

**Lochaber Forest District**

**Loch Sunart LMP**

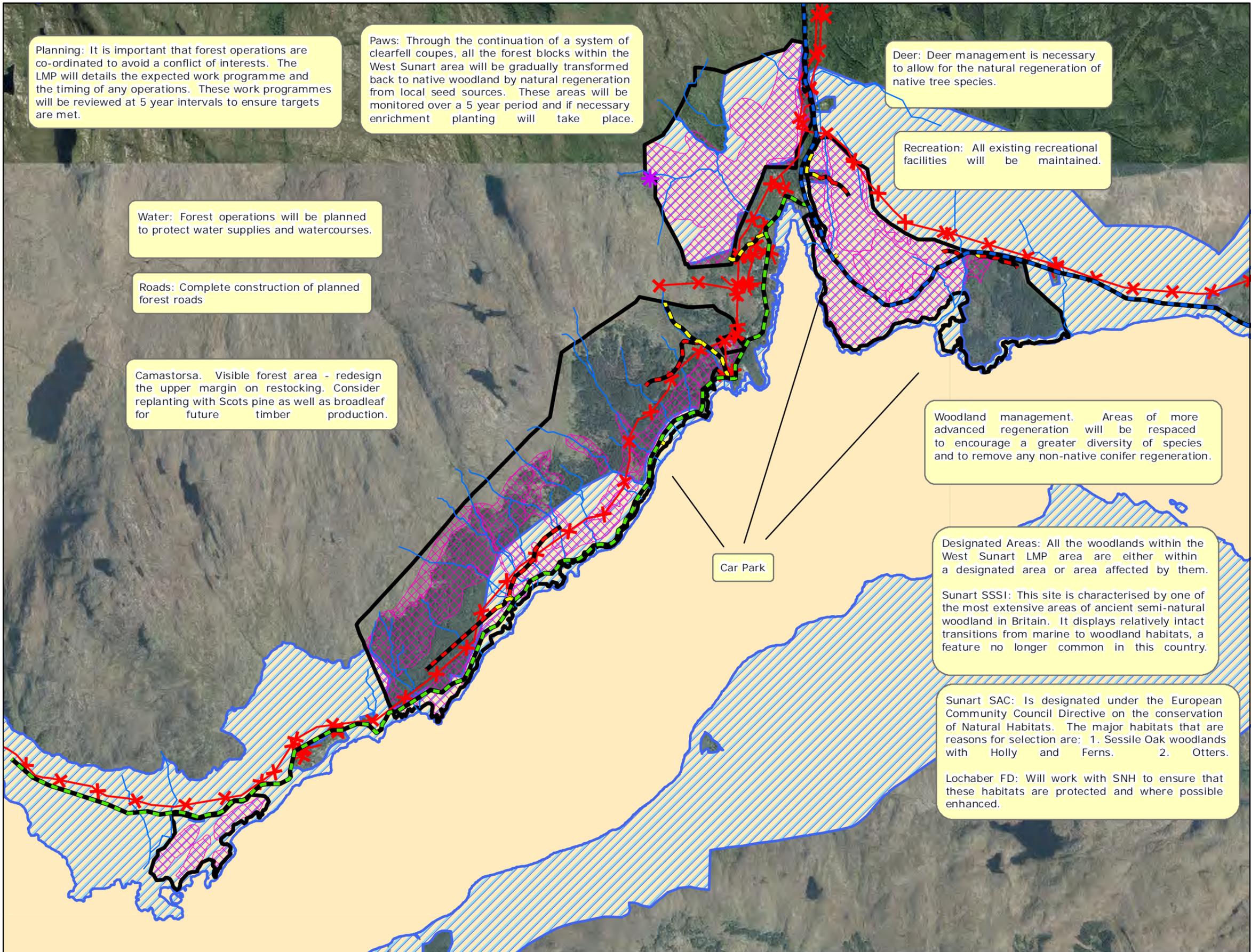
**Concept Map - Sunart West**

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**Scale: 1:25,000**



- LMP Boundary
- Water Supply
- Watercourse
- ELEC\_S\_AND\_S\_OH\_LINES
- A861 Road
- B8007
- Forest Roads
- Planned Road Segments
- AWS\_2013
- SSSI
- SAC



**Planning:** It is important that forest operations are co-ordinated to avoid a conflict of interests. The LMP will details the expected work programme and the timing of any operations. These work programmes will be reviewed at 5 year intervals to ensure targets are met.

**Paws:** Through the continuation of a system of clearfell coupes, all the forest blocks within the West Sunart area will be gradually transformed back to native woodland by natural regeneration from local seed sources. These areas will be monitored over a 5 year period and if necessary enrichment planting will take place.

**Deer:** Deer management is necessary to allow for the natural regeneration of native tree species.

**Recreation:** All existing recreational facilities will be maintained.

**Water:** Forest operations will be planned to protect water supplies and watercourses.

**Roads:** Complete construction of planned forest roads

**Camastorsa.** Visible forest area - redesign the upper margin on restocking. Consider replanting with Scots pine as well as broadleaf for future timber production.

**Woodland management.** Areas of more advanced regeneration will be respaced to encourage a greater diversity of species and to remove any non-native conifer regeneration.

**Designated Areas:** All the woodlands within the West Sunart LMP area are either within a designated area or area affected by them.  
**Sunart SSSI:** This site is characterised by one of the most extensive areas of ancient semi-natural woodland in Britain. It displays relatively intact transitions from marine to woodland habitats, a feature no longer common in this country.

**Sunart SAC:** Is designated under the European Community Council Directive on the conservation of Natural Habitats. The major habitats that are reasons for selection are; 1. Sessile Oak woodlands with Holly and Ferns. 2. Otters.  
**Lochaber FD:** Will work with SNH to ensure that these habitats are protected and where possible enhanced.

