

PETERSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Grounds Committee held via Zoom teleconferencing facility on Thursday 11th March 2021 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr J Matthews (Chairman), Cllr P Bisset, Cllr P Clist, Cllr J Deane and Cllr J Lees.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs Mrs L Farrow (Town Mayor), Cllr S Dewey, Cllr C Paige, Mr N Hitch (Town Clerk), Mr D Budd (Grounds Manager), Mr S Field (Projects Officer) and Mrs S Fisher (Committee Administrator). There were 6 members of the public present and no members of the press.

Members were informed that the meeting would be recorded and the recording would be retained until the minutes of the meeting had been approved. There were no objections.

G 1473 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reported back on the planning meeting on 25th February which he had attended on behalf of the Town Council to make representations in support of the retrospective planning application for the Heath Pond bank stabilisation works. The planning committee recognised the importance of the project and the Heath as well as the Town Council's hard work. Conditions regarding some requirements for planting were imposed as part of the approval, 9 members of the committee voted in favour with 2 against as they did not like the visual appearance of the boardwalk.

The Chairman thanked the Grounds team for all of their hard work over the past year and for keeping the open spaces in such good condition throughout the pandemic and when visitor numbers were so high.

G 1474 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Z Parker.

G 1475 DISPENSATION UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT (2011)

No requests for dispensation were received.

G 1476 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

G 1477 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED that, the minutes of the meeting of the Grounds Committee held on 11th February 2021 be received and approved

G 1478 **PUBLIC REPRESENTATION**

A resident of Russell Way spoke in support of re-opening the Sussex Rd car park at the Heath due to the impact of the closure on the surrounding streets. There are concerns regarding safety with visitors to the Heath parking on Russell Way and other nearby roads and there has been no enforcement in respect of cars parking on double yellow lines. In addition, access to open spaces is important for physical and mental wellbeing and the government's roadmap out of lockdown is outdoor-led.

It was agreed to bring forward item 16 on the agenda as this was linked to the item raised by the member of the public.

G 1479 **REVIEW OF CLOSURE OF SUSSEX ROAD CAR PARK**

Members considered the report showing visitor numbers to the Heath and information from Google analytics (*see appendix A*) which showed that, as a result of the car park closures, visitor numbers to the Heath had generally returned to normal levels for this time of year. It was noted that, when the decision to close the car parks was taken, the daylight hours were much shorter than now. With effect from 29th March groups of up to 6 people are permitted to meet up outside. Members were in agreement that the Sussex Road car park should be re-opened due to concerns regarding parking on surrounding roads and requests from residents on those roads to address the issue. It was noted that there may still be problems with social distancing, especially around the play areas, and that cars may continue to park on the adjoining roads.

RESOLVED to re-open the car park at Sussex Road and to carefully monitor the situation over the next month

G 1480 **PRESENTATION FROM THE PETERSFIELD SOCIETY GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP**

Members received a presentation from 2 members of the group regarding the recent i-Tree survey and tree location survey in the town (*see appendix B*). Several possible locations for tree planting have been identified, including on green verges and Town Council land (in particular the Goodyer Meadow, the Heath and Penns Farm). The group is looking to find a way forward for dialogue with the Town Council and tree planting, once they have completed the survey in the spring.

Members thanked the group for their hard work and for the very interesting presentation. The Council is keen to work with the group. It was noted that a policy for Council owned trees would be required

at some point and that several of the Council owned open spaces do not have management plans. Tree planting (with input from the green infrastructure group) could be considered within the review of, or creation of, management plans as well as the review of the policy for Council owned land. It was agreed that the group will share the completed report with the Town Clerk and the Grounds Manager in the first instance and then the matter will be brought back to the Grounds Committee for further consideration.

G 1481 STATIC TRAINING STATIONS AT PETERSFIELD RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Members considered the documentation from the rugby club regarding their proposal to install static training stations by their clubhouse (*see appendix C*). A representative from the club gave a presentation on the proposal at last month's meeting however the documents were received too late to be considered at that time. It was agreed that the equipment would be of benefit to the town and

RESOLVED to approve the request from the Petersfield Rugby Football Club for static training stations, to be installed as per the drawings supplied

G 1482 GROUND'S REPORT

Members received and noted the Grounds report for March 2021 from the Grounds Manager (*see appendix D*). The Grounds Manager advised that sections of the log wall by the play tunnel at the Heath play area had been replaced over the past few years but that the entire wall now required attention and that the fencing for the Bell Hill area had been ordered and would be replaced in the next few weeks.

G 1483 GRASS CUTTING OPTIONS FOR THE HEATH

Members received the notes from Cllr Lees regarding the 2 demonstrations of brush cutters (*see appendix E*). It was agreed that this was useful information but that further clarification was required before a decision could be made regarding the purchase of such equipment. A business case would be needed and, in any event, there is no budget for the time being for such expenditure.

G 1484 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT HEATH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Members received the report from the Working Party which summarised the responses from the public consultation on the draft Heath Management Plan (*see appendix F*). The report was in 2 sections: the first listed points where clarification was required from the author of the draft plan and the second section listed a diverse range of issues for the Town Council to consider in respect of the Heath. The Working Party was thanked for its work on this.

RESOLVED to forward on the points for further clarification to the author of the draft Heath Management Plan for comments and the contents of the rest of the report are noted

G 1485 **PHASE 3 OF THE HEATH POND BANK STABILISATION PROJECT**

Members received and noted the information regarding phase 3 of the project which is due to begin on 29th March for a week with further hydro seeding and translocation of some of the more established reeds (*see appendix G*).

The Grounds Manager confirmed that he would be able to address the tasks listed and that he would seek support where needed. The green netting around the newly planted areas will be replaced with a more sturdy alternative although it was suggested that wooden posts with twine or hessian rope might be more visually appealing than fencing.

G 1486 **MOTORBIKES ON GOODYER MEADOW**

The Town Clerk explained that there had been several instances of motorbikes on the Goodyer Meadow and that there had been numerous complaints from local residents. There are concerns about the impact on wildlife as well as anti-social behaviour. The Town Clerk has been in discussion with the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) about installing a gate onto the land but has been informed that, under the section 25 and section 106 agreements for the land, this is not permitted. Following further correspondence, the SDNPA is now reconsidering this position. Temporary signs have been installed and permanent ones will be put up in the longer term. It was noted that the police should respond to calls from public to 111 about motorbikes accessing the land.

G 1487 **BIODIVERSITY REPORT FOR GOODYER MEADOW**

Members received and considered the report for the meadow (*see appendix H*). A member of the public had reported sightings of dragonflies and raptors which were not included in the report and it was agreed that this information should be shared with the report's author. In addition, it was noted that this would be a suitable site for cattle grazing due to the environmental benefits.

G 1488 **MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GOODYER MEADOW**

The Town Clerk has approached Jenny Edbrooke, who has prepared the draft management plan for the Heath, to prepare one for the Goodyer Meadow. Members discussed the Town Council's possible aspirations for the site, including the possibility of the proposed World War 1 memorial tree plantation as well as the tree planting opportunities highlighted in the earlier presentation from the Petersfield Society's Green Infrastructure Group.

It was agreed that the site was already popular with many visitors and that the main focus should be on ecology and wildlife, with amenity as a secondary consideration. There is also some archaeological interest in the land which could be explored by local groups.

A hydrology and geology survey and a soil survey would be useful to compliment a management plan and there are funds available for this work in this year's budget for the management plan, although it is unclear what the cost of the surveys would be.

RESOLVED that the key aspects of the future management plan for Goodyer Meadow are to focus on ecology first and amenity second. The costs of a hydrology and geology report and soil survey are to be explored

G 1489 OPEN SPACES HIRING REGULATIONS

The regulations will be reviewed at April's meeting as the document had not been attached to the agenda.

G 1490 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT POLICY

The policy will be reviewed at April's meeting as the document for review had not been attached to the agenda.

G 1491 ISSUES RELATING TO THE RAMSHILL ESTATE

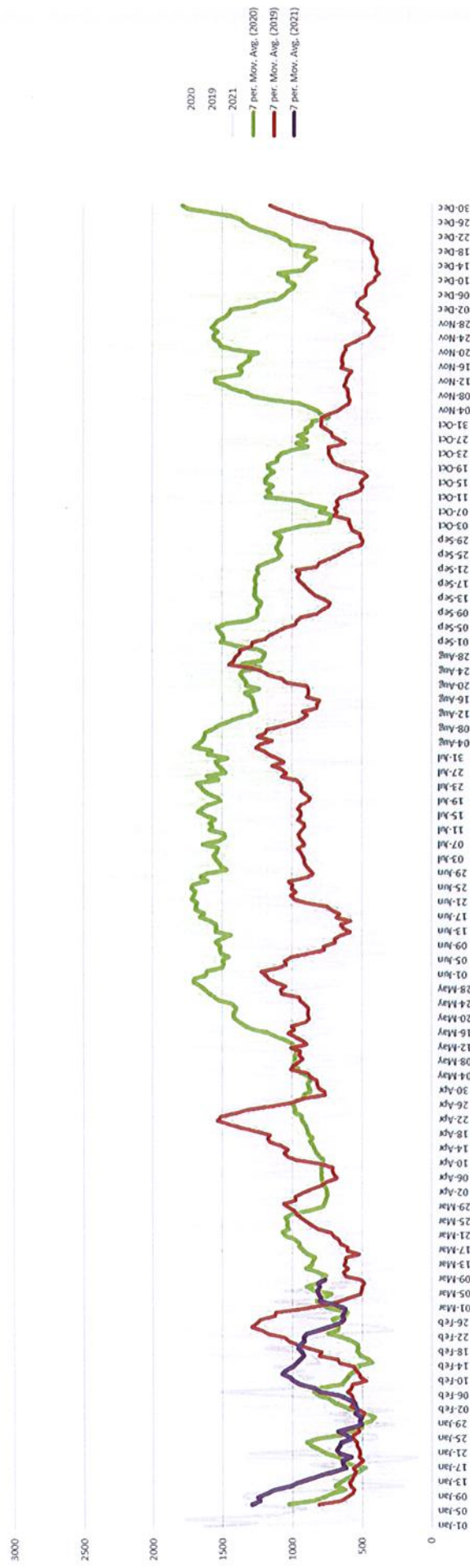
The Town Clerk gave an update regarding the ongoing issue of access for the Grounds maintenance vehicles to Skinners Farm Lane. The proposed access via Ramshill is not workable and Taylor Wimpey are now looking into the possibility of access via Radian Housing Association land. Cllr Lees thanked County Cllr R Oppenheimer and the Town Clerk for all of their hard work in trying to progress this.

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There were no confidential matters to discuss.

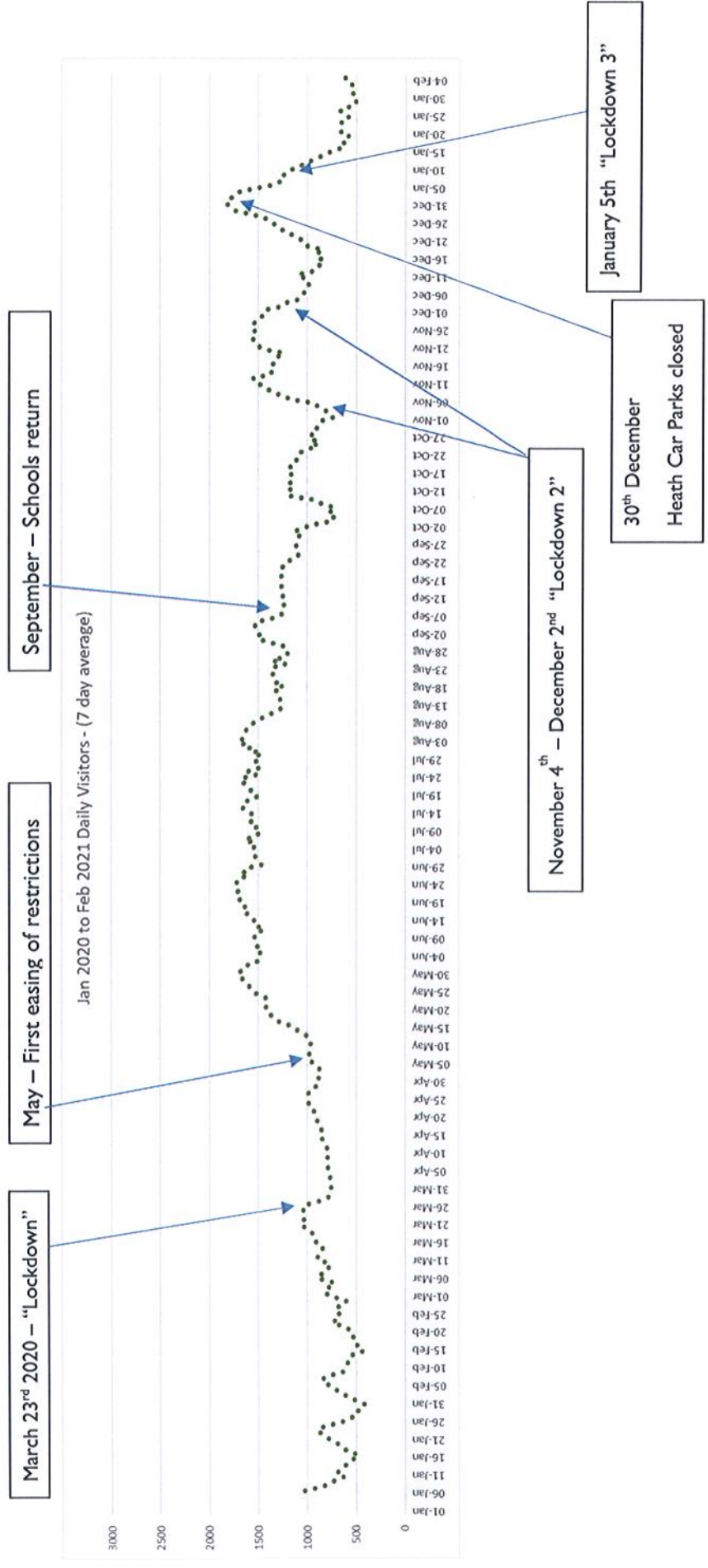
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Daily Visitors (7 day average) 2020 / 2019 / 2021

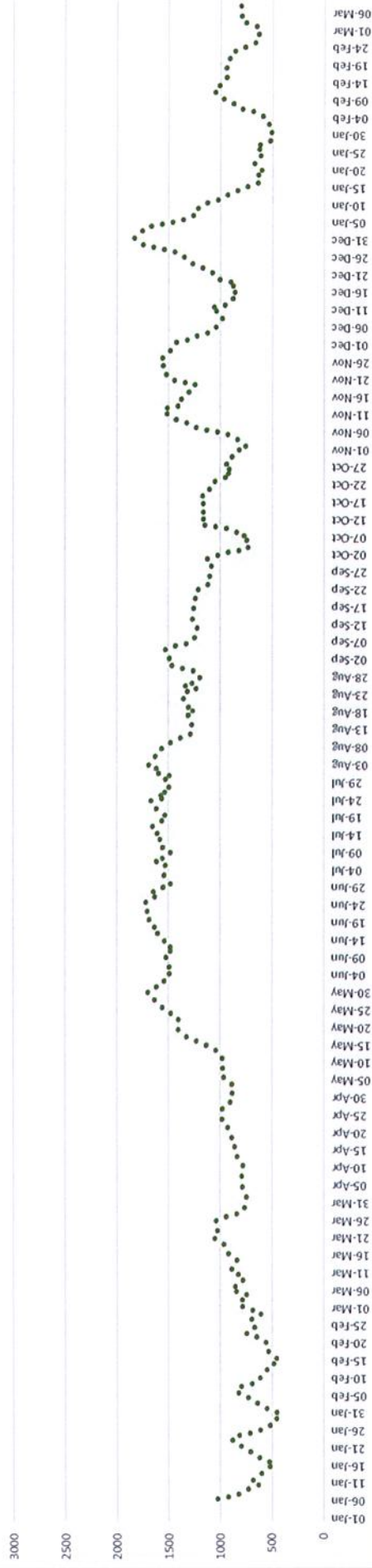


Note: Daily numbers are recorded for those visitors mainly in the western half of the site, around the pond, however it estimated that an additional 20% of visitors to the site do not pass through the counters in these locations.

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Jan 2020 to Mar 2021 Daily Visitors - (7 day average)



Report created: 10th March 2020

This report is generated from Google visitor data and reviews.

The last 12 reviews left by visitors

 6 days ago

The user didn't write a review, and has left just a rating.

 1 week ago

Very nice family walk place

 6 hours ago

No social distancing at the park. No sanitising at the park either, so we gave it a miss this time.

 2 days ago


brill lovely place

 2 days ago

The best place ever but I've given 3 stars as it gets very very busy any time any day now so it's not ideal at current covid times as you cant avoid people at all. Otherwise the playground it's great, coffee shop with babychino ☺️👍 and the beautiful lake with so so many different birds to feed. They sell duck food at the cafe

 3 days ago

The user didn't write a review, and has left just a rating.

 3 days ago

The user didn't write a review, and has left just a rating.

It's always nice to walk around what we used to refer to as Petersfield Lake! There's car parking, toilets and a nice shop for snacks etc (albeit a tad pricey) . There's also a children's playground but I have to say Covid should restrict access. A new boardwalk has been constructed along one edge enabli g viewing of the thriving wild life. A great family venue well worth repetitive visits....

The user didn't write a review, and has left just a rating.

 1 week ago

The best place for a walk is around Petersfield lake, especially to feed the birds like swans or goose or ducks.

 2 weeks ago

Great walks for dogs as well

 2 weeks ago

The user didn't write a review, and has left just a rating.

Requests for directions to The Heath

The past month:

Total actions 946

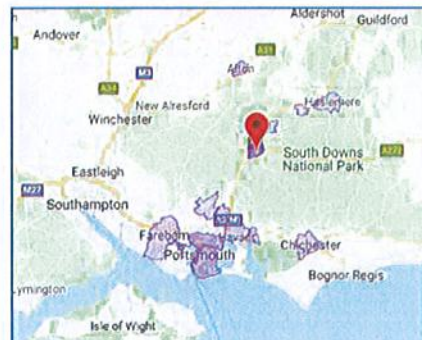


Directions requests

The areas where customers request directions to your business from

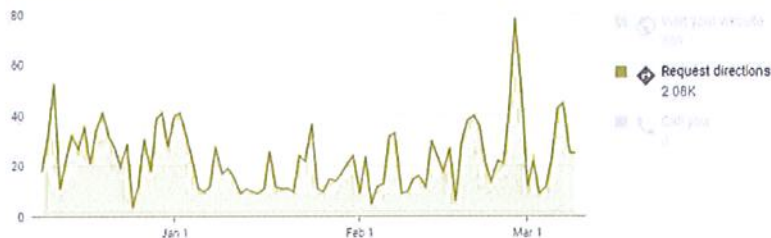
1 month

Petersfield	121
Portsmouth	62
Alton	28
Fareham	21
Havant	17
Chichester	16
Waterlooville	16
Emsworth	15
Denmead	12
Liss	10
Haslemere	<10
Liphook	<10



The past quarter:

Total actions 2.67K

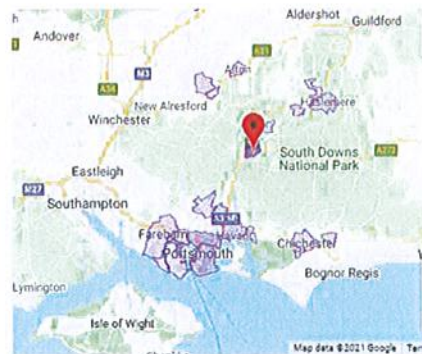


Directions requests

The areas where customers request directions to your business from

1 quarter

Petersfield	311
Portsmouth	127
Waterlooville	73
Havant	41
Medstead	31
Liphook	27
Alton	22
Haslemere	21
Chichester	19
Fareham	18
Emsworth	15
Gosport	15
Denmead	14
Liss	14
Hindhead	10
Four Marks	<10





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The Petersfield Tree Location Survey

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Group, Petersfield Society)


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Petersfield's Trees

- their importance and value

Results of the i-Tree Eco Survey





The Petersfield Society

October 2017

Petersfield i-Tree survey Headline Facts and Figures (2017)

Total No. of trees	c. 60,570
Tree canopy cover	15.1%
Top three trees (urban centre)	oak, Leyland cypress, ash
Top three trees (parish total)	oak, ash, elm
% small, medium, large trees	51%, 41%, 8%

Download at: www.petersfieldsociety.org.uk

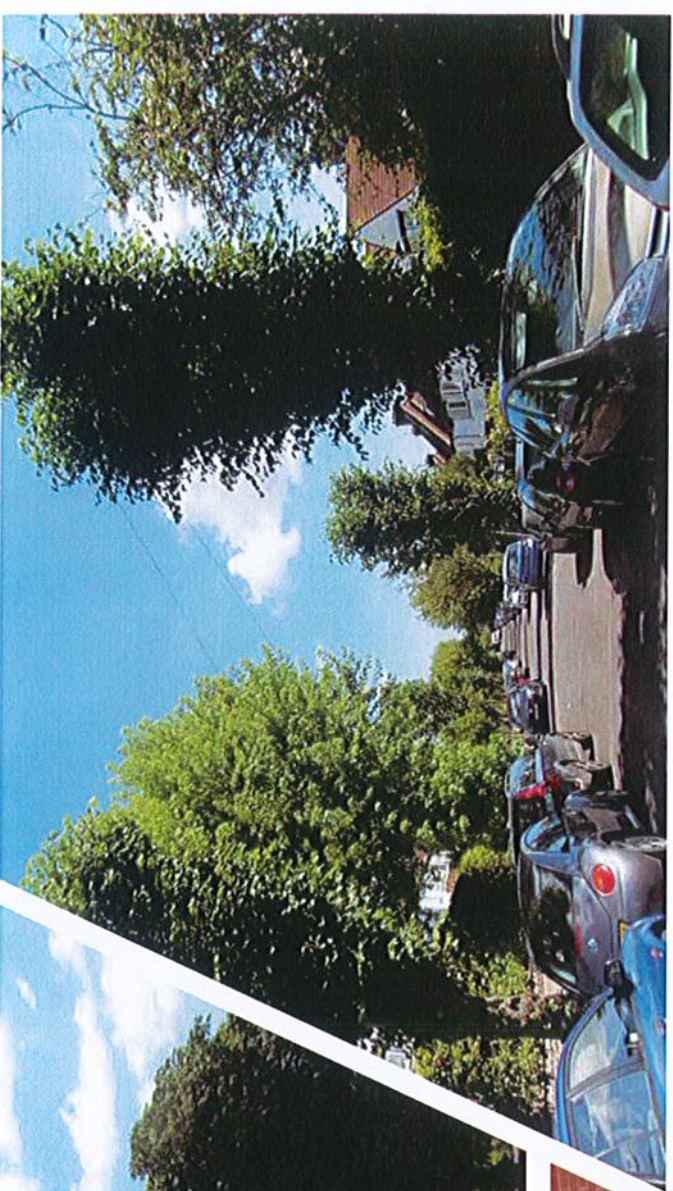
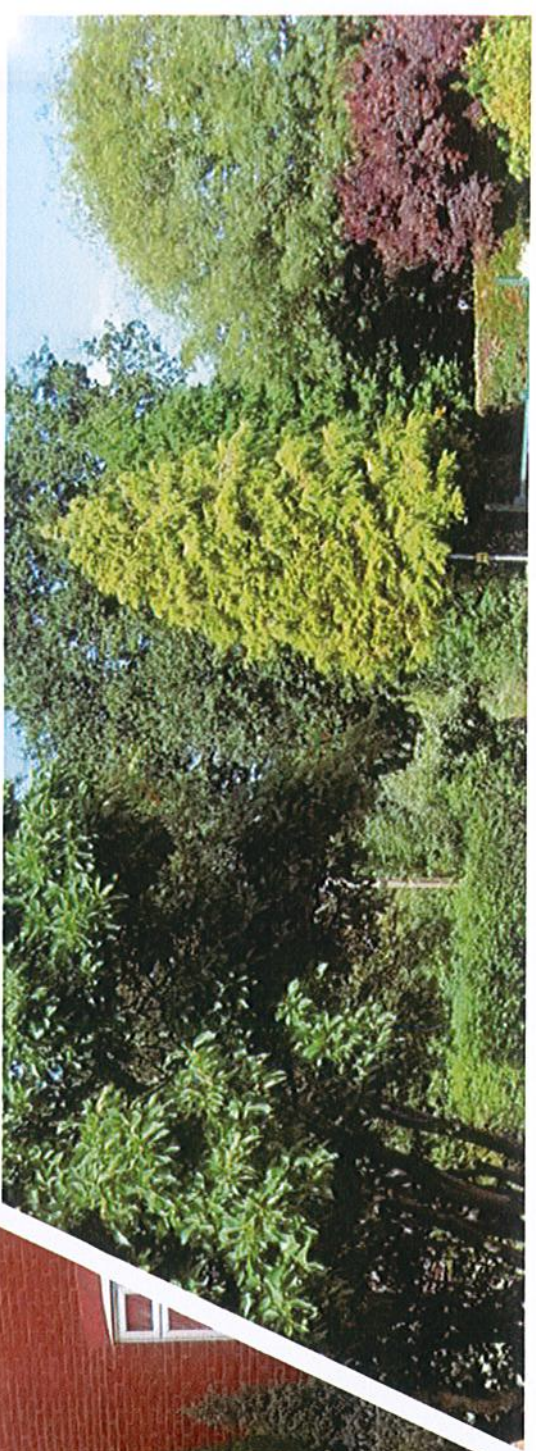
Tree cover in British towns and cities

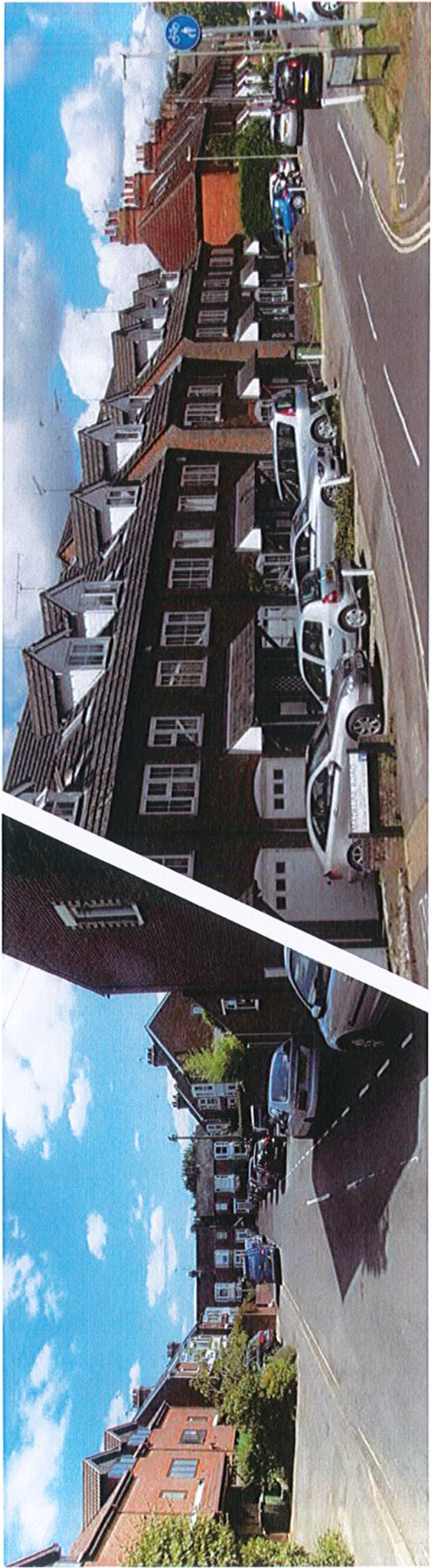
18.4%

City	% Tree cover	Data Source
Crawley (Borough)	25.10	i-Tree Canopy Survey 2014
Birmingham	23.00	i-Tree Canopy Survey 2012
Exeter	23.00	i-Tree Canopy Survey 2013
Sidmouth (Sid Vale)	23.00	i-Tree Survey 2014
London	21.90	LTOA Canopy Survey 2014
Worcester	21.90	i-Tree Canopy Survey 2015
Oxford	21.40	i-Tree Canopy Survey 2015
Dudley	20.50	i-Tree Canopy Survey 2015
Southampton	20.40	LIDAR survey 2013
High Wycombe	18.20	Bluesky NTM 2016
Walsall	17.30	i-Tree Canopy Survey 2012
Cambridge	17.10	Cambridge Proximitree Survey 2014
Edinburgh	17.00	i-Tree Survey 2012
Wrexham	17.00	i-Tree Survey 2014
Eastbourne	15.90	i-Tree Canopy Survey 2011
Manchester	15.50	Red Rose Forest Survey 2007
Glasgow	15.00	i-Tree Survey 2014
Portsmouth	14.70	i-Tree Canopy Survey 2015
Bristol	14.00	Bristol Tree Survey 2009
Telford	12.50	i-Tree Canopy Survey 2012
Torbay	12.00	i-Tree Survey 2011
Petersfield	15.10	i-Tree Survey 2016

Average

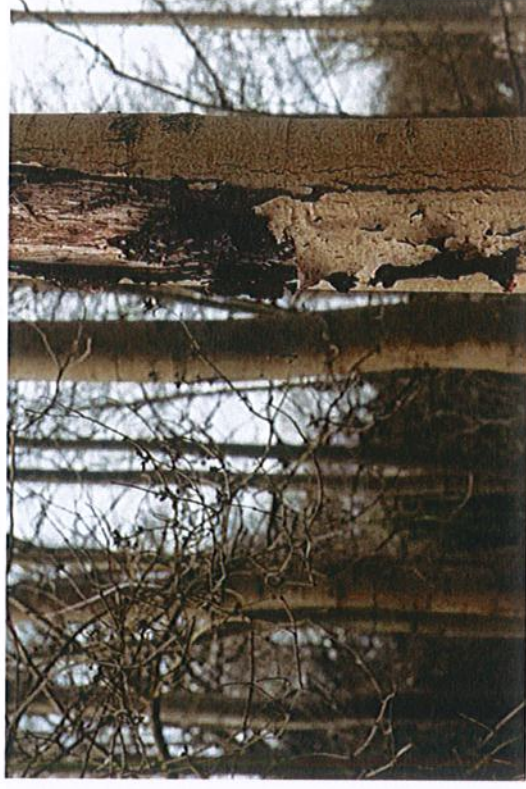
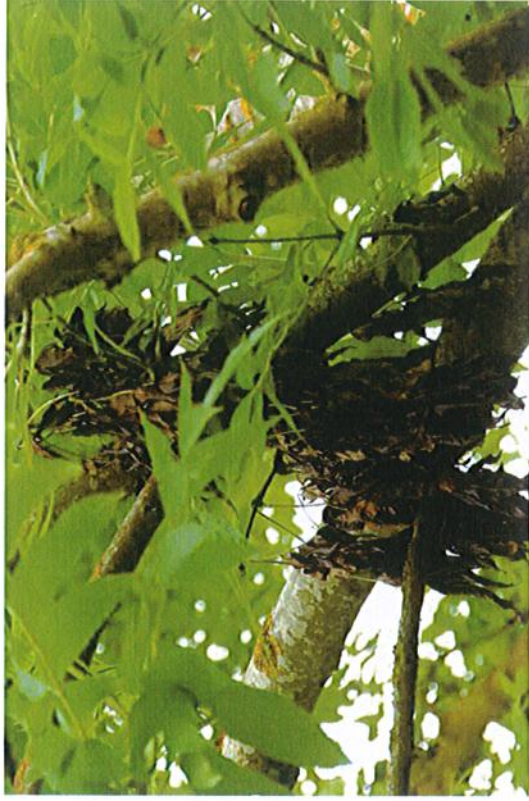






Ash dieback

Ash die-back poses a serious threat to about 10% of Petersfield's trees





Petersfield Tree Location Survey

- Organised by Petersfield Society on behalf of the town, with strong support from Forest Research
- Launched in March 2020, completed in September 2020
- Thirty volunteers from the parish took part
- Smartphone technology used successfully
- 451 locations identified as potentially suitable for tree establishment

86%
 13:16

Petersfield new tree planting survey

Citizen science project to determine suitable planting sites for new trees in Petersfield town

Location of potential tree planting site *

Please click on map and scroll to correct location

51°0'N 0°57'W

Date of survey *

Please enter the date the survey was conducted

Saturday, 7 March 2020

Name of surveyor *

Please identify the surveyor or team collecting the data

Potential for site *

Please select **all** that apply

63%
 16:21

Petersfield new tree planting survey

Description of location *

Please select **one** of the following options

☐ Grass verge
☐ Vacant tree pit
☐ Bare earth
☐ Scrub/unmanaged
☐ Playing field
☐ Other greenspace

Approximate area of planting site *

Please enter the approximate area of the planting site

☐ Very small [less than 5 square metres]
☐ Small [5 to 25 square metres]
☐ Medium [25 to 100 square metres]
☐ Large [100 to 200 square metres]
☐ Very large [more than 200 square metres]

62%
 16:22

Petersfield new tree planting survey

Possible constraints

Please tick **all** of the constraints which apply

[OPTIONAL]

☐ Overhead cable
☐ Underground utilities
☐ Existing tree and/or shrubs
☐ Used for vehicle parking
☐ Other

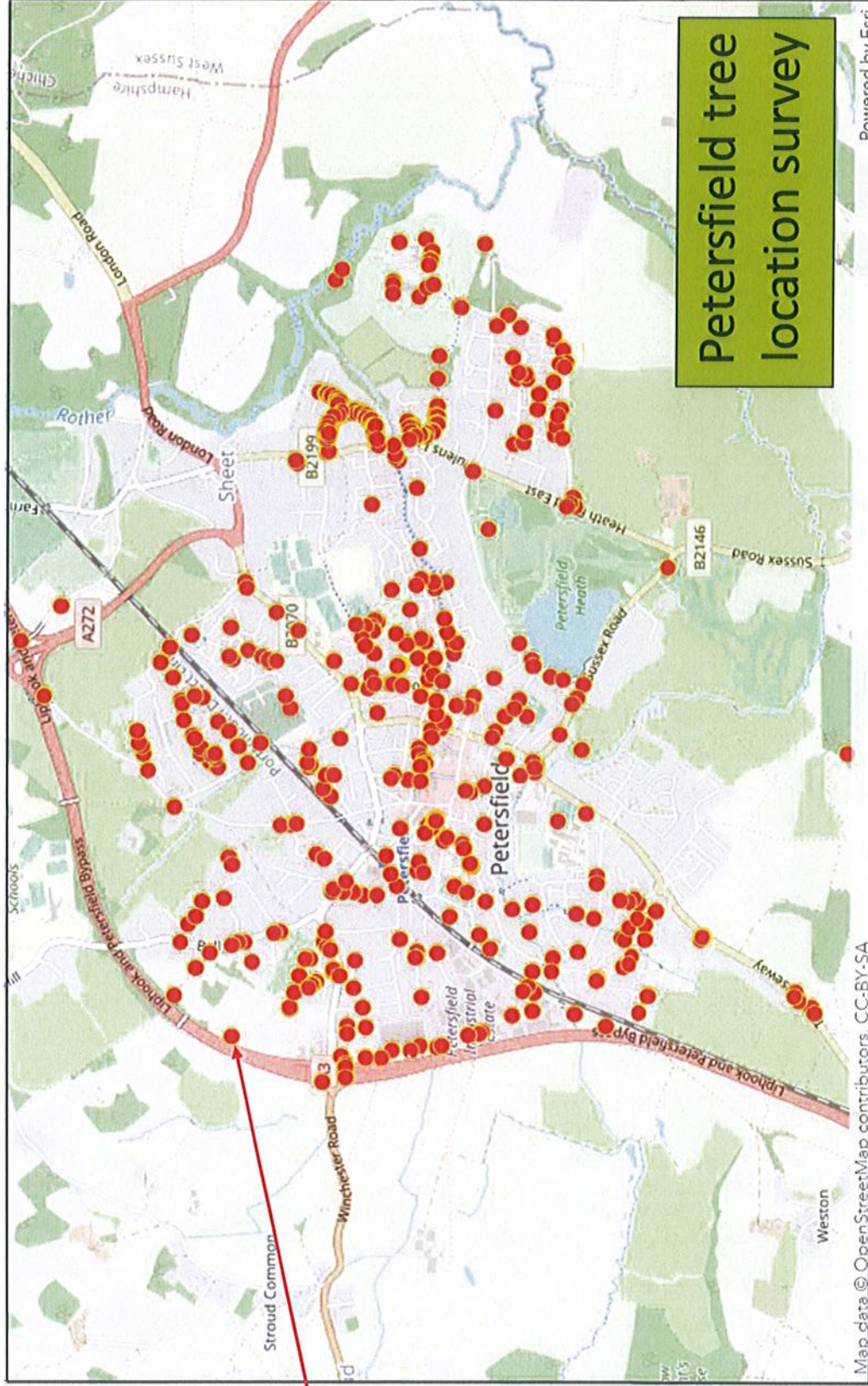
Any comments

Please include any additional information

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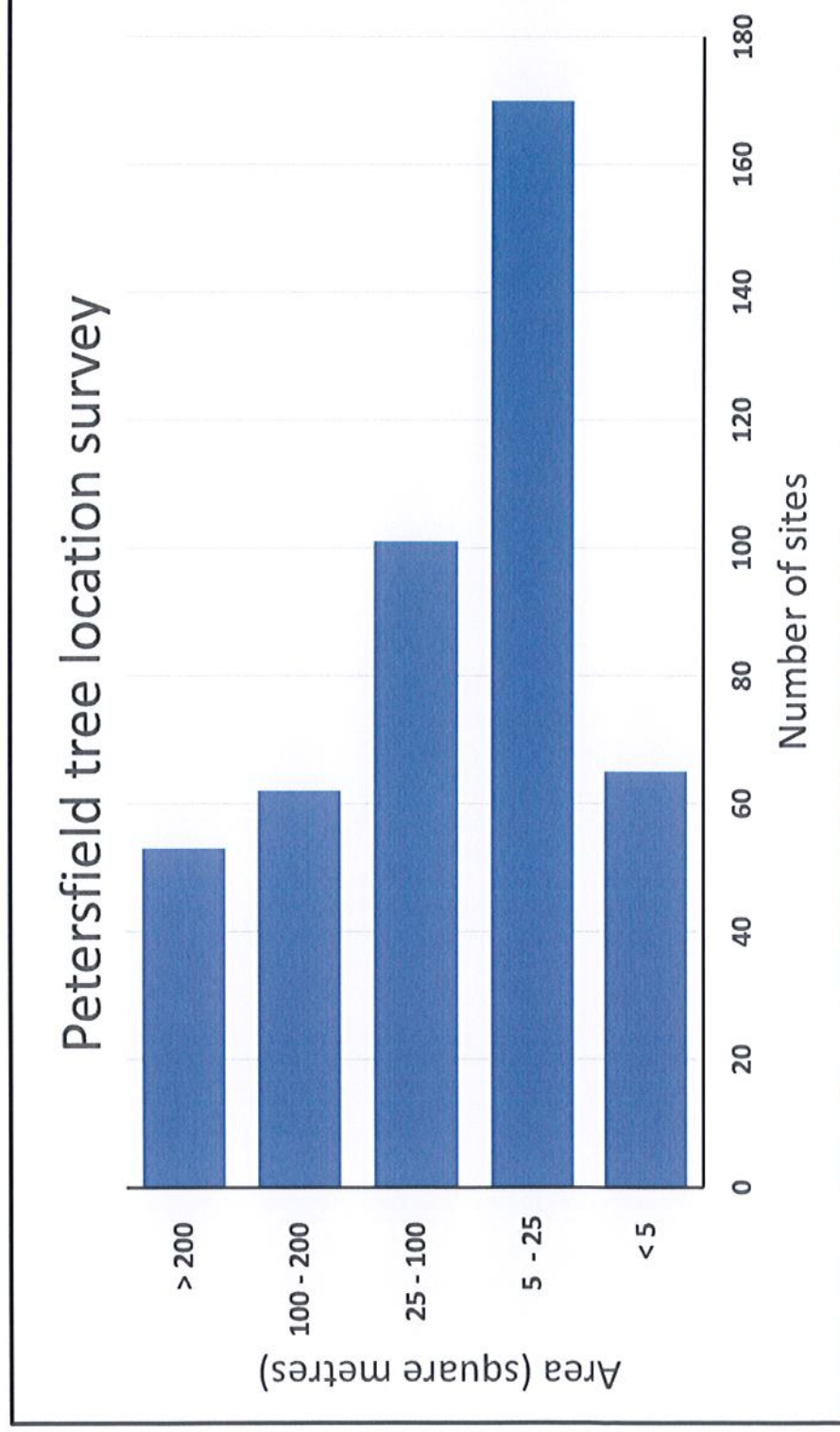
Location photo *

Please take a photo of the site



We estimate
the potential
area for new
trees is:

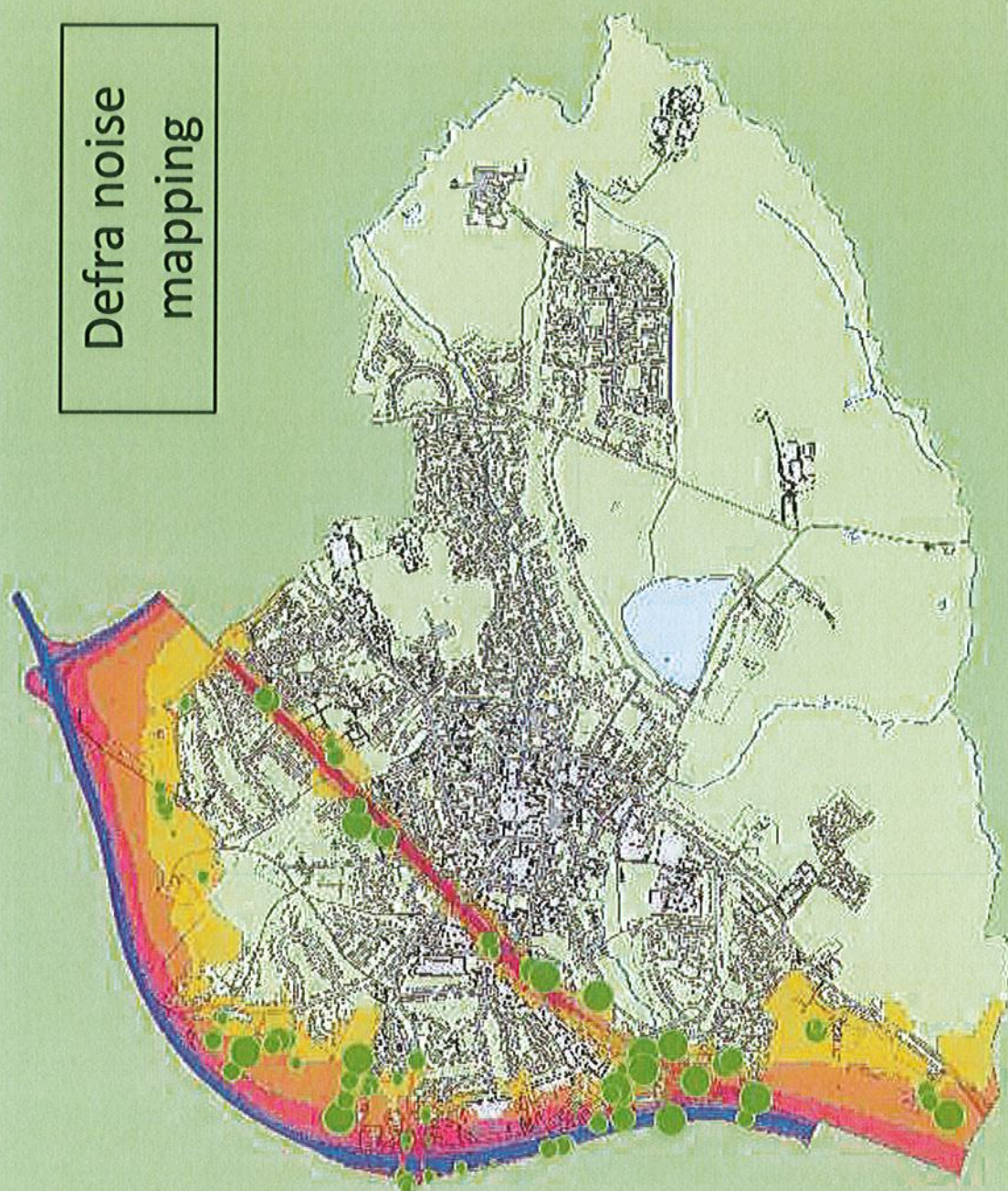
over 31,000
square
metres,
not including
major
greenspace
areas



UK Govt Urban Tree Challenge Fund - priority area for Petersfield



Defra noise mapping



Planting site

- Very small
- Small
- Medium
- Large
- Very large

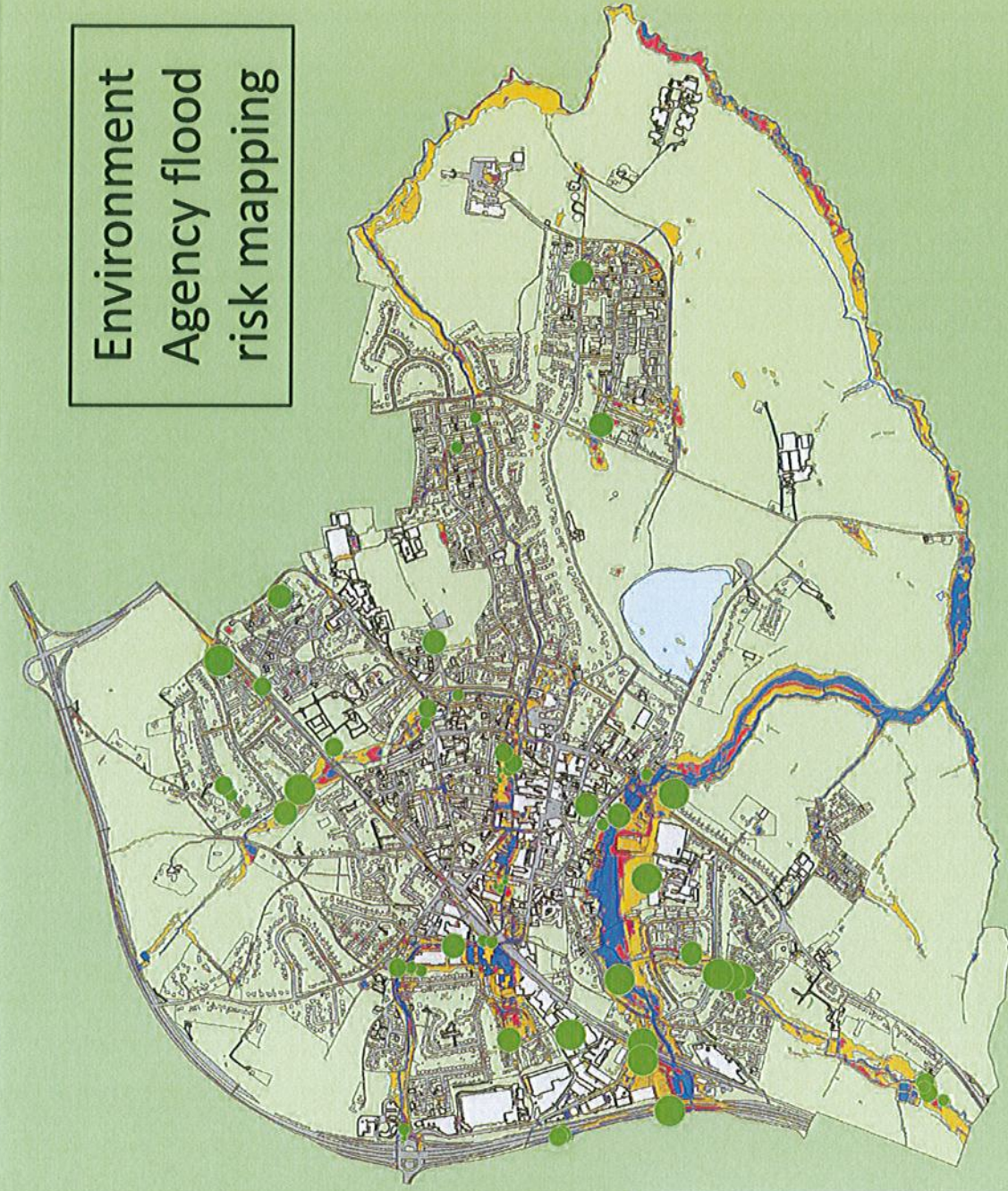
Noise pollution

- 55.0-59.9
- 60.0-64.9
- 65.0-69.9
- 70.0-74.9
- >=75.0 dB

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Environment Agency flood risk mapping



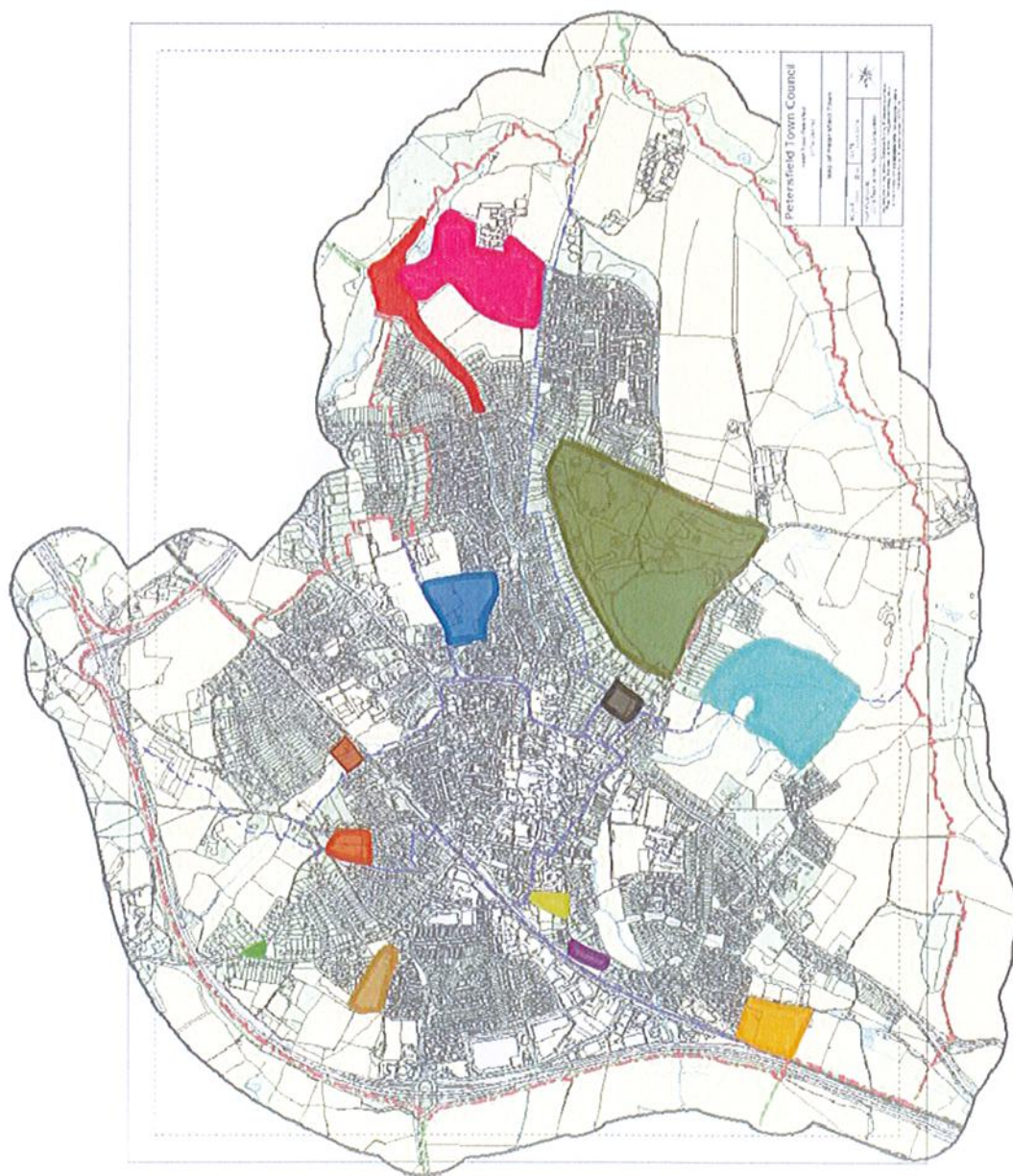
Planting site

- Very small
- Small
- Medium
- Large
- Very large

Surface water flooding

- 1 in 30 years
- 1 in 100 years
- 1 in 1000 years

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Petersfield Heath Lake

Tilmore Allotments

Rotherlands

Bell Hill Recreation Ground

Bell Hill Common

High Meadow

Love Lane

Woods Meadow

Avenue Pavilion

Penns Field

Paddock Way

Goodyer Meadows

Desirable next steps

- Final survey report to be published by Spring 2021. Then:
- Real engagement with PTC, EHDC and HCC as the main owners/managers of public land in Petersfield
- Revision or development of PTC greenspace management plans to include more tree planting, as appropriate.
- HCC and EHDC to commit to more tree planting on grass verges in the town
- A concerted and partnership approach to encourage tree planting on both public and private land
- A more sylvan Petersfield in a few years time!

Thanks for listening.
Any questions?

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Petersfield Society Green Infrastructure Group Presentation 3 Spotlight Areas 2020 (bordered in bold)

Petersfield Green Infrastructure
(as suggested within Petersfield Neighbourhood Plan)



Project: Petersfield Green Infrastructure
Drawing title: PSGIG Presentation 3 Spotlight Areas 2020
Drawing no: 2231-TFC-XX-XX-0001
Date: 03.12.20

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Spotlight Area - Penns Farm

Penns Farm
27.7 hectares
EHDC and PT ownership
Sport and recreation

Issues
Bland, open mown grass sward
Overgrown hedgerows
Woodland losing ash
Back of development fence-line

Opportunities
Reduced mowing at boundaries to encourage wildlife habitat and naturalised tree regeneration
Manage and re-stock hedgerows and new hedgerow to rear of houses
Mark edge of footway with avenue tree planting
Play area would benefit from shelter and screening
Field to north-west potential for wildlife - inconsistency with aspiration for extended sport provision



Project: Petersfield Green Infrastructure
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Date: 03.12.20

Sketch View A- Penns Farm Potential Landscape Enhancements



Project: Petersfield Green Infrastructure

Drawing title: Sketch View A- Penns Farm Potential Landscape Enhancements

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Date: 03.12.20

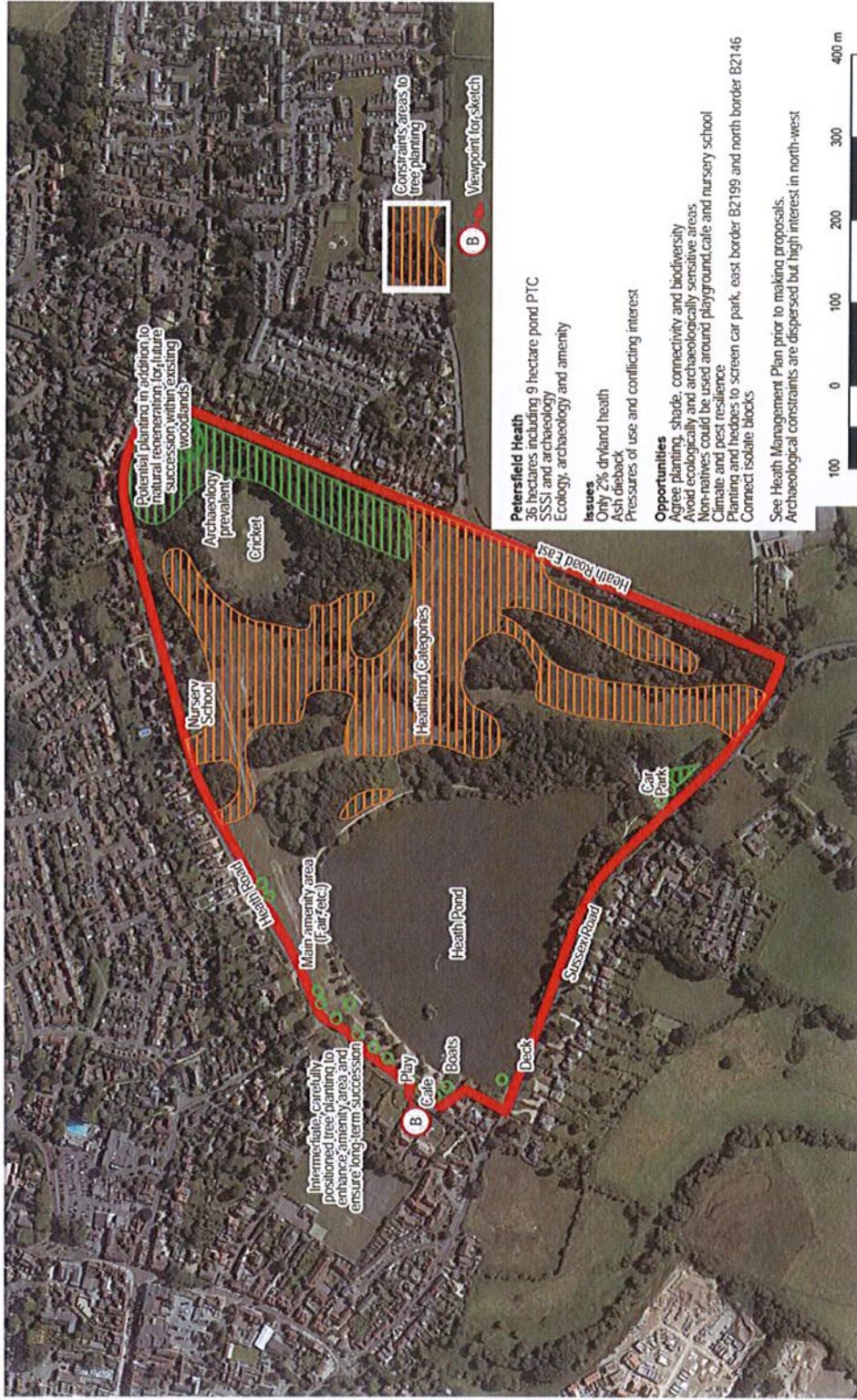
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Spotlight Area - Petersfield Heath



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Sketch View B- Petersfield Heath potential landscape enhancements



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Spotlight Area - Goodyer Meadows



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Sketch View C- Goodyer Meadows potential landscape enhancements



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The Petersfield Society Green Infrastructure Group would like to promote discussion with the Town Council about tree planting opportunities throughout Petersfield.

These three sites offer exciting possibilities for strengthening their value for the landscape, wildlife habitat and recreation - as well as many other ecosystem services.

More trees are a means to these ends.



PETERSFIELD RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Mr Neil R Hitch
Town Clerk
Petersfield Town Council
The Town Hall
Heath Rd
Petersfield
Hampshire GU31 4EA

04.02.2021

Dear Neil,

Re: Static Training Stations @ Penns Place

Further to the proposal for Static Training Stations raised at the January Grounds Committee, I write with more details of our preferred arrangement.

Please find attached drawing Static Training Stations.

This drawing details the layout we would like to install at Penns Place on the land we currently lease from PTC and on the land at the rear of the Clubhouse we are currently going through the Community Asset Transfer to Petersfield RFC.

In talking you through the plan drawing:

At the Rear of the Clubhouse:

1. The club installed in 2018 a plastic grass area in front of the Changing Block. Sadly, this surface has sadly deteriorated through use and is in need of replacement.
This area is part of the land in the CAT arrangement.
In looking at the area the club would like to not only replace the existing but install a greater area – extending towards the SINC tree line.
As exciting this area is open the public and would remain open at all times.
Given the COVID restrictions and the great English weather, the club would like to install an open gazebo style tent over an area of the new plastic grass installation to provide an undercover area for outside training in the future.
This area would be of great benefit to our members and to the Gladiator Fitness Group that currently operate out of the Club Gym.



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2. At the rear of the Clubhouse we would like to install a shipping container (which will be locked unless in use).

This will be used for several things.

- Storage – currently we have an issue where we have a lack of storage space in the clubhouse and the wheelie bins we purchased for pitch flags and protectors dominate the training kit room.

Our plan is to relocate them to this container together with storage for external training aids the club has (sledges you add weights to and push or pull along, battle ropes etc.)

- One Side of the Container and the rear will be kitted out as a climbing wall.

This is not a high climbing wall, but provides a horizontal arrangement and it would be fitted with grips for adults and children – all good core strength training.

- The other Side of the Container would have a structure and a rope net attached – providing an opportunity for adults and children to climb – again all good core strength training.

Along the end of Pitches 1 & 2 – we would like to install 4 Static Training Units.

3. Dip Bars – a pair of parallel bars for exercising, improving shoulder and chest strength.
4. Assault Wall – 2.5m wall – using a range of muscles to ascend and descend.
5. Monkey Bar – for arm strength works.
6. Pull Up Bar – 3 heights covering children to adults.

It is proposed the Shipping Container and all 4 Static Stations will be mounted on a concrete base (typ. 6x3m) with an area 1-1.5m around each item fitted with composite rubber matting (as used in outside play areas), the thickness (50 – 100mm) relative to the exercise station and height etc. as per statutory requirements.

The matting will finish flush with the grass level, so there are no trip hazards.

All of the above will be designed with Safe Use in mind and be **open to the public at all times to use** – which the Club actively encourages as part of its Wellbeing Strategy.



PETERSFIELD RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Petersfield Rugby Club adopted a Wellbeing Strategy in 2017 working with MIND Charity, promoting good mental health through the club, and investing in 4 MIND Ambassadors together with teaming up with Steve Stidolph and his Gladiator Brand to promote good physical health.

Steve joined and has now taken over as the Club Strength and Conditioning Coach, and in the past 2 years has worked extensively with the Senior and Colts Set up.

The 2021-22 Season will see a roll out of his skill through the Junior teams.

The installation of the static stations will provide a greater facility for strength and conditioning development for all Club members, encourage competition and further enhance the Clubs Wellbeing programme.

The Club is keen to enhance its facility further and for the above – Design them, seek Planning Approval, fund them (all contributions welcome!) and install them to the required statutory standards.

If PTC could please consider this request at the February Grounds Meeting

Yours sincerely

Stuart Barden
Chairman Petersfield RFC

1. All new and existing building work dimensions are critical to the construction process.
2. All drawings are preliminary unless stated differently. Preliminary drawings are not to be built or manufactured from.
3. Drawing dimensions are to be checked prior to construction of any work.
4. All structures are to be constructed on the drawing in accordance with the specifications and not to be altered in any way without the written approval of the architect.
5. These plans may be subject to Planning and/or Building Regulation approval, or any other statute in force before the commencement of building work.
6. All materials to match existing unless otherwise stated.

Rev	Date	Amendment	By
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Site: Petersfield Rugby Club

Title: Static Training Stations

Client: Petersfield Rugby Club

Drawing No: PRC-PTC-1

Drawn by: Karel Noon

Date: 04.02.2021

Scale: 1:1000

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Petersfield Rugby Club
The Clubhouse
Penna Place
Petersfield
GU31 4EP



Grounds Report

March 2021

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This report seeks to inform councillors of matters of interest affecting any of the public open space land which we own or manage. Members are reminded that its contents are not available for debate, but questions can always be asked and we will seek to answer them, however it should be borne in mind that if they involve the need for investigation or would be complex or lengthy, answers will need to be given outside of the meeting. If councillors consider that any matter on the report is in need of debate, the subject can be added to a future meeting's agenda for this purpose.

The Heath

- March maintenance schedule.
- Replace log wall near tunnel due to rot and heavy play.

Love Lane Playing Fields

- March pitch maintenance rugby/football (conditions dependent)
- Skate park repairs.

Penms Farm Playing Fields

- March pitch maintenance schedule (conditions dependent).

Bell Hill Recreation Ground

- March maintenance schedule.
- Replace wooden fencing in play area (awaiting delivery)

Paddock Way

- March maintenance schedule.

Woods Meadow

- March maintenance schedule.

Ramshill

- March maintenance schedule

Borough Rd

- March maintenance schedule

High Meadow

- March maintenance schedule

Avenue

- March maintenance schedule

ASB

- Amber for love lane.
- Red for Goodyer meadows
- Green for all other sites.

Dugg Budd
Grounds Manager
2nd March 2021

Committee Admin

From: Steve Field <projects@petersfield-tc.gov.uk>
Sent: 02 March 2021 11:27
To: 'Committee Admin'
Subject: FW: Brush Cutting on The Heath
Attachments: IMG_1487[3].jpg.pdf

As discussed

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John Lees

Tel: 01730



Committee Admin

From: John D Lees <john.lees@petersfield-tc.gov.uk>
Sent: 05 March 2021 11:43
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- The 200mm roller is fitted with "cast hammer flail heads" only, whereas the previous machine had a variety of flailing heads for different jobs. As a consequence the Rytec would not be as flexible. However the Rytec heads survived running over small tree stumps which would probably have damaged the previous machine.
- The Grounds Kubota tractor coped adequately with this flail mower and once connected operation from within the cab was easy
- Regarding hedgehogs, snakes etc hiding in the undergrowth both machines would cause severe injuries so timing of use is vital, i.e. not during hibernation periods
- If its relevant the Rytec machine is supplied by distributors in N Yorkshire whereas last weeks machine was supplied by a Froxfield based company. This should be considered in relation to provision of spares and servicing.

John

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From: John Lees <john.lees@petersfield-tc.gov.uk>

Date: Thursday, 25 February 2021 at 16:35

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Heath Plan Consultation Working Party

The working party went through all the submissions. The draft was broadly welcomed and the main concerns were about implementation and fine tuning rather than any major changes.

However, it should be made clear that this plan is not a detailed management plan but rather the major reference against which management decisions should be weighed. It should not become a rod for the council's back, but rather inform future decisions made by the steering committee and the Council.

The following points need to be referred back to the author for consideration and comment

1. need to make clear cutting restrictions on barrows (p56) it seems the consensus is 100mm not 300mm for cutting trees and 2m around barrows so 10m radius on an 8m barrow
2. zone boundaries
 - i) consider if the Pond should be under wetland not amenity and include restoration of the exit stream
 - ii) the cricket pitch could be classified as amenity
 - iii) should narrow links be made to join woodland areas and these potential links indicated in the plan
3. correct 'Dr. Francis Rose' throughout

Considerations raised during the consultation for PTC to act on

1. decide upon the job description and terms and conditions of the countryside officer and how will the officer relate to PTC, SNDPA and volunteer groups,
2. decide upon the composition and TOR of the steering committee
3. consider more planning for the future on climate change and mitigation
4. need to confirm detail of external handwashing facilities with SDNP section 106 officer who is funding
5. consider managing car parking, improving active travel routes to the Heath and facilities on the Heath (cycle parking near toilets for instance) and active travel routes across the Heath
6. develop the methodology of monitoring and archiving of survey result and management of the data generated could be included in the plan
7. discuss dark skies and light pollution issues with SDNPA
8. rules and enforcement, there seems to be a general call for more policing of out of control dogs, rough sleeping, litter and other issues people see as being anti-social
9. signage, not too much but need to inform the public, guided walks, archaeology, wildlife, chalkboard to record sightings give 2 week notice of work so public understand what will happen

10. bird feeding

11. boats on the lake, are there too many private boaters on £5 permits, should the boats be removed in winter to stop cormorants roosting. Define boating free areas for wildlife i.e. around islands

12. methods of cutting/removal of arisings, are cattle desirable or practical

13. litter management including refuse from the Plump Duck and recycling

14. managing risk of fire

15. ongoing planting and restoration of the pond area.

Committee Admin

From: Steve Field <projects@petersfield-tc.gov.uk>
Sent: 04 March 2021 13:37
To: 'Committee Admin'
Subject: FW: 1918 Petersfield - Final phase
Attachments: 5R-1918-301 General Arrangement - Final Phase work areas.pdf; 1918 Petersfield Pond Maintenance Instructions .pdf

Hi Sophie

Please could you add these to the Grounds Agenda regarding the Pond project Phase 3.

Best regards
Steve

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From: Jasmine Newton <jasmine@five-rivers.com>
Sent: 03 March 2021 17:26
To: Steve Field <projects@petersfield-tc.gov.uk>
Subject: 1918 Petersfield - Final phase

Hi Steve,

Great to see you on site last week!

Please find attached maintenance instructions in table form.

I have also attached a marked up plan (red and orange labels) of the activities we will be undertaking in this final stage. The proposed plan is to be on site for 1 week from Monday 29th March 21 to undertake the following: further

hydroseeding of the Flex MSE areas, the two large islands and the corner nearest to the unloading bay on Sussex Road; reed translocation; and removal of any excess posts that have been left on site.

Please can you let us know which areas you are going to keep fenced off and the areas where the fencing will be removed? We will then be able to identify the approximate m2 area to hydroseed.

Please click on links which give an example fencing spec that could be used in place of the netlon. McVeigh Parker's bespoke Triple X system of fencing - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3EcNtEvgGU&feature=emb_logo - . Quick to install, 30yr guarantee and ideal for wetlands where wooden posts rot, become loose in wet ground or in fact the fencing needs to be quickly lifted up <https://mcveighparker.com/fencing/triple-x-fencing/triple-x-fencing-kits>.

Kind regards,

Jasmine Newton BSc (Hons)

Assistant Project Manager

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Five Rivers is continuing to work in strict accordance with all Government advice and guidelines to ensure we meet our duties to our staff, clients and wider UK industry. We are operating using a risk based approach, where possible, staff are home working remotely, onsite we are managing project delivery with industry best practice COVID measures in place.

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POND ACTIONS

PHASE 3 – Spring 2021

Item	Description	Notes/Actions	Who/Timings
Posts	Some posts have become loose	There are a few posts that are leaning at an angle, and if possible, need to be straightened There are a few individual posts that will be removed during phase 3 work	Five Rivers
Transfer of Mature Reeds	Moving of mature reeds to other areas of the pond	A small number of plants were transferred to some of the reed beds and these appear to have taken. The Grounds Team will continue to transfer mature reeds from the corner near to the sluice gate on the other side of the Millennium footpath and continue to plant these around the different locations of the pond where it is intended for reeds to be planted (see	PTC Grounds Team/Five Rivers

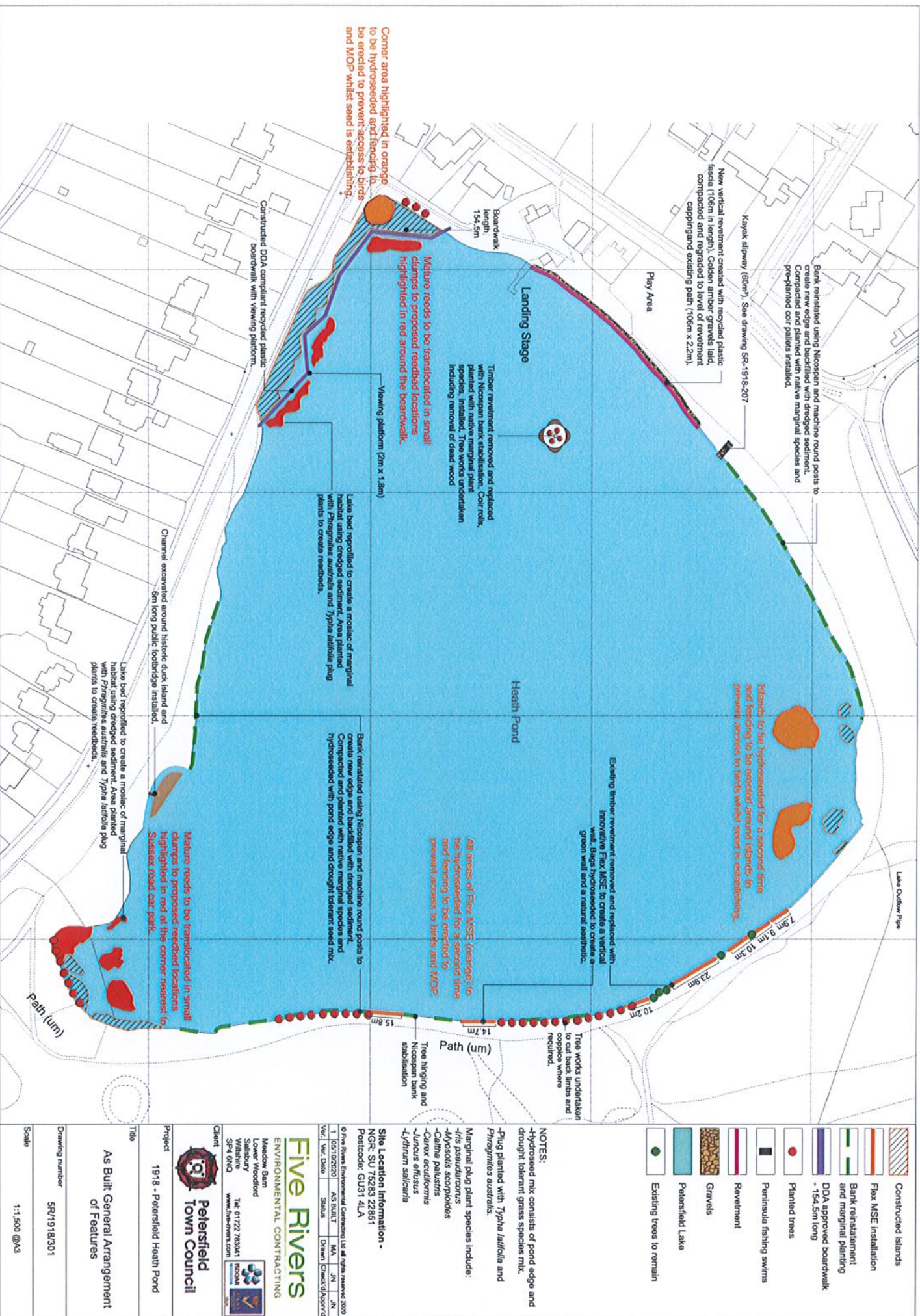
		FR map). Grounds Manager may seek support of volunteers to assist with this.	
Willow shoots	Willow shoots are appearing on the new 'reed habitat' areas and need to be removed before they become too hard to deal with	Grounds Team are continuing to remove willow shoots. Reed islands in Sussex Road Car Park corner of pond to be checked and will shoots removed	PTC Grounds Team
Duck Island	Should be re-opened to the public	Duck Island to be opened to the public. A life saver Buoy has now been installed by the bridge	Artwork for Signs have been produced. SF to arrange for Alpha Graphics to produce signs. PTC Grounds team to install and open Duck Island
Re-opening of Swims	Inspection of re-seeded areas to consider when these areas can be re-opened to allow fishing to take place	Some of the re-seeded areas are being accessed by members of the public and fishing community	PTC Grounds Team / Fishing Community to determine which areas should remain open for fishing, and which areas are to be further protected with 'sheep fencing'
Spring 2021 Coir sods	Introduce 'coir sods' along Sussex Road to support Nicospan bank	There is now uncertainty as to whether these would work. Solution to be considered	Five Rivers

Spring 2021 Plants	Reed Beds that are not flourishing	Reed beds along Sussex Road edge of pond (including those in corner by Sussex Road Car Park) are to be replanted with transferred plants supplied by PTC and mature plants from Five Rivers	PTC Grounds Team and Five Rivers
		Solution – Potentially new species or more mature reeds to be introduced in the sandy soil	Five Rivers
		PTC requires a high percentage possibility/assurance from Five Rivers of this working as under pressure to get this right second time	
Spring 2021 Reed Bed Islands by Sussex Rd Car Park	These have not shown any growth of plants, and consideration is being given to whether they should be lowered as part of the purpose was to provide shelter for fry	Five Rivers to work out a plan for this area (see map). Some lower plants may be planted such as yellow flag Irises Fence to be erected across the area where logs are being used to walk onto the first Reed Bed when water is low	Five Rivers PTC Grounds Team
Spring 2021	Two new Islands – wave breakers	Five Rivers to come up with a plan of what could be planted on the Islands.	Five Rivers

		Island furthest right as you look at Butser Hill could have will trees to the extreme right	
		Fencing to be maintained at all times to stop birds feeding off the plants	PTC Grounds Team – use of boat to be arranged for this purpose
Planning permission Condition 1	1. Approved Plans The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the plans listed below under the heading "Plans Referred to in Consideration of this Application". Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.	Refer to Five Rivers plans and maps	Five Rivers
Planning Permission Condition 2	Within 2 months of the date of this decision (24/2/2021), a detailed scheme of planting proposals shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority for additional hedgerow planting along the western site boundary, adjacent to the Lakeside, Waterford House, 1 and 2 Mallards Lodge. All such work as may be approved shall then be fully implemented in the first planting season, following formal written	Plans to be drawn up	PTC Grounds Team to create drawings of ideas. These are to be submitted to EHDC by 24 April 2021

	<p>agreement from the Local Planning Authority that the submitted planting details are acceptable. Any plants or species which within a period of 5 years from the time of planting die, are removed, or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.</p> <p>The submitted scheme design shall include the following details</p> <p>a) Layout of planting to show plant species, nursery planting sizes, locations, densities and numbers.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure a satisfactory development and in the interests of neighbouring amenity and landscape character.</p> <p>Reason: To ensure that the trees on and around the site are adequately protected from damage to their health and /or amenity value.</p>		
<p>Planning Condition 3</p>	<p>3. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in strict accordance with the approved Tree Works Report (Five Rivers Environmental Contracting and</p>	<p>Tree works already completed according to the approved Tree Works Report from Five Rivers</p>	<p>Work Complete</p>

	supporting Tree Works Plan (drawing number 5R/19/18/301).		
Spring 2021 Vertebrae Survey	Additional cost if PTC wish to go ahead – not part of original scope	Decision to be made by PTC	



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Causeway Farm
SU75002235
72-0319
East Hampshire District

Habitat Survey



Date of Survey:	24/08/2020 and 26/08/2020
Written by:	Joel Miller
Validated by:	Amy Robjohns
Date of validation:	25/02/2021
Last reviewed by:	
Date of review:	

Survey Summary

Causeway Farm 24/08/2020-26/08/2020

Site Details

Grid Reference :	SU75002235	File Reference :	72-0319
Total Area :	15.4 ha		
Civil Parish :	Petersfield		
District :	East Hampshire		
Vice-County :	11, South Hampshire		

Survey Details

Survey Type :	Phase II
Survey Date :	24/08/2020-26/08/2020
Survey Time on Site :	11 (hrs)
Data Owned By :	Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre Partnership
Data Recorded By :	Joel Miller, HBIC

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Site Designations

None recorded

Site Features

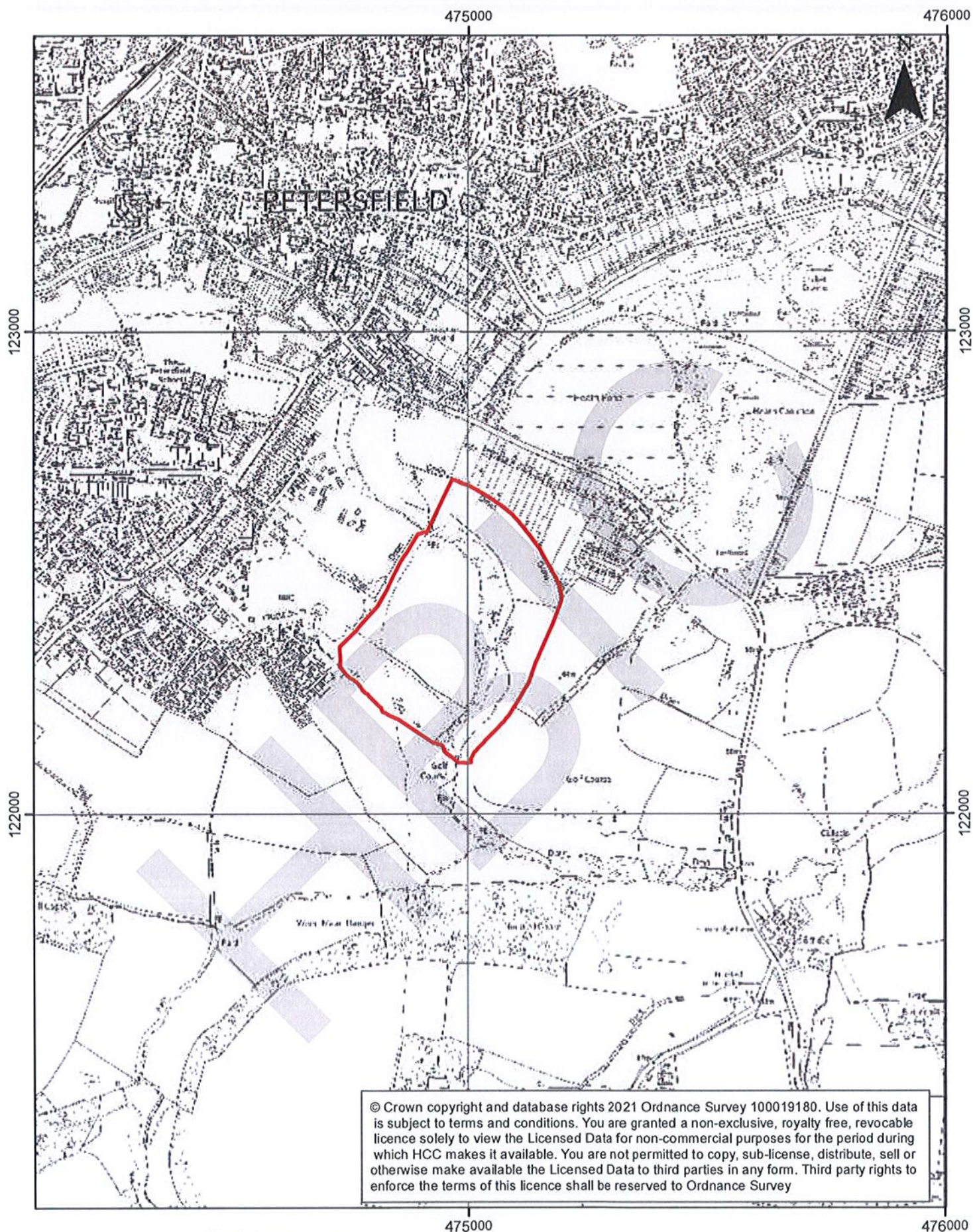
<u>Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
Features	Stream
Invasive Species	Indian Balsam
Invasive Species	Stinging-nettle
Management	Mowing
Usage	Dog Walking
Usage	Public Access

Priority Habitats


<u>Priority Habitats</u>	<u>Area</u>
Purple moor grass and rush pasture	
Hedgerows	

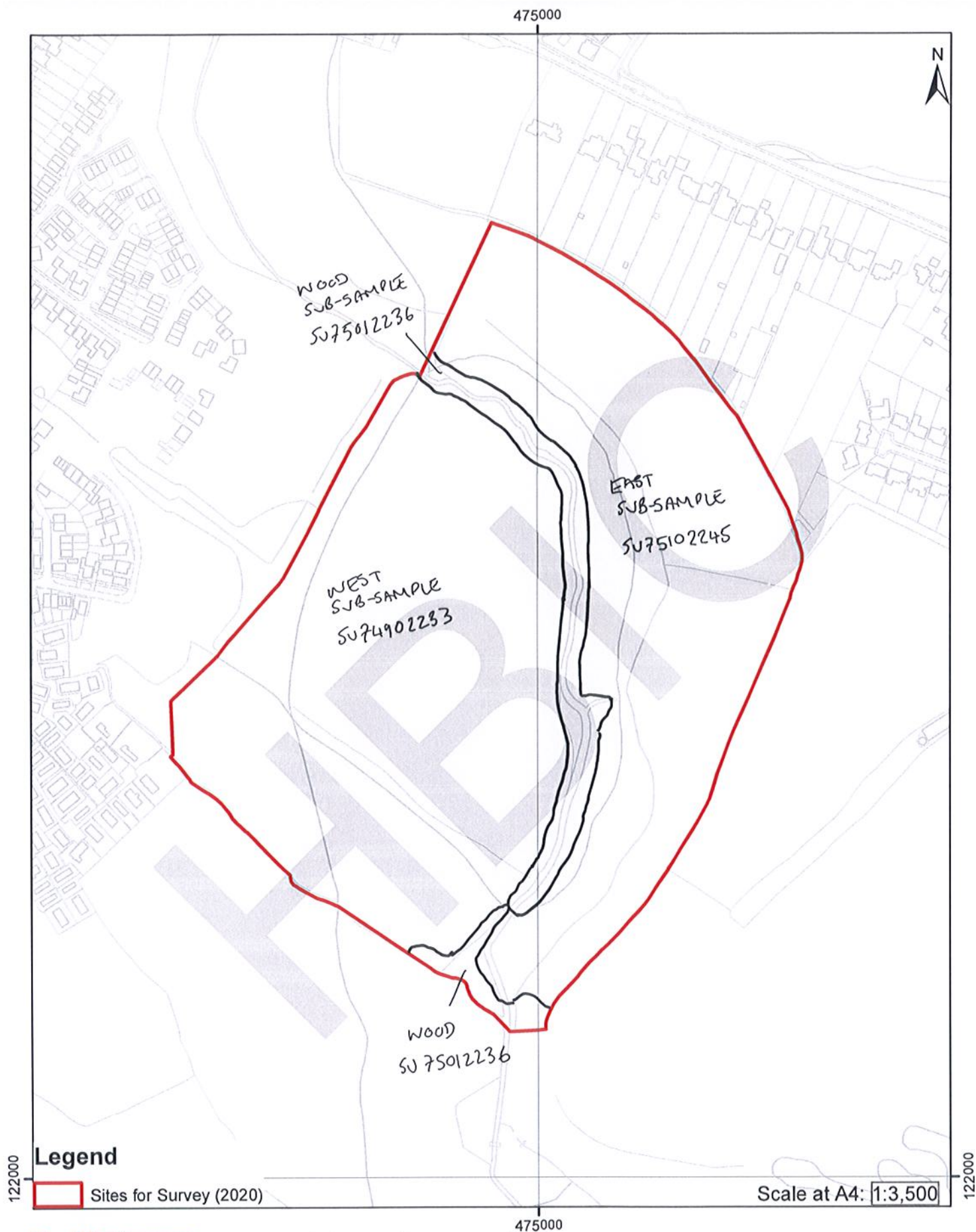
Notable Species

None recorded



Legend

 Sites for Survey (2020)



Survey Details

Site Description

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Causeway Farm East is the old water meadow. There is a blocked water channel running parallel to the stream along its length. The valley slope is slight to the north and becomes steeper to the south. There is little sign of traditional water meadow or floodplain habitat remaining within the area. The grassland present is grass-dominated and fairly species-poor. Species such as yorkshire fog, bents and timothy are prominent on the dryer ground. Marshy grassland is found along the line of the water channel and in a few wetter hollows and flushes. This marsh is improved in quality with a sward composed of yorkshire fog, creeping bent, soft rush and hairy sedge. At the southern end of the Sub-Sample there is more variety of habitat, with some signs of semi-improved vegetation. Rush-pasture is noted here as well as tall-herb fen and some open swamp within the open stream.

Causeway Farm West is on slightly higher, dryer ground. It is not mapped as old water meadow and shows little sign of inundation from the stream. The grassland present is improved and fairly species poor. At the southern end there is a slope down to a slight valley. There is more diverse grassland present along this slope, which supports greater herb cover and some lowland meadow species. The sward is borderline semi-improved in quality. At the base of the slope is marshy vegetation which is fairly improved in quality and is being invaded by scrub. To the north is another area of marshy vegetation. This appears to be modern of origin, created by recent disturbance. Within this area is a newly dug pond. There was a small amount of marginal and aquatic vegetation noted.

The Woodland Sub-Sample is found along South Stream. The banks are wooded and support stands of wet and dry woodland. Alder is abundant but there is a fairly low cover from marsh and swamp species. Stinging-nettle, false brome and, unfortunately, the non-native invasive species indian balsam are prominent. At the southern end is a stand of more immature willow woodland. Dryer woodland has a mature oak canopy over a similar ground flora. Ancient woodland indicators are present along the stream, a total of 9, but they are generally found at low frequencies.

The whole site has a variety of hedgerows present. These range from complete to derelict. They are mostly overgrown and have developed into hedge-with-trees along several of the boundaries. These have mature trees and some woodland flora, especially notable along the south-east and south-western boundaries. There are some old to veteran oak trees present within the site, particularly to the eastern margin. Bramble and blackthorn scrub are spreading out from these boundary features.

Overall, the site supports semi-natural habitats of mostly moderate value at present. The habitat diversity, especially along the water courses is of interest. There is potential for enhancement for wildlife, particularly within along the stream and floodplain to the east.

Management and Recommendation

The current management is unclear. Regular management has occurred across the majority of the site as the sward is not especially rough or scrubby.

The northern area of Causeway Farm West has been recently disturbed as part of adjacent development work. The resulting marshy grassland may not be permanent in the long term. It is not clear if this area will be developed in the near future.

The pond in this northern area was created very recently, possibly as part of a SUDs scheme. The pond is sunk into the ground, perhaps to help reduce disturbance from the nearby public footpath. The edges of the pond are fairly steeply graded, which may hinder the development of marginal vegetation.

Causeway Farm East has a fair potential for enhancement for wildlife. Its current value as part of an undeveloped river valley corridor can be increased. Restoring water meadow management would be ideal, though a tricky proposition. There is little remnant water meadow vegetation present to help seed this restoration work.

An alternative to restoring traditional management techniques could be to allow more natural inundation events to take place across the floodplain. Existing water channels could be dug out or hollows created/enlarged in order to encourage marsh/fen/swamp habitats to establish. Encouraging flooding events across this area will be beneficial to flora and fauna.

The woodland along the stream is probably the most valuable habitat currently present. However, the wet woodland is not very high in diversity and there is no ancient woodland present. The stream habitat would greatly benefit from being more open. Allowing more light to reach the stream should encourage more swamp and open water habitat. Streambanks with fewer trees are likely to be less dry and possibly support more marsh/swamp species. Evidence for this is found at the southern end where there is swamp vegetation within the open stream.

Causeway Farm West has less obvious potential wildlife value than the other Sub-Samples. This is due to the heavily improved and dryer soil present for much of the area. Diversifying this sward will be difficult to do as the area is outside the flood zone of the South Stream. The most likely area to target is the southern slope and valley which retains some signs of lowland meadow and rush-pasture habitat. The scrub presence also increases its wildlife interest.

Across the site the optimal management in the future is grazing. This management is particularly important if wildlife enhancement is the target. Grazing creates a structurally diverse sward, breaks up thatch and allows light to reach the pockets of bare ground so that species can establish or thrive. Grazing at suitable levels and times should help diversify herb and species within the sward and this, along with the structural diversity will be beneficial for fauna. Permanent pasture should not be considered as this usually produces a very short sward of lower wildlife interest.

If grazing is not possible then mowing is the next best option. It is vital that arisings are removed from the ground and site after cutting. This reduces thatch and allows sunlight to reach the soil. It also removes nutrients from the site. Recreating the benefits of grazing with mowing is not easy. To knock back the grassland growth a spring cut could be tried (if the site is not too wet). A cut in summer will allow some re-growth before winter. Differential cutting times across the site will ensure that some meadow habitat is present at all times.

The hedgerows provide valuable habitat interest across the site. Ideally, these hedgerows should be maintained and protected.

Scrub is a valuable component of grassland. It adds habitat and structural diversity, especially when providing 'edge' habitat which is required by many faunal species. Discrete areas of scrub should be retained within the site. But care should be taken that areas of the more interesting grassland are not lost to scrub invasion.

Area description

- Causeway Farm East Sub-Sample (SU75102245)

Area 1 – MG1b *Arrhenatherum elatius* grassland, *Urtica dioica* sub-community (IHS GI0.GM1)

Along the dryer stream to the south is an area rough, fairly grassland. The tall sward is composed of false oat-grass, stinging-nettle, yorkshire fog, hogweed, timothy and cock's-foot.

Area 2 – MG6 *Lolium perenne*-*Cynosurus cristatus* grassland (IHS GI0.GM1)

The grassland on the floodplain and valley slope is improved and fairly species-poor. There is little sign of remnant water meadow habitat. There is a tendency to the MG11 (*Festuca rubra*-*Agrostis stolonifera*-*Potentilla anserina* grassland) floodplain community but very little sign of the traditional (more valuable) MG8 (*Cynosurus cristatus*-*Caltha palustris* grassland) water meadow vegetation.

Grasses dominate, with herb coverage low. Yorkshire fog is abundant which suggest some water flow or inundation of the soil. There is also much creeping bent, cock's-foot, docks, red fescue, meadow foxtail, timothy, rye grass and field bindweed. Damper areas, representing flushes from the slope of hollows, have locally frequent hairy sedge and amphibious bistort.

Area 3 – MG7 *Lolium perenne* leys and related grasslands (IHS GI0.GM1)

This area appears more heavily influenced by modern seeding. Timothy is prominent and there is some yorkshire fog, bents, cock's-foot and rye grass.

Area 4 – MG10a *Holcus lanatus*-*Juncus effusus* rush-pasture, typical sub-community (IHS GNZ.GM1)

The slight valley along the length of the old water meadow channel supports marshy grassland. The sward is improved in quality with few rush-pasture species and a general low floral diversity. Yorkshire fog is abundant and there is much creeping bent, common bent, timothy, hairy sedge and soft rush. There is also some rough meadow-grass, greater bird's-foot trefoil, amphibious bistort and red fescue.

Area 5 – M23b *Juncus effusus*/*acutiflorus*-*Galium palustre* rush-pasture, *Juncus effusus* sub-community Purple Moor-Grass and Rush-Pasture Priority Habitat (IHS EM4Z.GM1)

This is the only area of semi-improved marsh on the site. It is more diverse than Area 4 and has more rush-pasture species. The main species in the sward are soft rush, yorkshire fog, creeping bent, water mint, docks and floating sweet-grass. There is also some water forget-me-not, reed sweet-grass, branched bur-reed and marsh marigold.

Area 6 – OV26 *Epilobium hirsutum* community (IHS EM3Z.GM4)

This area of land between the stream and the woodland appears to receive minimal management. The tall-herb vegetation has some marsh and swamp species but also some signs of recent disturbance, possibly from scrub or tree removal. The sward is composed of stinging-nettle, angelica, hedge bindweed, mugwort, yorkshire fog, hogweed, reed canary-grass, indian balsam and bramble.

Area 7 – S14 *Sparganium erectum* swamp (IHS EM21.LT2)

Along the open stream to the south is stand of swamp. There is a good level of vegetation. The main species are branched bur-reed, reed canary-grass and water mint.

Area 8 – W22 *Prunus spinosa*-*Rubus fruticosus* scrub (IHS WB2.WF11.WM7)

The more mature scrub is formed of blackthorn and bramble.

Area 9 – W24 *Rubus fruticosus*-*Holcus lanatus* under-scrub (IHS WB2.WF11.WM7)

Bramble dominates many of the margins of the site.

- Causeway Farm West Sub-Sample (SU74902233)

Area 10 – MG6 *Lolium perenne*-*Cynosurus cristatus* grassland (IHS GI0.GM1)

The grassland on the flat, higher ground is improved in quality. Grasses are dominant and the sward drifts to the MG7 in places. It is species-poor. The main species are yorkshire fog, bents, timothy, rye grass, cock's-foot, dandelion and hairy sedge. There is also some sweet vernal grass, white clover, docks, creeping thistle and creeping buttercup.

Area 11 – MG6b *Lolium perenne*-*Cynosurus cristatus* grassland, *Anthoxanthum odoratum* sub-community (IHS GI0.SC2.GM1)

This southern slope supports a sward with some signs of unimproved grassland. There is a greater herb cover and presence from lowland meadow species. The sward is borderline semi-improved in quality.

The vegetation is composed of yorkshire fog, bents, hairy sedge, ribwort plantain, meadow foxtail, sweet vernal grass and bird's-foot trefoil. Scrub is occasional to locally frequent in the eastern part. Other species noted include crested dog's-tail, dandelion, red fescue, fleabane, smooth hawk's-beard, cock's-foot, white clover and hoary ragwort.

Area 12 – MG7 *Lolium perenne* leys and related grasslands (IHS GI0.GM1)

The paths have been re-sown with rye grass. There is also some annual meadow-grass, cock's-foot, bents, white clover and yorkshire fog.

Area 13 – MG10a *Holcus lanatus*-*Juncus effusus* rush-pasture, typical sub-community (IHS GNZ.GM1)

The marsh at the base of the southern slope is a remnant area of rush-pasture. It is improved in quality though, with a low species diversity. The sward is composed of yorkshire fog, creeping buttercup, creeping bent, hedge bindweed and stinging-nettle.

The vegetation to the north is of modern origin, appearing to be the result of recent disturbance. The main species are yorkshire fog, creeping bent, soft rush, creeping buttercup, white clover, timothy and docks. There is also some bird's-foot trefoil, meadow foxtail, hard rush, hairy sedge and cock's-foot.

Area 14 – OV26 *Epilobium hirsutum* community (IHS EM3Z.SC2.GM4)

This area of marshy grassland has a fairly rank and scrubby vegetation. There are some signs of remnant rush-pasture present. The main species are Stinging-nettle, hedge bindweed, yorkshire fog, creeping buttercup and bramble. There is some water mint, creeping thistle, great willowherb, meadowsweet and angelica.

Area 15 – OV26 *Epilobium hirsutum* community / W24 *Rubus fruticosus*-*Holcus lanatus* under-scrub under-scrub (IHS EM3Z.SC1.GM4)

The marshy vegetation of Area 14 has become scrubbed with bramble.

Area 16 – W22 *Prunus spinosa*-*Rubus fruticosus* scrub (IHS WB2.WF11.WM7)

Blackthorn and bramble scrub is found here.

Area 17 – W24 *Rubus fruticosus*-*Holcus lanatus* under-scrub (IHS WB2.WF11.WM7)

Bramble scrub is dominant at the southern margin of the site.

Area 18 – Pond (IHS AS3.AP1Z)

The pond has been created very recently. There is no clear water source into the pond. The pond is sunk into the ground with slopes down to the water. The pond margins are not graded into the water. They support soft rush, hairy sedge and grasses rather than emergent swamp species. There was little aquatic vegetation present so far, though fennel pondweed was noted.

- Causeway Farm Woodland Sub-Sample (SU74902233)

Area 19 – W1 *Salix cinerea-Galium palustre* woodland (IHS WB3Z.WF11.WM7)

The more immature stands of wet woodland have a short, scrubby canopy of willow. There is stinging-nettle, indian balsam, hedge bindweed, yorkshire fog and bramble.

Area 20 – W6 *Alnus glutinosa-Urtica dioica* woodland (IHS WB3Z.WF11.WM7)

Along the streambanks is a mostly dry wet woodland stand. Alder trees are over a willow shrub layer. The field layer is dominated by stinging-nettle and indian balsam. There is also much false brome, giant fescue, yorkshire fog, bramble hedge bindweed and ground-ivy. A few marsh and swamp species are present on the wetter ground, such as bitter-sweet, water mint, reed canary-grass and remote sedge. A few ancient woodland indicators are present at low frequencies.

Area 21 – W8d *Fraxinus excelsior-Acer campestre-Mercurialis perennis* woodland, *Hedera helix* sub-community (IHS WB3Z.WF11.WM7)

The woodland is dryer here. There is some mature oak trees over a scrubby understorey of blackthorn, hawthorn, willow and hazel. The ground flora is composed of stinging-nettle, false brome, indian balsam, cock's-foot, bare ground, ground-ivy, yorkshire fog and giant fescue. A few ancient woodland indicators were noted but the stand does not appear to be ancient or old.

- Hedgerow Sub-Sample

H1	This hedge is intact and overgrown. It is formed of hawthorn, blackthorn, willow, dog rose, bramble, stinging-nettle and ivy.	IHS LF11.LH1.LM22 Hedgerow Priority Habitat
H2	This hedge is derelict with much bramble in between the shrubs of field maple, hawthorn, elder, oak, hazel and blackthorn.	IHS LF11.LH2.LM22 Hedgerow Priority Habitat
H3	The hedge-with-trees has a mature oak over mostly intact shrubs of blackthorn, hawthorn, willow, dog rose and bramble.	IHS LF11.LH1.LM31 Hedgerow Priority Habitat
H4	The hedge-with-trees is derelict here with gaps below the mature oak trees. There is some hawthorn, blackthorn and bramble. It resembles a line of trees in places with grassland below.	IHS LF11.LH2.LM31 Hedgerow Priority Habitat
H5	The hedgerow is derelict and dominated by bramble rather than woody species.	IHS LF1Z.LH2.LM12

Trees

Below is a list of the more notable trees present within the site.

- T1 Old oak with c4.75m girth at head height. 4 fallen limbs around tree suggest poor health.
- T2 Very mature oaks.
- T3 Old oak pollard with c5.25m girth at head height.
- T4 Old oak pollard with c4.4m girth at head height.
- T5 Very mature ash.
- T6 Old oak pollard with c4.75m girth at head height. Low cut pollard.
- T7 Potential veteran oak pollard with c6m girth.



Photo 1 – Showing grass dominated sward at northern end of Causeway Farm East.



Photo 2 – Showing improved marsh along former water channel in Causeway Farm East.



Photo 3 – Showing northern half of Causeway Farm East.



Photo 4 – Showing marsh along old water channel in southern half of Causeway Farm East.



Photo 5 – Showing shape of valley floor in Causeway Farm East.



Photo 6 – Showing T1 old oak in Causeway Farm East with fallen limbs.



Photo 7 – Showing woodland along stream.



Photo 8 – Showing open tall-herb vegetation at southern edn of Causeway Farm East.



Photo 9 – Showing dryer woodland along stream.



Photo 10 – Showing improved marsh at base of southern slope in Causeway Farm West.

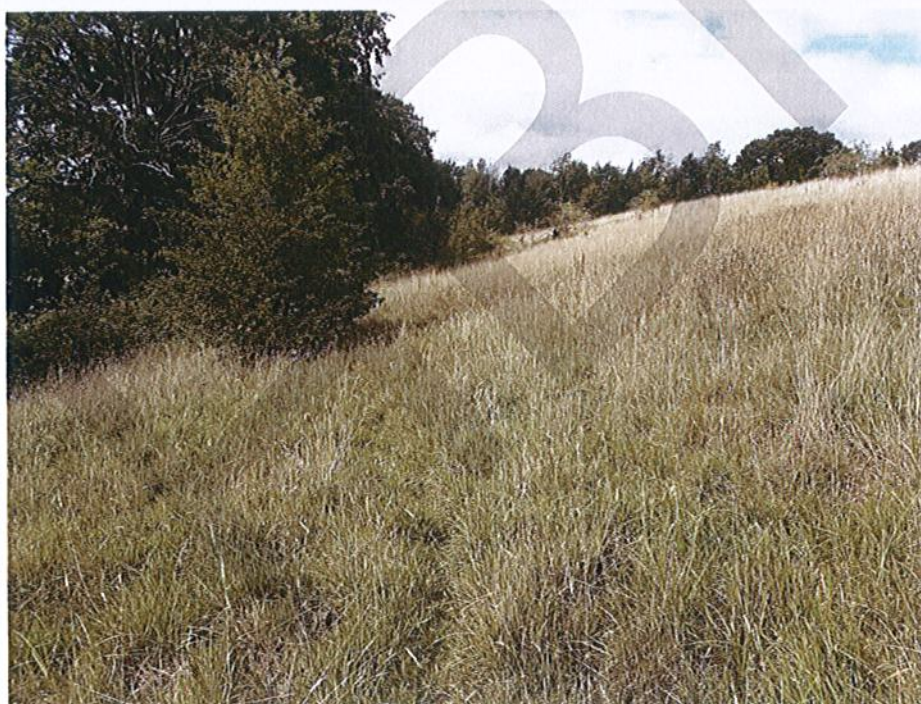


Photo 11 – Showing more diverse sward on southern slope in Causeway Farm West.



Photo 12 – Showing improved, grass-dominated sward in Causeway Farm West.



Photo 13 – Showing new pond at northern end of Causeway Farm West.



Photo 14 – Showing improved marsh after disturbance in Causeway Farm West.



The 1914-18 Memorial Tree Plantation Project

1. Introduction & Background

1.1 The author is obliged to be given an opportunity to revisit this idea which was originally promulgated some years ago under the previous Council Membership. It is thought some background for this current Membership may help to put the project into context.

1.2 During the period 2014-2018 PTC carried out a number of WW1 Anniversary initiatives/projects. The idea of planting a Memorial Area of Trees emanated from the Petersfield Society's successful iTree Survey and the need for an increased tree canopy % across the Town. At that time it was considered a good move to install a fitting Memorial to those listed on our War Memorial for WW1 after 100 years and at the same time as contributing to expanding our tree canopy in the Town. The total was agreed at 112 – one for each individual. A number of ideas were spoken about with the outcome thought best as a determined Memorial Glade within a specified area of PTC ground. A number of areas were considered after a concept design was formulated. These included Bell Hill and Heath. Both were discounted.

1.3 A launch planting was carried out on 30 Nov 18 at Love Lane with the planting of an Oak Tree. The view at the time is that it would be possible to plan the ensuing project by aiming to plant (somewhere) a tree to represent a memorial for each individual listed on the War Memorial. The timing was perfect to complete by 10 Jan 20 which was the date 100 years after the ratification and effective date of the Treaty of Versailles (28 June 1919).

2. Where we are now

2.1 The purchase of Goodyer Meadow has presented a further such possible area and thus plans for the Meadow were awaited to input the idea. Now that PTC is considering the Management Plan for the Meadow, now is the time to revisit.

3. Methodology

3.1 Originally the aim was to work on the premise that we can attract local community help in design and planting using the good offices of the Petersfield Society who were very keen to help us steer and also advances and promotes their own ethos of increasing tree canopy.

3.2 Some very preliminary work was discussed but did not advance. We now have the prospect of advice and assistance from the Tree Warden Volunteer Project as well as the benefit of including a concept into the Management Plan.

4. Funding

4.1 At that time there were a number of opportunities for applying for grants to assist including a budget from our WW1 Fund from FY 18/19. This will need to be revisited.

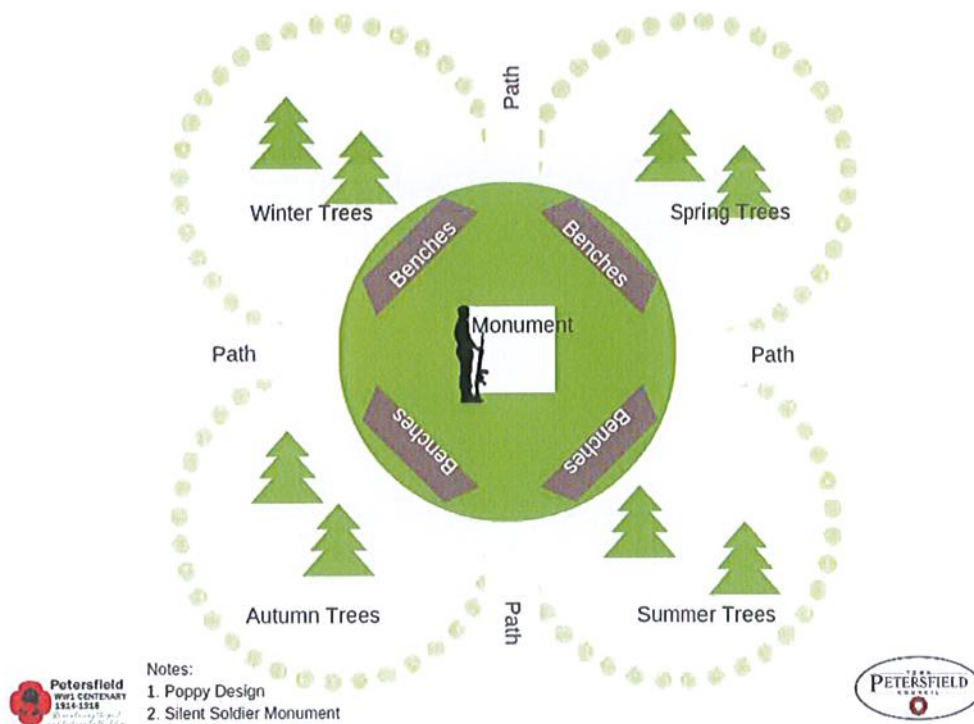
5. Design

5.1 An initial concept has been considered and is illustrated below. It need not all be completed in one time. The key points are:

- Designed in a Poppy Shape as an aerial view
- Designed as a place to go/visit rather than a thoroughfare (as have would have been on the Heath for instance)
- Gives further opportunity for a monument/statue or artwork in the central area for future such memorial anniversaries.
- Allows for the procurement of Memorial Benches either by or for individuals, sponsored ones or community organisational ones.
- Allows for the re-location of our Silent Soldier or both

6. Summary & Proposals

6.1 In summary this is once again and at this stage simply an idea perhaps to be built on or discounted. The proposal is to allow the idea to be included in the brief for the writing of the Management Plan which may lead to the possibility of planting or perhaps suggesting an alternative.



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