

Part 1 – Landowner’s Details

(If owned by a business, the details must be for that business) Please note: We do not accept applications ‘care of’.

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Surname: Watson		
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Agent’s Details

(You must submit a mandate with the application. A template can be found on our [website](#))

Title: Mr	Forename:	
Surname:		
Organisation: Forestry and Land Scotland		Position:
Primary Contact Number:		Alternative Contact Number:
Email:		
Address:		
	Postcode:	Country:

Part 2a – Property Details

Name of Property: Pitfichie & Corrennie		
Name of Wood: Pitfichie Forest, Correnie Wood.		
Grid Reference (of centre of principal felling area): OS Grid Ref: NJ 6465 1493		
Nearest Town or Locality Name: Kemnay		
Local Authority: Aberdeenshire Council		
Do you give consent for Scottish Forestry to access your land?	YES ☒	NO ☐
You are not obliged to give us consent to enter your land, however if we are denied access to your land, and cannot carry out an assessment because of this, we may reject your application. This consent is for access to assess this application as well as monitor compliance with any subsequent approval, where applicable.		

Part 2b – Felling Operations

Please provide detailed information about the proposed felling operations.

When do you wish to start felling? 01/01/27

When do you wish to finish felling? 01/01/29

Felling Operations Table

- The type of operation (Op) should be either *Clear Felling (CF)*, *Thinning (T)*, *Selective Felling (SLF)*, *Felling of Coppice (FC)*, or the *Felling of Individual Trees (FI)*.
- You can use Mixed Conifer (MC) or Mixed Broadleaves (MB) but these must make up no more than 20% of the total area of species to be felled. You must give individual species names if they occupy more than 20% of the felling area.
- If thinning, use the rightmost columns to insert the details based on your preferred method, chosen from the following (select one):**
 - Pre/Post stocking density (stems per hectare)** ☐
 - Pre/Post Basal Area (square metres per hectare)** ☐
 - Volume to be removed (cubic metres)** ☒

Felling Site/ Cpt	Ty pe of Op	Species to be felled (one per row)	Marking of Trees	Est Area (ha)	Approx Age (Years)	No of Trees	Est Vol m ³	Thinning Details (per ha)	
								Pre	Post
26809	CF	SP	n/a	6.15	72	1,753	1,564	n/a	n/a
26809	CF	NS	n/a	1.39	80	455	551	n/a	n/a
26809	CF	DF	n/a	0.47	75	500	309	n/a	n/a
26809	CF	SS	n/a	0.9	72	391	315	n/a	n/a
26809	CF	JL	n/a	2.03	75	329	517	n/a	n/a
26809	CF	GF	n/a	0.25	72	14	19	n/a	n/a
26834	CF	JL	n/a	2.87	76	1,450	1,088	n/a	n/a
26834	CF	LP	n/a	1.65	63	3,102	517	n/a	n/a
26834	CF	SP	n/a	0.32	76	154	135	n/a	n/a
26752	CF	BI	n/a	0.5	72	150	88	n/a	n/a
26752	CF	JL	n/a	2.35	72	538	559	n/a	n/a

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26752	CF	NS	n/a	2.66	72	1,056	1,090	n/a	n/a
26752	CF	SP	n/a	0.67	72	243	188	n/a	n/a
26752	CF	SS	n/a	3.18	62	1,024	1,174	n/a	n/a
26331	CF	SS	n/a	1.16	26	2,680	163	n/a	n/a
26331	CF	JL	n/a	13.49	68	7,263	1,927	n/a	n/a
26331	CF	SP	n/a	2.21	68	1,250	474	n/a	n/a
26331	CF	NS	n/a	1.96	68	990	668	n/a	n/a
26857	CF	SP	n/a	4.21	69	1,713	1,179	n/a	n/a
26857	CF	NS	n/a	0.47	69	188	185	n/a	n/a
26857	CF	BI	n/a	0.32	69	99	56	n/a	n/a
26857	CF	EL	n/a	0.16	69	48	39	n/a	n/a
26857	CF	JL	n/a	1.79	69	440	427	n/a	n/a
26438	CF	SP	n/a	0.24	69	308	120	n/a	n/a
26438	CF	SS	n/a	0.24	69	359	152	n/a	n/a
26438	CF	BI	n/a	0.43	69	634	120	n/a	n/a
26438	CF	GF	n/a	2.3	46/61	1,037	1,541	n/a	n/a
26438	CF	NS	n/a	2.91	78	1,880	1,252	n/a	n/a
26438	CF	DF	n/a	0.42	61	84	158	n/a	n/a
26438	CF	JL	n/a	0.77	69	188	182	n/a	n/a
26010	T	SS/SP/ HL/EL/ JL/NS	n/a	85.26	n/a	52,201	3,312	n/a	n/a
				Total Area (ha)		Total Volume m³:			
				Clear-fell		58.4		16,757	
				Thinning		85.2		3,312	

You must give your reasons below for carrying out this work and any additional information that would help us consider your application, such as any constraints or sensitivities that you have planned for, particularly where you want the felling approval to go beyond 2 years. If you have selected thinning, you must provide us with the thinning prescription you intend to use.

All clearfell coupes identified within this application are Phase 3 felling coupes approved under the current Land Management Plan (LMP).

The current LMP is due to expire in 2027. Owing to resource constraints, the succeeding Long-Term Plan (LTP) will not be approved in sufficient time to support the 2027/28 harvesting programme. Consequently, an interim felling permission is being sought to provide continuity of sustainable forest management and ensure delivery of the planned harvesting programme.

The proposed Phase 3 coupes represent a reduced programme compared with that originally projected under the current LMP. This was informed by the following:

- The sustainable harvest level across Phases 1 to 4 was assessed and approved through the previous LMP process.
- Significant windblow events necessitated additional harvesting activity during phases 1 and 2, resulting in a proportion of the planned timber volume being brought forward.
- The proposed interim felling programme will be reviewed as part of the forthcoming LTP process to ensure that long-term sustainable forest management objectives continue to be met.

The proposed coupe boundaries have been designed to reflect operational and environmental constraints within each forest block. Coupe shape and extent have been determined with consideration given to stand adjacency, access requirements, timber stacking capacity, extraction distances and overall operational practicality.

Felling permission is required prior to expiry of the current LMP to allow sufficient time for marketing and procurement of harvesting contracts. Marketing of the sites is anticipated to take place between February and March 2027, enabling harvesting operations to commence between April and August 2027. Environmental and climatic constraints are anticipated to significantly reduce harvesting opportunities from September onwards, making early approval essential for programme delivery.

Thinning Proposals

Thinning coupe 26010 was originally programmed within Phases 1 and 2 of the current LMP. This was postponed due to prioritisation of windblow clearance operations. The proposed thinning volumes have been calculated as a single intervention across each relevant sub-compartment, as shown on the accompanying thinning map.

The proposed thinning prescription:

- First thinning: establishment of primary extraction racks through the removal of two rows in every ten, combined with a light matrix thinning.
- Subsequent thinning interventions: intermediate thinning up to approximately 70% of Mean Annual Increment (MAI).

Constraints

The principal constraints associated with the proposed felling and thinning operations are as follows:

- Areas of Plantation on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS), where sensitive soil management practices will be required and native broadleaf veteran trees will be retained and protected.
- The presence of protected and notable fauna, including breeding birds, badgers and red squirrels across several coupes.
- The presence of Schedule 1 bird species, which may result in seasonal restrictions on forestry operations following pre-operational surveys.
- Utilities and infrastructure constraints, including an unidentified pipeline and private water supplies (PWS) located adjacent to, or within the vicinity of, several proposed coupes.

Further details of these constraints and the associated measures are provided within the accompanying Constraints Table.

Please provide details on the stakeholder engagement you have undertaken, this must include contact with adjacent properties and potentially affected neighbours.

Individual / Organisation	Date contacted	Date feedback received	Response	Action
e.g. Mrs Mackenzie, Fearnan House, meeting	14/10/2019	20/10/2019	Private water supply in SE corner of area to be felled.	Ensure route of water supply is protected during operations and liaise with owner.

Please provide information on any features or issues that you have identified.

Feature / Issue	Constraint	Opportunity
Animal Species	Schedule 1 bird nest active recently within 26331, 26752.	Nest to be monitored prior to operations and undisturbed during breeding season if active.
Animal Species	Nests recorded within coupe 26834 in the past.	Nests to be monitored before operations. No work during breeding season if active.
Animal Species	Badger setts 26809.	Surveyed and if required - operational boundaries marked prior to operations, any felling to take place using approved methods. Any license necessary will be sought prior to operations.

Feature / Issue	Constraint	Opportunity
Animal Species	26752 Possible Bat roosting in standing deadwood.	Consider for retention of standing deadwood; if this must be felled will require a survey by a bat licenced individual and license sought prior to operations.
Native Woodlands & PAWS	26752 Designated areas – Establishing Native woodlands. Native woodlands.	Opportunities to retain any veteran trees, particularly native species. Minimise soil disturbance during harvesting and avoid intensive ground preparation for restocking.
Utilities	Unknown Pipeline in 26438	Scottish Water and local property to be consulted prior to operations to discuss any mitigations required.
Utilities	Adjacent PWS. Groundwater borehole 15m from coupe boundary	Surveyed and consultation with local property before operations begin. A 50m operational buffer is applied to all Groundwater boreholes.

Part 3 – Proposed Restocking

We expect the area to be restocked unless you are thinning. Under the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018, we attach a continuing condition to the permission to secure restocking. You will be notified of these conditions before we issue the permission.

Restocking Proposal Table:

Use the table below to tell us how you intend to restock the areas felled. Please note that you can group felled areas together that are to be restocked in the same way. You must show a restock proposal for 100% of the felled area. If you intend to restock an alternative area, you must submit a map of the alternative area. You must give only one species choice per row.

Felling Site/Cpt(s)	Restocking proposal	Species (one per row)	% of site	Area (ha)	Density (stems per ha)	No of Trees	Alt Restock Site/Cpt (s)
26809A	RF	NS	50	5.94	2700	16,038	
26809A	RF	DF	50	5.94	2700	16,038	
26834A	RF	SS	100	4.52	2700	12,204	
26752A	RF	BI/PBI	100	4.13	2700	11,151	
26752B	RF	BI/PBI	100	5.39	2700	14,553	

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Felling Site/Cpt(s)	Restocking proposal	Species (one per row)	% of site	Area (ha)	Density (stems per ha)	No of Trees	Alt Restock Site/Cpt (s)
26331D	RF	SP	50	9.26	2700	24,732	
26331D	RF	BI/PBI	50	9.26	2700	24,732	
26857A	RF	DF	100	7.04	2700	19,008	
26438A	RF	MB	100	1.7	1600	2,720	
26438B	RF	NS	50	2.61	2700	7,047	
26438B	RF	DF	50	2.61	2700	7,047	
				Total Area:	58.4		

- The restocking proposal should be either to replant the felled area (RF), restock by natural regeneration (NR), plant an alternative area (AA), restock with coppice regrowth (CR), restock with individual trees (IT), plant an alternative area with individual trees (AAIT), or create designed open ground (OG).
- If you are intending to deforest the site, insert do not intend to restock (DIR) in the Restocking Proposal column. Note that your application is unlikely to be approved if the site is to be deforested and no alternative area of restocking is proposed (see the Scottish Government's Policy on Control of Woodland Removal).

Please give a detailed description of your restocking proposals here. Please provide an evidenced justification where you want the restocking approval to go beyond the standard 2 years, for example the submission of a *Hylobius* management plan. (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

Please note that as the current LMP expires shortly, the restock prescriptions may be changed in the future as part of the next LTP submission. The prescriptions listed will be carried out should the LMP fail to be renewed before restocking operations are due to be carried out.

Much of the restocking carried out will be conifer species at a minimum of 2,700 stems per ha.

Areas of broadleaved species in riparian zones and amenity woodland areas will incorporate an open space component and will be restocked at 1,600 stems per ha.

You must provide maps showing the felling and restocking areas of your application. The map must meet the standards we require. These are set out in the [mapping standards page](#) on our website.

Part 4 – The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

1. Are there any Tree Preservation Orders on the trees to be felled?

No [07/09/26]

If Yes, give details below:

The following Tree Preservation Order applies to the trees in this application

Order Made by:	
Nearest Town or locality name:	
Title of Order:	Date of Order:

2. Are any of the trees to be felled in a Conservation Area?

No [07/09/26]

The following Conservation Area applies to the trees in this application

Details of Conservation Area: _____

Part 5 – Declarations

I hereby apply for a permission to fell the trees described in this application and I certify that:

- I am the landowner or an occupier of the land with written permission of the landowner;
- Where the landowner is a business, I am authorised to sign legal contracts on behalf of that business;
- If I am acting on behalf of the landowner or occupier, I have submitted a signed mandate form with this application;
- Any necessary consents from any other person(s) if required, have been obtained;
- I have made the necessary checks with the local planning authorities regarding Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas;
- I have notified all stakeholders that may be affected by the felling in this application and sought their views prior to submitting this application;
- I have read, understand and hereby acknowledge that Scottish Ministers may process any of my personal data contained in or relating to this application in accordance with the terms of [Scottish Forestry's Privacy Notice](#);
- Where applicable and appropriate I have submitted an EIA screening opinion form for operations contained within this application under the Forestry (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017;
- I have read and understand this application fully and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this application is complete, true, and accurate; and
- I accept that any false or misleading information provided in this application constitutes an offence and may result in any felling permission based on this application being revoked at any time.

Signed _____ Print _____ Date ____/____/____

[This application may only be signed by the owner of the land or the occupier of that land where they have written permission to do so. For land owned by a business it must be signed by someone with the authority to sign legal contracts on behalf of that business. If you are an agent signing this on behalf of the aforementioned you must append a copy of your mandate.]

DO NOT START FELLING UNTIL YOU HAVE AN APPROVED FELLING PERMISSION