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Dear Consultee

Crookham Woodland Creation

Ford & Etal Estates are looking at how the Estate can play a role in the widely supported national goal of significantly expanding the area of woodland in the UK. Scottish Woodlands Ltd are working on behalf of the Estate to take forward a woodland creation site near Crookham village (GRN: NT917 376, W3W: parsnips.reported.copy).

Climate change and the acknowledged role woodland can play in carbon capture are the current focus of attention, but multipurpose woodlands have traditionally delivered a range of other benefits including clean rivers, flood reduction, recreation, timber production and biodiversity.

Modern forest design is required to meet the UK Forestry Standard (UKFS), and the Forestry Commission will only approve a project which meets these requirements. The UKFS ensures productive woodlands deliver multiple objectives by specifying proportions of open ground, native woodland, diverse conifers as well as Sitka spruce. In addition, buffer zones are specified to protect archaeology and high value habitats.

An essential part of the design process is to seek specialist advice and local knowledge to guide the design to best deliver a multi-purpose forest that meets local as well as national aspirations.

We would therefore welcome your feedback on the principle of creating a new woodland at this location. Your feedback will then be used to inform an initial design which will be submitted to the Forestry Commission.



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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Radcliffe".

Sarah Radcliffe
Forest Manager

