

5 APPENDIX I: CATALOGUE OF COMPARTMENTS AND FEATURES OF NOTE

Not all features listed here are pursued in detail in this Plan, but the idea is that all items are at least placed on record for future attention if required. Moreover, the system has the advantage that it can be extended indefinitely.

For locations of individual features see Plans G and H attached to this Appendix. Note that Cpts 7, 8 and 9 of this Plan correspond to Cpt 6 of the 1995 Naphill Common Plan, and that the features of interest have been renumbered accordingly. Note also that the courses of paths and bridleways, definitive or otherwise, are shown here only approximately.

1. The main wooded compartment of the south-east corner of Downley Common (South), recognised also as Cpt 1 in DCPS's original Plan.

It is bounded to the north by the garden and orchards of Well Cottage and the track to Common Wood; to the east by Common Wood itself (though not, apparently, by the Parish Boundary, which appears to be a notional feature slightly further into the wood; to the south by Commonsides; and to the west by the main path from Narrow Lane to Moor Lane.

12	Definitive Footpath 12.	Approx course only shown Regarded as within Cpt 1.
15	Definitive Bridleway (DBR) 15.	Links Moor Lane with Common (NT) and DFP 16 see Plan G)
101	Main footpath skirting Common Wood boundary.	
102	Path _along_C_ommon Side boundar	
103	Minor woodland path.	Various other examples.
104	Minor w_oodlan_d path.	
105	Minor woodland path.	
1A	Area of grassland with scattered trees and scrub.	Part left unmown in 1996 leading to flowering e.g. of yarrow and harebell, and to colonisation by long-winged conehead grasshopper and Roesel's bush cricket. rmaintain this regime, rotating with adjoinin~ patches (Proiect VI).
1B	Example of doggy-loo facility.	
1C	Well Cottage hedge	Box _at W end. East end laid.
1D	Main woodland glade	Maintain as such (Project II).
1E	Veteran oaks (2)	Approx locations only. Various other examples. Record these and others as part of Project III.
1F	Veteran oak.	
1G	Old stunted beech.	
1H	Veteran cherry	Broken over and bridging B'way
1I	Main area of mature ~ woodland, with more veteran wood-pasture trees	Carry out any maintenance of the older trees here as necessary, and encourage natural regen. as part of Project II.
1J	Area of gen. younger woodland.	

2. The south-east corner of Downley Common (South), corresponding also with Cpt 2 of the DCPS Plan.

Bounded by Cpt 1 to the north-east, the rest of Commonsideside to the south, Old Tiles and adjoining properties to the SW and Moor Lane and the bridleway to the NW and north.

Table 2

	15 DBR 15.	Regarded here as falling within Cpt 2. See also Cpt 1.
	202 Minor path running parallel to Commonsideside.	Continuation of path 102: course shown approximately only
	206 Main path across SW corner.	
	207 Minor path.	
	2A Main area of open grassland.	Possibly include an area here in , the "taller grass" rotation, as part of Project IV.
	2B Main area of scrub.	
	2C Grassland with scattered scrub.	
	2D Grassland west of path.	
	2E Information board.	

3. The main woodland area in the east/central part of Downley Common (South) lying to the north of the Well/Vale Cottage complex. Incorporating Cpts 4 and 5 of the old DCPS Plan.

Table 3

4	Definitive footpath (DFP) 4.	Approx course only shown here. Regarded as the western boundary of this Cpt, and included within it
23	Definitive bridleway (DBW) 23	Approx course
301	Path skirting Common Wood	Continuation of path 101
308	Path	Links up with permissive NT path
309	Path	Various others here also
3A	The main undisturbed woodland area	Possibly best regarded as a non-interference area (Project II)
3B	Woodland edge with dells & scrub	
3C	More open woodland with grassy glades and bracken; traversed by paths as noted above.	Reduce dominance of bracken if this seems likely to restore grassland interest (Project VII)
3D	Hedge	
3E	Veteran Oak	Catalogue and protect this and other example (Project III)

The main extensive grassland of Downley Common (S). It includes Cpts 3, 6 and 8 of the old DCPS plan

Cpt 4, which takes the shape of an elongated star, extends at its southernmost point down into the dip between the Chapel and the Well/Vale Cottage complex, and both its SW and NE boundaries correspond to the edges of this part of the Common. Its long NW boundary abuts the Cricket Ground and roadside scrub; its E boundary adjoins Cpt 3.

Table 4

4	Definitive footpath (DFP) 4	Joins DBR 23 along perimeter unmetalled road in NE corner and appears to follow the inner part of the gravel loop by the Chapel Course here determined from the aerial photo of 1995. Diverges a bit from definitive route following access track from road before cutting across open common for NE corner.
19	DFP 19.	
23	23 DBW 23.	Continuation of 309
409	Path	Regarded as following outer loop of gravel track on the slope by the Chapel. Any of these paths may change from time to time but they provide a useful framework for subdividing this grassland area for rotational management.
410	Path	
411	Path	
412	Path	
413	Path	
414	Path	
4A	Mosaic of coarse and finer grassland and bare parts of track and turning circle	
4B	Anti-traffic posts	
4C	Dells with scrub, bracken and coarse pasture	
4D	Rough bank along edge of cricket pitch	
4E	Dells with dense scrub	
4F	Scattered scrub including gorse.	Protect and propagate gorse as part of Project X.
4G	Bonfire site	
4H	Suggested subdivisions of main grassland areas for rotational management.	Regard as part of Projects VI & X, covering rotational grassland management generally and conservation of heather, gorse etc. See also 1A, 2A, 6S, 6T, 6U.
4I		
4J		
4K		
4L		
4M	Holly hedge	

5. The main cricket field area, but also including the roadside scrub and coarse grassland, as well as the grass verge on the opposite side of the road. Essentially DCPS's old Cpt 7.

This Cpt is effectively contained by the road and by Cpt 4

Table 5

509	Path	All minor features crossing the cricket field, linking up with paths crossing Cpt 4, and with others on the opposite side of the road such as 601 and DBG,' 23, as well as DFP 5 and DBW 25, the last two outside the study area, but shown on Plan G.
511	Path	
512	Path	
5A	The cricket pitch proper	
5B	The wider sports field.	
5C	Main area of dells with scrub.	
5D	Coarse, eutrophic grassland to east of road	
5E	Verge on west side of road	

6. The southernmost part of Downley Common (North), including the main grassland areas, and corresponding essentially to Sub-Cpt 6/3 of the 1995 Plan, though without the mature woodland, which is now included within Cpt 7 (q.v.). Cpt 6 of this current Plan also corresponds approximately to Cpt 9 of the original DCPS Plan.

This Cpt is contained to the north by Cpts 7 and 8, to the east by the Le De Spencers Arms track; to the south by the road; and to the west by the boundary with Cookshall Farm. Some features given numbers in the sequence 6P onwards to avoid confusion with 1995 numbers for original Cpt 6!

Some of the paths shown in 1995 were incorrect, and the opportunity is taken here to correct them.

Table 6

4	Definitive Foot ath DFP) 4.	
20	DFP 20.	
23	Definitive Bridleway (DBw23)	
601	Main footpath crossing this part of the Common	Approx course only shown here. Effectively continues (as 701) through Cpt 7 (q.v.). Shown as 609 on 1995 Plan.
6E	Glade adjoining bridleway at N end of this Cpt	As on 1995 plan
6F	Tall hedge-cum-treebelt adjacent to track to Chilton and Lantern Cottages.	As on 1995 plan
6G	Farm hedge	As on 1995 Plan. Possibly lay in due course in collaboration with Cookshall Farm (Project V).
6L	Area of field maples	As on 1995 plan
6M	Open oak woodland	As on 1995 plan

6N	Thin grass cover over concrete	As on 1995 plan
6P	Main area of scrub & developing woodland over the many dells on this part of the Common.	Revising 1995 plan; shown there as 6H
6Q	Further strip of scrub	
6R	Open oak woodland	
6S	Species-rich grassland	Revising data shown as 6I and 6J in 1995 Plan. Maintain as part of Project VI.
6T	Species-rich grassland	
6U	Species-rich grassland	
6V	Ruderal/eutrophic grassland	Including ground elder & horseradish; part of 6K in 1995 Plan.
6W	Ruderal/eutrophic grassland	
6X	Goat pen and main grazing area	

7. The eastern part of Downley Common (North), including the Dells, and corresponding essentially with Sub-Cpt 6/2 of the 1995 Plan, though now including all the main woodland in this part. Both this and Cpt 8 which follows, made up Cpt 10 of the DCPS Plan: Manning's Pond was Cpt 11.

The east boundary itself is with Oaks Wood; the south-east boundary is with California Holdings; the southern part borders Cpt 6 and the western part Cpt 8 (q . v .) . Again, some of the paths shown in the 1995 Plan were incorrect, and are revised here.

Table 7

4	Definitive Footpath (DFP) 4.	Path 605 in 1995 Plan.
10	DFP 10.	Lies outside boundary of Common.
701	Path	Continuation of 601.
702	Path parallel to 4, W of dells	Shown as 604 in 1995 Plan.
703	Path	
704	Path	
7A	Woodland adjoining Oaks Wood and California Holdings.	Seek to perpetuate this woodland ideally through natural regenera-ion (Project II)
7B	The Dells	6D in 1995 Plan. A key area for low-key recreational management: see Project IX.
7C	Woodland between Dells & Br'way.	As for 7A (Project II)
7D	Anti-traffic posts.	
7E	Parking area and anti-traffic posts.	

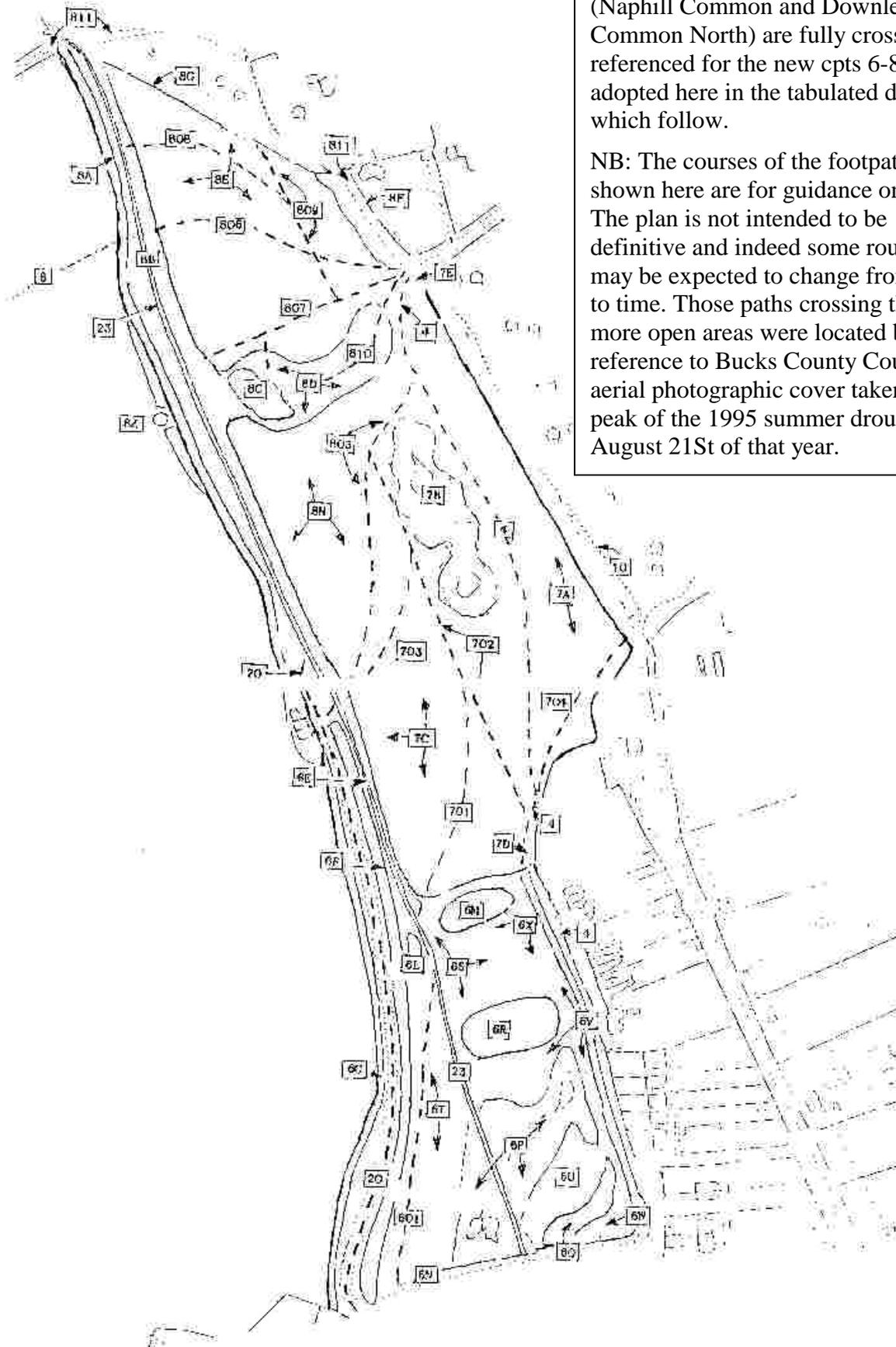
8. The northernmost compartment, including Mannings Pond, corresponding essentially with Sub-Cpt 6/1 of the Naphill & Downley Commons Plan of 1995.

Bordered to the north by the (notional) Naphill/Downley Common boundary and parts of the track from Hunts Hill Lane to Cookshall Lane; to the east & south by the path from Chilton & Lantern Cottages to Hunts Hill; and to the west by the hedged boundary with Cookshall Farm.

Table 8

6	Definitive Footpath (DFP) 6	Approx. course only shown here. Part shown as 602 in 1995 Plan.
20	DFP 20.	Approx. course only shown here.
23	Definitive Bridleway_(DBR) 23.	Approx. course only shown here.
805	Path forming b'dary of Cpts 7/8	Shown on 1995 Plan as Path 601, though course differs slightly here.
806	Path	Links with DFP 6.
807	Path	Shown as 603 in 1995 Plan.
808	Path	Omitted from 1995 Plan.
809	Path	Course now indistinct following recent thinning.
810	Path	Now follows new clearing between Hunts Hill Lane & Mannings Pond.
811	Track from Hunts Hill Lane to Rose Cottage and Cookshall Lane.	Not all within Downley Common boundary
8A	Hedge adjoining Cookshall Farm.	6A in 1995 Plan. Consider possibility of laying as part of Project VII (see also 6G)
8B	Grassy ride widened to accommodate DBR23	6B in 1995 plan
8C	Mannings Pond	6C in 1995 Plan. Continue to monitor, especially following further woodland clearance, and with regard to starfruit: regard as part of Projects I, VIII & X.
8D	Additional area cleared by pond	
8E	Area of further recent thinning	Many dells in here from old clay workings. Resolve with WW Estate, EN and contractors how this work squares with original proposals under the WGS Agreement and 1995 Plan.
8F	Trackside hedge.	
8G	Boundary of Downley with Naphill Common.	Notional though follows Downley/Hughenden Parish boundary, and a key feature in this Plan!
8H	Wooded area S of Mannings Pond.	Probably best left as another no- go area (Project II).
8Z	Farm pond (6Z in 1995 Plan).	Outside boundary of Common but a feature worth protecting in con-sultation with Cookshall Farm, possibly as part of Project VII or VIII (or both).

PLAN H - DOWNLEY COMMON (NORTH)
 LOCATION OF FEATURES OF SPECIFIC INTEREST



Note that the original identification numbers for features occurring in the old cpt 6 as used in the 1995 plan (Naphill Common and Downley Common North) are fully cross-referenced for the new cpts 6-8 as adopted here in the tabulated data which follow.

NB: The courses of the footpaths as shown here are for guidance only. The plan is not intended to be definitive and indeed some routes may be expected to change from time to time. Those paths crossing the more open areas were located by reference to Bucks County Council's aerial photographic cover taken at the peak of the 1995 summer drought on August 21st of that year.