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From: Mark Hendrie [Redacted] >
Sent: 01 June 2021 09:19
To: localplan
Subject: [Redacted] - Local Biodiversity Sites
Attachments: SKM_C224e21060109050.pdf

CAUTION: External Email

Morning,

I refer to the attached letter from you dated 19 May 2021 and note the following:

1. [Redacted]
2. [Redacted];
3. [Redacted]
4. The first main point is that my house and the surrounding gardens need to be taken outside the red line;
5. The other problem is we were going to use the land for rough grazing and keep sheep or deer; and
6. In no way do we want the land restricted or we are made liable for any costs.

Despite what I have noted above:

- A. Please don't think we are against what you stand for and we are eager to meet, walk around the land and discuss ways to preserve the moss; and
- B. Your idea of removing the forest and blocking up water is fine by us if it helps you preserve the moss.

We love our land and we live there because we love being outdoors so we appreciate what you are trying to do and in no way would we do anything to the moss so overall there is nothing really for you to worry about.

Please have a think about what I have noted above and please come back to me at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards

Mark

[Redacted]

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COVID-19 Outbreak

Please note, our staff may be working remotely. As a result, we would encourage you to communicate with us by [email](#). We thank you for your cooperation.

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19/05/2021

Dear Mr Hendrie,

Local Biodiversity Sites in Scottish Borders (proposed for adoption)

Please take this letter as notification that the site, known as **White Moss**, 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.

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 This has now been replaced by the Local Biodiversity Sites system following the publication in 2006 of Scottish Natural Heritage's 'Guidance on Establishing and Managing Local Nature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 was subject to consultation between November 2020 and January 2021. However, through the consultation process, it was brought to our attention that you could be the land owner for the above Local Biodiversity Site proposed for adoption as part of the Proposed LDP. Therefore, we are writing to inform you of the above and provide you with an opportunity to comment on the proposed site.

Details of the Local Biodiversity Sites (to be adopted) and their selection is provided in a Technical Note, which can be viewed at the following link www.scotborders.gov.uk/ldp2.

Could we please ask that any comments are submitted by **30 June 2021** (6 weeks from the date of this letter), comments can 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 0300 100 1800.

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Harmsworth
Centre Manager
(Sent on behalf of Scottish Borders Council)

White Moss Local Biodiversity Site

Grid reference	NT142498
Total area (ha)	89.34
Associated sites	River Tweed SAC, Dolphinton - West Linton Fens and Grassland bSSSI, Slipperfield Lochs pLBS.

SITE DESCRIPTION

Summary	Raised sphagnum bog with nationally rare bryophyte and priority butterfly and reptile species.
Physical description	
Management Summary	Blocking of drains would be desirable
Main habitats	Raised sphagnum bog, wet heath/acid grassland and unimproved acid grassland.
Notable habitats	Raised sphagnum bog
Notable species	Lapwing (<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>), Chickweed-wintergreen (<i>Trientalis europaea</i>), Small Heath (<i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>), Large Heath (<i>Coenonympha tullia</i>), Grey Mountain Carpet (<i>Entephria caesiata</i>), Reddish Notchwort (<i>Lophozia longiflora</i>), Red Bog-moss (<i>Sphagnum capillifolium</i>), Magellanic Bog-moss (<i>Sphagnum magellanicum</i>), Papillose Bog-moss (<i>Sphagnum papillosum</i>), (<i>Sphagnum recurvum</i>), Russow's Bog-moss (<i>Sphagnum russowii</i>), Soft Bog-moss (<i>Sphagnum tenellum</i>), Common Lizard (<i>Zootoca vivipara</i>), Eurasian Badger (<i>Meles meles</i>)
Access and Use	None
Biodiversity Features	Site with active Raised Peatbog

BOUNDARY STATEMENT

Summary

ASSESSMENT AND STATUS

Assessment date 06/10/2014

Current status LBS to be adopted

Previous status Provisional Wildlife Site (PROV)

Other status

Date: 23/01/2020

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Map:
Local Biodiversity Site Map

Local Authority:
Scottish Borders

Site
White Moss

Grid Reference
NT142498

Legend

- Site Boundary
- LBS to be adopted
- pLBS

SSSI

- BIOLOGICAL
- GEOLOGICAL
- MIXED
- SAC

This plan does not confer
landownership or access rights.
It is for identification of
Local Biodiversity Site
Purposes only.

Map prepared by The
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on behalf of
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Date: 23 January 2020

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