



Kilpatrick Hills LMP 2026 -2036 – Summary of Proposals

Kilpatrick Hills land management plan (LMP) lies immediately north-west of Glasgow and comprises conifer plantations to the east, north and west connected by a large expanse of moorland and scrub. Covering approximately 3,500 hectares, the plan area will be managed by Forestry and Land Scotland to deliver the following key objectives over the next 10 years.

Overarching Management Objectives

- *Improve resilience through appropriate silviculture, species choice and careful forest design*
- *Pre-emptively remove Larch species (where appropriate), adhering to the FLS national plant health strategy*
- *Maintain small roundwood, pallet, log and biomass production through appropriate silviculture, species choice and careful forest design*
- *Promote responsible use of the forest by visitors*
- *Maintain attractive woodlands, trails and other recreational opportunities to promote visitor health and well-being*
- *Improve the visual amenity of the forest*
- *Protect water quality and plan to mitigate against excessive water run-off in catchments*
- *Maintain biodiversity value through appropriate management and design*
- *Protect heritage features*

Proposals 2026 – 2036	Area (ha)
Clearfell	254
Thinning	190
Peat restoration	16
Long term retentions	234
Restocking (including current fallow)	460
Road construction	1.74

Expected Forest Changes 2026 - 2046			
Forest Component	2026 (%)	2036 (%)	2046 (%)
Conifers	21.12	22.42	23.57
Broadleaves	17.13	19.18	19.44
Fallow	5.49	3.11	0.32
Open Ground/Open Water	56.26	55.29	56.66