



## Accessible text from Map 3 – Analysis & Concept

- **Core Production Zone**

Concept:

Ensure sustainable timber production from the block with a plantation that is predominantly upland Sitka Spruce with mixed broadleaves.

Analysis:

Opportunities to maximise saw log content of the crop, will be investigated to increase the area which is part of the regional thinning programme and extend rotation length of 2nd rotation forest to future improved stand age structure. Clearfell will continue to be used in unsuitable sites, such as those that are exposed. There is a good forest road network and existing quarry will provide site-won material will help to facilitate this over the term of this plan.

- **Landscape Zone**

Concept:

Improve designated landscape characteristics of the forest block particularly at Roundfell. Retaining key viewpoints along the A710, A711 and other minor public roads surrounding the composite.

Analysis:

Design restock, diversifying species where possible in areas around the block and investigate opportunities for Low Impact Silvicultural Systems for to develop the external views along the public roads and the impact on local landscape views.

- **Established Woodland Creation Zone**

Concept:

Established woodland creation, already in situ, to be maintained and opportunities to be identified for future crop development. Support commercial activity in the Plasgow block through continued provision of a starter farm to provide agricultural management.

Analysis:

Explore Low Impact Silvicultural Systems management on suitable areas within the woodland creation area when stands become of appropriate age or height to manage during the term of the plan. Manage and enhance improved and semi-improved grassland through grazing leases to maintain fragmented priority open habitats through the appropriate grazing prescription to preserve favourable condition.

- Draft Objectives

1. Manage the woodland under appropriate silvicultural systems to produce quality saw logs and other timber products.
2. Ensure programme of planned roads, timber facilities and ongoing roads maintenance to meet future forestry operations.
3. Maintain and enhance the species richness of the woodland and open habitats to benefit biodiversity and landscape setting.

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