



ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT

Forestry and Land Scotland – Community Asset Transfer Scheme

DECISION NOTICE – AGREED

To: **Glengarry Community Woodlands**
The Old Forestry Depot
Invergarry
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Forestry and Land Scotland
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Our ref: 21-22-02COMM

Head of Acquisition & Disposals
Leona Wilkie

6 September 2021

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by Glengarry Community Woodlands on 5 May 2021 in relation to 45.78 hectares of land known as Lower Ardochy 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:

- The CATS Evaluation Panel advised that Glengarry Community Woodlands has presented a compelling vision of woodland crofts and that this is an innovative proposal which will allow the demonstration of wider benefits to other communities;
- The proposals will explore whether this a financially viable model for expansion of woodland crofts, supporting Scottish Government objectives set out in the [Crofting: national development plan - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-development-plan-2021/pages/120-121.aspx) and [A Scotland for the future: opportunities and challenges of Scotland's changing population - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/publications/a-scotland-for-the-future/pages/120-121.aspx)

www.gov.scot), and Policy 48 New/Extended Crofting Townships in Highland Council's [Highland-wide Local Development Plan](#).

- The proposals provide an opportunity for Forestry and Land Scotland and the project partners, Glengarry Community Woodlands, the Woodland Croft Partnership and the Communities Housing Trust to share experience and learning that will be of benefit to future projects.

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 7 March 2022**. 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 1 October 2021, which is 20 working days from the date of this notice, to:

Community Land Team
D Spur
Saughton House
Broomhouse Drive
Edinburgh
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Email: CRTB@gov.scot

Guidance on making an appeal is available at www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/asset-transfer/.