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
## ANNEX 1

### LEASE

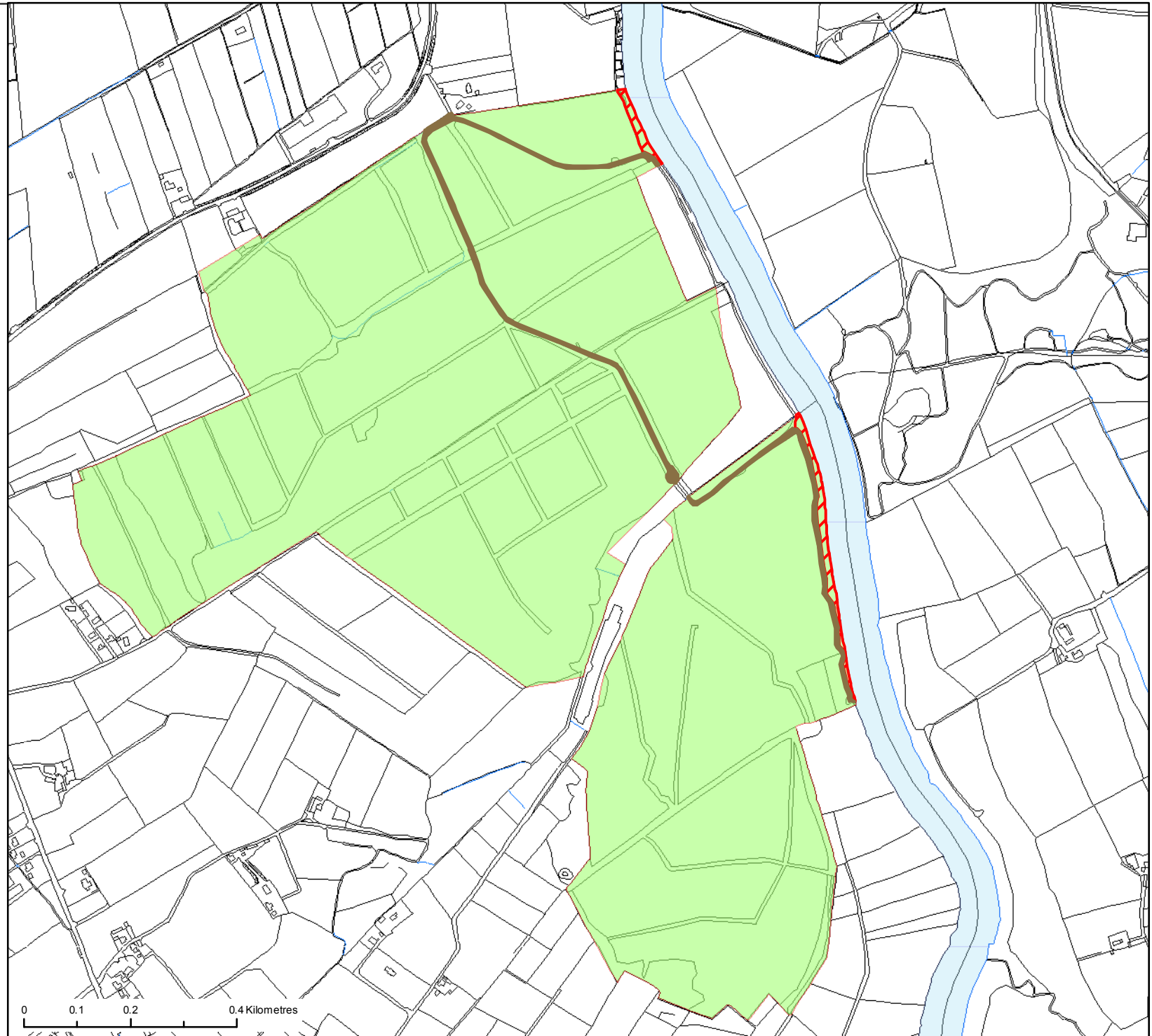
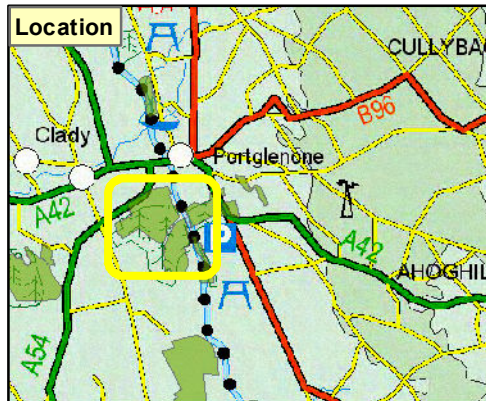
#### PORTGLENONE FOREST GLENONE WOOD

Leased area to  
Mid Ulster District Council



-  Permitted access route
-  Leased recreation area
-  Glenone Wood,  
Portglenone Forest

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### MAP A

### LICENCE

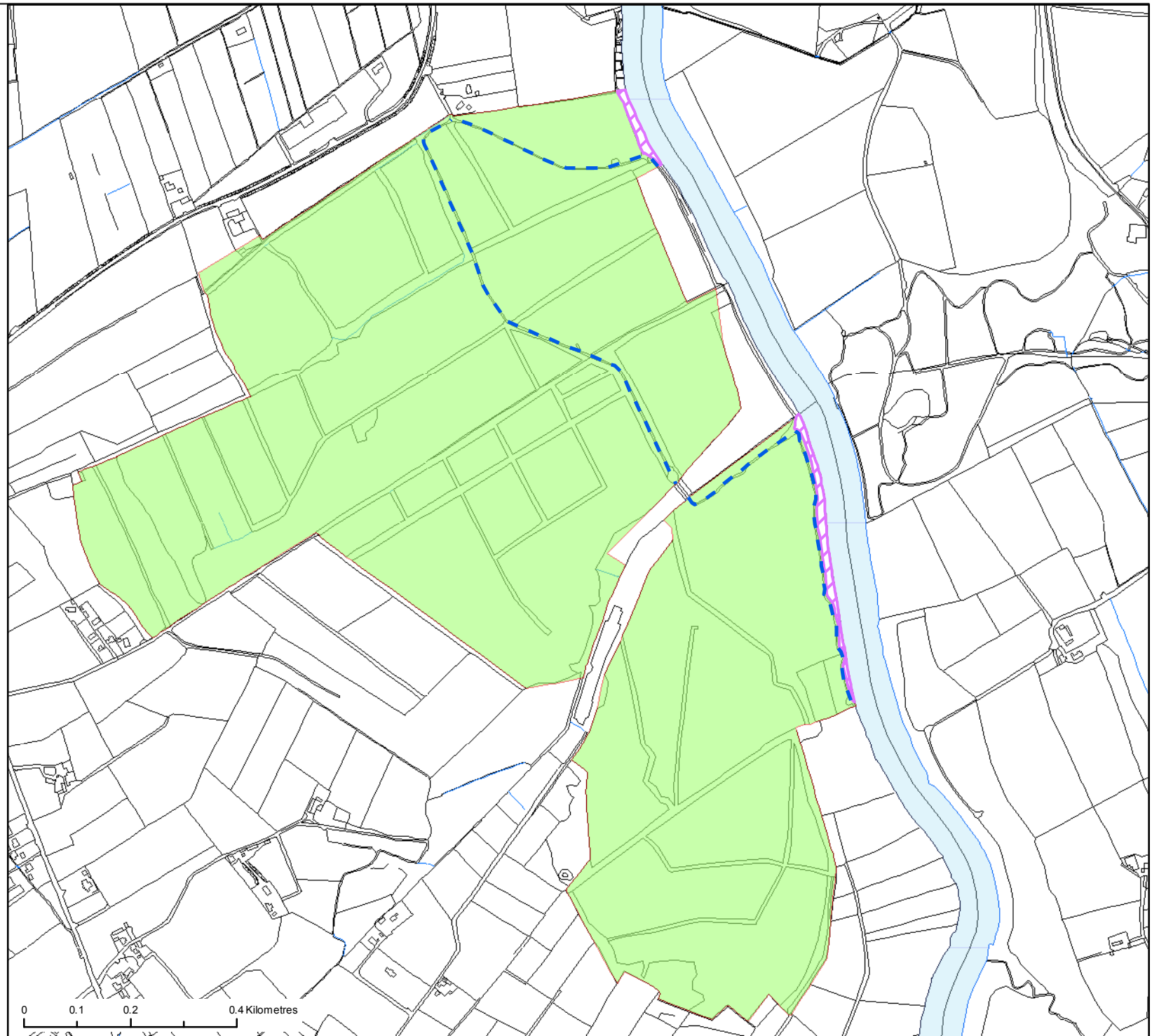
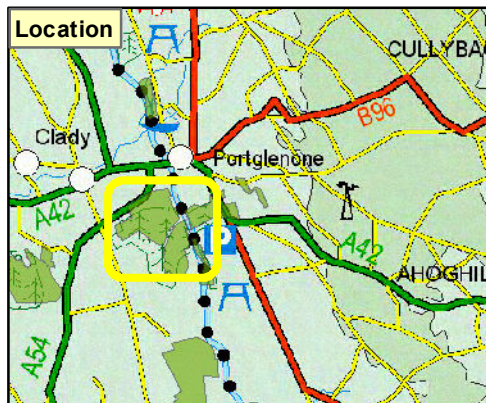
### PORTGLENONE FOREST GLENONE WOOD

### Licence to Mid Ulster District Council



- Trail (Existing forest road)
- Leased recreation area
- Glenone Wood, Portglenone Forest

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
**MAP B**

**LICENCE**

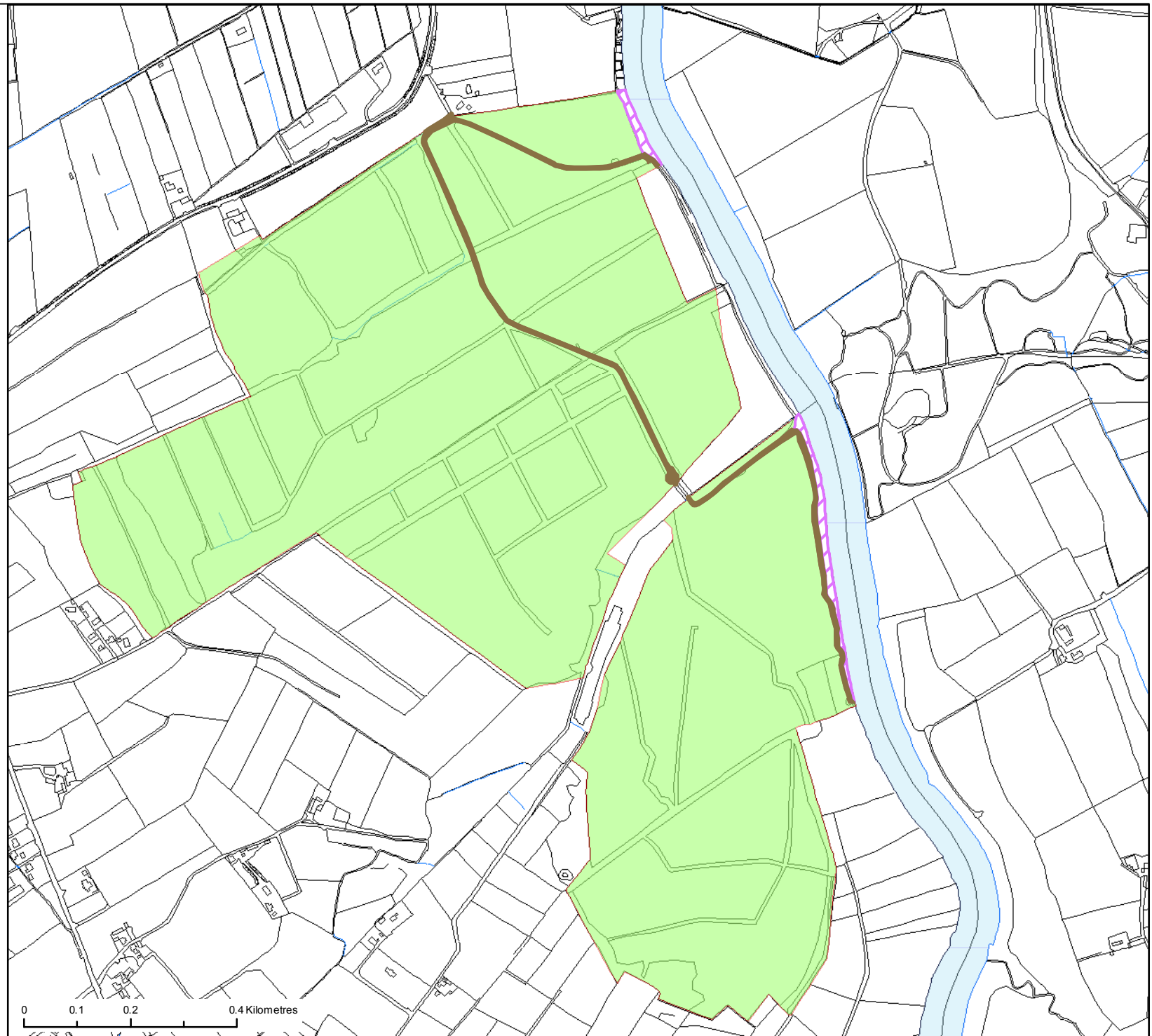
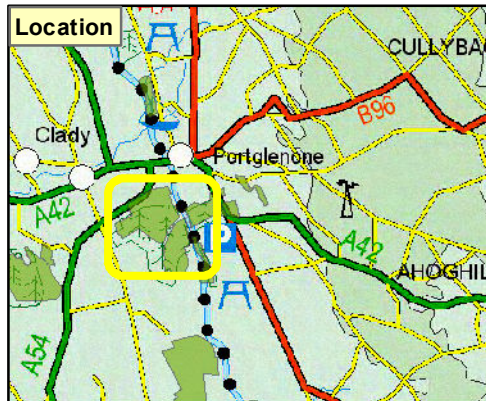
**PORTGLENONE FOREST  
GLENONE WOOD**

**Licence to  
Mid Ulster District Council**



-  Permitted vehicular access
-  Leased recreation area
-  Glenone Wood, Portglenone Forest

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## RECREATION PARTNERSHIP WORKING REPORT

**Forest Service  
&  
Mid-Ulster District Council**

**Date of Meeting – 3 October 2018**

**Location – Council Offices, Cookstown**

**Attendees – MUDC – Anne-Marie Campbell, Nigel Hill, Claire McNally, Paul Bailey, Anne Reid**

**FS – Ian Irwin, Breandan Mulholland, Dawson Jones**

**Apologies - Des Campbell, Mark Parker**

### **Introduction –**

The minutes from the last meeting held on 10 May 2018 were agreed with all action points either completed or carried forward to the current meeting.

<b>Scope of Report</b>  (List of legal arrangements and respective time period)	<u>With former Cookstown District Council</u>  20 year licence (from 16/12/13) for management of trails and associated recreation facilities at Davagh forest  20 year licence (from 01/12/14) for management of trails and associated recreation facilities at Pomeroy forest	
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	<p>20 Year lease (from 10/07/15) for management of a play park and associated recreation facilities at Drum Manor Forest Park</p> <p>20 Year lease (from 01/12/14 ) for management of a play park and associated recreation facilities at Pomeroy forest</p> <p>Public path agreement (from 22 October 2004) for management of trails and associated recreation facilities at Lough Fea forest</p> <p><u>With former Magherafelt District Council</u></p> <p>20 year licence (from 18/03/15) for management of trails and associated recreation facilities at Derrynoyd forest.</p> <p>20 year licence (from 18/03/15) for management of trails and associated recreation facilities at Moydamlaght forest.</p>	<p><b>Action Point 1 – FS to forward map of PPA to Council</b></p> <p><b>Actioned 09/11/2018</b></p>
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	<p>20 year licence (from 18/03/15) for management of trails and associated recreation facilities at Iniscarn forest.</p> <p>Lease arrangement for fishing stands at Portglenone forest. MUDC confirmed that they managed fishing stands and the recreation provision associated with these stands at a forest block beside Portglenone forest.</p> <p><u>With Mid-Ulster District Council</u></p> <p>Memorandum of Understanding relating to a collaborative partnership dated 3 October 2016 for an initial period of 5 years.</p>	<p><b>Action Point 2 – Council and FS to finalise legal arrangements for the Glenone forest block at Portglenone.</b></p>
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	<b>Outputs from last 6 months</b>	<b>Planned Actions for next 6 months</b>
<b>Customer Service Standards</b>		
<i>Estimated number of visitors outlining any significant changes from previous years</i>	Council provided figures for visitor numbers to Davagh. No significant changes reported.	<b>Action Point 3 – FS to carry out a new visitor survey in 2019</b>
<i>Results of any visitor monitoring</i>	Overall visitor rating; (2014 visitor survey) Drum Manor – Excellent/Very Good 74%	
<i>Number of major events/attendees</i>	Council provided a report on events held in forests in the Council area.	Pomeroy – Santa’s magical forest event - December
<i>Economic analysis of value of forest recreation</i>	Money spent on day of forest visit including accommodation (2014 visitor survey) Drum Manor - £9/adult visit – Total annual spend £450,000.	
<i>Visitor feedback including complaints</i>	A complaint has been made about the surface of a forest road in Moydamlaght. Forest Service has received feedback from Drumcairne residents group following reports of anti-social behaviour at the forest.	Continued liaison between Council, PSNI and FS to reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour

<b>Partnership Working</b>		
<i>Communication arrangements with Forest Service</i>	MOU partnership meetings with FS x 2 annually. FS contact points clarified. Nigel Hill first point of contact for Council, with Paul Bailey next contact point FS Points of Contact; Colin Archibald – Moydamlaght, Derrynoyd and Iniscarn Ciaran Cassidy – Davagh, Drum Manor,	<b>Action Point 4 – FS to supply MUDC with a map showing local foresters areas of responsibility.</b>

	Pomeroy, Lough Fea Jim Marshall – Glenone Wood	
<i>Significant forest operations completed and planned</i>	Davagh – Timber haulage ongoing Iniscarn – Timber haulage ongoing	Derrynoyd – Thinning operations have commenced
<i>Forest planning reviews</i>	FS provided an update on Forest Management Planning Review procedures and timetable of reviews. The Sperrin review is nearing completion with the scoping study having received 54 responses. Breandan Mulholland recorded his appreciation for Paul Bailey’s contribution to a meeting with Moydamlaght community group.	
<i>Tree disease issues</i>	No further tree disease notices issued since surveillance flight in June.	
<i>Access and security arrangements</i>	Double locking system in operation in Davagh. Council have key for locks at all forests where required. Council clarified that they manage a key box at the entrance to Glenone forest for disabled anglers.	
<i>Third Party considerations</i>	Council clarified that they have appointed key holders within the Portglenone fishing clubs for managing access to the fishing stands at Glenone Wood.	
<i>UK Woodland Assurance Standard</i>	The next surveillance audit is anticipated to take place in March 2019. FS stressed the importance of Council being complaint with the standard.	<b>Action Point 5 – FS to forward copy of surveillance report to Council.</b>
<b>Health and Safety</b>		



<i>Accident statistics including information on any public liability claims</i>	None reported by Council. FS stressed the importance of reporting all accidents and near misses to FS in terms of improving safety awareness and learning opportunities.	
<i>Hazards identified and risk assessments in place</i>	FS provided an update on health and safety issues and shared information on accidents and near misses across the FS estate. He provided an overview of a recent publication ‘Managing public safety on forestry work sites’ and the respective roles and responsibilities highlighted in this document. He stressed the importance of good communication and co-ordination between both parties for any operations being carried out by either FS or Council.	<b>Action Point 6 – FS to forward link to new ‘Managing public safety on forestry work sites’ practice guide.</b> <a href="https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/managing-public-safety-forestry-work-sites">https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/managing-public-safety-forestry-work-sites</a>
<i>Facility inspection procedures</i>	Council procedures in place	
<i>Tree inspection procedures</i>	Council recorded their appreciation to FS for making a tree safety training course available to some of their staff. Council updated the meeting on the alchemist system which they intended to use for the recording of tree inspections and follow-up actions.	<b>Action Point 7 – Council to formalise tree inspection procedures for their areas of responsibility.</b>
<i>Records of maintenance and repair works</i>	Council procedures in place.	
<i>Emergency procedures</i>	Council has standard procedures in place. Double locking system at Davagh. Council key held in combination safe at notice boards.	
<i>Vandalism/damage to forest/ recreation facilities including follow up action to mitigate further damage</i>	None recorded.	

<b>Partnership Development</b>		
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<p><i>Recreation priorities</i></p>	<p>Council working through legal arrangements provided to facilitate improved recreation facilities at Davagh forest and Pomeroy forest. The immediate priorities include improving car parking facilities and a community hub at Pomeroy and the development of a dark skies project at Davagh.</p> <p>Council provided an overview of their recreation proposals along the Bann River between Portglenone and Newferry which would incorporate developments within Forest Service owned woodland along the proposed route. Development proposals are also being worked up for Knockmany forest and Brantry forest.</p>	<p><b>Action Point 8 – FS to check on ownership of Lough beside Brantry forest.</b></p>
<p><i>Any other proposals</i></p>	<p>FS provided an update on the Derrynoyd forest and developments with Workspace.</p> <p>Council has commissioned Outdoor Recreation NI to provide a strategy for outdoor recreation across the Council area including forests. This is subject to further consideration and consultation.</p>	<p><b>Action Point 9 – Mark Parker and Nigel Hill to agree a Woodland Management Plan for the lease area at Davagh forest.</b></p>