



1 Summary of Proposals

This land management plan sets out proposals to create a new productive and resilient mixed woodland on a former opencast coal mine site. The new woodland will be multipurpose, simultaneously providing an enhanced setting for recreational use, improving and diversifying habitat provision for wildlife, whilst also contributing a long-term sustainable supply of timber.

Damside is within both the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) and the Woodland In and Around Towns (WIAT) project areas. Regeneration of former industrial land such as Damside, to provide a high quality environment for the benefit of people and wildlife is a key theme common to both these projects. Proposals in this land management plan will deliver such transformation. The plan will also contribute towards Scottish Government woodland expansion targets.

This land management plan covers woodland creation and forestry operations to be undertaken by Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS). Land forming and soil restoration operations have already been delivered by Hargreaves Ltd., and were thus covered by a separate planning process.

The Current Land Use map illustrates the starting condition at which FLS acquired the site and the inception of this plan. The Concept and Future Habitat and Species maps illustrate the long-term vision for the site's transformation.



2 FCS Regulatory Requirements

2.1 Summary of planned operations

Planned Operations	2021-2031
Felling	0 ha
Thinning	0 ha
Restock	0 ha
Woodland Creation (afforestation)	292.5 ha
Habitat Restoration (deforestation)	0 ha
Road Construction	0 ha
Quarry expansion	0 ha

2.2 Proposed felling in years 2021 - 2031

There are no felling works proposed within the 10 year period of this plan.

2.3 Proposed restocking in years 2021 - 2031

There are no restocking works proposed within the 10 year period of this plan.

2.4 Woodland Creation 2021 - 2031

292.5 ha of woodland creation is proposed in this plan. This is on remediated former mine ground. Species prescriptions are described in section 7.2 and the spatial layout is illustrated in the Planting map.

Stand type	Area (ha)	Area (%)
Broadleaf	40.2	13.7
Conifer	166.5	57.0
Mixed (75% broadleaf, 25% conifer)	85.8	29.3
Total	292.5	100

2.5 Access and roading 2021 - 2031

There are no road works proposed within the 10 year period of this plan.

2.6 Departure from UKFS Guidelines

The UKFS standards will be met through the delivery of this plan.



2.7 Standards and guidance on which this LMP is based

This land management plan has been produced in accordance with a range of government and industry standards and guidance as well as recent research outputs. A full list of these standards and guidance can be found here: <https://forestryandland.gov.scot/what-we-do/planning/links>