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Dear Ms Carr

**Eshiels Wood – proposed purchase under the Community Assets Transfer Scheme.**

The Central Borders Group of the Scottish Wildlife Trust wish to support the plans of the Eshiels Woodland Group under the Community Assets Transfer Scheme.

Their purchase and management of this small riverside woodland will enhance its biodiversity through a gradual conversion from predominantly coniferous to mainly deciduous woodland. A subsequent coppicing programme will further improve biodiversity. The public enjoyment of this wood will be enhanced by the Woodland Group's plan to maintain and improve a good pathway network and to involve the community in practical aspects of woodland management.

We are also pleased to note that the plans will allow special attention being paid to the special conservation requirements of the rare micro-moth *Lampronia capitella* which has recently been discovered at the woodland edge.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm Lindsay, Secretary, Scottish Wildlife Trust Central Borders Group