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Dear Rory

Thank you for meeting Phillip Metcalfe and I on 12 August 2015 regarding a request to remove a small portion of land (0.06ha) from the Rowan Wood Tender Scheme.

Our understanding is that the land is to be removed for the creation of a log cabin as a holiday let and for no other purpose. On this basis the NFC is content to agree to the removal of the land. This will require a reclaim payment to the NFC for the loss of Tender Scheme area and the public benefits associated with it. This is calculated by the bid price per hectare of the original scheme, applied pro-rata to the area to be withdrawn from the scheme.

This would equate to: 0.06ha @ £5,184.50/hectare = £311.07

As the Rowan Wood Tender Scheme was co-financed with the Forestry Commission; you will also need to discuss with them if a separate repayment would be needed in relation to their grants.

With regards to the recently submitted planning application, as discussed, we do not specifically support or oppose any application. The principle of a building for tourist accommodation is considered to be complementary to the creation of The National Forest as it would add to the tourism offer. We understand the footprint of the building would be around 70 square metres. While this would not result in a significant loss of trees, any loss should be kept to the minimum required to allow construction to take place. We welcome your intention that replanting will be undertaken, following construction, to help nestle the building into its woodland setting. We would expect the Local Planning Authority to impose a condition which requires that, if the planning application was successful.

We have submitted these thoughts to South Derbyshire District Council as a consultation response to your planning application. I have enclosed a copy of this for your information.

If planning permission is required it would seem most appropriate to secure this first and then re-pay the grant reclaim to the NFC/FC, to ensure that you have certainty that the proposal can go ahead as planned.

Yours sincerely -



Simon GREENHOUSE Woodland Officer.

Enc. Copy of NFC response to planning application

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