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**BALCORRACH WOOD**

MAP 1

LOCATION

Scale: 50,000 @ A3

0 300 600 1,200 1,800 2,400 Meters

05 Jul 2016



**Legend**

 Management Area

**OS Grid Ref: NS 619 790**

**EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE**

**KIRKINTILLOCH**

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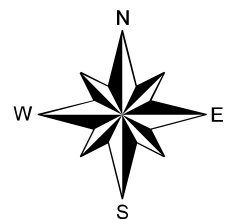
MAP 2

CONTEXT

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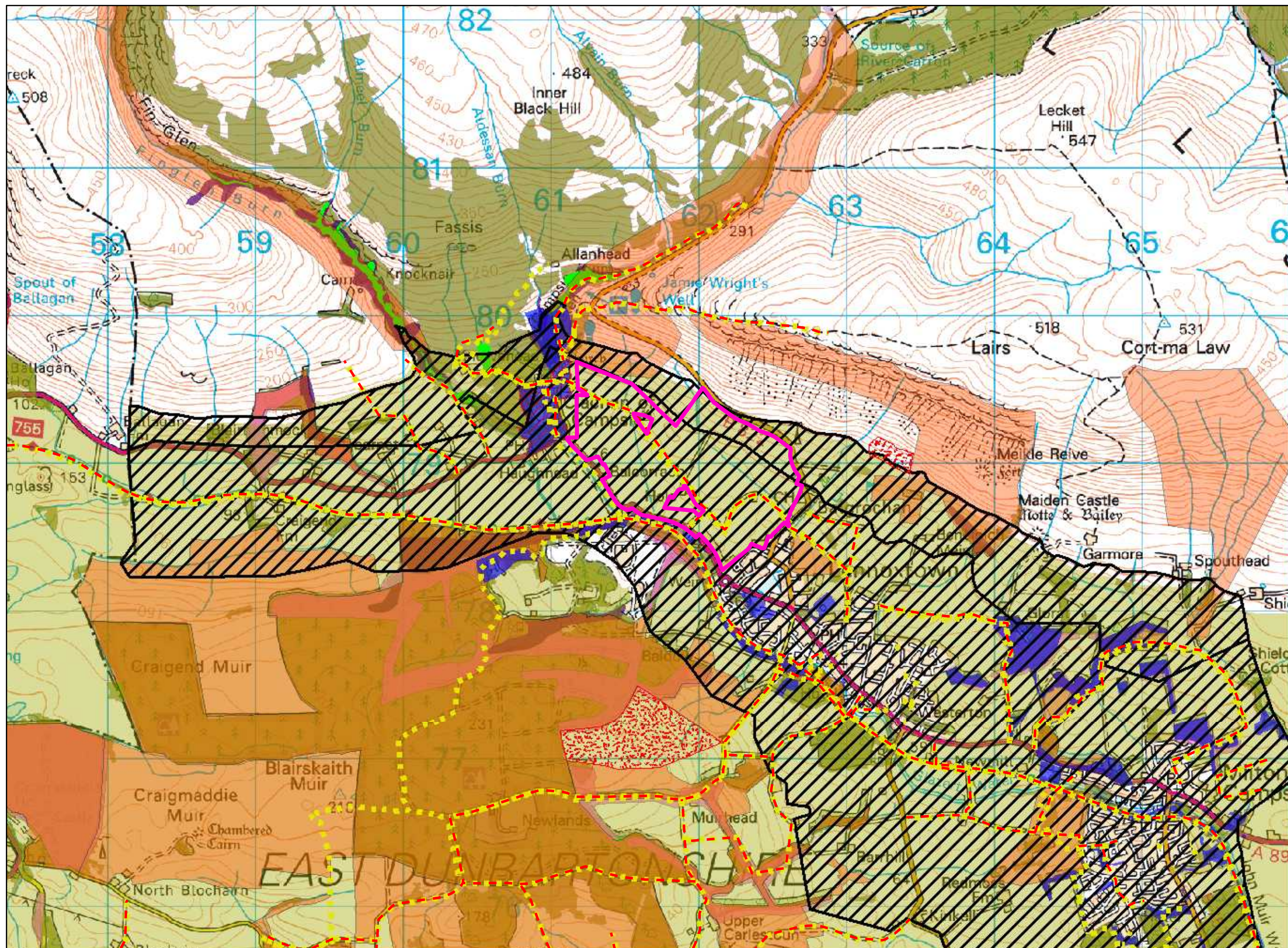


## Legend

-  Balcorrach\_Wood
-  Public Right of Way
-  SSSI
-  CORE\_PATHS
-  Special Landscape Area
-  Conservation Area
-  Tree Preservation Order Area
-  Local Nature Conservation Site
-  Greenbelt
-  Native woodland

## Ancient Woodland

-  Ancient (of semi-natural origin)
-  Long-Established (of plantation origin)
-  Surrounding NFI Woodland



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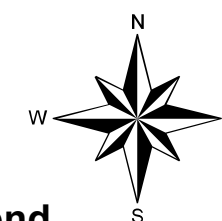
MAP 3a

SOILS

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## **Legend**

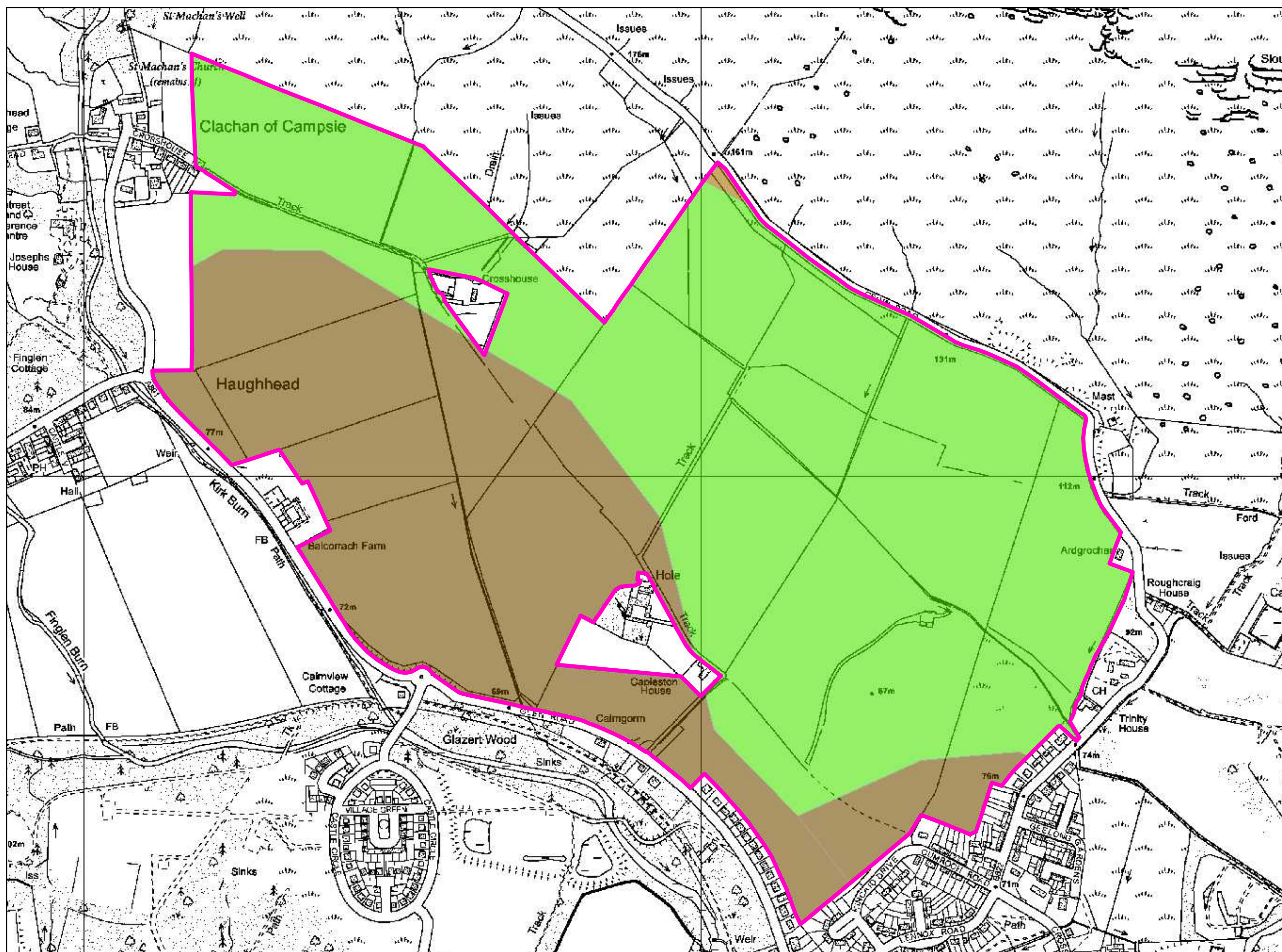
 Balcarrach Wood

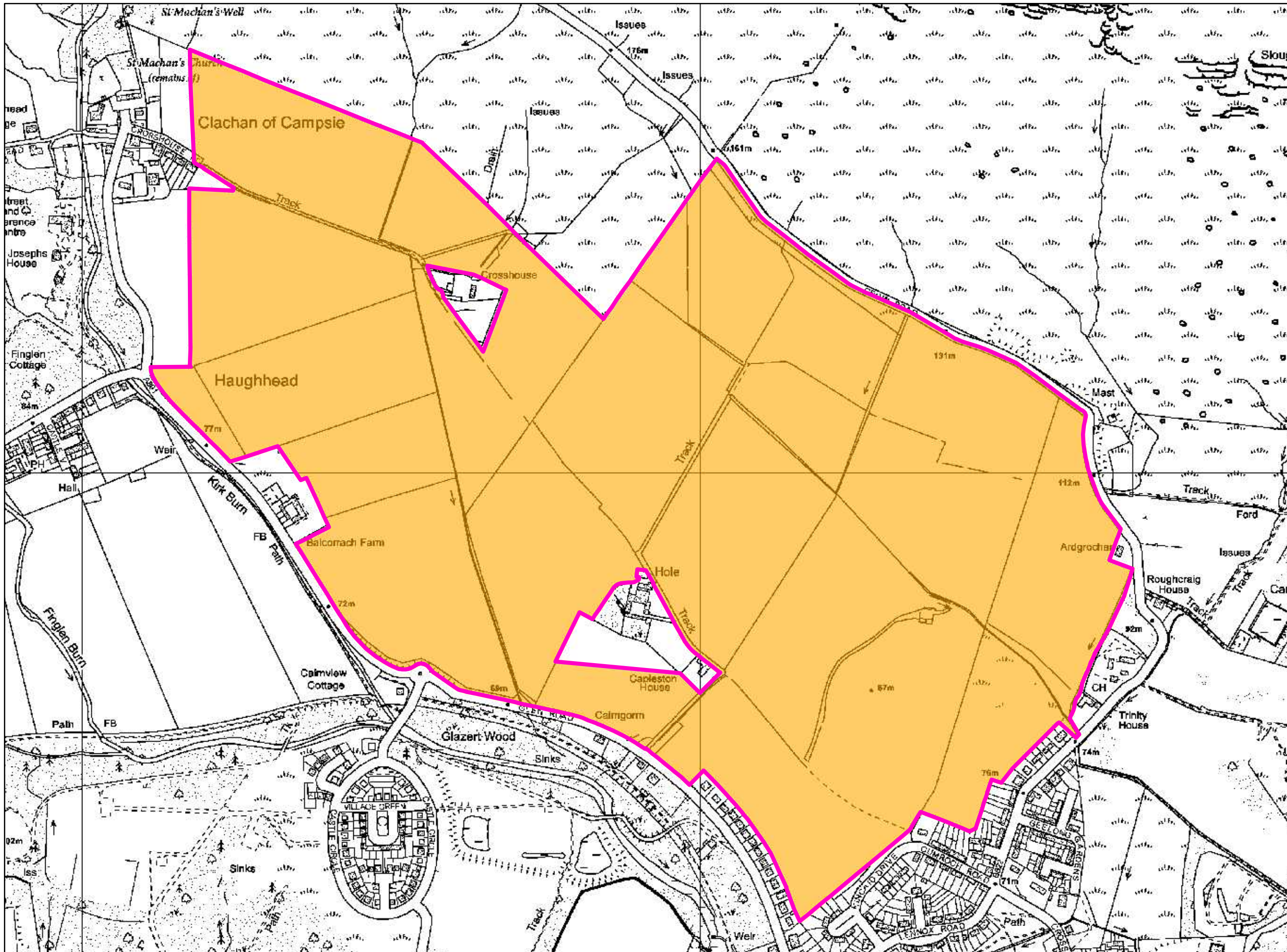
## **SOIL**

 Basic brown earth (1d)

 Typical brown earth (1)

 Brown surface-water gley (7b)

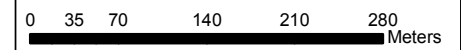




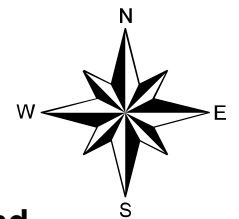
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**BALCORRACH WOOD**  
MAP 3b  
CLIMATE

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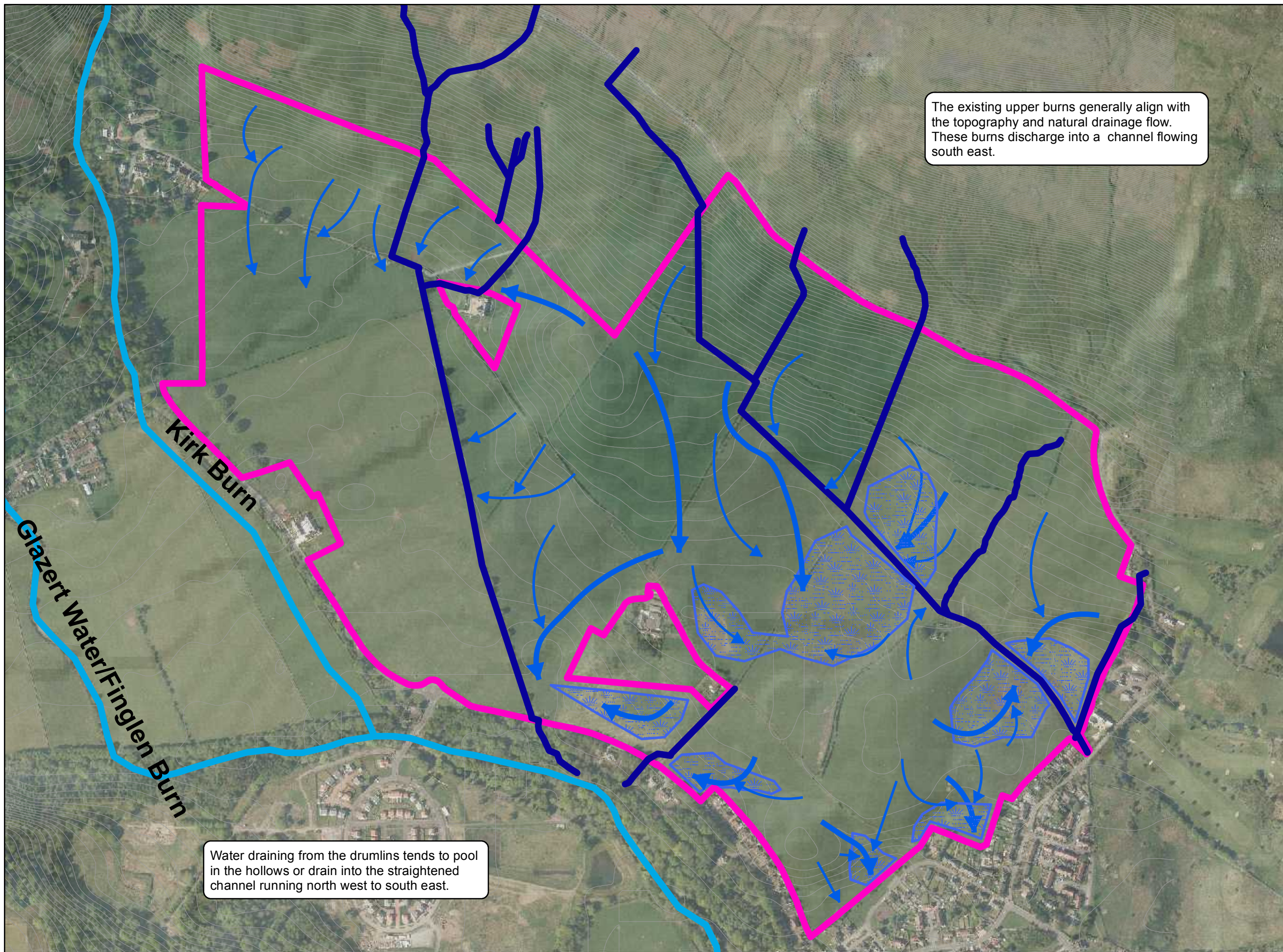
**Legend**

 Balcarrach Wood

**CLIMATE**

 Warm, Moist, Sheltered

 Cool, Wet, Moderately Exposed



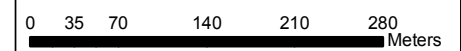
The existing upper burns generally align with the topography and natural drainage flow. These burns discharge into a channel flowing south east.

Water draining from the drumlins tends to pool in the hollows or drain into the straightened channel running north west to south east.

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 MAP 3c  
 HYDROLOGY






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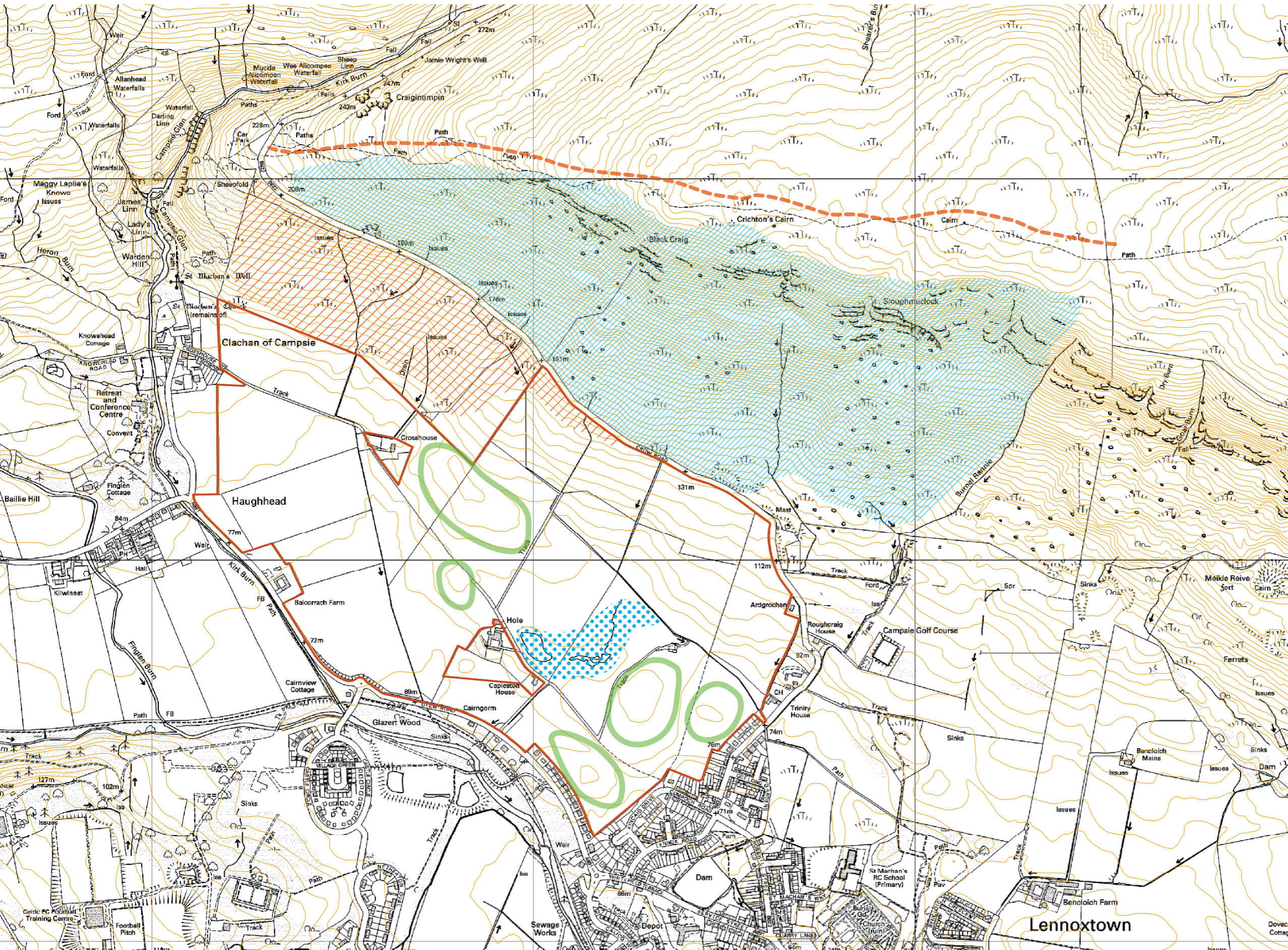


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**Legend**

-  Balcarrach Wood
-  River
-  Watercourse
-  Water flow path
-  Wetter hollow

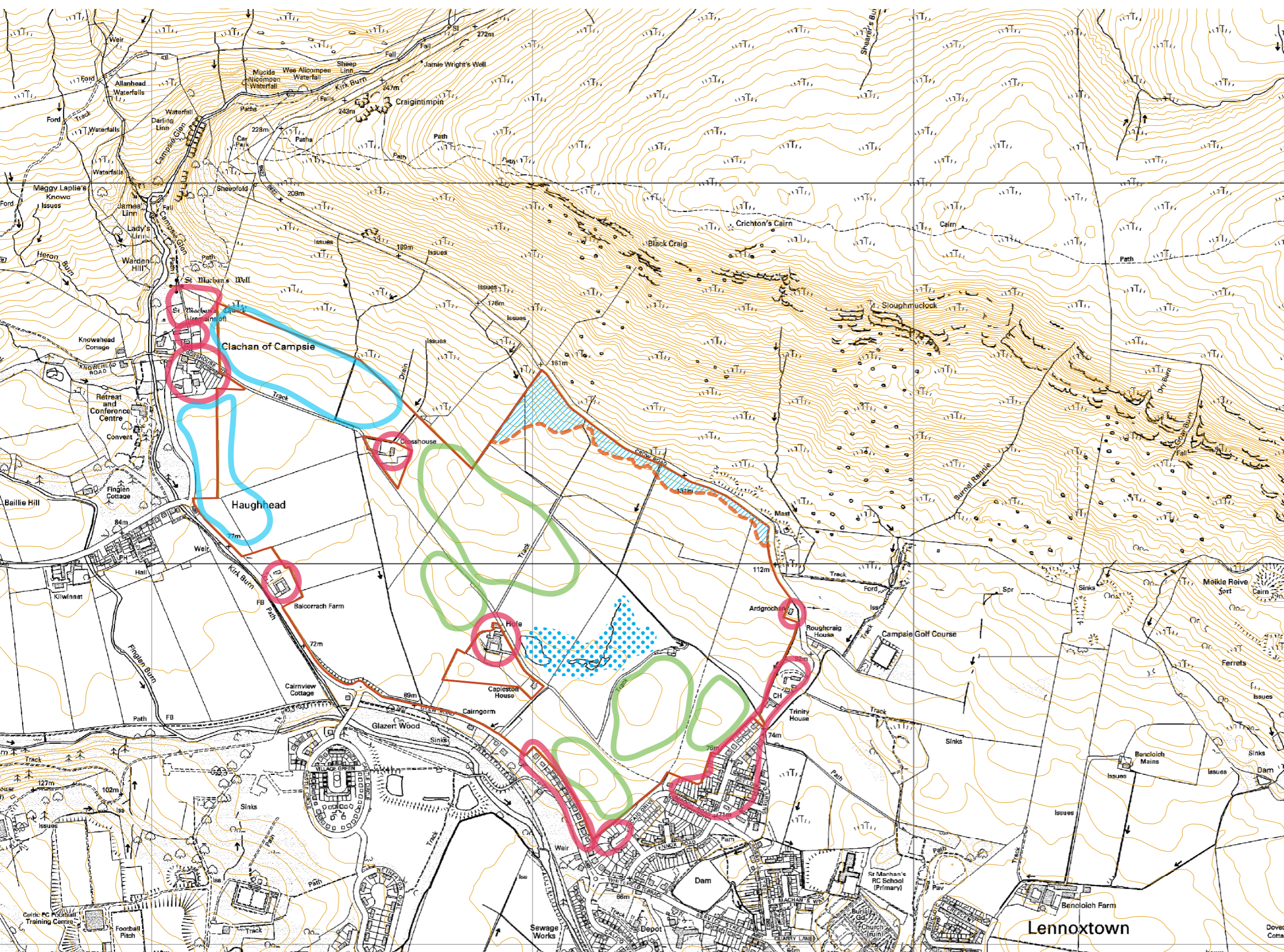



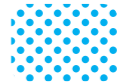





-  Prominent skyline
-  Very steep slopes with craggy outcrops and scree
-  Steep lower slopes, below the Crow Road
-  Smooth drumlin features on farmed land
-  Wet hollow
-  Site boundary

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-  Maintain integrity of drumlins by establishing species and coupe pattern to reflect landform
-  Area of wetland sand shallow valley – use open space, shrubs and wet woodland as appropriate to create different character
-  Potential for policy woodland to link with key characteristic of Glazert valley
-  Consider views from and immediate setting of adjacent houses and farms
-  Indicative upper margin should reflect landform, maintain views from Crow Road and not venture onto steeper slopes. The fenceline should be located below the sightline as visible from the Crow Road, along the break in slope
-  Open space, with some shrubs
-  Site boundary

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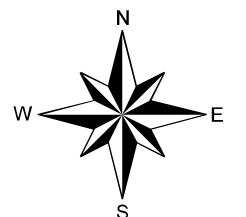
MAP 4a

SURVEY & KEY FEATURES

Scale: 10,000 @ A3

0 60 120 240 360 480 Meters

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## Legend

- █ Balcarrach\_Wood
- ✕ Power line (OG)
- Power line (UG)
- Telephone line (OG)
- Telephone line (UG)
- Mains Water
- Watercourses
- █ Public Right of Way

The Crow Rd is a popular cycling route and the viewpoint on the bend a frequently visited spot. The Bike and Coffee Shops in Clachan of Campsie evidences the areas popularity with cyclists and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

The internal farm buildings and various surrounding properties look on to the site and the Campsie which provide a backdrop.

The soils on the lower ground are predominantly fertile brown earths moving toward brown type surface water gleys on the upper slopes. The site is fairly sheltered.

There is an internal matrix of linear field boundaries made up of drystane dykes, drainage ditches, stock-fencing and hawthorn hedgerows.

The surrounding landscape is a matrix of agricultural land and mixed woodland. To the west is the 'policy' woodlands within the grounds of the Schoenstatt. To the south is the predominantly commercial conifer Lennox Forest and the more mixed woodland on the lower northern slopes across the glen. To the north west the recently planted Campsie Glen has yet to impact on the landscape but in time will enhance the diverse mixed nature of the area.

2 overhead power lines cross sections of the site servicing Hole and Crosshouse Farms. A mains water supply follows the route of the Right of Way from the access road to Hole Farm up to the remnants of Capieston Farm.

There are 3 access points to the site, one via the Crosshouse Road from Clachan of Campsie in the west, the second via the access road to Hole farm in the south off the A891 Glen Rd. Both these routes can be accesses by vehicles. The third access is via the Right of Way off of the B822 Crow Road in Lennoxtown in the west and this is only accessible to pedestrians.

There are almost ubiquitous good views of the southern slopes of the Campsie Hills across the site.

The existing Right of Way linking Lennoxtown to Clachan of Campsie is in places difficult to cross due to an accumulation of factors such as poor drainage, heavily poached ground due to cattle, unmanaged overgrown hawthorn hedgerows.

The south east of the site has an obligation to provide a Community Greenspace inherited within the acquisition of the site as part of the previous plans to develop it for housing.

# Balcorrach Wood Concept Map

MAP 4b



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# BALCORRACH WOOD

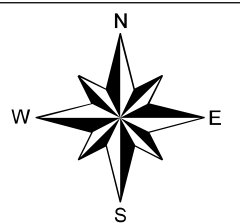
MAP 5a

PLANTING DESIGN & SPECIES

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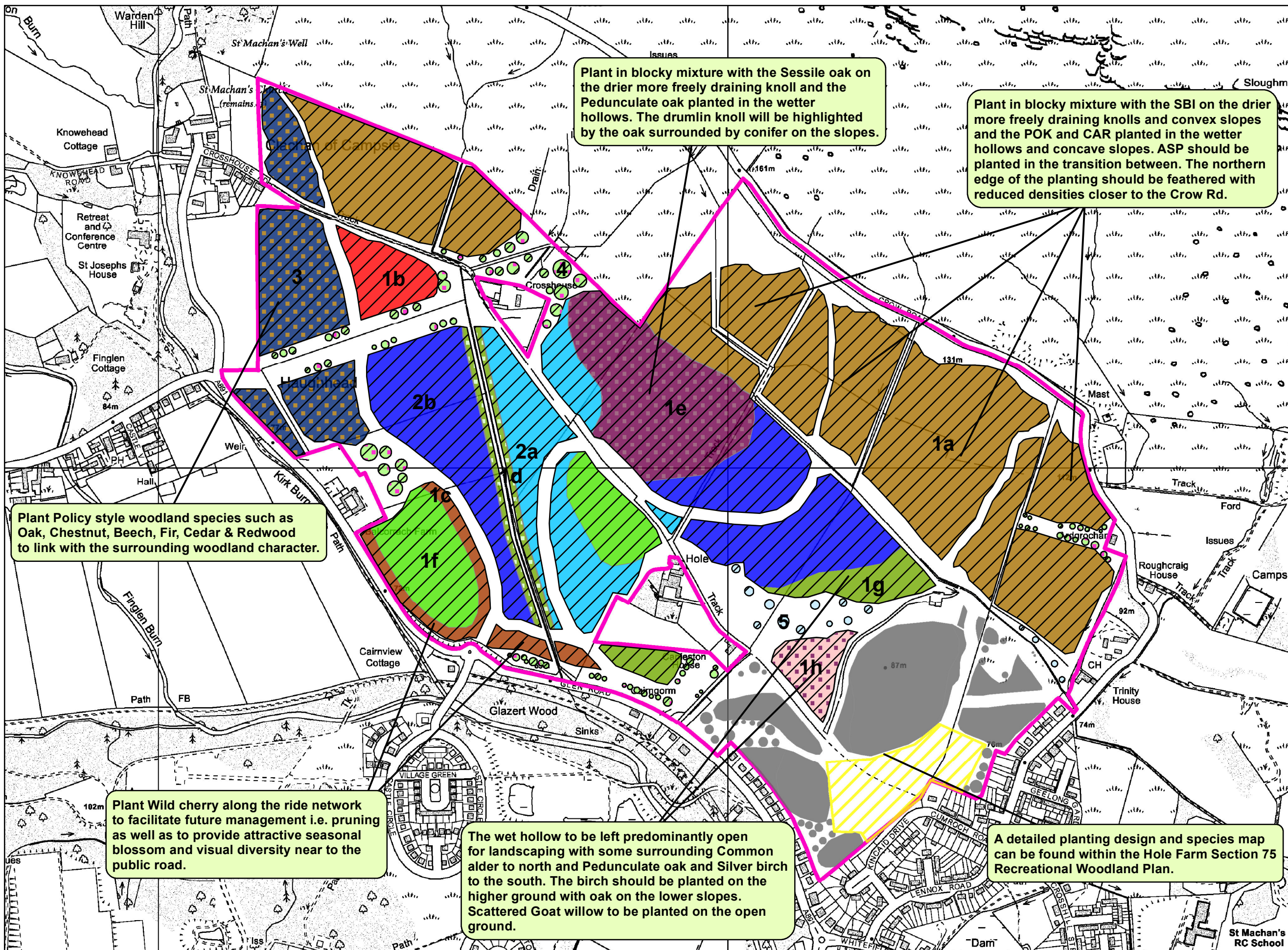
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## Legend

- Balcarrach Wood
- MB (POK/CAR/SBI/ASP)
- Red oak
- Sessile oak/Pedunculate oak
- Silver birch/Pedunculate oak
- Sycamore
- Wild cherry
- Common alder
- Common alder/Goat willow/Rowan
- Low growing shrub species
- Wet Woodland
- Policy style species
- Douglas fir
- Norway spruce
- Section 75 Planting
- Community Area
- Areas for approval



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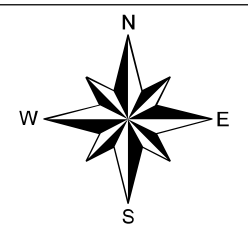
MAP 5b

FUTURE ACCESS

Scale: 6,000 @ A3

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## **Legend**

-  Balcarrach Wood
-  Planting Areas
-  Community Area
-  Proposed Forest Road
-  Public Right of Way
-  Potential Path Routes

## **Access**

-  Existing
-  Potential Future

Clachan of Campsie will not be used by heavy forestry vehicles.

Potential for selected rides to be upgraded to surface paths to link with existing public right of way / core path and a future forest road improving connectivity and creating circular walks.

Access to Public Right of Way will be retained.

Potential to create a future new pedestrian access to link with Campsie Village & Strathkelvin Way

Future management will best be suited with the creation of a new entrance and forest road.

Potential to create a future new management access suitable for forest machinery and timber vehicles.

Access to Hole Farm & Capieston House as well as Public Right of Way will be retained.

Potential to create a future new main entrance to the site from Lennoxtown.