

PROPOSED TREE PLANTING NEXT TO GALASHIELS GOLF CLUB, LADHOPE

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION Tuesday 25th October.
Galashiels Transport Interchange. 3-5pm and 7-9pm**



Tweed Forum is consulting with Scottish Borders Council and the Galashiels Common Good Sub Committee on a proposal to plant a mixture of native trees and Scots pine on the land next to Galashiels Golf Club at Ladhope.

The proposed design takes into account all the requirements to establish an attractive and productive woodland, good for public access and retaining the amazing views over Galashiels.



There are many roe deer in the area, and they love to eat young trees. The fence will exclude them while the trees are growing, and will be removed when the trees are established.



**LADHOPE
New Woodland**

Legend

- Scots Pine Woodland
- Native Woodland
- Retained Gorse
- Deer Fence



0 50 100 200 meters

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Most of the gorse areas will be retained but small areas of gorse within the deer and rabbit fence will be cut to reduce cover for rabbits who would eat the trees



The existing path network will be retained, with self-closing deer gates on the deer fence to allow easy access.



Drone view of Ladhope



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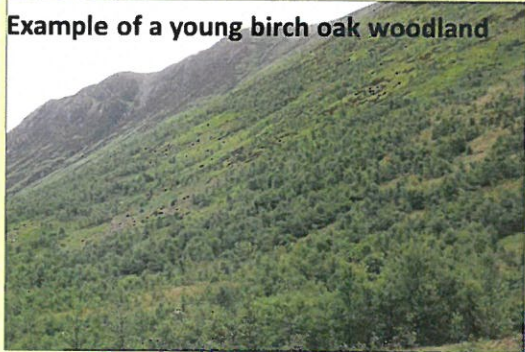


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The proposal is to plant around 18 hectares of woodland, with up to 20% open space to preserve views, paths and habitats. We are considering about 8ha of Scots pine woodland, with the remainder native trees such as oak, birch and hazel. The trees will be protected by a combination of deer fence, rabbit net, tree shelters and vole guards, which will be removed over time as the trees grow.



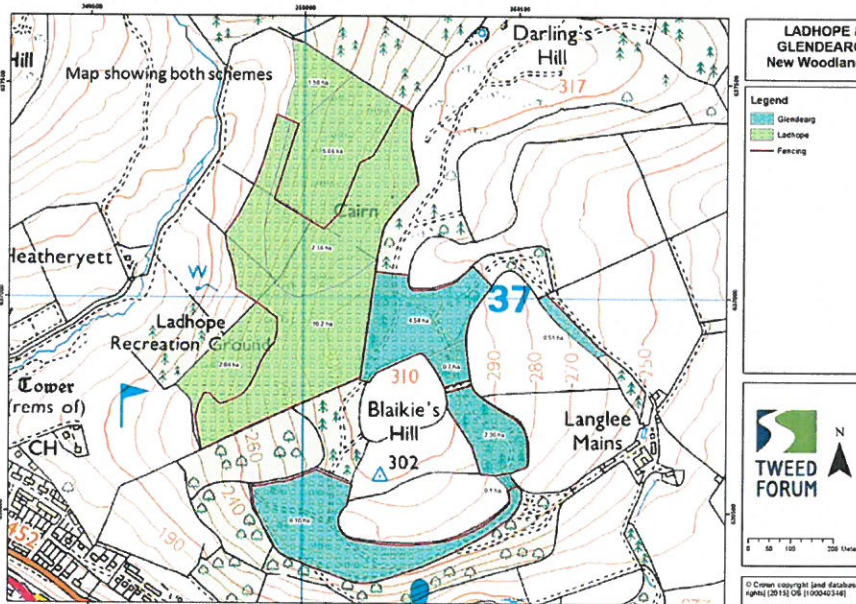
Example of a young birch oak woodland

The proposed tree species include birch, oak, hazel, rowan, aspen, holly, bird cherry, alder, and willows, with shrubs including juniper, hawthorn, blackthorn and guelder rose.

In the area with mostly Scots pine, trees will be planted at around 2m spacing to encourage straight growth of stems which could be harvested in 50 years time.



Scots pine forest



A self-closing deer gate



View east over the golf course

At Glendearg farm, next door to Ladhope, a similar tree planting scheme is proposed and has been approved by the Forestry Commission. Planting will start in 2016



Paths and views will be maintained at Ladhope

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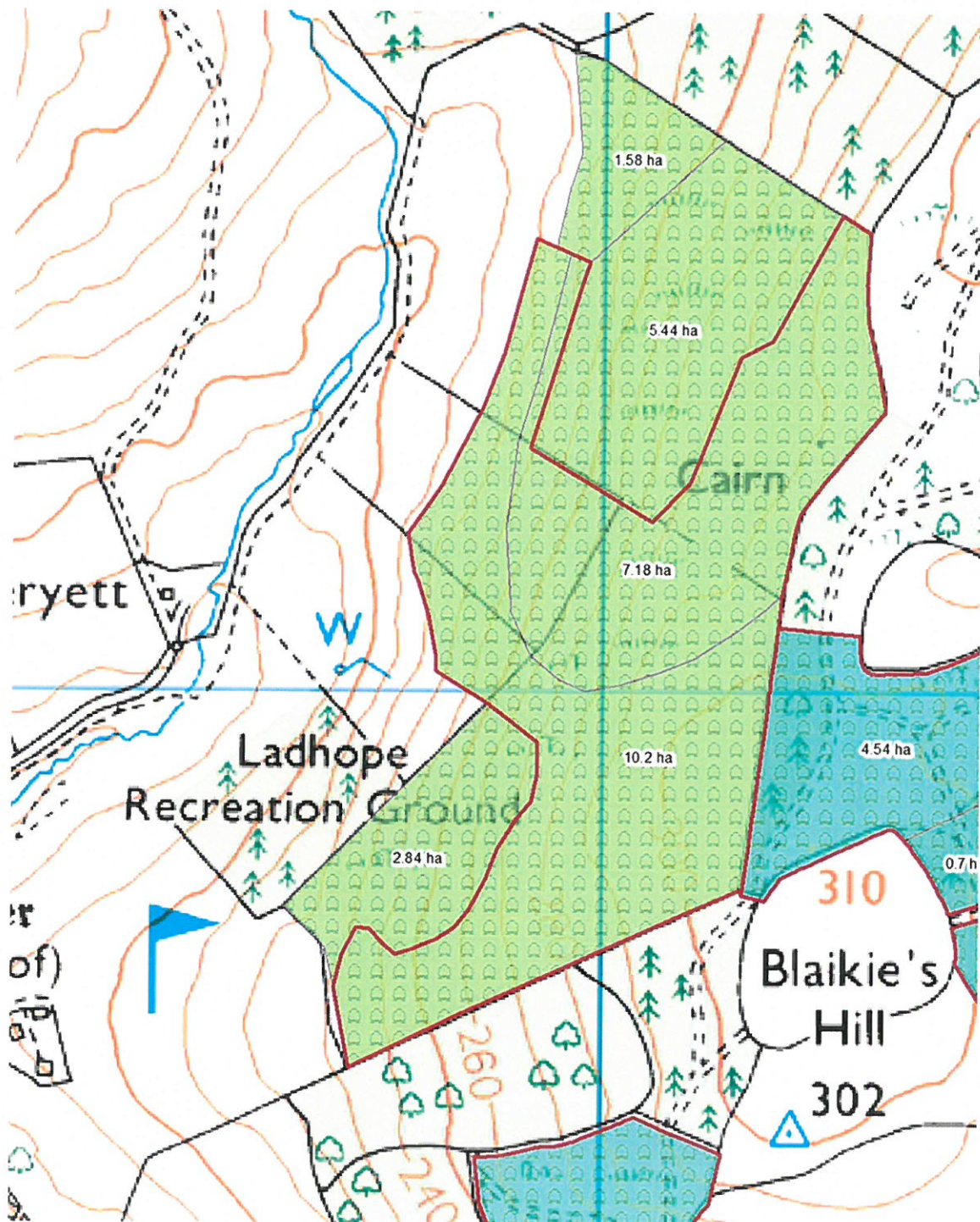


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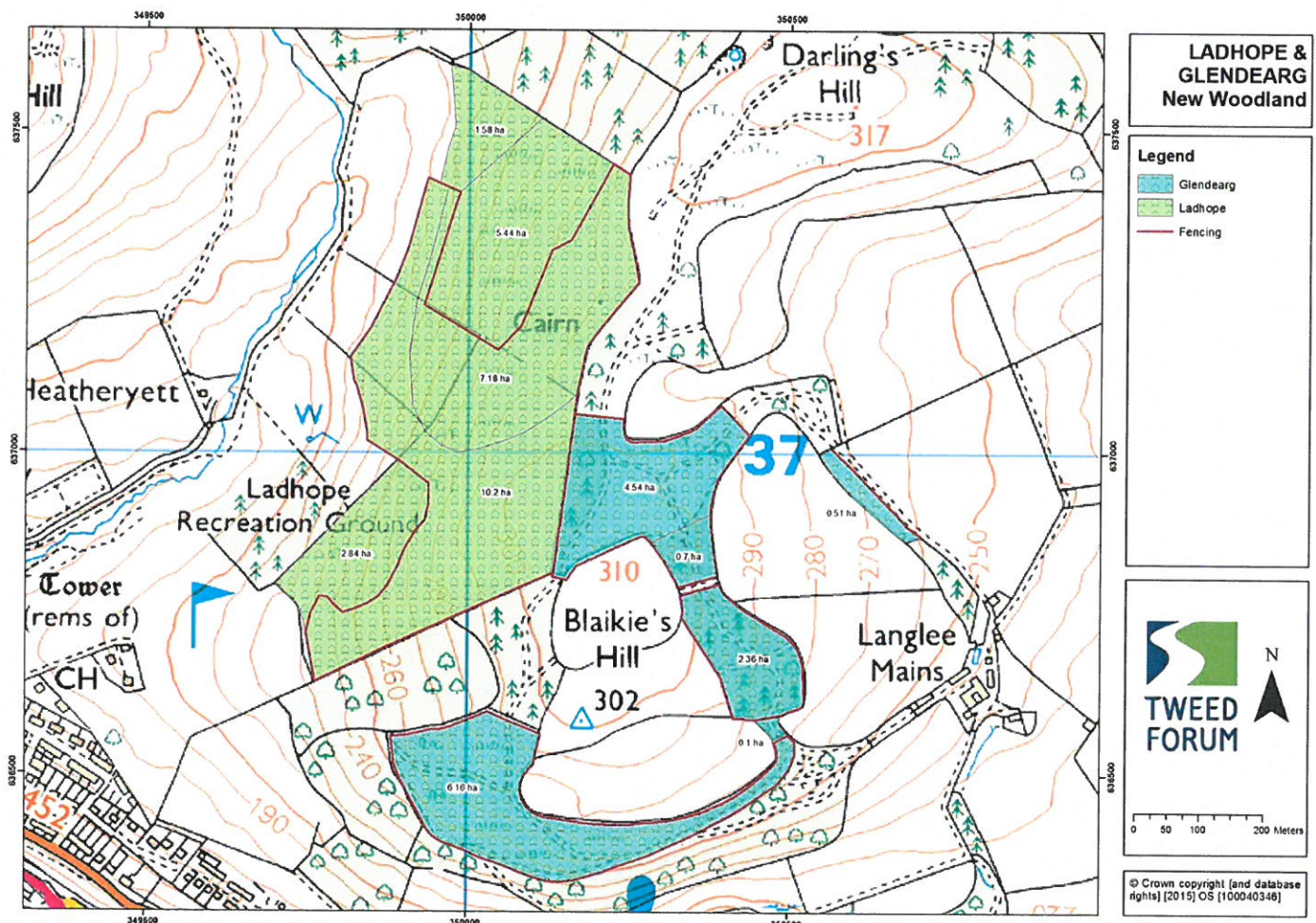
POTENTIAL MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS AT LADHOPE AND LANGLEE MAINS

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In conjunction with the two areas of tree planting at Galashiels Golf Course at Ladhope and Glendearg farm, a network of mountain bike paths is proposed. This proposal is at a very early stage and your views are important.

Potential MB trails and other paths to the north of Galashiels



QUESTIONS...

How much will it cost? Who will pay for it? Who will maintain the trails? Can I still walk my dog? Where will people park? What about golfers? How will bikes get through the deer fence? Can bikes and walkers share the same path? What about horses?

Could these mountain bike trails bring new life to Galashiels? Could the railway bring thousands of mountain bikers to spend money in the area? Could there be an uplift facility? How will trails connect to the new Langlee Bike trail?

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