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Coilhallan Wood C.A.T.

Dear Sir,

We should like to register our objection to the proposed purchase of Coilhallan Wood by CCDT. As residents of some twenty-one years right next to the woods in question we see no advantage to our community in this action.

CCDT claim in their application that the woods have been deteriorating over the years. We would refute this. Apart from some maintenance needed here and there the general state of the woods is quite good.

During our occupancy of this house our dealings with what was the Forestry Commission have been very good. On two occasions an oak tree deposited branches onto our land and this was promptly cleared up by them. On the third occasion five years ago the same tree came down during hurricane force winds onto the house, part of it joining us in the bedroom. Once again the F.C. "mucked-in" and all the debris was cleared by them within a week. The fact that we were out of our house for nigh on six months was due to, as far as we can see, incompetence in our insurers to get repair quotations and appoint a builder to do the work. This proposed purchase is now causing us some concern as to what might happen should a similar "event" come along.

Consultation with our community in Callander has in our view been lacking and a proper public meeting should perhaps be mooted.

No business plan has been forthcoming and what would happen should the financial situation go "belly-up" some time in the future. Would FLS be expected to buy back the woods or what?

We truly think that FLS should retain the woods and somehow work in partnership with the local community.

Yours Faithfully

