

Appendix 2 Images for management plan



Image 1: Bluebells and veteran oaks

Top: veteran oaks 7 (at left) 8 and 9, looking north.

Bottom: veteran oaks 12 (foreground), 11 and 10, looking south.

Images 17041506 and 17041803, taken in April 2017.

A linear patch of bluebells follows the line of veteran oaks. The oaks are surrounded and grown through by secondary growth, mainly holly and sycamore.

This line of bluebells lies alongside and across the well used London LOOP connector path and so is especially prized by the public.



Image 2: Ash saplings underneath uniform aged young mature oaks in compartment 10.

In October 2017 all these ash saplings showed signs of ash dieback, they will likely die within a few years.

Age structure within these areas of even aged woodland will be improved by selective felling and replanting with a mix (40% oak, 20% each field maple, hazel and birch).

Image 17041506, taken in April 2017.



Image 3: The fence that forms the northern border of compartment 11.

We propose to create a hedge of native shrubs and small trees along this boundary. Species to be used will include alder buckthorn, the food plant for caterpillars of the brimstone butterfly, lime, the food plant for caterpillars of the lime hawkmoth, and *Ulmus japonica* Sapporo Autumn Gold for white letter hairstreak. The hedge will also include spindle tree as well as wild service tree, dog rose, aspen and dogwood - in the case of the last four, using seeds and/or cuttings from existing plants on the reserve.

Image 17031431, taken in March 2017.