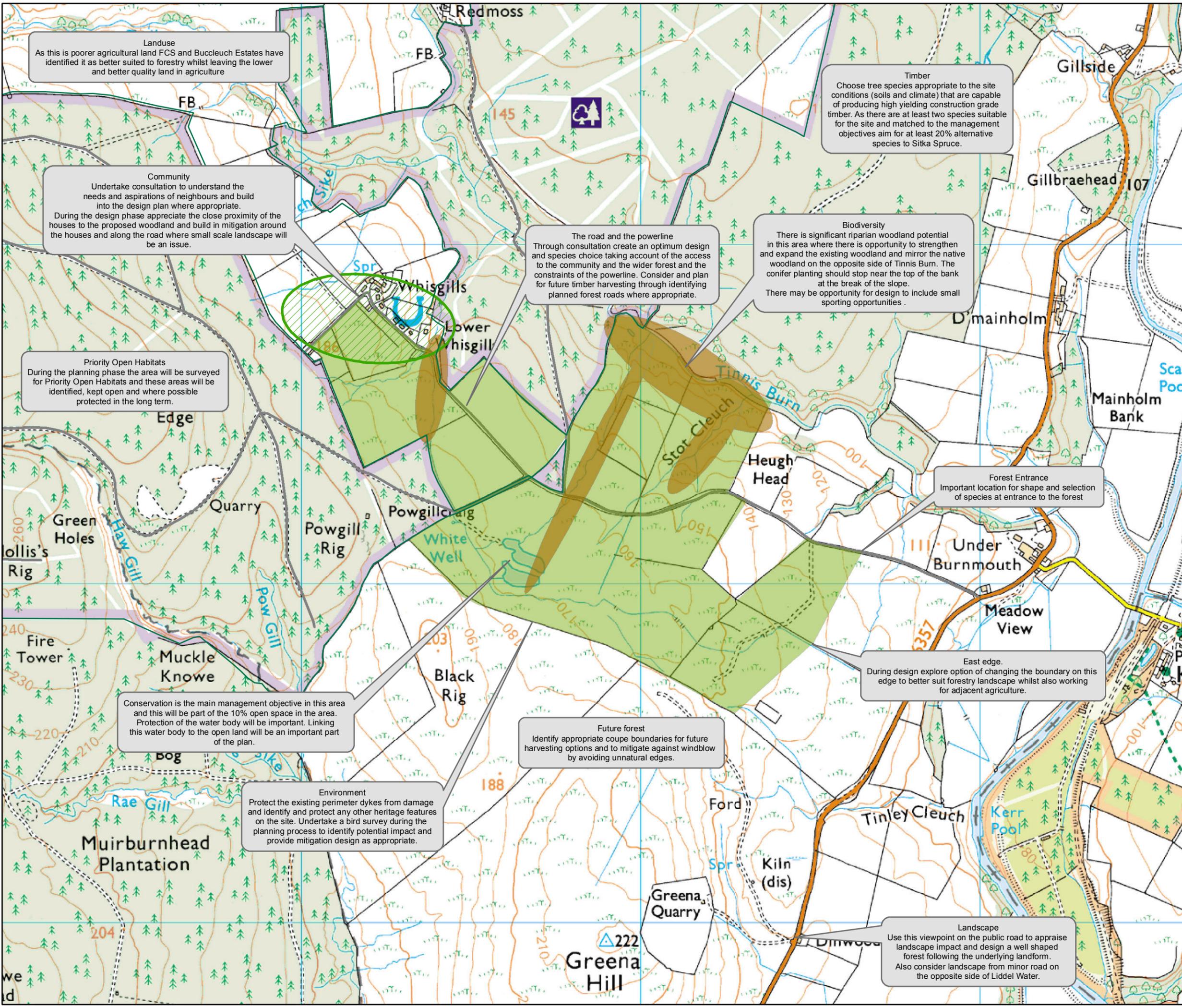


Legend

-  Existing FCS Boundary
-  Community/Houses
-  New riparian woodland
-  Planting scheme area
-  Forest roads



Landuse
As this is poorer agricultural land FCS and Buccleuch Estates have identified it as better suited to forestry whilst leaving the lower and better quality land in agriculture

Timber
Choose tree species appropriate to the site conditions (soils and climate) that are capable of producing high yielding construction grade timber. As there are at least two species suitable for the site and matched to the management objectives aim for at least 20% alternative species to Sitka Spruce.

Community
Undertake consultation to understand the needs and aspirations of neighbours and build into the design plan where appropriate. During the design phase appreciate the close proximity of the houses to the proposed woodland and build in mitigation around the houses and along the road where small scale landscape will be an issue.

Biodiversity
There is significant riparian woodland potential in this area where there is opportunity to strengthen and expand the existing woodland and mirror the native woodland on the opposite side of Tinnis Burn. The conifer planting should stop near the top of the bank at the break of the slope. There may be opportunity for design to include small sporting opportunities.

The road and the powerline
Through consultation create an optimum design and species choice taking account of the access to the community and the wider forest and the constraints of the powerline. Consider and plan for future timber harvesting through identifying planned forest roads where appropriate.

Priority Open Habitats
During the planning phase the area will be surveyed for Priority Open Habitats and these areas will be identified, kept open and where possible protected in the long term.

Forest Entrance
Important location for shape and selection of species at entrance to the forest

East edge.
During design explore option of changing the boundary on this edge to better suit forestry landscape whilst also working for adjacent agriculture.

Conservation is the main management objective in this area and this will be part of the 10% open space in the area. Protection of the water body will be important. Linking this water body to the open land will be an important part of the plan.

Future forest
Identify appropriate coupe boundaries for future harvesting options and to mitigate against windblow by avoiding unnatural edges.

Environment
Protect the existing perimeter dykes from damage and identify and protect any other heritage features on the site. Undertake a bird survey during the planning process to identify potential impact and provide mitigation design as appropriate.

Landscape
Use this viewpoint on the public road to appraise landscape impact and design a well shaped forest following the underlying landform. Also consider landscape from minor road on the opposite side of Liddel Water.

