

# Felling Licence to fell growing trees

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**Application ref: 017/2195/2025**

**Management Plan Ref:**

**Felling Licence (Forestry Act 1967)**

**Woodland Name: Holt country park**

Please find your approved Felling Licence and associated work area map(s) enclosed. If you are a managing agent receiving this Licence on behalf of the owner / tenant, you must forward a copy of the Licence to the owner / tenant for their attention.

Please note the expiry date for completion of the work.

If this Licence contains conditions for restocking, it is the responsibility of the owner / leaseholder / tenant of the land to ensure that the conditions are met by the required date(s) specified in this Licence. The Forestry Commission may visit the site at any time to inspect compliance of this Licence and its conditions.

## Non-compliance with Conditions of the Licence

Failure to comply with the conditions of this Licence may result in an Enforcement Notice being served upon you or any successive owner of the land. Subsequently, failure to comply with an Enforcement Notice may constitute an offence under section 24(4) of the Forestry Act 1967, involving a summary conviction and an unlimited fine. Where an Enforcement Notice is served due to non-compliance with this licence, the Forestry Commission may publish the map attached to this licence (so far as it is replicated within the subsequent Enforcement Notice) upon its publicly facing digital map browser or elsewhere.

## Timber Regulations

The Plant Health Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 (PHR) requires the use of Protected Zone plant passports for the movement of all conifers and *Castanea* species (including sweet chestnut) with bark, and standard plant passports for *Juglans*, *Platanus* and *Pterocarya* species (e.g. walnut, plane, wingnut) with or without bark. For these species, a plant passport will be required at each stage of the transport chain where whole or chipped roundwood (including brash) is moved from the harvesting site or site of aggregation, to the processor and the movement of isolated bark whether or not mixed with other materials.

Professional operators must join a register managed by the competent authority, where the professional operator is authorised to issue plant passports. Forest owners will not normally issue passports unless they are responsible for commissioning the movement of timber.

Guidance on how to **Register as a Professional Operator to issue Plant Passports** is available on GOV.UK.

UK legislation governing timber legality prohibits trade of illegally harvested timber and timber products. It requires those responsible for placing UK grown timber onto the market for the first time, the 'Operator', whether they are an owner, contractor or timber merchant, to maintain documentation to prove that the timber is harvested from a legally authorised resource.

A timber regulations Due Diligence checklist is required when placing the timber authorised by this felling licence on the market for the first time. The parties involved will need to complete, and each retain a copy of, the Due Diligence checklist (along with any other documents that demonstrate the timber has been felled in conjunction with all other relevant legislation e.g. Health and Safety). More information on timber regulation is available on GOV.UK by searching '[Regulations: timber and FLEGT licences](#)'.

#### Protected sites - Sites of Special Scientific Interest or Scheduled Monuments

This Licence only gives you permission to fell the trees specified in the Licence. It does not give you the additional consents that you require in order to conduct works (including felling) within Sites of Special Scientific Interest or Scheduled Monuments (protected sites). These consents may be enclosed with this felling licence, but if they are not, you should not fell trees on protected sites without the formal consent from Natural England or Historic England respectively.

#### Planning permission

If, after felling trees authorised to be cut down in this Licence, you seek planning permission for any form of development on the felled area, you should be aware that the granting of planning permission will not override the conditions of this Licence or any subsequent Enforcement Notice issued under section 24 of the Forestry Act 1967.

#### Environmental Information Regulations

Felling Licences are disclosed on request and may be published under the Environmental Information Regulations. Disclosure and publication will take into account the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 in respect to any personal information included in the licence.

Yours sincerely

For the Forestry Commission

# Licence to Fell Growing Trees

To: Miss anne-marie gedge  
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This Licence gives you permission under section 10 of the Forestry Act 1967 as amended to fell the trees described in Part 1 of this licence and in the areas shown on the appended map(s).

Tree felling under this Licence has been approved by the Forestry Commission as being in accordance with government policy for the sound management of a renewable resource, based on the application made. The Licence issued is intended for use by the person with an interest in the land that enabled them to apply for the licence in the first instance.

## **The felling permissions in this Licence expire on: 24 Sep 2030**

Prior to felling, all parties (agents, contractors, stakeholders) who are involved or affected by the felling must be made aware of this licence and provided with a copy of the Licence and map(s) on request. After enacting any part of this licence, if you sell the land you should also tell the new owner about this Licence.

If a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) is placed on these trees after this Licence was applied for or issued, you must contact the Forestry Commission as you will need a new Licence if you wish to fell the protected trees. Without a new felling Licence, you may potentially be committing an offence under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in relation to the TPO. The local planning authority is not empowered to grant you permission to fell protected trees if that felling would ordinarily require a felling Licence.

Tree felling operations must be carried out in a manner that reflects good forestry practice, as set out in the current UK Forestry Standard (UKFS). When preparing tree felling operations, appropriate consideration should always be given for possible impacts on habitats and species, these will include but not limited to:

- Ensuring operations are in compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 relating to European Protected Species (EPS); and
- Ensuring timing of operations (such as in the bird nesting season) are in compliance with the protection of birds under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Any felling operations for 'thinning' approved by this Licence must be implemented evenly across the felling site(s) for thinning identified under Part 1 of this licence. The felling operation for thinning will not exceed 30% of the total number of trees or remove more than 30% of the original canopy cover per operation, unless otherwise agreed by the FC and confirmed in this licence. Note: tree felling operations for 'thinning' that occur at a greater intensity than 30% of the number of trees or area of canopy (in all or part of an operational area) may constitute a breach of the Licence.

Where conditions of the Licence state that restocking is by natural regeneration or by using coppice regrowth, ground conditions must be maintained to facilitate and secure natural regeneration, and coppiced stumps must be retained in situ and be adequately protected to allow site native natural regeneration to occur.

### Tree Health

If you have any reason to suspect the presence of tree pests or disease, e.g. *Phytophthora ramorum*, you are obliged to inform the Forestry Commission at the earliest possible opportunity, as per your obligation under article 14 of The Plant Health Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 (PHR).

If larch or other tree species susceptible to *Phytophthora ramorum* included in this licence display symptoms of this disease you must not fell those trees until the FC have had the opportunity to assess their health. If *Phytophthora ramorum* presence is suspected or confirmed, the area will become subject to a Statutory Plant Health Notice (SPHN), the conditions of which will override those contained within this licence.

Lindsey Allen

Date: 24/09/2025

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Signed for and on behalf of the Forestry Commissioners

## Part 1 - Description of the trees to be felled

Property: Holt country park  
Name of wood: Holt country park  
Local Authority: North Norfolk District Council  
Approved Felling  
Details:

Felling site, subcpt or coupe	Type of operation	Marking of trees	Digitised Area ha	Total number of trees	Estimated volume m³	Species
1	Thinning		4		260	Scots pine / Corsican pine / sycamore / silver birch / European larch
2	Thinning		3.02		210	Scots pine / Corsican pine / sycamore / silver birch / European larch
3	Thinning		0.63		30	Scots pine / Corsican pine / sycamore / silver birch / European larch
3a	Thinning		0.59		30	Scots pine / Corsican pine / sycamore / silver birch / European larch
3b	Thinning		0.52		30	Scots pine / Corsican pine / sycamore / silver birch / European larch
4	Thinning		2.61		60	Scots pine / Corsican pine / sycamore / silver birch / European larch
5	Thinning		1.22		50	Scots pine / Corsican pine / sycamore / silver birch / European larch
6	Thinning		4.81		120	Scots pine / Corsican pine / sycamore / silver birch / European larch
7	Thinning		1.51		30	Scots pine / Corsican pine / sycamore / silver birch / European larch

Felling site, subcpt or coupe	Type of operation	Marking of trees	Digitised Area ha	Total number of trees	Estimated volume m <sup>3</sup>	Species
8	Thinning		9.75		400	Scots pine / Corsican pine / sycamore / silver birch / European larch
9	Thinning		5.85		250	Scots pine / Corsican pine / sycamore / silver birch / European larch
10	Thinning		2.64		100	Scots pine / Corsican pine / sycamore / silver birch / European larch
11a	Felling to Create Open Space		0.01		10	Scots pine / Corsican pine / sycamore / silver birch / European larch

## **Part 2 - Restocking Conditions**

This Felling Licence has no conditions.

## **Part 3 - Supplementary points**

### **Advisory**

Felling sites and extraction routes are to be surveyed prior to work commencing. The survey will locate features that must be avoided so that they are preserved and are not disturbed during the felling and extraction of the trees. Features could include, but are not limited to, archaeological features, bat roosts, badger setts, bird nests and the habitat of European protected species. The Norfolk Heritage Explorer shows potential overlap along the N/NW edge for ditches and pits (ref. 68194). There are also boundary bank earthworks along part of the NE boundary (ref. 53091). Additional care is to be taken in these areas and any features are to be avoided during the felling and extraction programme. Also, avoid traversing any woodbanks internally where present in compts as far as reasonably possible.

### **Thinning:**

All areas will be thinned silviculturally to promote the best trees for timber/wood production.

The felling approval given in this contract allows for the removal of up to 30% of the trees of 'licensable' size, spread evenly across the felling site. As a thinning operation, the number of trees removed during any thinning operation will be governed by the size of the gaps remaining in the canopy following completion of the harvesting operation; gaps must not exceed the size at which full canopy closure will occur within the thinning rotation - typically 5 years for conifer, 10 years for broadleaves unless agreed otherwise with the FC as part of this licence.

A selection of dead wood will be retained on site (both standing and lying).

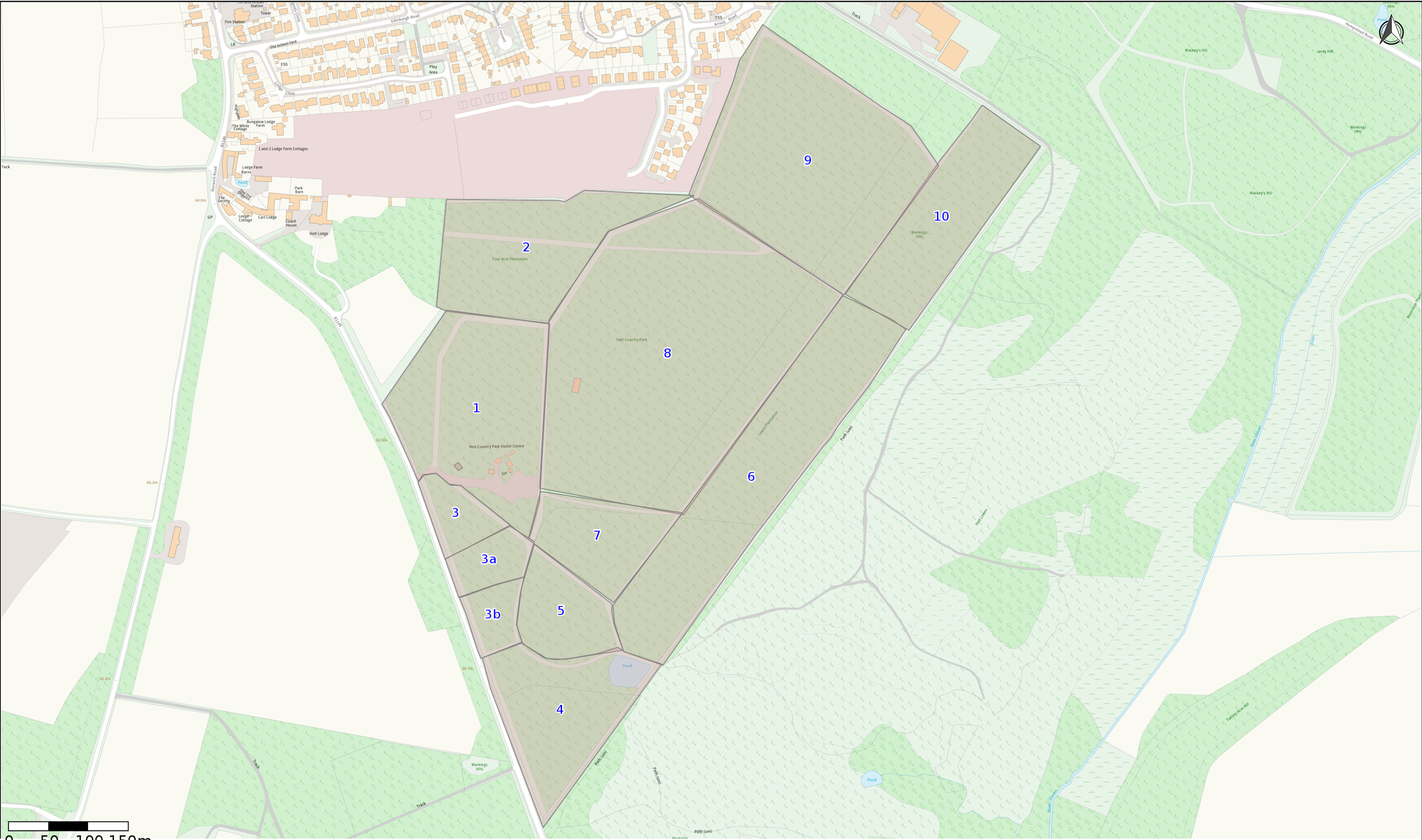
Felling to create open space in 1(1a) is located with compt 1 and to the west of the visitor centre.

Holt Country Park compts adjoin the Norfolk Valley Fens Special Area of Conservation and Holt Lowes Site of Special Scientific Interest which is also a Groundwater Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystem. N England has been consulted and responded as follows:

The project will not adversely affect the integrity of the Norfolk Valley Fens SAC. A copy of their full response can be downloaded from the Shared Application Doc space in Felling Licence Online.



# Operations Map



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