Shannochill Land Management Plan 2016-2026 Summary of Proposals

Shannochill is a new acquisition close to the villages of Gartmore and Aberfoyle in the County of Stirling. It lies immediately south of the Highland Boundary Fault, occupying a low ridge overlooking the River Forth and is within the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park. The immediate surroundings consist mainly of grazing land but to the north, south and west are extensive commercial plantations. The key objective for Shannochill is the establishment of productive broadleaved woodland, integrated with existing ancient semi-natural woodland and a designated agricultural landscape.

Total Plan Area	43.2ha

Species breakdown	Current	End of the plan period
Oak	13%	28.7%
Sycamore	<1%	2.8%
Other broadleaves	2%	19.7%
Open space	85%	48.8%

Planned operations	
Felling	none
Thinning	none
Restock	none
New planting	15.6ha
Road construction	none
Road upgrade	none

Significant environment/ Conservation features	
Designated sites	Small areas of priority open ground have been identified; the central part of the site is part of a larger designated agricultural landscape.
Vulnerable species populations	none
A listed buildings	none
Minimum intervention & natural reserve	none

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:

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