

Appendix 2

Tree Planting Update

Standen Farm: The trees felled in round copse and the surrounding land were ash trees plus any other trees damaged in the recent storm which very sadly included a number of big oaks and a smaller number of beeches and other species. The need to use heavy machinery also increased undesirable collateral damage especially to the understory. The vast majority though were ash which formed a very high percentage of the trees in the woods. That is the reason that it has had such a major effect on the appearance of things at this stage, but it is the only place on the farm where it was needed to take that clear ash fell approach. No-one is more affected by the loss of all the trees than us. We find the losses caused by the dieback very upsetting but, like Dutch elm many years ago, there is nothing anyone can do to prevent it. We have a plan to plant over 11000 trees around the village in the next 12 months - depending on ground conditions, removing ruts and raking and flattening, availability of plants and labour, the planting will take place in those same woods during the course of the year. With all of that and with the greening up in the spring we hope things will start to look better again.

It is the Parish Councils understanding that **Conholt Estate** has already re-planted several thousand young trees.

At the February meeting the members were in agreement that although initially the felling appears to be extreme and understand residents' concerns, it was needed and appreciate that the landowners will/are embarking on replanting, which in time the areas concerned will look vibrant and alive again!