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I read the letter about this survey in the Forres Gazette.

I enjoy living in Scotland just as it is, but here are some ways in which I think it could be made even better.

- More and cheaper public transport.
- A higher profile for the Gaelic language.
- More community ownership of land.
- More diverse land use.
- More community use of and access to land and more local benefits from land use.
- An end to the feudal system of big estates owned by largely absentee landlords and run for the benefit of a remote and relatively wealthy clientele.
- More low-cost, low-environmental impact, affordable homes of modest design and an end to sprawling, intrusive, incongruous, "luxury" housing.
- Legislation that would force people to start treating the house they live in as their home instead of an investment speculation.
- Major changes in forestry practice, eg converting single-age exotic plantations to native multiple age-class systems.
- Promotion of properly managed multiple-use wood pasture systems.
- Co-operative networks of small farms instead of big single farms.
- The restoration of damaged ecosystems such as many upland areas.
- The responsible reintroduction, when the time is right and by appropriate bodies, of the full range of wild mammals native to Scotland.
- Lower rents.
- More direct flights to the continent, especially Scandinavia.

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