

Aberdeen Woods Land Management Plan Summary

This plan covers thirteen separate blocks on the outskirts of Aberdeen city.

Analysis of the available information has led to two **primary objectives** for these blocks. In Countesswells and Foggieton the primary objective is the management of the woodland to provide a recreational resource for Aberdeen and the surrounding area.

For the rest of the blocks the primary objective is the production of a quality crop of timber.

An additional **secondary objective** for the future management of all the woodland has been identified as:

• The control of grey squirrels and delivering management regimes to benefit red squirrels.

| Total plan area | 546.8 ha |
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| Species breakdown | 2016 (current) | 2026 (end of plan period) |
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| Primary species: Scots pine | 35% | 32% |
| Secondary species: Sitka spruce | 18% | 18% |
| Other conifers | 20% | 17% |
| Broadleaves | 8% | 17% |
| Open & felled areas | 19% | 16% |

| Planned operations | 2016 - 2026 plan period |
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| Felling | 69.8 ha |
| Restocking | 95.2 ha |

| Significant Environment/ Conservation Features | |
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| Scheduled monuments | 2 (Leuchar Moss) |

Critical success factors:

- Undertake the planned thinning and felling programme in order to increase the quality of the timber within the plan area and to meet the production targets.
- Undertake the thinning planned for the LISS areas in order to manage the light levels to allow the development of the appropriate ground vegetation and natural regeneration.
- Continue with the maintenance of the forest road network to allow forest operations to be successfully completed.

- Maintain or expand the population of red squirrels in woods that are free of grey squirrels.
- Control of deer populations to allow natural regeneration within LISS areas.

Consultation and Further Information:

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including local community representatives and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area. For further information on the plan please contact Mark Reeve, Planning Forester, Forestry Commission Scotland on 07990802079 or mark.reeve@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

