Woodland Management Plan
(Northern Woodland)

Cophall Wood, Polegate, East Sussex, BN26 6RE

On behalf of

Biossence Polegate Limited

Undertaken by

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1.1 Formal details – My name is Nicholas Jones I am the principal arboricultural consultant for R W Green Limited based at The Lister Building, Upper Stoneham Farm, Lewes, East Sussex, BN8 5RH. I have 20 years experience in the arboricultural industry with the past 8 years acting as a consultant; I am a Lantra accredited Professional Tree Inspector giving advice to clients on a wide range of arboricultural and silvicultural issues.

1.2 This woodland management plan has been commissioned by Biossence Polegate Limited in order to advise on the management of the wooded area adjacent to the proposed location of a combined heat and power plant and existing waste transfer station.

1.3 The information contained in this plan is based on data collated during an initial assessment of the site on 3rd November 2009 and a follow up survey to an extended area on 31st March 2010. It describes the woodland and the operations planned to fulfil the management objectives.

1.4 This version of the Woodland Management Plan supersedes the previous plan submitted to East Sussex County Council on 13.04.2010. The management of the woodland to the south of the adjoining transfer station is now covered in a separate Woodland Management Plan.

1.5 The plan sets out the long term aims and objectives for the woodland while prescribing management operations for the 20 year period 2010-2030 and seeks to incorporate previously submitted management plans. Specifically the planting and maintenance scheme submitted with planning application WD/580/OM 24.07.2009 and referred to in condition 5 of the subsequent consent.

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1.6 The submitted management plan attached to WD/580/CM details the screen planting to be established on the bunds to the east of the site adjacent to the A22. Phase 2 planting is to reinforce the eastern boundary of the woodland and will be planted in autumn 2010. Phase 3 planting covering the western, northern and southern boundaries of the woodland will be planted in the autumn of 2011. The plan is attached in Appendix 1 for information.

1.7 The extent of the surveyed area for this management plan is indicated on Drg No. RG-NDJ-BPL 003 Appendix 2.

1.8 The woodland compartment areas are indicated on Drg No. RG-NDJ-BPL 004 Appendix 2.
Section 2

Description

2.1 Survey Area (as indicated on Drg No. RG-NDJ-BPL 003) 1.67– Hectares approximately

2.2 Grid reference – TQ 577 067 (Entrance from A22)

2.3 National Vegetation Classification – W10 (J NCC 2004)

“Oak is the most common tree (usually Pedunculate in England, but hybrids predominate in Wales), and silver birch is abundant, especially in younger stands. Ash tends to be rare in south-eastern stands, but can be more frequent, with sycamore and sometimes wych elm, in the north-west. Small-leaved lime, hornbeam and sweet chestnut are locally prominent. Other species, present at low frequencies, include holly, beech, wild cherry, wild service and crab apple with alder and aspen on damper soils. Some stands are dominated by planted conifers, but there is often enough of a field layer to classify the type. Hazel is the most abundant shrub, often with hawthorn.”

2.4 Altitude limits - 25-35 metres above sea level

2.5 Soil – Slowly permeable seasonably wet, slightly acid but base-rich loamy and clayey soil.

2.6 Status – Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland

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3.1 Cophall wood is bordered to the east by the A22. Immediately adjacent to the west is Nate Wood an area of replanted ancient woodland, with Ogg’s wood to the south. Nate Wood is under the management of the Forestry Commission and has recently been extensively cleared.

3.2 The woodland can be described as a coppice with standards and consists of isolated mature Pedunculate Oak (Quercus robur) with an understory of coppiced Hornbeam (Carpinus betulus), interspersed with Hazel (Corylus avellana), Holly (Ilex aquifolium) and Hawthorn (Crataegus monogyna). Further isolated species of Ash (Fraxinus excelsior), Field Maple (Acer campestre) Wild Cherry (Prunus avium) and Silver Birch (Betula pendula) are also present.

3.3 Records indicate the last coppicing of the woodland being undertaken between 1927 and 1935. New planting of Holly in compartments 1&2 of the woodland to reinforce boundaries with the busy adjacent A22 dual carriageway has established well and has lead to both an effective visual and sound barrier. Ground cover is largely Bramble (Rubus fruticosus agg.) with patches of Nettle (Urtica dioica). Plates 1-4 (Appendix 3) give a typical example of the woodland scene.

3.4 There is notable mycological diversity in the woodland with multiple fungal species being observed at the time of the survey. Species include Tawny Funnel (Lepista flaccida) Sulphur Tuft (Hypholoma fasciculare) and Parasol (Macrolepiota sp.) (Plates 5-7 respectively Appendix 3).

3.6 The woodland throughout the area also contains a diverse range of wildlife; most significantly Bats and Dormice are recorded in the local area (NBN Gateway).
3.7 The retention of standing dead wood and Ivy clad trees is essential to maintain bat roost potential in the woodland.

3.8 The presence of Bramble and Hazel are preferred habitats and food sources for Dormice and the retention of these species is of key importance.
Section 4

Management Aim

4.1 To perpetuate the Woodland and associated habitat while encouraging any dependent wildlife.

4.2 To enhance the bio-diversity of the area and expand the range of habitat available by proactively managing the woodland and undertaking supplementary planting.
5.1 To ensure the woodland boundaries are secure and to prevent unauthorised access.

5.2 To ensure so far as is reasonably practicable that trees adjacent to woodland boundaries are in a safe condition and do not present an unacceptable risk to users of the adjacent public footpath and highway on the eastern boundary.

5.3 To ensure so far as is reasonably practicable that trees within falling distance of the rides and external highway footpath are in a safe condition with structurally significant decay managed appropriately and subject to regular inspections.

5.4 To ensure a diversity of habitats throughout the woodland by retaining where practicable and safe standing and fallen dead wood.

5.5 To ensure that the adjacent proposed Combined Heat & Power Plant has no detrimental impact on the woodland ecosystem by reinforcing boundary screening through new planting and fencing.
Section 6

Constraints

6.1 There are no way leaves across the woodland however a public footpath attached to the A22 is immediately adjacent to the eastern boundary.

6.2 The woodland is designated as Semi natural ancient woodland and any management activity prescribed must enhance this designation.
7.1 Prescribed works and recommended timescales for the twenty year period of 2010-2030 are included in table 2 below. The ten year period to 2020 is given as individual years with the ten year period 2020-2030 grouped into five year blocks.

7.2 New planting should consist of species suitable for inclusion within the National Vegetation Classification W10 and for the purposes of screening will primarily be restricted to areas 1, 2 & 3.

7.3 New planting species, sizes and numbers are given in table 1 below.

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Table 1

7.4 All new planting must be evenly mixed and planted in locations so as to reinforce the woodland boundary adjacent to the proposed gasification plant, the existing waster transfer station and the Eastern boundary adjacent to the A22, maintaining continuity of cover and species diversity throughout the woodland.

7.5 Planting should be undertaken between the months of December-March.

7.6 All new planting should be protected with a minimum of 75mm height Tubex shelters secured with a minimum 90mmx25mmx25mm tanalised softwood stake.
7.7 Trees within falling distance of the internal footpath and ride and those adjacent to the eastern boundary with the A22 will be assessed annually and any necessary remedial work undertaken managing the risk associated with dead or dying trees.

7.8 It is essential that any remedial pruning is undertaken with due regard to wildlife. Dead and decaying wood is a valuable ecological resource and where deemed safe its retention must be assured. In some instances it may be prudent to adopt natural fracture techniques and coronet pruning to manage risk while maintaining naturally occurring features within trees.

7.9 All arisings from the remedial pruning or removal of woodland trees should be stacked in habitat piles to form hibernacula.

7.10 Where practicable dead/decaying trunks and stems should be left standing or retained on the ground in as long a length as is possible.
### Table 2 - Cophall Wood 20 year Management Plan 2010-2030

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✓ = Action required
8.1 The woodland subject of this report is an excellent ecological resource.

8.2 Subject to planning permission being granted for planning application number WD/621/CM the commitment of Biossence Polegate Limited to proactively manage the woodland and enhance the range of habitats it contains is to be commended.

8.3 This management plan provides recommendations for the next 20 years to 2030.

8.4 Biossence Polegate Limited will commission a suitably qualified and competent independent consultant to undertake an annual assessment of the woodland detailing the extent of works undertaken in the previous 12 months and amending the woodland management plan as required taking into account any changes in management aims. This annual assessment will be submitted to East Sussex County Council prior to adoption and implementation.
Appendix one
Supporting Information
Lewes (01273) 481848
Direct Fax (01273) 479040

Dear Mr Williams

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

WD/580/CM - RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR THE REGULARISATION OF THE SITE BOUNDARIES AND INCORPORATION OF WOOD-YARD TOGETHER WITH PROPOSED RELLOCATION OF CAR PARKING AREA FOR STAFF.COPHALL WOOD WASTE TRANSFER STATION, HAILSHAM ROAD, POLEGATE. (WITHIN LAND EDGED RED ON APPLICANTS PLAN NO. 010679/02C)

Under the powers delegated to me by the Governance Committee on 30 January 2003, I have issued a Written Notice dated 24-1-03, authorising the carrying out of the above development. Planning Permission is now granted. A copy of the Written Notice is attached hereto.

Therefore, in accordance with the above Act would you please accept this letter in conjunction with the plans shown as formal notification of the development for the purpose of your Register of Planning Applications and Decisions.

Approved Plan(s) numbered: 010679/02c Planning Layout, 010679/03a Existing Layout, PJP/01 Root Protection Zones, PJP/02 Area for Additional Planting, Tree Report, 01/GC Buffer Zone northern aspect, 02/GC Buffer Zone southern aspect, 01/GC Fencing Plan, 02/GC Fencing Plan, 03/GC Fencing Plan, Tree Maintenance Scheme

Yours sincerely

Tony Cook
Head of Planning

Copies to: L Stringer - Highway Authority
Planning Liaison Officer - Environment Agency – for Information
M Pickup, Town & Country Planning Solutions - Agent
B Humphrey - Wealden District Council for Statutory Planning Register

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Cophall Wood (Northern)
EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1990

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995

To:- M Pickup
    Town & Country Planning Solutions
    Sandhills Farmhouse
    Bodle Street Green
    East Sussex
    BN27 4QU

County Ref. No. WD/580/CM
District Ref. No.- WD/09/6011

In pursuance of the powers delegated to me by the Governance Committee on behalf of the County Council on 30 January 2003 I hereby GRANT PLANNING PERMISSION for retrospective application for the regularisation of the site boundaries and incorporation of wood-yard together with proposed relocation of car parking area for staff. Cophall Wood Waste Transfer Station, Hailsham Road, Polegate. In accordance with your application validated by the East Sussex County Council on 23 April 2009 and the plans and particulars submitted in connection therewith and subject also to due compliance with the condition(s) specified hereunder:-

1. The application site area, as illustrated by a red dashed line on approved plan no. 010679/02c (Planning Layout), shall not be operated separately to the Cophall Wood Waste Transfer Station previously approved by the County Council on 1st April 2005 under planning permission reference WD/427/CM and conditions 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 of that permission, or any subsequent permitted variation, will apply.

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure there is no unacceptable cumulative effect, in the interests of protecting the environment and residential amenity, and to accord with Policy WLP35 (a) of the East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Waste Local Plan 2006.

2. Within 3 months of the date of this permission, new fencing shall be erected on the southern, western, north-western and northern boundaries of the waste processing and storage area, as indicated on the approved Fencing Plan 01/GC. The design of the fencing shall be as indicated on the approved Fencing Plan 02/GC as otherwise approved in writing by the Director of Transport & Environment. The new fencing shall be erected outside the Root Protection Zones of any trees, as illustrated on approved Drawing No PJP/01, and in accordance with British Standard 5837 (Trees in Relation to Construction). The fencing shall be retained thereafter in accordance with the approved details unless the Director of Transport & Environment gives written approval to a variation.
Reason: In the interests of protecting the locality including the ancient woodland around the site from dust and wind-blown waste materials, in accordance with Policy WLP35 (c and e) of the East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Waste Local Plan 2006 and Policy NRM7 (i) of the South East Plan 2009.

3. There shall be no processing or storage of waste or any other items or materials or any other development or process including vehicular parking or access within the Root Protection Area of any trees, as defined by British Standard 5837 (Trees in Relation to Construction).

Reason: In the interests of protecting the locality including the ancient woodland around the site from dust and wind-blown waste materials, in accordance with Policy WLP35 (c and e) of the East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Waste Local Plan 2006 and Policy NRM7 (i) of the South East Plan 2009.

4. The woodland between the eastern boundary of the waste transfer station and the A22 Hailsham Road, and the woodland between the 'Existing Track' and the A22 Hailsham Road as outlined by a blue dashed line on approved plan no. 010679/02c (Planning Layout), shall be retained at at least the widths illustrated on approved drawings 'Transfer Station A22 Buffer Zone' 01/GC and 02/GC.

Reason: To preserve the woodland tree screen in the interest of visual amenity and to accord with Policy WLP35 (a) of the East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Waste Local Plan 2006.

5. The Tree Maintenance Scheme, as date-stamped by the County Council on 13 July 2009, shall be fully implemented as detailed.

Reason: To preserve the woodland trees around the site in the interests of visual amenity and the environment, in accordance with Policy WLP35 (a and e) of the East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Waste Local Plan 2006 and Policy NRM7 (i) of the South East Plan 2009.

6. The operational noise levels emitted from the site, measured as LAeq 1 hour (freefield) at the western boundary of 4 Nightingale Villas and in accordance with British Standard 4142:1997, shall be at least 5dB below the background LA90 value.

Reason: To safeguard the residential amenities of the occupiers of properties in the vicinity of the site in accordance with Policy WLP35 (b) of the East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Waste Local Plan 2006.

APPROVED PLANS

010679/02c Planning Layout, 010679/03a Existing Layout, PJ/P/01 Root Protection Zones, PJ/P/02a Area for Additional Planting, Tree Report, 01/GC Buffer Zone northern aspect, 02/GC Buffer Zone southern aspect, 01/GC Fencing Plan, 02/GC Fencing Plan, 03/GC Fencing Plan, Tree Maintenance Scheme

The policies relevant to this decision are:

South East Plan 2009: Policies: NRM7 (i) (Woodlands), W5 (Targets for Diversion from Landfill), W6 (Recycling and Composting).

East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Waste Local Plan 2006: Policies: WLP1 (The Plan's Strategy), WLP6 (c) (Expansions or Alterations to Existing Facilities), WLP35 (a, b, c, e) (General Amenity Considerations).
NOTIFICATION AS REQUIRED BY THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995

Appeals to the Secretary of State

- If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for the proposed development or to grant it subject to conditions, then you can appeal to the First Secretary of State at the office of the Deputy Prime Minister under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

- If you want to appeal, then you must do so within six months of the date of this notice, using a form which you can get from the Planning Inspectorate at Customer Support Unit, Room 3/15 Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN.

- The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

- The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the local planning authority could not have granted planning permission for the proposed development or could not have granted it without the conditions it imposed, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of any development order and to any directions given under a development order.

- In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the local planning authority based its decision on a direction given by him.

Purchase Notices

- If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refuses planning permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that he can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor can he render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

- In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council (District Council, London Borough Council or Common Council of the City of London) in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase his/her interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
NOTES

(1) This permission does not purport to convey any approval or consent which may be required under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990, otherwise than under Section 70-76 or which may be required under any other Acts, including any Byelaws, Orders or Regulations made under such other Acts, e.g. Building Regulations approval may be required from the relevant District/Borough Council for the construction of a building granted planning permission by East Sussex County Council.

(2) Developers are reminded that the grant of this permission does not permit the obstruction of a right of way and that, if it is necessary to stop up or divert a public right of way to enable the development to be carried out, they should apply without delay:-

(a) in the case of a footpath or bridleway, to the County Council for an order under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990;

(b) in any other case to the Secretary of State for an Order under Section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990.

(3) The applicant is recommended to retain this form with the title deeds of the property.

(4) The grant of planning permission under Section 73 of the Town & Country Planning Act does not prevent the implementation of the previous planning permission, subject to the previous conditions.

IMPORTANT

Any failure to adhere to the details of the plans hereby approved or to comply with any conditions detailed in this notice constitutes a contravention of the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990, in respect of which enforcement action may be taken.

If it is desired to depart in any way from the approved proposals, you should consult the East Sussex County Council, Development, Planning Development Control Team, Transport & Environment Department, County Hall, St Anne’s Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1UE before carrying out the development.

Ref: Policy.DN NOTES

N D Jones        Cophall Wood (Northern)
Tree maintenance scheme for woodland surrounding Cophall Wood Waste Transfer Station, Hallsham Road, Polegate, East Sussex for the period 2009 to 2019.

Background

The Waste Transfer Station is situated between Polegate and Hallsham on the western side of the A22, approximately 1 mile north of Polegate. It is bounded on the western side by Nate Wood, a commercial coniferous plantation which was clear felled in 2008. A narrow screen of mainly conifer trees was retained next to the transfer station at the request of the site operator. A single belt of semi mature mix of hornbeam and oak exists along the ditch line which borders the transfer station and is outside the ownership of the Forestry Commission. As Nate Wood has now been clear felled, the retained woodland strip has become exposed to the elements. This programme will address the need to enhance the western boundary with a new planting scheme in case wind blow takes place in the remaining fringe of Nate Wood.

On the southern side is Cophall Wood which has a mixture of deciduous trees with mature Oak and the occasional mature Ash. Natural coppice stools are prevalent throughout the wood as under storey and evidence is available that the under wood was last coppiced between 1927 and 1935.

To the east of the site, there is a buffer zone between the site and the A22 averaging 30 metres in width. It contains mixed under wood, which is predominantly Hornbeam with mainly mature Oak as the over storey. At low level Holly and Buddleia is abundant throughout this area. The buffer zone is in two sections, as it is split by the access road. The southern section of the buffer zone was reduced in width at the southern end due to a land take for the dualling of the A22 and a planting scheme has been submitted to the Planning Authority and subsequently approved to enhance this area to improve the tree cover. This zone is covered by a planning condition on the site in order to reduce any visual impact from the A22.

To the north of the site is open ground which on its northern edge is bounded by mature woodland which is predominantly hornbeam with Oak as the over storey. This extends to the entrance of Natewood Poultry Farm to the north.
Aims and objectives.

Tree maintenance and planting forms an important and integral part of prudent woodland management. The aims and objectives of this report is for a six year programme to enhance and maintain all the tree areas around the site with a programme of additional planting spread over the next five years, with further ongoing maintenance for the remaining period. The programme will sustain the tree areas for the future viability of the woodland areas. Permission has been sought and agreed in writing for these improvements to the woodland areas outside the control of the site operator.

Planting

All trees and shrubs shall be either container grown or root balled in order to give them a better chance of survival during the early years. All tree pits are to be hand dug and a suitable peat free compost to be used.

The planting process will accord with the following specification:

1. Water the tree in its container, if possible stand the container in a bucket of water overnight.
2. Dig a hole, twice the diameter of the container and 15 cm (6 inches) deeper than the container. Place the soil removed from the hole on a sheet on one side. Use a fork to make a series of holes around the side of the hole for aeration and irrigation purposes.
3. Mix a bag of 'tree and shrub' planting compost with the soil removed from the hole in a 50:50 mix. Put a 10 cm (4 inch) layer on the base of the hole and firm it down. Add a further 5 cm (2 inch) layer on top, do not firm down.
4. Scatter a handful of slow release fertilizer granules into the hole.
5. Take the tree out of the container/root ball wrapping, do not disturb the root ball. Place the root ball in the centre of the hole and use a straight edge across the top of the hole to check that the top of the root ball is level with the surrounding ground. If necessary, lift the root ball and add or remove soil from under the root ball so that the top of it is level.
6. Carefully tease out some of the fibrous roots from around the root ball.
7. Add some of the prepared soil/compost mix around the root ball to about 15 cm (6 inch) deep. Scatter a handful of slow release fertilizer granules on top of the new layer and firm down. Water the new layer with a full watering can of water.
8. Continue adding the soil/compost mixture in layers of about 15 cm (6 inches) at a time, firming and watering each layer in turn. Continue to do this until the top of the root ball (and surrounding ground) is reached.
9. Drive in a stake at about 45 degrees so that it crosses the trunk between 15 to 30 cm (6 to 12 inches), above the top of the soil. Firmly fix the tree to the stake with a plastic tree tie, with the spacer between the trunk and stake.
10. Add a 7.5 cm (3 inch) layer of coarse bark chippings or mulch around the trunk to keep the area free from weeds and in order to conserve moisture.
11. Insert a netting guard around each tree and shrub in order to prevent rabbit damage or other animals attacking the trees.

Aftercare for the newly planted trees:

- Every month, check the tree guard and/or shelters to ensure they remain undamaged.
- Regularly water newly planted trees and shrubs during the first year of growth. This is especially important in summer months of hot, dry and windy weather.
- In exposed areas it may be necessary to erect some form of shelter on the prevailing wind side to protect the young tree from wind damage but this may not be required in these locations at Cophall Wood.
- Check the tree tie every spring and autumn and adjust it as necessary to allow for the increase in the trunk diameter. The stake and tie can be removed during the third growing season.
- Mulch the ground around the base of the tree every spring with bark chippings or mulch to reduce water loss and to keep the area free of grass and weeds. Hand weeding is required and the use of any chemicals is forbidden.
- Ensure the areas around the trees remain weed free by regular inspections, especially during the summer months.

Programme of works 2009 to 2015

Year 1 2009 to 2010

The agreed planting programme (phase 1) to be carried out on the southern section of the buffer zone, between the Transfer Station and the A22. Maintain the newly planted scheme in accordance with the above aftercare plan.

Following a tree survey and submission and approval of the proposed works to East Sussex County Council, remove dangerous branches from all mature trees around the whole site and remove only those dead trees that are regarded as dangerous. All tree works to be in accordance with current arboricultural practices. All debris to be neatly stacked within the woodland areas for habitat piles to improve the biodiversity of the area.

Plant the eastern side of the bunds with Hazel and Holly and maintain to the standard as outlined in this report.

Review the eastern woodland boundary for new planting (phase 2) and submit a new planting scheme to East Sussex County Council in the autumn of 2009.
Year 2 2010 to 2011

Plant and maintain the agreed phase 2 planting scheme.

Inspect and maintain current stock and submit a report to East Sussex county Council in the autumn of 2010.

Year 3 2011 to 2012

Submit a planting scheme (phase 3) for the western, northern and southern boundaries to East Sussex County Council for approval. Once agreed the planting scheme is implemented during the winter of 2011/12.

Inspect and maintain current tree stock and submit a report to East Sussex County Council in the autumn of 2011.

Year 4 2012 to 2013

Remove the stakes and guards to the phase 1 planting.

Review the establishment of the new tree stock along the eastern boundary and submit a report and any new/additional planting proposals to East Sussex County Council in the autumn of 2012.

Year 5 2013 to 2014

Remove the stakes and guards to the phase 2 planting.

Survey and inspect all mature trees and submit a report to East Sussex County Council if any works are required in the autumn of 2013.

Maintain newly planted areas in accordance with the after care plan.

Year 6 2014 to 2015

Remove stakes and guards to phase 3 planting.

Inspect and maintain the tree stock and report any observations to East Sussex County Council.

Year 7 onwards

Submit a fresh woodland plan to East Sussex County Council for approval.
Appendix two
Site Drawings
Drg No. RG-NDJ -BPL 003 Extent of Surveyed Area
Drg No. RG-NDJ-BPL 004 Woodland Compartment Areas
Appendix three
Photographs
Plate 1

Plate 2

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