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Canonbie And District (Dumfries & Galloway) Community Council's responses to the consultation questions are as follows.

Q.1. We feel that there is room for joint ventures but strict safeguards must be in place and FCS must have overall control.

Q.2. We are opposed to Scottish Ministers and Forestry Commissioners to offering leases and cutting rights over national forest estate. The Government, through FCS, should continue to have a stake in the management of and investment in its' entire estate, in order to protect forestry jobs and support the vital recreational, environmental, tourism and public access role. The cash brought in by the lease of our forests would be at the expense of future years' income as the timber would be sold by the private investors rather than the Government.

Q3. No leases and no cutting rights means that there would be no reason for "Not for profit Trusts"

Q.4. We believe that FCS is already planning and taking the necessary action.

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Secretary