



KINGS PARK
Community Council

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Provost Fergus Wood
Stirling Council
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Cc Bob Jack
Chief Executive
Stirling Council

Proposed purchase of Kings Park Crown Estate

Dear Provost Wood,

We note with great disappointment that at last Thursdays meeting the Council approved your Executives scheme to purchase the Crown Estate land comprising the Ancient Royal Possession of Kings Park for a sum now exceeding one million pounds drawn mostly from our own local reserves.

In our opinion this is a serious mistake given that the recommendations about to be published in the Scotland Bill give every indication (with across the board political party support) that Crown Estate management in Scotland be returned to Scottish Ministers. This means that these lands would be transferred at no cost to Historic Scotland and thence to local management. The most recent meetings of the UK Treasury Select Committee has also recommended that ancient Royal Possessions be separated out from commercial interests and given over to Heritage bodies. At the very least we request with some urgency that your Executive should take no further steps towards a deal until the relatively imminent clarification of these matters is revealed in the Scotland Bill

Yours sincerely

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