

### Design Concept

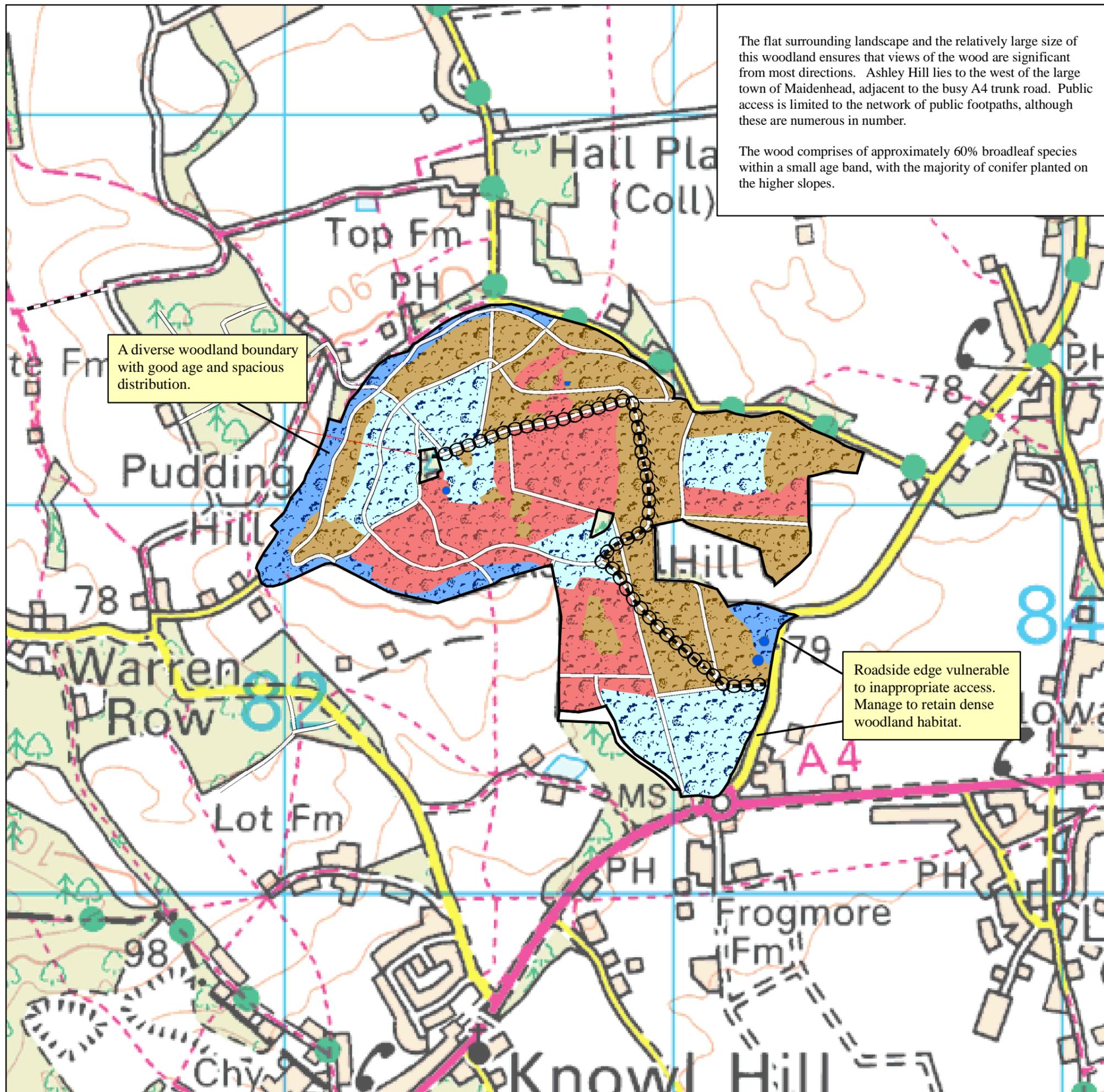
*Restored to broadleaf woodland with scattered conifers for conservation and diversity. Open ride network and age class mixture to ensure continuous cover forestry, thus retaining the woodland landscape character.*

The flat surrounding landscape and the relatively large size of this woodland ensures that views of the wood are significant from most directions. Ashley Hill lies to the west of the large town of Maidenhead, adjacent to the busy A4 trunk road. Public access is limited to the network of public footpaths, although these are numerous in number.

The wood comprises of approximately 60% broadleaf species within a small age band, with the majority of conifer planted on the higher slopes.

A diverse woodland boundary with good age and spacious distribution.

Roadside edge vulnerable to inappropriate access. Manage to retain dense woodland habitat.



-  Conifer woodland managed to provide a diversity of habitats, landscape interest and marketable timber.
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-  Broadleaf woodland managed to create a diversity of species and age classes.
-  Mature broadleaf woodland retained for biodiversity and aesthetic value.
-  Area managed for special conservation interest.
-  Area of permanent open space managed for biodiversity or amenity value.
-  Open water
-  Watercourse
-  Forest road
-  Rides and tracks
-  Overhead wayleave
-  Managed open space and edge habitat alongside roads and rides.