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Forest roading options





Brodict as the only export point

Strengths

Established and efficient working methods.
Within the LDP Industrial zone.
Investment and development focused at one site.
Economical (limited further development needed).

Weaknesses

All timber road haulage must come to Brodict.
Historic 'bottleneck' and capacity challenges for Brodict, e.g. ferry traffic also utilises same roads.
50% of timber road haulage via Lamlash.

SWOT Analysis

Opportunities

Some limited potential to expand the FLS site to increase efficiency further.

Threats

Expansion of ferry or other tourism use of the Brodict pier could reduce timber transport capacity.
A significant pest or disease issue / catastrophic storm event could mean the harvesting volumes would exceed the capacity feasible via Brodict.



Whitefield Farm secondary export point

Strengths

Creates more capacity and contingency for timber export.

Would remove almost all timber haulage from transiting Lamlash, and reduced timber volumes via Brodick by 50%

Weaknesses

Development at this site has numerous constraints and challenges (e.g. noise, landscape, road safety - see separate panel and issues log).

Opposition to this proposal due to potential impacts, particularly for local residents and Holy Isle.

Significant cost to complete any planning stages.

SWOT Analysis

Opportunities

If progressed, road geometry alterations could improve safety accessing A841 from Kingscross.

Woodland creation and tree planting could help screen any development and provide other benefits for public access and biodiversity.

Threats

Planning approval for this site is not guaranteed and would likely be challenged by several key stakeholders.



In-forest haulage road from Dyemill to Brodick (all three options)

Strengths

Removes forest haulage from public road network.

Weaknesses

All options past through environmental designations (i.e. SPA and SSSI).
Landscape impacts on open habitats.
Significant construction and maintenance cost.
Seasonal use only due to altitude.
One option not in FLS ownership.

SWOT Analysis

Opportunities

Could provide alternative access for recreation use between Dyemill and Brodick.

Threats

Long-term environmental and financial cost of maintenance of significant lengths of new forest road.