

**Ivydene,
Court Farm,
Whitson,
Newport
NP18 2AY**

Proposed access gate to existing field

Green Infrastructure Statement

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Introduction

Buckle Chamberlain Partnership Ltd have been appointed to submit a Planning Application for a New access gate to the existing field at Ivydene, Court Farm, Whitson, Newport.

Court Farm has been sold which means the original access to the field can no longer be used.

A new access gate to the existing field is required.

The proposed location for the field access gate is from the public highway next to Ivydene.

The proposed field gate has been located so that it avoids the existing orchard trees in the field. The gate has been located so that access to the field will avoid the existing surface water drainage reën in the field. The existing reën in the field will remain undisturbed and unchanged.

To comply with Planning Policy a Green Infrastructure Statement is required.

In accordance with policy the Green Infrastructure Statement should be proportionate to the scale of the proposal.

For the proposed field access gate a simple Green Infrastructure Statement has been compiled

The existing Orchard trees in the field will remain undisturbed and unchanged.

Only a very short part of the existing field boundary hedge is to be removed for the new field gate. The hedge removal will be kept to the minimum.

In accordance with Policy new hedge planting will be provided as mitigation & enhancement. A Wildflower area will also be created and a Bird Box will be provided in the existing Orchard trees.

The new Green Infrastructure will provide biodiversity habitat and provide link with the existing Green Infrastructure and connectivity to the existing Green Infrastructure in the local area.

The following Green Infrastructure Statement should be read in conjunction with the drawings submitted with this application.

Site Context

A Planning Application has been submitted for an access gate to the existing field at Ivydene, Court Farm, Whitson, Newport.

Court Farm has been sold which means the original access to the field can no longer be used.

The existing field is a grass paddock. The existing topography of the field is flat.

There is an existing surface water drainage reën in the field parallel with the Western boundary.

There are existing orchard fruit trees in the field between the reën and the Western boundary. The rest of the field is grass paddock.

There is existing tarmac surfaced public highway next to the Western boundary of the field.

There is an existing hedgerow boundary between the existing field and the public highway.

There is an existing grass verge between the tarmac highway and the field boundary hedge.

Ivydene is an existing detached Bungalow with front and rear domestic garden area. There is an existing driveway access to Ivydene from the public highway.

There is an existing conifer hedge between the front garden of Ivydene and the public highway. There is an existing timber post & rail fence in front of the conifer hedge. There is an existing grass verge between the conifer hedge and the public highway.

There is an existing timber post & wire fence between Ivydene and the existing field.

The existing conifer hedge to the front garden of Ivydene runs up to meet the hedgerow to the Western boundary of the field.

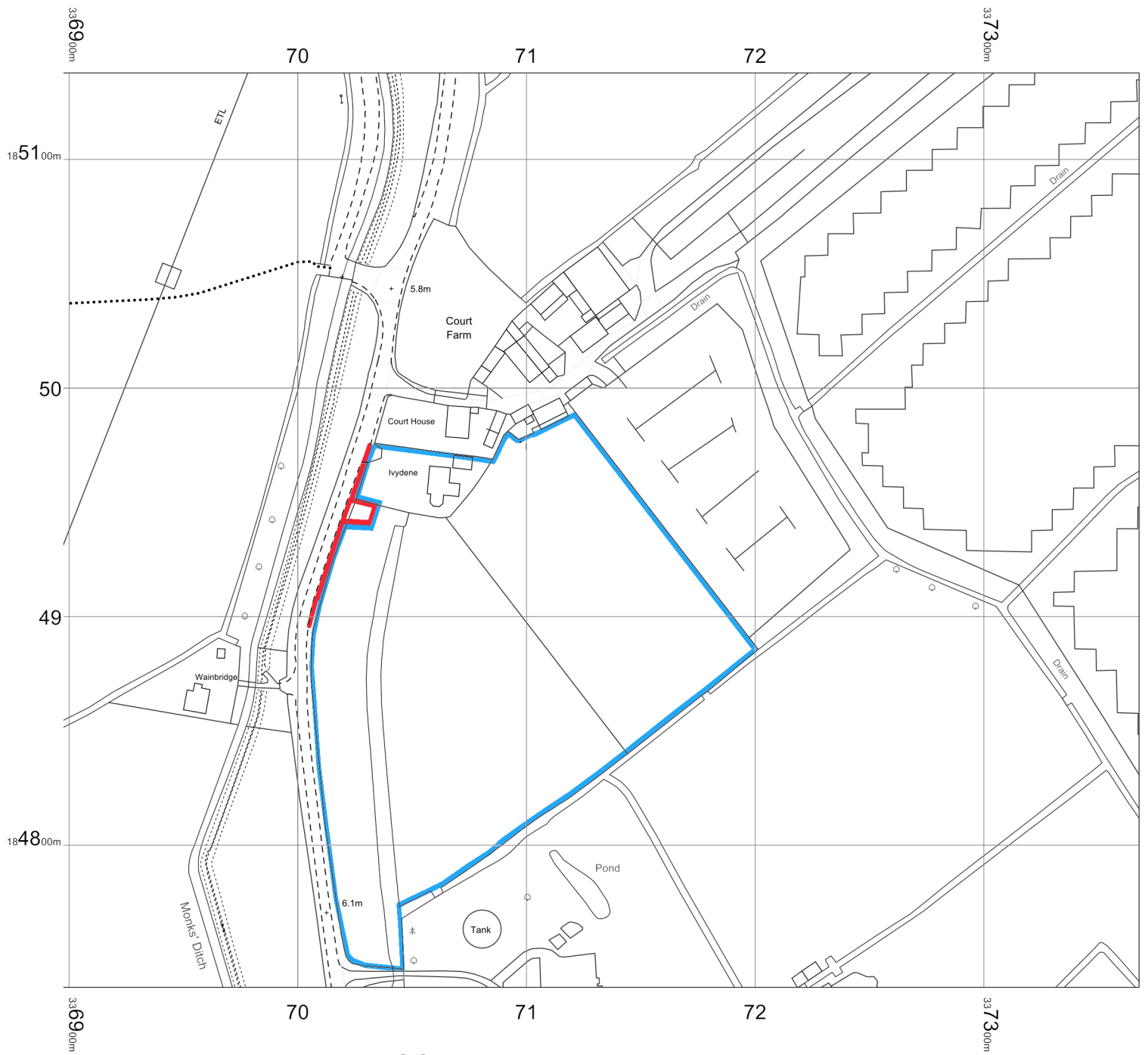
The proposed field gate has been positioned so that all of the existing trees on site will remain undisturbed.

The proposed field gate has been located so that the existing reën in the field is not disturbed and will remain unchanged.

A short part of the existing field boundary hedge will need to be removed to install the field gate. The removal of hedge has been kept to the minimum.

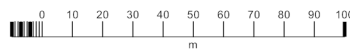
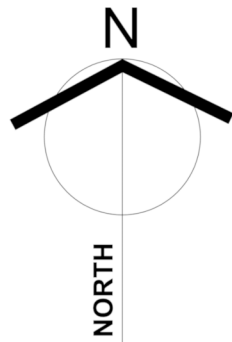
An inspection of the existing trees & hedgerow has already been undertaken by James Pinder of Tree Care Consulting and a copy of his Technical Note dated: 18 July 2025 has already been submitted as part of the Planning Application.

Before any work starts tree protection fences will be erected to create an exclusion zone. No materials or equipment will be allowed in the exclusion zone.



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SITE LOCATION PLAN

Existing Green Infrastructure

As set out in policy all of the green infrastructure assets and networks present on or bounding the site should be identified.

The aim of the green infrastructure policy is to manage any harm that may occur by avoiding, minimising, mitigate/restore.

The only existing green infrastructure that will be affected by the proposed field gate is a short part of the existing boundary hedge. The part of the hedge to be removed has been kept to the minimum.

As mitigation new hedgerow will be planted and a wildflower area will be created in the field.

All of the other existing field boundary hedgerow & fences will remain undisturbed.

All of the existing orchard fruit trees in the field will remain undisturbed.

The existing surface water drainage reen in the field will remain unchanged.

The proposed field access gate will not affect the existing Green Infrastructure surrounding the site.

An inspection of the existing trees & hedgerow has already been undertaken by James Pinder of Tree Care Consulting and a copy of his Technical Note dated: 18 July 2025 has already been submitted as part of the Planning Application.

Before any work starts tree protection fences will be erected to create an exclusion zone. No materials or equipment will be allowed in the exclusion zone.



Photograph from public highway showing existing boundary hedge and existing grass verge



Photograph from highway showing existing hedge and grass verge in location of proposed gate



Photograph in existing field facing towards Highway showing hedge in location of proposed gate

Proposed Works

In accordance with policy an assessment of the proposed works and their impact on Green Infrastructure is required including proposals to address any possible development impacts on existing Green Infrastructure assets and biodiversity habitats.

The proposed works consist of the installation of a field access gate. The gate will be set back from the public highway in accordance with local authority Highways Department requirements. The field access will be provided with 45 degree ease of access splays and will be surfaced with tarmac/concrete from the edge of the public highway up to the gate to comply with Highways Department specification.

The intention is to keep disturbance of the existing green infrastructure to the absolute minimum.

The proposed field gate has been positioned so that all existing trees on site will remain unaffected.

The removal of hedge to accommodate the field access gate has been kept to the minimum.

New hedge planting is proposed as mitigation. A wildflower area will be created on site, and a bird box will be provided in the existing trees on site.

An inspection of the existing trees & hedgerow has already been undertaken by James Pinder of Tree Care Consulting and a copy of his Technical Note dated: 18 July 2025 has already been submitted as part of the Planning Application.

Before any work starts tree protection fences will be erected to create an exclusion zone. No materials or equipment will be allowed in the exclusion zone.

Proposed Green Infrastructure

To provide mitigation & enhancement the proposed Green infrastructure to be provided on site as part of the proposed works is as follows:-

- New boundary hedge planting using native species to include Hazel, Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Holly.
- Wildflower area will be created on site with Emorsgate EM3 wildflower seed mix.

Wildflower area to be left to grow and only cut once a year in late summer. The Wildflower cuttings to be piled up in a compost heap on site to create additional habitat for wildlife on site.

Green Infrastructure Management

Trimming of hedges will only be undertaken outside of the bird nesting season.

Wildflower area will be left to grow and only cut once a year in late summer. The Wildflower cuttings to be piled up in a compost heap on site to create additional habitat for wildlife on site.

Before any work starts working zone to be marked out to contain building activity and Minimize disturbance of surrounding green infrastructure.

Working zone to be kept as small as practical.

Before any work starts tree protection fences will be erected to create an exclusion zone. No materials or equipment will be allowed in the exclusion zone.

The existing 2m wide grass verge will remain between the existing field hedge and the tarmac highway. The existing grass verge is already mown regularly.

The top of the existing field hedge will be trimmed and maintained at a height of 1.3m to provide highway visibility so that tractors using the new field gate access can look over the top of the existing hedge.

Trimming field hedgerows to maintain shape & height is a common procedure undertaken outside bird nesting season. Trimming encourages new growth and maintains a healthy hedge.

The existing grass verge next to the highway is 2m wide so smaller vehicles like a Land Rover can use the access without any hedge works.

Biodiversity Enhancement

To comply with policy Biodiversity Enhancement is required. To provide biodiversity enhancement a bird box will be provided on site in the existing Orchard trees. 1no. Schwegler Woodcrete Bird Nest Box Type 1B or 2H with a 30mm diameter hole. The bird box will be sited on North or East facing position, not in full sunlight.

Woodcrete Bird boxes have a much longer life span than a timber nest box. Woodcrete nest boxes are made from a breathable blend of wood, concrete and clay which will not rot, leak, crack or warp, whilst preventing condensation and maintaining more constant temperatures inside than wooden bird boxes.

The proposed wildflower area will provide biodiversity enhancement attracting pollinator insects, butterflies & bees.

The proposed native hedge planting will provide biodiversity enhancement providing wildlife habitat.

Conclusion

To comply with Planning Policy a Green Infrastructure Statement is required.

In accordance with policy the Green Infrastructure Statement should be proportionate to the scale of the proposal.

For the proposed field access gate a simple Green Infrastructure Statement has been compiled.

The area where the field access is to be located is a small part of existing grass field.

The intention is to keep disturbance of the existing green infrastructure to the absolute minimum.

The proposed field gate has been positioned so that all existing trees on site will remain unaffected. The removal of hedge to accommodate the field access gate has been kept to the minimum. New hedge planting is proposed as mitigation. A wildflower area will be created in the field.

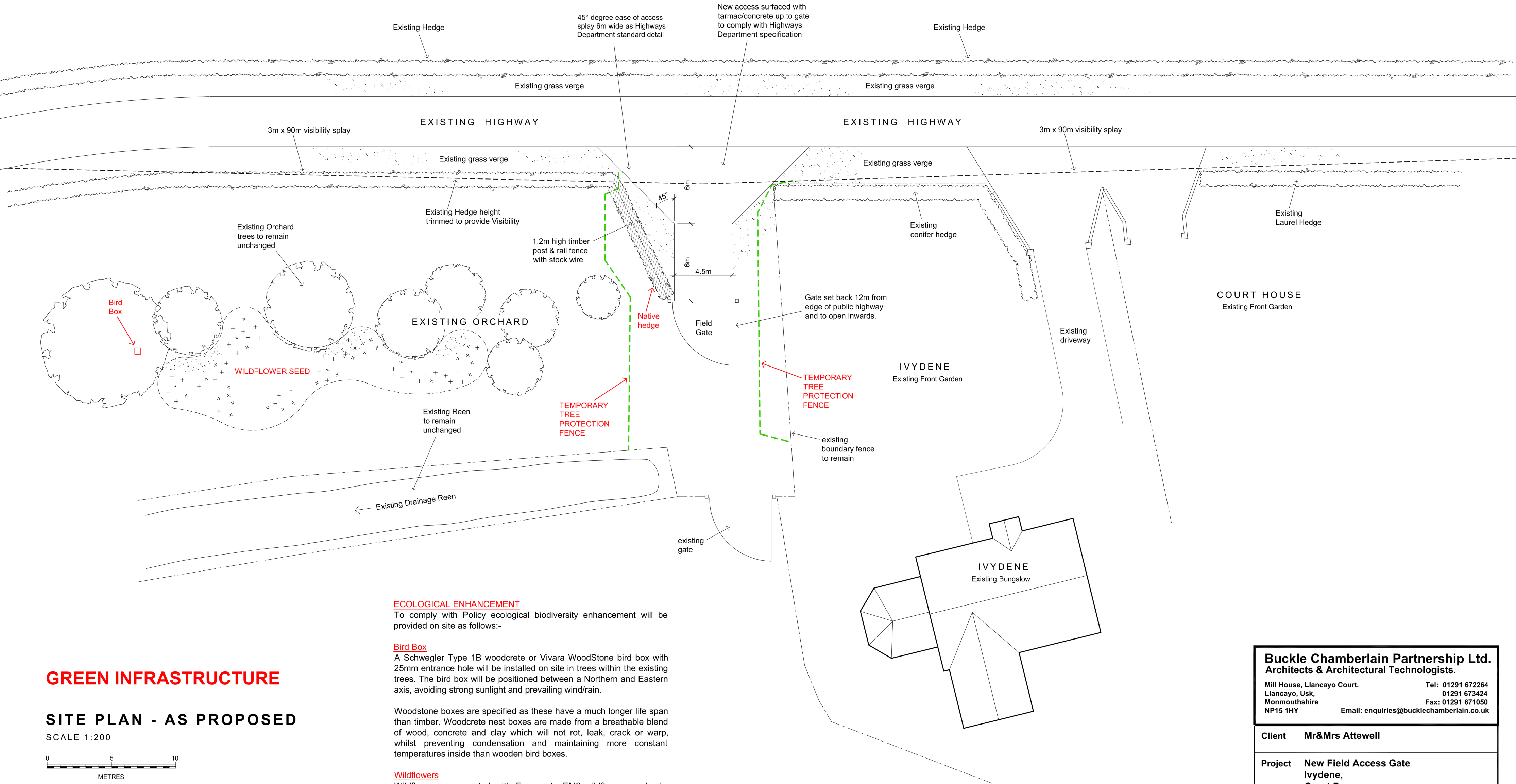
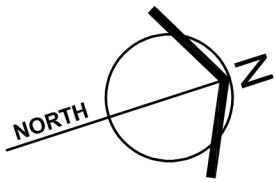
The new Green Infrastructure to be created on site as part of the proposals will provide biodiversity habitat and provide link with the existing Green Infrastructure and connectivity to the existing Green Infrastructure in the local area.

The proposed field gate will not disturb or have any negative effect on any of the existing green infrastructure adjacent to the site.

To comply with policy to provide biodiversity enhancement a bird box will be provided on site.

An inspection of the existing trees & hedgerow has already been undertaken by James Pinder of Tree Care Consulting and a copy of his Technical Note dated: 18 July 2025 has already been submitted as part of the Planning Application.

Before any work starts tree protection fences will be erected to create an exclusion zone. No materials or equipment will be allowed in the exclusion zone.



GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

SITE PLAN - AS PROPOSED

SCALE 1:200



ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT

To comply with Policy ecological biodiversity enhancement will be provided on site as follows:-

Bird Box

A Schwegler Type 1B woodcrete or Vivara WoodStone bird box with 25mm entrance hole will be installed on site in trees within the existing trees. The bird box will be positioned between a Northern and Eastern axis, avoiding strong sunlight and prevailing wind/rain.

Woodstone boxes are specified as these have a much longer life span than timber. Woodcrete nest boxes are made from a breathable blend of wood, concrete and clay which will not rot, leak, crack or warp, whilst preventing condensation and maintaining more constant temperatures inside than wooden bird boxes.

Wildflowers

Wildflower area created with Emorsgate EM3 wildflower seed mix. Wildflower area to be left to grow and only cut once a year in late summer. The Wildflower cuttings to be piled up in a compost heap on site to create additional habitat for wildlife on site.

Hedge Planting

New hedge of native species Hawthorn 45%, Hazel 25%, Blackthorn 10%, and Holy 10%, Field Maple 10%
Hedge trimming work undertaken outside of Bird Nesting Season.
Top of Hedge in visibility splay to be trimmed and maintained at a height of 1.3m so that tractors can look over the top of the hedge.

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