

Woodgreen – Summary of Proposals

Woodgreen is situated to the north east of Kilwinning in the local authority of North Ayrshire (see map). Woodgreen is a recent acquisition of former agricultural farmland consisting of two separate blocks surrounded predominantly by agricultural land.

The primary objective of the land management plan is to create new broadleaved woodland in keeping with the surrounding landscape which will enhance the biodiversity potential of the site whilst retaining features such as hedgerows and important views particularly towards Kilwinning, Ailsa Craig and Arran. This plan also sets out a vision for the site as an amenity asset for the neighbouring community at Kilwinning promoting increased educational and recreational use of the site.

The main proposal for the site during the ten year plan period is the creation of new woodland (see tables below).

Key Proposals

Total Plan Area	30.8 Ha
Planned operations	2016-2026 plan period
new planting	17.5 Ha

Land use changes

Land use	2016	2026
Open space	100%	43%
Lowland Mixed Broadleaves	0%	51%
Native wet woodland	0%	2%
Low growing shrub	0%	4%

The key considerations in producing this plan were the potential effects on: landscape, views, habitat and utilities. The design retained important views, areas of important open habitat and minimised linear and geometric planting shapes judiciously locating broadleaves and shrubs to soften hard crop edges.

To establish the trees the area will likely be deer fenced. In addition the priority meadow habitat will remain as open habitat.

Consultation and Further Information

Scottish Lowlands Forest District consulted with local neighbours via postcard drop and onsite posters as well as contacting the local community council whilst Central Scotland Conservancy consulted on the plan with statutory stakeholders.

For further information on the plan please contact scottishlowlands@forestry.gsi.gov.uk.