

Renfrewshire Woods – Summary of Proposals

The Renfrewshire Woods are situated almost entirely within the Renfrewshire Local Authority area (see map).

The primary objectives of the land management plan were to maintain the woodlands as an important amenity asset for their respective communities, encourage stable, healthy, and in certain cases productive trees whilst retaining and enhancing a wide range of habitats.

The main proposals for the sites during the ten year plan period is ‘thinning’ of the crop at Boden Boo and The Johnstone Woods which will predominantly be a first thin and some very small scale new planting; A clear-fell of some shelterbelts at Knockmountain with associated restocking as well as some new and enrichment planting is also proposed (see tables below).

Woodland changes

Land use	2017	2027
Open space	140 Ha	128 Ha (-9%)
Broadleaf woodland	137 Ha	152.4 Ha (+11%)
Conifer woodland	43 ha	39.6 Ha (-8%)

Key Proposals

Total Plan Area	320 Ha
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Planned operations	2017-2027 plan period
Clearfell	4.3 Ha
Thinning	~17.5 Ha
Restocking	4.3 Ha
New Planting	12.0 Ha
Enrichment planting	5.3 Ha

The key considerations in producing this plan are how the management ties in with the surrounding communities and future developments, the potential effects on visitors and silviculture. The plan maintains the work done with communities, user groups and site maintenance, enhances habitats and sets out various methodologies to encourage stable, healthy crops capable of regeneration.

Other management interventions include:

- Access improvements
- Potential path improvements and new routes
- Creating natural play features
- Eradicating Invasive non-native species

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.