

Appendix III: Consultation record

Consultee	Date contacted	Date of response	Issues raised	FLS response
SEPA	23/08/2022	29/08/2022, 13/02/2023	None specific, reminder to adhere to good working practices around water sources and courses, and to ground truth any Private	Included detailed Hydrology index
			Water Supplies (PWS) in or near the plan area.	
HES	24/04/2023	16/05/2023	As there is no major work proposed in the immediate area, no major concerns raised. Noted that the UKFS includes a minimum 20m buffer on scheduled monuments, and would like to see the woodland edge pulled back to this in the future.	Made note in plan to extend buffer on scheduled monument to 20m in future restock
Highland Council Forestry, Archaeology, Flood Risk Management,	23/08/2022	24/08/2022	 The impact of the A9 dualling on General Wade's Military Road Opportunities to improve connections and furniture along that route to benefit walkers, cyclists and horse riders 	Confirmed FLS's commitment to preserving the scheduled monument and maintaining public access. Will explore expansion of public trails when resources allow.

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Environmental Health			 To tie those improvements in to Strathdearn's aspirations to become a hub for longer distance trails To help manage and resolve historic access issues and avoid new ones 	
nature.scot	23/08/2022			
Moy estate	23/08/2022			
Farr estate	23/08/2022			
SSEN	23/08/2022			
RSPB	23/08/2022			
Findhorn, Nairn and Lossie Rivers Trust	23/08/2022	01/12/2022	Whether collaboration over establishment or management of riparian zones would be possible.	Discussed areas of potential future collaboration, and confirmed that we will work with neighbouring landowners where possible to connect and improve riparian habitats.
Nairn District Salmon Fishery Board	23/08/2022			
Findhorn District Salmon Fishery Board	23/08/2022			

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Strathdearn	23/08/2022			
Community				
Council				
Strathnairn	23/08/2022			
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CONFOR	23/08/2022			
Gordon Timber	23/08/2022			
Balcas	23/08/2022			
James Jones	23/08/2022			
BSW	23/08/2022			
Timber/Tillhill				
Munro Harvesting				
Norbord	23/08/2022			
Strathnairn Comm	23/08/2022			
Woodland				
DMBIS MTB Group	23/08/2022			
Mountaineering	23/08/2022	29/08/2022	That access to the surrounding Graham hills	Confirmed that access to the surrounding hills we be
Scotland			be maintained	maintained
Ramblers	23/08/2022			
Association				

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Mid Lairgs Quarry	23/08/2022	29/08/2022	That the fencing between the Littlemill block and Mid Lairgs quarry be maintained	Confirmed that the shared boundary will be maintained

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Query raised	Response
Will FLS be undertaking any peatland restoration?	Highlighted the three proposed sites within the plan area and discussed the challenges of successful restoration work.
Will FLS be planting more than just Sitka spruce?	Indicated the restocking plan, which shows the planting mixes proposed and the areas that will be planted during the next ten years. Discussed the site requirements of various species and how they fit into the landscape.
Will FLS be maintaining the public rights of way/long distance footpaths?	Stated that we endeavour to keep our forests accessible at all times. There are temporary path closures during forest operations but after completion any damage or debris will be rectified.
Will FLS be extending the overnight campervan parking at the Littlemill carpark?	Stated that this was subject to review by the visitor services team. We recognise that the Littlemill carpark is small and not well suited to caravans, and that we lack the staff to properly monitor usage.