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Dear Residents of Tarvit Mill,

RE Concerns about human rights breaches at Tarvit Mill Gypsy Traveller Site, Cupar

Thank you for contacting the Scottish Human Rights Commission about your concerns regarding human rights implications of your ongoing accommodation issues. We are concerned to hear about your experiences regarding inadequate accommodation, in particular, potentially unsafe living conditions, residents being moved to settled accommodation away from family community and the timescale for completing improvements at the Tarvit Mill site.

The Commission would welcome the opportunity to come and meet with you at Tarvit Mill about the issues you have raised.

In the meantime, we can assure you the issues you have raised in your letter around unsuitable accommodation and the associated consequences will be included in the Commission's submission to the Review of the International Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) report to be submitted in early July this year.

If you would like to raise any other further issues for inclusion in the report, we will also happily set up a further discussion with our team by the middle of June 2024.

It may be of further interest to you that the Commission is currently undertaking a spotlight project exploring the denial of the rights to cultural recognition of Scotland's Gypsy Travellers and its impact, both past and present. We can provide you with more information on that when we meet.

Please contact Oonagh Brown, Policy and Participation Officer here at the Commission to make arrangements for us to visit you:

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The Commission looks forward to meeting with you soon to discuss the issues you have raised with us in more detail.

Yours sincerely,



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