

Felling Coupe 17046 (north side of road)
Area 4.7Ha

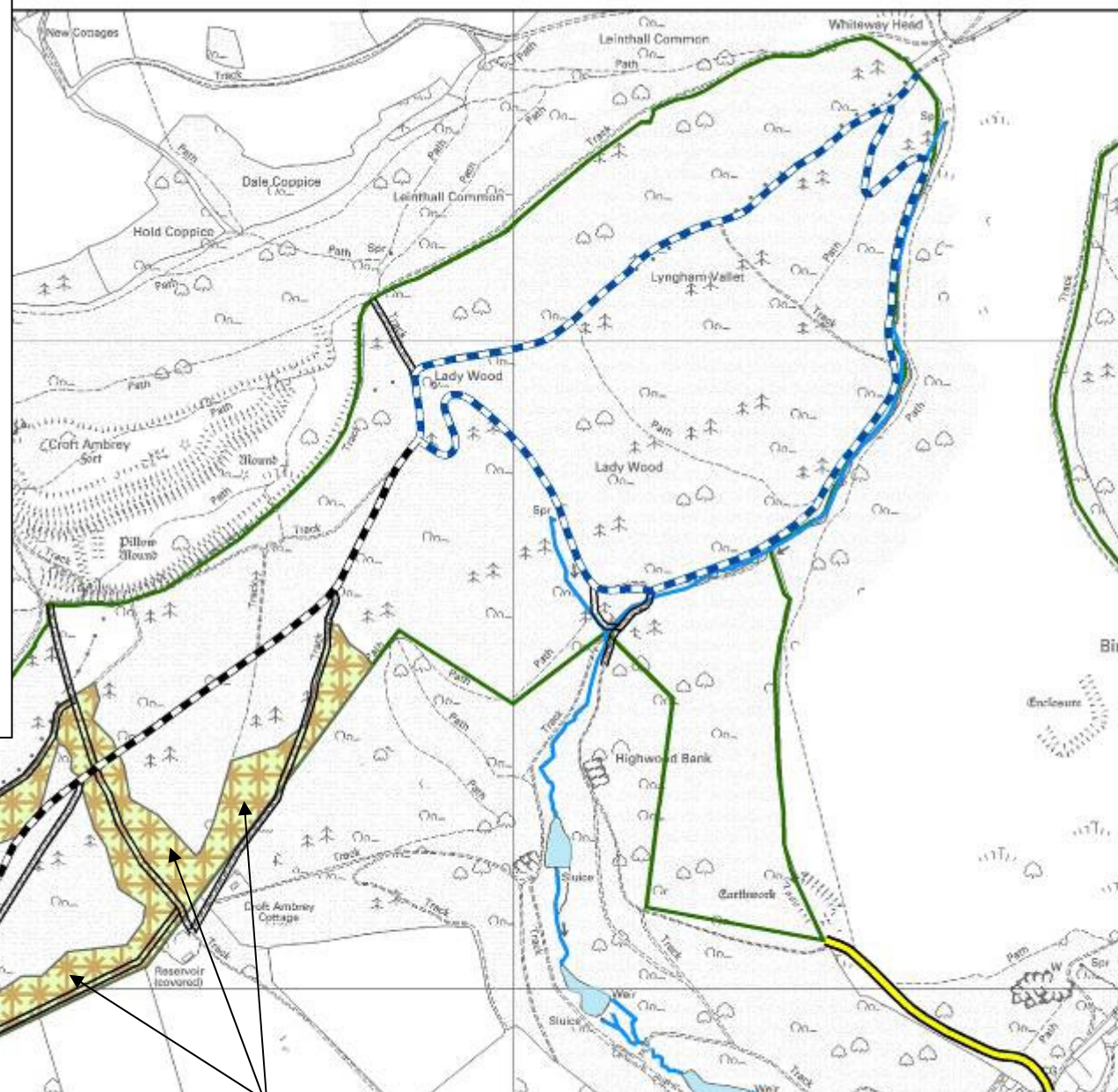
Felling Coupe 17017 (south side of road)
Area 4.3Ha

Restock Coupes: 17046a / 17017a
 Veteran OK pollards approx 30% MB approx 10%
 OK approx 20% OPEN approx 40%

These areas are to be managed by the NT under a Farm Business Tenancy agreement.

Removal of conifer will be achieved progressively over a period of around 25 years. It will be accomplished through thinning in line with recommendations laid out in the Collins Bat Report of 2013. See Appendices 2.3 & 2.4. Work will also comply to the FC/NE guidance note found in appendix 2.5.

Where no Oak pollards are present and WH is prevalent, gaps can be created through felling groups of upto 20m diameter. These will be restocked with broadleaf species at a stocking similar to that of Wood Pasture. These groups should be created in a phased way over the 25 year period to create a varying age structure within the new plantings. Over-storey should not be removed until the planted groups are a minimum of 2m in height.



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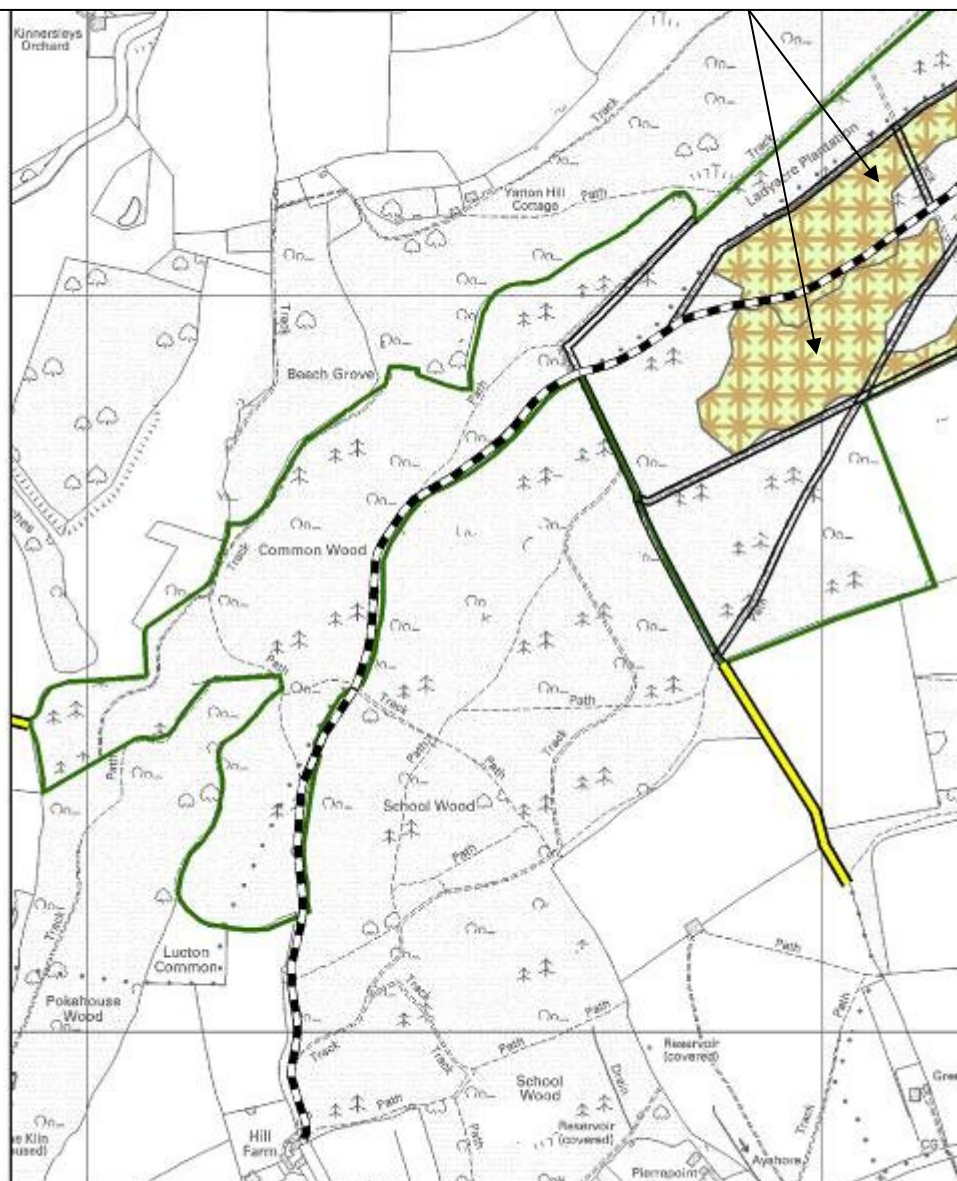
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2010 – 2020

Felling Plan retentions

Legend

Removal of conifers by thinning



Felling Coupe 17855
Area 7.9Ha

Restock Coupe: 17855a
 MB approx 20%
 OK approx 10%
 OPEN approx 70%

These linkages will be removed through progressive thinning and group felling using the 20m gap principal. Spacing between the felled groups should be around 20m, so once the remaining overstorey is removed bats can still navigate across the openings.

As previously further overstorey should not be removed until the planted groups are a minimum of 2m in height. Here this is more critical since it forms future bat linkages east to west across the hillside between the two woods created through the Wood Pasture restoration process and prevents fragmentation of bat habitat from occurring during the restoration.

The hawthorn hedge along the southern boundary will be kept in maiden form to help maintain linkage during conversion to a broadleaf structure.

The final date for removal of the last of the overstorey within this area has only been nominally set as this date will be dictated by the height of the last groups to be planted, but is probable that this date will be around 2030.

Scale 1:10,000
 Date 22nd October 2013



Forestry Commission woodlands have been certified in accordance with the rules of the Forest Stewardship Council

