Yester Forest Plan Concept map

Intense local access and useage

Conservation area

areas approved for felling

PAWS, primary or secondary native woodland over most of the woodlands

Core path network to protect and enhance and make safe

TPOs for consideration

Many listed buildings to respect

Gifford water, Forth basin. Ground water Gifford, good quality. Otter habitat and bats

SM - Yester castle and other historical features to consider and respect

Yester Estate Operation Map

- OG / OL / Pond
- SYC/ASH/BI/BE/MB
- SS
- DF/GF/SS/MC/MB
- BE/MB/MC
- LI/SP/MC/MB

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- OHPL

Yester concept map

- Public access, respect and enhance the core path route and consider the health and safety of path side trees with particular consideration for ash dieback and public safety

- increase micro landscape improvements by drawing attention to spectacular trees of visual and historic significance.

- respect and appreciate a privacy zone for residents

- discuss and develop a proposal with HES as to woodland management near Scheduled monuments, in particular Yester Castle and Goblin ha.

- discuss with East Lothian Council an approach to woodland management in the TPO areas, especially near the community of Gifford

-Very significant landscape presence, combining special landscape area, TPOs, Conservation areas, designed landscape, as well as PAWS, Primary and Secondary native woodland - gentle and respectful of change

- woodland management to take place section by section and focus on low canopy and low visual impact and increasing diversity and habitat layers where possible - over a 10 year period

- accept and encourage regeneration of shade tolerant species but also consider oak enrichment

- assess a phased approach to controlling and managing invasive species, such as Rhododendrons

- consider grey squirrel control measures to encourage red squirrels

- manage the woodlands to enhance and secure long term habitat for bat species, likewise otters along the water courses

- consider improved signage with HES and ELC