Finchampstead and Ambarrow Woodland Management Plan Summary 2023-2033



Habitats and Species

The woodlands here have mature trees providing wood-decay habitats that support notable invertebrates including Nationally Scarce beetles.

Notable plant species include Common wintergreen and the Broadleaved helleborine orchid. Invertebrates include the scarce blood-red ant and the Grayling butterfly Birds recorded previously include Woodlark and nightjar.

Designations

Compartment F7 sits adjacent to Ambarrow Court Local Nature Reserve

Heath Pool pond was a former SSSI for scarce dragonfly and notable plant interest

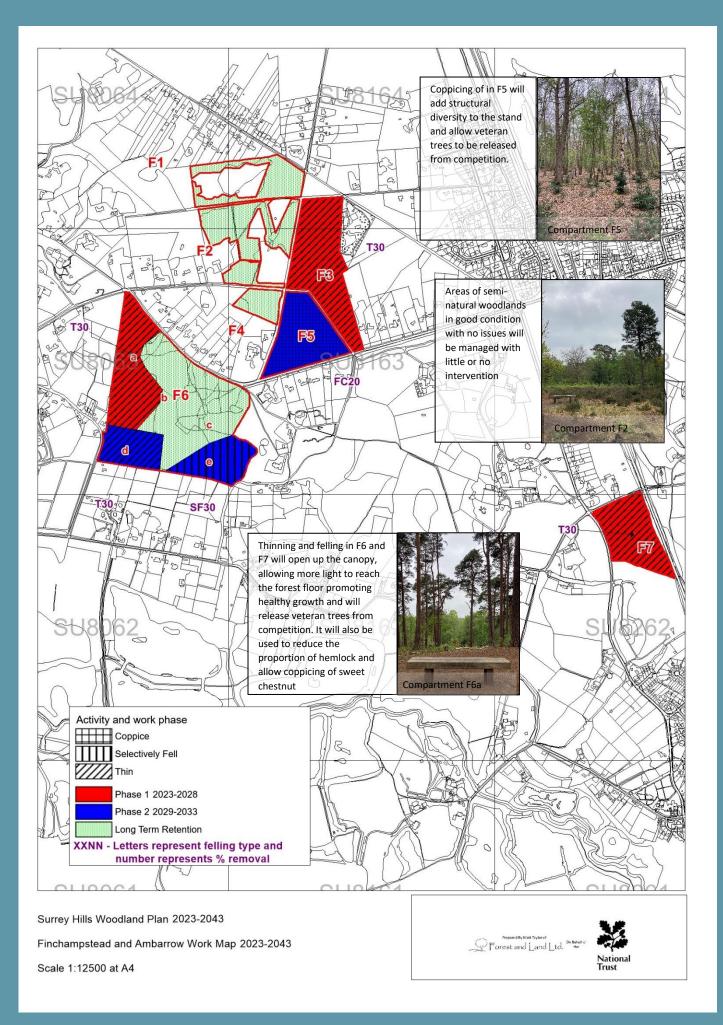
Management Approaches

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

The importance of 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. The proportion of non-native trees in areas of semi-natural woodland will be gradually reduced to protect remnant features of high ecological value.

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.

Coppicing will be used to maintain and enhance structural diversity



This document is a summary plan and supports a full Forestry Commission Woodland Plan which can be found at https://forestplans.co.uk/surrey-hills/