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Dear Minister

Rita

Verge Tree Protection - Forbes, Sleat and Kintail Roads.

It has come to my attention that the verge trees on Forbes Road, Sleat Road and Kintail Road in Applecross may be at risk. These local roads have been identified for potential future road widening.

I strongly support improved transport infrastructure, however, planned road widening in this area would result in the removal of magnificent mature verge trees. Having recently doorknocked and phoned more than 1,000 residents in Applecross and Mount Pleasant, I received overwhelming feedback that the trees are a highly valued part of Applecross' amenity and lifestyle. The areas mature urban tree canopy results in cooler surface temperatures, supports local wildlife and habitat, and provides positive psychological and physical health benefits.

It is with respect to the local community's feedback and strong support for these trees that I request your consideration for protecting the verge trees along Forbes, Sleat and Kintail Roads from any future road widening.

Regards

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