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I am writing to you to request an amendment to the Sandbank LTFFP 2016 fell phases.

There are 3 areas as part of the request with different causes behind the required amendments, although all would be requiring moving to phase 2 for felling to take place. The compartments that require changes are AR15, AR23, AR25 and GO26.

The installation of the new powerlines for Dunoon (LT193) has finalised the line that is to be taken through the forest, although the work to complete this is subject to separate application for the removal of the trees they have identified requiring removal, we have identified some small areas of Sitka Spruce which will be made inaccessible and isolated by the installation of the newlines, also causing them to be liable to windblow. We would like to move the areas, totalling 0.78 Hectares in AR15 & AR23 forwarded to Phase 2 so they can be removed prior to the installation of the line and as part of the felling for the new line installation. The area would then be left to Natural regeneration with Mixed Broadleaves, of which there is an adjacent seed source, monitoring of this would be carried to reach a stocking density of 1600 stems per Hectare.

The area in Compartment AR25 has taken some heavy windblow in the past year, the area was planted 1992 with Norway Spruce and Lodgepole Pine (2.89 Ha) and is there for part of the post plan section of the LTFFP. Due to the extent of the windblow, over 50% of the crop, it has been deemed the best cause of action is to remove and restock. To carry this out we would like to move this into phase 2. Restocking would be carried out in this area and would be restocked with Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) as a Productive crop, planted at 2500 stems per hectare.

The small coupe at the entrance to Glen kin compartment GO26 (0.75 Ha) has been missed as part of phase 1 felling it requires moving into phase 2 so it can be felled and restocked as per the forest plan. This would catch up the felling to realign with the forest plan.

I am therefore seeking approval for the changes listed above and, in the maps, attached to this submission.

Best Regards

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