

APPENDIX 2

**HIGHLAND REGION INDICATIVE FORESTRY STRATEGY (IFS2):
STRATEGIC CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

TOPIC	STRATEGIC CONSTRAINT FACTORS				STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY FACTORS	
	PRIMARY	SECONDARY	TERTIARY	OTHER	OPPORTUNITIES	SPECIES FOCUS
Archaeology		Archaeologically sensitive areas (zones of exceptional archaeological interest)			Key areas with 'Historic landscape' potential	ntv
Agriculture		Prime agricultural land (LCA 1 - 3.1)			Areas with potential for farm forestry	prod cfr, prod blv, ntv
Forestry				Land tech. unsuitable for trees	Land tech. suitable for comm. cfrs (ESC data) Land tech suitable for comm. blvs (ESC data) Land tech suitable for native wdlns (ESC data)	prod cfr prod blv ntv
Landscape	High sensitivity landscapes, core wild land	National Scenic Areas (NSA's) Proposed AGLV's	Intermediate sensitivity landscapes		Landscape enhancement areas	prod cfr, prod blv, ntv
Minerals					Priority areas for screening/landscaping	prod cfr, prod blv, ntv
Nature Consvn.	Nat/Euro designations: SAC, SPA, NNR, SSSI				Priority areas for native woodland regeneration	ntv
Recreation/ Tourism		PMA's: most valued mountain cores PMA's: mountain core of high quality	Main tourist route corridors		Main tourist route corridors Long-distance footpath routes Forest areas with community woodland potential Areas with Forest Park potential	prod cfr, prod blv, ntv prod cfr, prod blv, ntv prod cfr, prod blv, ntv prod cfr, prod blv, ntv
Transportation		Catchments of excluded road routes			Catchments of agreed road routes	prod cfr, prod blv, ntv
Water supply, fisheries	Water bodies "at risk" from diffuse pollution arising from forestry activities - 20m buffer zone	Public water supply catchments Distillery water catchments Eutrophication risk catchments Exceptional low-flow catchments	Areas of critical loads exceedance		Priority areas for riparian woodland development	blvs, ntv

NB: This table does not include local constraints or opportunities, eg Scheduled Ancient Monuments or planting for game shelter.