

7 APPENDIX III: DCPS CURRENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

This plan is to be read in conjunction with the attached map and the numbered areas shown.

The plan is offered as an initial attempt to tackle those areas that require relatively simple, but possibly time ~unsuming, attention. Further additional areas and modifications will be added to the plan at suitable intervals as circumstances and work progress develops.

AREA 1 The area of woodland to the east of the main footpath running between Narrow lane and Moor lane chapel.

This area of woodland will be left untouched as a haven for wild animals. Further encroachment of woodland scrub will be contained.

AREA 2 The Southern part of the common, adjacent to Commonsides and extending to the woodland fringe and Moor lane.

This area is to be generally tidied, with a few Hawthorns being pulled out. A regular programme of mowing/flailing will be carried out in order to keep down bracken, nettles, thistles etc., and to encourage the growth of wild flowers.

AREA 3 This area extends from the entrance to VALE COTTAGE to the north, the church to the west, area 2 to the south and WELL COTTAGE to the east

The Society is concerned about continued erosion of the common around the car turning area in front of the chapel and apparent increase in vehicular access to the common at this point.

The area is to be tidied and special attention given to clearing the drainage channel running ~ast to west. Some black thorn on the bank alongside WELL COTTAGE will be cut back.

AREA 4 This area extends north from the drive of VALE COTTAGE to a point level with the bonfire site.

Work has already commenced on this area and attention will be given to further clearing and tidying of the dense under- growth at the edge of the existing woodland. The cleared areas will be flailed to prevent further encroachment of scrub.

AREA 5 This area is the land that extends from the north of area 4 towards BEECHWOOD and OAK FELL. This area will be generally tidied, possibly by flailing.

AREA 6 The area north of the bonfire site, south of the bus turn-around and adjacent to the cricket pitch. The overall area is to be kept tidy. Attention is to be given to clearing any fast spreading bamboo from the bank alongside the cricket pitch. This bank in general will be left to 'grow wild'.

The bonfire will not be moved from its present position.

AREA 7 The area adjacent to the cricket pitch and PLOMER GREEN LANE. The undergrowth and non-indigenous bamboo is to be contained but the area will not be cleared as this may encourage further parking on the common during football and cricket matches.

AREA 8 The area immediately to the north of DOWNLEY LODGE, SILVER-GATE AND PERRY COTTAGE.

Some bracken will be cut back and blackberry bushes growing among the heather will be removed.

AREA 9 The area local to the CHILTERN COTTAGES.

The bridle path will not be widened but some overhanging branches will be cut back. Efforts will be made to stop illegal car access to the path and the common in general, particularly from the track leading to Chiltern Cottages.

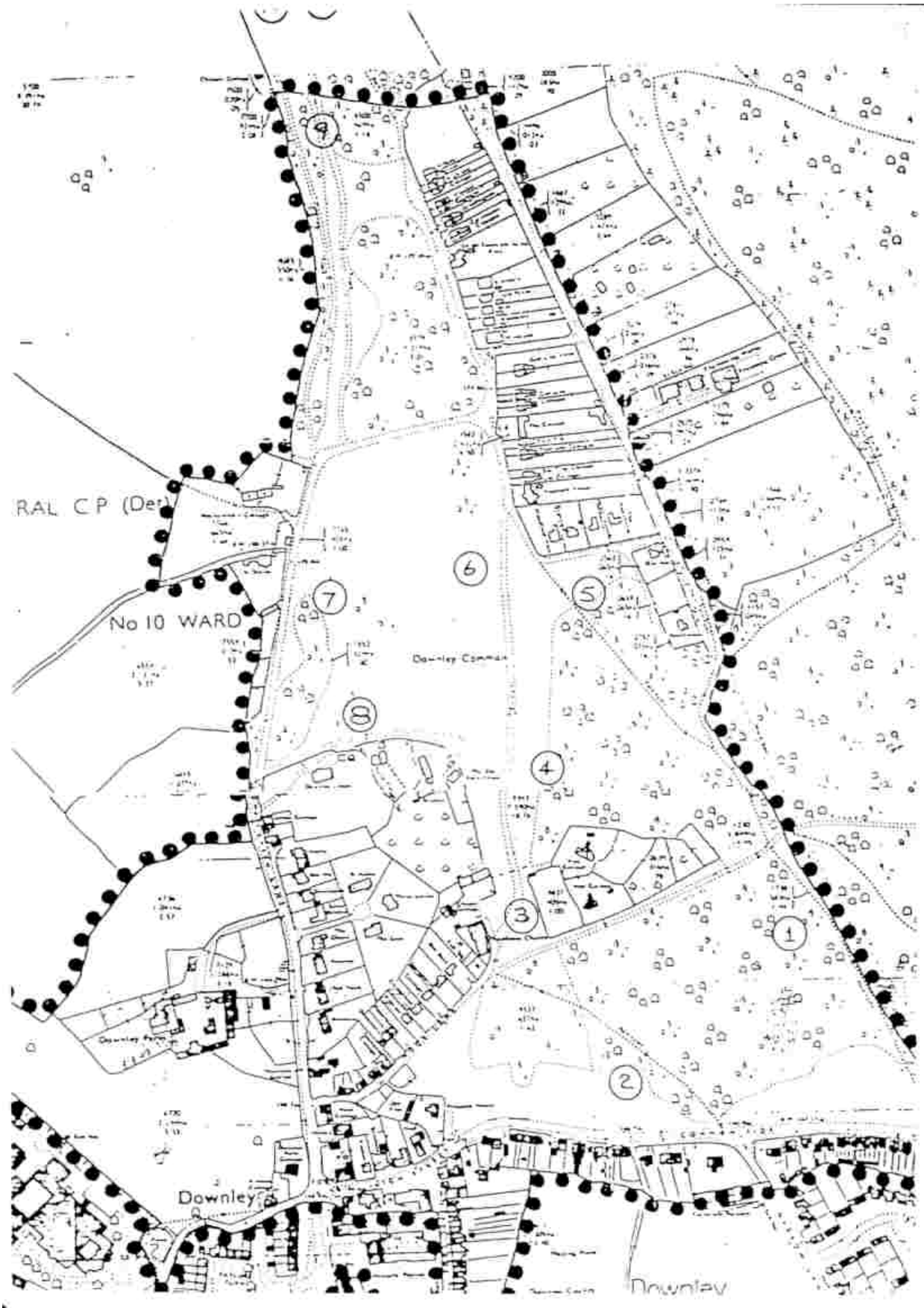
AREA 10 MANNINGS POND.

DRIVE FORCE will be asked to clear the pond and restore the area to an attractive environment that would encourage the return of suitable pond life. Local thinning of surrounding trees will be done so that more light can reach the area.

Suitable guidance and assistance will be given by the Society.

AREA 11 The area to the north of MANNINGS POND and bordering onto NAPHILL COMMON.

The exact boundaries of this lesser used area of common will be determined and suitably marked.



Extract from Woodland Grant Scheme agreement between the West Wycombe Estate and the Forestry Authority dated July 29 1993, Ref. 016000411.

General Details of Work

NAPHILL COMMON IS A SSSI AND WILL BE MANAGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ENGLISH NATURE'S REQUIREMENTS. THE AREA IS OPEN TO FREE PUBLIC ACCESS, ALTHOUGH THIS WILL BE CHANNELLED WHERE POSSIBLE ALONG PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY. THE MAIN RIDES SHOWN ON THE MAP SCHEDULE 3 HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE SPECIAL MANAGEMENT GRANT AS WORK IN THESE AREAS IS TO BE GRANT AIDED BY ENGLISH NATURE.

ALL THINNING WILL BE CARRIED OUT TO THE FOLLOWING INTENSITY DURING THIS PLAN PERIOD:

CROPS OF AGE 15-50 - A MAXIMUM OF 33% OF STEMS WILL BE REMOVED. CROPS OF AGE 50+ - A MAXIMUM OF 20% OF STEMS WILL BE REMOVED.

CROPS ADJACENT TO BRIDLEWAYS - A MAXIMUM OF 80% OF STEMS WILL BE REMOVED.

SQUIRREL CONTROL WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE MOST APPROPRIATE WAY SO AS TO ENSURE THAT DAMAGE LEVELS WILL NOT EXCEED THE FOLLOWING: . DAMAGE LEVELS WILL BE CONSIDERED UNACCEPTABLE IF MORE THAN 20% OF THOSE TREES, LESS THAN 40 YEARS OF AGE, WHICH FORM THE MIDDLE AND UPPER CANOPIES WITHIN THE WOODLAND EXHIBIT DEBARKING WHICH RESULTS IN THE TREE FAILING TO MAINTAIN ITS VIGOUR AND POTENTIAL WITHIN THE WOODLAND.

ACCEPTABLE LEVELS WILL BE ASSESSED BY AN INSPECTION AT THE END OF THE PLAN PERIOD TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE SPIRIT OF THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN UPHOLD.

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RIDE/GLADE MANAGEMENT: ALL RIDES AND GLADES WILL BE MANAGED BY ANNUAL CUTTING IN LATE SUMMER OR AS AGREED BY ENGLISH NATURE.

No. 0001 to 0006 70.90ha

PROPOSED WORK

Proposed Work	P- Year	Species Planted	Area (Ha)	Grant %	Supplement
T		MB	70.90		
SM	1945	MB	50.00	100	
OL		OG	20.90	100	

DETAILS OF WORK:

SELECTIVE THINNING TO BE CARRIED OUT OVER THE PLAN PERIOD. TREES TO BE MARKED BY AGENT IN ADVANCE OF FELLING.

PLANNING SPECIFICATION TO INCLUDE:

1. FREE ANCIENT OAK STANDARDS. RETAIN DEAD OR HOLLOW TREES IN A CONDITION WHERE THEY DO NOT REPRESENT A PUBLIC DANGER.

2. OPEN OUT AROUND PONDS TO A DISTANCE EQUIVALENT To THE HEIGHT OF RETAINED TREES.
3. SELECTIVELY THIN SECONDARY GROWTH TO FAVOUR AND SPACE TREES OF GOOD TIMBER POTENTIAL.
4. SELECTIVELY THIN AREAS OF TIMBER QUALITY OAK, BIRCH AND WILD CHERRY.
5. CLEAR VEGETATION ALONG PUBLIC FOOTPATHS TO A WIDTH OF BETWEEN 2.0 AND 6.0 METRES.
6. CREATE GLADES AT RIDE/PATH INTERSECTIONS.
7. RETENTION OF LESS COMMON TREE AND SHRUB SPECIES.
8. OPEN OUT AROUND ANY TREES, SHRUBS OR OTHER FEATURES OF ECOLOGICAL OR HISTORICAL INTEREST IDENTIFIED DURING MARKING IN AGREEMENT WITH ENGLISH NATURE.
9. BRIDLEWAY TO BE WIDENED, TO A WIDTH OF 12 - 18 METRES.

DESIGNATIONS: AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

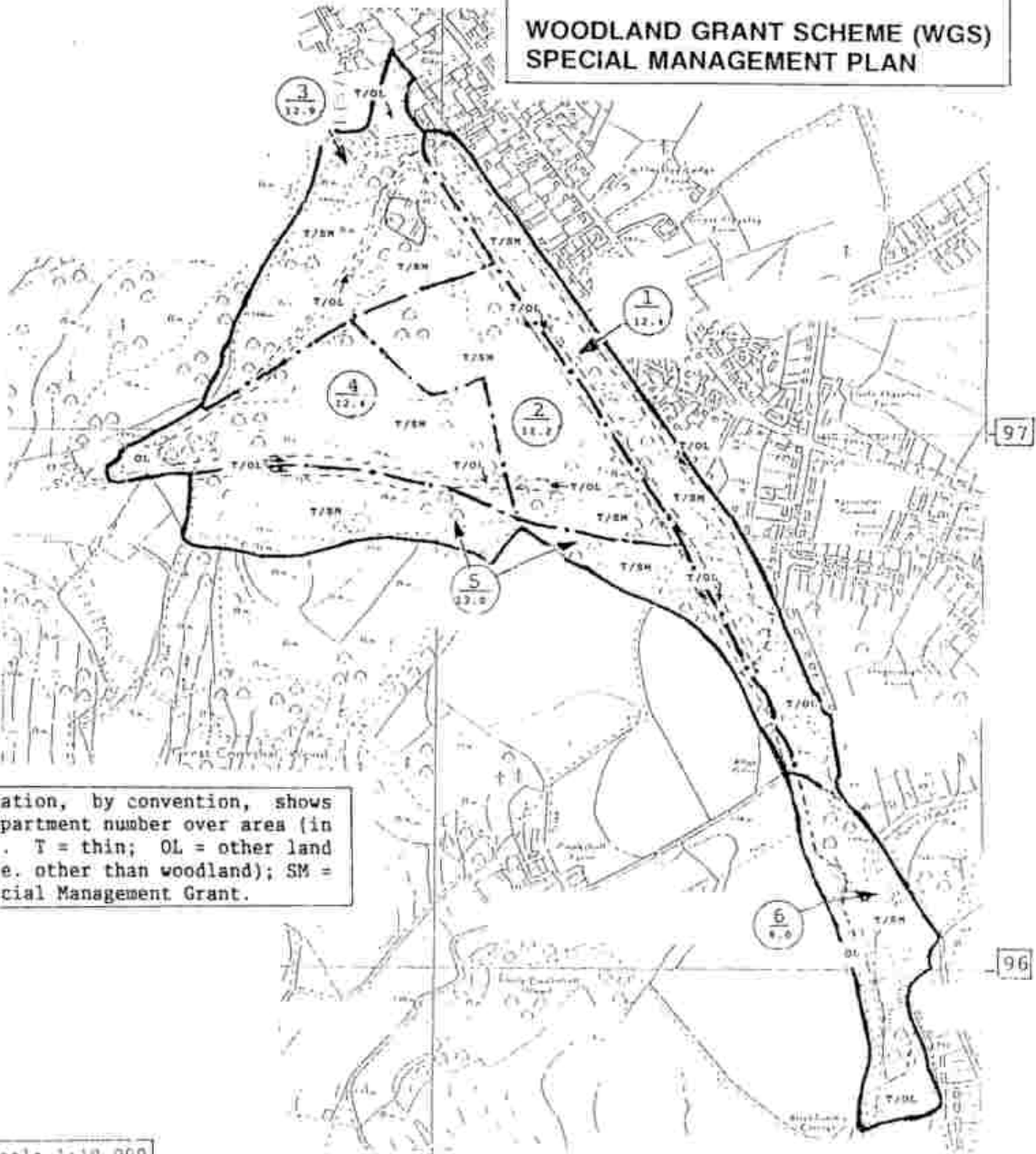
WAY LEAVES, POWER LINES, PIPELINES ETC

*Notional date taken to represent key period of natural woodland regeneration within the agreement area.



NAPHILL & DOWNLEY COMMONS

WOODLAND GRANT SCHEME (WGS) SPECIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN



Notation, by convention, shows compartment number over area (in ha). T = thin; OL = other land (i.e. other than woodland); SM = Special Management Grant.

Scale 1:10 000

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