

ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT

Forestry and Land Scotland – Community Asset Transfer Scheme

DECISION NOTICE – AGREED

To: DEESIDE BIKE COLLECTIVE

44 Cairds Wynd

Banchory

Aberdeenshire

AB31 5XU

Our ref: 19-20-02COMM

Forestry and Land Scotland

Estates Development

Bothwell House

Caird Park

Hamilton ML3 0QA

Leona Wilkie Head of Acquisitions & Disposals

2 March 2020

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by Deeside Bike Collective on 3 September 2019 in relation to 12.7 ha of land at Queen's Lodge, Corsee Wood, Banchory shown on the plan annexed, "the disposal area".

Forestry and Land Scotland has decided to agree to the request.

The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- the proposals set out in the request will make good use of this area of the woodland to meet strong local demand for increased recreation facilities, particularly for young people, identified as a key theme in the Banchory Community Action Plan.
- the purpose built trails will provide a safe environment for the local community and visitors to use for mountain biking, and help to reduce unauthorised trail building in the surrounding woodlands.

The attached document specifies the terms and conditions subject to which we would be prepared to transfer ownership of the land to you. If you wish to proceed, you must submit an offer to us at the address above by 2 September 2020. The offer must reflect the terms and conditions attached, and may include such other reasonable terms and conditions as are necessary or expedient to secure the transfer within a reasonable time.

Right to appeal

If you consider that the terms and conditions attached differ to a significant extent from those specified in your request, you may appeal to the Scottish Ministers.

Any appeal must be made in writing by 27 March 2020, which is 20 working days starting with the date of this notice, to:

Community Land Team

D Spur

Saughton House

Broomhouse Drive

Edinburgh

EH11 3XD

Email: CRTB@gov.scot

Guidance on making an appeal is available at www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/asset-transfer/.

