

APPLICATION NUMBER: 25/1066

SITE: Land South of Cock Street Redwick Newport

APPLICATION TYPE: Application for hedgerow removal notice

The proposal is to remove hedges over 30 years old from one side of the ditches to increase sunlight for aquatic flora of the SSSI to flourish. Works will be undertaken as part of a section 16 management agreement between landowner and Natural Resources Wales.

I have no objection to removal from an ecological point of view. The ecological benefits will outweigh any visual amenity losses. However the length at 534m is significant and no mitigation planting is proposed in suitable alternative locations away from the sunny banks of the reens.

I have not commented on a hedgerow removal notice previously and am unclear whether mitigation planting in a suitable location would be possible.

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