



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: Pitmedden and Weddersby Land Management Plan
Grid Reference (of centre of principal felling area):
Nearest Town or Locality Name: Auchtermuchty
Local Authority: Fife 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 Ref	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
58036	CF	SS	61	14.7	5185.5	6,159		Phase 2 Phase 6	Phase 1
58036	CF	BL	39	1.2	151.0	3,263		Phase 2 Phase 6	Phase 1
58036	CF	JL	75	5.8	1519.2	1,724		Phase 2 Phase 6	Phase 1
58036	CF	LP	75	0.3	79.0	291		Phase 2 Phase 6	Phase 1
58037	CF	SP	79	5.8	1620.6	1,388		Irregular Shelterwood	Phase 1
58037	CF	SS	53	2.3	1006.6	1,009		Irregular Shelterwood	Phase 1
58037	CF	NS	78	0.2	90.4	30		Irregular Shelterwood	Phase 1
58034	CF	SS	38	5.7	1921.0	3,076		Phase 3	Phase 1
Total:				36	11573.3	16,940			



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.

This request seeks approval to include several windblown management coupes of mainly Sitka spruce and Japanese larch within phase one of the Pitmedden and Weddersby Land Management Plan.

For the Purpose of this amendment, the affected windblown coupes have been combined into new management coupes as outlined below:

Previous Management Coupe	New Management Coupe
58181 58182 58183 58187	38036
58012	58037
58016 58183 58185 58648 58776 58825	58034

Please note that the restock coupes have changed shape in line with the above table but the restock prescription has remained consistent with the approved Land Management Plan.

These areas have suffered significant windblow over the past 12 months and now pose a risk to the public, particularly given the high levels of footfall and recreational use in the surrounding area. Several of the affected coupes are also located alongside a forest road right of way that experiences regular vehicular use by members of the public.

Clearing the windblown timber will enable the recovery and sale of the affected crop. Several areas of standing timber have been included to facilitate harvesting and extraction operations and to ensure that encroaching windblow is brought to a windfirm edge.



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
Fife Council				
SEPA				
Nature Scot				
RSPB				
Scottish Water				
Tayside Trail Association				
Auchtermuchty and Strathmiglo Community Council				
Local Neighbouring properties				

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

Feature / Issue	Constraint	Opportunity
European Protected species <i>Great Crested Newt</i> (GCN).	GCN Breeding Pond in vicinity to 58034 . Conservation impact zone overlaps 6.01 hectares of proposed felling.	Environmental Forester investigated site – Under Special area of Conservation (SAC) guidance - work area does not exceed 25% of 250m conservation impact zone of GCN breeding pond and does not require specific consent. All harvesting operations will be in compliance with Forestry Commission Guidance Note 35b Forest Operations and Great Crested Newts in Scotland.



Feature / Issue	Constraint	Opportunity
Private Water Supply point in proximity to 58036	50m buffer round PWS and 5m buffer to any infrastructure.	In addition to meeting the UK Forestry Standard (UKFS) and Forests and Water Guidelines, the "Guidance on Forestry Activities Near Private water supplies" will be considered also.
High recreational forest	Lots of recreational use in the forest by local community. MTB trails throughout forest.	Thorough consultation with local authorities and residents. Consultation with Tayside Trail Association to protect assets.
Public right of way on forest road.	Public right of way and Consultation Timber Route for extraction.	No timber stacking on right of way, public road management. Consultation timber routes are key to timber extraction but, for a variety of reasons, are not up to Agreed Route Standard. Consultation with the Local Authority is required before any timber haulage takes place and it may be necessary to limit the amount, timing or frequency of timber haulage, or to specify lower impact vehicles to prevent damage.



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)
58036	RF	SS	39.18	8.87	2500		
58036	RF	DF	38.58	8.73	2500		
58036	RF	SYC	10.25	2.32	1600		
58036	RF	SP	10.25	2.32	2500		
58036	RF	MC	0.27	0.06	1600		
58036	RF	MB	1.46	0.33	1600		
58034	RF	NS	24.12	1.34	2500		
58034	RF	SS	27.36	1.52	2500		
58034	RF	DF	48.52	2.85	2500		
58037	RF	NS	60	4.98	2500		
58037	RF	SP	30	2.49	2500		
58037	RF	MBL	10	0.83	1600		
Total Area:				36.16		79,654	



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)
No Restock change required.							
Total Area:							

- 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).

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 _____ Print _____

Date ____/____/____

[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