

	What DON'T you want to see, do or happen in Coihallan Wood?	Suggested responses
General	Gates (open to the public at all times). Access.	Will need to restrict vehicular access but no change from current situation planned where open gates give access 24/7.
	Snobbery, ie too many people on the board.	Open communications are a priority to keep as many people as possible involved in the discussions. A certain number of board members is needed to bring expertise across a range of topics. More non-board experts will undoubtedly be needed to develop individual aspects
	Mid and long-term development – too vague.	Detailed plans could not be developed without public consultation. Community responses to surveys and drop-in sessions are being collated to feed into a more detailed proposal and 25-year plan that will be made public for comments.
	No over-dependence on volunteers – ongoing woodland management is a big demand, in a community of only 3000+ people.	Initially a woodland manager will be appointed. As at 28 Feb 44% of people who have responded have volunteered for on-going maintenance. Tyndrum's established wood is run by 4 people. See FAQ's
	Would create more rubbish.	That is a concern, as it is at many other visitor sites where volunteers pick up litter. Signs will target responsible behaviour and the possibility of eco-friendly disposal will be investigated.
	More dog poo bags hanging on trees and lying around!	
	Against purchase!	see comments under FAQ's and Do Want
	Partnership with Forestry Commission to manage wood/ possible unintended flood risks, due to hard paths	Forest management plans must include water management and hydrologist expertise is available to the group. There will be a limited number of new paths and their spec will be appropriate to a woodland setting with appropriate drainage.
	Accountability re changes to drains/ watercourses	
Forest Management	Cutting down trees.	native species but in a phased plan to retain some mature trees which provide food for wildlife and add to the visual appeal of the woodland. Trees which pose a public hazard will have to be removed. Larch disease may force removal at short notice. Some windblow will be removed but some lying and standing dead wood will be retained for wildlife. The FCS 2015-2024 plan is to clear-fell 3 areas with some replanting and some allowed to regenerate naturally.
	Any more tree felling.	
Wildlife/Environment	Not too many paths – wildlife need space! And less disturbance.	The plan will have a balance between increased access and undisturbed areas. Felling needs to be scheduled to leave mature trees while new planting grows. Species planted will target food and shelter for wildlife.
	Flora and fauna should take priority.	
Access/Activites	Cafes.	None of these are included in any current plans. Overnight parking control would be as at present.
	Overnight camping.	
	No more car parks.	
	No bikes – likelihood of accidents to dogs and walkers.	Any bike trails will not be close to housing. If bike trails are included they would be specific routes, not using walking routes and with careful control if they do cross footpaths. Small numbers of bikes already use the main access track without problems but would need to monitor.
	Cycle track behind housing area.	
	I do not want an application made for a grant on the pretence that the paths will be able to be used by wheelchairs when this is not the case. A bit dishonest!	Apart from the flat area between the car park and the caravan park, the woodland terrain is not suitable for wheelchairs and would not be claimed as such. Planning applications should soon spot that mis-match.
	No skateboard park – put it at McLaren Leisure, not near the woods.	Not included in any current plans, more suitable in other locations
	Wood should also be for walkers, dog walkers, photographers + artists. Peaceful area for good mental health	