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Murrayshall Quarry Woodland Management

The woodlands which form part of the Murrayshall quarry site are requiring some management to ensure their future health and longevity. The woods are made up of a mix of broadleaves and conifers which are a mix of ages ranging from juvenile trees right through to veteran trees.

Scottish Forestry identified infected Larch trees (*Phytophthora ramorum*) in the area and issued a plant health notice (**STH21_1136-1137c Gillies Hill**) on the woods. This requires the owners to felling and remove all the of Larch. After inspection of the woods, it was considered that further management of the woodland would be beneficial.

The objective is to remove the infected larch and at the same time remove any Ash trees showing signs of Ash die back along with undertaking some tree safety work. Areas of the woods will be thinned as management of the wood. This management will improve the woods silviculture, making the woods more diverse and at the same time opening the woods up allowing more daylight to the woodlands floor which will encourage natural regen and flora & fauna to flourish. The aim is to make the woods a more diverse, safe, accessible, and enjoyable area.

The above work has been approved by the Scottish Forestry Felling permission FPA-9611. All the harvested timber will be removed off site and sent to appropriate timber users/manufactures.

I have appointed a contractor to carry out the work. For the safety of everyone there will be areas of woodland cordoned off while the work is undertaken, this is for safety of everyone so, please do not enter these areas, signage & barrier tape will be put in place identifying these areas. Forestry machines are incredible machinery especially when working but please **do not** approach these machines while they are working. Please also ensure you make your children aware of this and ask them to stay a safe distance and out of the cordoned off areas.

If you have any concerns, contact myself on the email address or phone numbers shown below please do not approach the contractor on site.

Yours sincerely,

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