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Dear Alison fish

**Re 11/02007/MFUL, 12/0045/MFUL, 12/00107/MFUL**

I do hope your Council will find a way for this proposal to go ahead. These somewhat revolutionary enterprises should be encouraged and actively supported by whatever means can be found.

Too much farming is falling into the hands of unfeeling corporations, and sometimes just plain greedy individuals. These do nothing for community life and are often even harmful ecologically.

It is very important that people and organisations who want to lead a simple life in harmony with their surroundings and community should be able to have land to cultivate. If they can organise local markets for their food, through farmers markets and/or supermarkets, this will give consumers the added advantage of fresh food and save the excessive food miles much of our food travels between large scale producers and supermarket depots.

I trust you will give every help to these people to set up their enterprises in a way that is suitable for the landscape, their marketing success, and generally beneficial to many aspects of rural life.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Pippa Woods, Chairman

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