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Hi Kimberly,

I am pleased you managed to catch up with Pam. Sorry, I was not available at the time; I was just heading into a meeting. I understand from Pam that you would, at least for the time being, prefer to communicate via email. Notwithstanding, my offer to meet in person remains open indefinitely.

Pam has informed me of the following:

1. At this time you do not wish to be a Community Baker for GALE. You are welcome to join us at any time - just contact Pam if you change your mind.
2. At this time you do not wish to sell your artisan bread via The GALE Centre. Again, should your situation change we will be willing to stock your bread.
3. Should GALE be successful in the purchase of The Shielling, you have indicated that the use of the kitchen therein would be of no benefit to your business. If your situation changes, please let us know and if we can accommodate at the time, we will.

It is worth noting, at this juncture, that while we remain optimistic around the potential purchase of The Shielling, it remains just that - a potential purchase. To complete the acquisition, our application to the Scottish Land Fund needs to be successful AND the current owner needs to agree to sell at a price GALE can afford. Neither outcome is guaranteed.

The original idea of a community bakery was brought to GALE by the community and did not originate within GALE. (Perhaps there are some who are not aware of your offerings.) From our consultation process thus far, I can identify all the individuals who requested/suggested a community bakery. Unfortunately, we will not be able to share this information with you due to GDPR. However, we would be very willing to utilise our mailing list to proactively advise our members (and other interested parties) of your business. If you wish to take advantage of this offer, please let me know all the outlets that stock your products and the range of goods they are likely to be able to purchase. I can then work up an appropriate communication - I am happy to give you full editorial control/sign-off before the communication is published. We can perhaps even make a blog post for the website and a social media campaign to go alongside it.

To summarise, the purchase of The Shielling is not a done deal; a community bakery is just one of several options for a multi-use community hub and it may not happen; GALE remains happy to work with you as part of any community bakery should that be included within the final mix; GALE is happy to stock your baking/bread in line with current policies for our community bakers and lastly we are happy to use our mailing list to give your business some free publicity.

There is a considerable amount for you to ponder and I am happy to make myself available to discuss further.

Best wishes,

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