



## Appendix 1 Land Management Plan Consultation Record

Consultee/Event	Date contacted	Date response received	Issue raised	Central Region Response
Historic Environment Scotland	17/09/2024	19/09/2024	No scheduled monuments, category A-listed buildings or inventory gardens and designed landscapes within the boundary of the Ochertyre Moss.	Noted
RSPB	17/09/2024	19/09/2024	Happy to see proposed felling of Sitka and Norway Spruce and the removal of Rhododendron as part of the LMP. Restoration and expansion of open peatland habitats would be beneficial. Despite significant afforestation of peatland habitats, Ochertyre Moss does currently support populations of Large Heath butterfly ( <i>Coenonympha tullii</i> ) and the rare Bog sun-jumper spider ( <i>Heliophanus dampfi</i> ) -- which would benefit from restoration of open peatland habitats on the site.	Noted
Scottish Water	17/09/2024	18/09/2024	<b>Drinking Water Protected Areas</b>  A review of our records indicates that there are no Scottish Water drinking water catchments or water abstraction sources, which are designated as Drinking Water Protected Areas under the Water Framework Directive, in the area that may be affected by the proposed activity.	Noted



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			<p><b>Scottish Water Assets</b></p> <p>A review of our records indicates that there are Scottish Water assets in the area. There is a 125mm distribution main within the site. Therefore please follow the instructions below.</p> <p>All Scottish Water assets potentially affected by the activity should be identified, with particular consideration being given to access roads and pipe crossings. If necessary, local Scottish Water personnel may be able to visit the site to offer advice. All of Scottish Water's processes, standards and policies in relation to dealing with asset conflicts must be complied with.</p> <p>In the event that asset conflicts are identified then early contact should be made with the Highway Authorities and Utilities Committee (HAUC) at <a href="mailto:Hauc.diversions@scottishwater.co.uk">Hauc.diversions@scottishwater.co.uk</a> and <a href="mailto:Jamie.Lindsay@scottishwater.co.uk">Jamie.Lindsay@scottishwater.co.uk</a>. All detailed design proposals relating to the protection of Scottish Water's assets should be submitted to the HAUC for review and written acceptance. Works should not take place on site without prior written acceptance by Scottish Water.</p> <p>Scottish Water have produced a list of precautions for a range of activities. The list of precautions for assets details</p>	



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			<p>protection measures to be taken if there are assets in the area. Please note that site specific risks and mitigation measures will require to be assessed and implemented. The document/s and other supporting information can be found on the activities within our catchments page of our website at <a href="http://www.scottishwater.co.uk/slm">www.scottishwater.co.uk/slm</a>.</p> <p>It should be noted that the proposals will be required to comply with Sewers for Scotland and Water for Scotland 4th Editions 2018, including provision of appropriate clearance distances from Scottish Water assets.</p>	
Stirling Council	17/09/2024	Various in late September	<p>At this stage Stirling Council have no issues with the proposals</p> <p>It certainly would be good to see the wood returned to one with Scots Pine and Birch native woodland rather than a woodland containing non - native species. Presumably management/maintenance would be in place to ensure that the non - native tree species do not self seed and re-establish.</p> <p>The south-east corner has the potential to contain a timber trackway noted in the 18th century. Blair Drummond Moss   Canmore. The Stirling HER suggests a bigger area of interest than CANMORE and this impacts the management plan area.</p>	Noted



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			I am nearly 99% certain that it will have been destroyed, however, such is the potential significance of such a trackway (certainly Nationally important) that some provision for its potential survival should be included in future proposals. Personally, I would fell the trees and not grub them up and then maintain an appropriate buffer zone with no plantings.	
Neighbour	19/09/2024	28/10/2024	I am broadly supportive of the plans, though keen to see substantial year round tree and leaf cover to continue to provide visual noise shield to the properties on Rossburn Lane and Sommers Lane - which appears to be in line with the plans. I am also keen to ensure that any changes to tree cover do not create further waterlogging of the fields as this would impact upon productivity.	Noted
NatureScot	17/09/2024	01/11/2024 (response extension given)	<p>We welcome the proposals to manage and remove scrub within the remaining open raised bog habitat of Ochertyre Moss SSSI. This will continue work delivered through previous NatureScot management agreements and will benefit both features of the SSSI.</p> <p>The draft LMP also proposes to expand the open area of raised bog habitat through selective felling of individual Scots pine trees to create a more natural edge on the SSSI open area. Given that the woodland is having a negative impact on the raised bog, it is disappointing that the LMP</p>	Our view is that drain blocking is unlikely to be an effective restoration technique in the short term, given that the few drains within the FLS landholding are internal and located between the wayleave and the and the main entrance to the site. The major external drains are primarily located around the perimeter of the site and fall outwith the



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			<p>does not include proposals for wider woodland removal on the SSSI area. We recognise that some of the woodland is long-established (of plantation origin), however raised bog habitat is nationally rare and it is well-known that damaged bogs also contribute to CO2 emissions. If the woodland is not removed the trees will continue to have a negative impact by drying the bog and shading-out bog vegetation. The trees will also remain a seed source and continue to enable more trees to grow and encroach onto the open mire area of the SSSI. Therefore, our advice is that there should be a commitment within the 10 year duration of the Ochertyre Moss Wood LMP for full-scale peatland restoration of the SSSI, including woodland removal, ditch-blocking and ground-smoothing.</p> <p>Another pressure on the SSSI is rhododendron ponticum and extensive patches are present throughout Ochertyre Moss Wood. We welcome the proposals in the LMP to control rhododendron. However, our advice is that there should be firmer commitments in the LMP to eradicate rhododendron from the site, particularly within and adjacent to the important remaining open raised bog habitat of Ochertyre Moss SSSI.</p> <p>The extensive woodland at Ochertyre Moss Wood is having a significant impact on the wider peatland, and through hydrological connections, on the SSSI. Therefore, we would</p>	<p>property line. Given that the neighbouring properties have been vocal in their opposition to the idea of any drain blocking, woodland removal, or restoration works, it is unlikely that we would be able to secure the necessary cooperation or permissions to undertake any operations which would have a significant impact.</p> <p>This is why we have proposed to conduct water level monitoring to better understand the condition of the site and what might be possible/feasible. This will be done through the installation of around 15 dip wells to be manually read in the winter and summer to ideally capture levels when the water table is at its highest and lowest. Having a better understanding of the water table will enable us to make more informed decisions regarding future management of the site. It is also hoped that by building up a</p>



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			<p>also expect to see native woodland removal and peatland restoration on the non-SSSI part of Ochertyre Moss Wood included within the LMP.</p> <p>With regards to non-native tree species, we are pleased to see plans to remove a small (5.29Ha) area of Sitka Spruce, Norway Spruce and Sycamore in the Ochertyre Moss Wood Land Management Plan (LMP). As the LMP states, the regeneration of these species onto the main peat body will result in damage to the peatland and raised-bog habitat. It is therefore encouraging to see this seed source being removed. However, to address the issue of seed that has already dispersed from these trees, we would like to see a clear objective in the LMP to manage and control the inevitable regeneration of Sitka Spruce, Norway Spruce and Sycamore within Ochertyre Moss Wood to prevent further shading and drying out of the bog.</p>	<p>suitable evidence base over time we may be in a better position to engage more constructively with the neighbouring landholders.</p> <p>Rhododendron has already been identified in the LMP as the most pressing threat to the site and the scale of the problem is huge both on and off the FLS land in this area. Complete clearance on site would need to be a precursor to any restoration as any disturbance to the ground would be colonised rapidly, and likely increase the problem. This means that there would need to be a landscape scale, joined up approach to make any short-term peatland restoration feasible, which currently seems highly unlikely in both in terms of costs and co-operation from neighbouring landowners.</p> <p>As for spruce and Sycamore regeneration removal, managing</p>



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				<p>this was discussed internally and we do plan to manage it. Apologies if we had not made that clear enough in the plan, we could revisit that.</p> <p>We are open to scheduling another site visit with NatureScot to look at some of these issues again and discuss the practicalities on site. Also, now that the dip wells have been installed, we can further discuss our intentions with those as well.</p> <p><b>Note: Site visit was scheduled and took place on 30/01/2025.</b></p>
SEPA	17/09/2024	No response	N/A	N/A
Stirling and Tayside Timber Transport Group	17/09/2024	No response	N/A	N/A
Carse of Stirling Group	17/09/2024	No response	N/A	N/A
Trossachs and Teith Councillor	17/09/2024	No response	N/A	N/A
WOSAS	17/09/2024	No response	N/A	N/A



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Thornhill and Blair Drummond Community Council	17/09/2024	No response	N/A	N/A
Various other Neighbours	19/09/2024	No response	N/A	N/A





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Ochertyre Moss Wood  
LMP**

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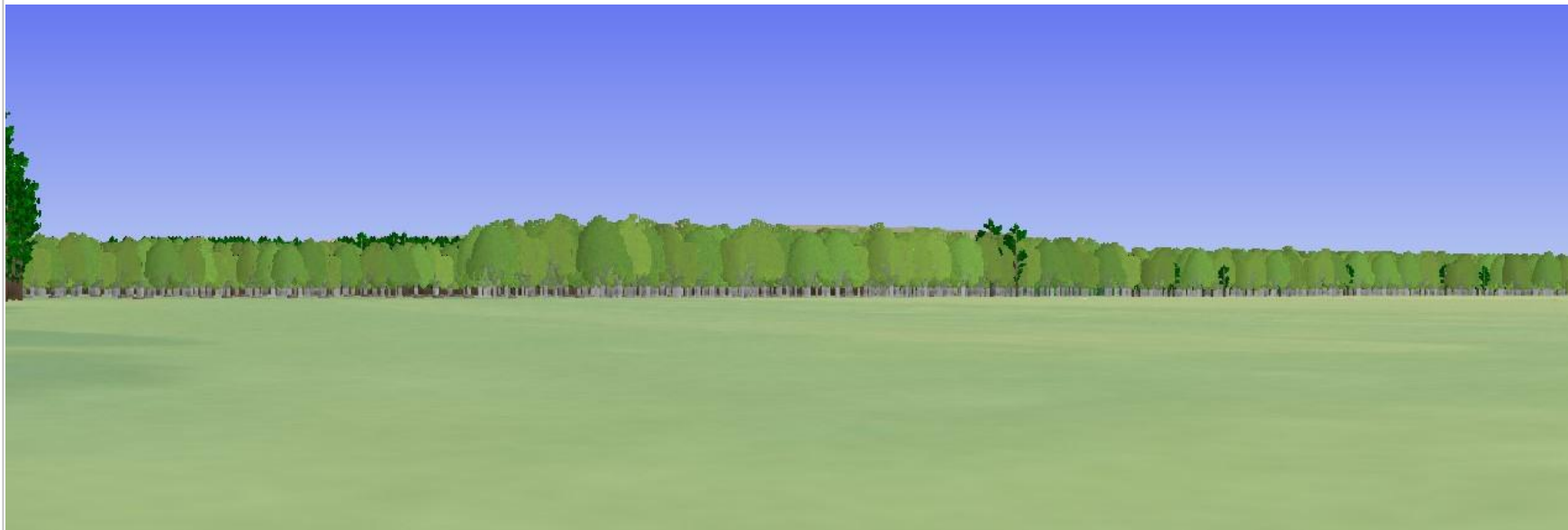
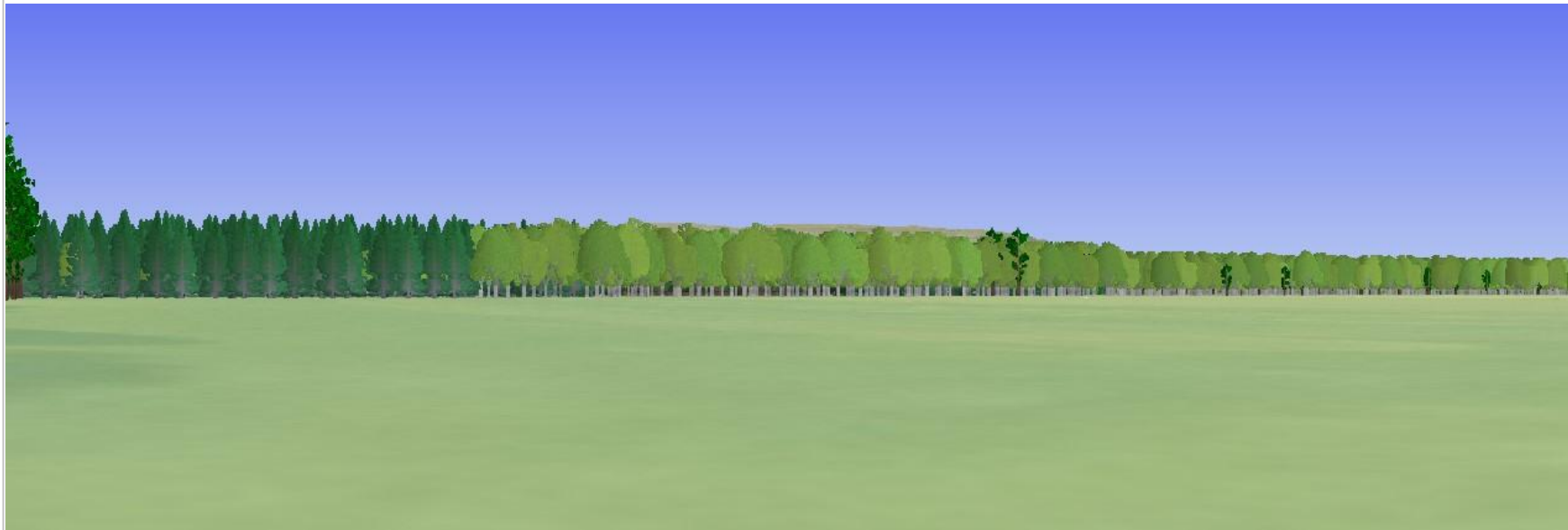
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