

### Scree & Potterlands FDP design principles

- National Scenic Area - Both the internal and external landscape to be sensitively designed.
- Retain mature mixed crops in windfirm areas, particularly around main access points.
- Ancient Woodland Sites - restore AWS through thinning and encouraging native species regeneration.
- Structural diversity - increase structural diversity by delaying felling beyond most economic date.
- Species selection - match species to site and management objectives
- Forest Habitat Network - build on existing areas of native species particularly along riparian zones and the upper forest boundary, to create links throughout the forest.

Commercial Spruce and larch crop removed from granite outcrop. 'Tuft' of 100 year old pine left on top.

Maintain 'open top' hill typical of the local landscape, but also retain mature Scots pine to maintain biodiversity potential of area.

Much of the upper margin does not reflect the landform.

The upper limit of the next rotation will be modified to create a more sympathetic forest shape.

Upper margin of forest is very abrupt in many places, particularly where Spruce has been planted.

Scots pine planted at wide spacing, and small areas of existing Pine will be retained to create a 'softer' transition to open hill.

Recent felling has exposed some native broadleaf species along the riparian zones.

These broadleaf/open space corridors to be developed to form a network of stable habitats linking all parts of the forest.

This steep wooded face dominates the view from B736 when travelling north.

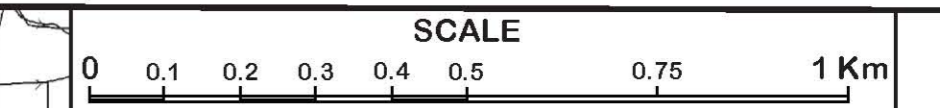
Use Low Impact Silvicultural Systems (LISS) on this slope to ensure a slow rate of change to the forest.

Two Ancient Woodland Sites, both under commercial plantation species.

As current crop is removed re-establish appropriate native woodland species.

Main public access point, car park surrounded by mature conifers creating a dramatic entrance.

Maintain the character of forest entrance by managing the forest using LISS practices.



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Ae Forest District

## Analysis and Concept

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- Forested area
- East Stowarty Coast National Scenic Area

Most of this block lies within an NS A, and as such landscape design is particularly important.

Where practical the shape and scale of all felling and restock shapes will be appropriate to the landscape when viewed from the surrounding important tourist routes. Increasing use of small scale operations (LISS) will be employed to reduce the rate of change of the visible environment.

VP 1 FDP viewpoint & VP number

HGV access points

Public roads

Existing FCS forest roads

Possible road extensions

The main road network is complete in Scree.

There will be a requirement to upgrade some and add small extensions to other roads to improve access to operational areas.

Scree forest block