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this sounds very welcoming.

I can't make it to the consultation event at the hotel but would like to add my 'bit' ;

I work for the National Trust as Estate / head Warden and would think this idea would be favourable regards open habitats restoration, especially removing some conifers from upland heath, I'm thinking Harwood Forest and Land that belongs to The Trust leased to Forest Comm. many years ago.

I can remember when I could watch Black Grouse and Red Grouse on this area early 1970's, also, Hen Harrier and now obviously the trees have matured the habitat has changed and these birds no longer exist on this area but I'm sure would return with sensible upland habitat management, a few trees, conifer (scots pine) and native broadleaf suitable for Black Grouse, they're not that far away, red grouse are next door.

I'm managing some moorland adjacent this area hoping to get it back to open heath by manipulating livestock and some mechanical management, it's in a CSS agreement with the tenant farm and things are looking positive and to think a larger area may be cleared of trees would be very useful for important habitats and the species associated with them.

cheers for now

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