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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Affected water supplies - Community Asset Transfer Scheme - Lochaline Community Forest, Morvern
Date: 01 September 2025 17:59:11

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1st September 2025

Community Asset Transfer Scheme
Forestry and Land Scotland,
Apex 1, 99 Haymarket Terrace,
Edinburgh,
EH12 5HD

Email: fls.communities@forestryandland.gov.scot

Dear Forestry Land Scotland (FLS)

RE: Community Asset Transfer Scheme - Lochaline Community Forest, Morvern

Protection of water resources above [REDACTED] and adjoining property for Woodland Crofts

We are concerned that the proposed woodland crofts will impact the private water supply for the properties.

The proposal as outlined in:

[Lochaline Community Forest, Morvern | Forestry and Land Scotland](#)

shows that an area above the property was considered for crofts in the feasibility study.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

It is imperative that the supply is protected and that the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) is able to guarantee in all planning consents that development will not impact the water supply in any way.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]



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Our Ref: NMB/LFG/HARBCR01-13
Your Ref:

4 September 2025

Dear Miss Carr

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Lochaline, PA80 5UU

We have been instructed by [REDACTED] in connection with the proposed Community Asset Transfer of Woodland Crofts at Lochaline.

We understand our clients have been in previous correspondence with you regarding their concerns and they have instructed us to formally intimate their representations to you for passing on to MCW. As you will be aware from our clients' previous correspondence with you, their concern relates to the private water supply at their property [REDACTED]. Our clients' private water supply comes from a well which originates from an Aquifer.

Our clients understand the land subject to the asset transfer is to be set up as crofts and due to the proximity of this land to the well from which our clients take their water supply, our clients are concerned any activities within or on the crofts, for example the burial of fallen stock, diesel and oil spillages etc and digging/cultivation, could potentially pollute our clients' water supply.

Our clients are also concerned that the occupiers of the crofts may decide to extract water via a borehole which may well deplete the Aquifer thus significantly impacting on the quantity of our clients' private water supply.

Our clients' main concern is the proximity of the boundary of the proposed crofts. We understand the boundary of the crofts is to be 170 metres from the well which, our clients advise, is too close. To avoid any potential contamination of our clients' private water supply the boundary would require to be much further away.

Our clients therefore ask that you commission an independent report from an appropriate professional commenting on the impact on our clients' private water supply resulting from any activities on the crofts. Subject to the terms of such a report our clients also ask that the boundary is extended further back increasing the distance between the well and the crofts' land boundary, so that any activities on the Woodland Crofts would not impact on our clients' private water supply.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm that it has been forwarded to MCW as representation of our clients' position.

Yours faithfully

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Forestry FLS Communities](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Community Asset Transfer Scheme - Lochaline Community Forest, Morvern
Date: 11 September 2025 12:14:58

Via email;

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fls.communities@forestryandland.gov.scot

From:
[REDACTED]
Lochaline
Morvern
PA805XT

For the attention of Rebecca Carr, Community Asset Transfer Manager.

Dear Rebecca,
We are writing in response to the request for an asset transfer from Morvern Community Woodlands to purchase 96 hectares of the Lochaline South Block of Fiunary Forest (to be known as Lochaline Community Forest). Please accept this as our representation to that request.

Whilst we remain supportive of the project overall, we need to ensure there are no negative impacts on us as close neighbours, especially with respect to the water supply and catchment areas for [REDACTED].

Our primary concerns are:

- Risk of contamination of our water supply & catchment areas through livestock, development or other activity;
- Additional use of our water supply both above and below the source;
- Access to our water supply;
- Proximity to and subsequent loss of privacy as a result of new domestic development including housing and public access paths (the proposed woodland path network for example) and vehicular access, especially where this may involve crossing our water supply;
- Appropriate mechanisms for us to engage with future management of the project in the longer term to address any issues that may arise.
- Transfer of existing servitude access rights to our water supply as detailed within the Burdens section of our Title Deed.

Some of our concerns are covered in the CWA Business Plan:

- 4.1.5 Suitability for woodland crofts: 'Woodland croft areas are best excluded from the water supply catchments to minimise risk of contamination through livestock, development or other activity.'
- 5.1 Constraints Opportunities, etc. 'Catchment areas of the water supplies could be managed in partnership with the supply owners and become focus areas for native woodland restoration.'
- 5.2 Summary of Issues arising from consultation: 'Safeguarding water supplies, need for privacy and not wanting to be overlooked by neighbours' etc.
- 6.2 Proposed Sub-division of Lochaline Community Forest : ' woodland croft boundaries avoid public access routes, and they avoid riparian areas that feed into water supplies'

However, whilst the above points give us some peace of mind, we would be seeking clarity on these issues when the project moves forward and to further discuss solutions that alleviate our concerns for the future.

Best

[REDACTED]

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From: mineralestater@gmail.com
Sent: 12 September 2025 15:07
To: Forestry FLS Communities
Subject: Lochaline Community Forest

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write on behalf of Lochaline Quartz Sand Limited (LQS). LQS has been mining the high-quality silica sand from beneath Lochaline since 2013 and significant recent investment at the site should ensure that the mine will continue to work the extensive reserves known to exist in this locale for many years to come. LQS' rights to mine the silica sand are described within leases held with FLS and Ardtornish Estate.

The purpose of my writing this message is to express LQS' support for the proposed Community Forest but also to make you aware of a number of points in relation to the operation and development of the mine which need to be taken into consideration during the Asset Transfer Request process.

- Approximately 55% of the proposed Community Forest area lies within the FLS mineral lease area. No mineral extraction from within this area has taken place to date and whilst current extraction is taking place further north within the FLS lease area, the possibility of future extraction from this area cannot be discounted. Additionally, it should be noted that the lease confers some surface access rights required for the operation/development of the mine. These include the rights to sink shafts and boreholes and (subject to permitting) to extract water. Again, these rights have not been exercised within this area to date but the need to exercise these rights in the future cannot be discounted.
- LQS is considering installing a new explosives store within the old mine workings close to the eastern boundary of the Community Forest area. LQS already has a licenced explosives store on the site but relocating it underground has operational advantages. This form of development is heavily regulated and an application to the HSE which will entail public notification will be required but it is considered prudent to make you aware of this proposal at this early stage.
- It is anticipated that within the Community Forest area, the need may arise for borrow pit development to generate rock aggregate. This may entail blasting and should this be the case careful consideration should be given to any likely impacts on the mine workings and the equipment therein.

I trust this is helpful at this stage and I can confirm LQS' willingness to engage further as the process progresses.

Regards

Philip J Lea
Director

**On behalf of Lochaline Quartz
Sand Ltd.**



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Sent: 14 September 2025 18:39
To: Rebecca Carr
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Community Asset Transfer Scheme - Lochaline Community Forest, Morvern

Dear Rebecca Carr

We are writing as owners of [REDACTED], in Morvern about the recent application to FLS, from Morvern Community Woodlands for the Community Asset Transfer Scheme - Lochaline Community Forest, Morvern.

Our neighbour, [REDACTED] told us of your deadline of 15th September for responses, which I had not been aware of. We are now writing, as co-owners of [REDACTED] to make sure we are kept properly in the picture as things go forward.

We and our family are keen supporters of the Community Woodland Project as long as it can be done well and to the benefit of the whole of our community. We will continue to work with them to help achieve that aim.

We do however have our own particular concerns and these revolve largely around our private water supply, which has been critical to the owners of our property for nearly 90 years since the land for the house and right to the water supply were transferred by the Forestry Commissioners to [REDACTED]. The house, and, I presume, the dam, were built from then and sold to us together with all rights and responsibilities, much more recently.

We are anxious to secure our continued enjoyment of the [REDACTED] water supply as it has been in the past, both in terms of its quantity and quality of the water but also improvements to our ability to maintain and guarantee that going forward.:

For the section upstream of the dam, we would like to see the principles of no additional extraction, suitable long term woodland management plan and no pollution enshrined in a revised version of any legal document covering these things. For maintenance of the dam and water supply, which is quite a considerable and complicated responsibility, we would prefer to have ownership of this land, if only to reduce the number of permissions that must be sought each time we need to do some maintenance. We could be happy to buy this small area of land direct from FLS or from MCW if the asset transfer takes place and that is easier all around. We have already discussed this idea with MCW.

We look forward to keeping in touch with you about this and pushing it all forward as fast as we are all able.

[REDACTED]

sent by: [REDACTED],
[REDACTED] Lochaline, Morvern, Oban PA805XT
[REDACTED]
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