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Dear Fergus,

Anders has forwarded your letter of 27<sup>th</sup> Jan to me.

Thank you for visiting and thank you for your message of support.

We are committed to ensuring Wildland can continue in its ambitions across its landholdings and thereby further assisting with Scotland's Climate Change Plan and woodland creation ambitions.

At the meeting, we touched upon HIE's involvement as developer of the proposed Sutherland Space Hub and therefore, out of courtesy I am copying you in on correspondence with David Oxley.

Whilst the matter is not directly related to Climate Change and woodland creation, it would be very unfortunate if the dilemma ultimately boils down to a choice that Wildland has to make about continuing with its ambitions for its North Coast Estate or not.

From a wider development perspective, and as I put to Charlotte Wright in a meeting I had with her in early 2018, it seems to me that a launch facility in Shetland and the Wildland developments in Tongue present a win/win. I would suggest even more so now given that the application (backed by HIE and Wildland amongst others) to have the Flow Country and all its stored carbon awarded World Heritage Site status, is progressing so well.

I have a meeting arranged with Tom Campbell of North Coast 500 Limited and Fiona Hampton of High Life Highland ref Inverness Castle and we undertook to consider development proposals for Cairngorm Mountain when you are in a position to share them.

Yours sincerely,

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