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FORESTRY COMMISSION

Buchan Forest District 29 Bogie Street Huntly Aberdeenshire AB5 5DX

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Mrs Helen P Fraser Templar Croft Aquhythie Inverurie Aberdeenshire AB5 9NY

Dear Mrs Fraser

DRAINAGE AT BACK O' BENNACHIE

I understand from Mr Aitken that at your last meeting you voted £250 as a contribution towards the whole estimated cost of £500 for the 200 metres of drainage to be carried out at this field.

In truth the Forestry Commission will get no benefit whatsoever from this drainage as we do not plan to plant this field or crop it at any time so on a prorata bases our contribution should be nil.

In the event of your spending a sum like £500 for improving the drainage of this field you would really require some guarantees as to your future use of it and this should be worked out and put in writing before you spend this amount.

I would suggest that a period of about ten years would be reasonable and suggest if you agree that you write to us enquiring if it would be possible for us to issue a permission for this period for you to use this field on one day in the year with no further cost.

This will give you some security of tenure which I think you will require. The Forestry Commission has no plans to sell the Bennachie Hill at the moment but one can never tell.

I understand that the work proposed is quite extensive and should leave the field in good shape with the minimum of damage done and the minimum of interference to your enjoyment of it on your Day.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

R J R Marnie

Forest District Manager

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