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<p>Our Reference:</p>	<p>LT91: Ardochy ATR</p>
<p>Your Reference:</p>	

Dear Sirs,

**Forestry and Land Scotland
Lower Ardochy Forest, Glengarry
Community Asset Transfer Scheme**

I refer to the recent public notices inviting representation with regard to Glengarry Community Woodland's asset transfer request application in relation to the above property.

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc (SHET) welcomes the opportunity to make formal representation in respect of Glengarry Community Woodlands proposal to purchase circa 47 Ha of Lower Ardochy Forest, with the aim of establishing 4 woodland crofts in partnership with the Communities Housing Trust and the Woodland Croft Partnership.

As you may be aware, Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc are responsible for maintaining and investing in the electricity transmission network in the north of Scotland and are currently completing the first phase of its reinforcement works associated with the new Quoich – Aberchlader 132kv overhead line (OHL). Both the new Trident wood pole OHL and existing Steel lattice OHL currently traverse the full length of Lower Ardochy Forest and are wholly within the proposed project/sale area.

SHET has worked in conjunction with the local FLS District office to agree a resilient operational corridor for SHET's existing assets and will continue to work in a collaborative manner on further phases of both the Quoich-Aberchalder & Skye Reinforcement projects. While it is expected there will be further reinforcement works associated with these projects over a 5-10-year period, it is unlikely these will have a material impact on the woodland areas to the South of the existing operational corridors within Lower Ardochy Forest.

SHET support the application by Glengarry Community Woodland to purchase 47Ha of Lower Ardoch in principle, however would request SHET is consulted further on the detailed proposals outlined within any Joint Forest/Masterplan in order to fully assess all potential implications on SHET's assets within the existing operational corridors.

SHET would welcome the opportunity to engage further in respect of the representations noted above with a view to progressing in a collaborative manner to ensure the interests of the applicant, FLS, SHET and the wider local community & Stakeholders are met.

Yours sincerely



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For and on behalf of Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc