



WEST MIDLANDS FOREST DISTRICT

Oakamoor Forest Design Plan Area

Current Species Groups

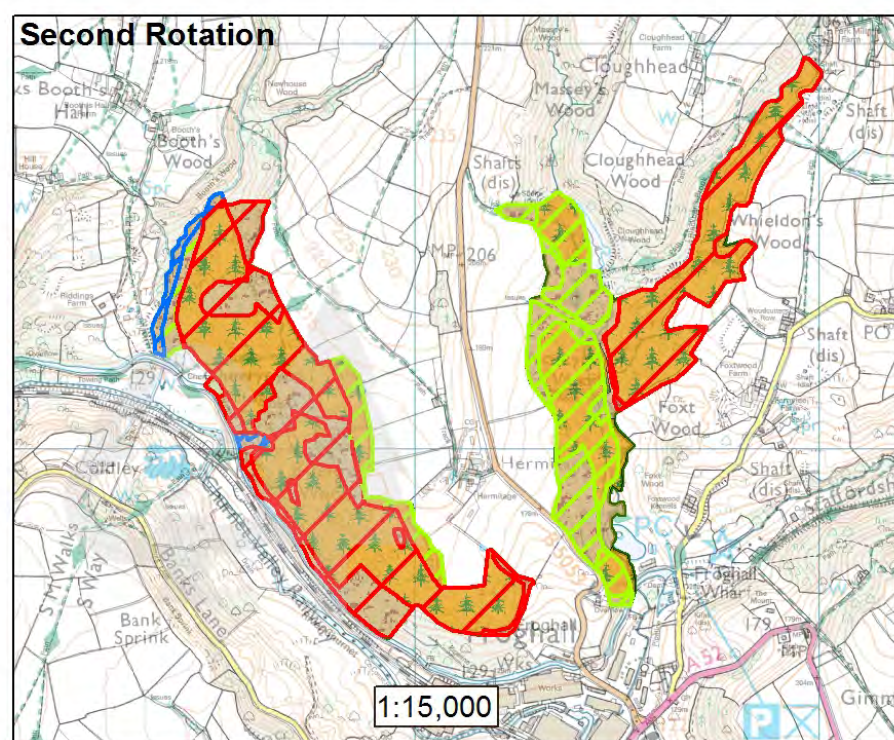
-  Open Space
-  Broadleaves
-  Pines
-  Evergreen Conifers
-  Larch

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The design plan area comprises of 203ha of Plantation on Ancient Woodland Site (PAWS), 92ha of Secondary Woodland and 72ha of Ancient Semi-natural Woodland.

The design plan areas has been classified as largely W16 Oak Birch Woodlands (88%), W10 Oak Ash Woodland (8%) and W4 Wet Woodland (4 %).

The remaining stands of Ancient Semi-natural Woodland will be managed through continuous cover forestry to provide a seed source for the regeneration of adjacent woodland areas and to help conserve the sites biodiversity.



With the exception of Heathy Gore and Bradley Wood which will continue to be managed for the production of commercial conifers the objective for the rest of the FDP area will be the gradual reversion back to broadleaf woodland over the next 80 years. Areas of Corsican pine and Lodgepole pine (21% of FDP) that are now experiencing serious attack from Red Band Needle Blight, which is likely to kill the trees, will therefore be felled in the next 10 year period.

Moseymoor, Ruelow, Carr and Hawksmoor woods all contain good levels of broadleaf regeneration and reversion in these woodlands should be achieved successfully in the next rotation of trees. The levels of regeneration and distribution of seed trees within Dimmingsdale, Light Oaks and Key wood are much more patchy and following the rapid removal of the Corsican pine the reversion here is likely to be over the next 80years.

