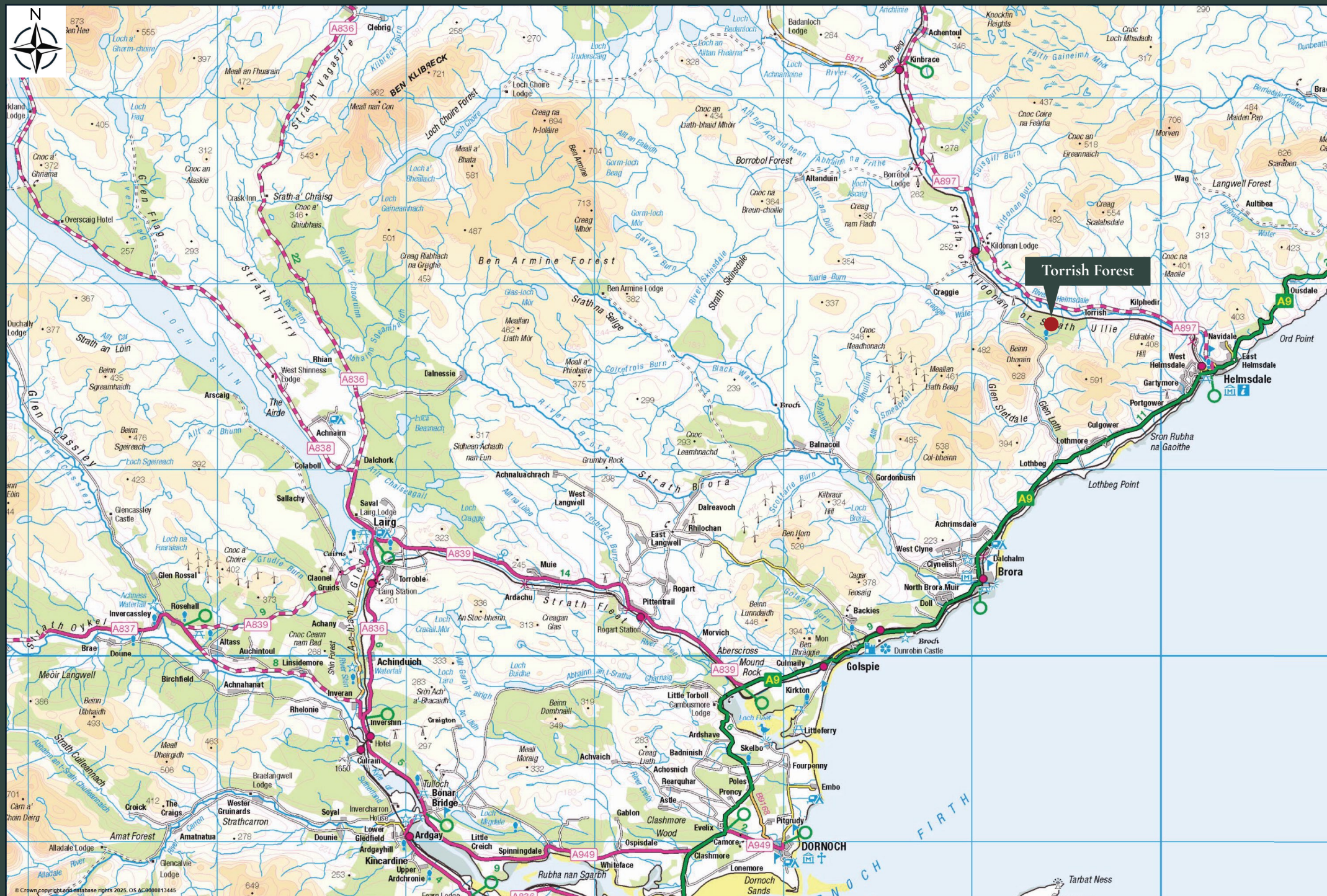


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472.80 Hectares / 1,168.28 Acres

FREEHOLD FOR SALE

OFFERS OVER £3,350,000

A well-presented, large scale, mixed-aged commercial conifer forest set in the scenic Sutherland region of the Scottish Highlands, offering a substantial volume of maturing timber ready for harvesting and high yielding young conifer crops.

Over 75,000 m3 of maturing timber to harvest.

Second rotation conifer crops with expected yield classes of 24 and above.

Excellent forest investment opportunity providing immediate tax-free income.

Diverse age of conifer crops providing regular income.

Stunning location in a highly scenic area of Sutherland in the Scottish Highlands.



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LOCATION

Torrish Forest is located in the picturesque region of Sutherland in Northern Scotland, celebrated for its dramatic and wild landscapes. This area features rugged coastlines, heather-covered hills, prominent lochs, and expansive glens. Renowned for its exceptional fishing and deer stalking, the region also boasts a well-developed road network that connects the east, west and north coasts of Scotland, with the North Coast 500 route and major timber haulage route south via the A9 to Inverness.

The forest lies approximately 6 miles west of the village of Helmsdale, which offers a good selection of local amenities. About 75 miles to the south lies the city of Inverness, providing access to a range of hotels, restaurants, an international airport, and access to all timber processors in this region of Scotland.

To locate the property, please refer to the location and sale plans and use the what3word reference [cracking.kilt.tides](#).

DESCRIPTION

Torrish Forest was established on former hill ground between 1978 and 1988 as part of a nationwide initiative to expand commercial woodland across northern Scotland. Initially planted with a diverse range of conifer species, including Sitka spruce, Lodgepole pine, Larch, Norway spruce, Douglas fir, and Scots pine, the woodland has undergone harvesting and restructuring of part of the first rotation. This has included restocking with a higher proportion of high-yielding Sitka spruce, which is now five years old and demonstrating excellent growth rates with yield classes anticipated to reach the high 20s.

Planted primarily on a mix of peaty gleys and podzol soils, the property ranges in elevation from 50 to 360 metres above sea level. The fertile slopes are dominated by an intimate mix of Sitka spruce, Larch, and Lodgepole pine, which have self-thinned effectively to produce productive stands of mature timber with good sawlog content. The western section of the forest, encompassing Kilearnan Hill, is primarily planted with Scots pine, Lodgepole pine and Larch. This area is scheduled for restocking with a higher proportion of high-yielding Sitka spruce following harvesting.

A Long-term Forest Plan, approved in 2017, covers the first ten years of felling and restocking, which is now well underway. The new owner can expect to continue this programme, with the felling of the remaining maturing areas over the coming years. The mature crop extends to approximately 224 hectares and was measured in February 2025, with a current growing volume of 77,113 m³ with a variable yield class range reaching Yield Class 22 in parts.

High-quality internal access roads, designed for timber haulage, have been developed to support harvesting from the first rotation, ensuring excellent accessibility throughout the forest. A readily available supply of stone is also located at various points within the property, providing valuable resources for both new road construction and the ongoing maintenance of the existing forest road network.

The current crop composition can be seen below, and a copy of the timber volume survey, Long-Term Forest Plan, and compartment database is available from the Selling Agents upon request.

	Planted										
Species	1978	1979	1981	1982	1983	1984	1988	1989	2020	2021	Total
Sitka spruce						4.15	23.79		11.17	52.84	91.95
Sitka spruce/Larch							60.06				60.06
Lodgepole pine/Larch	15.19			27.51						4.19	46.89
Lodgepole pine	2.97	6.48		18.06		2.19				4.21	33.91
Sitka spruce/Lodgepole pine					5.69	1.73	22.69			1.11	31.21
Scots pine		1.44	7.81			0.67				8.61	18.53
Mixed conifer						12.26			6.19		18.45
Norway spruce									7.34	4.52	11.86
Scots pine/Lodgepole pine						10.33					10.33
Larch		0.32						1.01		6.79	8.12
Douglas fir										5.14	5.14
Scots pine/Douglas fir									2.22		2.22
Norway spruce/Douglas fir									0.80	1.32	2.12
Native mixed broadleaves						0.20		0.41	1.57	8.55	10.73
Awaiting Restock											16.07
Open ground											86.31
Other land											18.91
Total	18.16	8.24	7.81	45.57	5.69	31.52	106.54	1.42	29.29	97.28	472.80







ACCESS

Access to Torrish Forest is provided via a servitude right of access for all forestry purposes from the adjoining U2810 public road (A1 – A2), as shown on the sale plan. From point A2, the forest access road continues from the deer gate and grid into the centre of the forest, where it has been previously used for timber haulage.

The forest road continues into the mature timber crop to the east, and it is anticipated that a new section of access road may be required to access the maturing timber located to the southwest of the forest.

The adjoining U2810 Glen Loth public road is a single-track road managed through a Timber Transport Management Plan and currently permits 3 – 4 timber lorries per day (excluding Sundays) with a timber haulage levy of £1/Tonne payable to Highland Council to assist with maintenance. To date approximately 60,000 tonnes have been hauled over this route to the A897 and east to Helmsdale, which is designated as a consultation route for timber haulage. From there, the road continues the A9, offering direct access south to all major timber markets.

SSEN are upgrading the transmission network in the vicinity of the forest and are planning to upgrade the U2810 for construction access.

WIND ENERGY POTENTIAL

There is potential for wind energy development on the upper ridges and Kilearnan hill, subject to obtaining planning permission.

SPORTING & MINERAL RIGHTS

The sporting rights are included in the sale, with the topography of Torrish offering excellent and challenging Roe, Red, and Sika deer stalking opportunities. There are also several high seats within the open ground and rides to aid shooting. A sporting lease is currently in place to manage deer within the forest, generating an annual rent of £4,750 plus VAT. This lease can be terminated if required, granting the purchaser full control of the sporting rights.

The mineral rights are also included as per the title, except those reserved by statute.



THIRD PARTY RIGHTS & BURDENS

The property will be sold subject to and with the benefit of all existing servitude and wayleave rights (including rights of access and rights of way, whether public or private) burdens, reservations within the title and subject to the rights of public access under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.

BOUNDARIES

The perimeter of the forest is secured by a deer fence, with an additional internal fence dividing the woodland. The deer fence surrounding the western half of the forest is in good condition and features deer grids and gated access points, ensuring protection against browsing on younger, recently restocked areas. The deer fence on eastern half of the forest is currently porous with maintenance and replacement responsibilities shared with neighbouring proprietors in accordance with the title.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

The property is currently managed on behalf of the owner by Lumsden Forestry Ltd, 30 Torbreck Road, Inverness, IV2 4DF. Tel: 07394 608999.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Prospective purchasers are kindly requested to make their own enquiries with the relevant authorities if wishing to seek planning permission for any building development or a change of use on the land. Offers will not be accepted subject to survey or planning permission being granted.

AUTHORITIES

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VIEWING & OFFERS

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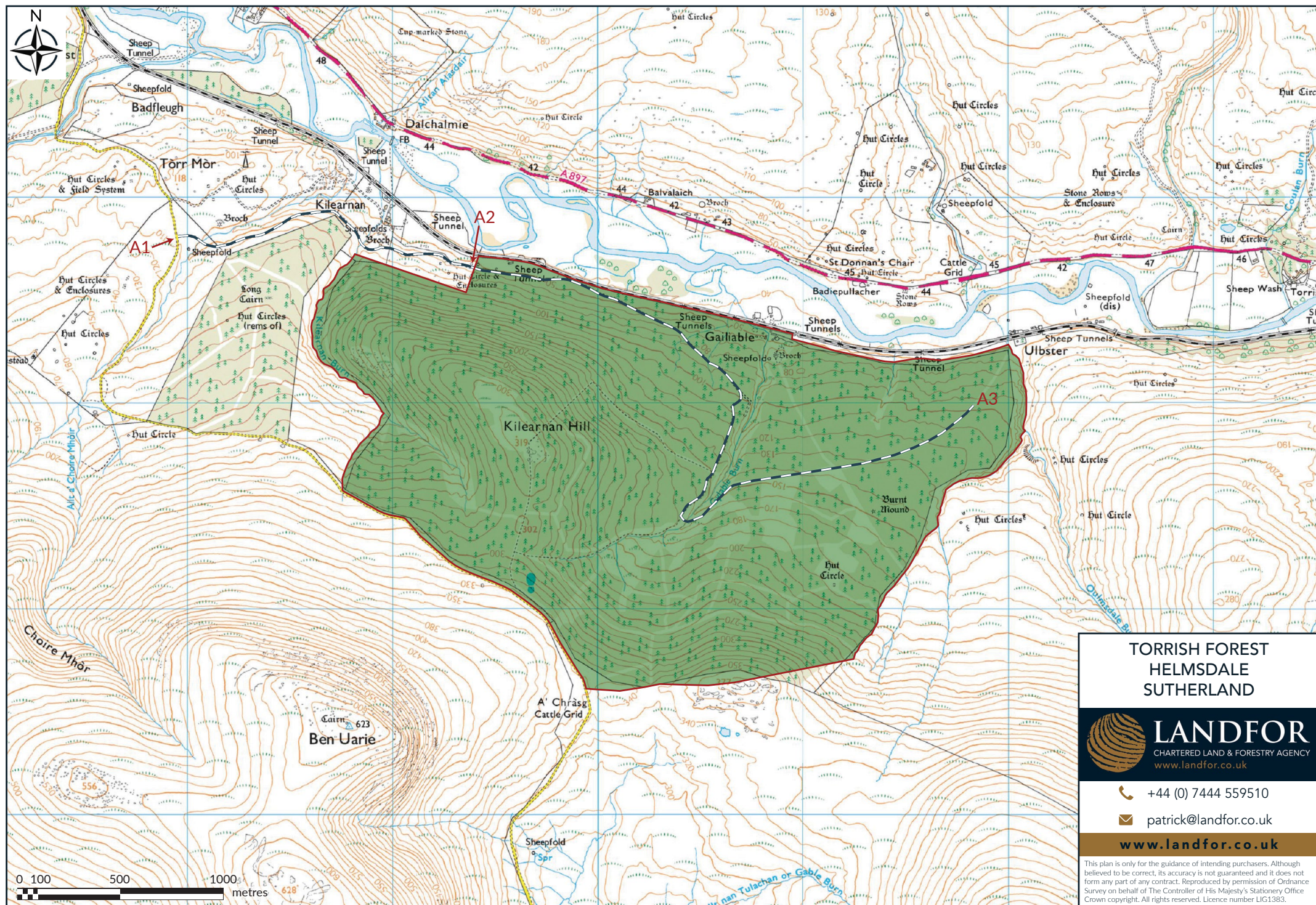
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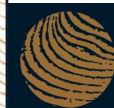
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