



Map Annotations

Strathdon LTP Map 8: Concept (2 of 2)

- Access improvements onto public road have been made to facilitate forest operations and improve safety.
- Windblow is present within the LTP area. Retain windblow to maintain food source and habitat for red squirrel. Monitor windblow progression in the remainder of the standing crop and tackle later if required.
- Larch is present throughout the LTP area in mixtures – risk of an Statutory Plant Health Notice (SPHN) in the future. Retain and monitor Larch for signs of *Phytophthora ramorum* and remove if necessary in the future. Where appropriate broadleaved species should be planted to maintain the seasonal change in the landscape.
- Area of Long Established Woodland of plantation origin. Assess area's ecological potential and work towards maintaining/improving habitat.
- The native broadleaved component is low across the LTP area. Opportunity to increase broadleaves through concentrated planting around the Water of Nocthy; and improve riparian habitat and overall water quality in the catchment area. Favouring native broadleaved species over invasive conifer species in this area will also benefit the adjacent Green Hill of Strathdon Site of Special Scientific Interest and Special Area of Conservation.
- Larch is situated on steep slopes. Coupe up the Larch to be prepared to react quickly if served an SPHN. Take opportunity to restock with Scots pine and native broadleaves, if felled.
- This area is to be kept open for the purposes of preserving its priority upland heathland habitat.