



East Loch Ard Land Management Plan 2026–2036

Text Annotations on the Concept and Management Zones Map

There are a number of large text boxes included on this map which contain descriptions of management types that will be undertaken within the plan area. These text boxes relate to specific areas of the forest, and so have a corresponding arrow pointing to that area on the map. Each box also has a colour border that matches the management zone to which it references. In each of these text boxes, there is a description of what kinds of management can be expected for that area.

To make the map labels accessible to people using screen reading technology, the exact text of each box is given here, with the text for the Core Timber Production Zone text box (which is located in the lower left-hand corner of the map) given first, then moving clockwise around the map.

- **Core Timber Production Zone:** Timber production to continue to be prioritised in the southern and northwest areas where soils and elevation are less favourable for other management methods, and recreational pressure is less intense. Given the many access restrictions within the plan area, this configuration maximises the amount of volume that will exit the block via the major internal haulage route.

Maintain significant contribution to regional targets but seek to diversify silvicultural options and productive species mixes, where feasible.

- **Core Forest Habitat Network:** An aspirational continuous habitat network based on, but not exclusive to, riparian areas which incorporates various sites of environmental significance. Impediments to improvement in these areas include extensive regeneration of non-native conifer trees, lack of retention of mature woodland in key areas, spread of invasive species, and herbivore pressure.

Riparian zones to be cleared of non-native conifers and planted with wet woodland species to improve water quality and increase flood mitigation potential of the forest.



Rhododendron, Sitka spruce and Western hemlock regeneration will be monitored and eradicated where feasible. Priority to be given to the Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Pinewood, Ancient Woodland Areas and the Drumore Wood and Doon Hill and Fairy Knowe SSSIs.

- **Shannochill:** Continue to manage UKBAP Priority habitats, ancient woodland sites and areas of productive broadleaves established by the previous plan.
- **Core Multipurpose Forestry Zone:** A broader range of species and management options to be applied in the northern and eastern areas where soils contain a higher nutrient status and wind exposure is lower. These areas also overlap with various sites of environmental significance and high recreational traffic.

Evaluate suitability of sites for application of Low Impact Silviculture Systems (LISS) management techniques on a case-by-case basis. Restock suitable sites with a range of productive conifer and broadleaf species. Minimise risk of future windblow and maintain/ improve habitats and visual amenities, whilst providing a regular timber supply.