

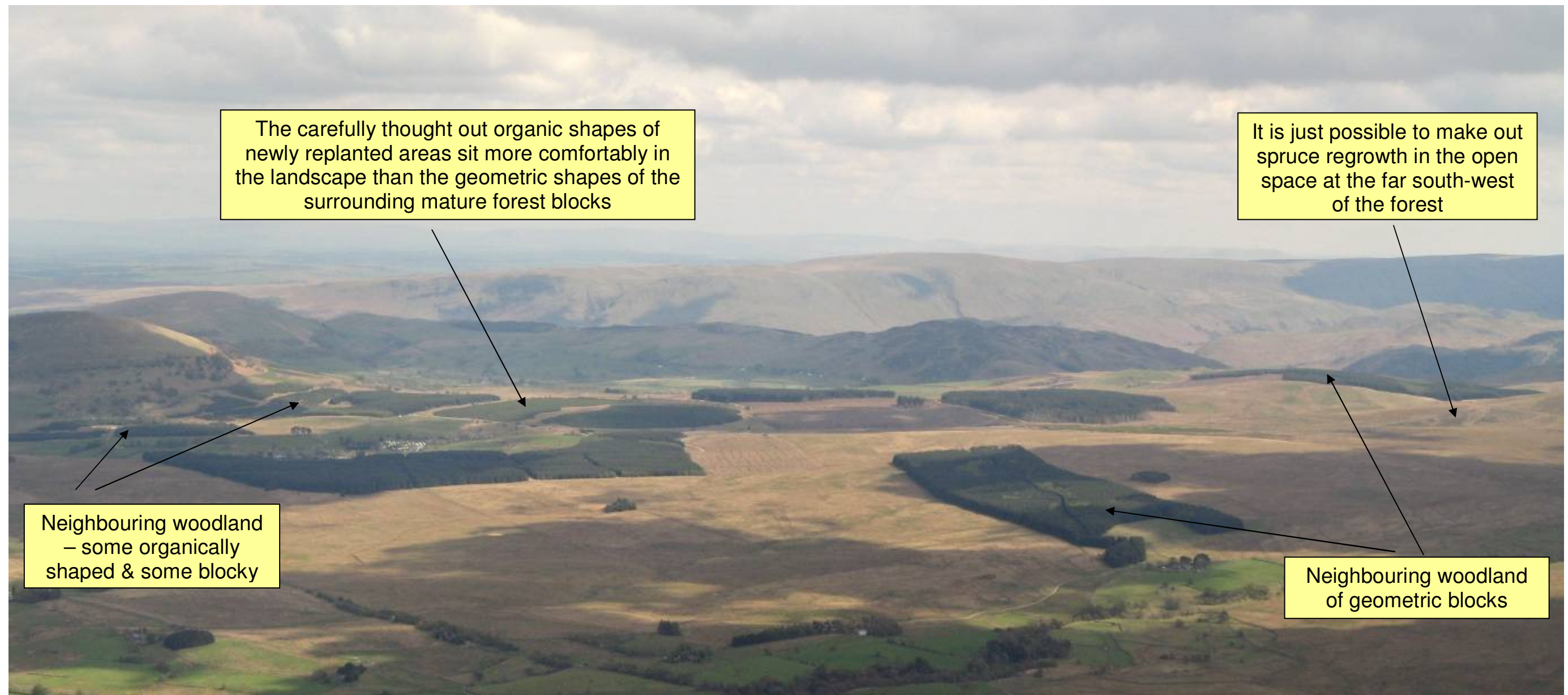
Matterdale Forest Design Plan

Summer 2010 Review – Viewpoints Survey



Looking into Matterdale from the main entrance

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The carefully thought out organic shapes of newly replanted areas sit more comfortably in the landscape than the geometric shapes of the surrounding mature forest blocks

It is just possible to make out spruce regrowth in the open space at the far south-west of the forest

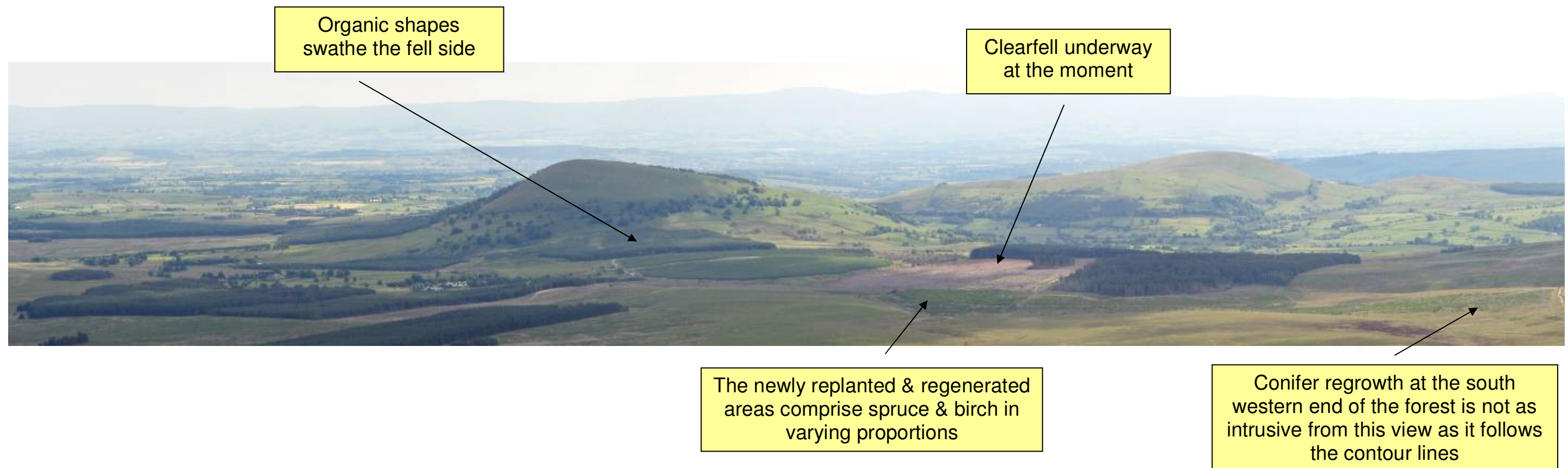
Neighbouring woodland – some organically shaped & some blocky

Neighbouring woodland of geometric blocks

1) Looking south east from the summit of Blencathra

A high level aspect from the summit of Blencathra which shows the forest in its wider setting. The routes up to Blencathra are very popular & this view of Matterdale & the surrounding privately owned forest blocks is probably the one most often seen.

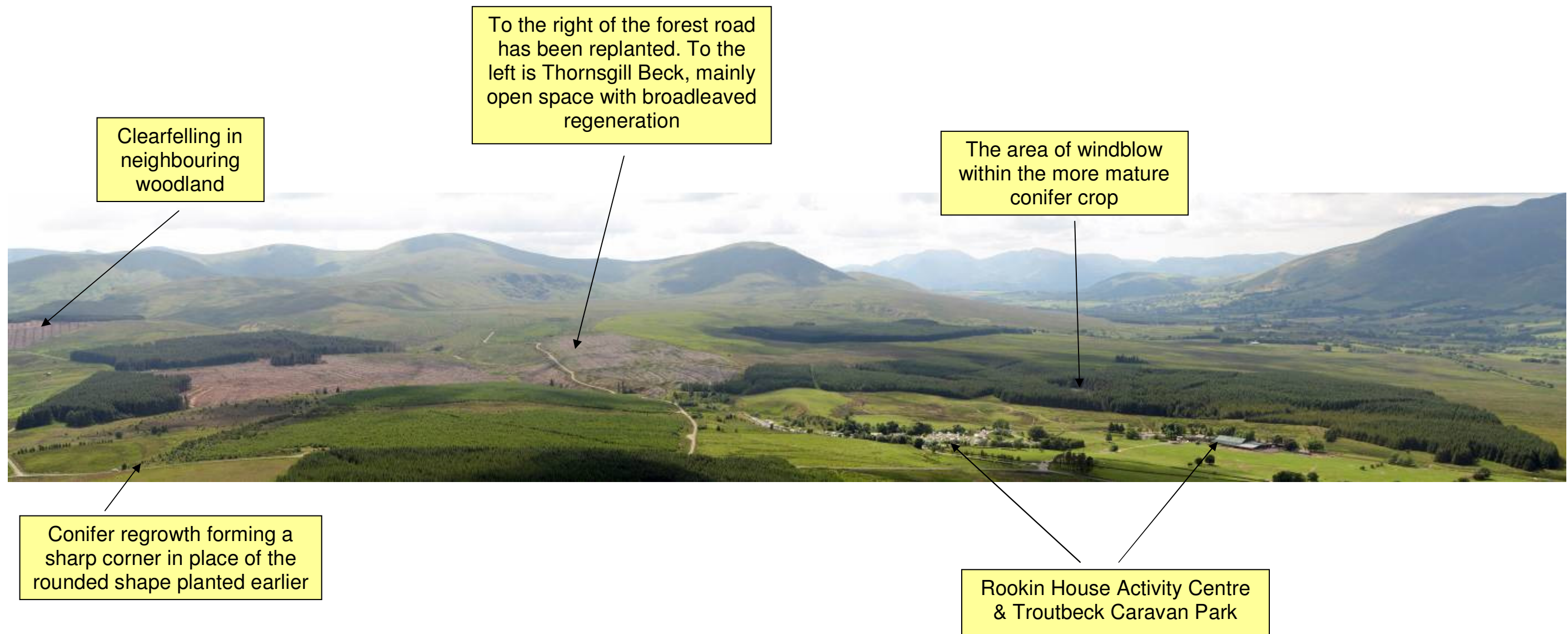
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1) Looking north east from the summit of Clough Head

This view of Matterdale is one often seen by those who walk the higher fells of Clough Head & The Dodds. The geometric forest blocks dominate the scene & it is possible to see how organic shapes improve the view. Some conifer regeneration along the forest boundaries will be removed to avoid harsh lines reappearing on the landscape.

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2) Looking south west from the summit of Great Mell Fell

This view also demonstrates how redesigned organic coupe shapes that follow the gentle contours of the land are a great improvement. At the next five-year review it will be possible to see whether the conifer & broadleaved regeneration along the edges need to be reshaped.

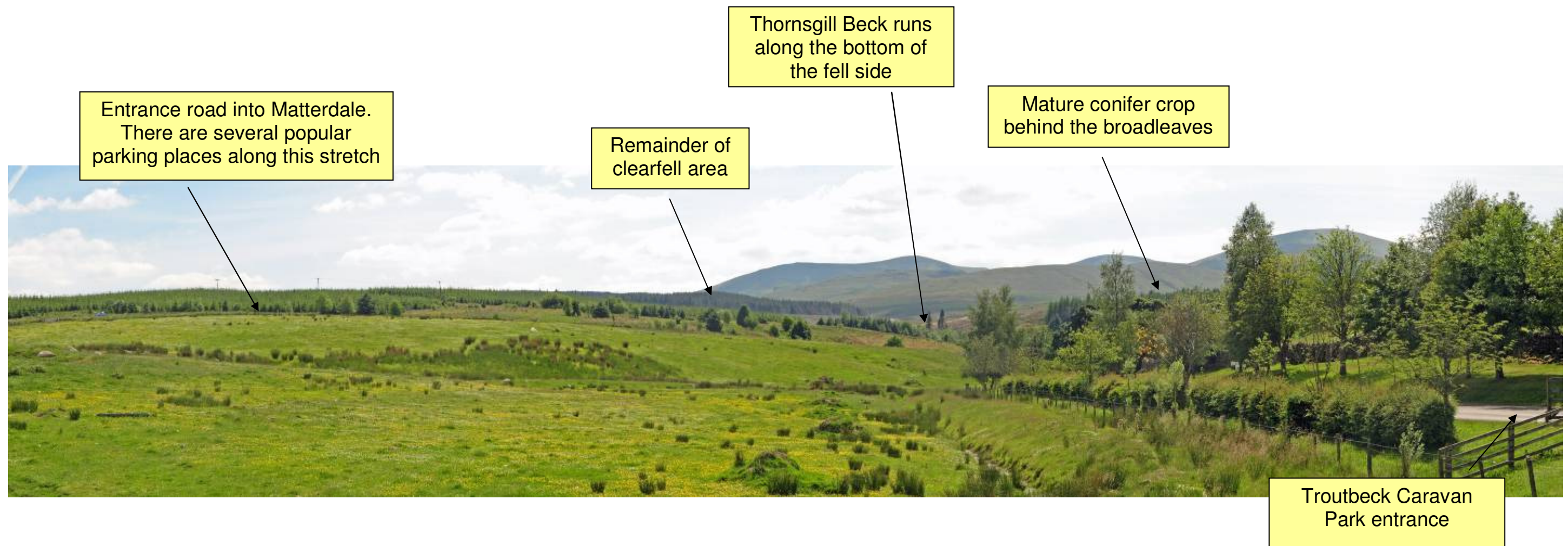
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3) Looking south from the A66 Junction with Troutbeck

From the A66 the views are predominantly of forest fringes not particularly out of place in the wider landscape with its scattered conifer blocks running across the lower fell sides.

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4) Looking south west from Troutbeck Caravan Park Entrance

From this view the conifers are not out of place in the wider landscape. This is helped by the presence of scattered conifers & broadleaves to the entrance of the Caravan Park.

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Broadleaves in the foreground soften the conifer boundary of the forest



5) Looking west from Rookin House Activity Centre Entrance

This view provides the backdrop to the Activity Centre. Windblow is occurring through this part of the woodland as it reaches maturity. The plan is to replant most of this area leaving the north east corner to regenerate with native broadleaves.



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Conifer regeneration forming straight boundary lines. Older & bigger edge trees are more obvious here



It is possible to see brash lines where conifer regeneration has not occurred. This may become more obvious on the landscape as the trees grow

6) Looking north east from the Old Coach Road

The Coast to Coast cycle route passes along the Old Coach Road & this stretch is walked frequently by those accessing the higher fells. The views are mainly of young regeneration. Some of the planting shape improvements are at risk of being lost due to excessive conifer regrowth forming straight lines again.



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This fringe is part of the clearfell already underway. A broadleaved fringe will be encouraged to regenerate



7) Looking west from the A5091 north of Matterdale End

This view is seen by mainly by locals leaving & entering the village of Matterdale End. Although a conifer fringe it is not too obvious or out of place in the landscape along with its neighbouring conifer blocks. It would benefit from broadleaved planting or encouragement of broadleaved regeneration along the edges of the forest.