

Appendix I: Consultation record

See section A.4 for a summary of the main points raised below by stakeholders and where they are addressed in the plan.

Table 1 Consultation timeline

Dates	Description
23 November 2022– 11 January 2023	Initial scoping. Invitation to comment by email sent to notified parties agreed with Scottish Forestry and by post to neighbours. Maps corrected (correction to map showing change to road permissions) and reissued online and to neighbours by post 7 December 2022.
12 December 2022 – 23 January 2023	Initial scoping web survey period, advertised by poster at entrances and Kinshaldy car park, and through FLS social media channels. See Initial scoping report, Appendix IV.
31 May 2024	Consultation on draft design opened. Notification sent by letter to neighbours and by email to notified parties. Information available via website with web survey form for comments (see Consultation web and drop in event report). Consultation also advertised by poster at entrances and Kinshaldy car park.
4 June 2024	Drop in event jointly held with NatureScot at the Larick Centre, Tayport (see Consultation web and drop in event report, Appendix V).
8 June 2024	Second drop in event jointly held with NatureScot at the Larick Centre, Tayport (see Consultation web and drop in event report, Appendix V).
31 August 2024	Consultation period closed.

Table 2 Consultation responses record

Issue	Raised by	Requirement / Recommendation / Concern / Aspiration
Cultural Heritage	Historic Environment Scotland	We welcome the note that ‘both forest blocks contain WW2 heritage features along the coast which require protection’. The Concept Plan does not show the monument, or the full extent of the legally protected scheduled monument and we recommend that this is corrected in subsequent documentation. – see Map 3. We note that the Future Species and Habitats Map shows Scots Pine and Other/Mixed Broadleaves within parts of the monument. Please note that any new planting would require scheduled monument consent (SMC), which may not be granted. The scheduled areas would benefit from the careful removal of trees and the creation of an appropriate unplanted buffer zone around them, in line with UKFS guidance. Given the risk of serious damage to the archaeological remains in the event of trees being windblown, we recommend that this work is programmed early in the term of the management plan. In some cases, an unplanted buffer of more than 20m will be appropriate to improve the setting of a scheduled monument. As noted above, the view of the coast from the pill boxes is currently obscured by forestry. Clearing this area would allow for a greater appreciation and understanding of the monument. – see Section C.2.10. We recommend that the importance of consultation with Historic Environment Scotland is highlighted in the management plan. An application for scheduled monument consent (SMC) will be needed for any works affecting the monuments, such as felling or thinning trees within the scheduled areas. We welcome pre-application discussion before submitting an application. Applicants should allow at least 8 weeks to obtain SMC after they submit their application. There is more information about SMC in the Annex. – see Section C.2.10. We also recommend that the management plan makes provision for regular monitoring and control of regenerating trees, other woody growth and bracken on the monument

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		and within its buffer zone. It is important to manage and maintain open ground in line with UKFS guidance. – see Section C.2.10. We welcome the intention to ‘develop a more resistant waymarked trail to the Ice House’. We would welcome provision in the plan for further enhancement of public access to and interpretation of archaeological sites, where feasible. – see Section C.2.9. Regarding the dune restoration HES do not see anything to automatically object to, and there could be potential benefits to the understanding and experience of the monument from some of the work being proposed. They will be consulted again with detailed proposals once these have been prepared for the EIA Screening Opinion Request.
Cultural Heritage	Fife Council	It is strongly recommended that in advance of any proposed forestry operations consultation is made for those individual, or specific, areas concerned to enable more focused and fuller advice to be provided; and to allow evaluations of affected areas likely to contain archaeological remains to be provided in advance of potentially intrusive activity. – see Section C.2.10. Although it has been recognised that areas of wet woodland and windfirm edges will be established, a more specific methodology has not been provided. Will this rely primarily on native planting, or utilise some exotic species; how will periodic and increasing hydric rooting environments be addressed? – establishment will be primarily by natural regeneration in wet woodland areas with monitoring and potential planting of native species. In addition we have proposed to monitor drainage during Phase 1 to better understand the impact of the drainage system maintenance on the water table.
Population and Human Health	British Horse Society	Concerned that there are no plans to enlarge or relocate horse box parking. – plans to improve the current equestrian parking have been identified, subject to securing funding (Section C.2.9).

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Population and Human Health	Fife Council	Is there scope for implementing a beach wheelchair scheme here to improve accessibility. – an all access route and viewing platform has been identified, subject to funding (Section C.2.9).
Population and Human Health	Members of the public	At the drop in sessions during June 2024, two members of the public raised an issue with the road surfaces being unsuitable for cycling or walking, particularly the recent resurfacing between Morton Lochs and Fetterdale. Future road surfacing to take this into consideration (Section C.2.8).
Population and Human Health	Fife Coast and Countryside Trust	Request to consult with the local access forum on the dune restoration as the delivery is planned if it affects visitor access; to ensure that new access routes proposed through the forest are suitable for cycling as well as pedestrian, noting that any changes to the core path will require additional consultation, and the new proposed path must be the same condition as the existing if replacing the current core path; Trust to be informed of any diversions during felling and thinning operations. Future road surfacing to take this into consideration (Section C.2.8).
Landscape	Fife Council	Will reshaping woodland edges be undertaken as part of LISS interventions, primarily along the southern and western LMP edges, or is this deemed as not a priority due to topography? – reshaping edges is not a priority due to the flat topography (Section A.6.1).
Biodiversity	NatureScot	At initial scoping, NatureScot identified the dune habitat restoration as the largest and best opportunity in Scotland for biodiversity value due to its scale. At final scoping they fully support the plan's proposals, including the dune habitat restoration. They recommend removal of invasive scrub to be undertaken as early as possible to improve the SSSI along the east coast – see Section C.2.13.
Biodiversity	Scottish Badgers	The area in question includes active badger setts and suitable habitat for badger. It would therefore be prudent for a qualified persons to undertake a protected species survey to identify sett locations and where appropriate make plans for licensing and mitigation. Considerations should be made for both felling and replanting within the protection zone of any active badger setts. – checks for badger setts are undertaken at the work planning stage, see Section C.2.11.
Biodiversity	Fife Coast and Countryside Trust	Pine has naturally regenerated on the local nature reserve at the south east point which needs to be removed (~15-20 m height) but is difficult to access. – see Section C.2.13.

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Water/Material Assets	Scottish Water	There are no Scottish Water drinking water catchments or water abstraction sources but there is a 100mm PVC main in the western most part of the site. Proposals will be required to comply with Sewers for Scotland and Water for Scotland 4 th Editions 2018, including provision of appropriate clearance distances from Scottish Water assets. – Section C.2.15
Material Assets	FLS	Concerns regarding sand dune restoration blocking the perimeter road. Response has been to propose an alternative road cutting off the NE corner in the event that the perimeter route becomes blocked. Section C.2.8, Map 10.
Material Assets	National Gas Transmission	“If you are planning any construction or excavation work near to a gas pipeline or other gas transmission assets, it’s essential that you follow our guidelines to ensure your safety and avoid damaging essential gas infrastructure. To find out if your proposed works are likely to impact any gas pipelines or other utility assets, please use the LinesearchBeforeUDig website. You can raise an enquiry by entering the location of your project, using a grid reference, postcode or street name. The website will search the assets of more than 70 different utility companies, and provide an automated response within minutes telling you which network operators are affected by your proposal. If the proposal affects National Gas Transmission, you’ll receive a separate automated response from us with an asset map and links to safety advice. We will then contact you in due course if we require more information about your proposal.” No construction or excavation work is proposed near the pipeline as the area will continue to be managed as open ground. Section C.2.15.
The following stakeholders responded with no comment or no issues: None.		
The following stakeholders were contacted during scoping but did not respond: Fife Council (roads), Tayport Community Council, Leuchars Community Council, SSE Transmission, Sustrans, RSPB, SEPA, Fife Amphibian and Reptile Group, Confor, Stirling and Tayside Timber Transport Forum, MOD Leuchars, Heart of Scotland LDWA		