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**Subject:** ACT - Native Woodland Planting at Caladh, Tighnabruaich

Hello Catriona and KCC representatives,

I am writing to you to give notification of some native woodland planting we intend to carry out at Caladh, Tighnabruaich. Aside from the NSA designation noted below, our walkover surveys and desktop exercise have not revealed any sensitivities at the locations. Our process has identified you as a stakeholder and we are contacting you for comment and written support of the project as part of Scottish Forestry's Environmental Impact Assessment screening process. We are hoping for the planting to be completed by the end of December 2025.

To briefly outline, the areas noted on the attached map are to be planted with a total of 15,000 native broadleaf trees. They will be planted with the aim of creating a natural woodland that enhances the landscape characteristics and that will increase the connectivity of West Cowal's rainforest habitat. Due to the NSA designation and existing deer fences in the immediate area, we are mitigating the risk of increased deer related road accidents and visual impact by using green mesh tree shelters to protect the trees. These will be closely monitored by ACT and neighbouring residents to ensure any maintenance or replacement requirements are addressed quickly. We will ensure good public access is maintained throughout the Caladh field system and we will be arranging a community volunteer planting day in December to carry out an amount of the planting. This project is funded to the point of establishment, so an annual program of weeding and replacement will take place until such time as the trees are above browsing height and the tree shelters can be removed.

You will see that I have attached a georeferenced overview map. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me either by email, or phone.

The centre grid ref for the Caladh field system is as follows: NR 98747 73917

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Best wishes

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