



New pier

Opportunity to consider landscape improvements/screening from the public road.

Any planting on this heavily modified and restricted site will be challenging.

Archaeology

Opportunity to further protect historic crofting field patterns and underlying medieval rural settlement and agriculture; and identify and protect undiscovered features associated with these, through Work Plan processes and surveys. Crofting field pattern is the only example in the FD.

Forest now entering third rotation, so archaeology may be degraded. Crofting field pattern is unsympathetic to the landscape.

Ancient Woodland restoration

Restoration is ongoing in Garmony and will link with other native woodland on adjoining properties.

Regeneration has been poor to date in core areas, possibly due to deer browsing. The new external deer fence may alter this.

Scallastle New Native Woodland Creation (Outline proposal)

Opportunity to create a native woodland habitat network link between Scallastle and Garmony, with associated contribution to national woodland creation targets.

The project is unlikely to generate a financial return. It may impact on open habitat species and priority habitats. It may present establishment challenges (deer) and reduce opportunities for open hill stalking.

New forest roads

Several short road spurs/extensions are needed to provide access to timber for harvesting. One new road is needed to access the forest above Craignure and will provide access to disease-prone larch. It may also create new opportunities for recreation access and improved access for deer control.

There may be concerns over landscape impact of the new road and noise disturbance at Craignure.

Business development

Opportunity to review existing facilities and consider potential for additional businesses in the area.

Some business usage may conflict with recreation and landscape objectives of the area. Sites can be difficult to manage.

Legal boundaries and fences

Opportunity to consider adjustments to boundaries and fences where this might benefit the estate, including landscape improvements and new woodland creation. Opportunity to liaise with neighbours regarding factors of mutual interest, including fences, deer and water.

Adjoining landowners may be unwilling to enter into land transactions. FES priorities for land acquisition may lie elsewhere and costs may not be justifiable.

Species choice

Brown earths predominate in lower parts giving greater flexibility. Landscape and amenity considerations favour increased diversity in areas visible to the public - much of the forest is visible from the A849, Garmony from ferry routes and Fishnish from the A884.

However, some areas of deep peat have given rise to poor growth. Tree diseases restrict choices - some provenances of Lodgepole pine have grown poorly, been subject to windblow and suffered from Dothistroma in Garmony. Soils data is incomplete for Garmony. High historic deer numbers have impacted on species choice and regeneration success.

Quarry expansion

The existing quarry is to be expanded to meet future roading requirements. Planned expansion will be screened based on its design. Submission on an EIA determination enquiry is required as the quarry area will exceed one hectare.

The existing quarry is visible to some degree from ferry routes and recreation sites.

Geology

Potential to replant existing conifers within the Allt Molach SSSI where this does not impact on the designated features. Woodland retention can help reduce slope instability.

South-west Ishriff and Torosay have landscape sensitivities and steep ground, so may constrain replanting choices.

West Argyll Forest District

South Mull LMP
Map 4.4 Opportunities & Constraints Map
Scale: 1:32,284
Date: September 2017

Legend

Forest roads

CLASSIFICATION

- Class A
- Class B
- Class C
- Restricted
- Transfer Point
- Unclassified
- Unassigned
- FC_Legal_Boundary
- proposed roads
- landslip_hazard_areas
- Ancient Woodland Sites

