



This is a visualisation of how we think Heathhall Wood could look like in ten years time - what do you think?

As a community wood, visitors will be encouraged to visit using active travel - but there is a requirement for some car parking for those who are less-able. The current formal and informal parking will be reviewed.

The Larch trees growing in this corner are at risk of 'Larch die-back disease' and will be replaced with Scots Pine.

The native mixed woodland planted by the local community is now ten years old and growing well. This will provide a seed source in the future allowing trees to spread.

The formal trails will be maintained to a high standard, Provision of seating will be reviewed and refreshed to encourage less-abled visitors to explore the wood

The current Sitka Spruce will be removed from the deep peat areas before it creates a seed source. Some of the Lodgepole Pine will be retained for structural diversity and future deadwood

Aspen will grow well on the wet mineral soils, adding attractive Autumn colour.

Scots Pine will grow well on the sandy soils adding to the variety of woodland types that will develop across the site

The wet woodland in this corner will remain untouched continuing to provide an excellent wildlife habitat

Thinning of the trees around the forest roads and trails will create a more open woodland, giving internal views for visitors, as well as developing a wider range of wildlife habitats

Natural regeneration of Birch is already happening in areas where conifers have been felled. This is the preferred approach and will be encouraged.

The mature conifers will be left to age naturally, providing shelter both for young trees growing below, and visitors. Individual trees may need to be felled for public safety.

Some internal drains will be allowed to fill-in creating wetter conditions that will help protect the peatland. These will be identified to ensure paths and neighbouring land does not flood

Management Objectives

- Continue to manage and enhance the woodland for the enjoyment of the local community, especially along the formal trails, providing a welcoming and relaxing environment.
- Work with natural regeneration to expand and establish a predominantly broadleaf native mixed woodland.
- Thin the woodland in appropriate and accessible areas to enhance the internal landscape, create a range of wildlife habitats, and to develop opportunities for hardwood timber products.
- Protect the peatland by removing Sitka Spruce and encouraging the development of wet woodland.

Heathhall Wood Concept

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**Legend**

	Plan Area		Birch wet woodland and open ground
	Formal		Birch woodland
	Informal		Wet woodland
	Forest Roads		Scots Pine
	Formal trail		Aspen
	Mountain bike loop		Mature coniferous woodland
	Cycle path		Mixed deciduous woodland
	Inland River		
	Watercourses		

