



WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLANS

BACKGROUND

F&W Forestry has been instructed to create a Woodland Management Plan (WMP) for Chaldicotts Farm. For this we will set out the intended management over the next 10 years, including felling and restocking proposals.

The areas of ash / native broadleaf woodland will be restructured with regeneration felling which will target the diseased and dying ash trees. Restocking of the site will be made up of a diverse mix of broadleaved species to increase the woodland's resilience to climate change. We plan to manage the remainder of the woods under a combination of thinning regimes (removal of rows or selected individual trees) and minimal intervention. The outcome will be an increase in the species and age class diversity of the woodland.

Our woodland management plan aims to enhance the sites' resilience and biodiversity potential. We will seek opportunities to improve biodiversity and link habitats, e.g., open space, ride management, retention of deadwood. New woodland creation will contribute to this, and its successful establishment will be ensured by the next 10 years of site maintenance.

Creating diversity in forest species and structure helps promote resilience to environmental threats such as fire and storm damage, climate change, and erosion, plus reduces threats from disease, invasive species and animal browsing.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Improve overall resilience of the woodland through a series of silvicultural interventions to increase age and species diversity.
- ❖ Monitor and enhance biodiversity through woodland conditions assessments, ride management and retention of deadwood.
- ❖ Improve woodland infrastructure to facilitate commercially viable woodland management and extraction of timber.
- ❖ Maintain the landscape value of the woodlands as a screen for industrial units at its centre.
- ❖ Protect pole stage broadleaves from mammal ring barking by monitoring and controlling grey squirrels via appropriate means.



CHALDICOTTS FARM

CONSULTATION & FEEDBACK

Part of forest management planning is to contact statutory bodies, neighbours and any other local interested parties to establish any potential sensitivities, constraints or opportunities that could influence the future design, development and management of the woodlands.

The maps showing proposed felling and restocking plans for each area are available for viewing and download on our website: <https://www.fwforestry.co.uk/chaldicotts>

F&W Forestry would value your input into this process and welcomes your feedback on these woodlands and the future proposals. Feedback forms can be accessed via the QR code:



<https://forms.office.com/r/93YeC5v0CS>



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