

### Summary of Proposals:

#### Foss

The objective of this particular forest design plan is to continue with management interventions identified under the previous plan by consolidating continuous cover forestry in landscape sensitive areas and applying conventional thinning and clearfell regimes elsewhere, whilst promoting biodiversity. Also notable are areas of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS) where there is potential for gradual conversion to native woodland through good thinning practice and small scale clear fell in conjunction with deer management.

In terms of native woodland establishment and expansion, Foss Hill carries good potential for this vision with suitable soil types and remnant pockets which will serve as seed sources. The largest challenge in achieving this goal will be excluding and controlling domestic livestock and red deer. This will entail erecting or upgrading existing fences and a measured reduction in the local deer population.

- Expand areas of native woodland through PAWS restoration, natural regeneration and new planting
- Maximise thinning potential within woodland blocks
- Improve riparian zones through management interventions which will enhance bio-diversity
- Maintain landscape quality by carefully designing areas of clearfell