

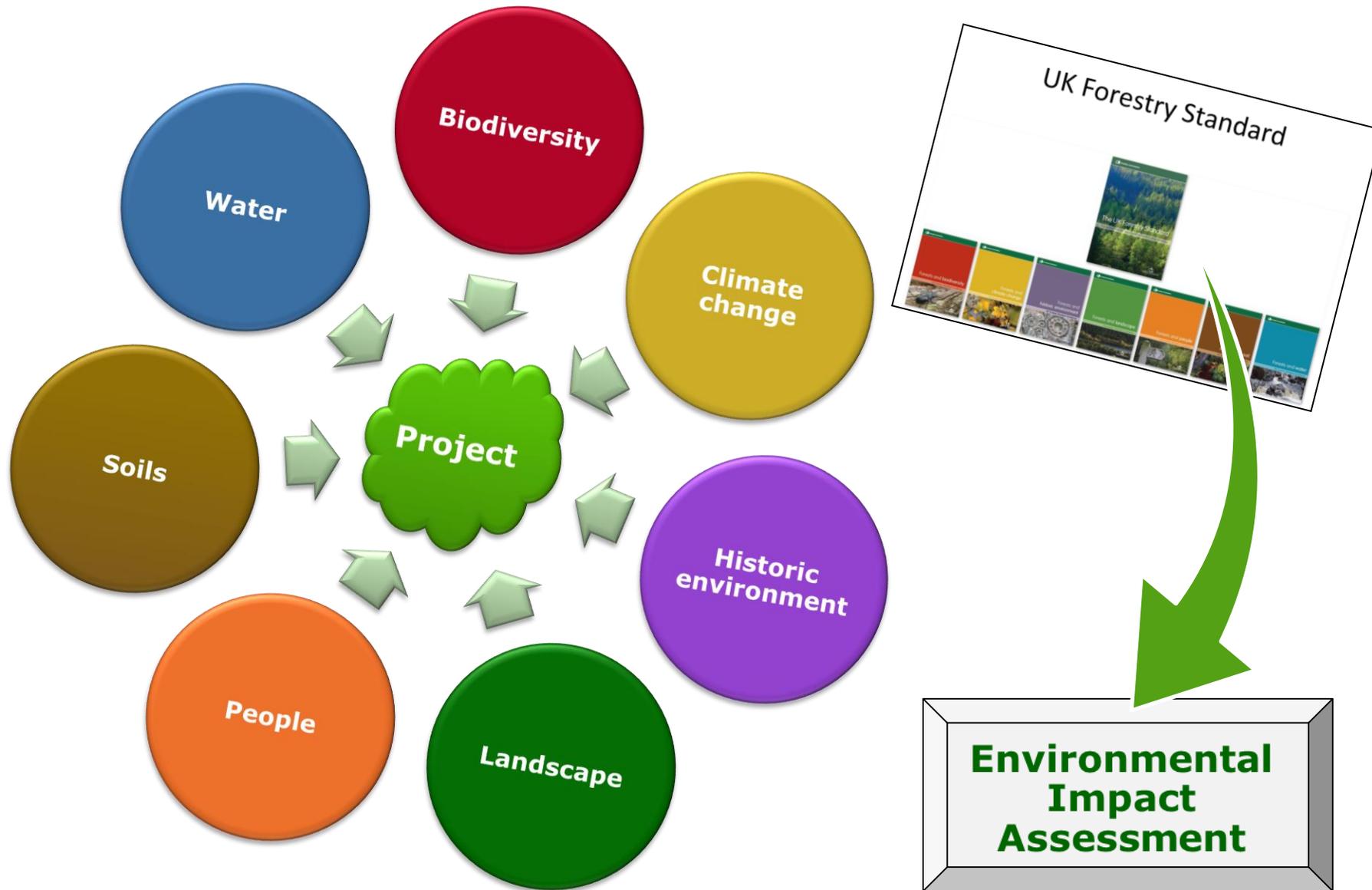
Woodland Creation Planning and Design

UKFS Events

November 2017

To reach our ambitious planting targets:

- New dedicated team: two Woodland Creation Officers
- Improving incentives offers
- Producing guidance on the design process and updates to EIA
- Promotional campaign
- Professional training events in 2018?



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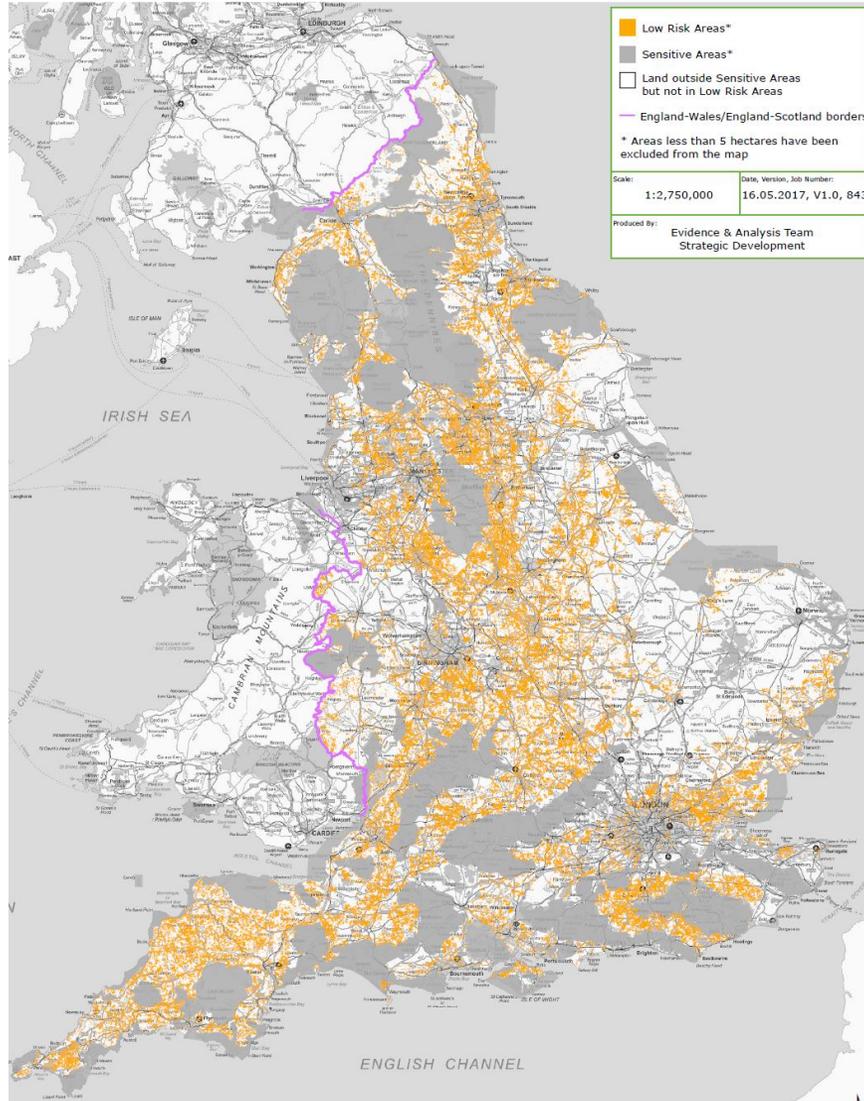
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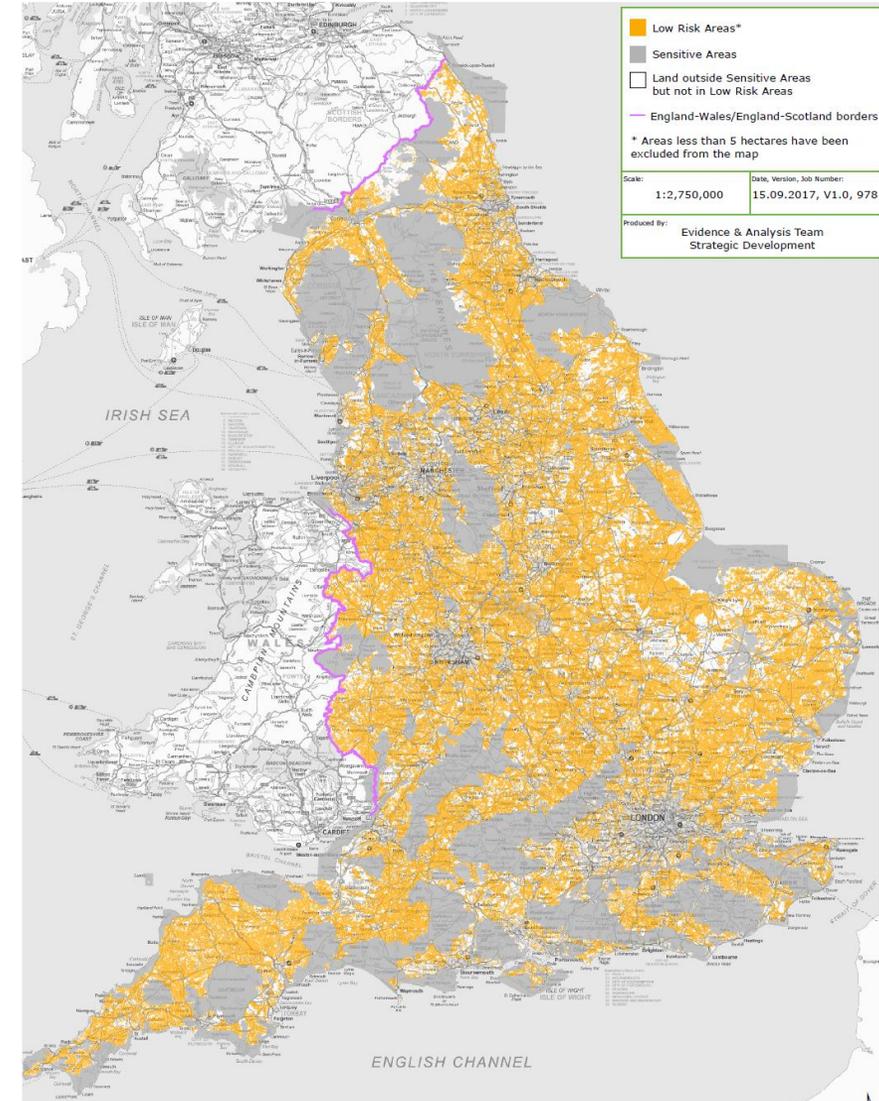
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Sources:

- *FC Land Information Search (water quality)*
- *Ecological Site Classification (species selection)*
- *MAGIC (priority habitat)*
- *Heritage Gateway (heritage features)*
- *etc.*

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Analysis Site Appraisal Plan

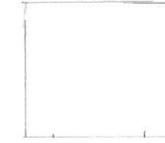
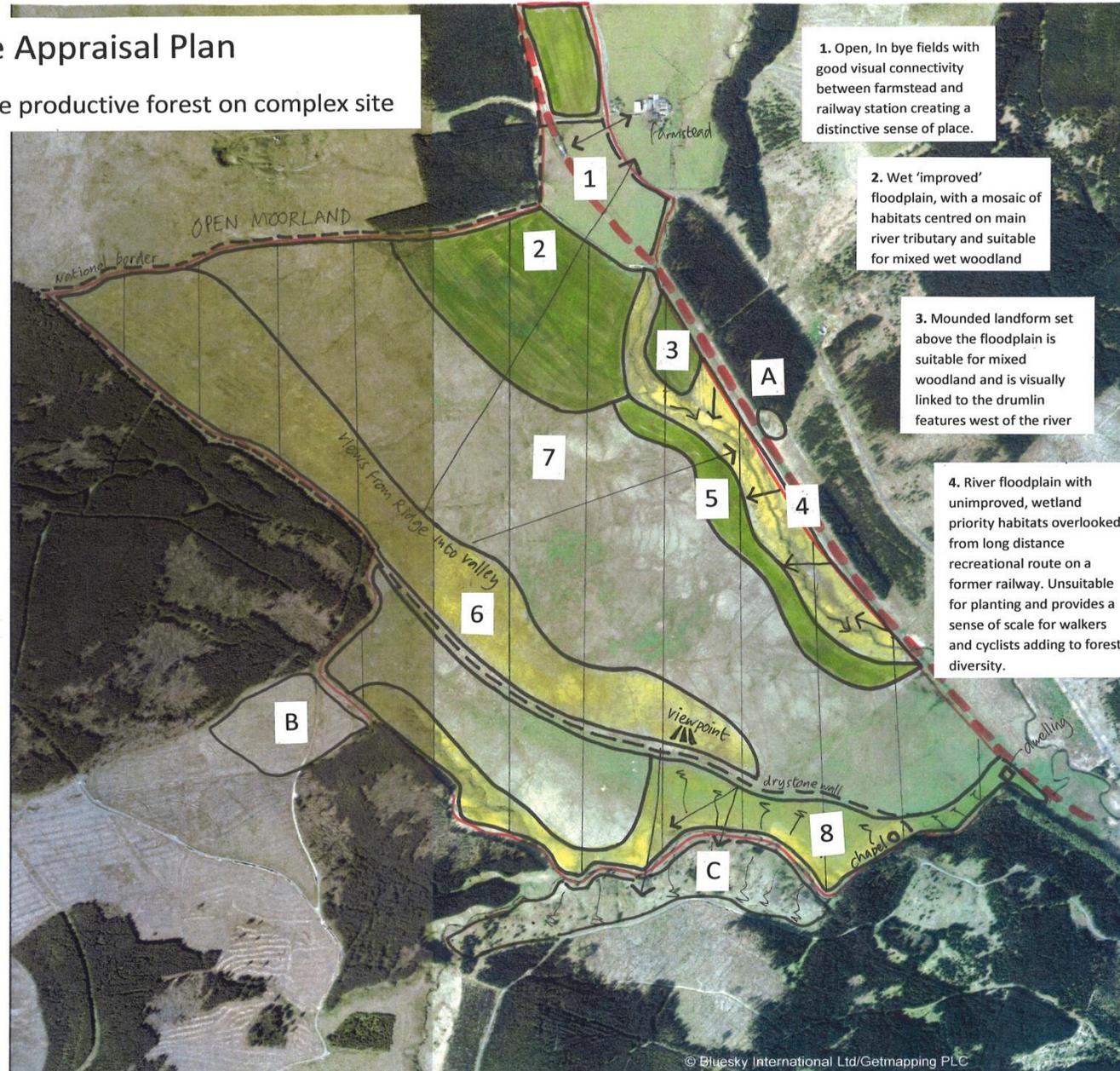
Upland, large scale productive forest on complex site

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6. Extensive deep peat zone on a flat ridge running along the top of the site. The zone includes a mosaic of other wetland priority habitats and is not suitable for planting

7. Moorland with a mosaic of acid grassland, bracken, rush pasture and wet flushes within gullies. The sloping hillside is well drained with frequent watercourses, some of significant scale. The Zone is suitable for extensive planting. Careful design attention required focussing on scale, shape and diversity to reduce the visual impact of this high area of 'visibility'.

8. Attractive steeply sided river corridor, along the border, with a concentration of environmental features. These include a historic chapel, a sheep 'thanks' enclosure on river terrace, hay meadow priority habitat with important flora, mature, riverside broad leaf trees such as rowan and good views from higher ground of the valley.



A Potential to increase area of waterbodies within floodplain to assist with forest integration and to add natural diversity

B Newly planted broad leaf woodland on valley side could be mirrored within the site to integrate forest planting with the wider landscape

C Large scale, regenerating, mixed, birch woodland creating a prominent and attractive feature from the application site

5. Corridor of prominent 'drumlin' features at the base of the hillside providing transitional landform between the floodplain and hillside. The planting design could respond to these features

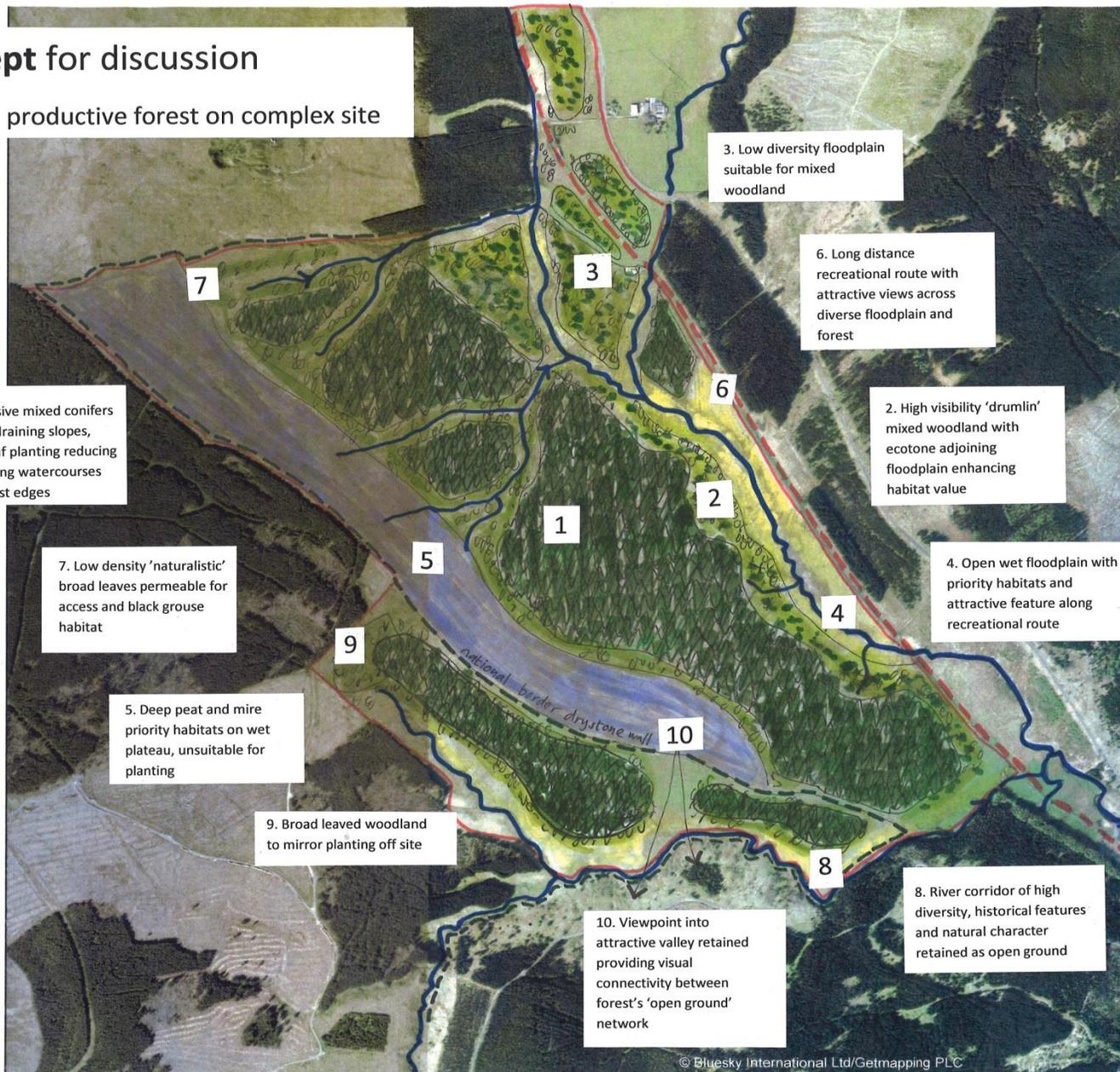
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Design Concept for discussion

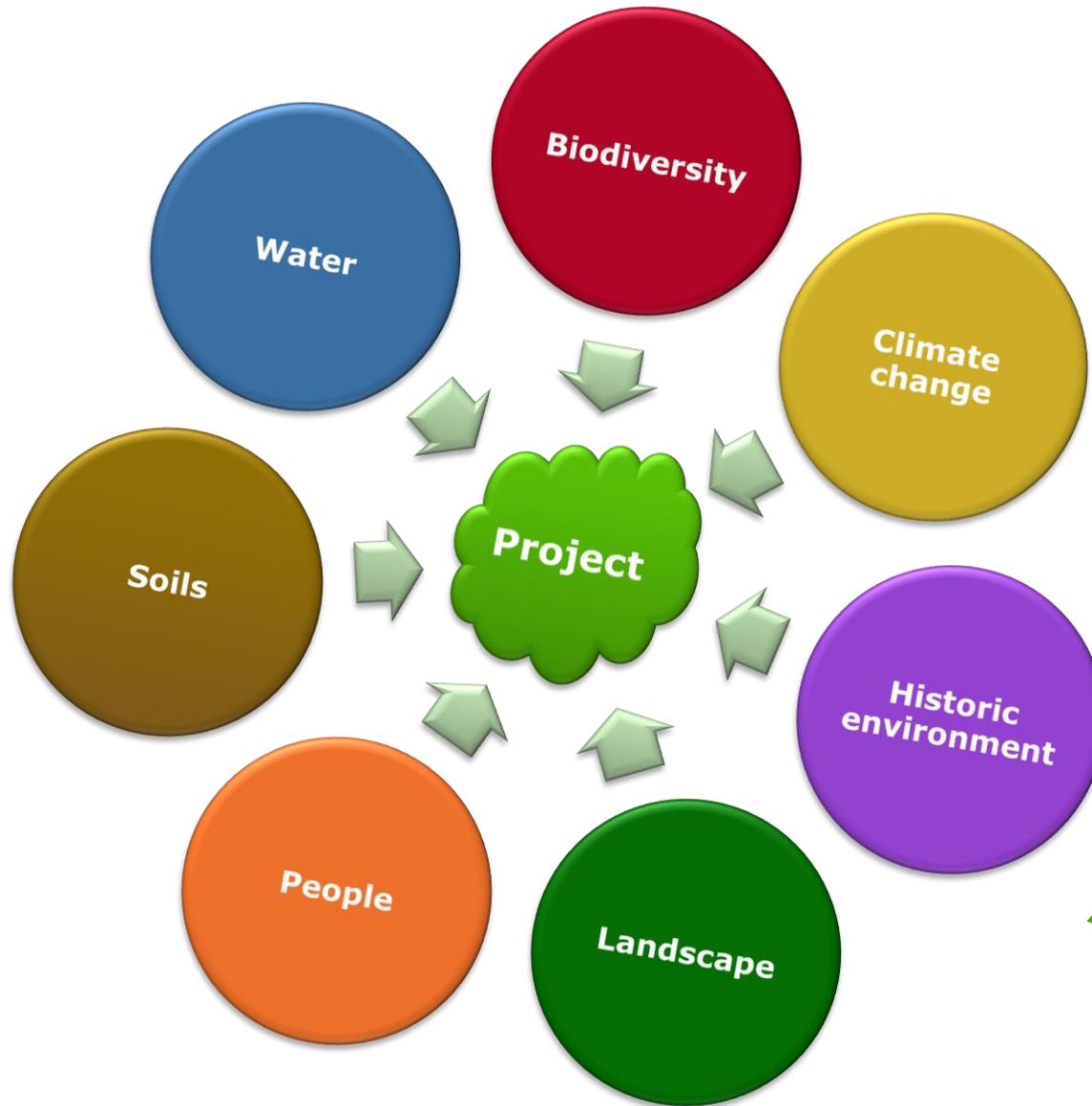
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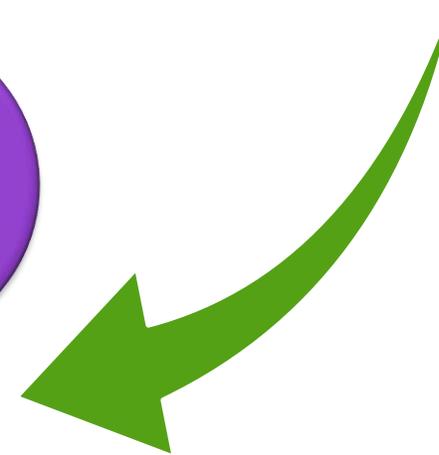


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- **Woodland Creation Design Plan** - a written document, alongside finalised maps, that takes account of **consultation**, how the site has been appraised in terms of the **features, constraints and opportunities** that are present.



**FC Woodland
Creation Plan
template** currently
being finalised to help
support
demonstration of
UKFS compliance.



- Woodland Creation Planning Grant
- Woodland Carbon Fund
- Countryside Stewardship
- HS2 Woodland Fund
- Woodland Carbon Code

