

ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT

COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER SCHEME FOR THE NATIONAL FOREST ESTATE

DECISION NOTICE - AGREED

To: Peebles Community Trust

The Old Manse
Innerleithen Road
Peebles
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Forest Enterprise Scotland

Silvan House
231 Corstorphine Road
Edinburgh EH12 5EH

Trefor Owen
Chief Executive

Our ref: CATS17-18-06 Eshiels

4 June 2018

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by Peebles Community Trust on 23 March 2018 in relation to in relation to 6.9 ha of land at Eshiels Wood, Peebles.

Forest Enterprise Scotland has decided to **agree to** the request.

The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- Forest Enterprise Scotland notified the community of the intention to sell Eshiels Wood and Peebles Community Trust identified a strong local preference for the wood to be in local ownership;
- The CATS Evaluation Panel welcomed Peebles Community Trust's intention for sustainable productive management of the woodland, as a resource for woodfuel and income generation for community benefit, as well as a range activities focussed on education, training, learning and potential outdoor activities;
- The Trust intend to manage the woodland to protect and enhance the habitat for the habitat for the currant shoot borer moth (*Lampronia capitella*) identified on the site, including protection from herbivore impacts and from invasive non-native plant species;

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 **4 December 2018**. 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 **2 July 2018**, which is 20 working days from 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/Topics/People/engage/AssetTransfer.