

External Consultation

External consultation was held using several different media. Initial contact with key and statutory stakeholders was sought at scoping through e-mail. Key issues and opportunities were determined and, where necessary, these were further explored and on-site meetings were held.

Where necessary, key stakeholders were contacted with specific queries by e-mail or phone to ensure the stakeholder was consulted thoroughly.

A community consultation was held.

At the consultation stage the objectives and maps were sent out and uploaded through FLS's consultation web page. These documents were shared with all key and statutory stakeholders with the request for feedback.

Updates of the plan in the last stages of development were shared with statutory stakeholders where this was relevant for their field of expertise.

Consultee	Consulted	Contact sent/Response received /Issue raised	FES response
Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust	Scoping 18/04/2023	Response received 14/12/23 covered a variety of topics listed below -future felling to be more respectful of trails and trails to be reinstated after any felling work -Great sensitivity in the development of access roads close to houses -concerns raised about visual impact of felling sites.	When any felling work takes place around trails these will be marked out and damage kept to a minimum. Remedial work will be carried out to any damaged paths after operations are finished. Roads will have full permission and full consultation with affected parties at planning stages of road FLS acknowledges short term visual impact and these will be mitigated as much as possible during felling operations.
Stratherrick and Foyers Community Council	Scoping 17/11/2023 Follow up meetings on 30/01/24 and 26/11/24	-Worry expressed regarding felling along Foyers road combining with SSE work. -Felling could affect local tourism -concern about knock on effect of felling on local wildlife	Timing of operations may be inevitable but all efforts will be made to lessen impact on local residents Timing of operations to be planned in winter months to avoid peak tourism season Full environmental surveys to be carried out before felling and all guidance to be followed.
SSE	Scoping 17/11/2023	-No reply	

Scottish Water	Scoping 17/11/2023	-Standard Letter response highlighting DWPA's and Scottish Water Assets within LMP area	-Advise taken and will consult SW on a case by case basis.
SEPA (Detailed response can be supplied upon request)	Scoping 17/11/23	-Identify PWS's and catchment - Increase Riparian Zones -All Forest and Water guidelines must be followed during operations.	-Carried out -Covered in Appendix 8
RPSB	Scoping 17/11/23	-No Response	
Boleskine Biodiversity Group	Meeting 19/11/24	-Highlighting concerns of non native seeding into SSSI and PAWS areas in particular and concerns over planting buffers of non natives in PAWS and SSSI Looking to continue with Volunteer days remove non natives in -Generally supportive of FLS plans to restore PAWS and other native planting	-reassured that planting map provided was from the last plan and will be updated to increase buffers to protect from non native seeding. Agreed continued collaboration between FLS and THE BBG would be extremely beneficial to both.
Boleskine Foundation	Scoping 17/11/23 Follow up meeting 12/12/23	Initial concerns about felling behind house destroying landscape characteristics of the house and area Follow up concerns with Felling coupe 03748 would have on landscape characteristics and loss of screening of proposed expansion of SSE's Foyers Sub Station.	Initial concerns addressed as area is LTR. FLS has been subsequently approached for a CATS buy out of the area. As such the coupe has been pushed back to give time for application to go through.

NatureScot (Detailed response can be supplied upon request)	Scoping 17/11/23 Follow up meeting on the 31/1/24	Ness Woods SAC -Highlighted grazing and bracken pressure contributing to unfavorable condition All guidance to be followed for otter around forest operations. Loch Knockie and Nearby Loch SPA and SSSI -Buffers for Slavonian grebe must be adhered to during breeding season. -Protection of water quality also important Easter Ness Forest SSSI -See above For Ness Woods SAC Inverfarigaig SSSI -Non native regeneration and deer pressure are the main issues. Loch Bran SSSI LMP will have limited affect on SSSI however increased trampling pressure has been observed.	-All considered and integrated in plan -Incorporated in DSP/HRA -DMP will be provided along side LMP
Highland Council	Scoping 17/11/23	Response access officer: -Community aspirations to expand and improve path network -local facilities are coming under pressure	-Currently no plans to increase offerings in area -FLS is very open to partnership working here
Strathnairn Community Council	Scoping 17/11/23	No Response	

Dores and Essich Community Concil	Scoping 17/11/23	No Response	
Ness and Beaully Fisheries trust	Scoping 17/11/23	No response	
Scottish Canals	Scoping 17/11/23	No response	
South Loch Ness Heritage Group	Scoping 17/11/23	No response	
South Loch Ness Access Group	Scoping 17/11/23	No response	
Confor	Scoping 17/11/23	No response	
Monadhiliaths DMG	Scoping 17/11/23	Meeting with Chairman on 12/12/23 While FLS is not within the DMG area it was noted that opportunities to collaborate have been missed.	Closer collaboration going forward and DMP to be shared.
Forest Research	Scoping 13/09/23	List of active research sites and management provided	Incorporated in LMP
Locals through signage in woods	Various dates	No response	