

Compulsory Tree Felling at Stanage Plantation

In April 2021, the presence of *Phytophthora ramorum* (*P. ramorum*), a highly infectious plant disease, was confirmed in woodlands on the Stanage-North Lees Estate. A Statutory Plant Health Notice issued by the Forestry Commission requires the National Park Authority as owners of the woodland to fell all larch trees to prevent further spread of the disease. This work will be undertaken as sensitively as possible in liaison with Natural England. Despite the significant change this work will bring to the landscape it does offer the opportunity to regenerate a woodland that is more fitting in the landscape and more resilient to climate change and disease.

Which areas are affected?

The map (right) shows the areas of woodland that have been confirmed to be infected with the disease (yellow).

How will this affect my visit?

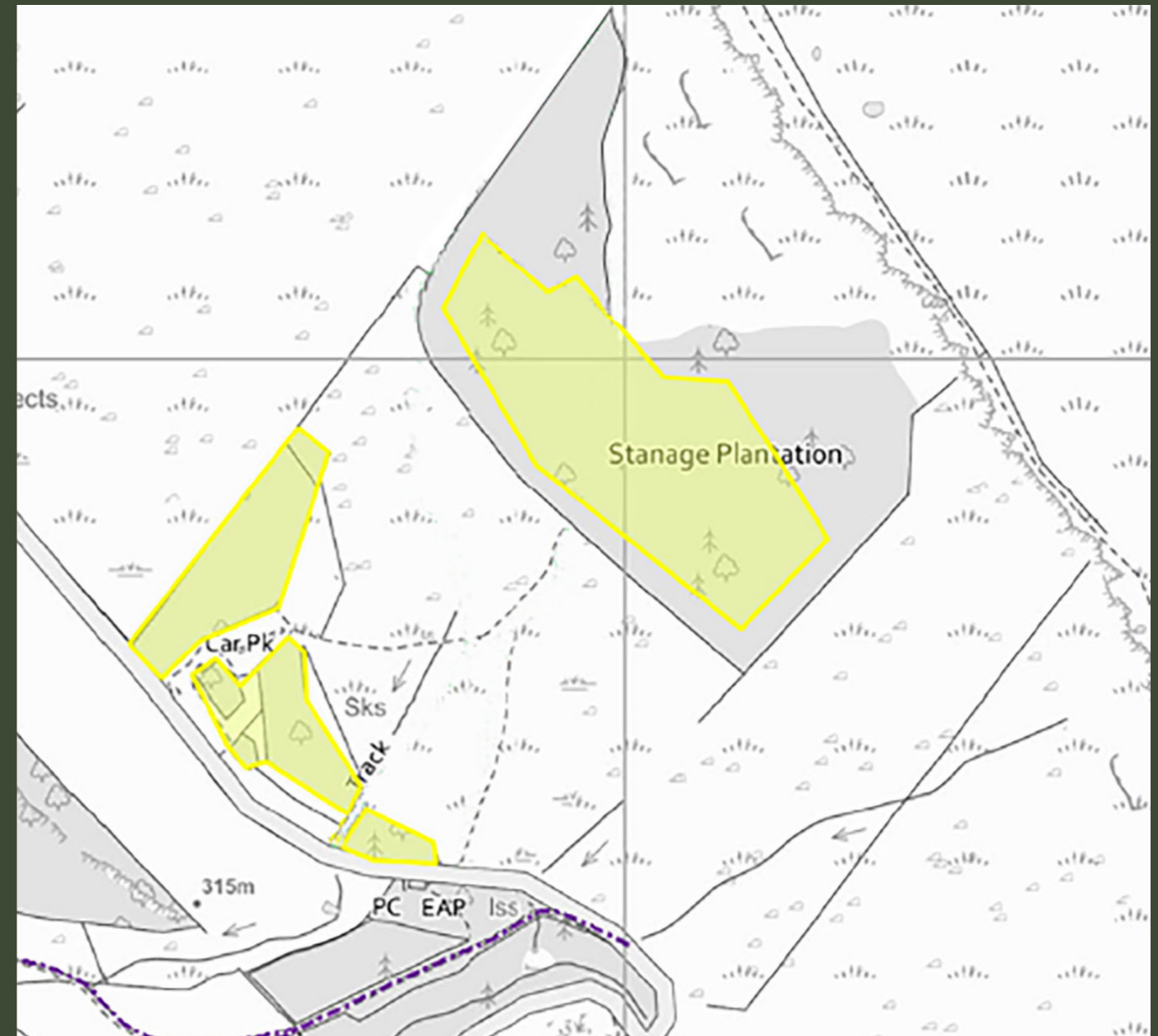
Felling operations

Felling and extraction operations will be undertaken at Stanage Plantation between early January 2022 and the end of March 2022.

Felling will be undertaken by hand and by mechanical harvester where possible, with the use of Safety Officers to ensure that Public Rights of Way and Access Land will remain open to the public.

Parking at Hollin Bank Car Park

Part of Hollin Bank Car Park will need to be used to stack and store timber prior to removal from site. It is anticipated the rest of the car park will remain open to the public during this time. Please continue to use the remaining open areas of the car park and do not park on roadside verges as this can create additional problems for large vehicles removing timber and emergency services. On site signage will direct you to areas available for parking.



How you can help

Phytophthora Ramorum 'Larch disease' is a plant pathogen and is **harmless to people and animals**. You can help reduce its impact in the countryside through the following actions:

- Clean soil and mud from boots, shoes and bike tyres before leaving woodland
- Thoroughly wash boots/shoes/tyres (preferably with disinfectant) before visiting other areas
- Keep to marked paths
- Keep dogs on leads
- Do not remove plant material from woodlands



Further Information

Scan here for further information on Larch disease and how it is affecting the Peak District

