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To Whom it may concern,

Re: Craigiels Wood - Proposal to adopt as a Community Woodland

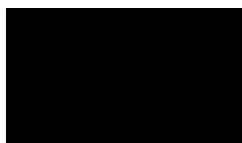
I hereby write in support of the adoption of Craigiels wood by the residents of Beattock as a community woodland.

This presents a great opportunity to become a great educational resource for students and staff at SRUC to participate in an exciting project that will be a living example of the best that sustainable forest management can be.

As SRUC is a tertiary education institution, we have students learning at all levels who would have the potential to benefit from this project. Our further education students would be able to gain practical experiences through the range of tasks possible on the site. The truly sustainable nature of the vision for the woodland means that our higher education would have access to a truly sustainable example of small woodland management. This would present opportunities for case studies and examples of the use of alternative tree species and silviculture as well as species conservation and community engagement.

. In summary, well managed community woods are crucial to help us restore the environment, for the health and wellbeing of the people who live among them and for posterity. I am in full support of this.

Yours Sincerely,



Dr. Hugh Morris
Programme Leader of Forestry

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