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To Whom it may Concern,

**Woodland Creation - Crowdieknowe
Scoping Process**

On behalf of our client, we are in the process of preparing a Woodland Creation Proposal for Crowdieknowe, in Dumfries and Galloway. The objective is to create a well-balanced and productive diverse conifer and native broadleaf woodland, in line with UK Forestry Standards (UKFS) and the UK Woodland Assurance Standards (UKWAS).

Crowdieknowe- Summary

The proposed scheme is surrounded by a mixture of farmland and forestry. Winterhope Reservoir is located to the north of the site and the closest settlement is Waterbeck. The exact location of the scheme can be found at the following grid reference - NY 26200 81400. The scheme boundary incorporates approximately 60 ha.

The below surveys have been carried out, with the recommendations and observations used to inform the woodland creation draft design.

Site	Walkover Survey	Breeding Birds Survey	Habitats Survey	Archaeology Survey	Soils and Peat Survey
Crowdieknowe	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



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The long term vision and management objectives for the proposed woodland are to:

- Maximise sustainable timber production.
- Protect watercourses, utilities and archaeological features within recommended open ground buffers.
- Protect areas of habitat sensitivity – raised bogs.
- Manage the woodland in accordance with UKWAS and UKFS

The enclosed concept and constraints maps note a number of key features that will be taken into account in the woodland design, this includes:

- How the identified constraints have been taken into account in the draft design.
- How the proposed woodland design provides habitat opportunities for new wildlife, whilst also maintaining key habitats for established species.
- Protecting features within the woodland – such as archaeology, utilities and watercourses.

If you have any questions or comments on the proposals, please reply by email to louise.wildgoose@scottishwoodlands.co.uk by the 26th of September so that these can be included in the Scoping Report.

Yours faithfully,



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Enclosures: Concept Map
Constraints Map