

Appendix 2 Land Management Plan Consultation Record

Event	Consultee	Date contacted	Date response received	Issue raised	Central Region Response
Email & Meeting	LLTNP (woodlands)	14/01/2025	16/01/2025	Concerns about the wording to be used regarding removing non-native regeneration and the restocking of an area with broadleaves. Desires for official timings until establishment. Need for reference to national park's special landscape qualities.	Explanation of plans given. Collaboration between parties to establish wording around relevant operations. Reference to special landscape qualities agreed upon with only one being impacted through enhancement.
Email & Meeting	LLTNP (recreation)	21/01/2025	07/02/2025	We support the transition of the area to native broadleaves but wish to note that increased access is important in order for the public to be able to appreciate these changes. Request for a circular route at the Rowardennan block, development at Sallochy for increased access, reduced windthrow risk at Balmaha on the WHW, engagement with external parties in the case of extended access routes that could run through the LMP area.	Due to budget limitations there is not the scope available within the LMP to finance additional infrastructure. Despite this, a narrow strip of unplanted area can be left at Rowardennan to enable a common path of travel to occur. Additionally, the road spur required at Sallochy creates the potential for a future parking area for the public. FLS is always open to collaborative discussions regarding external parties' aspirations for increased access in the area.
Email	LLTNP	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
	(rainforest/LUC)				



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Email	Land Use Consultants (Rain Forest Project/Future Nature)	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email & Meeting	Montrose Estates	21/01/2025	29/01/2025	Concerned about potential non-native regeneration at the site of a native woodland creation project that borders the Balmaha block and how deer are being managed on this land.	Assessment of regen in that area demonstrates that there is little to negligible seeding onto neighbouring land. In addition the block will be restocked with mostly native and some naturalised species when felling occurs. Shared deer management plan for the area and encouraged ongoing dialogue around any issues that may occur.
Email	CONFOR	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email	RSPB	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email	NatureScot	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email	Scottish Water	21/01/2025	19/02/2025	The proposed work area covers <1.44% of the catchment area; This is a low-risk development with regards to water resources. The Ross Priory site is close to the Raw Water Intake, considering the potential impacts on SW's operational responsibilities in the event of a pollution incident it	Thank you for your response. These factors have been incorporated into the LMP document.



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				is essential that robust environmental measures are in place.	
Public drop-in	Scottish Centre for Ecology and the Natural Environment	21/01/2025 (event advertised)	04/02/2025	Potential environmental research projects by the university in Ross Wood that SCENE could share the data from/have input from FLS. Expressed interest in small scale non-native regen management.	Thanks given. Passed on communication to the FLS rainforest and environment teams for further collaboration.
Email	SEPA	21/01/2025	29/01/2025	The plan should aim to maximise opportunities to improve the riparian zone along main rivers and buffer small watercourses from planting or operations as per Forestry and Water guidelines. Private water supplies need to be identified and ground truth before operations.	Thank you for your comments. As this plan is returning areas of productive non-native conifer to native broadleaves, riparian zones will be enhanced as part of the process. Private Water supply sites will be buffered and owners consulted in accordance with Forestry and Water Guidelines.
Email	SSE	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email	SP Energy Networks	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email	Stirling Council (Roads)	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email	Transport Scotland	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email	Balmaha and Milton of Buchanan Community Council	21/01/2025	No Response	Representatives attended the public drop-in sessions.	N/A



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Email	Kilmaronock Community Council	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email	West of Scotland Archaeological Services	21/01/2025	14/02/2025	Request for more detail to be included, both in the full LMP and the concept map, around the more significant heritage features in the LMP area. Also request an acknowledgement of the undersurveyed nature of the LMP area in the plan and the accompanying potential for forestry operations to reveal undiscovered heritage features.	Thank you for your response. These points have subsequently been incorporated into the LMP submission under the heritage sections and the maps have been updated to reflect information shared.
Email	Mountaineering Council of Scotland	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email Public Drop-in	Friends of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs	21/01/2025	No Response (attended drop-in session on 08/02/2025)	Interest in potential volunteer group projects that can take place on FLS land. Aspirations for an offroad path linking Balmaha and Balloch that could go through Ross Priory.	Passed on details of the Visitor Services team to help with volunteer group projects. FLS would support a route that goes through Ross Priory but this would have to be done via a path management agreement once the community project is more complete.
Email	Sustrans	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email	Wild Land Group	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email	National Trust Scotland	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A



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Email	Central Scotland Raptor Study Group	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email	RSFS Forest Trust Company	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email	Portnellan Farm	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email	Tullochan Farm	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email	Ardoch	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email	East Loch Lomond Community Development Group	21/01/2025	No Response (attended drop-in session on 04/02/2025)	Concerned about the lack of further funding or communication from Stirling council over the timber transport road upgrade from Balmaha to Rowardennan. Requested FLS' collaboration on both a cycle path linking Drymen and Balmaha (through Balmaha Block) and "the blue route" at Balmaha block.	Upgrades to the public road are dealt with by Stirling Council however FLS will forward this issue. We are happy to facilitate efforts to expand public access on FLS land through either a path agreement or a community asset transfer scheme. Details of Visitor Services team given.
Email	Fisheries	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A
Email Public Drop-in	Stirling Council Local Councillors	21/01/2025	No Response	Councillor at Drymen drop-in session stated that they would contact their civil engineer with regards to the condition of the public road between Balmaha and Rowardennan.	Forwarded public concerns about the condition of the public road between Balmaha and Rowardennan.
Email	West Dunbartonshire Local Councillors	21/01/2025	No Response	N/A	N/A



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Email	Local Resident	21/01/2025	22/01/2025	Ross priory has lots of non-native Cypress tree regen that could be a threat to the woodland. The area could also benefit from more opening up and seminatural environmental features such as leaky dams.	Thank you for your comment. Opening up the woodland floor to more light is a great idea and one which we hope to achieve through respacing some of the younger broadleaf areas. With regards to infrastructure and environmental projects, we do not currently have the resources to address this in Ross Priory which is an area with promising levels of biodiversity. We would however encourage community volunteer groups to work with our visitor services team.
Public drop-in	Local Resident	21/01/2025	04/02/2025	Gartocharn community council members enquired about wildlife management and invited FLS' wildlife team to give a talk about it at a community council meeting.	Invitation passed to the wildlife team and FLS policy on herbivore management explained.
Public drop-in	Local Resident	21/01/2025	04/02/2025	Concern from local residents near the East Loch Lomond block about disruption to utilities caused by storm damage.	Trees on utility lines due to climatic events are the responsibility of the utility provider. Where trees are FLS responsibility please submit enquiries via email to enable us to deal with the issue as soon as possible.



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Public drop-in	Local Resident	21/01/2025	04/02/2025	Cashel Trust members concerned about sources of Sitka Spruce as they are spending a lot of money on regen removal.	One of the main aims of the plan is the removal of all non-native coniferous seed sources (including Sitka Spruce) which may help ease the issue.
Public drop-in	Local Resident	21/01/2025	08/02/2025	Concern from Balmaha resident about the potential increase to flooding in the area due to felling operations.	The LMP area accounts for 1.44% of the area of the water catchment which is significantly less than the 20% of catchment area change required to affect hydrology.
Public drop-in	Local Resident	21/01/2025	08/02/2025	Concerns about area being left to self-seed. Could the old car park further along the road to Rowardennan from Sallochy be brought back into use?	Management strategy regarding restocking clarified. That car park was at Loch of Maoil Dhuinne and for the national park camping permit area but was closed by the park due to antisocial behaviour. We are not looking to reestablish it at this time.