



Forestry Commission
England

Forest Design Plan
District: North West England
Scale: 1:10,000
Date: 19/07/11

Old Hall Wood
Design Concept



Forestry Commission woodlands have been certified in accordance with the rules of the Forest Stewardship Council.
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Coppice to be worked to link in with similar habitat in adjacent woodland. Cutting coppice will improve the wood for walkers and improve wildlife habitats.

Aim for mixed broadleaf woodland with intruded old larch and open space. Area to be thinned at same time as remainder of wood. Larch will be beneficial as a seed source for birds and red squirrels.

Spruce that are dominating yew and oak will be selectively felled to create deadwood habitat. Remaining spruce will be allowed to decline and decay naturally. Area will not be regenerated with spruce either naturally or by planting.

Gradually convert to predominantly native broadleaves by phased removal by thinning of non-native conifers.

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Overall aim is to encourage and safeguard biodiversity, improve landscape and increase benefit to local community, particularly by encouraging their active participation.

