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Project: High Constellation Windfarm
Subject: ABC Reference 19/01182/S36 and ECU00001857

Planning Condition 31 – Forestry Planting

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am getting in touch with you on behalf of High Constellation Windfarm Limited (HCWFL) and hereby submit information to discharge Condition 31 attached to the consent, which states:

“Forestry – Compensatory Planting

- (1) No development shall commence until a Woodland Replanting Scheme has been submitted to, and approved by the Planning Authority in consultation with Scottish Ministers.
- (2) The Woodland Planting Scheme shall provide for the replanting of 31.73 hectares of woodland, or such other amount as may be agreed with the Planning Authority in consultation with Scottish Ministers.
- (3) The approved Woodland Planting Scheme shall thereafter be implemented in full.

Reason: *To secure compensatory planting for the loss of woodland arising from the Development.*“

Our proposed Woodland Replanting Scheme is being carried out by RTS at Blackford Farm in Perthshire and the details are appended to this letter. I would be grateful if you could confirm this information is sufficient to allow you to discharge the condition.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Lead Renewables Developer
For and behalf of High Constellation Windfarm

BayWa r.e. High Constellation Wind Farm-

Compensatory planting forest planting plan

Location:

The BayWa r.e. High constellation Windfarm compensatory planting will be undertaken within the area owned and managed by Blackford Farms in Perthshire.

Blackford Farms is centred around the village of Blackford in Highland Perthshire, approximately 16 miles south-west of Perth and 11 miles north-east of Dunblane. The estate covers a total area of 7,000 Ha.

The compensatory planting area is located approximately 1.2 km south of Blackford, on the lower slopes of the Ochil Hills, rising gently from 245 m to 270 m above sea level (ASL). This new planting is part of a larger woodland creation scheme, which it forms the upper section of. The woodland creation is positioned between two mature conifer woodlands and will see these blocks connected. The central grid reference for the proposed area is NN897071.

Woodland Design:

The proposed planting area is on rough grazing land. Preliminary environmental assessments have been carried out. These surveys include extended Phase 1 Habitat, NVC, breeding birds, protected species, archaeology, soil and desk surveys to identify any other sites in the vicinity that may be affected by the proposal.

We have consulted with Scottish Forestry during the initial stages of planning. As this planting area is part of a larger woodland creation scheme, landscape, cumulative impact, and environmental impact assessments are currently underway. This comprehensive process will allow the development of a detailed design, incorporating appropriate mitigation measures to minimize any potential negative effects.

As part of the larger woodland creation scheme, we are looking to establish a diverse conifer woodland integrated with native broadleaves. The new woodland creation allocated to the BayWa r.e. High Constellation Windfarm (HCN) project will be a minimum of the 31.73 as required within Condition 31 (Forestry) and detailed within the Section 36 consent letter issued by The Scottish Government on 26/6/2020. This compensatory planting will focus on planting commercial conifers for timber production, alongside native broadleaves along watercourses to create riparian corridors for long-term retention. This follows Blackford Farm's objectives to increase the production of high-quality timber while improving biodiversity and creating valuable wildlife habitats through the planting of native broadleaves. The planting scheme will adhere to the Scottish Government's Policy on the Control of Woodland Removal and the UK Forestry Standard (UKFS), with all operations carried out in accordance with best industry practices.

Native broadleaves will be planted at an average stocking density of 1,600 trees per hectare with a mixture of species including birch, rowan, cherry, alder and willow with shrub species accounting for around 15% of the mixture. Conifers will be planted at an average stocking density of 2,500 trees per

hectare. Areas of historic environment are present throughout the site and will be protected by appropriate planting buffers. Designed open ground will be incorporated around key ecological features such as watercourses and along the top fence line to soften hard edges on the landscape. Tree provenance will be from zone 202/203 seed and trees will be bare root. Each tree will have 10g of slow-release fertiliser applied to the roots at the time of planting. Vole guards and canes will be fitted to each broadleaf and Scots pine at the time of planting to protect the trees from vole damage until they have established. The site will be deer fenced with access gates provided for ongoing management. Ground preparation will consist of hinge mounding and continuous hinge mounding for a raised planting position which provides an extended growing season, reduces competing vegetation and improves drainage.

Timescale for delivery:

Fencing will be completed prior to planting to remove the risk of browsing. Ground preparation will be carried out around the same time with planting to follow. It is proposed that works would be carried out in Autumn/Winter 2025 – Spring 2026 and should take around 24 weeks to complete the initial establishment works. There will then follow a period of 4-5 years during which the woodland will have normal maintenance works required to establish it to the point where minimal further works are required and the forest is deemed to be established.

Maintenance Works.

Regular management surveys will be carried out in the spring and summer months to ascertain stocking levels, with a replacement program in place ensure establish the required densities; conifer at 2,500 stems per ha and native broadleaves at 1,600 stems per ha. Weeding assessments will be carried out at the same time, with either a spring treatment with Glyphosate or winter treatment of Propyzamide to keep weed levels down so they do not out compete the establishing trees.

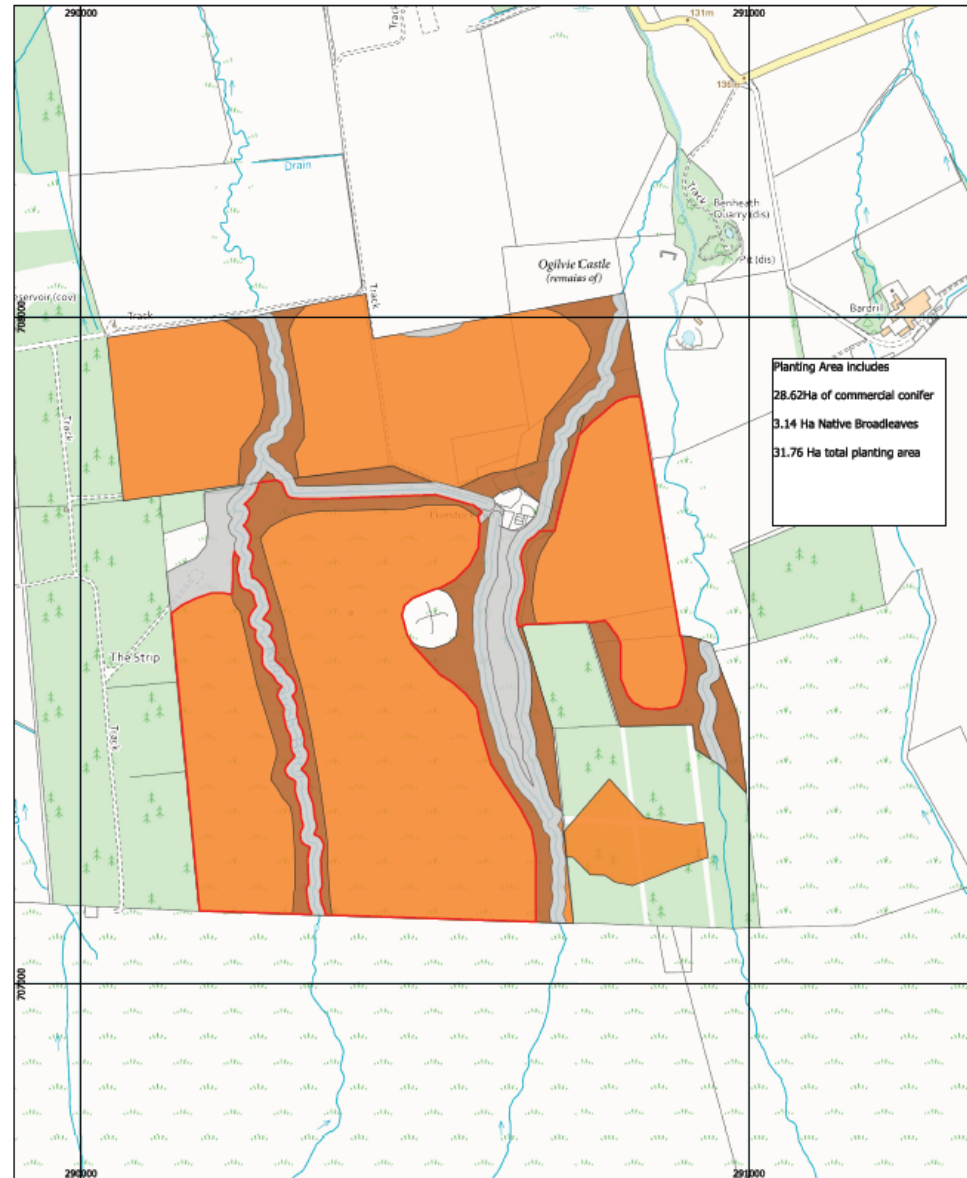
Established woodland.

The final average stocking density of the site will be 1,600 stems per ha within native broadleaves 2,500 stems per ha within conifer. Forest Research definition of woodland in the UK is “land under stands of trees with canopy cover of at least 20% or having potential to achieve this. There is no minimum height for trees to form a woodland at maturity”.

It is anticipated that by year 10 the woodland will be established, with the trees beyond browsing pressure and weed competition.

Map of planting

The net planting area required to satisfy the compensatory planting condition on HCN windfarm is 31.76 Ha. An indicative planting design is shown on the map below. Once the consultation process is complete a detailed planting map with confirmed areas will be produced.



Blackford Farms Ochils Planting Scheme Banheath HCN compensatory planting	Legend <table border="0"> <tr> <td> Allocated Compensatory planting</td> <td> Native Broadleaves</td> </tr> <tr> <td> Commercial Conifer</td> <td> Open Ground</td> </tr> </table>	 Allocated Compensatory planting	 Native Broadleaves	 Commercial Conifer	 Open Ground	 RTS FORESTRY  1:5,000 @A3P Ref No: 24-06-2025 © Crown Copyright and Database Rights (2020) Ordnance Survey Licence no. AC000000122
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