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## I. Policy fit with strategic objectives

Strategic objectives	Woodland creation	Enhance existing woods	Restore lost woods	Encourage natural regeneration	Productive forests	Disease and invasive species	Employment	Innovation and marketing	Access and enjoyment	Community involvement
Policy statements										
Managed moorland	•		•	•			•		•	•
In-bye agricultural land	•	•	•		•		•		•	•
Peatlands	•		•				•			•
Deer management	•	•	•	•			•			•
Deer fencing	•	•	•	•			•			•
Landscape and wild land	•	•	•	•						•
Designated sites	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Forest habitat networks	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Montane woodland	•	•	•				•		•	•
Riparian woodland	•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•
Aspen	•	•	•						•	•
Woodland remnants	•	•	•				•	•		•
Ancient and semi-natural woodland		•	•	•	•	•			•	•
Felling		•		•	•	•	•		•	•
Biosecurity, invasive species	•	•			•	•			•	•
and wildfire										
Employment	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•
Productive woodland	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•
Natural flood management	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•
Low carbon and carbon trading					•		•	•		•
Responsible access		•			•	•			•	•
Health	•	•	•	•	•				•	•

## 2. Scottish Natural Heritage assessment of suitability for woodland expansion or creation on designated sites

(Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas)

NAME	SAC or SPA	Scottish Natural Heritage assessment of suitability for woodland expansion or creation
Abernethy Forest	SPA	Potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of native woodland supporting qualifying interests that rely on woodland habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interest(s) to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Anagach Woods	SPA	Potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of native woodland supporting qualifying interests that rely on woodland habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interest(s) to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Ballochbuie	SAC	<p>Potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of native woodland supporting qualifying interests that rely on woodland habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interest(s) to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.</p> <p>NOTE: This is caveated by the fact that Scottish Government has agreed favouring the expansion of a specified area of Annex I priority qualifying habitat Caledonian forest at the expense of two non-priority qualifying habitats (wet heathlands with cross-leaved heath, and European dry heaths) within the SAC. Therefore further woodland expansion would require particularly careful consideration, as the impacts on these reduced habitats could (depending on location) be proportionally greater for future woodland proposals, potentially limiting the scope for further woodlands (unless another case for favouring Caledonian forest was approved).</p>
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Beinn a' Ghlo	SAC	Area with qualifying interests reliant on non-woodland habitats but with some potential for small scale montane scrub/riparian habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interests to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Caenlochan	SAC	Area with qualifying interests reliant on non-woodland habitats but with some potential for small scale montane scrub/riparian habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interests to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Caenlochan	SPA	Area with qualifying interests reliant on non-woodland habitats but with some potential for small scale montane scrub/riparian habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interests to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Cairngorms	SAC	<p>Some potential for sensitive enhancement or small scale expansion of existing areas of native woodland, and some potential for small scale montane scrub/riparian habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interest(s) to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.</p> <p>NOTE: This is caveated by the fact that Scottish Government has agreed favouring the expansion of a specified area of Annex I priority qualifying habitat Caledonian forest at the expense of two non-priority qualifying habitats (wet heathlands with cross-leaved heath, and European dry heaths) within the SAC. Therefore further woodland expansion would require particularly careful consideration, as the impacts on these reduced habitats could (depending on location) be proportionally greater for future woodland proposals, potentially limiting the scope for further woodlands (unless another case for favouring Caledonian forest was approved).</p>
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Cairngorms Massif	SPA	Some potential for sensitive enhancement or small scale expansion of existing areas of native woodland, and some potential for small scale montane scrub/riparian habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interest(s) to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Coyles of Muick	SAC	Grassland habitat unlikely to be suitable for woodland creation or expansion as it is likely to have a significant effect on qualifying interest, which is reliant on non-woodland habitat, resulting in an adverse effect on site integrity.
Craigmore Wood	SPA	Potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of native woodland supporting qualifying interests that rely on woodland habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interest(s) to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Creag Meagaidh	SAC	Area with qualifying interests reliant on non-woodland habitats but with some potential for small scale montane scrub/riparian habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interests to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Creag Meagaidh	SPA	Area with qualifying interests reliant on non-woodland habitats but with some potential for small scale montane scrub/riparian habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interests to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided
Creag nan Gamhainn	SAC	Potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of native woodland supporting qualifying interests that rely on woodland habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interest(s) to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Dinnet Oakwood	SAC	Potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of native woodland supporting qualifying interests that rely on woodland habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interest(s) to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Drumochter Hills	SAC	Area with qualifying interests reliant on non-woodland habitats but with some potential for small scale montane scrub/riparian habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interests to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.

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Forest of Clunie	SPA	Potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of native woodland supporting qualifying interests that rely on woodland habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interest(s) to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Glen Tanar	SAC	Potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of native woodland supporting qualifying interests that rely on woodland habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interest(s) to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Glen Tanar	SPA	Potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of native woodland supporting qualifying interests that rely on woodland habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interest(s) to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Green Hill of Strathdon	SAC	Area with qualifying interests reliant on non-woodland habitats but with some potential for small scale montane scrub/riparian habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interests to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Insh Marshes	SAC	Some potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of wet woodland/riparian habitat supporting qualifying interests that rely on such habitat, subject to assessment demonstrating that there would be no detrimental impacts on qualifying interest(s) and that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Kinveachy Forest	SPA	Potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of native woodland supporting qualifying interests that rely on woodland habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interest(s) to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Ladder Hills	SAC	Area with qualifying interests reliant on non-woodland habitats but with some potential for small scale montane scrub/riparian habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interests to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.

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Loch Vaa	SPA	Potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of native woodland, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interest to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Lochnagar	SPA	Area with qualifying interests reliant on non-woodland habitats but with some potential for small scale montane scrub/riparian habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interests to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Monadhliath	SAC	Area with qualifying interests reliant on non-woodland habitats but with some potential for small scale montane scrub/riparian habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interests to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Morrone Birkwood	SAC	Potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of native woodland supporting qualifying interests that rely on woodland habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interest(s) to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Muir of Dinnet	SAC	Unlikely to be suitable for woodland creation or expansion as it is likely to have a significant effect on qualifying interests, which are reliant on non-woodland habitat, resulting in an adverse effect on site integrity. (The site is being managed to reduce the level of existing woodland encroachment due to significant effects on the European dry heath qualifying interest in particular.)
Muir of Dinnet	SPA	Some potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of wet woodland/riparian habitat supporting qualifying interests that rely on such habitat, subject to assessment demonstrating that there would be no detrimental impacts on qualifying interest(s) and that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
River Dee	SAC	Some potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of wet woodland/riparian habitat supporting qualifying interests that rely on such habitat, subject to assessment demonstrating that there would be no detrimental impacts on qualifying interest(s) and that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
River South Esk	SAC	Some potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of wet woodland/riparian habitat supporting qualifying interests that rely on such habitat, subject to assessment demonstrating that there would be no detrimental impacts on qualifying interest(s) and that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.



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River Spey	SAC	Some potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of wet woodland/riparian habitat supporting qualifying interests that rely on such habitat, subject to assessment demonstrating that there would be no detrimental impacts on qualifying interest(s) and that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
River Spey - Insh Marshes	SPA	Some potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of wet woodland/riparian habitat supporting qualifying interests that rely on such habitat, subject to assessment demonstrating that there would be no detrimental impacts on qualifying interest(s) and that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
River Tay	SAC	Some potential for sensitive enhancement or expansion of existing areas of wet woodland/riparian habitat supporting qualifying interests that rely on such habitat, subject to assessment demonstrating that there would be no detrimental impacts on qualifying interest(s) and that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
The Maim	SAC	Area with qualifying interests reliant on non-woodland habitats but with some potential for small scale montane scrub/riparian habitat, subject to assessment identifying suitable areas that minimise likely significant effects on the qualifying interests to demonstrate that an adverse effect on site integrity can be avoided.
Tulach Hill and Glen Fender Meadows	SAC	The only part of the SAC in the National Park is Glen Fenders Meadows, which is unlikely to be suitable for woodland creation or expansion as this is likely to have a significant effect on qualifying interests, which are reliant on non-woodland habitat, resulting in an adverse effect on site integrity.