

Summary of Land Management Plan Proposals

The primary objective for the land at Culdrain is the production of high quality timber. Culdrain is 76.7ha in size and situated 5km south of Huntly on the A97. It was purchased by Forestry Enterprise Scotland in 2011 and was previously being used as a mixture of arable and rough grazing. The site is situated in the Bogie river valley 1.5km north of Gartly in Aberdeenshire. The land rises from the east, close to the river Bogie, towards the west and the Hill of Collithie.

National theme	Issue	Analysis	Concept
Healthy	Resilience and adaption to climate change	The climate of the site is predicted to change in the future.	Use the ESC decision support system and its' built in predicted future climate models to help guide the selection of species suitable for planting.
Productive	Transition to a low carbon economy	New planting areas would increase the amount of carbon sequestration occurring on the site.	Once established new woodland areas will be managed to produce fuelwood and contribute to a low carbon economy locally.
	The Scottish Government's woodland expansion policy.	Culdrain can contribute to the Scottish Government's woodland expansion target of 10,000 ha per year.	Identify areas where land can be removed from agriculture and planted with trees that will expand the woodland cover in the area.
Cared for	Increasing area of broadleaved woodland.	Culdrain has soils that are better quality than many others on the NFE and are suitable for planting broadleaved woodland.	Identify areas where land can be planted with broadleaved trees that can be managed to be productive.
	Maintain open habitats in good ecological condition.	The habitat survey of Culdrain identified some habitats covered by habitat action plans.	Maintain or enhance the ecological condition of the identified open habitats.
	Safeguard archaeological sites.	The archaeological survey of Culdrain, and examination of known records, has highlighted several sites of archaeological interest.	Ensure all known archaeological sites are protected during the planning and land management process.

Total plan area	76.9 ha
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Species breakdown	
Conifers	15.4 ha
Broadleaves	28.3 ha
Mixed conifer & broadleaves	15.5ha
Existing woodland	4.2 ha
Open ground	13.5 ha

Consultation and Further Information:

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