



Aultmore LTP Vision & Objectives

Over the next 20 years, this forest will continue to be managed as a commercial forest. Producing timber will remain the key management objective for Aultmore with efforts being taken to restore peatland habitat, where appropriate, to maximise the area's potential for carbon sequestration. Over the 10 years of this LTP we will aim to prioritise increasing the broadleaved component found in Aultmore by planting robust 20-30 m wide riparian corridors and establishing 60 m wide broadleaved buffers around the peatland restoration areas.

Site conditions will determine species choice. However, commercial crops will primarily remain Sitka spruce with Lodgepole pine used as a nurse. Natural regeneration of Larch, will be used as an alternate nurse for Sitka spruce where there is a suitable seed source.

Thinning, where appropriate, will be carried out to improve timber quality and to provide access to complete further assessment of the potential peatland restoration area's hydrological unit.

Objectives

1. Production of timber maximising output based on site conditions with minimal input.
2. Carbon sequestration to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, mitigating climate change.
3. Management to enhance plant health to minimise the impact of DNB and Phytophthora ramorum on timber production.
4. Enhance the riparian network and increase broadleaf diversity within the forest area.