

Figure 2: High Beach Summary Management Proposals

Themes for High Beach (not shown on map):

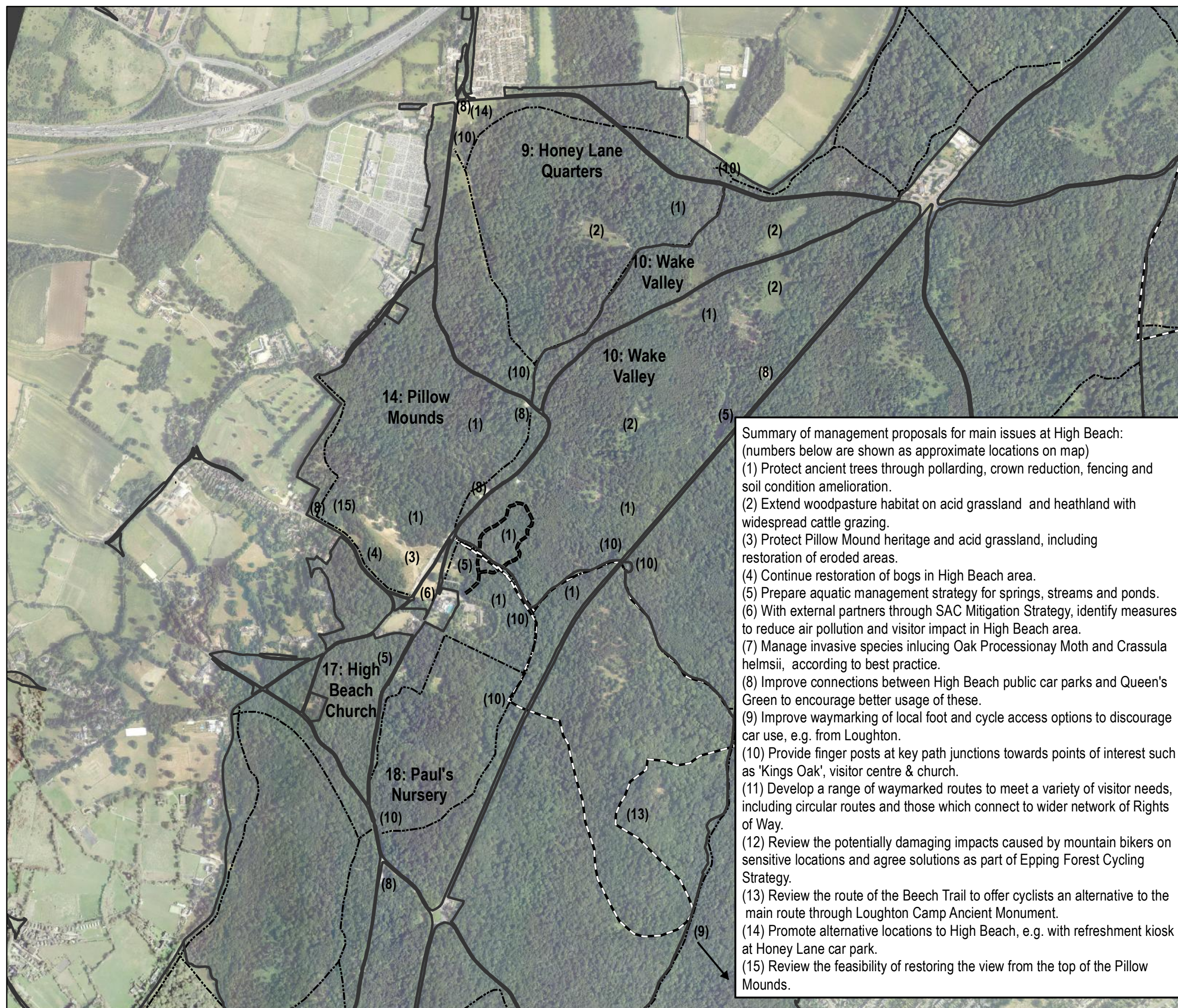
- a) Continue to undertake COL statutory requirements
- b) Implement a programme of conservation measures to improve Epping Forest SAC
- c) Ensure that COL offers a sustainable and welcoming visitor experience
- d) Encourage local community involvement in management and enhancement of High Beach area
- e) Seek mitigation of impacts of additional visits from new housing developments around Epping Forest
- f) Finance an infrastructure Improvement Programme, partly from local income and third parties

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Summary of management proposals for main issues at High Beach: (numbers below are shown as approximate locations on map)

- (1) Protect ancient trees through pollarding, crown reduction, fencing and soil condition amelioration.
- (2) Extend woodpasture habitat on acid grassland and heathland with widespread cattle grazing.
- (3) Protect Pillow Mound heritage and acid grassland, including restoration of eroded areas.
- (4) Continue restoration of bogs in High Beach area.
- (5) Prepare aquatic management strategy for springs, streams and ponds.
- (6) With external partners through SAC Mitigation Strategy, identify measures to reduce air pollution and visitor impact in High Beach area.
- (7) Manage invasive species including Oak Processionary Moth and *Crassula helmsii*, according to best practice.
- (8) Improve connections between High Beach public car parks and Queen's Green to encourage better usage of these.
- (9) Improve waymarking of local foot and cycle access options to discourage car use, e.g. from Loughton.
- (10) Provide finger posts at key path junctions towards points of interest such as 'Kings Oak', visitor centre & church.
- (11) Develop a range of waymarked routes to meet a variety of visitor needs, including circular routes and those which connect to wider network of Rights of Way.
- (12) Review the potentially damaging impacts caused by mountain bikers on sensitive locations and agree solutions as part of Epping Forest Cycling Strategy.
- (13) Review the route of the Beech Trail to offer cyclists an alternative to the main route through Loughton Camp Ancient Monument.
- (14) Promote alternative locations to High Beach, e.g. with refreshment kiosk at Honey Lane car park.
- (15) Review the feasibility of restoring the view from the top of the Pillow Mounds.