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Dear Sir

I write in my capacity as Clerk to the Ferry Users' Sub-Group of the Kintyre Initiative Partnership and write to advise you of amendments to the timetable for the Campbeltown – Ardrossan ferry service which are requested by the Sub-Group to take effect for the 2016 timetable. I understand that any proposed amendments are sought by you in advance of 10th June 2015, and also that there will also be the opportunity to make further proposals for amendments to the timetable at later stages in the timetable design period.

In addition to making proposals on behalf of the Sub-Group for the 2016 timetable, I would also wish to take this opportunity to highlight to you that usage figures as provided to the Sub-Group and the Council's Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee, taken from a Vector study, produced in association with JMP Consultants and commissioned by Transport Scotland, do not accord with the usage figures which are published on the Calmac website at <https://www.calmac.co.uk/corporate/carrying-statistics>, and I have been asked to set out that the Sub-Group consider that it is imperative that accurate usage figures for this service are identified and are taken into consideration in the determination of the 2016 timetable and any other decisions which affect the service. In particular it is of note that the Calmac figures demonstrate an upward trend in usage of the service during the trial period.

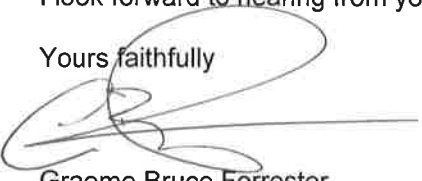
In line with proposals which have been previously submitted to Transport Scotland in response to suggestions that local stakeholders would be consulted on the ferry timetable, I have been asked to submit four initial proposals which are sought to be included in the timetable for 2016:

- the introduction of a sailing in to Campbeltown on a Friday afternoon or evening and a sailing in to and out of Campbeltown on a Monday, allowing for visitors to Campbeltown, Kintyre and beyond to access the area by ferry for a long weekend;
- the introduction of a sailing in to and out of Campbeltown on Saturdays
- the introduction of sailings in to and out of Campbeltown to allow people to visit Campbeltown and return home within one day; and
- the introduction of a sailings which will allow residents of Campbeltown, Kintyre and beyond to leave Campbeltown and return on the same day, facilitating visits to Glasgow and central Scotland.

As set out above, it is the understanding of the Sub-Group that these initial proposals, which were collated during the short time since Sub-Group members were advised of the possibility to make proposals, may be supplemented at a later date.

I look forward to hearing from you in this regard.

Yours faithfully



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