



Information Note 05: Treatment of Non Woodland Areas within BWW

Purpose

This information note is aimed at management planners and defines how we will treat non-woodland areas within the Better Woodlands for Wales (BWW) scheme. In due course this information will be included in the BWW rules.

Versions

Version 1.0: December 2009, original version

Areas to be excluded from the BWW case boundary

- Land, buildings and other structures/facilities not directly connected with forestry.
- Open water (lakes and ponds) over 0.5 hectares **or** exceeding 10% of the area **of the woodland block** (not the total case area).
- Non-wooded areas that exceed 10 hectares, or 10% of the area of the woodland block to which they relate.

All other areas can be included within the case boundary subject to the following conditions:

- Areas over 0.1 ha must be mapped and given sub compartments
- A brief description of the type of the areas, and their future management should be included in the relevant feature or sub cmtpt text.

When restocking or new planting, unplanted areas, unless scattered **and** unmappable, must be mapped as above.

Definitions

Mappable area – a single area of greater than 0.1 hectares or more.

Woodland Areas

- Areas under a cover of trees, stocking can be variable depending on objectives
- The usual system of roads, rides and access tracks, existing within an area under trees



Non Woodland Areas

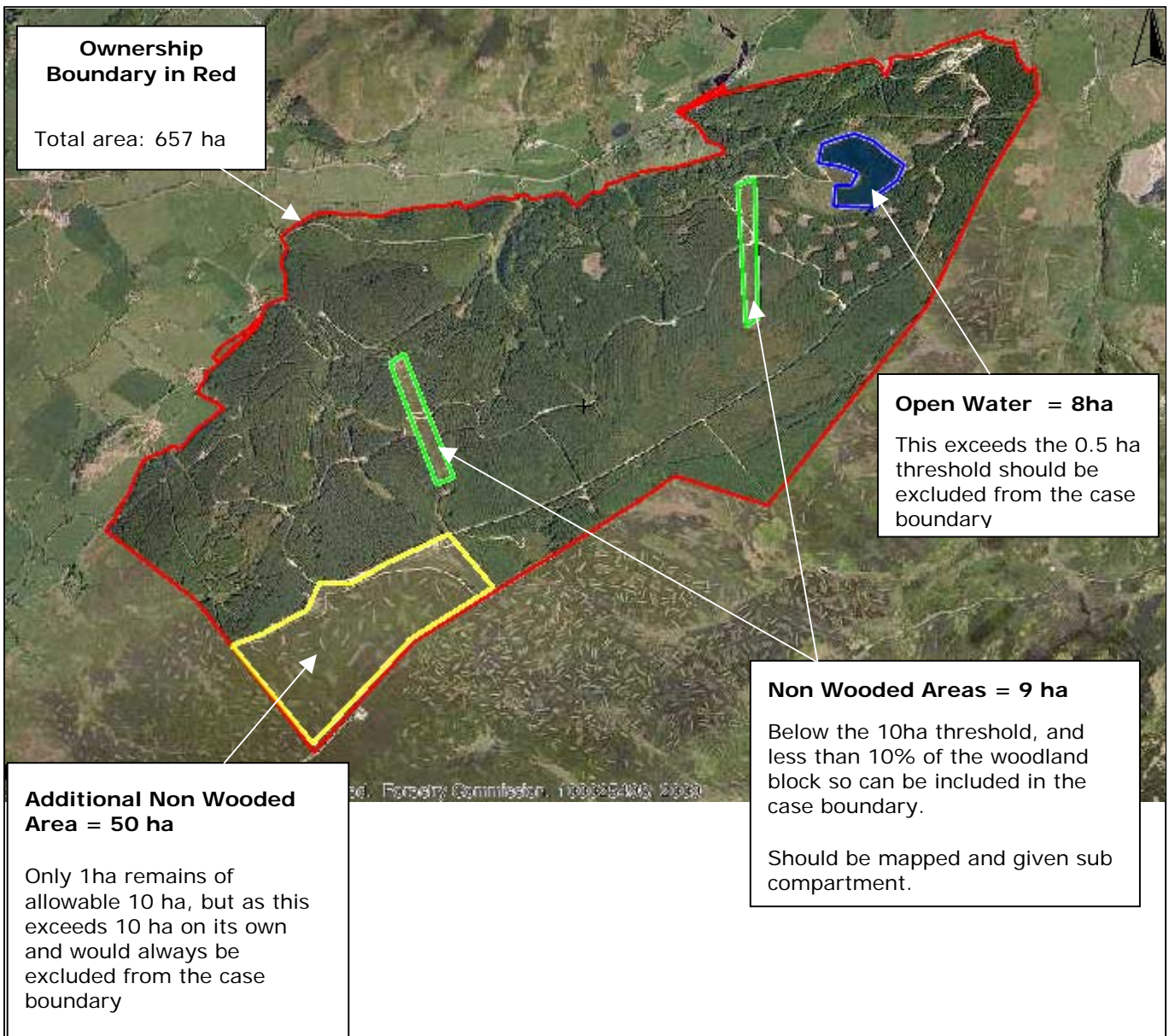
Any areas of permanent open ground not covered by trees to include:

- Areas of dedicated open space, such as deer lawns, grassland, and moorland.
- Open water.
- Buildings and car parks
- Unplantable areas within woodland due to terrain and ground conditions.

Examples of non-woodland areas

Example 1

The following is an example of non-woodland areas within large forestry blocks. This is purely an example and does not actually represent the BWW case. This woodland is used with the permission of UPM-Tilhill.

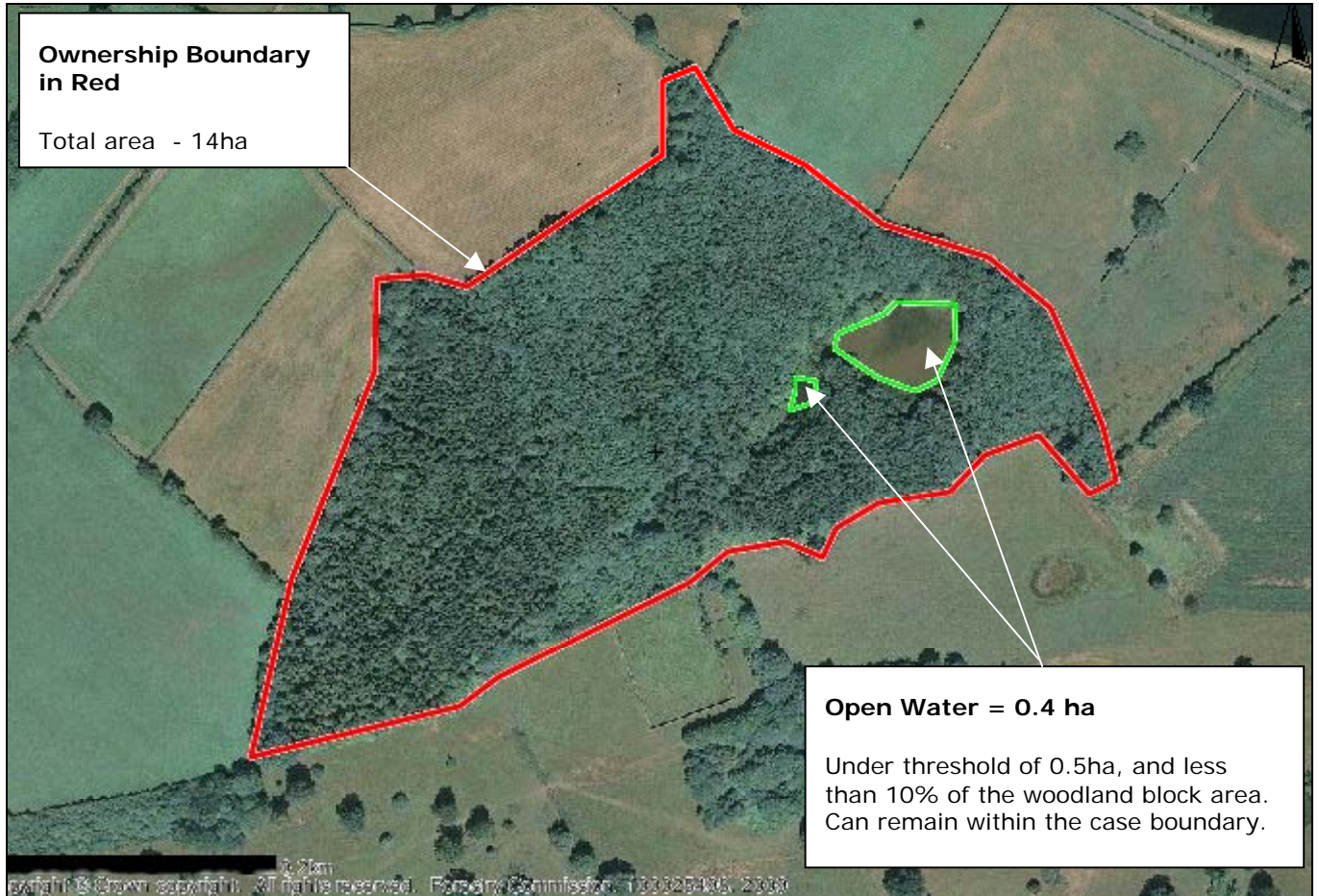


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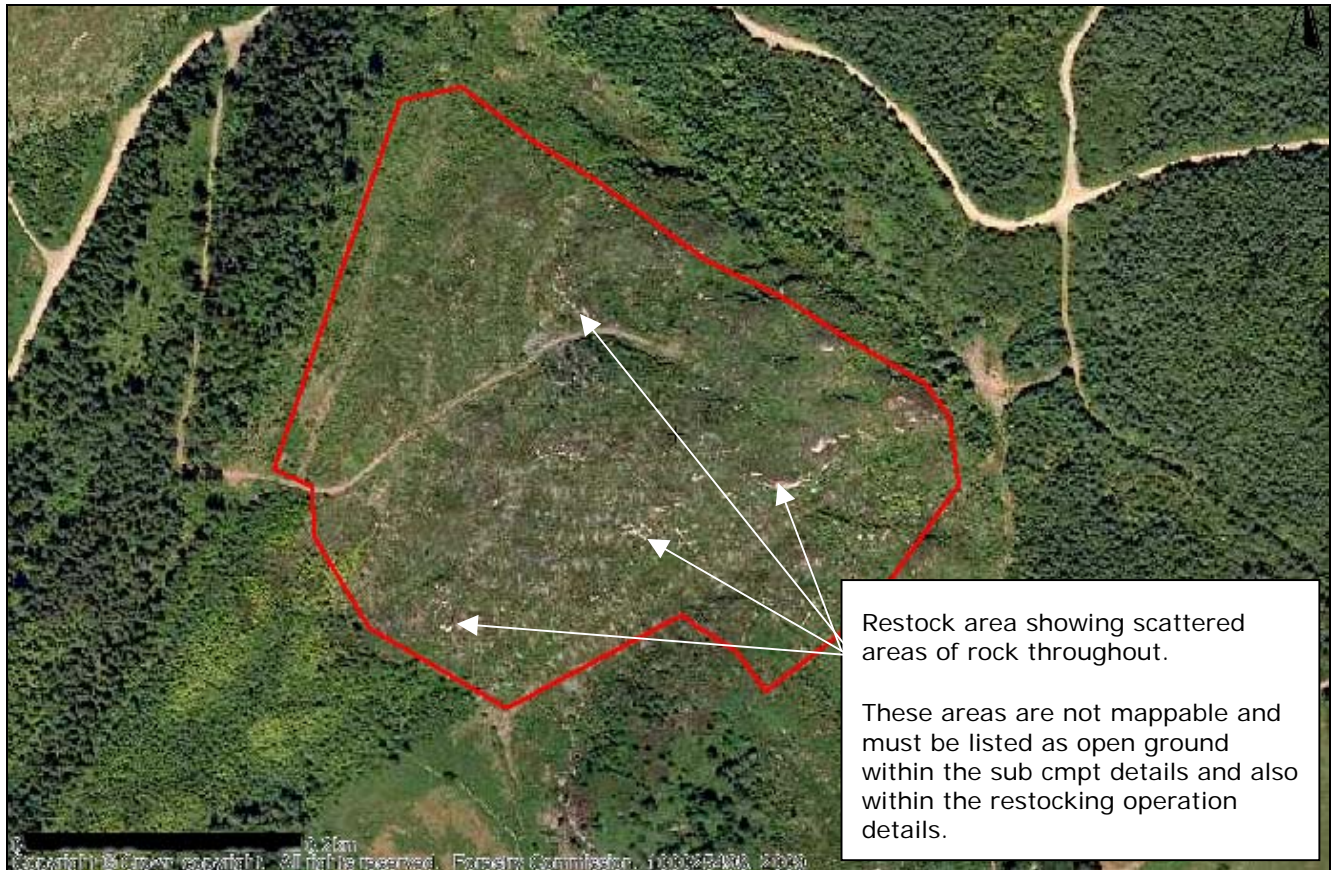
Example 2

The following is an example of non-woodland areas that is below the threshold limit and can be included within case boundary.



Example 3

The following is an example of scattered rocky outcrops, as these are un-mappable, this is an acceptable example.



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