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Dear Resident

### **Peckforton Estate - Quarry Bank Woodland Works**

As you may be aware, the Estate is planning to undertake forestry works in the areas around Quarry Bank and we wish to update you further on this.

The Estate will be felling three compartments of conifers and re-stocking these with a broadleaf and conifer mix. The blocks identified for felling are shown shaded red on the enclosed plan. Unfortunately, the conifers are reaching the end of their lifespan and as a result they are no longer appropriate for their location.

The Estate's ambition is that by re-planting with broadleaf and conifers, the new conifers can be thinned out over time, and this will leave a more appropriate mixture of trees. The Estate also wishes to coincide this work with the Queen's Jubilee Green Canopy initiative.

The Estate and their forestry contractors, Scottish Woodlands, have been in contact with the Forestry Commission and the Parish Council regarding the works and the Forestry Commission have granted their approval. Works are due to start from 14<sup>th</sup> March, subject to their being no unforeseen delays. There is a power outage booked for 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March and your supplier will write to you if you are affected by this.

The felling work is due to be completed over a 2-3 week period and timber will be removed over a 5-6 week period. Re-planting will take place in the winter.

We appreciate that there will be some inconvenience whilst this work is undertaken, which we apologise for, and Scottish Woodlands will try to minimise this as much as possible. The Estate thanks you for your understanding and cooperation with this. If you should have any questions or queries once the works are underway, please contact myself, and I will liaise with Scottish Woodlands.

The attached plan shows timber stacking areas and extraction routes, which we hope is helpful. Safety is crucial whilst the works are being completed and Scottish Woodlands will ensure that there are appropriate risk zones in place for potentially falling trees. It may be that the Village Hall car park is temporarily affected by this. Also for those with operations happening in the immediate vicinity of their property, we politely ask that you avoid being in your garden if at all possible until the works have moved on. We hope that this will only be required for a short period of time.

As a general principle, it is very important that you do not enter the woodlands whilst this work is being undertaken and that you avoid the working machines and operators.





The Estate and Scottish Woodlands are aware that there is a badger sett in the woodland adjacent to the Village Hall and residents are understandably concerned about this. Scottish Woodlands have the relevant licences to undertake the works and it will be done safely. We have also briefed the local Rural Crimes Officer and Natural England will be notified.

Again, we apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding the works, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

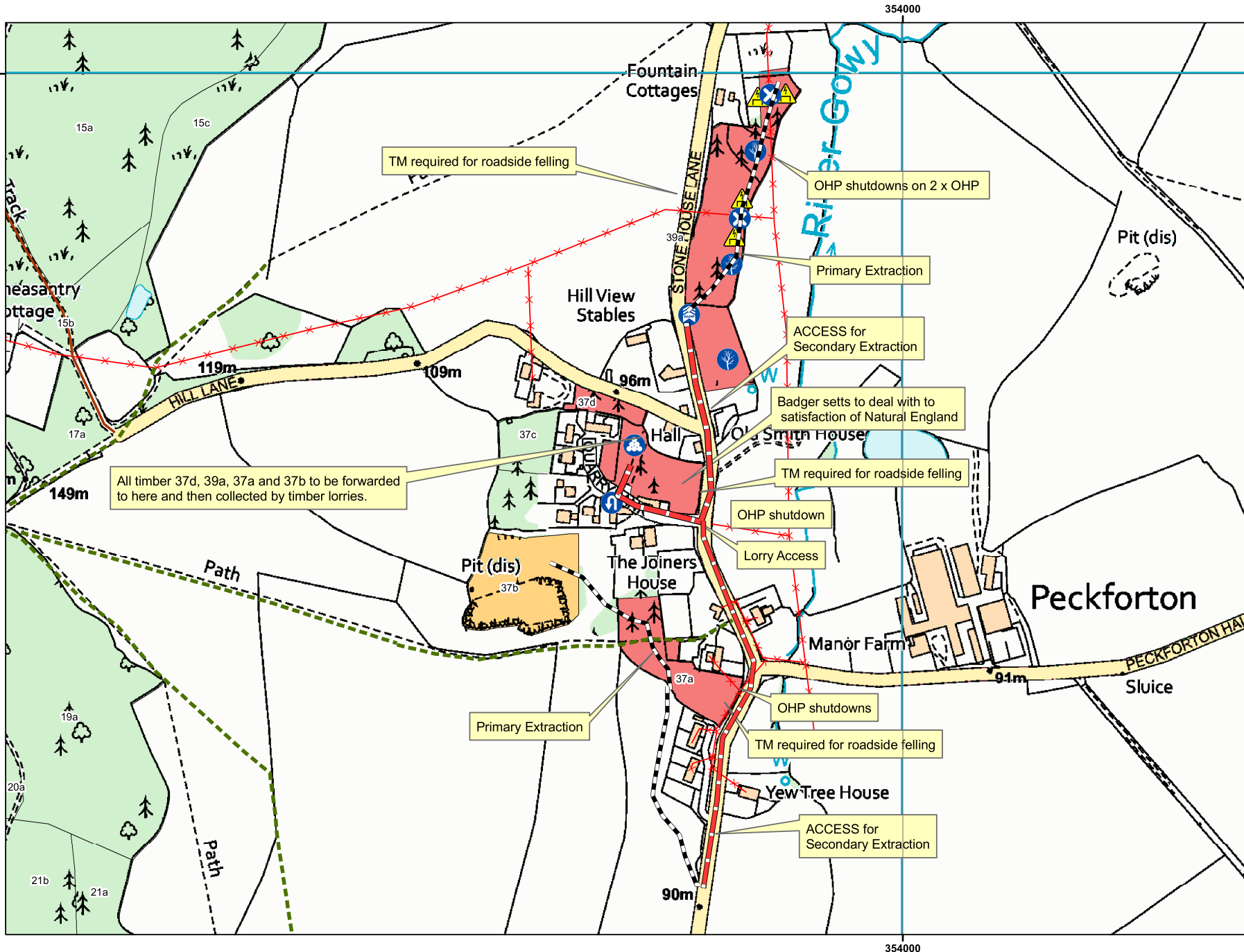
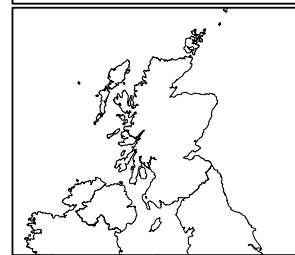
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**Katie Baker BSc (Hons) MRICS**  
**Associate Director**

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### Legend

- ATV Track
- Fell
- Overhead Powerline
- Thin
- Footpath



Drain-Clean	Fence-New	Fence-Repair	Road-New	Powerline Crossing Point With Signs	Site Information	Machine Delivery Point	Deadwood	Bridge
Drain-New	Fence-Removal	Extraction Route	Road-Repair	Warning Sign	Culvert	Materials Delivery Point	Stacking Area	Ramp
Red Zone	Amber Zone	Unusual Terrain		Powerline Crossing Point With Goalposts	Crossing Point	Refuelling/Maintenance	Turning Area	