



## Accessible text from Map 2 - Features, Issues & Challenges

- Acid Vulnerable Catchments of River Cree vs Minnoch confluence (At Risk) and Water of Minnoch vs Water of Trool (Fail) cover a parts of the plan area.
- Loch Trool and Bargally communities nearby to be consulted on plan revision. Current footpath access around villages within the block to be maintained.
- Investigate potential of CCF for amenity along footpath in Minniwick Wood and public road entrance to the visitor centre.
- High public use around this area. Loch Trool Visitor Centre and Car Park adjacent to site along with Interactive and Passive visitor zones in the block.
- Scottish Water sewage treatment works on edge of block.
- Visible external view to the forest from the A714. Isolated coupe with no current access on slope above minor public road.
- Currently managed through clearfell and restock, but areas have been thinned previously, further LISS options will be investigated. Moderate to low wind hazard area. Access for operations could be an issue.
- Soils are predominantly brown earths, gleys and peats giving opportunities for further species diversity and potential for LISS management in some areas.
- Utilities on site include overhead powerlines, overhead telephone lines and water pipelines associated with the public roads within the block. No public water supplies are shown within the plan area.
- Forest Reproductive Material sites which are a valuable resource for the collection of native seeds by Forest Research.
- Minniwick Forest is cited within the Western Southern Uplands Environmentally Sensitive Area.
- Manse Wood semi-natural ancient woodland and PAWS site, continue enhancement of this area as required.

- Holm Wood - Local Nature Conservation Site, PAWS and area of Ancient semi-natural woodland.
- Consultation and Severely Restricted timber transport routes along public roads around Minniwick. Majority of timber can be hauled along forest roads to the A714.
- Priority species within the plan area include; red squirrel, otter, bats, pine marten and great crested newts. Also an important area for dragonfly species.
- Corepath 382 Glen Trool to Strone Bridge and the Southern Upland Way (SUV) footpaths in plan area. Possible amenity enhancement along these routes to be looked in to.
- Priority habitats area including small fragments of Upland Oakwoods, Wet Woodlands and Upland Birch Woodland. Ponds and watercourses also within this area. Some islands of conifer with no, or challenging access present.
- Small areas of mature spruce alongside SUW and River of Minninoch with limited access.
- Schedule Ancient Monument, Old Bridge of Cree, linking neighbouring FLS block, Brighton. Other locally important heritage throughout the block.
- Natural Reserve for Semi natural ancient and broadleaved woodland which also includes a PAWS area.
- Small areas of retained mature pine on knolls, some windblow and regen, mainly spruce management options for these areas to be investigated.
- Water of Cree and Water of Minnoch run through the site are part of the River Cree catchment.
- Landscape setting is within the 'Galloway Hills' Local Landscape Area. The block lies within Landscape Character Areas of
- 'Plateau Moorland With Forest' and 'Narrow Wooded River Valley'.
- Flood management to be included to reduce potential impacts on Newton Stewart objective target area located down stream.

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