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Environment East Lothian Council John Muir House Brewery Park Haddington EH41 3HA

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**Dear Sirs** 

Change of use of woodland area to domestic garden ground, erection of ancillary accommodation building for Muirfield Wood house and associated works

Muirfield Wood Duncur Road Gullane EH31 2EG

Ref. No: 23/00254/P

We refer to the above application for planning permission.

We have a number of concerns about the application, as indeed we would have concerns about any application seeking to reduce woodland resources during a climate emergency.

We note that the Tree Report is long out of date, and should have been updated. We note that no bat survey has been done, and that this is an area where bats are seen by walkers.

We take no issue with the building itself.

If the Council was minded to approve the application we ask that a condition is imposed to make its use ancillary to the main house. We also ask that the Council impose TPOs on the remaining trees.

Yours faithfully

Martin White Community Councillor For and on behalf of Gullane Area Community Council Email Telephone

