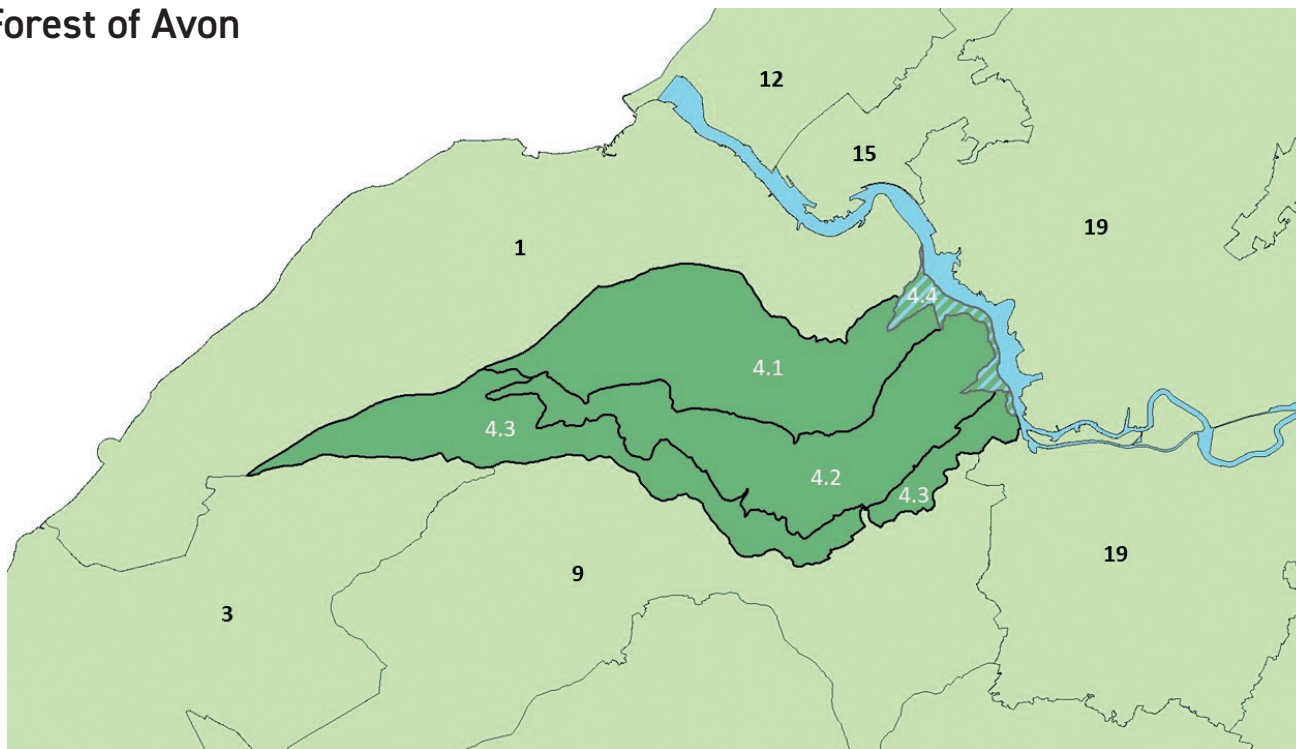


5.4 Woodland and Parkland Uplands: Abbots Leigh, Tickenham, Failand Forest of Avon



Map Ref: 4.1

Abbot's Leigh Sandstone Uplands (NSC F1)

- Ensure all woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on ASNW and PAWS first.
- Buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.
- Establish new native woodland through natural regeneration and planting in a corridor linking ASNW complex at Leigh Woods, to ASNW/ PAWS sites at Old Park Woods/ Vowles Bottom and Leigh Wood/ Markham Bottom, also extending to Forestry England woodlands.
- Work with Avon Wildlife Trust and adjacent landowners to extend Prior's Wood through natural regeneration, including links south to other ASNW.
- Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting.

- Work with Forestry England to enhance access to and through their woodlands, including a walking route from the neighbouring and well-visited Leigh Woods.
- Conserve and regenerate hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside Grant Schemes, which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.
- Conserve hedgerow and other field trees which are common, and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
- Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow



Map Ref: 4.2

Failand Settled Limestone Plateau (NSC G2)

- Ensure all woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on ASNW and PAWS first.
- Buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.

- c. Establish small new woodlands consolidating the woodland corridor extending from the significant ASNW at Leigh Woods through shelter belts and conifer woodlands to the more open landscape around Failand, avoiding Ashton Court itself.
 - d. Linked to work in 4.1 and 4.3, establish new woodlands to create a broad woodland corridor, related to local landscape, between Prior's Wood and the southern fringe of the Gordano Valley to the wooded slopes of the Tickenham Ridge.
 - e. Work with residents in Failand to run a Garden Forest project to plant shrubs and trees in front and back gardens, enhancing amenity and softening the urban edge.
 - f. Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting.
 - g. Work with Forestry England to enhance access to and through their woodlands.
 - h. Tackle landscape fragmentation by conserving and regenerating hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside Grant Schemes, which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.
 - i. Conserve hedgerow and field trees and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
 - j. Ensure public access routes are easy to use and follow.
- c. Buffer ASNW by establishing fringing areas for natural regeneration.
 - d. Establish new native woodlands linking to existing ones, creating a wider woodland corridor including wood pasture and parkland through this area, whilst ensuring conservation of priority habitats, historic monuments and viewpoints.
 - e. Ensure any new development requires the conservation and planting of trees within the site and as determined by scale and impact, includes off-site tree and woodland planting.
 - f. Conserve and regenerate hedgerow boundaries with an initial focus on those outside Grant Schemes, which are not low cut and/or where hedgerow trees are present.
 - g. Conserve hedgerow and other field trees which are common, and plant new ones at irregular spacings where absent within hedged boundaries.
 - h. Retain and enhance views from the ridgetop through careful tree management and design of new planting to prevent loss of views as trees mature.
 - i. Ensure the Community Forest Path and other public paths are easy to use and follow.

 **Map Ref: 4.3**
Tickenham Ridges and Combes (NSC E5)

- a. Historic parklands with woodlands and parkland trees including ancient oak pollards at Ashton Court, are in the protective ownership of Bristol City Council (Ashton Court) and the National Trust (Tyntesfield). Consider undertaking small-scale expansion of ASNW through natural regeneration. Update management plans as necessary to safeguard/ enhance landscape and biodiversity value.
- b. Ensure all other woodlands have a current Forestry Commission management plan (or equivalent), addressing broad objectives, supporting their preparation and delivery. Focus on ASNW and PAWS first.

 **Map Ref: 4.4**
Avon Gorge (NSC D1)

- a. Continue to work in partnership to conserve nationally significant whitebeam spp. and ASNW as part of integrated management of the Avon Gorge NNR and SSSI.