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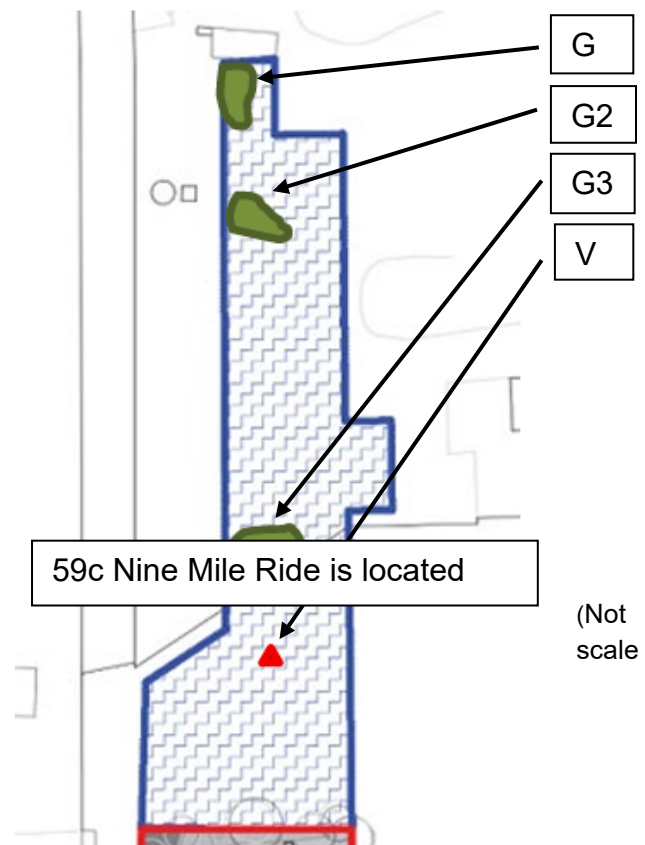
59 Nine Mile Ride, Finchampstead, Wokingham – Off-site woodland proposals

The woodland is covered by Tree Preservation Order (TPO-1798/2021 W1 and A1)



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V1 – Veteranisation Candidate

Proposed candidate for Veteranisation as required in the Off-Site HCMMP (see extract below).

Veteranisation	Off-site Woodland	It shall be the responsibility of the assigned landscaper and ecologist to identify trees which are to be subject to veteranisation techniques. Veteranisation to take place outside the bird nesting season, anticipated to be completed over the winter of '24/25. These features are to be monitored and may require new features to be created should fissures be found to have fully occluded by new wood. Identification of remedial measures shall be the responsibility of the ecologist, to be completed by landscape contractor or appointed tree surgeon.	2no. mature oak trees shall be selected by the ecologist and clearly marked on site. The landscape contractor or appointed tree surgeon shall then add features to the tree using a chainsaw, as directed by the ecologist including the creation of: <u>Broken branches:</u> Cut the lowest branch at least 10cm in diameter, 20cm from the trunk, cut halfway through from the top and then pull/push the branch to rip it the rest of the way. Cut the remaining part to look like a natural fracture. <u>Ring-barked branch:</u> Remove the bark and living tissue all the way round the lowest live branch which is over 10cm in diameter. Ring bark the branch about 20cm from the trunk for a width of 20cm. <u>Woodpecker Hole:</u> Saw a slightly oval-shaped hole into the tree at least 4m above the ground. The hole shall be approximately 8cm wide and 12cm long and cut into the centre of the trunk. <u>Vertical Fissure:</u> Create three plunge cuts upward at an angle of approximately 30° into the stem through a vertical slit-entrance 2 x 15 cm (width x height) to produce a wedge-shaped internal cavity (maximum depth = 20–25 cm) located above the entrance slit, with a volume of approximately 500 cm3. Tree works are to take place outside bird nesting season. These features are to be monitored and may require new features to be created should fissures be found to have fully occluded by new wood.
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The veteranisation techniques outlined above will be completed by a suitably qualified arborist whilst maintaining the minimum affect on surrounding woodland.



Glading Areas

Proposed areas for felling for the objective of creating glades as required in the Off-Site HCMMP (see extract below).

Thinning / Re-coppicing	Off-site Woodland	It shall be the responsibility of the assigned landscaper and ecologist to identify tree management that is required to enhance the off-site woodland. Extent of thinning works to be agreed with ecologist after rhododendron removal. Formal application for TPO consent for tree and fell works must be made to the LPA by the landowner. It will be the responsibility of the landowner to arrange access via the eastern corridor.	Areas of particularly dense canopy are to be thinned by selective removal of poor-quality specimen trees and / or coppicing of stools to create areas of open rides / glades. Further thinning to take place if annual surveys record light conditions don't allow ground flora and colonization. Tree removal works to take place outside bird nesting season. Felled logs to be left on site to form log piles beneficial for invertebrates. All existing trees within the site boundary are protected by a tree preservation order (1798/2021). Therefore, management of trees will require permission from the LPA. Created glades and rides are to be monitored with select thinning / re-coppicing taking place on a ~7 year cycle to ensure that open areas of the woodland are always present. Works are to be agreed with the supervising ecologist following monitoring visits.
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The trees listed below will be felled by a suitably qualified arborist whilst maintaining the minimum affect on surrounding woodland. After the trees have been felled the logs and brash will be stacked to the edge of the glade creating opportunities for wildlife.

Area G1 – Proposed glade



- X1 – Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*)
- X6 – Silver birch (*Betula pendula*)
- X8 – Oak (*Quercus robur*)
- 2x – Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*)

Area G2 – Proposed glade



- X14 – Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*)
- X7 – Oak (*Quercus robur*)
- X1 – Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*)

Area G3- Proposed glade



- X9 – Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*)
- X4 – Oak (*Quercus robur*)