26th February 1986

The conservator Forestry Commission 21 Church Street Inverness

Dear Sir,

At the last Council meeting of the Bailies of Bennachie, I was instructed to write to you regarding current and future timber extraction, on the north side of the hill.

Considerable concern was expressed, about the greatly increased number of heavy vehicles using the road, leading to the Back o' Bennachie Carpark and Picnic Area, as access to the forest. As outlined in the enclosed minute of the meeting, discussion centred on the general inconvenience to the public throughout the week, damage being caused to the forest road, disruption to footpaths, increased noise and dust, and the danger, especially to children, of vehicle movements.

In view of the longterm requirements for access to the forest, for future extraction, we would ask you to consider the possibility of finding an alternative route, therby preserving the amenity of the Back o' Bennachie (of which the EC. should be proud and which is appreciated by all visitors), while maintaining efficiency in the forest.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk.