

ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BOARD

FOR INFORMATION

TITLE: Late-phase changes to the Land Management Plan 2021-2026

DATE: 11.3.2021

BACKGROUND

A workshop on the Land Management Plan (LMP) 2021-2026 was held for all trustees on 18 February. At this workshop, several changes to the LMP were agreed by trustees. Trustees have also sent changes by email or post subsequently.

The draft version of the LMP remains on the intranet. This paper provides a list of all the changes that were proposed for the LMP. It does not include very minor changes, such as corrections to spelling mistakes. New text is coloured [turquoise](#).

Many changes relate to the Project Plan (3.3) and so a revised version of this table is provided here in Appendix 1 for completeness.

Together the two documents provide trustees with a final draft version for consideration of adoption at the next board meeting.

CHANGES PROPOSED – PART 1 (draft 2)

Pg 1,20,38,40. Replace man with [people](#).

Pg 8 & 16. Replace man-made with [made by people](#).

Pg 35 & 38. Replace mankind with [humankind](#).

CHANGES PROPOSED – PART 2 (draft 1)

Pg 53. Expand 'NERC' to [Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006](#).

Pg 55 (and elsewhere). Expand MHT to Malvern Hills Trust or The Trust.

Pg 55. Final ideal outcome. Add: [The impact of](#) climate change...

Pg 55. The Malvern Hills and Common are a stunning, unique and inspiring landscape that is enjoyed and ~~cared for~~ [respected](#) by everyone in harmony with rich and flourishing [wildlife](#), natural and cultural heritage.

Pg 60. Replace man with [human](#).

Pg 60. Ahead of reference to the Sandford Principle, add: [As a last resort](#) much conservation work uses...

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Pg 60. Expand list of effects of climate change locally to: 'making it warmer and stormier with more extremes of temperature, longer spells of drought and heavy rainfall events.'

CHANGES PROPOSED – PART 3 (draft 1)

Pg 64. Vision for 2040: The Malvern Hills and Common are a stunning, unique and inspiring landscape that is enjoyed and ~~cared for~~ respected by everyone in harmony with rich and flourishing wildlife, natural and cultural heritage.

Pg 64. After 'To meet all legal obligations' add: (Malvern Hills Acts, W&C Act, NERC Act, Ancient Monuments Act).

Pg 64. Guiding principle 4: to meet the legal obligation to maintain and restore the SSSI habitats as per the SSSI notification and maps where practicable.

Pg 64/65. Guiding principles: add global before climate change and move GP 9 to position of GP 5.

Pg 65. Guiding principle 9. Afterwards add in brackets: (the Climate Change Act 2008)

Pg 65. After guiding principles, add: The Trust uses five-year Land Management Plans in order to deliver on the Malvern Hills Acts and other legal duties. A five-year plan allows financial and resource planning and setting of goals over a realistic and appropriate time period.

Pg 66. Acts to Actions. To the question, 'to what end?' add the text: this five-year land management plan continues our journey toward this vision.

Pg 66. At the end of the page add: Results of work delivered will feed into future work programmes and Land Management Plans.

Pg 68. Replace manmade with made by people.

Pg 119. Hollybed Common discussion – add the Mill Pond has filled in with mud and is now very shallow indeed.

Pg 146. Replace man with people.

Pg 158. Malvern verges. Add Otter and Great crested newt to the nationally important species box.

Pg 187. Projects Plan. Add to introductory sentence that: These projects are captured from the preceding text and reproduced in a table in no particular order.

Pg 187-189. Projects Plan. A priority status (high/medium/low) for every project has been inserted.

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Pg 189. Add the project: Continue with open habitat restoration works as guided by the SSSI mapping. 7ha. All years. cont / staff / vols. CS / GF / grant aid? £18,000. (Repeated from Part 3).

Pg 189. Add the project: Research visitor numbers, site usage, car parking and develop adaptive measures to manage/mitigate for high visitor numbers especially on SSSIs and Scheduled Monuments. Undertake this work with key partners. All years. staff. GF & grant aid. £?. (Repeated from Part 3).

Pg 189. New project: Re-excavate the Mill Pond. Year 4. Contractor. Grant aid? £5000.

Pg 189. Snookes Croft - Replace existing hay shed with cattle shed and hard-standing suitable to house livestock over winter. M. increase cost estimate to: £50,000.

Throughout document: seek to change existing LMP maps to better highlight the area in question.

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3.3 PROJECTS PLAN

To help highlight special pieces of work programmed for the next 5 years and to help with financial planning this section lists all of the special projects that have been identified in the work programme. These projects are captured from the preceding text and reproduced in a table in no particular order.

PROJECT & PRIORITY STATUS (High / Medium / Low)	YEAR					WHO	FUND	COST EST
	1	2	3	4	5			
1# New MHT identification posts and/or signage to be added to all separate MHT land parcels and well-used parking areas. H	✓	✓				CT / W / FS	?	£25,000
2# The invertebrate fauna of the Hills and Commons is poorly understood and should be surveyed and recorded. L				✓		CT	GF Grant aid	£3000
3# Undertake National Vegetation Classification survey. M	✓					Cont	Gift fund	£6000
4# Support sensitive, extensive livestock grazing run by local farmers/commoners. Improve existing grazing infrastructure to include water troughs, permanent posts for fencing and handgates. M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Staff	Stewardship & GF	£7500
5# Investigate ways to secure whole areas of common to prevent wandering livestock. Enact if appropriate. M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Staff / gra	Grant aid Parl	-
6# Repair short section of the Shire Ditch at Summer Hill. M				✓		FS / CT	GF / Grant aid?	£1000
7# Repair / improve sections of the ridgeline in response to visitor and water erosion. H	✓	✓	✓			FS / CT	GF	?
8# Undertake sensitive restoration work plus new interpretation on the Donkey Shed. M	✓	✓				Cont	Grant aid?	£20,000
9# British Camp – Repair remaining significant gullies and holes in the monument in liaison with Historic England. M				✓		CT FS	GF	£1000
10# British Camp – Resurface the main concrete track with a safe, aesthetically sensitive material. L					✓	Cont	Grant aid?	£30,000
11# Restore section of the Shire Ditch north of Pink Cottage and add diversionary measure to guide the public traffic. M	✓	✓				CT FS	GF	£1000
12# Gullet quarry – Facilitate a fish survey. L				✓		CT / EA	Grant aid?	£1500
13# Consider changing Gullet Quarry from open water area (with associated recreation problems) to a well-vegetated waterbody offering	✓					MHT	Grant aid?	£2000

new habitat and deterring swimmers. L								
14# Swinyard Hill – Undertake restoration to wood pasture on the western hillside through felling secondary woodland. M	✓	✓				FS	Stew	£3000
15# Swinyard Hill – Make the western hillside more suitable for extensive grazing by installing infrastructure. M	✓	✓				FS Gra	GF	£2000
16# Ragged Stone Hill – Secure the site for grazing by investigating options for the two gateways. Enact appropriate solutions. M	✓	✓				CT	GF / Parl	£3000
17# Chase End Hill – Add small fencing areas to permit gorse recolonisation at the eastern foothill. Plant gorse if necessary. Ensure future mechanical works occur only on the grassland areas. L		✓	✓			CT	Grant aid? GF	£500
18# Castlemorton Common – Eradicate <i>Crassula</i> from the two ponds. M	✓	✓				CT / Cont	Grant aid	-
19# Castlemorton Common – Develop and enact a strategy to reduce parking on the common, especially the SSSI. Utilise stobs, rocks etc to prevent parking and improve the parking situation at Swinyard car park. H	✓	✓				staff	GF	£3000
20# Bowling Green Meadow – Install stobs to prevent vehicles accessing the site unlawfully. L	✓					staff	GF	£1000
21# Wood Street – Organise Giant Hogweed eradication works from all nearby land with EA. L			✓			CT	Grant aid?	?
22# Ballards Land – Lay second half of the boundary hedge beside the road. L	✓					Cont	Gift Fund	£2000
23# Ballards Land – Plant 4 new in-field trees to become future veterans. L				✓		CT	Grant aid / Gift Fund	£100
24# Walmspout Coppice – Restore ancient woodland section through planting and natural succession. L	✓	✓				CT	Grant aid?	£300
25# Hacketts - Plant new native hedgerow connecting Knell Coppice eastwards to the existing hedge network. 70m. L	✓	✓				FS CT V	Grant aid?	£1530
26# Brockhill rd fields - Plant native hedging with tree standards along the internal boundaries and double fence. L	✓	✓				CT Cont	Grant aid	£4750
27# Brockhill rd fields - Assess existing buildings against existing operations and progress any capital improvements. M	✓					CT Gra	Parl	£5000
28# Snookes Croft - Plant 10 perimeter and in-field trees of local character. L				✓		CT V	Grant aid	£1500

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29# Snookes Croft - Replace existing hay shed with cattle shed and hard-standing suitable to house livestock over winter. M		✓	✓			Cont	Grant aid Parl	£50,000
30# Old Hills west - Devise a plan to secure the common along the main road for livestock grazing together with enhancement to the car parking to reduce driving/parking on the greenspace. Enact if appropriate. L		✓				MHT	GF	?
31# Old Hills west - Expand existing lower car park by replacing traffic island with further parking bays. L	✓					FS Cont	GF	£500
32# Permit woodland creation via natural processes and planting beside Wells road north. L	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MHT	Grant aid?	-
33# Malvern Common - Restore orchard to a become a community orchard with local fruit varieties. Plant 20 trees. M	✓	✓				CT FS	Grant aid?	£800
34# Continue with open habitat restoration works as guided by the SSSI mapping. 7ha. H	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	MHT cont V	Stewardship grant aid?	£18,000
35# Research visitor numbers, site usage, cap parking and develop adaptive measures to manage/mitigate for high visitor numbers especially on SSSIs and Scheduled Monuments. Undertake this work with key partners. H	✓	✓				MHT	GF Grant aid?	£?
36# Re-excavate the Mill Pond. L				✓		cont	GF Grant aid?	£5000?

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