

Callendar Wood – Summary of Proposals

Callendar Wood is situated within the south eastern area of Falkirk, lying on a gentle northern slope providing a prominent green backdrop to the town. To the west, south and east the wood neighbours residential housing areas and to the south-east the wood marches with Woodend Farm, to the north-east with Callendar Business Park and to the north with Callendar Estate. (see map).

The primary objective of the land management plan was to maintain the woodland as an important amenity destination and continue the gradual transition from conifer to native broadleaves remaining sympathetic to visitor concerns, designed landscape and biodiversity.

The main proposal for the site during the ten year plan period is a thinning and select fell within the conifers, and some thinning of the broadleaves targeting Sycamore (see tables below).

Key Proposals

Total Plan Area	94.9 Ha
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Planned operations	2016-2026 plan period
select felling	1.6 Ha
thinning	48 Ha
restock	1.6 Ha

Woodland changes

Land use	2016	2026
Open space	7%	7%
Felled	1%	-
Primary conifers	44%	44%
Alternative conifers	3	3%
Mixed broadleaves	45%	46%

The key considerations in producing this plan were how management tied in with Callendar Park and Estate, the potential effects on visitors and silviculture. The plan maintains the work done with communities, user groups and site maintenance, enhances areas of open habitat and sets out various methodologies to encourage stable, healthy crops capable of regeneration.

To establish the trees the wood will continue to have deer managed and plantings will likely be protected using guards. In addition oak enrichment plots will be created and managed.

Consultation and Further Information

Scottish Lowlands Forest District consulted with local stakeholders via drop in events, onsite posters and websites whilst Central Scotland Conservancy consulted on the plan with statutory stakeholders.

For further information on the plan please contact scottishlowlands@forestry.gsi.gov.uk.