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Dear Professor Wilson

Skerries Community Council would like to show support to the Shetland Community Screening Project that Viking Genes is planning.

As the project's aim is to save lives in Shetland, and to improve the health and wellbeing of the Shetland community, it would be an extremely worthy cause to be able to achieve Scotland's first ever community genetic screening programme.

This is particularly relevant to Shetland as it has been found that Shetlanders of the unusually high prevalence of rare disease-causing variants in the population. We hope that the work carried out by the Viking Genes project will be able to secure the funding required to be able to achieve its goals.

Yours sincerely

Paul James
Chair – Skerries Community Council