

This Forest Plan has been influenced by various key policy statements and guidance documents as highlighted below.

Government Forestry and Woodlands Policy Statement – January 2013

This document sets the direction of travel for forestry policy within England and is the reference point around which main aims and objectives of forestry and woodland management are designed.

The Statement sets out the following key objectives, in priority order:

Protecting the nation's trees, woodlands and forests from increasing threats such as pests, diseases and climate change.

Improving their resilience to these threats and their contribution to economic growth, peoples' lives and nature.

Expanding them to increase further their economic, social and environmental value.

Strategic Plan for the Public Forest Estate in England

This Plan sets out the direction and goals for the Public Forest in England and indicates the actions we will be taking to achieve these between now and 2020. Our ambitions are long term and we will use a normal cycle of review over 5 years to embed these in local Forest Plans and ways of operating.

Our Mission for the Estate

To work with others to keep the Public Forest Estate as a special place for wildlife, people to enjoy and businesses to thrive - and achieve this by adopting a strategy that integrates all the three drivers of sustainable land management; economy, people and nature.

Our Vision and Overall Goal

"To secure and grow the economic, social and natural capital value of the Public Forest Estate for the people of England"

South England Forest District Strategic Plan

The Strategic Management Plan is a Forest Enterprise District level document that informs local Forestry Commission staff about the management direction of the Public Forest Estate and the associated policies. The Forest Plans are a key mechanism for delivering policies on the ground.

Open Habitat Policy

This is Government policy on how to decide when to convert woodland to open habitat in England.

Keepers of Time

This Policy Statement celebrates the importance of our native and ancient woodlands and sets out a basis on which to achieve the following vision.

"Ancient woodlands, veteran trees and other native woodlands are adequately protected, sustainably managed in a wider landscape context, and are providing a wide range of social, environmental and economic benefits to society."

United Kingdom Forestry Standard

The UK Forestry Standard (UKFS) is the reference standard for sustainable forest management in the UK. The UKFS, supported by its series of Guidelines, outlines the context for forestry in the UK, sets out the approach of the UK governments to sustainable forest management, defines standards and requirements, and provides a basis for regulation and monitoring.

UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS)

An independent certification standard for verifying sustainable woodland management in the United Kingdom.

Managing ancient and native woodland in England: Practice Guide

This Practice Guide has been produced to help practitioners translate what measures and practical action can be taken to protect and enhance our ancient and native woodlands and guides implementation of the approaches to management and restoration trialled in woods around the country.

European Landscape Convention

As a reflection of European identity and diversity, the landscape is our living natural and cultural heritage, be it ordinary or outstanding, urban or rural, on land or in water. The European Landscape Convention - also known as the Florence Convention, - promotes the protection, management and planning of European landscapes and organises European co-operation on landscape issues.

Hampshire Biodiversity Action Plan

Living Landscapes: Basingstoke and Deane Natural Environment Strategy 2010

The Identification of Soils for Forest Management

Forestry Commission Field Guide produced by Fiona Kennedy in 2002.

The Local Biodiversity Action Plan for Test Valley, Test Valley Borough Council, 2008

Winchester Biodiversity Action Plan, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, 2005

Managing deadwood in forests and woodland, 2012

Choosing stand management methods for restoring planted ancient woodland sites, 2013

Black Wood Management Plan, The Landscape Partnership, 2010