

# Woodland management – Esher Common North Sept 2021

As part of the ongoing woodland management programme across Elmbridge's countryside estate, the wooded area shown by the black lines on Esher Common will have contractors carrying out thinning works during the autumn of 2021.

The thinning works will involve:

- thinning 33% 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.



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