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Dear Jacqueline

WOODLAND CREATION PROPOSALS KNOCKEEN - BLACKBERRY KNOWE

As agents working on behalf of Scottish Woodlands Ltd. we have drawn up woodland creation proposals for a site on Knockeen Farm, roughly 3km to the east of Barr.

In brief the proposals will entail the creation of 40 hectares of new woodland and associated open ground. The woodland will comprise of coniferous species in the main, with native broadleaves being focused on the lower margins and around small watercourses. I have attached a couple of maps showing the location and type of woodland planned.

The objectives behind the woodland planting are primarily related to agricultural diversification and timber production in the long term, while the planting should also soften the existing forest margin on the top of Knockeen Hill

Public access will be permitted throughout the woodland, in line with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. There are no path construction works proposed. The works are relatively small-scale and no significant increase in road traffic will result from the initial establishment works. In the long term, timber may be taken eastwards on the U66 or southwards through Galloway Forest Park, and there will be no lorry movements through Barr village itself.

The woodland creation proposal has been submitted to the Forestry Commission Scotland* for their approval. If approved, it is likely that the works would be undertaken early next year.

If you have any comments on the proposals, please send them to me by post or by e-mail. It would be appreciated if you could provide any response by the 11th of July, but if this date is not practical then please let me know. In the meantime I would be happy to provide clarification on any aspect of the proposals.

All comments received will be made available to the Forestry Commission Scotland,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Hamilton

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