

By email only

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Our ref: **22062-Let1-AIA-CA**

Dear Mr Laney

Re: Concise arboricultural appraisal for mitigation works at Northney Farm, Hayling Island – Mitigation for Roman Fields, College Road, Waterloooville

You instructed me to provide a concise arboricultural appraisal relating to the Mitigation at Northney Farm for the planning application at Roman Fields, College Road, Waterloooville. I have reviewed the information you have provided and believe it would be satisfactory to provide these details by way of this letter, with the enclosed plan and supplementary explanations. You provided me with the following information:

- Wetland Bird Mitigation Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan
- Proposed Mitigation Intervention Plan
- Ecological Statement
- Scrape cross sectional diagram
- Site Location Plan
- Planning Statement
- Site Photo.

From the provided information, the proposed mitigation works to plant a new hedge, and install a new dog-proof fence are so minor that there will be no impact on adjacent trees, and providing any more detailed information is unnecessary. However, it is appropriate to prevent unnecessary damage, and so certain precautions need to be taken. The location of the new hedge and dog proof fencing is shown on Image 1 below, and annotated on the extract from the plan in Image 2. The presence of a ditch between the trees and the area of works is important because it means that there will be restricted root activity into the site.

The new hedge will be located along the edge of the existing arable field, with the dog-proof fence installed parallel providing access along the existing public right of way. The fence posts must have hand dug post holes, with the preference being that posts are driven rather than set into concrete. If any poured concrete is required, it must be prevented from contaminating the soil by using an impermeable hole liner. It is

common to have to install such structures within RPAs and it can be done without any significant adverse impact on retained trees.

The new instant hedge will require minor excavation to provide a planting pit for each plant, this will be done by hand, and only large enough to accommodate the root ball with a maximum margin of up to 10cm width and depth. Taking into account the history of arable cultivation in this field, the presence of shallow roots is very unlikely, and any new planting is not going to be detrimental to the existing trees.

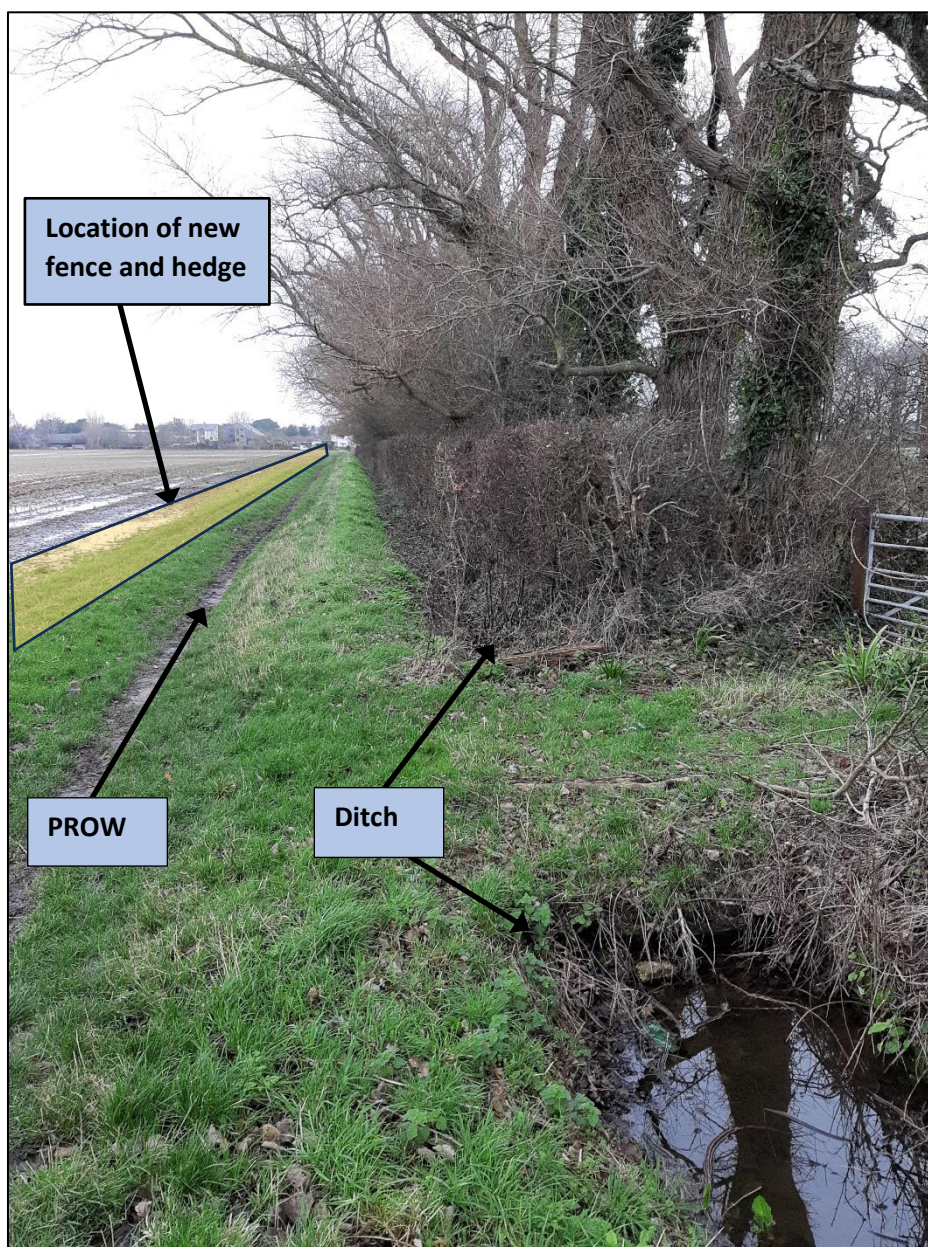


Image 1: Photo courtesy of EPR. Trees located far side of ditch from proposed fence and hedge to protect site from PROW.

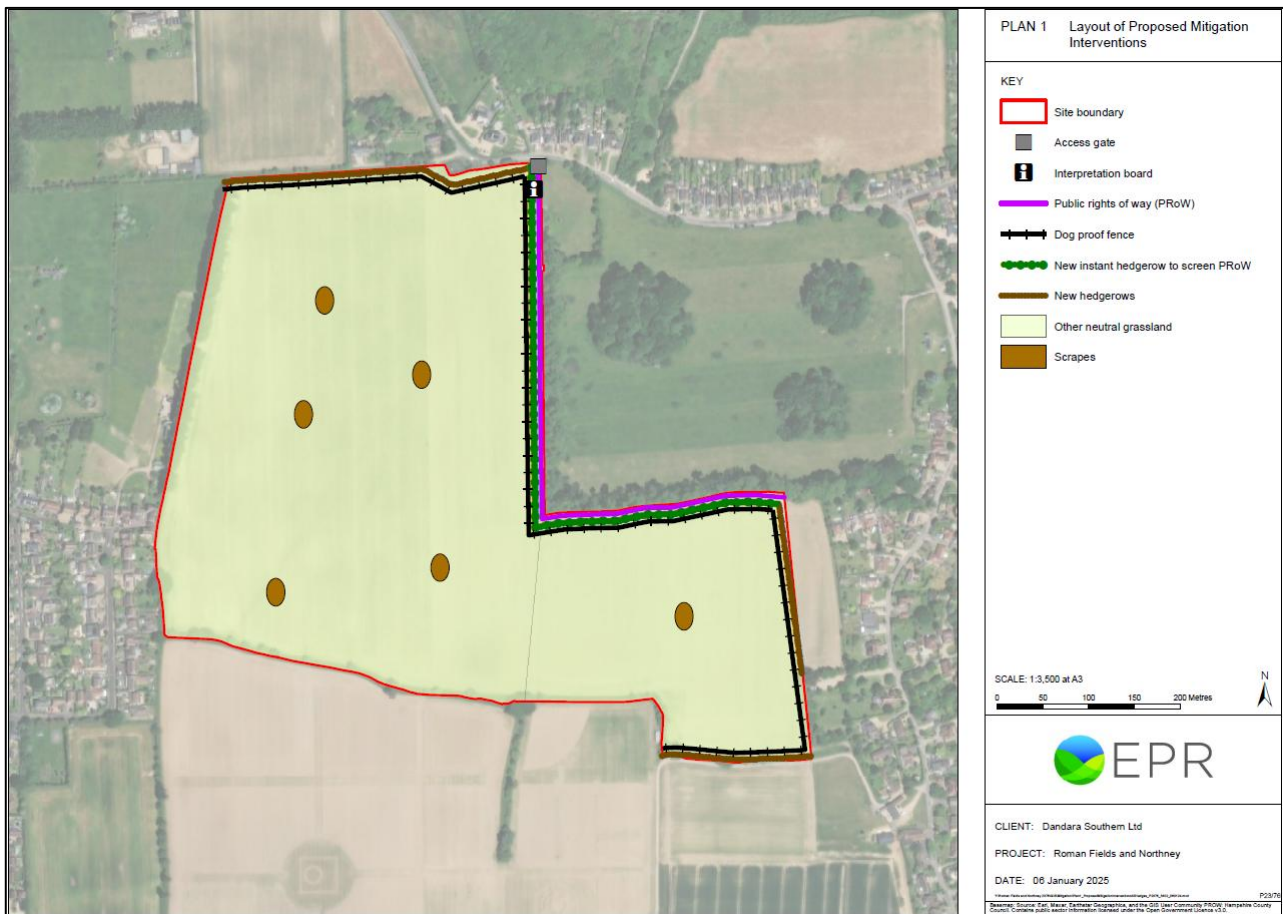


Image 2: Plan extract illustrating the location of the mitigation interventions

The plan extract above clearly shows that the proposed shallow scrapes are within the field and do not affect any trees.

In summary, I believe the information and protection proposals within this letter are sufficient to safeguard the important trees on and near this site, and this is a proportionate way of dealing with the tree issues.

Please contact me if you need further clarification on any of these points.

Yours sincerely

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