

## Summary of Forest Design Plan Proposals

Midmar Forest is located in the Echt and Midmar Parishes, approximately 4km west of the village of Echt in Aberdeenshire. The main priority for this forest is the production of a sustainable timber crop while at the same time maximising its biodiversity value. Part of the area is planned to be managed under Low Impact Silvicultural Systems (LISS) (143.2 ha). This will help to maintain the positive landscape impact of the block in the local area.

<b>Total plan area</b>	<b>572 ha</b>
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<b>Species breakdown</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2024</b>
Primary species: Sitka Spruce	38%	37.2%
Secondary species: Lodgepole Pine	13.5%	2.3%
Other conifers	25%	37%
Broadleaves	5.1%	5.7%
Open and felled areas	20.5%	17.7%

<b>Planned operations</b>	<b>2014 to 2023</b>
Felling	60.1 ha
Restock	44.4 ha

## Critical success factors

- Undertake the planned thinning programme to increase the quality of the timber within the plan area.
- Continue to attempt to manage the spread of Dothistroma needle blight through the removal of infected lodgepole pine during thinning operations.
- Undertake the thinning planned for the LISS area to manage the light level to allow the development of the appropriate ground vegetation and natural regeneration.
- Continue with the maintenance of the forest road network to allow forest operations to be successfully completed.

## Consultation and Further Information:

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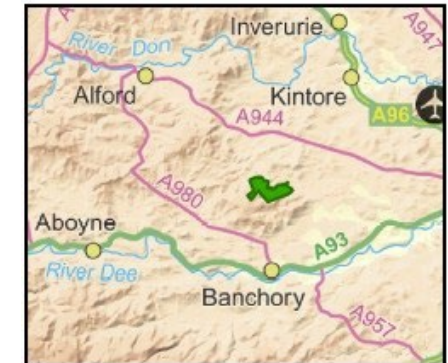
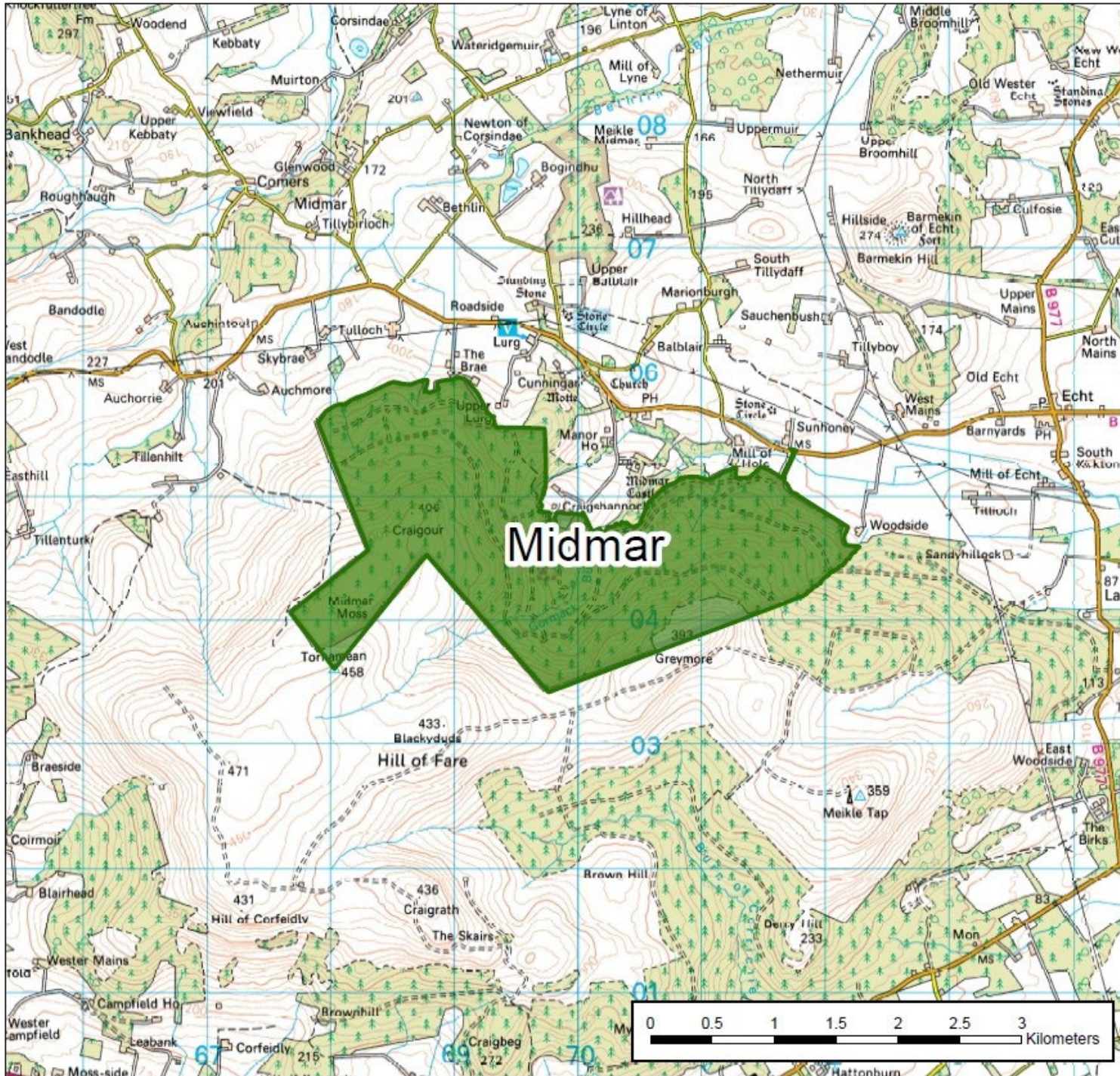
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Map 1 Location

Scale: 1:30,000

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