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Cwmbanfawr Wood Forest Plan Scoping process

Dear Stakeholder,

We are in the process of preparing a Forest Plan for Cwmbanfawr Wood with the intention of achieving certification via the UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS). You have been identified as a potential stakeholder and we invite you to participate in this scoping exercise. The purpose is to engage with stakeholders on key issues in order to ensure your interests are reflected in the Long Term Forest Plan (LTFP) for this woodland.

This work is being performed by Highfield Forestry on behalf of the land owner.

Location

The forest plan will cover the forest of Cwmbanfawr, an area of approximately 36.44 ha, about 2km north-east of Llanfynydd (National Grid Reference: SN 475 292). It lies on three slopes adjacent to Afon Felindre and Nant Cwmwr-Ddu.

Background

Cwmbanfawr is a commercial plantation established in 1964-65 with a mixture of Sitka spruce, Douglas fir, Norway spruce and Japanese larch, with some native broadleaves along the watercourses.

The forest has shown very good growth but has not been thinned due to poor access, therefore the mature timber is ready to harvest before it experiences extensive wind damage.

Conservation

There are no known designated protected areas nearby other than a small plantation on ancient woodland site near the river, which will be restored to native broadleaves. There is no

evidence of otters or bats on the site, although they are present in the wider area. Old and current badger sets have been seen so a badger licence will be required.

All these features will be protected in accordance with good practice as set out in the UK Forestry Standard.

Management Objectives

Timber production will remain the primary objective for the forest, although areas of native woodland will also be included in the design to be managed for conservation and biodiversity. The plan will seek to enhance the diversity and character of the wood as well as to improve the visual amenity and disease resistance of the forest. The forest will be managed to conform to the UK Forestry Standard and UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) with the intention of becoming certified by UKWAS.

Main Operations

Most of the mature crop will be felled over two felling licences between 2018 and 2023 (*see attached draft felling map*). The short felling timescale is necessary to minimise risk of windblow. Restocking will primarily be with Sitka spruce with Norway spruce and Douglas fir on the lower slopes. The areas of native broadleaved species will also be increased to aid biodiversity and ecology.

Timber Extraction

The forest access will be upgraded prior to the works. The local council will be consulted prior to timber extraction.

Summary

As a stakeholder I invite you to review the details given in the letter and the enclosed Concept map. At this stage no final decisions have been made about the plan, so we welcome any opinions, suggestions or additional information about features of interest we have not yet identified. The attached concept map will be adjusted and modified with input from this consultation.

If you have any comments, additions or amendments please advise me either by email or by letter by **5th October 2018**. As we are not always able to identify all the potential interested parties we would like to encourage distribution of this information. The list of stakeholders we have contacted is given in the table below.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

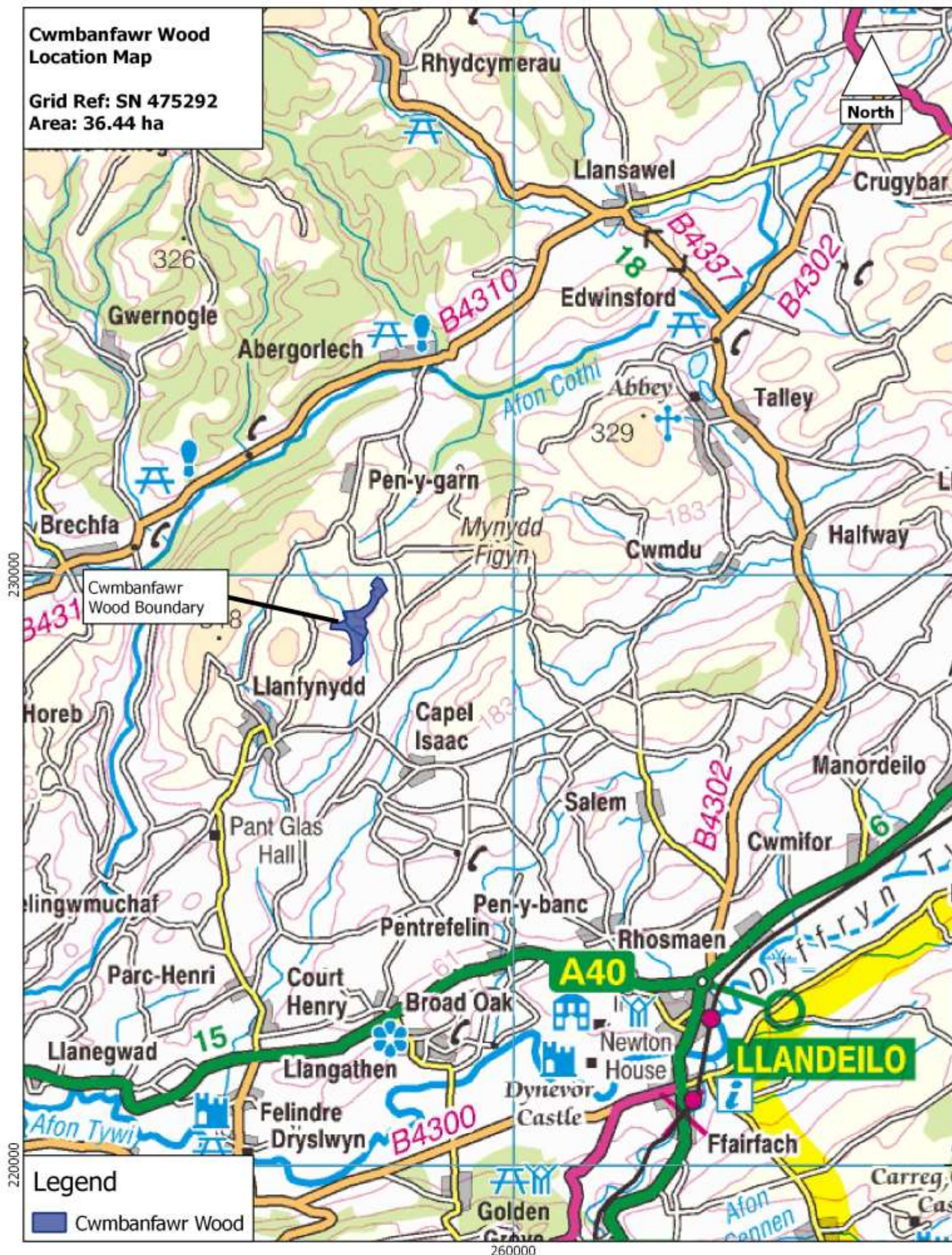
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Enc. Location map, Concept map and draft felling / restructuring proposals.

List of Stakeholders
Carmarthen County Council
Llanfynydd Community Council
Natural Resources Wales
Dyfed Archaeological Trust
RSPB
Blaencwm Farm (Neighbour)
Cwmban Fawr House (Neighbour)
Woodland Trust

Cwmbanfawr Wood Location Map

Grid Ref: SN 475292
Area: 36.44 ha



Legend

Cwmbanfawr Wood

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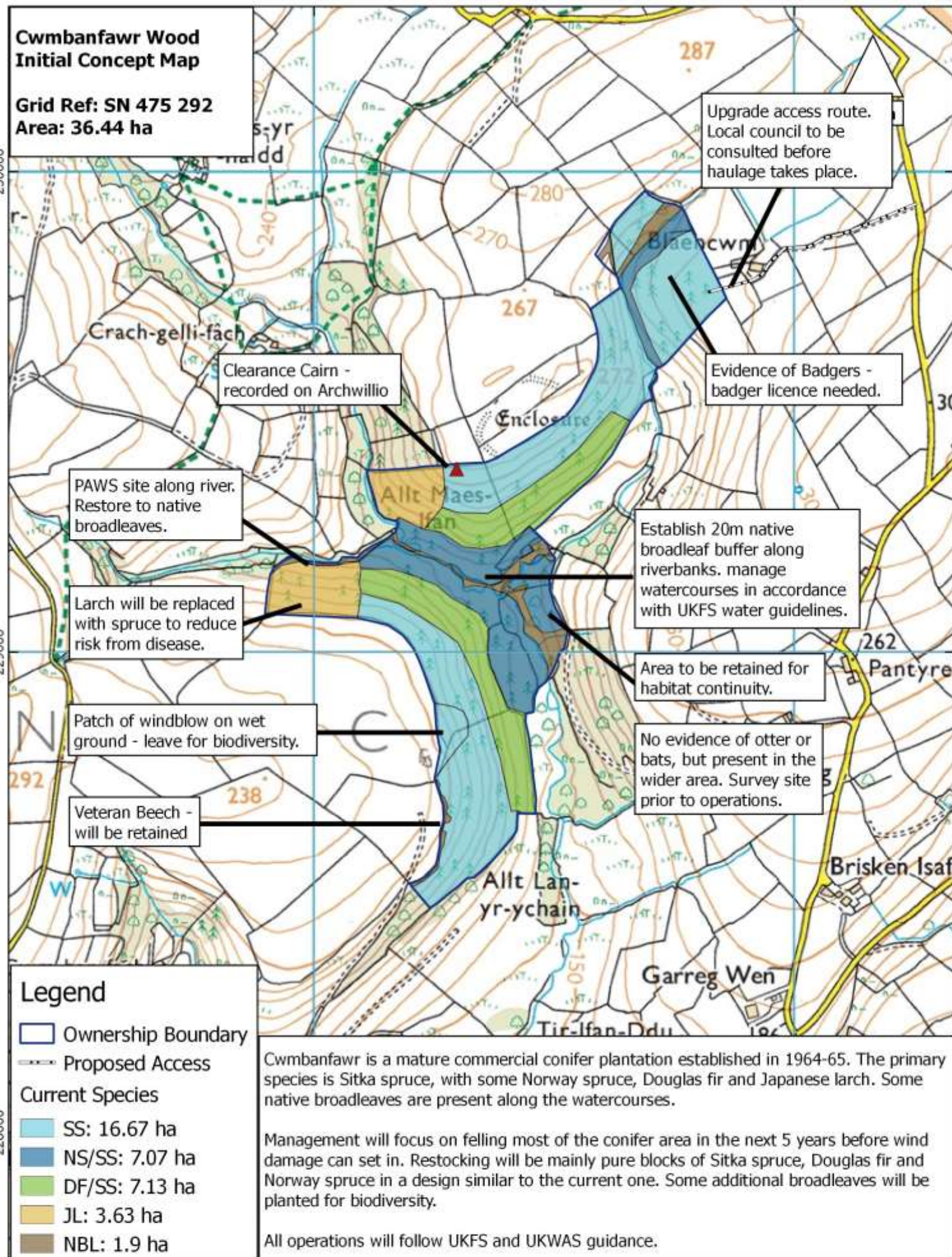
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Cwmbanfawr Wood Initial Concept Map

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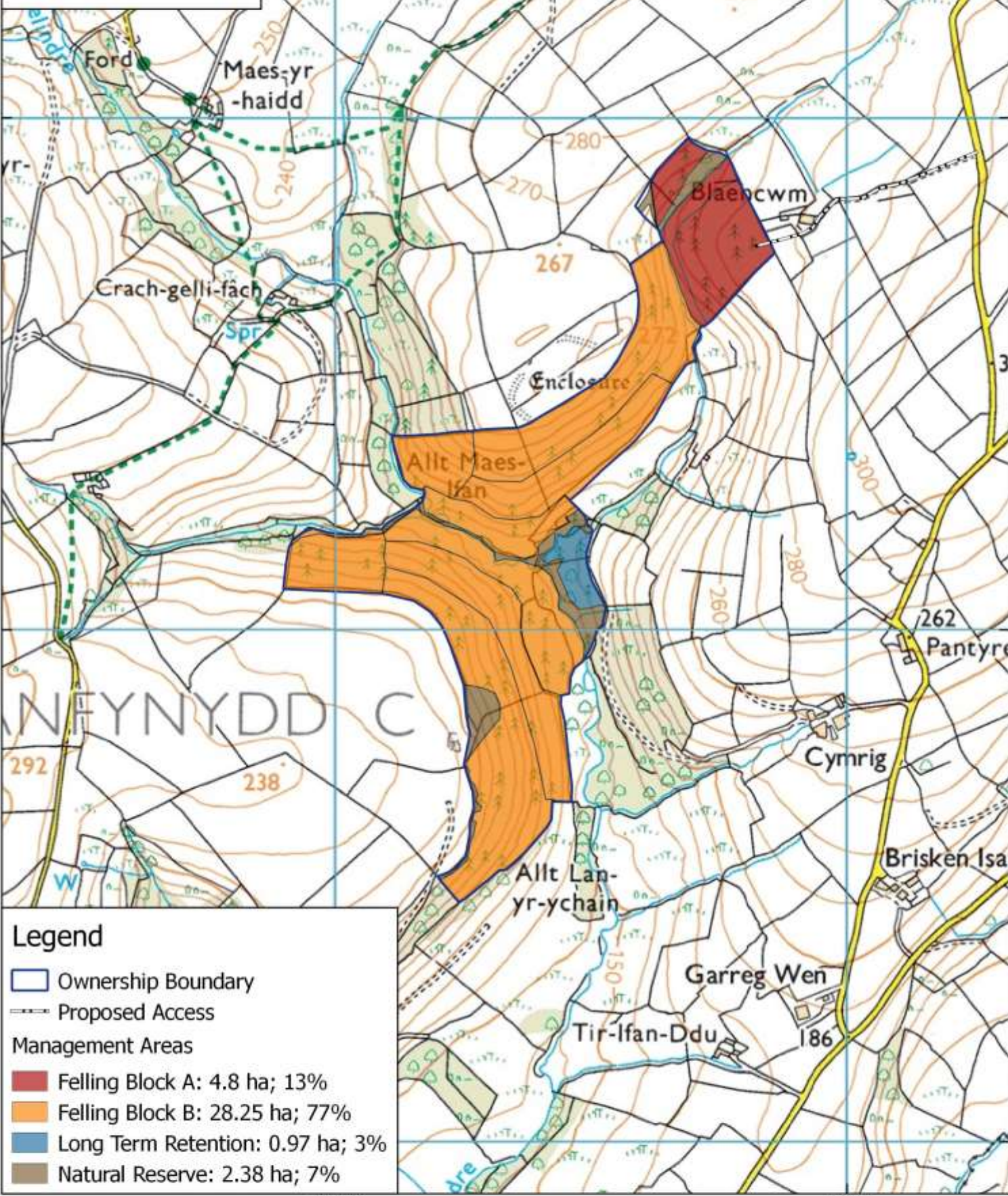
Cwmbanfawr is a mature commercial conifer plantation established in 1964-65. The primary species is Sitka spruce, with some Norway spruce, Douglas fir and Japanese larch. Some native broadleaves are present along the watercourses.

Management will focus on felling most of the conifer area in the next 5 years before wind damage can set in. Restocking will be mainly pure blocks of Sitka spruce, Douglas fir and Norway spruce in a design similar to the current one. Some additional broadleaves will be planted for biodiversity.

All operations will follow UKFS and UKWAS guidance.

Cwmbanfawr Wood Management Map

Grid Ref: SN 475292
Area: 36.44 ha



Legend

- Ownership Boundary
- Proposed Access

Management Areas

- Felling Block A: 4.8 ha; 13%
- Felling Block B: 28.25 ha; 77%
- Long Term Retention: 0.97 ha; 3%
- Natural Reserve: 2.38 ha; 7%

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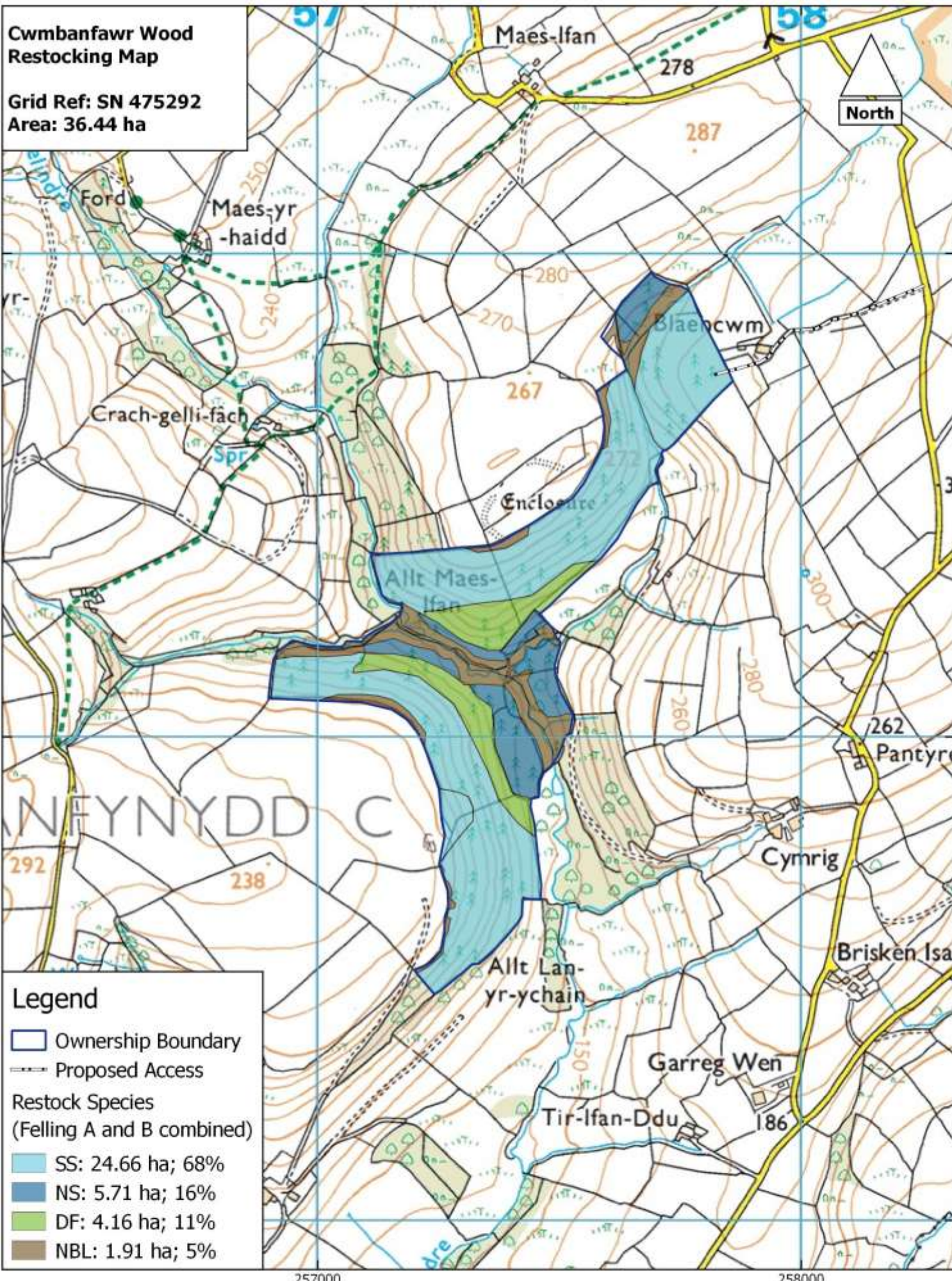


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Cwmbanfawr Wood Restocking Map

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