

Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

Bellamore is located near Pinwherry, South Ayrshire and is immediately adjacent to the White Clauchrie forest block, with the privately held forests of Glake and Knockodhar lying to the northeast and northwest. It is part of Scotland's national forests and land owned by Scottish Ministers on behalf of the people of Scotland and managed by Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS).

The main management objectives in this plan focus on sustainable timber production, native woodland retention and expansion, the protection and enhancement of priority habitats, and carbon sequestration.

Composition of Plan Area	Area (ha)	Percentage of plan area (%)
Woodland Area	167.9	33
External Open Ground Area	346.5	67
Total Plan Area	514.4	100

Species Breakdown	2022 (current)		2032 (end plan period)	
	ha	(%)	ha	(%)
Primary Species: Sitka Spruce	0.0	0 %	100.8	20 %
Secondary Species: Native broadleaves	0.0	0 %	67.1	13 %
Open ground (including existing minor tree cover)	514.4	100 %	346.5	67 %

Planned Operations	2019 – 2029 plan period
Felling	0 ha
Thinning	0 ha
Planting	167.9 ha
Road construction/upgrade	2.7 km

Significant Environment / Conservation Features	
Special Protection Area (SPA)	None
Deep peat soil (>50 cm thickness)	Extensive across plan area
Biosphere reserve	Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere
Environmentally Sensitive Area (Scotland)	South Ayrshire Hills (groundwater) Lendalfoot (groundwater)
Minimum Intervention / Natural Reserve / Long Term Retention	None

Critical Success Factors

- Create a woodland which best utilises the opportunities available on site and contributes to a sustainable supply of timber across the region.
- Maintain, enhance, and initiate restoration of priority habitats
- Clearance of non-native conifers and wildlife control to assist with the natural expansion of the native broadleaf woodland along the riparian corridor.
- To enhance the visual amenity of the area.

Consultation and Further Information

During the development of this plan we have consulted with representatives of the local community and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information on the plan please contact: Carol Finch Forest Planner, Forestry and Land Scotland at carol.finch@forestryandland.gov.scot.