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Letter Of Support for Application LA01/2024/0119/0

The biggest issue raised with us daily is the lack of housing across the Glens DEA. It is vital that, as a council, we follow the lead of the community minister ,Gordon Lyon's ,in his commitment to addressing the housing need across Northern Ireland.

We must ensure that young people who have lived all their lives in rural communities such as Ballyvoy can remain in those communities and build their future there . If approved ,this development would deliver the first new housing scheme for Ballyvoy for many years .There is no other site in this area capable of providing the number of homes proposed within this development.

Ballyvoy which is situated on the outskirts of Ballycastle and clearly demonstrates a need for additional social housing .

While the report indicates that one applicant has Ballyvoy listed as their first preference, it also shows that four are in housing stress ,highlighting an existing local need.

Furthermore ,housing data for Ballycastle shows that 106 applicants on the waiting list ,with 70 applicants identifying Ballyvoy as their second preference. This further demonstrates the demand for housing in this area .

I believe the evidence presented clearly demonstrates the social housing need required under policy CTY5.

The Northern Ireland Housing Executive has also indicated its support for this Development.

Looking ahead, Ballycastle housing programme propose 22 units over the next five years, representing less than 20%of identified demand. This further reinforces the need for this development.

In addition to meeting housing need ,the development will have wider economic benefits, including the creation of jobs during the construction phase. Most importantly, it will help ensure that those who wish to remain in this rural area can continue to do so.

This development is long overdue and is exactly what Ballyvoy needs.

I would urge my fellow councillors to support this application so that those much-needed homes can be built and occupied as quickly as possible.

Cllr Margaret Anne Mc Killop

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