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12th June 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Local Stakeholder Consultation
Woodland Creation Proposal – Hamilton Hill / Upper Kidston**

Please find attached woodland creation proposals relating to Hamilton Hill previously a part of Upper Kidston Farm. In brief the proposals will entail the creation of predominantly coniferous woodland over a gross area of 110.36ha / 272.58 acres. The woodlands will mainly comprise of a mixture of productive coniferous species with native broadleaves and designed open ground, however the woodland design is not yet set. We attach a map showing the location and key features of the site.

Open ground will be retained in areas of existing biodiversity interest and to safeguard archaeological and ecological features. The woodlands will be re-fenced in places.

The objectives behind the woodland planting include timber and fuel-wood production, as well as addressing climate change issues. Any future harvesting would be undertaken on a sustainable basis, to meet UK Forestry Standard (UKFS) and management to access will be via new access construction onto the public roads, as permitted by Scottish Borders Council through planning permission and prior notification. Public access will be permitted in line with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, no path construction (other than the access road) or car parking facilities are proposed.

Scottish Forestry have been informed of this woodland creation proposal. It is hoped to undertake the works in 2024 and 2025. If you have any comments on this proposal then please provide these via post or e-mail, to this office.

It would be appreciated if you could provide any response by Friday 12th July 2024. In the mean time we would be happy to provide clarification on any aspect of the proposals.

Additionally, an **onsite consultation event is planned for Wednesday 26th June 2024 at 10am**, whereby staff members will be available for discussion on the project whilst we take a short walk over the site. The meeting point is at the top of **Standalane, Peebles**, as seen on the enclosed map and at What3words: ***///articulated.cent rally.iteration***



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All comments received will be made available to Scottish Forestry.

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Yours sincerely

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- Location Map
- Site map.