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Sent: 05 December 2019 16:19
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Highlandman's Wood and SEPA

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 18 September 2019 17:39
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Highlandman's Wood and SEPA

Dear [Redacted]

It would be useful if possible to discuss with you the current concerns around the works at this forest. This include the timber transport, archaeological and diffuse pollution. I understand you are the lead on this issue for the Rhu and Shandon CC?

I am in the office all day tomorrow – please give me a call if you get the opportunity or perhaps let me know when you are free so we can arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss. I think it is likely I will visit the forest in the next couple of weeks to look at the issues myself.

Regards

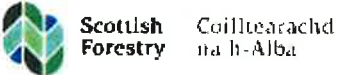
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 September 2019 18:18
To: [REDACTED]@SEPA.org.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: Highlandman's Wood and SEPA

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for coming to look at the poor water management issues at the Highlandman's and Torr Wood felling operations today. I understand that you will be issuing appropriate advice to Scottish Woodlands (etc) shortly based on a number of issues you identified today.

Please find below the main contacts for the felling operation. I have also copied in the Rhu and Shandon Community Council Convenor [REDACTED] and Secretary [REDACTED] and our local Councillor [REDACTED].

I have also copied in [REDACTED] of Scottish Forestry. He was aware of the main area of brash filling the Glenan Burn since Monday due to being copied in on an email to the Forestry and Land Archaeologist regarding damage to historic environment features. This is the area at the end of our walk where we could see the brash had been removed in the last few days and there is a lot of silt waiting to be washed down the burn. We are pleased that the burn has now been cleared here. We hope similar immediate attention will be given to repairing the damaged drystone walls and indeed as we saw today a further newly broken down section of wall on Highlandman's Road is now filling the water course / drainage ditch below it with the fallen stones. We appreciate SEPA's concern is only water and environment and not the historic environment.

The Community Council's concern is that the environment, historic environment and timber transport is carried out in accordance with the guidelines and appropriate environmental and safety standards are observed.

We will look forward to hearing from you in due course as to what actions have been taken by SEPA.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
For Rhu and Shandon Community Council

[REDACTED] - **Ridings Sawmill, Cardross.**

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On 10 Sep 2019, at 14:04, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@sepa.org.uk> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for your e-mail and attachment.

I will be able to have a look at the incident sites this Thursday or Friday – is it possible for someone from the Community Council who knows the various sites

shown in the attached photos to accompany me, and if so, indicate the date and time that suits, and where to meet them?

I will contact Scottish Woodlands as soon as it's established that the problems outlined in your e-mail/photos are still ongoing.

The other issue is, I won't be part of the SEPA team that conducts investigations/inspections as from 1 October 2019, so any issues relating to the incidents outlined in your email should be reported to the Senior Officer in charge of that team (██████ – copied into this e-mail), from 1 October 2019 onwards.

Regards,

██████
██████████████████
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(Compliance and Beyond Portfolio)

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From: ██████████ <████████████████████>
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Subject: Fwd: Highlandman's Wood and SEPA

Dear ████████

I am sorry to take a few days to send through these photographs to follow up on the concerns I registered on the phone on behalf of Rhu and Shandon Community Council.

Scottish Woodlands hold the felling licence. (Contacts are ██████████ and ██████████, Perth office)

The Community Council had to intervene in the first week of the operation (Feb / March 2018) when the forest roads were being created as the burn through Rhu Village was full of silt and it transpired no silt traps had been installed. Silt traps were subsequently installed in response to our request but these have not been maintained. You can see the broken down condition of one in the attached photographs.

Elsewhere it seems there are no silt traps at all but there is plenty of brash and felled trees in other water courses causing culverts to block and the burns to overtop their banks and cause localised flooding.

The Community Council would be grateful if you could look into this and make a site visit to inspect the forestry operation. The Community Council doubts that the best practice is being followed based on the conditions we see on the ground.

We will look forward to hearing back from you once you have had a chance to investigate.

Regards

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