









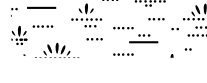













**North Clydesdale Forests LTP**  
**Analysis of constraints, sensitivities & opportunities**  
**(Heathland, Woodmuir & West Forth)**

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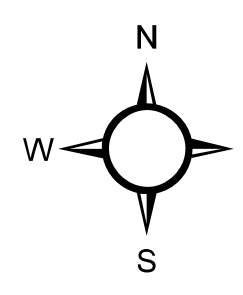
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**Legend**

-  North Clydesdale Forests plan boundary
-  Main Operational Entrances
-  Forest Roads
-  Existing High Forest
-  Existing Open Land
-  Felled awaiting restock
-  Presence of larch
-  Currently high forest - scheduled for clearfell & peat restoration
-  Felled ground - scheduled for peat restoration
-  Initial peat restoration work complete
-  Ancient (of semi-natural origin)
-  Long-Established (of plantation origin)
-  FLS Natural Reserves (mixed woodland)
-  Scheduled Monuments within or adjacent to plan
-  Core Paths
-  Open Water
-  Watercourses within or near to plan area
-  Forest Quarries
-  Overhead powerline
-  Underground powerline
-  Water Pipelines
-  Local Nature Conservation Sites relevant to the plan

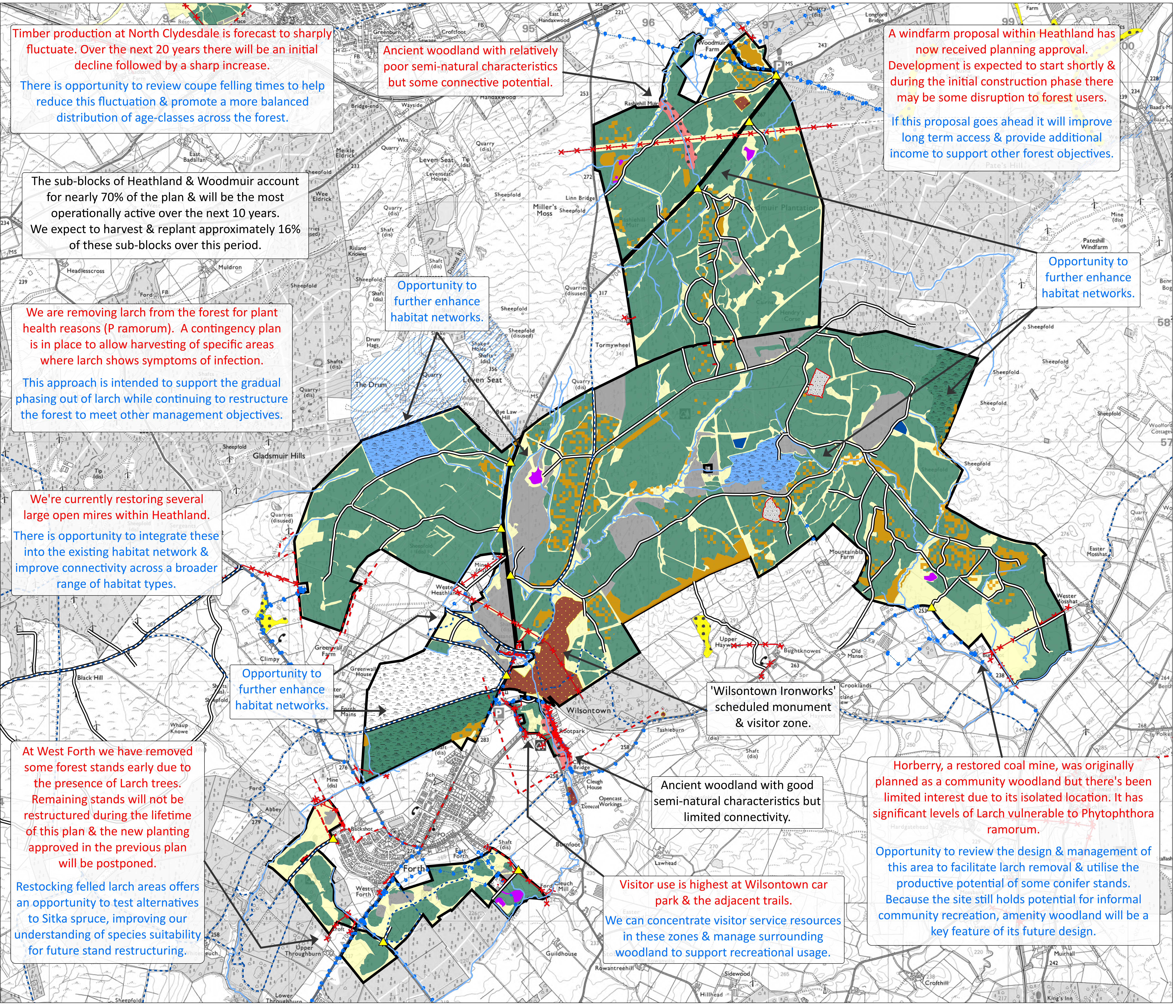
**NOTE: The above layers relate to this plan only & would need further investigation for land outside the plan boundary.**

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**Timber production at North Clydesdale is forecast to sharply fluctuate. Over the next 20 years there will be an initial decline followed by a sharp increase.**  
There is opportunity to review coupe felling times to help reduce this fluctuation & promote a more balanced distribution of age-classes across the forest.

**Ancient woodland with relatively poor semi-natural characteristics but some connective potential.**

**A windfarm proposal within Heathland has now received planning approval. Development is expected to start shortly & during the initial construction phase there may be some disruption to forest users.**  
If this proposal goes ahead it will improve long term access & provide additional income to support other forest objectives.

The sub-blocks of Heathland & Woodmuir account for nearly 70% of the plan & will be the most operationally active over the next 10 years. We expect to harvest & replant approximately 16% of these sub-blocks over this period.

**Opportunity to further enhance habitat networks.**

**We are removing larch from the forest for plant health reasons (P ramorum). A contingency plan is in place to allow harvesting of specific areas where larch shows symptoms of infection.**  
This approach is intended to support the gradual phasing out of larch while continuing to restructure the forest to meet other management objectives.

**Opportunity to further enhance habitat networks.**

**We're currently restoring several large open mires within Heathland.**  
There is opportunity to integrate these into the existing habitat network & improve connectivity across a broader range of habitat types.

**Opportunity to further enhance habitat networks.**

**'Wilsontown Ironworks' scheduled monument & visitor zone.**

**At West Forth we have removed some forest stands early due to the presence of Larch trees. Remaining stands will not be restructured during the lifetime of this plan & the new planting approved in the previous plan will be postponed.**  
Restocking felled larch areas offers an opportunity to test alternatives to Sitka spruce, improving our understanding of species suitability for future stand restructuring.

**Ancient woodland with good semi-natural characteristics but limited connectivity.**

**Horberry, a restored coal mine, was originally planned as a community woodland but there's been limited interest due to its isolated location. It has significant levels of Larch vulnerable to Phytophthora ramorum.**  
Opportunity to review the design & management of this area to facilitate larch removal & utilise the productive potential of some conifer stands. Because the site still holds potential for informal community recreation, amenity woodland will be a key feature of its future design.

**Visitor use is highest at Wilsontown car park & the adjacent trails.**  
We can concentrate visitor service resources in these zones & manage surrounding woodland to support recreational usage.