

Appendix 3 – Consultation Record

Consultee	Date contacted	Date of response	Issues Raised	FLS response
Scottish Forestry	27/8/21			
SEPA	27/8/21	6/9/21	Reference to Scotland's Forestry Strategy 2019-2029 in terms of tree planting percentages and providing those percentages show good incorporation of broadleaf species and open ground, then that is acceptable. Apply principles of Riverwoods. Pollution management refer to Forestry & Water Scotland Know the Rules Booklet, version 2, particularly due to presence of private water supplies. Scope for restoration of deep peat? Avoid tracks on peat. Intention to re-use existing quarry is good as long as stone is good quality.	Refer to 'Scotland's Forestry Strategy 2019-2029', 'Forestry & Water Scotland Know the Rules Booklet, version 2', 'Drinking Water' and principles of 'Riverwoods' in Section 4.0
HES	27/8/21	17/9/21	2 scheduled monuments outwith the FLS boundary at Laiken. Any thinning or felling works along the boundary adjacent to the scheduled monuments must be contained and carried out within the compartment boundary, as otherwise SMC might be required. All extraction routes should likewise avoid the scheduled areas. Restocking should follow the UKFS guidelines regarding the retention of at least a 20m unplanted buffer around known archaeological sites, with a greater unplanted buffer recommended for Slagachorrie dun given the hilltop nature of the monument. Given the nature of the monuments, we are content that continued forestry operations within the LMP boundary would have no tangible impact upon the cultural significance of views associated with the setting of the monuments.	Refer to 'Historic Environment' – 'Designated sites' in Section 4.0
	29/6/23	7/7/23	No issues raised.	
NatureScot	27/8/21	30/8/21	Falls below SNH-FLS concordat - do not intend to offer formal comment	N/A

Highland Council Forestry	27/8/21 29/6/23		No response	
Highland Council - Archaeology	27/8/21 29/6/23		No response	
Highland Council- Access	27/8/21 29/6/23	30/6/23	<p>No response</p> <p>Public Right of Way at Assich from Drummore of Cantray. Public access and aspirational routes identified at all three forests:</p> <p>Assich</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • public right of way from Drummore of Cantray • wider access rights at Dalcharn and Drummournie Laiken • public access though Knowckoudie Wood and opposite Winewell • aspirations for a path linking through to Rait Castle Ferness • public access through Logie Wood <p>Ideally delivery team will accommodate as much public access as it can during felling and in any fencing projects.</p>	Right of Way identified on Features map. Public access acknowledged in main text and appendix 1
Highland Council- Roads	27/8/21 29/6/23		No response	
Highland Council- flood team	27/8/21 29/6/23		No response	
Highland Council- planning	27/8/21 29/6/23		No response	
Croy & Culloden Moor Community Council	27/8/21 29/6/23		No response	

Auldearn Community Council	27/8/21 29/6/23		No response	
East Nairnshire Community Council	27/8/21 29/6/23	27/8/21	Keen to be involved.	N/A
Culloden Community Council	27/8/21 29/6/23		No response	
FR	16/6/22	5/7/22	They only have live experiments in Laiken but the proposed felling dates fit in with their current plans going forward. Need to notify them of any impending felling dates to allow final assessments etc.	Felling dates affecting research plots will be sent to FR in a timely manner during the life of the plan.
PSSB	21/12/22	21/12/22	Potential NS seed trees at Laiken	Coupe identified/ mapped for NS seed trees & will be retained as Minimum Intervention.
RSPB	27/8/21		No response	
SSE	27/8/21		No response	
Scottish Water	27/8/21		No response	
Assich Neighbours				
Rose Miller Family	27/8/21	1/9/21	Access road at Ruallan is owned by them & used as access by 2 neighbours. Would be looking for an agreement about any repairs/ remediation resulting from felling at Ruallan.	FLS Land Agent to discuss agreement with owners if felling at Ruallan within LMP period.
Cawdor Estate	27/8/21 & 24/9/21	8/11/21	The area of Cawdor Estate that juts into FLS land at Assich is earmarked for felling in approx. 8-10 years. The intention is to restock it with SP I see there is a reasonable amount of larch habitat adjacent to the Cawdor ground at Assich – what is the plan for the larch bearing in mind the spread of phytophthora?	According to the 'FLS larch strategy 2022' the LMP area is within 'PAZ less vulnerable zone'. Therefore, no pre-emptive felling will be undertaken as we have good roads and access into any remaining larch.

<p>Posters put up at forest entrances and leaflets put through doors</p>	<p>8/9/21 15/5/23</p>	<p>9/9/21 22/5/23 24/5/23</p>	<p>Assich Steading. Retain larch behind steading, keep path clear of vegetation - used by walkers. Deer numbers have increased over the years. Resident population of around 20 reds.</p> <p>Comments and questions around impacts of felling on walking routes & timber haulage access routes</p>	<p>Refer to deer management in Section 4. Coupe adjacent to steading is a LTR coupe. Larch will therefore be retained unless it gets an SPHN.</p> <p>Ensure footpath vegetation clearance is on programme of works.</p> <p>Discussed issues and answered questions at community consultation event.</p>
		<p>9/9/21</p>	<p>Struthmore, Wester Galcantray - keen to meet to discuss plan. Used by residents and local users for recreation. Wildlife importance. Increased 4x4 use on the tracks - is this authorised? Landscape impacts - could trees be thinned rather than clearfelling.</p>	<p>FLS encourages visitors who wish to access the forest responsibly. We will look at ways to address access issues.</p> <p>Trees will be thinned where possible but some older coupes will have to be clearfelled and thinning regime will be implemented in the future crop.</p>
		<p>13/9/21</p>	<p>Drummonre of Cantray - concerns raised over the impacts of sitka spruce on landscape, habitats and cultural heritage. Area popular for recreation - look at parking, linking footpaths with neighbours, increasing accessibility.</p>	<p>Scotland's National Forest Estate is managed to the UK Woodland Assurance Standard – the standard endorsed in the UK by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). Forestry and Land Scotland is independently audited to ensure that we are delivering sustainable forest management.</p> <p>FLS encourages local people and communities to use the forest.</p>
		<p>28/10/21</p>	<p>Glevum, Drummournie - regularly use and enjoy the forest. Support ongoing sustainable forestry. Forest provides vital leisure facilities to local population but not immediately apparent to visitors that access from Drummournie end is possible due to private land owner gates & signage. Can</p>	<p>FLS encourages local people and communities to use the forest. We will look into opportunities to encourage visitors where resources allow</p>

			we introduce FLS info boards to inform/ clarify access opportunities for visitors. This would encourage more visitor use.	
		20/10/21	Assich Farm House - On the north side of the phase 4 felling you have planted and created a boundary of younger trees, so minimising the visual effect when long term retention area is felled. Is it possible if this planting could be extended to the east and north side of phase three, as the felling of these trees is going to open up (expose) our property and our neighbours to the full force/effect of the weather, which frequently comes from the west.	Considered at planning stage and broadleaves will be included in restock
Email invite to public consultation with link to draft maps. Posters put up at forest gates	15/5/23 29/6/23	24/5/23	Assich Farm House – concern over private water supply and catchment.	Discussed and will be addressed through inclusion of spring/ supply point on Key Feature map. Restocking map will include buffer and Work Plans in future will include an operational buffer. Location of water supply point provided.
		14/6/23	2 Forestry Cottages, Assich - concern over private water supply and catchment.	Will be addressed through inclusion of spring/ supply point on Key map. Restocking map will include buffer and Work Plans in future will include an operational buffer
		18/5/23 24/5/23	Assich House - concern over private water supply and catchment. Interested in extraction routes for felling of coupes adjacent to property	Will be addressed through inclusion of spring/ supply point on Key Feature map. Restocking map will include buffer and Work Plans in future will include an operational buffer
		24/5/23	Drummonre of Cantray – water supply point highlighted	Will be addressed through inclusion of supply point on Key Feature map. Restocking map will include buffer and

				Work Plans in future will include an operational buffer
Laiken Neighbours				
Cawdor Estate	27/8/21	8/11/21	The areas of forest immediately adjacent to Laiken are not due to be felled for at least 15 years.	Adjacency issues will be avoided by restocking coupe in 2026
Geddes Estate	7/9/21			
Lethen Estate	27/8/21			
Laikenbuie	27/8/21 15/5/23	24/5/23 26/5/23	Attended Public consultation event and followed up with email: concerns around felling of coupe 12699 and impacts on wildlife.	Reviewed options on site to fell part of coupe that is windblown and retain a corridor of mature trees but there is no windfirm edge to enable this. Further wind damage to crop and trees falling across the access track to property (and potentially residence) would be a risk of retaining trees. Advice sought from national wildlife ecologist on squirrels – the forest is assessed by population modelling work as a landscape where red squirrel populations are viable under standard forest management (recognising there would be local losses and gains over time).
neighbour		24/5/23	concerns around felling of coupe 12699 and impacts on red squirrels	Advice sought from national wildlife ecologist on squirrels – the forest is assessed by population modelling work as a landscape where red squirrel populations are viable under standard

				forest management (recognising there would be local losses and gains over time).
Craggie & Balfreish	27/8/21			
Park Farm	left phone message & emailed neighbour asking if they could pass consultation email on (2/9/21)			
Greens Nureseries, New Fleenas Farm & Winewells Croft	27/8/21	2/9/21	Ask to be added to future correspondence	
Posters put up at 2 main entrances to forest	8/9/21			
Ferness Neighbours				
Glenferness Estate	27/8/21			
Darnaway Estate	27/8/21	29/9/21	where is commitment for move towards CCF? Concern over red deer numbers - opportunity for more regular liaison between FLS & estate& coordinated management efforts.	Not all of the forest is suitable for CCF at this stage but thinning and CCF will be incorporated in future management where CF is the only option at this stage. Areas identified for CCF and thinning are referred to in section 4.0 'Silviculture'

Dunphail & Glenernie	27/8/21			
Lochindorb, Logie & Relugas	27/8/21			
Coulmony	27/8/21, 15/5/23	14/6/23	Happy to see transition to native woodland for biodiversity.	
Logie	27/8/21			
Posters put up at 3 forest entrances	8/9/21	3/1/22	email from interested forest user who saw poster. Keen to see more wildflower meadows and interconnected open ground.	Refer to 'Biodiversity' – open ground and 'protected and priority habitats and specie' in section 4.0
Airdrie Farm	8/9/21 15/5/23	8/9/21 5/6/23	Had a chat with the owners while I was there - they have the fields to the west of the road and were commenting on the number of deer. Also discussed the intention for the steep ground/ red coupe above the River Findhorn. Private water supply point and pipe identified. Questions and points raised about felling timing and restock species.	Refer to deer management in section 4.0 and Appendix 8 Queries answered and water supply point and pipe details recorded on Map 2. Restocking map will include buffer and Work Plans in future will include an operational buffer
Consultation on draft maps with neighbours and via community consultation event at Cawdor Community Centre (promoted via email, through CCs and posters at forest gate. Information	Email sent 15/5/23 Public Consultation 24/5/22		Interest in felling phases that may impact on private properties. Concern over 'mess' left after felling, scale of felling, species choice. Private water supply/ spring identified within forest at Assich. Concern over mountain bikes use/ safety for other forest users.	Felling phases and forestry practices explained at consultation event to concerned individuals. Private spring now identified on Forester Web and can be mitigated for in LMP restock design as well as Work Plan stage prior to felling. Felling of coupe will open up line of sight for walkers.

available on FLS Consultation page)			Concern over vehicle access at Assich.	Vehicle access being reviewed by FLS Land Agent.
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