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- + Grid reference
- Core Paths
- SSSI
- Compartment boundary

Woodland Composition

- Mixed broadleaves
- Mixed woodland (mainly broadleaves)
- Mixed broadleaves with open habitats
- Mixed woodland (mainly conifer)
- Sitka spruce
- Scots pine
- Mixed conifer
- Native broadleaves
- Native broadleaves with open habitats
- Open ground

Narrow shelterbelts are problematic to manage as landscape features, as they periodically require felling on reaching stages of senescence. There is an opportunity to increase the robustness and longevity of shelterbelt features through expansion planting to increase the width of these features and providing options for management under a Long-term retention management regime

Many of the university woodlands adjoin with adjacent woodland ownerships. There is an opportunity to inform and co-ordinate woodland management activities across ownerships.

Mature and veteran trees have a high biodiversity value, and are generally lacking in many of the woodland areas. Manage mature woodland features for long-term retention.

The woodlands are located across areas of cultural interest and contain or are associated a range of historic features. Woodland management should follow guidelines to protect and retain historic features, and may provide opportunities for interpretation and signage.

Plant health issues are present in some woodland areas. Phytophthora ramorum is present in rhododendron population at Glencorse and impacts of other tree species (in particular oak and larch). The woodland is subject to a Biological Control order. Chalara Ash dieback is another current plant health issue impacting many of the woodlands, with ash being a significant component of many of the woodland mixes. Continue to monitor plant health and manage the woodlands appropriately in accordance with guidelines

Accessible areas of mixed policy woodland fringing urban areas provide a valued recreational resource. Woodland management requires careful consideration of access routes and boundaries to housing and public roads.

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MAP 2a - CONCEPTS MAP (West)

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