



# North Kyle Analysis and Concept Map: Accessible Text

## Visitor Experience Zone – Pink Box on Map

### Analysis

The block is the backdrop to a group of small communities in East Ayrshire which have a strong industrial heritage.

### Concept

Provide a quality woodland experience through an improved road network. This will focus on principal access routes and be in line with the Outdoor Access Code. The area around the Coyle Water has been agreed as a 'No Turbine' Zone with a focus on recreation.

## Green Energy Zone – Yellow Box on Map

### Analysis

The site is being developed for renewables and is expected to become operational by 2025. A forest plan was agreed with East Ayrshire Council during the planning process.

### Concept

FLS will continue to work with the developers for the remainder of the construction period. The forest will be managed around the windfarm and associated infrastructure in line with the agreed plan.

## Woodland Creation Zone – Orange Box on Map

### Analysis

Lanehead Farm was approved for planting with a mixture of commercial softwoods as well as native broadleaves in 2021.

### Concept

Planting is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2025. Within the life of this LMP, the Lanehead site should become established.

## **Open Land Management Zone – Brown Box on Map**

### **Analysis**

A proposed peatland restoration area is located in the east of the block. Other peatland restoration sites occur within the Green Energy Zone. A significant area of former mineral workings have been identified for afforestation.

### **Concept**

Coupe 93017 at Tappet Hill will be assessed for peatland restoration and, if viable, included with the other sites of this type as open habitat within the plan. Former open cast sites will be planted with a focus on broadleaves using minimally intrusive ground preparation methods wherever possible.

## **Core Plantation Zone – Green Box on Map**

### **Analysis**

Outwith the windfarm area, age structure is generally good however, within the site it is poor. Extensive windblow in the southwest. Larch has been removed and Sitka Spruce is the dominant species.

### **Concept**

Improve age and species diversity with broadleaves focused around amenity areas and open cast sites. Windblow needs to be addressed in Phase 1. Timber production through continued phased felling.

## **Objectives – Box in lower left corner of map**

**1 - Visitor Experience**

**2 - Management of Peatland and Former Open Cast Sites**

**3 - Woodland Quality**

**4 - Timber Production**