

## Summary of Gourdie Land Management Plan 2016-2026 Proposals

Following two unsuccessful attempts to establish a starter farm on the site the current proposals seek to make progress on developing some woodland cover as well as embedding improved access routes. Majority of the site will be retained in agricultural production on a Short Limited Duration Tenancy (SLDT) for a period of 3 years. This will give FES a natural review point in 3 years time when the direction of management can be continued or changed responding to developments in the built environment round the site as well as the access usage and policy changes.

<b>Total Plan Area</b>	63.2 ha
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Species breakdown	Current	End of the plan period
<b>Primary species: ASP</b>	23%	23%
<b>Secondary species: ROK</b>	10%	10%
<b>Native broadleaf</b>	80%	80%
<b>Open space</b>	93%	93%

Planned operations	
Felling	0 ha
Thinning	0 ha
Restock	0 ha
New planting	4.7 ha
Road construction	0 m
Road upgrade	0 m

Significant environment/ Conservation features	
Designated sites	No scheduled monuments.
Vulnerable species populations	-
A listed buildings	None
Minimum intervention & natural reserve	0% of plantation

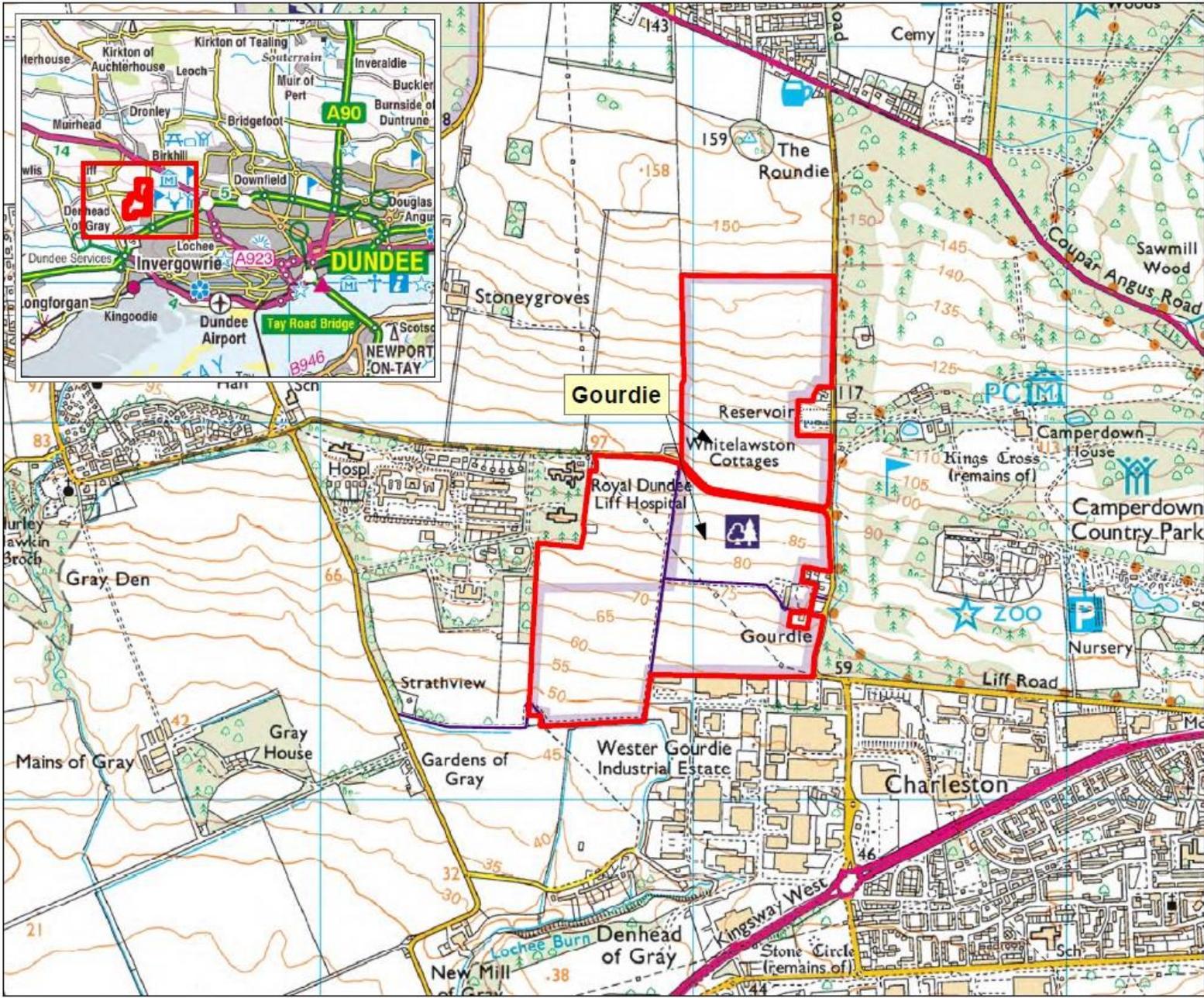
## Critical Success Factors

At the end of this plan period we should have established young woodland with good future productive potential and a wide range of options available for future managers.

- Develop native woodland habitats to benefit access and wildlife
- Presence of conifer species which are likely to benefit local red squirrel population.
- Management of the site will need to be flexible to respond to changing usage patterns associated with adjacent development
- Setup of suitable clearways and access routes for power lines and water / sewage pipes

## Consultation and Further Information

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including meetings with the local community representatives and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information on the plan please contact Arttu Varis, Planning Forester & Programme Manager, Forestry Commission Scotland on 0300 067 6380 or [arttu.varis@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:arttu.varis@forestry.gsi.gov.uk)



**Legend**

— Road Segments

**FC Blocks**  
 Gourdie

