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RE: Broadford North Wood Asset Transfer

We refer to the representation email dated 6.9.25.

BSCC wishes to offer reassurance that community involvement is central to our plans for the woodland. If the purchase is successful, we will be engaging with local residents through consultation, volunteer activities/events and the opportunity to join a Community Advisory Group. These opportunities will be open to all.

In response to the conditions requested, these issues would be covered in the Woodland Management Plan to be drawn up following acquisition. The plan will be informed by an extensive feasibility study undertaken by a community woodland specialist on BSCC's behalf earlier this year. This includes a condition appraisal and analysis of the various harvesting and restocking options. We have also benefitted from additional input through the Community Woodlands Association, which will continue.

We trust this offers some reassurance and look forward to working with the local community to take this project forward.

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