

Thinning Works Esher Common North

As part of the ongoing Woodland Management programme across Elmbridge's Countryside Estate the wooded areas shown by the red and black lines on Esher Common will have contractors carrying out thinning works over the two winters of 2018/19 and 2019/20.

The thinning works will involve :

- thinning 30% of the canopy to improve light penetration
- non-native/invasive species control
- creation and maintenance of rides and glades

The thinning will allow greater light to reach the woodland floor. This will improve the plant life found across the common which benefits biodiversity through insect life and small mammals. It also allows the remaining trees the opportunity to grow and develop fully ensuring a healthy woodland for the benefit of future generations.

As part of the works non-native invasive species including Rhododendron , Turkey Oak, Laurel will be targeted within the wider thinning to be carried out.

The works indicated by the red line will take place during the winter of 2019/20

The works indicated by the black line will take place during the winter of 2020/21

