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Barchain

Forest Concept
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Legend

- Estate Boundary
- Compartment Boundary
- Historic Features
- Pond
- Areas of Deadwood
- Core Paths
- Watercourses
- Public Roads
- National Scenic Areas
- Ancient Woodland Types**
- Ancient (of semi-natural origin)
- Long-Established (of plantation origin)
- Adjacent Native Woodland
- Forest Species**
- Sitka Spruce
- Norway Spruce
- Hybrid Larch
- Douglas Fir
- Mixed Conifer Species
- Native Broadleaves
- Open Ground

TIMBER TRANSPORT
The B736 public road is categorised as a Consultation Timber Transport Route. This provides an opportunity to engage with Dumfries and Galloway Council's Roads Department to agree appropriate arrangements for timber extraction following harvesting operations.

NATIVE WOODLAND
The presence of native woodland adjacent to the forest, provides an opportunity to strengthen habitat connectivity and enhance ecological networks through sympathetic restructuring and the expansion of native species.

BADGER SETTS / PROTECTED SPECIES
The LTFP provides an opportunity to manage forestry operations around the badger setts that are located within the forest, ensuring legal compliance while maintaining undisturbed habitat and undertaking protected species surveys prior to operations, thereby contributing to the protection and enhancement of local biodiversity.

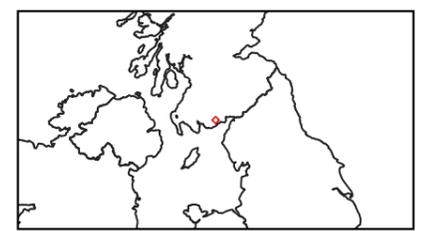
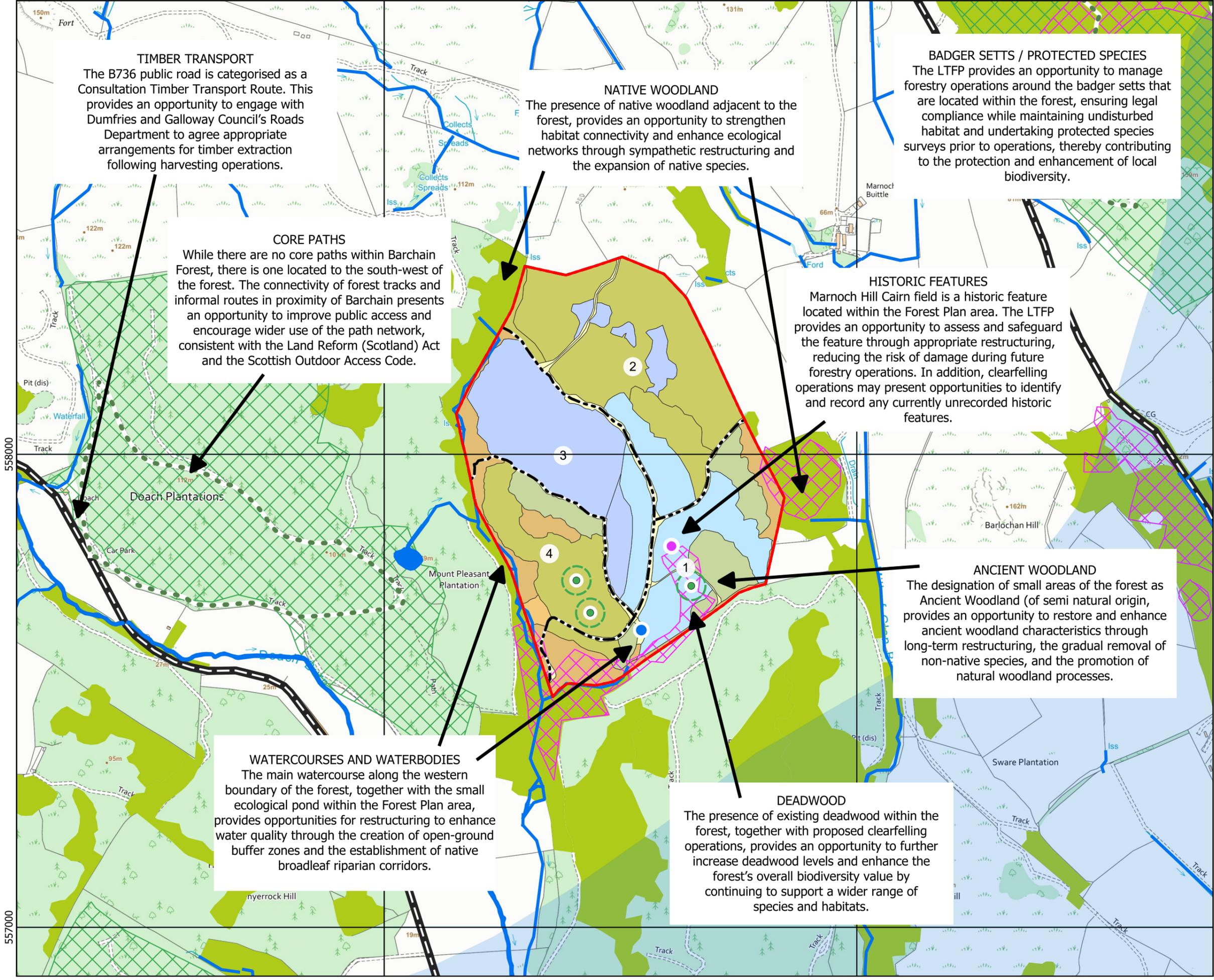
CORE PATHS
While there are no core paths within Barchain Forest, there is one located to the south-west of the forest. The connectivity of forest tracks and informal routes in proximity of Barchain presents an opportunity to improve public access and encourage wider use of the path network, consistent with the Land Reform (Scotland) Act and the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

HISTORIC FEATURES
Marnoch Hill Cairn field is a historic feature located within the Forest Plan area. The LTFP provides an opportunity to assess and safeguard the feature through appropriate restructuring, reducing the risk of damage during future forestry operations. In addition, clearfelling operations may present opportunities to identify and record any currently unrecorded historic features.

ANCIENT WOODLAND
The designation of small areas of the forest as Ancient Woodland (of semi natural origin, provides an opportunity to restore and enhance ancient woodland characteristics through long-term restructuring, the gradual removal of non-native species, and the promotion of natural woodland processes.

WATERCOURSES AND WATERBODIES
The main watercourse along the western boundary of the forest, together with the small ecological pond within the Forest Plan area, provides opportunities for restructuring to enhance water quality through the creation of open-ground buffer zones and the establishment of native broadleaf riparian corridors.

DEADWOOD
The presence of existing deadwood within the forest, together with proposed clearfelling operations, provides an opportunity to further increase deadwood levels and enhance the forest's overall biodiversity value by continuing to support a wider range of species and habitats.



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