

ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT

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DECISION NOTICE – AGREED

To: Friends of Leadburn Community Woodland

Nether Linnfall
Peebles
Scottish Borders
EH45 8QX

Forest Enterprise Scotland

Silvan House
231 Corstorphine Road
Edinburgh EH12 5EH

Trefor Owen
Chief Executive

Our ref: CATS17-18-04 Leadburn

4 June 2018

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by Friends of Leadburn Community Woodland on 26 February 2018 in relation to 9.4 ha of land at Leadburn Wood, Penicuik.

Forest Enterprise Scotland has decided to **agree to** the request.

The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- Forest Enterprise Scotland notified the community of the intention to sell Leadburn Wood, which is adjacent to the existing 44 ha Leadburn Community Woodland;
- Friends of Leadburn Community Woodland's proposals and business case demonstrate a sensible and realistic vision for the future use of the additional 9.4 ha of woodland and demonstrate how the additional area will be well integrated with and enhance the benefits of the existing community woodland;
- Friends of Leadburn Community Woodland can demonstrate 11 year track record of delivery on adjoining ground with similar management objectives and site conditions, supported by significant volunteer input, a Board of Directors with a range of skills and resilience shown by the recruitment of new Directors as required.

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 **4 December 2018**. 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 **2 July 2018**, which is 20 working days from the date of this notice, to:

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

Email: CRTB@gov.scot

Guidance on making an appeal is available at
www.gov.scot/Topics/People/engage/AssetTransfer.