

Design Concept

*Broadleaf woodland of mixed species and age structure with open rides and glades.
Occasional conifers for potential raptor nest sites.*

-  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.

Crowsley Park and the smaller Kingshill Wood lie at the confluence of two dry chalk valleys, covering the valley bottom and sides. The site is surrounded by agricultural pastureland apart from the west where it adjoins open parkland. Visible from surrounding minor roads and individual properties its landscape impact is significant. Felling operations in 2005 resulted in a number of clearfell sites planted with broadleaf species to enhance the natural regen within the areas. Deer numbers are high resulting in damage to the potential future broadleaf crop.

Due to the leasehold nature of this woodland public access is restricted to rights of way only, however informal use is prevalent throughout.

Mature conifer to be retained until unsafe.

Regen suffers from deer browsing and invasive weed infestation eg ragwort.

