

Coreen Hills Land Management Plan Summary

This plan covers Whitehaugh and Knockepoch forests 6km north of Alford.

Analysis of the available information has led to the **primary objective** for the forest being the production of a quality timber crop.

In common with the management of all woodland in the National Forest Estate, the forest will be managed to meet the requirements of the UK forest standards. This will ensure that the plan area meets multiple land use objectives while utilising the intrinsic specific strengths of the block.

Total plan area	1,476 ha
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Species breakdown	2016 (current)	2026 (end of plan period)
Primary species: Sitka spruce	67.8%	63.4%
Secondary species: Larch	6.2%	5.5%
Other conifers	10.8%	11.8%
Broadleaves	1.5%	3.1%
Open & felled areas	13.7%	16.2%

Planned operations	2016 – 2026 plan period
Felling	153 ha
Restocking	153 ha

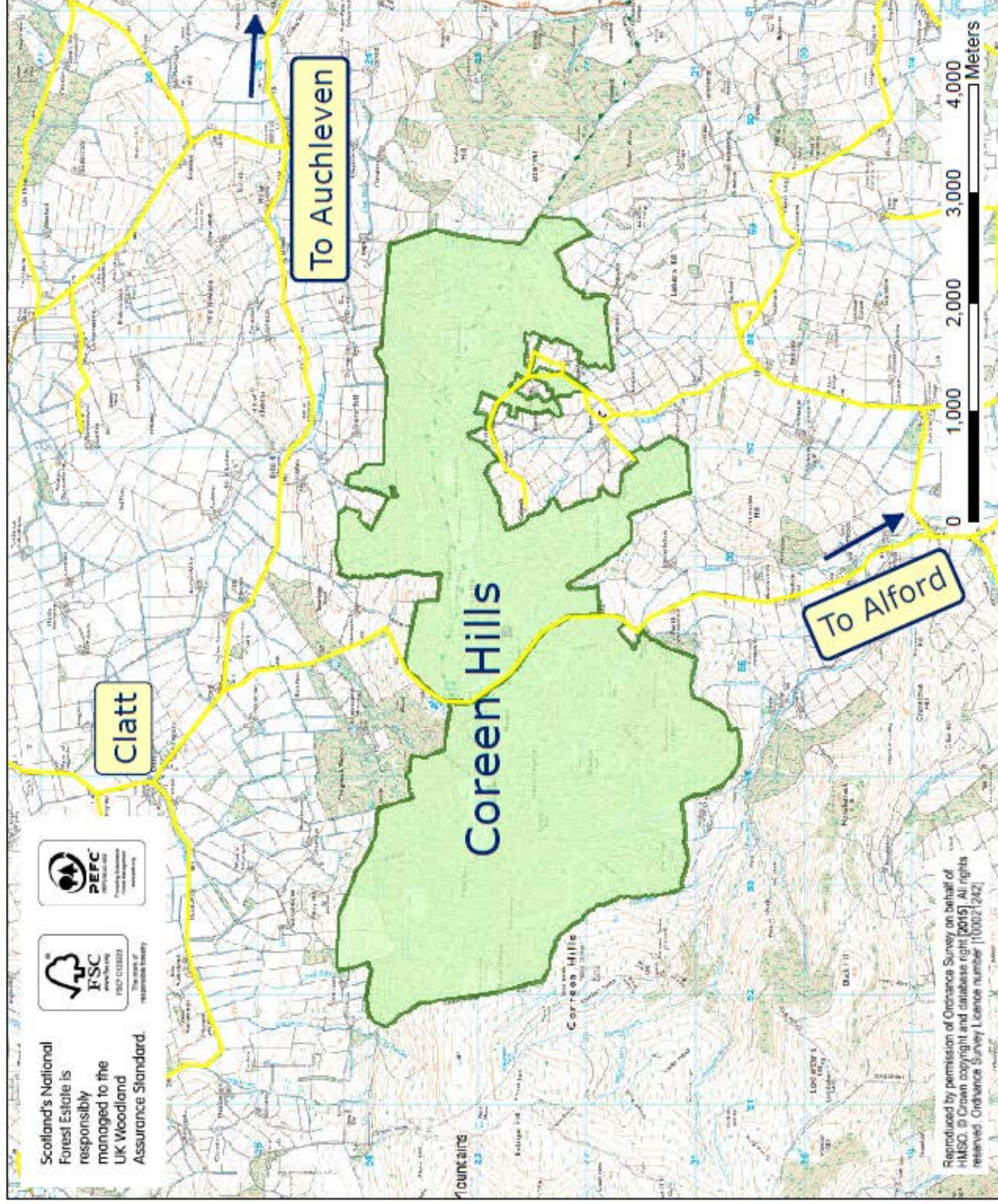
Significant Environment/ Conservation Features	
SSSI	Coreen Hills SSSI – gull colony
PAWS	North Knockepoch – pine woodland

Critical success factors:

- Continue with an active thinning programme to improve the timber quality of the final crop.
- Expand species and structural diversity to increase forest resilience, while retaining SS as a major crop element.
- Complete the road building programme to allow access to all area for harvesting operation, in particular upcoming thinning operations.

Consultation and Further Information:

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including local community representatives and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information on the plan please contact Mark Reeve, Planning Forester, Forestry Commission Scotland on 07990802079 or mark.reeve@forestry.gsi.gov.uk



Moray & Aberdeenshire
Forest District
Coreen Hills

Location

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Scale: 1:50,000 @A4



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