

From: [Steven Hutcheon](#)
To: [Personal Data]
Subject: RE: Beavers - FOI (Official-Sensitive)
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Thanks [Personal Data], I will forward this on and note that we don't have anything else.

Steven

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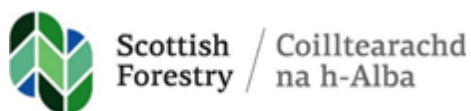
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From: [Personal Data]@forestry.gov.scot>

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 1:39 PM

To: Steven Hutcheon <Steven.Hutcheon@forestry.gov.scot>

Subject: FW: Beavers - FOI (Official-Sensitive)

Hi Steven

Please see the following correspondence forwarded from [Personal Data]. I have redacted all the references to other protected species.

Nil Return from everyone else apart from [Personal Data] who send the internal email from [Personal Data] on to you directly.

I didn't find anything that fitted the criteria in my searches on the S Drive files.

Kind regards

Personal Data

From: Personal Data @forestry.gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 9:30 AM
To: Personal Data @forestry.gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Beavers - FOI (Official-Sensitive)

Morning Personal Data ,

I have the following, see below, from Personal Data at Personal Data . I'm not convinced that it comes within the scope of the FOI but thought I'd forwarded it out of an abundance of caution.

Apart from Beavers Personal Data makes reference to other protected species. If it were decided to make this correspondence available as part of the FOI, the other protected species **must** be redacted prior to sharing outwith Scottish Forestry – hence the official-sensitive classification.

Regards

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From: Personal Data @moraystates.co.uk
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 9:37 AM
To: Personal Data @forestry.gov.scot

Subject: Re: 22FGS68410 Aitnoch Braemoray LTFP

Hi Personal Data,

Just a quick email to ask a couple of questions. The site has a large range of protected species on it, however we have been advised by FLS and the Scottish Raptor Study Group that we should not be advertising the presence of these species on a publicly available document, so how do you propose we move forward with this?

The sensitive protected species we have present on the site, either breeding or making regular use of the site, include:

- Protection of the Environment
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]
- [Redacted]

As I said, we have been advised not to advertise the presence of these species, yet that leaves us in a bit of a pickle with your scoring system, unless you can take this email as evidence for the presence of these species, and the work undertaken to safeguard them (deadwood provision for Protection of the Environment; habitat enhancement through regen for *redacted*, comprehensive surveys for all protected species prior to any activities and observance of appropriate buffer zones etc.).

- Incidentally, all the Protection of the Environment species mentioned are not on the specific European Protected Species list, but rather on the WCA Schedules (Protection of the Environment *) affording them the highest possible level of protection.

Another point to make is that the Dorback burn has been identified as suitable habitat for **Beavers**, and with the impending reintroductions in the National Park, we expect that **Beavers** could well be present on the site within the lifetime of this plan, and so we will be taking measures to enhance the habitat for them (planting of preferable species such as Aspen and Willow along the watercourse). Is this something to be mentioned in the concept, or should it also be kept quiet as the **Beaver** is a European Protected Species.

Give me a call if you'd like to discuss these issues.

Thanks,

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From: [Personal Data] <[Personal Data]@forestry.gov.scot>
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2023 5:04 PM
To: [Personal Data] <[Personal Data]@forestry.gov.scot>; [Personal Data] <[Personal Data]@forestry.gov.scot>; [Personal Data] <[Personal Data]@forestry.gov.scot>
Cc: Gavin Legge <[Personal Data]@forestry.gov.scot>; Steven Hutcheon <Steven.Hutcheon@forestry.gov.scot>; John Mackie <[Personal Data]@forestry.gov.scot>
Subject: Beavers - FOI

Hello

We have received a FOI regarding the introduction of beavers into the Spey river catchment area. Can you please check your private OneDrive files, MS Teams and WhatsApp for any relevant correspondence between Grampian Conservancy and landowners and/or other public bodies that relates to this subject. Only records from the last 12 months should be searched.

I will check:

- S:\Grampian Conservancy
- S:\SRDP\Forestry Grant Scheme zFGSz 2014-2020\FGS – Grampian

Please forward any correspondence to me by close of play **Tuesday 7th November** or alternatively confirm a nil return.

Thanks for your help.

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