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Subject: Joint Structure Plan 2025

Dear Mr Johnson,

Firstly, I'm pleased to confirm that you have my address correct for future correspondence.

On the matter of the economic development of Ayrshire, I wish to make my views known to you on a matter which I feel is being totally ignored and yet could yield significant benefits to Ayrshire's economy.

It is the desperate need for a Maybole by-pass and why it should be aligned beyond Crossraguel Abbey and not just around Maybole. The ruins of Crossraguel represent the most complete remains of a mediaeval abbey in Scotland. It has massive potential as a tourist venue linked to considerable archaeological investigations (as happened in Whithorn) but is hampered by its proximity to the A77. Indeed, this awful road slices through an historic graveyard in the abbey precincts.

Complementing Crossraguel is my development of Baltersan Castle as upmarket tourist accommodation. There is an opportunity to re-create an historic landscape with all its consequent benefits to wildlife and tourism apart from the joy of local amenity.

I am in the process of preparing a report on how Crossraguel could be developed and shall be happy to send you a copy if it is of interest.

Yours sincerely,

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