

LOWLAND MEADOWS

Desk Study Riverside Farm, Bunny, Nottinghamshire

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This document has been produced in support of the proposals to erect two buildings under permitted development for Forestry operations at Riverside Farm, Bunny, Nottinghamshire.

The Rural Payments Authority map and documents for this land holding highlight two woodland parcels within the land holding. It also states there is 'Permanent Grassland' and 'Rivers and streams type 2'. There is no mention of agricultural land within this document.

The series of Google Earth aerial imagery below, from 2026 to 1999 show that two distinct parcels of woodland have existed within the boundary of Riverside Farm, Bunny since at least 1999. The 1999 image looks to show early establishing woodland; however, by the 2004 image it looks to be much more greatly established. Therefore, this imagery shows these woodlands well established since at least 2004.

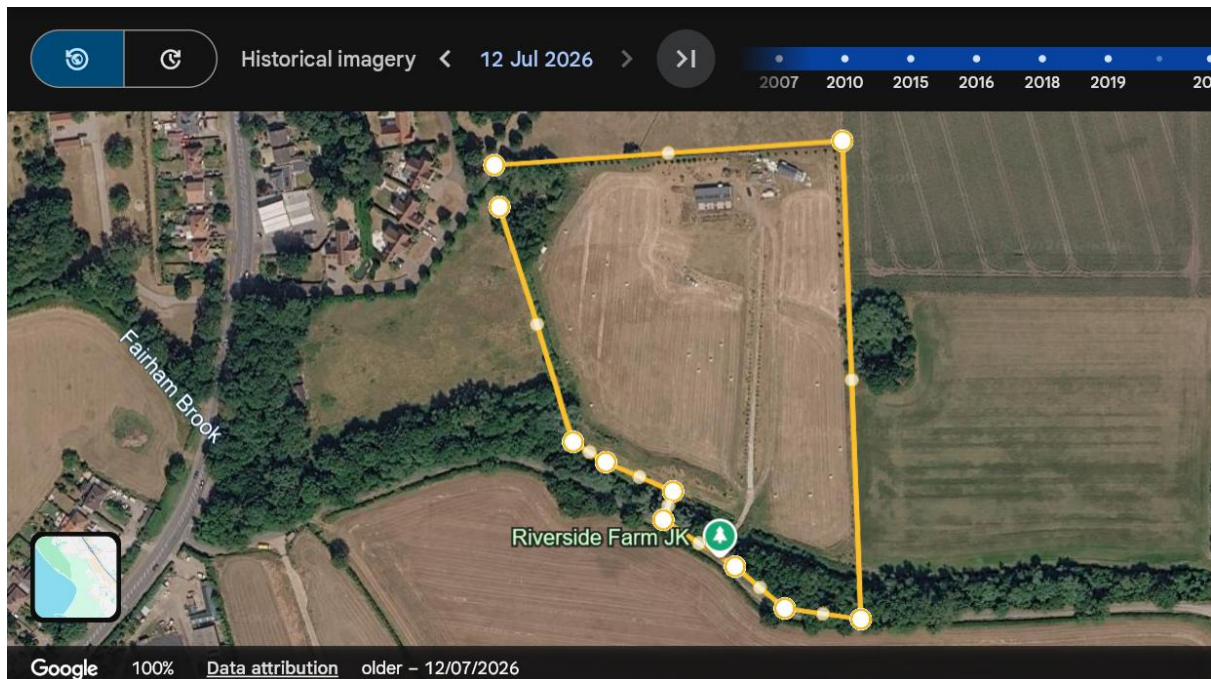
Based on the aerial imagery, the categorisation of these woodlands cannot be confirmed. However, based on the species present¹ and the local habitat, suggestions can be made about the classification of the woodlands.

- The woodland on the southeastern boundary of the site is next to Fairham Brook, and the species present include ash, oak, hawthorn, willow and alder. Due to the presence of the brook and willow and alder, this woodland could fall into the classification of Wet Woodland w1d.
- The woodland in the north western corner of the site has a mix of species including, ash, cherry, an ancient oak plus several small oaks. This woodland could fall into the classification of Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland w1f.

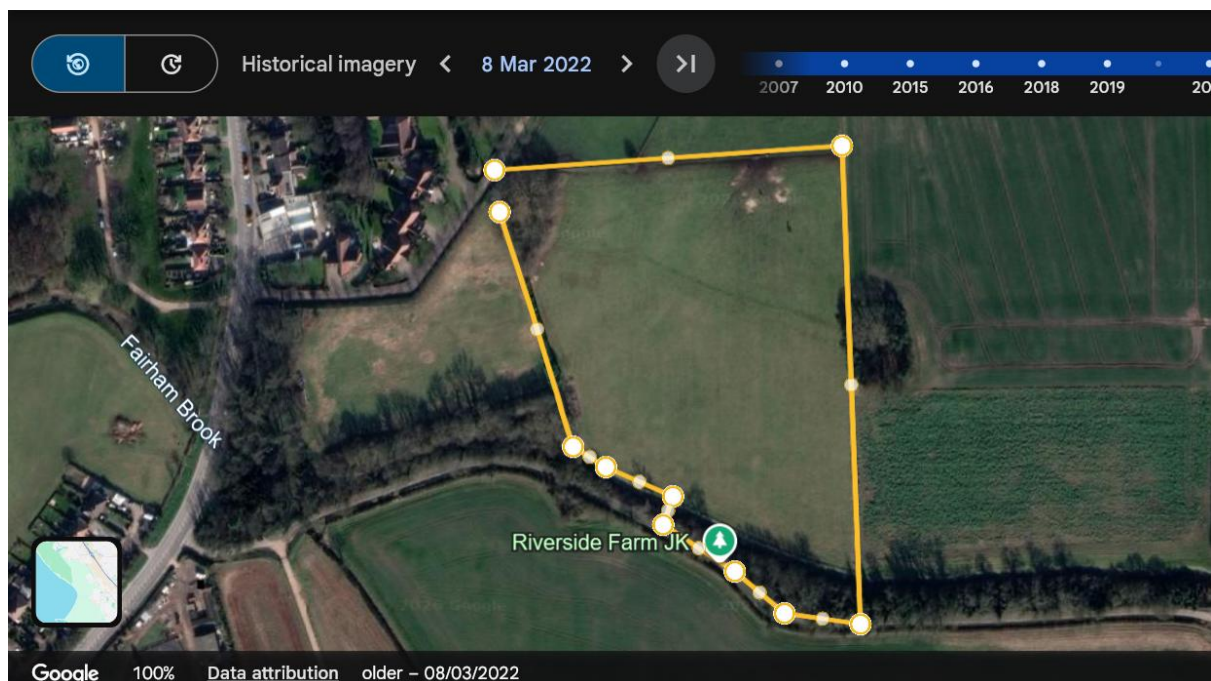
The aerial imagery of the site, in particular to 2022 images, show the woodlands to have greater than 25% canopy cover over the woodland floor, and therefore would meet the canopy coverage condition. Also, based on the size of the canopies in 2022, it can be inferred that the trees were at least of 5 m height at that time.

¹ Provided by the site owner, Keith Geary.

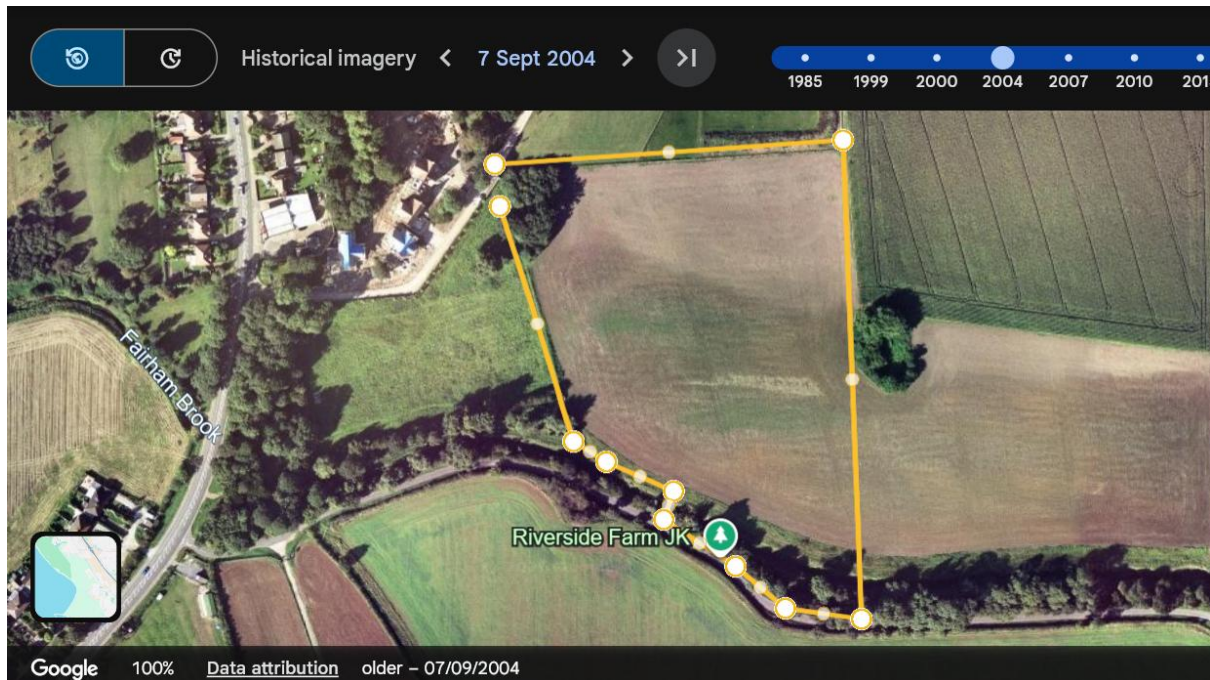
Google Earth aerial image taken on 12/07/2026



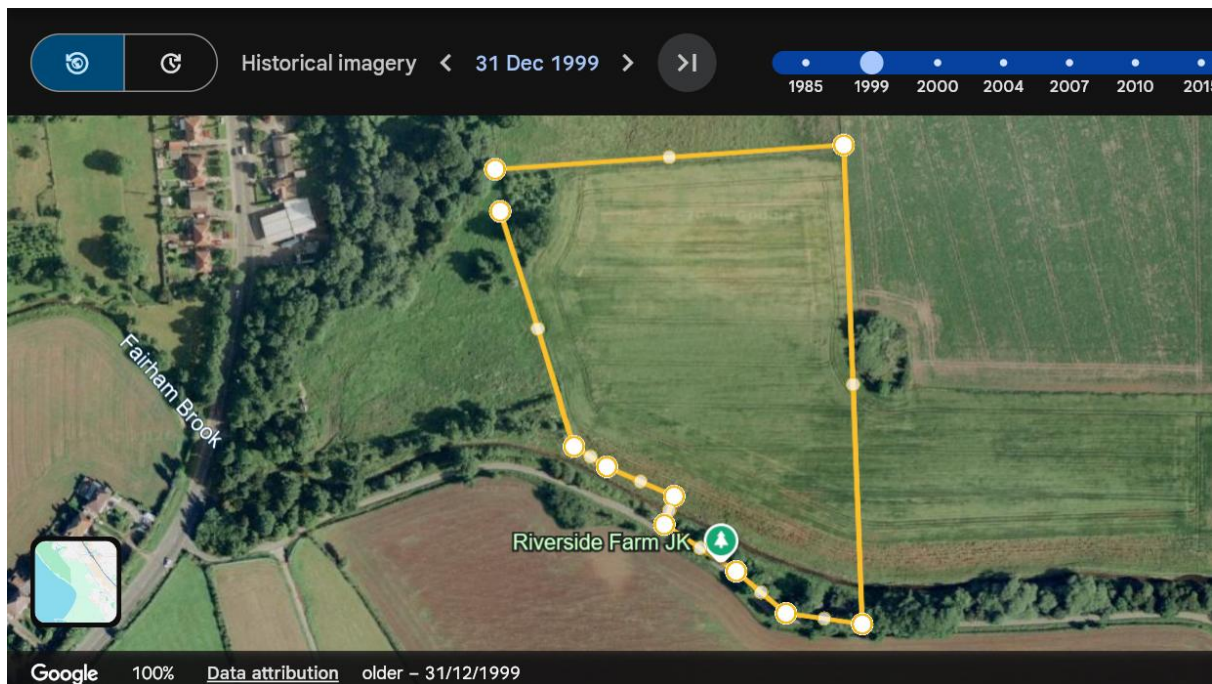
Google Earth aerial image taken 08/03/2022



Google Earth aerial image taken 07/09/2004

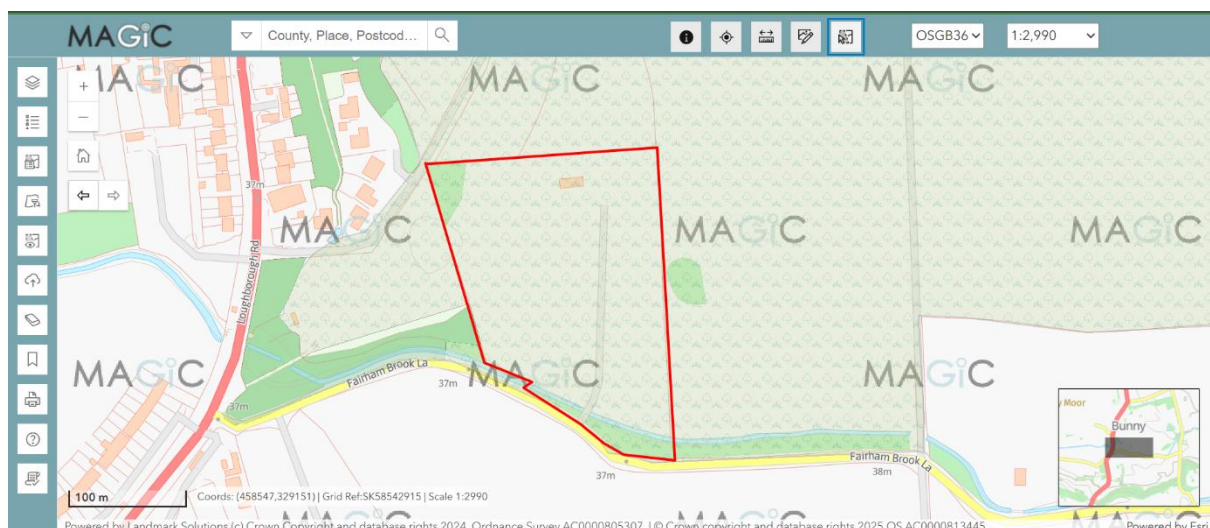


Google Earth aerial image taken in 1999 (says 31/12/1999, although given the greenery, this would not be the case, most likely taken in summer 1999).



MAGiC Map was used to show any habitat designations currently on the site. MAGiC stands for Multi-Agency Geographic Information for the Countryside. This website provides authoritative geographic information about the natural environment from across government. The information covers rural, urban, coastal and marine environments across Great Britain.

The Woodlands Priority Habitats layer shows the land as 'Woodpasture and Parkland BAP Priority Habitat'. The UK BAP Priority Habitat Descriptions state: *Wood-pasture and parkland are mosaic habitats valued for their trees, especially veteran and ancient trees*². The UKHab definition for Wood-pasture and Parkland includes the definition: *Wood-pasture and parkland that has been converted to other land uses, such as arable fields, forestry and amenity land, but where surviving veteran trees are of nature conservation interest.*



² UK Biodiversity Action Plan Priority Habitat Descriptions. Wood-Pasture and Parkland. *UK Biodiversity Action Plan; Priority Habitat Descriptions. BRIG (ed. Ant Maddock) 2008.*