



Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion Request Form

Please complete this form to find out if you need consent from Scottish Forestry, under the **Forestry (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017**, to carry out your proposed forestry project. Please refer to Schedule 2 Selection Criteria for Screening Forestry Projects under Applying for an opinion. If you are not sure about what information to include on this form please contact your local Conservancy office.

Proposed Work							
Please put a cross in the box to indicate the type of work you are proposing to carry out. Give the area in hectares and where appropriate the percentage of conifers and broadleaves							
Proposed Work	select	Area in hectares	% Conifer	% Broad-leaves	Proposed work	select	Area in hectares
Afforestation	<input type="checkbox"/>				Forest roads	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.045
Deforestation	<input type="checkbox"/>				Forest quarry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.1
Location of work		Land East of Ardchullarie Burn South East Strathyre					

Description of Forestry Project and Location
<p>Provide details of the forestry project (size, design, use of natural resources such as soil, and the cumulative effect if relevant). Please attach map(s) showing the boundary of the proposed work and other known details.</p> <p>The proposed site is located within Glenample Estate and to the east of Ardchullarie Burn (grid reference NN/58807/14341), The objective is to upgrade the estate track over 690m (A-B) and construct a temporary access track over 90m (B-C). The access track A-B is currently a designated core path that leads from Glenample to Ardchullarie.</p> <p>RDS Forestry along with harvesting contractors, timber purchasers, Glenample Estate and our neighbours at Ardchullarie, have assessed the potential extraction routes for the timber to the south of Glenample. Following this assessment, it was determined that the most sensible and safe route to extract the timber is as per the proposed plans. It is not the most economically viable route, but is with significantly reduced risk to operator safety and environmental / silt pollution.</p> <p>It is anticipated that there is circa 10,000 tonnes of timber to fell and extract from the coupe. This will be harvested, extracted by forwarder to location near B, and then secondarily handled onto either a forwarder (running on rubber tyres) or tractor and trailer unit, before hauling into Ardchullarie forest for uplift by timber lorries.</p> <p>The access track in specific locations is too narrow to facilitate this process, and the temporary road leading from B-C is deemed to mitigate against pollution / siltation risk in comparison to a standard forwarder extraction route.</p> <p>The attached documentation, along with maps further illustrates the design mitigation and methodology for the application.</p>



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Provide details on the existing land use and the environmental sensitivity of the area that is likely to be affected by the forestry project.

The current land use is open hill ground with a historical access track. The largest constraint on the plan relates to the fact the track is designated as a core path.

There are no significant environmental sensitivities in the watercourse however there is a commercial hydro-scheme downstream from our proposed crossing point.

Description of Likely Significant Effects

Provide details on any likely significant effects that the project will have on the environment (resulting from the project itself or the use of natural resources) and the extent of the information available to assist you with this assessment.

There are no perceived environmental impacts from the development if the methodology detailed in the supporting documentation is followed. The most significant risk relates to silt contamination of water courses, however the mitigation proposed will reduce the risk of this occurrence.

While it is not an environmental impact, and as detailed before, the track is designated as a core path and appropriate signage including risk assessments & information, along with localised diversions to the path, have been proposed.

Include details of any consultees or stakeholders that you have contacted in order to make this assessment. Please include any relevant correspondence you have received from them.

We have contacted the LLTNP and have the response as attached. Our neighbours at Ardchullarie Forest have been informed of the proposals and an access agreement over the land is being prepared.

Mitigation of Likely Significant Effects

If you believe there are likely significant effects that the project will have on the environment, provide information on the opportunities you have taken to mitigate these effects.

Appropriate silt management during construction and operational periods will be vital to avoid pollution.

Installation of culverts and upgrading road will reduce the impact from silt movements. By driving over a properly constructed access track, the impact on the ground and vegetation will be minimised over the operational period and avoid rutting and silt movements.

Where possible, the track from A-B will be extended without cutting new batters into the hillside, but due to the localised topography and terrain, it will not always be practical or viable to do this; therefore small new batters will need to be formed where the track is to be widened by 0.5-1m.

As required, CAR licences will be applied for from SEPA and engagement with the regulatory body carried out.

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Any borrow pits will be reinstated with overburden and graded back to appear as a natural form on the landscape.

Batters along the track will be constructed to ensure they are stable and to prevent any future landslides.

Landscaping of the track and borrow pits will be undertaken to reduce landscape concerns. The track from B-C is a temporary track and this will be reinstated post completion of the operational works.

Providing diversion routes and displaying information to the public will alleviate risk to users over the core path. Consultation has been carried out with the LLTNP access officer in advance of this application being submitted.

The information as attached provides more details on the proposals, methodologies, site constraints and mitigation measures.

Sensitive Areas

Please indicate if any of the proposed forestry project is within a sensitive area. Choose the sensitive area from the drop down below and give the area of the proposal within it.

Sensitive Area	Area
National Park (NP)	0.145
Select...	
Select...	
Select...	
Select...	

Property Details

Property Name:	Glenample Estate		
Business Reference Number:	[REDACTED]	Main Location Code:	89/714/0015
Grid Reference: (e.g. NH 234 567)	NN/58807/14341	Nearest town or locality:	Strathyre
Local Authority:	LLTNP / Stirling Council		

Owner's Details

Title:		Forename:	
Surname:			
Organisation:	Glenample Estate	Position:	
Primary Contact Number:	[REDACTED]	Alternative Contact Number:	[REDACTED]
Email:	[REDACTED]		
Address:	45 Enterprise House, Springkerse Business Park, Stirling.		
Postcode:	FK7 7UF	Country:	Scotland
Is this the correspondence address?	No		



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Agent's Details			
Title:	[REDACTED]	Forename:	[REDACTED]
Surname:	[REDACTED]		
Organisation:	RDS Forestry Ltd	Position:	Forest Manager
Primary Contact Number:	[REDACTED]	Alternative Contact Number:	[REDACTED]
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