



ASSET TRANSFER UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT ACT

Forestry and Land Scotland – Community Asset Transfer Scheme

DECISION NOTICE – AGREED

To: Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation
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Ford
Lochgilphead
Argyll PA31 8RH

Forestry and Land Scotland
Estate Development
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Our ref: 22-23-03COMM

Interim Head of Acquisition & Disposals
Robin Waddell

20 December 2022

This Decision Notice relates to the asset transfer request made by Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation on 4 October 2022 in relation to 0.52 hectares of land and buildings at Barrandaimh, Bellanoch, Lochgilphead, Argyll PA31 8SN shown on the plan annexed, “the disposal area”.

Forestry and Land Scotland has decided to **agree** to the request.

The reasons for this decision are as follows:

- Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation has leased the buildings at Barrandaimh since 2017, demonstrating a capacity and track record for improvements and development of the current Argyll Beaver Centre.
- Transfer of the land and buildings will enable Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation to continue to develop the Centre as a hub for wildlife ranger and environmental

interpretation, as an education and information centre and community space, including space for visiting schools and other groups, and expand the facilities for wildlife visitors and local people.

- Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation currently maintains the buildings and agreeing the request will simplify their operations and transfer the full responsibilities and liabilities from Forestry and Land Scotland.

The attached document specifies the terms and conditions subject to which we would be prepared to transfer ownership of the land to you. **If you wish to proceed, you must submit an offer to us at the address above by 21 June 2023.** The offer must reflect the terms and conditions attached, and may include such other reasonable terms and conditions as are necessary or expedient to secure the transfer within a reasonable time.

Right to appeal

If you consider that the terms and conditions attached differ to a significant extent from those specified in your request, you may appeal to the Scottish Ministers.

Any appeal must be made in writing **by 16 January 2023**, which is 20 working days from the date of this notice, to:

Community Land Team
D Spur
Saughton House
Broomhouse Drive
Edinburgh
EH11 3XD

Email: CRTB@gov.scot

Guidance on making an appeal is available at www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/asset-transfer/.