

WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE

An Introduction for Community Volunteers

SESSION 3: WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLANS

HANDOUT No. 6: **PRACTICAL EXERCISE in Williamson Park (woodland compartment 1)**

Please divide into two equal sized groups and elect a spokesperson for the feedback session.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Each group is supplied with an extract of the current Williamson Park WMP, containing some information on the site description, history and woodland survey. The map shows the location and extent of the woodland compartments.

TASKS

A) Each group to undertake a rapid (e.g. ½ hour) walk-over survey of compartment 1, noting the composition, structure and condition of the woodland. Please record your results in the box below:

B) Taking into account the findings of your survey and the information supplied in the WMP extract, suggest a management strategy for woodland compartment 1 that could deliver the following two sets of objectives:

- i) The woodland will be managed for recreation (visitor enjoyment) and biodiversity, within the current setting and context of Williamson Park.
- ii) The woodland will be managed for sustainable firewood production, ignoring the limitations posed by the current context and management objectives of Williamson Park.

Please record your ideas and suggestions overleaf, including an assessment of the compatibility of the woodland with each of the two management objective scenarios, and what woodland management operations you would recommend for an action plan.