Scotland's Garden & Landscape Heritage

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Dear Mr Ryde,

Case Ref: 23FGS70914: Brydonswell Knowe, Westerhall Estate

Scotland's Garden and Landscape Heritage is grateful to be included in the above Forestry Grant Scheme consultation.

We have reviewed the Woodland Creation Operational Plan and accompanying figures.

The proposed site is adjacent to the Westerhall Estate designed landscape, although not included in Historic Environment Scotland's Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes in Scotland, is identified as a Non-Inventory Designed Landscape by Dumfries and Galloway Council: site reference MDG25657. It is therefore considered to be potentially of regional significance, although no statement of significance for site MDG25657 is available online.

We welcome the commitment to maintain Sessile Oak tress trees within the site (Woodland Creation Operational Plan).

We note that the proposed access road utilises a track within the historic landscape adjacent to the estates Westerhall Farm complex, suggesting that consideration of potential risk to historic structures should be considered.

Other than the above observations we consider that the proposal does not adversely affect the Westerhall Estate Non-Inventory designed landscape.

Thank you for consulting SGLH about the above proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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