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Dear Eileen Wilson.

INCLUSION OF LISMORE IN INITIATIVE AT THE EDGE

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Donald Melville of H.I.E. Argyll and the Islands and on behalf of a Working Group established to explore the feasibility of establishing a Community Development Trust for Lismore.

Formation of the Working Group was the result of a public meeting held last July, under the auspices of Lismore Community Council, to discuss the suggestion that a Community Development Trust be formed with a view to the island community taking the collective initiative in planning its future to secure economic and social growth and sustainability.

The Working Group, formed from an initial 20 volunteer members, has the task of investigating the scope and feasibility of establishing a development trust for the island (including investigation of activities and operational arrangements of existing development trusts representing relatively remote communities). It will then report back its findings and recommendations to the island community who will be invited to make a decision on whether a trust should be established. The provisional programme requires the Working Group to report back to the community in February 2008.

It was in connection with my discussion with Donald Melville of the assistance provided to other development trusts in remote communities by the Initiative at the Edge programme that it was suggested we contact you. We should be grateful if the Community Planning Partnership would consider the inclusion of Lismore in any future designation of Initiative at the Edge areas.

If there is any further information I can usefully supply at this stage, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely,

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