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Head of department

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to let you know that in late May/early June 2025, Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS) will be increasing the price of our all day parking fee at Kinshaldy car park Tentsmuir Forest from £2 to £4. This will bring charges for this site into alignment with our other premium visitor sites across Scotland . The last price increase at this car park from £1 to £2, coincided with the installation of the existing barrier equipment in 2012.

We regularly review our visitor numbers, costs, visitor experience and equality considerations at our sites to assess whether our charges are justified and deliver best value. Following our last site charging review in 2019, Kinshaldy car park was identified for this price increase, however, due to the limitations of our coin only barrier system, a decision was made to wait until a card payment option was available.

After resolving some difficulties with poor internet connectivity at the barrier site, we have now procured a new barrier system which will be installed in May. This system will allow us to process both card and coin payments efficiently, using two 'in' lanes to avoid queuing. Once the new equipment is commissioned there will be a short period of reliability testing during which the price will be held at £2.

Forestry and Land Scotland charges for parking to offset some of the cost of maintaining our car parks, trails and visitor facilities and help look after the forests and their wildlife. The additional income we receive at Tentsmuir will contribute to our visitor facility maintenance programmes across Tayside, and will also help to fund further planned improvements at Tentsmuir as identified in our recent Tentsmuir Land Management Plan.

Forestry and Land Scotland currently offer a convenient, money-saving Annual Parking Pass for our regular visitors at this site, which until recently was priced at £70 per car. In advance of the



planned increase in day entry price we have reduced the annual pass price to £65, which now includes all our visitor sites in our <u>East Region</u>.

Blue Badge holders will continue to park free of charge and we encourage active transport and car sharing.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Robin Lofthouse

Area Visitor Services Manager

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