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Dear sir / madam.

Thank you very much for the chance to comment on the local development plan.

With regards to Policy ED10 – Protection of prime quality agricultural land and carbon rich soils, we in Scottish Forestry and along with the Forest Research Agency are revising our guidance on woodland creation and retention on peat / organic soils. Being a national guidance, this will cut across the LDP but I envisage that there will be synergies in approach and intention.

With regards to Policy EP 13 – Trees, Woodlands and hedgerows, I am content with this proposal but hope that the forest and woodland strategy will continue to support woodland expansion in line with the SG climate change plan. I'd also like to be reassured that SBC takes account of its own works to ensure that there is no net loss of woodland cover through its operations.

With regards to Policies EP1, EP2, EP3, EP4 and EP5 – these are well written and I am confident that there is good cross over with other national and Scottish Forestry / ENFOR Directorate policies.

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