

Addendum to Question 7

My name is Phil Ballard from Bonehill.

I live at The Barns, Park Lane, Bonehill B78 3HY. We are in a conservation area.

Our next-door neighbour who lives in Bonehill House, has just had planning permission for 4 big houses on his land. One of them will be 1 metre from our boundary. He has just started building.

At the moment, dividing our two properties there is about 30 meters of post and rail which is overgrown by ivy and has various bits of thorn and holly in it and the same of 6ft close board fencing, some of which is falling down. It is his fence.

Within his planning he is to build a post and rail fence to replace this and presumably he will grub out all the vegetation. I have attached some pictures of the boundary as it is now. Already some has been removed and we are now overlooked.

We would like to plant a mixed thorn hedge the full length of the boundary on our side. This will provide greenery and privacy and attract wildlife.

There are three trees along the edge on our side which are taking up a lot of light. Enclosed are photographs and they are numbered corresponding with the attached Plan. All of them began as seeds from nearby sycamore. One of them is almost dead and is in danger of toppling. (My Grandchildren play in the field.) Another is on its way out. The third is most a collection of thick side shoots rather than a tree.

In between trees labelled 2 and 3 there is an oak sapling which is really struggling due to lack of light

I have had a telephone discussion with the Tree Preservation Officer, Gareth Hare. He agrees from the photos that I emailed him that all three of these trees are in a very poor state.

I would like permission to remove them and clear a planting area for a hedge. They cast a lot of shadow and I fear that a hedgerow would not take.

I have attached several photos. They show the boundary and the rest show a closer view of the trees.

I would also like to remove a Willow tree from the bottom of the field. You can see that it has completely fallen over and is dead. I attach labelled photos.