

**Reference:** Talla Reservoir

**Date:** 03/06/2024

Dear Resident(s),

On behalf of Scottish Water, I am reaching out to the neighbouring residents to the tree felling proposal shown on the provided maps.

In order to gain permission to fell trees at the proposed scale, we are required to follow current Forestry and environmental legislation, and apply to Scottish Forestry (Government Forestry Regulators) with our proposed felling plan and detail on how we plan to restock the compartment with replacement trees.

I am proposing to fell the mature conifer block and replace the trees with native species to improve soil quality, increase potential for biodiversity, improve landscape character, sequester carbon long-term and to provide native habitat for our local wildlife.

In order to protect the young trees from browsing from voles and deer, I am proposing a deer fence around the perimeter and 20cm tall plastic guards for the individual trees. This fence will be monitored to check and repair the condition and needs to last 10-20 years, to allow the trees to establish successfully. The plastic guards will be removed from the site when they are no longer of help to the trees.

It is important that we improve access to the site so that the existing trees can be felled safely and the replacement trees can be planted and maintained effectively. I am proposing a stone track that will approximately follow the line shown in the provided maps. There is separate consultation underway to gain permission to do this and we will follow the stipulations that the Council Roads Department make, regarding size of lorries and amount of lorry journeys per day that we are permitted.

There are two examples of Archaeology within the existing wood (as shown on the provided maps). These will be protected with a buffer zone, which is to be stipulated by the Council Archaeologists.

All going well, I aim to fell in late summer 2024 and carry out the restocking over winter 2024-25.

I wish to gather any comments or queries you might have regarding the proposal and how it affects you. Please feel free to reply by email at my address in the header and I will respond.

Yours sincerely,  
Sam Guthrie  
**Forester**

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