

Email from Applicant sent 14 May 2024:

Hi Katherine

Thank you for your email. I appreciate the comments provided by your colleague and have addressed the points of concern below. As homeowners we follow a nature positive approach to maintaining the land and I am pleased to say that the majority of the suggestions are already in place and have been for some time. Any items not already implemented will of course be actioned.

Please let me know if this is a sufficient response or if you would like additional information?

Thanks

Greg

1. Wildflower areas

The Enhancement Plan provided recommended the creation of a wild area ideally located in the South West of the property but allowed the location to be determined by the landowner. I can confirm that I have already begun creating wild area sites on the property including additional areas not included in the suggestion. These are formed of a natural mix of grasses, broad-leaved docks, nettles and wildflowers such as Bluebells, Cow Parsley, Meadow Buttercup, Yellow Rattle, Oxeye Daisy, Cornflower and Poppy. The attached plan outlines this in more detail

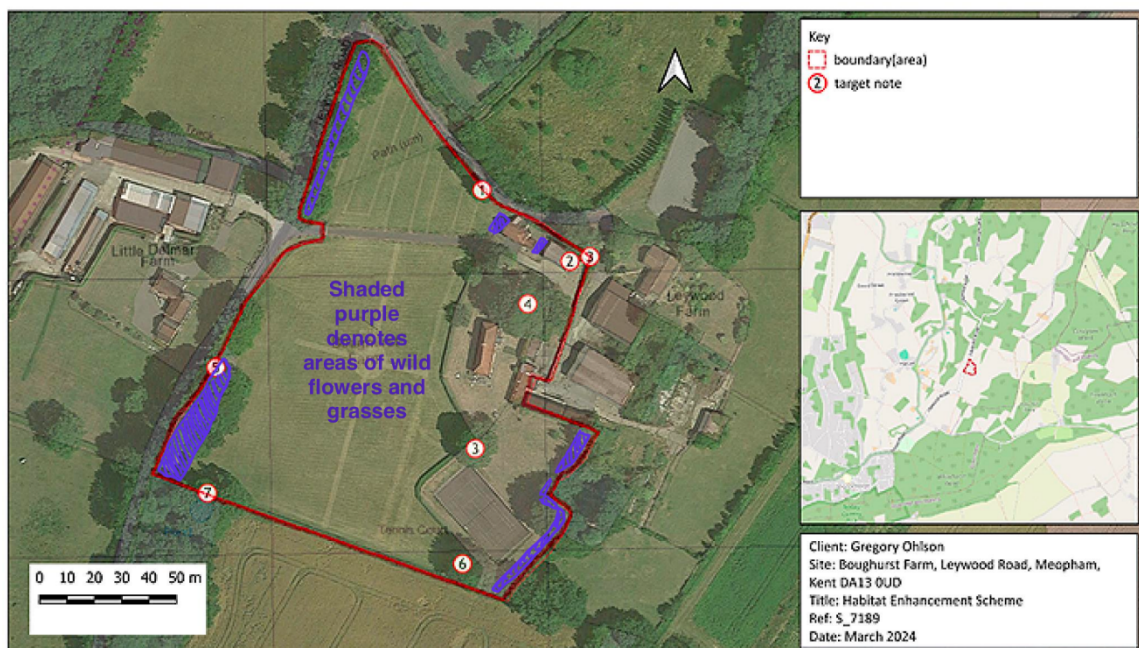


Figure 1: Plan to show habitat and biodiversity enhancements - please refer to the target notes in the main text.

2. Hedgerows

All hedgerows on the property are formed of English hedge species (Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Dog Rose etc.) and I can confirm are already maintained to the guidelines provided in the Betts Ecology report

3. Boxes and habitats

All suggestions for boxes and habitats will be added based on the suggestions. It is worth noting that we already maintain several areas for habitat enhancement including multiple boxes for naturalised and migrating birds spread around the property as well as a number of areas where logs have been stacked for insect habitat. These have been in place for over 3 years and are providing nature positive enhancement.