



## ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT

### Forestry and Land Scotland – Community Asset Transfer Scheme

#### DECISION NOTICE – AGREED

To: CALLANDER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST  
10b Leny Road,  
Callander  
FK17 8BA

**Forestry and Land Scotland**  
Estates Development  
Bothwell House  
Caird Park  
Hamilton ML3 0QA

Our ref: 19-20-03COMM

Leona Wilkie  
Head of Acquisitions & Disposals

21 April 2020

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by Callander Community Development Trust on 23 October 2019 in relation to 83 ha of land at Coilhallan Wood, Callander shown on the plan annexed, “the disposal area”.

Forestry and Land Scotland has decided to **agree** to the request.

The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- There are no significant negative impacts from the transfer that would give reasonable grounds for refusal. FLS recognises that CCDT has taken steps to improve the proposed forest management plan and increase the skills within its woodland sub-group, and to raise awareness in the community of its proposals.
- This decision takes into account points raised by the CATS Evaluation Panel, which are:
  - the benefits of the proposal could also be realised through continued public ownership and strengthening the relationship with FLS;

- reservations over the forest management plan, mitigated by the fact that Scottish Forestry would approve any future proposals;
- concerns over the level of community support: with only 5% responding from within CCDT area of operation (albeit with 84% of those in favour) and the unusually high level of local representations against CCDT's proposal.

The attached document specifies the terms and conditions subject to which we would be prepared to transfer ownership of the land to you. If you wish to proceed, you must submit an offer to us at the address above by 22 October 2020. The offer must reflect the terms and conditions attached, and may include such other reasonable terms and conditions as are necessary or expedient to secure the transfer within a reasonable time.

#### Right to appeal

If you consider that the terms and conditions attached differ to a significant extent from those specified in your request, you may appeal to the Scottish Ministers.

Any appeal must be made in writing by 18 May 2020, which is 20 working days starting with the date of this notice, to:

Community Land Team  
D Spur  
Saughton House  
Broomhouse Drive  
Edinburgh  
EH11 3XD

Email: [CRTB@gov.scot](mailto:CRTB@gov.scot)

Guidance on making an appeal is available at [www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/asset-transfer/](http://www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/asset-transfer/).