Appendix 2 – Consultation Record

Initial intention to review the Achnashellach LTP was notified by email to statutory and local stakeholders listed below and a corresponding FLS webpage established to host Plan revision documentation. The table below details subsequent contact/discussion between FLS and stakeholders. Where formal responses from organisations were received by letter or email, they have been included here after the table.
A public scoping drop-in session was also promoted locally and held at Lochcarron Village Hall on 21/7/25 - with a summary of topics raised and discussion attached here also.
Additional face-to-face meetings were undertaken with neighbours whilst reviewing private domestic water supply arrangements. Any subsequent communication pertinent to LTP revision is also summarised in the table.

Consultee	*Initial Notification*	Response	*FLS Follow-up*
Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)	23/5/25 & 18/9/26	Initial notification sent to old/redundant address. Re-directed/submitted: 18/9/26. Standard SEPA response letter received by email (19/9/25) – A copy of this correspondence is available on request to north.admin@forestryandland.gov.scot	*FLS accept all relevant points raised and these are incorporated into LTP text i.e. maximising riparian improvements, protection of private water supplies, adherence to water conservation/environmental pollution regulation and good practice measures.* *Some points not relevant to this Plan i.e. thinning controls, fords, use of vole guards.*
Scottish Forestry	23/5/25	No reply expected. Inclusion of SF in scoping is a pre-requisite and evidences FLS' engagement with statutory and other stakeholders over LTP revision.	*SF Operations Manager site visit (17/6/25) with FLS staff to review old Plan progress/implementation, draft new-Plan objectives, priorities and issues to be addressed by new LTP. In particular reviewing fallowing/regenerating terrain, extent & general composition of CPI areas & proposed steep gnd harvesting and peatland restoration coupes.*
Nature Scot	23/5/25 & 17/7/26	Email response 23/5/25 – requesting Plan revision notification submission to Informed Decision web portal. Submitted: 17/7/26. Email response 08/08/25. A copy of this correspondence is available on request to north.admin@forestryandland.gov.scot: • Plan should include a site specific deer management plan – describing how deer impacts to regeneration and existing woodland will be monitored and managed; • Plan should stipulate if any new deer fencing is proposed and how this will be designed to ensure deer welfare and road/rail safety.	*A site specific deer management plan is included in this LTP describing how deer impacts to regeneration and existing woodland is monitored and managed.* *No new fencing is proposed in the new LTP.*
Historic Environment Scotland	23/5/25	Email response 26/5/26 containing the following: *We note that there are no scheduled monuments, category A-listed buildings or Inventory gardens and designed landscapes within the boundary of the Achnashellach (plan area) and therefore we have no locus regarding this consultation.* The email also recommended consultation with local authority re. any unscheduled archaeology. A copy of this correspondence is available on request to north.admin@forestryandland.gov.scot	
Lochcarron Community Council	23/5/25	No response to initial email notification. Comm council nominated a councilor to attend Public Drop In session (and report back to the council) where FLS staff gave a summarised description of Plan objectives and recent (last Plan period) and future proposed management operations.	*No subsequent response received from the community council.*
Highland Council *(Forestry)*	23/5/25	No response.	
Highland Council *(Archaeology)*	23/5/25	Email response 23/6/26: LMP fails to account for heritage sites (known and unknown) in line with UKFS. Best practice recommendation would be for pre- and post-operations walkover survey with mitigation (markers, appropriate buffers, pre-commencement briefings, working methodology/controls etc) and reporting of new sites to local authority. A copy of this correspondence is available on request to north.admin@forestryandland.gov.scot	*Email reply to THC HE Support Officer (18/9/25) – clarifying the External Scoping exercise was initiated at the outset of LTP revision and consequently has no detail on new/proposed management at that stage. The draft LTP text relating to proposed management of historic sites was supplied - stipulating compliance with underpinning UKFS management guidance and FLS national historic environment policy adherence. FLS' pre-operational work planning process/guidance was described and a list of all known sites (originally gleaned from THC's Historic Environment Record) was supplied to evidence current FLS knowledge of heritage features.*
Highland Council *(Access)*	23/5/25	No response.	

Highland Council *(Roads)*	23/5/25	No response.	
Network Rail	6/8/25	FLS/Network Rail liaison meeting: 8/8/25 (in attendance: FLS Forest Planner, FLS Assistant Operations Manager, NR Senior Asset Engineer (lineside), NR Asset Engineer (geotech), NR Asset Engineer (Drainage) – to discuss indicative LMP proposals and specifically harvesting within vicinity of NR assets (meeting notes available for Forest Regulator inspection if required). Email (20/8/26) from NR Head of Sustainability & Social Value (ex Senior Asset Manager) – no concern's with proposed LTP plans.	*13/8/25: meeting notes circulated to attendees for corrections/acceptance. No subsequent replies.* *Emails to NR Senior Asset Engineer (30/3/26 & 13/8/26) seeking official NR response with regards acceptance/objections with proposed LTP.*
Visit Wester Ross	23/5/25	No response.	
Forest Research	*11/9/25*	Email (23/10/25) – acknowledging FLS intention to fell both FR Experiment Sites within new Plan period (first notified at 2021 mid-term review). Accept FLS requirement to fell, requesting notification of felling timescale to allow a final NS mensuration. Email (11/12/25) – FR surveyors to imminently visit plots for final mensuration.	*Email (16/12/25) – confirming acceptability for FR surveyors to undertake final mensuration visit (re no other site operations/hazards/conflicts to be aware of).*
Lochalsh Deer Management Group	*23/6/25*	DMG secretary email (23/6/26) – Consultation documents and request for comment will be circulated to DMG - in particular to Coulin and Achnashellach estate members.	
SW Ross Deer Management Group	*23/6/26*	Email from DMG secretary (23/6/26) – Consultation documents and request for comment circulated to DMG members.	
W Ross Fisheries Trust	*23/5/25*	No response.	
Scottish Water	*23/5/25*	Email (23/5/25)– requesting clarification of grid ref of LMP area. Email (13/6/25) – no SW Drinking Water catchments, water abstraction sources or SW assets in Plan area although private water supplies are likely.	Responded with central grid re. (email 23/5/25). Private water supplies reviewed, visited and incorporated LTP (Section 4.8, Appendix 8, Map 12).
Scottish & Southern Electricity	*23/5/25*	No response.	
Mountaineering Council of Scotland	*23/5/25*	Email (23/5/25) acknowledging receipt of LMP revision notification. Stating Access Officer post is currently vacant and undergoing active recruitment campaign.	
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	*23/5/25*	Email acknowledging receipt of LMP revision notification and notifying that RSPB "*don't have the capacity to respond at this time."*	
Confor	*23/5/25*	Email (23/5/25) acknowledging receipt of LMP revision notification.	
Trees for Life	*23/5/25*	Email (23/5/25) acknowledging receipt of LMP revision notification.	
Neighbours			
Achnashellach Estate	*27/5/25*	No response.	
Coulin estate	*23/5/25*	No response.	
Glencarron estate	*23/5/25*	No response.	
Achnashellach, Lair & Craig residential properties	*All residential properties were visited (14-16th July 2025) for private water supply discussion or – if no reply – a letter was posted notifying of ongoing FLS Plan revision and the current opportunity presented to comment/feedback (online or at advertised Public Drop in session) and also seeking to check/update information held regarding any private water supply arrangements.* *Existing PWS infrastructure (abstraction pools and pipes, holding tanks and supply pipes) were also visited and mapped/recorded.*		

Achnashellach LMP Revision –Summer 2025 – External Scoping

Afternoon/Evening public drop-in event: Lochcarron Village Hall 16:00 – 18:30 21st July

Advertised:

Webpage update (19/6/25) : notifying date & venue.
Facebook posts: Comm Council, Lochcarron village hall.
Residential letter drop (14-15th July): reviewing private water supplies & publicising drop-in session.
FLS threshold posters (pinned to gate posts 14-15th July): Achnashellach station/forest road gate (2), Craig car park (2), Craig railway crossing (2).


Forestry and Land Scotland
Coilltearachd agus Fearann Alba

Public Consultation

Achnashellach Land Management Plan

21st July – 4 pm *until* **6:30 pm**

at

Lochcarron Village Hall

(in the small upstairs hall reached via the hall's side entrance)

Come, see and comment on the objectives and management proposals for the next 10 years for the land managed by Forestry and Land Scotland in this area *(see map below).*

This is an **informal drop-in session** *(so come at any time between 4 and 6:30)* for people to ask questions and make local representations. We look forward to hearing what these forests mean to you and your views on how we intend to manage them into the future.

For more information about this ongoing forest plan review process please visit:

Achnashellach LMP Consultation - FLS web page

Alternatively scan the QR code below to reach this webpage.

Any other comments or queries please contact FLS' Planning Forester: Chris Marsh chris.marsh@forestryandland.gov.scot

Event Notes

7 people attended from across LMP catchment (+ 1 emailed apology): a community councilor, some Achnashellach & Craig residents, one Lochcarron resident. FLS Planning Forester: Chris Marsh (hosting).

4 A1 paper maps displayed on tables in the hall:-
Current woodland composition
Draft Felling proposals
Long-term Future Habitats
Key Issues & Features map.

CM outlining function of a LMP and need for 10-yr consultation & review (regulatory compliance & certification) and signposting location of online consultation documents/contacts.

Various queries made/answered concerning:

- *extent of FLS ownership, current woodland composition (species and production/conservation areas),*
- *future habitats ambition (Pinewood and PAWS-led restructuring with non-native conifer and rhododendron control);*
- *peatland restoration rationale and proposal (plateau above Craig) and*
- *steep ground harvesting including car park relocation intentions at Craig.*
- *Main drivers for management over next 10 years: continued restructuring of non-native conifer forest to native woodland composition.*