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Local Biodiversity Sites (proposed for adoption)

Attachments: Map Harehaugh and Sweethope Hill.pdf; Biodiversity site letter 2.docx

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Good Afternoon,

Attached is a representation on behalf of Messrs Logan on the local biodiversity sites proposed for adoption.

Kind Regards



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The Forward Planning Team

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Dear The Forward Planning Team

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF LOCAL BIODIVERSITY SITES

I am writing to you on behalf of Messrs Logan from regarding the proposed adoption of Local Biodiversity Sites in Scottish Borders. Two of the three areas which are part of the Harehaugh and Sweethope Hill sites have been identified as being on the holding of Messrs Logan.

Attached is a map of the sites and has been numbered 1-3 for clarity. Site 1 is owned by a neighbour. Site 2 and 3 are part of Messrs Logans land holding.

Site 2 – Harehaugh Craigs

This site is a geographical SSSI and also has a scheduled fort and settlement designation by Historic Scotland, additionally it was awarded Local Wildlife Site Status in 2005. Adding this area to the Local Biodiversity Site will be unlikely to impact a change in management on the site and will continue to benefit this unique site.

Site 3 – Langshaw Braes

This site is an area of grassland including a steep bank. Unlike Site 2 this site has not previously had any designations nor does the client have any record of there being any surveys of the land, for example a wildlife survey or a bird survey. As this site has not previously been flagged as having a biodiversity value please could information be provided around this sites value to biodiversity.

The land on this site consists of a flat area (A) and a steep slope (B). Area A has a poor drainage system which has resulted in there being of little grazing value. The intention is to improve drainage in the field to bring it back into productive agricultural use. Area B currently consists of grassland and whins. There is potential in the future to plant trees on this site.

With the proposed Local Biodiversity Site there is concern there will be limitations on what may be done on the site following adoption.

In summary could you please amend your records to reflect the ownership of site 1. Also, could you please provide your reasoning for the designation of site 3 and confirmation that drainage and woodland planting would still be possible?

Yours sincerely

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