

Theme of comments	Action/Outcome
<p><i>General support:</i> The majority of comments received acknowledged the need for continued management and improvements to Nomansland Common, whilst supporting the aim and objectives of the plan.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><i>Site infrastructure:</i> Comments mentioned the provision and location of bins around Nomansland Common.</p> <p>Mention of redundant signage and the model aircraft flying area signage.</p> <p>Comments on redundant or broken fencing.</p>	<p>The Council is aware of this issue and will be reviewing the location and number of bins on the common.</p> <p>Redundant signage to be removed and model aircraft signage to be reviewed and updated.</p> <p>Redundant fencing to be reviewed and removed if deemed not necessary or repaired if retained.</p>
<p><i>Access and facilities:</i> Comments on the new all-user path was mentioned and should be clearly marked on site maps.</p> <p>Car parking provision and encouragement of site users to use active travel means of getting to the site is also mentioned.</p> <p>Comments on the current poor state of repair of the boardwalk near west end car park and associated safety issues.</p> <p>Access to the site from Heartwood and management of this access.</p>	<p>Clearly added to plans.</p> <p>No plans to increase car parking within this management plan. Consideration of how dangerous parking can be prevented along Ferrers Lane. Encouragement of active travel means of getting to the site encouraged.</p> <p>The boardwalk will be replaced as soon as possible.</p> <p>Work with the Woodland Trust on access between Nomansland Common and Heartwood.</p>
<p><i>Habitat management:</i> Grassland management is mentioned regarding continuing management.</p> <p>Heathland management is mentioned regarding the removal of scrub, scraping of topsoil in some areas and temporary rabbit exclosures.</p>	<p>We won't be looking to change grass cutting regime at this time as we are in a HLF agreement for the area to the south of Ferrers Lane.</p> <p>Some areas of heathland will need a concerted effort to remove trees growing in amongst the heather and gorse which is shading out heather. Temporary rabbit exclosures will be erected for up to 3 years and vegetation managed within them by volunteers.</p>

<p>Woodland management is also mentioned with regard to ride creation and thinning.</p> <p>Hedge management mentioned, a mix of native species planted in gaps and the use of hedge laying to manage established hedges.</p>	<p>Woodland management is subject to funding and will involve a mixture of thinning, glade creation, ride widening and underplanting to create a diverse habitat. Volunteers involved in managing vegetation along smaller paths.</p> <p>Hedge laying and coppicing to be used to managed hedges along the southern and easter boundaries, gaps to be filled in by new planting.</p>
<p><i>Tree safety management:</i> There was mention of tree safety on the Down Green Lane side of the common. With some standing deadwood present.</p> <p>There is concern over the management of Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) on the site and the use of pesticides for management.</p> <p>The climbing tree is mentioned because it is a significant feature on the site, and it has had some damage.</p>	<p>Standing deadwood is an important habitat for a range of wildlife and is left in place away from footpaths. Trees are monitored along the main footpaths around the common through tree safety surveys.</p> <p>Since the draft was published there has been a change to OPM management zones meaning that St Albans District is now within the 'established area'. Within this area the responsibility of management of OPM fall so the landowners. Therefore, OPM at Nomansland Common can now be manged on a risk-based approach where nests will only be dealt with where they pose a risk to the public.</p> <p>We understand that this tree is a significant feature of the site because of its form and some damage has been caused due to climbing. We will consider how best to prolong the life of the tree, most likely through public information or signage.</p>
<p><i>Leaflet update:</i> Suggested change to the updated leaflet to prioritise bus, cycling or walking as means of travel to the site.</p>	<p>Encouragement of site users to use active travel methods to get to the common is agreeable, we will need to mention parking but suggest that it is limited. This will be included in the leaflet.</p>
<p><i>Permissions/consents:</i> Open spaces society happy to be involved in pre secretary of state permission applications discussions.</p> <p>Planning permission will be needed for some projects.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Agreed.</p>