



Broadford Community Woodland
Consultation event: 30 April 2026

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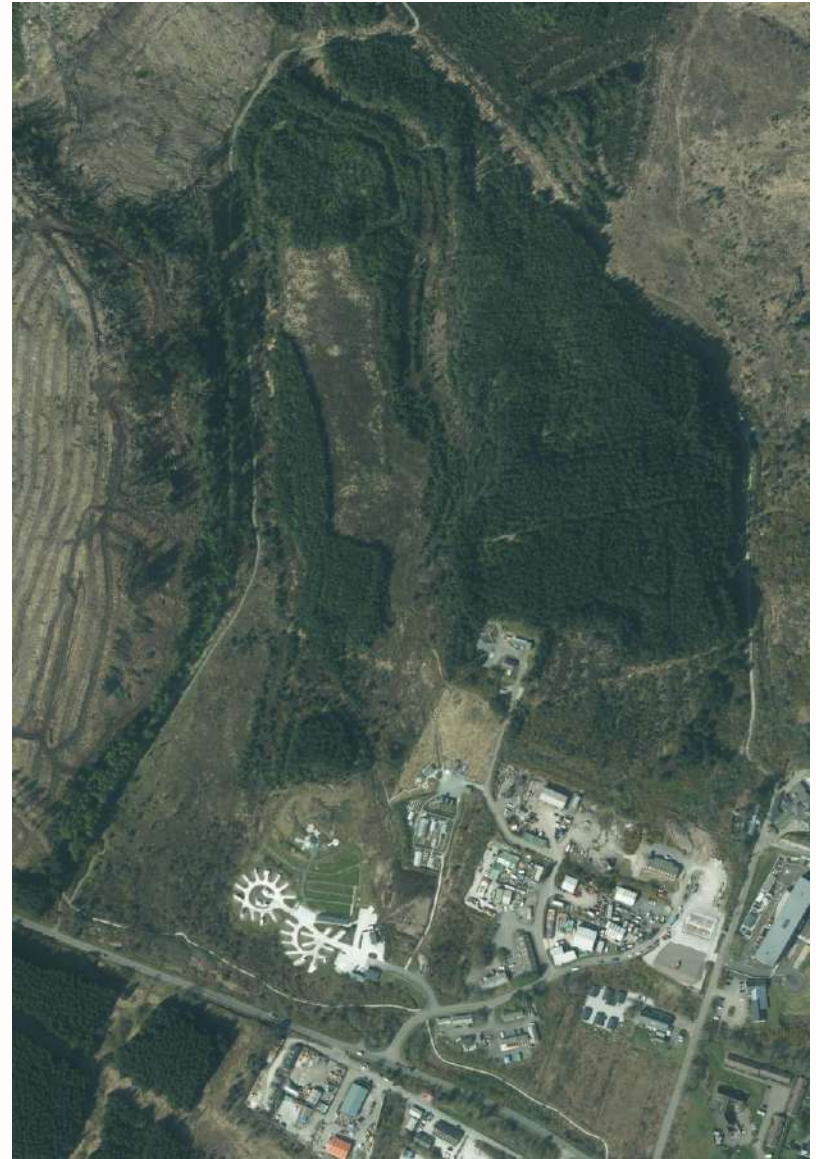
Context: What & where

Broadford Community Woodland

- 23ha site, purchased 2011
- Now includes Growers Hub, Camping Skye, Corry Capers
- 19ha forest and open ground

Broadford North Wood

- 12.4ha forest, purchased 2026



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Context: What & where

'Broadford North Wood'



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Context: What & where

‘Broadford Community Woodland’

- Rathad na Cloinne path
- Corry Capers outdoor learning
- Biodiversity – pond creation



Context: How & why

Consultation and involvement

- Woodland Action Plan
- Broadford Biodiversity Audit
- Local Place Plan
- Volunteering

“Appetite for bringing woodland areas into community ownership and restructuring for community / environmental benefit” (Local Place Plan)



Context: How & why

Feasibility study 2025

- SLF funding bid
- HIE funding bid
- Success!

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Broadford and Strath Community Company
Broadford North Wood
Feasibility Study Final Report

31 July 2025
Jon Hollingdale



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Context: How & why

Opportunities

- **Social:** Paths & amenity, well-being, learning
- **Environmental:** Native species, nature restoration
- **Economic:** Small scale woodland enterprise



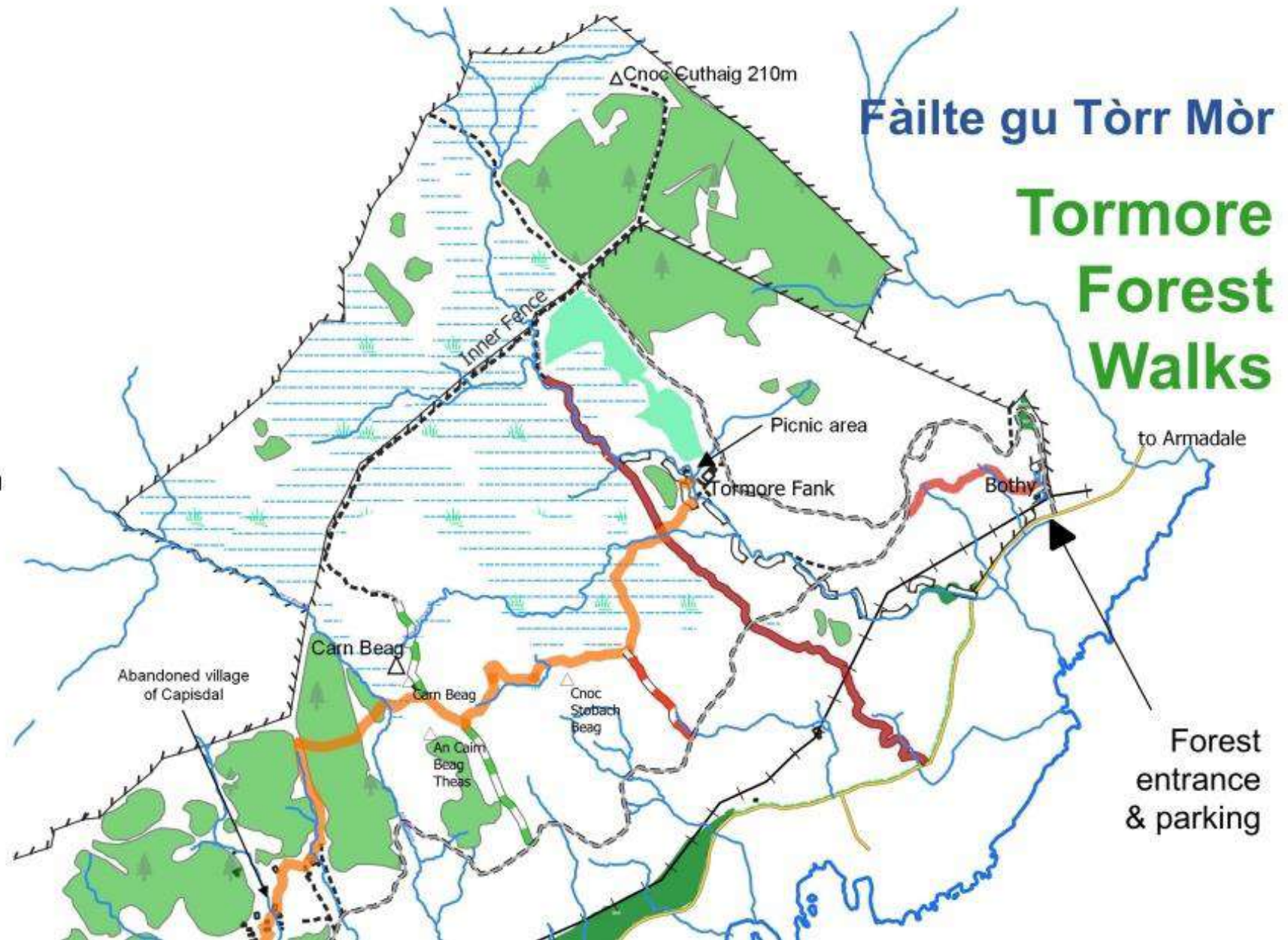
Context: How & why

How?

- Community owned/managed
- BSCC coordination
- Volunteer opportunities
- Community Liaison Group



-  Forest boundary
-  Public road
-  Forest road
- Footpaths**
- Footpaths, posted and signed**
-  Peat road
-  Slighe Carn Beag/Carn Beg path
-  Slighe Radaigeach/Radical path
-  Slighe Dhearg/Red path
-  Slighe Cham-aird/Camard path
-  Slighe Capisdal/Capisdal path
-  Footpaths, unposted and unsigned
- Elevation**
-  Tormore Tops
- Drainage**
-  Watercourses
-  Marsh/Peatland restoration
-  Fences
-  Coastline
-  Power line
- Tree cover**
-  Native woodland
-  Old plantation
-  New plantation







Proposals: Vision

“To create an accessible, nature-friendly mixed woodland that will bring social, environmental and economic benefits now and for future generations.”

(Draft management plan)



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Proposals: Vision

To achieve these aims we will

- Promote the expanded woodland as a venue for **community volunteering and learning**
- Create **new paths** so that people can access the woodlands for **leisure, health and enjoyment**
- Restructure the woodland in favour of **native species**, locally sourced / grown as far as possible, to support **nature and biodiversity**
- Encourage **diverse habitats** by retaining / restoring peatland and wetland areas, and tackling invasive species
- Develop appropriate **small-scale woodland enterprises** to generate income that will support long-term sustainability



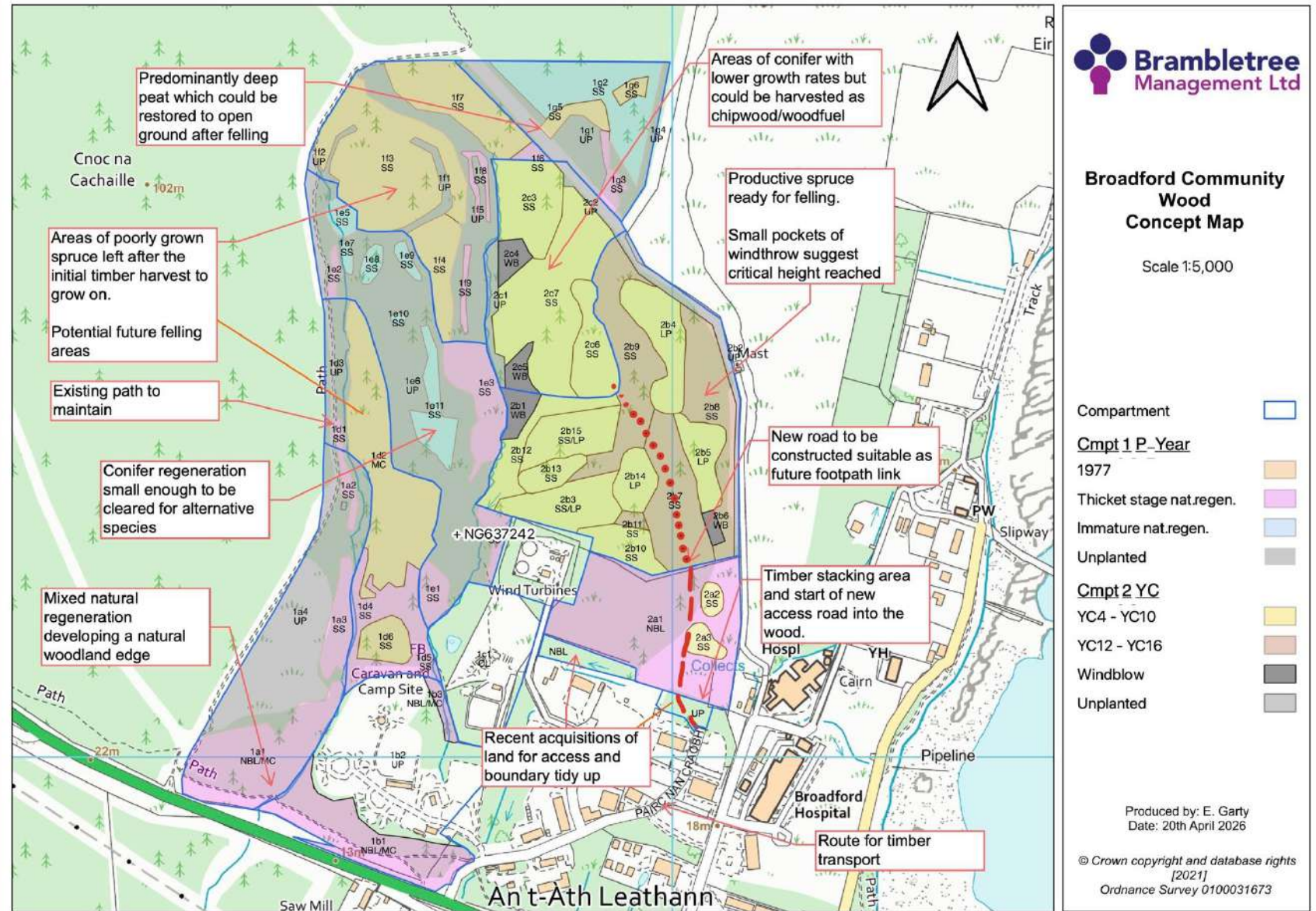
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Proposals

Timber harvesting

- Mature Sitka in Broadford North
- Potential additional areas – now or future



Proposals

Restocking

- Link with BSCC's Community Tree Nursery
- Primarily broadleaf
- Locally sourced
- Volunteers / learning



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Proposals

Paths & amenity

- 'Paths for People' study
- 3 link routes proposed
- Accessibility



Pic courtesy Skye & Lochalsh Disabled Ramblers

*"The forest is a wonderful place especially for kids. The easier the access for everyone the better."
(Paths for People Community survey)*



Proposals

Learning & volunteering

- Schools & young people
- Skills & training
- Tree planting & nature restoration
- 'Community woodland croft'
- Other ideas?



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Proposals

Small scale enterprise

- Wood fuel?
- Commemorative trees?
- Xmas trees?
- Other ideas?



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Getting involved

- Volunteering: Woodland and tree nursery with Phil
- Community Liaison Group
- Keep in touch



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Before ... and after?



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Thank you



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