

The north-west quarter, containing the Ice House was formally planted with a grove of trees and a thicket to the north.

#### North-west Quarter

Key considerations and opportunities for this area:

- Restore the grove planting to the west of the house to its early 18th century pattern allowing for significant existing specimens of note such as the English Oaks to be retained.
- Retention of standing dead wood for ecological reasons
- Enhance the setting of the Ice House with new shrub and understorey planting.
- Remove features which detract from the setting of the House including the old toilet block.
- Remove dilapidated timber palisade fencing and install estate railings or post and wire fencing with gates for access.
- Improve habitats and biodiversity and promote access to nature via informal grass paths within the grove.
- Reinterpret the Ice House seat as an incidental play moment.
- Tree thinning and coppicing to promote healthier, more biodiverse understorey and ground flora.
- Explore opportunities for managed extensive volunteer tree planting projects.
- Create a woodland edge gradient from a dense understorey in the north, through to a more open canopy and a mix of long sward grass in the south. Woodland edge habitats are important for a range of wildlife including invertebrates such as speckled wood butterflies and small mammals, which in turn will support wildlife higher in the food chain including birds such as tawny owl.
- New tree planting in avenues, groves and within thickets.
- Additional shrub understorey planting in thickets.
- New meadow understorey to grove tree planting with mown paths.
- New hedge planting.



Visualisation - view towards proposed Ice House seat in north-west Woodland Quarter. For viewpoint location refer to plan opposite.