

Letter Land Management Plan 2018 - 2028

Summary of Proposals

The Letter Land Management Plan area lies to the east of the village of Port of Menteith in Stirling. Covering an area of 344ha it is situated on the southern slopes of the Menteith Hills, just to the south of the Highland Boundary Fault. The ridge of the Menteith Hills marks the northern boundary where the highest point is Ben Dearg at 427m above sea level. A deep gully marks the western boundary above Castle Rednock and there is private forestry to the east. To the south the plan area is adjacent to private farmland and a new Forest Enterprise acquisition at Rhynaclach Farm. The Menteith Hills form a distinctive ridge looking over the Forth Valley towards the city of Stirling. Here rough hill grazing merges with the richer arable farming of the flood plain. The block is within Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park.

Total Plan Area	344ha
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Species breakdown	Current	End of the plan period
Sitka spruce	28.0%	20.5%
Larch	3.8%	1.8%
Scots pine	0.6%	0.6%
Other conifers	6.5%	13.5%
Native broadleaf	2.2%	16.5%
Other broadleaves	1.7%	9.1%
Open space	57.2%	38.0%

Planned operations	
Felling	58.6ha;
Thinning	Younger stands will be assessed for first thinning.
Restock	97.5ha of which 64.3ha is broadleaf and 33.2ha conifer.
New planting	None.
Road construction	Approximately 1.6km of new road
Road upgrade	n/a

Significant environment/ Conservation features	
Designated sites	There are no designated sites in the plan area though there are areas of ancient semi-natural woodland.
Vulnerable species populations	Several protected birds of prey nest in, or near to, the plan area. Black grouse occur nearby.
A listed buildings	None.
Minimum intervention & natural reserve	n/a

Consultation and Further Information

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including meetings with the local community and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information on the plan please contact:

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