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Dear Ms Baird

NOTICE OF ASSET TRANSFER REQUEST Friends of Dundonald Castle

I am writing on behalf of Dundonald Games Society to register our support for Friends of Dundonald Castle (FODC) SCIO 31541 to purchase the Visitors Centre and adjacent land.

Friends of Dundonald Castle are a tremendous support to Dundonald Games Society. We work throughout the year with the Management Team and FODC to promote both the Castle and our Highland Games through events and social media campaigns.

In our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, the Castle Visitors Centre kindly hosted a Civic Reception where invited dignitaries enjoyed an evening of Games history, stories and Scottish songs.

The FODC directly support our Highland Games by organising the Picnic on the hill, a well-attended free event for our community where family members can settle on the hill with their picnic and enjoy the afternoon entertainment. Dundonald Games Society could not run the community games week activities without the use of the Castle Visitors Centre. FODC kindly provide use of their visitors centre as a base for our walking treasure hunt, football tournaments, 10K, pet show and fun run. We are very grateful to the volunteers who give up their own time to provide the visitors centre for these out of hour's events.

We want to foster our excellent working relationship with FODC and would wholeheartedly support an improved Visitor Centre to enable FODC to provide more support, services and facilities for our community, visitors and members of FODC.

We wish FODC all the very best in making the Castle experience the very best that it can be for visitors far and wide.

Kind Regards

