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junction 10/A3 Wisley interchange

Heathland Restoration by Highways England

Junction 10 is surrounded by ancient heathland – a rare habitat that has declined in Surrey by 85% over the last 200 years. Left on its own, heathland quickly grows into dense woodland and the animals and plants that depend on it disappear.

We're restoring large areas of heathland across Wisley and Ockham Commons. This involves the removal of some trees to allow the heathland to regenerate.

Although this looks harsh, it is the first step to getting it back to its natural state. A lot of the heathland in this area was lost when non-native trees were planted here for timber after the Second World War.

Years later, this timber is now being used for its intended purpose...

We've been helping local businesses, construction companies and charities to recycle overgrown Scots Pine into useful things such as fencing, tables, chairs, firewood, horse bedding and so much more.

We'll need to carry out further woodland clearance around parts of Ockham Common later this year. Again, this will be a long-term process and include thinning over-grown woodland.

Although we need to take some land around the junction to build our scheme, we're replacing it on a like-for-like basis. This means creating new habitats for local wildlife and planting.

We've recently started to plant trees in designated areas along the M25 close to Wisley Common and near Old Lane. There's more compensatory habitat creation to do between now and 2025.

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