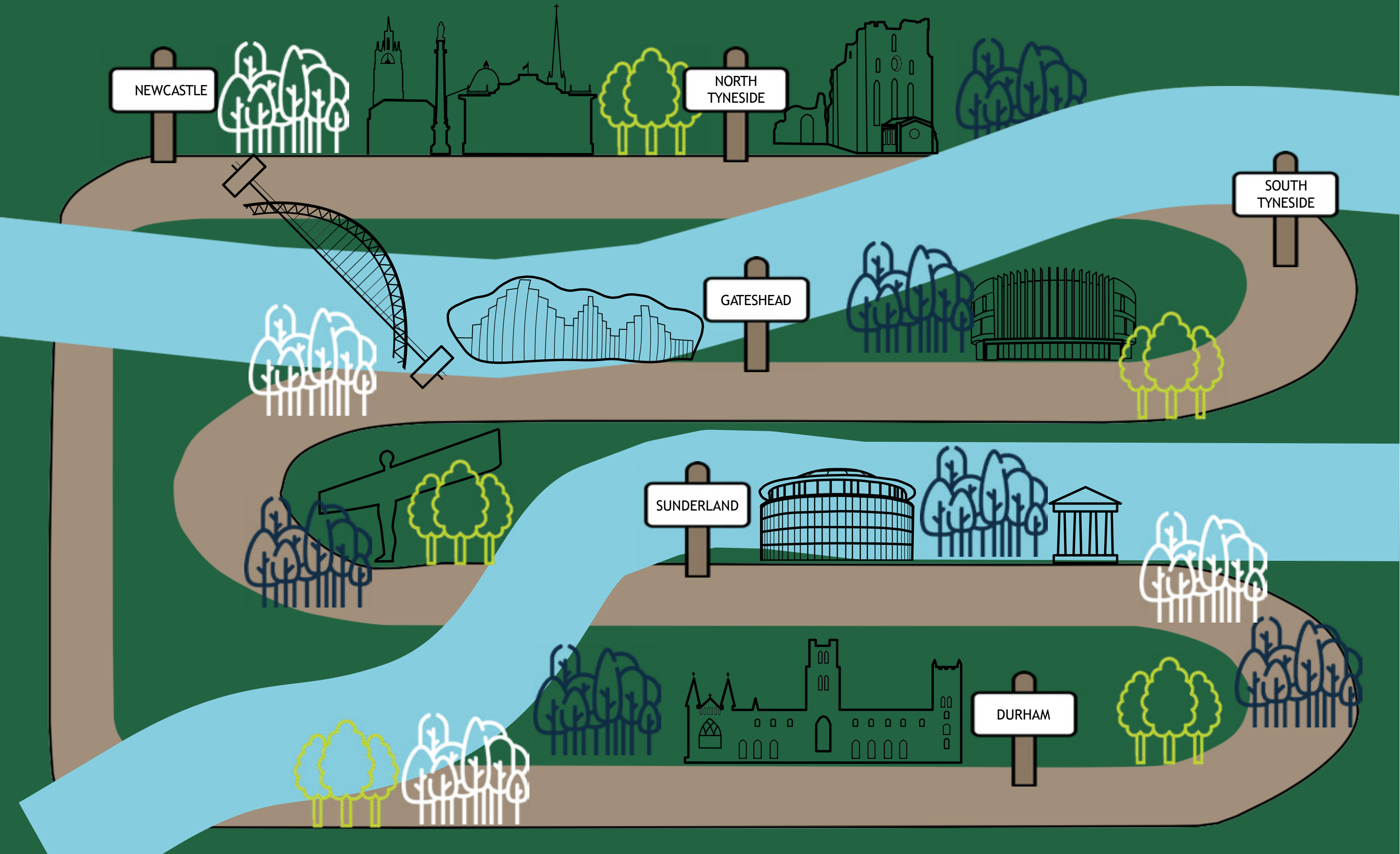


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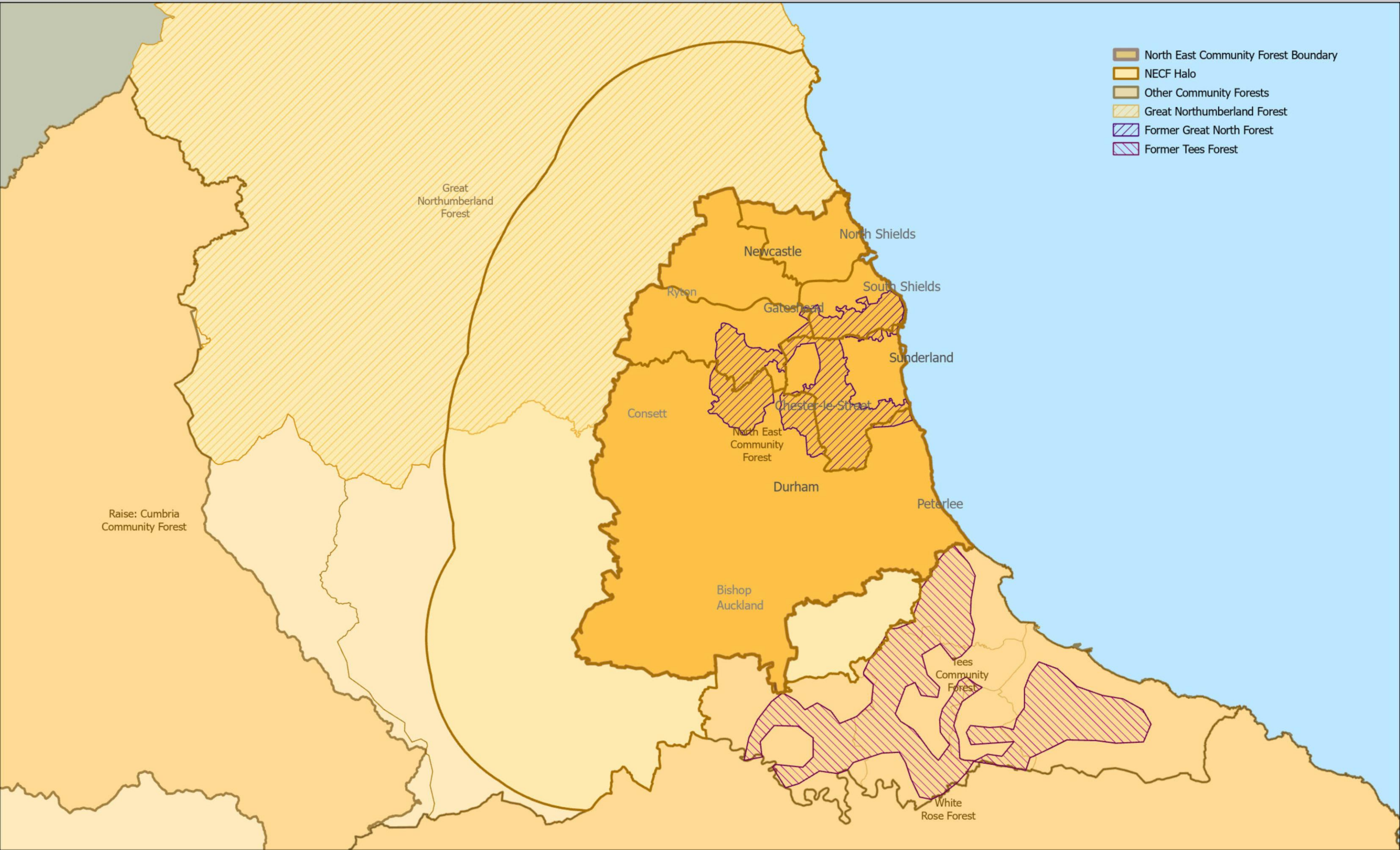




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Durham | Gateshead | Newcastle | North Tyneside | South Tyneside | Sunderland

North East Community Forest Project Area and Former Great North Forest and Tees Forest Boundaries





- **England Community Forests** established 1990
- **15** Community Forests in England
- Located in and around the largest towns and Cities in England
- **20%** of land area in England
- **65%** of England's population live within or near (15km) to a Community Forest
- **Communities, people and trees** used as a **vehicle to overcome economic deprivation and increase canopy cover**
- Over **35%** of all **Government funded tree planting** in England since **2020**.

England Community Forests key ingredients



**“Conservation without money is just a conversation.
If you don't include local communities, it's a very bad conversation”**

Constantino (Tino) Aucca Chutas,
2020



UK Government funded Trees for Climate grant

15-year agreement, made up of:

- **3-year establishment phase**
- **12-year maintenance phase** – up to £400/ha/year
- **Natural Capital Payments** for air, noise, heat mitigation; water flow & quality; biodiversity and public access

Up to 100% of costs (project management fees, planting, establishment & maintenance, community engagement and more)



Newcastle International Airport Woodland Creation & Abbotswood

Trees for Climate case study

20.80 hectares

43,567 trees and hedgerows



Best Airport
in the world

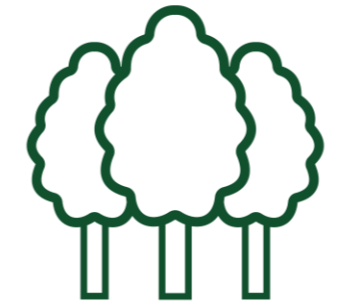
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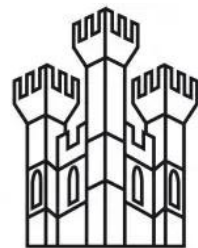
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Forestry Commission

PROJECT PRIORTIES & OPPORTUNITIES

-  **Decarbonisation** & carbon credits (UK Woodland Carbon Code)
-  **Biodiversity** and Landscape Connectivity
-  Build and Maintain **Strong Partnerships**
-  Engage **Local Communities** and residents
-  Long-Term **Stewardship** and Aftercare
-  Part of broader Newcastle Airport **sustainability KPI programme**
-  Create a **National Flagship Project**

PROJECT CHALLENGES

-  **Bird Hazard Strike Risk** Impacts on Species Mix
-  Existing **Peat Constraints**
-  **Competing Land Use** Priorities
-  **Tenant Farmers** and Agricultural Operations
-  **Deer Browsing** and Grazing Pressure
-  **Drought** and Climate Stress Impacts on Establishment
-  **Antisocial** behaviour

Video overview – Phase 1 woodland creation



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9TU2vYVj24>

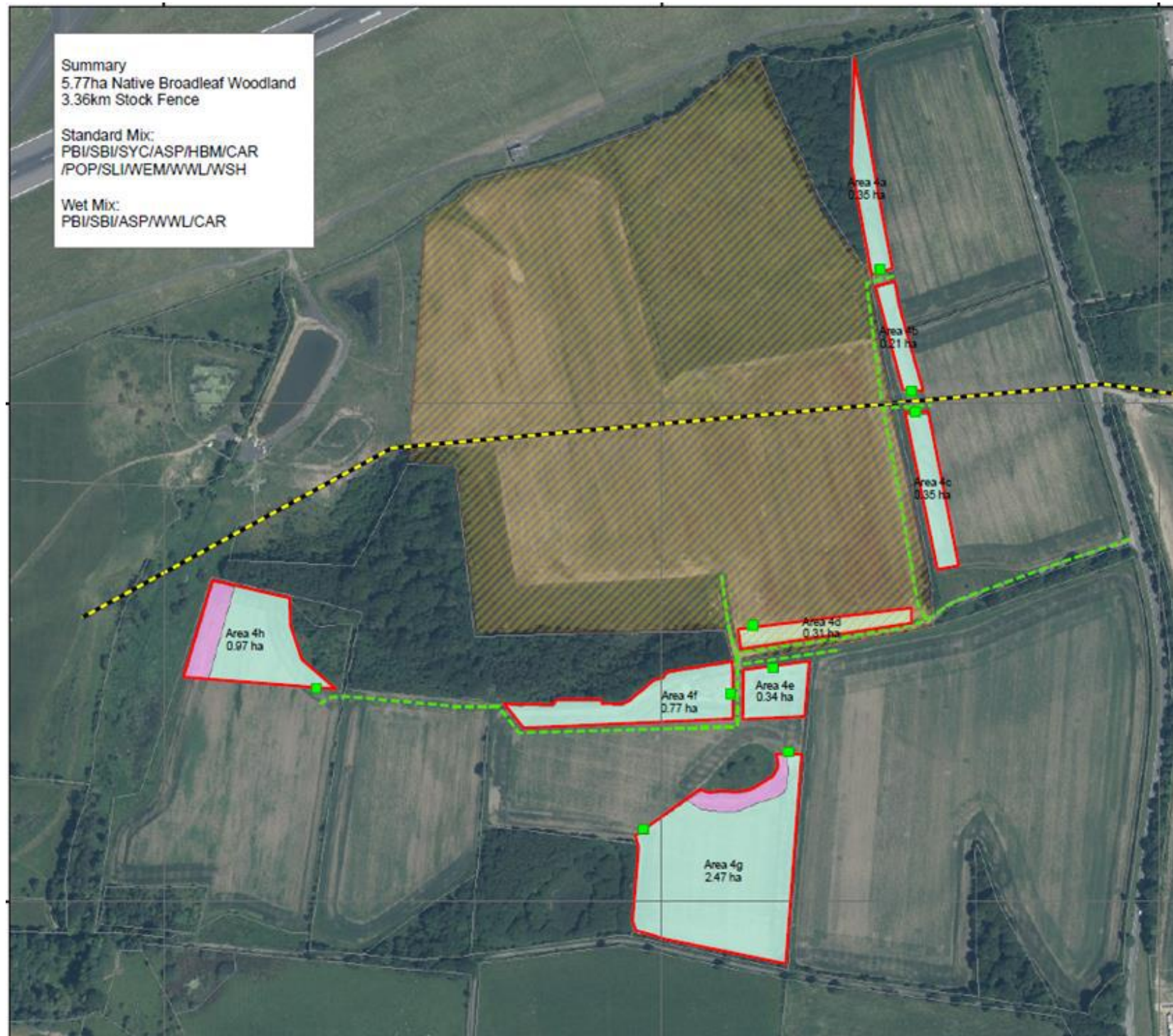


Woodland creation phase 1

 **5.19 hectares**

 **Broadleaf woodland**

 **8,300 trees**



Video overview – Phase 2 woodland creation



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pyr6qvgvKZ0>



Woodland creation and hedgerow phase 2

- 🌳 10.42ha broadleaf woodland and hedgerow
- 🌿 2.88 hectares Open Space Habitat
- 🌳 4.46 km of hedgerow with in-hedge trees
- 🌱 43,567 woodland and hedge trees
- 🍄 Rhizocore fungi pellets applied



Abbotswood – 5ha



Abbotswood

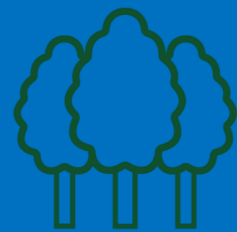
- 📖 Abbotswood Management Plan delivered
- 👥 Community tree planting and aftercare
- 🚶 142 m of new pedestrian footway
- 🌳 6 × extra-heavy standard trees planted
- 🦉 Bird and bat boxes, plus insect hotels
- 🪑 Three new benches installed
- 🌸 900 native bulbs planted
- 📄 Interpretation boards installed
- 🌿 No-mow areas introduced
- 🌼 Wildflower meadow creation
- 🌱 New hedgerows



Thank you 😊

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