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Dear Graham

Draft Forest and Woodland Strategy Consultation

Thank you for your letter of 30 January 2014 seeking our comments on the draft Forest and Woodland Strategy. The following comments are based on our statutory historic environment interests. That is scheduled monuments and their setting, category A listed buildings and their setting and gardens and designed landscapes and battlefields in their respective Inventories. We would advise you also seek comments from your Council's Conservation and Archaeology Services who will also be able to advise on the potential for significant impacts on the historic environment and of potential impacts and mitigation for any sites of regional and local importance. We have response separately to the Strategic Environmental Assessment in our role as a consultation authority in the normal manner.

Historic Scotland welcomes the preparation of this strategy and the guidance it gives in relation to the strategic framework for forestry development in Perth and Kinross. The encouragement of good stewardship of the historic environment and sensitive forest management in the delivery of the aspirations of the strategy is particularly welcomed, as is the recognition within the strategy of the contribution forestry and woodland make to the historic environment.

Should you wish to discuss any issue raised in this response please do not hesitate to contact me on 0131 668 8960 or <u>andrew.stevenson2@scotland.gsi.gov.uk</u>.

Yours sincerely

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