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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to inform you that there will be felling operations taking place on our land adjacent to your property, beginning 5th December 2025. As part of the conditions for the contract concerning this work, all mechanical operations and haulage will be restricted to between the hours of 6:00 and 20:00 Monday – Friday.

The reason for carrying out this felling work is due to having received a Statutory Plant Health Notice (SPHN) from the Government forestry regulator due to a fungal disease (Phytophthora Ramorum) that has infected the Larch trees in this area, rendering them unsafe. Additionally, there is a significant amount of windblown trees within this area that pose a potential safety risk to both members of the public, and forest workers. As part of the pre-felling checks, a environmental survey will be carried out to ensure that any presence of protected species' is accounted for and measures are taken to minimise the disruption in these areas. Felling will take place under squirrel licence and squirrel-friendly-felling will be used outside of the breeding season.

Once felling operations have been completed, much of the felled area will be re-planted with native broadleaved species for both public and environmental benefit. These will form a non-timber producing habitat and recreation zone around neighbouring properties, minimising any future disturbance. This will also ensure future resilience for local utilities infrastructure such as the communications mast and powerline adjacent to the felling area by enabling us to establish a buffer zone around these features which is devoid of large trees that pose a potential threat of damage.

If you should have any queries about this operation, please contact [central.enquiries@forestryandland.gov.scot](mailto:central.enquiries@forestryandland.gov.scot) for further information.

We thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time.

Joseph Brennan | H&M Forester



