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From: Robinson, Andrew
Sent: 21 January 2020 10:10
To: 'Euan Pearson'
Subject: RE: EXTERNAL: Re: 19/0996/FUL: Continued Extraction of Peat at Lochwood Moss, Beattock

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Dear Euan

Further to your email, I am happy to agree to an extension to determine the application until 29 April 2020 to allow time for the requested peat depth information and update to the outline restoration plan.

I look forward to receiving the information and I would be happy to receive updates on the progress of obtaining the information.

Regards

Andrew

From: Euan Pearson [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 January 2020 13:24
To: Robinson, Andrew [REDACTED]
Subject: EXTERNAL: Re: 19/0996/FUL: Continued Extraction of Peat at Lochwood Moss, Beattock

Hello Andrew

Further to our 'phone conversation, my client offers to extend the period for determination until 29 April 2020.

This will allow my client to provide you with peat depth information and re-examine the previously approved restoration proposals.

Please confirm your acceptance.

Regards
Euan

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On Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 10:06 AM Robinson, Andrew [REDACTED] wrote:

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Dear Euan

Following on from, my response email on Friday, I am in a position to update you on application.

After assessing the application against development plan policy, government policy and guidance, based on the information provided with the application we are unable to support / justify granting a further 10 year permission for extraction operations, particularly as government policy and advice aims to phase out the use of peat for horticultural purposes and wishes to see Scotland's peatland's restored.

However, officers would be willing to consider the application more favourably if it was proposed that continued extraction of peat was working towards a phased restoration of the site. At the moment, we have insufficient information to determine whether this is possible as it is dependant on the proposed scheme of working for the site going forward and depth of peat that remains. You will note that SNH has requested that a minimum of 1 metre of undisturbed ombrotrophic peat should be left in place across the entire extraction site and it would therefore be appropriate that information is submitted demonstrating the level of peat that remains at the site. As such, it would be appropriate that the previous outline restoration plan is updated with a revised plan outlining how a phased restoration would be achieved with an update to the previous cross section profiles which will be out of date. Along with this information, it would also be appropriate that details of the proposed working of the site be submitted demonstrating the proposed areas to be worked. This would also help to alleviate the concerns expressed by the archaeologist and SNH in respect of avoiding areas in the east of the site being worked.

I hope this updates you on the current position. I would be happy to discuss this further with you once you have had the chance to consider how you wish to proceed. As it stands however, I am unable to support the application in its present form.

I am going into a meeting in due course but will be available this afternoon to discuss by phone if you wish.

Regards

Andrew

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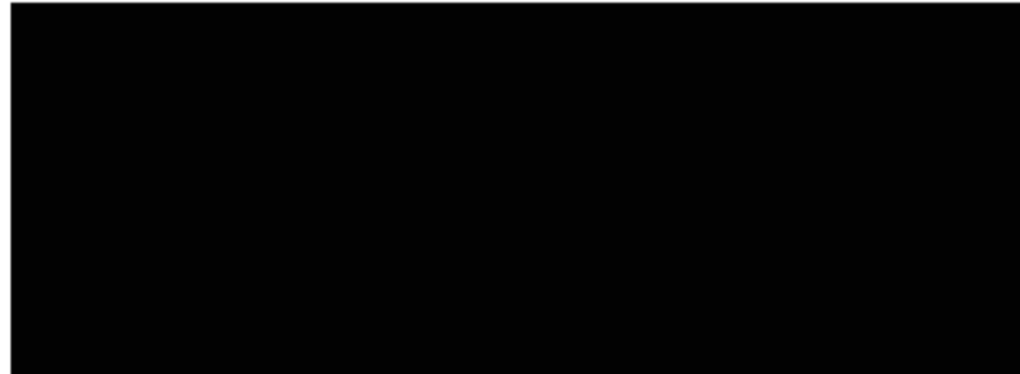
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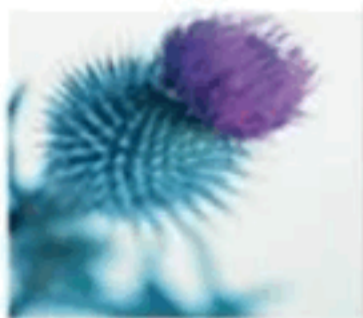
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