



## Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion Request Form

Please complete this form to find out if you need consent from Scottish Forestry, under the **Forestry (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017**, to carry out your proposed forestry project. Please refer to Schedule 2 Selection Criteria for Screening Forestry Projects under [Applying for an opinion](#). If you are not sure about what information to include on this form please contact your [local Conservancy office](#).

| Proposed Work   |                          |                              |           |               |               |                                     |                  |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Please put a cross in the box to indicate the type of work you are proposing to carry out. Give the area in hectares and where appropriate the percentage of conifers and broadleaves |                          |                              |           |               |               |                                     |                  |
| Proposed Work   | select                   | Area in hectares             | % Conifer | % Broadleaves | Proposed work | select                              | Area in hectares |
| Afforestation   | <input type="checkbox"/> |                              |           |               | Forest roads  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                  |
| Deforestation   | <input type="checkbox"/> |                              |           |               | Forest quarry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 0.3              |
| Location of work  |                          | Durris Forest (NO 7890 9355) |           |               |               |                                     |                  |

| Description of Forestry Project and Location   |
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| Provide details of the forestry project (size, design, use of natural resources such as soil, and the cumulative effect if relevant).<br>Please attach map(s) showing the boundary of the proposed work and other known details. |
| Proposed expansion of the existing quarry in Durris to provide material for the maintenance of the forest road network.  |
| The expansion area is 0.3ha, bringing the total area of the existing quarry up to 1.2ha.   |

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| Provide details on the existing land use and the environmental sensitivity of the area that is likely to be affected by the forestry project. |
| Sitka Spruce planted in 2000. There are no environmental sensitivities.   |

| Description of Likely Significant Effects  |
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| Provide details on any likely significant effects that the project will have on the environment (resulting from the project itself or the use of natural resources) and the extent of the information available to assist you with this assessment.  |
| Population and human health: no impact<br>There are no core paths or water supply infrastructure within the quarry expansion area.   |
| Biodiversity (habitats, species): no impact<br>There are no known sensitive habitats or species located within the quarry expansion area. A pre-operational survey will be carried out in advance of any operations to confirm there are no, as yet unidentified, sensitive species which have arrived recently. |
| Land: no impact.<br>The proposed quarry is within the forest and is not adjacent to any neighbours.  |
| Soil: no impact  |

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The underlying soil type/geology are suitable for quarry expansion.

Water: no impact

There are no watercourses within the quarry expansion area.

Cultural Heritage: no impact

Pre-operational surveys will identify any cultural heritage features to ensure suitable mitigation is in place to avoid any disturbance as per UK Forestry Standard. There are no heritage features currently known to be located in the area.

Landscape: no impact

The proposed quarry expansion is not visible in the surrounding landscape.

Include details of any consultees or stakeholders that you have contacted in order to make this assessment. Please include any relevant correspondence you have received from them.

All statutory stakeholders and neighbouring residents consulted as part of the LMP renewal process. One resident raised a concern that a quarry expansion would raise the number of HGVs using local roads. They have been advised that this small expansion, primarily for use within the forest, will not increase traffic in the area by any meaningful way.

### Mitigation of Likely Significant Effects

If you believe there are likely significant effects that the project will have on the environment, provide information on the opportunities you have taken to mitigate these effects.

None, see above.

### Sensitive Areas

Please indicate if any of the proposed forestry project is within a sensitive area. Choose the sensitive area from the drop down below and give the area of the proposal within it.

| Sensitive Area | Area |
|----------------|------|
| Select...      |      |

### Property Details

|                                   |                       |                           |                    |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Property Name:                    | Durriss Forest        |                           |                    |
| Business Reference Number:        |                       | Main Location Code:       |                    |
| Grid Reference: (e.g. NH 234 567) | NO 7890 9355          | Nearest town or locality: | Kirkton of Durriss |
| Local Authority:                  | Aberdeenshire Council |                           |                    |

### Owner's Details

|        |    |           |      |
|--------|----|-----------|------|
| Title: | Mr | Forename: | Euan |
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|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Surname:                            | Stewart                                 |                                |                |
| Organisation:                       | Forestry and Land<br>Scotland           | Position:                      | Forest Planner |
| Primary Contact<br>Number:          | 03000 676200                            | Alternative Contact<br>Number: |                |
| Email:                              | enquiries.east@forestryandland.gov.scot |                                |                |
| Address:                            | Huntly Office, Portsoy Road, Huntly     |                                |                |
| Postcode:                           | AB54 4SH                                | Country:                       | Scotland       |
| Is this the correspondence address? | Yes                                     |                                |                |

| Agent's Details                     |           |                                |  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--|
| Title:                              |           | Forename:                      |  |
| Surname:                            |           |                                |  |
| Organisation:                       |           | Position:                      |  |
| Primary Contact<br>Number:          |           | Alternative Contact<br>Number: |  |
| Email:                              |           |                                |  |
| Address:                            |           |                                |  |
| Postcode:                           |           | Country:                       |  |
| Is this the correspondence address? | Select... |                                |  |

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| GLS Ref number: |  |

## Durriss LMP 2024

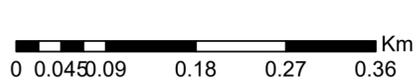
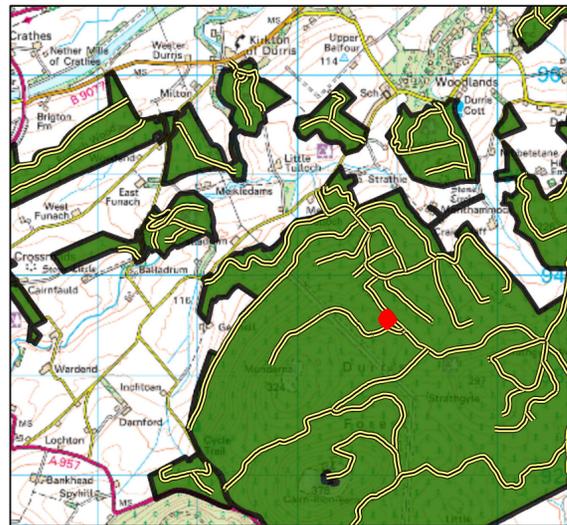
### Quarry Expansion Location

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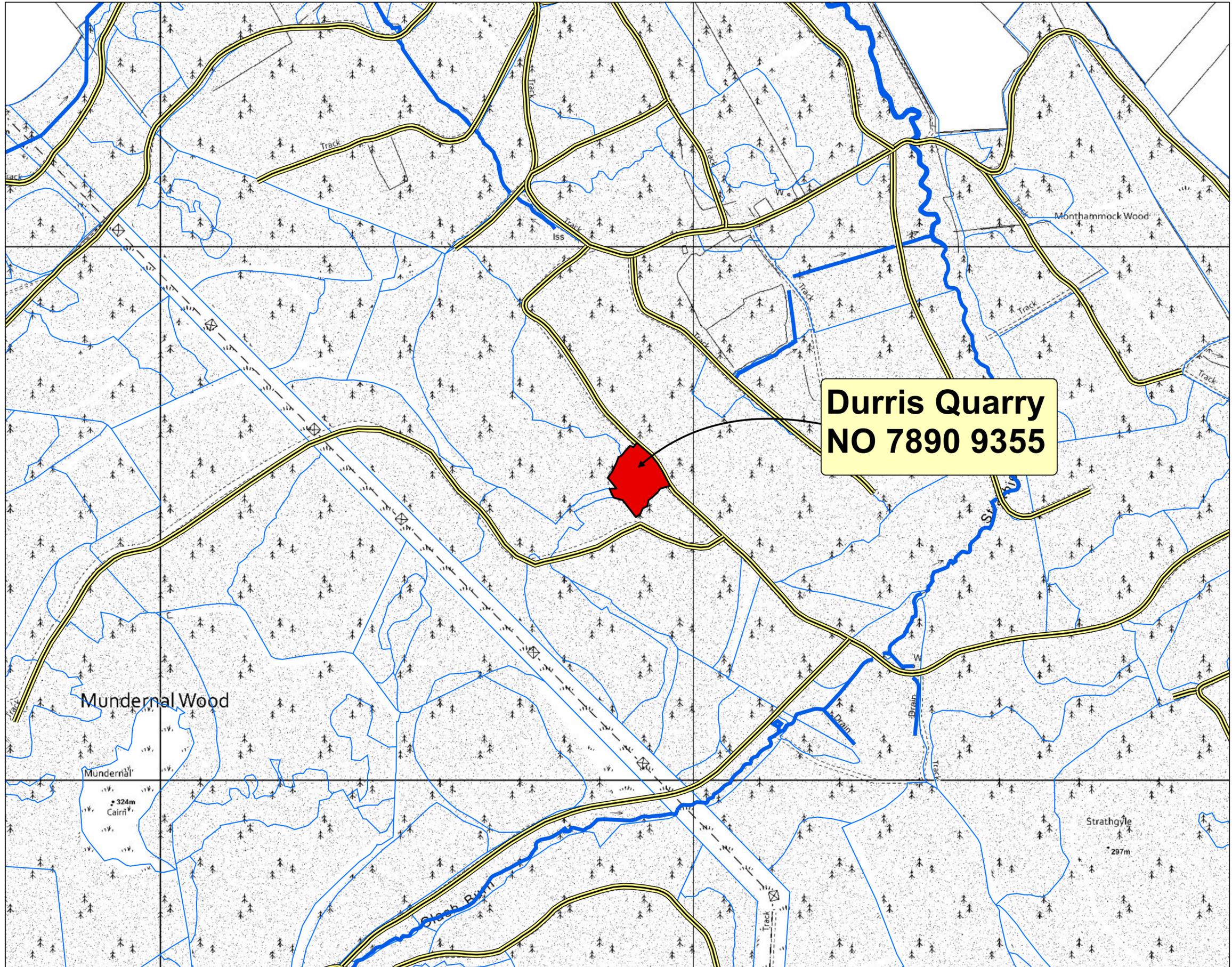
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#### Legend

-  Current Quarry Area
-  Forest Roads
-  Watercourses



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## Durriss LMP 2024

### Quarry Expansion Plan

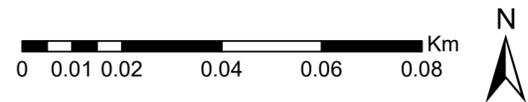
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Date: April 2024

#### Legend

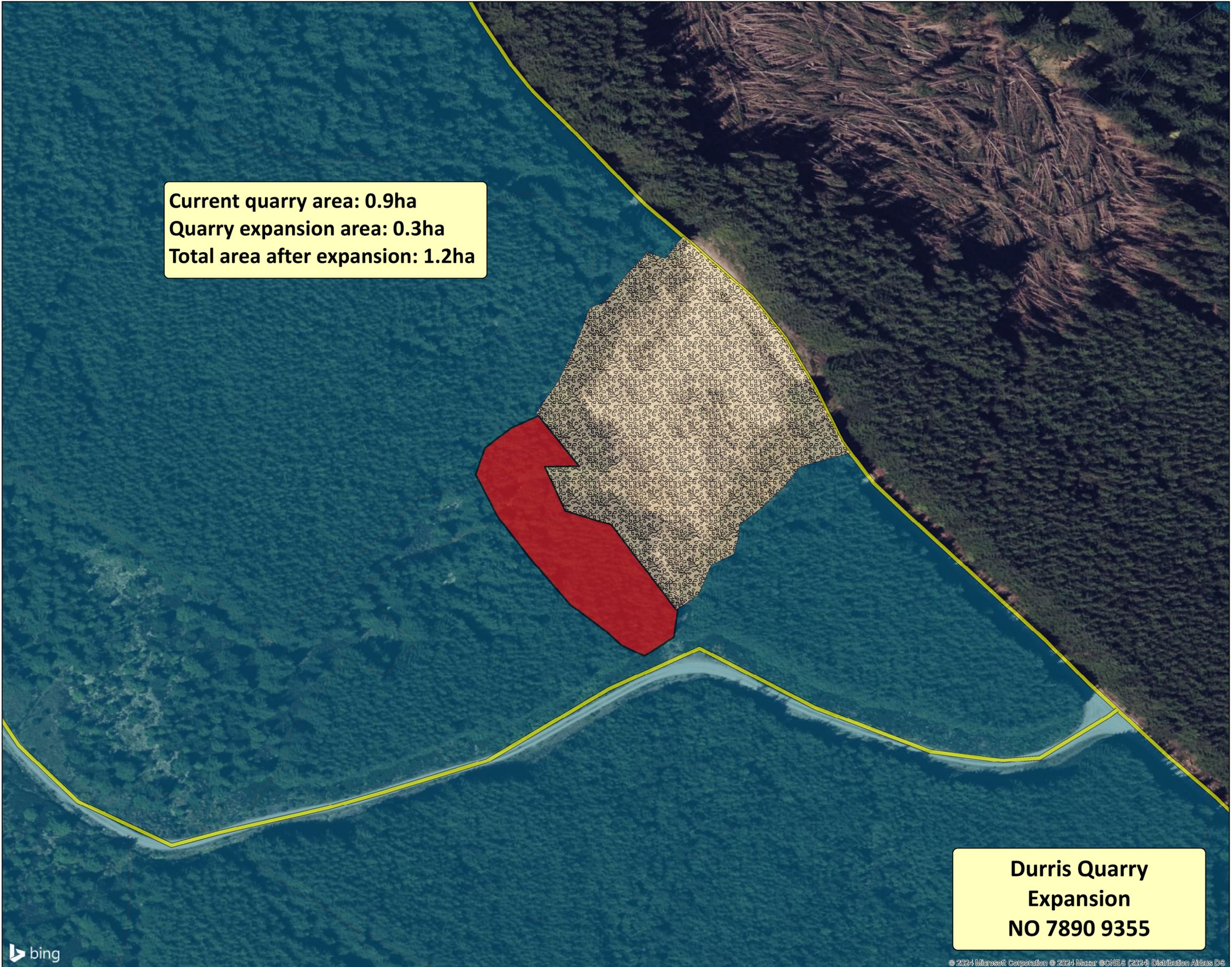
- Durriss Quarry Expansion Area
- Current Quarry Area
- Forest Roads
- Current Species (largest component)
- Sitka Spruce
- Felled

**Current quarry area: 0.9ha**  
**Quarry expansion area: 0.3ha**  
**Total area after expansion: 1.2ha**



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**Durriss Quarry  
Expansion  
NO 7890 9355**

