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Dear Adrian

Evanton Wood Community Company Heritage Lottery Fund application

I write in support of the Evanton Wood Community Company's bid to secure funding for purchase of Evanton Wood.

The wooded gorge that forms the northern boundary of the site in question is listed in the Ancient Woodland Inventory http://gateway.snh.gov.uk/pls/htmldb_ddtdb1/f?p=101:11:4087027472167941790::NO::P11_DS_ID:680 as ancient woodland (category 1) which means that it was present on General Roy's military maps of 1750. The main body of the woodland is listed as long-established woodland of plantation origin (category 2b) which means that it has existed since at least 1860. These woodlands are therefore considered to be of local conservation importance.

We are aware that Evanton Wood holds populations of otter, badger and red squirrel. Plants of local interest that reflect the undisturbed, base-rich soil are sanicle, sweet woodruff and hard shield-fern. The gorge is also rich in mosses and liverworts, some of which are rare in north Scotland.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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