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Commercial Forest at Letrault and Stuckenduff

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20 March 2024 at 12:00

Good afternoon Jean,

Thank you for your patience for a response to correspondence from R&SCC dated 14th February 2024.

1. **Public Access:** Thank you for highlighting these concerns with us. SF note these observations/conversations and seek to incorporate into future discussions with SW.
2. **Archaeology:** We recognise there has been further correspondence on this matter since the 14th February. By way of update, we have investigated impacts and have engaged with Scottish Woodlands to obtain a further archaeologist opinion on all site features and mitigation works as appropriate. Please see attached UKFS warning letter issued to Scottish Woodlands. Note, the archaeologist is also reviewing the unprepared area of the site today and is looking to provide an assessment in due course. We will also send the summarised report and map to you once we have it.
3. **Water – flood risk:** this has been addressed in correspondence dated 21/12/23. SF's opinion remains that the woodland creation project is unlikely to cause/increase flood risk. We will monitor this as the scheme progresses and take any action as appropriate.
4. **Water pollution:** SF note these concerns and will assess the water quality as and when site visits take place. At this stage we are visiting the site quite regularly as it is operationally active so we will continue to monitor as per UKFS. In addition, Scottish Woodlands also periodically take photos as per Forestry and Water Guidelines and their 6.04 Monitoring Water Quality and send these to Scottish Forestry, to date we have not had any evidence of pollution. Please send me any photos of potential pollution incidents.
5. **Peatland:** this information has been provided to a community council member in separate correspondence; does this request still stand?
6. **Insecticide:** Use of chemicals is strictly outlined in the UKFS (UKFS Requirements for Forests and Water – page 166 onwards). This outlines the control and management of chemicals near water. I attach the document as requested (6.02 Monitoring Water Quality)Julie hasn. Any chemical use must be in strict adherence to the legislation and supplementary guidance. I attach the Scottish Woodlands Pesticide safety leaflet (pesticide 10.6 Pesticide Storage and Application on Worksites), this demonstrates that chemicals are not used near watercourses.
7. **Timber transport:** this has been discussed in correspondence, 21/12/23. We have no further comment.
8. **Tree species selection, local natural conservation area and invasive commercial conifers:** We are awaiting further information before we can respond to this query fully, please accept my apologies for this delay.

9. **Birds:** As per Cameron's email on the 06/03/24, we are aware of the potential constraints in terms of operations. We have sought further independent advice in conjunction with confidential data. The results and proposed mitigation is outlined in the attached letter (Letrault and Stuckenduff EIA SO follow on letter ornithology march 24).

Kind regards, Emma

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-  **Quest Guide 6.02 Monitoring Water Quality.pdf**
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-  **Pesticide 10.6 Pesticide Storage and Application on Worksites.pdf**
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