

Basildon Park Woodland Management Plan Summary 2023-2033



Compartment BA2g

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**65.97 hectares of mixed
woodland in Berkshire**

Habitats and Species

These woodlands could be interpreted as falling within the Lowland Beech & Yew Woodlands UK BAP.

This woodland supports a good variety of common and widespread woodland birds, including great spotted woodpecker, nuthatch and bullfinch – the last a Red List species. It is also home to a range of interesting plants, fungi and invertebrates including the locally rare helleborines as well as butterflies including white-letter hairstreak, purple hairstreak, purple emperor, and the white admiral. A recent survey identified dormouse in the woods.

Designations

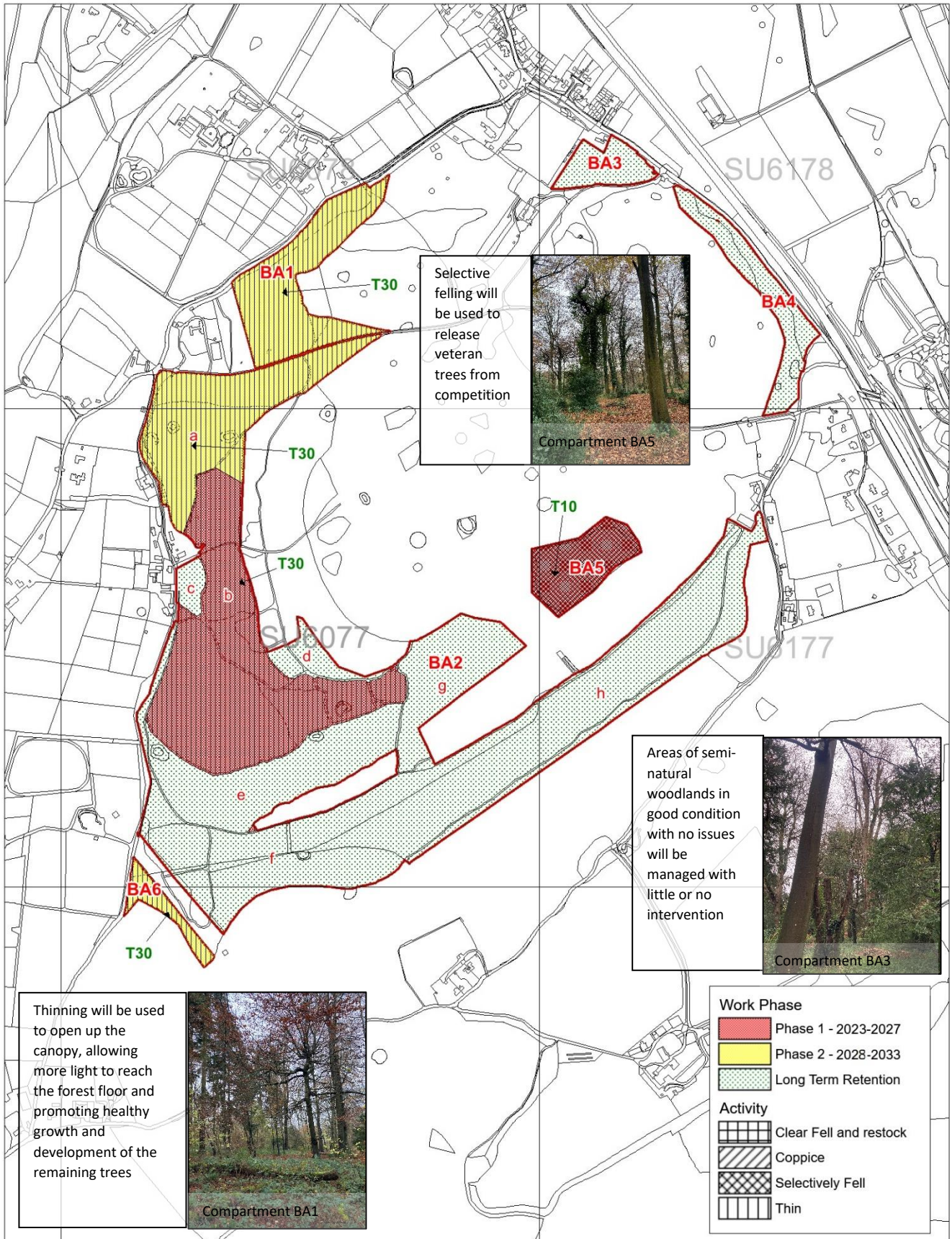
This woodland sits in the North Wessex Downs AONB

It is designated as Ancient Semi-Natural Woodlands (ASNW), this means it is a woodland that has existed continuously since or before 1600. In this compartment work will focus on maintaining and enhancing the health and diversity of the woodland habitat, protecting veteran trees, and management for health and safety.

Management Approaches

Areas of semi-natural woodlands in good condition with no issues will be managed with little or no intervention

The importance of ancient and semi-natural woodland and veteran trees will be recognised due to their importance for wood decay and epiphyte communities. Veteran trees will be identified and protected from competition for light from adjacent trees through targeted thinning and selective felling.



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Basildon Park Woodland Work Map

Scale 1:10000 at A4

