

Appendix 6: Photographs of Spinningwheel Copse and Binsted Park

Spinningwheel Copse (marked on map at Appendix 2; to be under an overbridge in the northern new Option B) is a noted site for wild flowers, particularly a carpet of bluebells in the spring. As I write (21.4.15) the bluebells (Fig. 1) are just starting to flower. Early purple orchids (Fig. 2) are also just starting to flower. There are also primroses, violets, celandines, and wood anemones in profusion, and both white and red fritillaries (Fig. 3).

Spinningwheel Copse is the first entrance into Binsted Woods if approaching eastwards along the footpath from Binsted Church (marked on map at Appendix 4). The path approaches the woods then dips down into the stream valley south of the Copse and you emerge into Binsted Park, the curving field, surrounded by woodland, which was once the mediaeval-style parkland of Binsted House (now rebuilt as a modern house). The then owners transformed some woodland with oak trees into a 'pocket park' in about 1800 by diverting a track and removing the smaller trees. One huge oak tree survives in the field (see Fig. 4). This field would be under the northerly Option B, with overbridges at the south end of the field (near three houses) and at the north end over Spinningwheel Copse.

Fig. 1 Bluebells beginning to flower in Spinningwheel Copse, Binsted, 21.4.15



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Fig. 2 Early purple orchid and celandines in Spinningwheel Copse, Binsted, 21.4.15



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Fig. 3 Fritillaries, Spinningwheel Copse, Binsted, 14.4.15



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Fig. 4 Ancient parkland oak at the south end of Binsted Park, 19.4.15

