

Map 2 - Key Issues & Challenges

Land Management Plan Area

Forest Trails & Great Glen Way

Forest Roads

Overhead Powerlines

Ancient Woodland Inventory

Ancient (of semi-natural origin)

Long-Established (of plantation origin)

Scheduled Monuments

Local Landscape Area (council designation)

Special Areas of Conservation (SAC)

Levishie SSSI

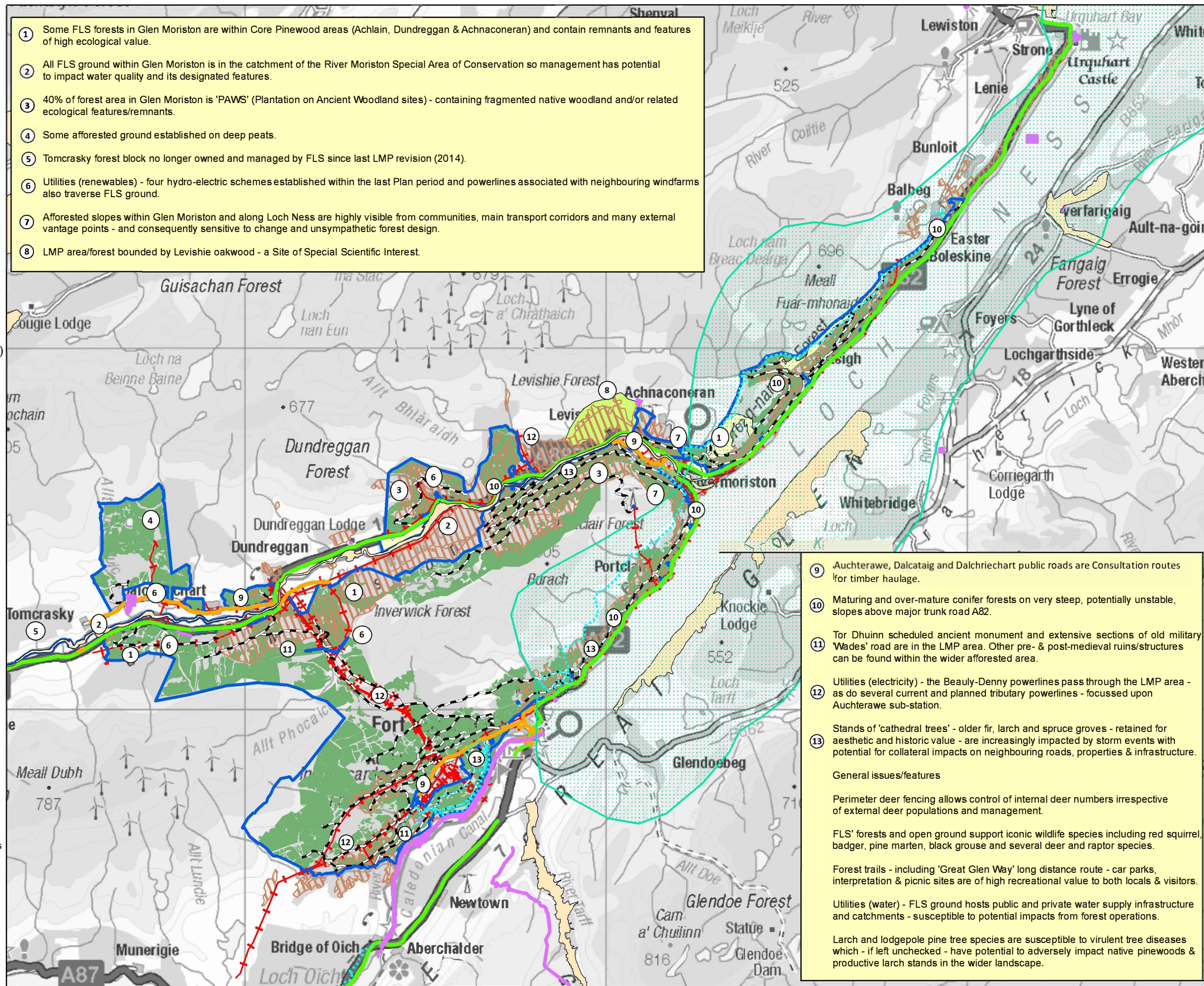
Afforested areas

Timber Transport Route Classification

Agreed Route

Consultation Route

- ① Some FLS forests in Glen Moriston are within Core Pinewood areas (Achlain, Dundreggan & Achnaconeran) and contain remnants and features of high ecological value.
- ② All FLS ground within Glen Moriston is in the catchment of the River Moriston Special Area of Conservation so management has potential to impact water quality and its designated features.
- ③ 40% of forest area in Glen Moriston is 'PAWS' (Plantation on Ancient Woodland sites) - containing fragmented native woodland and/or related ecological features/remnants.
- ④ Some afforested ground established on deep peats.
- ⑤ Tomcrasky forest block no longer owned and managed by FLS since last LMP revision (2014).
- ⑥ Utilities (renewables) - four hydro-electric schemes established within the last Plan period and powerlines associated with neighbouring windfarms also traverse FLS ground.
- ⑦ Afforested slopes within Glen Moriston and along Loch Ness are highly visible from communities, main transport corridors and many external vantage points - and consequently sensitive to change and unsympathetic forest design.
- ⑧ LMP area/forest bounded by Levishie oakwood - a Site of Special Scientific Interest.



- ⑨ Auchterawe, Dalcataig and Dalchriechart public roads are Consultation routes for timber haulage.
- ⑩ Maturing and over-mature conifer forests on very steep, potentially unstable, slopes above major trunk road A82.
- ⑪ Tor Dhuinn scheduled ancient monument and extensive sections of old military 'Wades' road are in the LMP area. Other pre- & post-medieval ruins/structures can be found within the wider afforested area.
- ⑫ Utilities (electricity) - the Beaully-Denny powerlines pass through the LMP area - as do several current and planned tributary powerlines - focussed upon Auchterawe sub-station.
- ⑬ Stands of 'cathedral trees' - older fir, larch and spruce groves - retained for aesthetic and historic value - are increasingly impacted by storm events with potential for collateral impacts on neighbouring roads, properties & infrastructure.

General issues/features

Perimeter deer fencing allows control of internal deer numbers irrespective of external deer populations and management.

FLS' forests and open ground support iconic wildlife species including red squirrel, badger, pine marten, black grouse and several deer and raptor species.

Forest trails - including 'Great Glen Way' long distance route - car parks, interpretation & picnic sites are of high recreational value to both locals & visitors.

Utilities (water) - FLS ground hosts public and private water supply infrastructure and catchments - susceptible to potential impacts from forest operations.

Larch and lodgepole pine tree species are susceptible to virulent tree diseases which - if left unchecked - have potential to adversely impact native pinewoods & productive larch stands in the wider landscape.

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