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"We want to enhance the ecological beauty of the area and preserve and promote the natural assets of south-west Scotland including the history and culture of the local area."

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