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## **Stakeholder Engagement Request – Auchenhay and Glaisters Long-Term Forest Plan and UKWAS Certification**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are working on behalf of the landowner to prepare a Forest Plan for Auchenhay and Glaisters Forest in Dumfries and Galloway. This Forest Plan will set out the objectives of the forest and operations planned over the next 20 years.

The forest will be managed in line with UKFS (United Kingdom Forestry Standard) and UKWAS (United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard) to produce FSC and/or PEFC certified timber. Alongside the new Forest Plan, the certification status of the Forest will be updated.

We have provided background information and included known constraints within the forest area and surrounding landscape. We would please ask you to review the attached information and raise any other relevant interests and/or comments that may be useful in the preparation of this plan. If you are able to comment, or have any other information that may assist us, please write, or email us by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**. If this date is not suitable, please advise in advance or we will assume you are happy with the proposals and have no comment to make.

Feedback received during this stakeholder engagement process will assist with preparation of the plan and will be included within the final documentation that will be submitted to Scottish Forestry for approval.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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## Forest Summary

Auchenhay and Glaisters are two forests located in Dumfries and Galloway. Auchenhay Forest lies approximately 3.2 km north-east of Corsock, while Glaisters Forest is located around 4 km north-east of Corsock. Both forests fall within the 'Foothills with Forest' Landscape Character Area of Dumfries and are surrounded by a mosaic of commercial forestry plantations, open grassland, agricultural holdings, and scattered residential properties.

The majority of both Auchenhay and Glaisters Forests comprise commercial conifer species, interspersed with areas of more diverse conifer planting and native broadleaves. Sitka spruce is the dominant commercial species across both forests, with other conifers including Norway spruce, Scots pine, and hybrid larch. Pockets of mixed woodland and native broadleaf species are present throughout the forests and particularly along forest edges.

Auchenhay Forest was originally established by the Economic Forestry Group between 1970 and 1974, while Glaisters Forest was initially planted between 1970 and 1978. Since their establishment, both forests have undergone several phases of harvesting and restructuring, most recently between 2002 and 2026.

Further detail on the current species composition can be found in the Auchenhay and Glaisters – Current Species Map.

The forests have previously been managed under approved Forest Plans. The preparation of this new Forest Plan will enable the continued active management of the woodland. The plan provides an opportunity to further restructure the forests to create more sympathetic and resilient forest shapes, establish appropriate tree species for future rotations, and set out an outline of forestry operations over the plan period. These proposals will support the delivery of the forest owner's management objectives (see table at the bottom of the page).

There are two known historic features located within the Glaisters Forest boundary, as shown on the Auchenhay and Glaisters – Concept Map. Additional information regarding the initial proposals for the Forest Plan is also annotated on this map.

## Forest Management Objectives

|   | Objectives   | Indicator of objective being met  |
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| 1 | Production of Sustainable, High-Quality Timber to Meet Market Demand                                 | Actual harvested volumes and breakout relate reasonably to production forecast. |
| 2 | Achievement of Satisfactory Restocking   | Species and stocking densities at 5 years as per Forest Plan                    |
| 3 | Control Deer to Allow Satisfactory Restocking  | Less than 10% leader loss at year 5   |
| 4 | Restructure Woodlands to Diversify Woodland Composition and Structure and increase Forest Resilience | Species by P-Year distribution changes as per Forest Plan                       |