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Subject: RE: Local Biodiversity Sites in Scottish Borders (proposed for adoption)

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am delighted that our small bit of ancient woodland is recognised for its biodiversity importance as well as its local history – it is reputed to be a remnant of the old Etrick Forest and has some wonderful old oaks especially.

However, it has long been known as the William Law Wood by the family and other locals and I would prefer it to continue with that name regardless of more modern instances of it being referred to as The Whin.

I also noted in the Site Description under Notable Species that there's a typo: the poor *Anguis fragilis* has an n rather than an m at the end making it a slow worn; perhaps that should be altered at this stage before it becomes permanent.

Can you initiate these changes or should it go through the regular channels?

Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 October 2020 17:50
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Subject: Local Biodiversity Sites in Scottish Borders (proposed for adoption)

Dear [REDACTED]

Local Biodiversity Sites in Scottish Borders (proposed for adoption)

Please take this email as notification that the site, known as **The Whin**, shown on the attached site statement, is a Local Biodiversity Site proposed for adoption as part of the Scottish Borders Council's Proposed Local Development Plan (LDP). The site statement provides a site location plan and details of the features present on the site that have merited it becoming proposed as a Local Biodiversity Site. If none of this site is within your ownership, I would be grateful if you could please notify me of this and please accept my apologies for contacting you. Furthermore, if you are able to forward the name of who you understand to be the owner that would be much appreciated.

The site was formerly a / part of a Local Wildlife Site. The Scottish Wildlife Trust previously co-ordinated a Scottish Borders Wildlife Sites System that assessed and approved Wildlife Sites. This has now been replaced by the Local Biodiversity Sites system following the publication in 2006 of Scottish Natural Heritage's 'Guidance on Establishing and Managing Local Nature Conservation Site Systems in Scotland'. This guidance provided a framework for assessing local sites of biodiversity value to determine if they merited the new designation of Local Biodiversity Site. One aim of the guidance was to reduce the number of different local designations and simply have one designation for local sites possessing biodiversity value throughout Scotland.

Status as a Local Biodiversity Site does not confer any access rights or alter existing access rights across land, and neither does it affect the requirements for management of land. It reflects the biodiversity value present within the identified site. Presence of Local Biodiversity Sites may be advantageous and of assistance in accessing some grant funding programmes.

While Local Biodiversity Sites are non-statutory local designations, their role and significance should not be devalued or ignored. The Proposed LDP affords protection to Local Biodiversity Sites for new development proposals requesting a planning consent.

The Proposed LDP is currently subject to consultation and can be viewed online at www.scotborders.gov.uk/ldp2. As part of this consultation, details of the Local Biodiversity Sites (to be adopted) and their selection is provided in a Technical Note, which can be viewed at the above link.

The consultation period for the document is from **2 November 2020** until **25 January 2021**. We would encourage you to make a representation online, however, comments on the Proposed LDP can also be made:

- by email to: localplan@scotborders.gov.uk
- by writing to: **The Forward Planning Team, Corporate Improvement and Economy, Scottish Borders Council, Newtown St Boswells, Melrose, TD6 0SA**

If you require any further information please contact the Forward Planning Team on 01835 825010.

Yours sincerely,


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On behalf of Scottish Borders Council

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