Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Tinnisburn is located between Langholm and Newcastleton. The forest will remain a productive conifer plantation, the main species being Sitka Spruce (around 50% of the forest). Secondary conifer species planned for restocking are Norway spruce, Noble fir and Scots pine (Around 15% of the forest). The area of native broadleaves in the riparian corridors and open space will be focussed in the "Minimum Intervention" areas. These will mainly be along riparian corridors and will provide important habitat links in the future. The informal recreational facilities within the forest will remain the same with some enhancement to the threshold areas in terms of internal landscaping. The one scheduled heritage feature and unscheduled heritage features with in the forest should not be affected by this design plan revision.

The primary objectives for the plan area are: to sequester carbon in woodland and timber products as well as designing a forest to be resilient to the effects of climate change; to produce construction quality timber and other timber products for local and national markets; to design a forest which takes special account of the environmental opportunities which are relative to Tinnisburn; to establish permanent natural habitats to benefit black grouse, red squirrel, goshawk, buzzard and owl habitats.

Tree Species breakdown	2017 (current)	2028 (end of plan period)
Primary species: xx	71%	68%
Secondary species: xx	82%	79%
Native broadleaf	6%	6%
Open space	13%	15%

Planned Operations	2017-2028 plan period
Felling	146ha
Restock	129ha
Forest road construction	2300m

Significant Environment /		
Conservation Features		
Designated sites	1 SAM; (SSSI outwith forest, to the north)	
Long Term Retention	2.5%	
Natural Reserve	1.2%	

Critical Success Factors

- 1. The continued stability of the first rotation crops assigned for later phase clear felling.
- 2. The construction of the planned forest roads to access isolated coupes and thinning areas.
- 3. Adequate protection for planted softer conifer and broadleaf species
- 4. Continued riparian zone broadleaf recruitment.

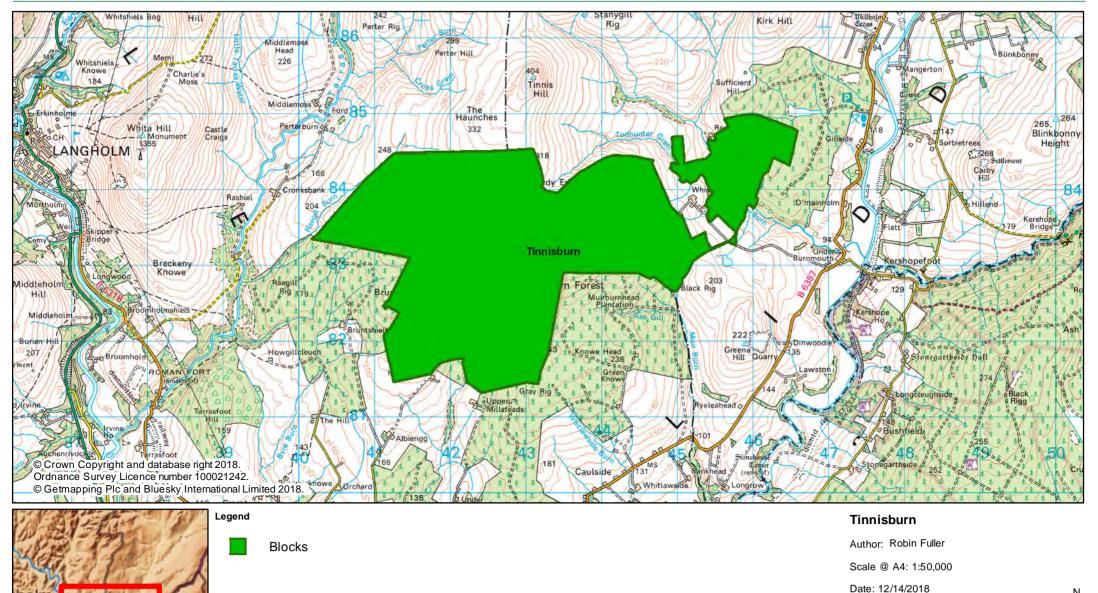
Consultation and Further Information

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including meetings with representatives of the local community and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information on the plan please contact: Robin Fuller, Planning Forester, Forestry Commission Scotland on 0300 067 6923 or <u>robin.fuller@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</u>.

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