



Appendix 4 Larch Plan Consultation Record

Consultee/Event	Date contacted	Date response received	Issue raised	Central Region Response
Timber Transport Forum Onsite meeting- followed by email consultations	10/09/24	17/09/24	Site visit to discuss planned transported timber over the 5 years period of the larch plan onto roads covered by the TTMP (West Strathyre onto Route 2 (both north and south) and Kirkton onto Routes 6, 1a and 1b). Point was made to engage with neighbouring landowners to discuss their intention to fell in the next five years and estimate likely total volume on these consultation routes over this 5 years period.	FLS engaged with agents from neighbouring estate to obtain an estimate of likely volume to be felled. FLS has estimated from the engagement that transportation quota would unlikely be exceeded unless unforeseen circumstances (ie SPHN affecting various estates). FLS will continue to liaise with TTF over the course of the plan to gauge whether Balquhiddie TTMP would be impacted.
Loch Lomond National Park (Trees and Woodland Advisers) Onsite visit followed by email feedbacks	6/02/25	20/03/25	Onsite visit – followed by further email feedbacks LLNP adviser understood constraints in felling Kirkton face and its impact on the landscape and was on board with the proposed felling sequence. Regarding the restocking however, adviser encouraged the inclusion of broadleaves along the southern edge to buffer Balquhiddie village. Adviser referred to the NP's Special Landscape Qualities in the plan to inform restocking design. Further consultations with local communities regarding the large scale felling at Kirkton was recommended.	It has been agreed with SF that restocking will be a "like -for like" from the original plans to give FLS more time to design appropriate restocking plans. FLS acknowledge that the restocking proposal is outdated and does not reflect UKWAS and wider LLNP objectives. The restocking will be reviewed at Land Management Plan (LMP) stage that should be submitted in the next few years. Little restocking is likely to take place beforehand.



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				Further engagement with local communities was organised in March to discuss the plan.
Private Supply Landowners/ Letter drop in	Between December 24 to February 25		Letter dropping to inform of plan and query whether properties have a PWS- No specific issues raised.	
Nature Scots	6/03/25	7/03/25	Plan successfully acknowledge designated sites. Measures should be taken to secure that no significant run-off/siltation can enter the catchment as a result of these works and that any run-off /siltation which could reach a watercourse as a result of these works. In order to do this NS strongly recommend the creation of a comprehensive pollution control plan and/or water quality management plan.	None Refer to C.1.12 of the plan
Loch Lomond National Park Access Team	10/03/25	27/03/25	The overall impact for recreational users of FLS land in the Strathgryre/ Balquhiddie area for the next five years will be one of regular path closures/ diversions and loss of amenity because of vehicle movements and potential damage to routes associated with felling and harvesting. Clear and advance communication with a range of stakeholders and local communities is going to be key to manage public access during this period. We note the development of Public Access Management Plans (PAMP) to manage and mitigate restrictions to public access as part of	FLS will liaise with LLNP and relevant stakeholders before closure/ diversion of core path, right of ways and official trail as part of the PAMP prior to any felling operations to ensure that all parties are satisfied with the PAMP. Path conditions will be restored after operations.



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			<p>detailed work planning processes and we welcome further consultation on these at the appropriate time.</p> <p>Closure of core paths, right of ways and other trails should be considered by liaising with relevant stakeholders and offer suitable diversions where possible. Closures of these paths should be last resort.</p> <p>All paths conditions to be recorded prior to operation and restored if applicable after operation.</p>	Regarding un-official trails FLS will liaise with relevant groups prior to felling operations to ensure that users follow H&S signages, however FLS cannot accept any liability for keeping these trails post operations.
Scottish Water	24/03/25	25/03/25	FLS to engage with Scottish Water on a coupe by coupe basis before commencing harvesting activities to allow SW to inform of any constraints concerning source water quality or related assets and infrastructure.	<p>None</p> <p>Refer to Section C.1.6 of the plan</p>
Public Engagement Balquhiddy village hall	29/03/25		<p>No issues regarding scale of felling and landscaping impact.</p> <p>Issues raised concerned:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- risk of flooding due to felling 2- Issues with fencing repairs around forest block and livestock entering the forest block as a consequence. 	<p>FLS responses regarding issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Model analysis do not show an increase in risk of flooding due to felling , however FLS acknowledge that local risk of flooding due to drainage issues may occur and encourage residents to report any issues in future.



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				2- FLS acknowledge that fences were not maintain when crops established and that there is no plan at present to maintain the existing fence, however plan will be reviewed at LMP stage and further engagement regarding the issue will be offered.
Scottish Raptor	05/04/25	07/04/25	<p>The Central Scotland Raptor Study Group is very concerned about these proposals, especially if as elsewhere in Queen Elizabeth Forest Park, they also involve felling substantial other areas of mature long tern conifer retentions. Concerns whether areas of Continuous Cover Forestry (CCF) being retained to ensure that important raptor sites in this area are protected.</p> <p>Concerns with restocking proposal</p>	<p>Where appropriate FLS will retain area of Long Term Retention and CCF. However some areas (above Balquhiddy in particular) have not been thinned for a long time and trees are becoming instable. These areas are not suitable for further thinning of the larch without risking large amount of windblow. FLS has designed areas of clear fell, taking into consideration landscaping impact, risk of windblow and future restocking objectives.</p>



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				As per LLNP reply to restocking comments, the restocking proposal will be reviewed at LMP renewal due in a couple of years' time