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To: [Barbara Elborn](#)
Cc: [Chris Ryde](#); [Lenka Zaoralova](#)
Subject: Re: Liddel Water
Date: 18 November 2023 11:30:02
Attachments: [Liddle Water Indicative Species Plan VersionB 10.11.23.pdf](#)

Dear Barbara

I hope you're well and I'm sorry for the time it has taken to get back to you, but we have been working on amendments to the proposed design of the Liddell Water woodland creation scheme. I have attached a copy of the latest design which is a result, in part, of numerous site visits and meetings with neighbours. I will send copies of survey reports by separate email as they are quite large files.

In response to the points raised in your email of 15th September 2023, I would add the following

1. We await SEPA'S guidance on what planting (if any) they consider appropriate and beneficial in the areas of concern, but we have already removed some planting from the western boundary of the site. I will share SEPA's response with you when we receive it which will probably be when the application is in the public consultation phase.

Regarding flooding and neighbours' concerns we are looking into what mitigation we could install on the land and taking advice, this is something that is separate to the woodland creation application.

2. I will send you a copy of a landscape report we commissioned. The latest design map shows significant changes in the design of the proposed woodland.

4. The proposed scheme and application will conform to UKFS and relevant guideline. When a formal application is submitted we will send you all the documentation showing how we have addressed meeting strategic objectives.

5. We have met with two local residents on site to see how EJDF and Foresight can assist in local Red Squirrel management. EJDF have experience of working with neighbouring landowners and groups to provide management plans, grey squirrel control and monitoring. The ecology report identifies the positive impact woodland creation at Liddell Water will have on red squirrel. It is likely that red squirrel are present on the property as evidenced by the presence of stripped spruce cones.

6. Private water supplies on the property will not be affected by the proposals. The water pipes leading from a holding tank to neighbours properties are owned by the neighbours and the maintenance of the pipes is their responsibility. We have instructed contractors to identify the location of the pipes as the neighbours informed us they were unaware of the location of the pipes. The contractors are confident they know the location of the water pipes. The design has accounted for water supply infrastructure and allows for ongoing access to the pipes exactly as it is at present. All site work will be carried out by experienced, diligent contractors who will take all necessary precautions to prevent damage to private water supply infrastructure.

7. As stated above I will send you reports shortly.

8. I am unaware of any comments stating that planting would be completed in January, that isn't feasible and must be misunderstanding on someone's behalf.

I hope this is helpful, I will send further responses on these matters as we develop the plans. Please let me know if you have any further queries.

Regards

Ted

On 15 Sep 2023, at 08:32, Barbara Elborn
<barbara.elborn@newcastletoncommunitytrust.co.uk> wrote: