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Dear Gulya

Thank you for your note. I can confirm that the woodland you refer to, which lies to the south of field C, is a long term woodland and the intention is for it to remain so for a long period of time.

In woodland management terms, it was established in 2002 as a mixed woodland on a former arable field with an array of native broadleaved species. The establishment was successful, and the trees have developed generally as one would expect. The trees are now between 4m and 8 m in height and will continue to develop and grow upwards. Some of the trees have suffered from pest and disease issues, the impacts of which have been managed through.

We would envisage that, as the woodland develops, it will be silviculturally thinned to allow the better trees to fill out and develop their crowns, a normal forestry practice, perhaps once a decade for a period over the next 80-100 years. The woodland has become a permanent feature in the landscape, and the intention is that it will remain so.

The canopies will slowly develop upwards over the next 60-80 years to attain a height in excess of 30m, thus providing increased landscape benefit.

The woodland was established with a wide ride around the outside edge of the planting, much as one does with an outer ride around each field in a solar development. The impact of the growing trees on the solar panels will thus be modest, albeit with some swifter shading at sunset, as the sun goes down.

I hope the above commentary helps, if you need anything else, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards



Graham Taylor