

SPACES FOR CONTACT WITH NATURE

An essential part of the character of Rothiemurchus is its rich and varied natural woodland and likewise the character of An Camas Mòr would be dominated by its woodland setting. The great majority of the community would be in close contact with nature, whether in private or public spaces.

This feeling would be enhanced by having blocks of trees nearer the centre and 'wedges' connected with the existing woodland and planted shelter belt areas on the perimeter, the 'edges'.

The woodland supports a range of habitats, including mosses and lichens and the shrubby layer. The blocks of trees would have footpaths and cycle tracks through them in many places.

Open spaces would also be provided, in natural glacial kettleholes. These spaces and parks would be varied in character and designed in detail to enhance their outdoor character.

To the south, an extensive and beautiful area of older woodland would be kept undeveloped and would keep its valuable wildlife character. In the new planting, local native vegetation would predominate, indeed, where possible, it would be kept in situ.

