St Helens and Priory Wood Woodland Management Plan Summary 2022-2032



Habitats and Species

At least 11 nationally scarce plant species have been recorded here fairly recently and are probably still present. It is particularly important for spring annuals which thrive in sparsely vegetated areas, such as small clover species.

Among the invertebrates reported are 9 Red Data Book and 28 Nationally Scarce species. Most of these species are associated with either the adjacent saltmarsh or dune habitats, though a few with salt stressed trees.

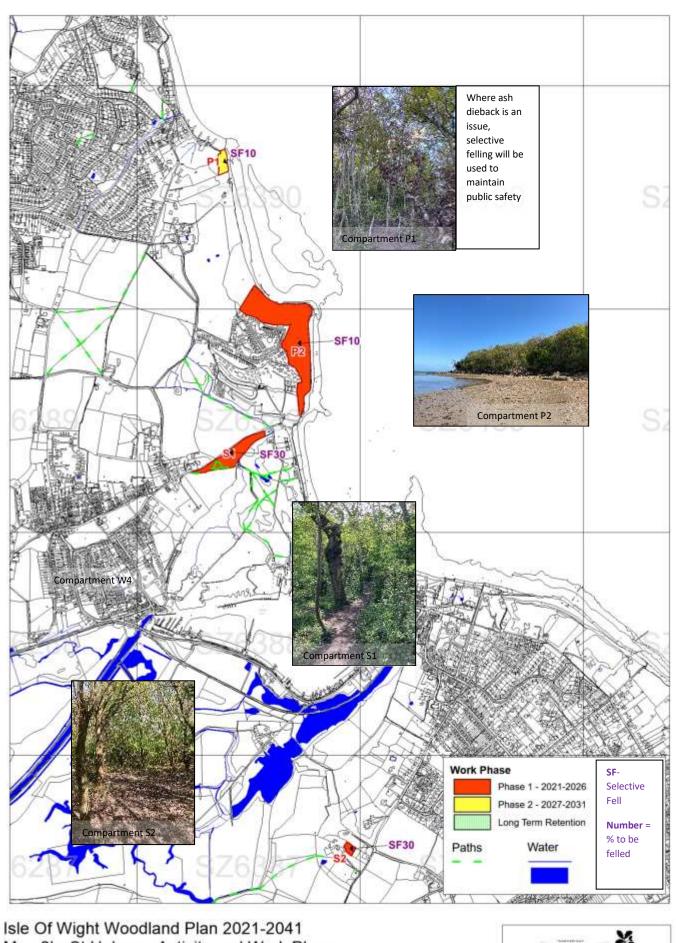
Designations

S1 sits in the Brading Marshes to St Helens Ledges SSSI, noted for its marsh habitat. The woodland is not described in Natural England's citation or their 'Views About Management' document.

P1 and P2 sit in the Priory wood geological SSSI. Additional caution must be exercised to ensure that buried materials are not damaged by operations.

Management Approaches

In all compartments, selective felling will facilitate management of trees which have become dangerous, including the selective felling of pathside trees which have ash dieback.



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