

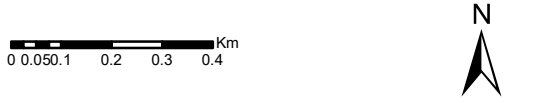


Map 5.2 Management Concept Map

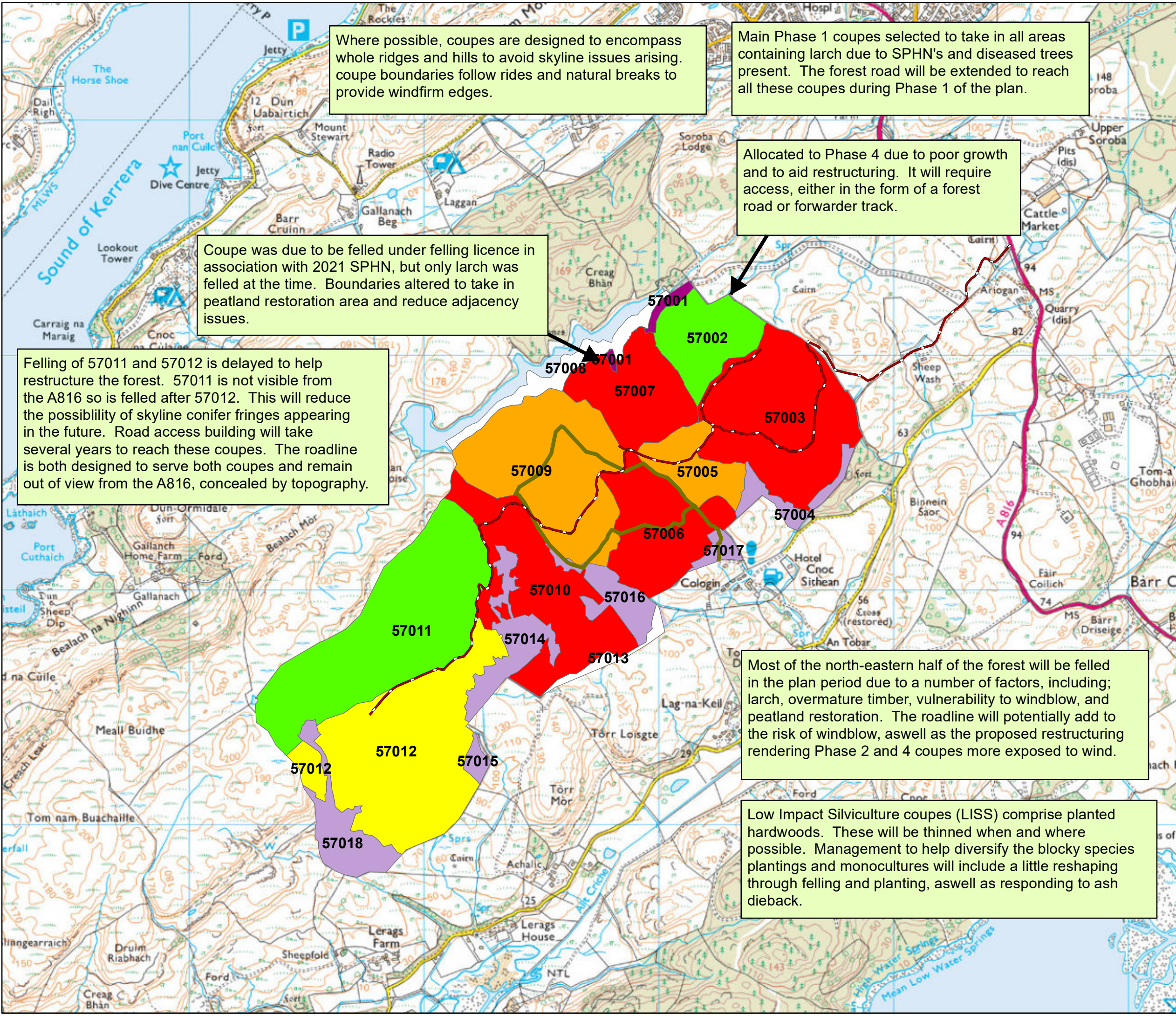
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Legend

-  proposed roads
-  Rec - Linear Assets
-  Phase 1 felling (2025 - 2029)
-  Phase 2 felling (2030 - 2034)
-  Phase 3 felling (2035 - 2039)
-  Phase 4 felling (2040 - 2044)
-  Phase 5 felling (2045 - 2049)
-  Phase 6 felling (2050 - 2054)
-  Phase 7 felling (2055 - 2059)
-  After 2059
-  Long Term Retention (Fell after Phase 3)
-  Natural Reserve
-  Minimum Intervention
-  Coppice
-  Low Impact Silviculture
-  Open



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Where possible, coupes are designed to encompass whole ridges and hills to avoid skyline issues arising. coupe boundaries follow rides and natural breaks to provide windfirm edges.

Main Phase 1 coupes selected to take in all areas containing larch due to SPHN's and diseased trees present. The forest road will be extended to reach all these coupes during Phase 1 of the plan.

Allocated to Phase 4 due to poor growth and to aid restructuring. It will require access, either in the form of a forest road or forwarder track.

Coupe was due to be felled under felling licence in association with 2021 SPHN, but only larch was felled at the time. Boundaries altered to take in peatland restoration area and reduce adjacency issues.

Felling of 57011 and 57012 is delayed to help restructure the forest. 57011 is not visible from the A816 so is felled after 57012. This will reduce the possibility of skyline conifer fringes appearing in the future. Road access building will take several years to reach these coupes. The roadline is both designed to serve both coupes and remain out of view from the A816, concealed by topography.

Most of the north-eastern half of the forest will be felled in the plan period due to a number of factors, including; larch, overmature timber, vulnerability to windblow, and peatland restoration. The roadline will potentially add to the risk of windblow, as well as the proposed restructuring rendering Phase 2 and 4 coupes more exposed to wind.

Low Impact Silviculture coupes (LISS) comprise planted hardwoods. These will be thinned when and where possible. Management to help diversify the blocky species plantings and monocultures will include a little reshaping through felling and planting, as well as responding to ash dieback.