



STIDRIGGS - CONSULTATION

WOODLAND CREATION AND FOREST ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL

Annandale and Lochwood Estate, assisted by Scottish Woodlands Ltd, are developing woodland creation proposals, with related forest road construction, for part of Stidriggs Fam, near Beattock, in Dumfries and Galloway.

The primary objective behind the woodland planting is timber production, in tandem with secondary objectives such as carbon capture, habitat restoration, and native woodland creation. The forest road is intended to serve the proposed woodland by providing a direct connection to the Annandale Timber Transport Link.

Following on from site survey and assessment works, and initial consultations, detailed draft proposals have now been produced, and we are undertaking a further consultation exercise to obtain feedback on the detailed design.

Details of the proposals, including a range of maps, specifications, assessments, visualisations, and specialist reports are available below. A list of the documents available is set out at the foot of this letter.

We would welcome any comments and observations you may have on the proposals. Please send you comments to Charlotte.Cavey-Wilcox@scottishwoodlands.co.uk.

Please submit all comments by the 22nd of May.

As part of the consultation process, we will be hosting a public consultation event on the **6th May, between 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm in Beattock Village Hall**, and you are welcome to attend. Scottish Woodlands Ltd staff and others will be on hand to provide information and to answer questions. Note that should you be unable to attend that a copy of the display material to be used at the event is available below.

The proposals will be developed through Scottish Forestry's Forestry Grant Scheme. Following an assessment of the feedback received from this consultation event, and the completion of any resulting amendments, we will submit Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Opinion Requests to Scottish Forestry. Two separate requests will be submitted, one covering the woodland creation proposal and the other covering the forest road construction proposal.

If they decide that an EIA's are not required, we will then submit a Forestry Grant Scheme application to Scottish Forestry. They will undertake formal consultation and when they are content with the proposals, they will be placed on their 'Public Register'- <https://casebook.forestry.scot/w/webpage/prhome>.

Yours faithfully,

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Woodland Creation Proposals

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- Woodland Creation Operations Plan
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- Soils Report
- Ecology Report
- Archaeology Report
- Visualisations

Forest Road Construction Proposals

- Roads EIA SOR

Event Display