

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL28 June 2017Report by Director of EnvironmentEXEMPTION FROM ACCESS RIGHTS – GLANDERSTON WOOD**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of an application by LBP Outlander Series 3 Ltd to exempt land at Glanderston Wood, Neilston, from access rights (to allow production of a TV series), and to agree that a draft order be advertised for public consultation, and thereafter submitted to Scottish Ministers for consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. The Council is asked to agree that the draft order, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, be advertised for public consultation and thereafter submitted to the Scottish Ministers for consideration.

BACKGROUND

3. Representatives from a film location company have been in touch with the Council in recent months, with a view to filming a new series of the television programme “Outlander” in an area within Glanderston Woods, Neilston. The location of these woods is shown in Appendix 2 to this report.

4. A subsequent application has been made under section 11 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act for an exemption from access rights for the period from 18 September 2017 to September 2019, reflecting the overall period that filming is expected to be underway. The Council has powers to make the order, but as the proposed exemption period exceeds 6 days in duration this order requires confirmation by Scottish Ministers. The effect of the order would be to prevent public access within the red line boundary shown in Appendix 2.

REPORT

5. Glanderston Wood is a privately owned woodland covering 13.8 hectares. LBP Outlander Series 3 Ltd have applied for planning permission to construct large scale production sets within the woodland. The applications are in the process of being considered under references 2017/0307/TP and 2017/0308/TP. The producers consider that public access in the wood during filming creates a security and safety risk to members of the public, staff and production equipment. The production company have advised that the high profile and popularity of the series may attract visitors to the location.

6. This is extremely positive in terms of the economic development of the area under SOA3: East Renfrewshire is a thriving, attractive and sustainable place for residents and businesses to grow, but has implications for safety and security.

7. The application is being made on the grounds of safety and security. The Land Reform (Scotland) Act) guidance notes for Local Authorities provide this as a reason where section 11 orders would apply and the exemption clause exists to facilitate management of large scale events.

8. If the Council approves the order, it will be advertised in the local press inviting objections or representations for a period of 14 days. Thereafter, the proposed order (and any objections received) will be sent to the Scottish Ministers for consideration.

9. If the order is confirmed, the Scottish Government would inform the Council by letter and the Council may then make the order.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

10. There are no financial implications arising from this report. The proposed filming of such a well followed television series will have a positive financial impact upon the local and national economy.

CONSULTATION

11. The Local Access Forum and the landowner will be consulted on the proposed order. The proposed order will be advertised in the local press for a period of 14 days, inviting objections and representations.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

12. There is no partnership working required in the making of the order.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

13. There are no financial, sustainability, IT, staffing or other implications associated with this report.

CONCLUSIONS

14. Any potential temporary loss of public access during the period of the order would be offset by the positive impact of this proposal on the national and local economy.

RECOMMENDATIONS

15. The Council is asked to agree that the draft order, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, be advertised for public consultation and thereafter submitted to the Scottish Ministers for consideration.

Director of Environment

Further information can be obtained from Mark Brand, Outdoor Access Officer, 0141 577 3882 or mark.brand@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk
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Appendix 1

East Renfrewshire Council

Notice of Proposed Order to Exempt Land from Access Rights

Notice is hereby given under section 11(2) (b) of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 (the Act) that East Renfrewshire Council proposes to make Glanderston Woods Section 11 Order (the Order) under section 11(1) of the Act.

The effect of the Order will be to exempt Glanderston Woods, bounded by Springhill Road and Glanderston Road and totalling 13.8 hectares, from access rights which would otherwise be exercisable in respects of that land by virtue of Part 1 of the Act.

The purpose for which the Order is being proposed is ensuring safety and security during the production of a series for TV.

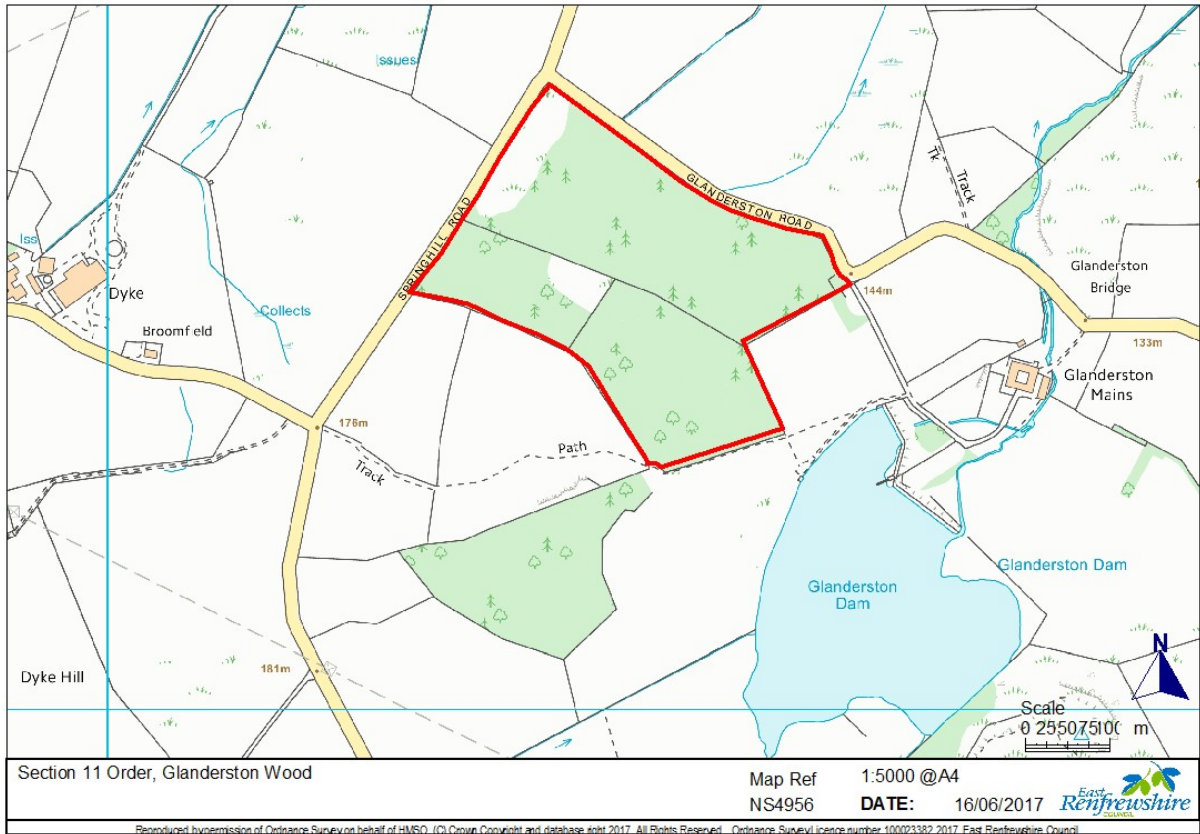
It is proposed that the Order will take effect from 18th September 2017 and will expire on 18th September 2019

Objections or representations in respect of the Order may be made to the Council at the address given below, for its consideration, no later than 14 days after the publication of this notice. These should be made in writing [and in the case of objections, the grounds on which they are made should be stated].

East Renfrewshire Council, 2 Spiersbridge Way, Thornliebank, G46 8NG,
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Appendix 2 - Location plan



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