

8th October 2021

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Dear Mr Bathgate,

RE: Land North of Hook Lane, Pagham

A site walkover was undertaken on the 11th of August 2021 assess the hedgerows present on the Approved Development Site and consider management and enhancement of hedgerows as part of Condition 29.

The hedgerows along the northern boundary of the Approved Development Site are in good condition with no gaps present. These will require bi-yearly cutting to ensure the condition is kept well and annual checks for any areas dying off to be replaced.

The western boundary has trees within the northern half and areas of scrub/ hedgerow in the southern half. Although the area with trees has large gaps this will be beneficial to reptiles which will have suitable habitats next to this boundary as it will reduce shaded areas, enabling more basking habitat to be present.

The southern boundary of the Approved Development Site is a hedgerow which has a lot of scrub within it. The scrub would need cutting back and removing to enable the hedgerow to develop. Once scrub removal has taken place some infilling may be necessary.

Along the eastern boundary of the Approved Development Site, there are large sections of bramble scrub and many gaps along the boundary. The bramble scrub will need to be removed and replaced with native species rich hedgerows as well as the gaps infilled.

All new hedgerow planting/ infilling should comprise of native species which benefit wildlife.
Native species which benefit wildlife include hawthorn *Crataegus*, blackthorn *Prunus spinosa*,

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hazel *Corylus* and elder *Sambucus*.

New hedgerow planting should be checked to ensure all plants become established and replace any saplings that die off. Once established, each side of the hedgerow should be cut on rotation bi-annually outside the nesting bird season.

To summaries:

- Southern Boundary Hedgerow- cut back bramble, plant gaps with native species and cut on rotation once established.
- Northern Boundary Hedgerow- bi-annual cutting to ensure hedgerow is maintained.
- Western Boundary Hedgerow- ensure area does not become overshadowed through cutting back trees if needed.
- Eastern Boundary Hedgerow- cut back bramble, plant gaps with native species and cut on rotation once established.



Hedgerow along northern boundary



Hedgerow, scrub and gaps along eastern boundary



Trees along western boundary, behind area which will
be suitable for reptiles.

Yours sincerely,
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