

Longhorn Beetle

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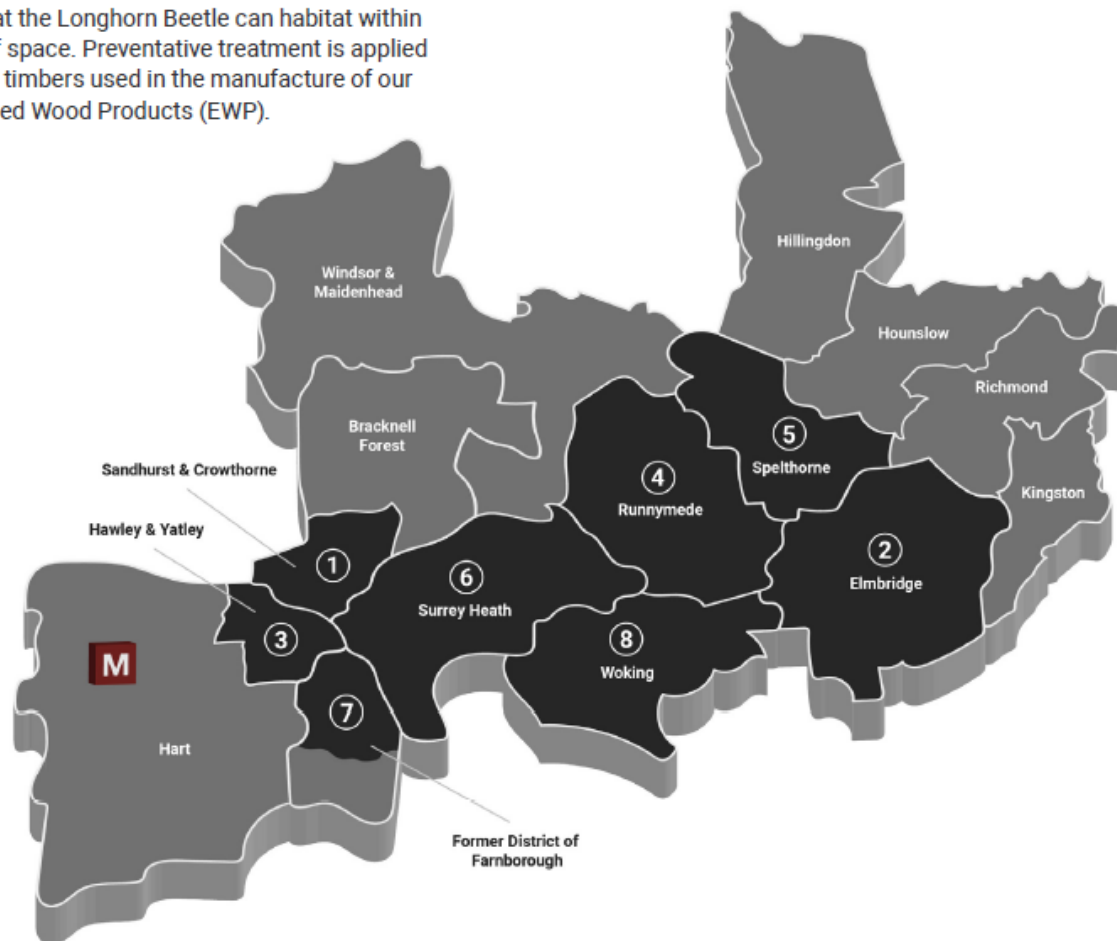
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Areas at risk from house Longhorn Beetles

The District and Borough map below highlights the areas that the Longhorn Beetle can habitat within your roof space. Preventative treatment is applied to all our timbers used in the manufacture of our Engineered Wood Products (EWP).



House Longhorn Beetle

Softwood timber in roof construction or roof spaces, including ceiling joist, require specific protective treatment to prevent the infestation by the Longhorn beetle.

Depending on the type of wood, its age and quality, the moisture content, and other environmental conditions such as temperature, the Longhorn beetle can live up to 3 weeks before laying its eggs. The larvae will then eat into the timber and the cycle begins again. The main characteristic of the infestation is that there are very few exit holes to be seen in the timber, so it is difficult to know it is there, but inside the structural timbers there would be 6-10mm oval shaped tunnels, thus damaging the structural integrity of the timber.

Guidance on suitable preservative treatments is given within The Wood Protection Association's manual 'Industrial Wood Preservation: Specification and Practice' (2012), available from 5C Flemming Court, Castleford, West Yorkshire, WF10 5HW.

These areas are:

- 1 In the Borough of Bracknell Forest, the parishes of Sandhurst and Crowthorne
- 2 The Borough of Elmbridge
- 3 In the District of Hart, the parishes of Hawley and Yateley
- 4 In the District of Runnymede
- 5 The Borough of Spelthorne
- 6 The Borough of Surrey Heath
- 7 In the Borough of Rushmoor, the area of the Former District of Farnborough
- 8 The Borough of Woking