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Dear Sir/Madam,

Donavoured Felling Permission Application

I am writing to you with regards to a proposed new woodland creation at Donavoured, Pitlochry. As the local community council, we would like to share our plans and obtain your input before an application is submitted to Scottish Forestry.

The attached proposal map illustrates our initial concept design and the opportunities and constraints the site offers. The ~19-hectare project looks to provide a productive woodland that increases diversity in the area with a mix of commercial and native species. The main planting species will be Norway spruce (~40%), alongside Douglas fir, Pacific fir, and European silver fir: with the aim of producing a quality future timber product. A productive oak element also features in the design, along with Scots pine and native broadleaves as part of the application. Areas of native broadleaf planting is proposed adjacent to existing birchwood to create linked and larger areas of broadleaves.

It is proposed that the site is deer fenced to protect young trees during establishment. Ground preparation is proposed as continuous mounding for the commercial species, and excavator mounding for the lower density native broadleaf planting. There is an existing track on site that will be able to service the woodland through establishment, maintenance, and any eventual felling. The proposal area meets with the *Juniper Wood SSSI* to the south. The project will also tie into Ballyoukan to the east, and existing conifer and broadleaf woodlands to the north and west, aiding local connectivity, diversity, and habitat value, while contributing to the mitigation of climate change.

If you have any comments or questions with regards to our application, I would be grateful if you could reply to me via the below contact information, by Friday 14th October 2022.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosures: *Donavoured NWC Opportunities & Constraints Map*



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