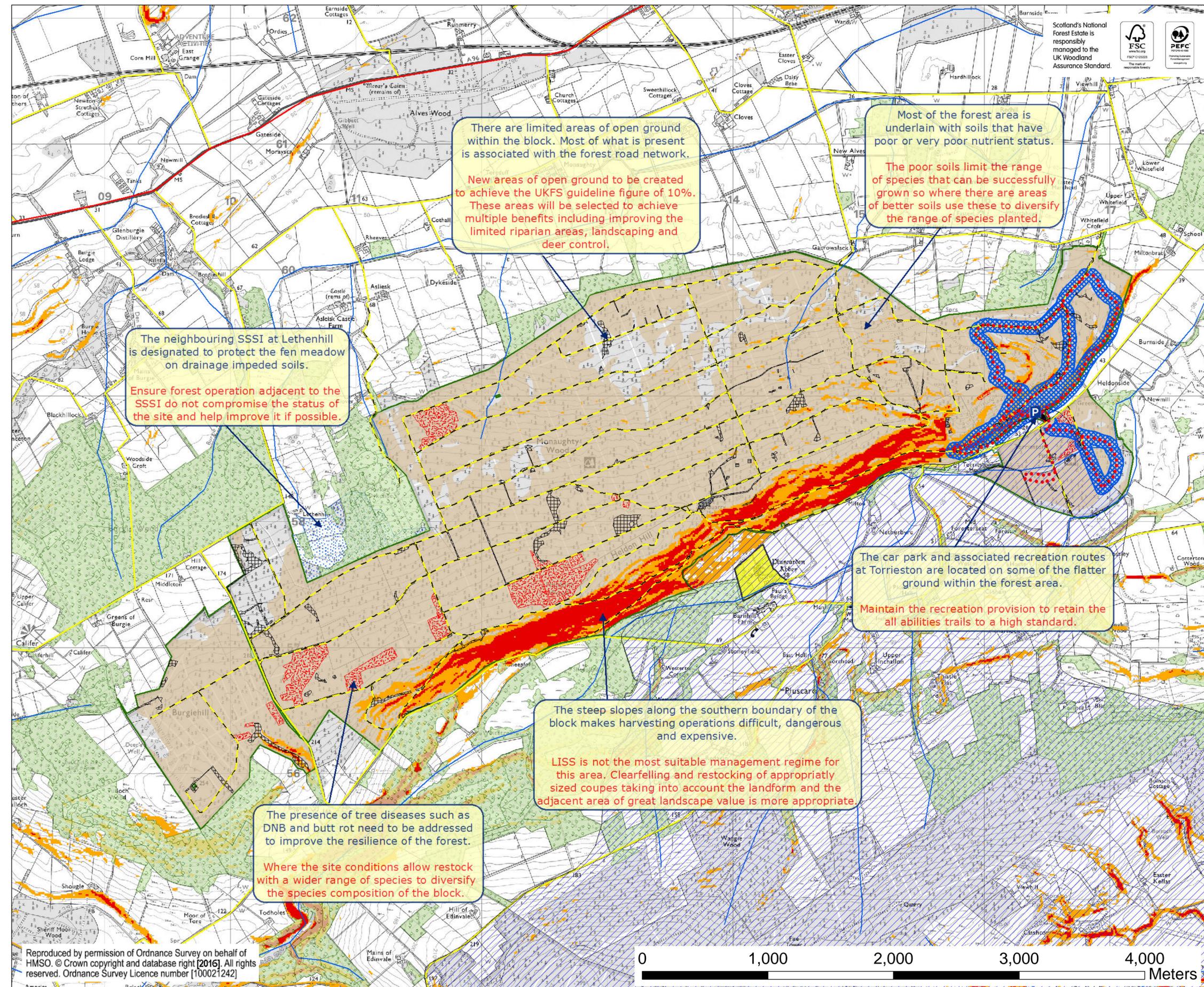


Moray & Aberdeenshire Forest District Monaughty

Map 4 Analysis and concept

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There are limited areas of open ground within the block. Most of what is present is associated with the forest road network.
New areas of open ground to be created to achieve the UKFS guideline figure of 10%. These areas will be selected to achieve multiple benefits including improving the limited riparian areas, landscaping and deer control.

Most of the forest area is underlain with soils that have poor or very poor nutrient status.
The poor soils limit the range of species that can be successfully grown so where there are areas of better soils use these to diversify the range of species planted.

The neighbouring SSSI at Lethenhill is designated to protect the fen meadow on drainage impeded soils.
Ensure forest operation adjacent to the SSSI do not compromise the status of the site and help improve it if possible.

The car park and associated recreation routes at Torrieston are located on some of the flatter ground within the forest area.
Maintain the recreation provision to retain the all abilities trails to a high standard.

The steep slopes along the southern boundary of the block makes harvesting operations difficult, dangerous and expensive.
LISS is not the most suitable management regime for this area. Clearfelling and restocking of appropriately sized coupes taking into account the landform and the adjacent area of great landscape value is more appropriate.

The presence of tree diseases such as DNB and butt rot need to be addressed to improve the resilience of the forest.
Where the site conditions allow restock with a wider range of species to diversify the species composition of the block.

- P Car park
- ⋯ Recreation route
- Interactive zone
- Welcome zone
- Forest road
- Watercourse
- Area of great landscape value
- Garden and designed landscape
- Open land
- Quarry
- DNB
- Slope 12 - 20 degrees
- Slope greater than 20 degrees
- Poor or very poor soils
- SSSI

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