

Aston Wood Woodland Management Plan Summary 2023-2033

Compartment AS2b



**41.74 hectares of native
woodland in Oxfordshire**

Habitats and Species

Aston Rowant Woods SSSI, cited for its unusually wide range of semi-natural woodland stand types dominated by oak and beech. The rich flora includes no fewer than 52 species indicative of old woods. Over a hundred species of fungi are recorded. Paths, rides and glades are numerous, and the presence of boggy hollows and standing and fallen dead timber provide diverse niches for invertebrates.

Designations

This woodland sits in the Chilterns AONB

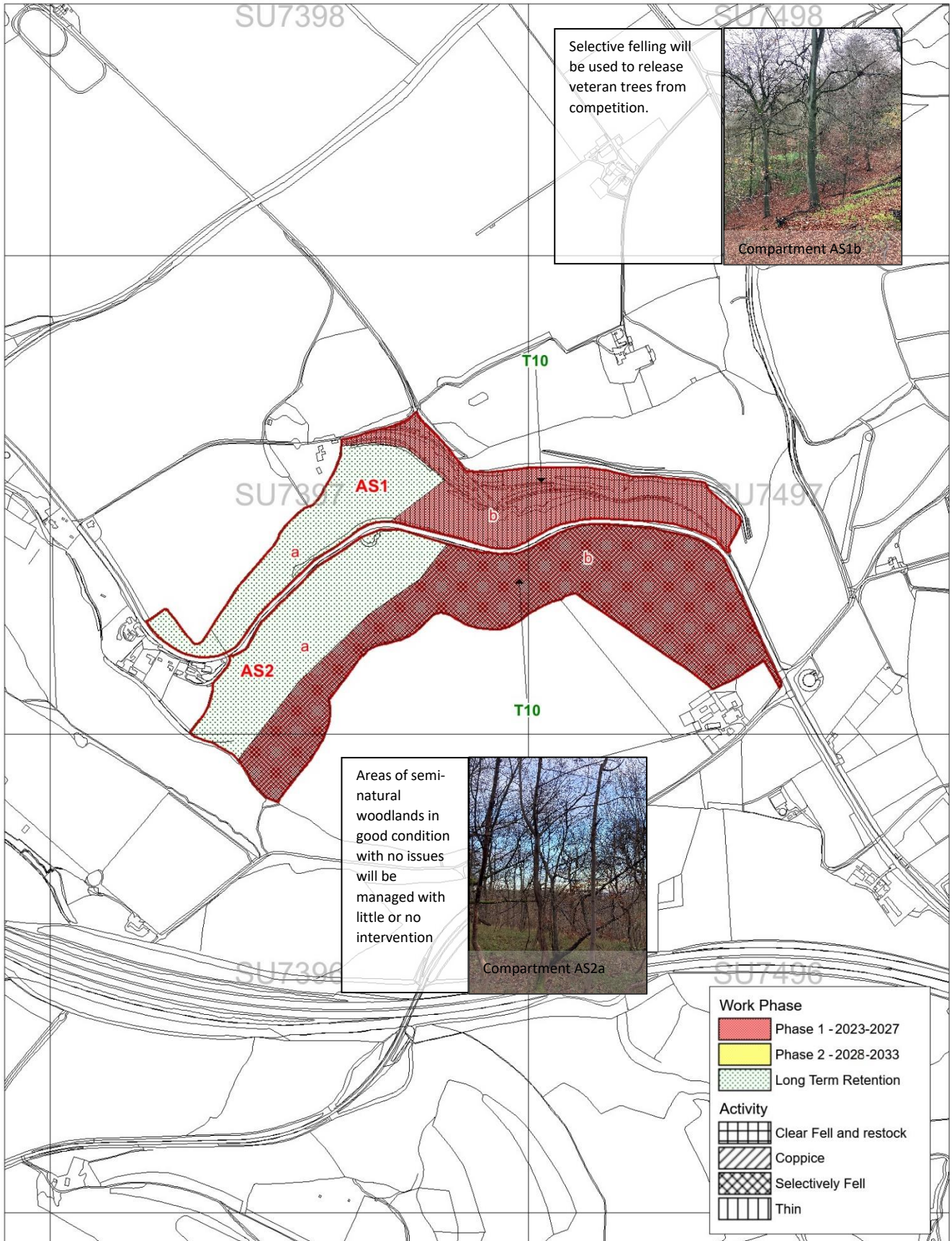
Aston Wood forms part of the Aston Rowant Woods SSSI and SAC designated for its rich woodland flora and fungi.

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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Aston Wood Woodland Work Map

Scale 1:10000 at A4

