

Brief on Application

We have since taking over the land worked it and brought it back into a fully maintained state having been ploughed cultivated and seeded and have been grazing it with sheep since. It has thrown a different light on land and given its previous condition and how it was assessed. I have revised the drawing layout and provided photographs to show its present condition. The picture hopefully clearly shows areas suitable for the new proposed hedge and tree planting given that it is ground that cannot be worked due to slopes or conditions and lends itself well to shelter belts as well as habitat corridors. The wetland areas and areas identified as being wet, are very different to what is now visible areas had clearly been badly managed and those areas considered to be wetland are in fact dry. There is an area again which you can see from the pictures that remains wet and this forms part of my revised drawing and plan.

The items I would wish raised, would be with regards as to the grassland management which clearly can be seen as different, a very productive grass pasture which lends itself to an asset to the farm for permanent grazing pasture which could also be cropped for winter forage. The type of grazing methods in the management plan would not support its present and future use given its managed state and the proposed wet land area and wetland scrapes are less of an area as originally identified.

The woodland/hedge planting would be supported with tree guards and livestock fencing but not deer/rabbit fencing similar to the woodland scheme that has since been formed on the neighbouring land successfully at Springfield with little affect from Deer or rabbits. I have identified the areas for planting on the bases of ground that is relatively unusable from agricultural purposes but will provide support for both, in shelter for livestock on a very exposed site and wildlife corridors for nature whilst also providing a 2m boundary from neighbouring livestock for Bio Security as we run Hi Health livestock schemes for both our sheep and cattle.

I have attached his document and identified the areas I would request to be changed as above.

I will forward the pictures in a further email if the file is too big. I will place them in order of the numbers on the new plan document.