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Site background

The proposed planting areas are estimated to total 0.93ha (as mapped below) and are on freely draining slightly acid loamy soils. The proposed planting area is rough grazing ground.

Site design

Below is an overview showing the location of the proposed planting sites. The areas are to be planted with a mix of native broadleaf species to create a natural looking woodland.



The site has some brilliant ground flora already and with the removal of grazing more should flourish, the highlights being bluebells on the beckside. There is also a number of other flowering species, including what I think is cuckoo flower. Hopefully the bluebells will begin to move into the planting area completed in 2010 and into the new woodland creation site in the coming years.



Figure 2 View of planting site from road



Figure 3 Willow already present in bottom field



Figure 1 Grass areas like this are more suitable for species such as oak, rowan, hazel



The central area is predominately rushes and very wet boggy ground. Willows, alders and aspens should be planted here. Ideally we will be able to find a source for large willow pegs. There are a handful of willows already present on the land and some pegs can be taken from those trees and planted into the ground in February 2020



Figure 4 Willow pegs

Species mix

I suggest the following species that will grow well on the soil. The species chosen are all native to the UK and all offer benefits to wildlife in different ways.

Tree species-700

125x Alder	25 x Field Maple
75 x Aspen	150 x Willow
50 x Bird Cherry	125 x Oak (Common)
25 Crab Apple	75 x Rowan
100 x Downy Birch	

Shrub species-300

50 x Blackthorn	75 x Hazel
25 x Dog Rose	100 x Hawthorn

The tree species are to be planted with 1.2m tubes and stakes with the shrubs species planted with 0.75m tubes and stakes, this is to protect against mammal damage and encourage tree growth.

Planting plan

It is advised that tree species are to be planted in groups of 11-17, some planted quite closely together and some further apart as randomly as possible (between 1 and 3m). Leave lots of open space along rides and incorporate glades and focus shrubs around the edges of these areas. The trees should be planted within 7 days of delivery to ensure the best success rate for your new woodland. The trees delivered will be young bare root saplings they will vary in size between 40 and 60cm.

Flowering Trees by Month

Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August
-Goat willow -Alder	-Hazel -Blackthorn	-Field Maple -Crab Apple -Bird/Wild Cherry	-Sycamore -Hawthorn -Rowan -Whitebeam -Rowan	-Common lime -Small-leaved Lime	-Sweet Chestnut -Broad leaved Lime	-Wild/ common privet

Site preparation

It would be advisable to cut/graze the grass short to make planting and subsequent maintenance easier. Before planting takes place it would also be beneficial to mark clearly the rides and glades that you want to be kept open within your woodland.

Site Maintenance

The planting undertaken in November 2010 is looking great. However, the spiral guards now need to come off some of the larger trees as they are beginning to constrict and alter the growth of some trees. Remove spirals from all trees that are beginning to become constricted by them. I would also suggest completing some weeding on some of the smaller trees by removing grass from inside the spirals by hand. Both of these jobs can be completed over the summer before planting commences on the adjacent area.



Any planting undertaken through the Woodland Trust MOREwoods scheme results in the loss of BPS on any land planted

Funding

I would be happy to supply all the trees and protection to the Diggers Charitable Trust fully funded by the Woodland Trust. It will then be up to you to arrange a volunteer planting event and maintain the trees in the coming years.

I will be able to arrange the delivery of all trees and protection at a time that suits you from mid-November onwards. Please do let me know when you've arranged any volunteer planting events.

It would be brilliant if you were able to sign an agreement with the Woodland Trust, which outlines the contribution the Trust will be making and that we expect the trees to be cared for and in the ground for at least 12 years.

In addition, as part of the Northern Forest your new woodland creation site would be put onto the public register for a short period of time where members of the public are able to comment on the plans. In the past year we are yet to receive a comment in regards to any of the planting work we have been involved in. I would be more than happy to discuss this with you further if you'd like.

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&

Track A Tree <http://trackatree.bio.ed.ac.uk/>

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