[a] before wilding

the english countryside the typical look monocultures fences that divide overgrazed pastures floodplains life at the periphery start-stop landscapes quiet and empty green and pleasant fragmented trampled flat trimmed and strimmed sublime beauty status quo as end goal highly managed land biodiversity as index human intervention valued for productivity land as community asset a place for 'doing'

[b] after wilding

the local wilds unexpected discoveries mosaics hedges that connect regenerating woodlands ephemeral wetlands life everywhere gradient landscapes buzzing with life overwhelming colours coherent verdant and textured intermittently disturbed difficult beauty status quo as starting point self-willed land biodiversity as process multispecies collaboration valued for resilience land as community member

a place for 'being'

a rewilding manifesto for Maple Farm, Surrey