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Dear Humphrey,

It was a pleasure to meet you this summer and to hear how the plans for The Highland Club have been implemented with such success. I am delighted to learn that the redevelopment of Fort Augustus abbey has now been nominated for an award in the 'Regenerating Rural Communities' Category of the Regeneration and Renewal Awards for 2012.

I would like to lend my wholehearted support to the nomination of The Highland Club, Fort Augustus for this award.

As the testimony of the many visitors and companies that Fort Augustus plays host to, The Highland Club has made a considerable contribution to the community. The redevelopment of the abbey has sustained a considerable number of local jobs over the period of its regeneration, and subsequently allowed the creation of a number of local niche companies dedicated to its ongoing success. It continues to attract many new visitors to the South Loch Ness area, contributing to the national and international global appeal of Loch Ness.

I hope that The Highland Club's nomination will be given favourable consideration. While any nomination of course requires detailed scrutiny, I would hope that consideration could be given to the fact that the historic St Benedict's Abbey is once again a successfully hub within the village, reflecting how much the recognition of its regeneration would mean to the community of Ft Augustus.

I would be delighted if The Highland Club gains an award in the Regenerating Rural Communities category, as it is an outstanding example of a sympathetic, yet successful renewal of a significant historic building asset. Please let me how you progress.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Danny Alexander', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DANNY ALEXANDER