

Text on the East Loch Shiel LMP Key Issues – Operational & Access map

General

The dark red polygons represent the location of economically mature conifer crops. The dark red polygons with the blue circle represents the location of priority fell crops. The green line represents the route of planned forest roads. These require further investigation on the ground. These new roads will be essential to enable harvesting operations.

The A830 is an agreed timber transport route. All haulage from Achanellan, Loch Shiel, Callop and north west Drumfern will use forest road LS1 which accesses the A830. This is a strategically important single point of access. A priority objective is to maintain and retain this access.

The A861 is a consultation timber transport route which will affect all timber haulage and quarrying haulage from most of Drumfern.

Forest road LS1 is an important third party access route.

Callop and Drumfern

The current location of forest road barrier in Callop forces drivers to stop on the little bridge to open and shut the barrier.

Unauthorised parking in and around the old forest car park in Callop impedes operational and third party access.

The new Drumfern main quarry will serve Callop and Drumfern and much of Loch Shiel Forests with material for new roads and maintenance of existing roads.

Loch Shiel

Operational access is good. Only requires harvesting facilities to be constructed at operational sites.

The proposed new quarry at Kinlochan-Loch Doilet in neighbouring Glenhurich Forest will be an important source of roading material for Loch Shiel Forest south and Achanellan Forest.

Achanellan

Mature conifer crop in an unroaded forest Options for new roads are difficult in the eastern extent due to topography and important environmental constraints.

Public road U1313 is of strategic importance for the Polloch community. Access for quarrying and timber haulage is required along localised sections of this route.