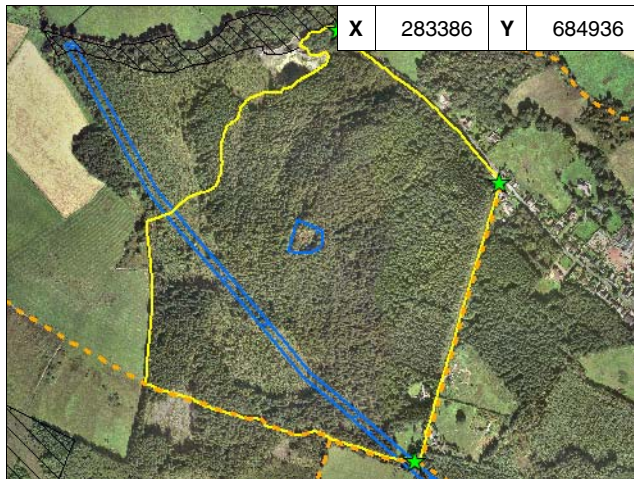


Site Number	79	Site Name	Torwood Wood, Torwood
Location	Torwood		



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Hierarchy	3 - Regional	Typology	Woodland
Area (Ha)	55.1	Ownership	

Surrounding Environment	Woodland all around		
Access Points	Multiple (Map Incorrect)	Access Type	Public

ELEMENTS		FACILITIES	
0 = Absent	1 = Minimal	2 = Evident	3 = Abundant
Bog / Marshland	0	Benches	0
Amenity / Ornamental Planting	0	Bins	0
Formal Paths	0	Dog Litter Bins	0
Informal Tracks	1	Lighting	0
Mown Grass	0	Fencing	0
Long Grass	2	Walling	2
General Hard Space	0	Signage	0
General Soft Space	3	Play Facilities	0
Soft Tiling / Play Surface	0	Storage Huts	0
Scrub / Regenerating Woodland	3	Kick-about Areas	0
Shelterbelt	0	Sports Pitch	0
Avenue Trees	0	Public Toilets	0
Formal Water Feature	0	Disabled Access	0
Informal / Natural Water Feature	0	Car Park	0
Deciduous Woodland	1	Cafe / Restaurant	0
Mixed Woodland	0	Other Building	2
Coniferous Woodland	3	Other:	0
Canal Basin	0		
Roadside Planting	0		
Parkland Trees	0		
Other:	2		

Public Park and Garden	Amenity Open Space	Playspaces
No	No	No
Sports Area	Natural / Semi-Natural Greenspace	Green Corridor
No	Yes	No

QUALITY SCORES - SITE	Included	Score
Accessibility	YES	2
Health and Wellbeing	YES	2
Cleanliness and Maintenance	NO	3
Biodiversity and Nature Conservation	YES	4
Cultural Heritage and Local History	NO	4
Community Involvement	NO	3
Design and Aesthetic Qualities	NO	3
Marketing	NO	1
Management	NO	2
Average Quality and Fitness For Purpose Score		2.7

Main benefits of the open space
Cultural history with roman road & Tappoch broch historic, decorated stones. Adjacent Torwood Castle - Scottish Baronial. Ancient woodland - good biodiversity.
Main detractors of the open space
Poor access & temporarily no access near quarry due to construction work. Only one marked path off track to castle going through the wood to Broch. No parking facilities.
Main design opportunities
Devise access strategy for the site to create path network through woods, taking in the sites historic features to give a network with optional routes & clear signage. Maintain woodland to ensure long term sustainability of woodland and biodiversity. Provide a small parking area at the main site access. Interpretation of cultural heritage.
Main design constraints
Quarry. Extent of ancient woodland at site. Cultural heritage features.
Recommendations / Observations / Strategy
Conservation of historic features and enhancement of sites potential with a clear access strategy. Maintain woodland over the long term and for wildlife. Improve & increase access points.

Finalised Draft Local Plan Comments
Proposals for surrounding woodland: EN.TOR1 Torwood Woodland. Opportunity: Woodland Management/Countryside Access. Comments: Opportunity to secure future of the woodland environment around Torwood for the benefit of the community, including development of further access links.
Additional Comments