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Scotland's Garden and Landscape Heritage is grateful to be included in the above Land Management Plan consultation prepared by Forestry and Land Scotland.

We have studied the Kinharvie & Southwick Land Management Plan 2024 – 2034 V1.0 and accompanying map figures and wish to provide comment on the two non-inventory sites.

Kinharvie Estate is located to the north west of Kinharvie Plantation woodland and is recorded on 19th century Ordnance Survey maps, including Ordnance Survey Six-inch 2nd edition Dumfriesshire, Sheet XXXVII accessible at (View map: Ordnance Survey, Kirkcudbrightshire sheet XXXVII.SE (includes: New Abbey) - Ordnance Survey Six-inch 2nd and later editions, Scotland, 1892-1960).

We note that the proposed forest roads or haulage roads, utilise the route of the estate drives at Kinharvie House, C listed and described by Historic Scotland as a circa. 1850 shooting lodge.

Therefore, prior to the use of the estate drives as forestry roads, we would ask that a walk over survey is undertaken to identify and safeguard historical physical features including estate bridges and gate posts.

Southwick Estate is located to the south of Wildcat Wood and east of Bareness Wood and is recorded on 19th century Ordnance Survey maps, including Ordnance Survey Six-inch 1st edition map series Dumfriesshire, Sheet 47 surveyed 1851, published 1854 accessible at (View map: Ordnance Survey, OS six-inch to the mile, 1st ed., Kirkcudbrightshire, Sheet 47 - Ordnance Survey Six-inch 1st edition, Scotland, 1843-1882).

Southwick House, B Listed is described by Historic Scotland as a mid-18th century designed landscape. In particular we note the proposed forest road or haulage road, utilises the historic estate drive leading to East Lodge on the present day A710. The route of the estate drive passes through Aldergowan Wood, on latter maps named Avenue Wood.

Therefore, prior to the use of the estate drive as forestry roads, we would ask that a walk over survey is undertaken to identify and safeguard historical physical features including veteran or ancient tree, estate bridges and gate posts that may be associated with the mid-18th century designed landscape, including egress onto the A710 at the East Lodge.

We would therefore recommend that further information is provided relating to the proposed use of the estate drives within Kinharvie and Southwick estates, and the potential implications as a result of forest road proposals.

Yours sincerely,

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