

The existing site: land near Haugh Farm

The site near Haugh Farm is mostly arable farmland with large fields, some hedgerows and individual hedgerow trees. There are several 'pingo' ponds formed by melting glacial water, leaving water-filled holes. Some ponds have been ploughed out, but those remaining are surrounded by naturally growing trees. Trees, hedges and small woodland blocks including conifers, are visible from a distance and are key landscape features. The open landscape today is due to historical tree and woodland removal for farming. A public footpath runs through the eastern side of the site from New Buckenham.

1: Wide view south over site, with hedgerow trees at field entrance. 2: View north from Heath Road into site with 'pingo' pond and naturally growing trees on the left. 3: Looking south into smaller field with wetter ground. 4: View of 'pingo' pond and naturally growing trees surrounding. 5: Wide view south to west across arable farmland in the site.

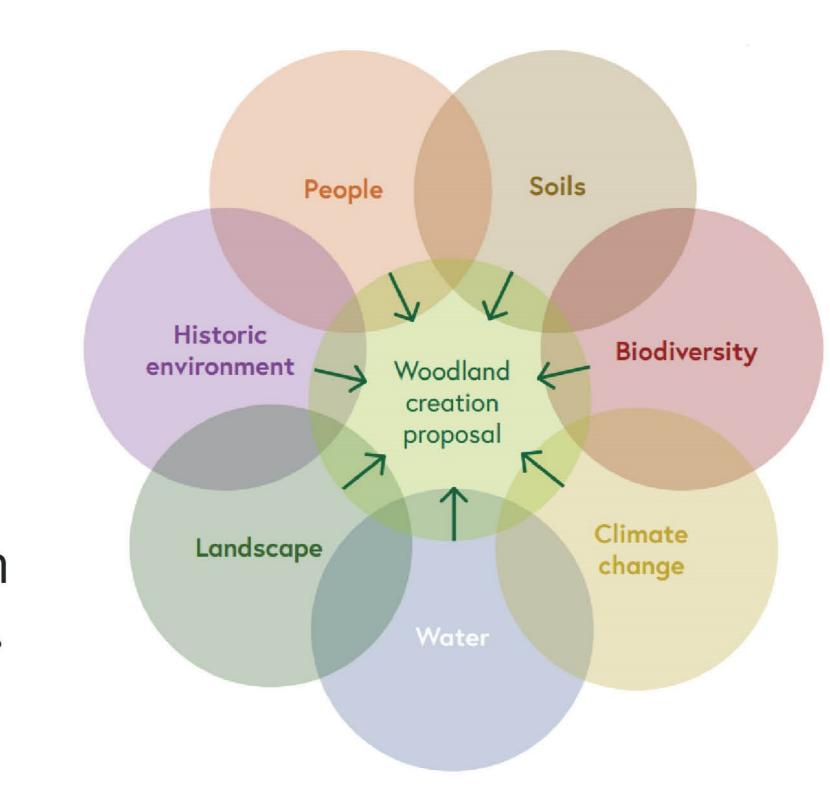




How the new woodland near Haugh Farm could look

We are designing the new woodland to benefit people, wildlife, and the surrounding landscape (natural capital approach).

Detailed desktop, site surveys and analysis, as well as feedback from our local communities will guide our design and how the new woodland could look.



Objectives for the new woodland



Public access for health and wellbeing: create low-key public recreation opportunities with new areas for people to walk in the woodland.



Thriving habitats for wildlife: create a mosaic of habitats, maintaining and enhancing the natural environment.



Benefits for the wider landscape: capture carbon, supporting net zero emissions targets.



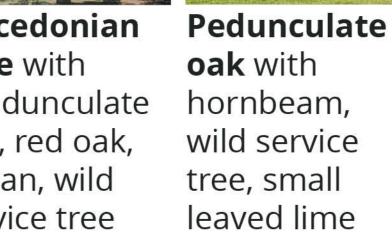
Future forest resources and resilience: plant a mix of trees for a lasting supply of sustainable timber.



Include research trials: to test which less common broad-leaved tree species might be suitable for a future supply of sustainable timber.

Types of woodland we could plant







hawthorn, guelder rose,



Douglas fir with smallleaved lime, sweet chestnut, black walnut

Additional species



willow





Coast redwood



Hawthorn



Wild cherry



Wild service tree



How the new woodlands could look

Our initial designs include proposals to:

- Keep some open views from properties next to the woodlands by sparsely planting a mix of native shrubs and trees that will also provide seasonal interest.
- Create a number of circular footpath routes through the woodlands following open grass paths, connecting to the existing public footpaths, which link to Old Buckenham and New Buckenham.
- Plant coniferous and broadleaved trees together in mixtures, with shrub species along edges to increase the variety of species and add colour and texture.

- Create wildlife corridors by leaving open space next to hedgerows and adding shrubby borders at the edges of woodland for wildlife to thrive.
- At Haugh Farm, retain 'Pingo' ponds and sites of former 'pingo' ponds, with open space and low density planting located nearby, creating a mosaic of different habitats.
- Respect the setting of Buckenham Priory and Castle, with oak trees and native shrubs planted at low density along the boundary, reflecting planting found locally.





