
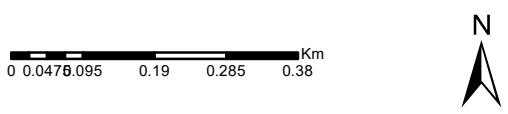


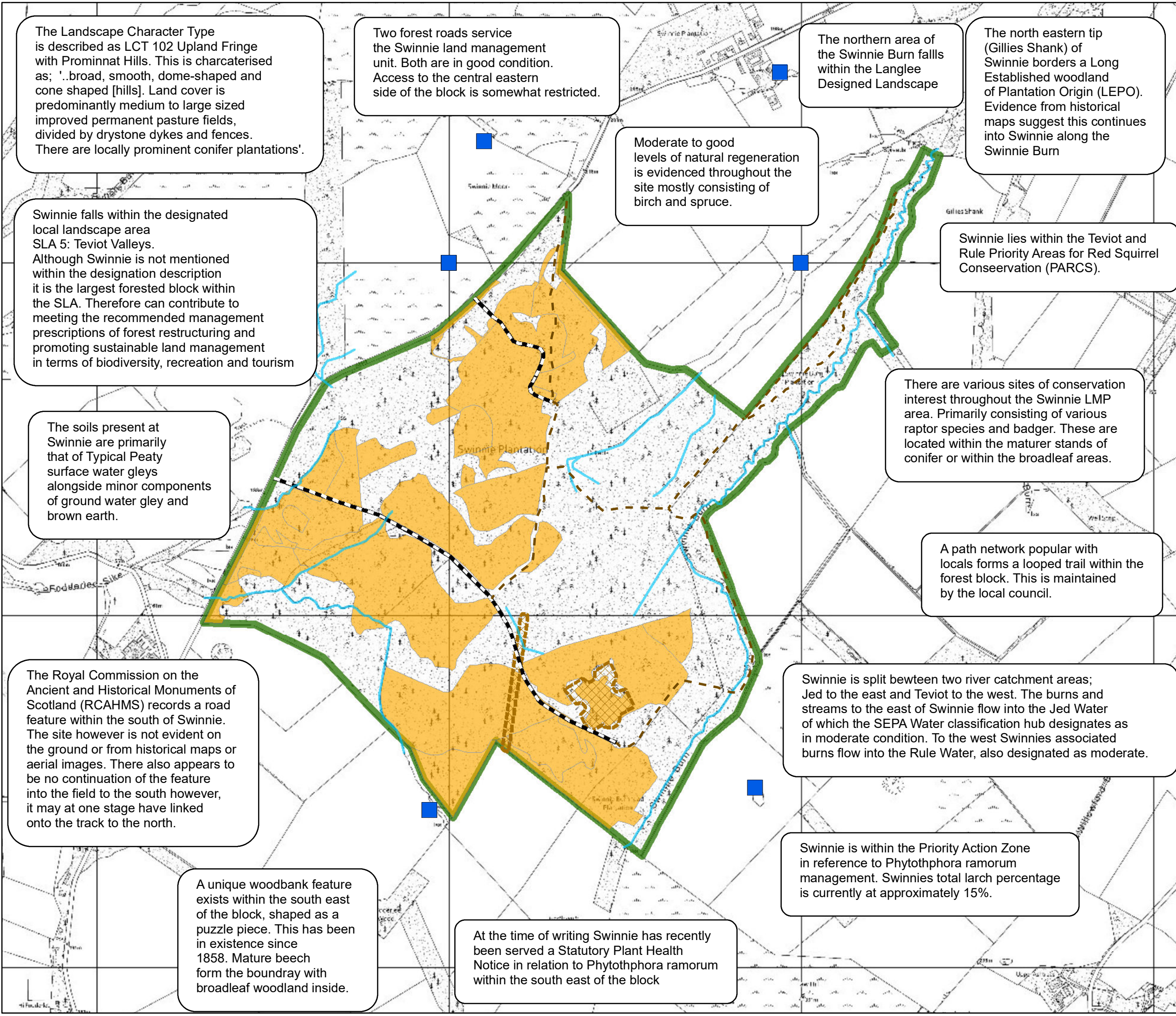
Swinnie
Map 2:
Key Features

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The Landscape Character Type is described as LCT 102 Upland Fringe with Prominent Hills. This is characterised as; '...broad, smooth, dome-shaped and cone shaped [hills]. Land cover is predominantly medium to large sized improved permanent pasture fields, divided by drystone dykes and fences. There are locally prominent conifer plantations'.

Two forest roads service the Swinnie land management unit. Both are in good condition. Access to the central eastern side of the block is somewhat restricted.

The northern area of the Swinnie Burn falls within the Langlee Designed Landscape

The north eastern tip (Gillies Shank) of Swinnie borders a Long Established woodland of Plantation Origin (LEPO). Evidence from historical maps suggest this continues into Swinnie along the Swinnie Burn

Moderate to good levels of natural regeneration is evidenced throughout the site mostly consisting of birch and spruce.

Swinnie falls within the designated local landscape area SLA 5: Teviot Valleys. Although Swinnie is not mentioned within the designation description it is the largest forested block within the SLA. Therefore can contribute to meeting the recommended management prescriptions of forest restructuring and promoting sustainable land management in terms of biodiversity, recreation and tourism

Swinnie lies within the Teviot and Rule Priority Areas for Red Squirrel Conservation (PARCS).

The soils present at Swinnie are primarily that of Typical Peaty surface water gleys alongside minor components of ground water gley and brown earth.

There are various sites of conservation interest throughout the Swinnie LMP area. Primarily consisting of various raptor species and badger. These are located within the maturer stands of conifer or within the broadleaf areas.

A path network popular with locals forms a looped trail within the forest block. This is maintained by the local council.

The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) records a road feature within the south of Swinnie. The site however is not evident on the ground or from historical maps or aerial images. There also appears to be no continuation of the feature into the field to the south however, it may at one stage have linked onto the track to the north.

Swinnie is split between two river catchment areas; Jed to the east and Teviot to the west. The burns and streams to the east of Swinnie flow into the Jed Water of which the SEPA Water classification hub designates as in moderate condition. To the west Swinnies associated burns flow into the Rule Water, also designated as moderate.

A unique woodbank feature exists within the south east of the block, shaped as a puzzle piece. This has been in existence since 1858. Mature beech form the boundray with broadleaf woodland inside.

At the time of writing Swinnie has recently been served a Statutory Plant Health Notice in relation to Phytothphora ramorum within the south east of the block

Swinnie is within the Priority Action Zone in reference to Phytothphora ramorum management. Swinnies total larch percentage is currently at approximately 15%.