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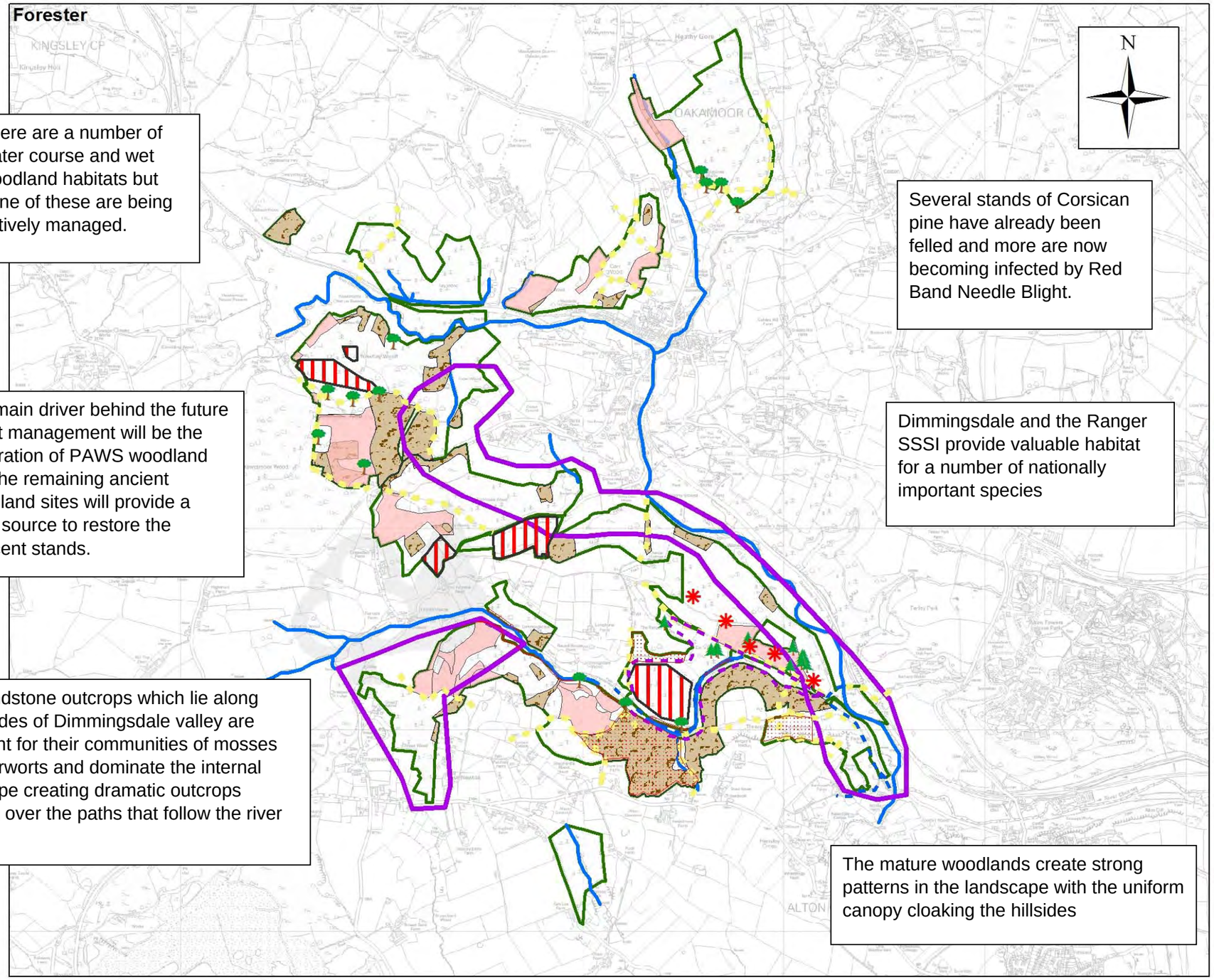

There are a number of water course and wet woodland habitats but none of these are being actively managed.

Several stands of Corsican pine have already been felled and more are now becoming infected by Red Band Needle Blight.

The main driver behind the future forest management will be the restoration of PAWS woodland and the remaining ancient woodland sites will provide a seed source to restore the adjacent stands.

Dimmingsdale and the Ranger SSSI provide valuable habitat for a number of nationally important species

The sandstone outcrops which lie along steep sides of Dimmingsdale valley are important for their communities of mosses and liverworts and dominate the internal landscape creating dramatic outcrops hanging over the paths that follow the river valley.

The mature woodlands create strong patterns in the landscape with the uniform canopy cloaking the hillsides

WEST MIDLANDS FOREST REGION

Analysis Map

- Veteran Broadleaves
- Veteran conifer
- Bridleway
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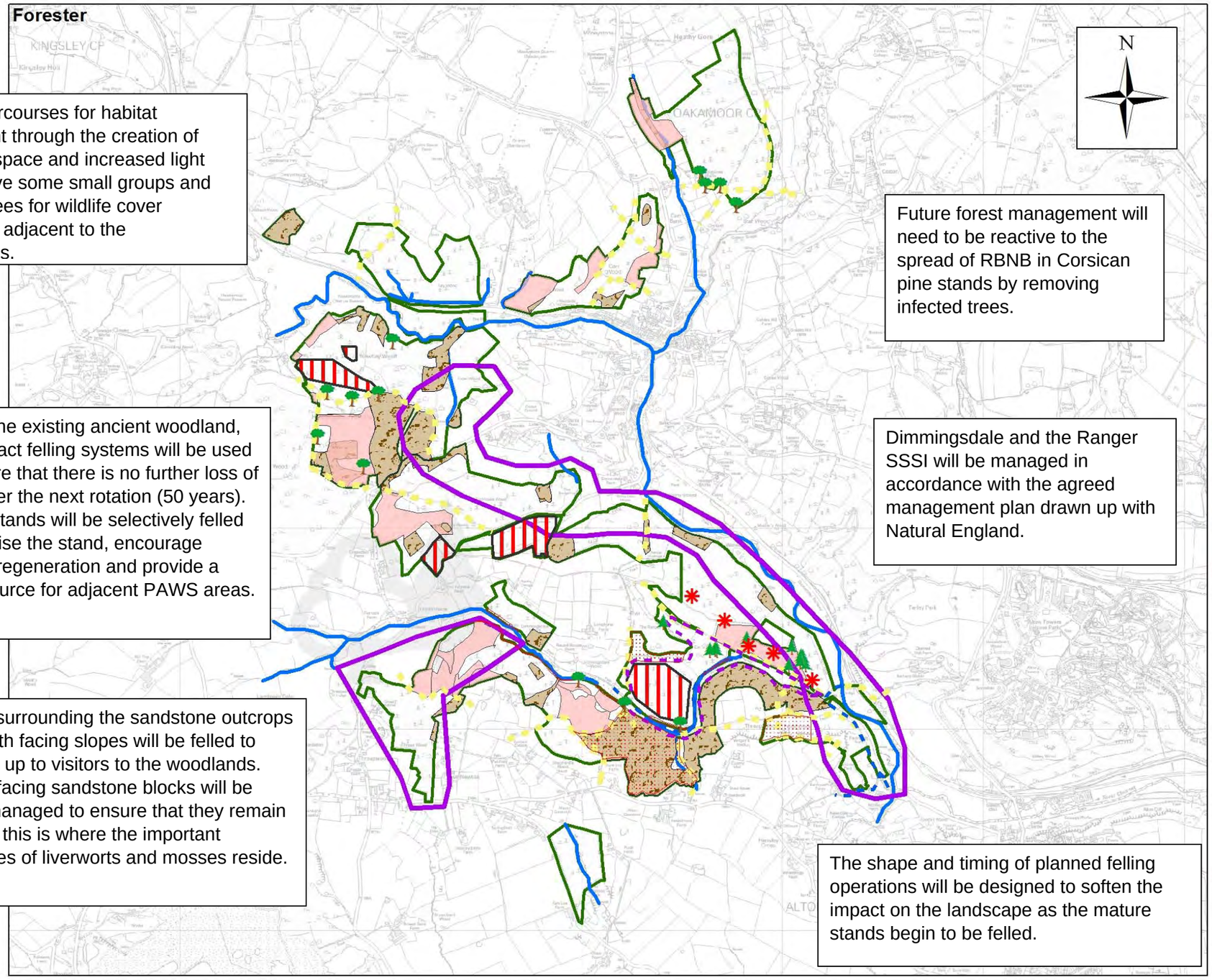

Target watercourses for habitat improvement through the creation of more open space and increased light levels. Leave some small groups and individual trees for wildlife cover immediately adjacent to the watercourses.

Future forest management will need to be reactive to the spread of RBNB in Corsican pine stands by removing infected trees.

Within the existing ancient woodland, low impact felling systems will be used to ensure that there is no further loss of area over the next rotation (50 years). These stands will be selectively felled to stabilise the stand, encourage natural regeneration and provide a seed source for adjacent PAWS areas.

Dimmingsdale and the Ranger SSSI will be managed in accordance with the agreed management plan drawn up with Natural England.

The trees surrounding the sandstone outcrops on the south facing slopes will be felled to open them up to visitors to the woodlands. Any north facing sandstone blocks will be carefully managed to ensure that they remain shaded as this is where the important communities of liverworts and mosses reside.

The shape and timing of planned felling operations will be designed to soften the impact on the landscape as the mature stands begin to be felled.

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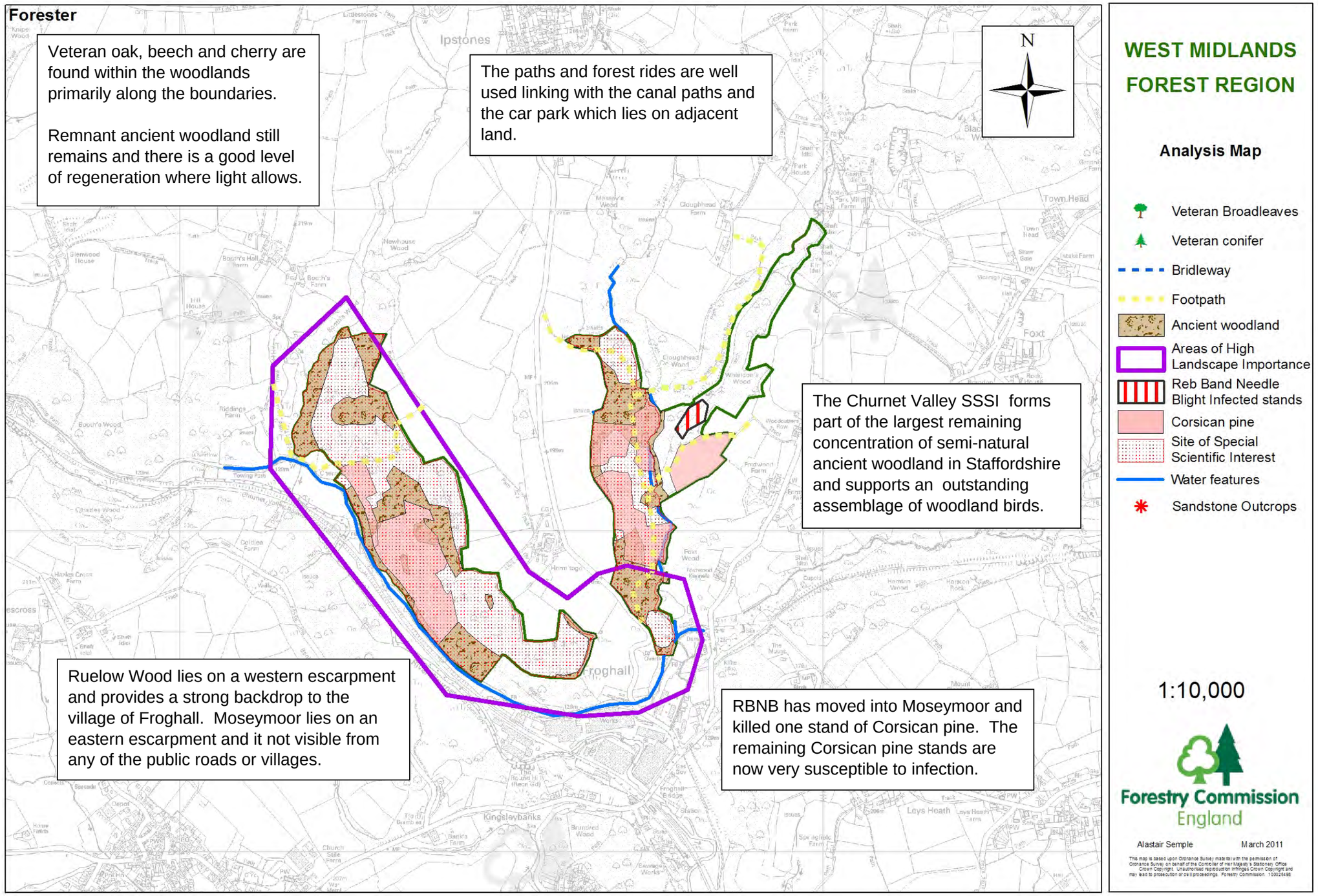
Forester
Veteran oak, beech and cherry are found within the woodlands primarily along the boundaries.
Remnant ancient woodland still remains and there is a good level of regeneration where light allows.
The paths and forest rides are well used linking with the canal paths and the car park which lies on adjacent land.
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The Churnet Valley SSSI forms part of the largest remaining concentration of semi-natural ancient woodland in Staffordshire and supports an outstanding assemblage of woodland birds.
Ruelow Wood lies on a western escarpment and provides a strong backdrop to the village of Froghall. Moseymoor lies on an eastern escarpment and it not visible from any of the public roads or villages.
RBNB has moved into Moseymoor and killed one stand of Corsican pine. The remaining Corsican pine stands are now very susceptible to infection.
Ipstones
Froghall
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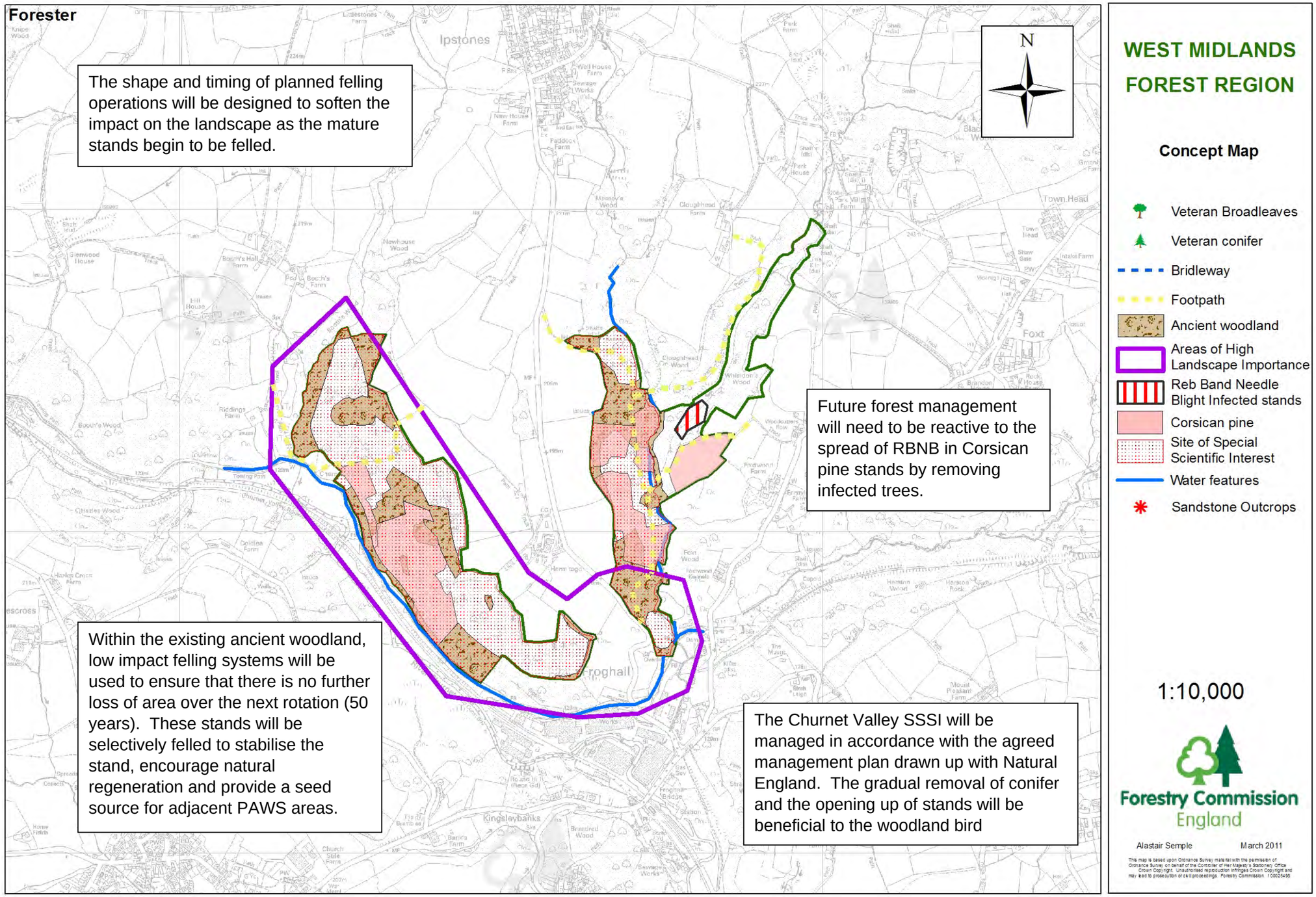
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The Churnet Valley SSSI will be managed in accordance with the agreed management plan drawn up with Natural England. The gradual removal of conifer and the opening up of stands will be beneficial to the woodland bird
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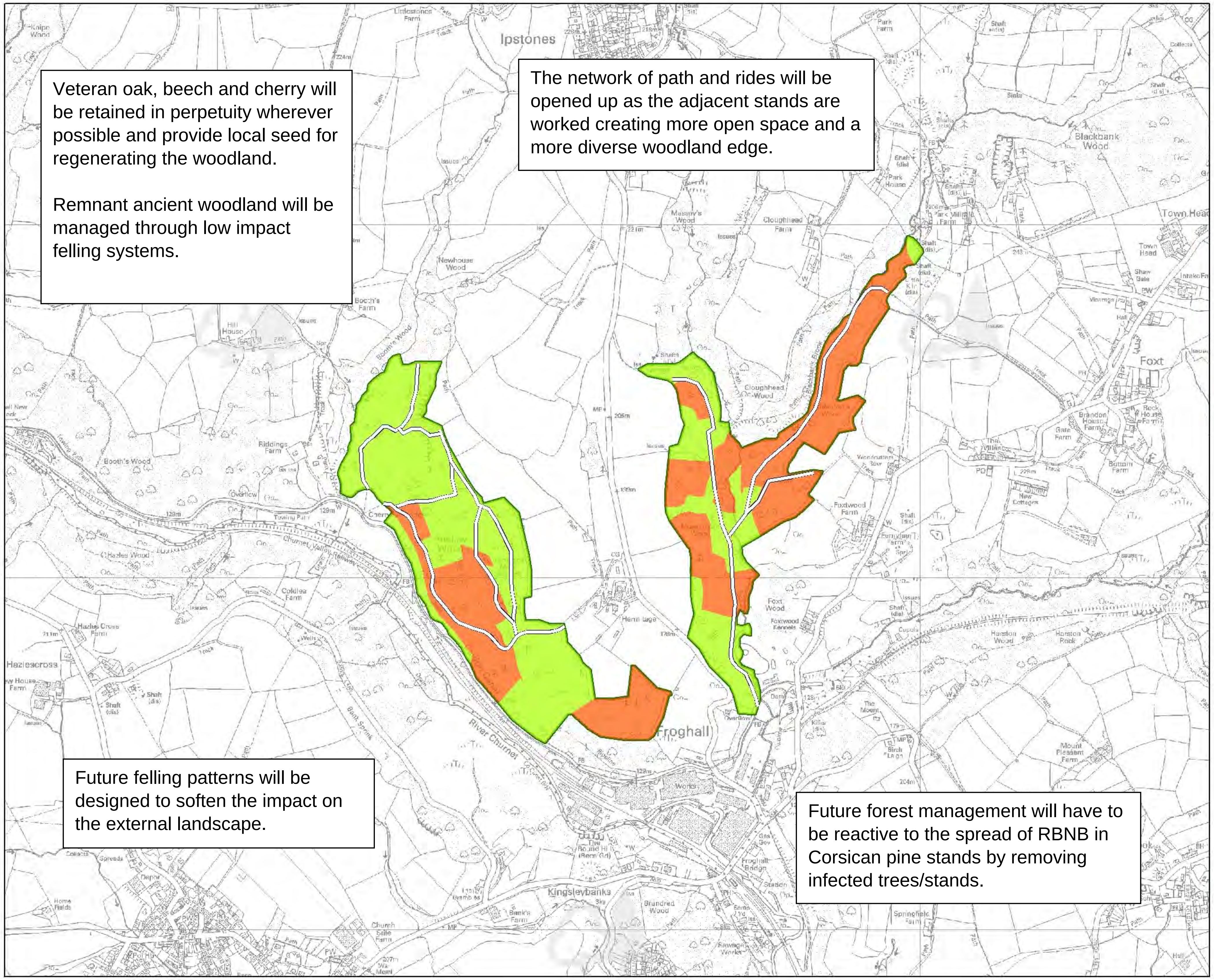

WEST MIDLANDS FOREST DISTRICT

Oakamoor Forest Design Plan Area

Silvicultural System

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- Single Tree Selection
- Minimum Intervention
- Natural Reserve

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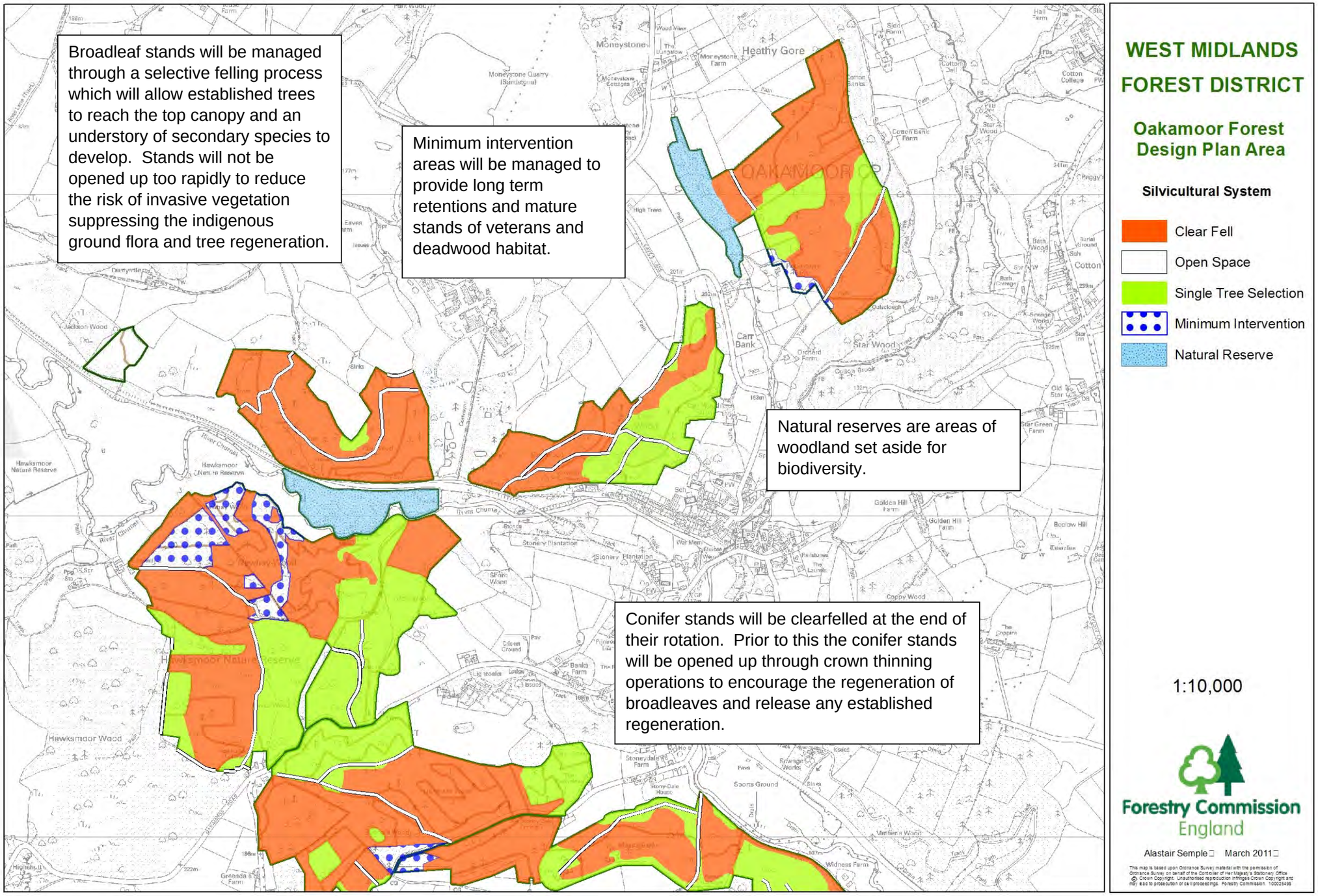

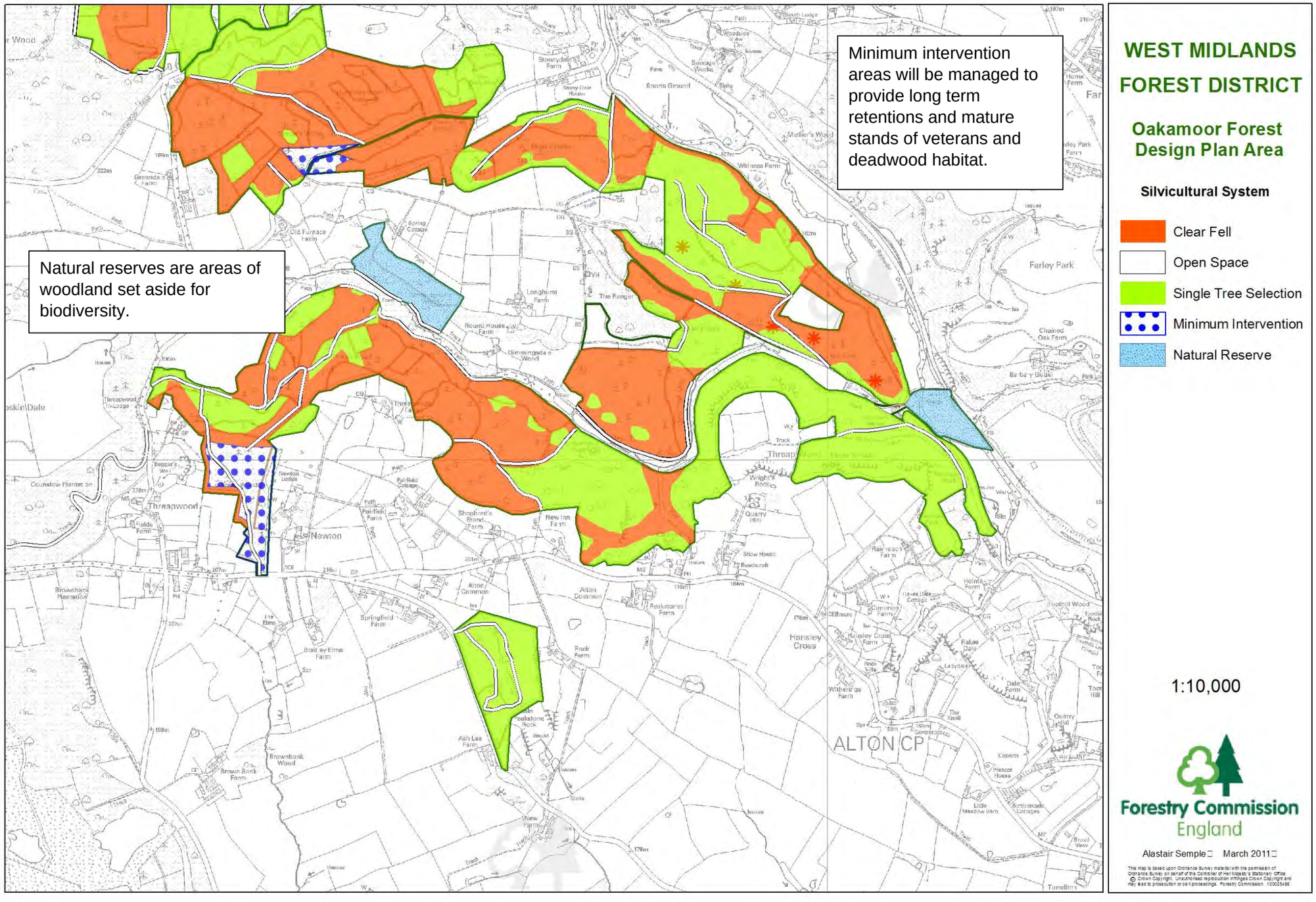
Minimum intervention areas will be managed to provide long term retentions and mature stands of veterans and deadwood habitat.
Natural reserves are areas of woodland set aside for biodiversity.
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