



Map Annotations

Concept Map

- Large areas managed under Low Impact Silvicultural Systems (continuous cover forestry). Opportunity to simplify fragmented LISS coupe design to improve long-term management. Clearfell to be used where LISS is unsuitable (wind risk, access, crop condition).
- Restocking across plan area to improve species diversity and climate resilience.
- Localised instability and windblow consideration in forest design.
- Moss of Cairnty peatland restoration under review – further assessment required.
- Gow Moss peatland restoration underway – regeneration removal and drain blocking to be carried out on site, targeted removal of adjacent spruce regeneration to protect peatland condition.
- Peatland restoration potential – subject to funding and feasibility.
- Highly protected river corridor – strict controls on operations. Habitat supports key species (e.g. salmon, otter, freshwater pearl mussel).
- Protected watercourses – native woodland and open space to be established within riparian zones to protect water quality where possible.
- Designated semi-natural woodland to be maintained and enhanced in line with national guidance.
- Long Established Plantation Origin (LEPO) areas to be assessed and management based on ecological potential.
- Opportunity to strengthen habitat links across the landscape.
- Invasive species control in partnership with external organisations to continue in Spey corridor.
- Potential rhododendron control area – subject to funding availability.
- Maintain and enhance setting of Duchess of Gordon's Monument and other key view points through selective felling of encroaching trees.
- Key heritage features to be protected during forest operations.
- Visually sensitive landscape – careful forest design required.
- Speyside Way strategic national route – externally managed, supported by forest infrastructure.
- Key recreation hubs – focus on simple, accessible infrastructure with winding walks skills area remaining a core managed facility.
- Existing mountain bike trails will be de-formalised but remain open for access, with continued use supported through a community-led approach.
- Existing walking network to be rationalised during plan period.

- Forest road network to be maintained as key operational and access infrastructure, including public access and deer management.
- Active deer management required to protect restock and regeneration, visibility in open areas to be maintained.
- Potential new area of woodland on ex-agricultural ground – species and design under assessment.
- Proposed new SSEN powerline corridor, route and timing yet to be finalised. Potential temporary impacts on recreational access during construction.