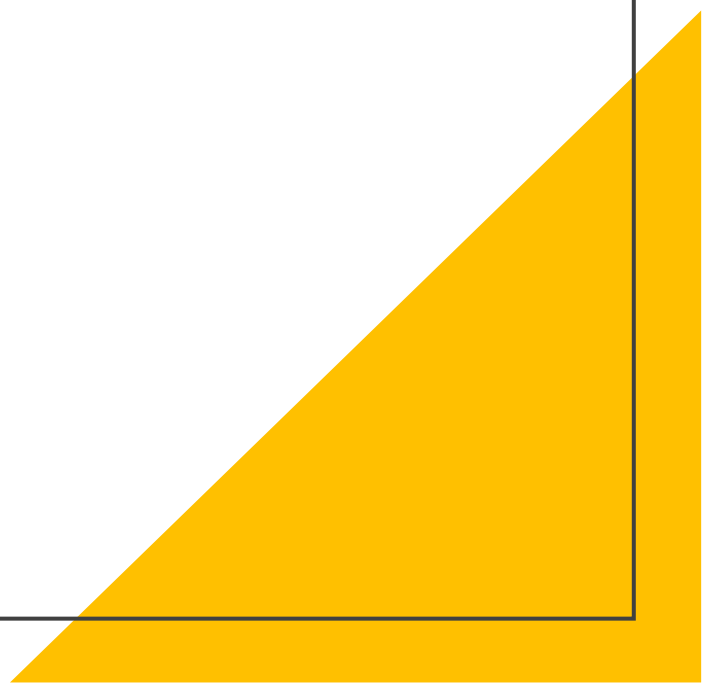


FRPC Parish Council
for The Farnhams

Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 8th April 2024 7:00pm



Chairman's Introduction

Paul Rowley

Chairman

Your Councillors



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Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers.

We currently have FOUR vacancies and would welcome applications from all groups.

FRPC Parish Council
for The Farnhams

What do we do?

Fundamentally, the Parish Council is your local tier of Government

- working to improve the life of residents in the Farnhams
- providing a democratic forum for residents to voice concerns on local issues.

To achieve this objective, the Parish Council

- Comments on planning applications received from the Planning Authority
- Maintains open spaces and playgrounds within the villages
- Maintains over 200 streetlights
- Cleans the public conveniences
- Provides additional litter pickers
- Maintains the bus shelters and benches.
- Provides the village flowers
- Provides the Christmas lighting
- Works closely with Buckinghamshire Council and the Neighbourhood Policing Team

You can find useful information at
<https://farnhamroyal-pc.gov.uk/>

FRPC Parish Council
for The Farnhams

The Parish Council has many powers but sometimes it can only signpost you to other organisations. If we do, we are happy to provide ongoing support, if necessary.

Problem	Who can help
Missed bins	https://www.southbucks.gov.uk/article/9388/Report-a-Missed-Bin-Chiltern-Wycombe-and-South-Bucks-Areas
Planning applications	https://pa-csb.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/online-applications/
Planning breaches	https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/having-a-say-and-reporting-issues/report-a-planning-breach/
Highways issues	https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/
Rights of Way issues	https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/count-ryside-and-public-rights-of-way/public-rights-of-way/report-an-issue-with-a-public-footpath-bridleway-or-byway/

Where you
can find
help with
other issues

You can find useful information at
<https://farnhamroyal-pc.gov.uk/parish-council-faqs/>

FRPC Parish Council
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What's
coming up
this evening?

1. Parish Council

- **Report on Projects**

Tony Birkett, Parish Councillor

- **Report on Finances**

Katherine Damsell, Chair of Finance Committee

2. Policing

- **Neighbourhood Policing Team**

Burnham, Farnhams and Taplow Neighbourhood Policing Team

- **Building Confidence in Policing**

Matthew Barber, Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley

3. Wider Issues

- **The Farnhams' Neighbourhood Plan**

Steve Stagg, the Farnhams Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

- **The Farnham's Woodland Management Plan**

Peter Harding, Pyramid Forestry & Landscaping Ltd

- **Buckinghamshire Council's Priorities for The Farnhams**

Cllr. Dev Dhillon, Buckinghamshire Council



Refreshments will be available after the meeting

FRPC Parish Council
for The Farnhams

Parish Projects

Tony Birkett

Parish Councillor



Our 2023 Projects

- **Wellbeing:**
 - Playground Renewal – Farnham Common
 - Former Guide Hut Site
- **Woodland and Open Spaces:**
 - Boundary Copse
 - Woodland Management Plan
 - Community Orchard replanted
- **Highways:**
 - Community Speed watch
 - Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign
 - Review of all police approved sites
- **Community:**
 - Traders Association
 - Residents Association

New Projects (& ideas) for 2024/25

Wellbeing:

Woodland and Open Spaces:

- Boundary Copse-Repair & ecology work
- Woodland Management Plan
- Kingsway Green / Rectory Close Flowerbeds & paving under existing benches*
- Community Orchard-Repairs

Highways:

- Dropped Curbs*
- Community Speed watch;
 - Additional Village Road Signage
 - Wheely Bin Signage

Community:

- 80th Anniversary of D-Day
 - D Day Exhibition
 - Village Flags
 - 1940's Afternoon Tea Dance
- CCTV Installation*;
 - The Broadway on both sides of A355
 - Beaconsfield Rd opp. Farnham Pump Store
 - FC Playground
 - FR Playground
- 30 mins free Parking @ Broadway Car Park, FC*
- Christmas Lights replacements*
- Community Volunteer Event*

Parish Finances

Katherine Damsell

Chair of Finance Committee

Last year plans- What have we done

- Budget for the year ahead considerations
 - Aiming to return to full reserve balance- We are now in compliance with the Government Guidelines
- Projects 2023 onward
 - Playground stage 1 – looking to utilise Public Works Loan Board – A loan was secured
 - Planning playground stage 2 - this is now a picnic area for all to enjoy
 - Guide hut demolition due June 2023 completed now the picnic area
 - Take back control of maintenance of Kingsway and plan for future year improvements contracts and ideas being reviewed . We have a contract in place to ensure the grass is maintained.
 - Boundary Corpse plans started will continue in 2024
- Aware of inflationary pressure that might reduce available spend for projects
 - Watching electricity and maintenance contracts – We have put in place standard contracts

2023/2024 Total income =£220,000

95% Precept = £210,000

5% Grants and Rent = £10,000

76% Non-Discretionary

Woodlands and Open Spaces

Maintaining Playgrounds

Keep the Villages Tidy

Christmas Lights

Flagpoles

Residential Streetlighting

Maintaining St Mary's Churchyard

Public conveniences

Maintaining Statutory Compliance

Financial Management

24% Discretionary

Seasonal Planting

Parish Projects

Protecting Green belt

Neighbour Plan

Grants

Community Engagements

Looking Forward 2024/2025

- Put in place a performance management practice to ensure value and quality for all our contracted works
- Review of all the Parish Assets to ensure secure for the future
- Engage with Farnham Park on their plans and impact to the Playground
- Support the projects for the Parish and look to secure more funding for other public bodies where possible.
- Review all the policies to keep up to date with all guidance

Neighbourhood Policing

Burnham, Farnhams and Taplow
Neighbourhood Policing Team



Local policing teams are groups of officers dedicated to serving the community. Teams are made up of officers based in the area, supported by additional officers from the wider area.

Teams work closely with local authorities, organisations, partners and residents to decide policing priorities. This helps teams find long-term solutions to local problems.

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team covering Burnham, the Farnhams and Taplow are:

- Inspector James Ellis
- Police Sergeant Hedley Gabriel
- Police Constable Dan Terry
- Police Constable Jason Morris
- PCSO Angela O'Connell
- PCSO Emily Tucker

To report a crime ring 101 or go online at <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>
If it is an emergency, ring 999.



Building Confidence in Policing

Matthew Barber

Police & Crime Commissioner for
Thames Valley

The Farnhams' Neighbourhood Plan

Steve Stagg

Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

FRNP Progress Update – Last 12 months

Feb – Apr 23: Informal consultation questionnaire

May – Dec 23: Preparation, review and final draft plan created

Jan – Feb 24: Formal consultation with Farnham Royal & Farnham Common residents


Mar – to mid 24: Review, edits and submission to Buckinghamshire Council

Mid 24: Submission consultation (run by BC)

Late 24: Examination and Referendum



Feedback from consultation - residents in SL2 3..

- **Low response rate**
 - **Generally supportive of plan**
 - **Observations:**
 - **Plan covers or highlights most respondent observations**
 - **Plan narrative complicated for some respondents**
 - **Some maps outdated**
 - **Role of the Church in the villages**
 - **Existing issues (fix my street type)**
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Feedback from consultation - Edits

- **Potential revisions based on feedback:**
 - 1. Create plan overview / executive summary**
 - 2. Narrative on drainage and potential dirty water issues**
 - 3. Reframing shared back garden into walkway and clarifying land ownership (5.11)**
 - 4. FAR 9 wording in 5.58 and reference to not setting a blanket ban (500m presumption against development around Burnham Beeches SAC)**

The Farnhams'
Woodland Management Plan
Peter Harding
Pyramid Forestry & Landscaping Ltd

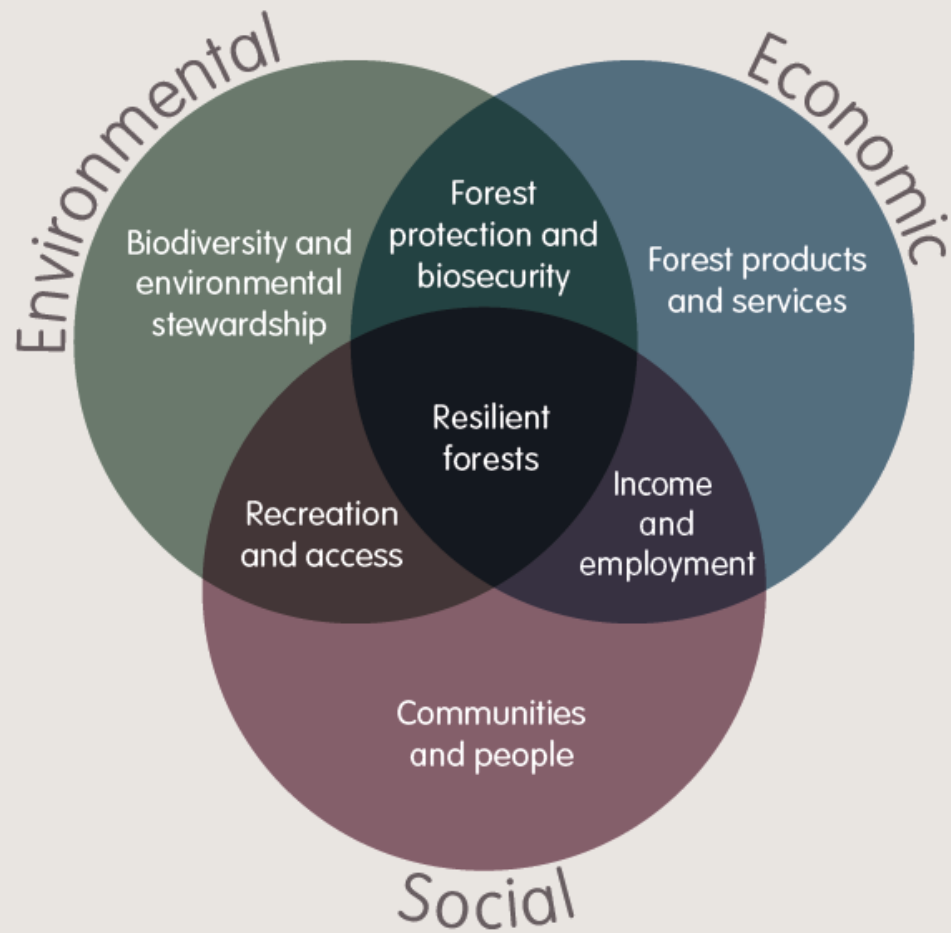
Context

- It was a concern that many UK woodlands were not under any sort of management.
- The Forestry Commission began giving grants for the preparation of Woodland Management Plans.

The UK Forestry Standard

The governments' approach
to sustainable forestry





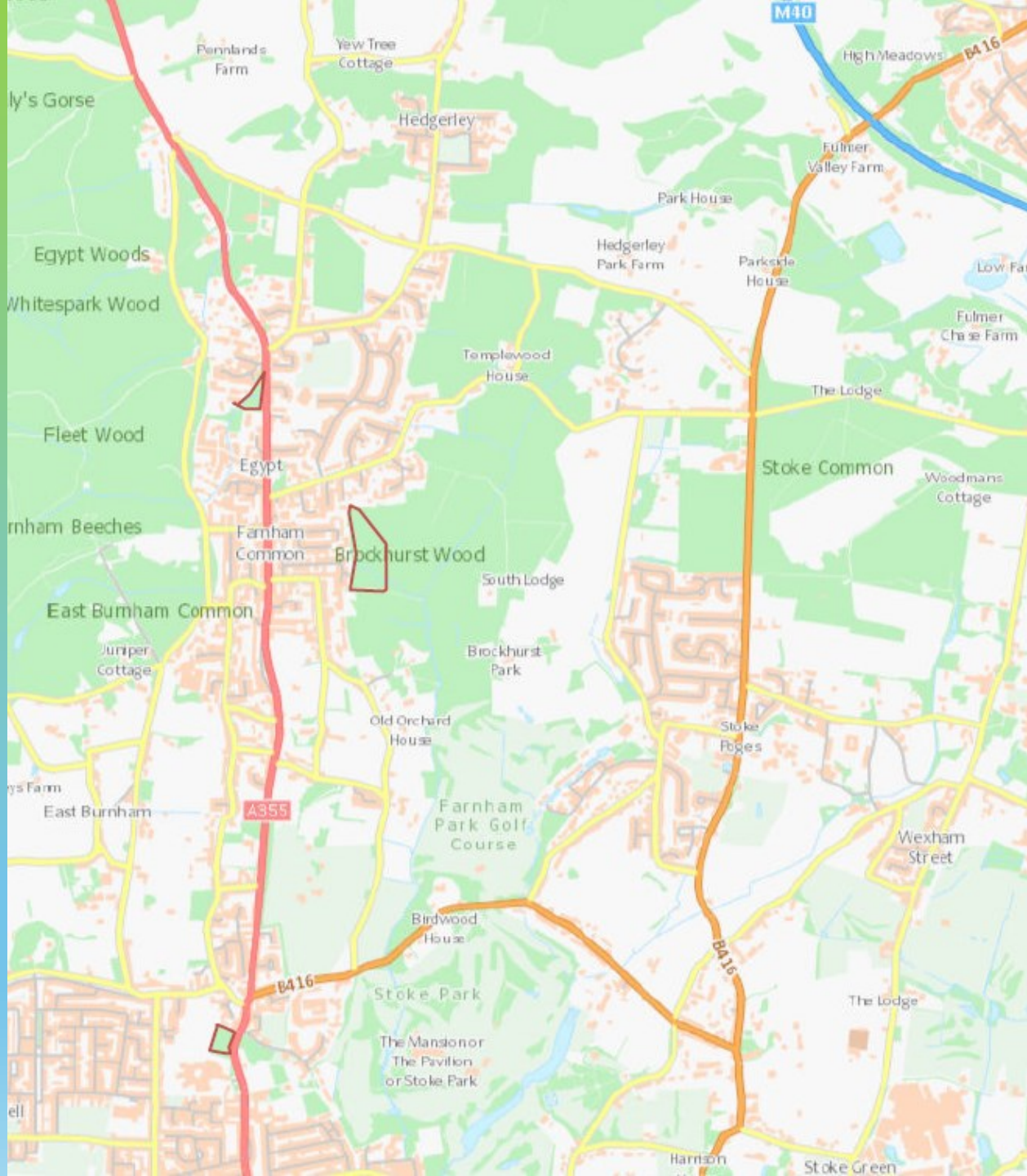
Box 1.1 Balanced objectives

Sustainable forest management involves ensuring that the production of all forest and woodland benefits is maintained over the long term. This is achieved when the environmental, economic and social functions of forests interact in support of each other, as illustrated in the diagram on the left. The precise point of balance between environmental, economic and social functions will vary in individual forests in response to management objectives and local circumstances. The concept of balanced objectives is central to the approach of the UKFS.

Table 2.1 The process of producing a forest management plan.

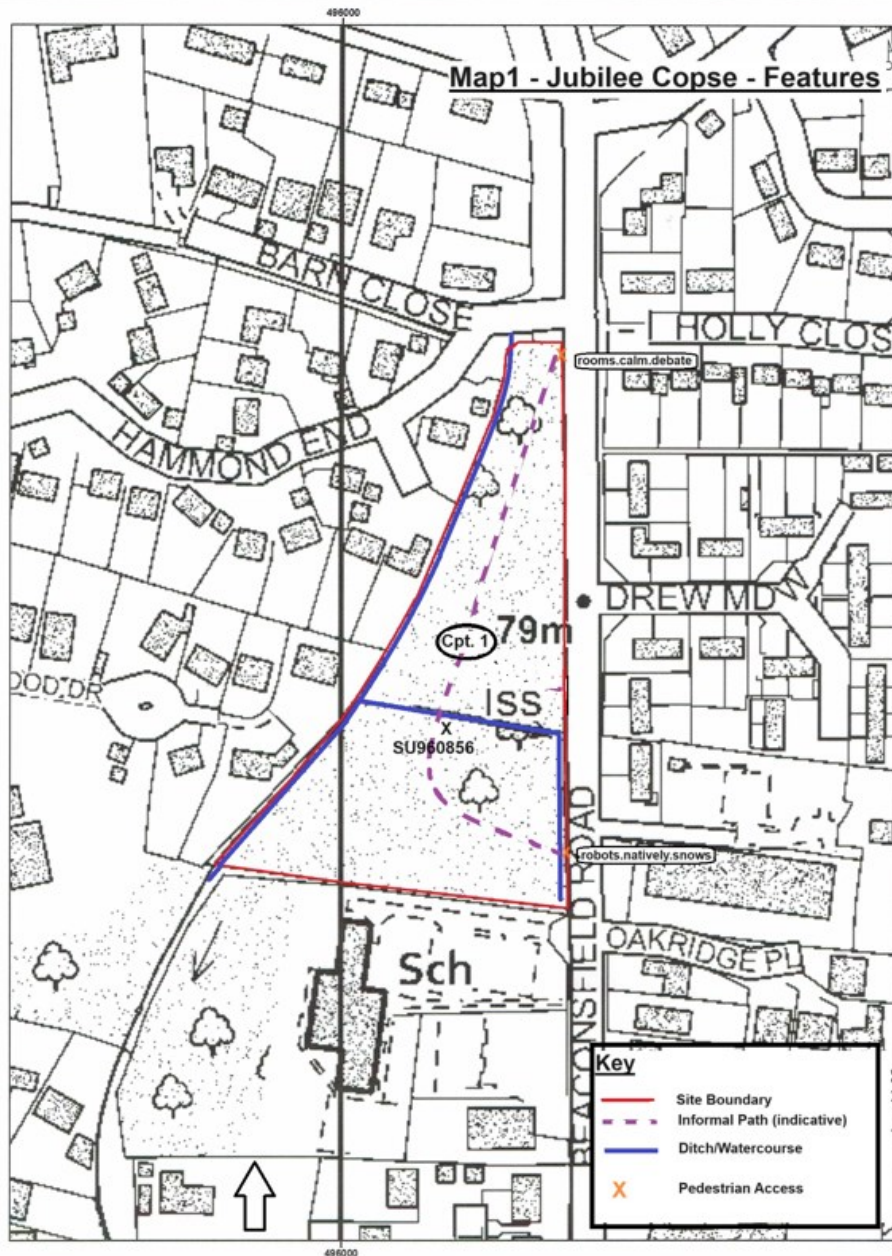
Stage	Objective	Activities and/or sources of information
Scoping	To develop management objectives	Draw on the owner's objectives, the potential of the site, UKFS Requirements and Guidelines, forestry strategies, policies and plans at country, regional and local level, and forestry frameworks.
	To analyse stakeholder interests	<u>Consider of all potential interests, including those of specialist interest groups and the local community.</u>
Survey	To collect information	Collect and map information about the site and its location, including any statutory constraints. <u>Hold early-stage meetings with stakeholders</u> and those with specialist knowledge including the forestry authority, to help identify all the factors to take into account and alert interested parties to the proposal.
Analysis	To assess information from the survey stage	Assess the survey information in light of the project's objectives, allowing the potential of the site to be determined.
Synthesis	To develop a design concept	Use the information that has been collected and analysed, including the visual aspects, to formulate a broad concept for the forest's design.
	To develop a draft management plan	Refine and develop the forest design concept into a draft management plan. This will be the basis of consultation with interested parties. Several drafts may be required in an iterative process.
	To finalise the plan and submit it for approval	Amend, refine and firm up the draft into a final forest management plan.
Implementation	To develop and implement work programmes	Use the forest management plan to develop operational plans and implement work programmes.
Monitoring	To evaluate progress	Check indicators of progress at regular intervals. Collect and record data to evaluate management.
Review	To make periodic updates of the forest management plan	Record work done on the plan and update it at regular intervals to keep it current. The plan is thoroughly reviewed and updated periodically (usually at five-year intervals).

Which Woodlands Are Involved?



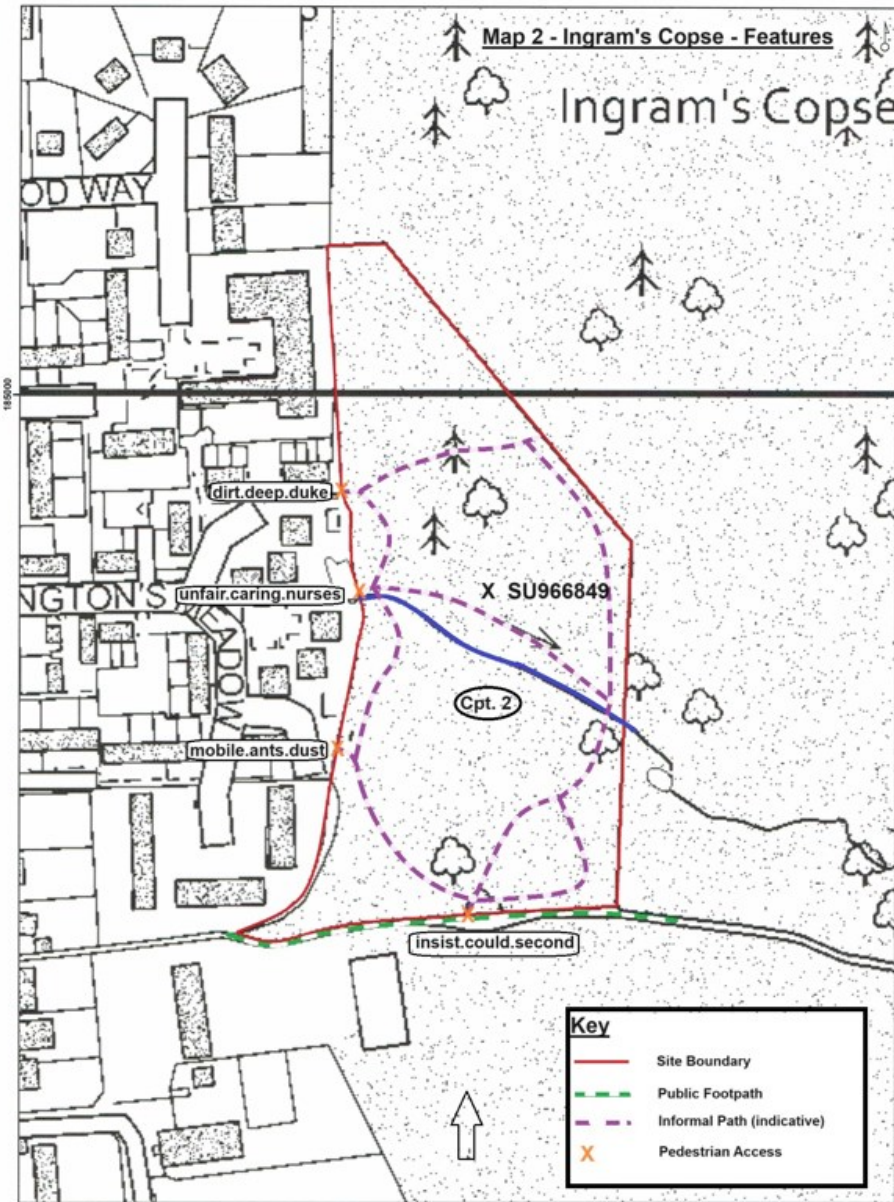


Map1 - Jubilee Copse - Features



- Jubilee Copse (1.25ha.) is a predominantly triangular woodland with main arterial road to the east, residential properties northwest and school grounds to the south. A drainage ditch runs along the northwest boundary with a further ditch at the southern end of the eastern boundary. They are connected by a ditch running east/west. A permissive path runs through the wood in a semi-circular shape, crossing the ditch via a boardwalk. The height above sea level varies between 75 & 80m. It is an early mature - mature mixed broadleaved woodland with under-storey of younger beech, birch, yew and patches of scrubby holly. The dominant species is oak with a few isolated Scots pine, beech, sycamore horse chestnut and rowan. The mature trees are generally well-spaced. There is a significant component of standing and lying deadwood. The main management objective would be to encourage greater biodiversity. As regards felling and replanting, intervention would be minimal.

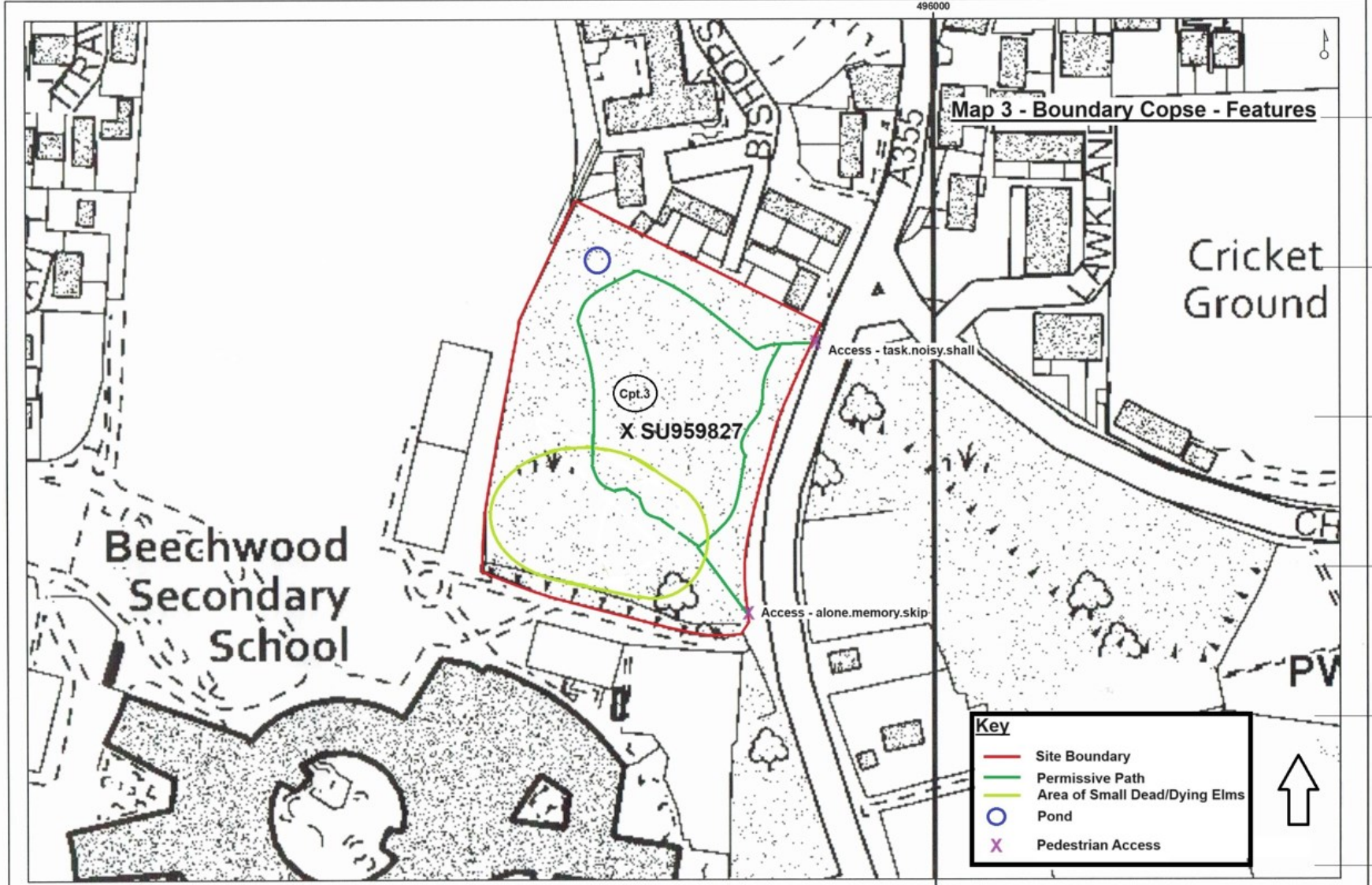




Ingram's Copse (2.2ha.) is a predominantly rectangular woodland with residential properties west, footpath south, contiguous similar woodland east and north. The height above sea level varies between 70 & 75m. The woodland was previously owned by the Woodland Trust and has been managed under the English Woodland Grant Scheme.

There is a significant component of standing and lying deadwood. It is a mature broadleaved woodland with under-storey of younger beech, birch and patches of scrubby holly and rhododendron. The dominant species is beech (including some old beech coppice stools) with a significant oak presence oak and a few isolated Scots pine, rowan, ash and sycamore. There are some small open spaces which could be extended and left as open space or planted to improve age and species diversity. The main management objectives would be to encourage and improve public access and to encourage greater biodiversity. As regards felling and replanting, intervention would be minimal.





Boundary Copse (1.23ha.) is a predominantly square-shaped woodland with main arterial road to the east, residential properties north and school grounds to the south and west. The site was originally a private residence (the remnants of the foundations are still evident in the southeast corner) with a large garden. The height above sea level varies between 50 & 55m. The dominant species are sycamore, oak and ash with occasional Scots pine, wild cherry, tree of heaven, yew, acacia, horse chestnut and beech. The site is poorly stocked with large areas occupied by scrub and dead/dying elms. There is an area of bamboo in the north-western part of the wood. The main management objective would be to retain the better trees and replant scrub and elm areas with native species (and possibly some non-natives which are more resilient to climate change). The woodland has been used recently for illegal camping and, as a result has accumulated a significant amount of rubbish.

Possible Species for Re-stocking Boundary Copse:

- Common Oak
- Small-Leaved Lime
- Wild Cherry
- Wild Service Tree
- Common Alder
- Field Maple
- Tulip Tree?
- Shagbark Hickory?

Woodland Management Plan



To be completed by the plan author:	
Woodland or Property name	Farnham Royal Parish Council Woodlands
Woodland Management Plan case reference	1479837
The landowner agrees this plan as a statement of intent for the woodland	Yes
Plan author name	Peter Harding

For FC Use only:			
Plan Period <i>(dd/mm/yyyy - Ten years)</i>	Approval Date:	Approved until:	
Five Year Review Date			

Revision No.	Date	Status (draft/final)	Reason for Revision

Template user support:
 The functionality in this version of the management plan template has been downgraded to ensure compatibility with Word 2003. This document is not protected and as such rows can be added & deleted or copied and pasted from tables where needed.

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	To create greater biodiversity by improving habitats and encouraging more wildlife into the woodlands.
2	To improve resilience to climate change by creating a greater diversity of tree species. This will be achieved by replanting small areas with more diverse range of tree species.
3	To improve public access and engagement by creating better paths and visual information.
4	To help reduce pressure on the nearby National Nature Reserve by encouraging local people to use the woodlands more.
5	To manage public safety by undertaking biennial Tree Safety Surveys of areas adjacent to road, footpaths and properties.
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What Next?

- Consultation Period
- Submit Plan to FC for Approval.
- Apply for Relevant Grants.
- Get Started!

Buckinghamshire Council's Priorities for the Farnhams

Dev Dhillon

Buckinghamshire Councillor



Buckinghamshire Council

Farnham Common



Dev
Dhillon

Farnham Royal



Ralph
Bagge



David
Moore



Trevor
Eggleton



Nick
Naylor



Thomas
Hogg

Buckinghamshire Council's overall aim is to create positive changes for local people, communities, visitors, and businesses.

We want to make Buckinghamshire the best place to live, raise a family, work and do business.

Our key priorities for 2020 to 2025 are:

- increasing prosperity
- strengthening our communities
- improving our environment
- protecting the vulnerable

Customer focus is integral to each priority.

Contact your local councillor by email:
first.name.surname@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Chairman's Closing Message

Paul Rowley

Chairman

We said goodbye to some Community Champions this year who gave so much to improve the lives of residents and visitors. Thank you.



David Banks



Marilyn Rolfe



Alan French

Their legacies will live on for generations to come.

Upcoming Events

Come along and meet your local councillors...

...share your concerns, thoughts and aspirations for our villages



Our next bimonthly surgery:

Saturday 11 May 2024

10.00am

Farnham Common Community Library



D-Day 80

Exhibition
3 – 7 June 2024
Farnham Common Library

Talk and Q & A Session
8 June 2024
Farnham Common Library

1940s Tea Dance

1 June 2024
Farnham Common Village Hall

Listen to the harmonies of The Polka Dots whilst enjoying afternoon tea

Community Showcase

8 June 2024
Farnham Common Village Centre

A gathering of community groups and organisations showcasing the activities available in The Farnhams.

Providing an opportunity to recruit new members, volunteers and fundraise.

Sponsored by:  
Burnham Beeches

FARNHAMS' ORCHARD DAY
SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
12 PM - 4 PM

Local stalls
Beekeeping demo
Craft activities
Glitter tattoos
Homemade Cakes
Children's Games
Bar, Prosecco
Refreshments

FREE ENTRY

Temple Dell, Templewood Lane
Farnham Common SL2 3HA



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Thank you for joining us this evening, we hope you found it useful

Please join us for some refreshments