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Hello,

## New Woodland Creation with the National Trust at Cofton Hackett

Last year we saw one of the region's most successful sporting events in the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, and as the official Nature & Carbon Neutral Supporter, Severn Trent is continuing to deliver a series of initiatives to leave a social and environmental legacy in support of this amazing event. The games may have come and gone, but we are continuing to work towards creating 2,022 acres of Commonwealth Forests, helping the games leave a carbon neutral legacy.

### Severn Trent and National Trust

With such an ambitious plan, we knew we needed help and support from others to find suitable land. We are delighted to confirm that the National Trust have made an incredible contribution by making 42 acres of land, at Cofton Hackett available for woodland creation. Together, we will create a lasting legacy for the local community to enjoy for years to come.

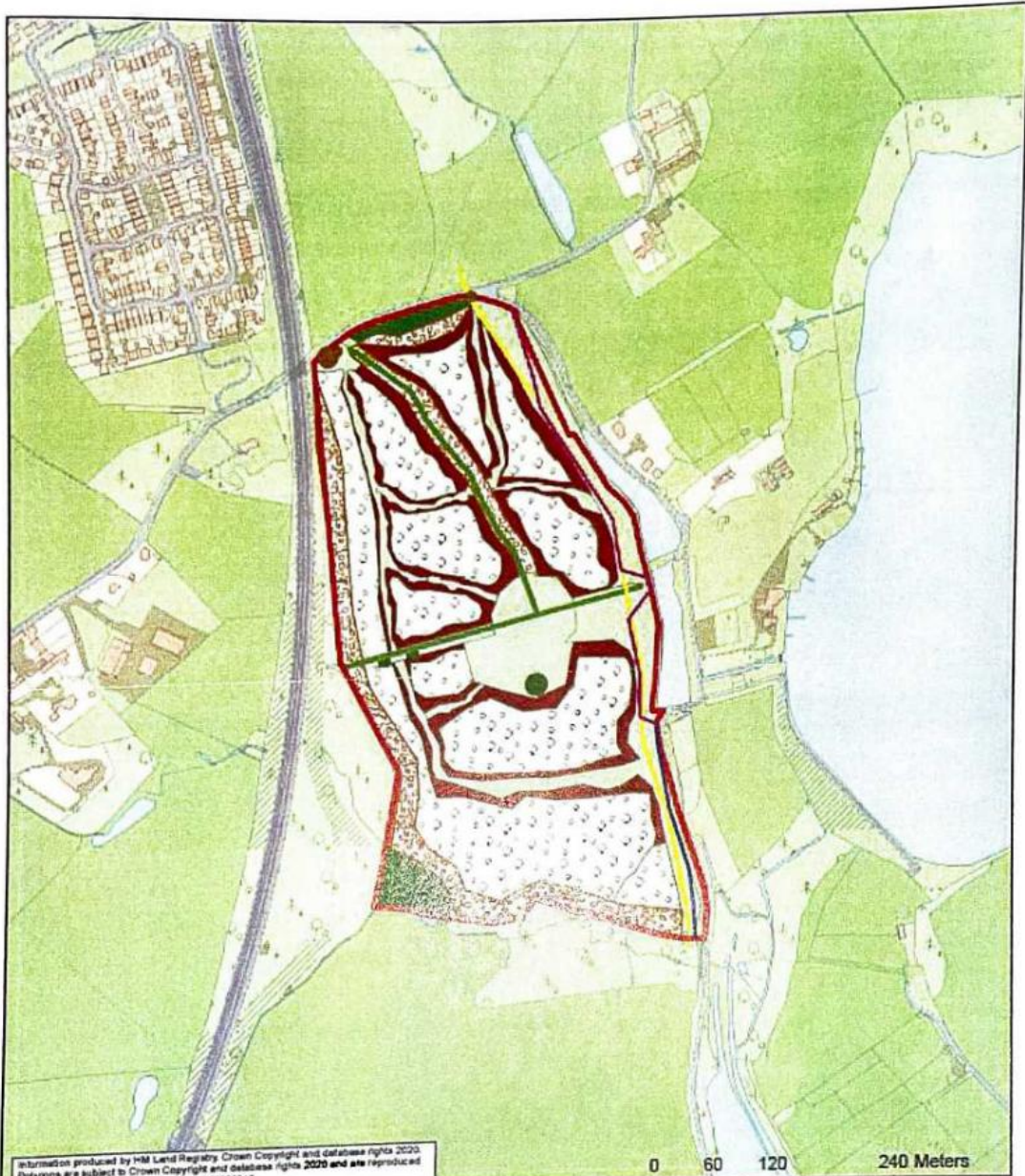
### What are we doing?

Together with the National Trust and local authority, we are working closely with the Forestry Commission to ensure we plan and plant a new woodland to the UK Forestry Standard, and that the right trees are planted in the right place. Native broadleaf species, similar to those present throughout the local landscape, such as Oak, Hazel, Willow and Birch will be included in the plan. The trees will be planted as 'whips' which are about 40cm tall, so it will take many years to grow into a woodland.

### Where is the woodland going to be created?

Our proposed site plan at the end of this letter outlines where we want to create the woodland. On that, you'll see the site is split into three sections defined by existing hedgerows, which will be retained as part of the woodland design. Areas of high woodland will be bordered by shrub margins to create a graduated edge to the woodland blocks and intersected with scalloped edge paths. All existing hedges and trees will be buffered and strips will be left on the West and South edges of planting to allow areas of natural colonisation. Open areas will be left on the highest parts of the site to retain views to and from the site. A fence will be installed on the Eastern edge of the site to prevent access to the water's edge while leaving room for birds to rest and forage.

Cofton Hackett Proposed Site Plan:



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- Legend**
- fence to install
  - existing fence
  - existing gate
  - vehicle gate
  - Boundary
  - sewer pipe
  - existing hedgerows
  - natural regen
  - Existing trees
  - open ground
  - shrub planting
  - broadleaf planting

Scale:	1:5,000 (A4)
Date:	01/2023
Drawn By:	GH
Area:	Cofton Hackett

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