

5.5 Woodland Management

- 5.5.1** An Camas Mòr LLP control the areas of woodland within the Proposed Development Site. Rothiemurchus Estate controls large areas of native woodlands and forest plantations throughout the surrounding area.. These woodlands and plantations play a major role in contributing to the woodland setting required for the proposed new community within the Badenoch and Strathspey Local Plan, as well as reducing the general visibility of the proposed new community through the screening of new buildings and other associated features from surrounding viewpoints.
- 5.5.2** It is recognised that trees are not permanent features, and that land management practices, especially associated with forest management, can result in sudden transformations in landscape character and general visibility within an area through the removal of tree cover.
- 5.5.3** Rothiemurchus Estate has developed a Forest Plan for their woodlands and plantations where the primary objective is to increase the general woodland cover over the 20 year period of the Plan. This objective would be achieved through active management of areas of ancient woodland, where conservation and natural regeneration are key objectives. Continuous cover management would increase the overall woodland age diversity. Selective thinning and felling of plantations and woodlands would retain the overall wooded character of these areas whilst allowing individual trees and stands to develop to maturity. There would be a tendency towards natural regeneration of native species, with clear felling and replanting to be adopted in limited areas only. This approach would ensure that the generally wooded character of the An Camas Mòr site and its wider setting would be retained beyond the lifetime of the proposed development of the new community.

5.6 Construction Activities

Introduction

- 5.6.1** The following section describes the construction activities which would be undertaken on the proposed development site for An Camas Mòr. The information has informed the Environmental Impact Assessment.
- 5.6.2** In describing the construction activities it has to be recognised that this is based on a range of assumptions based on professional experience since precise methods, programming and use of plant can not be determined at this stage of the proposal.
- 5.6.3** A detailed baseline description, impact assessment and the mitigation measures are provided in Volume 2, Chapter 9, Sections 1-10.

Scheme Overview - Phases and Construction Activities

- 5.6.4** 'Development activities' should be understood as those outlined in Table 5.3 which are a breakdown of the proposed development; while 'construction activities' are undertaken to construct the development activity; whilst