


9/160
**Mortgage funds
available now!**

Fast personal service
Competitive rates

**CHARLES
HENDERSON**
Tel: (0224) 638563

HILL SAMUEL 
INVESTMENT SERVICES
LICENSED CREDIT BROKER
A MEMBER OF LLOYD AND LLOYD

Loans secured on property
and appropriate life
assurance cover. Written
quotations available on
request.

INVERURIE HERALD

**Garioch
Insurance
Services**

for all types of
INSURANCES

Contact:

Fraser Henderson
The Square,
Oldmeldrum
Tel: 06512 2665

No. 14

FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 1989

PRICE: 22p

MY TREES COULD SAVE LIVES

A LOCAL landowner has claimed that he is trying to save lives and fight the dangerous greenhouse effect by planting trees on Bennachie, but that his efforts are being hampered by Gordon District Council.

Sir Archibald Grant said this week that the trees he wants to plant in the so-called Monymusk Triangle would help save people's lives.

He claimed that the sitka spruce trees he wants to plant on the site would soak up 100 tons of carbon dioxide — the gas that causes the greenhouse effect — every year.

This is the amount of gas that 20 average families produce in the same period, he said.

Gordon District Council is objecting to his plans on a number of grounds, although they are basically in favour of trees being planted on the site.

By DAVID McKAY

They want more information about the plans, more broadleaf trees along the side of the path that runs through the Triangle, assurances that the path will not become overgrown and viewpoints of the mountain will be kept clear, and details about heather control on the site.

Sir Archibald, whose plans are backed by the Forestry Commission, said that a barrier of larch trees is going to be planted at the sides of the path to stop it becoming overgrown.

And he added that there are only one or two places in the triangle where there is any real view to see.

As far as the broad leaved trees are con-

Landowner's shock claim for Bennachie tree plan

cerned, he argued that the harsh weather conditions on the mountain would mean that they did not grow very well.

He said that he had not seen a detailed list of the council's objections, but he thought that they had been influenced by outside bodies like the Baillies of Bennachie and the North-east Mountain Trust.

"And I am not convinced that this is for the best," he added.

Gordon District Council is only one of the bodies that must be consulted about forestry schemes applying for woodland grant aid.

The views of all parties will be collected together by the Forestry Commission, and the Scottish Office will have the final say,

but Sir Archibald is still confident that his plans will go ahead.

And he is more concerned about what tree planting will do for the environment than with the council's points.

"All these little things — broadleaves, heather control, viewpoints — really pale into insignificance if I am trying to preserve the lives of all the organisms, including our fellow humans, on this planet," he stated.

He was keen to stress the importance of protecting the environment, and mentioned that the Prince of Wales had said that the world needs to grow more trees.

And he was annoyed that his own personal effort to do something for the environment was being held up by the council's objections.

"Here I am trying to plant more trees and being stopped from doing it," he said.