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Glen Finglas

CONCEPT

The landowner, the Woodland Trust, aspires to create native broadleaf woodlands over 7 compartments covering approximately 85 hectares (210 acres) of land on Glen Finglas, located to the northwest of Callander.

To support this, they will be applying for Woodland Creation Grants administered by Scottish Forestry. The application involves various checks and planning processes, including this public consultation. The process is being managed by F&W Forestry on the owner's behalf.

The species / planting design has now been drafted based on following factors:

- ❖ climatic suitability for tree species- "the right tree in the right place"
- ❖ results of the breeding bird and habitat survey
- ❖ archaeological surveys
- ❖ feedback from client and Scottish Forestry.

Primary species selected so far included within the W4 woodlands are Downy Birch, Rowan, Willow, Common Alder, Hawthorn and Aspen; and within the W11 woodlands: Sessile Oak, Downy Birch, Rowan, Hazel and Willow; and Common Alder in the riparian areas of the site. Stocking density of the W4 woodland will vary from 500 to 1600 trees per hectare depending on the ground flora of the area, to preserve what species are already present.

BENEFITS OF WOODLAND CREATION

- ❖ **Carbon positive** – forestry reduces global CO₂ and, when timber is turned into a product, the CO₂ is 'locked up', otherwise it is biodegradable.
- ❖ **Support the local and wider economy** – through planting and establishment work.
- ❖ **Provide a long-term habitat** – for a multitude of flora and fauna in both broadleaf woodland types, providing benefits to the local ecology.

BACKGROUND

Glen Finglas was purchased by the Woodland Trust in 1996 and at 4,875 hectares, it is the Trust's largest site. This thriving landscape with impressive glens, ancient woodland, and high mountain tops is the perfect place to explore. An amazing network of trails run through a rich mosaic of ancient trees, bluebell woods, grassland, heath, and wetland, home to an abundance of wildlife.



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Following formal surveys investigating habitats, breeding birds and archaeology, we are working with Scottish Forestry throughout the consultation process to minimise and mitigate any impact on birdlife, habitat, archaeology, public access and infrastructure etc.

AIMS

The landowner's core business is woodland and habitat management, and they have a long history of establishing new woodland throughout the UK that meets UK Forest Standard requirements and beyond. At Glen Finglas, the aim is to create new woodland that will also provide a long-term habitat for a multitude of flora and fauna in both the W4 Upland Birch woodland and W11 Sessile Oak/Downy Birch woodlands, each providing different but significant benefits to the local ecology, as well as helping to mitigate climate change through carbon sequestration.

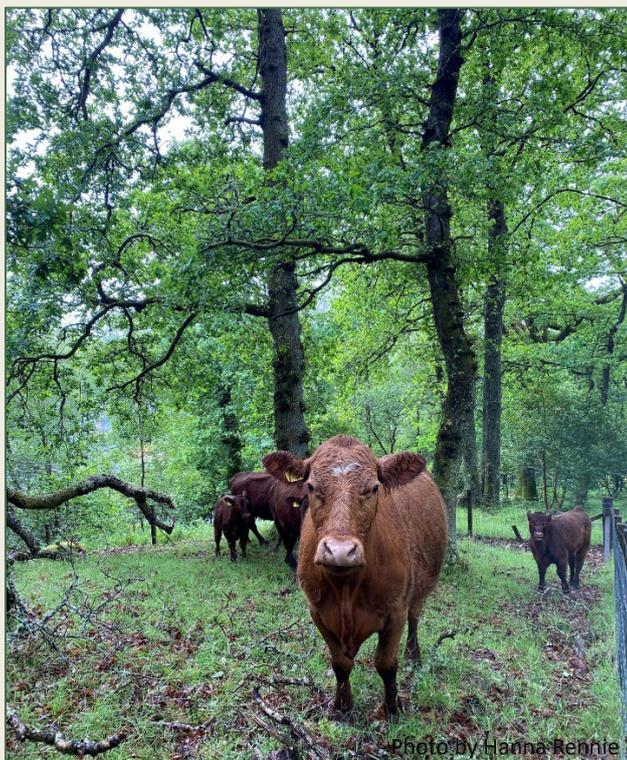


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