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Dear Nick Kempe ,

Thank you for your correspondence of 17 February 2026, in which you requested further clarification regarding the Scottish Forestry carbon code calculations.

The responses to your questions are as follows.

*a) Does this mean the assumptions on soil carbon used in the calculator have not been updated since 2011?*

**Yes, that is correct.**

*b) The section on Future Developments at the end also refers to some future research in next few years - did that research happen?*

**There is ongoing work to collect further data on soils to inform the WCC models in future. Through Forest Research, the WCC team has organised the collection of soil carbon data at over 140 WCC sites as part of this work. Forest Research is analysing these data and once this is complete, we hope to provide a more detailed soil carbon calculator. Information is provided on this page of the WCC website alongside other developmental work that we are taking forward – see [Soil Carbon](#)**

I hope you find this information helpful.

With kind regards,

Kasia Nowak

Yours sincerely

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