Accessible text from Map 2 - Features, Issues & Challenges

* 3 active research plots within Kinharvie nearby current felling coupes.
* The blocks are sited within the Stewartry Environmentally Sensitive Area.
* Waterloo Tower, Listed Building, within block but not FLS owned.
* Some of the block within the Nith Estuary National Scenic Area, opportunities to improve external views onto the forest.
* Two areas of Ancient Semi-natural woodland at Tannoch Gill and Glen Burn.
* Surrounded by the Landscape Character Areas of Coastal Uplands and Drumlin Pastures, as delineated by NatureScot. Is also within the Solway Coast Local Landscape Area designation.
* Area of priority blanket bog habitats, mainly focused around hill tops
* There are Private Water Supplies that could potentially interact with forestry activities
* Utilities on site include overhead powerlines and water pipeline and are mainly associated with the periphery of the blocks.
* Some of the block within the East Stewartry Coast National Scenic Area, opportunities to improve external views onto the forest.
* Larch areas with challenging access issues to be removed as per Scottish Forestry Larch Management Strategy
* Timber transported from Kinharvie and Southwick blocks follow forest roads to a consultation route.
* 3 Scheduled Monuments within a similar area of the Southwick block which include a Slew Cairn and a hut circle. Some other assets in the nearby vicinity may be of note.
* Moderate public use around this area, various car parks around blocks and nearby the settlement of New Abby.
* Waterbody catchments within the blocks are of 'Good' status according to SEPAs Water Hub.
* Priority species within the plan area include; various raptors including schedule 1 species) badgers and fox. Historically supported black grouse and nightjar.
* The majority of coupes are currently managed through clearfell and restock, with some of the lower elevated ground under a thinning regime. Opportunities for low impact options to be investigated.
* Opportunities for enhancing and increasing broadleaved areas, particularly around riparian zones and treelines against open hill tops to be investigated.
* Priority habitats include upland heathland which provide black grouse habitats and connectivity to larger Leks in the wider area.

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