

Hi Lorna

Thank you for your email.

I've spoken to Tom Murphy about revisiting the severity of the hazards and risks at Duchess Wood. Tom will work with our Health and Safety Team to consider if access could be allowed on a managed basis, either to certain areas of the wood or during appropriate weather conditions.

Tom is also working to arrange for work to be undertaken as soon as possible now that funding has been granted. We've taken note of the desire to allow access for Lomond School and work that allows this to happen will be prioritised.

The more detailed comments on the report and the work to be undertaken will be considered in conjunction with our team and the contractor who will be involved. We'll take on board as much of this as we can as we move forward.

Tom has offered to send appropriate member(s) of his team to the next meeting of the FODW to provide an update. If you think this would be helpful, I'd ask Shona to get in touch with Tom directly to agree their attendance.

I've also copied in Lorna, from the Economic Development team so that the actions in terms of the WIG funding can be picked up.

I hope this provides some reassurance to the group that we will do our best to respond positively to the comments that they have provided.

Best regards
Pippa

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