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Housing Development in Stòras Uibhist Area

Dear Township Clerk,

An important aspect of community development highlighted in the feasibility study and business plan for Stòras Uibhist is the increased provision of housing on the islands of Eriskay, Benbecula and South Uist to satisfy local aspirations and demand.

Stòras Uibhist has begun the process of carrying out a housing needs survey to objectively measure demand for housing from members of the local community, where they would like that housing to be and what size and style would be preferred.

Once the study is complete Stòras Uibhist will be working with Communities Scotland, CnES, local townships and other organisations to help meet the expectations and needs of the community.

If increased availability of housing is to become a reality the community will need to consider a variety of options to make this happen. The Board of Stòras Uibhist has asked me to contact you to help determine if your township will consider contributing to this effort.

At this stage we are looking to identify where there is potential to contribute to the housing regeneration and do not expect any formal commitments. In conjunction with your township members please can you consider if the township has the potential to:

- **Release land for individual houses to be built within the existing township area.**
- **Release land for groups of houses and/or apartments within the existing township area.**
- **Release land to build a new township in an undeveloped area.**
- **Identify derelict and/or abandoned properties that could be renovated.**

We look forward to learning about any potential sites you can identify, but would appreciate hearing your views on housing provision even if your township is unable to help at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Huw Francis

Chief executive, Stòras Uibhist