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Arboricultural Impact of the Proposed Farm Access at Land at Ashgrove Road, Sevenoaks

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am instructed to provide a brief statement to describe the arboricultural impact of the proposed farm access. The technical highway matters are resolved by Mr S. Giles of Motion. The only point I would make is that whereas farm machinery generally has to conform to maximum vehicle widths, some three-point-linkage equipment is wider. Additionally trailers can be long and so the width of the access is necessary for turning geometry given the narrowness of the road.

The position of the access takes advantage of a previously removed section of hedge, which was subsequently replanted and protected with a wire fence as shown in my photograph below with the aperture highlighted in orange between the two red and white ranging rods.

The aperture at the road edge will be about 20 metres to accommodate the required vision splays in each direction, and to accommodate the turning arc of trailers.

I have set out a plan of the access on the next page, together with the proposed planting. The principle of this is to use indigenous species for the two hedge returns, for two specimen trees to frame the entrance, and for low ground cover plants for the embankments to each side so as to not obscure the vision splays



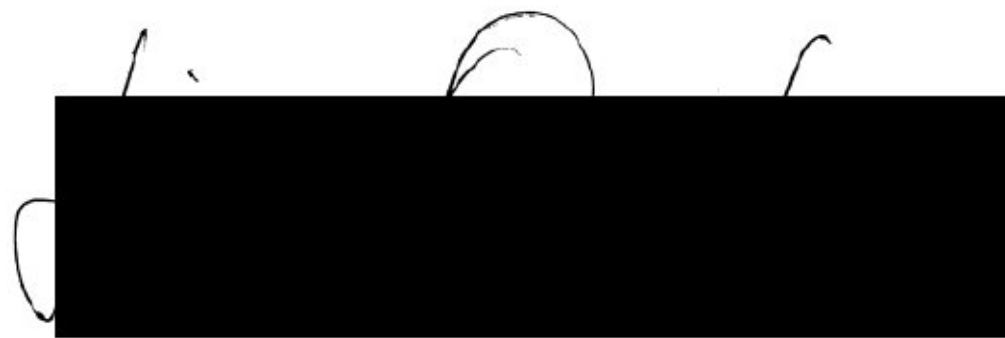
The gate will be a wooden 5-bar design on wooden gate posts and will be just below the cusp of the drive gradient. The fencing on the two returns will be wooden post and rail with three rails.

As a consequence the access will have a rural appearance commensurate with the location, and the use of natural materials and indigenous planting will ensure that the access blends into its surroundings once the “newness” softens.

With these design factors the landscape impact will be minor and the character and appearance of the area will be sustained.

This is straightforward, but please contact me directly should you have any queries.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Quaife', is written over a large black rectangular redaction box. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Jim Quaife

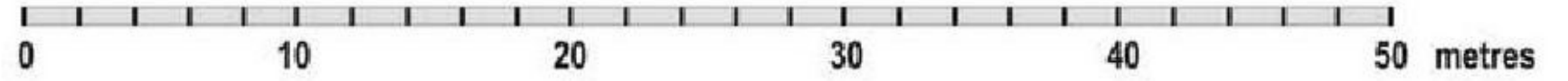
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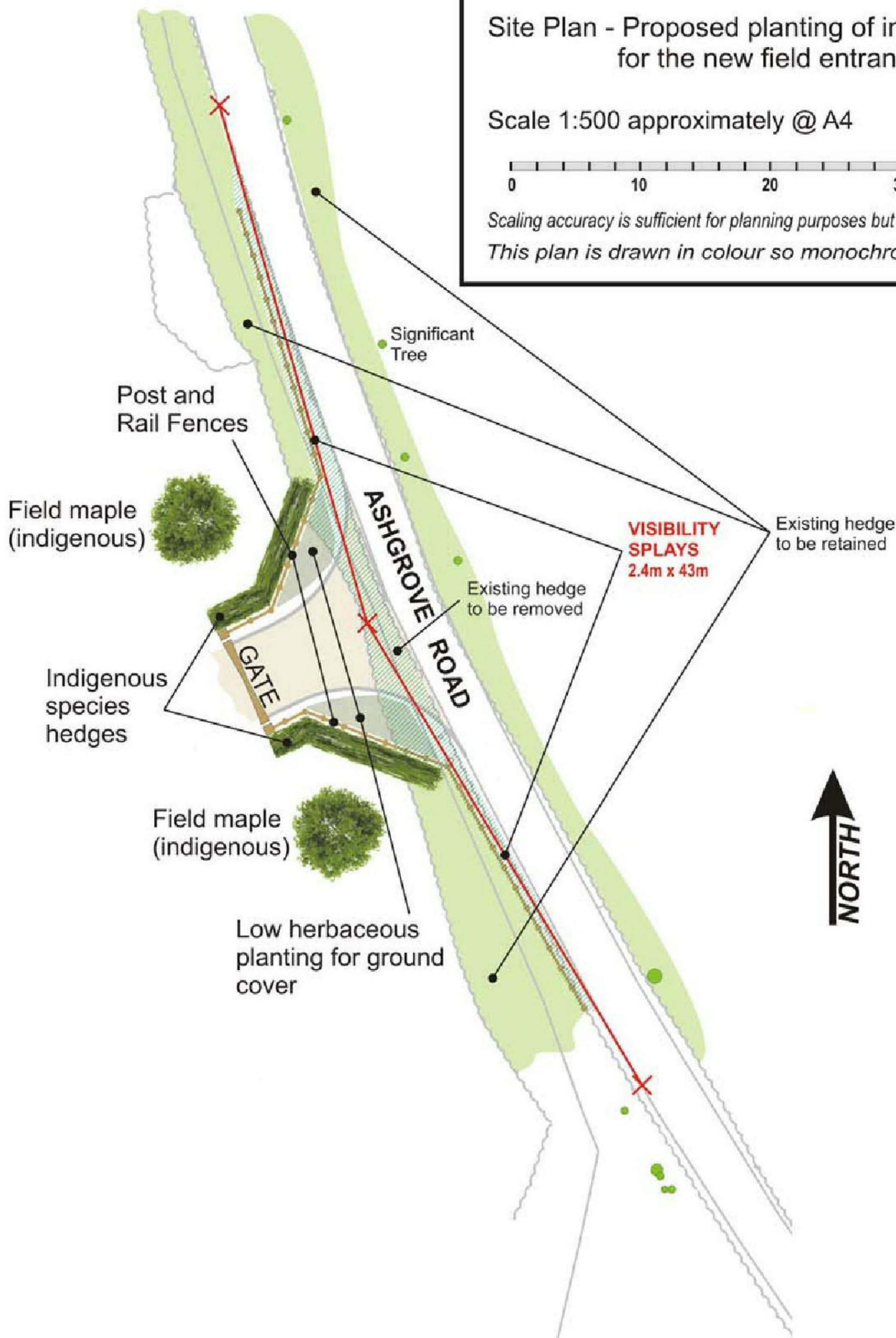
Site Plan - Proposed planting of indigenous species for the new field entrance

Scale 1:500 approximately @ A4

27th May, 2021



Scaling accuracy is sufficient for planning purposes but this drawing should not be used for construction
This plan is drawn in colour so monochrome reproduction may be unreliable



Field maple *Acer campestre*
planted as a heavy standard
girth at 1m 12 - 1cm, height ≈ 3.5m

Indigenous low herbaceous planting

- Woodruff *Galium odoratum*
- Creeping thyme *Thymus praecox 'Albiflorus'*
- Variiegated ground ivy *Glechoma hederacea 'Variegata'*
- Primrose *Primula vulgaris*
- Snake's head fritillary *Fritillaria meleagris*

Indigenous hedge
planted as 50-75cm whips in individual rabbit guards
in double staggered rows, 5 per metre

- Spindle *Euonymus europaeus*
- Blackthorn *Prunus spinosa*
- Hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna*
- Wayfaring tree *Viburnum lantana*
- Wild rose *Rosa canina*
- Hazel *Corylus avellana*