



LMP Amendment Request

Submission Date:

Part 1 – Contact Details

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Part 2a – Property Details

FLS Region: East
LMP Name and plan reference number: LMP 35 Banchory Woods
Grid Reference (of centre of principal felling area): NO 6717 9663
Nearest Town or Locality Name: Banchory
Local Authority: Aberdeenshire Council

Part 2b – Felling Operations

Please provide detailed information about the proposed felling operations.

Felling Operations Table

- The type of operation (Op) should be either *Clear Felling (CF)*, *Thinning (T)*, *Selective Felling (SLF)*, *LISS*, *Felling of Coppice (FC)*, or the *Felling of Individual Trees (FI)*.
- The species that can be felled can be expressed by name (e.g. *Oak* or *Sitka Spruce*) or by standard forestry abbreviation (e.g. *OK* or *SS*). You must give only one species choice per row.
- You can use Mixed Conifer (MC) or Mixed Broadleaves (MB) but these must make up no more than 20% of the total area of species to be felled. You must give individual species names if they occupy more than 20% of the felling area.

- If thinning, use the rightmost columns to insert the details based on your preferred method, chosen from the following (select one):
 - Pre/Post stocking density (stems per hectare) ☐
 - Pre/Post Basal Area (square metres per hectare) ☐
 - Volume to be removed (cubic metres) ☐

Coupe	Type of Op	Species to be felled (one per row)	Approx Age (Years)	Est Area (ha)	Est Vol m ³	No. of Trees	Thinning Details (per ha)	Pre Post	Approved Phase	Amended Phase
35008	CF	NS	70	7.03	4200	9600	n/a	n/a	n/a	2
Total:				7.03	4200	9600				

You must give your reasons below for carrying out this work and any additional information that would help us consider your application, such as any constraints or sensitivities that you have planned for. If you have selected thinning or LISS, you must provide us with the prescription you intend to use.

Clearfelling

38008 – Newly acquired piece of forestry, non-native conifer component to be clear-felled to enable ancient woodland restoration and create amenity woodland in high public use area.

Other changes

The details below are provided to give further context to the changes which have been made during the current plan period; specifically, to provide details of areas which were approved in the current LMP but which will now be retained to help mitigate the impact of increased felling operations in response to Storm Arwen damage.

35091 - 3.6ha of previously approved windblow amendment area (35159) retained and merged with adjacent coupe. Will not be felled this plan period.

35033 – 3.5ha Dam Wood Phase 1 moved to Phase 3, needs looked at in LMP review. Watercourse, heritage & public road.

35097 – 4.31ha moved from Phase 2 to Phase 3 to be assessed in LMP review.

35032 – 7ha phase 2 coupe merged with adjacent coupe 35108 and changed to LISS management due to proximity to recreational facilities.

35069, 35050, 35032 – Minor coupe shape changes to make coupes more practical operationally. Also to improve access for LISS management of adjacent coupe in future. 14.36ha previously approved for felling, new area 11.87ha. Remainder of area to be retained and moved to phase 4.

Please provide details on the stakeholder engagement you have undertaken; this must include contact with adjacent properties and potentially affected neighbours.

Individual / Organisation	Date contacted	Date feedback received	Response	Action
Banchory Paths Association				
Feughside Community Council				
Aberdeenshire Trail Association				
Birse Community Trust				
River Dee Trust				
Banchory Community Council				
Torphins Path Association				
Deeside Bike Collective				
SEPA				
Nature Scot				
RSPB				
Aberdeenshire Archaeology				
Scottish Water				

Please provide information on any features or issues that you have identified.

Feature / Issue	Constraint	Opportunity

Part 3 – Proposed Restocking

We expect the area to be restocked unless you are thinning. Under the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018, we attach a continuing condition to the permission to secure restocking.

Current Approved Restock Table:

Use the table below to tell us how the coupe was planned to be restocked as per the approved LMP.

Coupe Reference	Restocking proposal	Species (one per row)	% of site	Area (ha)	Density (stems per ha)	No of Trees	Alt Restock Site/Cpt (s)
35029	RF	SP	60	0.72	2500	1800	
35029	RF	BI	40	0.48	2500	1200	
35125	RF	SP	80	5.96	2500	14900	
35125	RF	MB	20	1.49	2500	3725	
35082	RF	NS	50	1.13	2500	2825	
35082	RF	SP	50	1.12	2500	2800	
35159	RF	SS	50	7.6	2500	19000	
35159	RF	SP	50	7.6	2500	19000	
35033	RF	SP	80	0.27	2500	675	
35033	RF	MB	20	0.07	2500	175	
				Total Area:	26.44		

Restocking Proposal Table:

Use the table below to tell us how you intend to restock the areas felled. Please note that you can group felled areas together that are to be restocked in the same way. You must show a restock proposal for 100% of the felled area. If you intend to restock an alternative area, you must submit a map of the alternative area. You must give only one species choice per row.

Coupe Reference	Restocking proposal	Species (one per row)	% of site	Area (ha)	Density (stems per ha)	No of Trees	Alt Restock Site/Cpt (s)
35029	NR	SS	52	0.62	2500	1550	
35029	NR	BI	28	0.33	2500	825	
35029	NR	MC	20	0.25	2500	625	
35125	RF	SS	40	2.98	2500	7450	
35125	RF	BI	50	3.73	2500	9325	
35125	RF	MC	10	0.74	2500	1850	
35082	RF	NMB	80	1.8	2500	4500	
35082	NR	MC	20	0.45	2500	1125	
35159	RF	SS	40	6.08	2500	15200	
35159	RF	SP	30	4.56	2500	11400	

Coupe Reference	Restocking proposal	Species (one per row)	% of site	Area (ha)	Density (stems per ha)	No of Trees	Alt Restock Site/Cpt (s)
35159	RF	OK	30	4.56	2500	11400	
35033	RF	OK	30	0.1	2500	250	
35033	RF	NMB	70	0.24	2500	600	
35008A	RF	OK	80	4.86	1600	7776	
35008A	RF	BI	20	1.22	1600	1952	
35008B	RF	BI	90	0.86	1600	1376	
25008B	RF	MB	MB	0.09	1600	144	
Total Area:				33.47			

- The restocking proposal should be either to replant the felled area (RF), restock by natural regeneration (NR), plant an alternative area (AA), restock with coppice regrowth (CR), restock with individual trees (IT), plant an alternative area with individual trees (AAIT), or create designed open ground (OG).
- If you are intending to deforest the site, insert do not intend to restock (DIR) in the Restocking Proposal column (see the Scottish Government's Policy on Control of Woodland Removal).

Area by Species Table

For large scale restock changes please use the table below to indicate the impact on species diversity and open space across the whole LMP area.

Species	Current (2025)		Year 10 (2035)		Year 20 (2045)	
	Area (Ha)	%	Area (Ha)	%	Area (Ha)	%
Alder	7.2	0.5%	10.5	0.7%	11.2	0.8%
Birch (downy/silver)	159.7	11.0%	180.8	12.4%	206.9	14.2%
Douglas fir	116.1	8.0%	102.7	7.1%	105.6	7.3%
Larch	120.8	8.3%	103.4	7.1%	95.6	6.6%
Mixed Broadleaves	80.2	5.5%	95.5	6.6%	107.1	7.4%
Mixed Conifers	23.5	1.6%	26.1	1.8%	40.8	2.8%
Norway spruce	157.6	10.8%	93.5	6.4%	78.3	5.4%
Oak	23.9	1.6%	46.3	3.2%	58	4.0%
Scots pine	299.2	20.6%	284.7	19.6%	302	20.8%
Sitka spruce	263.1	18.1%	252.1	17.3%	246.4	16.9%
Open/Felled	202.7	13.9%	258.4	17.8%	202.1	13.9%
Totals:	1454	100%	1454	100%	1454	100%

Please give a detailed description of your restocking proposals here. Please provide an evidenced justification where you want the restocking approval to go beyond the standard 2 years, for example the submission of a *Hylobius* management plan. (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

35029 – Change from SP 60%/BI 40% to SS/BI/MC mix due to advanced regeneration present.

35125 - Changed from SP/NBL to SS/Bi/MC as soils too wet to establish SP.

35082 – Changed from NS/SP to mixed amenity woodland with 20% MC to allow for re-gen. More suitable due to proximity to housing schemes.

35159 – Changed from SS/SP to SS/SP/OK to increase biodiversity value.

35033 – Changed from SP/MB to Oak/MB as more suitable around heritage features present.

35008 - Restock will be aiming towards W11 with Oak dominating on the northside of the forest road and birch dominating to the south. No protection required to south of the road as birch successfully establishes in this area naturally. A large, fenced enclosure of Oak in northern section. This would be strategically located to avoid the desire line/informal path and to keep it back from the forest road, public road and keep sight lines clear on the access/egress to Scolty.

You must provide maps showing the felling and restocking areas of your application. The map must meet the standards we require. These are set out in the [mapping standards page](#) on our website.



Part 5 – Declarations

I hereby apply for a permission to amend the LMP as described in this application:

Signed: M. Kayoueche-Reeve

Print: Meriem Kayoueche-Reeve

Date: 27/08/25

[This application may only be signed by the owner of the land or the occupier of that land where they have written permission to do so. For land owned by a business it must be signed by someone with the authority to sign legal contracts on behalf of that business. If you are an agent signing this on behalf of the aforementioned you must append a copy of your mandate.]

DO NOT START ANY WORK UNTIL YOUR AMENDMENT REQUEST HAS BEEN APPROVED