

Quarrelwood Land Management Plan Summary

Quarrelwood is located 0.5miles west of Elgin. The plan covers an area of approx. 176ha.

The area was acquired by the FC in 1949 at which point it was open grazed moorland. The site was re-afforested through the 1950's and early 1960's.

Quarrelwood represents an area of coniferous woodland habitat, interspersed with smaller areas of broadleaved woodland and open habitats, including a proportion of heathland. Adjacent habitats include upland oak woods and coniferous woodland.

There are several abandoned quarries within the woodland that provide important habitat diversity, as they are unsuitable for commercial tree planting, they have been left to nature and have regenerated with broadleaves.

Analysis of the available information has determined that the **primary objective** for the forest is the **production of a quality crop of timber**.

An additional **secondary objective** is the management of the woodland to provide a **recreational resource** for Elgin and the surrounding area.

In common with the management of all woodland in the National Forest Estate, the forest will be managed to meet the requirements of the UK forest standards. This will ensure that the plan area meets multiple land use objectives while utilising the intrinsic specific strengths of the location.

Current species breakdown

Species	Area (ha)	Percentage (%)
Larch	80.7	52.3
Scots pine	58.7	38.1
Birch	10.0	6.5
Mixed broadleaves	2.0	1.3
Beech	1.4	0.9
Other conifers	1.4	0.9

Planned operations

Operation	Conifer	Broadleaves
Selective felling	11.1ha	
Restocking	8.1ha	3.0ha

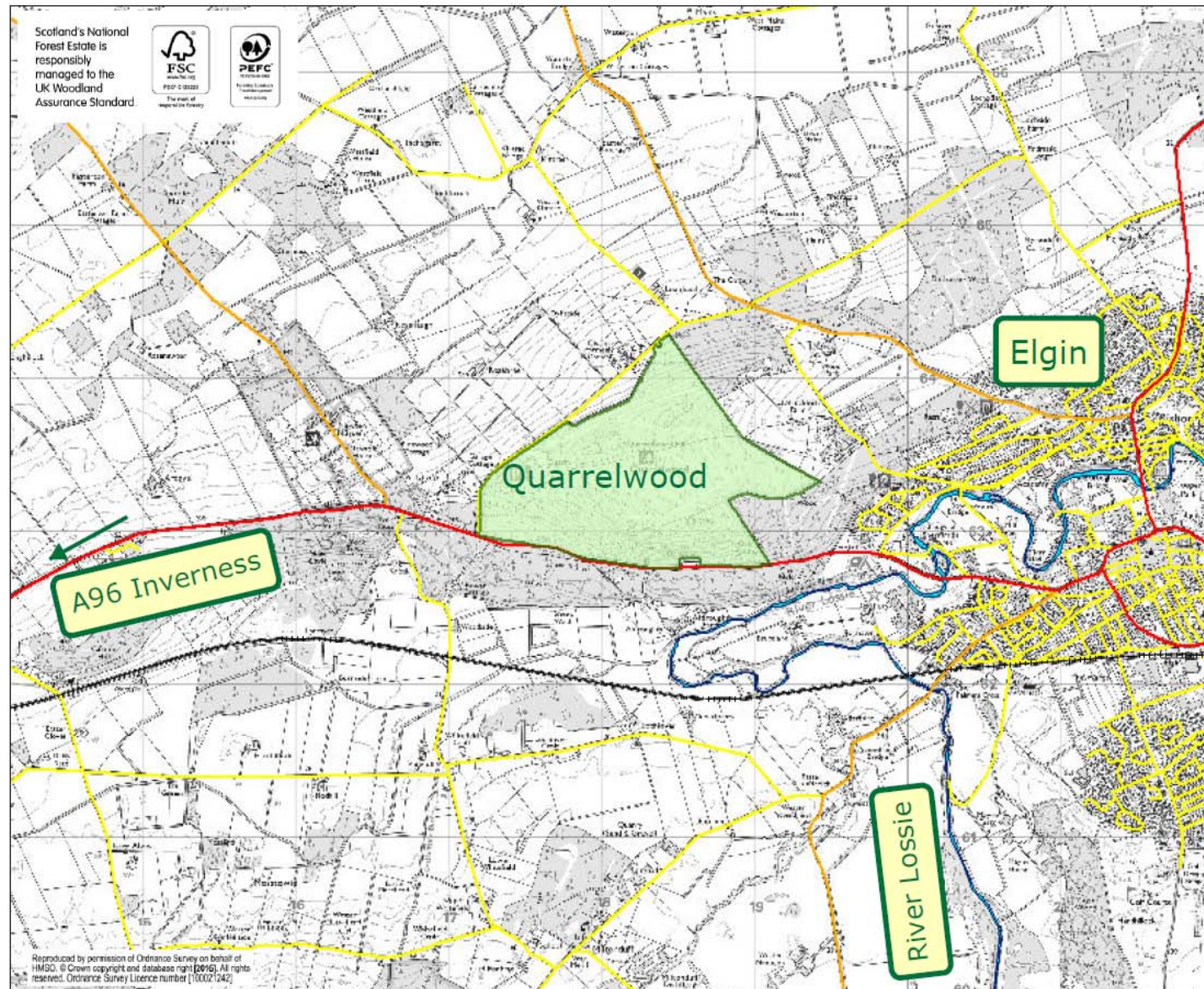
Critical success factors

- Manage the LISS area by continuing with an active thinning programme.
- Gradually increase structural diversity to improve forest resilience to potential pest and disease attacks.
- Maintain the current recreational infrastructure.
- Follow the guidelines in relation to DNB with heavy thinning and LP removal being priority actions.
- Continue the current deer management regime.
- Maintain SSSI in favourable condition.
- Reroute trail away from Scheduled monument.

Consultation and Further Information:

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including local community representatives and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area.

For further information on the plan please contact Mark Reeve, Planning Forester, Forestry Commission Scotland on 07990802079 or mark.reeve@forestry.gsi.gov.uk






Moray & Aberdeenshire Forest District Quarrelwood

Map 1 Location

O.S. Grid Ref NJ 174 634

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Scale: 1:25,000@A3

-  Quarrelwood
-  A road
-  B road
-  Minor road

