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RE: CB388414, Strathallan FLA

Dear

I have been out and had a look at the woodlands in this FLA and agree with your assessment of windblow and the need to fell to reasonably windfirm edges. I do have some concerns over the restocking of Crofthead through natural regeneration but as you have stated in the application, you are aware of the requirement to replant should the required stocking density not be achieved in 5 years. On matter of stocking density, while 2500 - 3000 birch stems/ha is better silviculturally and probably achievable, the required stocking for broadleaves is only 1100 stems/ha, I would expect 2500/ha conifers. I can amend the application to 1100 birch stems/ha if you want, an easier target to hit and you can still aim for the higher density. You will need to liaise with Perth and Kinross Council over the use of the short section of public road leading to the A823, the contact there is:

, Support Engineer (Timber Transport) email:

Can you copy me in to any correspondence you have with him.

With a submit date of 14/2/14 a start date of 16/3/14 is a bit ambitious, all felling applications need to be uploaded by admin, inspected, assessed, placed on the Public Register for 28 days then reviewed at the end of that period before issue. I hope to get this on to the public register today so you're looking at early April before receiving the licence.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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