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1 Important Hedgerow Criteria

1.1 Background

1.1.1 The following information presents the criteria to determine if a hedgerow should be considered important on ecological merits or from historic merits. There are on occasion where one hedgerow can be considered important on both its ecological merits and historic merits. Using the criteria herein, the hedgerows considered important have been presented within Figure 1.



2 Important Hedgerows Ecology Criteria

- 2.1.1 The Wildlife & Landscape criteria are detailed in the methods section of the attached report and included below. The numbers of species below are the average per central 30m section of the hedge.
- 2.1.2 Hedgerows considered to be more than 30 years old and at least 20m long were then assessed to identify whether they can be classified as ecologically 'important' as indicated by the ecological criteria provided by the Hedgerow Regulations 1997.
- 2.1.3 The criteria on which important hedgerows have been selected is set out within Appendix 8.3 of the Environmental Statement [APP-131/Volume 6.3].



3 Important Hedgerows Historical Criteria

- 3.1.1 The following criteria should be considered when determining if a hedgerow is of historic value:
 - The hedgerow marks the boundary, or part of the boundary, of at least one historic parish or township predating 1850;
 - The hedgerow incorporates an archaeological feature which is either under scheduled protection as per the 1979 Act already discussed or which has been recorded as a historic monument prior to the Regulations taking effect on 27 March 1997;
 - The hedgerow marks the boundary of a pre-1600 AD estate or manor recorded prior to 27 March 1997 or is visibly related to any building or other feature of such an estate or manor; or
 - The hedgerow is recorded as an integral part of a field system pre-dating the
 enclosure Acts, or is part of, or visibly related to, any building or other feature
 associated with such a system, and that system is either substantially
 complete or recorded as being a key landscape characteristic by the local
 planning authority prior to 27 March 1997.



Figure 1 - Important Hedgerows

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