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Some of the information you have requested, including the Tay Forest National Park Bid Submission, referred to on page 40 – 42 of Annex B, is available on the Perth and Kinross Council website here: [Tay Forest National Park - Perth & Kinross Council](#)

From: Provost Xander McDade <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, 13 February, 2024, 3:49 PM
To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
Cc: National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Dear [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Thank you for your email and I wanted to provide an update on Perth & Kinross availability.

The Leader of the Council and I would love to show Ms. Slater around the proposed Tay Forest National Park. Unfortunately, we both already have fairly busy diaries on the dates offered and this means we are only able to confirm availability for Tuesday 2nd April and Wednesday 3rd April. If neither of these are available we may also be able to offer Thursday 4th April or Thursday 11th April subject to some changes within our diaries.

We would be keen to welcome the Minister in the East side of the proposed park such as Pitlochry or Dunkeld (both have train stations) and then take her to one of the more remote areas in the West side near Loch Tay for a physical activity. I appreciate that you are currently only offering a half day slot, but if there was any chance of starting mid-morning (10:00/10:30) and finishing mid-afternoon (15:00/15:30) then we would be very happy to provide lunch for the Minister and SG delegation as part of the itinerary. It would offer greater opportunity to show the Minister around the different aspects of our bid eg. tourism management side vs. the ecology side and introduce her to some of the other groups who are supportive of the bid and can talk to some of the benefits. If we are only able to have a few hours then our preference would be for a morning slot starting as early as possible.

We have a civic car which is an 8 seater plug-in hybrid electric as we appreciate the Minister is keen to travel sustainably – this has been provisionally booked to provide transport on the dates above. If I can be of any further assistance please do let me know.

Kind Regards,
Xander

Xander McDade
Provost of Perth and Kinross

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of**
NationalParks@gov.scot
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2024 2:58 PM
To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot; NationalParks@gov.scot; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Subject: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

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Dear [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

We are looking forward to receiving new national Park nominations at the end of February and we appreciate the significant amount of work that nominating groups have undertaken to date. As you will be aware, once the nominations have been submitted the process of appraising and selecting the area or areas to be taken forward for designation as Scotland's next National Park(s) will begin.

As part of this process, the New National Parks team are seeking to make arrangements for the Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity to visit each area that submits a nomination.

The aim of the visits will be for the Minister to meet with representatives of each nominating group and for her to hear more about each nomination and see first-hand some of the key features, local opportunities and challenges and characteristics of the areas.

What you may wish to present and highlight during the visit will be a decision for nominating groups based on what they feel will best showcase their area's case. As you are aware, the appraisal process will be based on the published criteria and we would advise that groups consider this when planning a programme for the Minister's visit. The Minister's preference is for an outdoor visit rather than an office based discussion. Where appropriate, the Minister would welcome part of the visit being active (i.e. walking or cycling). We expect visits to last for half a day (around 2-3 hours) and any questions can be directed to nationalparks@gov.scot in the first instance. We would also be happy to arrange a phone call or Teams call to discuss this further if helpful.

To assist us at this stage, we are asking if each nominating group could indicate which dates from the list below would/would not be suitable as well as indicating where the starting point of the visit would be. This is to allow for logistical planning and assessing transport options for attendees. The Minister's preference is to travel to each location by public transport wherever possible.

| Date | Time | Availability | Starting Location |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------|
| Tuesday 2 April 2024 | Morning | Y/N | |
| | Afternoon | Y/N | |
| Wednesday 3 April 2024 | Morning | Y/N | |
| | Afternoon | Y/N | |
| Thursday 4 April 2024 | Morning | Y/N | |
| | Afternoon | Y/N | |
| Monday 8 April 2024 | Morning | Y/N | |
| | Afternoon | Y/N | |
| Tuesday 9 April 2024 | Morning | Y/N | |
| | Afternoon | Y/N | |
| Wednesday 10 April 2024 | Morning | Y/N | |
| | Afternoon | Y/N | |
| Thursday 11 April 2024 | Morning | Y/N | |
| | Afternoon | Y/N | |

We should be grateful if you would please confirm availability no later than 24 January 2024 by return to nationalparks@gov.scot.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Scottish Government | Riaghaltas na h-Alba

Policy Officer | New National Park(s)

Biodiversity Unit | Nature Division

☎: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot | (he/him)

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From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>

Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 3:17 PM

To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; National Parks

<NationalParks@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Yes that's great, thanks [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)].

See you then,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 3:04 PM

To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; NationalParks@gov.scot;

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Thanks for this and for all the planning that's gone into the visit. Thanks also for accommodating [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], it is much appreciated.

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I will send over a Teams meeting request for Tuesday – would it be with you and [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]?

Best wishes

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, 28 March, 2024, 3:01 PM
To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Thank you for confirming.

We have arranged a separate vehicle for one of our officers so we can rejig the main vehicle to make space for [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], not a problem at all.

I have attached the finalised itinerary and a map of the route for context.

You will see we have arranged to meet with various parties throughout the day and I have added some links below about their projects/organisations for information –

Pitlochry Festival Theatre - [Our Story \(pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com\)](https://www.pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com)

Growbiz - [GrowBiz | Home](https://www.growbiz.co.uk)

Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust - [Dùn Coilich | HPCLT](https://www.duncoilich.co.uk)

Scottish Crannog Centre - [The Scottish Crannog Centre – The Scottish Crannog Centre](https://www.scottishcrannogcentre.co.uk)

Northwoods Rewilding Network – [Tombane | Northwoods \(scotlandbigpicture.com\)](https://www.scotlandbigpicture.com)

I have also reattached biographies for the main Members/Officers to be present on the day, so all information is in one place.

12 noon on Tuesday would suit at this end for a call.

Many thanks,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>

Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 12:54 PM

To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; NationalParks@gov.scot; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot

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Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Thanks for this.

Yes I can confirm it is fine for the Minister and one other person to ride on the buggy.

Thanks to [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] for meeting us at the station.

Will get back to you about the lunch orders and we are happy to pay separately for our orders.

One final question – a colleague within our wider biodiversity unit ([REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] who leads on the overall biodiversity programme and delivery plan) would also be keen to join the visit if there is space for her in the vehicle. Would that work or are we already at full capacity?

If you could send the final version of the programme we would be v grateful as we need to get it to the Minister this afternoon.

And happy to have a call on Tuesday. Would some time between 12 and 2pm work?

Many thanks and best wishes

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>

Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 8:10 AM

To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

I am just confirming some slight tweaks to the itinerary in relation to the location of the Northwoods Rewilding site and to build in a comfort stop at the end of the day. The new site will require a five minute buggy ride – this will involve the Project Manager and Site Owner with two spaces for the Minister and one other to accompany her – can you please confirm if this is acceptable? I will send the updated version over asap.

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], Planning, Transport and Housing Strategy Manager, is the Lead Officer for our group and will meet you at the station. He can be contacted on [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] if you need.

I have attached the lunch menu and would be grateful if you could please confirm a pre-order for your group, ideally no later than close of play tomorrow if possible.

I confirm there are seats in our vehicle for yourself, the Minister and her private secretary, and we have no issues with your communications team attending.

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If you have time for a call tomorrow or Tuesday, that would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
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Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Thanks very much for the proposed itinerary – Ms Slater has confirmed she is happy with it.

Will anyone meet us at Pitlochry train station or should we make our own way to the theatre? I would be grateful if you could let me have the mobile number of a member of the group just in case of any travel issues on the day. My phone number is [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From our side it will be the Minister, her private secretary and myself. Is it possible to accommodate all of us in the vehicle? We may also have a colleague coming from our communications team to take photos and do some filming (including some short interviews with a couple of members of the nominating group). Is that okay? They will bring their own transport. The photos and film footage would be used for social media after the visit.

If it's helpful to discuss any of this please let me know.

Best wishes

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 1:54 PM
To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Please see attached our proposed itinerary. I have also attached another biography for [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] of Land Use Consultants who will also be present on the day.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 3:01 PM
To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Tay Forest area boundary

Hi both,

Thanks [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] for getting back about this, it's much appreciated. There is someone in RESAS doing the analysis just now to inform the appraisal panels which are underway.
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] if by any chance you were able to find the boundary as proposed in the nomination and send it on as a .shp file we could add it straight into the spatial analysis tomorrow as we are hoping to complete a first pass at the analysis this week.

Thanks again,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 1:44 PM
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Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Tay Forest area boundary

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Thanks for getting in touch about this.

The proposed boundary was actually drawn by PKC and passed to Land Use Consultants.

So we can provide it direct as a shapefile. I've cc'd in my colleague [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] who can pass it to you.

Kind regards

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]
Planning, Transport & Housing Strategy Manager
Economy, Development & Planning | Perth & Kinross Council | Comhairle Pheairt is Cheann Rois
Pullar House | 35 Kinnoull Street | Perth PH2 5GD | T: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot
Subject: Tay Forest area boundary

Hi both,

As [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] mentioned below I am collating the proposed area indicative boundaries to support some internal spatial analysis of things like designations etc. Would it be possible to get the attached boundary from you as a spatial file that we could use in our mapping? I noticed this is from the LUS work and can contact them directly (Lateral North mentioned that Jenny Baker was the LUS contact?) but I wanted to check this was ok with you first or whether either of you might have the boundary as a spatial file (preferably a .shp file).

Thank you very much,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] Principal Research Officer | Rural and Environment Science and Analytical Services | The Scottish Government | Victoria Quay | Edinburgh | EH6 6QQ |

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 11:56 AM
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Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; NationalParks@gov.scot; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Hope you are well. Just coming back to you on Ms Slater's visit to Tay Forest. Thanks very much for sending through the biographies. We would be most grateful if you could send through the proposed itinerary for the visit asap so that we can share this with the Minister's office and prepare her briefing.



I'm also copying in my colleague [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] who is going to follow up with you and [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] regarding the spatial boundary for the proposed Tay Forest National Park to help with our internal appraisal process.

Many thanks indeed.

Best wishes

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 4:25 PM
To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Thanks so much for confirming.

I have attached biographies for Provost McDade, Councillor Laing and [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], Planning, Transport and Housing Strategy Manager.

I will come back to you in the next couple of days with a proposed itinerary.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 2:30 PM
To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; NationalParks@gov.scot; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Apologies for the delay in getting back to you on this. Yes I can confirm that your request for a full day's visit on Wednesday 3 April can be accommodated.

The Minister's visit to Lochaber is likely to be the following week, so she will most likely be travelling by train from Edinburgh and back down afterwards.

It would be very helpful if you could put forward a more detailed programme for the day and we will check this with Ms Slater. We would be grateful if you could incorporate comfort breaks and a 30 minute non-working lunch break (we are happy to bring a packed lunch or to pay for our part of lunch). The Minister will be accompanied by a member of her private office and myself. We are also likely to bring a member of our communications team to do



some filming and photography during the day (for use on social media after the visit) – they will most likely have their own transport.

I hope that all sounds okay and look forward to seeing your more detailed programme in due course. It would also be very helpful if you could include some short biographies of people that the Minister will meet during the visit.

Many thanks

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 2:23 PM
To: National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Sorry to pester but I wonder if you are in a position to respond to my email below?

Kind regards,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 10:01 AM
To: NationalParks@gov.scot; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Thanks for coming back to me.

Wednesday 3rd April suits at this end. Can you confirm if our request for a full day visit can be accommodated? This would be preferred due to the size of area to be covered.

Our Provost is also wondering whether the Minister will be in Lochaber the day before as he would be keen to welcome her at Rannoch Station is she's coming from Lochaber on the Tuesday.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** NationalParks@gov.scot
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 9:20 AM

To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot; NationalParks@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

I am replying on [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] behalf [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], so apologies for the delayed reply.

We have been liaising with the Minister's office and understand from previous emails that Wed 3 April may be suitable for the visit.

Are you able to confirm if this still works for your team also? If so, we can agree this now while we finalise the specific programme and timings in the next few days/week?

Best,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] | Project Lead – New National Park(s) | Biodiversity Team | Nature Division | Scottish Government

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
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Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Further to emails below and our Provost's subsequent email updating availability, I wonder if you are in a position to confirm a date for the Minister's visit?

Kind regards,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 5:45 PM
To: NationalParks@gov.scot; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Dear [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Thank you for your emails below and apologies we have not come back to you sooner.

I have indicated our availability in the table below. Given the proposed area of our National Park bid, I wonder if the Minister would be available for a whole day visit rather than a morning or afternoon?

I would be grateful if you could please “reply all” in any response.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** NationalParks@gov.scot
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 5:08 PM
To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
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Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Dear [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Thank you for confirming that Tay Forest nominating group would like to host the Minister as part of her programme of visits to nominating areas.

We should be grateful if you would please let us know your preferred dates from the below table and the starting location so that we may reflect this in the Minister’s diary and make the necessary travel arrangements.

If you have any questions, please do let us know at nationalparks@gov.scot in the first instance. We are also happy to arrange a phone or Teams call, if that would be helpful.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
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To: National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Thank you for this. We’d be very happy to host the Minister.

We'll get back to you as soon as practicable on this.

Kind regards
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Subject: Ms Slater's visit to nominating areas

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Dear [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

We are looking forward to receiving new national Park nominations at the end of February and we appreciate the significant amount of work that nominating groups have undertaken to date. As you will be aware, once the nominations have been submitted the process of appraising and selecting the area or areas to be taken forward for designation as Scotland's next National Park(s) will begin.

As part of this process, the New National Parks team are seeking to make arrangements for the Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity to visit each area that submits a nomination.

The aim of the visits will be for the Minister to meet with representatives of each nominating group and for her to hear more about each nomination and see first-hand some of the key features, local opportunities and challenges and characteristics of the areas.

What you may wish to present and highlight during the visit will be a decision for nominating groups based on what they feel will best showcase their area's case. As you are aware, the appraisal process will be based on the published criteria and we would advise that groups consider this when planning a programme for the Minister's visit. The Minister's preference is for an outdoor visit rather than an office based discussion. Where appropriate, the Minister would welcome part of the visit being active (i.e. walking or cycling). We expect visits to last for half a day (around 2-3 hours) and any questions can be directed to nationalparks@gov.scot in the first instance. We would also be happy to arrange a phone call or Teams call to discuss this further if helpful.

To assist us at this stage, we are asking if each nominating group could indicate which dates from the list below would/would not be suitable as well as indicating where the starting point of the visit would be. This is to allow for logistical planning and assessing transport options for attendees. The Minister's preference is to travel to each location by public transport wherever possible.

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| Wednesday 3 April 2024 | Morning | Yes | Pitlochry Train Station |
| | Afternoon | Yes | Pitlochry Train Station |
| Thursday 4 April 2024 | Morning | Yes | Pitlochry Train Station |
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| Monday 8 April 2024 | Morning | No | |
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| Tuesday 9 April 2024 | Morning | No | |
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| Wednesday 10 April 2024 | Morning | Yes | Pitlochry Train Station |
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| Thursday 11 April 2024 | Morning | Yes | Pitlochry Train Station |
| | Afternoon | Yes | Pitlochry Train Station |


We should be grateful if you would please confirm availability no later than 24 January 2024 by return to nationalparks@gov.scot.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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Subject: New National Park(s) - Launch of Nominations Phase 12 October 2023

Dear [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]



We are delighted to inform you that today the new National Park(s) Nominations Phase has officially launched.

Please find attached a detailed letter with links to the published nomination form, guidance and appraisal framework.

We look forward to receiving your nomination in due course.

Kind regards

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12 October 2023

Dear [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

New National Park(s) in Scotland – nomination process begins

It was a pleasure to meet you recently regarding your interest in nominating your area to become a new National Park.

We are delighted to inform you that the National Park nomination process has opened today, 12 October 2023. Nominations must be drafted, finalised and submitted to us no later than 29 February 2024 using the standard nomination form that we have published (see below). A timetable for the nomination and appraisal process was provided in our previous letter and is annexed to this letter for ease of reference.

We have today published the following documents:

- [Guidance](#) for communities and organisations that wish to submit a nomination
- Appraisal framework (this is included in the guidance document and is available using the link above)

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- [Standard nomination form](#)
- A [news release](#) confirming the nomination launch

These documents are also available on the Scottish Government [website](#).

Appraisal framework guidance

Earlier this year we published a draft appraisal framework with broad selection criteria for consultation. The [appraisal framework consultation analysis](#) has assisted us in the development of the final appraisal framework that has been published today. This framework sets out the broad criteria against which nominations will be appraised. It also includes some of the relevant types of evidence and indicators that groups may wish to include as part of their nomination. Nominations will be appraised on the merits of the overall proposal and they should aim to demonstrate – with evidence – how they meet each of the criteria.

The broad criteria are:

- outstanding national importance
- size, character and coherence
- meeting the special needs of the area
- strategic contribution
- visitor management and tourism
- local support

Separately, compatibility with the application of regulatory frameworks surrounding existing and planned projects and activities for the area will be considered as part of the appraisal process.

As set out in the guidance, all areas of Scotland are eligible to submit nominations to become a new National Park (including those that have current or potential onshore wind developments). To ensure any National Park addresses the climate emergency and supports progressive development, Scottish Government will develop new bespoke planning policy on onshore wind to be applied in new National Parks. This means that a new National Park will be treated differently to existing National Parks with respect to NPF4 policy for onshore wind.

Support to nominating groups

We are in the process of procuring the services of an impartial, third party organisation that can provide support to communities and organisations looking to explore or take forward a proposal. We will be in touch shortly when further details of this support offer are confirmed. In the meantime, we would encourage you to start considering any support services that you may require.

We are also planning to organise an online technical workshop for groups that are in the process of developing nominations. The aims of this workshop would be to examine what National Park designation means in practice for an area and to share perspectives from the Park authority and stakeholders within the two existing National Parks. Please let us know if there are any particular questions or themes that you would find it helpful for the workshop to address.

Proposals to amend the National Parks legislation

Separately, as you may already be aware, we are proposing to make some changes to the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 in order to strengthen the leadership role of National Parks in tackling the interlinked crises of climate and biodiversity.

We have published a [consultation on the strategic framework for biodiversity and national parks legislation](#). We are inviting responses to this consultation by 14 December 2023 using the Scottish Government's consultation hub [Citizens Space](#). We have also prepared [a Strategic Environmental Assessment \(SEA\) report](#) relating to the proposal to designate at least one new National Park and the proposed changes to the National Parks legislation. We are consulting on this SEA from 21 September to 14 December 2023 alongside the consultation on the biodiversity framework and National Parks proposals.

We would be happy to discuss any aspects of the nominations process and the proposed legislative changes with you in more detail if that would be helpful. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] and [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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Annex A - Timeline

| Process Stage | Description | Date |
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| Launch of nominations process | The nominations process for new National Parks formally opens. The appraisal framework (with selection criteria), standard nomination form and guidance for nominating groups are published on the Scottish Government website. Scottish Government will also confirm the support that will be available to nominating groups. | October 2023 |
| Support to nominating groups | Deadline for nominating groups to request support services (e.g. to help facilitate community engagement on the development of new National Park nominations). | October 2023 |

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| Nomination phase | The period during which individuals, groups and organisations will develop and submit their proposals. Nominating groups should use the standard nomination form and demonstrate how their nomination meets the criteria set out in the appraisal framework. Nominations should demonstrate evidence of engagement with stakeholders and affected communities. | October 2023 – February 2024 |
| Deadline for nominations | Deadline for the submission of nominations to be received by Scottish Government. | 29 February 2024 |
| Appraisal of nominations | All nominations will be appraised based on the criteria set out in the appraisal framework. The Scottish Government may request additional information from nominees. Appraisal report will be prepared for Ministers. | Spring 2024 |
| Confirmation of nomination(s) to be progressed as 'National Park proposal(s)' | Scottish Government to announce the nomination(s) to be taken forward as proposals for designation as a National Park, subject to relevant legal conditions being met, including the compatibility with other regulatory frameworks in place or planned for the area. The statutory reporter investigation will then commence. Scottish Ministers will then decide and announce the area or areas to be designated as new National Park(s) subject to parliamentary approval. | Summer 2024 onwards |

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MINISTER FOR GREEN SKILLS, CIRCULAR ECONOMY & BIODIVERSITY VISIT TO TAY FOREST

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| Date and Time of Engagement | Wednesday 3 rd April 08:30-19:00 (including return train journeys) |
| Where | Tay Forest. |
| Key Message | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I want to thank everyone who has worked so hard to develop the nomination for a new National Park in Tay Forest. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am delighted to be here today to learn more about the proposal, to meet with local partners and to hear first-hand about the opportunities and benefits that National Park status could deliver for Tay Forest. |
| Who | Representatives of Perth and Kinross Council, Land Use Consultants (LUC) and Countryside Trust. Biographies are attached at Annex B. |
| Why | <p>An opportunity for you to visit Tay Forest to meet with local partners and learn more about the area's nomination to become a new National Park.</p> <p>Note: MSP Mark Ruskell is holding an online event on 2 April to discuss and explore the potential of Tay Forest becoming Scotland's next National Park.</p> |
| Official Support Required | <p>Yes – official support will be provided by [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], Team Leader for new National Parks.</p> <p>Mobile number: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]</p> |
| Media Handling | There will be no live media opportunities during the visit, however photos will be taken for social media afterwards. |
| Dress code | Outdoor attire – the visit will include a number of walks and visits to rural sites. |
| Greeting Party and specific meeting point on arrival (if at a non SG Building) | [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], Planning, Transport and Housing Strategy Manager will meet the Minister's party from the train station. His number is [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]. |
| Briefing contents | <p>Annex A – Programme [OUT OF SCOPE]</p> <p>Annex C – Nomination (this is attached separately).</p> |

ANNEX A

Visit Programme

| Time | Activity |
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| 08:38 | Depart Waverley Station ([OUT OF SCOPE]) |
| 10:31 | <p>Arrive into Pitlochry Station</p> <p><i>Walk via Pitlochry High Street & Suspension Bridge to Pitlochry Festival Theatre</i></p> |
| 10:50 - | Local Economy and Culture Session at Pitlochry Festival Theatre |

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| 11:20 | <p>over Coffee/Cake with Kris Bryce, Executive Director of Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Jackie Brierton, CEO of Growbiz (Rural Business Network) and [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], Chair of Perthshire Business Tourism Group</p> <p>Pitlochry Festival Theatre - Our Story (pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com) Growbiz - GrowBiz Home</p> <p><i>Drive to Queens View Visitor Centre (B8019) (approx. 15 minutes)</i></p> |
| 11:35 - 11:45 | <p>Scenic stop at Queens View Viewpoint (PH16 5NR)</p> <p><i>Drive via Loch Tummel to Braes of Foss Car Park (B8019 and B846) (Approx. 25 minutes)</i></p> |
| 12:10 - 13:20 | <p>Meet with Andrew Walker, Chair of Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust, at Braes of Foss Car Park to walk All Abilities Path (approx. 1km) via foot of Schiehallion and Dun Coillich Community Owned Woodland</p> <p>Highland Perthshire Communities Land Trust - Dùn Coillich HPCLT</p> <p><i>Drive to Scottish Crannog Centre (B846) (approx. 25 minutes)</i></p> |
| 13:45 - 14:15 | <p>Non-working lunch at Scottish Crannog Centre Café. (Lunch provided)</p> |
| 14:15 - 15:00 | <p>Tour of Scottish Crannog Centre with Mike Benson, Centre Director</p> <p>Scottish Crannog Centre - The Scottish Crannog Centre – The Scottish Crannog Centre</p> <p><i>Drive to Northwoods Rewilding Site (A827) (approx. 20 minutes)</i></p> |
| 15:20 - 15:50 | <p>Meet with James Nairne, Northwoods Project Lead and [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], Site Owner, at Tombane Farm – Northwoods Rewilding Network Site (PH9 0LN)</p> <p>Northwoods Rewilding Network – Tombane Northwoods (scotlandbigpicture.com)</p> <p><i>Return drive to Dunkeld & Birnam Station (A9) (approx. 15 minutes)</i></p> |
| 16:05 – 16:20 | <p>Comfort/Refreshment stop at TBC</p> |
| 16:35 | <p>Depart Dunkeld Train Station</p> |
| 18:51 | <p>Arrive Edinburgh</p> |

ANNEX B

Biographies

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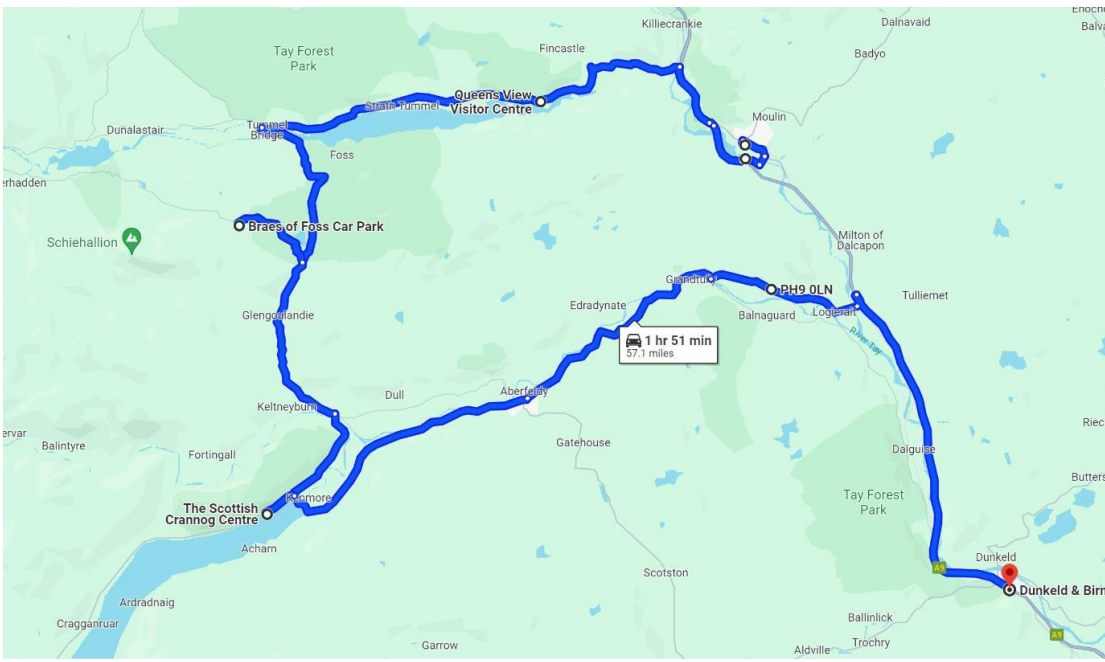
ANNEX C

Nomination

The nomination has been made publicly available at the following weblink:

[Tay Forest National Park - Perth & Kinross Council \(pkc.gov.uk\)](http://pkc.gov.uk)

Tay Forest National Park Bid – Ministerial Visit – Route





New National Park(s)
Summary of introductory meetings with groups that have registered interest
September 2023

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| Tay Forest | [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] | 02.10.2023 | Media Enquiry? Yes |
| Key points made by nominating group | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal is for a new National Park in Northern Perthshire/Tay Forest that seeks to join the two existing NPs • Proposal is being led by Perth & Kinross Council – has support of elected members following a discussion in the March 2023 Council meeting. • Proposal spearheaded by Provost Xander McDade and support being provided by officers including head of planning & transport • Early stage of development – public/stakeholder meeting to be held in Pitlochry on 5/10 and then an 8 week period to gather views plus some smaller engagement events. Small working group and consultancy resource to help with development of bid and underpinning evidence base. • Working group has been in contact with the 2 existing NPs and undertook a visit to Cairngorms recently to learn from the experience of the NPA, landowners etc • Asked questions about solar and windfarms | | | |

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Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

We wanted to contact you and update you on the support for nominating groups which we had discussed in our previous calls and referenced in the guidance on the nominations process we published earlier this month.

As discussed previously, we have procured the services of an impartial, third-party supplier to provide support to nominating groups during the nominations phase. We are pleased to confirm that Lateral North (www.lateralnorth.com) have been contracted for this work. Following our initiation meetings with them this week, Lateral North will be contacting all nominating groups next week (w/c 6 November) to arrange initial meetings to discuss your community and stakeholder engagement, nominations, plans and types of support.

As you have already expressed you may be interested in this support, there is no action required as we will share your details with Lateral North and they will contact you directly. However, we would encourage all nominating groups to consider what support may be

beneficial in advance of this meeting, as well as any further information in relation to planning, timings that you are considering.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best,
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Thanks [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Thanks again for your time yesterday and for sharing the below, much appreciated.
Best,

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[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] | Project Lead – New National Park(s) | Biodiversity Team | Nature Division | Scottish Government

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Thank you for your time today.

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Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)], that time works for me. Please include my colleague [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] too.
Kind regards
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Subject: RE: New National Parks

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],
Thank you for following up as it appears I didn't receive your previous email below, for which I apologise.
We would be keen to meet if this is still possible. Would 3.30-4.00pm this afternoon be suitable? I can send over an invitation and meeting link if so and look to organise something for tomorrow/Wednesday if that would be preferred.



Best,

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Subject: RE: New National Parks

Hi [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Just checking if you or your colleagues would still find it useful to have a short meeting later today? We did a press release last week relating to the upcoming launch of an engagement period to help shape our bid.

I could do a call after 3pm today.

Kind Regards

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Subject: RE: New National Parks

Dear [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Thank you for getting in touch regards this.

The timing is very good from our point of view, as we are about to announce a two month engagement period over Oct and Nov to gather views and shape our emerging bid.

I'd be keen to take up your offer of a meeting. I could do the following times:

- Tomorrow (Thur 28th) anytime between 9 and 12
- Monday 2 Oct: 10-11 or 3-4pm

If available, my colleagues [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] and [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] would also attend.

Kind regards

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

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Subject: New National Parks

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Dear [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

Following your registration of interest, please see attached some further information and an invitation to an introductory meeting with the New National Parks team.
Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Best,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[\[REDACTED: REGULATION 11\(2\)\] | Project Lead – New National Park\(s\) | Biodiversity Team | Nature Division | Scottish Government](#)

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** National Parks

Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 4:18 PM

To: 'Communities Development Plan' <DevelopmentPlan@pkc.gov.uk>; National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: National Park Nomination from Perth & Kinross Council - Part 1

Thanks,

That's it come through now and I can confirm receipt of all 3 parts of your nomination

[\[REDACTED: REGULATION 11\(2\)\] | Project Lead – New National Park\(s\) | Biodiversity Team | Nature Division | Scottish Government](#)

From: Communities Development Plan <DevelopmentPlan@pkc.gov.uk>

Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 1:51 PM

To: National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>

Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: National Park Nomination from Perth & Kinross Council - Part 1

HI [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Part 2 was submitted – but I will resend it – it is probably due to the size of the pdf maps.

Kind regards

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot <[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** NationalParks@gov.scot

Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 1:49 PM

To: Communities Development Plan <DevelopmentPlan@pkc.gov.uk>

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Subject: RE: National Park Nomination from Perth & Kinross Council - Part 1

Importance: High

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Hi,

Many thanks for your email(s) seeking to submit your nomination on behalf of Perth and Kinross Council.

I can confirm receipt of multiple emails with attachments titled 'Part 1' and one email with attachments titled 'Part 3'. Can you confirm that a 'Part 2' email will also be submitted and whether there are any other emails to be submitted?

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Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or issues (such as file size).

Best,
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] | Project Lead – New National Park(s) | Biodiversity Team | Nature Division | Scottish Government

From: Communities Development Plan <DevelopmentPlan@pkc.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, February 29, 2024 11:37 AM
To: National Parks <nationalparks@gov.scot>
Subject: National Park Nomination from Perth & Kinross Council - Part 1

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached a copy of the nomination form and maps for Perth & Kinross Council's National Park bid. Due to the size of the supporting maps, we will be sending the nomination in three separate emails. Supporting Documents (Consultation Analysis and Evidence Report) are available for reference at www.pkc.gov.uk/tayforestnationalpark.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at this email address.

Kind regards

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** National Parks
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 5:04 PM
To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>
Cc: Communities Development Plan <DevelopmentPlan@pkc.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Expression of interest in submitting bid for a national park in Northern Perthshire

Dear [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Thank you for registering your interest in submitting a nomination for a new National Park in Scotland. We expect the nominations period to commence in Autumn this year.

We are currently consulting on the appraisal framework which will support the new National Park selection process and would encourage all interested parties to read and respond to the consultation here - <https://consult.gov.scot/environment-forestry/new-national-parks-appraisal-framework>

We will contact those who have registered their interest with any key dates, information and updates throughout the process.

Kind regards,

New National Park(s) Team

From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>

Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 8:50 AM

To: National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>

Cc: Communities Development Plan <DevelopmentPlan@pkc.gov.uk>

Subject: Expression of interest in submitting bid for a national park in Northern Perthshire

Dear National Parks team

This is an expression of interest in submitting a bid to establish a new national park in Northern Perthshire. The name and precise extent of the proposal are under consideration, but in principle it would connect up the two existing national parks.

I would be grateful if any future correspondence and announcements on the process could be directed to:

DevelopmentPlan@pkc.gov.uk

If you would like to get in touch regarding our intended bid, please do so using the above address FAO [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)].

Kind regards

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

Planning & Housing Strategy Manager

Planning & Development | Perth & Kinross Council | Comhairle Pheairt is Cheann Rois

Pullar House | 35 Kinnoull Street | Perth PH2 5GD | T: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]



From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot> **On Behalf Of** Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 9:30 AM
To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
Cc: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <MinisterforGSCEB@gov.scot>
Subject: FW: Tay Forest National Park - info for Lorna Slater queries

Good morning,

Passing this over to you.

Thanks,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] – Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity – Lorna Slater MSP

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From: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkct.org>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 9:18 AM
To: Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity <ministerforgsceb@gov.scot>
Subject: Tay Forest National Park - info for Lorna Slater queries

Lorna

Many thanks for the discussion in the vehicle en-route from the Crannog to Tombane this Wednesday. You asked me to write to you with further details on a couple of topics.

1. Species Rich Grassland

As discussed, the landscape of highland Perthshire has an outstanding array of botanical interest, including remnants of species rich grassland (SRG) on a number of farms. In the 80s/90s, Breadalbane Environmentally Sensitive Area (the agri-environment scheme at the time) supported SRG actions on several dozen farms - but that legacy has mainly been left to wither and decline.

Our Perthshire Nature Connections Partnership asked me to focus on what support I could give to farms who were sympathetic to supporting SRG. We have a few, small-scale actions underway, but the professional advice which we sought was that the agri-environment (AECS) scheme offered no real chance of support to our farms; very disappointing. Our contacts at NatureScot are very supportive of Breadalbane SRG, but we have little contact with those who are developing the new agri-support measures. I believe that there is opportunity to have a geographical bias in the new agri-measures such that regional features, eg Breadalbane SRG, could attract enough weighting to make them viable in terms of the highly competitive, national, agri-environment support (which, if I remember rightly, is a recently reduced fund, and therefore even more competitive?).

2. Farming and wildlife advice

In my role in advocating for nature to farmers, their outline interest quickly needs supported by professional farm-focused advice. There is no such free advisory service such as that which operated under the much missed regional Farming & Wildlife Advisory Groups (FWAG - disbanded by SG years ago, reprofiled as a revenue opportunity for SRUC?). This situation particularly impacts the smaller family farms who can less easily afford contracted advisors. A few reputable consultants operate but they are always so busy without much time to help. Agri-environment advisors, if they can be found, are around 1/3rd the cost of similar services from the Land Agencies (e.g. Bidwells, Savills, Galbraith); all are now, as advisors to nature projects, feeding off public grants made to charities such as our own. In the context of a national park, I believe that a FWAG-like service is supplied by the park authorities, which seems like a great offer to help farms make the transitions that, nationally, we all want to see.

I'd also like to thank you for taking time to meet myself and the folks at Dun Coillich and at Tombane who I helped to set up. As you saw, nature connections partnerships exist and are supported already in the TFNP bid area. These connections would be fertile ground for the seeds of nature-focussed action in any new national park - Heart of Scotland Forest Partnership, including Schiehallion/Duncoillich; the multi-estate potential emerging in my own nature-finance innovation project further west; Tombane, one of the very active Northwoods Collective in our area; and of course Perthshire Nature Connections Partnership itself. All of this strives to be of social and environmental impact at community and national level. I think that the nature/wildlife service of any national park would find a welcome home here, expanding the approach being taken by these charities.

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

sincerely

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] | Conservation Officer



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Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 9:09 AM
To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; National Parks <NationalParks@gov.scot>; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: New National Parks - message from Scottish Government

Dear [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] and team

Thanks for this. We're planning to submit tomorrow morning.

Kind regards
[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]
Planning, Transport & Housing Strategy Manager
Economy, Development & Planning | Perth & Kinross Council | Comhairle Pheairt is Cheann Rois
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Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 11:19 AM
To: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>
Cc: [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@pkc.gov.uk>; NationalParks@gov.scot; [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]@gov.scot
Subject: New National Parks - message from Scottish Government

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Dear [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)],

As you will be aware, the deadline for the submission of new National Park nominations is Thursday 29th February and we are looking forward to receiving nominations and commencing the appraisal process.

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On behalf of the Scottish Government, we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the considerable effort and time that has been invested by you and your community, as well as setting out the next steps in the process.

Since the Minister formally launched the nomination process in October, it has been hugely positive to see communities across Scotland coming together to discuss their aspirations and priorities and to consider the opportunities and benefits that National Park status can bring. Through Lateral North, we have been regularly updated on the breadth of activity that has taken place to explore, develop and shape nominations, including through community participation, workshops and engagement sessions.

While we appreciate that the exploration and development of nominations has been a major commitment for nominating groups and has not been without its challenges, we hope that the process has been enriching and beneficial to your community. We would like to thank you for engaging in the process in such a positive and proactive way.

As we approach the deadline for nominations, we expect there to be increasing levels of stakeholder interest and media attention on the next phase of the process. We have attached some Q&A material that we intend to make public in the coming days – this responds in a factual way to some of the assertions that are currently circulating in press articles and social media and we hope that you find it helpful. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions.

In terms of next steps, we hope you find the following useful:

29 February 2024 (midnight) – Deadline for nominations

Nominations to be submitted to nationalparks@gov.scot. A confirmation email will be provided to confirm receipt of any nominations submitted.

March/April 2024 – Feedback Survey

We will be contacting all groups who engaged in the process to seek feedback – including feedback on the services that were provided by Lateral North.

March/April 2024 - Ministerial visits to each nominated area

As you will be aware, the Minister wishes to visit each area that has submitted a nomination. Thank you for coming back to us on potential dates. We will be in touch shortly to confirm the arrangements for these visits.

March – May 2024 – Appraisal of nominations

The appraisal panel will appraise all nominations against the criteria in the appraisal framework. The appraisal panel will present its report to Ministers by the end of May 2024.

Summer - Ministerial decision and announcement

Ministers will announce their decision on the proposed location of Scotland's next National Park(s). The statutory process will then commence, starting with a c. 9 month reporter investigation which will involve extensive further consultation with local stakeholders, communities and interest groups.

We hope that, after nominations are submitted, groups will be able to enjoy a more restful period while the appraisal process takes place. Lateral North's services to support groups will finish shortly, however the New National Parks Team is available to answer questions and discuss any issues as required throughout the next phase and we can continue to be

contacted at nationalparks@gov.scot. As I am sure you will understand, we will not be able to provide updates on individual nominations until the appraisal process is complete.

We would like to thank you again for your positive engagement throughout this process and we look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Best wishes,

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] and [REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)]
New National Parks Team

[REDACTED: REGULATION 11(2)] | Team Leader – National Parks | Nature Division |
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