

Forest Plan for Cromford and Shining Cliff woods

The Forestry Commission has written a Forest Plan for Cromford and Shining Cliff woods which lie 5km south of Matlock and 17km northwest of Derby adjacent to the A6, map attached.

The new Forest Plan's objectives will be to diversify the species and age structure to mitigate against the impacts of climate change, pests and disease; grow commercial crops on a sustainable basis; manage public access in both woods; conserve the landscape and conservation value of the woodlands and to remove the invasive conifers from the SSSI (Shining Cliff Wood) and restore these areas back to broadleaved woodland. All operations that take place within the SSSI will be carried out in line with the SSSI management plan that has been agreed with Natural England.

The plan outlines our operations including felling and replanting for the next 10 years with management proposals for the next 50 years.

A lot of care and expertise goes into producing these plans but we are interested in the views of local people and users of the forest. We also wish to know about any data sets collected in these woodlands which may affect our future management.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this information to the relevant people in your council and local constituents to give them the opportunity to comment. You can view and comment on the plan via this WEB LINK <https://englandconsult.forestry.gov.uk/forest-districts/cromford-shining-cliff-forest-plan/> alternatively a hard copy are available to view at the Cromford and Derbyshire Reference libraries.