

Balcorrach Wood – Summary of Proposals

Balcorrach Wood is situated to the west of Lennoxton in the local authority of East Dunbartonshire (see map). Balcorrach Wood is a recent acquisition of former agricultural farmland surrounded by a mix of land uses such as urban, recreational, agricultural and other private and public woodland.

The primary objective of the land management plan is to create new, predominantly broadleaved productive woodland in keeping with the surrounding landscape which will enhance the biodiversity potential of the site whilst retaining features such as hedgerows, dykes and important views particularly towards Campsie Glen and Fells. This plan also sets out a vision for the site as an amenity asset for the neighbouring communities enhancing existing connectivity and promoting increased educational and recreational use of the site.

The main proposal for the site during the ten year plan period is the creation of new woodland (see tables below).

Key Proposals

Total Plan Area	113 Ha
Planned operations	2017-2027 plan period
new planting	68 Ha

Land use changes

Land use	2017	2026
Open space	100%	40%
Lowland Mixed Broadleaves	0%	38%
Conifer	0%	15%
Policy	0%	5%
Low growing shrub	0%	1%
Native wet woodland	0%	1%

The key considerations in producing this plan were the potential effects on: landscape, views, habitat and utilities. The design retained important views, areas of important open habitat and minimised linear and geometric planting shapes judiciously locating broadleaves and shrubs to minimise the obstruction to and shading of neighbouring properties and highlighting landform features.

To establish the trees the area will likely be deer fenced.

Consultation and Further Information

Scottish Lowlands Forest District consulted with local neighbours via postcard drop, onsite posters, several local drop-in events as well as contacting local community councils whilst Central Scotland Conservancy consulted on the plan with statutory stakeholders.

For further information on the plan please contact scottishlowlands@forestry.gsi.gov.uk.