



## ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT

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

#### DECISION NOTICE – AGREED

To: Sunart Community Company  
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Our ref: 22-23-05NWIP

Interim Head of Acquisition & Disposals  
Robin Waddell

3 May 2023

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by Sunart Community Company on 9 January 2023 in relation to Longrigg Woodland shown on the indicative plan annexed, “the disposal area”.

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

The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- Forestry and Land Scotland has notified its intention to dispose of the Longrigg Wood.
- The asset transfer request sets out a strong vision and makes a clear case for benefits, based on the classification of the area as ‘fragile’, with low incomes and high cost of living.
- Sunart Community Company has a strong track record on asset acquisition and management and the SCC Longrigg Committee leading on the Longrigg Woodland project has significant relevant experience.

- The partnership between Sunart Community Company and Ardnamurchan High School will create a resource base at Longrigg Wood to strengthen access of students in school and further education to field experience of biology and forestry. Partnerships with other stakeholders including mental health and older people's charities and Lochaber Countryside Rangers will maximise the potential for improvements in health and wellbeing outcomes.
- Sunart Community Company plans to replace the current commercial plantation with a more biodiverse and accessible, will make the woodland much more resilient to deal with the climate changes and aligns with Forestry and Land Scotland's proposed land management plan for Drimnatorran Forest, including Longrigg Woodland.

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 **6 November 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 **30 May 2023**, 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](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/).