




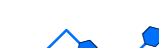








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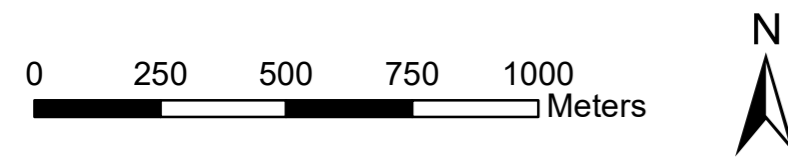
Castlehill and Balnacoul land management plan

Map 4 Analysis and Concept

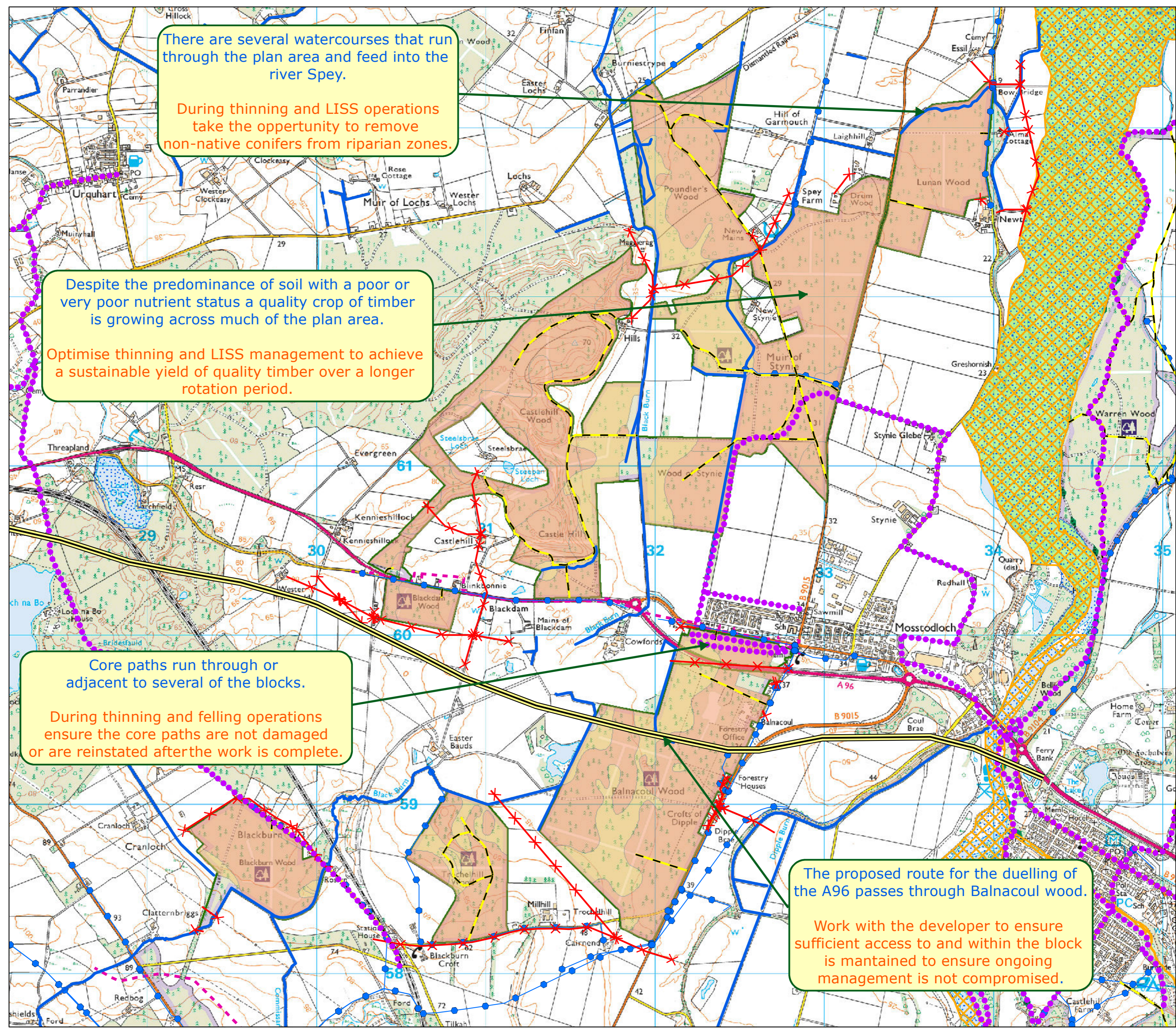
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-  Watercourse
-  Overhead powerline
-  Gas pipeline
-  Water pipe
-  Core path
-  Forest road
-  Proposed A96 dualling route
-  SAC
-  SSSI
-  SPA
-  Soil - Poor nutrient status
-  Soil - Very poor nutrient status



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There are several watercourses that run through the plan area and feed into the river Spey.
During thinning and LISS operations take the opportunity to remove non-native conifers from riparian zones.

Despite the predominance of soil with a poor or very poor nutrient status a quality crop of timber is growing across much of the plan area.
Optimise thinning and LISS management to achieve a sustainable yield of quality timber over a longer rotation period.

Core paths run through or adjacent to several of the blocks.
During thinning and felling operations ensure the core paths are not damaged or are reinstated after the work is complete.

The proposed route for the dualling of the A96 passes through Balnacoul wood.
Work with the developer to ensure sufficient access to and within the block is maintained to ensure ongoing management is not compromised.