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Farnham Heath

Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) Regulations 1999

In 2003 the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) sought consent for work to restore heathland from previously wooded land near Tilford in Surrey. Following formal consultation and careful consideration the Forestry Commission granted consent under the above regulations subject to conditions on 20 September 2004.

The conditions are:

(*a) The work must be started between the 1 October 2004 and 30 September 2009;*

(b) No work shall be carried out after 30 September 2014;

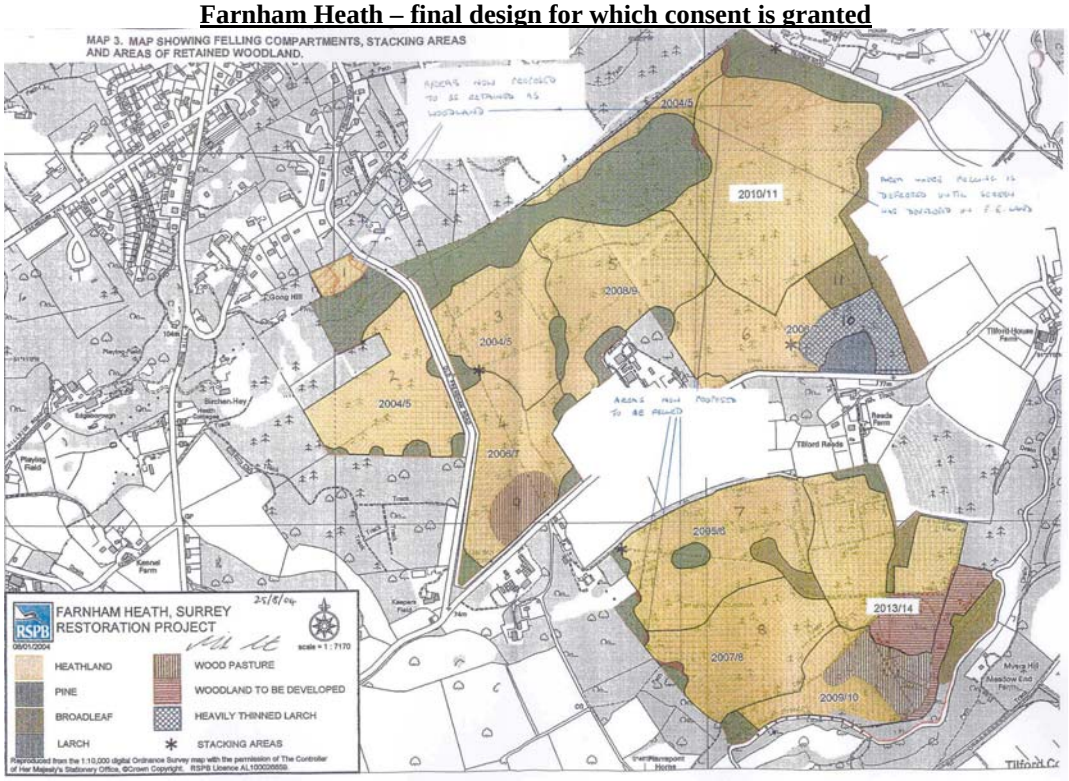
(c) Deforestation should be carried out only on the areas and in the sequence outlined on the attached map (note this is a revised version of that enclosed in the Environmental Statement, the revisions being designed to address the issues raised by consultees);

(d) The deforested areas should be maintained as lowland heath, acid grassland or wood pasture (in the respective areas shown the map below);

(e) The retained areas of woodland shall be managed in accordance with good forestry practice as outlined in the UK Forestry Standard and published Forestry Commission best practice guidelines to maintain their impact on the local landscape and their screening effect to neighbouring properties;

(f) In re-creating wood pasture conditions a gradual process of 'opening up' trees to be retained will be followed to allow these trees to adapt to the change in micro-climate;

(g) Harvesting operations will be carried out in accordance with best practice as outlined in the UK Forestry Standard and published FC best practice guidelines with particular reference to minimising the opportunity for soil erosion; and

(h) A Fire Plan will be maintained for the site.

Farnham Heath – final design for which consent is granted