

Woodland Management Plan

Woodland Property Name	Dog Hill Wood				
Case Reference	36635				
Plan Period dd/mm/yyyy (ten years)	Approval Date:	To: 2025			
Five Year Review Date	2020				

Revision No.	Date	Status (draft/final)	Reason for Revision
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UKFS Management Planning Criteria

Approval of this plan will be considered against the following UKFS criteria, prior to submission review your plan against the criteria using the check list below.

No.	UKFS Management Plan Criteria	Approval Criteria	Applicant Check	
1	Forest management plans should state the objectives of management and set out how the appropriate balance between economic, environmental and social objectives will be achieved.	Have objectives of management been stated? Consideration given to economic, environmental and social factors (Section 2.2)		
2	Forest management plans should address the forest context and the forest potential and demonstrate how the relevant interests and issues have been considered and addressed.	Does the management strategy (section 6) take into account the forest context and any special features identified within the woodland survey (section 4)		
3	In designated areas, for example national parks, particular account should be taken of landscape and other sensitivities in the design of forests and forest infrastructure.	Have appropriate designations been identified (section 4.2) if so are these reflected through the work proposals in the management strategy (Section 6)		
4	At the time of felling and restocking, the design of existing forests should be reassessed and any necessary changes made so that they meet UKFS Requirements.	Felling and restocking are consistent with UKFS forest design principles (Section 5 of the UKFS)		
5	Consultation on forest management plans and proposals should be carried out according to forestry authority procedures and, where required, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.	Has consultation happened in line with current FC guidance and recorded as appropriate in section 7	\boxtimes	
6	Forests should be designed to achieve a diverse structure of habitat, species and ages of trees, appropriate to the scale and context.	Do the felling and restocking proposals create or improve structural diversity (refer to the plan of operations)		
7	Forests characterised by a lack of diversity due to extensive areas of even-aged trees should be progressively restructured to achieve a range of age classes.	Do the felling and restocking proposals create or improve age class diversity (refer to the plan of operations)		
8	Management of the forest should conform to the plan, and the plan should be updated to ensure it is current and relevant.	Has a 5 year review period been stated (1st page) and where relevant achievements recorded in section 3		
9	New forests and woodlands should be located and designed to maintain or enhance the visual, cultural and ecological value and character of the landscape.	When new planting is being proposed under this plan is it consistent with UKFS and FC guidance on woodland creation		



1. Property Details

Name	Dog Hill Wood	Owner 🖂		Tenant		
Email	ledburytowncouncil@ledbury.net	Contact Number 01531 63		1531 632306		
Agent Nam	ne (if applicable)	Guy Tustin				
Email	guytustin@btinternet.com	Contact Number	0	7710447663		
County	Herefordshire	Local Authority		erefordshire ouncil		
Grid <u></u> Reference	SO 713382	Single Business Identifier 114059		4059568		
Manageme	nt Plan Area (Hectares)	11.66				
Have you included a Plan of Operations with this management plan?		Yes ⊠ No □		No 🗌		
List the ma manageme	ps associated with this nt plan	Map 1. Location map Map 2. AWS map Map 3. Compartment map Map 4. AONB area Map 5. Conservation area Map 6. Constraints- roads and PROW.				
Do you intend to use the information within the management plan and associated plan of operations to apply for the following		Felling Licence Thinning Licence Woodland Regeneration Grant				
rick to declar	are management control and to public availability of the plan	\boxtimes				



2. Vision and Objectives

To develop your long term vision, you need to express as clearly as possible the overall direction of management for the woodland(s) and how you envisage it will be in the future. This covers the duration of the plan and beyond.

2.1 Vision

Describe your long term vision for the woodland(s).

To develop and manage the woodland as a community woodland whilst balancing multipurpose outputs. Continue to facilitate public access at the same time provide wildlife habitat and some woodland produce to support rural and forestry sector jobs. To coppice the compartment 4's -on a 5 year rotation. Maintain the rides and paths. Promote coppice growth. Improve quality of resources for hedging stakes and binders.

2.2 Management Objectives

State the objectives of management demonstrating how sustainable forest management is to be achieved. Objectives are a set of specific, quantifiable statements that represent what needs to happen to achieve the long term vision.

No.	Objectives (include environmental, economic and social considerations)
1	and Social Considerations)
	keep the paths and ride clear and carry out appropriate safety inspection and remedial work
2	perpetuate coppice rotation of hazel to produce good hedging stakes and binders
3	routinely thin woodland to produce firewood resource and residue to provide for local charcoal producer
4	reduce having shading of non native laurel by removing it for the benefit of wildlife
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3. Plan Review - Achievements

Use this section to identify achievements made against previous plan objectives. This section should be completed at the 5 year review and could be informed through monitoring activities undertaken.

Objectives	Achievement					
To continue to manage the wood	1. During the last 5 years through support					



resources in line with the previous plan but with some modifications to improve sustainability, public amenity and efficiency	from EWGS18872 we have managed the woodlands open space , including annual mowing of 1.5km of rides and a 0.2ha of glades.
	2. 5 coppice coupes of approx 0.5ha each have been cut over the last 5 years. Total of 2.45ha.
	3. cut cherry laurel and treated over 0.4ha.
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4. Woodland Survey

This section is about collecting information relating to your woodland and its location, including any statutory constraints i.e. designations.

4.1 Description

Brief description of the woodland property



The woodland is designated Ancient Semi natural Woodland and a former coppice. It is situated on the Eastern edge of Ledbury above the town at approx 110 to 150m and on the Western edge of the Malvern Hills AONB. Most of the woodland on its Western side is close to a residential area and on very steep ground. The Eastern side is on a slightly shallower slope but still very difficult working. The underlying geology is downton castle sandstone and aymestry limestone. The site is free draining and the vegetation typical of W8 woodland. The woodlands are frequently used by the residents of ledbury with many networks of paths throughout. The majority of canopy species mostly ash and oak are over 100 years old with the occassional yew at 200+. There are a number of quarries and adjacent roads to the North and West sides and a green lane running North South on the woods Eastern side.

4.2 Information

Use this section to identify features that are both present in your woodland(s) and where required, on land adjacent to your woodland. It may be useful to identify known features on an accompanying map. Woodland information for your property can be found on the 'Magic' website or the Forestry Commission Land Information Search.

Feature	Within Woodland(s)	Cpts	Adjacent to Woodland(s)	Map No
Biodiversity - Designations			Trocalana(3)	



Notes	Part of	a Geo Park			
Other (please Specify):	Yes 🖂	No 🗌	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Local Nature Reserve	Yes	No 🖂	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
National Nature Reserve	Yes	No 🗵	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
The state of the s	Yes _	No 🖂	Yes _	No 🗌	
Ramsar Site		-	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Special Protection Area	Yes	No 🛛		-	3
Conservation Area	Yes	No 🖂	Yes 🖂	No 🗌	5
Tree Preservation Order	Yes 🗌	No 🖂	Yes	No 🗌	
Special Area of Conservation	Yes 🗌	No 🖂	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	
Site of Special Scientific Interest	Yes 🗌	No 🖂	Yes 🗌	No 🗌	

Feature			Wood	ithin lland(s)	Cpts	Map	Notes			
Biodiv	ersity - E	European Protected Species								
Bat Species (if known)			Yes 🛛	No 🗌						
Dormoi			Yes 🗌	No 🗌			not known			
	Crested Ne	wt	Yes 🗌	No 🗌			not known			
Otter			Yes 🗌	No 🖂						
Sand Li	zard		Yes 🗌	No 🗆			not known			
Smooth	Snake		Yes	No			not known			
	ack Toad		Yes	No 🗆			not known			
Biodive	ersity - P	riority Species					THE KHOWH			
Schedule 1 Birds Species		Species	Yes 🗌	No 🖂			buzzard, woodpecker, crows songbirds			
Mammals (Red Squirrel, Water Vole, Pine Marten etc)			Yes 🗌	No 🖂						
Reptiles (grass snake, adder, common lizard etc)			Yes 🗌	No 🗌			not known			
Plants			Yes 🛛	No 🗆						
Fungi/Li			Yes 🖂	No 🗆						
Inverteb beetles		tterflies, moths,	Yes 🛚	No 🗌						
Amphibi coad)	ans (pool	frog, common	Yes 🗌	No 🗌			unlikely			
Other (please Specify):			Yes 🖂	No 🗍			grey squirrel			
Historic	Environ	ment					grey squirer			
Schedule	ed Monum	ents	Yes	No 🛛						
Unscheduled Monuments			Yes 🗍	No 🛛						
Registered Parks and Gardens			Yes	No 🛛						
Boundar	ies and Ve	teran Trees	Yes 🛛	No		5				
isted Bu			Yes 🗌	No 🖂						
Other (p	lease Spec	cify):	Yes	No 🖂						
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National Character Area (pleas National Park	Yes	No 🖂		
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Yes 🗌	No 🖾	4	
Other (please Specify):	Yes 🖂	No 🗌		Important public amenity to Ledbury Town
People				Leabary rown
CROW Access	Yes 🛛	No 🗆		
Public Rights of Way (any)	Yes 🛛	No 🗆	6	
Other Access Provision	Yes 🖂	No 🗆	- 0	
Public Involvement	Yes 🖂	No 🗆		
Visitor Information	Yes 🖂	No 🗆		
Public Recreation Facilities	Yes 🖂	No 🗍		
Provision of Learning Opportunities	Yes 🛛	No 🗆		
Anti-social Behaviour	Yes 🖂	NoП		
Other (please Specify):	Yes	No 🗆		
Water		7,10		
Watercourses	Yes 🗌	No 🖂	T	
akes	Yes	No 🛛		
Ponds	Yes 🗌	No 🛛		
Other (please Specify):	Yes	No 🛛		

4.3 Habitat Types

This section is to consider the habitat types within your woodland(s) that might impact/inform your management decisions. Larger non-wooded areas within your woodland should be classified according to broad habitat type where relevant this information should also help inform your management decisions. Woodlands should be designed to achieve a diverse structure of habitat, species and ages of trees, appropriate to the scale and context of the woodland.

Feature	The state of the s	thin and(s)	Cpts	Map No	Notes
Woodland Habitat Types					
Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland	Yes 🛛	No		2	
Planted Ancient Woodland Site (PAWS)	Yes 🗌	No 🛛			
Semi-natural features in PAWS	Yes	No 🖂			
Lowland beech and yew woodland	Yes 🛛	No 🗌			
Lowland mixed deciduous woodland	Yes 🖂	No 🗌			



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Upland mixed ash woods	Yes	No 🗵	
Upland Oakwood	Yes	No 🛛	
Wet woodland	Yes 🗌	No 🖂	-
Wood-pasture and parkland	Yes 🗌	No 🖂	-
Other (please Specify):	Yes	No 🛛	-
Non Woodland Habitat Types			-
Blanket bog	Yes	No 🛛	
Fenland	Yes	No 🖂	-
Lowland calcareous grassland	Yes	No 🖂	-
Lowland dry acid grassland	Yes	No 🗵	-
Lowland heath land	Yes	No 🖂	-
Lowland meadows	Yes	No 🖂	-
Lowland raised bog	Yes	No 🖂	
Rush pasture	Yes	No 🖂	-
Reed bed	Yes	No 🖂	1
Wood pasture	Yes	No 🖂	1
Upland hay meadows	Yes	No 🛛	1
Upland heath land	Yes	No 🛛	1
Unimproved grassland	Yes	No 🛛	1
Peat lands	Yes	No 🛛	1
Wetland habitats	Yes	No 🛛	1
Other (please Specify):	Yes	No 🛛	1
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4.4 Structure

This section should provide a snapshot of the current structure of your woodland as a whole. A full inventory for your woodland(s) can be included in the separate Plan of Operations spreadsheet. Ensuring woodland has a varied structure in terms of age, species, origin and open space will provide a range of benefits for the biodiversity of the woodland and its resilience. The diagrams below show an example of both uneven and even aged woodland.

Percentage of Mgt Age Structure Note
Native Broadleaves 80 Uneven Aged Western side largely ash and eastern side oak. Occassional birch, cherry, beech and
15 Uneven Aged
Semiore exists in small proportions.
Uneven Aged
Please Select Please Select
Type Plan Area Age Structure 80 Uneven Aged
80 Uneven Aged
Type Plan Area Age Structure



5. Woodland Protection

Woodlands in England face a range of threats; this section allows you to consider the potential threats that could be facing your woodland(s). Using the simple Risk Assessment process below woodland owners and managers can consider any potential threats to their woodland(s) and whether there is a need to take action to protect their woodlands.

5.1 Risk Matrix

The matrix below provides a system for scoring risk. The matrix also indicates the advised level of action to take to help manage the threat.

		L	ikelihood of Presenc	e
		Low	Medium	High
	Low	Monitor	Monitor	Plan for Action
Impact	Medium	Monitor	Plan for Action	Action
	High	Plan for Action	Action	Action

5.2 Plant Health

Threat	Ash Dieback (Chalara fraxinea)
(Other Please Specify)	(chalara fraxillea)
Likelihood of presence	Low
Impact	Medium
Response (inc protection measures)	Monitor but when routinely thinning areas close to residential sites favour removal of ash and retain other native broadleaves.

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5.3 Deer

Likelihood of presence	Low
Impact	Low
Response (inc protection measures)	Monitor deer pressure.

5.4 Grey Squirrels

Likelihood of presence	High
Impact	High
Response (inc protection measures)	Needs action but high public access to woodland constrains management. Sycamore



	regeneration has been retained as a sacrificial resource to alleviate damage to other trees within the woodland. Populations and damage will be monitored and reviewed.
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5.5 Livestock and Other Mammals

Threat	Please Select
(Other Please Specify)	None
Likelihood of presence	Please Select
Impact	Please Select
Response (inc protection measures)	
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5.6 Water & Soil

Threat	Soil Erosion
(Other Please Specify)	None known
Likelihood of presence	Low
Impact	Low
Response (inc protection measures) Add Box	Some wash down on the South end due to steepness of ground and severity of deluge. Retain understorey vegetsation to consolidate soils and combat run off.

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5.7 Environmental

Threat	Other
(Other Please Specify)	Dry springs result in some tree failures.
Likelihood of presence	Low
Impact	Low
Response (inc protection measures)	Monitor areas where proximity to residential sites.
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5.8 Climate Change Resilience

Threat	Small Scale Woodland	
(Other Please Specify)		
Likelihood of presence	Low	
Impact	Low	
Response (inc protection measures)	The woodland is part of an extended matrix of	



woodland in the area and therefore not fragmented. Species can move through
landscape.

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6. Management Strategy

This section requires a statement of intent, setting out how you intend to achieve your management objectives and manage important features identified within the previous sections of the plan. A detailed work programme by sub-compartment can be added to the Plan of Operations.

Management Obj/Feature	Management Intention
1. keep the paths and ride clear and carry out appropriate safety inspection and remedial work 2. perpetuate coppice rotation of hazel to produce good hedging stakes and binders 3. routinely thin woodland to produce firewood resource and residue to provide for local	Continue with phased rotational coppicing and thinning to favour recruitment of hazel coppice and some other canopy species other than ash to improve species diversity and reduce ash element but recruit species less susectible to squirrel damage. Reduce winter cover for squirrel and where possible instigate some management on their populations. When routinely thinning retain a proportion of older growth specimen trees of favourable habitat for bats and buffer any trees that contain bat roosts in line with EPS guidance.
charcoal producer 4. reduce having shading of non native laurel by removing it for the benefit of wildlife.	Continue with annual management operations to manage open space, non natives and safety inspections.

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Stakeholder Engagement

woodland and also to record any engagement that you have undertaken, relative to activities identified within the plan. Operations Note 35 for further information. Use this section to identify people or organisations with an interest in your There can be a requirement on both the FC and the owner to undertake consultation/engagement. Please refer to

Work Proposal	Individual/ Organisation	Date Contacted	Date feedback received	Response	Action
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8. Monitoring

Indicators of progress/success should be defined for each management objective and then checked at regular intervals. Other management activities could also be considered within this monitoring section. The data collected will help to evaluate progress.

Management Objective/Activities	Indicator of Progress/Success	Method of Assessment	Frequency of Assessment	Responsibility	Assessment Results
keep the paths and ride clear and carry out appropriate safety inspection and remedial work		Visual Inspection	Annual	Agent in liaising with Town Council	
perpetuate coppice rotation of hazel to produce good hedging stakes and binders	Produce	as above	Annual	Agent	
routinely thin woodland to produce firewood resource and residue to provide for local charcoal producer				Agent	
reduce having shading of non native laurel by removing it for the benefit of wildlife	Clearance	inspection	annual	Agent	



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FC Approval – FC Office Use Only

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In designated areas, for example national parks, particular account should be taken of landscape and other sensitivities in the design of forests and forest infrastructure.	Have appropriate designations been identified (section 4.2) if so are these reflected through the work proposals in the management strategy (Section 6)			check conservation area, no schedule 1 birds so remove highlight. EPS considered with interventions.
At the time of felling and restocking, the design of existing forests should be re-assessed and any necessary changes made so that they meet UKFS Requirements.	Felling and restocking are consistent with UKFS forest design principles (Section 5 of the UKFS)			medivendons.
Consultation on forest management plans and proposals should be carried out according to forestry authority procedures and, where required, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations.	Has consultation happened in line with current FC guidance and recorded as appropriate in section 7			No previous consultation. Low intervention work and thinning permissions mean no public consultation.
diverse structure of habitat, species and ages of trees, appropriate to the scale and context.	Do the felling and restocking proposals create or improve structural diversity (refer to the plan of operations)			consultation,
diversity due to extensive areas of even-aged trees should be progressively restructured to achieve a lange of age classes. Management of the forest should	Do the felling and restocking proposals create or improve age class diversity (refer to the plan of operations)			canopy thinning to stimulate successionary growth and coppice regen
hould be updated to ensure it is urrent and relevant.	Has a 5 year review period been stated (1st page) and where relevant achievements recorded in section 3			11
nhance the visual, cultural and	When new planting is being proposed under this plan is consistent with UKFS and FC guidance on woodland			n/a



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Approving Officer Name	wayne barnes	Plan approved	











