



Ardentinny Community Council – Feb/March update

Glen Finart Land Management Plan

SSE have applied for planning permission to realign the power lines running above Ardentinnny. If successful, the permission will allow for the felling of trees in a buffer zone of approximately 50m either side of the proposed line. Map M1 shows the existing and proposed lines and the buffer around the latter.

These proposals compromise FLS ability to manage the land, in particular to the north of Ardentinnny. We are therefore, seeking permission from Scottish Forestry to amend the current Land Management Plan to allow us to fell those areas shown in Map M3 and to modify the original restocking proposals. The work will include early removal of timber above and around the proposed line which will become difficult to access once the line is in place. The main change in restocking is to replace Sitka spruce with a mix of native species, by either planting or natural regeneration. Sitka spruce will be controlled within acceptable limits. Proposed restocking is shown in Map M6.

This work will generate an additional 14,000m³ of timber (equating to about 400 lorry loads) some which is immature. We are liaising with Argyll Council in regards to the movement of the additional timber and are proposing to use the haul road in order to minimise the impact on the local community.

Ardentinny Picnic Site

We are planning a tidy up day around the Ardentinnny Picnic Site ready for the upcoming visitor season. We'll be doing a litter pick and tidy up around the site and are planning on replacing some of the picnic benches which have suffered weathering and damage.

We have been investigating the options for restoring and ideally improving the water supply to the toilet block at the picnic site. We are pursuing the option of a borehole to provide water in the long term – this will require an initial investigation on site to explore its feasibility. Our buildings team held an onsite meeting with contractors this week and have identified a short term solution – we are hopeful to see this implemented in the next couple of weeks.

We are liaising with the council in order to replace the two smaller bins with two larger ones to increase their capacity which should alleviate the need to as many additional pick ups and help everyone to keep the site tidy.

Wildlife Hide

We have been made aware of the storm damage to the wildlife hide – we have no plans to replace the hide and will be tidying up and removing the debris shortly.

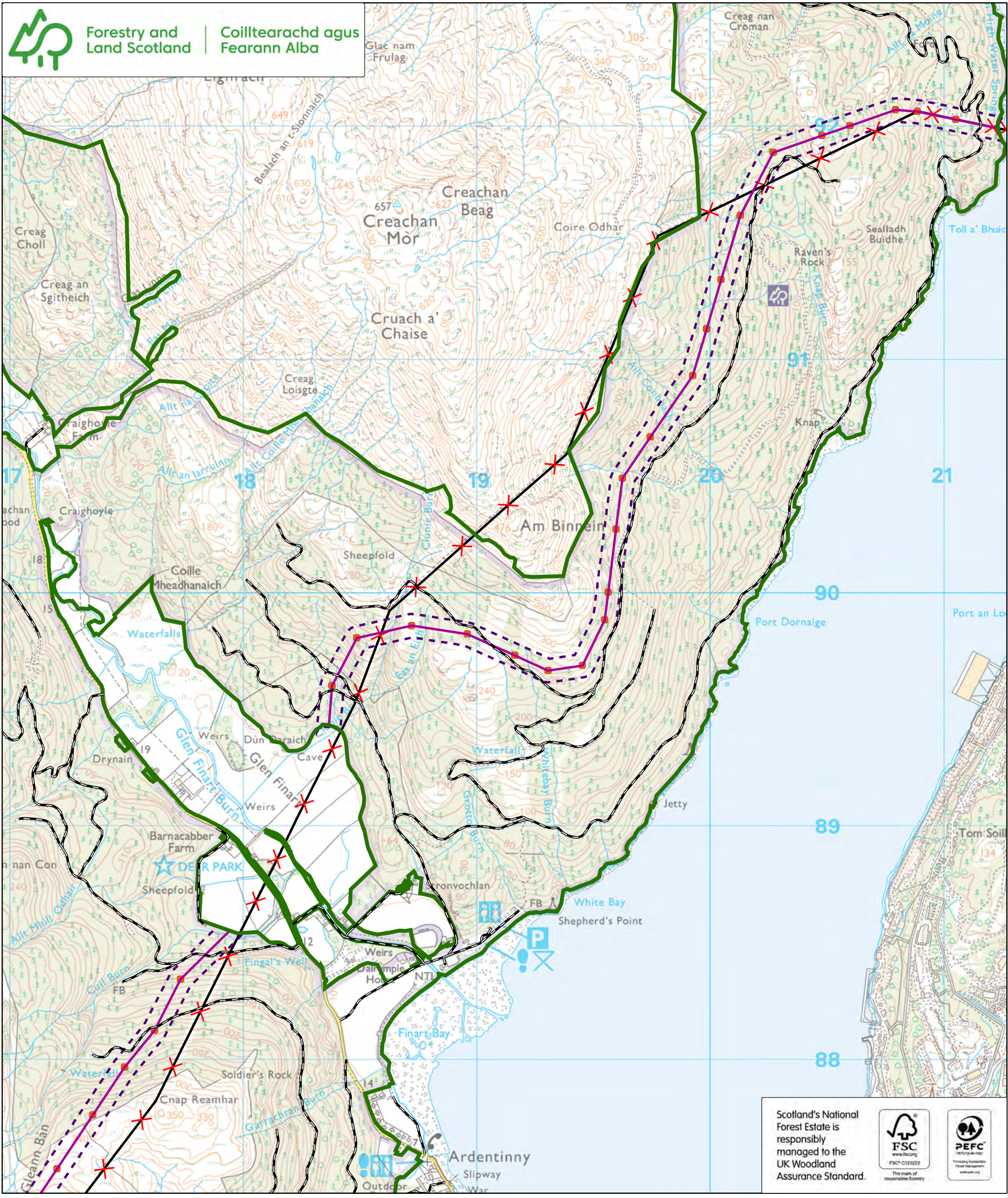
Civils/Pothole repairs

We have been liaising with our civils team in regards to the pothole repairs and are awaiting confirmation of a date. I will update you as soon as I have a date.



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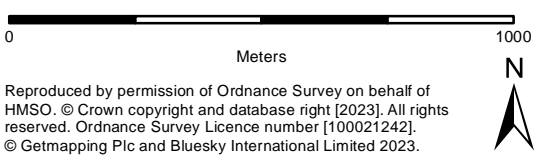


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Map 1 Location and existing and proposed powerlines

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- Revised powerline
Revised line towers
100m buffer of revised powerline
Existing powerline
Forest roads
Land management plan boundary

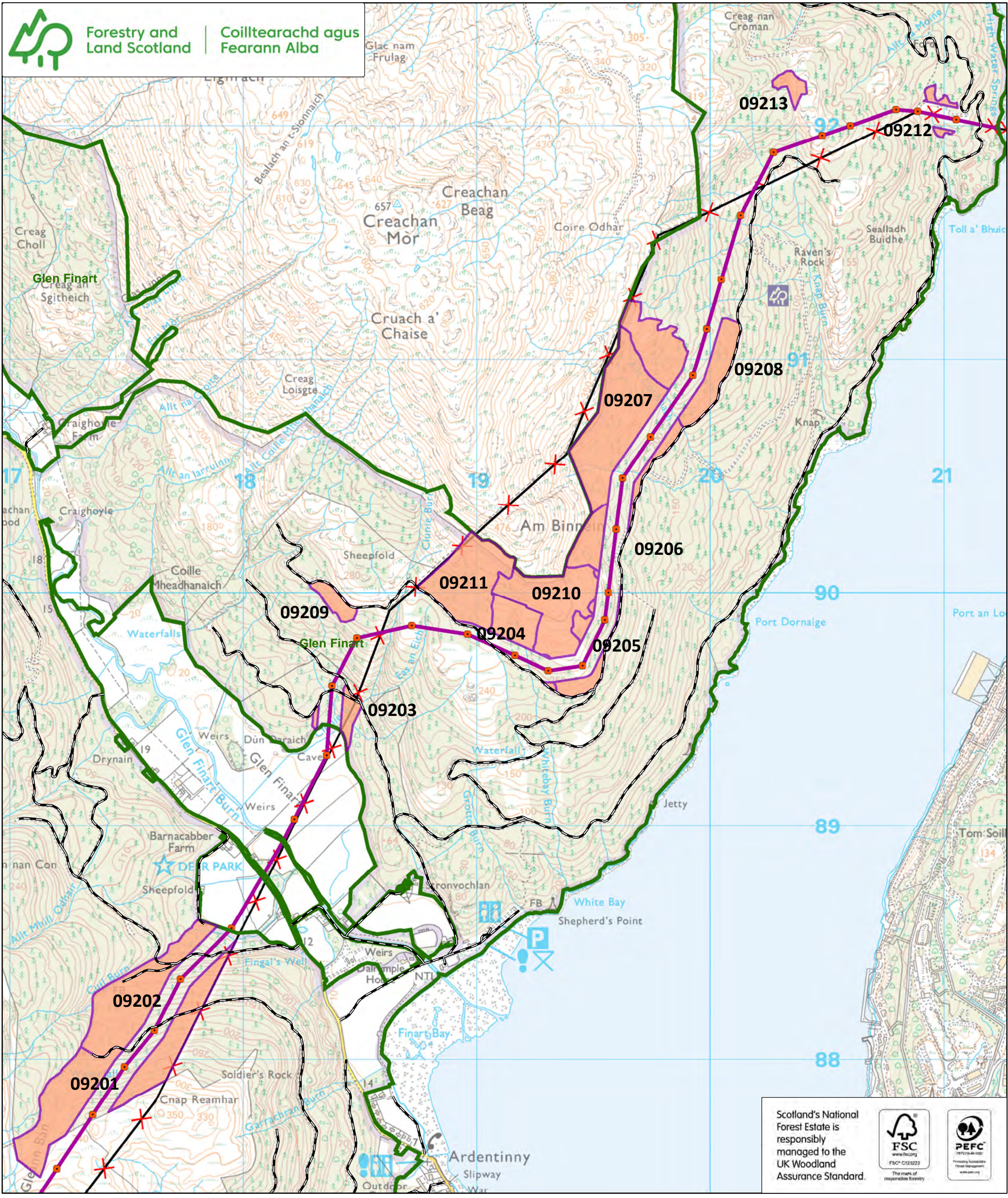


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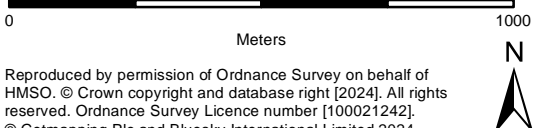

Map 3 Felling proposals

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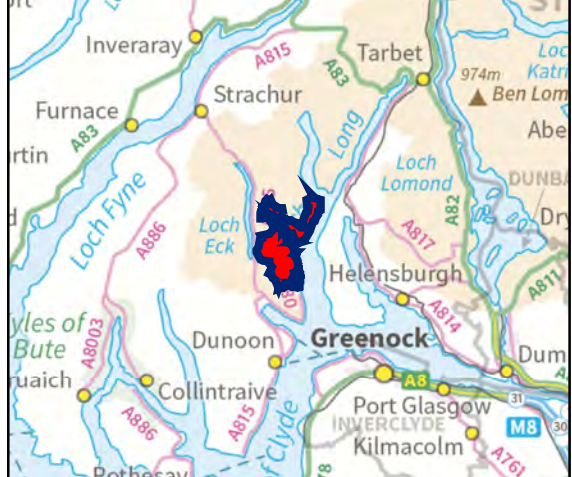
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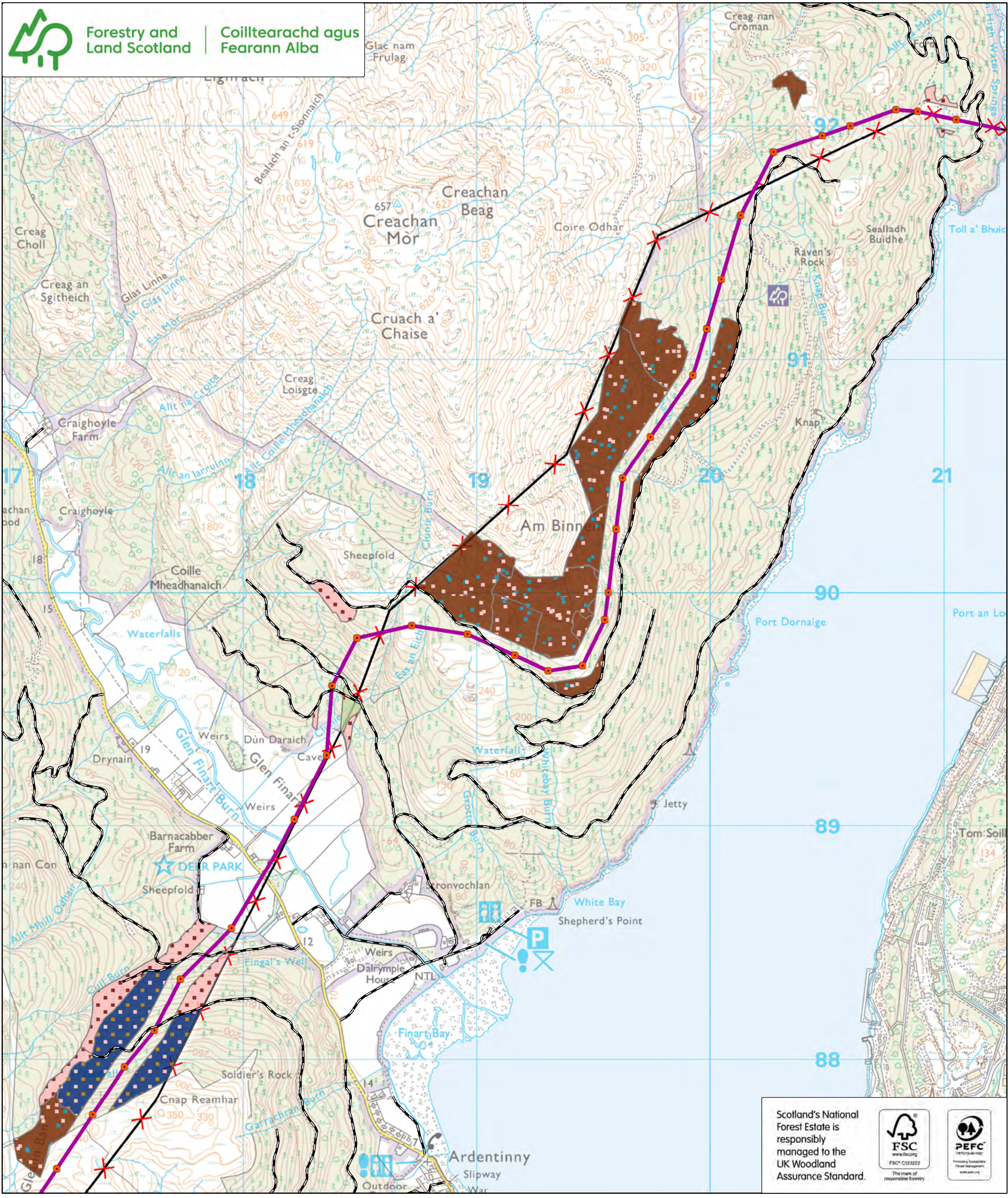
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-  Proposed felling
-  Revised powerline
-  Existing powerline
-  Forest roads
-  Land management plan boundary
-  Revised line towers



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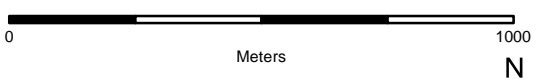
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Map 6
Proposed restocking

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- Native broadleaves
- Native broadleaves with non-native conifer
- Mixed conifer with broadleaves
- Open space with native shrubby species
- Open
- Revised powerline
- Revised line towers
- Existing powerline
- Forest roads

