

**1. Do you agree that new areas should be designated for Crofting?**

No. I can only speak for Arran, which is very different to the traditional crofting areas. It has a steadily increasing population; it has agricultural tenancies mixed in with small land holdings and a declining agricultural element in general terms; and it enjoys very low rates of unemployment.

**2. Do you agree the new areas should align with those of Highland and Islands Enterprise?  
If not, Why?**

No. It is simply not true that the areas now proposed for alignment with HIE have 'particular historical links' with crofting. Any links there may have been disappeared many years ago and few of the current small landholders on Arran are descendents of the original families involved.

**3. Is there another area which has a stronger claim?  
If so Why?**

No, not to my knowledge.

**4. Do you agree that Crofting Community Right to Buy should not be extended to the new areas?**

Yes

**5. Any other comments?**

I cannot see why any change is necessary. If the Forestry Commission wish to create woodland crofts that is their affair, but no landowner is likely to create new crofts in the present climate. The very strict planning restrictions that exist on Arran will, for the most part, prevent self-build housing and I cannot see this changing.

**6. What is your background? (please tick)**

Crofter

Small landholder

Agricultural tenant

Landowner

Other