

A0001032 Farm
 Operations plan to inform EPS Dormouse
 Licence Application.
 Total area = 4.82ha
 All copses highlighted are deemed to be
 High favourability habitat for Dormice

Cpt 1a, 0.2ha
 Fell and prune back
 occasional oak and ash
 along upper slope
 boundary to erect stock
 fence. Coppice occasional
 hazel and alder stool. Fell
 max 5 trees and 10 stools
 in 2016.

Cpt 1b, 0.64ha
 Coppice occasional hazel and alder up to a
 max 25% of the area in 2015. Concentrate
 activity in the upper slope to maintain a
 buffer zone (non intervention) from River
 Usk.

Cpt 2a.
 Prioritise coppicing of stools
 damaged during thinning and
 extraction up to a max 25% of
 area . Retain mature coppice
 along the southern and western
 boundaries. 2016.

Cpt 2a, 1.03ha
 Lightly thin matrix
 and halo thin around
 larger trees to reduce
 shading of
 understory in 2016

Cpt 2b 0.61ha
 Remove non native
 conifer from MC/MB
 in 2019.Total 108
 conifer stems.
 Coppice stools
 damaged during
 felling of conifers up
 to max 25% of area.

Cpt 3, 1.94ha
 Lightly thin 25% of area in
 2016, halo thin around veteran
 and trees with holes/crevices.
 Concentrate activity in north
 western section of the sub Cpt.
 leaving the remaining area as
 non intervention.
 Coppice the occasional hazel
 and alder working up to a max
 of 25% of area in 5yr period of
 plan. Concentrate on
 coppicing stools damaged
 during thinning of over story

Cpt 2c 0.4ha
 Non intervention.

General Prescriptions.

The woodlands are comprised of unmanaged mixed conifers (Japanese larch and Western hemlock, Norway spruce) in amongst native broadleaves, oak, ash, hazel and alder on the lower slopes.

A new stock fence is required along the upper slope boundary of Cpt 1a and this will require the removal of a small number of trees and shrubs to erect the fence.
 A max 25% of the area of existing coppice in Cpt 1b will be worked in the 5 yr plan. Activity will concentrate on the upper slope thereby leaving a buffer zone between operations and the River Usk SAC.

The proposal in Cpt's 2a & 3 is to lightly thin the over story to remove competition and allow sufficient light to reach the understory. This will allow selective coppicing of the existing understory and encourage the development of ground flora and bramble.
 In Cpt 2b the aim is to remove non native conifers from the matrix freeing up native broadleaves and restoring a PAWS. Operators will concentrate on coppicing stools damaged during thinning in Cpts 2a, 2b and 3.

All the copses will be stock excluded.

Disturbance in the woodland will be minimised by spreading the work over 5 years and leaving significant areas as non intervention.

Existing fallen trees will be left undisturbed as deadwood habitat.
 Brush piles will be left in the woodland.

Mature hazel around the southern and western boundaries will be retained where not erecting new fences.

