

## Summary of Forest Design Plan Proposals

The main objective of Newtyle is the production of a sustainable timber crop while dealing with the issue of Dothestroma Needle Blight (DNB) infection of the pine crops. Newtyle lies in a core Capercaillie area, with Romach Hill having supported one of the largest Capercaillie population in Moray for many years. Black Grouse and Crested Tit are also present. Since all these bird species are on the UKBAP list, the design plan will address the development of specific forest structures and compositions for their benefit.

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| <b>Total plan area</b> | 722 ha |
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| <b>Species breakdown</b>       | <b>2014</b> | <b>2024</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Primary species: Sitka Spruce  | 44.8 %      | 42.8 %      |
| Secondary species: Scots Pines | 10.7 %      | 7.8 %       |
| Other conifers                 | 27.2 %      | 21.3 %      |
| Broadleaves                    | 2.4 %       | 5.6 %       |
| Open and felled area           | 14.9 %      | 22.5 %      |

| <b>Planned operations</b> | <b>2014 – 2023</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Felling                   | 101.2 ha           |
| Restock                   | 11.4 ha            |

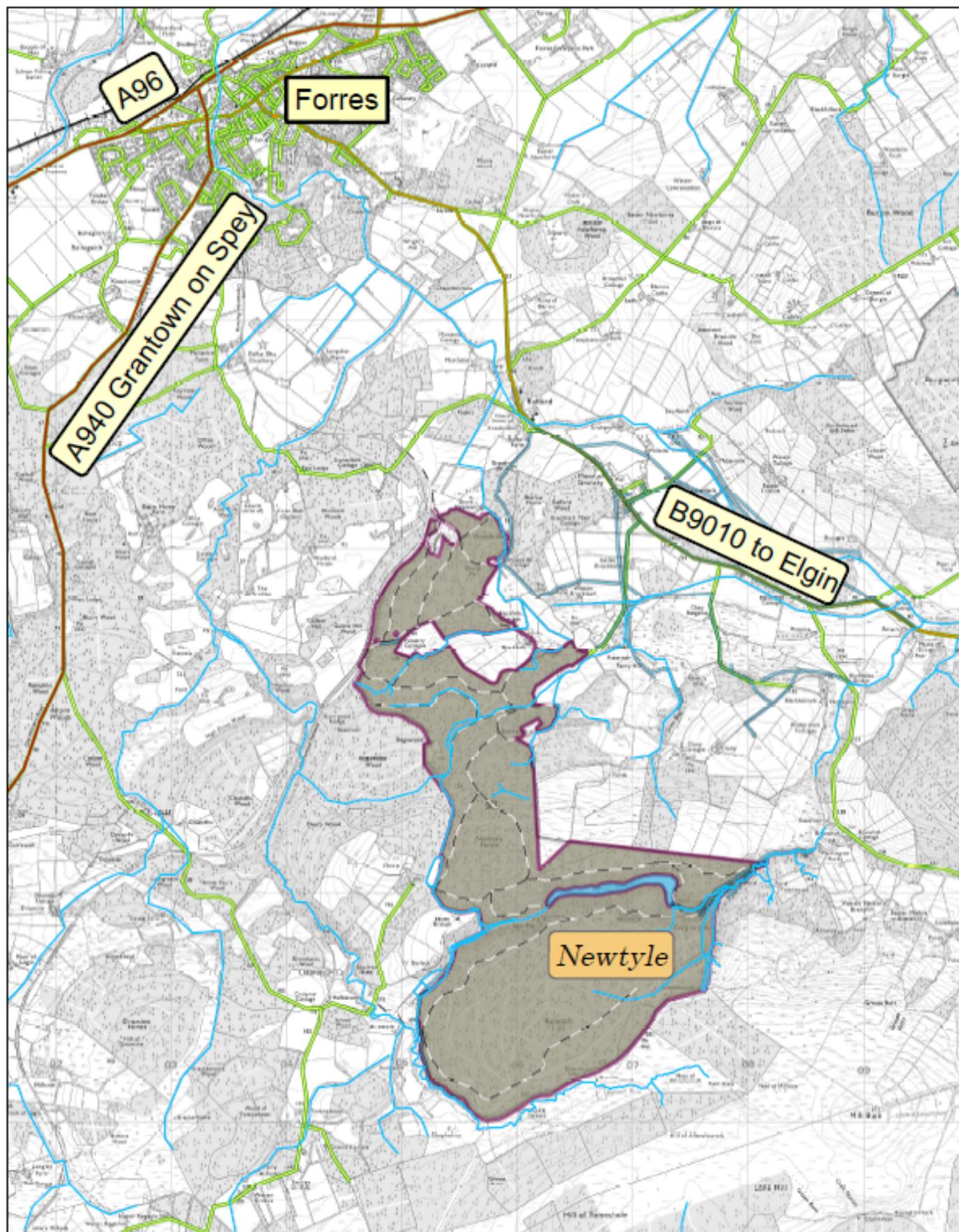
## Critical success factors

- Undertake the planned thinning programme in order to increase the quality of the timber within the plan area.
- Continue to manage and reduce the spread of DNB through clearfelling and subsequently restocking with appropriate less susceptible species.
- Undertake the thinning planned for the LISS areas in order to allow the development of the appropriate ground vegetation and natural regeneration.
- Continue with the maintenance of the forest road network.

## Consultation and Further Information:

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Newtyle Forest Design Plan

Map 1 Location

Date: February 2013

Scale: 1:30,000

**Legend**

-  Watercourse
-  Water Pipeline
-  FC Road
-  A Road
-  B Road
-  Minor Road
-  Railway
-  Newtyle Forest Block



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