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# From fragile Roads to Resilient Networks:

## The Strategic Timber Transport Fund

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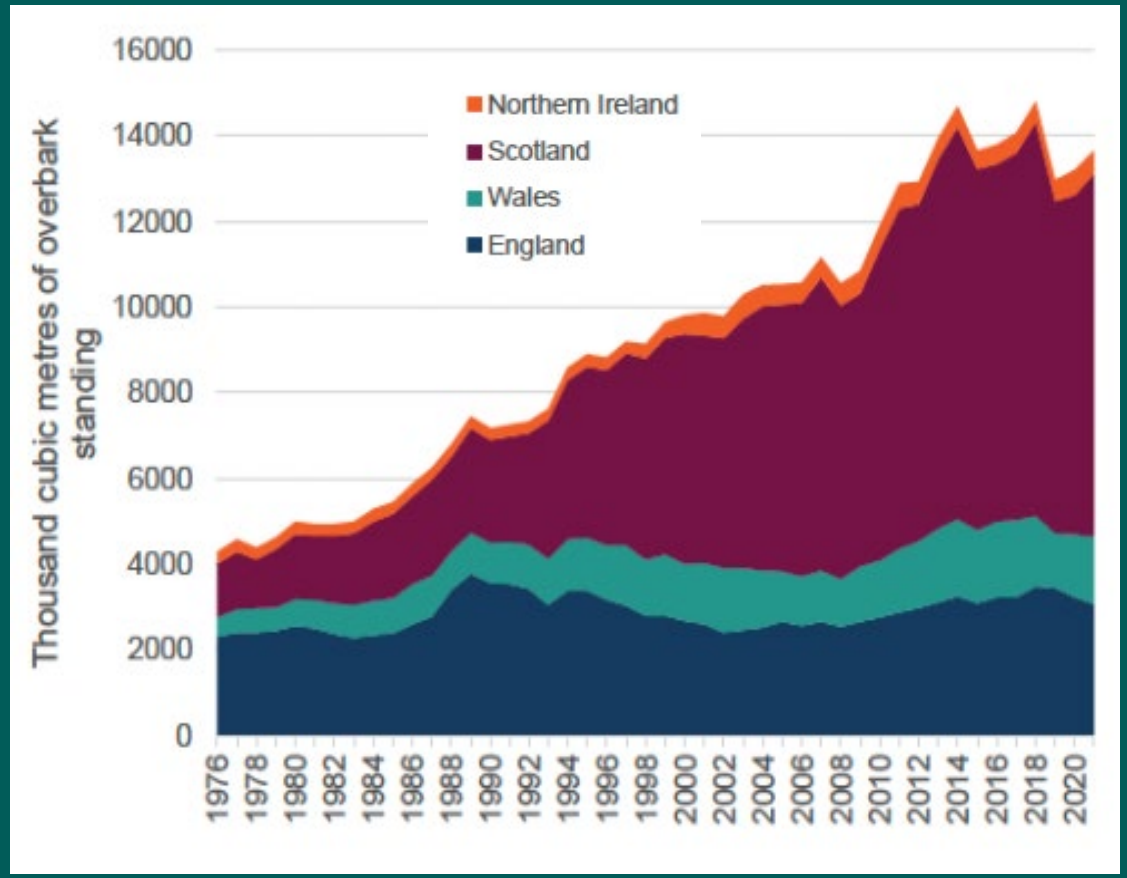
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The 20th century was a period of unprecedented tree planting

Transport between forests and processors was becoming a major limitation to delivering growth

Social and environmental impacts of haulage increasing

Strategic Timber Transport Fund - 2005



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"To facilitate the sustainable transport of timber in rural areas of Scotland for the benefit of local communities and the environment, maximising the value of monies available through innovative Regionally and Nationally Strategic projects and partnerships."








# TimberLINK:

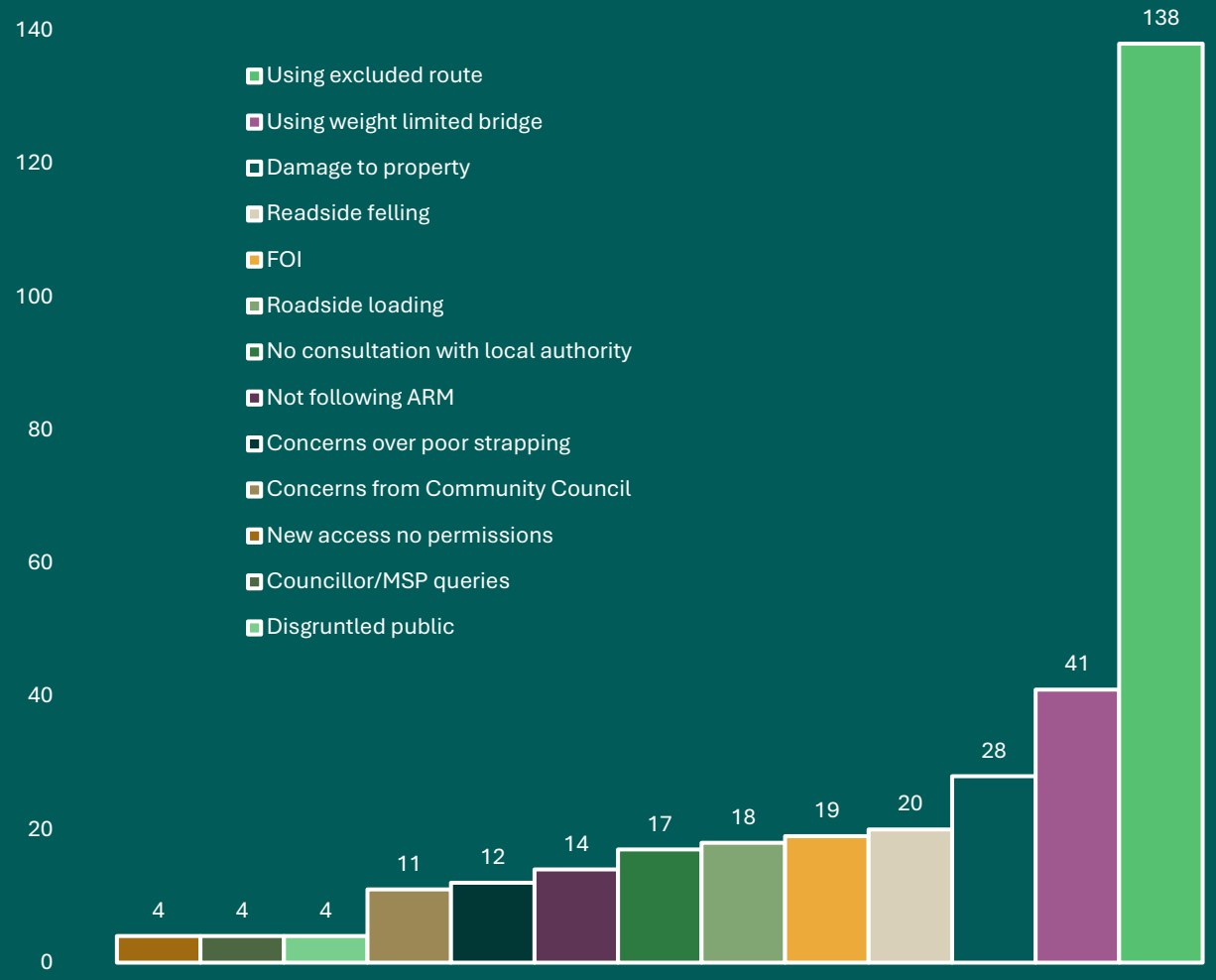
Modal shift initiative:
>75,000 tonnes diverted

Annually:
Avoids 4,000 lorries travelling 1 million miles which would have generated 1,700 tonnes co2eq.

Since 2000:
2.3 million tonnes, 102,000 lorries, 23 million miles, 45,000 tonnes co2eq.

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1 Area, 330 Complaints




# Project Officers

Maintain and strengthen partnership working at national, regional and local levels

Facilitate effective communication, consultation and coordination to avoid or reduce issues across local, regional and national levels

Act as a critical liaison between the forest industry and communities to encourage understanding of purpose and needs

Enable collaboration towards common goals and positive outcomes.








# Strategic Timber Transport Scheme

33 rounds

630 applications

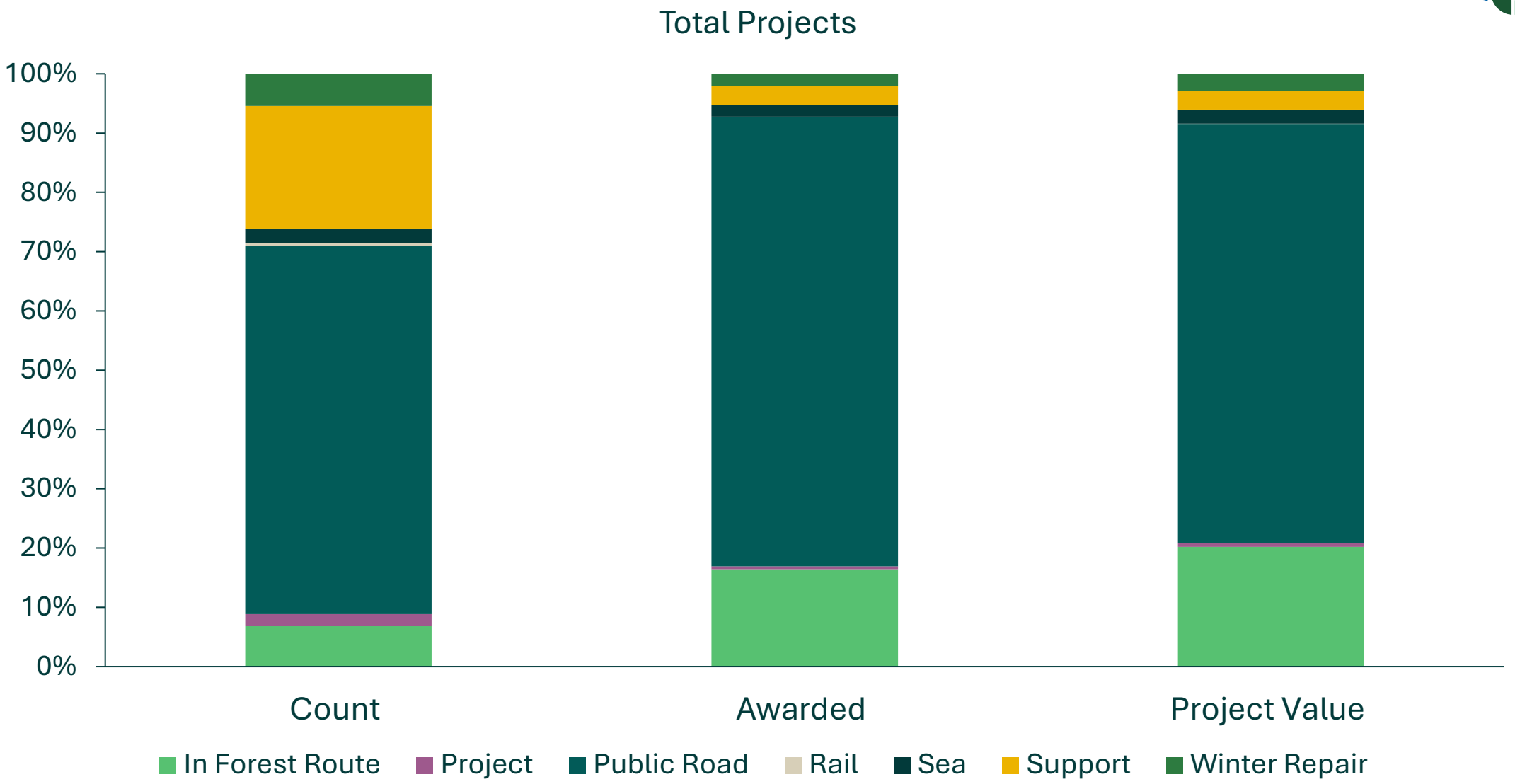
435 projects supported

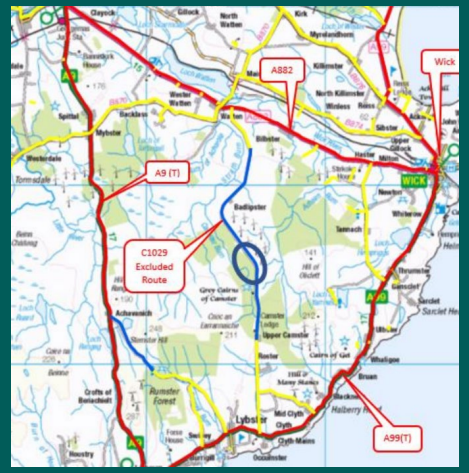
£69 million awards

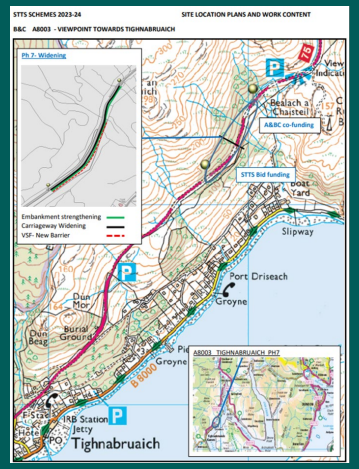
£128 million total spend

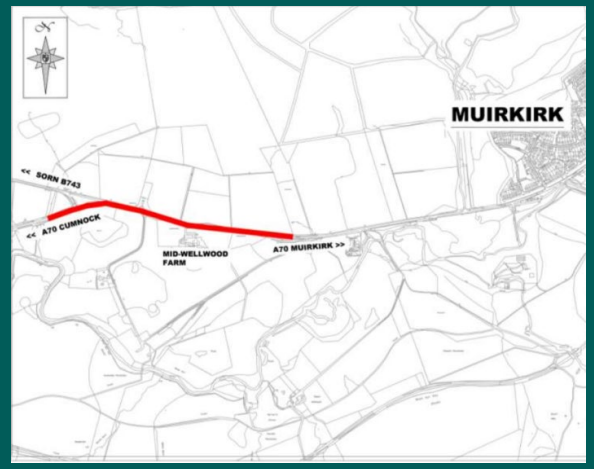
115 million tonnes

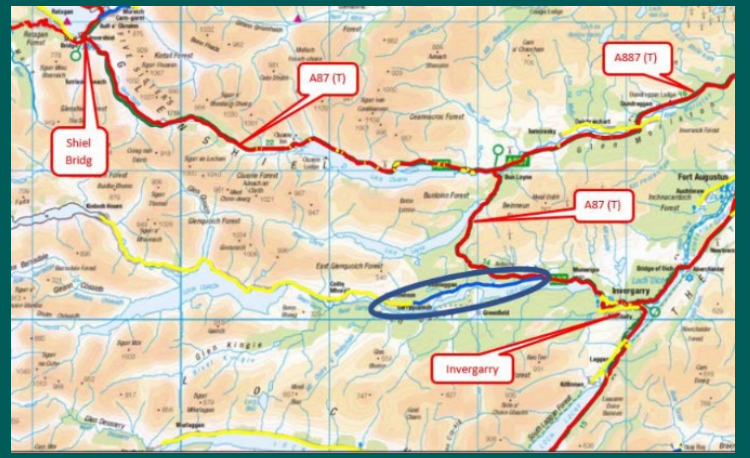
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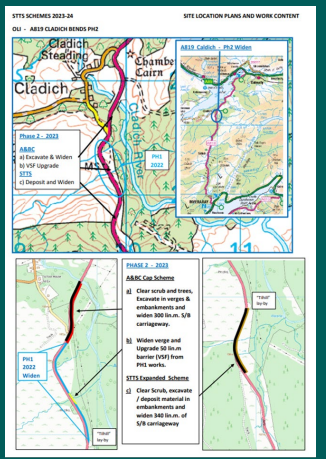


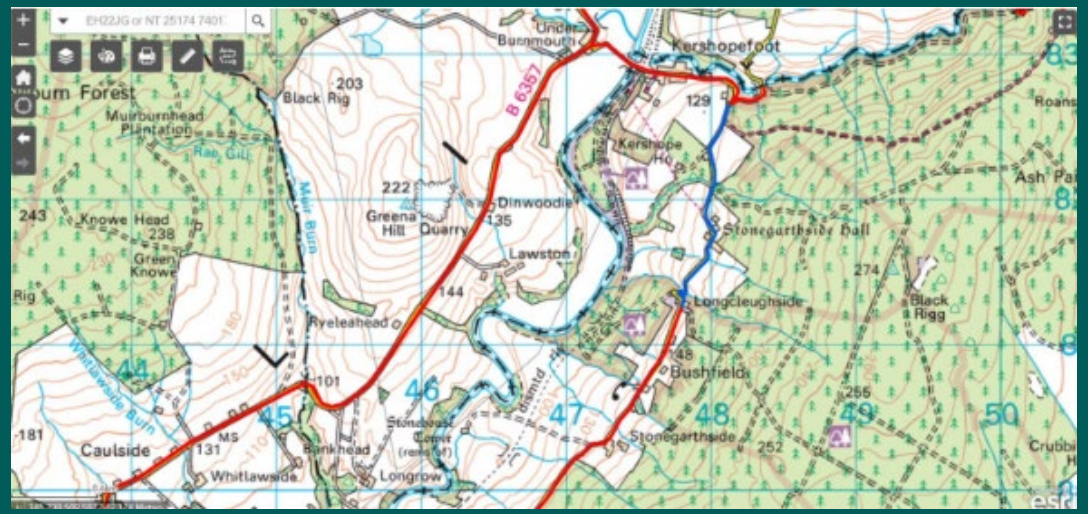

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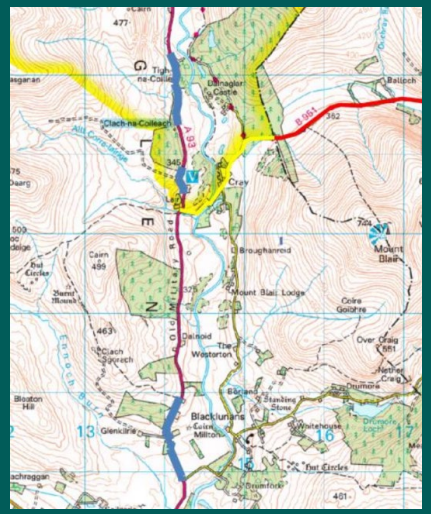

STTS SCHEMES 2023-24
SITE LOCATION PLANS AND WORK CONTENT
B&C A8003 - VIEWPOINT TOWARDS TIGHNABRUAICH
Ph 7- Widening
Embankment strengthening
Carriageway Widening
VSF- New Barrier
A&BC co-funding
STTS Bid funding
Slipway
Port Driseach
Groyne
Tighnabruaich
A8003 TIGHNABRUAICH PH7

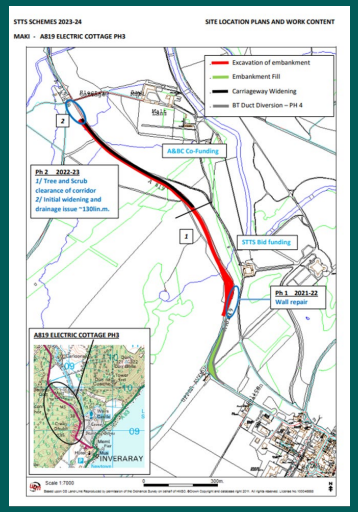

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<< SORN B743
<< A70 CUMNOCK
MID-WELLWOOD
FARM
A70 MUIRKIRK >>


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Shiel
Bridg
A87 (T)
Invergarry
Fort Augustus


STTS SCHEMES 2023-24
SITE LOCATION PLANS AND WORK CONTENT
OLI - A819 CLADICH BENDS PH2
Cladich
Steading
Chambe
Cairn
Cladich
Cladich River
A819 Cladich - Ph2 Widen
Phase 2 - 2023
A&BC
a) Excavate & Widen
b) VSF Upgrade
STTS
c) Deposit and Widen
PH1
2022
Widen
PHASE 2 - 2023
A&BC Cap Scheme
a) Clear scrub and trees, Excavate in verges & embankments and widen 300 lin.m. S/B carriageway.
b) Widen verge and Upgrade 50 lin.m barrier (VSF) from PH1 works.
STTS Expanded Scheme
c) Clear Scrub, excavate / deposit material in embankments and widen 340 lin.m. of S/B carriageway

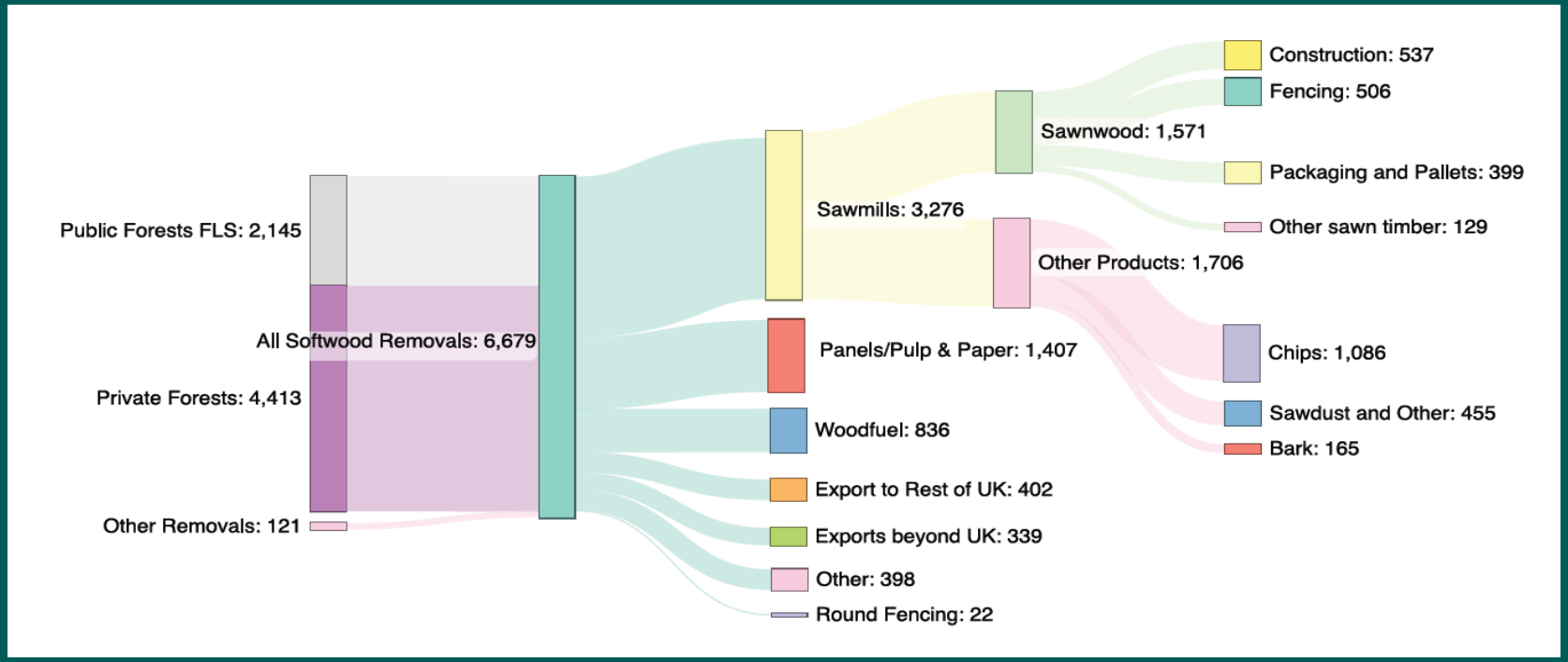

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Plantation
Black Rig
Kershopefoot
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Quarry
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Longcleughside
Bushfield
Stonegarthside
Knowe Head
Green
Knowe
Ryeleahead
Caulside
Bankhead
Whitlawside
Longrow
Stonebeast
Corner
(ruins of)


A83
Cruach-na-Colleach
Broughannod
Mount Blair
Mount Blair Lochs
Coire
Goishre
Dalnoid
The
Westerton
Blacklunans
Coire
Milton
Glenclare
Whitehouse
Fort Circles
Drumfork


STTS SCHEMES 2023-24
SITE LOCATION PLANS AND WORK CONTENT
MAKI - A819 ELECTRIC COTTAGE PH3
Excavation of embankment
Embankment Fill
Carriageway Widening
BT Duct Diversion – PH 4
A&BC Co-Funding
Ph 2 2022-23
1/ Tree and Scrub clearance of corridor
2/ initial widening and drainage issue ~130lin.m.
STTS Bid funding
Ph 1 2021-22
Wall repair
A819 ELECTRIC COTTAGE PH3
INVERARAY


Access Point Grid Ref
NX0G8GS7
Grid Reference
NX0G9CS3

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**£1.1 Billion GVA** **34,000 Jobs** **14% emissions**

**100% haulage dependent!**




# EV-TimHaul:

3-year pilot exploring operationalisation of two Volvo FH Electric

Year 2:

82,213 miles and 165 tonnes of $CO_2e$ avoided, with operators and drivers reporting performance that met or exceeded expectations.

Year 3:

December












# The WaterHorse

Restoration of native Caledonian forest at Loch Arkaig

John Deere 1210G forwarder

8,791 litres HVO

2,800 kg of CO2e (90%)









# SME Fleet Analysis Support Scheme - FAQ Sheet

TRANSPORT SCOTLAND

## What is the Fleet Analysis Support Scheme?

A funding opportunity from Transport Scotland to help small and micro HGV operators in Scotland understand how to decarbonise their fleets, supporting Scotland's climate goals and the transition to zero-emission vehicles under 26 tonnes by 2035.

## What do Eligible Fleets Receive?

Up to £15,000 to fund a tailored fleet decarbonisation report, which will look at how to deploy zero emission vehicles in their fleet and how this could be implemented and financed over time to best suit their business and operations. The report will be produced by a data consultant, that will provide expert analysis of:

- Current fleet operations
- Suitable zero-emission technologies
- Infrastructure needs (e.g. depot charging)
- Financing options (e.g. truck-as-a-service)
- Transition plans (short, medium, long-term)

## Who is eligible to apply?

- Fleets must operate out of Scotland
- Fleets must operate 100 or fewer HGV Trucks (vehicles 7 tonnes and above)
- Operator must have less than 250 employees and turnover of less than £44m or a balance sheet of less than £38m
- Operator must have a UK bank account and annual accounts

## What's required from Eligible Fleets ?

1. Engage a data consultant to carry out the report and grant claim
2. Provide basic company details and confirm eligibility
3. Work with a data consultant to produce the report by providing them with your telematics data
4. Receive the completed report and provide a copy to Transport Scotland
5. Funding is claimed from Transport Scotland by the data supplier carrying out the work, before 12th March 2027

## How to apply?

Applications are open until 15 January 2027.

Use the application form.

Speak to us to help you complete the form. Email: fleetsandinfrastructure@transport.gov.scot

We aim to respond within 10 working days to all applications.

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**Conclusions:**

The future is bright

The future is forestry

The future is us

**Thankyou!**