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Dear Eileen

Thank you for hosting us all at the review of Nature Scots Corporate Plan on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. We all very much appreciated the chance to input into the development process.

We all thought the format of the event worked well, that it was delivered well, capturing everyone's points and allowing us all to have a say in a constructive and balanced way.

We thought it would be helpful to provide written summary of the key points we raised during the workshop so they can be incorporated into the plan development as it moves forward.

Delivery of the new nature targets must clearly be one of the key ambitions of the plan, as well as delivery against the ambition of the Scottish Biodiversity Framework, noting that the current Delivery Plan, if its objectives are met, will make some progress but insufficient to meet the Global Biodiversity Framework targets. This will require leadership from NS.

Specific actions include

1. Build trust with and support from our sector through demonstrated appetite and capacity to deliver to the necessarily highly ambitious agenda. The current approach feels too risk averse and is struggling with the more innovative and imaginative approaches needed.
2. Deliver deer management, specifically moving deer numbers to carrying capacity across the highlands to allow tree and heathland regeneration in landscape scale ecological restoration.
3. Implement improved species licencing regimes delivering ecosystem restoration and management,
4. Ensure effective site designations and management are key to 30x30. This includes ensuring that OECMs have integrity and that Nature Networks are coordinated across Scotland.
5. Adopt a more proactive approach in reaching out to those who manage protected areas to develop and deliver positive site management for nature.
6. Develop and deliver priority habitat and species restoration programmes, alongside eNGOs strategies and priorities.
7. Manage Naturescot's NNRs to a high standard as exemplar case studies of ecological restoration and sustainable land management.

We will be delighted to feedback on future drafts.  
yours sincerely



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