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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a local resident I welcome this as a positive step, both for the current community and to help create a new 'woodland community' amongst those who live in or enjoy this area.

Growing up on the Mollands this woodland was my playground as a youth, many enjoyable hours were spent in it and I welcome any opportunity to encourage others to do the same. That said we all engage with nature in different ways and need to recognise this by widening the appeal and engaging young and old alike, even those that don't have a dog to walk or want to watch birds!!

This wood is ideally situated close to the school, youth project and the town and could provide a fantastic multi use zone. With the right vision and enough enthusiasm plus a little bit of funding there is so much scope! This includes possibilities for forest classrooms, orienteering courses, woodland activities, sustainable firewood harvesting or coppicing like that found in the Leny Woods centuries ago, scope for mountain biking trails, all abilities trails, public art spaces, a frisbee golf course and endless scope to make this area more of a haven for wildlife.

Yes this needs vision, enthusiasm, effort and funding but examples such as Culags woods at Lochinvar and Abriachan at Loch Ness show what a fantastic social asset this could be for the community.

Yours Sincerely

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