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Dear Alison,

I am writing in support of the following Applications: **11/02007/MFUL**, **12/00045/MFUL**, and **12/00107/MFUL**

As the UK's only Green MP I am often asked to comment on environmental issues and it is with pleasure that I lend my support to these proposals from the ELC as a suitable response to a number of the pressing issues raised with me by concerned citizens all the time. How can we prepare for a time when fuel prices make current farming practices prohibitively expensive? How can agriculture adapt to a world of climate change? How can we facilitate more young people becoming farmers? And how can we do all this while adequately protecting our precious rural heritage?

As can be seen from the numerous other letters of support, ELC has prepared an excellent Application. Crucially, they have clearly addressed potential concerns over traffic levels, visual amenity and they have a strict regime of monitoring to ensure compliance with agricultural and ecological objectives. If only all development proposals were accompanied with such concern and forethought for their local and global consequences!

As a society we face numerous immediate and longer term challenges with regards food security, energy and climate change. A genuinely sustainable response relies on more small farmers in Low Impact Developments, providing good food, experimental data, and contributing to rural regeneration. ELC aims to do just that – putting in place today the foundations for the food production of tomorrow.

I hope you will agree with me and give these proposals your wholehearted support.

Yours sincerely,