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CONSULTATION ON FORESTRY PROVISIONS IN THE SCOTTISH CLIMATE CHANGE BILL

I am writing on behalf of the Bailies of Bennachie regarding the Forestry Commission Re-organisation proposed under the above Bill.

The Bailies of Bennachie is a conservation charity with around 1500 members whose main objectives are:

- a. Preserving the amenity of the hill of "Bennachie" in Aberdeenshire
- b. To help maintain and improve the footpaths and rights of way on Bennachie and to encourage the creation and preservation of features on natural and public interest on the hill
- c. To study and record the natural and cultural history of the hill
- d. To encourage and stimulate public interest in and care for Bennachie, its beauty, history, character and surroundings and to discourage litter and vandalism.

The Forestry Commission is a major landowner on Bennachie and the Bailies would not be in favour of any leasing arrangement that saw the forests of Bennachie and Millstone Hill being leased to a third party. This would be incompatible with the current public benefit from these forests and indeed others like them.

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