

# Landscape Character Type 031 Broad Wooded and Farmland Valley

## Key Characteristics<sup>7</sup>

- A large-scale valley landform in which the valley sides form a series of rolling terraces patterned with bands of birch and pine, interspersed with walled pastures.
- Pastoral areas of green fields and shady woods. Greater proportion of open farmland occurs further east and along some tributaries in contrast with the more densely wooded valley in Landscape Character Types further west.
- Sparkling shallow river that meanders across the valley floor, its course divided by several wooded islets.
- Frequent settlement in a series of separate villages and groups of houses. Also estates with fine buildings, grand gatehouses, and stone boundary walls.
- Main road corridor with a sequence of settlements spaced along the valley, mostly on the northern side, interspersed with steadings and frequent groups of houses.
- Views along the strath and out to the higher ground beyond give a sense of scale.
- A well-settled, prosperous, often traditional character.
- A focus for a range of recreational activities.
- Long views contrast with sudden enclosures by woodland.

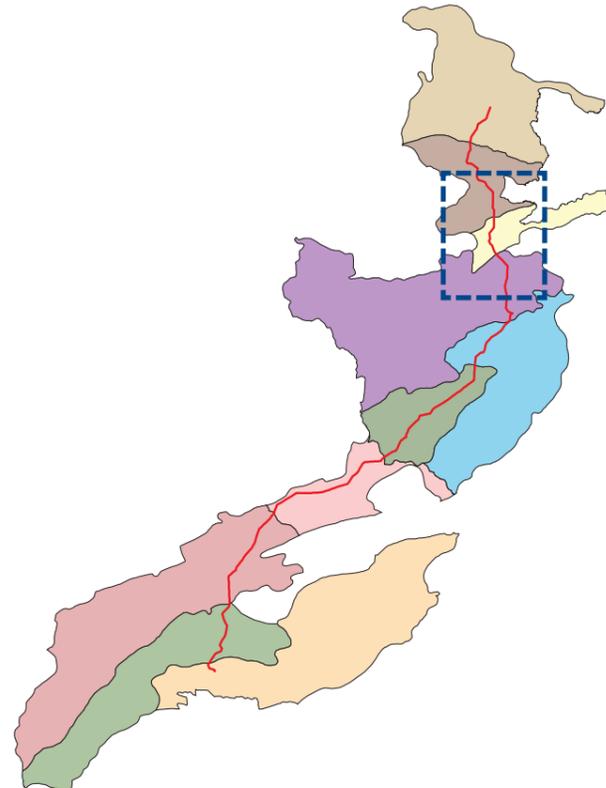


Plate 9.6.21. Location Map- Broad Wooded and Farmland Valley

## Description

This LCT is located within the northern section of the Proposed Development and encompasses a section of the Dee Valley between Crathes in the west and Aberdeen in the east. The section of this LCT is characterised by the wide strath formed by the River Dee, enclosed by undulating valleys slopes.

**KEY**

-  Focus area
-  Key affected areas
-  Woodlands and green areas
-  Waterbodies
-  Broad Wooded and Farmland Valley

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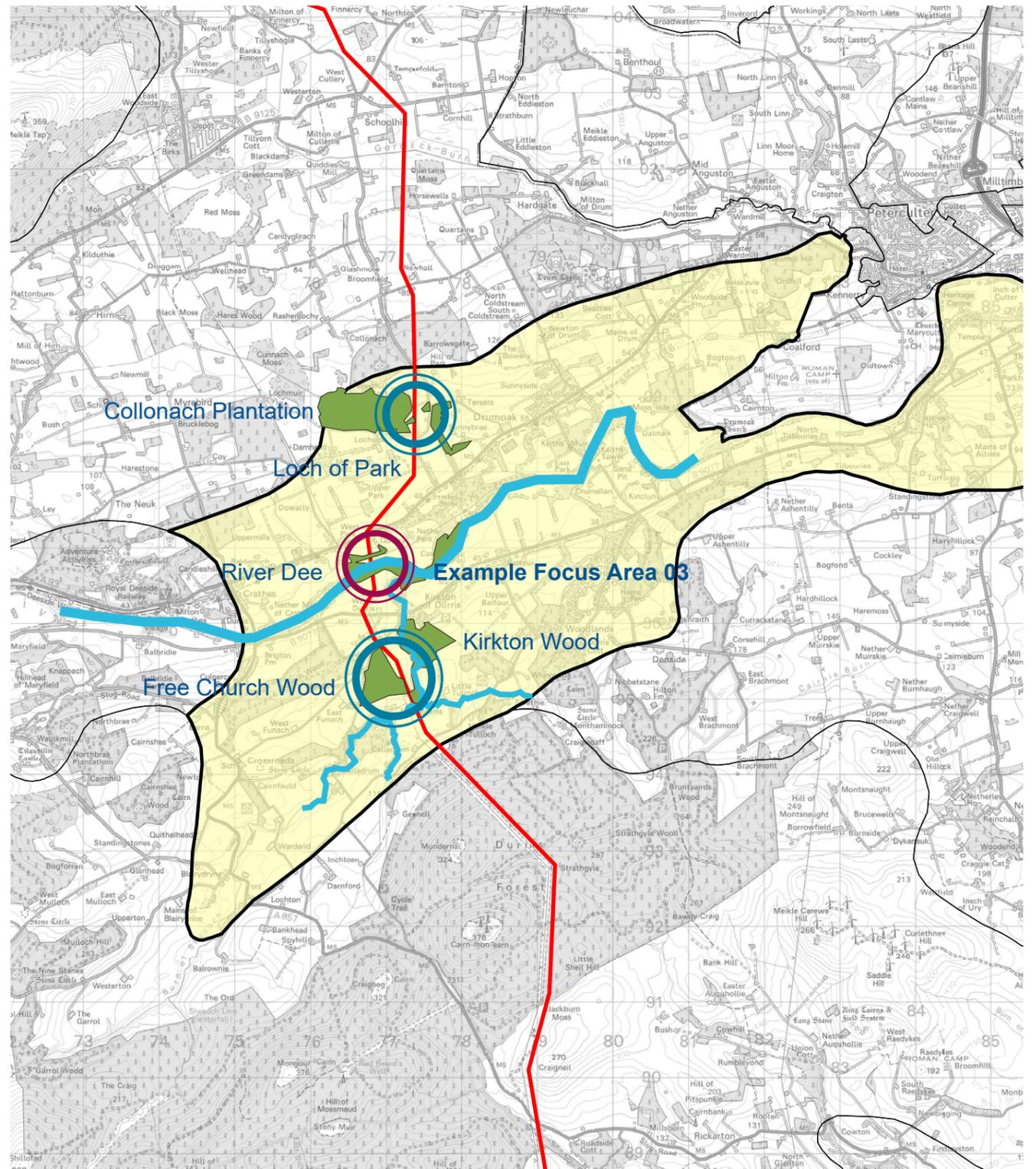


Plate 9.6.22. Key Areas along Proposed Development through Broad Wooded and Farmland Valley Character Area

## Example Focus Area 03

### Tower N61-N62

(345,211.2 757,138.7m)

#### Key Landscape Objectives:

To the north and south of the focus area, Principle 1 is to be used to minimise disturbance to agricultural land from the construction, as well as additional field disturbance during construction activities. Ensuring fields are to be restored through careful soil management and boundary reinstatement. At the center, the Proposed Development crosses a wide river. Restoration would look to seamlessly integrate disturbed areas into the existing landscape, prevent erosion, and support biodiversity. Native species would be replanted along the riverbank, appropriate to support the riparian habitats. In the immediate wider area, native vegetation would be planted to enhance biodiversity and maintain ecological continuity along the river corridor.



Plate 9.6.23. Broadleaved Woodland

#### Principles applied-

- 1 Agricultural Land
- 6 Ditches/ watercourses/ wetlands
- 5 Broadleaved Woodland



Plate 9.6.24. Principles applicable to Focus Area 03

- River edge to be lined with aquatic marginal vegetation and layers of native scrub and trees, enhancing the habitat.
- Improve immediate surroundings by adding damp semi-improved grassland along the water body, contributing to biodiversity.

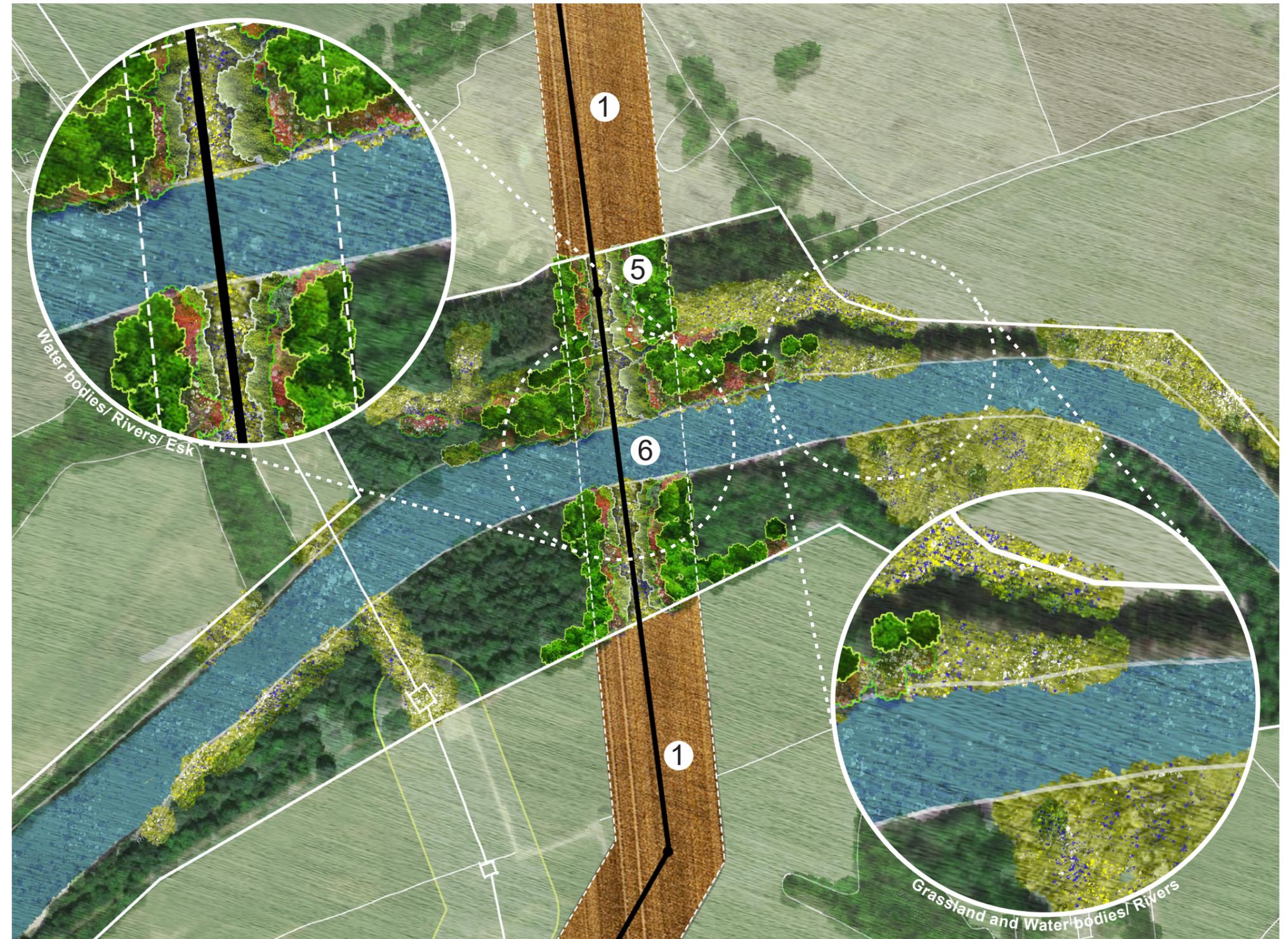


Plate 9.6.25. Proposed Plan- Focus Area 03