation to the right to buy process to be issued to.

Contact name: Ailsa Raeburn

Postal Address: Castle Sween Cottage
Achnamara

Town: Lochgilphead

County: Argyll & Bute

Country: Scotland Postcode: PA31 8PT

Telephone: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

2.3 Please mark an "**X**" in the relevant box to confirm the type of CB and enter its official number.

☐ Company Limited by Guarantee (CLBG) and its company number is:

☒ Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and its charity number is: SC048950

☐ Community Benefit Society (BenCom) and its registration number is:

☐ A body corporate having a written constitution and its official number is:

☐ If your CB has nominated a third party purchaser, please also tick this box and confirm the name and address of the third party, as well as its status (e.g. charity, public body, private firm), and its relationship to the CB.

Name of Third Party Purchaser:

Postal Address:

Town:

County:

Country: Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Status:

Relationship to CB:

☒ This application must be accompanied by a copy of the CB's governing documents (i.e. articles of association, constitution or registered rules) and evidence of the company, charity or registration number (e.g. its official number). Please mark an "**X**" confirming that such a copy and evidence accompanies this application.

2.4 Please provide the definition of the community as set out in the CB's governing document in accordance with section 49(2)(a), 49(3)(a), 49(4)(a), or 49(5)(a) of the Act, as the case may be.

The defined community is shaded grey on the map in Annex A to this application. This includes post code units PA31 8PS, PA31 8PT, PA31 8PU and PA31 8PX. The area is serviced by the East Loch Sween Road (C42) running from the Barnluasgan war memorial in the north to Kilmory Knap in the south and bounded in the west by the eastern shore of Loch Sween and the geological ridge to the east.

2.5 This application must be accompanied by one or more maps or drawings which:

(a) is/are prepared to the specifications referred to in regulation 3 of the Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development (Applications, Written Requests, Ballots and Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 2020, and

(b) describe(s) the area of the community to which the CB relates.

Please confirm the total number of such maps, plans or other drawings relating to the community area which accompany this application. 1

2.6 Please provide:

(A) The total number of members in the CB. 46

(B) A breakdown of the total number of each type(s) of membership as stated in the CB's governing document (i.e. articles of association, constitution or registered rules).

(A) 49

(B) Ordinary members - 35
Associate members - 11
Junior members - 0

Membership details are provided at Annex B to this application

(C) The membership details (i.e. name, address and membership type of each of the CB's members).

These are provided at Annex B to this application

SECTION 3 — THE LAND IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE RIGHT TO BUY IS SOUGHT TO BE EXERCISED

Please confirm whether this application is in respect of land ("land" includes mineral rights or salmon fishings) or a tenant's interest over land by ticking the appropriate box:

☒ Land ("land" includes mineral rights or salmon fishings)

☐ Tenant's interest

If applying to buy a tenant's interest please do not complete section 3A below and complete section 3B instead.

SECTION 3A — THE LAND IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE RIGHT TO BUY IS SOUGHT TO BE EXERCISED

3A.1 ☐ If this application is seeking to purchase salmon fishings or mineral rights, please tick this box to confirm that a separate application in respect of the land to which the salmon fishings or mineral rights relate has or is simultaneously being made, or that this application is being submitted during the relevant period as defined under section 47(3) of the Act.

3A.2 Please mark an "**X**" in the relevant box(es) to indicate the type(s) of land to which this application relates.

☐ Buildings
☐ Woodland
☐ Water
☐ Industrial site
☐ Recreation land
☐ Other (please specify):

☐ Mineral rights
☐ Brown field site
☐ Farm/grazing land
☐ Salmon fishings
☒ Foreshore

The land to be acquired is a stretch of land and foreshore off the main Achnamara road, between the road and Loch Sween. It forms part of a larger title ARG5039 which includes Achnamara House and surrounds. This is not connected physically to the land in question. Annex D1 shows the whole title with the land to be acquired coloured brown

Annex C shows the detail of the individual site to be acquired bounded and shaded red on the plan.

Annex K shows the site to be acquired in relation to the rest of the Achnamara village community.

3A.3 What is the estimated total area of the land?

0.49 acres

3A.4 What land register county is the land located in?

Argyll

3A.5 Please provide a written description of the land to which this application relates (e.g. the location of such land; postcodes covering the land; the condition of the land; its northern, southern, eastern and western boundaries and measurements, if applicable).

The site is situated approximately 250 metres to the south of the village of Achnamara, and comprises 0.49 of an acre bounded by:

- the mean high water mark on the shore of upper Loch Sween to the west

- the East Loch Sween Road (C42) to the east

- the boundaries to the north and south as shown on the attached map included as Annex C to this application

It lies at the north end of postcodes PA31 8PT.

The land comprises an area of hardstanding, rough ground and foreshore together with a slipway, providing access to the sea. The site also includes some scrub woodland, which provides an element of amenity and shelter and consists predominantly of semi-mature trees. The land is in poor condition and is generally unmaintained. The original rock armour and boat slip have deteriorated, the boundaries have become overgrown, small trees have grown on the some of the land, the surface of the land is rough and soft in places from vehicle use.

3A.6 This application must be accompanied by one or more maps or drawings, which:

(a) is/are prepared to the specifications referred to in regulation 3 of the Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development (Applications, Written Requests, Ballots and Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 2020, and

(b) describe(s) the land to which this application relates.

Please confirm the total number of such maps, plans or other drawings which accompany this application. 1

3A.7 Please mark an "**X**" in one box which you consider best describes the community's connection to the land in relation to which this application is made.

☐ • A significant number of the members of the community have a connection with the land.

☐ • The land is sufficiently near to land with which those members of the community have a connection.

☒ • The land is in, or is sufficiently near to, the area of the community (the community being the community as defined in response to question 2.4).

Please provide details to explain why the relevant box has been marked with an "**X**" above.

The CB's area extends for about ten miles along the C42 Achnamara Road / East Loch Sween Road, with its centre in the village of Achnamara, home to a sizeable proportion of the community.

The Slip land is located about 250 metres south of Achnamara, at the head of Loch Sween, and is a short walk from the-well used Achnamara Village Hall and the adjacent Shed. The Village Hall is an active centre for the community, hosting weekly coffee mornings, keep fit, a film club, craft group and one-off events - such as summer fundraisers at the Slip land. The community skiff is stored at the village hall. The Shed members, who meet twice-weekly, built the community rowing skiff that is launched from the Slip land and now carry out Village Hall maintenance and wood-working projects for local residents.

The land is also adjacent to the moorings managed by the Achnamara Moorings Association and is the closest safe point of access to these moorings. It is also the closest safe point of access to the water for kayakers, swimmers commercial fishers and other water users - of whom there are several within the village and associated community - and for the community-owned rowing skiff, based at Achnamara Village Hall.

Annex K to this application shows the site (shaded brown) in relation to the rest of the title, and to the main Achnamara Village and Village Hall. This is included to show how the site is connected to the community.

3A.8 Please describe what the land is currently used for.

The land is currently used informally by our local community to access Loch Sween for recreational purposes. In particular it is used to launch the Daisy Bell, our community built and owned rowing skiff.

3A.9 Please confirm whether the land, or any part of the land, has been officially designated (for example, as internationally important wetlands or an area of special scientific interest) and, if so, please confirm the type of designation.

The site is on the shore of Loch Sween, a Marine Protected Area. It is on the edge of Knapdale Forest which sits within the National Scenic Area and contains an SSSI. The whole community area is a National Scenic Area.

SECTION 3B — THE TENANT'S INTEREST IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE RIGHT TO BUY IS SOUGHT TO BE EXERCISED

3B.1 ☐ Please tick this box to confirm that a separate application in respect of the land to which the tenant's interest relates has or is simultaneously being made, or that the conditions under section 48(5) of the Act have been met.

3B.2 Please mark an "**X**" in the relevant box(es) to indicate the type(s) of land covered by the tenancy to which this application relates.

☐ Buildings
☐ Woodland
☐ Water
☐ Industrial site
☐ Recreation land
☐ Other (please specify):

☐ Mineral rights
☐ Brown field site
☐ Farm/grazing land
☐ Salmon fishings
☐ Foreshore

3B.3 What is the estimated total area of the land covered by the tenancy?

3B.4 What land register county is the land covered by the tenancy located in?

3B.5 Please provide a written description of the land covered by the tenancy to which this application relates (e.g. the location of such land; postcodes covering the land; the condition of the land; its northern, southern, eastern and western boundaries and measurements, if applicable).

3B.6 This application must be accompanied by one or more maps or drawings, which:

(a) is/are prepared to the specifications referred to in regulation 3 of the Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development (Applications, Written Requests, Ballots and Compensation) (Scotland) Regulations 2020, and

(b) describe(s) the land covered by the tenancy to which this application relates.

Please confirm the total number of such maps, plans or other drawings which accompany this application.

3B.7 Please mark an "**X**" in one box which you consider best describes the community's connection to the land covered by the tenancy in relation to which this application is made.

☐ • A significant number of the members of the community have a connection with the land.

☐ • The land is sufficiently near to land with which those members of the community have a connection.

☐ • The land is in or sufficiently near to the area of the community (the community being the community as defined in response to question 2.4).

Please provide details to explain why the relevant box has been marked with an "**X**" above.

3B.8 Please describe what the land to which the tenancy relates is currently used for.

3B.9 Please confirm whether the land to which the tenancy relates, or any part of that land, has been officially designated (for example, as internationally important wetlands or an area of special scientific interest) and, if so, please confirm the type of designation.

SECTION 4 — OWNER/TENANT & INTERESTS

4.1 Please provide the contact details of the owner of the land to which this application relates.

Contact Name:	Ian Herbert Grey
Postal Address:	Loanhead House, 5 Bothwell Road
Town:	Uddingston, Glasgow
County:	Lanarkshire
Country:	Scotland
Postcode:	G71 7EY
Company No. (if applicable):	
Email:	Not known

4.2 If the owner has an agent or representative, please provide their contact details.

Contact Name:	
Postal Address:	
Town:	
County:	
Country:	
Postcode:	
Company No. (if applicable):	
Email:	

4.3 If there is more than one owner (e.g. the land is in joint or common ownership between a number of owners), then please provide the contact details for the other owner(s), using a separate sheet if necessary.

One owner only

4.4 If this application is in respect of a tenant's interest, please provide the contact information for the tenant whose interest in the tenancy this application relates.

Contact Name:

Postal Address:

Town:

County:

Country: Postcode:

Company No. (if applicable):

Email:

4.5 If there is more than one tenant (e.g. the tenancy is held jointly between more than one tenant), then please provide the contact details for the other tenant(s), using a separate sheet if necessary.

4.6 Please confirm the checks carried out (including by whom and when) to establish who owns the land to which this application relates or who is the tenant having the interest to which this application relates and whether there are any creditors in a standard security with a right to sell the land or the tenant's interest.

Title Search at Registers of Scotland - Scotland LIS (Title No. ARG5039) carried out by Ailsa Raeburn Chair of CB 30 Sept 2026 - attached at Annex D to this application
We are not aware of there being any creditors or a standard security over the land

4.7 Please indicate, by ticking "Yes" or "No", whether you are aware of the existence of either of the matters listed. You may disregard any obligation that would be suspended, once the application is made, by regulation 11 of the Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development (Eligible Land, Specified Types of Area and Restrictions on Transfers, Assignations and Dealing) (Scotland) Regulations 2020.

An enforceable personal obligation on the owner of the land to sell it to someone else or, if the application is in respect of a tenant's interest, an enforceable personal obligation on the tenant of the land to assign the tenancy to someone else:

YES ☐ **NO** ☑

Anything else preventing the owner of the land from selling it or, if the application is in respect of a tenant's interest, anything else preventing the tenant from assigning the tenancy:

YES ☐ **NO** ☑

If you ticked "Yes" for either matter listed at 4.7, please provide details for each matter, using a separate sheet if necessary. You should attach evidence to support any matters you raise where possible.

4.8 If this application is for the purchase of land, please indicate by ticking "Yes" or "No" whether there are any tenancies in relation to the land or any part of it.

YES ☐ **NO** ☑

If you ticked "Yes" at 4.8, please provide details for each tenancy, using a separate sheet if necessary, but based on the following details.

Name of Tenant(s):

Contact Name (if different):

Postal Address:

Town:

County:

Country: Postcode:

Email:

4.9 Please indicate, by ticking "Yes" or "No", whether there are any standard securities in relation to the land, any part of it or, in relation to a tenancy over the land or any part of it.

YES ☐ **NO** ☑

If you ticked "Yes" at 4.9, please provide details for each standard security, using a separate sheet if necessary but based on the following details.

Name of Creditor holding security:

Contact Name (if different):

Postal Address:

Town:

County:

Country: Postcode:

Email:

Details of standard security:

4.10 Please indicate, by ticking "Yes" or "No" for each of the planning rights or interests known to the CB, whether that right or interest applies to the land or to any part of it or, in relation to a tenancy over the land, or any part of it.

Planning permission applied for (by any person) but not yet granted	YES ☐	NO ☑
Planning permission granted but not yet fully utilised	YES ☐	NO ☑
Suitable for development under the local development plan	YES ☑	NO ☐
Subject to a compulsory purchase order	YES ☐	NO ☑
Any other restriction on the use of the land	YES ☐	NO ☑

4.11 If you ticked "Yes" for any of the rights or interests listed at 4.10 please give details.

The land is suitable for development in the manner proposed. It will retain a leisure and tourism use. There are no proposals for permanent buildings on the site

The current owner Mr Gray in his submission to the Planning Authority in July 2005 in relation to the Local Plan Development did note the suitability of this land for developing shore based facilities to improve the asset, improve the infrastructure of Achnamara and benefit its community. This statement is included at Annex E

4.12 Please indicate, by ticking "Yes" or "No", whether you know of any other existing rights or interests in the land or any part of it, or a tenancy over the land or any part of it.

YES ☐ **NO** ☑

4.13 If you ticked "Yes" at 4.12, please provide details of the holder of each right or interest, using a separate sheet if necessary.

Name of Person Holding Interest:

Contact Name (if different):

Postal Address:

Town:

County:

Country: Postcode:

Email:

Nature of Right or Interest:

4.14 Where possible, please attach at least one map or drawing that shows the location of the rights and interests identified under this section (4.1 – 4.13) in relation to the land.

Please confirm the total number of such maps, plans or other drawings which accompany this application. ☐

If you are aware of rights and interests but are not able to show them via drawings or maps, please explain why this is.

SECTION 5 — COMMUNITY SUPPORT

5.1 Please indicate, by ticking the appropriate box how the ballot result is being / has been notified to Scottish Ministers. **You must select one option.**

☑ Ballot results attached to application

☐ Ballot results already notified to Ministers

Please note that the ballot result must be/have been notified to Ministers in the form specified in regulation 12 of the Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development (Applications, Written Requests, Ballots and Compensation)(Scotland) Regulations 2020.

If you indicated at 5.1 that the ballot result has already been notified to the Scottish Ministers, please give the date of notification.

SECTION 6 — STEPS TAKEN TO BUY LAND

6.1 Please provide the date when the CB sent the request for the transfer of the land to the owner or, where the application is to buy a tenant's interest, the date when the CB sent the request for the tenant to assign their interest using the official form provided in Part A of schedule 2 of the Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development (Applications, Written Requests to Owner and Tenant, Ballots and Compensation)(Scotland) Regulations 2020. Please include copies of the form sent to the owner of the land or the form sent to the tenant as well as any other correspondence in relation to this including, in particular, any response from the land owner made using the official form provided for in Part B of schedule 2 of the Right to Buy Land to Further Sustainable Development (Applications, Written Requests, Ballots and Compensation)(Scotland) Regulations 2020.

Offer Date: 5 December 2025

Terms (including amount offered and conditions):

Offer of £5,000 made to the owner by post (recorded delivery) on 5 December 2025.

The offer, and official form, were sent to the owner at his two known addresses (at Achnamara and Glasgow) by recorded delivery.

Mr Gray returned the Part 5 form confirming Option 3 - that he did not agree to the request made by the community body to transfer the land to them. This form was signed by Mr Gray on 25.5.26 and received by the SCIO Chair on 27.5.26. A copy of this form is attached at Annex G

Land owner response to offer:

Mr Gray returned the Part 5 form confirming Option 3 - that he did not agree to the request made by the community body to transfer the land to them. This form was signed by Mr Gray on 25.5.26 and received by the SCIO Chair on 27.5.26. A copy of this form is attached at Annex G

SECTION 7 – PROPOSALS FOR THE LAND

7.1 Please explain how the CB proposes to use, develop and manage the land to which this application relates or, if you're applying for the right to buy a tenant's interest, the land to which the tenant's interest relates.

The CB plans essential maintenance and low impact improvements focused on safety, access and sustainability. These will be delivered in phases as funding and capacity allows

All proposals are deliberately modest in scale, environmentally sensitive, and designed to meet clearly evidenced community need. Further details on how we plan to use, manage and develop the land can be found in our attached Business Plan in the following sections:

SLIP PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY (p10-13)

The Business Plan is attached at Annex H to this application.

Works include repair to the Slip to make it safe and easier to use, appropriate surfacing to provide car parking and boat storage, stands for a future changing hut and mobile sauna and minor access improvements to the exisitng entrance onto the road

7.2 Please explain why the transfer of the land or, if applicable, the tenant's interest, is likely to further the achievement of sustainable development in relation to the land.

The private ownership and lack of maintenance of the Slip puts our community water and wider outdoor activities at risk. The Slip is the closest access point to the moorings on Loch Sween, the most accessible point to launch small craft (including the community-built skiff, Daisy Bell) and the safest water access for swimmers and kayakers.
The community currently has no certainty of continued access to this site. The land is currently not managed or developed and the slip is not maintained and is in fact worsening in condition. Ownership of the land would empower us to maintain and improve the facilities in a low-impact, sustainable manner. These planned small projects are practical, useful, and important for community resilience, as they support and provide opportunities to come together regularly in a small rural village where social contact is so important for positive mental health. They aim to provide continuing, self-sustaining benefits for current and future generations, while protecting and preserving our much-valued environment.
A detailed breakdown of the social, community, wellbeing, environmental, economic and educational benefits this project will bring to our community are outlined on page 14 of our attached Business Plan which is attached at Annex H to this application. A detailed statement of the sustainable development outcomes from community ownership is attached at Annex I

7.3 Please explain why you believe that the transfer of the land or, if this application is in respect of a tenant's interest, transfer of the tenant's interest is in the public interest.

This site (the Slip) was available to the members of our community since before the building of the Forestry Village of Achnamara in the 1950s, for leisure and access to the sea. The launching slip itself was developed by Glasgow City Council in the 1990s to provide safe water access for the residential school in Achnamara, about half a mile away at the other end of the village. At that time the public were still allowed to use the site, which was maintained appropriately, with road access provided. When the residential school was closed and sold to the current owner in 2002 the sale included the Slip. Whilst the public have continued informally to use the area they have not had any right to maintain or develop it, and have had no certainty of continued access. The owner has neither used it nor managed it, and it has deteriorated badly. It is in the public interest for the community to own the land to provide certainty of access to a well-maintained, secure facility for water access for the community and for its partners (the Moorings Association and the Rowing Club in particular) and to repair, maintain and modestly expand the facilities available to the community.
We have undertaken extensive community consultation and produced a Community Plan. Annex 3 of the attached Business Plan (included in this Application at Annex H) details evidence of community support: Appendix 4 of the BP details supporting partner organisations; Appendix 6 of the BP details Strategic Fit; Appendix 9 of the BP provides the full Achnamara Area Community Plan

7.4 Please explain how the transfer of land or, if this application is in respect of a tenant's interest, the transfer of the tenant's interest is likely to result in significant benefit to members of the community to which the Part 5 CB relates.

The CB carried out a community survey in 2025 which identified as high priorities a) protecting our natural environment and b) improved water access. Our waterside location means that water access is central to the leisure interests of our community.
Owning this site would allow us to provide the following significant benefits to the community:
- certainty of continued access to the site
- safer water access (on a repaired, well maintained launching slip)
- changing facilities for swimmers, kayakers and SUP users
- secure dinghy storage
- income from managed camping for a small number of tents
- income from visitor boat launches
- recreation space, with benches and a picnic table.

We hope that more children can be introduced to water sports, that boat users can launch more safely and that we can hold more social events, with the associated improvements in community resilience and reduction in social isolation. At Appendix 9 of the attached Business Plan (Annex H to this application) the Achnamara Area Community Plan identifies ownership of the Slip and safe access to the Loch as a top priority for the Trust and community.

7.5 Is the transfer of the land or, if this application is in respect of a tenant's interest, the assignation of the tenant's interest, the only practicable, or the most practicable, way of achieving the significant benefit referred to in question 7.4?

YES ☑ **NO** ☐

7.6 If you answered "yes" to question 7.5, please explain why the transfer of land or the assignation of the tenant's interest is the only practicable, or the most practicable, way of achieving a significant benefit to members of the community to which the CB relates?

There is an identified need for safe water access for the 48 Moorings Association members and the 20 Achnamara Rowing Club members, as well as individual residents. ACT have undertaken a simple Options Appraisal summary of the project at Appendix 7 of the attached Business Plan (Annex H to this application). There are no alternative potential launching sites within a reasonable distance of the village and Village Hall, from which associated facilities would be resourced (kitchen for hot food and drinks/ changing facilities/ WCs etc.) The topography of the loch shore and position of the road severely limits locations in which a new slip with road access could be created. This site, although poorly maintained and needing improvement ,already has a slip and formed and consented safe access onto the road. It has sufficient depth between the road and the shore to provide for car parking and other planned facilities identified at Slip Project Development (p10 of Business Plan. attached at Annex H of this applicati) There are no other sites close to the village and associated facilities where this could happen. In addition the costs of creating a whole new slip, new road access and associated hard standing etc would be prohibitive for a small community trust. The ownership of this site by the community for this purpose was identified as the top priority in our Community Plan, included in the Business Plan at Annex H to this application

7.7 Please say why not granting consent to the transfer of land, or if applicable, to the assignation of the tenant's interest, would be likely to result in harm to the community to which the CB relates.

*The Scottish Ministers cannot grant a Part 5 transfer of land or an assignation of a tenant's interest unless they are satisfied that not granting consent for the transfer is likely to result in harm to the community.

The Slip is the only suitable site for launching boats in our area; it has both an existing launching slip and road access, and is very close to the main residential area of Achnamara Village and the Village Hall where changing/ WC/ kitchen facilities are located. The nearest public alternative is at Tayvallich, some 9 miles away. If access to the Slip site were to be blocked or withheld, then the Moorings Association, Rowing Club, and the community would no longer have safe and viable access to the water and as mentioned above, the cost of developing an alternative site (if one existed) would be prohibitive for our small community. The Rowing Club would almost certainly cease to exist.
Even if we can continue to access the slip informally, the deteriorating condition of the site and slip make launching increasingly difficult and at times dangerous. The landowner has made no attempt either to engage with the community to upgrade and maintain the facility and has not made any investment in this site or his proximate interests. The site is an eyesore (images in Business Plan at Annex H .) Losing access to the Slip would be very damaging to our water-based activities, which are important for the leisure and well-being of our remote, loch-side community. It would also impact on local community cohesion, wellbeing and mental health if people could not safely access the water.

7.8 Please use the space below to tell us about any further information that you believe is relevant in support of your application.

We are a small rural community who in the last 20 years have lost our shop, Church and school. Community life now revolves around the Hall and activities arranged by groups based at the Hall, such as Cafe Connect, Craft Club, Mens Shed, Rowing Club, Wild Swimmers, Singing Group, Film nights and ad hoc events. The community have come together to ensure we provide facilities and activities that helps sustain and build a thriving community. Although we are less than 120 in number, with a high number of second homes, we have seen numbers of children begin to rise again. We are now up to 20 from a low point of 4. We are seeing more homes return to full time use with young families seeing our active safe community as a good place to bring up children. Residents from surrounding communities come to Achnamara to attend events at the Village Hall, Mens Shed and Slip, as these facilities aren't available in their communities. Achnamara Community Trust are very keen to continue to build on this success, ensuring we continue to rebalance the demographic make up of our community by providing facilities and activities for all ages. This remains the focus of our work and was prioritised in our recent Community Plan.

At a recent Saturday afternoon BBQ event held at the Slip to promote our plans for the site, over 50 people attended. It was very heartening to see the number of young families with children attending, especially those new to our community. They were also keen to see the site developed so they could introduce their children to sports in a safe way.

As a Community Trust ACT have proved themselves to be resourceful and resilient with good local support. This was borne out by responses to the community survey and the Community Action Plan, both included as Appendices to the attached Business Plan (Annex H). Although we are only a small community we have no problem with attracting good and experienced Directors to move the Community Company forward. In recent years we have bought and completely refurbished the Village Hall and Mens Shed. We have secured funding from a range of sources to run annual events, including sporting, cultural and craft events. Our recent ArtMap event brought over 500 people to the Hall. Our Saturday morning Cafe Connect is attended by 25+ people each week. Our latest film night had 60 people attending. Again it's a great chance to bring friends and neighbours together in a remote rural community with busy lives.

The community support for the Slip project together with the strength and experience of the SCIO Board hugely reduces the risks of acquiring and developing the Slip site as outlined. We would have very much liked to have negotiated an acquisition directly with Mr Gray and have tried on several occasions to do that. He does not live locally and is not known to anyone in the village, apart from his most immediate neighbour therefore we have to been unable to make informal contact. His main asset - Achnamara House has fallen into disrepair and is blighting the village. However his refusal to respond and deal with the community leaves us with no choice but to pursue this route

We are of course happy to provide more information as required and to host a visit if that would be helpful.

- We, the undersigned, have been authorised by the CB to provide the information in this form, the proposals detailed within it and any supporting documents.
- The CB understands that, if it makes any inaccurate statements or provides inaccurate information (deliberate or accidental) at any stage during the right to buy process, or if it knowingly withholds any information, this could result in Scottish Ministers deciding not to consent to the exercise of the right to buy.
- The CB has not altered or deleted the original wording of this form.
- The CB understands that this form requires each signatory (2 board members, charity trustees or committee members) to this form to provide his/her full names and home address for the purposes of prevention and detection of fraud.
- The CB confirms that it is a community body within the requirements of section 49 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016.
- The CB understands that this form and supporting documents may appear in the Register of Applications by Community Bodies to Buy Land.
- We, the undersigned, understand that all or part of the information contained in this form and all information related to this application, may be publicly available via the Register of Applications by Community Bodies to Buy Land.
- We, the undersigned, have read and understand the terms of this declaration.

We, the undersigned on behalf of the CB specified in section 1, apply for consent to exercise the right to buy land under Part 5 of the Act.

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Date:	12.10.26
Position:	Chair
Signature:	[redacted]

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Position:	Trustee
Signature:	[redacted]

Where a third party purchaser has been appointed, please have the third party purchaser or, where the third party purchaser is an organisation, two representatives on behalf of the third party purchaser, complete the following declaration:

I/We, the undersigned on behalf of the third party purchaser specified in section 2.3, confirm that I/we consent to the foregoing application under Part 5 of the Act.

Name:	
Address:	
Date:	
Position:	
Signature:	