

**WHITELEE FOREST LMP**

**MANAGEMENT**

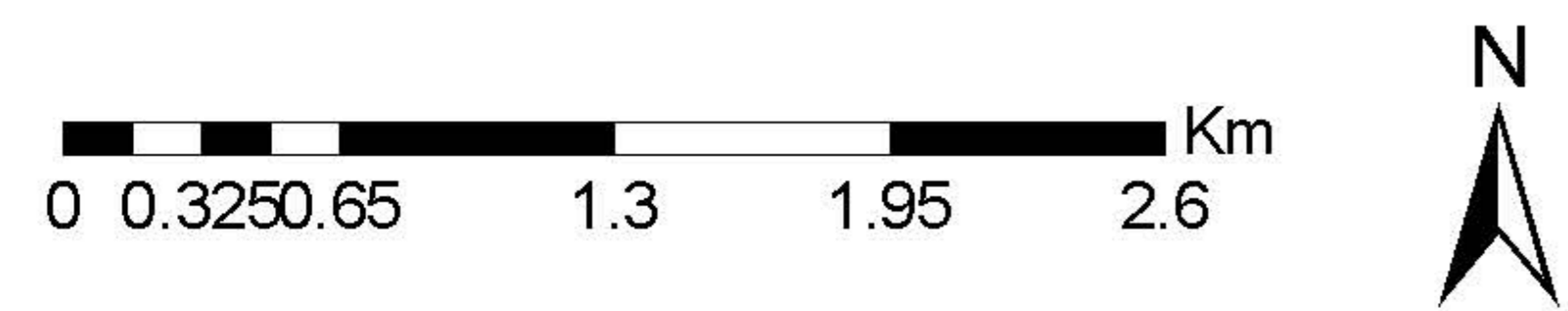
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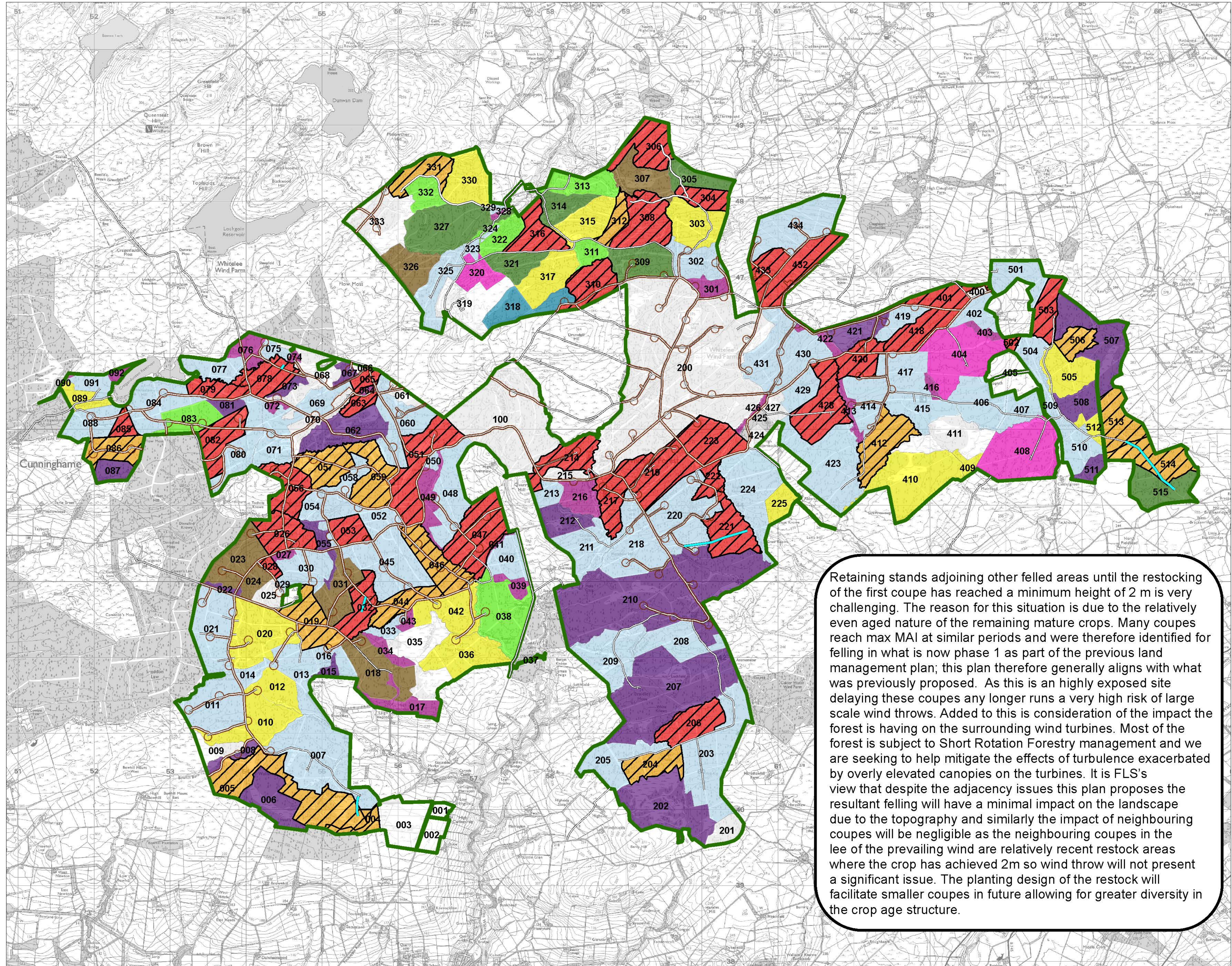
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**Legend**

-  Whitelee Forest
-  Felled awaiting restock
-  Phase 1 felling (2020 - 2024)
-  Phase 2 felling (2025 - 2029)
-  Phase 3 felling (2030 - 2034)
-  Phase 4 felling (2035 - 2039)
-  Phase 5 felling (2040 - 2044)
-  Phase 6 felling (2045 - 2049)
-  Phase 7 felling (2050 - 2054)
-  After 2054
-  Long Term Retention
-  Natural reserve
-  Minimum Intervention
-  Low impact silviculture
-  Open/Other
-  Requires SF Approval
-  Windfarm Footprint
-  Forest Roads
-  Proposed new road



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Retaining stands adjoining other felled areas until the restocking of the first coupe has reached a minimum height of 2 m is very challenging. The reason for this situation is due to the relatively even aged nature of the remaining mature crops. Many coupes reach max MAI at similar periods and were therefore identified for felling in what is now phase 1 as part of the previous land management plan; this plan therefore generally aligns with what was previously proposed. As this is an highly exposed site delaying these coupes any longer runs a very high risk of large scale wind throws. Added to this is consideration of the impact the forest is having on the surrounding wind turbines. Most of the forest is subject to Short Rotation Forestry management and we are seeking to help mitigate the effects of turbulence exacerbated by overly elevated canopies on the turbines. It is FLS's view that despite the adjacency issues this plan proposes the resultant felling will have a minimal impact on the landscape due to the topography and similarly the impact of neighbouring coupes will be negligible as the neighbouring coupes in the lee of the prevailing wind are relatively recent restock areas where the crop has achieved 2m so wind throw will not present a significant issue. The planting design of the restock will facilitate smaller coupes in future allowing for greater diversity in the crop age structure.

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**FUTURE HABITAT & SPECIES**

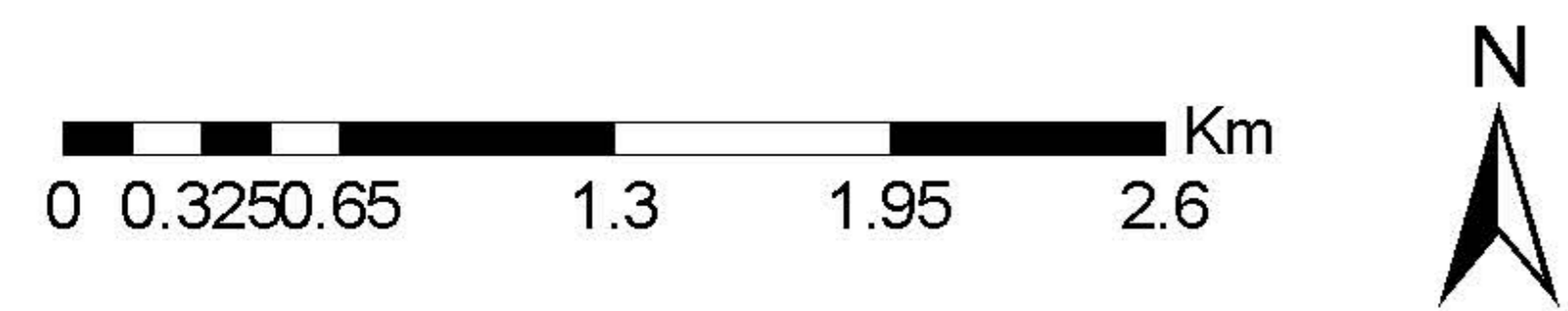
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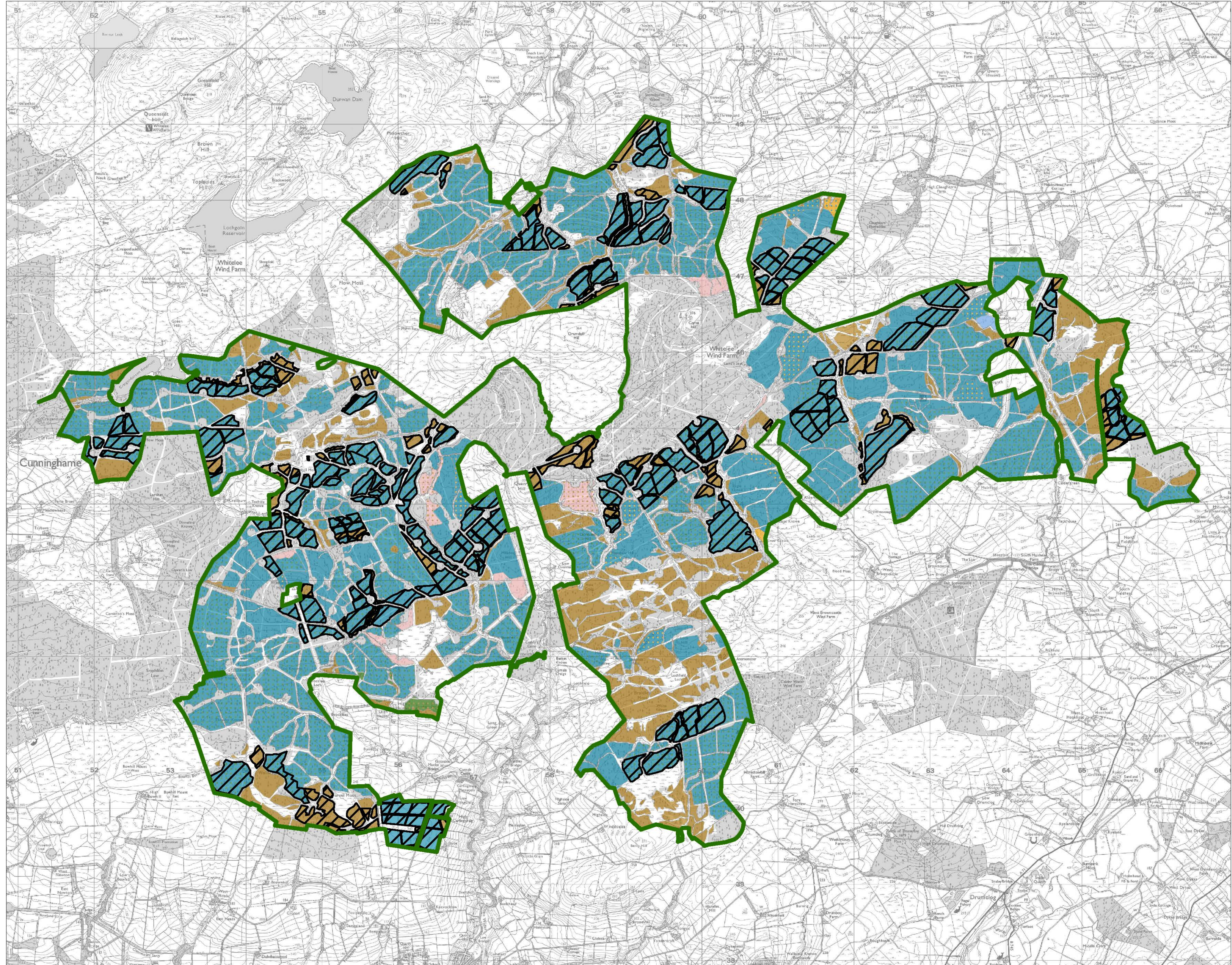
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**Legend**

-  Whitelee Forest
-  Sitka Spruce
-  Spruce with Birch
-  Spruce with other Broadleaves
-  Spruce with Fir
-  Spruce with Larch
-  Spruce with Pine
-  Norway Spruce
-  Lodgepole Pine
-  Scots Pine
-  Pine with other Broadleaves
-  Larch
-  Larch with Spruce
-  Birch
-  Birch with other Broadleaves
-  Other Broadleaves
-  Open/Other
-  Requires SF Approval



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**PUBLIC ACCESS & CORE PATH MANAGEMENT**

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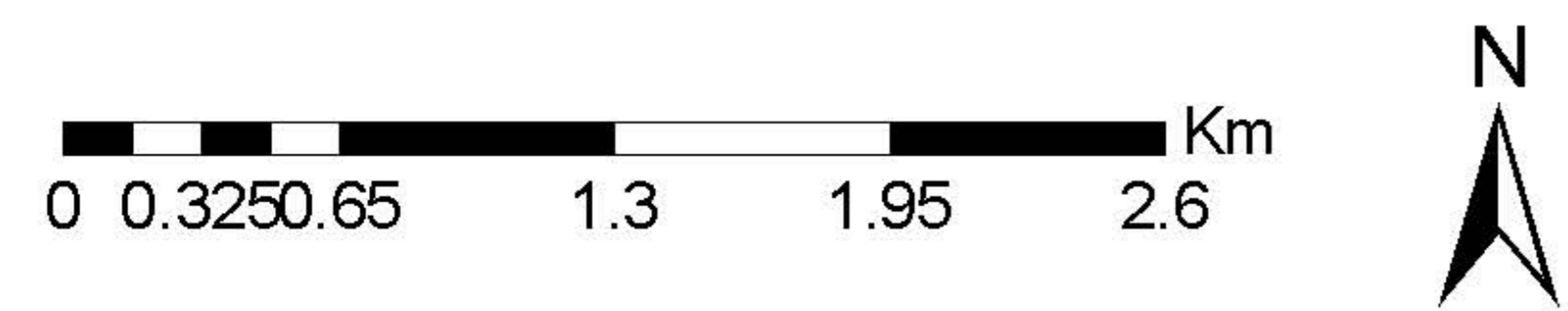
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**Legend**

-  Whitelee Forest
-  Visitor Zone Management
-  Vehicle parking
-  Entrance Improvement Area
-  Fingerposts
-  Core Paths

**ScotWays Rights of Way**

-  Vindicated
-  Claimed
-  Other Route (Potential RoW)
-  Planned footpath upgrade
-  No footpath upgrade required
-  Planned new footpath
-  Forest Roads



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