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## **Dear Communities**

This is a really important restoration project. Its position on Leadburn moor at one of the watersheds for the Tweed, with its views to the Pentland Hills, gives it a high profile in landscape value. The specific area of land proposed for CATS harbours within it an important wetland habitat that is being encroached upon elsewhere on Leadburn moor. This area contains the Large Heath butterfly which is a Priority Species in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan and is on the Scottish Biodiversity List. The land needs sympathetic management and the Large Heath requires safeguarding and encouragement. In my view this is best achieved, and possibly only achieved, by community ownership as described in the proposal and I strongly support this application to CATS.

Yours sincerely,