

Since the original plans for the planting made by [REDACTED] were first published in 2019, the proposed “blanket” planting has been dramatically scaled back and the latest proposal is largely of native trees - this is greatly welcomed. That said, there remain some serious concerns for us as local residents and Life Fellows of the RSPB. This whole area is an important breeding site for the red-listed curlew. It isn't however only the nesting areas that need to be protected. When the curlews return in the spring they feed on the lower slopes in and around Harrietfield before moving up onto the moor to nest. It is on these feeding areas to the north of the village and to the east of Kindrumpark where the proposal is still to plant a large area of sitka spruce. This will seriously compromise this land as habitat for the curlew.

If this land is planted, it is likely that fewer curlew will return – protecting the nesting areas is one thing but their feeding areas need to be protected too. Furthermore at the north end of the proposed plantation there is sitka spruce planting proposed on the actual nesting sites of curlews. We would politely ask that the landowners reconsider their desire to plant in these areas and also perhaps to consider no sitka planting at all. It seems such a backwards step to plant any sitka when so much of the rest of the proposal actually enhances the environment.

Many thanks for taking the time to consider this.

[REDACTED]

FROM CASEBOOK PR Comments

Naturally I am relieved that the large areas of Sitka Spruce originally planned for the Logiealmond Woodland Creation project have been significantly reduced. However, the deleterious effects of Sitka on all forms of biodiversity are now well documented, so it is very disappointing that Sitka is still included. Some publications assert that biodiversity is quite high in Sitka plantations, but closer reading reveals that any significant biodiversity is found in the rides and on the edges of the plantations, and not under the canopy. I feel sure that within a few years, planting non-native conifers will be more widely acknowledged as harmful to the environment, and it is ironic that this activity is currently funded by public money. It was made clear early on by Scottish Forestry that once a parcel of land has been planted with Sitka, a permanent cycle is then established of planting and harvesting, followed by more planting and harvesting, so the harmful effects of Sitka continue indefinitely.

Another matter of concern is the position of the planned blocks of Sitka. It is clearly no use avoiding the nesting grounds of Curlew, one of Scotland's most endangered red-listed birds, if some of their most important feeding grounds are to be destroyed. It's almost as harmful as destroying the breeding grounds themselves. I'm particularly worried about the land immediately to the east of Kindrum House, where Curlew are seen feeding in large numbers soon after they arrive in this area, but before they colonise their breeding grounds higher up.

I urge Scottish Forestry to consider very carefully the long-term environmental effects of planting Sitka in these areas, and not just follow the accepted formulae and procedure for handing out grants. If there has already been such a significant reduction in the area proposed for Sitka, why is it necessary to plant any at all?

From CASEBOOK PR

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Forestry Grant Scheme 21FGS60387
Date: 03 November 2021 16:41:44

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing with comments regarding the impact the Logiealmond Estate planting proposals will have on upland bird habitat and local amenity. I do not think it appropriate that public funding is given to this proposal without amendments which mitigate the key sustainability problems it will incur. Whilst I am hugely supportive of tree planting, commercial and otherwise, in the right places, we must avoid the consequent destruction of important habitats and negative impact on biodiversity. This would be my stance at all times, but absolutely so in the current ecological emergency we are in. As it stands, the Woodland Creation Operational Plan does not meet the requirement for "sustainable land use" in respect of biodiversity.

A breeding bird survey carried out in 2019 by the Estate found significant numbers of curlew, black grouse, redshank, common snipe, oystercatchers and lapwing. My goodness, what a list of species under severe pressure across our country. The RSPB have recorded the high population of curlew on this open moorland which will be lost to forestry under current proposals. The RSPB cites loss of moorland as the second most common cause of past declines in breeding populations.

The Woodland Creation plan proposes planting up two of the recorded curlew territories, P04 and 58, in both of which breeding curlew density of 7.5 pairs is well above the 5 pairs RSPB describes as "of concern".

It is imperative that these areas must not be planted up. If it were allowed, the plan could not be considered sustainable in respect of biodiversity as this precious curlew population will not be sustainable. The grant application should therefore be amended further to exclude these areas from planting before any public funding is approved for the scheme.

The curlew and other wader breeding populations are at risk in other ways too.

The proposed woodland planting will have a direct effect on A list birds including curlew in reducing the area of suitable feeding grounds for sustainable populations. The estate's own 2019 breeding bird survey recognises this fact.

The moorland soil pH is already very acid, and in some areas sometimes as low as 3.0. It is feared that sitka plantations could reduce this even further, resulting in negative consequences on wader nesting areas and through diminishing biodiversity in their feeding areas. This would render the proposal at risk of failing to meet the requirement of sustainable land use in respect of biodiversity. As such this should be grounds for refusing the FGS.

Moreover, a live PKC Planning Application 21/01614/FLL has a material impact on the requirements of the Woodland Creation plan to meet sustainable land use standards in respect of biodiversity. This proposal will introduce lighting close to the curlew territories. Various studies have shown that artificial lighting will have a serious disruptive effect on curlew and other nesting birds as lights are turned on and off. It will also have a similarly detrimental effect on bats and their prey. The Logiealmond FGS application fails to detail this and as such should be rejected on grounds of material evidence counter to sustainable land use.

Local residents in Harrietfield are also concerned at the proximity of the proposed Sitka plantations to their homes and the range of negative impacts including noise and machinery pollution, greatly increased traffic, loss of sunlight, loss of views and property values being reduced.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the new proposal is significantly better than the previous one, there is still a great deal of negative impact on local habitat value and biodiversity which is not acceptable and must prevent the proposal as being considered sustainable land use.

As such, I feel the current proposal should not be approved for Forestry Grant Scheme funding.

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Forestry Grant Scheme: 21FGS60387 Logiealmond
Date: 26 October 2021 12:32:58

Ref:
Forestry Grant Scheme: 21FGS60387
Case Title: Logiealmond Woodland Creation
Business Name: Logiealmond Estate Limited

Dear [REDACTED]

The Logiealmond Estate are to be congratulated on their new woodland proposal with the significant amount of native and mixed woodland being planted. I understand the need for Sitka production in Scotland, but I think we are all agreed that a sympathetic approach has to be adopted towards existing eco systems and to existing dwellings in the vicinity of proposed Sitka plantations. The Logielamond Estate proposal, in my opinion and I believe in many others, could become an excellent woodland creation scheme if a few amendments are made. There is also the legalities of the proposal to consider, in respect of public money being applied for.

1) The Logiealmond Estate is applying for public money through grants to support a more than doubling of the current 99.79ha woodland on the estate. However, the submitted Woodland Creation Operational Plan does not meet the requirement for 'sustainable land use' in respect of biodiversity. The Estate conducted a Breeding Birds Survey in 2019 and this survey found a significant population of curlew, black grouse, lapwing, redshank, common snipe and oystercatcher. The RSPB have recognised and recorded the high population of curlew on the open moorland which will become forested in this proposal. The Operational Plan proposes planting trees in 2 of the recorded Curlew territories (P04 and 58). The survey found these areas have a breeding curlew density of 7.5 pairs, well above the level of 5.0 pairs RSPB considers to be 'of concern'. The RSPB identifies the loss of moorland as the second most common cause of past declines in breeding populations and this will be the case in the areas P04 and 58 in the proposal. It is therefore clear that should planting go ahead in these areas, then the curlews will not be 'sustainable' and the application will fail to meet the 'sustainable land use' requirement in respect of biodiversity. Consequently the grant application should be required to be further amended to avoid these territories if it is to gain any public resources. In Ireland, the extensively documented experience of Sitka plantations is that the predators of birds such as Curlew are sheltered by the Sitka forests, namely foxes, crows and pine martens. Therefore any suggestion that the Curlews can simply move to adjacent open land does not solve the problem in this case.

The Scottish Forestry 'Woodland Creation and Curlew' leaflet (2019) states that Scottish Forestry recognises the importance of protecting curlew breeding sites where they are important to maintain the viability of local or regional populations. It recommends guidelines when planning woodland creation proposals, to avoid or reduce the potential effect of any damage or disturbance on the conservation status of this species. The organisation Reforesting Scotland advise... "Design schemes such that the largest possible blocks of open curlew habitat are maintained, with suitable buffer. Ideally, woodland should not be less than 500m from existing breeding curlews." Ref <https://reforestingscotland.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Curlew-and-new-woodland-good-practice.pdf>

2) The Woodland Creation Operational Plan submitted by Logiealmond Estate also fails to include details of a current PKC Planning Application 21/01614/FLL which has a material impact on the requirements of 'sustainable land use' in respect of biodiversity. This lighting application is close to most of the planned new woodland areas and the curlew feeding/breeding grounds. With the lighting turning on and off, it will have an adverse effect on curlew and other nesting birds as outlined in various studies. Also, the negative impact on bats due to artificial night-time lighting and also their invertebrate prey is a well documented consequence that, if this lighting application is approved, then the FGS application ought to be rejected, being incompatible and unsustainable land use. In short, the Estate cannot have it both ways. On one hand they are introducing urban lighting with its damaging environmental impact, while on the other hand, requesting public money for a woodland creation scheme that requires biodiversity and 'sustainable land use' practices in order to qualify.

3) I understand that the P&K Access Forum have highlighted the concerns over the deer fencing. There is already a history of attempts by the new owners of the Estate to make walking across their land problematic. I add my concerns and would like to see some effort to help protect the right of access we have all enjoyed for many years. The Core Path is an important walk for many, but recently the Estate has stopped people being able to park their cars at the Harrietfield end of the walk. I am sure that the fencing would be more acceptable to many locals if

some balance was applied and parking provided for the Core Path by the Estate.

4) Sitka plantations, as we are all aware, are sterile environments with limited habitats. They are both unattractive to look at and have an anti social impact on residents from noise pollution due to increased heavy machinery traffic. In this case, the roads are small and unsuitable for such traffic. It seems strange that such a large estate has chosen to position these relatively small Sitka plantations so close to existing residents and on land that they know will adversely effect the important Curlew population as well as local residents. I would have thought that gaining local support would help the Estate in many of its future enterprises and applications and this provocative and unnecessary positioning of the Sitka plantations is extremely short sighted.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name and address]

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Subject: FW: Logiealmond Woodland Creation
Date: 28 July 2020 09:27:09

[uss Draft v16 Concept map.pdf](#)

Hi [REDACTED]

See attached the latest design which was shared with RSPB. Note there comments below.

Thanks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 July 2020 15:53
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Logiealmond Woodland Creation

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Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you're both well.

I wanted to get some thoughts down on 'paper' but it be worth us finding time to have a telephone/video call to talk through some of the detail that is tricky over email.

Firstly, looking at the design, I think real progress has been made given that we're now in a position whereby all 2019 curlew territories have been avoided! Comparing territory clusters against existing and proposed forest, I do feel that we're getting to a position where the edge effects are likely to be less. Saying that, is there any potential for altering the northern most block of sitka ever so slightly to pull it back or bolting bits of it onto the other compartments of spruce elsewhere? Perhaps we can have a chat about that? Could you remind me as well, is the clear felled area that was going to be left now going to be re-stocked?

I know we touched upon mitigation at the February site visit but I've certainly got some thoughts on additional mitigation, beyond just avoiding the territories. Given the numbers of breeding waders at Logiealmond, I'll be recommending to yourselves and Scottish Forestry that a detailed mitigation package should be considered here and that we'd be happy to work with the estate owner to develop this. There may be healthy numbers of curlew breeding on site, in close proximity to trees already but we don't know how successful they are. With an increase in wooded area going forward, a detailed nest-finding survey and productivity monitoring (cameras, temperature loggers) would be beneficial – all of which we could do, if the estate were happy to work with us. Given the in-depth survey conducted last year, I don't think you'd need a whole site survey for a good few years and rather focus in on studying nest success. Habitat improvements in the core areas could also be looked at – scrape creation, grazing etc. I've said this before but sites like this present us with an opportunity to further everyone's understanding of the impacts of an increase in trees in an open environment on priority bird species and build up an evidence base.

I'll leave it there but it would be good to catch up on this when everyone is free and then I could submit more detailed comments for the EIA screening. I'm only working Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th next week but then around all of the following week.

All the best

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] - Loch Lomond, The Trossachs & Tayside
South Scotland

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 10 July 2020 17:42
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Logiealmond Woodland Creation

Hi [Redacted]

Our client has asked us to progress the EIA screening as per the attached design.

We would welcome any comments you have.

I'm off for a couple of week now so I'll catch up with you when I return if you need any further information.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Logiealmond - RSPB Scotland comments
Date: 03 November 2021 21:49:20

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you're well. And before you say anything, yes I know it's late to be sending emails! Bit of a disrupted week with a poorly child at home, so I'm playing a bit of a catch up.

Please find attached my comments on Logiealmond. Hopefully they're fairly self-explanatory with the key point being we're still a bit uncertain over the northernmost compartments. We're not necessarily against planting in that part of the site but would like to see further consideration over more of an open ground buffer between the new edge and the area of high curlew density to the east.

Let me know if you'd like to talk through any of it. I'm out for the rest of the week but around at the start of next week.

All the best and speak soon

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Senior Conservation Officer - Loch Lomond, The Trossachs & Tayside
South Scotland

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Perth and Argyll Conservancy
Scottish Forestry
Upper Battleby
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04 November 2021

Our ref: CLC164764

Dear ██████████

Logiealmond woodland creation – 21FGS60387

Thank you for your letter of 8 October 2021. We have the following comments to give.

Summary

River Tay SAC. There are natural heritage interests of international importance on the site, but our advice is that these will not be adversely affected by the proposal.

Curlew – The reduction in the overall scale of the planting from the original planting proposals and the proposed wader mitigation should result in a much smaller impact on the regionally important curlew population at this site.

Protected Areas

River Tay SAC

Our advice is that this proposal is likely to have a significant effect on the Atlantic salmon and lamprey qualifying interests. Consequently, Scottish Forestry, as competent authority, is required to carry out an appropriate assessment in view of the site's conservation objectives for its qualifying interests.

The site's status means that the requirements of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 as amended (the 'Habitats Regulations') apply or, for reserved matters, The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017. Consequently, *Scottish Forestry* is required to consider the effect of the proposal on the *River Tay SAC* before it can be consented (commonly known as Habitats Regulations Appraisal). The NatureScot website has a summary of the [legislative requirements](#)

To help you do this we advise that based on the information provided to date, our conclusion is that the proposal will not adversely affect the integrity of the site. The appraisal we carried out considered the impact of the proposals on the following factors:

- adherence to the Forest and Water guidelines and Diffuse Pollution Control plan referred to in the Operational Plan should ensure no additional sediments or nutrients enter the River Tay system, via the Milton Burn.

Curlew

The UK is an important component of the world's curlew population making up 19-27% of the global curlew breeding population. Scotland holds a significant proportion of the UK population. The RSPB carried out a Tayside Wader Survey in 1992 and 2012 with the aim of providing up to date information on the breeding distribution and population of five lowland farmland waders; curlew, lapwing, oystercatcher, redshank and snipe. The survey results highlight the wider area, within which this proposal is related, is one of the top five sites for breeding curlew in Tayside at the time of survey. The Logiealmond Breeding Curlew survey report (Sept 2019) by Clive McKay in support of this woodland creation application confirms that current curlew numbers are still high, with 68 territories recorded.

Loss of breeding habitat to woodland creation, both directly and indirectly is a significant contributor to the decline in curlew numbers. Land cover change from open habitats to woodland makes habitat unsuitable for breeding curlew so breeding pairs are lost directly. Additionally an established or establishing woodland area supports generalist ground predators such as foxes and stoats, and birds such as carrion and hooded crow. This introduces new predation pressure on breeding waders. Waders may also avoid breeding in areas within certain distances of trees. This so-called 'edge effect' extends well beyond the boundary of the wooded area with lower breeding densities and nesting success in ground nesting waders on open ground within a kilometre and sometimes more of forest edges. In the UK, curlew population change is inversely related to the area of woodland around breeding habitats.

The scale of the Logiealmond woodland creation proposal has vastly reduced from ~800ha when in 2019 at informal consultation to 111.79 ha. The original planting proposal would have meant the loss or displacement of the majority of these 68 territories. Now, only small numbers of the 68 curlew territories could perhaps still be at increased risk from the woodland edge effect from the new planting proposals (e.g. two located in LA 04, and the ones in LA09 and LA06 that are located close to compartments 20 and 21). However, mitigation, including wader scrapes, and mechanical topping of rushes outwith the breeding season will all help to balance out any remaining negative impacts from breeding curlew by improving habitat suitability away from the woodland.



Peatland

The SNH Carbon & Peatland Map 201613 shows the amended proposal site now avoids the most important classes, 'Class 1 nationally important carbon-rich soils, deep peat and priority peatland habitat. Areas likely to be of high conservation value' as well as and 'Class 2 – Nationally important

carbon-rich soils, deep peat and priority peatland habitat. Areas of potentially high conservation value and restoration potential'. There is a small area of overlap remaining of new planting (Compartments 20 and 21) with 'Class 3 – Dominant vegetation cover is not priority peatland habitats but most soils are carbon rich soils, with some areas of deep peat'. However, the peatland map provided by the consultants with the 2019 informal consultation shows that these areas are less than 50cm depth of peat. Deep peat is considered to be peat of greater than 50cm depth.

The advice in this letter is provided by Scottish Natural Heritage, acting under its operating name NatureScot.

Yours sincerely


Tayside and Grampian


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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Logiealmond Estate Grant scheme
Date: 18 October 2021 10:49:03

Dear [REDACTED]

I am the [REDACTED] at Logiealmond Estate and I have seen the various Almondglen Facebook comments regarding our application for grant aid to plant the trees. Unfortunately most of the comments are based on the perception that the actual planting can be stopped and that this isn't just about the finances.

I have seen that the Daily Record has written a piece also.

My reason to make contact is to just see if you require anything from me at this stage??

I'm away until tomorrow night but on the Estate thereafter.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Logiealmond Forestry Grant Scheme 21FGS60387
Date: 27 October 2021 13:23:33

Good afternoon

I have just been made aware that there are proposals to increase the planting of woodland by the Logiealmond Estate. I am concerned that there will be significant impact on the native wildlife and environment, specifically the curlew population.

Would you please advise me how to view the application?

Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Logiealmond Forestry proposal
Date: 21 October 2021 14:52:51

>> Dear [REDACTED]

>> The Logiealmond Estate are applying for public money through grants for more than doubling the current woodland of 99.7ha on the estate. Despite this, it is my contention, that the submitted woodland creation plan does not meet the requirement for 'sustainable land use' in respect of biodiversity. The Estate conducted a breeding birds survey in 2019 which found a significant population of curlew, black grouse, lapwing, redshank, common snipe and oyster catchers. The RSPB have recognised and recorded the high population of curlew on the open moorland which would become forested under this proposal. The operation plan proposes planting trees in 2 of the recorded curlew territories (p04 & s8) The breeding density of 7.5 pairs is well above the level of 5 pairs that the RSPB considers to 'be of concern' The RSPB identifies loss of moorland as the second highest cause of past declines in breeding populations.

>> It is clear then, that should this proposal get the go ahead, that curlews will not be sustainable in this area and the application would then fail to meet the sustainable land use in respect of biodiversity. The application ought to be further amended to avoid this area if it is to gain public funding.

>> The woodland creation operation plan submitted by Logiealmond Estate fails to include a current PKC planning application 21/01614/FLL which has a material impact on the requirement for 'sustainable land use' in respect of biodiversity. This lighting application is close to most of the planned woodland areas and curlew territories, with lighting being turned on/off it will have an adverse affect on curlew and other nesting birds as outlined in many studies. The lights also have a negative impact on bats due to night time lighting and also on their invertebrate prey, this being well documented elsewhere. This application therefore should be rejected as incompatible and unsustainable land use.

>> The PH value in some areas is as low as 3 and Sitka would possible create an even more acidic environment. This in turn would have an affect on curlew(lapwings etc) nesting sites, along with failing to meet sustainable land use in respect of biodiversity.

>> The proposed woodland will have a direct effect on the feeding ground. A list of birds as identified by the estates' own Breeding Birds Survey, would be affected. The RSPB identifies the loss of moorland as the second most common cause of decline in breeding populations.

>> The Sitka plantations are too near still to the small, long established hamlet of Harrietfield, and would have a wide ranging adverse impact, which would include noise pollution possibly from early mornings onwards up to 5-6 or more days a week, with the attendant rise in air pollution from heavy vehicles. In some cases, sunlight and views might be affected causing the value of property to drop, or even cause difficulty for householders to sell their property altogether.

>> If the current access and egress to the farm and proposed woodland is being considered adequate, it would only take a period of observing the current size of heavy vehicles, and their efforts to negotiate the narrow approach roads, never mind considering the increased size and frequency of transportation for trees etc to realise that it would be unsafe and unsustainable in the long term.

>> I feel that insufficient consideration has been given to road safety in the local area in the wake of these proposals. While we all accept that farm machinery uses the roads we live in the countryside and farm traffic is an acceptable part of life. The impact of heavy, very large and frequent lorries with heavy loads along minor roads however is another matter entirely. Roads are already eroded at the edges reducing a drivers' ability to move over should the need arise. There are no broad solid verges to act as temporary passing places to escape anything approaching quickly and which may be encroaching onto one's side of the road. To add to the risk there are ditches at either side of most roads...all factors which impede a motorists' ability to avoid collision...the risk of which could result in injury or worse.

>> Kind Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Logiealmond plans
Date: 11 October 2021 10:51:30

Hi [REDACTED]
I live at [REDACTED] which has plans to surround it on 3 sides with planting of various trees.

Can you please offer opinion as to why the plantation is agreed when it will

- Affect residents view from the village
- Water course flow with increased drought conditions forecast
- effect on feeding grounds for A list birds
- effect on amphibians and reptiles
- loss of grazing and winter pasture
- loss of morning light to our property and considerably reduced panarama leading to our property value being reduced
- loss of bio diversity on the poorer ground as it is part moorland
- why plant near residential when there is 5500acres of land to choose from?

To which the grant money to plant is part of our taxes, for which the community has had little say.

I would like discuss further, as my only contact has been through the agents, who have only said the estate want it to happen.

My contact is [REDACTED] if you could arrange a visit to see how this all affects our community.

Yours sincerely [REDACTED]

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By email only: [REDACTED]

Property Name: **Logiealmond Woodland Creation** (21FGS60387)

Dear [REDACTED]

2nd November 2021

RSPB Scotland welcomes the opportunity to comment on the latest design of the Logiealmond woodland creation, a proposal that we have been closely involved with throughout the design process.

Summary

We welcome the progress that has been made since 2019 in relation to minimising the impacts on the important breeding bird assemblage and the recognition from all stakeholders of the site's significance for curlew. Consideration of this species has been at the forefront of our engagement with this scheme and it should be noted that the quality of the breeding bird data from 2019 has greatly assisted this process.

Despite the progress made, we are recommending that further consideration is afforded to the location and/or design of the two proposed northernmost woodland compartments due to potential impacts on breeding curlew. We are also recommending that the mitigation and monitoring is conditioned in a habitat management plan that we are consulted on.

The following information will hopefully provide further clarity on our position.

Woodland species composition

We welcome the increase in native tree species in the scheme and the benefits that this will bring for enhancing the overall biodiversity of the site. An increase in native trees has the potential to benefit the site's healthy black grouse population by providing more suitable foraging habitat for adults throughout the year as the trees mature.

Woodland design – breeding birds

North

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Of all the new proposed areas of woodland on site, it is this one that most notably juts out onto the open hill close to an area of high curlew presence. We would therefore welcome consideration over whether the location and/or design of these compartments can be altered to allow for more of an open ground buffer between the woodland edge and the cluster of curlew territories to the east. If this is not achievable, appropriate mitigation must be directly targeted towards the adjacent high-density cluster of curlew.

We are not necessarily opposed to planting in the north of the site and are encouraged to see that over half of this area will now be comprised of native broadleaf species on the steeper western facing slope. With further consideration over the design, this area could potentially benefit both the curlew population and species and habitats associated with native upland woodland.

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Although the proposed compartment of mixed woodland in the south-east of the site (north of Harrietfield) is within several hundred metres of a number of curlew territories, there are already a number of long-established shelterbelt plantations in this part of the site. The edge effect of this compartment on the breeding waders will arguably be lesser than the northern area described above because it is effectively embedded within existing plantations and within a part of the site where no breeding curlew were recorded.

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By email only: [REDACTED]

Property Name: **Logiealmond Woodland Creation** (21FGS60387)

Dear [REDACTED]

2nd November 2021

RSPB Scotland welcomes the opportunity to comment on the latest design of the Logiealmond woodland creation, a proposal that we have been closely involved with throughout the design process.

Summary

We welcome the progress that has been made since 2019 in relation to minimising the impacts on the important breeding bird assemblage and the recognition from all stakeholders of the site's significance for curlew. Consideration of this species has been at the forefront of our engagement with this scheme and it should be noted that the quality of the breeding bird data from 2019 has greatly assisted this process.

Despite the progress made, we are recommending that further consideration is afforded to the location and/or design of the two proposed northernmost woodland compartments due to potential impacts on breeding curlew. We are also recommending that the mitigation and monitoring is conditioned in a habitat management plan that we are consulted on.

The following information will hopefully provide further clarity on our position.

Woodland species composition

We welcome the increase in native tree species in the scheme and the benefits that this will bring for enhancing the overall biodiversity of the site. An increase in native trees has the potential to benefit the site's healthy black grouse population by providing more suitable foraging habitat for adults throughout the year as the trees mature.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Logiealmond Woodland Creation
Date: 02 November 2021 22:34:04

Logiealmond Woodland Creation
21FGS60387

[REDACTED]

I have been made aware of the revised detail of the proposed woodland creation at Logiealmond, and have registered a comment on your casebook.

Having made comment against the previously issued proposals I was content that , subject to the assurances given, my concerns had been taken into account and mitigated in the planned scheme.

It is however clear from the current scheme, as I understand it, these mitigations have now been removed from the proposal.

A meeting was held on site with myself, the bursar of Glenalmond College (who also draw their water supply from the adjacent Shilligan Burn) and the Tilhill representative to discuss our concerns, at which the absolute assurance was given that the western edge of the area of proposed Sitka spruce in grid box 94 would be at least 50m from the burn and retained behind a buffer band of native broadleaf.

It is essential, in order to maintain the mitigation as previously approved, that this buffer zone is reinstated in the proposal and I see no benefit in its removal from the scheme.

I trust you will address this or contact me to agree otherwise.

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Logiealmond Woodland Creation 21FGS60387
Date: 03 November 2021 10:37:08

Dear [REDACTED]

I write in connection with the proposed planting plan for the Logiealmond Woodland Creation scheme. I have followed this project since 2019, and I welcome the reduction in the area to be planted which will lessen the adverse impact on ground-nesting birds.

I was however disappointed to see that a small but in my view important strip of broadleaved woodland shown in the August 2020 Tilhills map has been sacrificed and replaced with Sitka. I am referring to the westerly end of area 26 on the Woodland Creation V19 map dated August 2021. On the 2020 map there is an area of broadleaved woodland which curves round the contour of the hill softening the edge of the plantation and providing a buffer zone between the Sitka plantation and the important watercourse of the Shilligan burn. The purity and flow of the burn must be safeguarded as it provides the water supply for Glenalmond College and a number of neighbouring properties including ours. Darrell Boulton had a meeting with our neighbour [REDACTED] and the Glenalmond College Bursar in July 2019 and the area of broadleaved woodland was agreed upon. The Shilligan burn is also an important salmon spawning burn. The stretch of the burn which runs through our farm (Culnacloch) was for many years monitored by the Fisheries department and was the subject of a major study. The flow is essential for that reason also.

In September 2020 I wrote to Darrell Boulton concerning my fears for the splendid solitary Scots pine that is something of a local landmark and appears to be right on the western edge of the proposed plantation area 26. I was reassured by his reply as he said it would be in the area of broad-leaved woodland which now no longer exists. I am forwarding photos of the tree to you, also Darrell's reply. Can you assure me that the tree will still be protected? This area of landscape, where the Shilligan burn wends its way into the hills, is really beautiful and much loved by local walkers. I ask you to consider reinstating the strip of broad-leaved woodland which would soften the edge of the Sitka plantation and reduce the visual impact of the block, as well as protecting the Shilligan burn as previously agreed.

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [McFarlane N \(Neil\)](#)
Subject: Logiealmond Woodland Creation
Date: 17 October 2021 10:19:33

The views of the Perth & Kinross Access Forum are that we find no particular issues with the nature of the various planning proposals.

However, we are greatly concerned at the proposals for deer fencing. In the first place we believe that the case for providing any deer fencing is dubious and that there are acceptable alternative measures, e.g. control of deer numbers, should a genuine problem arise.

If, however, this is not accepted by yourselves, we trust that you will give careful consideration to what is envisaged. The proposed deer fencing is shown enclosing substantial tracts of open hillside and is in places as much as 1/2 a mile from the nearest planting. This will have a serious impact on the ability to leave or enter the area on foot, on horseback or cycles - which is of course permissible under the general right of access. Elsewhere the proposed new fencing appears to enclose belts of existing mature woodland.

I have attached a part of the proposals plan on which I have shown the reality of these damaging proposals, the worst aspect of which relates to the stretch of open country bounded by points A, B, C and D. The completely unnecessary fencing at A would block access to the north of the core path where there is currently no fencing at all.

We do not understand the reasons why any fencing that is genuinely required cannot be placed around the separate components of the planting scheme and cannot resist the suspicion that in reality the fences are planned with an eye to facilitating the rearing and shooting of pheasants.

The total length of the proposed fencing is approximately 11 miles. This represents a wholly unacceptable intrusion into the countryside and we must therefore register the strongest possible objection to this aspect of the proposals.

Regards

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 October 2021 13:44
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FGS02 Notification Letter - 21FGS60387, Logiealmond Woodland Creation



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08th October 2021

Dear Sir / Madam

Forestry Grant Scheme: 21FGS60387
Case Title: Logiealmond Woodland Creation
Business Name: Logiealmond Estate Limited

I am writing to notify you about the above application, details of which can be accessed from the link below.

Certain details of the scheme will be displayed on our Public Register for 28 days to allow members of the public and other interested parties to comment.

You can access the register on our website at :

<https://forestry.gov.scot/support-regulations/public-registers/register-of-felling-permissions-and-forestry-grant-scheme-applications>

You can access the contract documentation through WeTransfer until 15th October 2021 at:

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If you wish to comment, you should do so by 04-Nov-2021.

I am the Woodland Officer who will be dealing with this application. Please contact me to arrange any site visits and/or meeting using the following contact information and, when writing or emailing, always quoting the following Case reference:

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Subject: Logiealmond
Date: 25 October 2021 10:48:15

Dear [REDACTED]

Ref:Forestry Grant Scheme: 21FGS60387
Case Title: Logiealmond Woodland Creation
Business Name: Logiealmond Estate Limited

Please find my concerns regarding this woodland proposal.

1) The Logielamond Estate is applying for public money through grants to support this scheme, however, they are choosing to ignore the recent Bird Survey which identifies that Curlew have important nesting grounds and feeding grounds on a proportion of the land. The Curlews cannot simply move to adjacent land because the new Sitka woodland will attract predators such as foxes, crows and protected Pine Martins into the immediate area. Therefore, I believe there is a strong case that this proposal does not meet the FGS requirements in respect of maintaining existing bio diversity and sustainable land use.

2) The proposed deer fencing has inadequate numbers of access points for walkers on the Estate.

4) The relatively small Sitka plantations are unnecessarily close to existing residents and on land that they know will adversely effect the important Curlew population as well as local residents. The Estate has the ability to move these plantations to accommodate both local residents concerns and comply with the FGS 'sustainable land use' requirements.

Yours

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Consultation Response to Logiealmond Estate Woodland Creation 21FGS60387

The comments below are provided in view of the [PKC Forest and Woodland Strategy](#) which provides a local interpretation of the Scottish Forestry Strategy and identifies priority activities PKC will encourage to ensure forestry and woodland maximises social, economic, and environmental benefits.

An operational plan and map were submitted. No appendices mentioned in the operational plan or issues log were provided for comment.

I commented on woodland creation plans as part of the Logiealmond Estate Long Term Forest Plan on 13th April 2021 and am pleased that several comments and suggestions have been incorporated into the revised proposals, namely expansion of Scots pine and oak woods and implementation of deer control as well as deer fencing.

The area in this proposal is within the preferred planting zone in the PKC Forest and Woodland Strategy. The submitted operational plan details how this proposal delivers the seven themes of the Strategy and the intention to create habitat networks by joining new planting to mature trees is particularly welcomed.

It appears that work has been undertaken with consultees such as the RSPB to ensure that most of the wader areas will not be impacted by this proposal. Compensation proposed includes creation of wader scrapes and predator control though loss of wader habitat is regrettable.

Black grouse are classified in the UK as a Red List species under the Birds of Conservation Concern review and as a Priority Species in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan. All management, particularly the placement of deer fences must consider the presence of black grouse. Opportunities to enhance habitat should be considered. Black grouse are edge species who need transition zones between forest and moorland heath and feathered edge forestry. Creating transition zones to allow larger shrubs and dwarf birch to develop is encouraged.




The dependence on deer fencing is unfortunate due to the impact on species such as black grouse as well as mammals and the landscape impact. The proposed deer cull is welcomed though I question whether this is a one off or will be repeated in future years. Monitoring the deer fence to ensure it does not become porous should be added to the maintenance plan.

It is unclear whether the applicant has contacted the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum [Perth & Kinross Council - Membership of the forum \(pkc.gov.uk\)](#) representative bodies such as [The British Horse Society \(BHS\) | The UK's Largest Equine Charity](#) and local community groups. If not, the applicant is encouraged to do so.

The land manager should integrate access rights into planning timber operations, minimise disruption to public access especially along any core paths, rights of way and other well-used routes and reinstate path surfaces once works are completed. Guidance is available in Managing Woodland Access and Forest Operations in Scotland -- [Scottish Forestry - Managing Woodland Access and Forestry Operations](#)

If it is the intention to create any forestry tracks, guidance is available on the PKC website and the relevant 'prior notification' forms on the [eDevelopment Scotland](#) portal and the 'Prior Notification Checklist' on the PKC website: [Perth & Kinross Council - Planning application checklists \(pkc.gov.uk\)](#)

In my view, this proposal is in accordance with the opportunities outlined in the Perth and Kinross Forest and Woodland Strategy 2014-2034.

Comments provided by	  Perth and Kinross Council	Phone:  Email: woodlandenquiries@pkc.gov.uk
Date	8 th November 2021	

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Z1FGS60387
Date: 27 October 2021 18:02:47

Hello, thanks for that. This is the first we have seen of the plans. As a direct neighbour at Drumachar Farm it would be good to see the appendix where it covers the email consultation as we were never involved. We moved into the property in July 2019 so should have been included in the consultation. The new plans run their forestry track right up against our boundary and will have a negative impact upon ourselves. The plan seems to be to move the heavy traffic away from their nice new developments and dump it on us. I am also concerned about the effect of the project on the local wildlife and the possible impact of pollution in the burns that run off the new forestry.

I can comment further when I have seen the appendices which are not included in the uploaded documents.

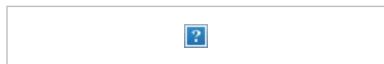
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Good Afternoon [REDACTED]

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I thought I had included all the people that [REDACTED] had consulted with within their due diligence, so apologies if I had missed yourselves. The survey data has not changed since that time but the planting & options maps have.

Kind regards & stay healthy

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creativity.

From: [redacted]
Sent: 11 October 2021 15:54
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: 21FGS60387

Good afternoon [redacted]

I have copied in the Woodland Officer assessing this application, [redacted]
[redacted] is on leave this week but will pick your email up on his return.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 11 October 2021 14:48
To: Scottish Forestry Conservancy, Perth & Argyll [redacted]
Subject: re: 21FGS60387

Hello, I was wondering if I could get more details on the forestry application 21FGS60387. We are neighbours and would like to see the full documentation including the appendices for the scheme.

Hope you can help

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19th October 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to **Forestry Grant Scheme case reference 21FGS60387**, Logielmond Woodland Creation.

The Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS) recognises that Scotland's woodlands are a vital national resource and play a vital role in rural development and **sustainable** land use. Out of public resources the Scottish Rural Development Programme through FGS provides applicants with financial support for woodland creation, maintenance and capital grants, to contribute towards the Scottish Government's annual woodland target. The Logielmond Estate is applying for grants to support a more than a doubling of the current 99.79ha woodland on the estate. The *FGS A Guide to Grant Options for Woodland Creation* (2019) suggests this application could amount to hundreds of thousands of pounds from public resources.

This woodland creation plan does represent a more sympathetic plan to a previous much larger and blanket hillside application, especially with its now mixed woodland including some native broadleaved species. It would contribute towards the Scottish Government's strategic woodland target. However, **the submitted Woodland Creation Operational Plan does not meet the requirement for *sustainable* land use in respect of biodiversity.**

Logielmond did conduct a breeding birds survey in 2019. This survey found a significant population of curlew, black grouse, lapwing, redshank, common snipe and oystercatcher. The RSPB have noted the significance of a high population of curlew on the open moorland which will become forested. The RSPB report on their website the UK's breeding population of curlews "is of international importance, being estimated to represent more than 30% of the West European population ... the bulk of the breeding population (around 60%) occurs in Scotland". Nonetheless this Operational Plan still includes planting trees in 2 of the territories (P04 and 58) where curlews were found. The survey found these areas have a breeding curlew density of 7.5 pairs, well above the level of 5.0 pairs RSPB considers to be 'of concern'. With RSPB further identifying that afforestation of moorland is the second most common cause of past declines in breeding populations, in these areas curlews will not be sustainable. **Consequently the grant application should be required to be further amended to avoid these territories if it is to gain any public resources.**

The Woodland Creation Operational Plan submitted also fails to include details of a current PKC Planning Application 21/01614/FLL which has a material impact on the sustainable land use biodiversity. The planning application is for the instalment of lampposts along the main estate access road up the hill from the Logielmond estate entrance on the B8063 to Logielmond Lodge. This is close to most of the planned new woodland areas and the curlew territories. Eleven lampposts, spaced at 123m intervals along this access road, each at 320 lumens, are each to be fitted with PIR motion sensors so lamps are only on when activated by moving vehicles. This lighting, moreover lighting turning on and off, is bound to have an adverse effect on curlew and other nesting birds, let alone other wildlife in the local and wider hill landscape. **Should this PKC planning application for lighting be approved then this FGS application ought to be rejected, being incompatible and unsustainable land use.**

Public money (FGS) should only be received for providing sustainable public goods. This Woodland Creation Operational Plan, with the separate and combined effects of new forestry and new lighting, does not meet the defined purposes of FGS and so, I suggest, ought to be amended or rejected.

Yours sincerely,

On Tue, Oct 19, 2021 at 11:17 AM [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you for these files. You have been most helpful.
My regards
[REDACTED]

On Tue, Oct 19, 2021 at 10:50 AM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Kind regards & stay healthy

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 18 October 2021 17:04

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: 21FGS60387 details

Dear [REDACTED]

My attention has been drawn to the Logiealmond Forestry Creation plan and its Forestry Grant Scheme application.

Comments may be made until 4 November, however the details do not seem to be on the Scottish Forestry website. Please would you be able to send me the details of this application together with details of the Forestry Grant Scheme, so that I may submit a fully informed comment.

My regards

[REDACTED]

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To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: 21FGS60387
Date: 11 October 2021 15:53:59
Attachments: [redacted]

Good afternoon [redacted]

I have copied in the Woodland Officer assessing this application, [redacted]

[redacted] is on leave this week but will pick your email up on his return.

Best wishes,

[redacted]
Administration Officer

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Perth & Argyll Conservancy | Upper Battleby | Redgorton | Perth | PH1 3EN

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From: [redacted]
Sent: 11 October 2021 14:48
To: Scottish Forestry Conservancy, Perth & Argyll [redacted]
Subject: re: 21FGS60387

Hello, I was wondering if I could get more details on the forestry application 21FGS60387. We are neighbours and would like to see the full documentation including the appendices for the scheme.

Hope you can help

[redacted]

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [HM - BusinessSupport](#)
Subject: RE: FGS02 Notification Letter - 21FGS60387, Logiealmond Woodland Creation
Date: 08 October 2021 13:46:20
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email – I no longer work in the Casework team at HES.

Your best contact in the future is the HM Business Support team who can ensure it gets where it needs to [REDACTED]

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED] Cultural Resources Team

Pronouns: he/him

Please note that due to the current public health situation I currently work from home and can be contacted via email, phone and Skype.

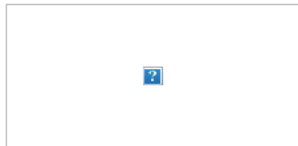
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Cc: [REDACTED]
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Date: 11 October 2021 12:59:31

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks very much for your email

We live at [REDACTED] which is the [REDACTED] and forms the western boundary of the village including the land over the Kindrum burn adjoining the fields to the west

I've had a look at the proposal and it would appear from the application that one of the forrests is going to be on the field immediately to the west of our land? Please could you confirm that I've read this correctly?

Of all the land out there it would seem a very odd choice given;

- the impact on our view
- the impact on our light
- the noise etc
- the impact of big lorries on the small B8063

Would you like to visit us and see for yourself the impact this would have?

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On 8 Oct 2021, at 1:44 PM, [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: FGS02 Notification Letter - 21FGS60387, Logiealmond Woodland Creation
Date: 02 November 2021 09:27:42

Nail McFarlane
Woodland Officer

Scottish Forestry

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the application by Logiealmond Estate Ltd for Forest Grant for Logiealmond Woodland Creation Scheme, ref: 21FGS60387

As a resident of Harrietfield I am concerned about the eastern plots, 44 to 48, planned to grow Norway Spruce and Sitka Spruce with a fringe of Native Mixed Broadleaves and Douglas Fir

The proposed commercial softwood planting close to the 200-year-old planned village of Harrietfield would be a radical change to its traditional setting of open fields with fences and hedges, and shelter belts higher up the hill

If planting is to go ahead, mixed hardwoods would be more acceptable here both visually and ecologically. Softwoods are planted to be cut after a few decades releasing CO2 back into the atmosphere. Should this be subsidised by public money?

This village remains almost perfectly within its original boundaries. The east and west loans and back road remain their original width with right angle corners restricted by buildings and poles, and are not suited to large vehicles. Estate traffic has resulted in many huge lorries and has damaged verges and corners. A route between the main road and the Estate hub of Kindrum Park is needed avoiding the village - one past Laverock Bank would be almost entirely on estate land.

As the position and style of fencing is not clear from the map provided, it is impossible to assess the effect of the scheme on countryside access and the right to roam, but this remains important to local people and for visitors.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

On Fri 8 Oct 2021, at Fri 8 Oct 118pm [REDACTED]:



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Subject: RE: FGS02 Notification Letter - 21FGS60387, Logiealmond Woodland Creation
Date: 11 October 2021 16:23:46

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for sending through details of the WCS for Logiealmond. On a general note, the link is only open for 7 days but the consultation period is open until 4th November, these two time periods need to dovetail as a week to review documents is far too tight.

I would provide the following comments:

- The UK Forestry Standard is currently under review and landowners may be pushed to propose a more balanced mix of conifer and broadleaf species in their woodland proposals. This WCS states how important biodiversity is to the overall aims and objectives plus diversifying the rural landscape. Both the Conifer and mixed conifer models are too top heavy in total conifers and go against the aims set out within Scotland's Forestry Strategy 2019-2029 for delivering sustainable forest management. SEPA does however welcome the Scots Pine, Upland Birch and NMB models. In this context there is huge potential with this WCS to produce a really good 'commercial-Biodiversity' rich Plan to address the biodiversity crisis we face as well as providing the landowner with an economic return. I would like to see the principles of Riverwoods applied to all watercourses and drains which is similar but goes beyond riparian zone management as set out in UKFS. This would support the SAC status applied to the main river Tay catchment.
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- Good site planning is required on pollution prevention, old drains should be well mapped and measures applied if some are directly connected to watercourses. For contractors and site managers, reference should be made to the Forestry & Water Scotland Know the Rules Booklet, version 2, and it is imperative that all contractors follow the guidance therein. [On-site tools \(confor.org.uk\)](#). The LTFP aims to realign drains to avoid direct connections which is all very well but to manage the immediate pollution risk during harvesting operations and during the fallow period, an interim temporary blocking of direct drains must be implemented such as inserting tree stumps every 30 metres. Terram netting will **not** achieve the same.
- In accordance with the published Scottish Forestry "[Cultivation of Upland Woodland Creation Sites -Applicants Guide](#)", the focus should be to incorporate low risk intrusive techniques to minimise soil and carbon losses to air and water. For restocking, techniques such as mounding and scarification would meet this guidance. Whilst SEPA supports the Plan intention to employ excavator and continuous moulder plus hand screening, **we object to the proposal to utilise shallow ploughing**. Under this new guidance shallow ploughing is deemed to be a medium risk activity and should be avoided.
- All properties in and around the woodland area should be investigated to determine the presence of private water supplies. Any source waters in/around the forest must be protected from pollution. Great care **MUST** be taken to protect water quality hence all operations must strive to go beyond compliance with best practice due to this sensitivity. All source areas must be afforded maximum protection from machinery damage, compaction and pollution from all forest activities, including future operations. This also applies to water transfer pipework. The buffer distances highlighted in the Know the Rules Booklet are **minimum distances** and greater zones should be allocated where source areas are extensive or boundaries unknown.
- Any access tracks should ideally avoid areas of shallow and deep peat.
- Any ford crossing points should be reviewed with a view of creating log bridges or culverted crossings to ensure clean water is kept separate from dirty road crossings.
- Prior to site departure, all machinery working within the forest block must be power washed as per good practice to avoid the accidental spread of invasive species. This practice also allows machines to be inspected and repairs identified. Photographic record of this wash down should be kept for audit inspection.
- If the Plan is to use traditional plastic based tree guards for broadleaf planting protection, then it must come with a tree guard removal plan after the trees are established. Leaving the plastic-based guards lying on the landscape is not acceptable and constitutes improper waste disposal.

In summary, SEPA places a [holding objection](#) to this proposal based on the shallow ploughing insertion.

I hope these brief comments are useful.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
National Campaigns & Initiatives
Scottish Environment Protection Agency
SEPA | Holmpark Industrial Estate | New Galloway Rd | Minnigaff, Newton Stewart DG8 6BF



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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: South Logiealmond
Date: 22 November 2019 10:02:40

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for sending on the revised concept design (v11) and Curlew report. The site is clearly an important breeding area for Curlew and based on the numbers recorded in the survey we have serious concerns with the proposed concept design and would object to an application without further changes. Myself and colleagues were in the area this week so went for a look at the site which reinforced our view and that of the report, that this is an important area, with close to optimal habitat for breeding Curlew.

The Curlew report shows that the remaining proposed planting area in the south west corner of the site (LA03 and LA04) would directly remove 15 breeding territories with a further 2 potentially affected by close planting on the western fringe of compartment LA03. The report recommends removing compartment LA03 from the original planting plan to reduce the impact on Curlew. From our perspective removing compartment LA03 is essential. We also want to review the BBS report to assess whether other priority species occur on site. If you could forward this on to us that would be much appreciated.

I have a few more questions based on our site visit if you're able to answer them;

- The area marked W03 in the Curlew report looks to have been mostly felled but I can't find any reference to any plans for this to be replanted? If that's not already in the plan replanting here would be preferable to planting on the established open ground.
- Will [REDACTED] be submitting an EIA for this site?

We would be very willing to come out for another site visit with [REDACTED] and/or the landowner if this would be useful and of course we're always happy to provide further advice on habitat management if needed. Please do not hesitate to contact David Hunt or myself if you want to discuss this further.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Loch Lomond, The Trossachs & Tayside

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 18 November 2019 11:06

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: South Logiealmond

Hi [REDACTED] good to catch up with you.

Please find attached [REDACTED] Report. Draft planting map also attached.

I will ask if the client is willing to release the BBS.

Regards, [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 14 November 2019 18:28

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: South Logiealmond

Hi [REDACTED]

I hadn't realised that [REDACTED] was moving on.

Re Logiealmond reports – you need to speak to [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] (copied in). I finished the bird report for Logiealmond yesterday, so your request may be timely!

Good luck in your new post!

Cheers

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 14 November 2019 15:43

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: South Logiealmond

Hi [REDACTED]

As you may be aware there's been some shufflings at RSPB and I've ended up with casework for Perthshire, along with the new senior [REDACTED] I'm playing catch up and started looking at South Logiealmond today. As I understand it you were doing surveys this year and we're awaiting a new forest plan based on the results of those surveys. Is that correct and do you or [REDACTED] have anything you could send us to have a look at?

Hope all's well with you,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Loch Lomond, The Trossachs & Tayside

[REDACTED]



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