



ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT

Forestry and Land Scotland – Community Asset Transfer Scheme

DECISION NOTICE – AGREED

To: North Sutherland Community Forestry Trust
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Our ref: 22-23-01NWIP

Interim Head of Acquisition & Disposals
Robin Waddell

16th January 2023

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by North Sutherland Community Forestry Trust on the 8th August 2022 in relation to 40 hectares of land at Rosal Forest 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 creation of a community development post will ensure a new programme of volunteer activity is open to an audience of all abilities to help maintain and promote the Rosal Clearance Village site.
- Complementing this will be a new programme of events and educational activities creating new partnership links, in particular with the newly redeveloped Strathnaver

Museum, which will ensure a sustainable approach to promoting local heritage with an emphasis on people and their use of the land.

- The measured upgrade to the recreational facilities will bring a modest increase in visitors commensurate with the need to promote the site sensitively.
- The North Sutherland Community Forestry Trust have a good track record of delivery with an existing range of forest and education based projects, and good links into the wider community with a strong membership base.

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 the 18th July 2023. 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 the 10th of February 2023, which is 20 working days from the date of this notice, to:

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

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