

High Stand Forest Design Plan Summer 2009 Review – General Features Survey



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High Stand grows high quality softwood timber but recent storms have caused a lot of damage. This exposed edge is still vulnerable to the effects of wind.



It is necessary to remove the broadleaved regrowth from the newly planted areas so that they don't outcompete the young conifers.



There are areas in High Stand where birch regeneration is prolific. These trees will be left to grow on & one option is to harvest the crop at around 20 years for fuel wood.



Broadleaved regeneration can be seen as an understorey under all mature stands where light levels allow.



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Bracken is a problem in places & needs to be dealt with so that it does not deter natural regeneration or damage newly planted trees.



There are Minimal Intervention areas in the woodland where both broadleaves & conifers are left to grow on to old age providing a diverse habitat for a variety of flora & fauna



The Conservation Area around the ponds provides a valuable habitat for many species. Deadwood is an important component of a healthy woodland ecosystem.



The conservation ponds provide an important wetland habitat. An ongoing maintenance programme deals with excessive woody growth & vegetation to enhance the environment.

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The conservation ponds drain into High Stand Gill which in turn flows into the River Eden, a cSAC. Alder grows here, a typical species of wet woodland



Forest road edges are regularly mown enabling more diverse flora to populate such as spotted orchids above. This in turn encourages butterflies & other insects.



Ringlet photographed on ride edge.



The main access point into High Stand where car parking facilities are provided.

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The main car park is also where most anti-social activity takes place. This can be costly to resolve & can pose a risk to visitors.



The barrier from the car park into the woodland is prone to vandalism. The securing post has been smashed & 4x4 vehicles have gained access.



The paths by Englethwaite Hall Caravan Park are well used, visitors enjoying the peaceful environment.



A network of permissive paths are regularly walked by the local community. Woody regrowth will be prevented from encroaching.



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