



Managing Cannock Chase Phase 2 Online Survey Outputs Word for Word report

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About the online consultation and this report

Purpose of the online consultation

The purpose of this online consultation was to explore suggestions and guidelines made by the stakeholders in phase 1 as well as the working group and experts. The online consultation started on the 12th June 2017 and in response to requests from the community and stakeholder was extended to run until the 14th August 2017. In total there were 298 responses from the online consultation and 23 responses from hard copies of the consultation given out.

This online survey was part of Phase Two of the consultation process funded by Staffordshire County Council, Natural England and the RSPB.

In Phase One of the consultation process there had been a workshop for the deliberative group, a drop-in event and an online survey.

About this report

The online consultation was held on the website: www.managingcannockchase.co.uk which is run on EngagementHQ's platform.

Once the consultation replies had been downloaded they were sorted and clustered within each section so that similar points sit together. By sorting similar points together, the main topics and themes become clear.

The method we used to sort the outputs is called 'emergent processing'. This means we don't organise the text to pre-set expectations or titles but see what emerges. The ideas could have been grouped differently or different titles chosen, so no weight should be attached to them.

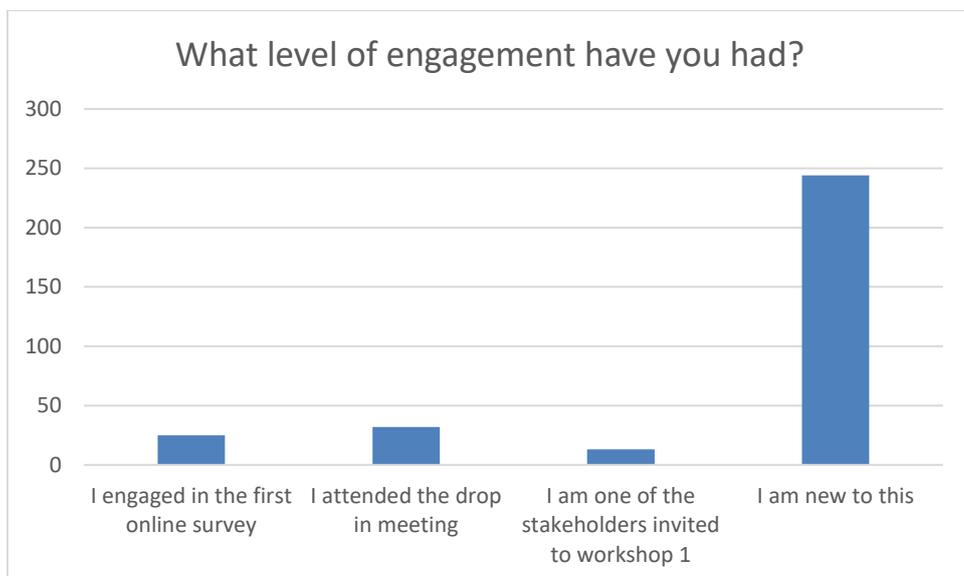
This report serves as a record of how people replied to the online consultation, and an *aide memoir* for those who took part, but the contents are inevitably quite cryptic in places. We recommend it is not used as the main means of communicating with non-participants.

Throughout the report some comments are written in blue. The blue responses represent a hand-written answer to the question. In order to reach as many people as possible paper copies of the online consultation were given out to those unable to use the website.

| Acronyms used in this report | Meaning |
|------------------------------|---|
| AONB | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| BTO | British Trust for Ornithology |
| RSPB | Royal Society for the Protection of Birds |
| SCC | Staffordshire County Council |
| SWT | Staffordshire Wildlife Trust |
| SSSI | Site of Specific Scientific Interest |
| DDA | Disability Discrimination Act |
| SAC | Special Area of Conservation |

1 Demographic info

1.1 What level of engagement have you had up to this point? (Tick relevant)



1.2 What is your main interest in Cannock Chase? (e.g. dog walker, horse rider, regulatory body, conservationist)

Walking

- Walking
- Walking
- Walker and admirer
- Walker
- Walker
- Walker
- Walker
- Walker, and dog walker.
- Walking and cycling
- Walker, Dog Walker, Service user
- Enjoy walking with my family
- A 77 year lady country girl who loves "the great outdoors" and believes our countryside and wildlife must be protected at all costs. I walk on the Chase 2-3 times week, not only for health reasons but to escape the tensions of modern living.
- walker/conservationist
- walking, wildlife
- walking
- I have walked across Cannock Chase for the past 45 years, with and without dogs, on my own and with family and friends.
- access to the chase for walking and family time with grandchildren
- Walker and conservationist
- Walking and appreciation of the natural world

- Walking and picnics
- Walking
- Walker
- Walking
- Walker
- Walking getting fresh air to get some oxygen to my lungs due to all pollution
- walking and visiting with family
- walker
- I regularly use Cannock Chase for walking and am potentially getting a dog soon so will be using it for that as well.
- I walk regularly on Cannock Chase
- Walking
- Leisure walker
- Walking
- Walker, Member of Parliament for part of the Chase
- [an area of beauty to explore and enjoy on foot](#)
- [I am a member of the Mid Staffordshire Ramblers Association and have a keen interest in the Chase](#)
- [walking](#)
- [walking freely in an open environment full of wildlife](#)
- [walker without dogs and nature lover](#)

Wildlife and nature conservation

- Wildlife, walking and horse riding for over 40 years
- The ecological conservation and improvement to the SAC
- Recreation conservation and wildlife as a visitor/walker/local.
- Recreation and wildlife
- My main interest is the nature conservation interest of the site.
- I want to see it unspoilt
- I Project Manage the WMBC 2017 Cannock Chase Survey conducted every 5 years since 1992. Currently 30+ volunteers are surveying 26 sectors. Recommendations on birds and their protection will be made. Preliminary Species Report is due September 2017.
- I live locally and am a volunteer conservationist
- Habitat and species conservation
- Enjoy + Protect
- Ecological advisor
- Conservationist, Family visitor, local resident
- Conservation, biking, running, dog walking, social walks
- Landscape conservationist
- Conservation, good access for all, education, wildlife,
- Conservationist and interest in livestock.
- Ecologist
- Walking on Cannock Chase and the AONB in general. Maintenance of the local network of Public Rights of Way. Protection and enhancement of the countryside.
- Biologist (school teacher, retired), family links and avid walker on the Chase.
- Conservation, specifically conservation grazing.

- conservation
- enjoying the beauty and recreational benefits of the chase
- I have been involved in the 2017 West Midland Bird Club bird survey and my area has been from the Glacial Boulder to the German Cemetery and down along Sherbrooke Valley. I also walk the area regularly as well as Old Acre Valley area.
- walker, AONB volunteer
- Conservation as a local resident and a former countryside resident.
- Conservation, cycling
- I represent the National Trust who manage part of Cannock Chase SAC (Satnal Hills) as well as Shugborough Estate in the AONB, and have a general interest in preserving the ecological, landscape, historic and recreation value of the Chase.
- [Voluntary member of AONB and Wildlife Trust](#)
- [Long standing interest in the correct management of Cannock Chase heathland complex to improve its condition. As former County Ecologist I was responsible for introducing a programme of vegetation management some 35 years ago. This includes the operations mentioned later in this consultation document, incl. heather burning and cutting, bracken spraying and rolling and selective scrub removal.](#)
- [member of AONB biodiversity task and finish group](#)
- [nature conservation](#)
- [wildlife](#)
- [conservation](#)
- [interested in conservation and historical remains](#)
- [interested in conservation and enhancement of the AONB](#)
- [we need the AONB](#)

Horse riding

- Horse rider
- Horse riding
- Horse rider
- Horse riding
- Horse rider
- [horse rider](#)

Horse riding and dog walking

- Horse riders, dog walker
- Horse rider, dog walker, Cannock Chase enthusiast
- Horse rider, dog walker
- Horse rider, dog walker
- Horse rider and walker
- Horse rider and dog walker.
- Dog walker and horse rider

- horse riding and walking
- Horse rider dog walker
- Horse rider and dog walker
- Dog walker, Horse rider
- Horse rider, dog walker
- Dog walker, horse rider
- Dog walker
- Dog walking and riding horse.
- dog walker and horse rider
- I have been riding my horses on Cannock Chase for 26 years, and also walking my dogs. I wish to continue this fantastic pastime as it is the reason I moved to the area.

Dog walking

- Walking the dog and enjoying the wonderful and varied countryside
- Dog walker.
- Dog walker, visit with my daughter
- Dog walker and entertaining grandchildren to the great outdoors
- Dog walker
- Dog walker
- dog walker
- Dog walker
- Dog walking
- dog walker
- Dog walker and someone who appreciates how wonderful and lucky we are to have the chase
- Walking with dogs (dog training instructor), enjoying nature
- Dog Walker
- dog walker
- Dog walker
- Dog walker with an interest in conservation and the protection of the local landscape
- Dog walker and conservationist
- Dog walker
- I have walked on the chase for about 55 yrs since I was a child. I regularly walk my dog. I am interested in wildlife and conservation.
- dog walker
- Dog walking, children playing
- Dog walker
- Dog walker, explore with friends, visit and explore due to being in nature helping anxiety.
- Dog walker
- Dog walker
- Dog walking
- Dog walker
- Dog walker but nephew of previous member of Friends of Cannock Chase and CPRE
- Dog walker
- Dog walker and member of The Friends of Etchinghill
- Dog walker

- Dog Walker
- I am a daily dog walker who walks for three miles every day
- Dog walking
- dog walker
- Dog walker
- dog walker, regular visitor
- Dog walker, conservationist
- Dog walker - alternating between Chase Corner and Coppice Hill woodland
- Dog walker
- dog walker
- Dog walker
- dog walker local resident
- dog walking
- dog walker
- dog walker
- dog walker

Cycling/mountain biking

- Mountain biking
- Cyclist
- I am a local MTB Rider. I use the Chase Trails routes but I also ride the plethora of natural trails that cross the Chase. I have ridden on the Chase for the past 30 years. MTBing is my livelihood and my way of life.
- Bike rider
- AONB member and volunteer. Cyclist
- Cyclist
- I'm a mountain biker.
- I ride mountain bikes over Cannock chase 2/3 times a week
- Mountain bike
- mountain biking
- Cyclist, family visits
- Cyclist
- mountain biker

Resident

- Local resident for 68 years
- I am a resident of Brook Lane Brocton and my property fronts Cannock Chase
- Resident
- Live next to the chase
- Living in the area
- I live facing The Chase
- Resident fronting The Chase
- Horse rider, dog walker and local resident.
- Live on the edge of the Chase. Regularly take recreational activities on the Chase.
- Local resident, walker on Chase for over 30 years, and retired environmental historian (Keele University.)
- Resident and user

- I live directly on Cannock Chase and use it regularly for walking
- Lived and worked in the area for the last 50 years
- I lived on Cannock Chase from 1967 to 1987. My husband was Deputy Head Ranger (Warden) for Owen Williams; Mr Edwards was Head Warden; Mr John Barratt was in charge; Dr J Bostock carried out some experimental fenced off grazing on Brindley Heath in 70s. What was the outcome? SCC cannot afford the fencing which is being proposed.
- resident of Brocton – Brook Lane
- As a former local, my wife and I are, owing to disability regular interestees. The 'Chase' is the Chase and I have no objection to any commercial interest that is sensible and conserving too.
- resident in Brocton
- living in the area
- living in area
- resident in Brocton
- walker and local resident
- I walk on Cannock Chase and live within Brocton village

Resident and multi recreation

- Walker, parents live on land adjacent to the chase, orienteer, walking and playing in streams with young children
- Walker and resident
- Work in the conservation sector, but also live locally and have been visiting the chase since my early years when my parents would take me there as a child.
- we live on the chase and use it for regular walks
- I am a local resident interested in dog walking and bird watching and would like to see limitations of access available to bikes to recognised bike tracks
- Dog walker and resident
- I regularly walk in different areas across Cannock Chase at least 3 time per week. I have lived locally to Cannock Chase for over 30 years.
- Resident, Dog Walker, Walker, Cyclist, Wildlife Enthusiast
- Brocton resident & Parish Councillor. Dog walker and runner on the Chase
- Resident, walks
- I live in Brook Lane, Brocton which is immediately adjacent to Cannock Chase. My children are free to run and play on the Chase and myself and my partner run, walk and cycle on the Chase regularly. We directly overlook the Chase.
- Long term residents in the area. Dog walkers
- dog walker and resident in Brocton
- Close resident, walker
- Brocton resident, dog walker, walker, cyclist
- Local resident and regular walker
- I live on the Case, walk regularly in all areas with my dog and visiting family
- Resident and walker
- Walker and live on Cannock Chase
- Walker and resident
- Local resident, dog walker, interest in wildlife, esp. deer
- Dog walker, resident on edge of chase, conservationist
- Brocton resident 25 years. Frequent walker on the chase.
- I live on Pye Green Road and use the Cannock Chase every day for dog walks - photography -
- Dog Walker and House Owner nearby

- Local resident and walker
- Living just next to it, walk and cycle daily, dog and whole family enjoy Cannock chase
- We moved to Brocton Road as we love the open space- free from livestock- as I run freely with our dog most days.
- We live on the edge of the Chase and walk our dogs there every day.
- Nearby resident and user
- Live in Brocton with direct access onto the Chase. Use the Chase daily for walking, birding and observing other wildlife. Carried out sector 4 (Oldacre and Milford) breeding bird survey for West Midland Bird Club
- walker local resident
- Resident and leisure e.g. walking and biking
- Walker, dog walker, cyclist, local resident
- We live on Cannock Chase and walk our dog daily on and around the local area of Brocton.
- Horse riding, dog walking, running.
- Dog walker, horse rider, walks with my children
- Horse rider, walker
- horse rider and walker
- Horse rider and walker
- walking horse riding
- Horse rider and walker
- Dog walking, horse riding, leisure user
- Horse riding, dog walking, running.
- Dog walker, horse rider, walks with my children
- Dog Walker and nature walks
- Dog walker, walker, family outings, concerts
- Dog walkers and historian
- dog & child walker
- I use Cannock Chase a lot for walking, mountain biking and running. I have grown up living on the edge of the Chase and have used it all my life!
- Resident in local community for over 30 years. A special place for enjoyment of unenclosed landscape. A place for recreation - walking, family outings and picnics with children and grandchildren in a safe place of natural beauty. A place of freedom
- As a Brocton resident for the last 28 years, I use the Chase every day for recreational walking, dog walking and cycling. The unfettered access and freedom is hugely important interference with that leisure any restriction would be most unwelcome.
- I have lived in a village which directly abuts Cannock Chase for 20 years and have visited Cannock Chase for over 50 years, walking, dog walking, photography, recreation, deer watching and berry collecting. I love to introduce friends to the area
- Resident, recreational user and dog walker
- local resident, walker and cyclist
- I am a resident in Brocton and a dog walker, walker, hiker and artist who frequently photographs the Chase
- Walker, nature lover and resident in the local community.

Multi recreation

- Mountain biking, orienteering, walking
- Bike rider, walker and mother of an exploring toddler
- Dog walkers, cyclist
- dog walker, family walks, conservationist

- Running, walking, wildlife and a resident
- Mainly recreational, I spend a lot of time walking and bird-watching on various parts of the chase
- JLAF, horse rider, walker, cyclist, conservationist
- walker, mountain cycle, dog walk
- Walker, cyclist and conservationist
- I regularly run on Cannock Chase and ride my bike every weekend with my friends. I also walk my dog every day and love the free accessibility I currently have on the chase.
- I walk and ride my bike on Cannock Chase every day.
- dog walker, cyclist and conservationist
- regular walker and runner
- Walker, runner, mountain biker
- Dog walker, walker, scout leader, regular user
- Recreation
- Leisure - walking cycling and photography
- Walking. Mountain biking
- Horse Rider, Mountain Biker, Walker, Watercolour Artist, Photography
- Walking & Bike riding
- Cyclist, walking
- Scout Leader, walker, mountain biking
- bike riding, dog walking, walks
- Walker cyclist
- Recreation
- Cycling and walking
- I run, walk and cycle on Cannock Chase
- Dog walker, picnic, cycling
- Multiple user for many years
- It looks like the fence is going right next to my family's home. I also walk, run & cycle.
- Dog walker and bike rider
- Daily user of the chase for cycling walking picnics games birdwatching...the list is endless
- Walking and cycling
- Multiple interests and uses on the Chase, walking, running, dog walking, cycling and horse riding. Very keen on the health benefits of green, open spaces.
- Dog walker runner mountain biker
- Dog walker and mountain biker
- Runner with my dog, walking with my children
- I enjoy Cannock Chase as a walker, dog walker and cyclist.
- running, cycling and walking with my young grandsons
- As a young boy I would walk with my mum later I would run with my dogs. As I grew older I now cycle and walk. I walk with my dogs.
- Dog walker and mountain biker
- Dog walker and bird watcher.
- Walker, cyclist and regular user of the chase.
- Walking, occasional cycling Bird watching and conservation

- Recreation purposes practically every day. This includes walking with the family, dog walking, encouraging our grandchildren to explore and experience this unique and freely accessible safe environment and amenity -safe car parking is essential for this.
- Walker runner biker horse rider
- Dog walker and walker
- Horse rider and walker
- Cycling and orienteering
- Runner, walking enjoying open land
- Dog walkers cyclist
- dog walker, walker, biker
- I cycle and walk on the chase.
- walking (without dog), cycling, orienteering
- Walking, wildlife, conservation, keeping part of England as a proper wildlife area, not enclosed, for future generations to access.
- Walking, cycling
- Walker, Dog Walker, Mountain Biker, Photographer
- Enjoying the environment - walking, cycling, World War 1 interest, actively supporting visitor centres, good for body and soul and keeping fit in a free and uncumbered environment without restriction.
- Runner and photographer
- Dog walker, conservation, love the outdoor space
- walker/runner
- Walker, Member of AONB, Resident
- I walk, walk with dogs and cycle
- recreation and enjoyment of the unenclosed open space of Cannock Chase Country Park & the whole AONB for walking, thinking, being outside in the fresh air and open space with children and grandchildren for picnics and exercise.

Orienteering

- Spending time with family, orienteering
- I am a member of Walton Chasers Orienteering Club. I run on the Chase on average 5 times a week. I take part in orienteering events on the Chase about 6 times a year & take part in weekly v small training events about 20 people max each week.
- I trail run on the chase during the day and night
- orienteer
- Retired teacher and orienteer
- orienteering

Visitor

- visitor
- specialist advisor, visitor

Friend of Cannock Chase

- Friends of Cannock Chase
- member of Friends of Cannock Chase

Business

- local B&B destination Staffordshire board member

Runner

- Running
- I run on Cannock Chase regularly and I'm a local resident.

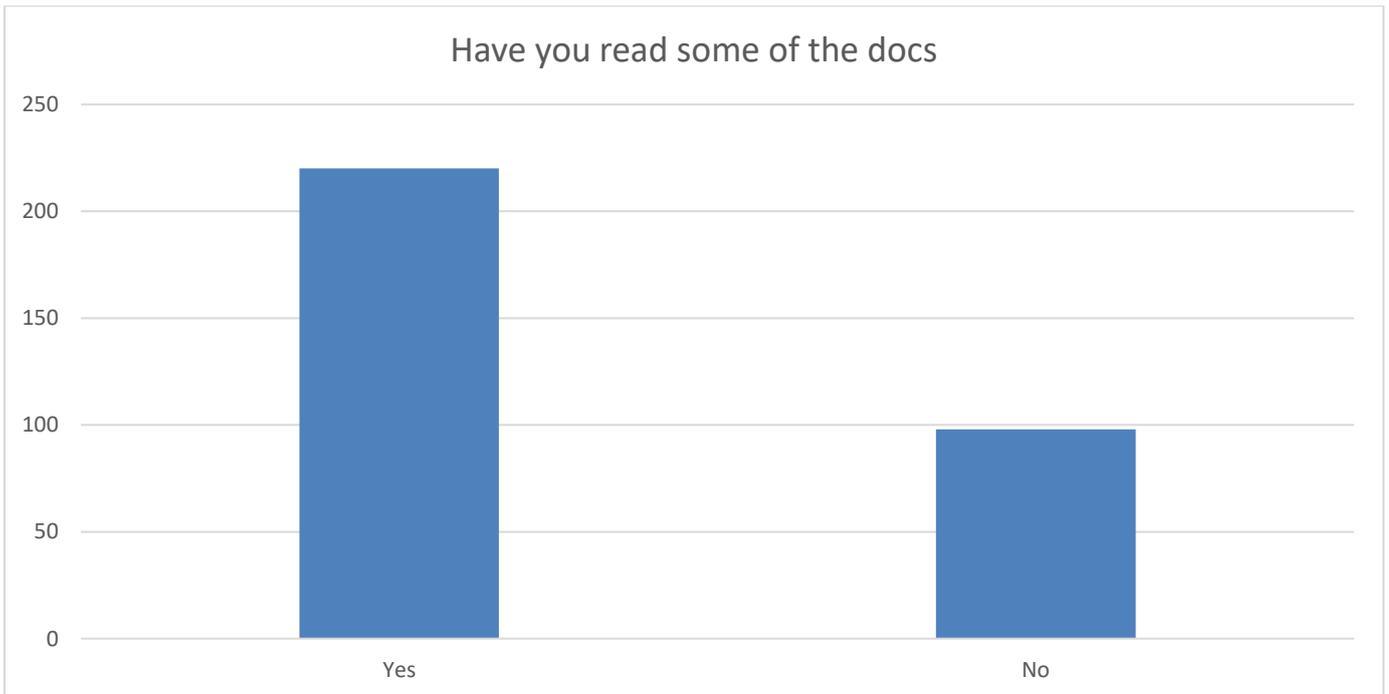
User

- user
- social and keep fit outings
- USER
- someone who for over 30 years has enjoyed the peace and freedom of a beautiful area which is too valuable for the local community and the whole west midlands to be threatened by ill-considered management strategies

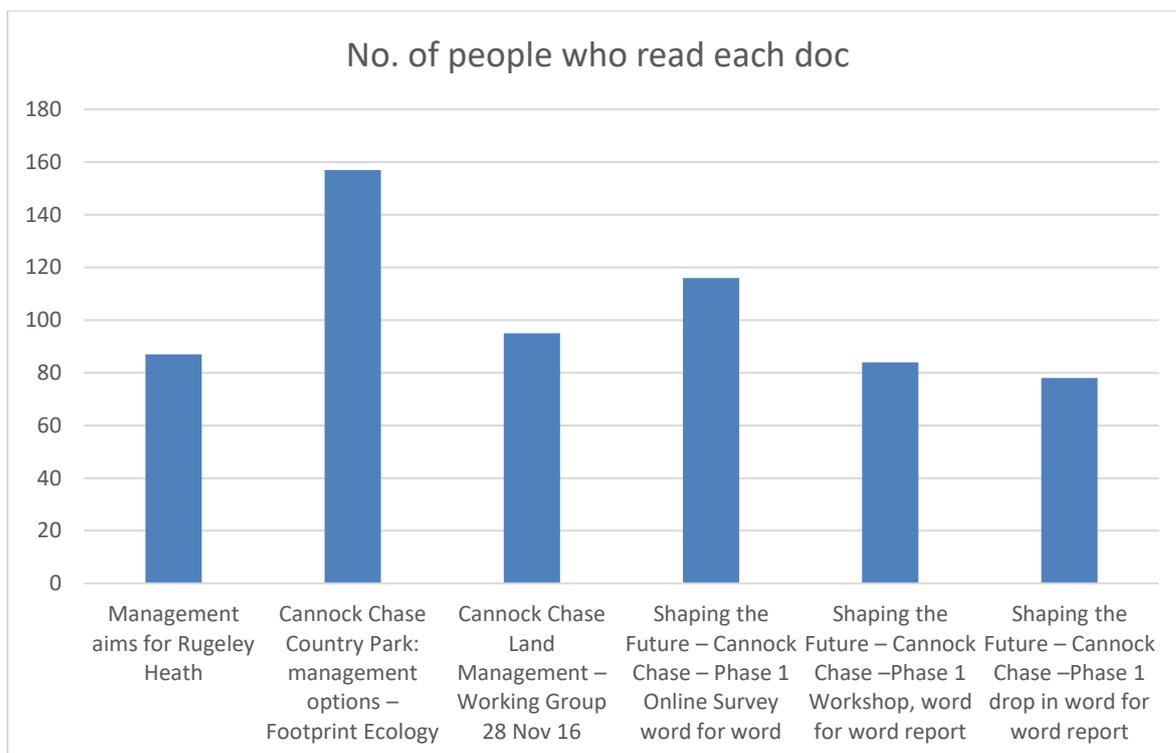
Other comments

- Part of Cannock Chase AONB is within the boundary of Colwich Parish Council

1.3 Have you read some of the documents found on the website in the document library?

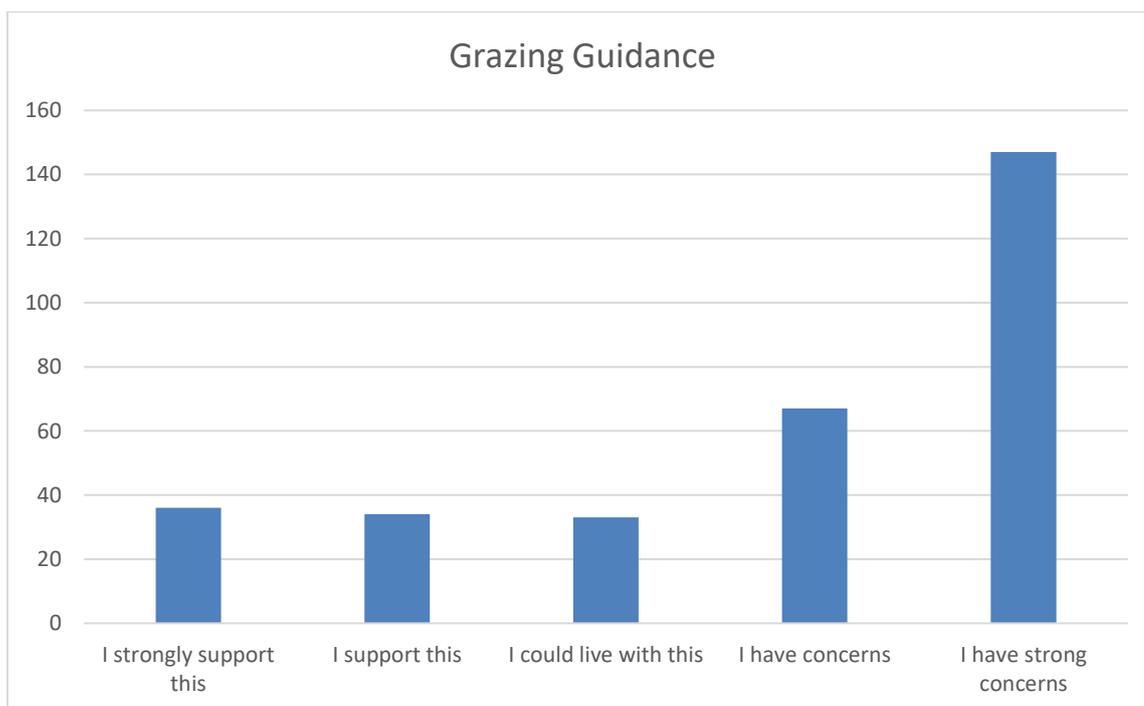


1.4 Number of people who read each of the relevant docs



2 Grazing guidance suggested by stakeholders

2.1 To what extent do you support this guidance on grazing?



2.2 What would need to happen to increase your support?

For and against

Implement the guidance

- That the suggested mitigating interventions are put into place.
- Keep to guidance

Nothing, I support the guidance and grazing

- Nothing; I understand the importance of grazing for conservation on Cannock Chase. I don't mind keeping my dog on a lead/under control, nor does fencing put me off.
- Nothing, I think it's a good idea for the chase. We can still ride there so there is no issue.
- nothing more
- nothing
- N/A
- N/A
- N/A
- I already support grazing
- Grazing may only work in large areas if it is to reduce the risk of trampling on ground nesting birds' nests. Use as few cattle as possible in large areas please. Grazing works
- I strongly support the re-establishment of grazing within the AONB
- I have seen the benefits of this on Dartmoor over 60 yrs and read about it in other locations further afield. If done properly can be of great benefit to the future of the Chase.
- I fully support this initiative

Nothing, I cannot support the guidance or grazing

- I cannot support this suggestion as in my opinion it is not a suitable management option.
- Nothing - the uniqueness of the Chase in the midlands is, 25Sq Miles of free, largely unfenced access
- Nothing, this must not happen
- Restrictive
- I object to this proposal which would limit access by fencing per se
- Nothing
- I don't like this idea so can't see how anything could increase my support
- Discontinue this idea at these locations
- Nothing, I was a resident in Sutton Coldfield when this was done on Sutton park , it made a mess of a beautiful place
- Nothing would support this guidance; the present trial was not mentioned in the report. It did not work.
- Cancel the whole thing.....it's disgusting
- Cannot see anyway I would support this - I assume there must be a vested interest to suggest such a proposal
- You won't increase my support
- It to not go ahead!
- Nothing just stop this and leave Cannock chase natural!!!
- Nothing
- Scrap the idea
- It not to happen.
- Nothing
- Nothing, I do not think this is a good idea. You are planning to take up far too much land and the costs will be prohibitive and could be much better utilised elsewhere.
- Stop messing with the chase and keep it the same as when I was a child 40 years ago
- Na
- Abandon it.
- No animals, bracken spores cause cancer, ticks cause Lyme disease, burning pollution, we go walking to ease stress
- I cannot reconcile this approach with the restrictions imposed on others to encourage wildlife, particularly organised activities

- Nothing - I disagree with it completely. Don't like the idea of cattle roaming - will they get on with the deer? Will it be safe for dog walkers? Will the fences restrict the cyclists? My uncle successfully got the motorless zones introduced and that's ok

Don't want cows grazing

- Do not allow grazing
- No fencing no grazing
- Don't allow grazing on the chase
- No grazing
- I don't support grazing over Cannock chase at all!
- No cows
- I do not wish to see cattle on Cannock Chase. I have been deterred from cycling where cattle were introduced several years ago by the irritating gates. I do not feel safe running amongst cattle.
- Don't put cows on the chase.
- No cows

No need for change

- I think things are ok as they are
- I do not believe that the current methods of habitat management need to be changed. The Chase remains useable and beautiful for all to enjoy open uninterrupted landscape. No need to change anything
- No need
- Leave chase as is. careful management can achieve this without fencing and cows
- The chase has been used by thousands of people for its freedom of movement and little to worry about other than cyclists and Adders. I can't see how the proposed addition of cattle will help.
- Leave the area as it is. There need to be no changes in this 'area of outstanding beauty' cows kill people every year and to introduce them to this area would be catastrophic. What about the grazing of the deer? Surely they can be used to good effect.
- We would prefer to keep the whole area open and available for all. We have concerns about the deer & other wildlife and feel that the area could be managed equally as well without introducing cattle & the restrictions they will bring.

Safety re cows, people, dogs and horses

Concerns

Concerns about human safety

- It not happening at all. I believe cattle will be unhelpful long term managing the bracken and they will be a danger to children and animals, no matter how "docile" they claim to be. You can NEVER 100% trust a cow.
- Nothing. I do not wish to see cattle and gates all over the Chase, as it stops people freely running / biking in these areas. I have now stopped using the sections that have cattle in as they are often in the way and gates mean you have to stop.
- Totally against cows and walkers mixing. Cows are dangerous.
- There have been quite a few deaths attributed to cattle. I have been scared by a group once, on an official footpath, I use the Chase to relax and I would be scared I disapprove strongly.
- I feel strongly that many regular users of Cannock Chase will be dissuaded from using what is a fabulous facility if herds of cattle are introduced onto the main areas of the chase (in particular dog walkers and those with small children)
- Firstly I am afraid of cows and have concerns with small children near them. Also concerns over access for orienteering and I'm unconvinced why we need to spend a fortune maintaining an artificial state of the land.
- So one will be killed, cows kill farmers and public every year they cannot be on the chase
- Cattle are unpredictable and present a danger to adults and children walking with their dogs
- Some breeds of cattle can be very intimidating, e.g. big, shaggy, vast horns. I have abandoned walks because. They have made a path threatening.

- Grazing cattle will lead to animals getting loose and causing accidents. In addition dogs will need to be on a lead at all times. Cyclists will no longer have uninterrupted use.

Concerns about cows and dogs

- As a dog walker & horse rider I fear this option would greatly impact on my use of the chase. In my experience cows are known to chase dogs and are therefore a danger to those walking them. I have also experienced problems riding through fields of cows [Note: Comment also under cows and horses]
- I think cows will mean we won't want to go in those areas. Cows can be aggressive especially to dogs - we want our dogs to roam on the chase.
- I am concerned about the extent of grazing in that I would never take my dogs or horses near cows restricting where I can go.
- To be reassured that areas designated for dogs to run off lead (as they can at the moment) were clearly outlined to avoid confusion

Safety for horse riders, horses and cows

- As a dog walker & horse rider I fear this option would greatly impact on my use of the chase. In my experience cows are known to chase dogs and are therefore a danger to those walking them. I have also experienced problems riding through fields of cows
- I'm concerned how this will affect horse riders. I am concerned how safe we will be riding through cattle. I am concerned how we will gain access to the chase. I am concerned how invisible fencing may affect horses.
- No grazing around the farm where I keep my horses as it would totally stop all access for horses onto the chase
- Bridle ways through the areas where there are cattle. I'm not sure how horses would react to cows some may bolt. I wouldn't ride my horse through areas where there are cattle as I do not consider it a safe thing to do.
- safety is my main concern - horses and roaming cows won't work - cows and horses can be unpredictable creatures especially when there are calves about and I am concerned about accidents where both animals meet or have to walk close by each other

Suggestions

Breeds used

- Breed of cows would need to be chosen carefully and any cows with calves at foot would need to be kept away from main human contact areas, as they can pose a threat to walkers dogs. Fencing needs approval.

Ensure cattle are used to dogs, humans and horses

- Cattle must at least be used to seeing dogs/humans/horses are sometimes they run after dogs rather than the other way round.

Assurance and information

- Assurance that the cattle would not be a danger to me and fellow orienteers who can be v young(4 years old or v old up to 90)
- Reassurance about safety of cattle for dog walkers and cyclists

Keep livestock separate from public and dogs

- Fenced in animals no contact with public
- Fencing off cows so that dogs cannot enter their pasture
- Areas for dog walking need to be separate from animal grazing either by fencing along pathways or notices to the public on where cattle are grazing
- Cows would need to be kept on areas that aren't suitable for horse riding
- herds on designated areas, not where humans use
- I think there has to be good separation of dogs and livestock. Only yesterday in Sussex an 80 year old gentleman was trampled to death. Having kept sheep ourselves with fully understand both points of view.
- Assurances for dog owners that areas will be kept clear that are easy to access. I use Cannock chase for off lead time as I live in town, adding miles to my walks to find an area where I can let the dog off will drive me elsewhere
- Having restricted areas without cattle for loose dog walking.

Limit area of grazing

- Very limited areas away from public footpaths and popular access areas

- Cattle fenced in a smaller area not all over chase
- Limit space for grazing so true access is not lost.
- Limited space for the cows so you can avoid them altogether when walking with a dog.
- Cattle contained to smaller areas and rotated. The number of cattle required to graze proposed area would be large.
- the area being considered is too big
- Only to be introduced on a very small scale
- The area being fenced seems to be excessive and so could impact on a number of users of the Chase besides walkers. Previous grazing schemes have allocated relatively small packages of land to be fenced off could this not be developed further?

Information on cattle locations

- Notices of when animals are in particular area
- I need to know exactly where the cows are as I want my dog to enjoy freedom of not being on a lead and I also want my daughter to be able to ride her horse without getting caught up in a fence or the horse being spooked by the cows

Guidance on how to behave around cows

- Information + advice signs on behaviour to take around cows

Assurance of future plans

- That any fenced off areas for grazing be limited and there be a caveat that there would be no increase in the future of the area involved. There is a danger that this would be the thin end of the wedge

Recreation and accessing the Chase

Concerns

Access for horse riders

- There is no equestrian gate from Haywood Park Farm therefore I would not be able to get out onto the Chase to ride also horses don't like cows they can be frightened by them and this could result in there being a serious accident
- Along with many other horse riders I would need access to Cannock Chase from Hayward Park Farm, there appears to be no access planned?
- The main issue I have is that I would no longer be able to ride on the chase, the proposed grazing area backs up onto the livery yard where I keep the horses, and would stop our access onto the chase. If there is still access I wouldn't have an issue.
- I would not want access restricted for horse riders to the smaller tracks that are around the area as we have some nice routes that we use regularly.
- Your proposal will limit access to large areas of the Chase by hard fencing and an inadequate number of equestrian gates
- To ensure easy access to horse riders to still enjoy the chase as we do now. Physical fencing and messing around with gates is not only a hassle but also ruins the landscape. my horse is scared of current cattle

Access for cyclists

- Ensure does not block free flowing cycling routes

Access

- That my access is not at risk
- I just worry that it is not transparent enough and that the beautiful Cannock Chase will not be as accessible to all
- I see how fencing in areas on the chase has restricted access, changed the make up the vegetation, I would need a lot of convincing
- I feel quite strongly that the open access is part of the privilege that the Chase affords the user

Concern about causing concentration of recreation activities

- Areas may be closed to public and fenced (any restriction to this small amenity will cause more overcrowding of the remainder). We have plenty of farms in the area - green factories

Suggestions

Access for recreation

- Guarantee access for recreation, ensure people are not forgotten
- Increase access
- Sufficient access points
- Better animal control and access for all users of the chase to include horse riders

Design of access points

- The fencing needs to contain simple access points (not kissing gates) at all points of entry. Kissing gates will be required at the main locations but at the site is currently up fenced with open access it can be entered at all points. So as close to this.

Many access points suitable for horses

- Gates installed that allow movement of horse riders into grazed areas, without having to dismount for safety reasons. I speak for not only myself but hundreds of other horse riders. Your fence and gate proposals will block my access onto the chase.
- Make all gates suitable for horse riders to pass through.
- Maintain existing access for horse riding that is currently enjoyed. There are insufficient gates in the plan to achieve this.
- Many access points for horses.
- Easy access for horse riders, cattle scare a lot of horse
- All bridleways remain open with no gates
- easy access for my horse and dogs

Suitable access points for cyclists

- A very great many cycle friendly access points. The current ones installed are not easy to use with a bicycle. I have effectively been kept out of the current grazed area. The MTB community is huge and these concerns need to be dealt with properly.

Assurance that no negative effect on bike trail system

- Some reassurance that future plans would not impact the established bike trail system negatively.

Fencing - location and impact

Concerns

Don't want fencing/enclosure

- No enclosure of the Chase.
- I could never support a policy that resulted in the fencing/enclosure of the Chase
- An alternative solution requiring no fencing nor any restrictive implementation. Cattle is by no means a viable option.
- No fences, or restricted access, I value the freedom of wide open spaces
- No fences
- No fencing
- No fencing, no contamination of water courses
- I don't agree with fencing off the Chase
- Keep areas open to the public and not fence off large areas of the chase
- No fencing no grazing
- No fencing or gates
- No fencing
- No fencing

Conditional support depending on type and location of fencing

- I would support this wholeheartedly but am strongly against hard fencing
- Contain the grazing to unused areas and fence this area only, its perimeter fencing I object to.

Fencing and safety

- Fencing could cause issues when out riding with the hard fencing

Concerns about the effect of fencing on deer

- Some indication that consideration has been given to the impact of the additional fencing will have on existing wildlife - e.g. deer that will inevitably be on the "wrong" side of the fence and become "trapped" in residential areas or along roads.
- We are concerned by the use of hard fencing, as we allow deer to roam on our property on Kingsley Wood Road, and the use of hard fencing would prevent this and spoil our enjoyment of watching the deer. We would prefer invisible fencing in this area.

- I don't think you can. This area is home to a wild and thriving deer population. They are sufficient. Fences will damage their habitat and moving patterns and drive them in to towns locally. There they will do damage.
- Any fence or barrier to free movement on the chase is a bad thing. Introduce animals that require little or no fencing such as deer which pose little risk to the health of human visitors Cows are a bad idea as they are responsible for many human deaths.

Installing fencing

- Concerned about the need to put fences in the woodlands. This would be expensive, difficult to maintain and check (keep stock proof), have serious financial implications for forestry operations.
- Where there is no road access to the proposed fence damage will be caused to existing footpaths by vehicles used to erect the fencing. In the past forestry commission vehicles have made some paths unusable. How is this going to be prevented?
- Who is going to check the fencing before the cattle is move in?

Landscape

- The open feeling of The Chase makes it special, hard fencing even set back will destroy this, especially around Blevins Birches which is open Heath land.
- I am not convinced putting up fences on a site of natural beauty is of the interest of the people in Staffordshire. I understand your reasoning for reducing costs and animals naturally roaming would be good but not to the detriment of users.

Concerns about Stepping Stones area

- Concerned about the impact of cattle drinking from the Sherbrook especially Stepping Stones and Pump House as these could be places where cattle like to drink/ hang out causing issue for visitors by 1) their presence 2) churning up the ground 3) lots of poo
- Where exactly will the cows be? Stepping stones I've heard been mentioned, if true then it's ridiculous! Cows would be good but in most areas where dogs and kids aren't going to be! Stepping stones is a place many families and dog walkers go.

Suggestions

More details provided about structures and locations

- Need more clarity on location and type of infrastructure - e.g. fencing, generators, gates/invisible fence crossings to ensure potential detrimental landscape effects
- More details on the honey pots. Based on my current knowledge I have concerns that any restrictions compromise the use of children. Roaming close to animals is perceived to be good however children will often have a preference to be the safe side.

More careful planning of location of fence/cows near properties

- Keep cows further away from residential properties and limit grazed areas to best preserve the open nature of the Chase.
- A more considered approach to the proposed fixed fencing lines taking into account how the Chase is used by walkers, horse riders, cyclists etc. The current proposals deny access from established prop
- More information and moving fencing away from residential areas
- I believe fencing should be moved back and away from properties.
- Grazing should only be considered for the more remote or less used areas and certainly not close to residential areas or where recreation (particularly involving children) is popular.
- Review of area fenced, keeping away from adjacent villages with direct access. Some people afraid of cows, areas free from cattle needed, ground nesting birds. Suggest fenced area S.E. from Coppice Hill, Oldacre used as unfenced control. Deer access
- Take out zone 1 as shown in option 3
- Relocation

Temporary fencing

- The fencing can be temporary, this option has not been put forward
- Why don't you propose having smaller areas fenced and move it every year?

Less fencing and access not restricted

- Less fencing and hard fencing some sort of protection so land cannot be sold to private business and access is not restricted.

Signage

- Clear signage.

Sturdy fencing

- Sturdy fencing.
- Correct and appropriate fencing and protection. Security and monitoring.
- Public support and approval.
- Cattle free zones and invisible fencing

Ensuring good access and not altering look

- Ensure that any form of fencing allows free access to the Chase and doesn't change the way it looks.

Provide information on number of access points

- You will need to say exactly how many access points you have in mind and will implement

Trial areas

- demonstration / trial grazing areas using invisible and conventional fencing

Keep cows away from Stepping Stones

- Ensure that large groups of cows do not enter popular areas such as the stepping stones to prevent potential incidents
- Ensure that cattle are kept away from areas such as stepping stones and traditional dog-walking routes

Cattle Welfare

Concerns

Livestock health and welfare

- You cannot graze livestock on areas of bracken it's poisonous and kills them. This is a stupid idea altogether and has not been thought out by people with any knowledge.
- I am concerned about the welfare of the cows, who is responsible for them, how can they be contacted should the need arise?
- Monitoring of cattle for their safety. More drugs users using the car parks on the chase at night and I would be concerned for the cows. People also ride motor bikes across this area of the chase to avoid the police.

Suggestions

Good animal welfare

- Grazing animals properly looked after.
- Monitoring of cattle for their safety.
- Assurance about damage to old woodlands and sufficient access points. Rotation and management of livestock
- Hard fencing needs to be wildlife friendly. Information boards need to give contact details if cattle are injured or in distress. Daily supervision to ensure cattle have adequate access to water. Regular replacement of cattle to maintain hefting.

No overgrazing

- I support this completely provided overgrazing is avoided.
- Grazing should be moved around enough so that one area is not overgrazed

Risk assessment related to poisonous plants

- A detailed risk assessment to be conducted across the chase before grazing cattle. There are many poisonous plants present to cattle to name a few, Bracken, Foxglove, Elderberry, Honeysuckle and Ivy. No one would risk their cattle's lives.

More information, details and evidence

More details needed

- Clear details as to what areas would be affected and how it will be managed
- Exactly where are the areas going to be as my friends and I have our horses and dogs all over the chase and from the yard I'm on at the moment we get direct access onto the chase will we be affected?
- More basic information, not being presented with 3 options of which all include cattle grazing
- An email outlining how much and which land would become inaccessible: photos from google earth would further help understanding.

- More info on the funding, cattle welfare and what efforts are going to be made to scientifically record the success or failure of the project e.g. changes in plant and wildlife diversity, long term funding etc.
- I would wish to know exactly which areas are planned to be used, what provision will be made for water for the cattle and who would pay for the implementation of this grazing system.

Evidence that grazing works

- Have real results that the current grazing in place is working

Evidence that this will reduce need for chemicals

- Evidence of a reduction in chemical controls used.

Effect on habitats?

- Assurance about damage to old woodlands and sufficient access points. Rotation and management of livestock [*Points in grey put with relevant topics*]
- more evidence that grazing is effective
- A balanced analysis, scientific and independent, of the likely outcomes of cattle grazing, specific to Cannock Chase

Why cull deer and bring in cattle?

- I know that Staffs CC regularly cull deer. Please explain why cattle are needed when it seems that allowing deer herds to increase would solve the problem/save almost 300k. Culling one and bringing in another breed feels like an 'un-joined up' strategy!

Case examples

- See it successfully practised in another similar area
- Evidence that it has worked elsewhere and that pure /rare breed native cattle used.
- This grazing has been tried opposite the Brindley Village car park area - seems intermittent. There have been no cattle there for some time now. Seems half-hearted. Area fenced off but not used.

Minimum grazing to work

- Assurance that the minimum amount of grazing is used in order to gradually (over years) improve the ecology of the chase or prevent its further degradation.

Other grazing animals?

- I feel sheep could be a better option
- If livestock is adopted then sheep would be preferred.
- Horses instead of cows?

Engagement and communication

Concerns

Amount of consultation to date

- There has been no consultation with local residents, particularly those of us who use the chase on a daily basis. This is the first we have heard of this. The above guidance does not include any details of what the hard fences will look like
- Considering I live in the area, I only heard of this yesterday in the local paper.

Transparency

- full transparency

Less consultation more implementation

- Putting it into practice rather than stretch it out with loads of consultations.

Language needs to change

- Not sure exactly who this is aimed at, but some of the language needs to change if this is for a public audience. Some of this is jargon, e.g. 'living landscape', 'mechanical management', 'hard fencing'.

Suggestions

More detailed consultation about perimeter fence

- would like some consultation on where and how much hard fencing goes in.

More consultation

- Consultation & informing local residents would be appreciated. We stumbled across this by accident, there have been no notices placed on those areas affected. So far this feels extremely underhanded. Due consideration of users has not been considered.

- More interaction with Cannock chase users, perhaps actual people at strategic points at strategic points and times. Not necessarily busy periods. but times and places when daily users

Information about the process

- I wish to know why this has not been extensively promoted to the public in general.

Other

- More government resources put into environment

No support

- virtually nothing
- My support cannot be increased
- No fencing, no cows as they do not eat bracken or brambles but do cause puddling of the streamways affecting crayfish. Introduce muntjac deer, who will graze the undergrowth effectively.
- No cattle no fencing
- I totally disagree with this approach and you would need to look at alternative options.
- It is a fact cows don't eat bracken. They damage birds' nests with their feet. They defecate and gather at access points causing access and exit problems. They eat fodder now eaten by deer. Fencing is too close to habitation. Common land should not be fenced
- Nothing. If I hadn't checked a calendar I would think this was April 1st. The joy of Cannock Chase is its natural beauty and the delight in seeing deer in a very natural environment. Cows/sheep/horses grazing is not what we associate Cannock Chase
- no fencing – no cows
- chemical and mechanical management should be the way forward
- bracken can be cut and baled & is the alternative to peat
- do not allow grazing
- no cows – do not eat bracken or brambles
- Nothing. Grazing cows and fences would totally destroy the natural environment of Cannock Chase. It's a country park not a farm. It is a place for wildlife (deer, birds etc.) not domesticated farm animals. Cows would completely destroy the ethos of Cannock Chase and its enjoyment for everyone.
- plus the Chase would then be subject to farm and agricultural land regulations which would conflict with the public's present use of the land and future regulations could mean the public no longer has access (other than a few footpaths) to what is now open common land.
- use other methods of habitat management
- I would not support cattle grazing on Cannock Chase
- Nothing, just keep up existing regime for maintenance

Support the guidance and grazing

- Nothing. This is the most sensible proposal for the damn bracken, insidious tick bearing stuff that it is.
- Nothing as I feel this would be beneficial to the Chase

Safety concerns re cows, people, dogs and horses

- Evidence that a small number of cattle would make a difference to the chase
- This option cannot be made safe. Every year a small number of people are killed by cattle. People walking dogs are chased by them. This option is a non-starter and would discourage dog walkers like me from going to the Chase,
- I do not wish to see cattle / cows all over the Chase. Cows produce greenhouse gases and can increase TB and increase of badger culling. Foot and mouth disease could also lead to parts of the Chase having closures on it. Also the muck issue with children
- As walking in fields with dogs and cattle can cause issues and the fencing would restrict access to the chase I am unsure what you could do that would assuage my concerns.

- I am concerned about the fencing in of Cannock Chase. If grazing could take place without the physical fencing I would support grazing
- Area allocated for grazing should be reduced by half
- Cattle would need to be in clearly defined areas. A friend was recently charged and seriously injured by a cow on a public footpath so I'd want the risk of this to be nil or very low
- I would not want to encounter any cows on the Chase as they can be aggressive at times.

Concerns about access

- Assurances that exiting rights of way, ancient bridleways etc. are kept intact and safe to use.
- I have a dog and love exploring I don't want it fenced off and not accessible. I bike and I am concerned if the cattle are roaming with no fencing then it's a potential danger to me and my dog and my bike
- Improve balance between conservation and recreation by creating 'grazing free' areas for recreation. Move grazing areas away from honeypot car parks and residential areas in NW of CP. Remove grazing from stream and recreation areas of Sherbrook Valley
- Assurances about access rights.
- Rights of way and paths remain similar
- Continue current access
- Only small areas of grazing away from where most people walk
- The suggestion that the public should be educated to avoid areas where cows are completely misses the point of wanting to visit these areas!? The Chase has not needed this for decades, why now?
- Cattle and fences should be kept well away from the main visitor "honeypot" car parks and residential areas; there must be a compromise between fencing and open access especially around "honeypot" car parks and residential areas with fencing kept well away from these areas
- Cattle will be a serious deterrent to many visitors, especially families, dog walkers and horse riders so as much open access as possible must be maintained.
- to remove fencing from the honeypot car parks & residential areas move NW perimeter fence to allow 7 springs, coppice hill & sycamore hill & protect Sherbrook stream and Oldacre burn

Concerns about fencing

- I don't see how cows can be considered as an attraction that will draw in more visitors. The fencing that has been put around the areas of the quarry at Brocton has been the subject of regular vandalism what would you be able to do to stop this
- I have serious concerns about permanent fences being erected over the chase. Comparisons have been made with the New Forest. In most of the NF the land is open so animals can be seen from afar when near the roads
- trial of low impact fencing to confirm low level landscape impact
- The proposal for any fencing would have to be removed totally. I would NOT support this as a management option. IT DOES NOT WORK
- Remove all need for fencing; remove all costs of installing and managing fencing
- Fencing, gate access and livestock situated away from residential properties, in particular along Brook Lane, Brocton where I live
- move the boundaries away from habitation and use a more isolated area to try out grazing
- Piloting on a limited area and then re-assessment
- The fenced areas would have to be smaller. Small herd of cattle would be happy in a smaller area and do more good. this area could be changed periodically
- Cancel the idea of fencing large areas
- Used on smaller controlled areas (monitored)
- I wouldn't want the fencing or cattle being anywhere on the periphery of Brocton
- redefine the boundaries

- hard fencing to be placed no nearer than 800 metres from Brook Lane
- who would be responsible for the upkeep of the fencing because the fencing of the quarry leaves a lot to be desired
- no fencing
- invisible fencing has apparently been used in Scotland presumably their experience will be checked for problems
- maintain a large area of unenclosed open space; keep the enclosed and fenced areas to a minimum of small enclosures, semi-permanent only

Concerns about animal welfare

- Welfare of the cattle - not all people will have their best interests at heart.
- As a former cattle stockman I have knowledge of our ruminates, make sure the E.F. (electric fencing) system is deterrent my only comment. The public will not be harmed with any E F (or their beloved pooches) even if daft enough to touch it
- concern for safety of the cows

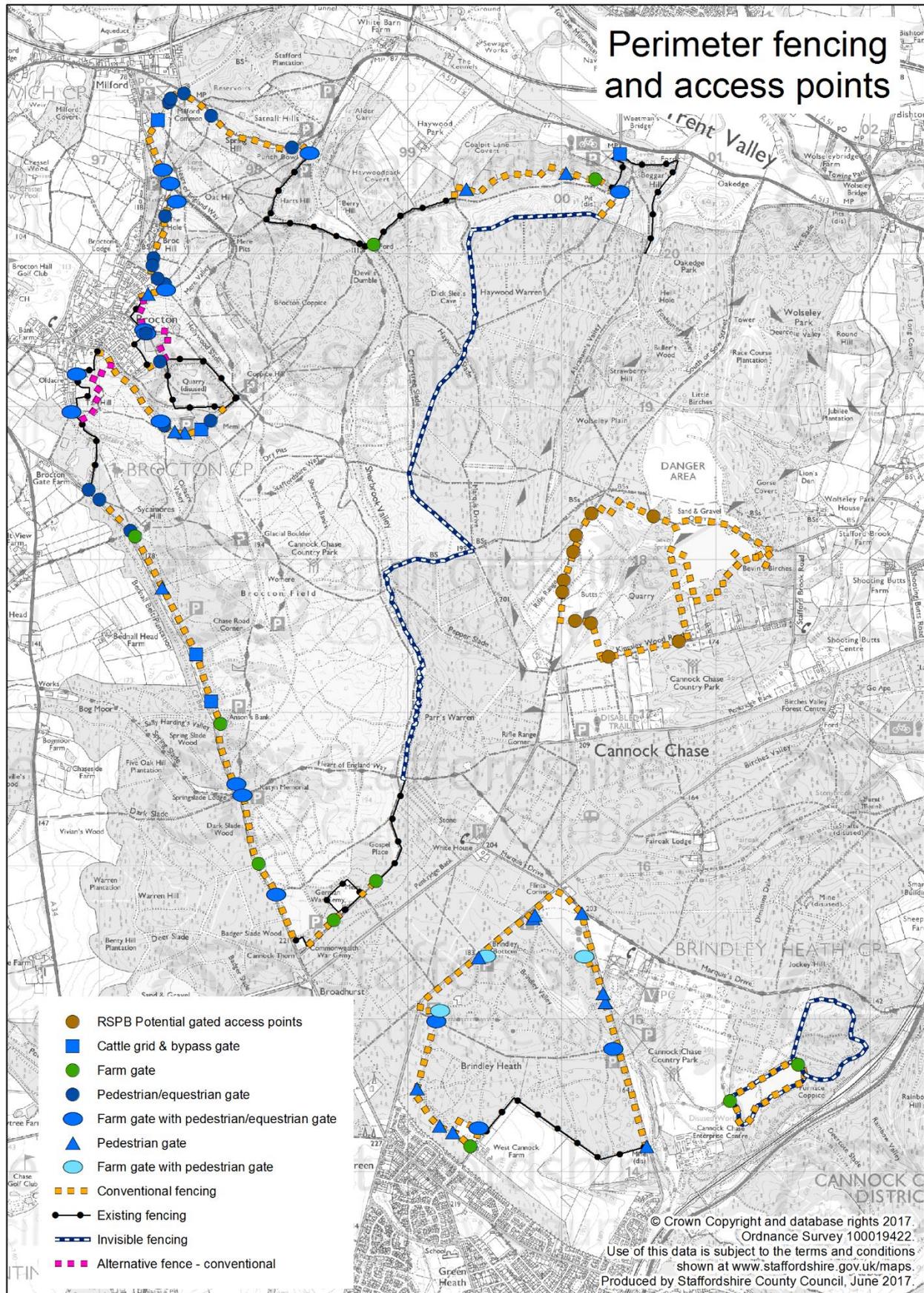
More information, details and evidence

- Grazing for sheep & goats as well as cows
- Stronger evidence that any change is necessary and stronger evidence burning not the correct answer
- I am not convinced that grazing on its own is a natural appropriate approach. Perimeter fencing is to deter access not to keep cows in. Until there is evidence from the other trial - a small number of cows should graze in a small contained area
- sufficient resources will need to be found to properly implement these proposals over a long period
- introduce muntjac deer
- I am given to understand the Country Park is common land and would require secretary of state approval to enclose with fencing
- complete reassessment starting from Phase 1 because local people (not stakeholding bodies) were not consulted
- I understand the reasons for grazing and this has already been trialled

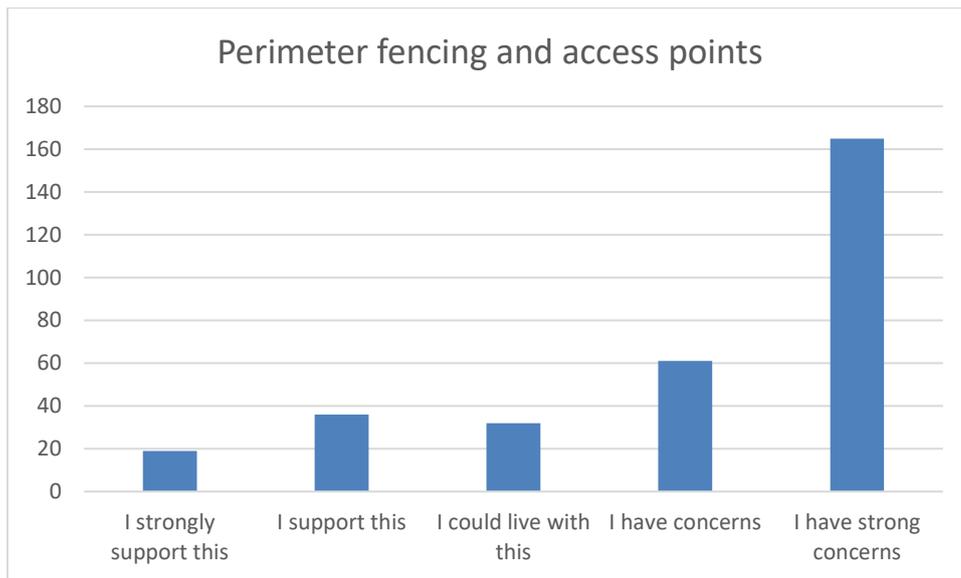
Concerns for other wildlife and landscapes

- Avoidance of sensitive SSI areas and habitats
- Crayfish in Sherbrook and rare bog plants
- Ground nesting bird areas
- There needs to be efforts made to clear the areas of ragwort this is a poisonous plant for animals (particularly horses) and needs to be controlled.
- my concerns are – cows will not be used during ground nesting bird season
- recognise that Cannock Chase is an area of recreation as well as conservation

3 Grazing – perimeter fencing and access points



3.1 To what extent do you support what you see?



3.2 What would need to happen to increase your support?

NB the location specific responses about access points or the boundary line have been put with those sections

For and against

Support perimeter fencing and access points

- From what I see, the current plan doesn't impact the official bike trails. So long as this remains the case, I have no issue.

N/A

- nothing
- N/A
- n/a
- N/A

No support for perimeter fencing and access points

- No fencing
- No fences
- My opinion will not change. I strongly object to fencing areas. It ruins this area of outstanding natural beauty!
- Never u are going to stop people using the chase
- I strongly oppose any more fencing of the Chase
- This must not happen
- I believe the current open landscape should not be altered by any fencing
- No grazing or erection of any fencing. this will look unsightly
- No support from me for fencing
- nothing
- I don't like the idea of the chase being fenced and segregated and strongly object
- Scrap the idea of ANY fencing.
- Nothing
- Nothing would increase my support.
- Do not fence off the Chase
- No fencing. It is completely restrictive of all the opportunities the chase has to offer. No action should be taken that involves restricting the recreational use of Cannock Chase.
- No fences, or restricted access, I value the freedom of wide open spaces
- Leave it as it currently is
- I would never support such a proposal

- To not use fencing/cows
- This to not go ahead
- Remove fences
- None - stop the fences keep it as normal!!
- Nothing
- I don't agree with fencing off any part of the Chase for cattle
- Way too much fencing around Brocton! If cows are going all in the areas that are fenced all enjoyment and freedom of walking dogs and kids is gone as they will be on leashes and kids would have to stay with family holding hands. Way too much around there!
- It not to happen.
- No change
- this shouldn't happen at all
- Looking at the area that would need to be fenced, I don't think this is a good option.
- I cannot support this idea
- No fences no gates no cows
- Nothing as I don't agree with it at all
- I am particularly against fencing off Kingsley Wood Rd
- Nothing, I object to not having open access to Cannock Chase.
- any obstruction to free walking on the chase is not welcome and ay thing that inhibits the right to roam would harm the chase
- I do NOT support any form of fencing
- Scrap the idea entirely
- Na
- None - it's a terrible plan - it's the bit of the chase that is most beautiful and restrict use.
- Abandon plan
- I don't support any of it
- Leave well alone. This is extra expenditure which is entirely unnecessary for no gain to the local population who regularly frequent the area or to occasional visitors.
- It not happening! You are blocking access from our home and stopping people crossing roads. The chase should be accessible to ALL, and it will not be with these plans. It is incredibly narrow minded. Think about everyone before implementation.
- I am not happy with the way this is being promoted.

Don't want cows grazing

- No cattle
- I disagree with the need for cattle on Cannock Chase and would support a very limited area being trialled.
- No grazing around the farm where I keep my horses
- Do not allow grazing
- Don't allow grazing on the chase
- Abandon the whole idea of cattle on Cannock Chase.
- No cows. No fences. I see this as urbanisation and restricting access by the public to one of the best natural areas in the country
- The gate at seven springs to be removed and cows not put on chase

Consider alternatives

- Take a step back review alternative options to cattle grazing and fencing

Safety

Concerns

Separate public and animals

- Fenced in animals no contact with public

Safety of fencing

- I have seen dogs and children hurt on these fences in areas like Cannock chase. i.e. Kinver edge
- the idea of invisible fencing is ridiculous - the dangers to walkers/riders not know where the animals can stray to is unmanageable - I'd like to see some accident stats for areas already grazing cows on similar land

Suggestions

Keep away from busy/popular areas

- For it to be away from very busy areas of the chase
- Very limited areas away from public footpaths and popular access areas
- Shift the area that the livestock (especially cows) are contained in to protect popular locations
- Move to another area
- Keep the cattle away from areas that are popular with dog walkers. Cattle are unpredictable and can be aggressive when protecting young, feel threatened or surprised. Having grown up on a farm know well how they can react to dogs and people.

Smaller areas

- Not using conventional fencing and making the areas much much smaller
- Smaller areas
- Smaller area
- This seems to be a large area of the Chase that is proposed for grazing. The Chase is very busy and I feel this would impact on the use. Smaller areas used for grazing.
- Cows must be limited to small areas & not the large area proposed. Will completely destroy dog & people walking
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Limit numbers of cattle in designated areas

- Limited numbers to limited areas
- Cows only kept in designated areas

Recreation access**Concerns****Concentrating recreation activity**

- Fencing & pedestrian gates limit use when all areas should offer access to all. Limiting access points condenses use and damage.
- Concern that as a dog walker it would mean walking my dogs in a cyclist built up area where they come fast and often silently so you don't have time to get dogs back under control when loose

Walkers from Stafford

- It seems that the main grazing area is nearer to Stafford which pretty much excludes a lot of people from this area if they don't want to walk amongst grazing animals

Finding your way out to an access point

- Many get lost in forest open areas and too few areas to return make scheme unviable.

Bikes and fencing

- I cannot see mountain bikers using gated access points. Consult with them, please.

Noise from gates

- Gated access near properties could cause noise disturbance unless the closures are soft.

Cost of damage to fencing

- Fences liable to damage if public use paths away from gates; high cost of repair.
- Current fencing on the chase gets broken regularly and isn't repaired. I live adjacent and if this were to happen cattle would be a lot access Brocton gardens and roads

Car parking

- Map does not clearly show intension. Access to Car Parks should not require exiting vehicle to open and close gates. Keep existing off road parking areas. Cattle grids are OK

Limiting access

- This is limiting access to a public space

Horses and cows

- Most commonly used area by horse riders is going to have cattle in it. My horse is scared of the current cattle reduce our relaxation of enjoying the chase as it currently is more guarded

Suggestions

Access remains unlimited

- Absolute agreement that access to the Chase remains unlimited and that the fence and gates do not become a way of controlling public access rather than controlling stock

Assurances that cows numbers will not be too high

- Assurances that the area won't be overrun with cattle and deer reducing the usage of the space. Cows are far messier than deer and the area will lose attraction for walking if its paths are covered in cow poo.

Sufficient access points

- fenced areas have sufficient gates etc. for ease of crossing

Good maintenance of access, fencing and routes

- Robust maintenance of all access gates and fences
- Please ensure public footpaths access is maintained
- Assurance that access to all Public Rights of Way will be maintained by an access point of some sort. This is not altogether clear from the Map

Assurance that access will not be affected

- to ensure us that access would not be affected through invisible fenced / fenced areas

Access for cycling

- Access for mountain bikes is easy and straightforward
- Ensure does not block free flowing cycling routes
- Need very many more CYCLE friendly access points across Hard fencing areas

Access for horse riding

- Access points should be suitable for horses and families with pushchairs
- Reassurance horse riders will not face barriers.
- Bridle paths and access on horseback to not be affected.
- Maintain existing equestrian free access.
- My access to the chase would involve riding/walking through most of the areas (option 3) where the cows would be roaming, therefore, it is vital people are informed which unit the cows will be in so if possible, they can be avoided.
- Make all gates suitable for horse riders to pass through.
- Better animal control and access for all users including horse riders
- All access gates to be horse friendly (i.e. it is vital for safety that riders should be able to open gates without the need to dismount)
- Access for riders
- Need access for horses
- Install a horse friendly gate system, which allowed opening of gates without having to dismount.

Assurance of riding near cattle are safe

- Evidence that riding through cattle is safe

Explain car parking

- Explain car parking

Fencing

Concerns

Cost

- I think the cost implications of installing all these gates, cattle grids etc. is an inappropriate use of public funds and could be better spent

Suggestions about fencing line location

- Further clarity on location of conventional fencing - needs to be set back from highway and away from skyline to reduce visual impact, but also needs to consider practicalities of installing in areas of woodland

Fencing and deer

- Next to fast roads, Fencing only , with underpasses , where Deer Risk casualties are high

Fence away from properties

- I believe fencing should be moved back and away from properties.
- Reduce the areas being fenced and/or move the fencing well away from residential areas.

Information and signage

- Signage along long stretches of fencing to point to nearest access point i.e. "15 yards << equestrian access point" OR "10 yards >> pedestrian access point"
- Plenty of information to visitors

Concerns about invisible fencing

- Prefer real fencing not invisible due to health concerns
- I have some reservations about the invisible fencing and what effect it might have on the cattle themselves and other wildlife.
- Fail to see the need for invisible fencing rather than the standard with a lot of access points. Deer and other wildlife can easily get over the current fencing
- The invisible fencing could cause issues should it end up raised about the ground and also having cattle that can pop up from nowhere will cause riding issues and scare horses

Information about invisible fencing and access

- I am unclear whether visitors can cross the invisible fencing boundary

Suggestions

Use invisible fencing

- Is it not possible to use some form of electronic barrier buried in the perimeter coupled with electronic "necklaces" worn by the cattle.
- More invisible fence
- Prefer to see more invisible fencing.
- In areas where conventional fencing is used it appears pathways I use regularly will no longer be useable. Increased use of invisible fencing would overcome this and be less of an intrusion.
- Use of invisible fencing cable wherever possible
- Less hard fencing especially away from roads.
- More invisibility

Use hard fencing

- Prefer hard fencing: It clearly shows the public where there is likely to be cattle (collars don't); less disturbance in its instillation

Same fencing all round

- Same fencing all round

Smaller area being fenced

- Reduce the area being fenced
- Not using conventional fencing and making the areas much much smaller

Alter location of boundary

- Alter the location of the boundary
- Move the fencing and restrict areas fenced in

Temporary stock proof fencing

- Removal of permanent perimeter fencing, replaced by temporary stock proof fencing specific to small grazing zones.

Hedging

- Would hedging be an alternative in some places?

Use wild cattle

- Have wild cattle the same as The New Forest. That is not spoilt by fences or cows wearing collars. They are abundant and cross the roads where they wish.

Animal welfare

Cow welfare with invisible fencing collars?

- Where I don't want fencing I am concerned that the cows are wearing collars that have been banned for use with other animals i.e. Dogs
- Invisible fencing that didn't give electric shock to cows

Deer and other wildlife

- We have witnessed severe injury to deer leaping extant fences. Large bucks are also very adept at wrecking and or leaping fences during rutting.
- Revision of fenced area, unfenced areas needed, used as control. Fences secure. free access needed for wildlife- deer, badgers, foxes
- I would need reassurances that invisible fencing will not deter birds too. Birds need to see hard boundaries as the can fly into them causing fatalities. Fencing in trial areas is about right.

- I have significant concerns over the quantity of area you are looking to fence. This will restrict public access and enjoyment of these areas. How is this going to affect the current wildlife including deer? Deer get caught up in fencing.
- Knowing what impact this will all have on the current deer population
- Not having any cows loose at all - how will the deer react to the cows?
- No mention of cost of fencing, invisible fencing is not fool proof, are you fitting the deer with collars
- I feel there should be more Bird hides or places to view birds and wildlife
- I draw your attention to my previous comments affecting the balance of other wildlife on the Chase.

More information, details or evidence

Clearer map needed

- Much larger map as the detail is too small to see.
- I can't tell what I am looking at on the map. Visibility on the map is very very poor. It looks to me like Brocton is right in the middle of all of this. I live in Brocton so not very pleased that I may have to keep my dog on a lead.
- Details need to be provided on the type of hard fencing to be used. Also the map is so illegible that I cannot determine the exact route of any boundaries
- Make the areas clearer
- Need to be able to pin multiple access points for consideration
- Difficult to see exactly where gates will be exactly from the map. We need assurances that present popular access points will be kept.

More information

- more information
- Report suggests walking the routes of fences- perhaps a more detailed audit/ survey?

Effects of invisible fencing

- What effects does the invisible fence have on existing wildlife?

Trial Areas

- Small sample areas to test the possibility of using cattle for vegetation management. Try a small area first to see if the proposal works and is a viable option.
- Evidence that it is working

Guarantees that this will not lead to land sale and loss of access

- A guarantee that land would not be sold off and access would not be controlled

What about using horses?

- Do what works on Exmoor, the South Downs and the New Forest by introducing pony grazing. Ideally the humble pit pony that is native to the chase. That way you will win the support of the local community. These Ponies have little if any value.

Other

- It mustn't become a park area
- Allow me to look after the cows and clean up all broken glass and household rubbish in the woods

See comments elsewhere in response

- Same as previous
- See previous answer
- See previous answer. I live nearby just because of the beautiful Cannock Chase and the nature/views
- See below comments on access points and connectivity of grazing blocks.

No support

- Nothing. I do not wish to see fences all around Cannock Chase. It should be left free for people to join anywhere they wish and on smaller tracks where they have done for years! We don't need fences or cows - just leave it as a natural environment as it is.
- Abandon this ridiculous idea. Cattle and people won't mix on this scale in the 21st century. The past you talk about was very different.
- Maintain current access
- No cattle no fencing
- Cows do not control the bracken. There is NO justification for them - therefore NO justification for any fencing
- No fencing at all and no need for cattle - there are other alternatives

- No fencing – no cattle. No support
- forget it all
- Total ban on proposal to fence off areas and introduce cattle.

Support guidance and grazing

- Nothing, fully support the idea.
- Nothing, fine. Cow grazing brilliant! These ruminates (steers – bullocks stirks) cal whatever (various country descriptions) will thrive on bracken / associates eaten

Concerns about safety

- What will you do about the night time traffic on Chase Road, you must know that this is different to the day time traffic. The road attracts young drivers who speed around both on the road and on the associated car parks.

Concerns about recreation and access

- Smaller areas that move every year.
- Are there going to be plenty of signs to warn that livestock is in the areas that are controlled by invisible fencing
- No self-closing bridle gates. These are dangerous for horse and rider. No loss of roaming please.
- Ensure access to arrange around Brocton for all without danger to anyone from the cattle
- I don't want cattle in the way of my walking, dog walking and biking
- Reduce total area to be enclosed. Enclose limited areas with semi-permanent hard fencing (no invisible as impossible to inform public) which can be moved. Ensure no cattle in Sherbrook or Oldacre watercourses and protect recreation areas.
- Only small areas of grazing away from where most people walk
- Piloting on a limited area followed by reassessment.
- Open access should be maintained around "honeypots"
- Stepping Stones and Pump house picnic areas should be protected from cattle presence
- Protection on Brindley Heath for the ToCH disability trail.
- roads must be protected
- It would need a no parking sign by the barrier which we have now because if I wanted to live by a car park I would have bought a house in Stafford town centre
- Keep Cannock Chase as it is. No grazing. It would ruin a wonderful free space for many people who can walk and walk their dogs, horses, without the worry of cattle
- Protect the recreation areas of Stepping Stones and Pump House

Concerns about fencing

- To remove fencing from the honeypot car parks & residential areas move NW perimeter fence to allow 7 springs, coppice hill & sycamore hill & protect Sherbrook stream and Oldacre burn
- Nothing. I do not wish to see fences all over the Chase. I want to be able to access it where I want to on smaller tracks and things. Also, fences could create trip hazards and also potentially lead to more vandalism.
- No perimeter fencing. Use underground fencing
- Not have solid permanent fences
- No fencing- not necessary on a chase if bracken and brambles are man managed.
- Limit fencing
- Address Milford Common use of traditional rather than invisible fencing
- Minimise the area size. This seems excessive.
- Brocton area designated for grazing is too large
- Remove all need for fencing; remove all costs of installing and managing fencing
- Considerably smaller areas need to be identified without the full perimeter of the SCC managed area being fenced
- Relocate the proposed conventional fence and gate access points along Brook Lane, away from residential properties
- Fence lines to be carefully plotted to follow contours, defiles, and treelines to minimise visual impact
- the area to be fenced is too large Invisible fencing does not inform people where they can walk to keep away from cattle with their dogs and small children and could fail I would prefer permanent fencing giving safe defined walkways where cattle are
- move boundaries away from habitation make invisible fencing permanent to denote where dogs and children are safe from cattle

- I do not wish to see any additional fencing on the Chase.
- Not to have barriers/fencing on open spaces
- Cancel the idea of fencing large areas
- Not to have any perimeter fencing or gates near Brocton
- other areas, RSPB, Moors Gorse & Furnace Coppice Field are more acceptable
- management of the fences
- move the boundary from around the built up area around Milford and Brocton
- hard fencing to be placed no nearer than 800 metres from Brook Lane
- no fencing
- In the main country park move the north & west perimeter of the fencing to a line much further east (as below) and possibly also south.
- ensure that the Sherbrook & Oldacre watercourses are fenced off so that they cannot be accessed by cattle
- I would not support fencing on any part of this common land

More information, details and evidence

- I would like to know the cost of underground fencing
- recent reports state that cattle make no difference
- If the country park is common land then what is the likelihood of the secretary of state giving approval?
- Equally will Defra approve the grazing of animals?

Engagement and communication

- Planned review after a few months
- Grazing is crucial to the long term management of the Chase, and won't work without fencing. There has been a good effort made to compromise this need with promoting public access, but this needs to happen as part of a wider access management strategy.

Concerns about wildlife and landscape

- Reassess cattle grazing and specific sites as a whole
- Sherbrook stream and Oldacre burn, both fragile areas, should be protected from trampling

3.3 Do you have any specific comments on access points and types

Access points

Concerns

Access for cyclists

- Access for cycles is not mentioned at present only pedestrians and horses
- Probably not safe near to cycle routes

Access for horse riders

- Self-closing equestrian gates are difficult to use and can cause accidents
- AS a horse rider there are no-where near enough access points. This could've made a lot easier by using invisible fencing but I feel it is unfair to restrict our ways on and out of areas that we already respectfully use.
- Insufficient equestrian gates for the areas used. Alternate do routes would require the use of roads to maintain access.
- Limited for horse riders
- Your proposal will block off my access at the rear of my stable yard, so I will not be able to access Cannock chase without riding along a very busy main road for several miles. I will not risk my life or that of my horse to do this.

Disabled access

- I don't see any disabled access points on here. I have ms and would not want to be unable to access these parts of the chase.

Access for dog walkers and others

- Constant gates will be difficult when walking 2 larger dogs, on lead, restricting my access. It will make it more difficult for people with small children or mobility issues
- Access points now are fine best left alone

Funnelling effect

- They will be funnelling everyone through a small area, as if humans were cattle. Worried that climbing over fences will be prohibited.

Access and parking

- The access points would prohibit nearly everyone using the areas as transport is essential as a modern way of life. This means that cars, mini buses and horse boxes would be prevented from SENSIBLE parking thus preventing healthy lifestyles being normal.

Noise from self-closing gates

- Cyclist access will be a problem. Gates will need to be self-closing and may therefore be noisy if they bang shut.

Gates left open

- The gates will be left open, so cattle can escape. cars parked and being a hindrance to locals
- gates left open

Soil erosion and damage

- Erosion and damage where access points are limited. Impact on existing wildlife and visual amenity

Effect on landscape

- The chase has never been gated off before. It will change the landscape significantly.

Maintenance and costs

- Poor maintenance of existing fencing on Chase gives me concern as too the ongoing costs of looking after this vast increase of fences and access points.

Suggestions

Access for cycling

- Easy gates for cyclists
- These need to be CYCLE friendly, the current kissing gates styles are awful for cycle use. It's easier to climb over the fence

Access for horse riding

- Hard fences that horses can see
- All access points should be horse friendly.
- Need gates suitable for horse riders.
- Horse / rider friendly. Easily accessible when towing or driving a lorry
- Please ensure that horse riders can still have access freely.
- Access needs to be put in place for horses
- Access points for horse riders are essential from all of the current locations
- As above equestrian gate needed for access
- Horse access required not just pedestrian or cycle access.

Access for pedestrians and dog walkers

- Easy open gates are a must, my dog is likely to need to get used the cattle and if gates are difficult to open with a dog that is reacting badly it increases the risks for all involved. health issues mean gates needing upper body strength are a concern
- People on foot (pedestrians) should be able to gain access at all access points

Proactive consultation of groups

- Proactive rather than reactive consultation will be needed with groups to establish that the access point provision is appropriate. There are a lot of access points, which are weaknesses in fencing and will need maintenance, so this needs to be refined.
- Mountain bikers need to be consulted as they are unlikely to want to dismount to open gates.

Minimise visual clutter

- Practicalities of accesses around Brocton is an issue. Need to minimise visual clutter which could result from multiple gates/stiles in proximity, without compromising public access

Careful planning

- Obviously a lot of thought has to be given to siting these and consider things like car parking, people's privacy (residents) and impact on the environment, e.g. people leaving litter, damage to ground by extra foot/bike passage/car parking etc.

Styles

- As before you need a grading of access points not just a limited number of kissing gates. So simple styles as well. I feel this may also reduce damage to the fencing where people continue to go along established minor routes.

- I'd like to see lots of stile access type points where you can currently wander on to chase around Milford and Brocton.

Gates that work for all users

- I have confidence that these have been looked at with all users' interest considered. However, cost may be a factor in implementing all of them
- Gates used extensively in Gloucester by River Severn are good to all users. Bikes Horses, walkers pushchairs, wheelchairs and boot scooters!
- All points must not discriminate between walkers, able bodies and disabled users, cyclists, horse riders. All points must be fully accessible and wide enough to pass. Otherwise you are discriminating.
- clearly visible, welcoming and accessible to most users whilst preventing motorbikes and cars
- Ensure access points are easy to use for all people, i.e. wheelchairs, pushchairs, etc.
- Accessible for all
- ALL existing paths need access points. Access needed for pushchairs, wheelchairs, cycles
- Gates are preferable - clearly shows where the cattle are
- Must allow public access for all users including the disabled.
- Access for all including elderly, adapted wheelchairs and pushchairs, dogs.

Cattle grids

- Cattle grids

Labelling gates

- Where a farm gate only is concerned that should be labelled appropriately so that those wishing to pass through it feel free to do so.

Avoid residential areas

- Again we think the access points should be kept well away from residential areas.
- Need to be on established paths, away from houses and quiet/soft closing.

Safety

- not enough access points for horses and walkers - and seems to be no choice to avoid the animals which is an accident waiting to happen

Traffic

- Cattle grids and traffic access points should not obstruct traffic flow.

Location specific access points

Around Brocton

- Increased access from Brocton. Assurances about fence maintenance and repair after damage.
- Lots of public access points needed around Brocton
- Insufficient access points on chase road when travelling from Brocton before the first blue oval by coppice hill. Many well-used paths not shown on map would be blocked by the proposed conventional fencing - i.e. restricting access for public

Haywood Park

- The access gate from Haywood Park Farm is pedestrian only. There are approx. 30 horses at this farm who require access which a pedestrian gate will deny
- I am at Haywood park farm stables how will we still get direct access?
- No horse access from Haywood Park Farm. This would impact on that farm's business. We need equine access!
- I am liveried at Haywood Park Farm as are lots of other people who need access via ride through gates
- There is no planned equestrian access for Haywood Park Farm
- An equestrian gate to be installed at Haywood park farm
- An equestrian gate to be installed to give access to Haywood Park Farm for Horse riders.
- I want to have access from Haywood Park Farm for horse riders, wheelchair users and prams
- An equestrian access gate would be needed next to Haywood park farm or I would no longer be able to access the chase on my pony
- Access for horses on to Chase from rear of Haywood Park farm.
- Horse friendly gates need to be installed behind Haywood Park Farm to ensure future access for 30 plus horses that are stabled there.

Access around Milford

- Lots of public access points needed around Milford

Old Acre Lane

- Access points on Old Acre Lane appear to offer limited access if "Alternative fence - conventional" is implemented.

Seven Springs

- The gate at Seven Springs will limit public access at this point causing Medow lane to become a car park endangering life. This gate will also slow emergency access should I be injured while running on Chase

Broc Hill

- Yes there are gaps in the access points around Broc Hill where there are current pathways. I cannot access the 'interactive map' to add extra access points

Brindley Heath

- The fencing around Brindley heath surrounds the yard where I kept my horse. I am not happy riding through cattle so this would mean I would have to ride on the roads. The area is surrounded by housing with many using this area

Access by White House

Not all horses can use equine gates (I can't get off and back on to get through them due to disability) having looked at the gates by the White House the gap between the 2 equine gates is not big enough for all horses.

Small Quarry

- The small quarry should not be fenced off at all. I don't see what benefit closing this area off from the public would be of any further benefit to the birdlife already there

Aspen car park - not clear on map

- Map is not clear enough. Proposed changes are not obvious. Where is Aspen car park?

Rudgeley Quarry

- My perception is that there are more access points around the Rugeley quarry zone

Comments about the proposal more generally**Effect of the presence of cows on walkers**

- The access points are few & far between. The chase has numerous tracks & trails to explore & many of this will be inaccessible. Smaller fenced areas should be considered & tracks retained so that the public do not have to enter a field of cows.
- Granted access points look ok as it's only good if they access to all the areas already available. If cows are in all those areas though then in the above statement it's ruined for dog walkers and kids experiences up there. Way too much fencing and cows
- Dog Walkers can no longer let dogs off leads because of cattle.
- This will stop many walkers especially those with dogs and children from walking on the chase. Cows can be unpredictable especially if they have young. I am also very concerned about the cost implications.
- It's unnecessary. You have fenced off certain areas that I no longer use, to graze cattle and I've never seen any cattle in there. It has reduced my use and hasn't made any improvements. It was a waste of money.

Concerns about fencing

- Concerned about a perimeter fence
- No fencing

Safety

- Yes people could get kill they are children on bilke any think could happen they also attack dog horses are at risk riders could get killed

Concerns about Deer

- We are concerned the deer will no longer be able to access our land, and we have great enjoyment from watching them in our paddock.
- Will the cattle be compatible with the deer? Will the fencing cause difficulty to the cyclists? The Chase is one of the last remaining 'free access' areas and fencing of any sort would be an eyesore and detrimental to all fantastic amenities
- Deer and fences don't go together
- These fences stop access and roaming for deer and will also be damaged by said animals.

Litter

- Place litter bins - the rubbish these days is awful

See previous answer

- As above

- As above.
- See above

Don't support the whole idea

- There should be no access points. The Chase should be left free and natural.
- This must not happen
- The Chase should be kept as an open area
- This is not wanted or required
- Yes. The free grazing of cattle would inhibit the number of visitors, local and distant, from the Chase, particularly children and activities concerning children.
- Get rid of them.....put them in the chase and away
- These are not needed if there are no fences
- There should not be any fencing in the first place nor any restricted access points.
- You won't need them if you don't use fencing/cows
- Very restricting to regular users of the area
- Yeah get rid and keep it natural!!
- No... I don't agree with the proposals.
- I do not want restricted access next to my family home, neither do I want the fencing there.
- This is a free roaming area. It should not be restricted. they would also look ugly
- The whole attraction of this area is the unrestricted access. This is what makes the chase special.
- I would like access points to remain as is
- there should not be any fencing what so ever
- All should be open and as the current status is
- I do not wish to see any
- Access should be completely unrestricted.
- There should be complete free access no barriers
- Access should not be restricted in any way by fencing!
- Why should residents of the area be shut out of areas that we have had access to for many years
- You are restricting access from my family home onto the chase stopping everyone getting through with horses or pushchairs. As for invisibly fencing, the cattle may respect this but children will not be safe. Also there will be cow faeces everywhere.
- Existing access should not be reduced in any way
- Currently it is possible to access most of The Chase from any point, hard fencing will stop this.
- I have virtually unlimited access at present. Any fencing regardless of access points limits my access.
- I want to see the chase open to all via all existing access points without gates!

Questions

- Will the access gates be closed/locked at certain times of day?
- What happens to car parks already in use - are the access points going to be nearby or are some car parks going to be closed?
- How easy to use?

No issues or specific comments

No issues

- Not at this time I do have concerns on fencing
- Once you are within the fenced area access is open so no problems with this.
- No issues

No specific comments

- These are adequate.
- No

- No
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- See above.

For and against

- I don't want cattle roaming in the Chase
- I don't wish to see access points - Cannock Chase should remain open to all everywhere, so people can continue to access it where they wish to.
- [I would not support fencing on any part of this common land](#)
- Keep open access as we have now
- [no fencing; public should be free to walk onto the Chase wherever there are paths leading to it](#)
- Oppose
- [present access fine](#)
- There should be free access to the whole of the Chase.

Safety concerns

- Consider closing off Chase Road at night
- Having a limited number of access points will force people to enter into the Chase in concentrated numbers at specific points which will be counter-productive.
- It should remain unfenced. Only vehicular access needs to be controlled to prevent vehicles being used on the chase. (i.e. illegal use by travellers, poachers etc.)

Recreation and access

- A stile every quarter mile to allow pedestrian access
- Access points along Brook Lane will result in unnecessary congestion and restrictions in accessing the open area
- Access points control where visitors can go and where cars will be parked. At any time they could be closed. They create overuse, mud and noise. No access points should be close to residential areas or the main honeypot car parks.
- [all gates should be able to admit walkers, horse riders and wheelchairs](#)
- Existing fenced in grazing areas largely empty of walkers and cyclists, people stay out.
- [gates and stiles need to be well maintained](#)
- My access would be severely limited
- No - I do not want access points. The Chase should be left open as it is and accessible at all places so people can join where they wish and continue to use all the tracks / small paths as they have done for years.
- Not enough access points. Some historical access points have been missed
- Parking could be a problem around them.

- Some of the access points for cycles are not good. Do the invisible barriers affect my electronic equipment on my bike?
- The NW perimeter fence should be moved east and access points should be on every track and path whether a right of way or not
- The present access is fine, NOT gates through fences.
- The village of Brocton seems to have its access to the chase severely curtailed.
- There are a number of access points. People do not need to be completely free range.
- There is currently informal public access along the Sherbrooke valley (with potentially some informal ingress from the wider chase) it would be useful to be consulted in more detail about whether it would be worth formalising this.
- There seem to be many farm entrances - this is not a farm - this is a country park. There are very few pedestrian access gates along the western side
- What time of day will the gates to car parks be open? I.e. Coppice Hill and Chase Corner. I take my dog at 7.30 am will this be too early? I will not be the only person affected if times are restricted
- Yes - I live in Brook Lane at the top by the barrier; my fear is if you removed the barrier there would be an influx using it as a car park?

Fencing

- access points become irrelevant if the fences are removed around the country park
- access points will control and impede access onto Cannock Chase and control where visitors will park
- Appear generally to follow existing footpath lines. Where possible cattle grids preferred to gates.
- Area is far too large
- Never been worried by open country fencing/walling over Peak District so I shouldn't be too worried but I do find the notion of any perimeter fencing alien to my sense of what the Chase is all about.
- Not really because I find the idea of fencing an abomination
- The cost and upkeep of fencing would support other management methods for many years.
- The likelihood of the country park being ring fenced with electric methods is doubtful given the cost.
- there should be no access points near the honeypot car parks or residential areas of Brocton which would be achieved by moving the boundary line
- Would prefer for it all not to be fenced
- Yes, the gates already installed between Brindley Heath and Penkridge Road are an eyesore. How can this and more such ugly structures be allowed in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty?

More information, details and evidence

- Also has Defra given approval for this method of control?
- Prohibitive in terms of cost and maintenance

Conservation, wildlife and habitat management

- this will concentrate wear and tear to the soil and track in certain area's no recommendations have been made to address this

3.4 Do you have any specific comments on the boundary line?

Comments on the boundary line

Concerns

Scale – the area is too large

- Yes - it's flipping huge?! The joy of the chase is that you are free to walk anywhere as you please, dog walkers don't have to worry about keeping them on a lead because of cows, and horse riders shouldn't have to worry about wandering through a herd.
- The areas marked for cattle are far too large and not fair for the amount of riders, walkers, cyclists that use the chase.

- It is too large.
- yes it's far too big and too close to urban living and livery yard business which relies on hacking for animal exercising and welfare
- Too large
- It is a large area
- The area is very large, how many animals would be needed to have any real effect.
- The area covered is too big
- Too large an area to start with.

Too close to stables

- It's too close to my stables and would restrict our riding

Fence and troughs too close to residential areas

- Yes it's too close to residential areas and will have a visual impact and restrict open use
- Concern of siting of water troughs potentially near to residential areas could lead to congregation of cows near these points Doubts over ability to maintain fencing

Traffic

- Because of where the boundary lines are we are concerned that there will be an increase of traffic to certain areas.

Concerns about invisible fencing

- Invisible fencing is not 100% stock-proof. May not be the perfect solution for all locations where it is mapped

Cyclists concerns

- Farm Gates will be left open. Depending on design, sometimes have to lift bikes over fence
- The Boundaries are fine but I am concerned that you won't understand where the MTBers go and will not have any access points.

Suggestions

Create a smaller area

- It is too extensive. I would suggest that you start of small and increase the boundaries over time rather than try to do everything all at once. Learn from small scale grazing and apply the lessons learned to allow for informed expansion.
- The areas to include cattle grazing should be limited to very small areas, on an experimental basis, until the experiment has been proven. Then extended over the Chase in small areas over a number of years.
- It needs to be much, much smaller
- Smaller area would provide smaller boundary lines
- It's huge! Why not gave smaller areas and move them about?
- Would it be possible to not aim to graze cows in zones 1 and 5 as defined on option 3. This could then mean that the conventional fencing boundary cost could be saved and the many access routes retained that would become blocked by the fencing.
- As above re use of collars. Would rather smaller area with fences that can be moved to the next area.

Connecting up the areas

- It would be good to see if it is possible to connect the different blocks.

Keep boundary back from road

- The boundary should not be along the road but back beyond the car parks.

Expand to all suitable land in AONB

- Boundary line should eventually include all suitable grazing land within the AONB

Electric fencing

- Better to move the boundary line in where contractors would get a clear run to install underground electric fences which would remove the need for all the fencing and furniture

Cattle grids

- Good cattle grids are away from housing

Use ponies

- The boundary line would not be necessary with ponies.

Location specific comments

Around Brocton

- Take out zone 1 under option 3

- A large buffer zone away from Brocton or car park road access points.....zone it in the middle of nowhere if at all
- The main walking areas around Milford and Brocton should not be fenced, excluded from the grazing scheme and managed via other methods
- Change the boundary plan to be away from Brocton village.
- I would suggest the boundary line is relocated so that the areas around Milford and Brocton are outside of the grazing areas
- it seems unnecessarily close to Brocton
- Too close to Brocton Village
- Around Chase Rd leaving Brocton, no need for fencing place cattle grid closer to Brocton, this will also stop deer entering Brocton
- Its proximity will have a direct impact on the local Brocton environment.

NW Area

- Not happy with boundary line in north west area

North side

- Other than changes which would encourage the next generation of users to the natural areas from the north side (Stafford) of the chase. Birches valley is well managed, the Stepping Stones offers something different.

Brook Lane

- Move fence away from Brook Lane

Bradley/Brindley heath

- Limit Bradley heath grazing.
- I use the area of Brindley Heath every day along with many other dog walkers and I am very concerned this will cause a massive disruption to my daily routine
- The whole of Brindley Heath is being used. Is this really needed? West Cannock Farm is home to 70 horses. What effect will this have on our safe out riding? Will there be any way of avoiding the cattle?
- The boundary line around Brindley heath seems to fully go around the area including straight up to the livery yard. This area is used by many and this will restrict access
- Brindley Heath area is used by horse riders from West Cannock Farm and if there is not access they will lose a lot of business
- Alignment at Flints Corner (Brindley Heath) should aim to be less intrusive

Bevin's Birches

- Bevin birches is right next to where I am. I have good access here so I would like the access to stay the same.
- We would want to see invisible fencing used on the section that borders our land and Bevin's Birches. This would allow deer to continue to roam on our paddock. We are not in support of any fencing, if there must be fencing it should be invisible.

Milford, Stepping Stones, Sherbrooke Valley

- I feel Milford boundary line, depending on treatment could be an eyesore and put visitors off wandering too far on to the chase.
- Children should have walking access to the stepping stones from Milford common and the punch bowl. There're the areas where a lot of local children are introduced to the chase and its undoubted benefits. They should not be put off by large animals.
- Grazing should not be considered for areas near Milford Common or the Sherbrooke valley which is popular with families with young children, often involving picnics and paddling in the Sherbrooke particularly around Stepping Stones. Castle droppings!
- Just don't like it at all and will totally spoil the area - especially the Milford common area and along the Brocton road
- Concerned that boundary line goes to Stepping Stones and Seven Springs where there are large numbers of people congregating with children and dogs. keep the path between these two points outside of the cattle area

Furnace coppice

- Prefer to see invisible fencing everywhere, particularly at furnace coppice

A34 and Cemeteries

- Reduce permanent fencing, for example the road between the A34 and the Cemeteries, take measures to reduce the through traffic by traffic calming such as gated priorities. There is a good alternative route along the A34. Then invisible fencing used.

- Needs to be restricted, away from villages, south-east of Coppice Hill - would also be away from WW1 sites. Areas free from livestock needed. Invisible fencing would allow wildlife free access.

Kinglsey Wood Road

- The fence that borders our land off Kingsley Wood Road must be invisible fencing.

Seven Springs car park

- The fence at seven springs car park seems designed to reduce public access to the chase

Chase Road

- I feel that Chase road, that cuts across the Chase from Brocton should be closed between the hours of 11.00 pm to 5.00 am

Need a clearer map

Understanding the issues/seeing the maps

- I'd appreciate a much larger version illustrating the area adjacent to Brocton.
- I would need to see this on the ground
- Needs to be clearer
- Can't see where it is in Brocton due to the poor map
- Don't know where the boundary line is due to it not being on the key

Comments about the proposal more generally

More information needed

- How have these boundary lines been decided

Other concerns

- would infringe on wildlife
- What happens with deer jumping the fences towards the roads?

See previous comments

- As above, most of it seems to be near Stafford
- As above
- see above
- As above.
- See above
- Due to my previous comments these are not relevant.
- Yes no one has been in touch the livery yard that is on this land

No comment, like and dislike

No specific comments to make on the boundary line

- No comments
- No
- n/a
- N/A
- none
- no
- No
- no
- None
- No
- No
- No

- no
- No
- No
- no
- no
- No
- no
- Na
- no
- Not at this time I do have concerns on fencing

No issues with fencing

- We have to start somewhere. It can be increased or decreased if it is found necessary.
- Good to see the use of invisible fencing.
- No issues
- No. I assume will be given to having moveable boundary lines to prevent over-use/over-grazing of particular areas and to conserve that is within them, i.e. closing off certain (small) areas if in danger of being damaged.

No support for fencing

- They should not be there at all
- There should be no boundary line
- This must not happen
- I am not in agreement
- I have many but none are polite so I shall keep them to myself.
- Loose it completely or set it way into the chase.....away!!!!!!!
- Not applicable if there are no fences
- There should not be a boundary line nor any fencing surrounding Cannock Chase.
- I do not want to see a boundary line its outstanding natural beauty will be diminished
- Banish it
- Will cause damage, disruption and restriction to a perfect beautiful area. This should not happen.
- Yeah get rid!
- No, I don't agree with the fencing off for cattle.
- Should not happen
- Without cattle there is no need for a boundary.
- All of the above. Desist!
- there should not be any boundary lines what so ever
- No new boundary lines to be fenced off.
- There shouldn't be any
- Why spoil any of it , its fine as it is,
- There should be no boundaries. Areas already fenced are not grazed. Waste of money and unsightly!
- No fencing
- Concerned about a parameter fence
- The fences with ruin the beauty of the chase
- It's unnecessary and a waste of money. It spoils the beauty of being able to walk in to the chase from any point.

No need for change

- Don't do it. Leave the chase wild
- I don't want a boundary line at all. We have wonderful fenced areas of beauty within Staffordshire without needing to change the very essence of the chase by putting fences and restrictions in place. I no longer cycle where this is implemented

As before

- No
- No further comments
- Should not occur.
- No
- See above
- No
- Oppose

- See above
- The cattle would be in a more concentrated area and their effect, if any, more worthwhile. Brocton Coppice would be cattle free.
- hard fencing to be no nearer than 800 metres from Brook Lane
- no
- should not occur

For and against

- This is one of the few places in the midlands we can walk free - the plan is poor
- I don't want cattle roaming in the Chase
- I do not agree with grazing of cattle or any type of additional fencing
- Generally I could live with this.
- Total waste of public money
- Cannock Chase is common land and cannot be fenced. County Council should refuse demands to do so as against public's interest and rights.

Recreation and access

- Restricts free access to the chase. Fences will be I'll maintained as in other existing areas.
- Worried that fences will be used as a deterrent to prevent free access by locals walking, plus it will affect it visually
- why so big
- There will be no safe place to walk my dog if cattle roam this whole area.
- The boundary line surrounds almost all of the visitor car parks which will deter visitors. Looking at the SAC management plan, this is what they are wanting - visitors deterred from coming to the area!
- This would allow open access from "honeypot" car parks at seven springs, Punchbowl, Milford Common and Coppice Hill and residential areas of Haywood, Milford, Brocton, Walton on the Hill and Bednall.
- no
- In the main part of the country park it should be moved away from the honey pot car parks of 7 springs, punchbowl, and Milford common and away from residential areas of Brocton and Milford.
- Seems about right. It seems sensible to exclude the "honeypot" areas of Milford Common, White House and Penkridge Bank
- any future boundary lines would need to coincide with existing or new car parks

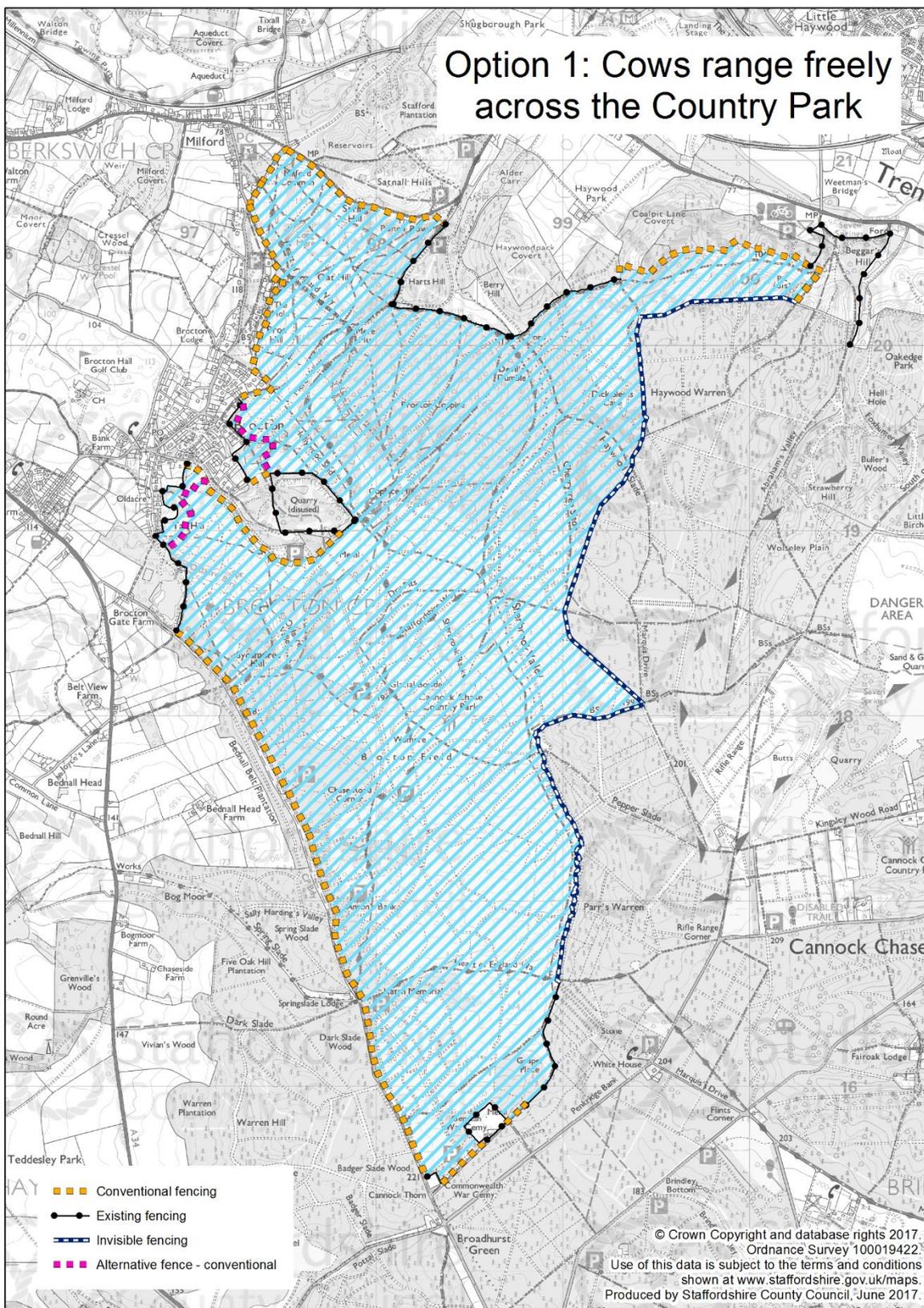
Fencing

- No - I don't wish there to be a boundary line.
- I do not want to see any perimeter fencing, as the Chase should be left open - not have fences around it.
- Too close to Brocton village. it seems villagers are been excluded
- The NW and N line in the main part of CP should be moved away from honeypot car parks and residential areas. More limited semi-permanent enclosure should be established E and S of a line from Stepping Stones to Coppice Hill to Sycamore Hill.
- I think visual fencing would be best as people that do not understand that the electric system is in place. They then may be concerned and ring the police about a non-existent danger of cattle getting onto the road.
- Reduce size of enclosed areas so that it does not directly abutt Brocton village
- It seems very long
- Don't want a boundary line
- Yes, the very use of the word "Boundary" is abhorrent
- Not to have a boundary fence!
- Far too close to the populations who live around the chase
- Would prefer for it not all to be fenced
- Certainly, reassess boundary lines to cover smaller, individual parcels of land
- Is it necessary to locate the proposed boundary along Brook Lane so close to residential properties? I suggest they are located far enough away not to cause issues and disturbance to local residents.
- It is too close to habitation. The benefits of grazing are not definite, it has lots of problems. Fence an area and try out grazing well away from habitation to minimise interaction problems between cattle people dogs, bikes and vehicles

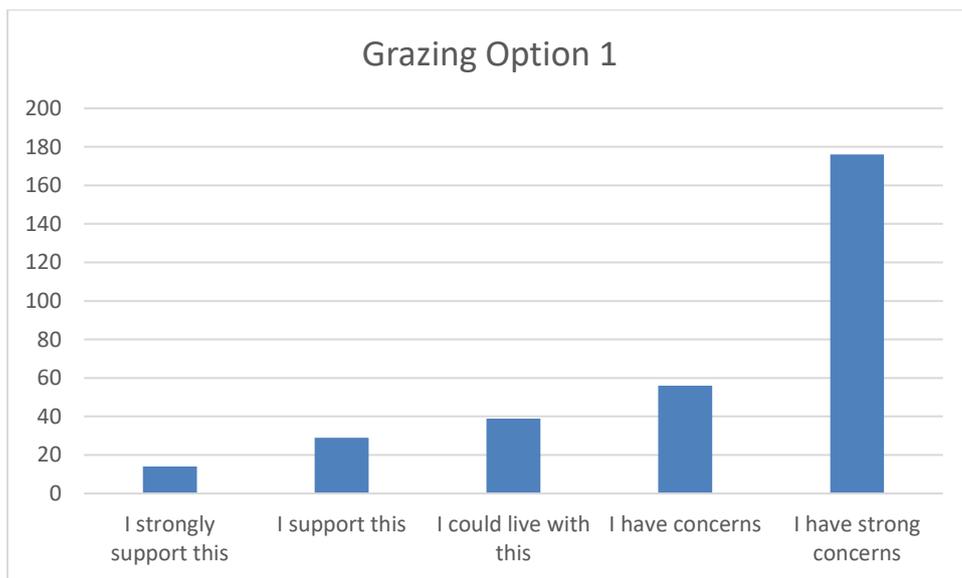
- It is too near to habitation Fencing for stock should be strong existing fencing is not. cannot see how cost is beneficial or the whole grazing scheme
- The proposed area is huge, unreasonable and totally out of proportion. This is Common Land and the people should have free access.
- The north easterly section that goes towards Severn Springs should be omitted.
- The Chase is an open access area for the Midlands; Birmingham's lung; a very special area in the heart of the country – DO NOT FENCE IT IN!
- Move it away from Brocton
- The North West perimeter fence of the main (largest) area is an unnecessary restriction to open access of the beautiful country park AONB; the North West fence should be moved east to a line Stepping stones, Coppice hill, Sycamore hill, Oldacre.
- the "panhandle" near Seven Springs should be removed
- yes – why can't it be moved to more remote areas such as along Sherbrook Valley
- no fencing – houses adjacent will lose value
- too near the village of Brocton
- too near village
- Litter will be blown onto the fences from the roads creating an eyesore.
- suggest a line no further west than stepping stones to coppice hill to sycamore hill would be more acceptable
- remove the NW boundary line – 7 springs – coppice hill – sycamore hill
- I would not support fencing on any part of this common land

4 Grazing - options for the main body of Cannock Chase Country Park

4.1 Option 1: Cows range freely across the Country Park



4.1.1 To what extent do you support option 1?



4.1.2 What if anything would need to happen to increase your support?

Full support

- Fully support.
- Area seems away from main visitor locations. So fine.
- not really
- No issues
- This would be better than having lots of fencing and gates all over the chase - stick the fences on the whole boarder of the chase.

No support

- Nothing, I would not support this option
- No gated access
- No fencing
- No fencing
- It not to be done
- I cannot support this suggestion as in my opinion it is not a suitable management option.
- I am generally unhappy about these suggestions
- Fear of cows
- Stop cows completely. If must have them, only tiny areas
- Would never support I will not would my dog or ride my horse if the cows go on the chase
- no - to me this is not a viable option - regardless of the docile nature of any cow breed you put there - dogs/people/horses would be at risk
- nothing
- This must not happen
- Not to have cows grazing as horses are afraid of them
- No cows
- I do not support any grazing
- no cows grazing freely
- No grazing.
- See previous answer
- Do not allow grazing
- None
- nothing
- It not happening! It is bloody dangerous! The chase is crawling with kids who are well within their rights to use it. Many who come are from towns and not aware of dangers of livestock. Law suit waiting to happen.
- I strongly disagree with cattle being used to manage the chase
- Nothing

- Nothing would increase my support.
- Nothing - you are turning the Chase into a farm - this is not acceptable
- No cattle should be allowed on Cannock Chase. It is the least viable option.
- No fences at all.
- Leave it as an open space, there is enough grazing land in this area with no need to extend
- Nothing
- Ditch this idea entirely
- none
- This to not go ahead
- None! get rid leave Cannock Chase unaltered
- I don't want to see cattle introduced onto the chase
- Don't allow grazing on the chase
- It not to happen
- Abandon this idea.
- no
- No grazing
- No. You need to stop messing with open Heath and the habitat of other animals.
- Nothing - I'm DEAD AGAINST IT
- nothing
- Same as previous
- see previous comments
- None
- I give no support to this.
- nothing could get my support
- Scrap the idea entirely
- None
- We have lived in this area for many years with free & open access to Cannock Chase & now feel that we will be restricted access for us & the local community.
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Safety re cows, people, dogs and horses

Concerns

Concerns about risks to people and dogs

- No. Do not introduce cattle to areas enjoyed by families and dog walkers. Many people are injured or killed every year by cattle.
- I am opposing the inclusion of cattle on the chase. The cattle will churn up water streams, leaving buggy mud in their wake. Cattle can chase and injure (even kill) dogs, children will be intimidated and discouraged to use the chase.
- Completely against cows and walkers mixing it is dangerous
- Cows do chase dogs.
- Cows can pose a danger. Particularly for children using the area.
- If they range freely then dog walkers will constantly have to have dogs on leads to ensure their safety as a cow may attack if startled. Same for children can't go off and explore due to startling them, they'll constantly have to be by family side

Concerns about risks to riders and horses

- Horses are frightened of cows, this will cause accidents
- As horse riders we will not be able to avoid such as large area
- This will cause safety issues when out riding as the horses can get easily spooked by them
- Cows can be unpredictable and have been known to become hostile
- Evidence that it is safe to ride through cows and to dog walking through cows. All evidence suggests this is not safe

Suggestions

Guarantee cows will be harmless

- Guarantee that cows located there were absolutely harmless to humans and other animals

Have cow-free areas

- Have areas where there are no cattle at least some of the time
- Fenced in animals no contact with public
- Reduce grazed areas and maintain a higher degree of free, untended access to public.
- restricted area only
- Reduce area cattle have free access to.
- Prefer restriction to limited areas.
- They have to be fenced in
- To many people cows are huge, threatening animals, thought must be given to where they are allowed to wander. Dexters are small/hardy beasts but chosen areas should preferably be where lots of people are least likely to be. .
- Not everyone feels comfortable with large animals. Clearly dogs and children should be under control but in my experience cows are inquisitive and could intimidate children and excite dogs. As an adult I would like to have options to the north side.
- Keeping cattle and the general public separate
- Excluding cattle from high usage areas
- Keep the area to the more remote parts of the Chase
- Very limited areas away from public footpaths and popular access areas
- Limit grazing to unused areas

Use different grazing animals

- Use sheep?
- No cows - animals that do not kill humans such as deer
- Grazing yes Cattle NO.
- No cows
- I think consideration should be given to grazing small native ponies
- Increase the deer population...visitors are expecting to see deer, are aware of their needs and are already responsible with dogs when deer are near.
- We have no trouble with deer. Numbers of cattle should be small.

Recreation and accessing the Chase**Concerns****This will affect my enjoyment**

- As a keen cyclist this would prevent my enjoyment of this area.
- I think this has no consideration for horse walk
- The freedom to picnic, rest and enjoy the area could be difficult.
- in Kinver where this has happened families are put off using the areas
- Loss or relaxation and enjoying countryside due to upsetting horses
- The chase is a lovely area to walk over, without the risk of walking in cow pool!

Could dogs be off leads?

- I live in Brocton, would this mean I would not be allows to walk my dog off the lead?

Suggestions**Access for horse riders**

- Ensure sufficient equestrian access gates.
- Better animal control and access for all users including horse riders

Access for people

- Guarantee access for recreation, ensure people are not forgotten

Smaller areas

- The area is too large
- Make the area Smaller!
- Could the area be made into say 3 smaller areas so dogs could still run freely in between
- Divide into 2 areas and have cattle grazing in one area at a time. People can the use the other area for recreational activities
- Take out zone 1 under option 3
- Why such a large area in one go. Maybe have sectioned areas
- Smaller areas so you can avoid the cows

- Restricted zones invisible fencing
- Divide the area up and limit the cattle to one area at a time with notices being posted when they are in a given area.

Up to date information on location of cows

- Updates as to where the cows are expected to be during any period

Fencing

Concerns

- Worried about fencing

Suggestions

- Clear sight of where the boundaries are going to be in Brocton
- Less hard fencing
- removing hard fencing and public restriction
- Simply to keep down the initial investment cost of fencing, gates etc. and then the long term maintenance costs. Should use life cycle analysis to appraise options fully
- I could only live with this option if there was significant traffic management systems in place to slow the traffic down on the access roads, particularly Camp Road, Penkrige Bank, Brindley Road.
- Guarantee that fencing will not be an eyesore and cause a hindrance to access.
- No fences at all as per The New Forest in Hampshire, England

Cattle welfare

Concerns

Poisonous plants

- do not put cattle on the bracken will cause cancer and we have enough now

Dog worrying cows

- I am concerned about dogs being off the lead and aggravating the cows. Dogs need areas where they can run free
- Cows will be at risk from dogs, and mountain bikes, they will spook horses.

How are the cows looked after

- How do you manage their welfare? I lived in Kinver and saw two cows die because the NT (or their farmer) could not manage them.
- This seems to be an expensive idea, who would monitor and look after the cattle.

Suggestions

Smaller compartments

- I feel this is quite a large area to manage and might be easier to manage if it was divided down into say three smaller areas. This would make it easier to manage the cattle, it also would allow maybe some sort of rotation for the cattle.
- Compartmentalised grazing gives greater control of grazing regime/levels and of livestock (i.e. health-checks). Provides significantly more precise habitat management, allows for seasonal focused grazing

Care when managing movement

- Think carefully about how we manage movement

Choice of breeds

- Type & breed used in conjunction with human's needs consideration. Calves with cows depends on type.

Old wire fences removed

- Ensure that old wire fences are removed. Cattle may get caught by wire fencing submerged in Sherbrook, which were installed by prior blundering into the 'correct' management of the chase.

Habitat management and wildlife

Concerns

Single grazing unit too large

- I'm not sure why you are asking the public about stock management issues? Free roaming appears superficially better but may lead to issues of concentration poaching of the ground and inadequate grazing of some areas.
- The area is too big to have as one grazing unit. The old woods should be excluded.

Protect wildlife

- Protect badgers

Suggestions

- Smaller contained areas with removable fencing and then move the cows onto the next area. Rotational grazing
- Test the possibility and option on a far smaller area.
- A scientific conclusion that free-range cattle grazing would bring substantial ecological benefits
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Location specific points

Locations

- Visitor enjoyment of the Sherbrook esp stepping stones and pump house as these could be places where cattle like to drink/ hang out causing an issue for visitors 1) by their presence 2) by churning up the ground 3) by poo in and around the river.
- Access from Haywood Park Farm. Fixed fencing will impact on this tenants business and livelihood which hosts Caravan Club rally's, provides horse livery yard, international orienteering competitions all to the benefit of Staffordshire
- Restrict some of the access to the Milford side of Cannock Chase
- get rid of idea or set boundary way back from Brocton or car ;park access points on the road
- Not happy with the boundary line in north west area Would like to see it further east to follow a line from Punchbowl along existing fence, to Stepping Stones(ford),to Coppice Hill and across to Sycamore Hill on Oldacre

More information needed and questions answered

Smell

- Reassurance that you won't get the smell associated with manure when cattle are grazing so close to housing areas.

More information about cattle: breeds and numbers

- How many cows? Concerns of bikes hitting them. any bulls
- I think the number of cattle need to be outlined and the public need reassurance that they will be safe. However, I am not sure how the deer will be affected presumably smaller fenced off areas would deter deer from mixing with the cattle.
- How many cows would need to be grazing to have an impact on the scrubland in this large area? The trial areas where cows are already grazed don't appear to be much different than before.
- Is this whole area to be closed for grazing? How many cattle? What breed of cattle, some are more placid than others

Is funding adequate?

- Would need convincing there was adequate funding to support a wide ranging grazing scheme, especially at first. Would prefer to see a phased project.

Effects on habitats and wildlife?

- Explanation of how this can be effective. What is to stop the cows being in one area all of the time?
- I want to know why this is necessary. Why is it needed to fence off such a huge area of chase? This is not a country park.
- More info on the effectiveness of the of grazing such a large area, how large the heard would have to be
- Show me how this will affect the deer
- Please explain how fencing will affect deer movements and welfare?
- Prove the difference between deer grazing and cattle.

How this will be managed?

- more information on how this would be managed

As before

- nothing
- N/A
- Nothing
- I could not support Option 1.
- Nothing = see previous comment
- None – I don't really want to use grazing as an option
- nothing, fine idea

For and against

- Don't introduce cattle
- Nothing. I don't wish to see cows all over the Chase. Cows increase greenhouse gases, lead to diseases (TB) and then badgers will have to be culled. Also, cow muck and children playing is not a good idea.
- No cows, no fences. There are no benefits from this option.
- Not a sensible solution
- No cattle no fencing
- To think of alternatives
- I cannot support this
- I completely reject this proposal.
- Scrap the idea
- Getting a bit repetitive but the Chase has existed well for decades without this intrusion.
- leave Cannock Chase as it is
- do not interfere with wildlife natural open area
- no cows, no fences
- Proposal dropped; cattle not the answer to future management, they do not benefit the area.
- Continue present management; it is working.
- I would not support the erection of fencing or grazing of cattle on Cannock Chase

Safety concerns

- What about people that a scared of cattle?
- Traffic issues at night on Chase Road
- Cows would be less dangerous but that is not possible!
- Too high risk to have cows mixing with people some of which will be quite young

Recreation and access

- Nothing. I do not wish to see cows all over Cannock Chase as it will stop people being able to use the Chase freely, having to stop your run or bike ride to get off your bike to go through gates, then have to navigate around cows which could be dangerous
- make large areas free from cattle
- There must be protection for Stepping Stones and Pump house picnic areas

Fencing

- Think I would prefer set areas rather than the whole of the Chase
- Reduce the total enclosed area. Move the fencing line in the main part of the CP to the east and south to create a 'grazing free' area in the North West which is an area which is used by many visitors very frequently. Limit enclosure to smaller areas.
- Another solution for the fencing
- Reduce fenced off area containing cattle and provide buffer area between residential areas.
- Removal from anywhere near the towns and villages surrounding the chase
- Reassess boundary areas and specific parcels of land
- Relocate proposed fencing and access points along Brook Lane, away from residential properties.
- move the NW fence east to align stepping stones, Coppice Hill car park, Sycamore Hill, Oldacre and remove "panhandle" near Seven Springs; this compromise would maximise visitor open access from "honeypot" car parks at Seven Springs, Punchbowl, Milford Common & Coppice hill and residential areas of Haywood, Milford, Brocton, Walton on the Hill and Bednall. Open cattle free access to Brocton millennium sundial would be preserved; cattle would not be in Brocton Coppice area of ancient woodland.
- better fencing in areas where grazing is allowed

- move the boundary from built up area to more remote area
- internal divisions needed as in options 2 and 3
- hard fencing no nearer than 800 metres from Brook Lane
- I would prefer smaller areas and cows deployed on a rota basis
- keep a much larger area of unenclosed open space free from the possibility of cattle grazing
- have cattle enclosure fencing in small semi-permanent areas which would concentrate the effect of cattle and could be monitored more effectively
- move the NW fence east and remove panhandle area close to Haywood Park

More information, evidence and details

- Actual number of livestock to be advised e.g. 10 to 20; 20 to 40 over 100?
- Assurances on the safety of the cattle from dogs, cyclists and ne'er do wells.
- Evidence that a small number of cattle would make a difference to the chase
- I don't really get a sense of what this will all look like from the documentation I have seen so far.
- Availability of budget to fund herdsman to manage such a large roaming area
- Recent reports suggest cattle do not benefit the areas where they have been introduced. In fact Sutton Park is trying to remove cattle as they have damaged the environment.
- a clear indication that secretary of state approval would be forthcoming to fence in common land and Defra would approve grazing particularly the electronic method

Conservation, wildlife and habitat management

- understand the impact on the deer
- Cows do not control bracken or Silver Birch saplings. They have been keeping mainly to the paths and making a mess
- Oldacre WW1 archaeology must be protected
- Sherbrook stream SSSI and Oldacre burn must be protected

4.1.3 What do you think are the benefits of this option?

Habitat and landscape

Improves habitats

- Won't detract from character environment. Good land use.
- Will improve the habitat
- Will hopefully improve heathland areas.
- Improvement in the long term of the habitat
- Environmental
- Ecological

Keeps down scrub, bramble and bracken

- If keeps down scrub and bramble
- Shorter grass less bracken maybe more ground nesting birds as a result
- Keep down the bracken, less sprays and machines needed, good increase of insects due to cow dung this will be good for birds and other wildlife
- Very limited grass/flora reduction and some bracken trampling
- Bracken reduced naturally over time
- Probably vegetation control
- Clear the land through grazing
- A wider area is subject to the attentions of the cattle, but will they remain long enough in an area to do enough good?

Seeing cattle grazing

- Would be great to see cattle grazing.
- Natural management technique, amazing beautiful animals allowed the freedom to roam
- Happier animals, better for the areas being grazed, if managed properly.

Landscape kept open

- Retaining the open area around Brockton & Milford
- Less visual and physical impact
- Its less intrusive and avoidable for horses but still not good having them roam freely

Natural management

Naturalistic

- Naturalistic option and probably least cost of infrastructure
- Would achieve the most naturalistic grazing pattern but would give less control on movement of cattle and inability to target graze if needed.
- It's a natural solution
- Natural is good
- Less intrusive than the other options.
- Natural management option.
- grazing is a natural method of maintaining land

Less chemicals

- If it reduces the need for chemical intervention then I'm for it
- There would be less chemicals used to control out of control plants
- Natural control of habitat without chemicals
- Lack of chemicals
- Its far more ecologically sound than mechanical or chemical options or other forms of human intervention

Less mechanical management

- Reduce the impact on ground and soil damage
- Less need for mechanical interventions. Natural areas can be managed as nature intended however not everyone is as comfortable with nature children need nurturing.

Cost effective

Cost effective

- Will maintain countryside using little money
- Possibly cost savings to SCC as it MAY reduce costs associated with other management techniques - certainly no advantages for visitors!
- Once the expense of fencing has been met, the manpower and cost of maintaining the land would be much cheaper
- Easy for the management - cheap!
- Financial savings for the council
- Cost savings
- Cheap option to create heath land. People have always known the Chase for its forestry. Please keep it as forest.
- It would have little impact on people and their recreation but would control some areas therefore reducing management costs.

Least fencing so cheapest option

- avoids much invisible fencing costs
- Much easier to manage without zoning the area with additional expense and infrastructure. Should enable a good variation in grazing across the site to enable diversity.
- Cost efficient; low maintenance cost when compared to compartmentalised site
- cheaper
- It is likely to be the cheapest to operate
- Cost. Cheaper as less invisible fencing needed.
- With less fencing it is probably the cheapest
- Cheaper alternative for fencing
- The cheapest

Cow welfare

Cows don't need collars

- The cows won't need shock collars, less chance of any animals being injured, that includes the cows from dogs!

Freedom to roam

- The cows would have a nice big area to wander around!
- I'd prefer the grazing animals to have more room to roam.
- cattle spread out, gives the feel of new forest ponies,
- Cows being able to move freely to grazing areas

- Cattle have a great area to graze and be free
- Will help with the grazing and mean they can get to various areas when needed too

Fencing

Less fencing

- On benefits other than no unsightly fencing
- less fencing
- Cows will graze where they find appropriate food material. No further fences will be required.
- Less fencing, less chance of public and cattle coming into contact.
- Avoids the need to subdivide this open heathland landscape
- Less fences
- Less internal fencing for damage to deer and wildlife as well as being able to continue with walking on original routes
- Less fencing, simpler to manage

Invisible fencing

- The invisible fencing clearly has management advantages as you can focus and rotate your stock. I assume it can be switched off so you can select the area and chose to allow free roaming if you like.

Feel of free open access better retained

Open access better retained

- Less restrictive
- The principal of free access is better retained
- Free use across the Chase without restriction

Cows and people

- Maintains access to horse riders and people nervous of cattle.
- People would be less concerned.
- I imagine the likelihood of seeing cattle is lower as they'd be spread across the site.
- With more available space there is less chance of cows meeting heavily populated areas
- Keeps the cattle away from main cycle routes.

Meat

- It seems a good idea, would local butchers benefit and could people buy the meat.
- Well it will keep the gypsies with a plentiful supply of beef. And this who think otherwise are incredibly naive.

Agree/disagree that there are benefits

I agree with this recommendation

- Agree with the recommendation
- If it is the best method of managing the site, then it is the best option because it is what is best for the site!
- It is good option and flexible
- I am in favour of grazing but only under strict controls and management

Can't see any benefits

- There are none as it is not clear the reasons or benefits are to doing so.
- None. Why cull deer to only introduce cattle or sheep?
- None.
- None
- None
- None
- There are no benefits to me.
- Can't see a benefit - is there a shortage of farmer's fields?
- None that are overall worthwhile
- None
- None other than eating the flora in that area - couldn't other animals be considered?
- To whom?
- None
- None for people

- No benefits at all
- As above
- non
- Don't see any benefits
- none
- non
- None
- none
- I don't see any major benefits
- None whatsoever
- None
- None at all; totally negative.
- stupid council idea.....bloody madness
- None
- There are no benefits to this option. Strongly reconsider.
- None, the fences will really restrict the use of the recreation activities.
- None
- None.
- None
- I do not think there are any
- We cannot think of any perceivable benefits to residents.
- None.
- None
- None
- Nothing!
- None
- None at all. Risks to everyone and spoils landscape and pure purpose of the chase.
- None whatsoever.
- none, humans are not going to negotiate thru areas full of cows
- None
- Can't see any
- None to the users of the chase and public.
- none
- None that I can see
- Minimal compared to mowing.
- None
- none, except to fencing contractors
- None
- None
- None.
- none only problems
- I don't see any at all
- I cannot see any. Deers have been culled, so why are cattle being brought in?
- None.
- No
- None
- I don't think there are any benefits
- None whatsoever we have enough grazing land

Other comments

- Ruin look of landscape with fencing and threatening to the deer who currently roam freely
- The intent is laudable but the chase is a fantastic amenity which needs to meet the requirements of a broad church
- the fencing still impacts and makes the chase a more dangerous place
- I prefer cutting and spraying rather than fences

As before

- no benefit at all
- none
- none

- none
- None
- none
- none
- none
- none
- I think the chase is currently well looked after by the current arrangement
- None
- none
- effective long term vegetation management
- Everything. As outlined previously (Cow grazing brilliant! These ruminates (steers – bullocks stirks) cal whatever (various country descriptions) will thrive on bracken / associates eaten)
- none
- none
- main benefit is control of the bracken which is becoming invasive
- there are no benefits
- none
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Recreation and access

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Fencing

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More information, details and evidence

- Limited as unsure the extent to which cattle would keep down the scrub and gorse. Not sure supposed benefits support the change.
- Very few on such a large area, the cattle already on the area by The White House have had little effect on a small area.
- A wider area is subject to the attentions of the cattle, but will they remain long enough in an area to do enough good?
- Grazing will help reduce overgrowing vegetation but don't deer already do that?

4.1.4 What do you think are the challenges of this option?

Size of area

Size of area

- Very large area to manage the health of cows
- The large expanse closed off
- Too large to manage
- It's a large area!
- Too large an area. Costs too much.
- Area too large, too close to villages.

Safety

Safety

- Large area to secure. Close mixing of cows with members of the general public who may not treat the animals with respect. Possibly leading to incidents where cows or public are injured
- cattle in highly used areas for families and picnics, cattle vs motor incidents
- Horses, dogs and families encountering cows and being frightened. A horse bolting could kill
- Problems for dog walkers, cyclists, walkers if cattle have calves.
- Safety for people and dogs
- Safety of people roaming on the chase - safety of cyclists - ruin of amenities with cow shit everywhere (deer poo is ok but not cows!)
- Safety
- Public safety. I would be concerned about welfare of the animals and also them straying on to roads causing accidents
- Free range cattle amongst families, children, cyclists, horse riders, dogs and walkers as well as the deer population. What about the risk to the cattle and motorists if they get out onto the road, what about the deer getting stuck in fencing?
- Danger to public in terms of health with cow droppings and general maintenance & tracking of animals
- Cows wondering onto roads. No ability to bypass them if walking or riding
- Chasing cyclists, spooked by dogs / stampedes, inability to avoid - possibility of coming into contact unexpectedly
- Safety of the public and animals. Does anyone consider the deer's' habitat?
- Dangers posed to walkers & riders
- Safety (or lack of it), severe restrictions to people accessing the chase, cow pats everywhere, the likely theft of the cattle, if the cattle are docile them being assaulted by folk who are not familiar with livestock.
- Safety of cows, wildlife and the public
- Some people will be scared of cows and will stop them from accessing the chase.
- Well it stops freedom of walkers and cyclists - danger risks!
- Dangerous, unnecessary, worries about animal welfare,
- Safety of the public. Urbanisation of a natural area. Vandalism of fences. Bull management.
- Intimidation of public
- Very real risk to public and also to the cows if dogs are not controlled. Would only work in an ideal world - like dog poo bags, it is not practical.
- There are huge challenges and the health and safety risks towards people and dogs are enormous.
- Potential damage to residential areas. More so than deer. Cows are a potential threat to dogs.
- Cattle and humans invariably get on but there are a number of deaths caused by cattle and human interaction each year!
- Safety. Adding livestock increases risk. The open areas are not easily reached. Anyone injured by a cow faces not being able to find help.

- Public Safety
- Cows kill and make an even bigger mess when hit by a car than smaller animals
- Safety of public using area. Spread of disease.

Recreation and access

Cows in highly used areas

- Cattle and the general public on bikes, walking with dogs and children, and horse riders really is not a good mix. The general public has been encouraged to use the Chase by the council and forest enterprise and is now very busy.
- Cows would be mingling with other users of the park.
- Cows are unpredictable and their presence would limit accessibility to the area by people with young children and dogs

No cow free areas

- Not all horses, dogs or people are fond of cows, even though it is a big space it isn't fair to have to have the chance of coming across them every time you use the chase.
- Nowhere to go on Cannock chase that is truly free of livestock, concerning as a mountain biker
- Dog walkers and families going up there and not feeling safe to let dogs off or let children play and explore due to unpredictability of where to cows are.
- No areas free from risk of encounters with cattle, which can be intimidating to people and dogs
- not happy with cows everywhere
- It will take a lot of oversight. public users will not be able to avoid the livestock
- Restricting use of the whole area for unload dog walks, and restricting the freedom of younger children, due to additional hazards of cattle
- Cows everywhere
- people not knowing where cattle are
- Excluding sensitive areas including honeypots.
- Ensuring that the cattle do not interfere with activities on the Chase.
- The interaction between cattle fencing and people

Deter visitors

- Significantly reduced visitor numbers!
- Would considerably restrict the number of fundraising and learning activities for visitors, particularly children.
- It will deter use of the chase (the suggestion tourists will come to see the cattle is laughable). In time lack of use by walkers, horse riders, cyclists etc. will lead to it becoming just like any other farmland.
- Grazing will stop dog walkers, cyclists, horse riders, using this area. It's a complete waste to put cattle on this area just for grazing!
- Recreational use of land
- Will put people off visiting and enjoying the area.
- Ordinary town people are scared of cows so this will keep a lot of people away, such a shame
- Reducing visitors due to dog freedom restrictions and fear

Dogs always having to be on leads

- Too large an area accessible by cattle. Dogs having to be on lead all times. Dog walkers use this area specifically because it is suitable for off lead walks. No exercise benefit if they have to remain on lead. Would stop me going here at all.
- The main challenge to me would be the size of the area and if the cattle were completely free roaming would it mean all dogs would need to be kept on a lead all of the time.
- Some dog walkers that like to take their dogs off the lead may protest.

- Enabling free roaming by people & dogs
- Dog owners don't always control their dogs - some are incapable! Notices re dogs on leads often ignored. How will this be managed?
- Complaints from dog walkers I would imagine
- If my dogs are spooked by the cattle, or vice versa.
- Yes dog walkers can no longer enjoy the surroundings and will have to keep dogs on leads at all times due to cattle.
- Doesn't give people access to areas without cattle. Problem for dog walkers who want to let them off the lead - I wouldn't do that with cattle around
- Yes, control of the cows. Currently my dogs can run free in the Chase, but with cows there is danger to them, me and my dogs

Cows and horses

- Cows and Horses
- Not sure how horses and cows will mix!
- Avoiding riding through cattle land as horse riders.

Cows causing muddy (poached) trails, smell and dung

- Cows might have a detrimental effect on the existing trails and cause poaching of trails in poor weather
- Sherbrook becomes an area of mud, dangerous to children
- the smell from the cows
- Sherbrook will be defaced by mud and cowpats.
- Cow mess
- Limiting mess made by cattle affecting dogs and children

Cow troughs and people

- Cows drinking at water points currently used by families for playing around. Cow poo. Concern siting water troughs near residential areas and cows congregating - would be like living in a farm. I did not choose to live on a farm!
- Issues around drinking points in the sherbrook

Restricted access

- Giving access to horse riders, cyclists and dog walkers
- Restricting access
- Gated access this is supposed to be access for all but it seems that's the case as long as you're not on a horse
- no free access for walkers
- It will restrict access, use by dog owners,
- Current users of the chase. Open land is in short supply.
- as long as we can still access 100% of the Chase for walking where we like, I'll be happy

Signage and information

- putting signs up regarding where you can cycle, walk dogs, ride horses
- Unless gps tracked, keeping tabs on the herd would be time consuming.
- Who decides when to move the cattle? How is this done and what notification is given.

Fencing and impact

Fencing

- The fencing
- more fencing

- Fencing
- Fencing and access.
- Fencing.
- Finding adequate fencing

Landscape/feel of the Chase

- Fencing the Chase will destroy its nature and access
- Need to try and 'hide' the boundary fence line within the adjoining forestry plantations
- Where fencing backs onto properties and where it is visible from roads, etc.
- it will have adverse effect on the visual appearance of the chase

Fence maintenance

- Maintenance of fenced areas animals breaking out being too curious of people dogs and roads

Access points

- As I say, the Chase is for everyone, and I don't think it fair to reduce access points to this degree.

Cow welfare

Monitoring welfare and managing across such a large area

- It is a very large area and monitoring the health and movements of the cattle could be difficult.
- An extensive area to monitor
- Animal welfare; keeping an eye on each animal to ensure their welfare.
- Welfare of the cattle, finding them, animal husbandry.
- Gives less control to be able to manage livestock/dog walker interaction
- Potentially more difficult to manage, more public concern about the whereabouts of grazing animals
- Tending to the cattle to ensure they are safe and well and finding them.
- More personnel needed to care for animals
- Possibly more difficult to manage the animals.

Dogs harassing cows

- Intimidation of animals by antisocial humans and control of the animals
- Worried that they might be abused, scared by idiots. Danger to children. Cattle harassed by dogs
- Regular Dog walkers not respecting the cattle
- Educating dog owners to control their dogs, especially if calves present
- Free roaming dogs frightening cattle
- Dogs
- Cattle free to roam over large area coming into contact with dogs

Animal management

- Breaking of fences, animals escaping, poaching,
- Maintaining a balance of a herd of cattle that is used to humans and other animals
- Controlling movement of cattle and location of cattle within such a large area, will there be a need for further fences within the area to keep them contained? Damage along water courses and lowland paths.
- Security, safety and management of the cattle.
- managing the cows

- Managing such a large number of animals. Off putting to the public. Have a detrimental impact on the fauna and flora.

Poaching

- danger to the cattle from poachers more than deer
- Keeping fencing maintained. Keeping poachers out. I regularly hear gunshots at night at the moment and think that cattle would be targeted

Cattle diseases

- Controlling bovine TB and other illnesses e.g. foot and mouth
- Disease control in the event of foot and mouth and TB.

Poisonous plants

- Here is an abundance of Ragwort on Cannock Chase now, which is highly toxic to both horse & cattle. Cattle do not eat and digest bracken and brambles, thereby defeating the whole aim to this idea. .

Maintaining the boundary as stock proof (risk of damaged fence and gates left open)

- The length of fencing that will need maintaining in order to stop cattle roaming on to busy roads where there are already plenty of deer fatalities every year.
- Gates being left open. The cost of the fencing and collars and cattle grids is disproportionate to the benefit of the grazing. What about the ancient herd of deer, what is their relationship to the cattle.
- where to start - fences (who repairs them) in times of cutbacks this could take days and someone could be seriously injured in the meantime - signage not only for locals but some bikers/walkers/horse riders travel some distance to use facilities
- Controlling the livestock and ensuring that all boundary fences and gates are secure and regularly checked

Habitats management and wildlife

Managing the grazing pressure

- The issue for you is preferential grazing of favoured areas and an inability to force a rotation. A challenge for resident's maybe that you could not deter them easily if they put pressure on a small area particularly in wet weather.
- managing grazing pressures;
- Animals may be more difficult to manage. Some areas may not be grazed sufficiently unless animals are penned in on them.
- Cattle management, they will over graze the area the public do not walk or use.
- May be ineffective. Cows may congregate in one area and "overgraze" a particular area, while offering no benefit to other areas.

Will it work to manage habitats?

- it's not necessary
- Cattle do not eat bracken.
- Getting the cattle to achieve outcomes that the proponents wish them to do
- The cattle can go where they want and the benefits might not be realised over the whole of the Chase area.
- Introducing cattle has no significant benefit compared to deer. Someone has to pay for the fencing and I expect it will be the local population.

It's worked in other areas

- None as such, grazing on FC land has worked over the last 2 years, but birch regeneration is still a problem and the initial quotes from Staffs WT for fencing were way above commercial rates. FC managed contract for a fraction of WT initial quotes.

Effect on habitats

- Change of habitats due to cow poo, plants eaten by cows, different wildlife will thrive could change the existing balance making some wildlife struggle. I feel fencing will affect access

- Grazing of woodlands is a concern as will birch oak woodland is neglected on Cannock chase due to limited habitat designation
- There will be no area without the negative impact of cattle on the land
- It would disrupt the natural habitat and wildlife etc.
- Unpredictable cattle behaviour. Damage to the stream edges. Trampling in sensitive areas used by snakes and ground nesting birds. Spreading Himalayan Balsam by roaming through the affected areas.
- Balance of existing wildlife to roam as they wish

Pollution of water course

- Contamination to water course.
- Pollution
- Pollution problems
- Pollution

Deer

- Compatibility with the indigenous deer
- Problems with Deer jumping the fences.
- You are damaging and affecting the habitat of the deer for financial gain. Stop!
- What will happen to the deer that use the common? How can they get through the fencing?
- The deer have always had the run of the chase, now they may feel penned in with all the fences
- Also impact on deer.

Ground nesting birds

- ground nesting birds

Natural beauty and archaeology

Ruins natural beauty

- Ruins the natural beauty

Archaeology

- Damage to archaeology
- Damage to archaeological sites,

Public perceptions and understanding

Public perceptions

- The challenges would be to convince the public the area is safe. The initial cost of the fencing, gates and access points and manpower to erect them. The fencing needs to be inspected regularly especially near roads and a workforce ready to maintain it.
- Some people love the countryside as long as it doesn't have any animals in it!
- Reluctance of people to accept change
- Public opinion. Member of the public unable to walk in "guaranteed cattle free area"
- Public misunderstanding.
- Public may be frightened
- People might be frightened of the cattle roaming freely
- People may feel their access feels less free, especially dog walkers.
- To listen to public and take their concerns seriously, then to work with them
- Public disapproval.
- a lot of objection from the people who use the Chase

No challenges

- None that I can see.
- Cannot think of any
- I don't see any challenges, it's obvious which areas are not used.

Opposed to the idea

- Does not seem viable to me
- get rid of it and stop directing our response
- Sanity
- Not an acceptable option
- once established the Chase is lost forever
- should not consider it
- Total ridiculous idea
- I think it would be a great mistake
- No one wants the cows on the chase

Other**For and against**

- I am tired of open space being over organised
- I do not agree with cows roaming on the chase
- Not appropriate to have cattle grazing on Cannock Chase
- [The Country Park area of Cannock Chase should be open access](#)
- [Cannock Chase is not farmland. It is a natural open area and very special.](#)

Safety concerns

- Cows could be aggressive and charge. People won't be able to walk / run / bike / walk dogs on the Chase freely because of the cows. The cows could become aggressive. People will stop using gated areas where cows are (I have already seen evidence of this)
- safety
- Safety of people and cattle from poachers
- I don't want cattle roaming in the Chase, it's dangerous to bikers and dogs
- Dog walking on Sherbrooke valley as many dogs just run around without any control by their owners
- Safety of the public
- The unpredictability of a large animal.
- Interference by members of the public
- The cows cannot be controlled and visitors will be deterred by not knowing or by not being made aware where dangerous loose animals may be.
- Disruption, disturbance, increase in noise levels (from cattle) to local residents along Brook Lane. Residents not being familiar with living around cattle, how to behave etc.
- Controlling free ranging cattle across such a large area from cost and animal welfare point of view.
- Cows blocking exits Cows intimidating people children and dogs. Cow pats all over chase. cows damaging birds' nests area no longer accessible by general public
- Safety of people with dogs and children. fouling of chase and walking areas with cow pats and resultant smells Cattle eating grass deer eat when isn't enough for them cattle gathering at access points
- A very substantial change to management, with impact on access, without any piloting
- Many people distrust cattle
- Barriers to access, manmade intrusions to open spaces, livestock worrying and infections.

- managing the cows, who is going to manage their safety
- cattle could be anywhere – constant concern for visitors
- possible difficulties in controlling and perhaps locating animals
- danger to humans, dogs and horses
- danger to motorists & cyclists
- Many; cows damage streams pollute water; problems crayfish; out of bounds for orienteers! Cows cannot read
having looked after and milked cows I can foresee many problems
- safety concerns of visitors regarding cattle – people with dogs, groups of young people, family groups, horse riders would be particularly affected
- The current bylaw requiring dogs to be kept under control or on a lead is already widely ignored. I cannot see the resources being available to meet the higher degree of management control

Recreation and access

- Providing a balance that works for all. In my lifetime I have used the area for activities but also for reflection. Areas of natural solitude are still required and I believe the benefits are not necessarily recorded.
- I'm a dog walker and often meet, sometimes unexpectedly, several cyclist. Do cyclists and livestock mix well? Cyclist aren't keen on one dog being on the pathway how will they react to cattle?
- People will not be able to continue to use all places of the chase as the cows may be on the path, access gates will cause stoppage for runners and cyclists. Dog walkers won't be able to let dogs run freely and family picnics can't happen by cows.
- Bikers who have no interest in the Chase, just how fast they can ride.
- Conservationists obviously want this area for butterflies. What about needs of people in this area.
- Will not be effective. Will restrict the liberty and enjoyment of PEOPLE! The ones who pay community charges
- Cows do not eat bracken or saplings. They would restrict people's access and enjoyment of the area. The management of the cows would be expensive.
- Previously people / other animals could roam freely - that won't be able to happen now.
- restricted access to quiet enjoyment of a beautiful area
- picnic areas at Stepping Stones and Pump house will be ruined if unprotected
- dogs will need to be kept on leads at all times
- limitation of freedom
- high level of recreation in the area
- the removal of a wonderful unenclosed open space which is used for recreation and enjoyment by local communities and visitors from much further away
- NW fence cuts off honeypot car parks
- Many conflicts over use, recreational or otherwise which may cause management problems.

Fencing

- Cost
- large cost to provide fencing that will get vandalised
- The cost and practicality of maintaining such a great length of fencing. Safety issues relating to cattle and inevitable restriction of access for young people, families with children, dog walkers, horse riders and all who enjoy recreation.
- Area too big.
- Restricting the cows access
- This may cause public concern particularly in the short term, and a more gradual and phased approach to grazing could be more acceptable to a wider audience.

- Prohibitive cost of installation and maintenance, risk to cattle
 - The proposed area is huge, unreasonable and totally out of proportion. This is Common Land and the people should have free access.
 - maintenance of fencing
 - upkeep of the fencing
- Sherbrook would have to be fenced off as farmers not allowed to use streams, rivers etc. for cattle water supply

Animal welfare

- managing the cattle

More information, details and evidence

- Will this affect the value of all the properties in our area?
- Unrealistic waste of public funds
- Trying to keep the majority of people/taxpayers/visitors/general public happy. With this concept you won't manage it.
- cattle will be too dispersed to have any effect on vegetation
- cattle will eat most easily accessible grass, e.g. deer lawns, and there will be no effect on habitat management (as is the case at present on the area managed by Staffs Wildlife Trust near German cemetery)
- cattle dispersed and effect of grazing minimal

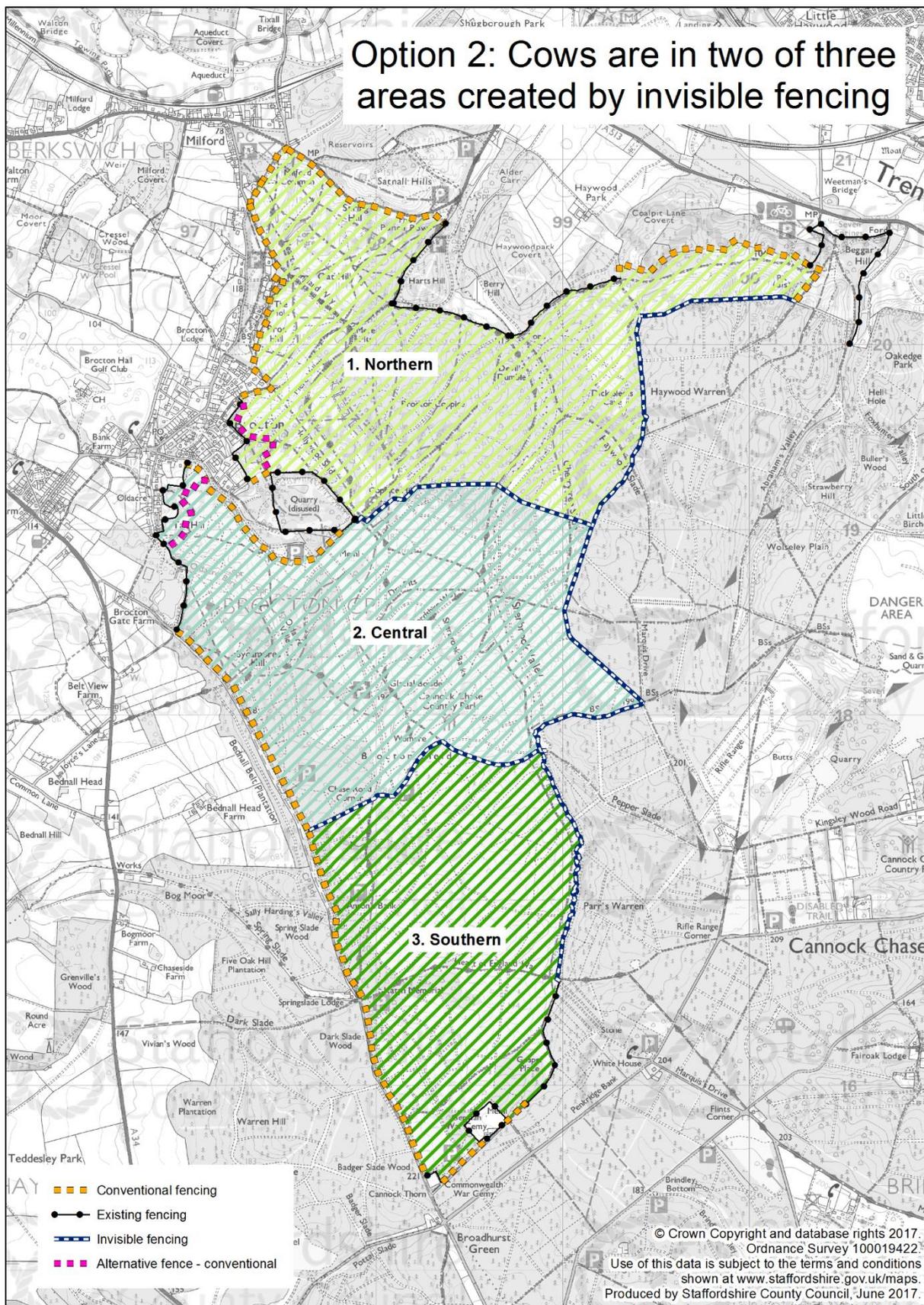
Engagement and communication

- Educating the public. Cows are usually quiet and avoid human contact. People need to control themselves and any children or dogs. This could be difficult!
- Taking the public with you (and such a vast document list needing to be read before taking this survey)

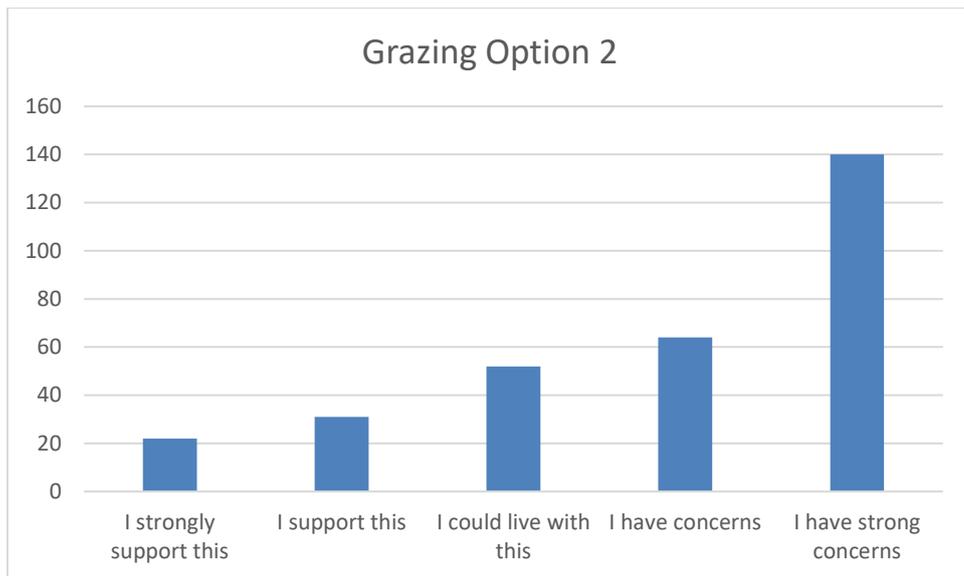
Conservation, wildlife and habitat management

- Water course pollution, cattle are effectively allowed to be anywhere
- Many: - cows pollute water and streams on the chase with constant puddling and manuring to disturb freshwater crayfish. Deer!
- Oldacre burn, Sherbrook stream both fragile areas are unprotected.
- remove ragwort
- increase nutrients in the heathland
- Will deer herds be slaughtered if there is an outbreak of foot and mouth?
- Will badgers be culled if cows contract tuberculosis?
- the deer population and how they move around

4.2 Option 2: Cows are in two of three areas created by invisible fencing at any one time



4.2.1 To what extent do you support option 2?



4.2.2 What if anything would need to happen to increase your support?

For and against

Full support

- None. Great plan.
- Nothing - full support

Conditional support

- If invisible fencing was the only means of enclosure, I'd be fine with that
- So long as this did not limit access I would put up with it.

Cannot support

- I do not approve of this option
- Grazing is not a viable option and I cannot see anything persuading me that it is!
- Seems pointless
- None
- nothing - invisible fencing is not an option
- nothing
- This must not happen
- No cows
- non
- Nothing!!!
- N/A
- Nothing
- None.
- None
- Nothing
- You would never get my support!
- It not happen
- Nothing
- I don't like this, too restrictive
- No cows. no fences
- No.

- Nothing - don't like the idea at all
- leave alone
- None
- None.
- No....keep cattle away from people enjoying the walks.
- I will not support this. Cannock Chase is the only place I can take my young grandchildren and allow them to roam without worry.
- nothing
- Scrap the idea entirely
- None
- No cows
- no cows at all
- Nothing
- No fencing
- No conventional fencing
- Do not use fences, do not turn the Chase into a giant farm
- No fencing at all.
- Nothing. Same response as option 1.
- As I do not support this I cannot make any suitable suggestions
- Nothing
- No fences, No cows.
- No cattle
- Cows DO NOT eat bracken or control the growth of Silver Birch saplings therefore no need for them at all. Therefore no need to fence
- Nothing
- I reject this proposal.
- No barriers to access.
- I don't want it – I think fencing of any description is dangerous as well as being unsightly
- no support
- do not allow grazing
- no cows, no fences
- I would not support the erection of fencing or grazing of cattle on Cannock Chase

Don't want cows grazing

- I don't support any grazing
- Disagree with cattle on Chase
- Do not allow any grazing
- I strongly dislike the idea of cattle grazing on the chase
- I don't want cattle roaming in the Chase
- This seems a high ratio of grazing at any one time

See previous

- See previous answer
- same concerns as option 1
- See previous
- As previous
- same
- Same as previous
- Same Q needs answering as previous comment- just more so!

- As option 1
- see previous comments
- As for option 1

Safety concerns re cows, people, dogs and horses

Concerns

Concerns about human safety

- Nothing (Same as before) - cows can charge and be dangerous. They would get in the way and stop people using the Chase
- Do not put fencing and access points so close to residential properties along Brook Lane in order to keep cattle away, so close to houses?
- Against cows using the Chase. It would spoil freedom and enjoyment to roam.

Concerns about cows and dogs

- Night time traffic on Chase Road needs to be considered, dog walking off lead issues

Safety for horse riders, horses and cows

- Limiting the cattle to one area at time would be beneficial however it will force more dog walkers and horse riders together. It's becoming increasingly dangerous to ride on the Chase because of bikers and free running dogs.

Solutions

Information on cattle locations

- Effective communication to ensure visitors know which areas are free from cattle at any particular time - but still not good!
- We must know in advance which areas they are in. They should not be permanently in any one area
- Good communication and signage
- Advance notice of which areas cattle are likely to be in
- Update people regularly on where they will be.
- Notification processes that tell us where they are
- Clear indications of the limits of the areas in question and notification of when the cows will be on them.
- more information on where they are
- Clear posts on which sections are in use and when
- notifications sent out via email or text to people who registered them to inform them of where the cattle is grazing so they can plan outings accordingly
- Good communication
- Would help control herd.

Limit area of grazing

- Limit the areas where the cows are of have various areas that are fenced and cows moved from one area to another and on parking letting public know which part they are in so public can avoid or go near that are with care for themselves, family or pets
- Only have the animals in one area at a time.
- Cows in 1 of the 3 areas at a time
- Cows restricted to specific area
- Limit cows to 1 section and need to be signs telling you where they are before you park
- Much smaller areas - these are too big. Cows will not be controlled to graze any particular area and may still overgraze those areas not needed to be grazed

Confirmation that picnic areas are excluded

- Confirmation that picnic areas are excluded from cattle access

Patrols of relevant area

- More patrolling of the area by relevant authorities and preventative action.

Use native ponies instead

- Use native ponies instead of cows

Remove cattle

- cattle would be removed from Brocton Coppice

Recreation and accessing the Chase

Concerns

Access

- get rid of idea or set boundary way back from Brocton or car ;park access points on the road
- Very limited areas away from public footpaths and popular public areas
- A guarantee that land would not be sold off and access would not be controlled
- Why keep the public out of two thirds of the Chase at any time? This is better than preventing us safely walking anywhere on the Chase but only marginally so.

Imbalance between conservation & recreation

- The balance between conservation & recreation needs to be much better considered so that recreation becomes part of the equation rather than conservation only

Solutions

Cattle free areas

- Assurance there will be cattle free areas to ride through which are accessible from West Cannock Farm

Access for recreation

- Not putting the cattle where we mainly ride this restricts our use of the chase
- Better animal control and access for all users including horse riders
- large numbers of access gates for ALL users
- smaller areas, more gates
- Limit number of cows and equal rotation between three areas. Guarantees concerning public access and proper management of cattle.
- Boundaries would have to change away from habitation. I do not want to have to use a car to access an area where I can walk
- move boundaries well away from habitation and have permanent fencing to keep cattle away from people, dogs and children
- Move the NW fence to align stepping stones, Coppice Hill, Sycamore Hill, Oldacre and remove "panhandle" near Seven Springs; this compromise would maximise visitor open access from "honeypot" car parks of Seven Springs, Punchbowl, Milford Common & Coppice hill and residential areas of Haywood, Milford, Brocton, Walton on the Hill and Bednall. Open access to Broc hill millennium sundial must be preserved.

Design of access points

- consider car park access points

Access points for horses

- Ensure sufficient equestrian access gates
- access areas for horses
- horse friendly gates

Fencing – location and impact

Concerns

Concerns about fencing implications

- Cattle should NOT be introduced to the chase. Fences are expensive to maintain, cost the lives of small animals and disturb the natural movement of the deer, rabbits, voles, and other wildlife.
- No invisible fencing, it's not 100% reliable and will upset the delicate balance of the biodiversity and other wildlife. What about humans getting electric shocks. The cost would be enormous.

Grazing area is too large

- Too large an area
- These areas are Farr too large

Expense concerns

- This is an improvement although may be too expensive

Solutions

Maintenance of fenced areas

- Maintenance of fenced areas

Reduce grazing area

- Smaller grazing areas
- Decrease the size of each area.
- you would have to cut down the areas proposed

Specific zone suggestions

- Take out zone 1
- Just use section 3 Southern instead.
- take out the northern area completely to make the new boundary that between 1 and 2 and take out the north west part of the central area so that these are cattle free
- I suggest that the proposal states a MAXIMUM of 2 areas. This would give greater flexibility. Certainly grazing need not be continuous to prevent over grazing
- I would not be so concerned if this scheme were confined to the southern area and beyond
- fence off Sherbrook and Oldacre watercourses
- move the NW fence east and remove panhandle area close to Haywood Park
- Area 3 Southern seems to be the only area well away from residential properties.

No perimeter fencing, cattle in one area

- No perimeter fencing but cattle in just one area at a time with underground fencing

Compartmentalisation

- further compartmentalisation

Conventional fencing and one area

- Conventional fencing and one area

Separation of grazing from recreation/local residents

- Limit to Sothern and Central areas but away from residential and family recreational areas
- Boundaries changed, moved away from villages
- Use hard fencing to keep cows away from other users of the park.
- Reduce the total area to be enclosed. Leave Northern area completely free of fencing and grazing and take new boundary line for fencing where boundary is shown between northern and central. Within that boundary create small grazing enclosures.
- Remove from any area close to villages around the chase
- hard fencing to be placed no nearer than 800 metres from Brook Lane

Test/trial fencing methods

- To see what the convention fencing would look like.
- Test the invisible fencing works on a smaller area.
- Piloting in a limited area followed by reassessment

Alternative to invisible fencing

- Use alternative to invisible fencing.

Wildlife friendly fencing

- If the conventional fencing was wildlife friendly

Using tree lines to give less of a visual impact

- If the conventional fencing kept to tree lines to give less of a visual impact

Hard fencing

- Hard fencing - dog proof for bovine welfare & preventing canine access & worrying

Regular monitoring

- If the conventional fencing was monitored regularly.

Remove hard fencing

- I support invisible fencing and would need to be assured no hard fencing would be used within the areas.
- Ensure that old wire fences are removed. Cattle may get caught by wire fencing submerged in Sherbrook, which were installed by prior blundering into the 'correct' management of the chase. Prove the difference between deer grazing and cattle.
- Remove fencing

Look for other solutions

- Find another solution re fences

Protect specific areas

- [Oldacre WW1 archaeology must be protected](#)
- [Sherbrook stream SSSI and Oldacre burn must be protected](#)
- [picnic areas at Stepping Stones and Pump house must be protected](#)

Manage the landscape instead of using fences

- Change your approach to managing the landscape - no fences

Reassess boundaries

- The boundaries would need to be reassessed

Clear information, signage

- [Clear signage](#)
- Clarity on how often the areas would be rotated and how the public would know which areas would be in use. E.g. reliably updated web page / feed.

Cattle welfare

Concerns

- I have concerns for cow welfare

Solutions

- Stop poaching of the cows

More information, details and evidence

- Evidence that it is safe to walk through cows
- More information on costs and practicalities.
- More information needed
- more info
- Explain the why?
- Scientific evidence that invisible fencing is a robust method of containment.
- Is this humane?
- From an aesthetic perspective I don't think the number of areas matters that much to me as the extent of hard fencing is same in all three options but more info on the effectiveness of the three grazing plans would be helpful.
- Would be interesting to hear life cycle analysis costing for this over a 10 year period as opposed to other fencing options
- Proof that technology is effective both practically and from cost point of view
- Seems a kind of test / dummy run that might generate public support
- [Have you monitored the existing herds at Gentleshaw and the White house? What progress is being made?](#)
- [Staffs CC given the funding to which they are entitled without these proposals. To withhold the funding or use it elsewhere would be misappropriation of funds and illegal.](#)

- Land managers actions investigated if funds withheld, as Staffs CC can rightly refuse to fence common land. County Council must protect people's rights.
- getting regulatory approval from secretary of state and Defra

4.2.3 What do you think are the benefits of this option?

For and against

More manageable

- More manageable than one large area.
- More manageable
- May make it easier to more effectively manage the heathland

Support the guidance and grazing

- Win win
- This looks fab; would they be on a rotation? It seems a good compromise of the other options.
- A useful option to try.
- Safer than previous option.
- less obtrusive
- Partially less risky in respect of unintended/unforeseen adverse consequences

No benefits

- Unsure of any benefits
- None. Why cull deer if more grazers are needed?
- Non
- I can't see any at the moment.
- I cannot support this suggestion as in my opinion it is not a suitable management option.
- Don't know it seems the cattle have all the benefits
- None
- None
- none
- None.
- None
- No benefits at all
- non
- none
- non
- None!!
- I don't see any benefits
- None
- None
- None.
- none....get rid
- there are none
- There are no benefits to having dangerous and restrictive fencing on Cannock Chase.
- I think this option is horrible and I can't see any benefit
- None
- None.
- None

- Cannot find any benefits to this option.
- none
- there are none - less grass due to cows eating it
- None
- None at all
- None whatsoever
- I don't see any
- None to the public users.
- None.
- none
- None
- None
- None.
- none
- I do not see any at all
- None.
- None
- None
- I don't think there are any, the area not chosen would become congested with people avoiding the other areas
- No benefit whatsoever
- none
- no fences to spoil countryside ... but will boundaries be signposted
- Nothing (same as my previous response for option 1)
- None
- None
- No benefits
- I cannot see benefits of limiting animal access.
- None
- there are no benefits wit this option
- NONE
- None
- NONE
- none
- None
- None - see above
- none
- Nothing
- None
- none; it's too close to Brocton
- cattle might be more concentrated but otherwise none
- none
- None. No fencing no cattle
- none
- none
- none

- None. There are no benefits to the enclosure of an open space which is used for recreation and enjoyment in many different ways by many visitors both from the local area and from many places in the Midland region
- none
- none

Same as previous

- See previous answer
- As previous
- As option 1
- As above
- ditto

No view/opinion

- No view
- no opinion insufficient knowledge of cows & the areas in question

Preferable to option 1

- None - but this is a better option to option 1
- It is 33% better than cattle free roaming everywhere
- at least there is less impact than option 1

Safety concerns re cows, people, dogs and horses

Concerns

- Limited. Poor evidence to support cow's ability alone to manage scrub and bracken.
- cows cover all the chase at different times
- More control of the cattle area
- I cannot see any benefits of cows being in two areas rather than in 3. I walk from Brocton into parts of all three of these areas on the map during any visit
- areas still too big for cattle to have any effect

Solutions/positives

Area free of cattle

- People know where the cows are more in the two areas and not the third
- This gives everyone clear boundaries to allow them to avoid the cows which would be more reassuring for people who don't want to come upon them unexpectedly.
- Rest area where no cows are present, ability to rotate and avoid flowering areas in spring and wet muddier areas in winter
- More space to use freely without worry of cattle
- Having areas without livestock would keep people happier
- At least there will be an area free of cattle but it will mean visitors will need to go to different areas rather than regular places which tends to be the case now.
- Knowing an area is completely free of cattle
- Decreasing the areas where we risk coming into contact with the cattle
- There is one area free from cows for those who have concerns.
- Grazing free areas at certain times

Cattle free zone for dog walkers and riders

- Livestock free zones, allows for peace of mind as a dog walker
- Keeps some areas free to allow dogs of leads
- dog walkers still get their own bit of space for letting dogs off leads
- more space for people to roam without worrying about their dogs or horses

More control over cattle and where is grazed

- Would still have some naturalistic grazing but more stock control including when carrying out other management e.g. bracken spraying. Also people can avoid cattle if desired.

- More control over stock location and habitat management but limited potential visual intrusion from associated infrastructure
- greater control of the grazing stock
- Cattle free areas maintained. Gives some control of grazing pressures
- Some control over where the cows will graze. Some ability for public to avoid areas with cows - assuming that notification method is updated frequently and is reliable.
- Cattle can be moved between areas to increase / decrease grazing intensity as required and dependant on season, progress etc.
- Give a grazed area time to rest like rotation for meadows
- [Easier stock control and more operational flexibility](#)
- More flexibility in terms of ensuring the site is appropriately grazed throughout
- Mob grazing effect.

Easier to monitor cattle

- Cattle in smaller areas can be better monitored for welfare issues. More chance of natural hefting. Could evaluate the benefits more easily as grazing confined.
- Smaller areas would make monitoring the cows easier
- Monitoring the cattle may be easier.
- Being able to assess the effect of rotating the cattle grazing
- Access points need only be on pathways within the conventional fencing. Less visual impact. Cattle in smaller areas can be better monitored for welfare issues. More chance of natural hefting. Could evaluate the benefits more easily as grazing confined.

Smaller area used and less cattle

- Less cattle required as areas are reduced in size by the invisible fencing.
- Areas being grazed are smaller
- more manageable compartments
- Keeps cattle in a smaller area thus effects are concentrated.
- Less area used
- some rotation of stock means that one area will always be free from livestock

Ponies instead of cattle

- Ponies are more friendly towards horses, will not cause accidents

Targeted heathland grazing management

- Targeted heathland grazing management

Good compromise solution

- This could be a good compromise solution: a pragmatic way of introducing essential grazing in a common sense and extensive way that will have real positive impact on the vegetation at scale and more able to attract interest from a grazier/farmer.

Managing environment with grazing

- [cows – bracken – cheap grazing – help local stock keepers](#)
- Keeping down bracken
- They will enhance the Chase and I understand their feeding helps control the environment

Country Park users can avoid cattle

- Easier to avoid cattle
- The public can avoid these areas if they are afraid of cows.
- zoning means you could avoid cattle if required/wanted
- People can avoid cattle if they so wish
- You know where they are at any given time, and people who don't like them can avoid the areas and still enjoy the Chase. They are easier to move if there is a problem, e.g. fire breaks out
- Easier to avoid cattle if you wish to.
- People could choose to be where cows aren't.

- For people who don't like cows we can avoid them

Recreation and accessing the Chase

Concerns

Restricting use of the Chase

- No benefits as by fencing off it restricts the use if the chase narrowing down where we ride and have access to.
- Benefits of grazing do not outweigh the beauty of free roaming for people, especially young children.

Solutions/positives

Areas for users

- Restricting access to certain areas, leaving some areas available for 'normal' recreation
- More open space for people

Safer from animal attacks

- Less likelihood of animal attacks

Better access

- Areas more accessible at one time
- No need for expensive access gates and freedom for public to roam
- Therefor people who enjoy have complete access in this area.
- Great access for horse riders.

Less impact on recreation

- [less impact on recreational activities](#)
- Maintains original walking and hacking areas

Compromise option

- Compromise, cheaper, easier to manage and reduce disruption to residents
- [It would overcome some of the problems associated with option 1 re management and control methods but still scope for conflict between users and traffic circulating in designated grazing areas](#)

Fencing

Concerns

Minimise physical fencing

- No unsightly fencing
- Cheaper and less unsightly fencing
- Minimises amount of physical fencing.

No fencing preferable

- No unsightly fences sure. But I'd rather have no fencing visible or not.

Move boundary line away from car parks and residential areas

- None. The N and W boundary line would still need to be moved away from honeypot car parks and residential areas

Solutions/positives

- There is one area free for me and my dogs to run free
- Allows one area free

Positives of invisible fencing

- Invisible fencing will have less impact on access,
- The invisible fencing would prevent a visible change to the area.

Animal welfare

Positives for natural environment

- As stated above. It gives greater management control, allows a greater diversity of habitat types thus potentially gives greater species diversity. It supports a living landscape ethos.
- Better grazing for wildlife

More information, details, evidence

Where new restrictions might apply

- Easier understanding of where new restrictions might apply.

Why cull deer and bring in cattle?

- I cannot see any. Deer have been culled, so why are cattle being brought in?

Plan implemented in stages

- This plan would mean it could be implemented in stages with initial cost spread over a longer time.

Why not lead with preferred option?

- There must be a preferential option of conservation stock management and I'm not sure why you are not leading with your preferred option in this consultation.

Make it easier to sell to public

- Make it easier to sell to public

4.2.4 What do you think are the challenges of this option?

For and against

None

- None
- None yet put there may be when it is put into practice.
- None.

Against this option

- None.....get bloody rid.....where's the consultation??
- Madness
- Disagree with cattle on chase
- This seems to be the worst compromise.
- Do not agree with this
- Disaster
- I don't want cattle roaming in the Chase

Many

- too great for the abilities of the team who dreamt this up
- Many, see earlier.
- The proposed area is huge, unreasonable and not proportionate to the problem.
- many

Almost as inhibiting as for option 1

- Almost as inhibiting as for option 1.

As previous

- As Previous
- As above
- see previous answer
- Everything!! See previous answers
- As previous, although less of a challenge when cows not in the area
- As stated previously.
- See previous answers.

- Same as option 1
- Same as before
- Same impact as before.
- As option 1
- same as the previous option
- ditto
- As for option 1
- See previous response
- Same as option 1

Safety concerns re cows, people, dogs and horses

Limitation/exclusion of the cattle from the empty area

- Ensuring the exclusion of livestock from the "empty" area.
- Limiting where cattle are in order to create areas free from cattle to satisfy objections in part shows what a poor idea it is.

Communicating with users of the chase regarding location of cattle

- Communicating which areas will be in use and when the changes will occur
- Providing a reliable notification mechanism so the public can know which areas have the cows.
- The public wouldn't easily be able to see where the cattle areas are - people ignore signs, they can't ignore a gate
- How do you know which area cows will be in at any given time
- not knowing where cows are
- People walk a lot in those two areas, mainly northern and central to people I know. Even if only 2 out of 3 have cows in if they free roam completely then people in those two areas will still be unsure on unpredictability of where cows are.
- The arid conditions in Sherbrook and Oldacre Valleys as noted in the SIP will get worse. Visitors will still not know where the cows are and how to avoid them
- Notification of areas safe to use to general public People not being able to access walking without using cars. invisible fencing may fail and does not denote area in which cattle contained to general public
- [there would be no way to inform the public of the whereabouts of cattle as the position of enclosures would not be known](#)

Becoming farm landscape not country park

- It's becoming a farm landscape and not a country park

Moving the cattle

- Too complicated to keep rounding up and moving the cows. Easier to cut and spray the bracken
- More work needed to move animals and inform the public of the current positions.
- Rotation of cows require management.

Safety of recreation users

- perceived danger of cows appearing to roam freely - how reliable are invisible fencing let's see some h & S and accident stats
- Steep slopes around Brocton. Collisions with cyclists. Water troughs near residential areas increasing cow congregation. Noise of gates in early/late hours disturbing residents. Cow poo in areas well used by families (streams). inability to maintain fencing
- Likely to be poorly maintained. Cows are a potential threat to dogs being walked on the chase
- Safety
- Locating and caring for the cattle daily, keeping walkers and horse riders safe.
- I would be concerned re injury to members of the public using these areas and believe it would discourage all age groups from using the area.

- Cattle and visitors in the same areas
- As with open grazing, this provides problems with animals & public coming into contact and also could have greater impact than small controlled grazing
- Cows can mingle with other users of the park.
- Cows have killed people. Fly tipping is an ongoing problem.
- Walkers and sight seers generally object to abandoned dog poo....cow pats are bigger and less easily avoided
- Increased disease from cows, increase in greenhouse gases, stops people accessing all parts of the chase as cows can be frightening. Evidence is already showing people are not using where cows go now and where gates are as footpaths are diminishing.
- As previously mentioned the behaviour of the animals is unpredictable
- [danger to humans, dogs and horses](#)
- [danger to motorists & cyclists](#)
- [safety concerns regarding entering areas where there might be cattle](#)

Overcrowding the zone free from cattle

- Effectively discourages people from visiting the areas where cattle are, and makes the zone without cattle much more busy
- Overcrowding as people will try to avoid cattle areas
- Where there are cows people don't walk. This plan in effect will make the rest of the chase busier and therefore worse
- Might concentrate other users to non-cattle areas during grazing periods and increase impact elsewhere of increased footfall.

Cattle affecting deer grazing

- The Chase is overpopulated with deer already who have insufficient grazing and hence spread into neighbouring farmland damaging fencing and crops. Cattle would make this considerably more of a problem.
- cattle will eat the most accessible areas e.g. deer lawns, and have no impact on difficult areas

Cattle dispersed across the park

- [Doesn't actually work and stop the cows from wandering](#)
- [cattle can still be anywhere over large areas of land](#)
- [cattle will be too dispersed to have any effect on vegetation](#)
- [cattle dispersed and effect of grazing minimal – slightly more concentrated but still too widely dispersed](#)
- [cattle in Brocton coppice ancient woodland](#)

Managing the cattle

- [managing the cattle](#)

Cost

- More expensive than free roaming.
- [getting the farmers to put them on, i.e. transport costs on / off / abattoir](#)

Cows

- cows

Keeping bracken down

- Keeping bracken down

Recreation and accessing the Chase

Too close to residential areas

- All too close to residential areas.

Zones are too large

- The areas are too big. Conflict issues with dogs and traffic at night on Chase Road.

Pollution

- cow pats causing a quagmire for Chase visitors
- pollution of Sherbrook and pools where children play
- increase in air pollution

Limited access and freedom

- Really not impressed with this option. Humans are not going to navigate through cows to walk dogs, stroll, and hike or take picnics.
- Access points not being adequate
- Allowing people & dogs to roam unfettered. Mix of cows & deer?
- loss of freedom on the Chase
- You are vastly limiting freedom of movement for all users making the available tracks congested and with a greater chance of accidents
- for local people not having the freedom to walk
- Restricting access to horse riders if trying to avoid the cows
- reduces the area for recreation - no real benefit to the area
- Bull management. freedom of access to all areas
- limit access to a public open space
- Limiting public access when needed and stopping any animal abuse
- Same as option would discourage runners / bikers / families / dog walkers in the areas where cows were. People want Cannock Chase to be left as it is. Times have moved on now from grazing cattle that may have been there 100 years ago!
- restricted access to quiet enjoyment of a beautiful area
- limitation of freedom
- the enclosure and impeding access to this area of recreation

Fence cutting off car park

- NW fence cuts off honeypot car parks

Fencing

Practicalities of fencing

- Would obviously need more time to get fencing in place and make sure it is kept in good working order.
- The fencing
- Fencing is restrictive and dangerous. Cannock Chase will no longer be a desirable destination to those in the area nor anyone in the country.
- Resisting the need to introduce hard fencing, damage to land.
- Maintenance
- upkeep of the fencing

Cost of fencing

- Too many fences, cost
- Success of the fencing. cost of fencing, more work than is necessary
- Cost of additional fencing. Overgrazing of certain areas. Complications of having to move cows around.
- Cost and disruption to bury cables
- additional costs associated with maintenance of additional lengths of invisible fencing
- Extra cost of installing invisible fencing and does it work effectively?
- why do we need to spend all this money on fencing
- Cost £16k more than option 1
- The cost of putting in, and maintenance. Damage to wildlife. Not being 100% reliable.
- Cost of maintaining boundaries.
- cost implications of the fencing

- Introducing cattle has no significant benefit compared to deer. Someone has to pay for the fencing and I expect it will be the local population.
- Yet even more fencing. Increased cost in fencing the area into 3 sections and moving the animals from one section to another
- The cost and practical problems of maintaining the fencing. With invisible fencing how could the public be informed about where the cattle would be grazing as no one could see the units. Safety of recreation users of all ages in areas with cattle.
- Prohibitive in terms of cost and maintenance

Restricting cattle

- The reality of restricting cattle
- Same as for option 1 in part but also installation of invisible fencing to avoid heritage features and its reliability

Fencing

- More fencing needed
- Appropriate fencing
- Fences

Challenges with invisible fencing

- Not wholly convinced the invisible fencing works
- Power goes down on the invisible fencing.
- Invisible fencing
- Whether the technology will work and not be breached using other electronic devices or whether other devices are affected such as GPS devices.
- Keeping the animals secured with invisible fencing
- I think visual fencing would be best as people that do not understand that the electric system is in place. They then may be concerned and ring the police about a non-existent danger of cattle getting onto the road.
- technology needs to be robust
- Invisible fencing is a relatively new technology and concerns around long term viability and welfare standards would need to be addressed.
- Unproven technology. Radio blackspots. Pressures on herdsman in remote monitoring and physically following up cattle in distress or which have strayed through failure of technology.
- The effectiveness of invisible fencing.

Good communication and signage

- Good communication and signage

Car parks

- The drawback is that it reduces the number of usable car parks to a smaller area.
- car park and visitor movements

Cannot legally fence

- You cannot legally fence this public area. It will not achieve any positive results

Resentment from general public

- Resentment from the general public about fencing such a large area

Land area split up

- Areas of land are still been split up.

Areas too large

- [The areas are too large](#)

Temporary internal enclosures

- [may perhaps need temporary \(?\) internal enclosures to give better overall control](#)

Cattle welfare

Practicalities of managing the cattle

- Costs of moving cattle around and keeping the public up to date.
- I can't see how the cattle could be properly monitored and cared for in such side areas
- Maintenance, removing dead bodies from the site.
- Containment of herd

Health and welfare of the cattle

- Cow welfare. What if a dog chases them over the boundary? Damage to the land and current habitat of other animals and wildlife. Potentially hazardous to other users. What if it fails?
- If cattle are chased they will ignore the invisible fencing and therefore difficult to locate them for welfare issues.

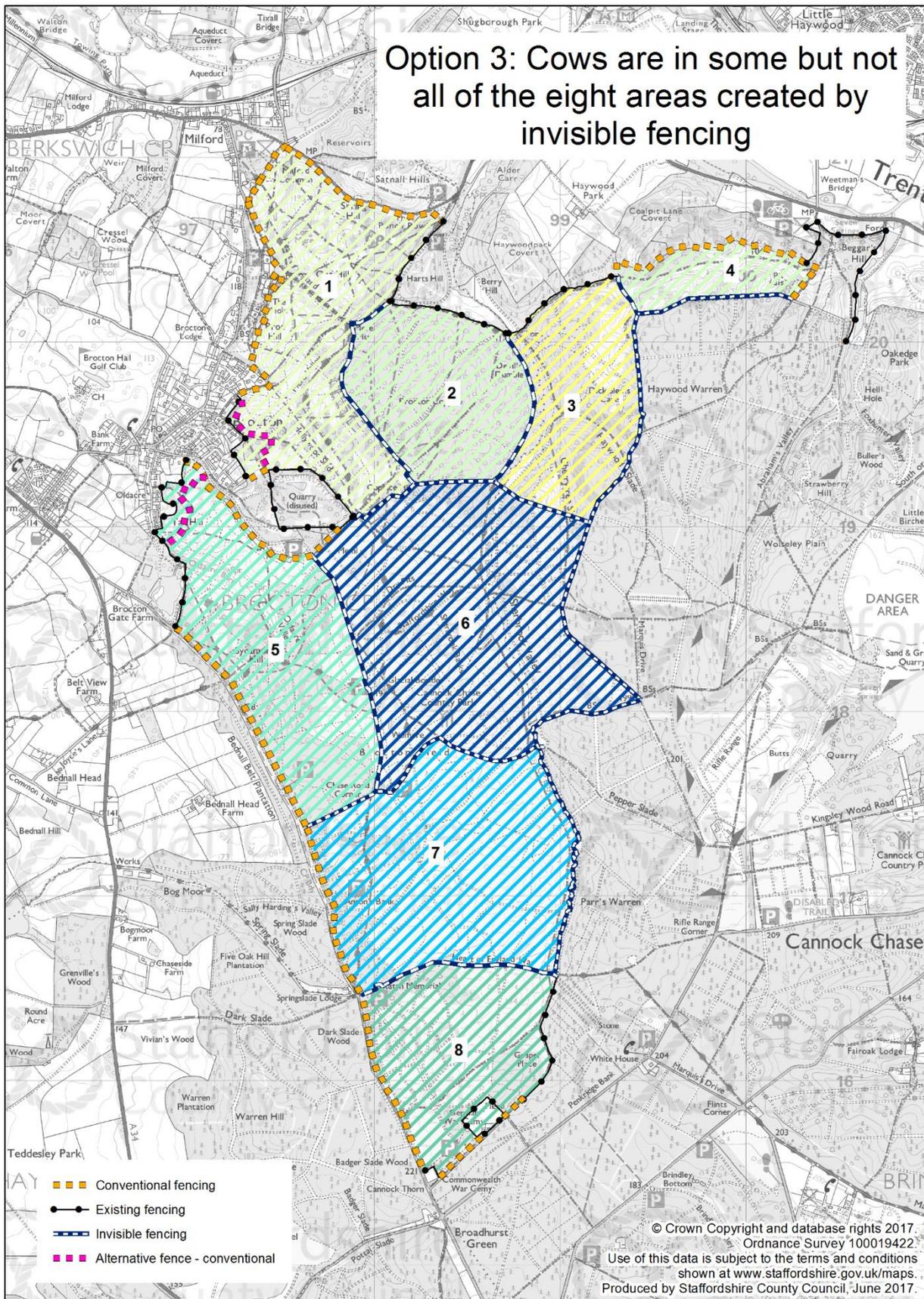
Wildlife conservation

- Shorter grass less bracken maybe more ground nesting birds as a result
- Avoiding damage to habitat through installation and maintenance/repair of fencing.
- Ruins natural beauty
- [The effects on the large deer population and their movement](#)

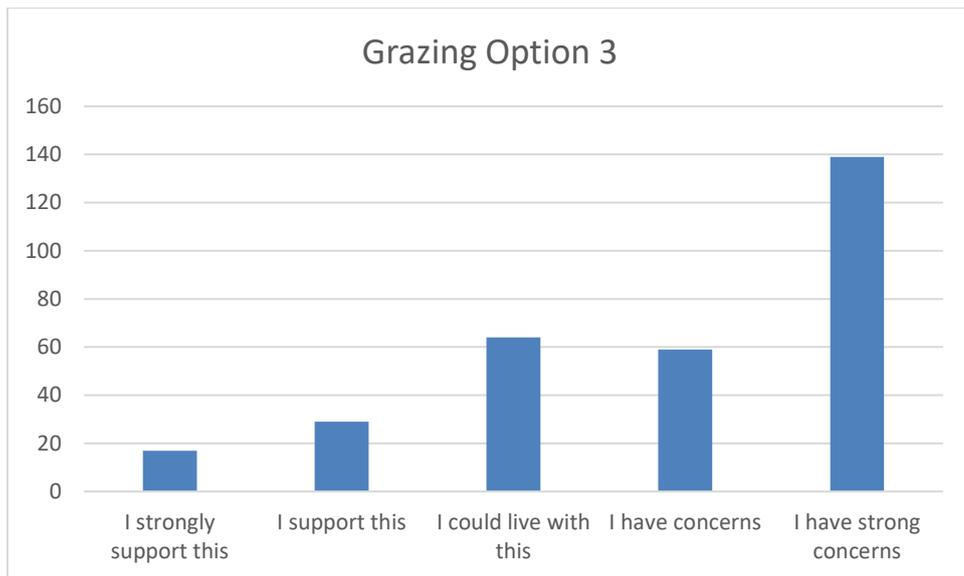
More info

- [Getting regulatory approval from secretary of state and Defra](#)
- This would still have opposition from the users of the Chase, especially the dog walkers and the cyclists.
- Would the cows be in an area long enough for them to have an effect on the scrub
- The main challenge is to overcome ignorance, fear and prejudice. There has to be greater understanding and knowledge about the Chase. A priority must be a commitment to a public education programme.
- I don't think people would understand the electric fencing
- how do people know which zones cattle are in
- Does it work?
- Difficulty providing information onsite where grazing areas begin and end. Keeping users up to date with location of cattle when herd is rotated and visitors would prefer to avoid
- Making people aware if which area the cows are free
- For you an increase in cost.
- Extra cost?
- Cost
- costly and vulnerable
- The costs are totally prohibitive. The safety aspects are frightening. The work load and maintenance are prohibitive.
- Cost
- Use burning instead, it's quicker
- [Oldacre burn, Sherbrook stream both fragile areas are unprotected](#)
- People will stop using the area
- Having support from the local community!
- Public disapproval.
- a lot of objections from the people who use the Chase
- Reduced visitor numbers
- As previously, some people love the countryside but don't want animals in it. Also local residents may not like the idea, especially if there are specific areas of which they are fond.

4.3 Option 3: Cows are in some but not all of the eight areas created by invisible fencing at any one time



4.3.1 To what extent do you support option 3?



4.3.2 What if anything would need to happen to increase your support?

No support

- Nothing would increase my support
- Nothing but wouldn't cattle need frequent moves
- Not a lot
- N/A
- Grazing is not a viable option and I cannot see anything persuading me that it is!
- Against cows using the Chase. It would spoil freedom and enjoyment to roam.
- nothing
- nothing
- This must not happen
- No cows
- I do not support any grazing options
- This seems a costly and intrusive management system in the setting up and ongoing costs
- nothing
- Nothing!
- The use of invisible fencing I do not agree with. This will block access to the chase from where my horse is kept
- N/A
- Nothing
- Cows would still have free movement over any 4 of these 8 areas; therefore still a major impediment to visitors, particularly children.
- There should be no cattle on Cannock Chase.
- None
- Don't graze cows on the park, this will ruin the enjoyment of it.
- Nothing
- none
- nothing
- No cows!
- Disagree with cattle on the chase
- Not to happen.

- no cows no boundaries
- None - don't like it
- leave
- None.
- No.....do not introduce cattle. It's too dangerous when walking dogs.
- I do not support free roaming of cattle across the chase. All of your three options contain perimeter fencing that I strongly object to.
- nothing
- Cows in any area would limit the use by people, dogs and other wildlife for that area. So it doesn't matter if they're in one or all of the areas.
- Scrap the idea entirely
- remove cows
- no cows

Some support

- This seems an improvement
- As option 1, but more favourable.
- this is better than conventional fencing but I don't agree with it

Concerns about zones

- Would prefer a few less compartments
- That's a lot of area for cows to roam
- Still seems too large an area
- This is too big an area, these are popular sites used by the public.

Suggestions to zones

- Take out zone 1
- get rid of idea or set boundary way back from Brocton or car ;park access points on the road
- Keep the areas where cattle are to be grazed to the zones furthest away from properties.
- Unsure why you would want to increase the length of underground electric fencing & increase cost so dramatically. If grazing needs to be focused in specific areas moving water or any additional feeding should achieve this.
- there should only be an area or two they are allowed in
- This is better, just put the cows in one section. Then people can walk in other areas and the cost would be reduced.
- Logical use of splitting the herds between areas
- Very limited areas away from public footpaths and popular public areas
- Having cows in just 3 of the 8 areas at any one time
- Remove section 1 and section 5
- Selfishly I would prefer there not be cattle in areas 6, 7, and 8 as this where I ride.
- Limit to 6,7&8
- No grazing of cows in zones 1 and 5. No implementation of conventional / alternative fencing on zones 1 and 5 to improve access.
- Keep all, not just some, of the cows in one area at a time.
- Depending on the total number of cows, I feel the fewer areas containing cattle the better, people may be less inclined to resent "cows being everywhere" on the Chase.

Information on cattle whereabouts

- I'd want to know where the cattle are at all times in order to try to avoid these areas when walking or riding.
- How will we know which areas they are in? Will there be signs?
- Good signage for where animals would be
- Explain the why?

- Need to know where the cattle are - an advance schedule.
- by notifying users in advance of where the cows may be
- You would need to know which areas they were in at any given time
- Making public aware on each car park where the cows are so people can avoid the area. Also ensuring the cows aren't in massive public places aka stepping stones. Also knowing how many areas at one time will have cows in aka 2 out of 8 then change
- notifications sent out via email or text to people who registered them to inform them of where the cattle is grazing so they can plan outings accordingly
- With good communication and management so areas not being used by cattle can be used by people.

Concerns about fencing

- Not use invisible fencing.
- No fencing
- No conventional fencing, good access points for all
- Too many fences
- Hard impenetrable fencing.
- Nothing - do not fence off areas
- No fences at all
- Remove fencing
- Far too many fences.
- no hard fencing

Suggestions about fencing

- Assurance there would be no hard fencing.
- Query invisible fences
- Ensure that old wire fences are removed. Cattle may get caught by wire fencing submerged in Sherbrook, which were installed by prior blundering into the 'correct' management of the chase. Prove the difference between deer grazing and cattle.
- Conventional fencing
- If was Fenced would be the best area because it's not used as much
- More permanent fencing

Suggestions about access

- Ensure sufficient equestrian access gates
- Better animal control and access for all users including horse riders
- Would need to see what access gates / car parks will be changed
- So long as access to area was not prevented I would put up with this.
- access gates for horses
- install horse friendly gates allowing access from Haywood park farm
- It's not the cows it's the gates

Need more information and evidence

- Need to be assured that this complexity can be delivered and is necessary.
- Evidence that it is safe to walk through cows
- Clarity over infrastructure
- ? I need to know and understand more about this approach. Is maintenance expensive? What happens if there is a break of electrical supply? How often will the fencing be inspected?
- A grantee that land would not be sold off and access would not be controlled
- How easy is it to switch the electric fences off in the event of a fire? With the smaller paddocks would there be a means of escape

Funding

- More funding for this option, might not be as good for the habitat

Routes for walkers and cyclists

- . If you look at the Galloway Forest Model there are cyclist's routes and walkers routes. That seems a better idea but with all the designated area for cattle it's getting smaller and smaller

Traffic calming

- Traffic calming to slow vehicles on major roads. More supervision would be needed with more cattle to look after. My general comments are the same as for Option 2.

Suggestions/alternatives

- possible have another form of animal, say goats
- Increase maintenance of the existing land problems but not using cattle.
- Remove the old wood from proposed area.
- Are these collars fully checked and humane?

As previous options

- Comments as previous options
- As above
- as above
- As before
- See previous answers - no
- As per previous
- See section 2
- Nothing. Same as response for option 1 and 2
- ditto
- None
- Nothing
- N/A
- Nothing. Same as option 1 and 2
- Please see previous replies
- clear fire breaks
- Nothing
- Try re-phrasing your comment about 8 areas being controlled by invisible fencing, because they are not
- Nothing

For and against

- [nothing](#)
- No fences, no cows.
- Not a sensible proposal
- No cattle
- Cows do NOT eat Bracken or Silver Birch saplings. They will restrict people's enjoyment of the Chase for more than a bit of Bracken that should be sprayed to keep it under control
- change your approach to the management of the landscape
- I reject this proposal.
- [no support](#)
- [no grazing by cattle](#)
- [clear bracken; burn where can be done](#)
- [no fences, no cows](#)

Recreation and access

- Guarantees concerning public access and proper management of cattle.
- Areas to be clearly defined when cattle are using them

- keep area 1 cattle free at all times
- Remove areas 1/4/5 and move N Western fence of areas 2 & 6 to a line from Stepping Stones, Coppice Hill and Chase Road Corner. This would maximise visitor open access from "honeypot" car parks at Seven Springs, Punchbowl and Milford Common and Coppice Hill & from residential areas of Haywood, Milford, Brocton, and Walton on the Hill & Bednall.
- open access to Broc Hill millennium sundial must be preserved and Oldacre WW1 archaeology protected
- There must be protection for stepping stones and pump house picnic areas

Fencing

- if the fencing is temporary and only installed in the area's where cattle are locate, signs are put in all car parks this could work
- I could live with this without perimeter fencing. Underground fencing only
- Do not enclose the whole of the Country Park. Move the N and W boundary of the main part of the CP away from the honey pot car parks and residential areas. New line to exclude units 1,2,3,4 and the north part of 5 to create a northern grazing free area
- I don't really know what invisible fencing is
- Remove from any area close to villages around the chase
- Limit cows to 2 or 3 sections and need to be signs telling you where they are before you park
- Reducing the areas to avoid the Sherbrook and Oldacre Valley to avoid the arid conditions there getting worse (see SIP) and to take out the areas that include the LDP might increase my support
- Do not put fencing and access points so close to residential properties along Brook Lane in order to keep cattle away, so close to houses?
- boundaries altered well away from habitation
- Piloting in a limited area followed by reassessment
- No barriers to free access
- cattle must be kept out of Brocton coppice ancient woodland
- fenced areas with notices explaining what the areas are and / or how it is used
- Delete areas 1 & 5 from the map. I am not happy about the rest but to delete 1 & 5 would be an improvement
- hard fencing no nearer than 800 metres from Brook Lane
- move the enclosed fenced & grazed area away from the north and west of the main part of the country park so that it is away from the honeypot car parks & most used part of Cannock Chase & away from residential areas of Brocton and Milford
- suggested line to go stepping stones - coppice hill – sycamore hill with fencing for Sherbrook and cattle via small semi-permanent enclosures only
- remove 1,2,3,4 and north west part of 5
- remove areas 1,4,5 & NW fence of area 2 to 7 springs – coppice hill – sycamore hill
- I would not support the erection of fencing or grazing of cattle on Cannock Chase

More information required

- Proof the technology works.
- legal challenge against fencing and cattle grazing
- Staffs CC should stand up to an unelected unaccountable committee of bullies who demand illegal fencing of common land in return for tax payer funding to which the county council is entitled anyway for the management of Cannock Chase. If the funding is withheld and used elsewhere it is misappropriation of funds.
- clear evidence that regulatory approval will be forthcoming for fencing enclosures and grazing using electronic methods

Engagement and communication

- Lots of publicity
- Publish this as a way of testing options (doesn't look like 'one size fits all')
- County council should challenge this proposal and issue press, television, statements etc. so everyone knows their right to common land is being taken away.

- Keep out of Sherbrook – crayfish! Oldacre Valley – Sphagnum moss!
- Sherbrook stream and Oldacre burn fragile areas must be protected

4.3.3 What do you think are the benefits of this option?

Cattle free zones

- Some will prefer it as they can retain cattle free zones, but not sure which ones
- People could avoid cattle
- Keeps some areas free to allow dogs of leads
- Gives more stock control and people can avoid as long as invisible fencing works. Easier to target areas.
- even better for people who don't like cows
- Could keep cattle away from Sherbrook if area 6 is less used
- More idea of where to avoid. Hopefully, more access to usable off road car parks.
- More area without livestock giving user's choice.
- Less areas containing cattle
- At least some of chase free????.....
- The rest of the area is open to all other users, with no restrictions other than exist at present
- Less cattle
- I think many visitors might prefer it as they can avoid cattle if they wish.
- Very very easy to avoid the cattle if you wish to
- More areas accessible to those concerned about being in an area with cows
- Others can use the chase, cost less.
- This gives everyone clear boundaries to allow them to avoid the cows which would be more reassuring for people who don't want to come upon them unexpectedly.
- A compromise on both parts to the suggestion. There are still areas where me and my dogs can run free
- Allows areas free from cattle for benefit of people and wildlife, especially ground nesters
- the best option for separating cows and people, if this ever becomes necessary
- More access for people
- More access to parts of the Chase
- More cattle-free areas but as they are not clear areas to people you would not know where they actually started and finished.
- More grazing free areas.
- Nothing = see previous comment

Information about location of cows

- if only some areas get cows - how do members of the public know which areas to avoid
- Cows are roaming free everywhere and public know areas which they are in so they can still take dogs off and kids can explore safely without upsetting or disturbing the cows.

Smaller areas

- Smaller, more contained areas for the cattle, allowing more freedom for everyone else. Not having to walk/travel as far to get to a no cattle area
- Easier to manage the livestock in the smaller areas.
- The cows would be in a smaller area making them easier to manage. Increase in scrub destruction in that area
- Smaller areas much better
- smaller pockets of no go areas
- Less of an area that they are in
- these smaller areas may concentrate cattle and their effects but still too large to have a noticeable impact
- smaller area's would be active, a rotation will allow the wild life to move out of the effected area's
- The areas are smaller and would not create problems with users of Chase Road

More control of grazing

- Much less risk of certain areas being under grazed.
- More potential area that would be free of cattle. More areas to choose from when rotating herd to a location that actually requires grazing
- more focussed grazing impact, rotating zones, fewer cattle required
- Mob grazing effect

- - Limits areas grazed
- - good control of grazing pressures
- - gives ever greater control of grazing regime
- - Better grazing for wildlife
- - Quicker results; more cattle can be used.
- - More targeted grazing - can focus on areas where more grazing is needed / prevent cows congregating in one area.
- - Give grazed areas time to rest
- - The ability to monitor the effectiveness of the project as the cattle would be concentrated in smaller areas.
- - Could be used to target specific problem areas. Easier to control a small area at a time whilst allowing previously grazed areas to recover.
- - Areas should be allowed to 'rest'
- - Easier to manage cattle, easier for dog walkers to choose where to walk if they want to stay away from cattle and have dogs off lead. could have cattle in calf in specific area , they have been known to be aggressive with calves, and so may allay pub
- - the cattle would be monitored and cared for in a more structured way
- - easier to manage cows
- - correct management; good
- - Concentrates the geographical spread of herdsman management at any one time. Less open ended than previous option
- - gives wider diversity in use but could create more problems with traffic management if cars etc. are restricted to some areas compared with current situation
- - This would still bring much needed grazing to the site, grazing levels in individual compartments could be tweaked to meet required outcomes.

No fencing is better visually

- - It removes the need for unsightly fencing. Electric fencing can be used to keep predators out of areas where there are ground nesting birds thus increasing bird populations
- - Invisible fencing better visually and no gates to open and close

Concerns about fencing

- - Initially this would seem a good method as fencing wouldn't be clear but then boundaries wouldn't be clear and although cattle may be trained, what about dogs, deer and people digging it up or the circuit breaking.
- - Can't really see any (see above). Would need too much fencing, too much 'management' by way of checking on the animals and the cost of all that fencing being on at any one time.
- - None as invisible fencing inadequate to separate cows, deer & dogs

No benefits

- - None. Why cull deer if more grazers are needed?
- - None.
- - None
- - None
- - Non
- - My opinion will not change. I strongly object to fencing areas. It ruins this area of outstanding natural beauty!
- - I cannot envisage any
- - None
- - none
- - None
- - No benefits
- - none
- - None!
- - N/A
- - None
- - None.
- - None, you will turn the
- - None.
- - none
- - None
- - None.

- - None
- - There are no benefits to be seen.
- - none
- - None!
- - None
- - None at all.
- - 0
- - No benefits at all!
- - None.
- - None - Don't like the idea of cows in any of these areas
- - none
- - None
- - None
- - None.
- - none
- - I do not see any at all
- - I cannot see any. Deer's have been culled, so why are cattle being brought in?
- - None
- - None
- - none
- - Even better option
- - Comments as previous options
- - limited
- - Less imp active than previous option.
- - As before
- - None it's too close to Brocton
- - None
- - Not as obtrusive with fencing. Cows more spread out.
- - no benefit – no fencing – no cattle
- - no benefit – no fencing – no cattle
- - no obvious benefits and much more expense
- - no obvious benefits and much more expense
- - none
- - None it's too close to Brocton
- - none; there are no benefits to the permanent enclosure of such large areas of open space which are used for recreation and enjoyment by visitors from the local area and from the whole of the Midlands area
- - none; there are no benefits to the permanent enclosure of such large areas of open space which are used for recreation and enjoyment by visitors from the local area and from the whole of the Midlands area
- - these smaller areas may concentrate cattle and their effects but still too large to have a noticeable impact
- - As stated before
- - ditto
- - Don't want farmers grazing their cattle. This is a public area.
- - I don't want cattle roaming in the Chase
- - No benefits
- - None
- - None
- - None

- - NONE
- - none
- - None
- - none
- - NONE.
- - Nothing. Same as response for option 1 and 2
- - there are no benefits with this option

Option 2

- - Same as option 2
- - As above
- - Same concerns as option 1
- - As above
- - See previous answers - none

Other

- - The cattle
- - Improved access
- - Extra flexibility
- - More free access to nicer areas of chase
- - You just infuriate some people sometimes.
- - Less impact from the cattle.
- - No view
- - I am happier with this option
- - I am happier with this option
- - insufficient knowledge of cattle to answer the question
- - insufficient knowledge of cattle to answer the question
- - Ditto
- - Less impact than options 1 and 2? Or is there?
- - Not applicable due to misleading statement at the top of the map
- - Of the three options - this is the best but I still have considerable reservations about it
- - Smaller project, cheapest option, least disruption to public and allow local residents to get used to the idea of cattle on Cannock Chase, potentially allowing future expansion of initiative.

4.3.4 What do you think are the challenges of this option?

Too much fencing

- Too much fencing, huge cost.
- The fencing
- Too many compartments and extra cost, for no additional benefit
- Invisible fencing will not stop out of control dogs from chasing cattle
- A lot of invisible fencing that is going to increase costs and I would rather the money was spent on access points
- Invisible fence failure
- What's the point fencing some of the eight areas if the cows won't be there?

Very big area

- Too big an area, also you have to move the beasties. It will be very expensive.
- It's a large area where rider use the tracks
- too many areas involved

Cost

- The expense of implementing the scheme and access on the different gradients involved. Checking the system and finding any faults.
- Cost of fencing and moving cattle around and possibly overgrazing
- Cost and disruption to bury cables
- Cost
- Cost
- Increased cost of extra invisible fencing. Increased damage during installation

- Cost of the additional underground fencing must be rising in this option
- Intrusive installation, and costly. Running costs. Will the fencing perform as expected
- cost, unreliability, damage to wildlife
- Massive installation and maintenance costs
- Moving from one area to another needs management time money.
- More fencing costs presumably.
- Cost of boundary maintenance
- The manpower and costs required to see to the animals and cost of transporting them to other areas if necessary, and .keeping the fences on, at the same time.
- Expense. effectiveness especially near the roads
- cost implications of the fencing
- Introducing cattle has no significant benefit compared to deer. Someone has to pay for the fencing and I expect it will be the local population.
- cost of invisible fencing
- Expensive option with massive amounts of underground cable

Getting information to the public

- The cattle might learn where the boundaries are...but how would walkers...and dogs?
- People knowing which area the cows are in so can go elsewhere
- People being denied access on the rotated areas due to poor publicity
- Informing public of cattle free areas
- Even more difficult to keep people up to date with location of herd. Unreasonable to set-out a grazing location timetable - completely vulnerable to change majorly
- Complex use pattern to communicate to visitors, expensive in terms of installation and maintenance.
- Keeping aware of the schedule, and where we are able to safely go.
- Communication, understanding the boundaries of each area, good signage, and new visitors would not be familiar with the rotation process. To complicated
- Signage and keeping info up to date for both locals and those coming further afield to use the area - they may not wish to use the area where the cattle are? who's going to keep that info up to date with signage and track information
- never knowing where cows will be
- Harder to know where the cows maybe
- Keeping public informed of which zones have cows in. More invisible fencing to implement.
- As above, plus keeping people informed of where the cows are
- Notifying people which areas the cattle are in
- It would be confusing with so many different areas.
- The public wouldn't easily be able to see where the cattle areas are - people ignore signs, they can't ignore a gate
- Public needing to know which areas have the cows in and when the cows change to a new area being informed again. Also if they go to areas that many kids or dog walkers.
- People would like to know in which of the 8 zones are the cattle actually in
- Knowing where they are and overcrowding in some areas
- Safety of the chase users at the areas where the cows are. Informing the public, IN TIME, of which areas are user friendly and when.
- Informing the local residents and Chase users where the cattle will be.
- Knowing which areas are cow free
- How do you know which area cows will be in on any given day?

Interaction of cattle, people, dogs and horses

- Invisible fencing failing and cows in collisions with cars/cyclists. Current fencing poorly maintained. Poor evidence cows alone keep down scrub and bracken. Cow poo. Effect on ground nesting birds and SSSIs. steep slopes and congregating cows close to homes

- I would be scared when out with my dog, always on a lead anyway, and believe school parties and D of E that I see on the Chase frequently might be in danger, it also would take away the relaxed feeling I currently get walking on the Chase.
- Major roads need to be outside the areas suggested. With more cattle, the public would have more opportunity to come into contact with them. Potential for more welfare issues with chasing. More chance of ground nesting birds being affected.
- Separation
- Cows scare horses
- again, cows roaming, dogs will have to be kept on the lead
- Cows will mingle with other users of the park.
- Cattle being left to graze in any of these areas will upset the balance of the local wildlife & of the day to day lives of the local residents.
- so cattle can be stolen - or released - main roads nearby - so many cars these days
- Having the cattle in appropriate areas outside of wildlife sensitive breeding times. Keeping them away from popular picnicking spots in the spring and summer.
- Yet again, it is the interaction between the cattle and population which provide the greatest worry plus the prevention of people being able to access the area...cars.

Maintenance/management/movement of cattle

- This seems quite complex in terms of management. Concerns about maintenance and practicality, as well as cost.
- potentially high level of maintenance for all the lengths of invisible fencing
- Much more infrastructure to maintain in working order (cost), less naturalistic grazing could result in over and under grazing of areas.
- I imagine it would take a lot of time to install and maintain that amount of invisible fencing.
- Managing the movement of livestock and communicating in/out of use areas.
- I guess management of cattle around areas
- how the cattle will be moved from area to area
- Managing 4 separate groups of cattle, I believe there were problems with the grazing scheme by the White House where cattle from the same herd were placed in two separate enclosures within view of each other. This is also the most expensive option.
- Might have to move the cattle more frequently to prevent over grazing. Management cost.
- Likely to be poorly maintained. Cows are a potential threat to dogs being walked on the chase

Access

- Gates
- As previous - people will avoid these areas and the rest of the chase will get busier. It is one of the few places where people can roam freely. This will stop,

Deer

- What will happen to the wild deer who graze this land?

Effectiveness/too complicated

- Will it work
- Just too complicated. See previous answers.
- Is that sufficient enough to manage the site well?
- Convincing people like me that this is a good idea! Will the signals deter birds as well as grazing animals?
- Chase is already overpopulated with deer and general public. Adding cattle just increases the existing problems of soil erosion and damage.
- I am not convinced it would work
- Not wholly convinced the invisible fencing works
- Smaller parcels may be less effective?
- Even more complex than the one of two areas idea.
- How it would work in practices

Public opinion

- People will be unhappy

- Public disapproval.
- a lot of objections from the people who use the chase and a lot of dead animals

Effect on the landscape

- Ruins natural beauty
- Cannock Chase is an area of outstanding natural beauty. The idea of having restrictive fencing and cattle will mean this will no longer be a place of 'natural beauty.'
- Destroys natural habitat
- No bracken in sectors in sectors 7 and 8 and little in 5 and 6.
- Possible increase of damage to the land as the cattle are contained in a smaller area.
- More fencing, so more visual impact on environment,

Same as previous answers

- As above
- Everything!!! See previous answers
- Comments as previous options
- As before
- See previous answers.
- All as before

No support

- Yet another ridiculous idea, without any thought upon the effect of visitor activities on the Chase.
- get rid of idea
- None of these proposals make any sense
- People supporting you!
- Disagree with cattle on the chase
- Why do we need cows on the chase? There are plenty of Greenfield areas in the vicinity of Stafford. Why do we need to ruin one of our natural wonders?
- not impressed
- I still would prefer it if no cows were on the chase.
- Cows

Other challenges

- Fallen trees over invisible fencing could bridge the signal.
- Land is split in to small areas make it vulnerable to being sold off or access controlled
- cows are so farmyard, it's not wild anymore
- As an operational Firefighter based at Stafford I attend an amount of grass fires on the Chase, some deliberate and some accidental, have you thought about this problem!

Too much fencing

- [enclosure of open space](#)
- Fencing will have a significant impact on the landscape and public access and many visitors will be concerned about entering areas where cattle are present. Invisible fencing will not tell visitors where the cattle are so hard fencing of limited areas
- Whilst cattle would be confined to certain areas at any one time the permanent fences will still be there

Very big area

- The perimeter fence still encloses a huge area, which is huge, unreasonable and not proportionate to the problem.

Cost

- [maintenance \(and cost of this\) of all the different fencing; ongoing costs \(do not seem to be mentioned\)](#)
- [maintenance of fencing area](#)
- Cost?
- Increased cost of fencing and moving the animals. How do the public know where the cattle are if they are constantly moving from section to section

- Prohibitive in terms of cost and maintenance
- This would be costly and very difficult to manage. It may not be possible to attract a grazer to work under this system or to maintain the system longer term.
- [upkeep of the fencing](#)

Getting information to public

- [communications with public](#)
- Again animals have to be moved and the public informed of their whereabouts.
- Informing people of cattle free areas along with all previously mentioned challenges of having cattle on the chase
- informing people where the cattle are

Interaction of cattle, people, dogs, horses and cyclists

- [cattle could still be "anywhere" in large areas](#)
- [lack of freedom for cyclists, walkers with dogs, horse riders to walk freely without worrying about cattle](#)
- Unpredictable animals on the chase
- Same as options 1 and 2. Increased disease, stops children playing, stops families having picnics, increases risks of dogs getting hurt by the cows, stops people enjoying the Chase (people won't want to go through where cows are - frightening and messy)

Maintenance/management of cattle

- [as with the other options – cattle safety](#)
- [Greater management problems given the conflicting uses likely to be necessary. You cannot please everyone by allowing multiple uses with limited physical control over users.](#)
- [water supply for the cattle – do not want troughs and mud near residential areas](#)
- [managing the cattle](#)
- [perhaps increased need for more frequent movement of stock](#)

Access

- [One by one access gates will be locked with notices proclaiming "conservation area keep out". Public will be confined to a few bridleways.](#)
- [restricted access for visitors to a beautiful peaceful landscape](#)
- The areas cover those access points for visitors - this remains a deterrence for visitors to the area which it what is intended!

Effectiveness/complicated

- [heathland management in areas not grazed](#)
- Bracken growth
- [cattle will eat easily accessible grass, e.g. deer lawns, and ignore difficult areas and have no impact on habitat management \(as is present situation in the area managed by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust near the German cemetery\)](#)
- [Cattle will still be too dispersed to do any good](#)
- Effectiveness of invisible fencing. Communicating effectively to the public which areas are grazing free and not.
- Seems complex
- Technological failure. Radio blackspots. Difficulty in locating distressed animals.
- [make sure of technology i.e. electric fence system reliable 365' 24 hrs \(for stock's sake\)](#)

Effect on landscape

- [Sherbrook stream and Oldacre burn both fragile areas will be unprotected](#)

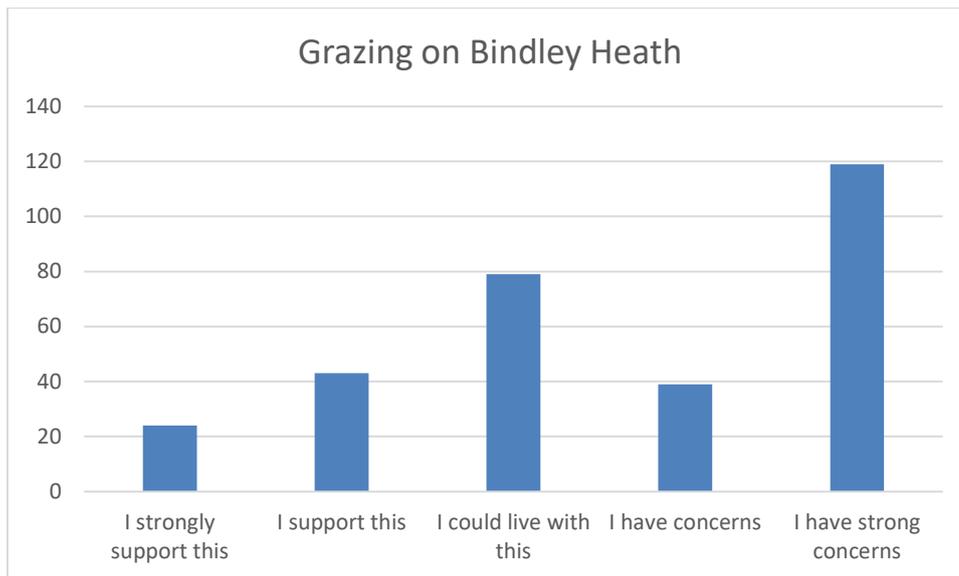
No support

- As before
- Ditto
- I don't want cattle roaming in the Chase
- In these times of economic stringency the costs of this ridiculous scheme should prevent it from being discussed at all. Spray!
- See previous comment

Other

- the noisy access gates near residential areas of Brocton & Milford
- Getting your wording correct first
- I think visual fencing would be best as people that do not understand that the electric system is in place. They then may be concerned and ring the police about a non-existent danger of cattle getting onto the road.
- Many
- Many, see earlier comments.
- People would not get accustomed to seeing cattle in a particular place
- too many areas and not knowing which areas cows may be in or not
- Nothing. Same as response for option 1 and 2

5.1.1 To what extent do you support grazing here?



5.1.2 What would need to happen to increase your support?

For and against

Support grazing here

- This seems more manageable
- Nothing, this looks like the best option for all users of the chase, whilst it might impact riders at Halfords it minimises the impact across all the chase
- Not a lot
- Fully support
- That area to me would have no impact as to where I ride so cattle there would be ideal
- The cows would be better here as it has less impact on the main park.
- This seems the best solution, not putting livestock in the most popular bit of Cannock

No views/not familiar with the area

- N/A
- n/a
- N/A
- No views
- I don't know Brindley Heath well so can't comment
- This does not affect me
- I do not know this area
- I cannot answer because I don't know how many visitors use this particular area
- This is not an area I personally use very often so I cannot comment much.
- I do not use this part of the Chase
- I cannot comment on this area as I do not know it
- N/A
- This area does not have any car parks and appears to be less visited than the northern areas around Brocton and Milford. It is unclear what needs to be addressed in this area
- Insufficient knowledge of the practice and the area
- This does not affect us directly but indirectly we would mirror our concerns for the resident's local to this area.

As stated previously

- Comments as other options

- As above
- See previous answers and stop meddling in wild Heath habitats that support a thriving deer population
- Have no knowledge of this area. Same comments apply as for other areas.
- Not all that familiar with this area but previous answers apply.
- My comments to the earlier issues probably apply
- Same considerations as the chase
- Please see previous replies
- As before

Against grazing/fencing here

- Nothing. Same as previous responses for Options 1,2,3
- None
- Nothing. The presence of cattle will force people and their dogs to go elsewhere
- Nothing. Same as options 1, 2, 3.
- No perimeter fencing!!
- Nothing
- No fences, no cows. AONB as a freely accessed open area as our heritage for future generations.
- No cattle
- I could not support this scheme in any form
- Nothing = see previous comment
- I do not wish to see any additional fencing on the Chase.
- scrap the area again it is too close to build up area
- nothing
- no fencing no cattle
- no grazing
- find another method of management not cows and fences
- do not support grazing as it doesn't work
- Nothing. This would affect many people and I am strongly against this option
- This is a well-known and popular play area and as it is close to car parking should be kept that way. so not sure anything could be done to support my concern for grazing here
- Not to be done
- Not an option this is next to a livery yard which have not been involved in surveys and opinions
- My opinion will not change. I strongly object to fencing areas. It ruins this area of outstanding natural beauty!
- I do not support the grazing on this part of the chase as it stops access on horseback for the horse owners on west Cannock farm.
- Never am very very upset I can walk my dog or ride my horse so one will get killed
- nothing
- Nothing, totally inappropriate for the area.
- Unfortunately it's the area I tend to walk at present so would probably move elsewhere
- This must not happen
- No grazing at all
- I do not support grazing
- again limiting the freedom of movement for all users
- This would be acceptable
- nothing
- Please no!

- I am totally opposed. This is a popular area for walkers of all ages. Totally unsuitable for cattle - since when did cattle eat bracken?
- I used to use this area recreationally and frequently. I no longer go near it. The idea of cattle and dangerous restrictive fencing has meant a complete boycott.
- Nothing
- none
- nothing - can't see the point of it
- Nothing
- You wouldn't get my support destroying wildlife!
- No cattle on the chase
- This is not an area I use but I still oppose the idea.
- Nothing
- Nothing fencing shouldn't go ahead
- No cows.
- I cannot support this idea
- none
- Still don't like the idea at all
- No fencing
- Get rid of the fencing
- Do not use fences
- leave
- I would not support this option
- None
- None.
- No. Do not introduce cattle to areas enjoyed by families and dog walkers. Many people are injured or killed every year by cattle.
- nothing
- Grazing should not be allowed to happen on Brindley Heath
- Scrap the idea entirely
- None
- None

Safety concerns re cows, people, dogs and horses

Concerns

Safety

- no cows an animal such as deer which freely move around including on the roads which makes it safer for me as a runner perhaps sheep
- Whilst it is not an area I use many people probably do, many people die each year in cattle related issues.

Other options?

- It seems that grazing cattle is the ONLY option here...surely there are other options?

Solutions/positives

Confines cows to an avoidable area

- This confines the cows to a known area that we can all avoid.
- Area where I am very concerned. Cattle free areas would increase my support to enable me to ride and walk dog safely.

Ponies instead of cows

- Use native ponies instead of cows
- Pony's only

Pilot grazing in a limited area

- As elsewhere - piloting grazing on a limited area followed by reassessment

People and cows safety

- [Care of the herd and fencing maintenance](#)
- [As long as people and cattle's safety was ensured](#)

Recreation and accessing the Chase**Concerns****Impact on equestrian business**

- Impact on the business of established livery stables

Lack of access points

- access points for riders and dog walkers and cyclists - there don't seem to be any
- I can't see any public access points at all here. Does this mean that the whole area is unavailable to the public? If this is the case I would be strongly against it

Close proximity to recreational pursuits

- Too close to dog walking area
- This is a very busy area for disabled walker, pensioners and dog walkers will they be safe?

Public safety

- I personally didn't know of this place to walk my dog or explore but I'm sure others do. Again its public safety and dog safety if having the cows roam free completely in the area.

Solutions/positives**Protection of archaeological remains**

- Ensure that the archaeological remains in this are protected.
- [Protection of WW1 & WWII archaeology essential](#)

A guarantee that land would not be sold off and access not controlled

- A guarantee that land would not be sold off and access not controlled

Increased access for recreation

- Allow some free access in this area.
- Access via all footpaths from other areas of the chase as walkers and cyclists would often cross the marked conventional fencing boundary.
- More Cycle Friendly Access points
- Preferential access to resident.
- Detail on fence and access locations
- Adequate number of access points, information on nearest entrance/exit along long stretches of fencing (using signage that fits in with the aesthetic of the chase)
- Ensure sufficient equestrian access gates
- Better animal control and access for all users including horse riders
- The people of the area having full safe access
- get rid of idea or set boundary way back from car ;park access points on the road
- There would need to be lots of entrances into the fields for the general public to still use.
- Install a horse friendly gate system, which allowed opening of gates without having to dismount.
- Assurances regarding public access.
- easier access for bicycles
- [access points as on the map page 5 are the bare minimum and should be increased due to proximity to Marquis Drive "honeypot" area](#)

Toch

- [Protection for and renewal & maintenance of Toch disability wheelchair trail](#)
- Protect Toch

- ToCH disabled trail should be repaired & maintained

Fencing - location and impact

Concerns

Should not be enclosed

- This common land area should not be enclosed
- No permanent fences, or restricted access, I value the freedom of wide open spaces

Proximity to housing

- Area very close to Marquis Drive area
- This is an area very close to housing and the area around Marquis Drive is very busy particularly for dog walkers; I think this will be a difficult area to manage. Who is going to look after the cows?

Change approach

- change your approach to the management of the land

Area too large

- Still looks like too large an area

Fencing illegal

- fencing is illegal

Solutions/positives

- reduce the size of the area to be enclosed
- leave more unenclosed open space
- Defra approval to use invisible fencing and secretary of state approval for enclosing area
- hard fencing no nearer than 800 metres from Brook Lane
- No perimeter fence. Small semi-permanent enclosed areas with hard fencing which can be moved and also avoided by the public if they do not wish to enter a fenced and grazed area
- Fence solution
- Conventional fencing to be wildlife friendly and well set back from the roads for minimal visual impact. Brindley Heath has had cattle grazing on it in living memory.
- Impenetrable fencing & smaller area
- Less hard fencing
- Remove fences
- Correct fencing and not prohibiting public access.
- Would prefer invisible fencing to be used everywhere
- Ensure no costs to the county or local populations
- Smaller fenced areas
- Smaller grazing packages
- Smaller grazing areas
- Very limited areas away from public footpaths and popular access areas
- A smaller area of Brindley Heath
- I would only support grazing if it was contained within certain areas and no perimeter fence.
- The area is too big for a single zone, multiple zones

Cattle welfare

- Assurances on the welfare of the cattle

Wildlife conservation

Continued cutting & grazing good for wildlife

- Whilst surveying Brindley Heath I have seen cutting attract nesting Woodlarks .I would also like to see this continue alongside grazing. There has to be more information conveyed to the public about the wildlife on Brindley Heath. I wish to adopt it.

Better grazing for wildlife

- Better grazing for wildlife

Clarity about the future of the trees

- Clarity about the future of the trees

More info

Evidence/explanation

- Better evidence of benefits of cow grazing on outcome as described.
- Explain why the change is required

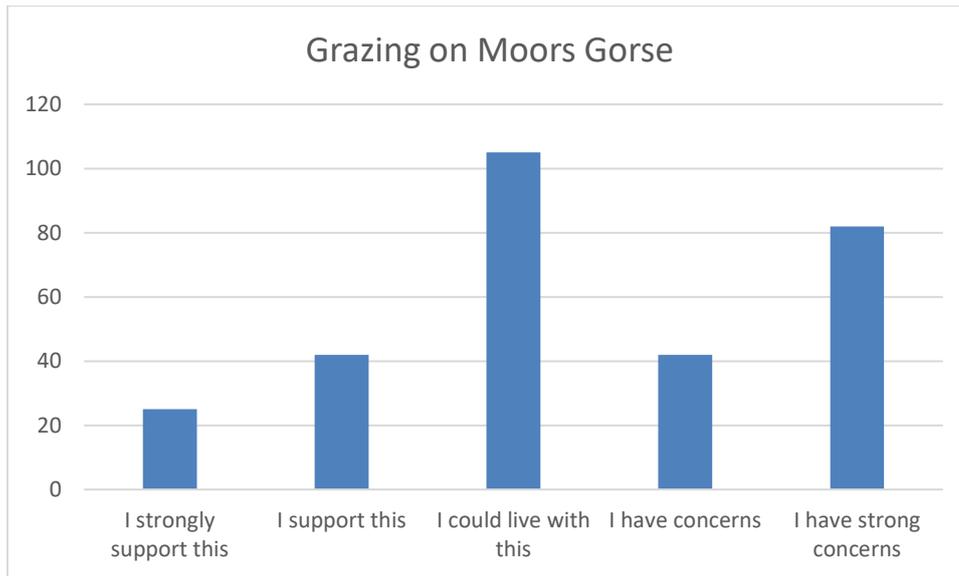
Better communication & transparency

- full transparency
- Speak to the local people who use this area on a daily basis

Provide documentation

- Provide legally binding documentation that this would be the only site for the next 99 years

5.2.1 To what extent do you support grazing at Moors Gorse?



5.2.2 What would need to happen to increase your support?

For and against

As stated previously

- As above
- Don't know this area, but see previous comments.
- As before
- As previous
- Please see above
- Please see previous responses
- Please see previous replies
- Same as every area so far on this survey.

No views/not familiar with the area

- No views
- I don't know Moors Gorse so can't comment
- This does not affect me/
- Comments as other options
- I am not familiar with this area
- Can't comment as I don't know the area - but still don't think it will have any benefits
- I do not know this area well enough to comment.
- I do not use this part of the Chase
- I cannot comment as I do not know this area of the chase

Against grazing/fencing

- I believe many people use the marvellous resource Cannock Chase is and anything that discourages them to use it is detrimental to overall wellbeing
- Grazing is not a viable option and I cannot see anything persuading me that it is!
- No fencing
- nothing
- nothing
- This must not happen

- No grazing at all
- I do not support grazing
- non
- nothing
- nothing
- Nothing
- None. Same comments as for other areas.
- No cattle and no fencing.
- Nothing
- none
- Nothing
- Very little
- None leave the trees, grass & everything we have enough issues with global warming!
- No cattle
- Nothing fencing shouldn't go ahead
- No cows. no boundaries
- none
- Nothing
- for goodness sake leave alone
- None
- nothing
- Scrap the idea entirely
- None
- Nothing. Same as response for options 1,2,3 and Brindley Heath area
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing. Same as previous responses for options 1,2,3
- Nothing
- No cattle
- Nil
- Nothing
- nothing
- no fencing no cattle
- no grazing
- no cows, no fences
- do not support grazing as it doesn't work
- I would not support this option
- at least away from populous

N/A

- N/A
- N/A
- N/A

Not a lot

- Not a lot

Support grazing here

- Fully support

- This area again I am fine with cattle grazing there
- The cows would be better here.
- I again don't walk my dog here or have explored personally, however I'm sure some people do. If the cows are moved around so they graze different parts of the chase, public are aware where they are and all areas don't have cattle always then may work
- No issue

Full support/some support

No support

- No... do not introduce cattle. It's too dangerous when walking dogs.

Suggestions about management of grazing

- Seems like a small area to be grazed. Would need to be assured that grazing here can be managed appropriately.
- Once again looks more manageable
- Minimal but effective signage to warn users of grazing cattle
- Make sure cattle do not get on to the railway line
- Maintenance of fenced areas
- Care of herd and fence maintenance

Concerns over conflict with recreation

- Very high recreational usage - more conflict
- Cattle being grazed so close to the road will undoubtedly cause potential accidents to any & all road users.

Suggestions over conflict with recreation

- Evidence that it is safe to walk through cows
- Restrict the use of this area by mountain bikers as these would not co-exist with cattle at the present level of mountain bike activity in this area.
- Better animal control and access for all users including horse riders
- Very limited areas away from public footpaths and popular public areas
- Ensure that local residents/users are not going to be affected.
- Knowing how people would be aware there were cattle roaming on that land

Concerns about fencing

- Smaller area so not as bad but again people should not be cut off from what should be public land.
- No invisible fencing, it's not 100% reliable and will upset the delicate balance of the biodiversity and other wildlife. What about humans getting electric shocks. The cost would be enormous.
- Remove fencing

Suggestions about fencing

- Invisible fencing
- If fenced would be a better than other sites
- Why not create a single larger fenced area covering the whole of the country park?
- Correct fencing and security. A far smaller area to test the grazing option.
- remove all fencing and barriers on the chase

Concerns about access

- Show that this wouldn't effect too many people and the deer, will the public still have access?

Suggestions about access

- Clarity that access routes would not be lost. It appears that paths are not gated.
- More Cycle Friendly Access points
- install horse friendly gates allowing access from Haywood park farm
- Allow free access into the chase and move the fencing close to the grazing area.

Cattle free zones

- Confines the cows to a known area that we can all avoid
- Cattle free areas to walk and ride through. Accessible gates for all.
- to ensure grazing is kept to this area only

Interesting experiment

- This could be an interesting experiment

Not a popular area

- Not sure as it isn't that well used and is on a steep gradient if I recall.
- Not much, that's not a popular area

More information and evidence needed

- I am not entirely sure whether Moors Gorse is a location that is suitable for grazing animals as I would like to know more about public behaviour on the site and the risk to animal welfare.
- Better evidence of cows alone managing scrub and bracken. Limited in my opinion at the moment
- If the number of cattle is described as "Low numbers (much less than Brindley Heath)" which was 10 to 15 is this going to be cost effective? Or is it part of the training set up at the adjacent Furnace Coppice Field?
- Why
- Further consultation.
- Explain that this would not affect deer movements- unless it's being argued that the deer are more damaging to the environment than cattle.
- How many cattle would be here? I prefer the underground fencing. How often is this area used by the public?
- Provide legally binding documentation that this would be the only site for the next 99 years
- What is the financial case for this?

Don't know**See previous comments****Alternative suggestions**

- Ponies only
- Seems to be putting more and more cattle on the Chase. Then it will be sheep. Perhaps we need pigs - why not put pigs in the areas?

Other concerns

- Too near the main road and railway line
- A grantee that land would not be sold off and access not controlled
- Is this all the time?

No views/not familiar with area

- [insufficient knowledge of the practice and the area](#)

Against grazing/fencing

- Change approach to managing the land
- I do not wish to see any grazing on the Chase
- Not required waste of public funds

Concerns over conflict with recreation

- [As long as people and cattle's safety was ensured](#)

Concerns over fencing

- change fencing to permanent
- [hard fencing no nearer than 800 metres from Brook Lane](#)
- Hard fencing, preferably post and rail so looks good and public know where cattle are
- Replace invisible fencing with permanent

Concerns about access

- Assurances regarding public access rights.

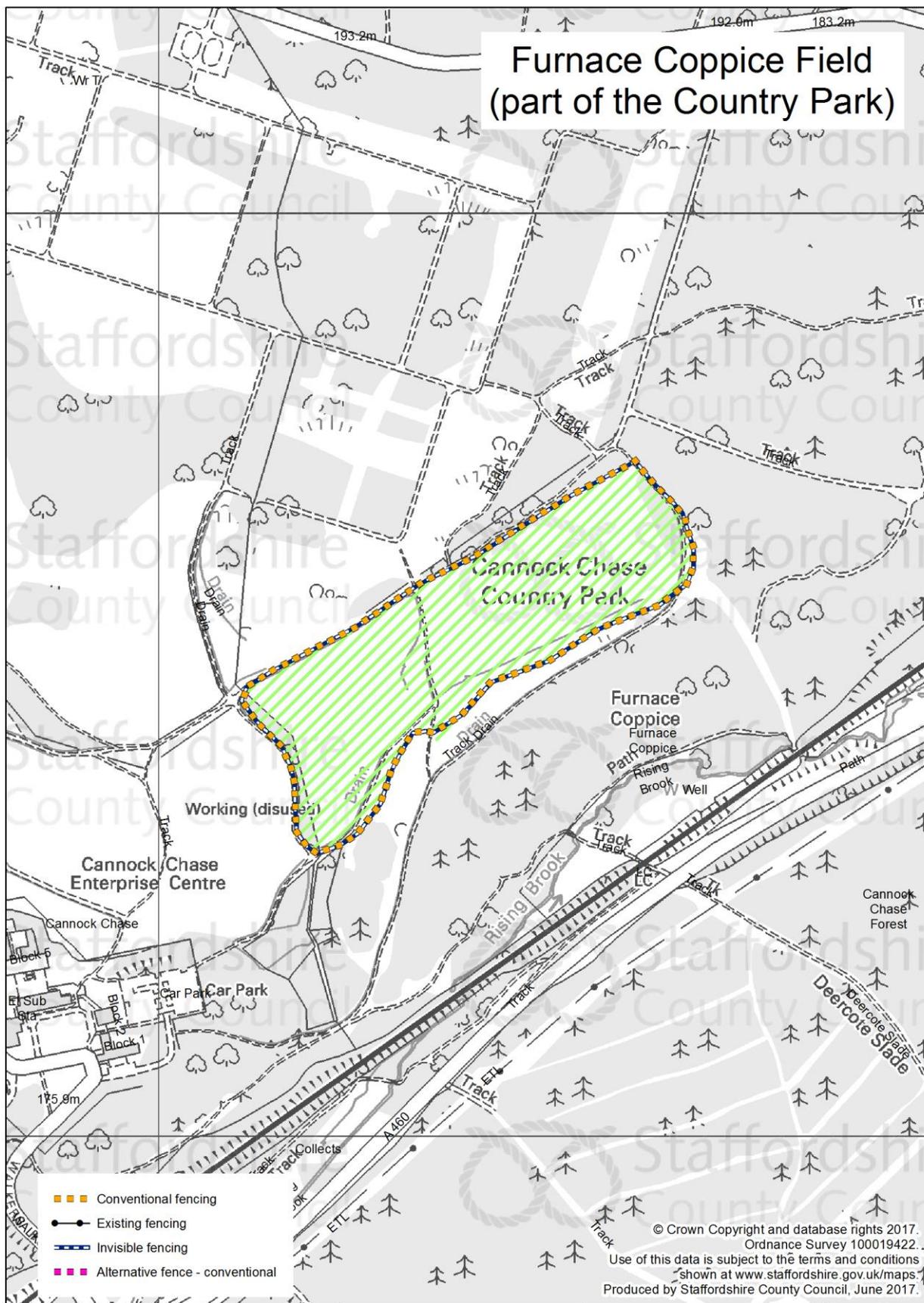
More information needed

- As elsewhere - piloting in a limited area followed by reassessment
- The area to be used as a test project
- To have this as a trial area before any other plans are put into place elsewhere on the Chase

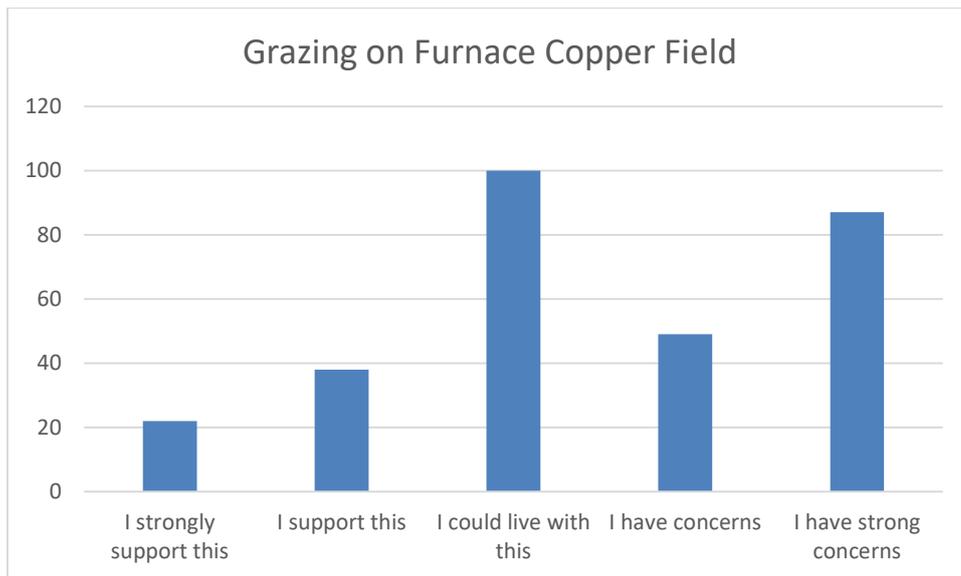
Other

- a planned system of all other means of habitat control
- fencing is illegal
- Nothing specific but, it does seem fairly self-contained but, wouldn't know how many cattle it would sustain?
- Put up fences, graze cattle – look at habitats. Monitor before cattle. Find a grazier. Monitor after cattle have been there for some time. Report back re habitats and with costings and expenses. See if cattle really do make such a difference to habitat management. Inform public ongoing basis then maybe decide to fence other areas with all the expense involved.
- regulatory approval from Defra and Secretary of state
- the careful management of the area using all methods to complement grazing

5.3 Furnace Coppice Field (part of the Country Park)



5.3.1 To what extent do you support grazing at Furnace Coppice Field?



5.3.2 What would need to happen to increase your support?

Full support/some support

- Full support
- This is a less used area of The Chase and if the fencing was wildlife friendly and in the tree line, I would be content.
- Again not as bad as a smaller area. Still not good though
- That area is fine for grazing
- No cattle and no fencing.
- Put the cows here.
- I don't fully know where this is on the chase, however I walk sometimes where there is a track. If the cows are there for a time, example 2/3 months, then moved to another place then it should be ok. Due to I can walk elsewhere for that time and come back
- Still don't like the idea of any cattle but this area seems less likely to be a habitat for the deer and less concentration of trees and bracken
- It may work in this small area

No support

- Surely all areas of the Chase are used on a regular basis anything that discourages that is detrimental,
- Grazing is not a viable option and I cannot see anything persuading me that it is!
- Never would be a crime to stop people go on the chase
- nothing
- Nothing.
- This must not happen
- No grazing at all
- I do not support grazing
- I do not support the plan in this area
- nothing
- Nothing, it's not so busy for children.
- Nothing
- None. Same comments as for other areas.
- Nothing
- none
- Nothing
- Very little

- As with previous answer leave it all natural!
- No cattle
- Nothing fencing shouldn't go ahead
- none
- Nothing - you need to leave the Chase alone and stop meddling for financial gain only.
- leave alone
- No.....do not introduce cattle. It's too dangerous when walking dogs.
- nothing can
- Scrap the idea entirely
- None

Concerns about safety

- Evidence that it is safe to walk through cows
- Confidence in maintenance of existing fencing low so concerned about cows 'escaping' and being injured / injuring others as a result.
- keep it away from the populous
- Security and safety are a concern and prevention of a cattle escape risk combined with minimising risk to humans.

Suggestions about safety

- Good signage for where animals would be
- Invisible fencing.

Suggestions about access

- Better animal control and access for all users including horse riders
- Clarity that access routes would not be lost. It appears that paths are not gated.
- Confirmation of continued access to Rights of Way in area.
- install horse friendly gates allowing access

Is this area suitable?

- Would need to be convinced this area could support sufficient cattle long enough for it to function as an invisible fencing training area.
- Probably suitable for cows, may be better open other uses?
- Need to make sure there is enough grass for the cattle being trained
- Explain the why? Its grassland
- Don't see the point of having cows here there is already nothing growing

Concerns about it being a small area

- Smaller area covered
- Seems like a small area to be grazed. Would need to be assured that grazing here can be managed appropriately.
- Provide legally binding documentation that this would be the only site for the next 99 years
- Such a small area; how would that affect the plan to reduce bracken...hardly worth the effort

Suggestions about the area

- Why not create a larger area covering the whole of the country park?
- limit to this area only
- Very limited areas away from public footpaths and popular public areas
- Looks more manageable and perhaps an education on cattle and their life.

Wildlife concerns

- Not too sure about this area. This is an important site for birds such as the skylark.

More consultation

- Further consultation.

Concerns about fencing

- No fencing

- Do not fence off these areas
- No permanent fences at all
- Remove fencing
- do not put up fences

Suggestions about fencing

- Impenetrable fencing. Smaller area.
- Invisible fencing rather than conventional fencing
- I don't understand why there's both invisible and hard fencing around this area. Invisible fencing would be fine but I would be against hard fencing
- Would prefer invisible fencing to be used here

Separates cattle and people

- Confines the cows to a known area that we can all avoid
- Ensure that local residents/users are not affected.

Don't know/don't know area

- No views
- I don't know Furnace Coppice Field so can't comment
- This does not affect me.
- I am not familiar with this area
- I do not know this area well enough to comment on grazing.
- Again I do not personally know enough about this area so I need to go away and do my research.
- I do not use this part of the Chase

See previous answers

- Comments as other options
- As above
- See answers for previous two sites.
- As before
- As previous
- Same comments as previous.
- Please see previous responses

Alternatives

- Ponies only
- Put some pigs there instead

Other concerns

- A grantee that land would not be sold off and access not controlled
- Too close to the enterprise centre

Full support/some support

- [in conjunction with all other methods of habitat control](#)
- [As previous pages \(As long as people and cattle's safety was ensured\)](#)

No support

- [I would not support this option](#)
- [nothing](#)
- change approach to managing the land
- [do not support grazing as it doesn't work](#)
- I do not wish to see any grazing on the Chase.
- Nil
- No cattle
- [no cows, no fences](#)
- [no fencing no cattle](#)

- no grazing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing
- Nothing. Same as options 1,2,3
- Nothing. Same as response for options 1,2,3
- Same as before for other areas.

Concerns about access

- more pedestrian gates than are shown on map 5
- Reassurances regarding public access.
- Too close to dog walking area

More consultation

- The Footprint Ecology report seems to suggest that this field would be used for stock training and handling rather than the need to manage heathland vegetation; there would appear to be another smaller grass field further west (roughly at SK097146) which might be useful as a supplementary training and handling area.

Concerns about fencing

- again having permanent fencing would be a mistake, but having cattle in the area a number of weeks per year may have some advantages
- Not sure but I notice that the boundary seems to have both conventional fencing and invisible fencing - why?

Suggestions about fencing

- Hard fencing no nearer than 800 metres from Brook Lane
- Why not invisible fencing? Again creating a manmade intrusion/ barrier on open space

Don't know/don't know enough about area

- insufficient knowledge of the practice and the area
- I cannot comment as I do not know this area of the chase

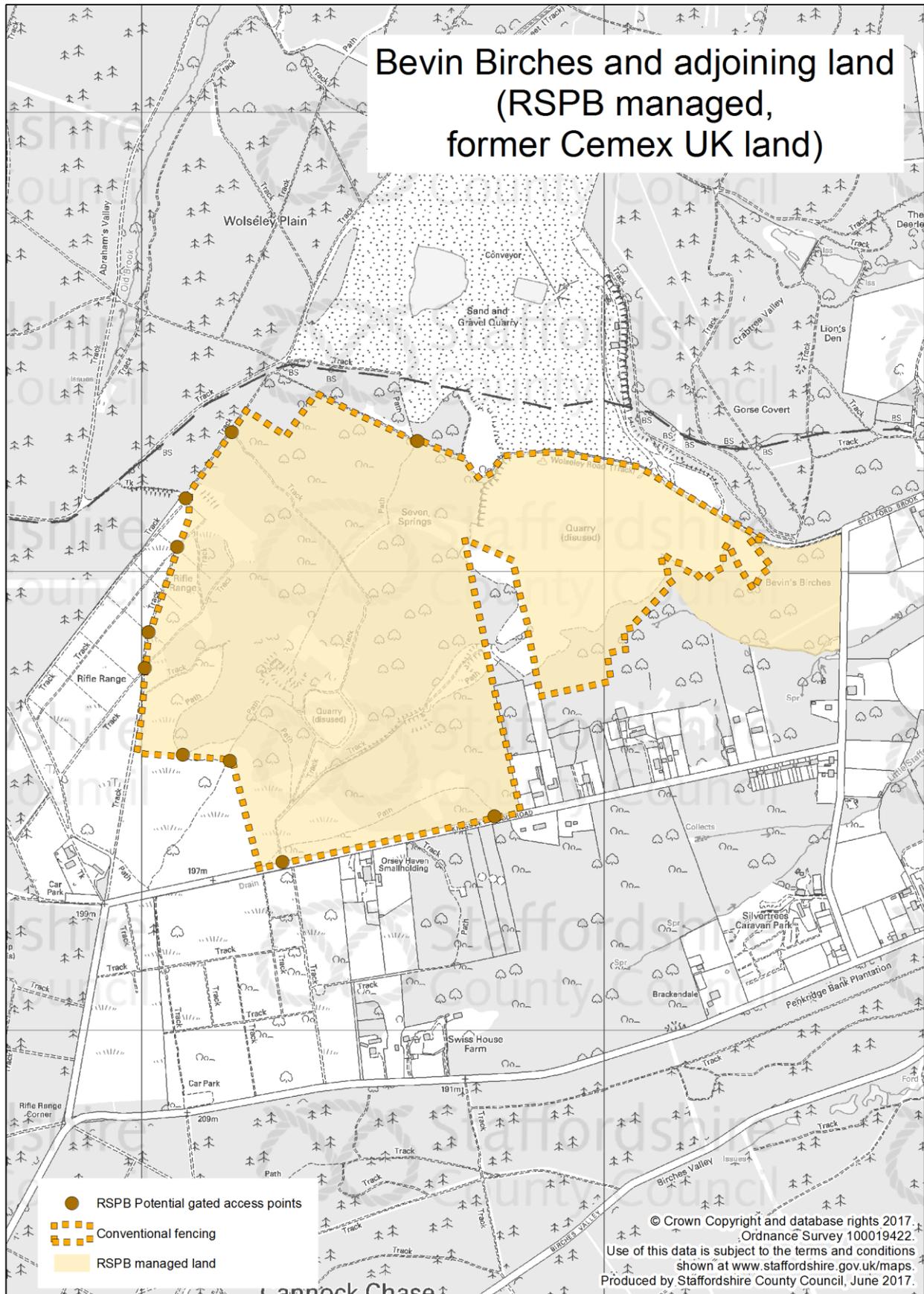
Alternatives

- Look at habitats & monitor before cattle come to the area. Put up fences & look at habitat within fenced area. Find a grazier and put in cattle. Monitor on an ongoing basis & keep public informed. See if cattle really do make such a difference and whether the project is viable. If it is then think about expense. Keep a record of all the finances for the project. Then, maybe, go on to fence the other areas of Cannock Chase.
- Before spending very large amounts of money on fencing and enclosing large areas of the Country Park, assess this area (and Moors Gorse) put cattle in, then manage the habitat in combination with other methods, look at results and see if worthwhile

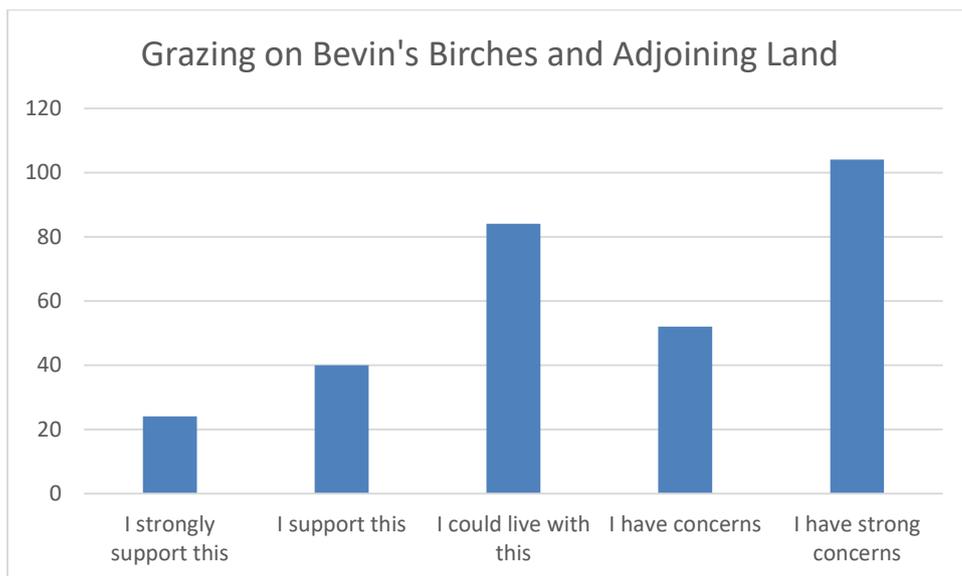
Other

- Regulatory approval from secretary of state to enclose land
- Fencing is illegal
- N/A
- Waste of funds

5.4 Bevin's Birches and adjoining land (RSPB managed, former Cemex UK land)



5.4.1 To what extent do you support grazing at Bevin's Birches and adjoining land?



5.4.2 What would need to happen to increase your support?

Full support

- Very little
- This could be feasible
- N/A
- n/a
- Full support
- [As previous pages \(As long as people and cattle's safety was ensured\)](#)
- [in conjunction with planned consistent application of other habitat control](#)

No support/no fencing

- No fencing
- No conventional fencing, smaller area covered and away from the old quarry, more down to the valley
- Grazing is not a viable option and I cannot see anything persuading me that it is!
- Absolutely not this fencing is totally inappropriate
- Realise water is important but nothing proposed gains my support
- No grazing
- This must not happen
- No grazing at all
- I do not support grazing
- do not allow this
- nothing
- It not happening. This is a heavily used public area. Again, law suit waiting to happen.
- Nothing, not used by so many children and disabled walkers.
- Nothing
- Do not fence off these areas
- No cattle and no fencing.
- No permanent fences at all
- Nothing
- Remove fencing
- none
- Nothing

- Remove fencing
- Again don't support due to believe in leaving natural!
- No cattle
- I don't think this is suitable for the cattle.
- no cows no boundaries
- none
- Nothing - still don't like it and don't think it would be of any benefit, but less obnoxious than other options
- Leave alone.
- Nothing would ever increase my support on this. It is totally inappropriate and would serve no good purpose
- None
- No.....do not introduce cattle. It's too dangerous when walking dogs.
- This area is used a lot by the public, seven springs is a great area for families. I would not be happy with this proposal at all.
- Scrap the idea entirely
- None
- Remove the fencing
- none

Suggestions about fencing

- If the RSPB's concerns were addressed and the fencing was wildlife friendly.
- Use invisible fencing, as hard fencing stops the deer from roaming onto our land. This area is famous for the deer, and people come from miles to view them. Hard fencing that prevents the deer roaming will spoil a lot of people's enjoyment of the area.
- Invisible fencing as this is open Heath land no the lack of fencing is the very thing that makes it special.
- Would prefer invisible fencing to be used here

Suggestions about areas

- Is this the largest compartment that could be enclosed in this area?
- Smaller enclosed areas
- Only that there is a balance of areas that do not have cattle both on the north and south side.
- I would prefer the RSPB area to be cattle free unless there are sound reasons why grazing would benefit birds
- Very limited areas away from public footpaths and popular public areas
- Decrease the size of the area. As it stands this would make horse riding impossible for me as we access the Chase via the Quarry bridle path or Kingsley wood Road

Concerns about cattle

- Many people enjoy Cannock Chase to be able to allow their dog more freedom in RSPB areas this is naturally restricted, I personally believe cattle can be dangerous and would inhibit bird watching.
- This is close to me. There is already fencing there. The terrain may make it difficult for cattle.

Suggestions about cattle

- Confines the cows to a known area that we can all avoid
- Evidence that it is safe to walk through cows

Concerns about access

- More access points
- Less gates it's too much for horse rider to open that many gates
- The lack of gated access on the eastern section

Suggestions about access

- Better animal control and access for all users including horse riders
- As long as there is still access to ride

- Many More Cycle Friendly access points
- review of access points
- Confirmation of continued access via Rights of Way whilst cattle are grazing
- Add more access points.

Concerns about wildlife

- My concern is that this is a more secluded area which often has many deer hiding away. Do cattle and deer mix and shouldn't some areas be left untouched for the deer.
- this is an area already managed by RSPB - the impact on the wildlife might be detrimental
- ? RSPB? How can they agree? Ground nesting birds Woodcock, nightjar etc.? Does it not matter if they are trampled?
- How will this affect the bird life
- Nothing. Cattle in this area may damage local bird populations and nesting and also lead to contaminated waters sources for the birds.
- dead animals

Suggestions about wildlife

- There would need to be safeguards for existing wildlife so the cattle did not disrupt the birds and other resident wildlife
- More evidence showing no effect to nesting birds other wildlife in this area. concerns about fencing management currently and how will be maintained
- Birds and cattle live in harmony, as do most species.
- Protection of ground nesting birds.
- Protection of the bird species and safety of cattle used.

Management and maintenance

- More manageable
- Maintenance of fenced areas
- Maintenance of fencing and access

Don't know

- No views
- I don't know Bevin's Birches so can't comment
- I cannot comment as I do not know this area of the chase well
- [insufficient knowledge of the practice and the area](#)

Can't see the map

- can't see this map properly

More information needed

- Further consultation.
- Convince me why fencing is required and what it its planned intended use long term
- A guarantee that land would not be sold off and access not controlled
- [still possible problem with Defra as to approval for grazing](#)

Don't know

- I am not familiar with this area
- I do not recognise this area

See previous comments

- Comments as other options
- As above
- As before
- See previous problems we/you may encounter
- Same comments as previous.
- Please see previous responses

Combination of management solutions

- There has to be fencing , dog control and other conservation projects .Grazing alone is not the total answer but it is needed here

- Do not allow the RSPB to manage this area. Why can't this area be managed by the Council/Chase Rangers

Suggestions

- keep it away from populous
- Ponies only
- May be useful for use as an experimental area, to assess the effectiveness of cattle grazing in an area where there are not significant numbers of visitors.
- Pigs would be preferred
- I can't there where this is being such a small map. If managed correctly and moving the cows every couple months then it would be ok. As people can avoid just for a couple of months then come back to that area.
- I think the cows being located in the abandoned quarry would be best
- Move the site elsewhere

Suggestions re fencing

- again having permanent fencing would be a mistake, but having cattle in the area a number of weeks per year may have some advantages
- Why not invisible fencing if it works? Why not have this as a trial area to see if it works or not?
- [hard fencing no nearer than 800 metres from Brook Lane](#)

No support/no fencing

- Nothing. Same as response for options 1, 2, 3 and other responses
- Nothing
- safe passage for horse and rider onto existing routes
- Unnecessary
- Nothing. Same as options 1.2.3
- No perimeter fencing!!
- Nothing
- Same as before for other areas.
- No cattle no fences
- Nil
- [Nothing](#)
- [change approach to managing the land](#)
- [I do not wish to see any grazing on the Chase.](#)
- [Nothing](#)
- [no fencing no cattle](#)
- [no grazing](#)
- [stop proposal – do not support grazing as it doesn't work](#)

Concerns about wildlife

- Nothing. Will ground nesting birds really cohabit with cattle? This will be detrimental to all, except the cattle
- The inclusion of cattle should have no impact upon the birdwatching activities
- [ground nesting birds would be disturbed](#)
- [birds don't recognise boundaries so nesting on the ground may conflict with grazing depending on number of animals](#)

Suggestions about access

- Reassurances regarding public access.
- Many more access points
- [for the rifle range car park to be reopened](#)
- [reduce some of the enclosure to keep a much larger area of unenclosed open space](#)
- no cows, no fences
- I would not support this option

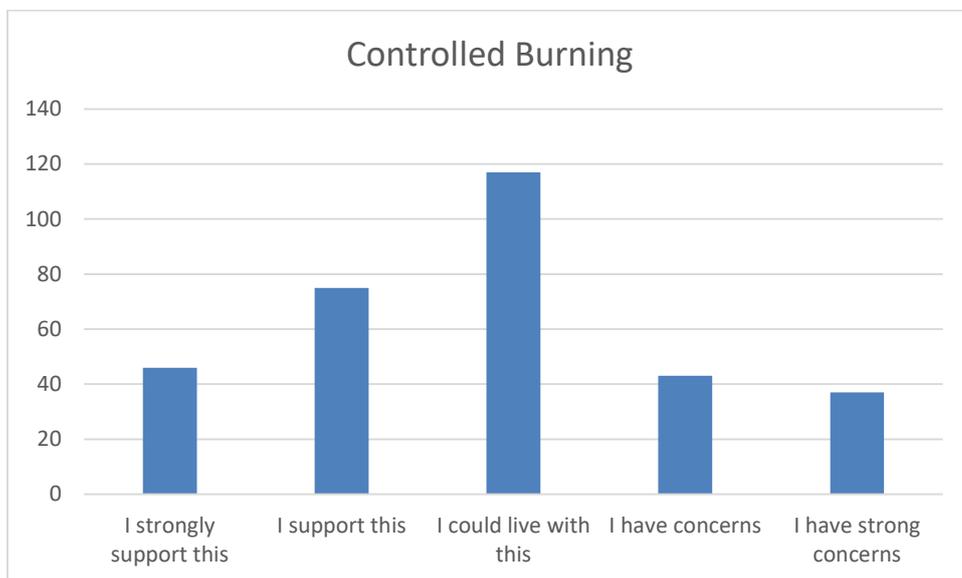
Concerns about the area

- This is a main area for people of all ages it is a major honeypot area
- ? A more difficult area to graze given its past use as a quarry.

6 Other habitat management methods

6.1 Controlled burning - mature heather

6.1.1 To what extent do you support this guidance on controlled burning?



6.1.2 What would need to happen to increase your support?

Full support

- N/A
- n/a
- Fully support this in limited circumstances mentioned.
- It's a good idea if it's managed the right way
- I fully back burning
- I support controlled burning as an excellent way to create biodiversity. It is a natural process
- allow this to happen
- This has worked for many years and must be a relatively cost effective method. Its efficiency can be physically assessed immediately whereas cows effect cannot be assessed for 12 months in any period of time
- If done correctly this as worked in areas for years.
- I am ok with this
- Has been done before and it was successful.
- This is a lot better option than permanent restrictive and dangerous fencing. This idea is a lot more cost effective and a more viable option than that of cattle.
- We understand that other methods of control will need to be used and would be happy for this to be a more primary way of controlling the heather.
- Fire is natural control. There have been quite a few deliberate fires set recently so this may cut them down.
- It has proved successful over hundreds of years all over the world.
- Very little
- Better option than cows and I think more beneficial
- This alone is acceptable but I have concerns if only associated with grazing.

- This has been done in the past. A more natural approach.
- No reason why it could not work akin to burning on geode moors
- No issues with this
- Control invasive species
- I believe this to be far more preferable to grazing as it is proven to work.

No support

- I would support a 10 year pilot of cattle grazing with no burning
- This must not happen
- Nothing. Please leave our countryside alone
- Nothing would
- I do not support burning I feel cutting is more suitable lichens and mosses suffer from burning on lowland heath
- This to not go ahead
- No - no burning destroys the atmosphere! Global warming is an issue just everyone is blind!
- Nothing
- None
- Nothing - concerned that cattle would be in the area - so Fire Service would have to negotiate cattle.
- It's a waste - that vegetation can be grazed. Smoke and ash can't be contained

Concerns about the impact on wildlife

- Nearby animals at yards close by lung and breathing problems, smoke damage
- How will it affect adders? This needs to be addressed
- What about the impact on wildlife?
- Surely some of the smaller mammals could be harmed by this, and perhaps heather trimming might be just as effective.
- Smoke could drift, wild life not protected, including deer.
- Reassurance that wildlife will not be affected
- What about small mammals and reptiles
- Insects, mammals and reptiles may suffer as it is also their habitat.
- Nothing. Controlled burning does nothing to support the current flora and fauna eco system.
- Wildlife can't be protected during burning so I can't support in any way.
- All of the cons above especially the other species invasion

Potential risks

- Will it permanently eradicate bramble and birch scrub
- Too risky. No guarantee it could be fully controlled.
- If the heather was left to dry out thoroughly before burning it would burn with less smoke. This would need greater supervision as the surroundings would also be dry and could lead to damage to The Chase. Small areas at a time need to be burned.
- We would have concerns about this due to the risk of fire spreading onto our land, which directly adjoins the Bevin's Birches area.
- There is too much risk and environmental damage from burning
- Any fire is dangerous and I'm worried on the wildlife there. Obviously making sure public know and can't access when tests carried out also making sure have fire engines in case gets out of hand.
- Not sure. I just don't like the idea of intentionally burning parts of a forest... fire has a habit of not doing what we want it to!
- Remembering the fires in the 1970's this certainly not a good option. Danger to nearby road users and could encourage others to light fires!
- That would cause pollution that's what we try to get away from

Management and guidance

- Think carefully about how we manage it

- The guidance would need to be followed stringently
- Reassurance that it is done sensitively and with great care.
- Obviously, this needs to be done by experienced people
- I remember this when I lived in Cambridgeshire. As long as you have trained and skilled people and it's not done on the cheap
- Generally, to keep the fires under control as smouldering heather roots can spread underground. The heather by the railway often spread along the embankment.
- Does control Tick and other problems, but would be for controlled use and carefully managed
- Currently happens and works well - need more rangers employed to do this consistently and more often.
- With Proper supervision and management
- this would need to be managed to prevent any fire spreading and any accident, the impact on wildlife would need to be assessed
- Times and places where burning taking place would have to be very controlled as smoke carries long distances and makes for unpleasant walking conditions
- confirmation of complete control of burning
- Robust fire management by adequate skilled personnel
- Make sure the suggestion for carrying out are stuck too especially avoiding bird breeding season and use trained people
- not near residential areas
- properly managed and controlled burning
- demonstration plots and training of staff
- All efforts taken to limit visual impact wherever possible
- Limited use as in suggested guidance – esp. limiting to steep areas and avoiding breeding birds. (Just because it's traditional doesn't mean it's good).
- Only use when necessary
- This would need to be managed properly.
- Very limited use
- Well managed and supervised procedures.
- ensuring proper safeguards are in place
- Limit days and times when burning can occur

Information given to the public

- Proposed times of burning communicated to Walton Chasers Orienteering Club well in advance (several months) as major events need to be planned on this timescale.
- Better promotion and public engagement than normally happens with conservation operations on the chase. High quality monitoring to assess the impact.
- Prior warning, limited to small areas, only when really necessary.
- understand when it is happening and signs everywhere so that no one is around
- Communicate well & inform public of other accessible areas
- As long as it was not vast areas in one go and we had prior notice
- I thought that this was already how it was managed and have no problems with reduced access while it is ongoing as long as it is clearly communicated on sign posts
- Ensure adequate notice of the burn, and do not do it at inconvenient times.
- Knowing when and how often this would be happening but definitely not at weekends
- Residents to be notified of when burning will take place.

More information needed

- Again, need to know who this is aimed at. I think that justifying something because it is traditional, does not mean it is right. So this could be explained better.
- It is indicated "It helps heather regrow more vigorously" - surely this is a negative, rather than positive - it sounds like it would increase the maintenance requirement.
- More information
- Examples provided of successful burning

- There needs to be legally binding promises that this is not a way to restrict access to the chase when used in conjunction with the fencing and cattle grazing

Full support

- This is a well tried and tested method. I see this better than having cattle and fencing
- As long as the heather is able to recover and regrow then this is fine and I have seen it already been done in places on the Chase.
- can also cause extra silver birch regeneration
- These operations have been used successfully on Cannock Chase for many years and are still likely to be needed in future, even if on smaller more restricted areas.
- No cows, no fences. combination of other habitat management methods
- but would be better part of planned control
- Cheaper, no fences, no cows. Other areas having a similar habitat management method.
- Continue using 4.1, 4.2, 4.3 & 4.4 as in the past. It works.
- go ahead with burning
- have a long term plan; put in sufficient long term funding; carry out this long term plan
- I cannot for the life of me see heather burning destroying archaeological / bird breeding (they're pretty canny) (natural lightning strikes do exactly elsewhere)
- I support this method as I've seen it in action previously
- n/a – fully support this action which works well elsewhere
- no cattle whatsoever
- there must be a planned and consistent programme which involved burning, mechanical (felling and thinning) and cutting & baling and chemical methods as appropriate as stated in Footprint Ecology Cannock Chase management options phase 2 Lake & Day page 11 paras 2.16, 2.17 & 2.18
- This has been an established practice and is part of the management of the Chase which is understood over many years.
- This is used to manage many moorlands
- This seems to be a good method. Only trial and error will see how well it can be done.
- I would only support this if it was carried out in areas which are not possible to cut

No support

- Nothing
- Nothing
- repeat regularly as required for maximum effect

Concerns about impact on wildlife

- while this method can control the heather invertebrates can be affected
Doing it at times of year so that wildlife is minimally affected
- I would need to know benefits essential as must kill wildlife
- reassurance that species like reptiles and ground animals would not be affected
- Steps to protect wildlife

Potential risks

- Ensure that there are no risks to human health and safety.
- I have experienced fires on Cannock Chase in the 1970s - the condition of the peat needs to be fully assessed to avoid fires spreading underground
- I remember in forest fires in previous hot summer

Management and guidance

- ensure sufficient rangers employed to monitor and carry out
- As long as this is managed correctly, there should still be enough heather for visitors to the chase and local people to enjoy.
- assurance of the ability of the managers to safely control this operation
- More countryside rangers employed to monitor the areas
- There should be a long term and consistent plan mapped out for at least 5 to 10 years. Sufficient rangers and other staff should be employed to allow proper implementation

- This would have to be very controlled and during winter months

Information given to the public

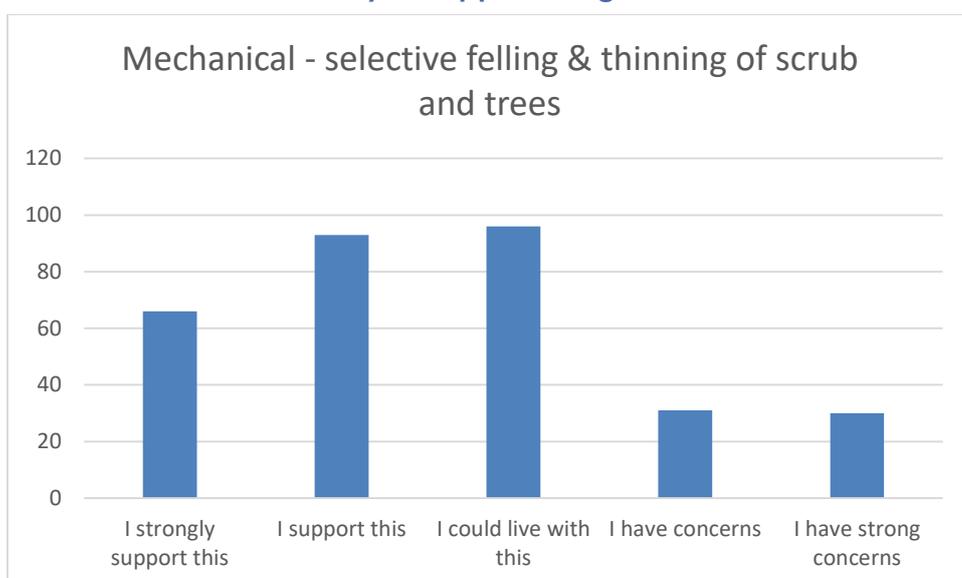
- Knowing when and where it's happening in advance
- Needs of people in area need to be met
- notices to explain what when and where controlled burning is taking place
- sufficient notice to local residents when these methods are to be used
- There would need to be full information about when this is occurring so people can adapt their use of the Chase

More information needed

- This is a necessary tool in delivering required habitat management in the short term and needs to be retained as a potential management option, however grazing is more economically and environmentally sustainable in the long term.
- N/A

6.2 Mechanical - selective felling & thinning of scrub and trees

6.2.1 To what extent do you support the guidance on this mechanical method?



6.2.2 What would need to happen to increase your support?

Full support

- N/A
- n/a
- Best way and the safest way
- I support this
- allow this to happen
- This speaks for itself - targeted, keeps heathland open, wildlife benefits
- nothing
- I am ok with this
- Again, this is a lot more cost effective and less invasive means of achieving management of Cannock Chase than that of cattle.
- Nothing
- Very little
- I support this
- Nothing - I am sure this has been going on for years successfully and I support it
- I find this acceptable if not linked to grazing.
- This could be a good option and a possible forest management school training the forest professionals of the future. Encouraging old and traditional skills.

- No issues with this

No support

- Too many trees have been felled already.
- Nothing. It's a good example of how man has ruined other areas
- Feel what is done is ineffective and a waste of money
- Back to the point of keeping an area in unnatural state costing money
- This must not happen
- Nothing would
- It's very inefficient and does not resolve the problem of why the habitat is not in the correct condition to start with
- Only thin if necessary and dangerous. Other than that leave it as it is!
- Nothing silly ideas
- None. The habitat needs leaving alone.
- go away
- Leave the trees alone
- We should be planting trees not removing them, the previous areas where trees have been felled have caused an explosion of invasive weeds.
- I think too many trees have been felled in recent years
- Nothing; I like trees, and it amazes me this obsession with open heathland...it was wooded originally, so why not let nature rule?
- I believe that the decision to keep this area as open heathland is flawed. It is left to its own devices the area would have deciduous trees which would be kept in check by wildlife and other natural occurrences.

Proven method

- This is a proven method. It works well and gives opportunities to volunteers to help out.
- This has been done for many years, however it would be nice to replant and regenerate trees felled to encourage a variety of wildlife.
- This happens in other parts of the chase and works fine with minimal disruption. This could be a good community engagement activity and increase conservation awareness with locals.
- I did a little of this with the Staffordshire wildlife trust, as long as done responsibly definitely a good idea.
- I believe good forestry beneficial and important in retaining heathland
- Currently happens. Need more people employed to do this consistently and for forestry commission to be able to sell / manage their woodland effectively without interference.
- This is the main proven method for keeping the Chase in good condition and has been proven to work for many years, I see no valid reason to change this.
- Good way of clearing small sampling and trees.
- Has been done before and was effective.
- We have recently walked very close to where this was taking place & found it to be in obtrusive & a temporary inconvenience.
- From what I've seen over the chase this is happening, people spraying the bracken or chopping trees. Yes it churns the path which is a pain but its mud, you can wash off mud and yes it's noisy but fires are unpredictable and can kill.

Concern about damage to land

- In areas where this has occurred the damage to paths by large machinery has been quite extensive and the impact has not been temporary.
- In my opinion when tree felling has been done the ground has been left in a dreadful state leaving it that you are unable to walk let alone ride on it
- Leaves an awful mess on tracks, unable to walk or ride on tracks after doing this
- Would need care and attention to ensure no physical damage to the land apart from short term.
- Whoever fells them not destroying the entire area like they did when they did the last lot of felling near the stepping stones. There is still wire fencing all over the ground.
- When trees have been felled in the past they have drove straight through fencing to which they have not replaced it leaving wires dangerously on the tracks. Also leave huge mud tracks that in winter freeze and are dangerous under foot
- winter time work/usage can cause rutting and trauma to ground

Necessary and effective

- We do need to open area up that have become overgrown with birches etc.
- Proven to be effective so much prefer this to grazing
- I feel this an effective, specific and accurate way of managing the Chase habitat without damaging the beauty of the area and only limiting access temporarily.

Use for felled wood

- Use of felled wood for building, fuel or habitat piles.
- This may be necessary anyway to control fungal and useful for biofuels & non peat products. involves cost
- Will it permanently eradicate bramble and birch scrub

Scrub is important

- Scrub is a very important on the woodland edge and within the heathland. Many of the priority species rely on scrub to some extent, and it needs to be explained that scrub is an important part of the mosaic of habitats, whilst needing to be managed.
- Remember scrub an important feeding, breeding and shelter for wildlife. Mosaic needed

Must remove all felled wood

- Remove ALL the felled limbs and branches to keep the chase tidy and open access

Long term objectives

- Need to be focused with long term objective to ensure the outcome is what is intended and avoids bramble/bracken regen.
- [have a long term plan; put sufficient long term funding in place; carry out this long term plan](#)

Communication to public

- Felling areas communicated to Walton Chasers Orienteering Club well in advance as this could disrupt major events & mean that orienteering maps will need to be redrawn.
- Prior warning. Posted clear schedule. Limit the use of vehicles and machinery. Enforced speed limit and soft profile tyres.
- Communications with users
- As long as notification was given ahead of activity taking place
- Good information before work takes place

Need for guidance

- I need to be reassured that the length of cut will be varied from sector to sector and that it is done outside the breeding season.
- Close adherence to guidance advice.
- If chainsaw use was restricted to certain times of the day and not at all at weekends to minimise noise.
- there would need to be a managed "repair" schedule to help the land recover from the damage caused
- Keep to a minimum and as little damage as possible
- properly managed and safely carried out
- This should only be done if necessary and care taken not to sell any trees on our land.
- Confirmation that more volunteers will be engaged to do this work and there will be an approved plan to work to.
- For the noisy/ messy aspects to be confined to short specific times of the year when least disruption would occur.
- Strong adherence to all of the suggested guidance. I haven't totally understood why trees need to be removed - what is wrong with birches?
- Sizeable trees have to be removed mechanically, but scrub and saplings should be grazed off
- that it's done tidily and the paths are restored after
- This would need to be managed properly. There is not going to be one answer/solution. But all these things need to be managed and the appropriate methods used in the appropriate places on the chase.
- Week supervised and managed actions.
- Ensure the guidance is strictly adhered to
- If it's done sympathetically
- Use of manual labour/tools and reduction of heavy machinery/vehicles to reduce scarring and erosion of land
- More information
- Proof of its necessity and that it will not just result in soil erosion. Nature will take its course.

Replanting

- Need to replant native trees to encourage native bird habitats
- Would like to see some forested areas remain and perhaps increase the amount of 'wild' unmanaged areas too to vary landscape and habitat.
- As long as more trees were planted I'd be happier to support this

Other

- Isn't this what the forestry commission is for!!!
- Some guarantee about a level of tree population for the future. We do not want an expansion of completely naked heathland
- Clear felling of trees near to residential areas would be an issue as it can significantly change the character of an area.
- consider resources needed
- Selective felling of trees needs to be for reasons of dead diseased, not just to make way for cows.
- Wind carries onto grazed lane by nearby horse, miss spraying

Necessary and effective

- This is land management!!!
- This is a necessary tool in delivering required habitat management in the short term and needs to be retained as a potential management option, however grazing is more economically sustainable in the long term.
- Given the extensive proximity of seed sources, these operations are still likely to be needed even if grazing is successfully introduced.

Full support

- As long as the open areas don't become too extensive then I support this management technique. I just don't want to see most of the chase all open with no trees left!
- As long as this is managed correctly, I have no concerns.
- This would be a sensible solution.
- nothing; nothing wrong with any of this
- [No cows, no fences. combination of other habitat management methods](#)
- [go ahead with mechanical](#)

Communication to public

- prior notice that works are being undertaken
- get locals involved to help
- Public need informing this is not the vandalism it can appear to be
- This is an Established practice perhaps more notices to explain what is going on?

Need for guidance

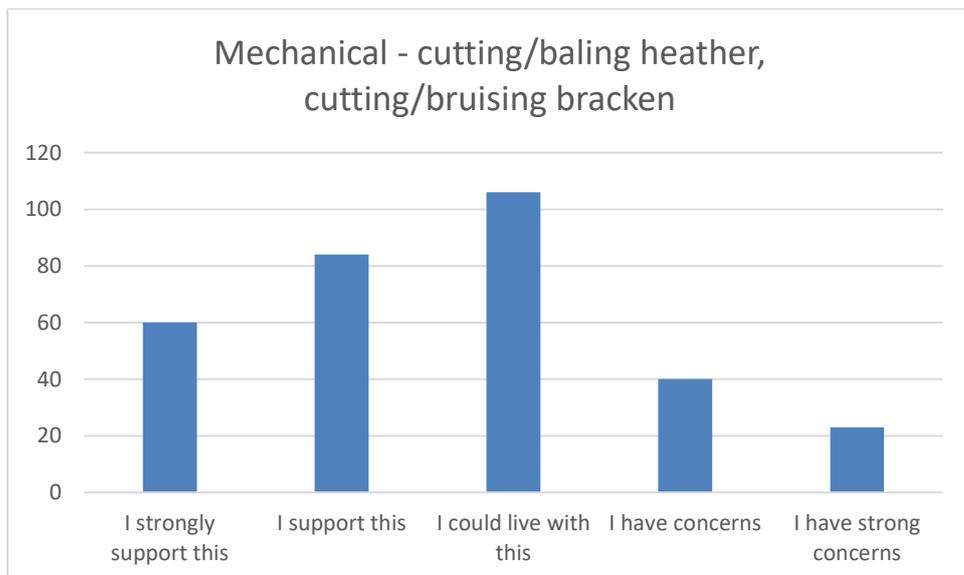
- There should be a long term plan. It should be done consistently and repeated as often as necessary to have maximum effect. More Rangers and other staff need to be employed. This would also mean that more volunteers could be trained and managed to help
- Done at time to minimise disruption to wildlife and local population
- [there must be a planned and consistent programme which involved burning, mechanical \(felling and thinning\) and cutting & baling and chemical methods as appropriate as stated in Footprint Ecology Cannock Chase management options phase 2 Lake & Day page 11 paras 2.16, 2.17 & 2.18](#)
- employ more SCC rangers & works unit employees monitor and carry out this work and to manage teams of volunteers

Other

- I think burning would be more cost effective.
- No fences, no cows.
- Need to know which areas to be stripped as not happy with wholesale of trees
- The request to volunteer to do this type of work is not well advertised - I would be happy to do this to avoid ANY cows on the Chase
- [I don't think it's a job for volunteers unless fully trained?](#)
- [But without cattle.](#)
- [a campaign to recruit volunteers](#)
- [repeat regularly as required for maximum effect](#)
- [must be part of planned control system](#)
- [assurances that this policy is not designed to eradicate the deer population](#)

6.3 Mechanical - cutting/baling heather, cutting/bruising bracken

6.3.1 To what extent do you support the guidance on this type of mechanical management?



6.3.2 What would need to happen to increase your support?

Full support/some support

- n/a
- Full support
- Yes that's safe for everyone
- I support this
- allow this to happen
- Quick clean efficient it's another no brainer
- no chemicals, works if done correctly
- I am ok with this
- This is a lot more cost effective and less restrictive option than that of cattle.
- using the above positive suggestions
- This is more preferable to grazing.
- Once again this is a preferred method to grazing cattle!
- I support this
- I support this
- If not associated with grazing.
- of all the options this is the most feasible
- This is a well tried and tested method. I see this better than having cattle and fencing
- No issues with this
- This is a necessary tool in delivering required habitat management in the short term and needs to be retained as a potential management option, however grazing is more economically and environmentally sustainable in the long term.
- As with the other types of mechanical operations, these are still likely to be needed in the future.
- go ahead with this
- in combination with other methods; bit costly to cart away; concentrate on fire breaks

No support

- Too many negatives to make it worthwhile.
- This must not happen
- nothing
- Wildlife will suffer as well as plants etc.
- Nothing would
- none
- Nothing
- Very little
- Leave it all. You won't get my support!

- How many different ways are you asking the same question about the human intervention in a thriving landscape? No!
- I don't like to see machinery on Cannock Chase. Better than chemicals though!
- [I just don't like the idea of using large machinery.](#)
- [I feel there are better options mentioned in the booklet](#)
- Nothing

Need more information/evidence

- Would need more info on this method
- Not too familiar with its effectiveness. Proof may be needed on where it has been successful
- I'm trying to understand why this is necessary?
- If it could be shown to be sustainable
- More consideration to the guidance
- Prove that this will not affect the habitat for adders
- what is the cost

Suggestions about communication

- Notice given to nearby livery yard or notices
- Prior warning. Posted clear schedule. Limit the use of vehicles and machinery. Enforced speed limit and soft profile tyres.
- being informed and consulted
- prior notice to be given
- Proposed work to be communicated to Walton Chasers Orienteering Club well in advance of the proposed work to avoid disrupting major events
- Good information before work takes place
- More Communication needed for people using areas
- [awareness raising of where and when this is happening](#)
- [publicity again in advance over areas to be treated](#)

Planned and managed – around wildlife

- Skilled contractors, well planned, no ad hoc work THIS IS KEY
- Not sure why there is a caveat to carrying out work outside of the bird breeding season 'as far as is possible'. There are high priority ground nesting birds, and these areas must not be managed mechanically during the breeding season.
- Guidance useful but bracken cutting/baling not successful done outside bird nesting season
- It must be done totally out of bird breeding season. I do support this over the use of chemical controls.
- Timing MUST be OUTSIDE breeding season. Nationally important area for nightjar, woodlark, meadow pipit, skylark etc.
- Working with nature must come first - out of bird breeding, deer breeding and deer rut seasons and only targeted in small areas
- Done at time to minimise disruption to wildlife and local population

Planned and managed - around people

- the disruption and damage would need to be managed but at least areas could be avoided whilst work being done
- It should be done consistently and as often as necessary with a long term plan. More Rangers and staff need to be employed to carry out this method of habitat management effectively
- [there must be a planned and consistent programme which involved burning, mechanical \(felling and thinning\) and cutting & baling and chemical methods as appropriate as stated in Footprint Ecology Cannock Chase management options phase 2 Lake & Day page 11 paras 2.16, 2.17 & 2.18](#)
- If absolutely necessary as it would be expensive to use skilled contractors, when volunteers could do this. Transport costs would be enormous to dispose of cut materials. This could be done on fire breaks.
- [Repeat regularly for maximum effect](#)
- [employ more rangers & works unit to monitor, carry out and work with volunteers](#)
- [have a long term plan; carry out this long term plan](#)
- [must be part of more consistent planned control system](#)

Proven method

- I personally prefer the traditional methods but I understand it is useful to have the baled heather to spread seeds in other areas when needed.
- I have watched this in the past and it seems a good idea
- Has been effective in the past and feel happy for this method to continue as long as done sensitively
- Currently happens and shows more positive results than cow grazing
- Really effective bracken removal
- Has been done before, many times, and was very effective.
- I've seen this happening and to be honest it's fine. We stay are from the areas they do or are working on or go elsewhere and come back another day

Concerns about damage to land

- Do not want paths all churned up. Bad enough in winter with horses
- More care needed in doing this, creates a mess along the tracks
- Would need care and attention to ensure no physical damage to the land apart from short term.
- In the past this has ruined foot paths that have been used as access roads. In some areas these have never recovered. Ensuring the paths are not damaged would increase my support
- [An established practice although there is quite a bit of damage caused by heavy machinery with paths being churned up and wildlife destroyed.](#)
- [work only carried out when ground is hard not during wet spells](#)

Suggestions about damage to the land

- Consider using heavy horses instead of vehicles to reduce damage to the ground, particularly in wet conditions.
- tracks are repaired after
- Reduction of heavy vehicles that cause scarring, compaction and erosion
- Use volunteers rather than big machinery to do the work if grazing is not being effective
- Fire breaks could be cleared and other areas selectively cleared using older more traditional method... bring in Shire horses.
- Limiting to week days only
- [smaller machines to reduce damage to paths](#)

Other

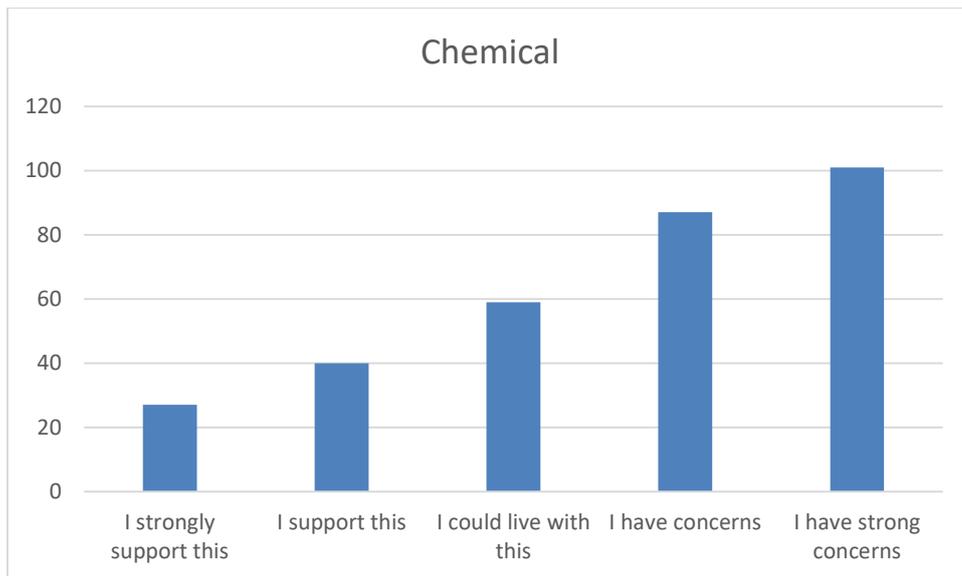
- Prefer natural methods
- Again not issues with this as access is restricted for short periods and will not dissuade visitors from coming to Cannock Chase
- A more natural system should be used
- Ensure chemicals used are as safe as possible.
- test areas to be monitored
- Not sure this does any more than slow down the growth of invasive species. May be need to be repeated very frequently.
- As per previous answer a forest school or college training facility. Work done by trainee's onsite training.
- Fully trained people to do it at the right time of year
- As previous - needs careful selling to public

Don't know

- No views
- [Repeat regularly as required for maximum effect](#)
- [no grazing cattle](#)

6.4 Chemical - cut stump and spot treatment, tractor and boom bracken spraying, aerial spraying of bracken

6.4.1 To what extent do you support this guidance on chemical management?



6.4.2 What would need to happen to increase your support?

Full support/some support

- Fully support this method and if done regularly over a period of years can eradicate Bracken without the need for grazing!
- May be necessary for Japanese knotweed & others but not recommended for general use
- I support this
- Seems a good option at the moment.
- Nothing - I support this
- No issues with this
- There is nothing that would increase my support for this.
- n/a
- I see this as a last resort but necessary
- This is a necessary tool in delivering required habitat management in the short term and needs to be retained as a potential management option, however grazing is more economically and environmentally sustainable in the long term.
- *Still likely to be needed in future even if more locally.*

No support

- Nothing, risk to dogs, horses and wildlife
- Nothing
- Not liking this
- Not a good idea
- NO to any chemicals!
- I will never support this. WE don't fully know long term impact of chemicals on plants, animals and humans. Please do not do this.
- I do not agree with any chemical treatment.
- Chemicals have no place in an AONB
- Chemical use undesirable
- Cannot support use of chemicals.
- Never people's dogs and wild life will be ill
- Probably nothing. Too much risk to wildlife and also humans.
- This must not happen
- Concerned about the widespread use of chemicals. It would be much better to adopt a more manual approach to management using teams of local volunteers.
- do not allow this
- I do not support this method
- nothing
- This is potentially dangerous to the ecosystem so I don't support it.
- No!
- I don't like this

- A useless procedure. Neither good for man or beast and it DOES NOT WORK
- Nothing would
- N/A
- Chemical use isn't justified
- Nothing
- I do not support this.
- Defo no chemicals no support!!
- No need to use chemicals, it's a lazy fix
- Chemicals bad!! Don't use chemicals!!
- not cost effective and intrusive
- Absolutely not! Animals could be hurt by this process.
- No
- Nothing I don't agree with using chemicals
- Nothing, I am totally opposed to chemical sprays. Restricting wildlife won't stop the rabbits, doormice, and deer already in that zone. No, No, No!
- Against the use of chemicals because of on foreseen impact
- I don't support the use of any harmful chemicals in the atmosphere
- no spraying it kills the wildlife
- No spraying at all no chemicals
- Not happy with chemicals
- Would not support the felling and stump killing of deciduous trees
- I give no support for chemical interference. Waterways and crayfish would suffer.
- No chemical controls please
- Not necessary
- Really don't like the idea of spraying chemicals
- do not use chemicals

Concerns about risk

- Concerned about the widespread use of chemicals. It would be much better to adopt a more manual approach to management using teams of local volunteers.
- Being a life-long sufferer of Chronic Lung Disease, it distresses me when spraying is in operation. I know all measures are taken to make it as safe as possible, but I would support any other method rather than this one.
- Don't like herbicides/ pesticides applied like this, application not specific enough.
- other methods to be considered before this one
- impact
- Chemicals have many side effects, I would prefer them to be a last resort.
- The impact of chemical treatments is a concern

Concerns about aerial spraying

- Concern mainly over aerial spraying due to risk of contaminating underground aquifer
- Against aerial spraying. Spot on ok
- Worry about negative impact of aerial sprays
- Has been done before and has been reasonably effective. Some doubt on arial spraying. Must be done for several years.
- If it has to be done boom spraying is preferable to aerial spraying
- Aerial spraying would not be possible.
- safely
- Far too invasive and very risky to all inhabitants
- I have concerns with chemical usage.
- I have concerns about the usage glyphosates
- Risk of getting into water courses - run-off, damage to other plants. Cut stump/spot treatment ok. How bracken specific is aerial spraying? Is it effective?
- This comes back again to doing something 'for the cows' - aerial spraying is not controlled and can cause damage to other indigenous and rare plants in the area (bilberry and Cannock Chase berry) - since when have herbicides worked against ticks!
- use local treatment not aerial spraying
- limit it to local spot treating not aerial spraying
- no aerial spraying; problems chemicals polluting water
- aerial spraying is expensive and can only be used for a short period

Concerns about effects on wildlife and humans

- Serious concern about the use of chemicals. Effect on wildlife, particularly invertebrates.
- I don't like the use of chemicals and worry about the effect it has on other native plants and water courses in the area.
- It has to be safe to humans and selective to what the target species are.
- Chemical spraying is costly and dangerous to wildlife.
- Impact on wildlife as well as visitors
- surely there would be less control with chemicals - the wind - the damage to other flora and impact on wildlife
- Use of sprays where animals may eat is not good...to leave things as they are
- Spraying made my dog ill. how does it affect the deer,
- Chemicals and dog/humans don't go.....
- This will upset the biodiversity of the heath land and other areas of Cannock Chase.
- Chemical use in the environment is wrong
- I have seen people spraying the bracken and I do worry about the chemicals as my dog runs in and out of grass and areas. Also restrictions would need to be highly managed so people, dogs and cows don't get hurt or poisoned due to chemicals.
- Avoid the use of chemicals because other species could be affected and could be a danger to forest users.
- This method is detrimental to insects and other smaller animals.
- I don't like the idea of chemicals being used in an area abundant with wildlife
- Unsure about impact on plants/animals.
- I am not a massive fan of chemical treatment as I do feel this can damage other plant / tree species in the vicinity. Also this restricts part of the Chase at times it is done and could also prove to cause health problems to animals (deer, dogs, etc.)
- I don't like the use of chemicals as this can cause problems for other wildlife / fauna in the area and also put dogs at risk if they pick any of the chemicals up.
- The risk to other flora and fauna, people, wildlife and pets
- Introducing manmade chemicals is never a good idea for the natural habitat for wildlife, unless you want to harm it?

Suggestions about protection for wildlife and humans

- So long as personnel are protected and products used that were not harmful to bees, this has been done in past years.
- Reassurance this would not impact on wildlife, dogs and horses
- Prove no affects to animals and people
- Position other grazing animals at local yards, animals spooked by low flying planes
- Assurance that cattle would be well away from areas that are treated so they are not likely to be chased into areas that have been chemically treated.
- Ensure chemicals used are as safe as possible.
- Ensure that this does not happen close to residential properties. Minimise as much as possible.
- [Do not spray during or just before Blackberry and Bilberry are ripe for picking](#)

Spot treatment

- Ok with the spot treatment. Perhaps the aerial treatment sounds over the top, so needs more info.
- Spraying by hand and leaving the stumps to rot naturally

Suggestions about management

- Correctly signposted and managed
- limitation near areas of occupation
- Read and act upon the advice in the Ecology Footprint Phase 2 report which is to have a long term plan, with many repeat treatments
- Done at time to minimise disruption to wildlife and local population
- [have a long term plan; carry out this long term plan with sufficient funds available to do this](#)
- [employ more SCC rangers & works unit people to monitor & carry out this work & to work with volunteers](#)
- [this must be limited and in consistent controlled programmes](#)
- [restricted use only for specific areas](#)

Suggestions about communication

- Proposed work to be communicated to Walton Chasers Orienteering Club well in advance of the proposed work to avoid disrupting major events
- Notification prior to the commencement of treatment would be nice, as often this is not known about until you are in the middle of areas with chemicals, and with dogs and children, this can cause dangers
- Clear publicity when spraying
- Better publicity and engagement with local residents.
- Better management of when and how this happens. Maybe could be zoned like the suggestion for cows so all users of the chase knew where and when likely to happen. Support this
- Plenty of good clear notices of areas to be sprayed for the public
- Detailed information about targeted areas and dates of spraying made visible to all.
- more information to local households to avoid areas
- Needs to be very carefully sold to public
- advanced warning
- information as to where and when this is done to help us avoid certain areas at certain times

Proven method

- Has been effective in the past and feel happy for this method to continue as long as done sensitively
- was carried out successfully in the past from memory
- [stump treatment is essential particularly on silver birch to stop regeneration](#)

Ineffective method

- has been done to no effect in the past on the growth of the bracken
- This approach clearly does not work. Bracken re-appears within 1 year of all previous spraying exercises

Bracken needs to be managed

- Would like to see the bracken attacked
- Over our years of living here (approx. 20) bracken has gradually taken over huge swathes of the chase making it impossible for anything else to grow. Needs immediate wide treatment.
- Bracken has to be controlled much better than it is at the moment

More information needed/evidence

- Reassurance over the chemicals being used
- prove it is feasible and effective in test areas
- Assurance on safety of chemicals
- Consideration to the type of chemical used and the risk of damage to other native plants
- Prove why this has to be done instead of nature taking its course and that the chemicals will biodegrade and not linger in the eco system
- Guarantees regarding use of specific treatments to avoid chemical reactions
- [the effectiveness and environmental safety of the chemicals used](#)

Last resort/consider other methods before this one

- Guess you are thinking of Asulox but I thought use of this had been banned or restricted. In general think herbicide use should be a last resort.
- other methods to be considered before this one
- Prefer non use of chemicals except as last resort
- Clear guarantee that this is a last resort option to be used minimally and only for control of invasive species for which no other solution available.

Suggestions/alternatives

- Would prefer a non-chemical method.
- Bracken control should be done more naturally by rolling and the use of cattle should inhibit bracken growth through ground poaching
- A plan to discourage brambles from taking over the entire area
- [there must be a planned and consistent programme which involved burning, mechanical \(felling and thinning\) and cutting & baling and chemical methods as appropriate as stated in Footprint Ecology Cannock Chase management options phase 2 Lake & Day page 11 paras 2.16, 2.17 & 2.18](#)
- [By using methods 4.1, 2 & 3 chemicals would not be required.](#)

- use the whole budget which would be a total waste on fences and cattle to provide employment
- bracken cutting & baling is a good alternative to peat
- spray bracken with saline solution
- this method alongside 4.3, 4.2 and 4.1 but no cattle grazing
- repeat regularly as required for maximum effect

Other

- Bracken is never palatable to cows