

**From:**Anderson, Heather (Councillor)  
**Sent:**Fri, 21 Feb 2020 11:26:12 +0000  
**To:**Miller, Craig  
**Cc:**Aikman, Ian;Walling, Fiona;Wemyss, Laura  
**Subject:**RE: LRB Appeal- West Linton

### **Letter of support – LRB Appeal West Linton**

I am writing to express my support for Mr Erland Milne's appeal. I first met Mr Milne in mid-2017, when I organised local meetings to address the issue of suitable sites locally for industrial development. As yet, no suitable sites have been found in the Tweeddale area and the problems Mr Milne was experiencing three years ago have simply increased.

Mr and Mrs Milne have three strong business proposals which are intimately tied up with the site.

- (a) **Expansion of the Saddle Specialist Business** – a secure and larger storage area for specialist equipment and machinery, including some 150 saddles; space to allow customers access to the full range of stock and specialist equipment (currently Mr Milne travels to customers with limited stock), and access to a nearby riding track and equestrian facilities to enable adaptations and saddle fitting to be tested out and horse to be stabled on-site for equestrian physiotherapy and associated veterinarian intervention
- (b) **Expansion of Making Good Products** - expanded space to enable Mr Milne to work on multiple projects for wholesale. The company currently supplies products to the whole of the UK, as well as Switzerland and the United States.
- (c) **Developing Equestrian Facilities** – the oval and pace tracks at West Tarf are one of two sites in the UK for Icelandic horses and the track hosts the British Championships for Icelandic Horses biennially. Mrs Milne has worked with Icelandic horses for 30 years. Mrs Milne is the Youth Area Representative for Scotland and training to qualify as a National Judge for Icelandic horse competitions. Both Mr and Mrs Milne are committed to increasing the monthly use of the track and re-introducing the Hestavinir (meaning horse friends - the Riding for the Disabled Group sessions). They also aim to use the long-term grazing they have secured next to the potential house site for breeding of pedigree Icelandic horses.

The veterinary and breeding aspects of their business proposals requires them to live on site. The workshop facilities greatly enhance their business offer and makes the expansion possible.

This is an important opportunity for a significant local business to survive, expand and diversity. It protects the future of a unique facility in Scotland to drives tourism and local trade and meets the business needs of a local family who have been seeking more appropriate business facilities for many years. There is considerable local support for this enterprise and as one of the local councillors, I would strongly support Mr and Mrs Milne's case and hope their appeal is successful.

Yours

Heather Anderson

Cllr Heather Anderson

Tweeddale West

**Surgeries: during term time**

2nd Monday of month - 6.30-7pm, West Linton Village Centre

2nd Friday of month - 11-12 noon, Tesco, Peebles with Christine Grahame, MSP

3rd Tuesday of month - 6-7pm, Costa, Peebles with Cllr Stuart Bell, Tweeddale East

**From:** Miller, Craig

**Sent:** 20 February 2020 12:35

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**Importance:** High

Heather

I understand Ian Aikman may have responded to you this morning about you potentially writing in about an appeal to the LRB ? Ian set out the circumstances to you about how, if you did write in, consideration of the letter would be up to the Chair and LRB.

Neither I nor Ian were aware that an appeal has been lodged electronically today in relation to the site next to Tarf House by Mr Milne. If this is the appeal you were referring to and if you want your letter to be put forward for consideration, it must be received today before final registration of the Review. It will not be put in front of the LRB and Chairman if we do not receive it before registration,

Regards

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