

Abinger Woodland Management Plan Summary 2023-2033



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Compartment A12c



**36.75 hectares of mixed
woodland in Surrey**

Habitats and Species

The semi-natural habitats of Abinger Roughs support an interesting specialist invertebrate fauna with characteristic species of acid heath, acid grassland and mature oak-birch pasture woodland, and include a number of Nationally Scarce species. A varied birdlife is also supported including species such as green woodpecker and bullfinch which have seriously declined in abundance in the UK in the past 25 years.

Designations

There is a grade II monument in compartment A9, and in A8 there is a Bowlbarrow which is listed as a scheduled ancient monument.

All of the woodlands at Abinger sit within the Surrey Hills AONB

Compartments A2 and A3 have been designated as Ancient Semi-Natural Woodlands (ASNW), this means it is a woodland that has existed continuously since or before 1600. In these compartments 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

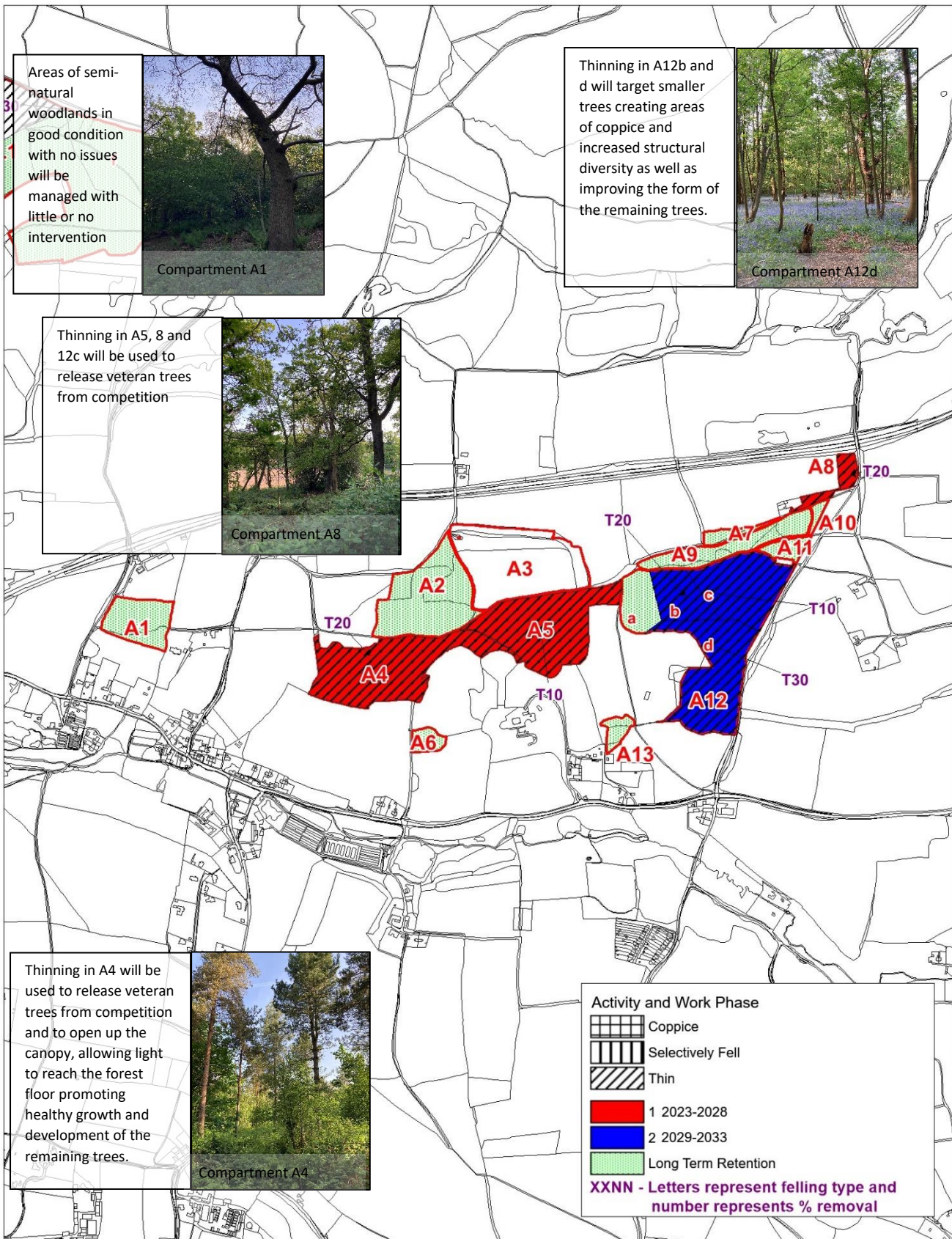
Areas of semi-natural woodlands in good condition with no issues will be managed with little or no intervention

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.

Coppicing will be used to maintain and enhance structural diversity

Thinning will open up areas of closed canopy woodland allowing better development of ground flora and natural regeneration of native trees.

Where thinning or selective felling takes place, regeneration will be achieved through natural processes where possible. This includes allowing natural regeneration from seed or management to encourage coppice regrowth. Some of the selective felling will be used to manage and maintain open rides through the woodland.



Surrey Hills Woodland Plan 2023-2043
Abinger Work Map 2023-2043

Scale 1:10000 at A4

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