

CONSERVATION AREA/HERITAGE ASSESSMENT

Project: Landscaping of Pond
Bury Road, Great Thurlow, Haverhill, CB9 7LF

Ref: THURLOW ESTATE – REF: 4281

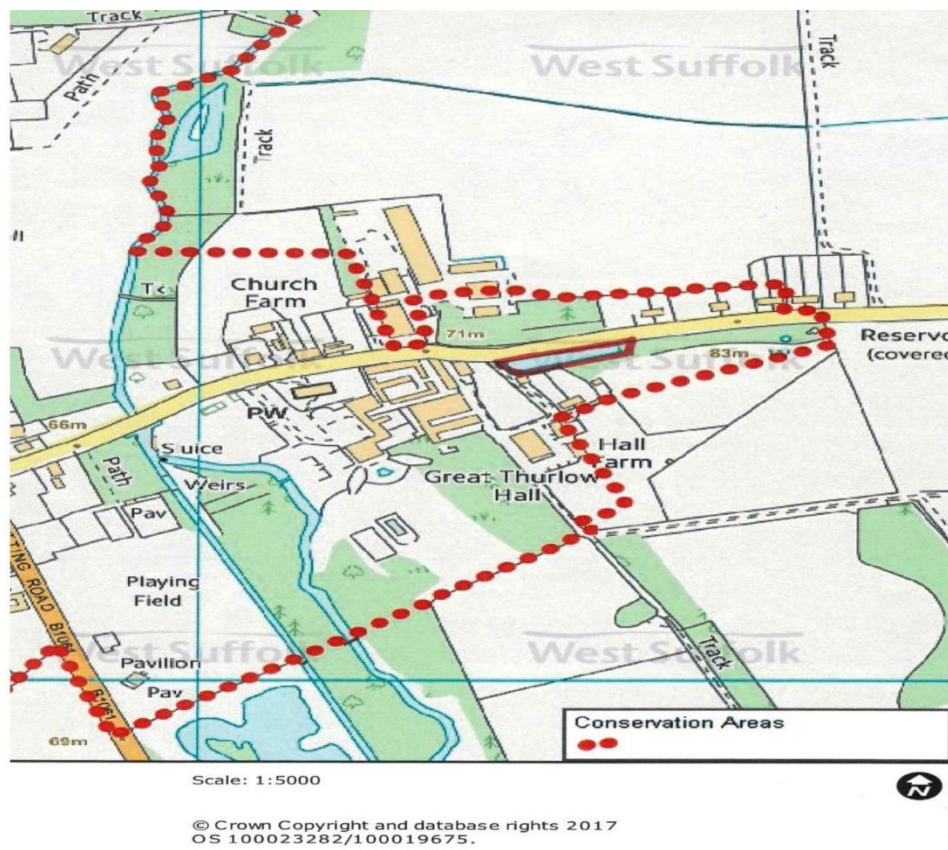
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1. Context

The site is at the edge of the Great and Little Thurlow Conservation Area. It lies within a green belt of trees which run along the southern boundary of the Bury Road and is opposite another green margin which is also substantially planted with trees.

As a consequence, this section of Bury Road has a wooded character which is untypical of the wider village. Whilst there are residential properties on the other side of the Bury Road, these are largely unseen from this site.

On the opposite side of the road there are a group of agricultural buildings but these are set far back from the road frontage. These relatively modern agricultural buildings form a visual “pinch point” with the historic range of agricultural Barns which are located to the west of the site and effectively frame the view of the site when leaving the village centre.



2. Adjacent Listed Buildings

On the land immediately to the rear of the site is the Pigeon Cote. Approximately 50m distant to the west of the site, is a group of traditional Listed barns.

The List descriptions are as follows:

GREAT THURLOW GREAT THURLOW
2006
Pigeon-Cote at
Great Thurlow Hall
TL 6750 22/654
TL 6850 22/654 19.12.61.

II

A C18 timber-framed and plastered building, square on plan with a tiled hipped roof with small gablets.

GREAT THURLOW GREAT THURLOW
2006
Barn at Great
Thurlow Hall
TL 6750 22/651
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II GV

A C18 8-bay timber-framed and weatherboarded barn with 2 gabled entrance ways, Roof tiled, half hipped at the West end.

3. Conclusion

As the partial infilling of the pond and overall regeneration of the site is accompanied by a detailed schedule of tree works which will enhance the site, the scheme should have no long-term impact on the wooded character of the site or the wider Conservation Area. Indeed, the management of the site together with the new hedge planting will ensure the future protection of the character of this part of the village and so, far from having a negative effect, this work should actually make a positive visual contribution and in addition will enhance the local biodiversity.

The “discreet” nature of the proposal (to the partially infill of the pond) which cannot be seen from outside the site and the fact that the scheme includes the retention of all of the principal trees on the road and around the site perimeter frontage which will preserve the sylvan backdrop, there should be no adverse impact on either the Pigeon Cote or the more distant Listed Barns.

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