

# Ladhope, Glendearg & Langlee Recreation Trails

## Map 1. Development Zone

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This map shows the Common Good ground at Ladhope and Langlee and the Glendearg farm land offered for recreation use by Mr Douglas.

The existing tracks and any built paths are highlighted in brown and worn paths are shown as a dotted line.

### Notes :-

- The shaded areas are possible trailbuilding zones. See Map 3 & 4 for trail ideas.

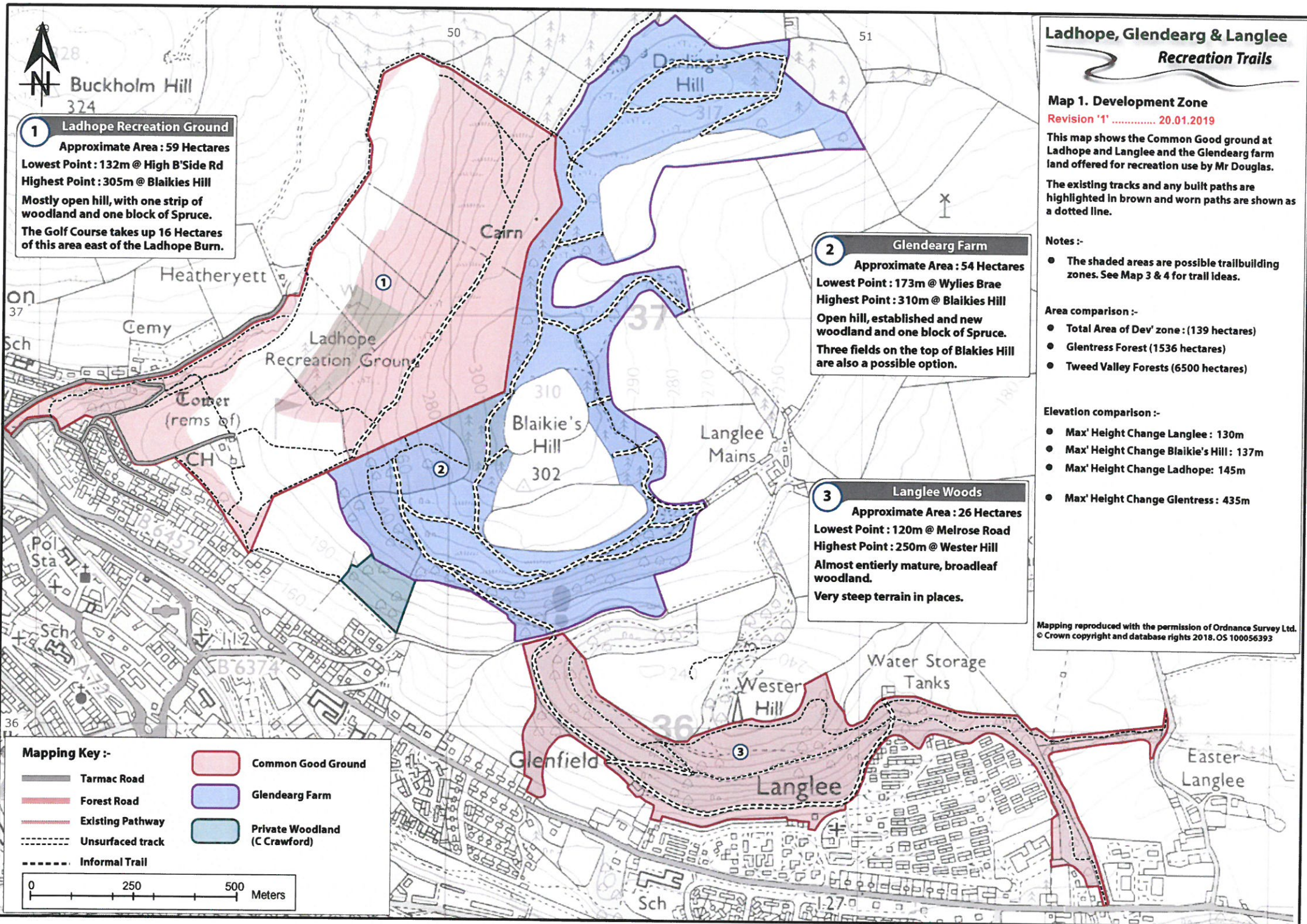
### Area comparison :-

- Total Area of Dev' zone: (139 hectares)
- Glentress Forest (1536 hectares)
- Tweed Valley Forests (6500 hectares)

### Elevation comparison :-

- Max' Height Change Langlee : 130m
- Max' Height Change Blaikie's Hill : 137m
- Max' Height Change Ladhope: 145m
- Max' Height Change Glentress : 435m

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### 1 Ladhope Recreation Ground

**Approximate Area : 59 Hectares**  
**Lowest Point : 132m @ High B'Side Rd**  
**Highest Point : 305m @ Blaikies Hill**  
 Mostly open hill, with one strip of woodland and one block of Spruce.  
 The Golf Course takes up 16 Hectares of this area east of the Ladhope Burn.

### 2 Glendearg Farm

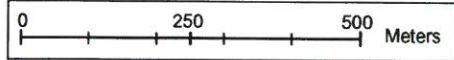
**Approximate Area : 54 Hectares**  
**Lowest Point : 173m @ Wylies Brae**  
**Highest Point : 310m @ Blaikies Hill**  
 Open hill, established and new woodland and one block of Spruce.  
 Three fields on the top of Blaikies Hill are also a possible option.

### 3 Langlee Woods

**Approximate Area : 26 Hectares**  
**Lowest Point : 120m @ Melrose Road**  
**Highest Point : 250m @ Wester Hill**  
 Almost entirely mature, broadleaf woodland.  
 Very steep terrain in places.

### Mapping Key :-

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## Map 2. Access Points and Car Parks

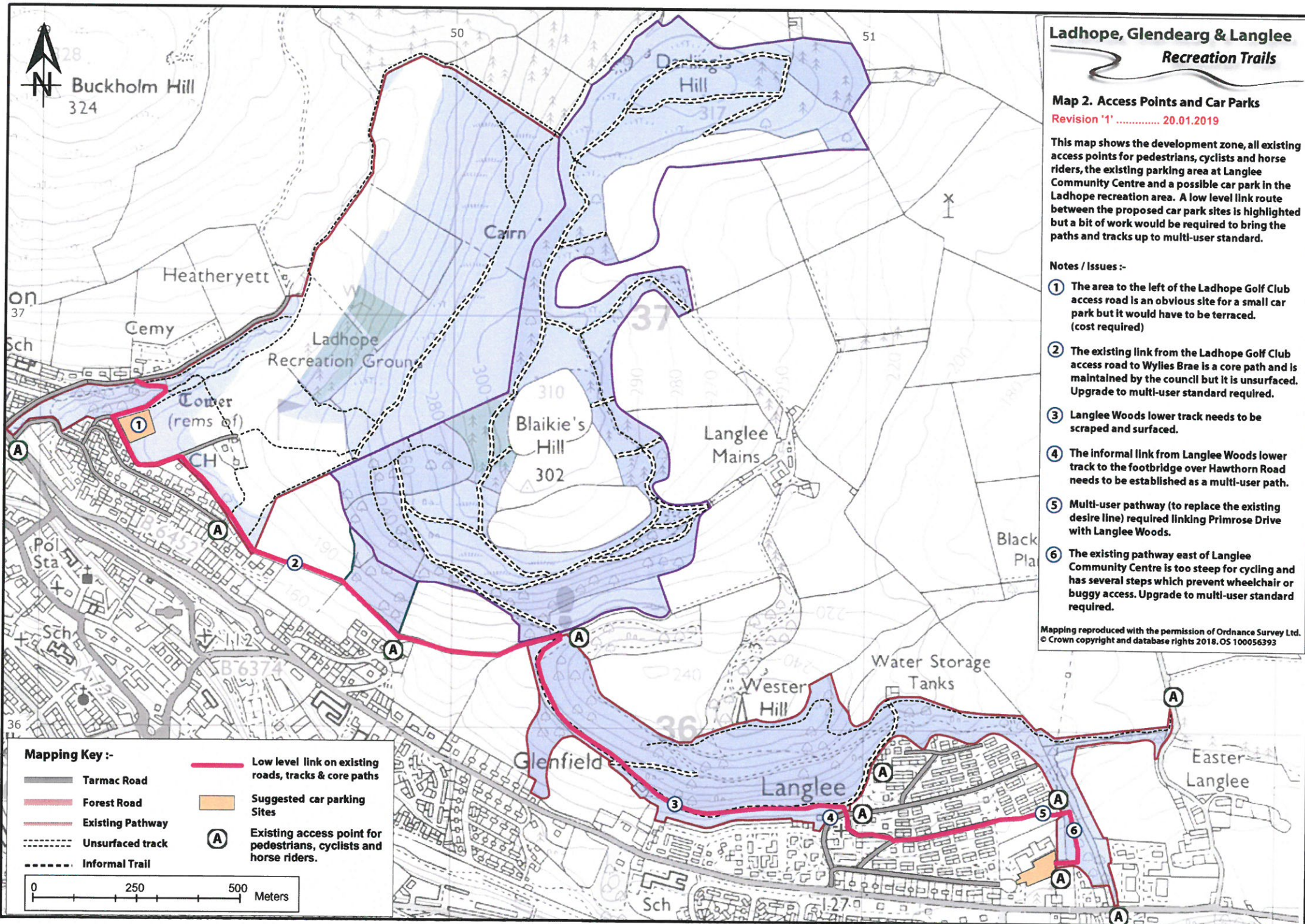
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This map shows the development zone, all existing access points for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders, the existing parking area at Langlee Community Centre and a possible car park in the Ladhope recreation area. A low level link route between the proposed car park sites is highlighted but a bit of work would be required to bring the paths and tracks up to multi-user standard.

### Notes / Issues :-

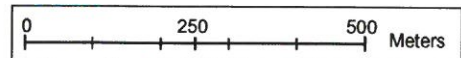
- ① The area to the left of the Ladhope Golf Club access road is an obvious site for a small car park but it would have to be terraced. (cost required)
- ② The existing link from the Ladhope Golf Club access road to Wylies Brae is a core path and is maintained by the council but it is unsurfaced. Upgrade to multi-user standard required.
- ③ Langlee Woods lower track needs to be scraped and surfaced.
- ④ The informal link from Langlee Woods lower track to the footbridge over Hawthorn Road needs to be established as a multi-user path.
- ⑤ Multi-user pathway (to replace the existing desire line) required linking Primrose Drive with Langlee Woods.
- ⑥ The existing pathway east of Langlee Community Centre is too steep for cycling and has several steps which prevent wheelchair or buggy access. Upgrade to multi-user standard required.

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### Mapping Key :-

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|  | Tarmac Road      |  | Low level link on existing roads, tracks & core paths             |
|  | Forest Road      |  | Suggested car parking Sites                                       |
|  | Existing Pathway |  | Existing access point for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. |
|  | Unsurfaced track |  |   |
|  | Informal Trail   |  |   |





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## Map 3. Core Path Strategy

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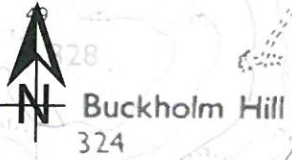
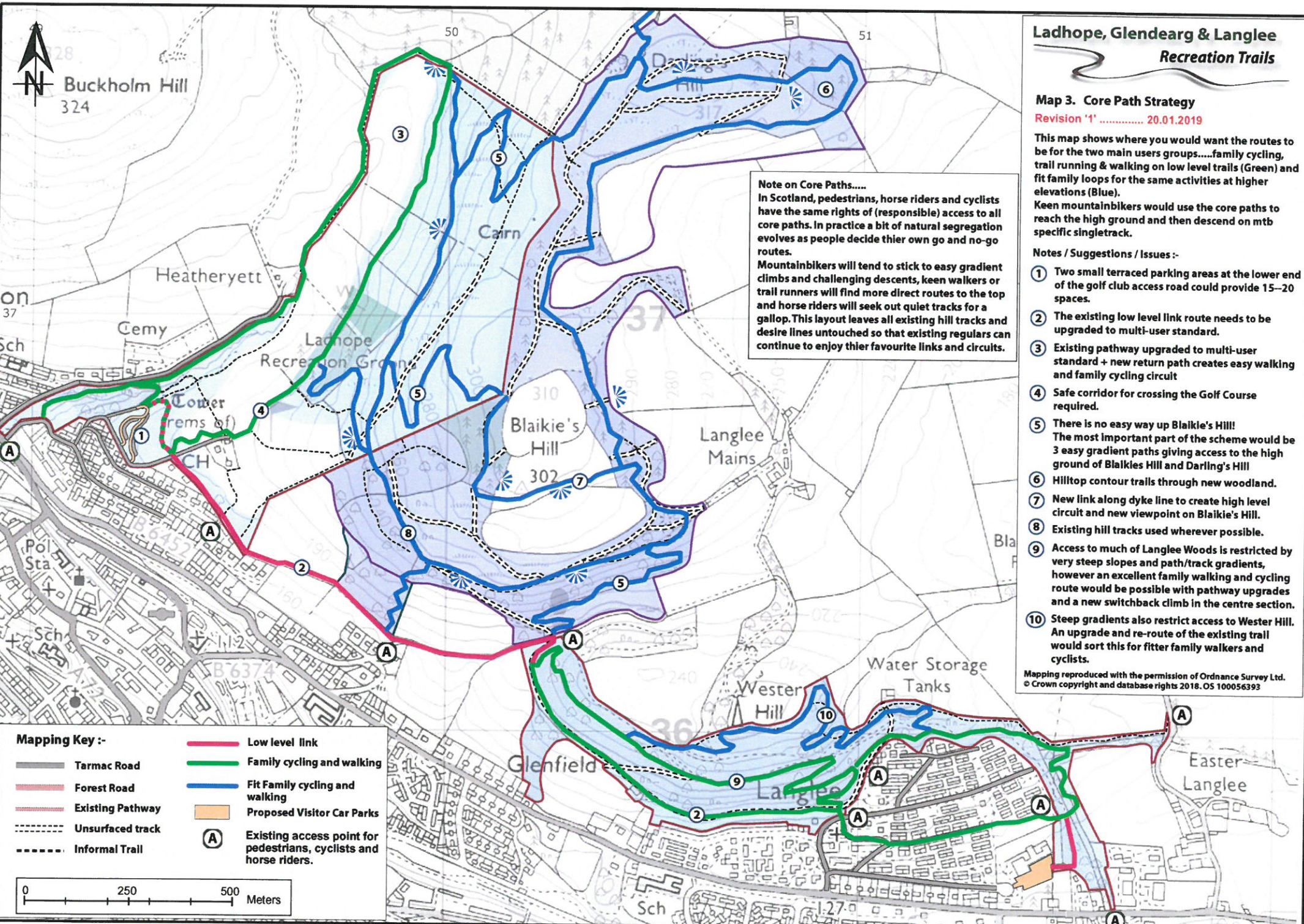
This map shows where you would want the routes to be for the two main users groups.....family cycling, trail running & walking on low level trails (Green) and fit family loops for the same activities at higher elevations (Blue). Keen mountainbikers would use the core paths to reach the high ground and then descend on mtb specific singletrack.

### Notes / Suggestions / Issues :-

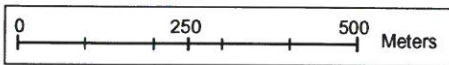
- ① Two small terraced parking areas at the lower end of the golf club access road could provide 15-20 spaces.
- ② The existing low level link route needs to be upgraded to multi-user standard.
- ③ Existing pathway upgraded to multi-user standard + new return path creates easy walking and family cycling circuit
- ④ Safe corridor for crossing the Golf Course required.
- ⑤ There is no easy way up Blaikie's Hill! The most important part of the scheme would be 3 easy gradient paths giving access to the high ground of Blaikies Hill and Darling's Hill
- ⑥ Hilltop contour trails through new woodland.
- ⑦ New link along dyke line to create high level circuit and new viewpoint on Blaikie's Hill.
- ⑧ Existing hill tracks used wherever possible.
- ⑨ Access to much of Langlee Woods is restricted by very steep slopes and path/track gradients, however an excellent family walking and cycling route would be possible with pathway upgrades and a new switchback climb in the centre section.
- ⑩ Steep gradients also restrict access to Wester Hill. An upgrade and re-route of the existing trail would sort this for fitter family walkers and cyclists.

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**Note on Core Paths.....**  
 In Scotland, pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists have the same rights of (responsible) access to all core paths. In practice a bit of natural segregation evolves as people decide thier own go and no-go routes.  
 Mountainbikers will tend to stick to easy gradient climbs and challenging descents, keen walkers or trail runners will find more direct routes to the top and horse riders will seek out quiet tracks for a gallop. This layout leaves all existing hill tracks and desire lines untouched so that existing regulars can continue to enjoy thier favourite links and circuits.



Mapping Key :-	
	Tarmac Road
	Forest Road
	Existing Pathway
	Unsurfaced track
	Informal Trail
	Low level link
	Family cycling and walking
	Fit Family cycling and walking
	Proposed Visitor Car Parks
	Existing access point for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.





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## Map 4. Core Paths

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This map takes the ideas from Map 3 and refines the lines to create a more accurate core path network. All trails would be easy gradient to suit family cycling and surfaces would be all-weather.

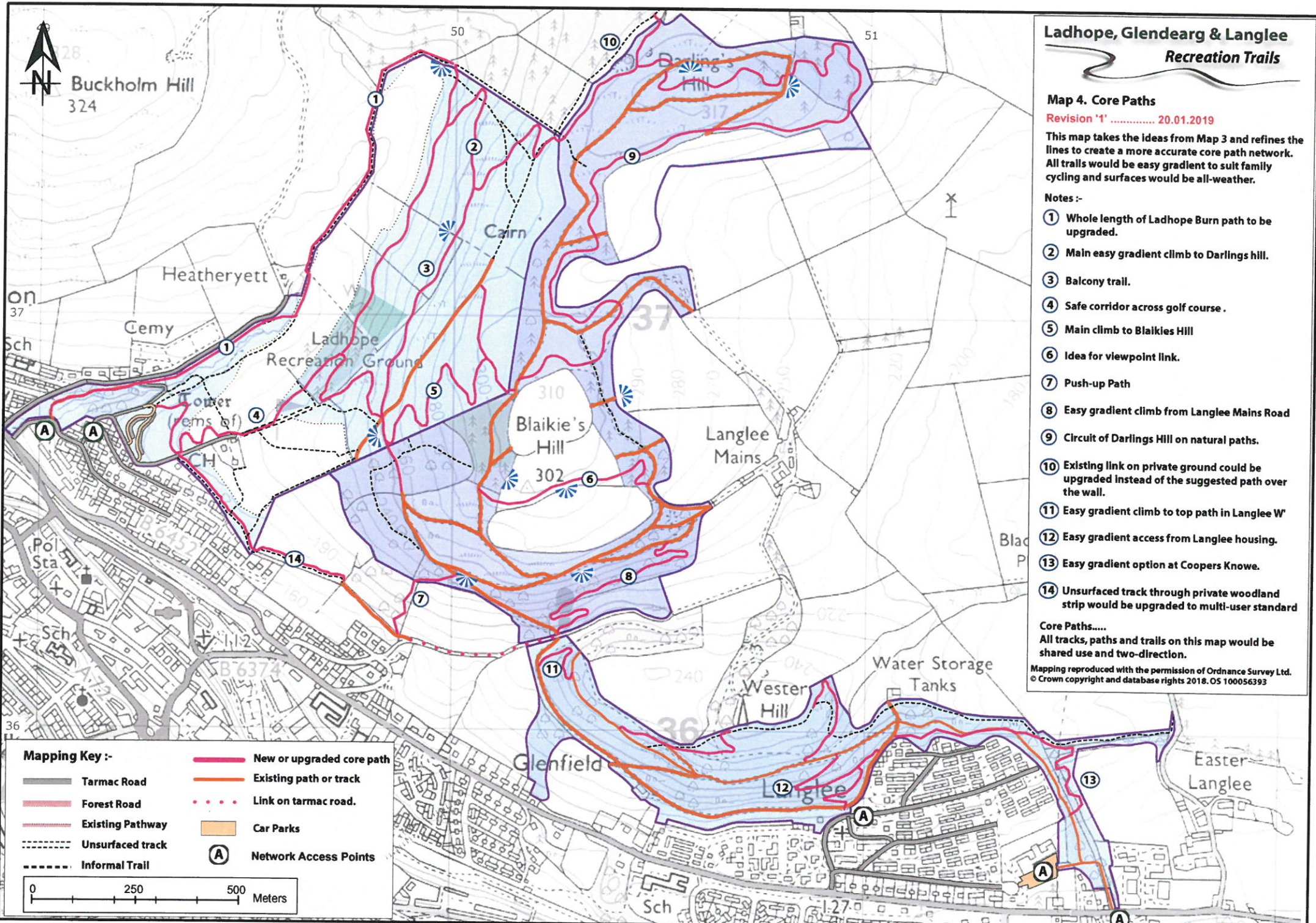
### Notes :-

- ① Whole length of Ladhope Burn path to be upgraded.
- ② Main easy gradient climb to Darlings hill.
- ③ Balcony trail.
- ④ Safe corridor across golf course .
- ⑤ Main climb to Blaikies Hill
- ⑥ Idea for viewpoint link.
- ⑦ Push-up Path
- ⑧ Easy gradient climb from Langlee Mains Road
- ⑨ Circuit of Darlings Hill on natural paths.
- ⑩ Existing link on private ground could be upgraded instead of the suggested path over the wall.
- ⑪ Easy gradient climb to top path in Langlee W'
- ⑫ Easy gradient access from Langlee housing.
- ⑬ Easy gradient option at Coopers Knowe.
- ⑭ Unsurfaced track through private woodland strip would be upgraded to multi-user standard

### Core Paths.....

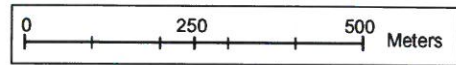
All tracks, paths and trails on this map would be shared use and two-direction.

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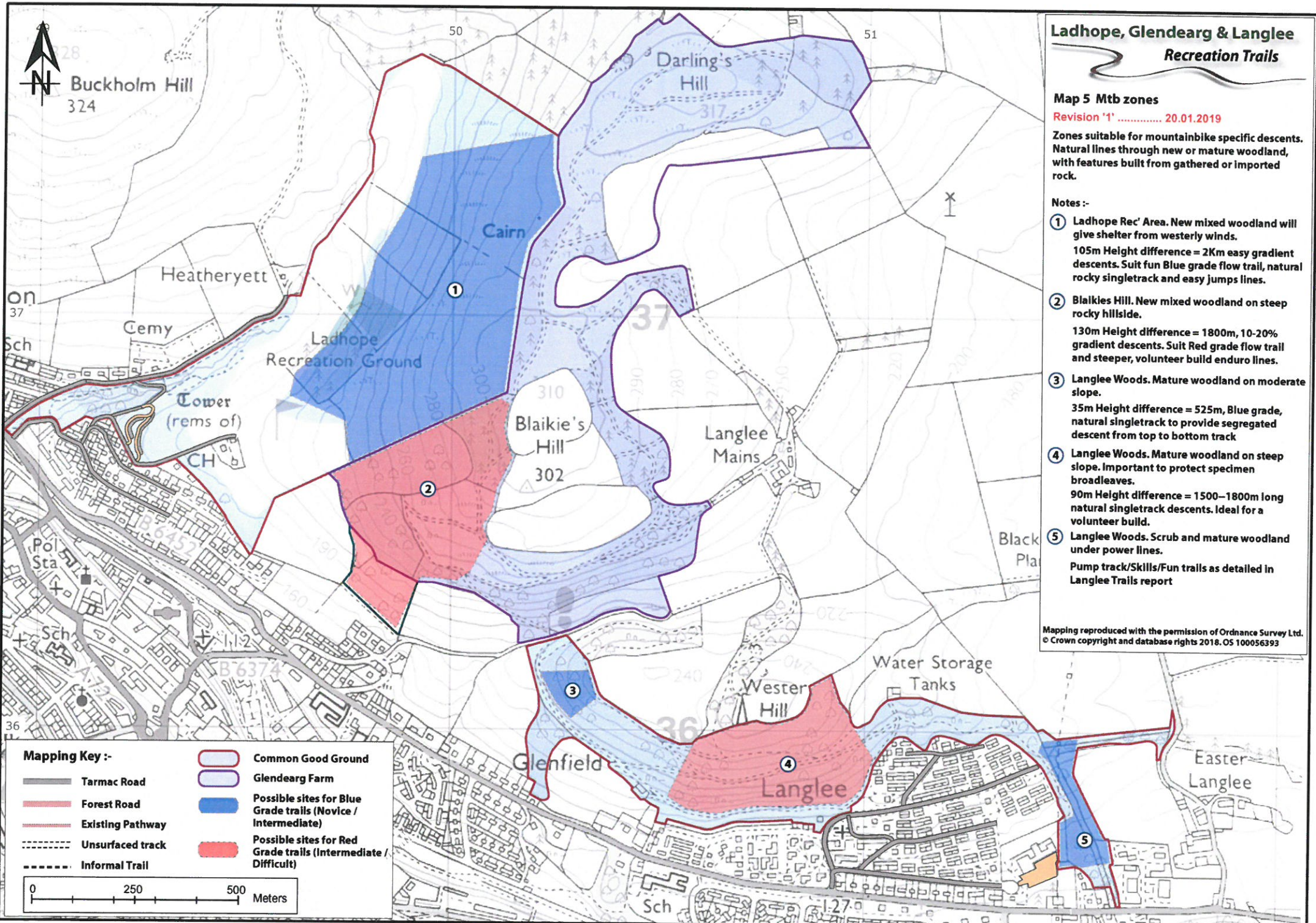


### Mapping Key :-

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|--|------------------|--|---------------------------|
|  | Tarmac Road      |  | New or upgraded core path |
|  | Forest Road      |  | Existing path or track    |
|  | Existing Pathway |  | Link on tarmac road.      |
|  | Unsurfaced track |  | Car Parks                 |
|  | Informal Trail   |  | Network Access Points     |







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**Map 5 Mtb zones**  
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Zones suitable for mountainbike specific descents. Natural lines through new or mature woodland, with features built from gathered or imported rock.

- Notes :-
- ① Ladhope Rec' Area. New mixed woodland will give shelter from westerly winds.  
 105m Height difference = 2Km easy gradient descents. Suit fun Blue grade flow trail, natural rocky singletrack and easy jumps lines.
  - ② Blaikies Hill. New mixed woodland on steep rocky hillside.  
 130m Height difference = 1800m, 10-20% gradient descents. Suit Red grade flow trail and steeper, volunteer build enduro lines.
  - ③ Langlee Woods. Mature woodland on moderate slope.  
 35m Height difference = 525m, Blue grade, natural singletrack to provide segregated descent from top to bottom track
  - ④ Langlee Woods. Mature woodland on steep slope. Important to protect specimen broadleaves.  
 90m Height difference = 1500-1800m long natural singletrack descents. Ideal for a volunteer build.
  - ⑤ Langlee Woods. Scrub and mature woodland under power lines.  
 Pump track/Skills/Fun trails as detailed in Langlee Trails report

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**Mapping Key :-**

	Tarmac Road		Common Good Ground
	Forest Road		Glendearg Farm
	Existing Pathway		Possible sites for Blue Grade trails (Novice / Intermediate)
	Unsurfaced track		Possible sites for Red Grade trails (Intermediate / Difficult)
	Informal Trail		

0 250 500 Meters



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## Map 6. Mountainbike Trails

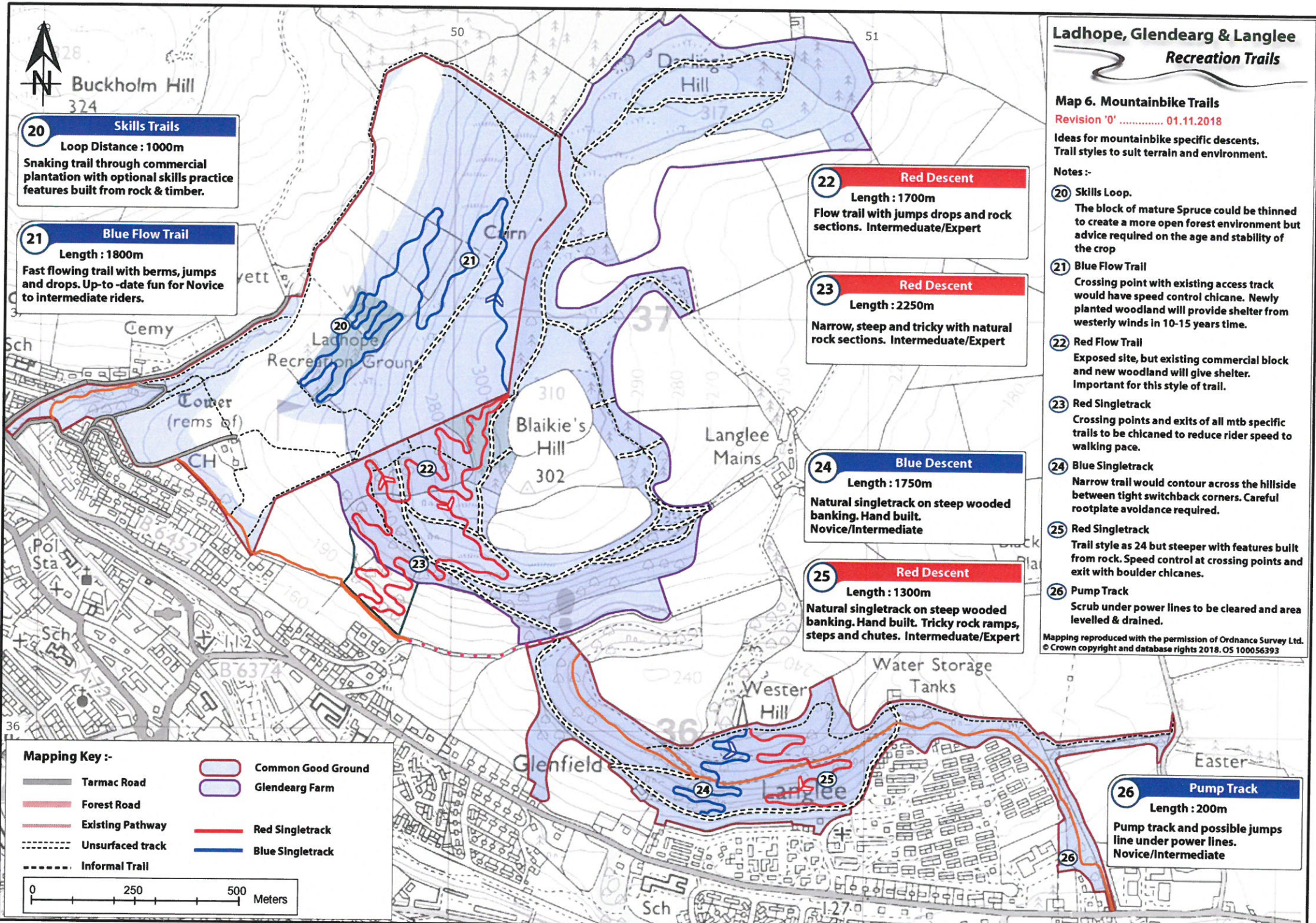
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Ideas for mountainbike specific descents. Trail styles to suit terrain and environment.

Notes:-

- 20 Skills Loop.  
The block of mature Spruce could be thinned to create a more open forest environment but advice required on the age and stability of the crop
- 21 Blue Flow Trail  
Crossing point with existing access track would have speed control chicane. Newly planted woodland will provide shelter from westerly winds in 10-15 years time.
- 22 Red Flow Trail  
Exposed site, but existing commercial block and new woodland will give shelter. Important for this style of trail.
- 23 Red Singletrack  
Crossing points and exits of all mtb specific trails to be chicaned to reduce rider speed to walking pace.
- 24 Blue Singletrack  
Narrow trail would contour across the hillside between tight switchback corners. Careful rotplate avoidance required.
- 25 Red Singletrack  
Trail style as 24 but steeper with features built from rock. Speed control at crossing points and exit with boulder chicanes.
- 26 Pump Track  
Scrub under power lines to be cleared and area levelled & drained.

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**20 Skills Trails**  
Loop Distance : 1000m  
Snaking trail through commercial plantation with optional skills practice features built from rock & timber.

**21 Blue Flow Trail**  
Length : 1800m  
Fast flowing trail with berms, jumps and drops. Up-to-date fun for Novice to intermediate riders.

**22 Red Descent**  
Length : 1700m  
Flow trail with jumps drops and rock sections. Intermediate/Expert

**23 Red Descent**  
Length : 2250m  
Narrow, steep and tricky with natural rock sections. Intermediate/Expert

**24 Blue Descent**  
Length : 1750m  
Natural singletrack on steep wooded banking. Hand built. Novice/Intermediate

**25 Red Descent**  
Length : 1300m  
Natural singletrack on steep wooded banking. Hand built. Tricky rock ramps, steps and chutes. Intermediate/Expert

**26 Pump Track**  
Length : 200m  
Pump track and possible jumps line under power lines. Novice/Intermediate

**Mapping Key :-**


0 250 500 Meters