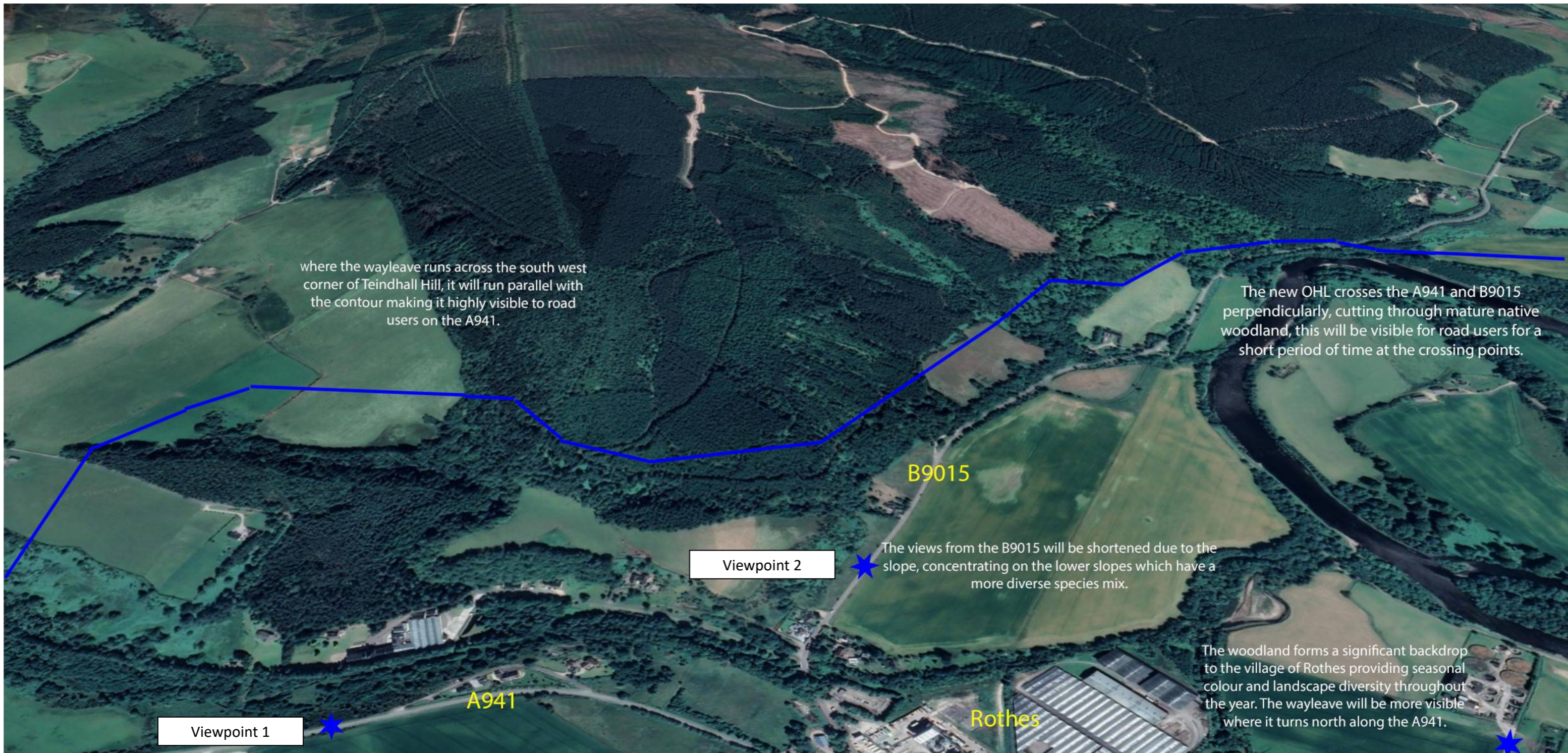
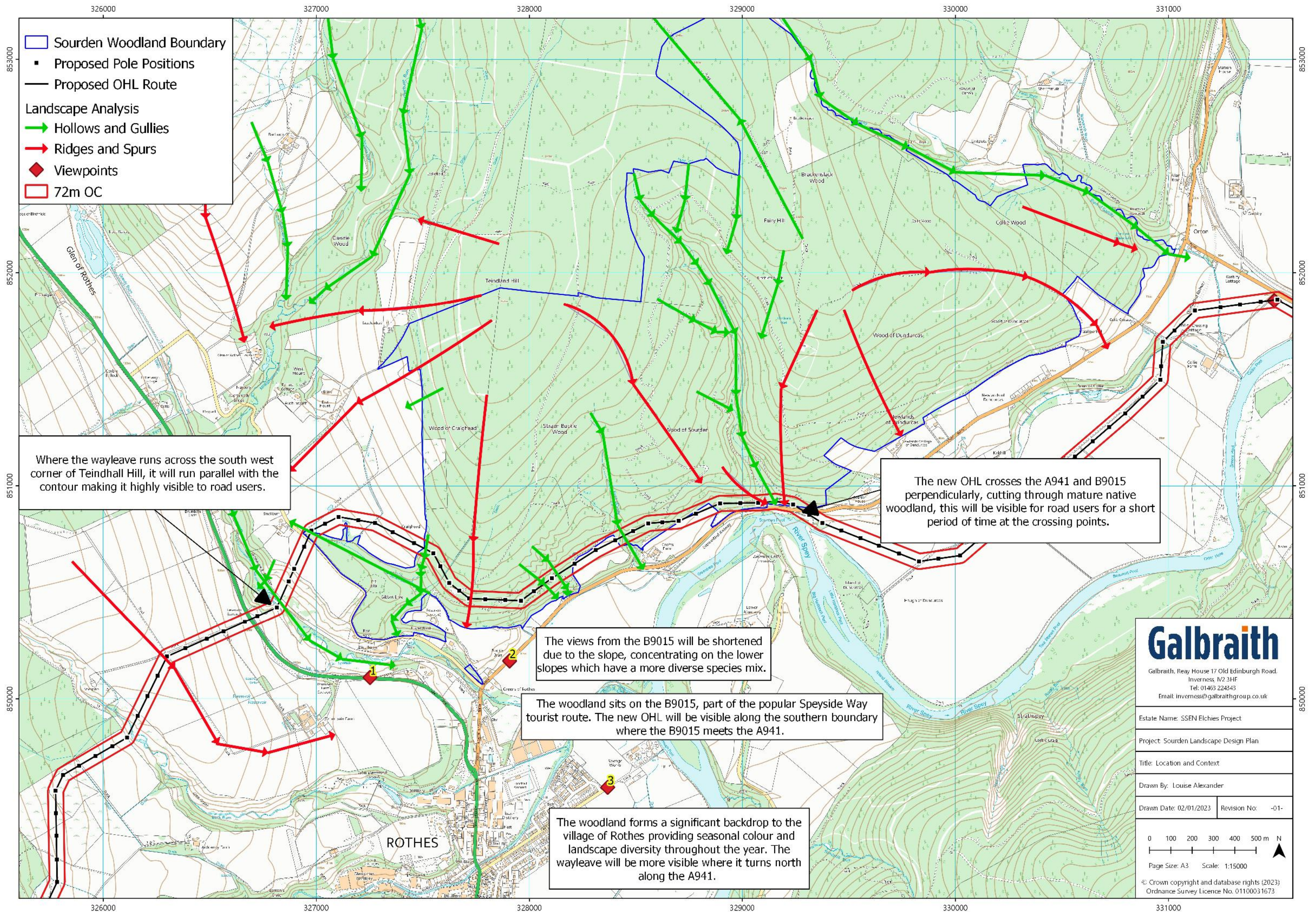


APPENDIX 9.3: LANDSCAPE APPRAISAL (SOURDEN WOOD)

Elchies Project—Landscape Design Assessment





- Souden Woodland Boundary
- Proposed Pole Positions
- Proposed OHL Route
- Landscape Analysis**
- ➔ Hollows and Gullies
- ➔ Ridges and Spurs
- ◆ Viewpoints
- 72m OC

Where the wayleave runs across the south west corner of Teindhall Hill, it will run parallel with the contour making it highly visible to road users.

The new OHL crosses the A941 and B9015 perpendicularly, cutting through mature native woodland, this will be visible for road users for a short period of time at the crossing points.

The views from the B9015 will be shortened due to the slope, concentrating on the lower slopes which have a more diverse species mix.

The woodland sits on the B9015, part of the popular Speyside Way tourist route. The new OHL will be visible along the southern boundary where the B9015 meets the A941.

The woodland forms a significant backdrop to the village of Rothes providing seasonal colour and landscape diversity throughout the year. The wayleave will be more visible where it turns north along the A941.

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Viewpoint 1



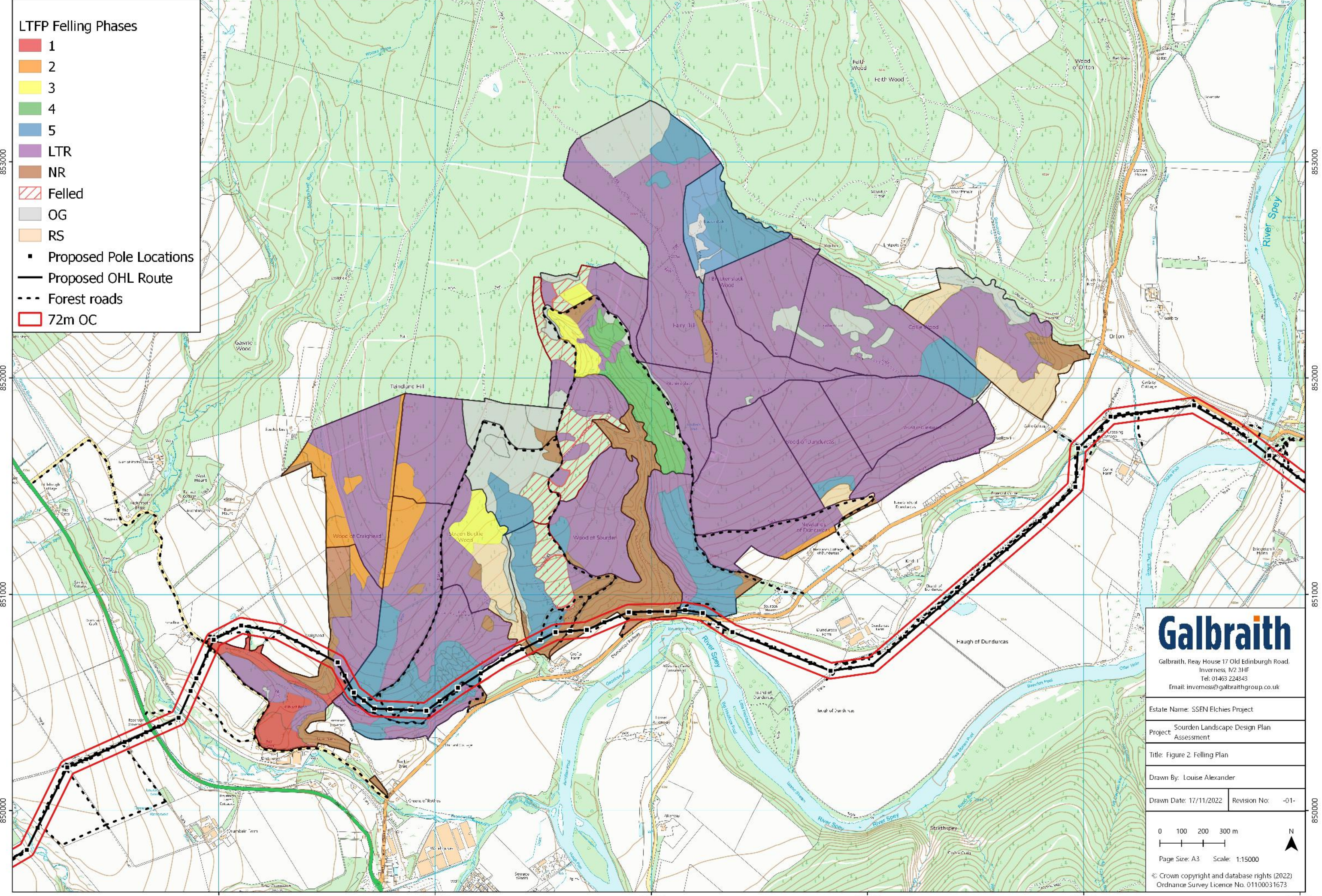
Viewpoint 2



Viewpoint 3



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LTFFP Felling Phases

- 1
- 2
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- LTR
- NR
- Felled
- OG
- RS
- Proposed Pole Locations
- Proposed OHL Route
- Forest roads
- 72m OC

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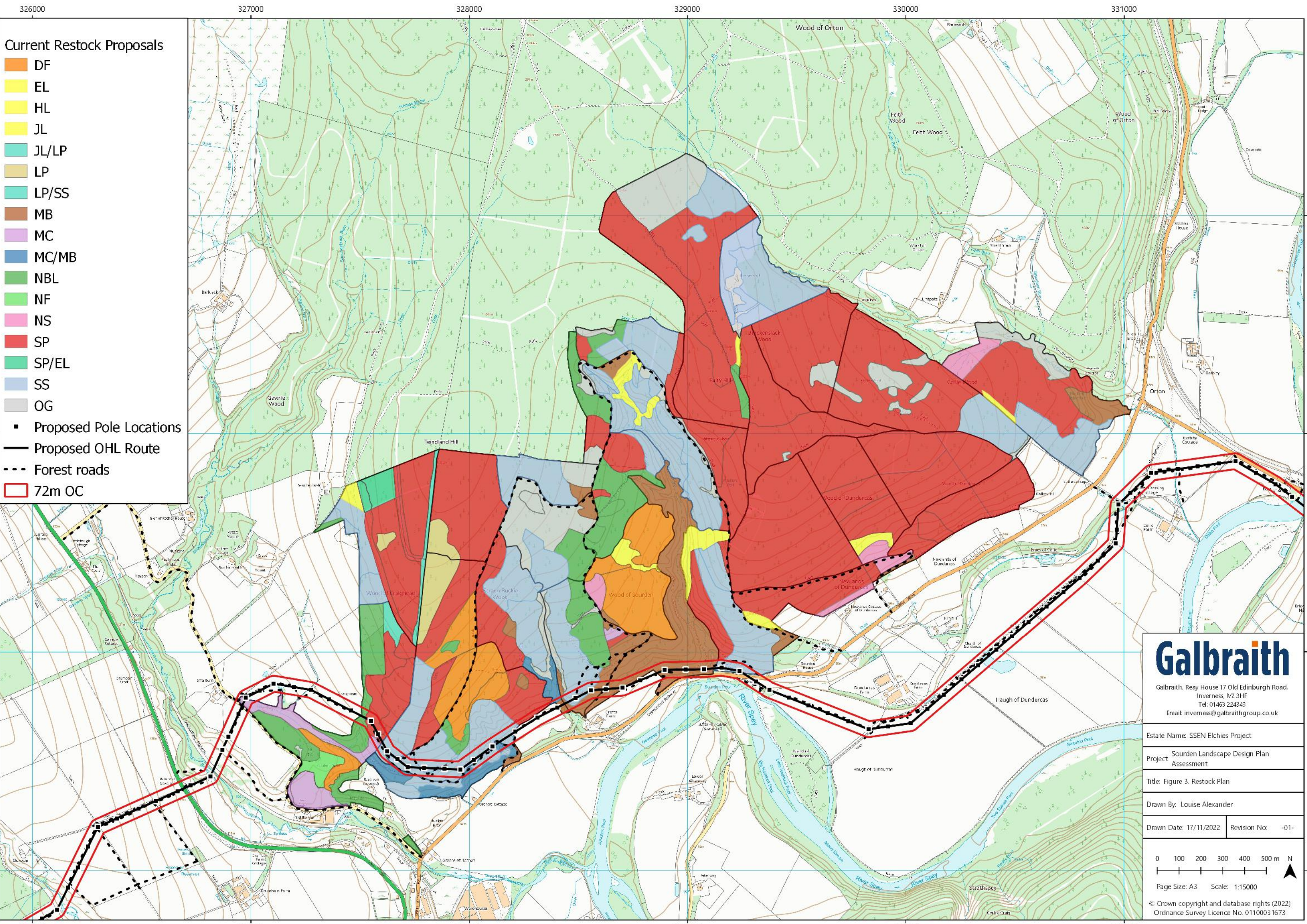
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- Current Restock Proposals**
- DF
 - EL
 - HL
 - JL
 - JL/LP
 - LP
 - LP/SS
 - MB
 - MC
 - MC/MB
 - NBL
 - NF
 - NS
 - SP
 - SP/EL
 - SS
 - OG
 - Proposed Pole Locations
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- Operational Requirements**
- █ OC Felling - 13.5 ha
 - █ Management Felling - 3.34 ha
 - █ New Track Felling - 1.45 ha
- Existing Woodland**
- █ Plantation Woodland
 - █ Long Term Retention
 - █ Natural Reserve
 - █ Open
 - █ Open Ground/Other Land
- 72m OC
 - Forest roads
 - Souden Woodland Boundary
 - Proposed Pole Locations
 - Proposed OHL Route

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Native broadleaved woodland identified within the LTFP as Natural Reserve and Long Term Retention will be required to be removed within the new wayleave. An amendment to the LTFP will be submitted.

To facilitate access, a 20m corridor will be felled along the access tracks.

Mature Sitka spruce and Scots pine identified within the original LTFP for removal in Phase 5, will be removed to facilitate the new wayleave corridor. An amendment to the LTFP will be submitted.

To mitigate any potential wind throw, additional management felling will be carried out to a suitable wind firm edge.

A 72m wide operational corridor (OC) will be felled to facilitate the new OHL. This area will be kept clear of all trees throughout the lifetime of the OHL to prevent any future damage to the OHL. Low growing vegetation will be managed to reduce any impact.

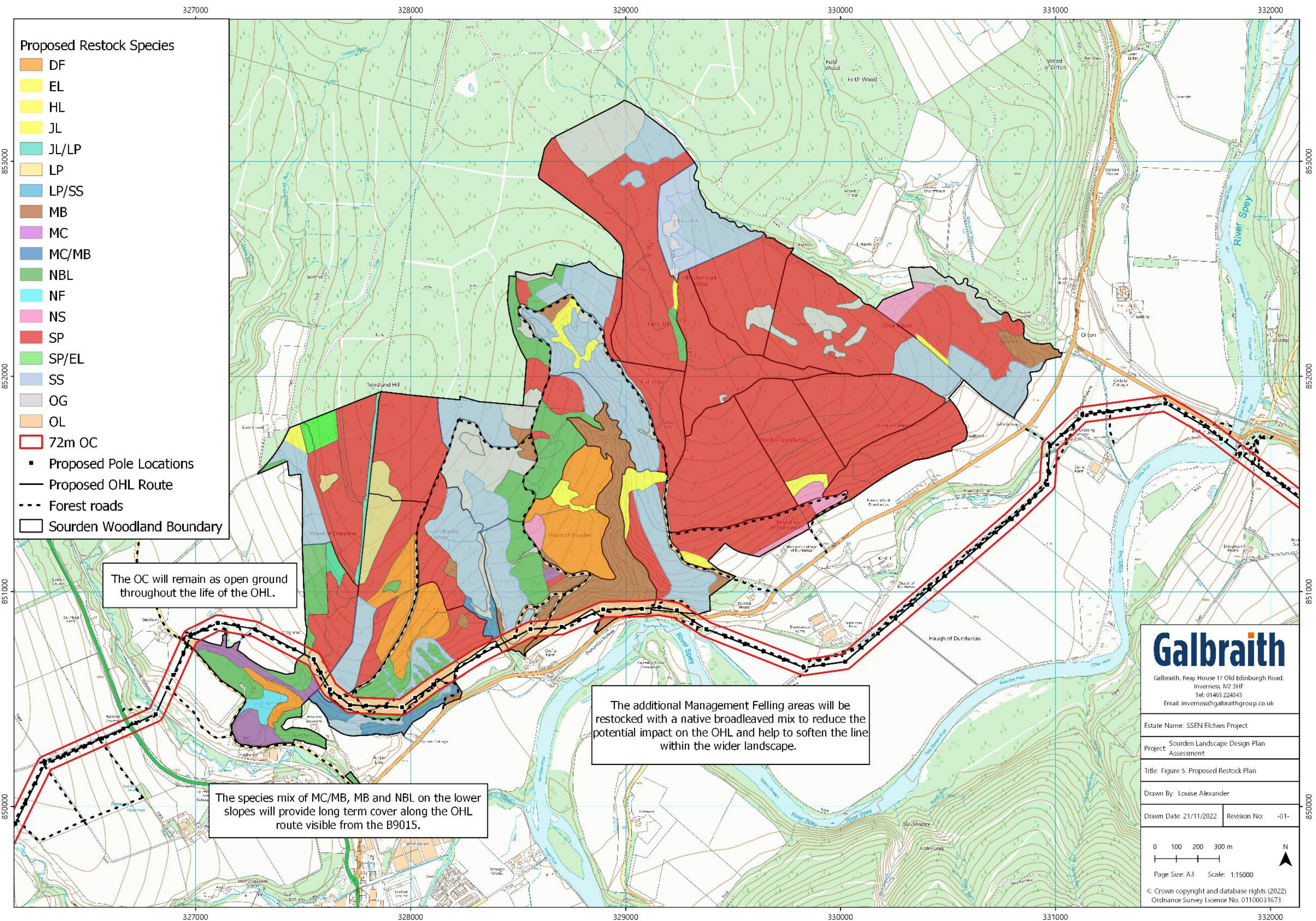
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- Proposed Restock Species**
- DF
 - EL
 - HL
 - JL
 - JL/LP
 - LP
 - LP/SS
 - MB
 - MC
 - MC/MB
 - NBL
 - NF
 - NS
 - SP
 - SP/EL
 - SS
 - OG
 - OL
- 72m OC
 Proposed Pole Locations
 Proposed OHL Route
 Forest roads
 Souden Woodland Boundary

The OC will remain as open ground throughout the life of the OHL.

The additional Management Felling areas will be restocked with a native broadleaved mix to reduce the potential impact on the OHL and help to soften the line within the wider landscape.

The species mix of MC/MB, MB and NBL on the lower slopes will provide long term cover along the OHL route visible from the B9015.

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