



## 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 26 Pitfichie and Corennie
Grid Reference (of centre of principal felling area): NJ 6405 1351
Nearest Town or Locality Name: Alford
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) ☐

Sub-compartment	Type of Op	Species to be felled (one)	Approx Age (Years)	Est Area (ha)	Est Vol m <sup>3</sup>	No. of Trees	Thinning Details (per ha)	Pre Post	Approved Phase	Amended Phase
<b>Total:</b>										

\*Re-generated trees with an average stocking density of 5,000 stems per ha.

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.

No changes to currently approved felling coupes to be requested.

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
<b>Aberdeenshire Council</b>				
<b>SEPA</b>				
<b>NatureScot</b>				
<b>RSPB</b>				
<b>Aberdeenshire Archaeology</b>				
<b>Scottish Water</b>				
<b>Aberdeenshire Trail Association</b>				
<b>Scottishcycling</b>				

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

Feature / Issue	Constraint	Opportunity
No significant features identified.	NA	NA

### 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)
26152	RF	SS	100	6.6	2500	16500	
26386	RF	SS	100	0.6	2500	1500	
26837	RF	SS	100	11	2500	27500	
26714	RF	SS	100	2.6	2500	6750	
26448	RF	DF	100	10.4	2500	26000	
26892	RF	SP	100	8.6	2500	21500	
26362A	RF	SP	100	19	2500	47500	
26362B	RF	JL	100	1.1	2500	2750	
26362C	RF	SS	100	1.3	2500	3250	
26937	RF	SP	100	15.9	2500	39750	
26717A	RF	NS	100	4.1	2500	10250	
26717B	RF	NS	50	7.2	2500	18000	
26717B	RF	DF	50	7.2	2500	18000	
26788	RF	SS	50	5.1	2500	12750	
26788	RF	NS	50	5.1	2500	12750	
26628	RF	SP	40	1.4	2500	3500	
26628	RF	DF	40	1.4	2500	3500	
26628	RF	BI	20	0.7	2500	1750	
<b>Total Area:</b>				<b>109.3</b>			

#### 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

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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)
26152A	RF	NMB	80	3.4	2500	8500	
26152A	OG		20	0.8	0	0	
26152B	OG		100	1.4	0	0	
26152C	RF	NMB	100	1	2500	2500	
26386	OG		100	0.6	0	0	
26837	RF	SP	100	11	2500	27500	
26714	RF	MB	50	1.3	1600	2080	
26714	RF	SS	30	0.8	2500	200	
26714	OG		20	0.5	0	0	
26448	RF	MC	60	6.2	2500	15500	
26448	OG		40	4.2	0	0	
26892	RF	SS	100	8.6	2500	21500	
26362	RF	SS	100	21.4	2500	53500	
26937	RF	SP	80	12.7	2500	31750	
26937	RF	NMB	20	3.2	2500	8000	
26717A	RF	NS	40	6.6	2500	16500	
26717A	RF	DF	40	6.6	2500	16500	
26717A	RF	CAR	20	3.4	2500	8500	
26717B	RF	NMB	80	1.5	2500	3750	
26717B	OG		20	0.4	0	0	
26788	RF	SP	80	8.2	2500	20500	
26788	RF	BI	20	2	2500	5100	
26628	RF	NMB	100	3.5	2500	8750	
<b>Total Area:</b>				<b>109.3</b>			

- 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)	%
SS	642.7	23.9	711.7	26.5	652.2	24.3
SP	341.9	12.7	401.3	14.9	402.5	15.0
JL	174.8	6.5	120.3	4.5	118.8	4.4
NS	112.5	4.2	141.9	5.3	148.3	5.5
DF	94.6	3.5	196	7.3	225.6	8.4
HL	83.6	3.1	78.1	2.9	72.6	2.7
BI	70.5	2.6	86.2	3.2	95.5	3.6
EL	23.5	0.9	21.1	0.8	19.8	0.7
LP	18.6	0.7	10.8	0.4	10.7	0.4
SY	11.8	0.4	12	0.4	11.8	0.4
GF	8.8	0.3	3.1	0.1	7.8	0.3
CAR	7.9	0.3	6.7	0.2	6.6	0.2
SBI	4.3	0.2	3	0.1	2.9	0.1
BE	4.1	0.2	11.2	0.4	22.3	0.8
MB	76.7	2.9	116.5	4.3	114.2	4.2
MC	17.7	0.7	21	0.8	21	0.8
Open/Other*	661.4	24.6	667.2	24.8	659	24.5
Felled	333.9	12.4	81.2	3.0	97.7	3.6
<b>Totals:</b>	2689.3	100	2689.3	100	2689.3	100

\*Includes 192ha of recently acquired ground, to be established in near future, but not yet planned.

**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)**

26152 – Areas of flat ground around watercourses and water infrastructure amended from Sitka spruce to a mixture of open ground for required buffers and native mixed broadleaves for biodiversity value and future resilience.

26386 – Small area of wet ground adjacent to Pitmunie burn amended from Sitka spruce to designed open space as buffer for watercourses present.

26837 – Amended from 100% Sitka spruce to 100% Scots pine due to soil types present and proximity to open habitat

26714 – Area of ground believed to be outstanding restock when LMP was written but had actually been restocked with mixed broadleaves with some areas of Sitka regen. Restock prescription updated to reflect restock carried out historically.

26448 – 40% designed open space component added to reflect some areas where vegetation has outcompeted conifer regeneration and are now inaccessible to carry out restock activities. The open areas with bracken and other woodland plants will serve as open habitat patches for biodiversity value.

26892 – Amended from Scots pine to Sitka spruce as heavy bracken coverage on site is likely to suppress any attempt at restock with Scots.

26362 – Larch component removed, and Scots pine area amended to Sitka spruce due to heavy bracken presence and soil type present (brown earth).

26937 – 20% native mixed broadleaf component added to 100% Scots pine area to be focused on rocky outcrops present on site for biodiversity and future resilience benefits.

26717 – Native mixed broadleaves added to riparian area for Quinach burn. 20% alder component added to Norway spruce/Douglas fir area to be focused in flushed areas around disconnected drains present on site.

26788 – Sitka spruce/Norway spruce area amended to Scots pine and birch mix due to proximity to River Don and historic windblow problems with fast growing conifers in this area.

26628 – Area of native broadleaf amenity woodland added around car park/visitor zone to include species such as bird cherry, hawthorn, blackthorn and crab apple.

**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: P.Watson      Print: Peter John Watson

Date: 15/09/25

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