SAMPLE LETTER

Please write to PCC to support the community in buying Trecadwgan Farm for the community.

Please address the letter to: Pembrokeshire County Council Chief Executive Ian Westley

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write in support of the campaign by Cymdeithas Trecadwgan community group to purchase Trecadwgan Farm of Solva for the community.

As a County Council Farm, Trecadwgan Farm is a public asset and therefore already owned and paid for by the community. I/we believe it should not need to be paid for a second time.

Therefore, I/we are extremely disappointed that Pembrokeshire County Council are refusing to exercise their rights to acknowledge the conditions of Circular 06/03: Local Government Act 1972 General Disposal Consent (Wales) Act 2003 which allows for the disposal of property for less than best consideration. The terms of the consent mean that specific consent is not required for the disposal of any interest in land which the authority considers will help it to secure the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of its area.

I/we hoped that PCC would consider their responsibilities and aid a community group to purchase the farm instead of selling to the highest bidder for short term financial gain. Welsh Government policies are clear about the duties of Councils in consulting and working with communities, yet PCC is choosing to ignore and interpret them in a way that may damage our future wellbeing and the sustainability of the community.

I/we believe that the proposals for Trecadwgan Farm to produce organic food locally, provide services and events to aid the health and wellbeing of the community and to be an artistic centre, celebrating much valued welsh heritage, would close the circle in combining individual, social, environmental and economic solutions to support community wellbeing. This would be a great opportunity and an exciting prospect to bring together many individual projects already successfully operating in the area.

I/we believe that saving Trecadwgan Farm is a rare chance for this community and would be a useful template for the future of rural communities in Wales and urge council members to consider their position.

Kindest regards,