



Appendix 6.4

RSPB Scotland's engagement record

RSPB Scotland engaged with landowners, land managers and the local community in the direct vicinity of Insh Marshes nature reserve.

The below table is a summary of this engagement recorded by RSPB Scotland and shared with the Park Authority for inclusion in the licence application.

Stakeholder	Name	Engagement type	Date of engagement	Notes of meeting
Watersports		Face to face meeting	25/07/2023	Main concern was around additional wood in the river and beavers blocking/using the small pond area. Sees potential for added value to tourism.
Residents at		Face to face meeting	24/07/2023	Main concern is that they want things to stay the same. Want to be able to canoe from the house down to Loch Insh and don't want the access track flooded due to beaver dam.
		Face to face meeting	26/07/2023	Agreed it should be Individual partners supported by CC. Some concerns about newly planted aspen in Glen Tromie
		Face to face meeting	24/07/2023	Main concerns were around Golf course and planted trees. Offered to host some well organised events. Would like a lot of support from CNPA/NatureScot if impacts would be high.
		Videocall	27/07/2023	Overall positive, but concerns over Pitmain Burn. Wants the



				voice of local crofters heard more.
██████████ Farm	██████████ ██████████	Face to face meeting	27/07/2023	Recognised that beavers were coming but appreciated the conversation. Main concerns around visitors walking down the Farr Coull track and potential diseases to Livestock.
Kingussie Shinty Club	██████████ ██████████	Face to face meeting	15/08/2023	Informed about plans and will take notes back to the club meeting. Feed back to CNPA.
Landowner at Kingussie	██████████ ██████████	Phone call	24/07/2023	Would come back to me for a meeting but never did.
Landowner at Kingussie	██████████ ██████████	Face to face meeting	08/08/2023	Overall positive. Would be happy to have beavers on his land
Landowner at Kingussie	██████████ ██████████	Face to face meeting	08/08/2023	Only concern is water levels of Pitmain burn rising.
Landowner at Kingussie	██████████ ██████████	Face to face meeting	11/08/2023	Not happy with the reintroduction, but especially with the decision being made without input from local farmers.
██████████ Farm	██████████ ██████████	Face to face meeting	02/08/2023	Would like to see compensation for damages.
██████████ Estate	██████████ ██████████	Face to face meeting	31/07/2023	Positive about beavers coming back. Will keep informed and evaluate how beavers could impact the estate.
██████████ Estate	██████████ ██████████	Phone call and email	19/07/2023	Was unavailable to talk. Did not respond to e-mail afterwards. From other e-mail correspondence it is clear John has some concerns, but is not immediately opposed beavers being released on Insh Marshes.



██████████ Estate	██████████ ██████████	Face to face meeting	25/07/2023	Not enthusiastic about the return of beavers. Lots of employees on the estate are worried about it.
██████████ Resident	██████████ ██████████	Face to face meeting	11/08/2023	Happy to see beavers return.
██████████ Residents	4 letterboxes	Leaflet	11/08/2023	
RZSS	██████████ ██████████	Face to face meeting	09/08/2023	Not aware of any potential issues with infrastructure
Insh Residents	██████████ ██████████ ██████████	Face to face meeting	07/08/2023	Generally positive about beavers. Only concern is impact by visitors.
Insh Residents	██████████ ██████████	Face to face meeting	10/08/2023	Happy to be informed and a bit worried for landowners near the marshes, but nothing against beavers.
Tenant farmers	██████████ ██████████ ██████████	Face to face meeting	27/08/2023	Mainly concerned for transmittable diseases. Don't think it will impact them a lot.
Insh Residents	██████████ ██████████	Face to face meeting	02/08/2023	Very positive
Insh Marshes volunteers	20 individuals	Face to face meeting	02/08/2023	Supportive, some questions about the impacts on other valuable species and habitats on the reserve.