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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you on behalf of myself and my husband to be, Stuart Currie regarding the planning application for land North of Craighuadh, Tayinloan, Argyll.

Stuart currently resides with his parents at Low Dunashery, Rhunahaorine, the family farm where he also works alongside his Father, Robert and Mother, Ruby. We are engaged to be married on 19th October 2018 and have been searching for somewhere to make our home. Due to the nature of Stuart's work we have been searching within a 2 mile radius of the farm so that he can respond quickly to any emergencies ie. If a cow gets into difficulty whilst calving.

Unfortunately many of the properties within this area are out with our price range or in need of major investment to restore them to liveable condition so we were over the moon when we contacted Mr Grant and he informed us that he had a plot to build.

I am currently employed as an Optometrist with A. G. Barr Optometrists who have a practice in both Campbeltown and Tarbert. If we were allowed to build at this location it would mean that I could work easily between the 2 practices, allowing us to continue the high standard of care that Mr Barr has built up over 20 years. With Mrs Lekelake's practice closing in Lochgilphead and the lack of any permanent optometrist in Islay, our Tarbert practice has a growing patient base and my proximity to this practice, should planning permission be granted, would allow me to travel to Tarbert on a more regular basis.

As a young hard working couple who contribute to the local community we feel we have a lot to give to the area through our work and hopefully family in the future.

Stuart is very involved with Tayinloan Hall, especially in the running of local carpet bowls which use the hall on a Monday and Tuesday evening and he organises a number of competitions throughout the winter months. This provides some much needed entertainment and a social activity for residents of the surrounding area.

We are always hearing about the average age of farmers in this country constantly rising, Stuart is a young man working to take on the family farm however if we were forced to move further away due to a lack of appropriate options this could significantly impact on his ability to do so.

The local shop is also well supported by the family through the purchase of newspapers and groceries on a daily basis. The shop is also stocked with free range eggs from the family farm. This is something we would continue to do as the shop is a vital resource for many elderly residents of Tayinloan.

I hope that consideration of our current situation and that we, as a young couple are looking to sustain and give back to this rural community will help you to reach your decision.

Kind Regards,
Hazel Barr