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Dear Councillor Worden,

Re: The Queen's Green Canopy - 70 New 70-Acre Woods and the Woodland Trust in Devon

2022, as I'm sure you are aware is the Platinum Jubilee in celebration of 70 years of the Queen's service. We are seeking contributions from all over Devon to mark this occasion. Your tree can be part of the Queen's Green Canopy. Any tree, avenue, copse or woodland can be included – it just needs to be planted by the end of 2022.

The Lords' Lieutenant, David Fursdon, along with others has embraced this project and is looking to create at least one 70 acre woodland here in Devon. There will be 70 of these across the UK. If you or someone you know wants to plant 70 acres, please contact us via the email at the bottom of the letter, or to myself or my External Affairs Officer, Rosie.

The Woodland Trust works closely with local authorities. We can offer bespoke support, guidance on the design and planting of trees, whether for carbon, biodiversity, recreation or a combination. We can help you to deliver new woodlands through free tree packs for schools and community groups, including town and parish councils. This will enable you to show your support for the Jubilee, planting celebratory native trees in suitable locations to benefit us and future generations for years to come. We would welcome any support you are able to provide in both backing and drawing attention to this opportunity in your local communities.

We have a strong relationship with Devon County Council and have awarded them a grant of around £300,000 for tree planting throughout the county through our Emergency Tree Fund. We invite you, your members and officers to approach Peter Chamberlain at Devon County Council (peter.chamberlain@devon.gov.uk) and ourselves to explore how the fund can support tree planting and protection of ancient trees in your district.

The Woodland Trust will be attending and presenting on our tree offer at the Devon Association of Local Councils Conference and we look forward to meeting your officers and members there.

The Woodland Trust started in Devon nearly 50 years ago with our first site at Avon Woods. As we approach our 50th anniversary in 2022, we would welcome the opportunity to work with you to further recognise the value of trees and woods which deliver so many benefits today.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely

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