

Timber Transport Management Plan **Dumfries & Galloway**



Agreement with: All parties involved in haulage from Laverhay complex: Priestgill Head (Scawd Fell, Wintergill Rig, Priestgillhead), Ewelairs, Ruegill Hill, Brown Hill, Kirk Hill and Laverhay.

Location:	Laverhay Forest Complex, South East of Moffat
Purpose:	Detail the pre conditions and strict management arrangements to sustain timber haulage on this sensitive road. The plan is there to protect this narrow road and verges, and preserve it for the use of local residents, agriculture and the sustained use of forestry.
Road Number:	U300a (Grid Ref: NY130962)
Map:	
Agreed Routes Status:	Consultation Route U300a <i>* Contact should be made with Laverhay Timber Management Group (LTMG) (via the South of Scotland Timber Transport Officer) in advance of any proposed operations so that all haulage programmes can be fully coordinated on an annual basis. The programme of harvesting works will be agreed in advanced based on crop maturity, windblow and discussions. Any changes to the agreed annual work programme will be circulated amongst the group and discussed.</i> Failure to follow this plan may lead to imposed restrictions being placed on the road which will significantly restrict all Timber Harvesting operations.
Contact:	Mike Grunwell, Dumfries & Galloway Council michael.grunwell@dumgal.gov.uk
Community Council:	Wamphray Community Council – Contact Mrs Sheila Thomson wamphray.comm.council@gmail.com
Church Liaison	Wamphray Parish Church 07708 577319 or 01576 470637
Protocol:	Production forecast will be produced annually at LTMG

	meetings and these will be reviewed and agreed. • There will only be one haulage operation permitted at any one time. This will be strictly enforced and a trial period will be observed for an initial month and then reviewed. • No more than <u>5 lorries loads per day</u> and they must be at least an hour apart to ensure that the road is given time to recover from the deflection of the load. • Only one haulage company is to be used for each harvesting operation (any changes need to be agreed). There is to be only one timber lorry permitted on the road at any one time and no convoying is to be permitted. • Low loaders will need to ensure that adequate care is given to using the route and that there delivery is coordinated with the LTMG. • The haulier and Harvesting Manager must sign to say they have received and understood this Timber Transport Management Plan and should form part of sale agreements. Best Practice guidance should be followed by all parties in the LTMG. • Hauliers should familiarise themselves where car passing places are located and ensure consideration to other road users. • Due to the geometry of the road, only wagon and drag timber lorry configurations with six wheel trailer and double or “maxi-tyre” configuration will be allowed, up to a maximum loaded weight of 44 tonnes. • Lorries must be fitted with low ground pressure central tyre inflation systems. Lorry configuration details maybe asked for to ensure compliance. • Given the nature of the road, speed needs to be appropriate and a maximum speed of 25mph should be observed. • Respect needs to be shown to users of the Church and services such as funerals will need to be avoided due to the increased traffic on a minor road. The South of Scotland Timber Transport Officer is to ensure that during haulage operations that contact details are shared and notice is given to congestion that may occur form a Church service. • Ensure that the U300a is kept free of mud and ensure that stones are not dragged onto the surface. • Regular communication will be needed by any active haulage operations and adequate notification of operations starting and finishing needs to be given for the benefit of the other Forestry interest. Maintain records of dates, times and tonnages of extracted timber for recording purposes to ensure compliance with the agreed protocols. The records will allow the LTMG to closely monitor the extraction regime and ensure compliance by all stakeholders so that any concerns can be addressed with a firm set of protocols. • Harvesting Managers should contact Laverhay Farm and
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	ensure that in so far as they can that there is coordination with any deliveries. • Regular inspection by Council staff will be undertaken during operations along with inspections from the South of Scotland Timber Transport Officer. • Ensure that the condition of the road is adequately monitored and report any defects to the Council 0845 2760000 (24 hours a day).
Duration:	Ongoing
Caution:	Ensure correct signage is erected along the U300a especially where visibility is restricted and around the junction with the C102a.

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