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Case Ref: FPA-12467 - Property Name: Stair Estates

Scotland's Garden and Landscape Heritage (SGLH) is grateful to be included in the consultation for the Stair Estates Felling Permission proposals. The proposed felling areas are located within the Castle Kennedy designed landscape, which is included as GDL00093 in the Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes in Scotland held by Historic Environment Scotland (HES). It is therefore deemed to be of national significance.

It is understood that felling and restructuring is proposed for forest compartments that are on the hill slopes to the north of the Castle and its immediate gardens and woodlands, which form the core of the designed woodland landscape. SGLH are content that the proposed felling and replanting of the selected woodland compartments will not affect the designed nature of the landscape at Castle Kennedy in the long term.

We have no further comments on the proposals.

Yours sincerely,

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