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Dear community council

Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland - free support and advice on environmental and related planning law

[The Environmental Rights Centre for Scotland](#) (ERCS) was established in January 2020, and our aim is to assist people to understand and exercise their rights in environmental law and to protect the environment.

We are writing to all community councils to let you know about our free advice service which may be able to help you and your local community.

Our advice service is led by our in-house Solicitor and offers free legal advice to individuals, community groups and organisations on environmental and related planning law. This includes law relating to land-use planning, climate change, pollution control, environmental health and nuisance, the conservation of biodiversity, and any other field (e.g. cultural heritage, transport and energy) to the extent that it impacts on the natural environment in Scotland.

We have provided advice on contested planning applications, loss of greenspace, sewage sludge on agricultural land, river/water pollution, noise and air pollution, loss of local biodiversity, badger protection, land access rights, fish farms, access to information and challenging decisions by public bodies which affect the environment.

We would be glad to assist if you or any resident would benefit from our specialist advice. You can contact us directly through the [get advice online form on our website](#) or calling us on 0131 358 0038 or our freephone number 0800 861 1738 (office hours 10am-2pm).



If you do not have a specific environmental concern at the moment but would like to find out more about environmental rights, Cornell our Rights Officer would be very happy to come and talk to you. Our [Rights Flyer](#) gives you more information about his work.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Shivali Fifield,

Chief Officer

Environmental Rights Centre Scotland