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Dear Tweedsmuir Community Council,

Thank you for responding to the consultation on Oliver Field Woodland creation. The proposal has gone forward for clearing and has been approved.

In your response you raised concerns about Private Water Supplies (PWS) and we feel that these issues have been addressed. Two independent hydrological experts have concluded that the impact of planting the trees on the PWS will be negligible. The applicant has taken the PWS into account into the design of the site and has replaced conifers with broadleaves as recommended by the Forest Research report.

In regards to the concerns you raised about the scale of commercial forestry in general, this cannot be addressed through this consultation and needs to be raised nationally. I recommend that you contact our head office to do so and the contact details are on the Scottish Forestry website [https://forestry.gov.scot/contact](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforestry.gov.scot%2Fcontact&data=05%7C01%7C%7C5a4976f30033446cb7b708da43ac23c5%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637896703870028286%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=J%2BOFdX64X2mM%2BEarhvVU6R1ZCCCQFot5mGewvMzT7As%3D&reserved=0)

You also complained about litter and other industrial waste being left on forestry sites. If this happens then the forest management company / landowner / contactor is not adhering to the UK Forest Standard (UKFS). Please let me know of specific sites where this happens and I can get in touch to get the waste removed.

I’m sorry if you are still unhappy about the woodland creation, however from my experience this is a very well designed scheme that works around the local constraints and has included a lot of diversity which goes over and above the requirements of UKFS.

Regards,

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