Our Ref: LB Date: 20.12.24

Dear Donald,

ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your asset transfer request in relation to the lease of Unit 9a Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Fort William, on behalf of Fort William Men's Shed SCIO.

I confirm that the request is made in accordance with the legislation and all required information has been provided. The validation date for this asset transfer request is **20th December 2024.**

I confirm that no other asset transfer request has been received in relation to that which your request relates and the asset has not been advertised for sale, nor has the Council entered negotiations or initiated proceedings with a view to transferring or leasing that asset. We therefore consider that the Council is prohibited by section 84(2) of the Act from selling, leasing or otherwise disposing of the land and buildings described above, other than to **Fort William Men's Shed SCIO**, until your request is concluded.

Notice of this asset transfer request will be published online at: <u>www.highland.gov.uk/CAT</u> and sent to any tenants or occupiers of the land. Any representations made to the Council about this request will be copied to you at the contact address provided in your request, and you will have at least 20 working days to comment on them.

The request will be considered by Highland Council in accordance with the requirements of the Community Empowerment Act and we will give you notice of our decision whether to agree to or refuse your request, and our reasons for that decision, by **20**th **June 2025.**

If you do not receive a decision by that date, you may apply for a review of the case. You may also apply for a review if your request is refused, or if the request is agreed but the decision notice specifies material terms or conditions which differ to a significant extent from those specified in the request.

Yours sincerely,

Lynn Bauermeister Community Development Manager