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Dear Andrew,

### **Vacant and Derelict Land Recommendations**

Thank you for the significant work that the Scottish Land Commission and the Vacant and Derelict Land Taskforce, jointly chaired with SEPA, have progressed on vacant and derelict land in Scotland, and for the Taskforce's report and recommendations on the issue.

We welcome the Taskforce's report and recommendations which will help to tackle issues associated with bringing vacant and derelict land in Scotland back in to use. The Scottish Government will work with the Scottish Land Commission and other stakeholders to develop detailed proposals based on the recommendations to help deliver a culture change in Scotland's approach to vacant and derelict land. In addition to developing detailed proposals, we will consider how our current work can align with the recommendations.

Addressing Scotland's legacy of vacant and derelict land and bringing this land back into use is a key objective for the Scottish Government. We are committed to exploring opportunities to target long-term vacant and derelict land to deliver sustainable inclusive growth and mitigate climate change as part of the Green Recovery.

The recent update to the Climate Change Plan 2018-2032 built on this commitment with the announcement of a new £50 million low carbon Vacant and Derelict Land Investment Programme, which supports the aims of the Task Force's recommendation 12, to establish a national programme of green infrastructure investment to tackle vacant and derelict land.

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We look forward to seeing the progress that will be made in bringing vacant and derelict land back into use and tackling the issues associated with it going forward.



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