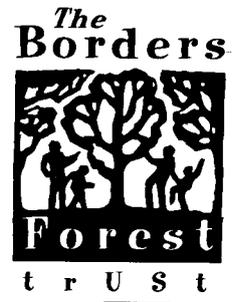


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Dear Madam/Sir

It is with pleasure that I recommend the Eshiels Woodland Group's application to the Community Asset Transfer Scheme. The area that they hope to purchase and care for is a small but special area of ground that can only benefit from increased community interest and ecologically sympathetic management.

The site's proximity to Peebles, and position on the Tweed Valley Railway path and banks of the River Tweed, means it is already much visited by local people, walkers and cyclists. This welcome public use will not be lessened by the plans of the Eshiels group. In fact, their plans to introduce coppicing there and the overall aim to make it a more productive and more biologically diverse woodland should increase visitor interest as well as benefitting biodiversity.

The success of this application would increase genuine local interest in, and input to, the management of the site. Additionally, the group making this bid is made up of highly skilled individuals with a depth and variety of experience in ecology, community engagement and management that makes them extremely well-placed to succeed in this work.

I strongly recommend this application.

Yours Sincerely,

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