

On 7 Aug 2020, at 17:14, Redacted [@forestry.gov.scot](mailto:) wrote:

Hi Redacted

We are currently working up our response to the appeal. I'm sorry but I can't really say more than that at the moment, but I hope to conclude this soon.

Regards

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Woodland Creation and Case Support Manager

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From: RedactedRedactedRedacted [@forestry.gov.scot](mailto:)>
Sent: 03 August 2020 09:48
To: RedactedRedactedRedacted
Cc: RedactedRedactedRedacted [@forestry.gov.scot](mailto:)>
Subject: Restocking Direction - Newmains Farm Steading, dirleton

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Redacted [will be in touch with you.](#)

Thanks

Redacted

Hi Redacted I wonder if you are yet able to give me any further information about the appeal against the restocking direction relating to the tree felling at Newmains farm steading, Dirleton? I haven't been able to glean anything about it from the DPEA website.

Regards

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From: RedactedRedactedRedactedRedactedRedactedRedacted
Sent: 29 July 2020 15:07
To: RedactedRedactedRedacted forestry.gov.scot>
Subject: Restocking Direction - Newmains Farm Steading, dirleton

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From: RedactedRedactedRedactedRedactedRedactedRedacted

Sent: 11 June 2020 11:47

To: RedactedRedactedRedacted forestry.gov.scot>

Cc: RedactedRedactedRedacted forestry.gov.scot>

Subject: Newmains Steading, Dirleton

Dear Redacted
Redacted

I refer to our telephone conversation this morning and confirm that the owners of the Newmains farm steading have submitted revised development proposals to the planning authority, on which the community council and the village association have been invited to comment by 22 June. The new submission includes an update of the tree report which was lodged with the original planning application and, as agreed, I attach a copy of the update. I have studied it in detail: I don't think it has changed much from the previous version and it seems that the consultant who prepared it has not taken into account the altered position of the house which is to be built in the woodland area. It seems to me that further felling is likely to be required to implement the new proposals and we will be making representations to the planner about that. The report still proceeds on the apparently false premise that the trees which were felled unlawfully were diseased and/or windblown but the consultant did not visit the site until late June 2019, five months after the unlawful felling took place and long after all the felled timber had been removed from the site. I think he must have relied on information about the condition of the felled trees supplied by the owners, which I believe to have been untruthful. I feel that the photographs I sent to Redacted give evidence of this.

You kindly explained to me that the question of further felling is a matter for the planners and not for Forestry Scotland following the planning application having been lodged but it may be that some of what is in the tree report and some of my comments above are of some use in connection with the appeal. We will certainly want to comment to DPEA once the appeal proceeds.

Thank you for your help.

Regards

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Chairman

Gullane Area Community Council

From: RedactedRedactedRedactedRedactedRedactedRedacted

Sent: 29 May 2020 10:33

To: RedactedRedactedRedacted forestry.gov.scot>

Cc: RedactedRedactedRedacted forestry.gov.scot>

Subject: RE: FOI request

Dear ^{Redacted}Redacted

I refer to your email of 1 May. The Dirleton Village Association continues to be concerned about the delay in the issues relating to the unlawful tree felling at Newmains being resolved. We realise that this will be difficult to progress during the present lockdown but it would be particularly helpful if you could clarify for me what the problems are in progressing the appeal. If it is easier to phone me about this, please do so. I realise that we could seek an answer by means of a Freedom of Information request but I suspect that would just add to your workload at a difficult time and we'd much rather proceed on a less formal basis.

Redacted – it's our understanding that there are maybe some issues between you and the local planners as regards the restocking direction on the one hand and the applications for planning and listed building consent on the other. The uncertainties are causing a lot of concern locally and I wonder if you are in a position to give me an update or clarification of the position. Any information you can give me would be much appreciated.

Regards

Redacted

Telephone Redacted

Mobile Redacted

From: RedactedRedactedRedactedRedacted forestry.gov.scot>

Sent: 01 May 2020 16:38

To: RedactedRedactedRedacted

Cc: Redacted @forestry.gov.scot; Redacted forestry.gov.scot

Subject: RE: FOI request

Dear ^{Redacted}

Redacted passed on your email from the 22nd April to me for a response and so I apologise for not getting in touch with you sooner.

As you said in that email, our organisation's activities have been affected by the current coronavirus crisis. We have further work to do on our response to the Restocking Direction appeal but this has unfortunately been delayed, and so we have not been able to progress it to the DPEA.

There is no time set out in legislation for us to follow with regards to submitting the appeal and our response to the DPEA. I realise that this is not necessarily welcome news in light of the owner's current activities, however it does mean that we are not in danger of running out of time in order to respond to the appeal.

I understand that the community are very concerned with the activities on the site and I'm sure that Redacted will be able to discuss our position with the Local Authority with regards to any amendments to the planning application.

In the meantime we will do our best to progress the appeal and our response but I cannot provide you with a timescale in the current circumstances. We can however let you know directly when we are in a position to submit it to the DPEA.

Kind regards

Redacted

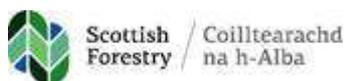
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From: RedactedRedactedRedacted <Redacted@forestry.gov.scot>
Sent: 01 May 2020 14:26
To: RedactedRedactedRedacted
Cc: Redacted SF) Redacted <Redacted@forestry.gov.scot>; Redacted SF) <Chris.Stark@forestry.gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI request

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I phoned and left a voice message.

We've not heard anything from the planning officer about the latest amendment to the planning application.

My colleague Redacted will be in touch regarding the restocking direction appeal.

Thanks

Redacted

From: RedactedRedactedRedactedRedactedRedactedRedactedRedacted
Sent: 01 May 2020 12:16
To: RedactedRedactedRedacted <Redacted@forestry.gov.scot>
Cc: RedactedRedacted F) Redacted <Redacted@forestry.gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI request

Dear Redacted

I wonder if you can give me a further update on the position here? The Dirleton Village Association has been having major problems over the last week or so, with the site owners pressing ahead with significant demolition work on the buildings on the site in advance of obtaining statutory consents. The result of this is that yesterday representatives of the local authority attended the site and have required the owners not to undertake any further work unless and until their planning and listed building consent applications have been decided. They have submitted amendmens to their applications for planning permission and LBC, which look like they will further damage the remaining

trees on the site and on which the planning officer has asked us to comment by Tuesday next week. I wonder if they have been in touch with you also on that?

An informal telephone conversation on this would be enormously appreciated.

Regards
Redacted

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From: RedactedRedactedRedactedRedactedRedactedRedacted
Sent: 31 March 2020 12:59
To: Redacted @forestry.gov.scot' <Redacted forestry.gov.scot>
Cc: Redacted forestry.gov.scot' Redacted forestry.gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI request

Thanks Redacted noted.

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From: Redacted @forestry.gov.scot Redacted @forestry.gov.scot>
Sent: 31 March 2020 11:56
To: RedactedRedactedRedacted
Cc: Redacted @forestry.gov.scot
Subject: RE: FOI request

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We have not submitted it to the DPEA as yet as we have had to do further work before doing so.

We will let you know when we hand it over to the DPEA and then details will become available to you.

Thanks

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From: RedactedRedactedRedactedRedactedRedactedRedacted
Sent: 30 March 2020 16:04
To: RedactedRedactedRedacted forestry.gov.scot>; RedactedRedacted F)
Redacted forestry.gov.scot>
Subject: RE: FOI request

Dear Redacted and Redacted Redacted

I have not heard from either of you about the Newmains, Dirleton, restocking order or the appeal against it since mid February. Are you able to let me know the position?

Regards

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From: Redacted [@forestry.gov.scot](mailto:Redacted@forestry.gov.scot) Redacted [@forestry.gov.scot](mailto:Redacted@forestry.gov.scot)>
Sent: 20 February 2020 16:32
To: RedactedRedactedRedacted
Subject: RE: FOI request

Redacted

Redacted will be in touch.

Thanks

Redacted

From: RedactedRedactedRedactedRedacted
Sent: 17 February 2020 21:56
To: RedactedRedactedRedacted [forestry.gov.scot](mailto:Redacted@forestry.gov.scot)>
Subject: Fwd: FOI request

Redacted - please see the email below that I have sent to Redacted Are you able to advise me on the present position on this matter?

Regards
Redacted

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: RedactedRedactedRedactedRedacted
Date: 17 February 2020 at 21:52:05 GMT
To: Redacted [@forestry.gov.scot](mailto:Redacted@forestry.gov.scot)
Subject: Re: FOI request

Dear Redacted
Redacted

I refer to our email exchanges about the appeal against the restocking order relating to tree felling at Newmains, Dirleton, East Lothian. I note that the appeal does not yet seem to have been listed on the DPEA website and I would be grateful if you could advise me as to what stage has been reached regarding it.

Regards
Redacted

Sent from my iPad

On 3 Feb 2020, at 16:02, <Redacted [@forestry.gov.scot](mailto:Redacted@forestry.gov.scot)> Redacted [forestry.gov.scot](mailto:Redacted@forestry.gov.scot)> wrote:

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As you know Scottish Forestry have received an appeal and we are busy finalising a reply which will be issued to both the appellant and DPEA, with the DEPA making the final decision. Details of the appeal will be published on the DPEA website in due course.

<https://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/>

I hope this is helpful.

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