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Dear Laura

**South Ayrshire Council's Housing Need & Demand Assessment (HNDA):  
Final appraisal by the Centre for Housing Market Analysis (CHMA)**

Following the CHMA's initial appraisal of South Ayrshire Council's HNDA of 18 February 2022, we would like to thank you on behalf of the Scottish Government for agreeing to make the necessary amendments and clarifications requested.

The CHMA has reviewed these against the recommendations of our initial appraisal and, on this basis, the CHMA now considers that the process and methodology used to produce South Ayrshire Council's HNDA are robust and credible.

Should the credibility of the HNDA process or methodology be challenged during any enquiry on the Local Development Plans it should be ensured that this appraisal is drawn to the attention of the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals at the point that any Development Plan is submitted to Scottish Ministers for examination.

The CHMA recommends that the HNDA and our appraisal are made available to your stakeholders and our suggestion is that they should be formally published online. Whilst this is at your discretion, it should be seen as good practice.

Yours sincerely

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