

Report on Site Visit 30th January 2009
Forestry Commission Proposals for Habitat Restoration in
New Forest SSSI

These proposals are for the Latchmore Brook / Watergreen Bottom SSSI units

Those Present included: Simon Weymouth FC, Sarah Oakley FC, Mike Abraham FC, Brian Ingram CDA, Richard Stride CDA, Bill Howe CDA, Pat Thorne Verd., Peter Frost Verd., Jackie Kelly NE, Ian Baker NPA and Frank Green NPA.

The restorations proposed fall into four categories:

Small, localised erosion points, which only require a few stakes and a few heather bales to hold up stream erosion of the mires at the nick points.

Refer to map locations 1, 12, & 13. **All agreed with no dispute**

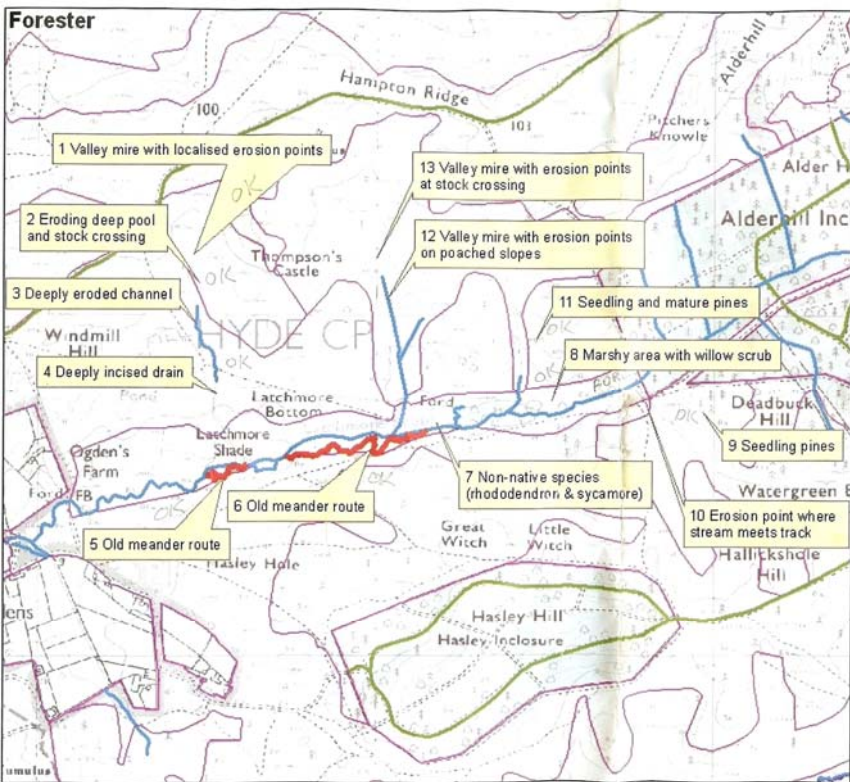
Deep narrow channels, which require infilling, to create shallower channels. The spoil heaps from the side would be utilised plus extra to replace eroded gravels. The turf from the heaps would be saved. Refer to map locations 2, 3, & 4. **Small lawn not to be touched, all agreed with no dispute.**

Realignment of two stretches of Latchmore brook to well define old meander a 190 metre stretch and 580 metre stretch. The spoil banks to be removed for infill, trees and scrub on the banks to be cleared. Refer to map locations 5 & 6. **Some extra scrub to be removed where possible, subject to constraints, all agreed with no dispute.**

None-native species to be removed but retain character pines to soften edge of Inclosure. Willow, some scrub and some younger oak to be removed to gain area of lawn. Some realignment of the stream to old meander, just down stream of Alderhill Inclosures (Not on map). Construct new ford to improve crossing, and cut off ugly Inclosure corner, which sticks out into the heath below Dead Buck Hill. Refer to map location 7,8, 9, 10 & 11. **All agreed with many constructive suggestions, no dispute.**

NB. All work would be subject to the usual constraints regarding archaeology and SAC species. To be carried out in late summer under dry conditions only.

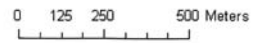
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**LATCHMORE OVERVIEW
DISCUSSION POINTS**

Legend

- Proposed watercourse route
- Existing drain/channel
- Forest roads
- SSSI unit boundary



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