

Present:	Cathleen Russell, Anne Lamb, Martin McFarlane, Cathy Grant, Fiona Hamilton, Jim McLuckie (Development Trust), Adam McLean, Tilhill, Catherine Kennedy, FCS
Apologies:	A&B Roads Department; Paul Farrell, Nigel Potts Bidwells representative, Danielle Clark, Danuta Steedman, Tom Mowat
	UPM Tilhill work as forest managers of Auchnagarron and report to our client Bidwells
1. Working hours (light & noise)	<p>Concerns:</p> <p>Normal working hours are between 7:7 or 8:8 Occasionally outwith if there is a boat waiting in Sandbank for one or two. Reassurance given no night time working. Will be even more closely observed when working close to housing.</p> <p>Not much timber will be harvested for next ten years. Fell Phase plan was shared. Phase 1 is immediately above Achnagarron. Phased extraction in 1-5 years (2.5 ha), 10 - 15 years, 20 years.</p>
2. Water supplies	Supply for Achnagarron to be checked out and measures put in place to be protected. Similarly for other supplies. In scoping paper 3.5, replace “encouraged” with “imperative”.
3. Road widening and lay-bys	<p>Route change proposed, taking away from unclassified public road. Would require power lines being put under ground. 215 m sightlines required in either direction. Warning signs would be required. Initial consultation with council indicates this would be tight but sufficient. Lines of sight could be improved by removing more trees and shrubs. Tilhill would be responsible for original cutting, the responsibility would then revert to A&B council. If this option is chosen, CC would ask for traffic lights during extraction to control traffic and guarantee that it would only be used for Phase One. It is unlikely that such a guarantee could be given.</p> <p>Cattle grid has worse sightlines.</p> <p>Alternative route, to join the Community Forest road, may not be financially viable.</p> <p>Original route would pass Cala na Sith & Cala Beag. It was requested that other options be costed and considered. A McLean will speak to the client about the other options and concerns of the community for road safety reasons.</p>
4. Planning Application	Planning application will probably be put in next year.

Action:	AM contact F Hamilton to show water supply & pipe route. Explore sightlines & temporary lights Explore powerline option Explore joining Stronafian route Explore exiting directly opposite Stronafian entrance Forest Plan will be written without firming up extraction route.
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