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To Whom It May Concern,

Case Ref: LMP283: Consultation Request for Torrs Warren Land Management Plan 2023 - 2033

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

We have studied the Torrs Warren Land Management Plan and accompanying map figures and note that the woodlands north of the A75 lie within the Dunragit House (Glenwhan) designed landscape. Dunragit House is identified as a Non-Inventory Designed Landscape by Dumfries and Galloway Council: site reference MDG25567. It is therefore considered to be of regional significance, although no statement of significance for the site is available online. In addition, the southern woodlands of Torrs Warren lie adjacent to the Non-Inventory Designed Landscape at Genoch (MDG25571), also of regional significance.

The woodlands close to Genoch we understand are to be managed with low impact silviculture and will remain as woodland areas. We have no comment on the forest works proposed for the Torrs Wood plantation that is outside this designed landscape. We have no comments on the works within Droughduil woodland, also outside the designed landscape.

We welcome the proposal to undertake phased restoration of Ancient Semi-Natural Woodlands in the woodlands at Dunragit. The woodland areas within the Dunragit non-inventory site that

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are to be felled lie in parts of that site that are less visible from the house to the east side of a hill, and the east side of the eastern approach. These areas are identified as larch with *Phytophthora ramorum* infection, and therefore felling is required.

We support the proposal to replant these areas with mixed broadleaf woodland, and to bring them into the restoration plans for the Dunragit woodlands.

Yours sincerely,

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