

Feasibility Study : Proposed Community Purchase Of Land In And Around Wanlockhead

Farming and the Land

There are three tenanted farms in the Study area, at Clackleith, Clenries and Brandleys. The farm tenants will have rights to continue farming, although *with their agreement*, there could be scope for the community to promote compatible activities.

The remaining land is held in hand by Buccleuch Estates. Most of the land is used for sheep farming and grouse shooting. Buccleuch Estates has submitted a planning application for a wind farm which covers the majority of the land area.

At the previous community consultation, many people said they would like to see a more diverse management of the landscape. New farming opportunities were suggested, such as mushroom farms or polytunnels to grow vegetables for the village. Small-holdings and opportunities for new entrant farmers were also suggested.

Some comments suggested a more balanced use of sheep within a more varied landscape, including the funding and creation of a "Scottish Sheep Centre" with potential activities such as spinning, weaving courses and local product promotion.

Other related comments supported tree planting and new woodlands, walks, mountain bike trails and wildlife habitats to attract more people to the area.

What would you like to see happening with farming and the land?



Tayport community garden



Community-owned polytunnel/food growing, Broadford, Skye

Tell us what would YOU like to see happening with farming and the land?