

Morrinton Quarry – Restoration Strategy

The restoration proposals aim to deliver a landscape that is locally characteristic, has an appropriate end use, complies with local plan policies and makes a meaningful contribution to biodiversity in accordance with the Morrinton Biodiversity Site Implementation Plan.

The proposals have been prepared with reference to:

Dumfries and Galloway Local Development Plan

Policy ED15 Minerals

The requirement to consider the impact on local communities and residential property, landscape, visual amenity, the historic environment and areas of nature conservation interest during and after development; and prepare a site restoration scheme where appropriate including an aftercare programme

Policy NE2 Regional Scenic Areas

The requirement to ensure that the defining landscape character and scenic of a Regional Scenic Area would not be significantly adversely affected

Policy NE6 Forestry and Woodland

Support for the creation and protection of sensitively designed and managed forests and woodlands, taking into account the Dumfries and Galloway Forestry and Woodland Strategy. Seeking to ensure that new woodlands are appropriate for the locality and have a positive effect on nature conservation and/or natural and historic environment interest

Dumfries and Galloway Landscape Character Assessment

Intimate Pastoral Valley landscape character type guidelines

- Support the restoration and maintenance of drystone dykes
- Support hedgerow reinstatement
- Maintain open connections between valley pastures and higher rough grazing/moorlands
- Support the conservation and management of the valley woodlands

Upland Fringe landscape character type guidelines

- Maintain stone wall boundaries, reflecting where appropriate, local styles
- Forest proposals should be guided to achieve medium scale informal patterns of forest and mixed woodland well integrated with open space and valley woods;

Dumfries and Galloway Biodiversity Action Plan

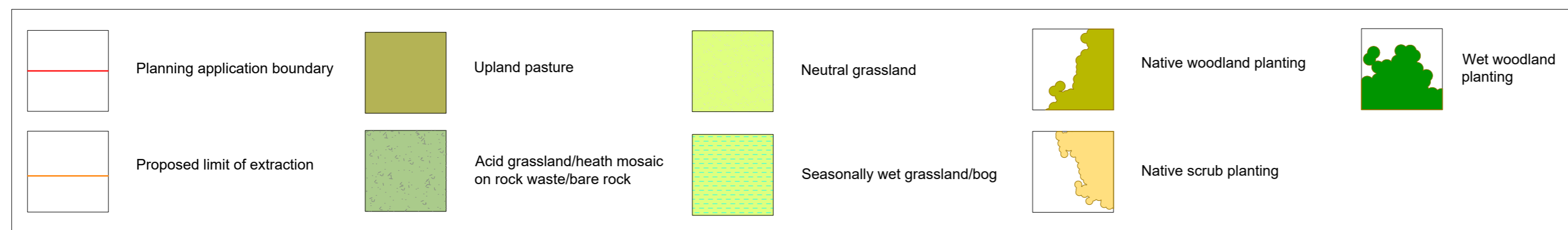
Contribute to the creation and management of the following Priority Habitats:



- Acid grasslands
- Inland rock outcrops
- Scrub woods
- Broadleaved and mixed plantations
- Traditional field boundaries

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Protect existing areas of priority habitats identified at Morrinton Quarry habitats where feasible, and to bring about an increase in the area of these priority habitats through site restoration.

- Cliffs, mineral exposures and early succession
- Acid grassland
- Neutral grassland
- Ponds and lochs
- Native woodland
- Wet woodland



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