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Hello Liz,

I am writing to post my complete objection to any change in the ownership (or lease) of the Scottish forestry estate. At the moment this is a national asset that all can enjoy and any potential threat to public enjoyment should be strongly resisted. I do not see that any guarantees of public access would work once the estate has been transferred into private hands.

In addition forestry is a long term business and we have spent the past 100 years building up this national resource. If we allow private companies to come in and cut the forest down, what guarantees do we have that they will have the capital or will to replant? In this case, more environmental damage, both in terms of visual pollution and the destruction of a carbon sink, would result. Please register my opposition to any of the current plans.

Yours,

John Rutter

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