

CATHEDRAL GROVE, DUNKELD – PROPOSED PLANTING AND INTERPRETATION PLAN, JANUARY 2016

The black squares indicate the positions of the proposed new trees for planting spring 2016. These positions, based on guidance received from HES, are as close as is practically possible to sites where trees have previously stood.

The blue dots indicate the positions of 'tree-trail' interpretation panels.

The red dot indicates the position of the 'information node' interpretation panel. This position has been chosen as the site has already been disturbed in recent years.

Regarding the tree planting, the ethos in the northern edge of the grove is to plant relatively densely. In recent years it is gaps in this side of the grove that have been developing, letting major winds penetrate and do significant damage to the tree population. Species selection for this northern portion of the grove will therefore focus on classic coniferous species of ultimately large stature, many of which are already present, or are known to have been grown here historically, for example: *Abies concolor*; *Abies magnifica*; *Abies nordmanniana*; *Picea orientalis*; *Sequoiadendron giganteum*; *Tsuga mertensiana*.

The four planting positions elsewhere within the grove will take advantage of 'lost tree' sites and these may be used to continue the tradition of planting rarer and more unusual species and varieties to maintain diversity, including the use of some broadleaves as well as conifers.

