

Summary of Forest Design Plan Proposals

Dunnottar wood lies on the southern edge of Stonehaven with housing estates overlooking it. The wood is very popular with local visitors.

The main priority for this plan is the maintenance of broadleaf woodland that acts as a backdrop to recreation and community activities for the town of Stonehaven. The site conditions across much of the plan area are better than many areas in the district. Therefore Low impact silvicultural systems (LISS) are suited too much of the plan area. This is mostly stands of both native and non-native broadleaves. These will continue to be thinned until they reach an age suitable for conversion (100-150 years).

Total plan area	33 ha
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Species breakdown	2014	2024
Primary species: Sycamore	21.1 %	21.1 %
Secondary species: Ash	17.8 %	17.8 %
Other broadleaves	37.5 %	41.6 %
Conifers	18.7 %	14.6 %
Open and felled area	5 %	5 %

Planned operations	2014 – 2023
Felling	1.4 ha
Restock	1.4 ha

Heritage	There is a Scheduled Monuments within the design plan area, Gallow Hill.
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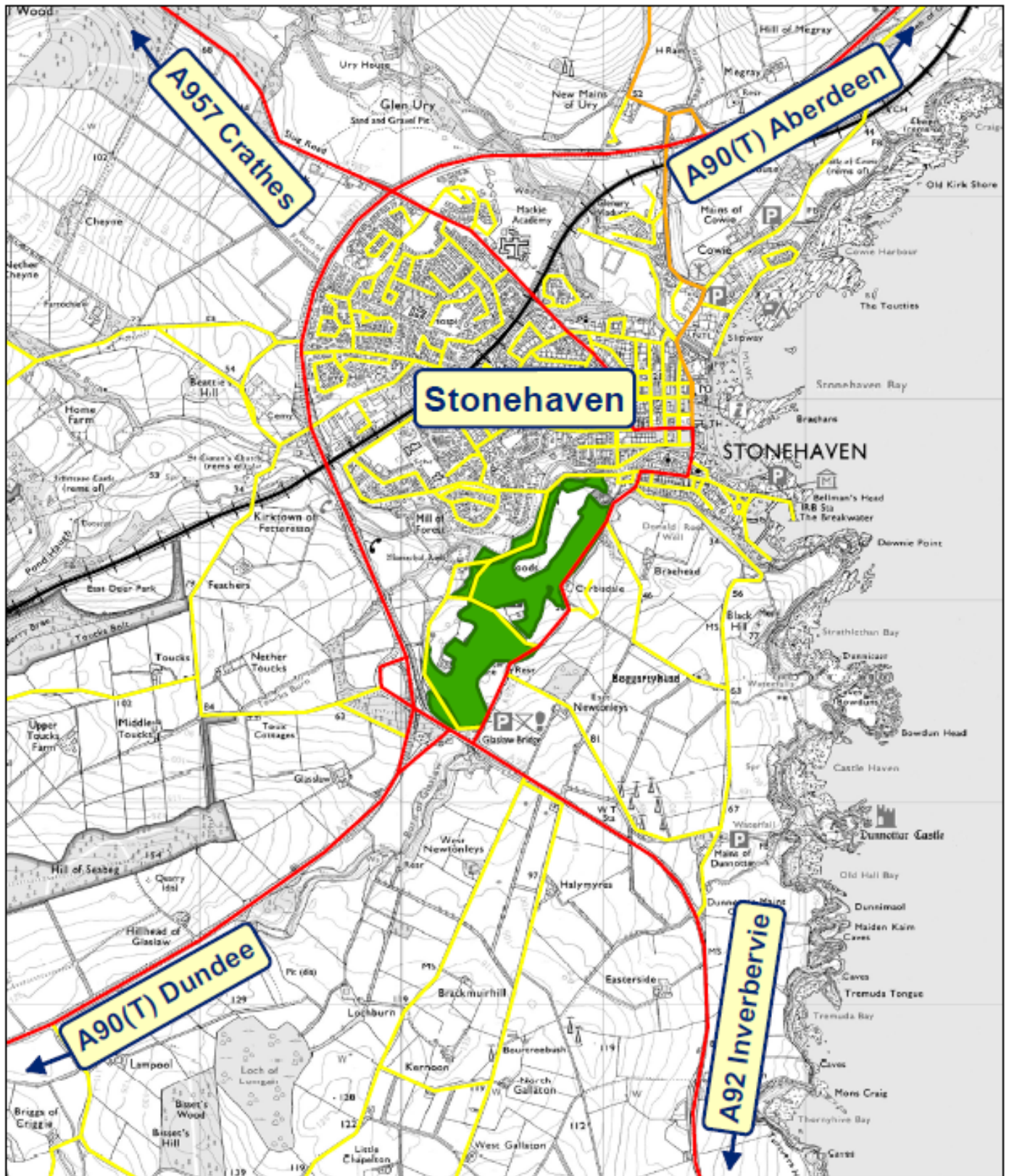
Critical success factors

- Monitor for diseases and act appropriately if any discovered.
- Undertake the planned thinning programme in order to continue the LISS management of creating stands with good potential for seed production at conversion stage.
- Continue with the maintenance of the forest road network to allow forest operations to be successfully completed.
- Maintain the current recreation resource to a high standard.

Consultation and Further Information:

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Dunnottar Forest Design Plan


Map 1 Location

Scale: 1:25,000 @A4


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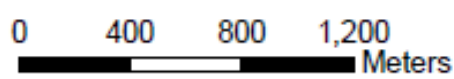
 Dunnottar wood

 A roads

 B roads

 Minor roads

 Railway



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