

Clarification about HIFAR

Sir,

Your front page article of Saturday September 29 states that HIFAR failed to get official endorsement from Communities Scotland, the Scottish Government's housing and regeneration agency. It referred to a 'setback' as if plans were in place. This needs to be clarified.

Quite simply, at this stage HIFAR has not presented a detailed proposal for appraisal by Communities Scotland, and there is nothing on the table to be endorsed.

However Communities Scotland is acutely aware of the housing pressures on Arran, and we are keen to work with HIFAR, Isle of Arran Homes, North Ayrshire Council and Forestry Commission Scotland to bring forward imaginative and workable proposals to develop affordable housing on Arran.

We will continue discussions with HIFAR and other interested parties to help shape proposals that can make a real contribution to meeting housing needs on the island.

Yours,

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