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Dear Mr Barton

I am very interested to hear about the proposal, outlined in your letter, to introduce a local community-led project to develop Carron Valley forest and reservoir into a recreational resource for the local community and people in the Central Belt of Scotland.

I think that a network of suitable paths or trails would be of immense benefit to participants in various outdoor activities such as cycling, walking, orienteering and horse-riding. The Carron Valley reservoir is at present an underused resource. It is a popular spot for anglers but I think that Scottish Water should consider the possibility of using it for other activities such as wind surfing, canoeing and rowing, provided that there is no risk of contamination of a public water supply. The variety of flora and fauna in the area would make it attractive for a nature trail which would be of interest to many people, including school groups.

I am therefore writing to express my support for the proposal and I do hope that you receive support from the Forestry Commission, Scottish Water, Local Authorities and other bodies so that the project becomes a reality.

Yours sincerely

Dennis Canavan MSP