

To whom it may apply,

Arran Community Council has an interest in the proposed review and would like to submit our comments as follows:

1. We welcome the review and would suggest that specific notice is taken of the impact that fuel pricing has for residents and businesses on islands where there is little useful public transport available as an option.
2. It should also be noted that many islands do not have a volume which is attractive to suppliers and therefore leaves pricing and supply as a bit of a lottery for users.
3. We have historically lived with accepting that island prices may carry a nominal price adder due to delivery costs but recently this has got out of control and reasons given are low volumes, delivery difficulty, priority to support mainland outlets and the result is that islands pay an inappropriate excess for fuel which in turn is adding to the cost of living on an island.
4. Distributors have no obligation or incentive to provide fuel to islands at affordable "costs".
5. The fuel subsidy cannot be identified when we look at "pump prices! Which leads to mistrust and feelings that it is not being passed on by some outlets. Even with this discount or retail outlet costs are significantly higher than local mainland prices.

We hope that your review will bring some these concerns to attention of decision makers and that islands are not disadvantaged for what is an essential service.

Regards,
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Chair