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Dear Mary

**RE: APPLICATIONS TO THE RURAL TOURISM SCHEME – Dark Sky Solar Walk  
and Fivemiletown Round Lake Activity Centre**

The Department has carried out a review of your 2 expressions of interest applications for the Rural Tourism Scheme.

When the call for expressions of interest was issued, the Department gave a clear indication of the priorities it was trying to address, namely :-

- a. Be flagship, iconic, unique.
- b. Increase out of state visitors.
- c. Create capital infrastructure.
- d. Create Job(s).

When examining the projects, there was sufficient evidence to demonstrate compliance with the above criteria and therefore I am now inviting you to submit technical assistance applications for assessment. A guidance note and application are attached.

I would urge you to submit your applications during the current call which opened on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and will close on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019. This is the final call for applications and will also require you to submit your full applications within that timescale as well.

It will be a condition of applying to this scheme that procurement is completed pre application and details of same should be submitted with your application.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your current application and if you have any queries please contact Pauline Donaldson by email on [pauline.donaldson@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:pauline.donaldson@daera-ni.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Evans', written in a cursive style.

Gareth Evans

Leader & Rural Tourism Implementation Manager