**Forest Resource Plan – Summary of Objectives for Hafren Forest**

1. **Timber production to ensure despatch volumes are maintained or improved and to ensure ongoing support for Welsh economy as global timber demands increase and reserves diminish over the next 25 years.**

*(WGWE timber production targets – key priority 9, Timber availability forecasts, Area Statement -Forestry Resources, local wood for local use, Wellbeing Goals: A Prosperous Wales)*

1. **Capitalise on the extensive recent riparian management work by maintaining existing and selecting new riparian sections for support to water quality, pH balance and increase of biodiversity.**

*(WGWE key priority 3, UKFS riparian management, Water quality, acid sensitivity of site and water framework directive, open habitat and riparian habitat connectivity, Area Statement - Biodiversity, Wellbeing Goals: A resilient Wales)*

1. **The acid sensitive catchment of the site (which includes the River Severn) and the proximity to downstream tributaries of the Upper River Wye SAC mean that forestry operations near to watercourses should be highlighted as particularly sensitive and appropriate mitigating protocols should be administered.**

*(WGWE key priority 2, Forest & Water guidelines, UKFS, HRA, N2K sites, Wellbeing Goals: A resilient Wales)*

1. **Pursue opportunities for natural flood management techniques in suitable riparian zones to support wet woodland habitat, pH buffering and biodiversity as well as local flood management benefits.**

*(WGWE key priority 8, NFM opportunities, protecting local communities, Area Statement – Sustainable Land and Water, flood risk management, Wellbeing Goals: A resilient Wales & A Wales of cohesive communities)*

1. **Take advantage of topography and underlying soil geology to strategically plant and develop an increasingly diverse tree species structure where suitable. Opportunities to restock with alternative to Larch (due to Phytophthora infected stand removals) should be actively pursued.**

*(WGWE key priority 4, Biodiversity, climate change resilience, Pests & Disease, Area Statement – Forestry Resources and Improving Biodiversity, Wellbeing Goals: A resilient Wales)*

1. **The sensitivity of the Pumlumon SSSI requires a combination of open habitat buffering, broadleaf planting (where appropriate) and a development of a graded edge where productive forestry blocks in the west are adjacent to the Pumlumon designation. This will support the mitigation of conifer seed dispersal and give a softer transition to landscape changes.**

*(SSSI management objectives, visual landscape, Area Statement – Sustainable Land, Wellbeing Goals: A resilient Wales)*

1. **Scheduled monuments, heritage features and cultural heritage points should be protected and kept free of productive forestry operations in order to preserve the historical value of these locations within the forest.**

*(WGWE key priority 7, UKFS culture and heritage, MoU with CADW and CPAT, Area Statement – Reconnecting People & Places, Wellbeing Goals:* *A Wales of vibrant culture and Welsh language)*

1. **Recreation and access are important for this site and facilities should be maintained or improved where available (e.g. tracks and trails). Increasing footfall to the site will promote the forest status, particularly as it is now recognised as an exemplar site for the National Forest of Wales.**

*(WGWE key priority 7, PROW, recreation and access, National Forest, Area Statement – Connective People & Places, Wellbeing Goals: A healthier Wales and A Wales of cohesive communities)*

1. **Continue to protect high profile osprey nesting sites for benefit of visitors, education and research.**

*(WGWE key priority 7, education and conservation, public interest, community engagement, Area Statement – Connective People & Places, Wellbeing Goals: A healthier Wales and A Wales of cohesive communities)*

1. **Increase local community outreach and engagement in forestry through local community involvement opportunities (particularly at Staylittle where the Llwynygog and Dolgau blocks are nearby).**

*(WGWE key priority 7, Community engagement, education, Area Statement – Connective People & Places, Wellbeing Goals: A Wales of cohesive communities)*

1. **Despite the small area of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS), efforts shall be made to restore these sites with native broadleaf restocking and enhance broadleaf species cover and connectivity inside and outside of the forest.**

*(WGWE – principle 5, Area Statement – Forestry Resources and Biodiversity, Wellbeing Goals: A resilient Wales)*

1. **Deer management infrastructure should be created in a sustainable and site sensitive manner so that open habitat can be designated to deer glades appropriate for mammal control.**

*(Biodiversity, tree establishment, deer management – pests and diseases)*