

Dear Inspectors

I request that you inspect the following locations, since I do not believe the removal of hedgerows or trees in this location is necessary; The area does not require special permission access as it is visible as well as adjacent to Thorpe Lane and Fleets Lane (Thorpe le Fallows, Sturton by Stow and Stow).

H275 Thorpe Lane – This hedge is located along the southern boundary of Thorpe Lane and is not, strictly, within the development area. The road is bounded by ditches each side. The highway is adequate for large agricultural machinery and large grain transport HGV's; The hedgerow is largely separated from the road by a wide grass verge and ditch and there is no apparent gain in removal of this particular hedgerow. Yellow Hammer, among other birds, nests in this particular hedge. The removal of this hedgerow will drastically alter the landscape character of the area. Please also note the stand of mature trees adjacent to the River Till. These should be protected as they not only form wildlife habitat but they also help with wind-break and water retention.

The removal of these trees will alter the character of the area of Thorpe, Sturton by Stow and Stow.

H278, H279, H280 The removal of these hedgerows will have significant visual impact from Sturton by Stow and for the residents of Fleets Lane Cottages. The hedges form a boundary to fields which will not be part of Cottam 1. The advantage of windbreak from the hedging to reduce soil erosion as well as absorbing surface water will be compromised, let alone the disaster for wildlife which relies on this habitat. There appears to be no pertinent reason for removal of these hedgerows.

The Consent Order asks for a blanket removal option of any trees including TPO designated ones. There is no information available to state which trees may be subject to this removal. Again, removal of trees will drastically alter the character of any areas and should be avoided.