



Ardentinny Liaison Meeting

Meeting on Thursday 5th June at Glenbranter – 10am

Attendees

John Brint – Convener, Ardentinn Community Council
Mark Rowthorn – Secretary, Ardentinn Community Council
Keith Wood – Treasurer, Ardentinn Community Council
Graham Stirling – SSE Distribution
Chris Wood – SSE Distribution
Martha Smart – SSE Transmission
Paul Munn – SSE Transmission
Fraser MacDonald – FLS
Julie Ketley - FLS

FLS thanked everyone for attending and confirmed that the reason for the meeting was as a direct result of Ardentinn community's concern regarding the impact of Storm Eowyn. It was to allow discussion regarding the response to the storm specifically relating to the coordination of response between the various parties and to discuss future plans.

FLS Update

FLS provided an update on the windblow that had taken place in the area above the public road to the west of Ardentinn. The areas affected have been designed into two separate areas to be worked and an amendment has been submitted and approved by Scottish Forestry. These areas are Coupes 09026/09126 to the north and 09023 to the south. *Plan attached (5 Management Proposed).*

[Correction made to minutes by FLS in email of 3/7/2025 Coupe is 09128 not 09026/09126](#)

In order to facilitate felling of these coupes road upgrades are required and this information is currently being packaged up to go out to tender later in June. It is hoped this upgrade work can be carried out in Aug/Sep 25. Once this is done we can market the coupes for sale through our Standing Sale process in Sep/Oct and estimate that the work will take approximately six months to complete from site start. Both coupes will be worked by one contractor. *Extraction route drawings also attached.* Please note that the extraction maps are just an indication of how the sites could be worked and are not a definitive plan.

A query was raised regarding coupe 09024 but FLS confirmed there was no plans to fell this area at the moment. SSE confirmed that the majority of faults had been within the two coupes that

are to be felled and the only fault in 09024 was from trees within 09023 falling northwards into the area.

Restocking of these coupes will include a mixture of species but will include more native woodland species as per the current LMP.

SSE Distribution Update

SSE Distribution gave an update on the circumstances behind the outages experienced after the storm and explained the unique set of circumstances that had caused the problem. Due to an earlier storm just before Christmas 2024 Ardentinnny was already being fed from the north as opposed to the usual direction from the south due to the fault at Blairmore. The Ardentinnny faults (*see Ardentinnny FLS faults*) then took out this connection to the line and although it was rectified further faults were found at both Whistlefield and Coylet which added to the delay in restoring power. *See Ardentinnny Faults Schematic.*

One of the issues raised was the difference between the information provided by SSE staff on site which was generally good and that received by phoning or online where customers were told that power would be restored in a matter of hours. SSE Distribution explained that a national provider, Powertrack, deals with the updates which it takes direct from the system and does not always have the up to date position. In this instance this part of the network was on local control due to the earlier Blairmore fault and the national response may not have been aware of that. SSE to feed back this issue raised.

Discussion took place about the outages proposed during the felling works and SSE explained that the majority of the residences would be fed by generator and that there would only be a couple of hours outage whilst the switch was made. SSE will also take the opportunity to carry out maintenance works to the line when the harvesting works are being carried out to strengthen the temporary repairs carried out just after the storm. U/G options for this line are unlikely.

SSEN Transmission Update

The new line proposed from Dunnoon to Garelohead is replacing the existing overhead line which connect Dunoon to the wider grid and which is now beyond end of life. The new line will build future resilience into the network. The submission for consent to the Energy Consents Unit was submitted for approval in 2023 and a decision is expected to be made in Autumn 2025. Although subject to final confirmation it is likely that construction will take place between 2026 and 2028.

Closer to the time more information will be shared through public meetings including opportunities for jobs and local contractors. [Link to the project page below.](#)

Dunoon - SSEN Transmission

Felling plans and the compound areas to be used are all in discussion. It was noted that the Dun Daraich area should be avoided due to its historic interest.

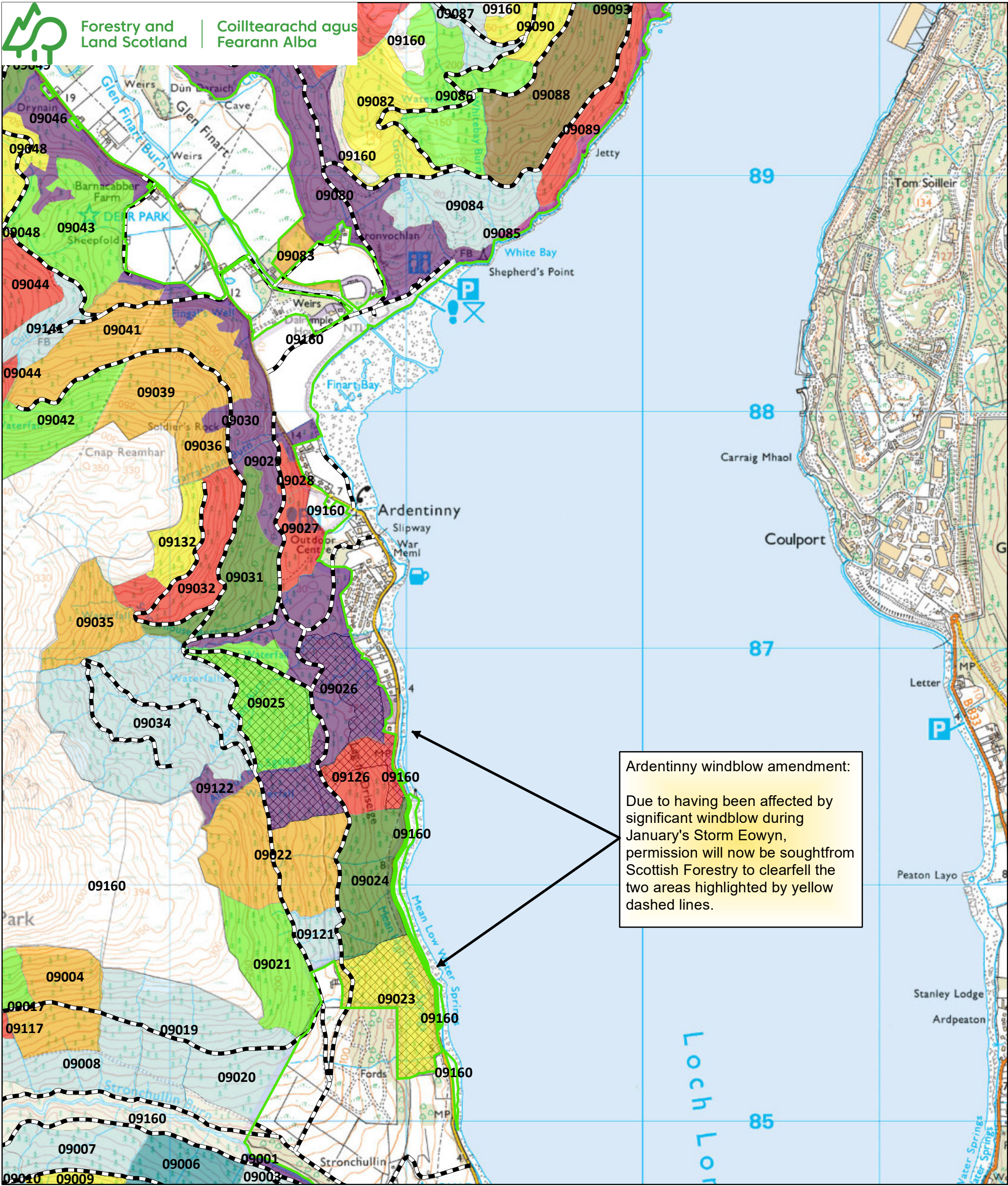
General

Other issues discussed related to the area between the two coupes to be felled and how we deal with future issues of trees on the line. The wayleave corridor is a clearly defined width and any change or restocking will need to be decided between FLS and SSE.

FLS have also had further meetings with Openreach and Argyll and Bute Council with a view to agreeing more pragmatic responses to issues involving multiple parties.

Dangerous trees on boundaries and close to houses should be reported to Forestry FLS Central Region Enquiries at the following email address enquiries.central@forestryandland.gov.scot. These will be assessed and only removed if dangerous. We can also arrange an annual inspection of boundary trees. Specific mention of Anchorage Chalet and concerns for safety of the property given the proximity of the line and standing crops was discussed but this should be rectified when the coupes are felled.

Out of hours forestry number in case of emergency is 07776 194 062



Ardentinny Windblow Overview - Current (Approved) Management

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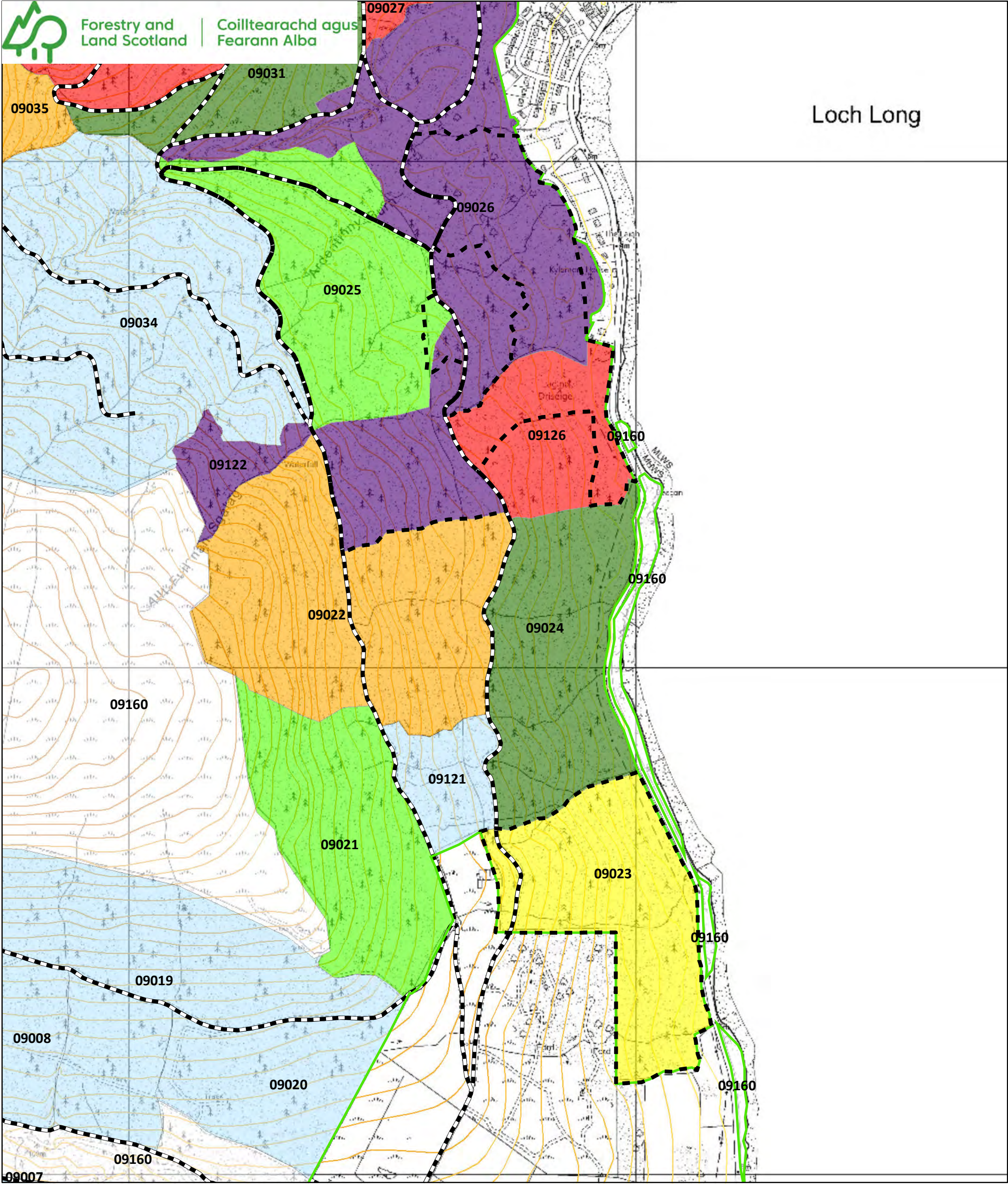
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Ardentinny Windblow - Current (Approved) Management

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Legend

Current Management Coupes

- Recently Felled
- Phase 1 felling (2023 - 2027)
- Phase 2 felling (2028 - 2032)
- Phase 3 felling (2033 - 2037)
- Phase 4 felling (2038 - 2042)

- Phase 5 felling (2043 - 2047)
- Phase 6 felling (2048 - 2052)
- Phase 7 felling (2053 - 2057)
- After 2057
- Low Impact Silviculture

- Natural Reserve
- Minimum Intervention
- Coppice
- Long Term Retention (Fell after Phase 3)
- Open

- Proposed Coupe
- FLS Forest Blocks
- Forest Roads

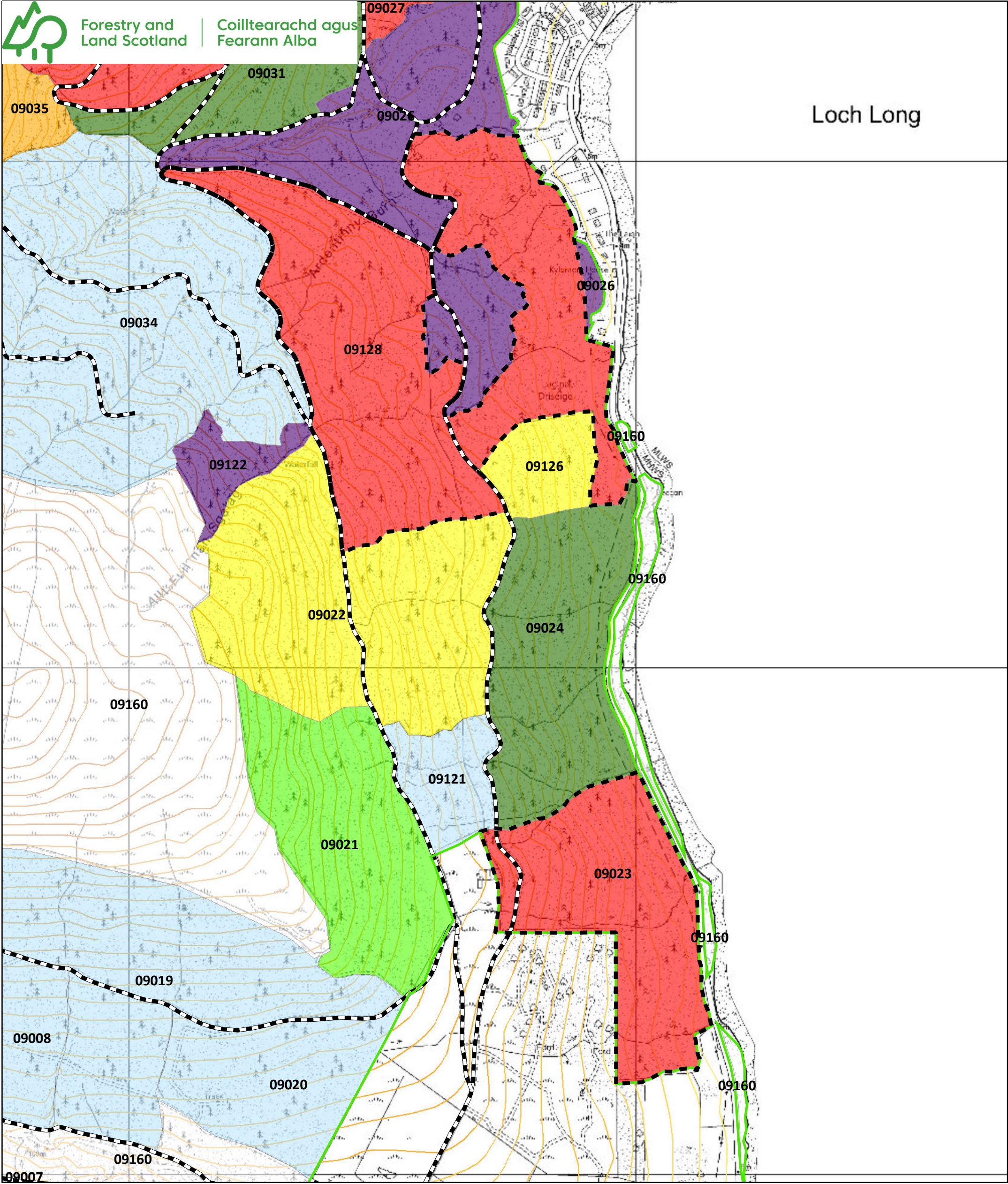
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Ardentinny Windblow - Proposed (Amendment) Management

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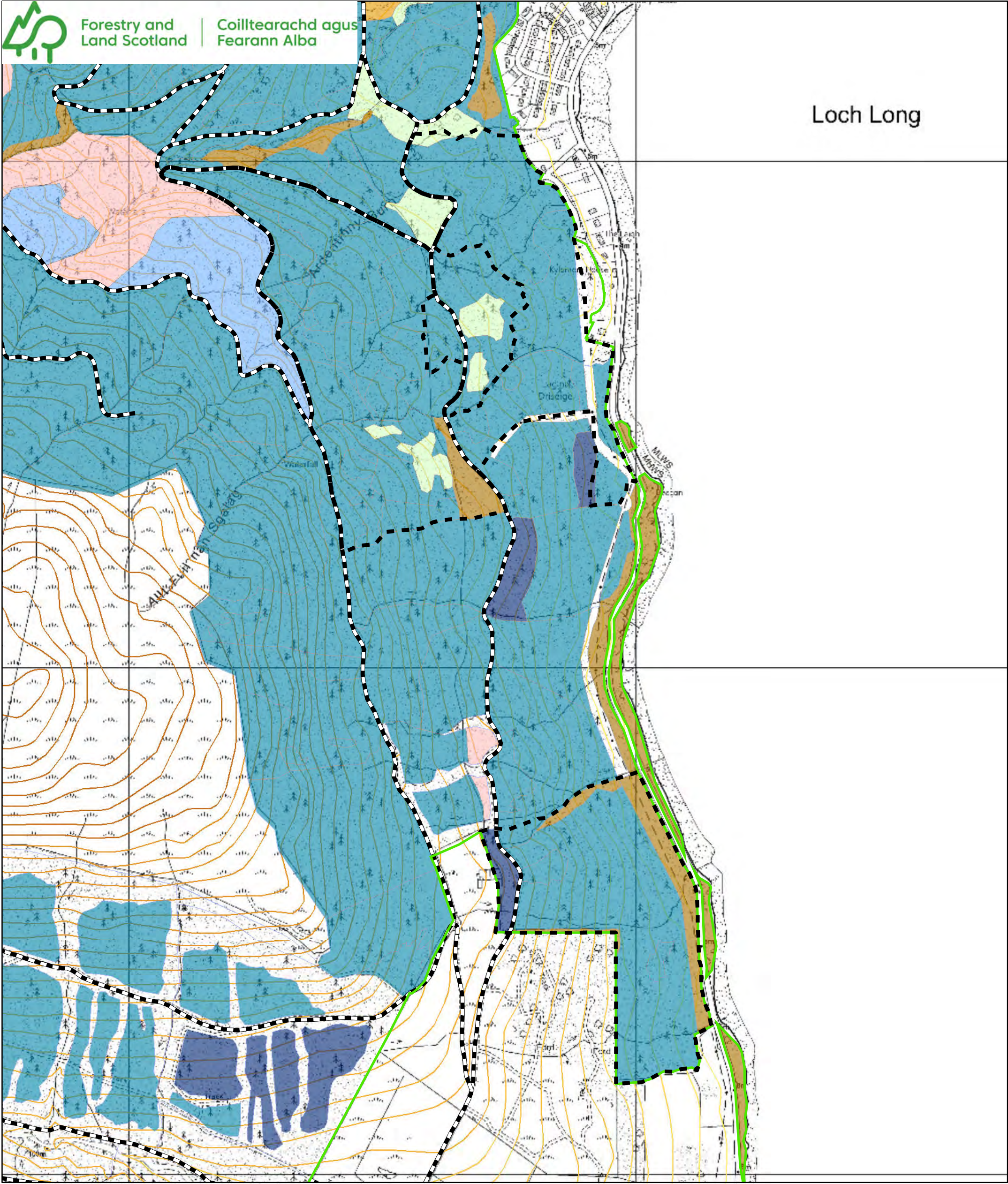
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**Ardentinnny Windblow -
Current Species**

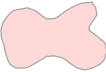
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Sub-compartments - Species



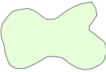
Birch



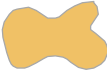
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Broadleaves



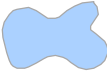
Other/Mixed Conifers



Douglas Fir



Larch



Norway Spruce



Sitka Spruce



No Species



Proposed Coupe



FLS Forest Blocks



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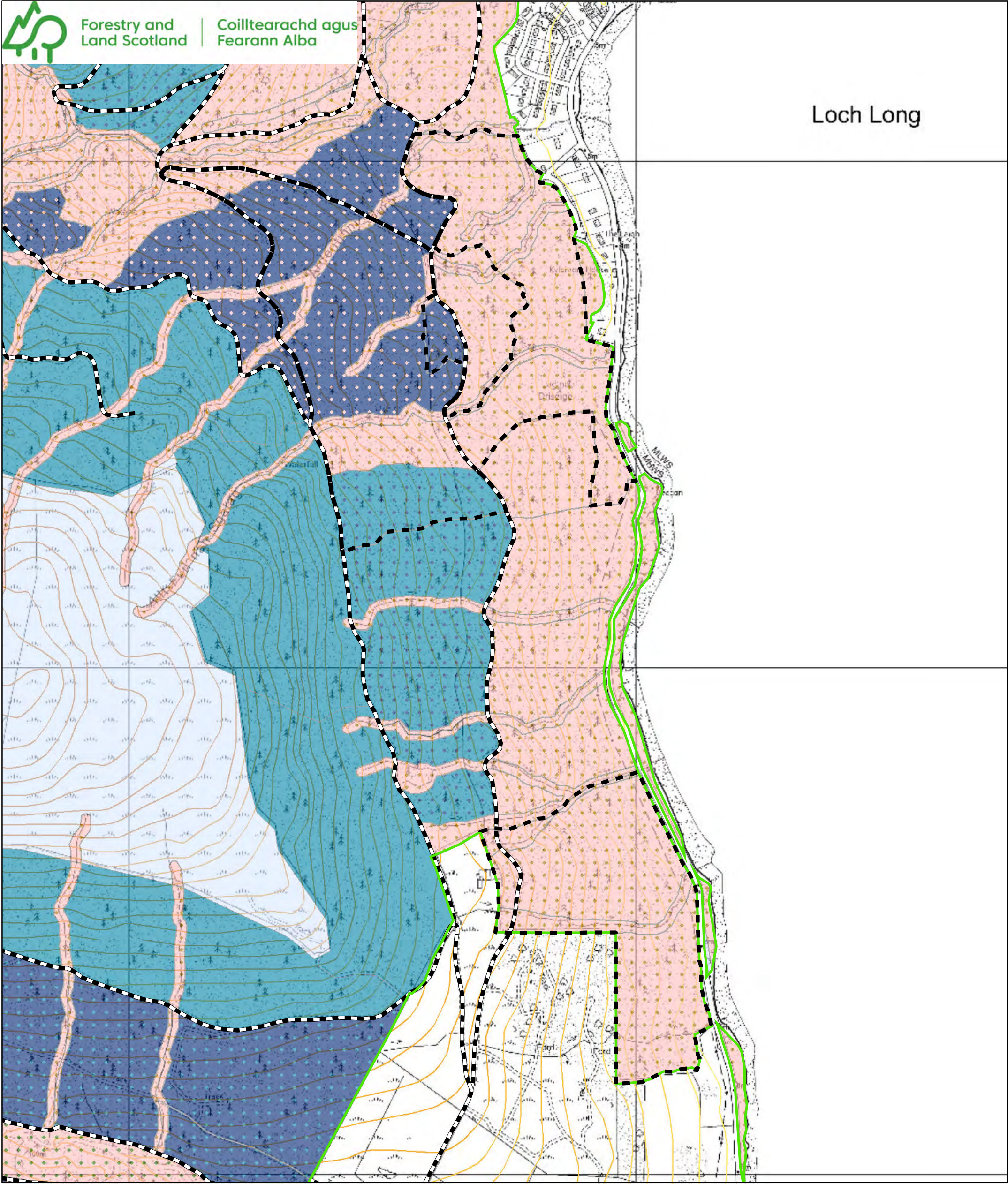
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Ardentinny Windblow -
Future Habitats

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Scenario Future Restock
Coupes - Species Pure and
Mixtures

- Sitka Spruce
- Birch with any Other Broadleaves
- Birch with Scots Pine

- Other Conifers with Birch
- Other Conifers with Sitka Spruce
- Sitka Spruce with any Other Conifers
- Open

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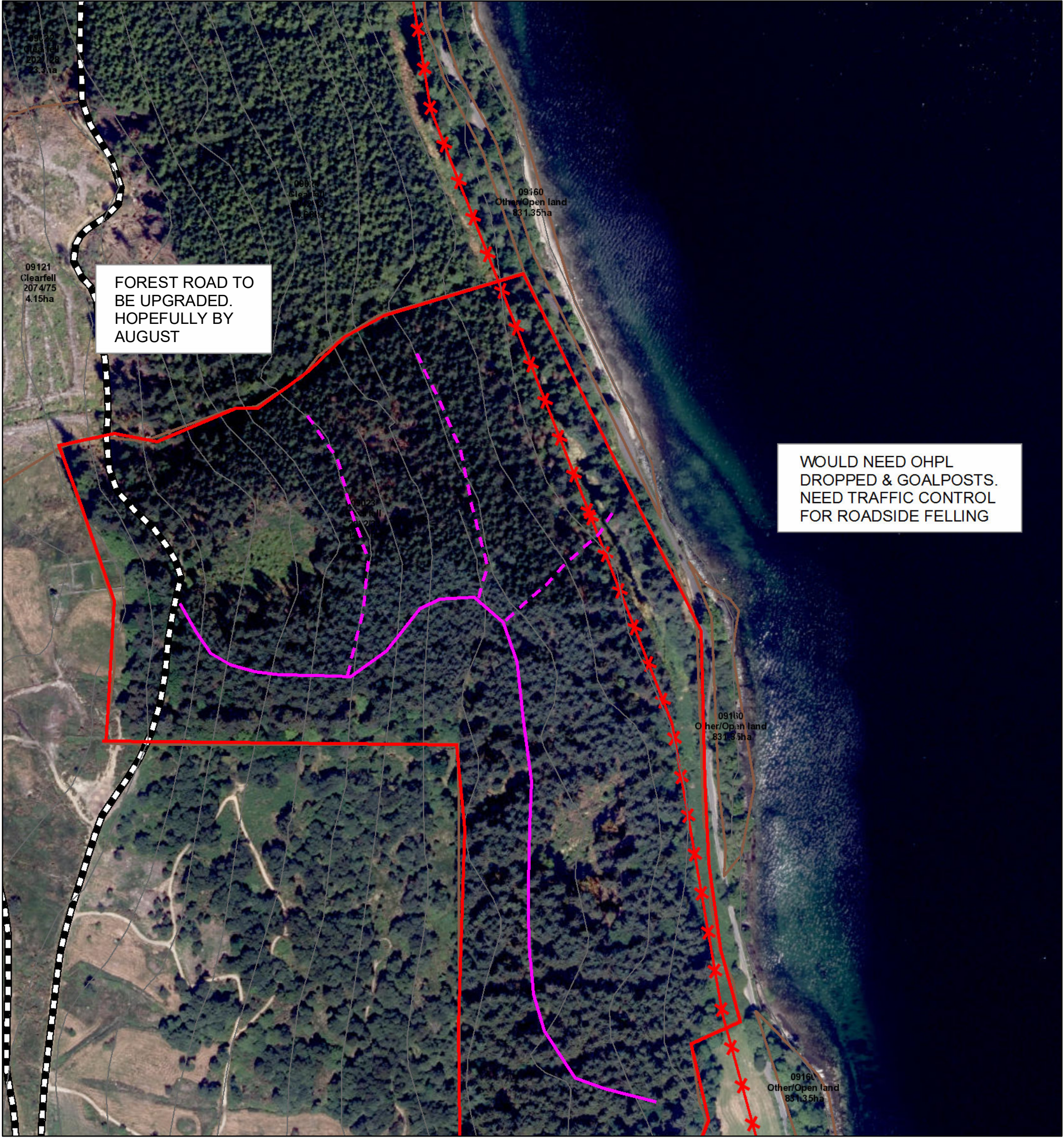
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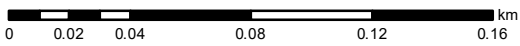
WOULD NEED OHPL
DROPPED & GOALPOSTS.
NEED TRAFFIC CONTROL
FOR ROADSIDE FELLING

09023

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OS 50k Contours (GB)

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Forest Roads

Forest Roads

Scottish & Southern - Overhead
Lines (Scot.)

Overhead powerline

SSE Scotland High Voltage Overhead
Lines

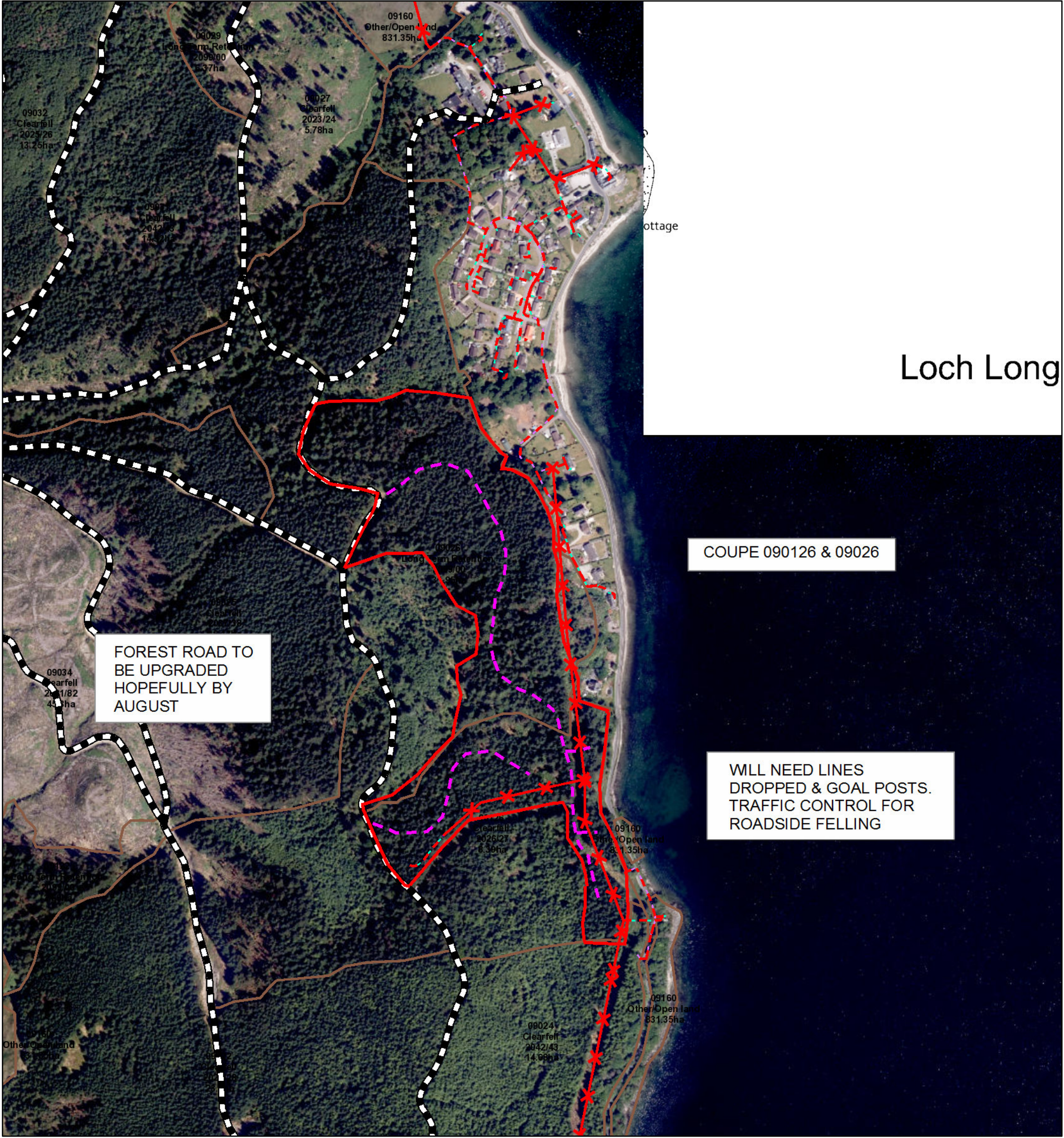
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Legend

Forest Roads



Forest Roads

Scottish & Southern - Overhead Lines (Scot.)



Overhead powerline

Scottish & Southern - Underground Lines (Scot.)



Underground powerline

SSE Scotland High Voltage Overhead Lines



SSE Scotland High Voltage Overhead Lines

SSE Scotland High Voltage Underground Cables



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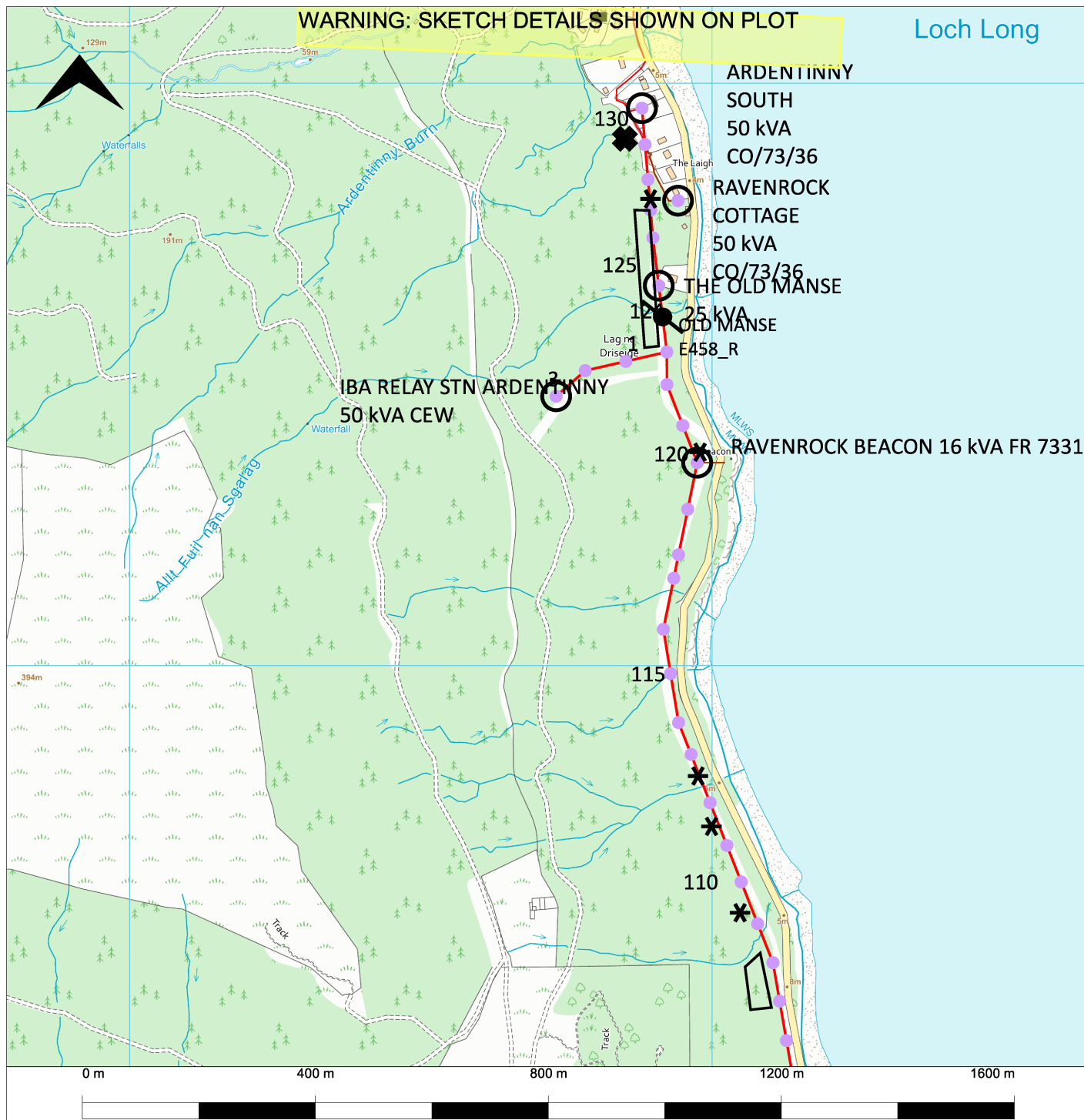
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Scottish & Southern

Electricity Networks

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Network Type: All Voltages

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- Segment (Electric)
- Cable Segment LV Road - 11.00 kV Existing
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- Line Segment LV Road - 11.00 kV Existing
- Equipment (Electric)
- Isolating Equipment Installation LV Symbol Location - Switch Disconnect, Existing, Closed
- Construction Boundary (Unfilled)
- Pillar/Low Back View Taper - Existing
- Pillar/Low Back View Taper - Future Construction
- Pole Structure (Existing) Location - Single
- Location Site (Existing)
- Isolated/Landing Location - Pole Mounted Distribution
- Common (Electric)
- Specialty Existing Route

VOLTAGES (V)				
LV (Low Voltage) and Services	up to 1,000V			
HV (High Voltage)	over 1,000V to 11,000V			
EHV (Extra High Voltage)	22,000V to 132,000V			
Transmission	275,000V and 400,000V			

NORMAL DEPTH TO THE TOP OF THE CABLE WHEN LAID				
	Services	LV	HV	EHV
FOOTPATH/UNMADE	0.45m	0.45m	0.6m	0.8m
ROAD CROSSING	0.6m	0.6m	0.75m	0.9m
AGRICULTURAL	1m	1m	1m	1.1m

WARNING

There may have been subsequent alterations to the surface levels. Trial holes must be taken to determine positions and depths of cables. HS (G) 47 Booklet from the Health and Safety Executive - Avoiding Danger from Buried Cables - should be consulted before commencing excavation work.

WHEN WORKING IN THE VICINITY OF OVERHEAD LINES THE HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDANCE NOTE GS6 SHOULD BE CONSULTED (AVAILABLE FROM THE HSE WEBSITE)

If you are unsure & need to seek advice before commencing excavations please contact;

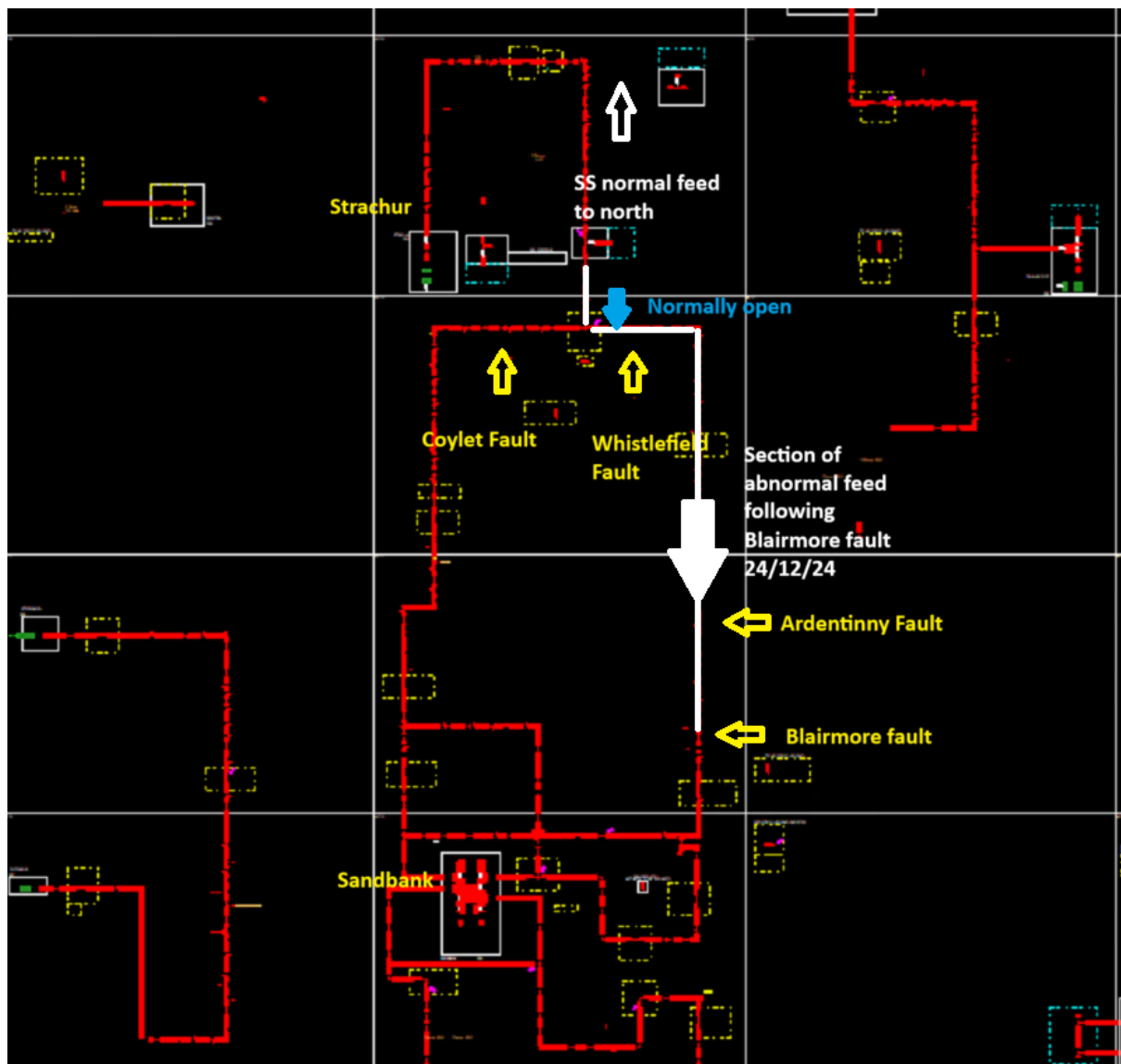
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Ardentinny Faults Schematic SSEN