North Logiealmond - Woodland Creation

Map Maker Prospect Designer

A landscape analysis has been undertaken to inform the design of the proposed woodland at North Logiealmond, on the southern side of the River Braan, near Amulree, and to give an idea of the potential visual impact of the proposals

Five key potential viewpoints were initially identified in the analysis and visualisations of the woodland proposals have been produced for these views. The locations of these viewpoints are shown on Map 3b, while Map 6 shows the proposed woodland design in plan form.

Viewpoints 6-9 are extra viewpoints that were produced at the request of Scottish Forestry taken at different locations from the recreational routes around North Logiealmond

The visualisations are shown as panoramic views:

The first page of the five original viewpoints shows a stylised plan of the proposed woodland on a base map, and a small inset showing perspective as seen from the identified viewpoint.

On the subsequent page, the upper image shows a panoramic photo of the existing situation in June 2022.

The centre image shows an approximate visualisation of the landscape 40 years after planting (2062) with the proposed woodland planting superimposed using Map Maker Prospect.

The lower image shows the same visualisation of the landscape 40 years after planting, superimposed on a topographic visualisation.

The internal views (6-9) omit the central image.

All panoramic views have been produced showing the trees represented in spring foliage.

Commentary on the landscape impact on each of the viewpoints is given in Annex 1.

Viewpoints

Viewpoint No. 1 - A822 West Bound

The site first comes into view from west-bound traffic after passing the Drumour Schoolhouse. Views onto the site are largely obscured by the broadleaved woodlands along the River Braan and on Airlich Hill. Only the higher, north facing slopes of Findowie Hill are visible from this point, with Dalreoch Hill and the ridge formed by Creag Bhiorach and Creag Ghorm in the background.

Viewpoint No. 2 – A822 Borelick

This view is characterised by agricultural fields in the foreground, sloping down to the riparian woodlands along the Braan river valley, with rough grassland and moorland on the slopes of Airlich and Rose Craig in the middle distance. The mature coniferous shelterbelts within the site are visible on the skyline. Little Findowie steading is visible immediately below the site.

Viewpoint No. 3 – A826/A822 East Bound

This view is characterised by improved agricultural fields with scattered mature trees and riparian woodlands along the strath, giving way to hill grazing on the lower slopes of the site. The riparian woodland along the Dullator Burn is visible as the ground rises towards the summits of Rose Craig and Findowie Hill. The rocky outcrop of the Speiran is visible on the skyline, as are the shelterbelts on the middle ground below Rose Craig and Findowie Hill.

Viewpoint No. 4 – A822 Tomnagrew

A handful of houses on the opposite side of the glen have direct views onto the site, including Tomnagrew House. This view is characterised by agricultural fields in the foreground bisected by the public road, giving way to the riparian woodlands along the River Braan. Mature conifer and broadleaved trees are encountered in several locations along the public road. Little Findowie is visible on the lower ground, with the northern slopes of the site and Rose Craig rising above it. The coniferous shelterbelts to the east of the site are visible on the skyline.

Viewpoint No. 5 - Amulree

The site is completely obscured from view from Amulree by the intervening hills of Dalreoch and Creag Bhiorach. This view is characterised by rolling moorland with scattered broadleaved woodland by the Girron Burn.

































































