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# 1. Non-technical Summary

Wild Frontier Ecology was commissioned to undertake botanical surveys on a proposed re-routing and dualling of the A47 trunk road between North Tuddenham and Easton. Previous studies have been carried out in 2017 and 2016.

The entire route was walked over, with the survey covering 49 separate habitat units and 26 Hedgerows.

In total six of these units are valued at a county level, two of these units will be directly bisected by the route. This will constitute a major impact for an area of floodplain grassland and intermediate impact for an area of potential ancient woodland. Other county level habitats will not be directly affected.

14 units were valued at district level and of these units two are directly bisected by the route. This will constitute a major impact for an area of grassland and scrub and intermediate-major impact for an area of grassland. Other units would not be affected.

Avoidance of valued habitats is advised in the first instance, and in the case of ancient woodland is compelled. If avoidance cannot be achieved mitigation including replacement habitat is advised. For the floodplain grassland; offsite compensation may be required.

Nine potentially important hedgerows will be bisected. Where impact on hedgerows is unavoidable, compensatory planting of replacement hedgerow will be necessary in the surrounding landscape at a favourable ratio.

The scheme should be put through the Defra Metric<sup>1</sup> to produce a plan for measurable net gain at an early opportunity, to influence design going forward.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Natural England (2019) The Biodiversity Metric 2.0 http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5850908674228224

# 2. Background

Wild Frontier Ecology was commissioned to undertake botanical surveys on a proposed re-routing and dualling of the A47 trunk road between North Tuddenham and Easton. The route is shown in Figure 1.

There was a previous study completed in  $2017^2$  - this study achieved full coverage of the route. It was based on a Phase 1 Habitat Survey completed in 2016. The brief was as follows:

- Detailed walkover surveys of specific habitat types identified in the Phase 1 survey by Amey (2016) along the proposed road corridor, assessing dominant species communities and assigning habitats to National Vegetation Classification (NVC) habitat types wherever possible;
- Evaluation of species-rich hedgerows identified on the AMEY 2016 Phase 1 Habitat map under The Hedgerows Regulations for potential to be classed as 'Important'.
- A report containing an assessment of the value of these habitat units, and any constraints they pose to future development of the road scheme, with recommendations for any further surveys, avoidance, mitigation or enhancement measures that are required.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> AMEY, (2017). A47 Tuddenham, Norfolk. Terrestrial Invertebrate Survey (interim).



#### Figure 1. Survey Area (red).



# 3. Relevant Legislation and Policy

#### 3.1 Statutory and Non-statutory Site Designations

#### 3.1.1 International (European) Site Designations

The European Council Directive on the Conservation of Natural Habitats and of Wild Fauna and Flora (92/43/EEC) as amended directs the designation of important wildlife sites through the European Community as Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), and gives statutory protection to habitats and species listed in the Directive as being threatened or of community interest. Sites identified as candidate SAC (cSAC) are provided with the same level of protection as SAC.

Annex I of 92/43/EEC as amended lists habitat types which are regarded as being of European importance. Included within these are a number of 'priority habitat types' which are habitats regarded as being in danger of disappearance and whose natural range falls broadly within the European Union. This European law had been transposed into UK legislation by The Conservation (Natural Habitats) & Regulations 1994, now replaced by The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017.

Habitats of European-wide importance for birds are listed under the EC Wild Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) as amended. Habitats designated under this Directive are notified as Special Protection Areas (SPAs) and are identified for holding populations > 1% of the reference population as defined in Appendix 4 of the SPA review of bird species listed in Annex 1 of the same Council Directive. Sites identified as potential SPA (pSPA) are provided with the same level of protection as SPA.

Wetlands of International Importance are designated under the Ramsar Convention.

#### 3.1.2 National (UK) Site Designations

National ecological designations, such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and National Nature Reserves (NNRs) are also afforded statutory protection. SSSIs are notified and protected under the jurisdiction of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (WCA 1981) as amended. SSSIs are notified based on specific criteria, including the general condition and rarity of the site and of the species or habitats supported by it.

#### 3.1.3 Non-Statutory County Site Designations

Local authorities may designate certain areas as being of local conservation interest. The criteria for inclusion may vary between areas. Most individual counties have a similar scheme, within Norfolk such sites are designated as County Wildlife Sites (CWS). Designation of such sites does not itself confer statutory protection, but they are a material consideration when planning applications are being determined.

#### 3.2 Species Designation and Protection

#### 3.2.1 Plants

Schedule 8 of the WCA 1981 lists plant species which are afforded special protection. It is an offence to pick, uproot or destroy any species listed on Schedule 8 without prior authorisation, and all plants are protected from unauthorised uprooting (i.e. without the landowner's permission) under Schedule 13 of the WCA 1981.

A Vascular Plant Red List for England<sup>3</sup> provides a measure of the current state of England's flora measured against standardised IUCN criteria. Any taxon that is threatened - Critically Endangered (CR), Endangered (EN), Vulnerable (VU) - or Near Threatened (NT) does not have statutory protection but should be regarded as a priority for conservation in England. It should be noted that 'threat' is not synonymous with 'rarity', some of the species concerned are still relatively common and widespread.

It is an offence to plant or cause to spread in the wild of certain plant species under Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Plant species relevant to the East of England are as follows:

Himalayan Balsam Impatiens glandulifera Variegated yellow archangel Lamiastrum galeobdolon ssp argentatum Virginia creeper Parthenocissus quinquefolia False acacia Robinia pseudoacacia Water fern Azolla filiculoides Giant Hogweed Heracleum mantegazzianum Knotweed species including Japanese knotweed Fallopia japonica Parrot's feather Myriophyllum aquaticum Floating pennywort Hydrocotyle ranunculoides Rhododendron Rhododendron ponticum Giant rhubarb Gunnera tinctoria New Zealand Pigmyweed Crassula helmsii Waterweeds Elodea spp.

All waste containing Japanese knotweed comes under the control of Part II of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and is classified as controlled waste.

#### 3.3 Priority Species and Habitats

Other priority species and habitats which are a consideration under the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2019, placing responsibility on Local Planning Authorities to aim to conserve and enhance biodiversity and to encourage biodiversity in and around developments. There is a general biodiversity duty in the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006 (Section 40) which requires every public body in the exercising of its functions to 'have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity'. Biodiversity, as covered by the Section 40 duty, includes all biodiversity, not just the Habitats and Species of Principal Importance.

Section 41 of the NERC Act lists a number of species and habitats as being Species/Habitats of Principal Importance. These are species/habitats in England (also known as Priority Habitats/ Species) which had been identified as requiring action under the UK BAP, and which continue to be regarded as conservation priorities under the UK Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework. The protection of either Priority Species or Habitats is not statutory, but "specific consideration"<sup>4</sup> should be afforded by Local Planning Authorities when dealing with them in relation to planning and development control.

<sup>4</sup> JNCC (2015) UK BAP priority species and habitats

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Stroh, P.A., Leach, S.J., August, T.A., Walker, K.J., Pearman, D.A., Rumsey, F.J., Harrower, C.A., Fay, M.F., Martin, J.P., Pankhurst, T., Preston, C.D. & Taylor, I. 2014. A Vascular Plant Red List for England. Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland, Bristol.

http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/protectandmanage/habs and species importance.aspx

Also, there is an expectation that public bodies would refer to the Section 41 list when complying with the Section 40 duty.

Widespread Priority Habitats in East Anglia include:

Arable field margins Traditional orchards Hedgerows Eutrophic standing waters Ponds Rivers Lowland calcareous grassland Lowland dry acid grassland Lowland dry acid grassland Lowland meadows Lowland fen Coastal and floodplain grazing marsh Reedbeds Lowland mixed deciduous woodland Wet woodland Wood-pasture and parkland

Priority Species of higher plant in East Anglia (which have no specific legal protection) include:

Arabis glabra Artemisia campestris Astragalus danicus Blysmus compressus Bupleurum tenuissimum Calamagrostis stricta Carex divisa Carex ericetorum Clinopodium acinos Drvopteris cristata Euphrasia pseudokerneri Filago lutescens Filago pyramidata Galeopsis angustifolia Hordeum marinum Liparis loeselii Lycopodiella inundata Melampyrum cristatum Muscari neglectum Najas marina Oenanthe fistulosa Platanthera bifolia Potamogeton acutifolius Potamogeton compressus Puccinellia fasciculata Scandix pecten-veneris Scleranthus annuus Silene gallica Silene otites

Tower Mustard Field Wormwood Purple Milk-vetch Flat-sedge Slender Hare`s-ear Narrow Small-reed **Divided Sedge** Rare Spring-sedge Basil Thyme Crested Buckler-fern Chalk Eyebright Red-tipped Cudweed Broad-leaved Cudweed Red Hemp-nettle Sea Barley Fen Orchid Marsh Clubmoss Crested Cow-wheat Grape-hyacinth Holly-leaved Naiad Tubular Water-dropwort Lesser Butterfly-orchid Sharp-leaved Pondweed Grass-wrack Pondweed Borrer's Saltmarsh-grass Shepherd's Needle Annual Knawel Small-flowered Catchfly Spanish Catchfly



Sium latifolium Stellaria palustris Veronica triphyllos Veronica verna Greater Water Parsnip Marsh Stitchwort Fingered Speedwell Spring Speedwell

Many of these Priority Species are very restricted in range, and are unlikely to occur within the surveyed area.

#### 3.4 Policy

The overarching policy guidance for biodiversity is included within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF<sup>5</sup>). Section 15 of this document (Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment) outlines the approach that Local Authorities should adopt when considering ecological issues within the planning framework, including the principles of the Mitigation Hierarchy. This espouses that in addressing impacts on valued features, avoidance should be the first option considered, followed by mitigation (minimising negative impacts). Where avoidance and mitigation are not possible, compensation for loss of features can be used as a last resort. Paragraphs 170, 174 and 175 of the NPPF give policy support to the provision of measurable **net gains** in biodiversity. Paragraph 174 specifies that plans should identify, map and safeguard components of local wildliferich habitats and wider ecological networks, including locally designated sites (such as CWS); and promote the conservation, restoration and enhancement of priority habitats and ecological networks and the protection and recovery of priority species.

There is also policy guidance outlined in the National Networks National Policy Statement (NN NPS<sup>6</sup>). Section 5 of this document (Generic Impacts) outlines guidance on biodiversity and ecological conservation relating specifically to the construction of highways and railways in the UK. As a general principle the development of these transport links should avoid significant harm to biodiversity and geological conservation interests, including through mitigation and consideration of reasonable alternatives.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> MHCLG (2019). National Planning Policy Framework. UK Government.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Department for Transport (2015). NN NPS

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_dat a/file/387223/npsnn-web.pdf

## 4. Methods

#### 4.1 Report Objectives

The report sets out the field survey results, and compares it with those found in 2017, updating the assessment where necessary.

#### 4.2 Desk Study

No desk study was undertaken for this report, because it was considered that desk data used in 2017 would be sufficient to inform the report. In analysing the habitats and field data, extensive use has been made of aerial imagery<sup>7</sup>, of which there is an intermittent record from 1946 to present.

#### 4.3 Field Survey

The site was walked over on 16 - 17 July 2019 by Robert Yaxley BSc CEcol CEnv MCIEEM and Adam Stickler BSc MSc. Priority was given to areas which had previously been covered in 2017, but other areas were also surveyed where the habitat was considered to be of interest or value.

During the botanical survey, each of the individual habitat units has been subject to walkover survey of vegetation cover and the dominant plant species noted, using the DAFOR scale (D = dominant, A= abundant, F= frequent, O= occasional and R= rare, with L=local often used as a prefix to moderate abundance categories). Photographs were taken of habitats and species. Where rare or scarce species of plant were encountered, the location was recorded and the species photographed.

Hedgerows were surveyed for species richness, gathering sufficient information to judge whether the hedgerow was likely to be an important hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations 1997. Hedges were not subject to a full assessment under the Regs, but an estimate of species richness was made in order to screen hedgerows for likely importance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> <u>http://www.historic-maps.norfolk.gov.uk/mapexplorer/</u>; Google Earth Pro.



# 5. Results

#### 5.2 Site Survey

The site was divided into a number of distinct vegetation units. Where possible, the labelling of these units has followed the previous report for consistency. Units have been given unique new names where they have not previously been surveyed.

There was coverage of the whole site by the survey, with the exception of Unit H, Unit I and Unit J due to access restrictions during the survey. Unit Y and Z were not visited. Unit b was not located and it is unclear from mapping and previous reports what the unit assignment consist of however, considering the location, it is considered unlikely to be ecologically valued.









#### Figure 2b





#### Figure 2c





#### Figure 2d





#### Figure 2e





#### Figure 2f





#### Figure 2g





#### Figure 2h





#### Figure 2i





#### Figure 2j





#### Figure 2k





#### Figure 2l



#### Unit A (photo 1)

A small triangle of immature planted woodland with a closed canopy and an understorey characterised by patchy dominance of stinging nettle. The more open verge to the south and east supports a few more plant species. Landscape planting associated with the construction of the southern bypass in 1992.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	0	Understorey
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus	F	Canopy
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	0	Canopy
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	F	Canopy
Hazel	Corylus avellana	0	Canopy
Hornbeam	Carpinus betulus	0	Canopy
Field Maple	Acer campestre	0	Canopy
Bramble	Rubus agg.	LD	Road verge
Dog Rose	Rosa canina	0	Understorey
Willow Sp.	Salix sp.	0	Canopy
Aspen	Populus tremula	R	Ground layer
Alder	Alnus glutinosa	0	Canopy
Wild Cherry	Prunus avium	0	Canopy
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	LD	Understorey
Rough Meadow Grass	Poa trivialis	F	Road verge
Ground Ivy	Glechoma hederacea	F	Road verge
White Deadnettle	Lamium album	0	Road verge
Rough Chervil	Chaerophyllum temulentum	F	Road verge
False Oat	Arrhenatherum elatus	LA	Road verge
Common Vetch	Vicia sativa	0	Road verge
Common Mouse Ear	Cerastium fontanum	0	Road verge
Wild Mignonette	Reseda lutea	0	Road verge
Ladies bedstraw	Galium verum	LA	Road verge
Yarrow	Achillea millefolium	LA	Road verge
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata	LA	Road verge
Ragwort	Jacobaea vulgaris	0	Road verge
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense	LA	Road verge
Cleavers	Galium aparine	LA	Road verge

#### AS6 Grassland to the west of Unit A (photo 2)

Semi-improved neutral grassland, enclosed by hedges and scrub with some mature trees. The grassland is moderately species rich, and has been present for at least 20 years. However the mix of species suggests there may have been some scattering of wildflower seed mix. There is an open gap in the hedgerow which leads through to Easton churchyard. This grassland does not closely resemble any NVC community - MG1 might be the closest fit, but it is not similar to any of the subcommunities in Rodwell.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata	А	SI to the west of Unit A
Perforate St John's-	Hypericum perforatum	F	SI to the west of Unit A
wort			
Common Couch Grass	Elytrigia repens	F	SI to the west of Unit A
Oxeye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare	F	SI to the west of Unit A
Meadow Cranesbill	Geranium pratense	F	SI to the west of Unit A
Yorkshire Fog	Holcus lanatus	F	SI to the west of Unit A
Great Mullein	Verbascum thapsus	F	SI to the west of Unit A
Knapweed	Centaurea nigra	0	SI to the west of Unit A
Common Agrimony	Agrimonia eupatoria	0	SI to the west of Unit A
Field Scabious	Knautia arvensis	0	SI to the west of Unit A
Musk Mallow	Malva moschata	0	SI to the west of Unit A
White Campion	Silene latifolia	0	SI to the west of Unit A
Hemlock	Conium maculatum	R	SI to the west of Unit A
Dog Rose	Rosa canina	0	Surrounding hedgerow
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	R	Surrounding hedgerow
Field Maple	Acer campestre	0	Surrounding hedgerow
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	Α	Surrounding hedgerow
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus	Α	Surrounding hedgerow
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	F	Surrounding hedgerow
Sweet Chestnut	Castanea sativa	0	Surrounding hedgerow
Hazel	Corylus avellana	Α	Surrounding hedgerow
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	0	Surrounding hedgerow
European Beech	Fagus sylvatica	0	Surrounding hedgerow
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	0	Surrounding hedgerow
Silver Birch	Betula pendula	R	Surrounding hedgerow

#### Unit B (photo 3)

Early-mature planted woodland - closed canopy with no understorey and sparse ground vegetation. Landscape planting associated with the construction of the southern bypass in 1992. It is not possible to assign this unit to any NVC community.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	А	Canopy
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus	Α	Canopy
Field Maple	Acer campestre	0	Canopy
Norway Maple	Acer Platanoides	0	Canopy
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	0	Canopy
Hazel	Corylus avellana	0	Canopy
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	0	Canopy
Pine Sp.	Pinus sp.	0	Canopy
Sweet Chestnut	Castanea sativa	0	Canopy

Common Lime	Tilia x europaea	R	Canopy
lvy	Hedera helix	LD	Ground Layer
Bramble	Rubus agg.	LD	Ground Layer

#### AS 5 (South of unit B) Planted strip with young trees (photo 4).

Young trees planted over a species poor neutral grassland along a field margin.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	0	Young Planted
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	0	Young Planted
Field Maple	Acer campestre	0	Young Planted
Hazel	Corylus avellana	0	Young Planted
Guelder Rose	Viburnum opulus	0	Young Planted
European Beech	Fagus sylvatica	0	Young Planted
Dogwood	Cornus sanguinea	0	Young Planted
Alder	Alnus glutinosa	0	Young Planted
Hornbeam	Carpinus betulus	0	Young Planted
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata	D	Ground Layer
Ragwort	Jacobaea vulgaris	Α	Ground Layer
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense	Α	Ground Layer
False Oat Grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	Α	Ground Layer
Common Couch	Elytrigia repens	Α	Ground Layer
Herb Robert	Geranium robertianum	0	Ground Layer
Red Fescue	Festuca rubra	0	Ground Layer
Catsear	Hypochaeris radicata	R	Ground Layer
Bramble	Rubus agg.	LD	Ground Layer

#### Unit C

Unit Ca (photo 5) - an early-mature woodland over route of old road and land to the north adjacent to A47. Landscape planting associated with the construction of the southern bypass in 1992. No understorey or ground vegetation to speak of, other than occasional stinging nettle. There is an older hawthorn hedge bank in the centre of the woodland parallel with the northern edge of the former road.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Field Maple	Acer campestre	А	Canopy
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	F	Older hedgerow within wood
Willow	Salix sp.	F	Canopy
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	F	Understorey
Hazel	Corylus avellana	0	Canopy
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	0	Canopy
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	0	Ground layer
Bramble	Rubus agg.	0	Ground layer

Unit Cb (photo 6) - a small area of semi-natural broad-leaved woodland which has evidently with the canopy dominated by ash, and abundant ground ivy and stinging nettle

in the ground layer. A dry ditch runs east to west, mainly bare of vegetation but with some ivy. This area is a fragment of W8 woodland.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	D	Canopy and as regular saplings
Crack willow	Salix fragilis	LA	Canopy
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus	F	Canopy
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	F	Understorey
Field Maple	Acer campestre	0	Canopy
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	0	Canopy
European Beech	Fagus sylvatica	0	Canopy
Grey Willow	Salix cinerea	0	Canopy
Goat Willow	Salix caprea	0	Canopy
Hazel	Corylus avellana	0	Understorey
Elder	Sambucus nigra	0	Understorey
Bramble	Rubus agg.	LA	Understorey
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	D	Ground layer
Ground Ivy	Glechoma hederacea	Α	Ground layer
Cleavers	Galium aparine	А	Ground layer
Smooth Meadow Grass	Poa pratensis	LA	Ground layer
Red Campion	Silene dioica	F	Ground layer
White Dead Nettle	Lamium album	F	Ground layer
Cow Parsley	Anthriscus sylvestris	F	Ground layer
lvy	Hedera helix	0	Ground layer
Common Nipplewort	Lapsana communis	0	Ground layer
Cuckoo-pint	Arum maculatum	0	Ground layer
Wood Avens	Geum urbanum	0	Ground layer
Broad Leaved Willowherb	Epilobium montanum	0	Ground layer
Broad-leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	0	Ground layer
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica	0	Ground layer
Bittersweet	Solanum dulcamara	0	Ground layer

#### Unit D (photo 7)

Young plantation woodland. Landscape planting associated with the construction of the southern bypass in 1992. Closed canopy, with all of the ground flora restricted to the edges of the woodland.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata	LA	Northern boundary
Ribwort Plantain	Plantago lanceolata	LA	Northern boundary
Common Couch	Elytrigia repens	LA	Northern boundary
Yarrow	Achillea millefolium	LA	Northern boundary
Perforate St John's-	Hypericum perforatum	F	Northern boundary
wort			
Nipplewort	Lapsana communis	0	Northern boundary
Hop Trefoil	Trifolium campestre	0	Northern boundary
Self-heal	Prunella vulgaris	0	Northern boundary
Field Maple	Acer campestre	F	Canopy
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	F	Canopy
Hazel	Corylus avellana	F	Canopy

Wild Cherry	Prunus avium	F	Canopy
Holly	llex aquifolium	F	Canopy
Rowan	Sorbus aucuparia	F	Canopy

#### Unit E (photo 8)

Willow scrub over a dry pond basin with some species poor grassland to the east. This grassland has been left uncultivated between the scrub and landscape planting for the southern bypass since at least 2006.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Crack Willow	Salix fragilis	D	Scrub
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	R	Scrub
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	D	Ground Layer under scrub
False Oat Grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	D	Grassland
Yorkshire Fog	Holcus lanatus	А	Grassland
Ragwort	Jacobaea vulgaris	0	Grassland
Creeping thistle	Cirsium arvense	0	Grassland
Cocksfoot	Dactylis glomerata	0	Grassland

#### Unit F (photo 9)

Small pocket of semi-natural broad-leaved woodland around a dry pond basin. The sparse ground flora gives no indication of older woodland. The pond and surrounding trees are visible on the 1946 aerial image.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	А	Canopy
Crack willow	Salix fragilis	F	Canopy
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	F	Canopy
Common sallow	Salix caprea	0	Canopy
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	F	Understorey
Field Maple	Acer campestre	F	Understorey
Hazel	Corylus avellana	0	Understorey
Bramble	Rubus agg.	LA	Ground Layer
Ground Ivy	Glechoma hederacea	F	Ground Layer
Red Campion	Silene dioica	F	Ground Layer
lvy	Hedera helix	0	Ground Layer
Wood Avens	Geum urbanum	0	Ground Layer
Barren Brome	Anisantha sterilis	0	Ground Layer

#### Unit G

Unit G has been split between the eastern side and western side of unit F as it runs along the southern border of the A47.

Eastern side (photo 10) - A strip of hedgerow and species poor grassland to the south, assignable to MG1 Arrhenatherum elatius grassland.



Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	Α	Hedgerow
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	Α	Hedgerow
Bramble	Rubus agg.	А	Hedgerow
Dog Rose	Rosa canina	0	Hedgerow
Dogwood	Cornus sanguinea	0	Hedgerow
Field Maple	Acer campestre	0	Hedgerow
Willow	Salix sp.	0	Hedgerow
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	0	Hedgerow
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	R	Hedgerow
False Oat Grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	D	Grassland
Creeping Buttercup	Ranunculus repens	А	Grassland
Red Clover	Trifolium pratense	А	Grassland
Field Horsetail	Equisetum arvense	F	Grassland
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	F	Grassland
Bristly Oxtongue	Helminthotheca echioides	F	Grassland
Ribwort Plantain	Plantago lanceolata	F	Grassland
Yorkshire Fog	Holcus lanatus	0	Grassland
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata	0	Grassland
Ragwort	Jacobaea vulgaris	0	Grassland
Goats Beard	Tragopogon pratensis	0	Grassland
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense	0	Grassland

Western side (photo 11) - Hedgerow along the A47 with thin field margin

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	А	Hedgerow
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	F	Hedgerow
White Bryony	Bryonia alba	F	Hedgerow
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	0	Hedgerow
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	0	Hedgerow
Field Maple	Acer campestre	0	Hedgerow
Dog Rose	Rosa canina	0	Hedgerow
Elder	Sambucus nigra	0	Hedgerow
Horse Chestnut	Aesculus	R	Hedgerow Tree
	hippocastanum		
False Oat Grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	A	Margin
Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum	LA	Margin
Scentless mayweed	Tripleurospermum inodorum	F	Margin
Spear Thistle	Cirsium vulgare	F	Margin
Broad Leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	F	Margin
Spear Thistle	Cirsium vulgare	F	Margin
Groundsel	Senecio vulgaris	F	Margin
White Campion	Silene alba	0	Margin
Mugwort	Artemisia vulgaris	0	Margin
Common Poppy	Papaver rhoeas	0	Margin
Nipplewort	Lapsana communis	0	Margin
Common Mallow	Malva sylvestris	0	Margin
Oxeye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare	0	Margin
Catsear	Hypochaeris radicata	0	Margin

Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense	0	Margin
Red Campion	Silene dioica	0	Margin
lvy	Hedera helix	0	Margin

#### Unit AS1 (photo 12)

A small area to the south west of Unit G in the corner of an arable field to the south-east of Hedgerow 4. Herbs and grasses present are those typical of recently disturbed ground.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Broad Leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	А	
Ribwort Plantain	Plantago lanceolata	Α	
Perennial Rye Grass	Lolium perenne	А	
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	Α	
Perennial Sow Thistle	Sonchus arvensis	А	
Groundsel	Senecio vulgaris	F	
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	F	
Common Mugwort	Artemisia vulgaris	F	
Black Horehound	Ballota nigra	0	

#### Unit AS 2

Woodland to the south-west of Hedgerow 6 is formed in two distinct parts. The main area is a plantation woodland strip with a mix of native and non-native semi-mature trees (approx. 20 years old). To the north of this woodland are three depressions surrounded by woodland. The woodland was present pre-1946, although there has been some more recent planting, and the ponds are present on earlier mapping. Areas of this habitat can be classed as W8 *Fraxinus excelsior-Acer campestre - Mercurialis perennis* woodland. There is a hedge bank running to the north of these ponds within the woodland with large hazel coppice stools and pollard oak. This hedgerow (also labelled AS1, photo 12,15) is likely to qualify as an important hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	F	Plantation tree
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	F	Plantation tree
Cherry	Prunus Sp.	F	Plantation tree
Sweet Chestnut	Castanea sativa	F	Plantation tree
Scots Pine	Pinus sylvestris	F	Plantation tree
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	LD	Ground layer
Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	LD	In hedgerow to east
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	D	Ground layer
Cleavers	Galium aparine	Α	Ground layer
Broad Leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	Α	Ground layer
Herb Robert	Geranium robertianum	Α	Ground layer
Hemlock	Conium maculatum	LA	Ground layer
Snowberry	Symphoricarpos albus	LA	Ground layer
Wood False Brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum	LA	Ground layer
Wood Avens	Geum urbanum	0	Ground layer
Bramble	Rubus agg.	0	Ground layer

Main Section of AS 2 - Plantation woodland (photo 13)



lvy	Hedera helix	0	Ground layer
Rough Chervil	Chaerophyllum temulentum	0	Ground layer
Creeping Cinquefoil	Potentilla reptans	0	Ground layer
Dog's mercury	Mercurialis perennis	0	Ground layer

#### Northern section of AS 2 (photo 14)

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus	Α	Canopy
Ash	Fraxinus	F	Canopy
Pine	Pinus sp.	0	Canopy
Beech	Fagus sylvatica	0	Canopy
Field Maple	Acer campestre	LA	Around ponds, some large trees
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	0	In hedge bank and around ponds
Hazel	Corylus avellana	F	In hedge bank
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	Α	Understorey
Goat Willow	Salix caprea	0	Plantation tree
Bramble	Rubus sp.	LA	Ground layer
Hogweed	Heracleum sphodylium	0	Ground layer
lvy	Hedera helix	D	Ground layer
Wood False Brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum	A	Ground layer
Rough Chervil	Chaerophyllum temulentum	0	Ground layer
Garlic mustard	Alliaria petiolata	R	Ground layer
Dog's mercury	Mercurialis perennis	0	Ground layer and local
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica	0	Ground layer
Reedmace	Typha latifolia	D	Within pond

#### Unit H

There was no access to this area, but the previous report describes the area as follows: "Unit H is a small stand of mature semi-natural broad-leaved woodland associated with the Lodge House and estate located next door. This private woodland was situated behind a wall along the north side of the A47 and was not directly accessed. The older plantation trees include hybrid black poplar to 30m height, ash, pedunculate oak, sweet chestnut, small-leaved lime, with silver birch and hazel in the understorey. Many of the trees are ivy-clad. Ground flora species noted from outside the woodland include dog's mercury, ground elder, violet, and stinging nettle." This description fits well with a species-poor W8 woodland. The 1946 aerial shows clearly that the area had no woodland at that time.

#### Unit I

There was no access to Unit Ia, Ib or Id, but Unit Ic was viewed from Unit RY1 and partially walked over.

Unit Ia is currently woodland, and has been since the 1836-50 Tithe Map. Unit Ib is the churchyard of Honingham church. Unit Id is dry grassland to the north of the churchyard,

and has been so since 1946 or earlier, but from the description in the 2017 report may have been enriched.

Unit Ic (photo 17) is floodplain grassland very similar to Unit RY1. It also has a substantial length of river bank which is dominated largely by reed canary grass *Phalaris arundinacea*. There are widespread patches of rushes, mostly Compact Rush and Hard Rush. The river itself has abundant common water crowfoot *Ranunculus aquatilis* and some patches of branched bur-reed.

#### Unit J

There was no access to Unit J. It is noted in the 2017 report as a plantation woodland of local value only. It was planted between 1999 and 2003 over what appears to be improved grassland.

#### Unit K (photo 18)

Woodland on a shoulder of the Tud valley, which has continuously occupied the site since the Tithe map of 1836-1850. In this map and the subsequent first series OS map it is denoted as mixed woodland, although now it is characterised by sweet chestnut and ash, with an abundant understorey of hazel, some of which appears to have been coppiced in the past. Although there has obviously been much replanting of the canopy trees, the presence of bluebell, dog's mercury and three-nerved sandwort and possibly other species are suggestive of an ancient origin. The NVC community is most likely W8a *Fraxinus - Acer - Mercurialis* woodland, *Primula* sub-community.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Sweet Chestnut	Castanea sativa	F	Canopy
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	F	Canopy
European Beech	Fagus sylvatica	0	Canopy
Field Maple	Acer campestre	0	Canopy
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	0	Canopy
False Acacia	Robinia pseudoacacia	R	Canopy
Hazel	Corylus avellana	Α	Canopy/understorey
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	0	Understorey
Elder	Sambucus nigra	0	Understorey
Holly	llex aquifolium	0	Understorey
Cherry Plum	Prunus cerasifera	0	Understorey
Elm	Ulmus sp.	0	Understorey
Box	Buxus sempervirens	R	Understorey
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	Α	Ground layer
Dog's Mercury	Mercurialis perennis	LA	Ground layer
Common Bluebell	Hyacinthoides non- scripta	LA	Ground layer
Swan's Neck Thyme Moss	Mnium hornum	LA	Ground layer
Red Campion	Silene dioica	F	Ground layer
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica	F	Ground layer
Yorkshire Fog	Holcus lanatus	F	Ground layer
Black Horehound	Ballota nigra	LF	Ground layer
Ground Ivy	Glechoma hederacea	LF	Ground layer
Three Nerved Sandwort	Moehringia trinervia	LF	Ground layer
Garlic Mustard	Alliaria petiolata	0-F	Ground layer
Spear Thistle	Cirsium vulgare	0	Ground layer



Hemlock	Conium maculatum	0	Ground layer
Common Nipplewort	Lapsana communis	0	Ground layer
Male Fern	Dryopteris filix-mas	0	Ground layer
Cleavers	Galium aparine	0	Ground layer
Wood Avens	Geum urbanum	0	Ground layer
Rough Chervil	Chaerophyllum temulentum	R-O	Ground layer
Red Currant	Ribes rubrum	R	Ground layer
Soft Rush	Juncus effusus	R	Ground layer
Foxglove	Digitalis purpurea	R	Ground layer
Wood False Brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum	R	

#### Unit L (photo 19)

A former Poplar *Populus* plantation, with frequent large stumps, which was felled between 2006 and 2017. Replanted with Cricket Bat Willow *Salix alba caerulea*. The vegetation is a mixture of dry grassland species and wetland plants, and is not easily assignable to any NVC community, although it may have affinities with both MG1 *Arrhenatherum* grassland and S28 *Phalaris* swamp. There is a central drainage ditch which is damp or with some standing water year-round. It supports wetland plant species typical of such ditches. The local species, small teasel, was found here.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Field Bindweed	Convolvulus arvensis	Α	
False oat grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	Α	
Marsh Marigold	Caltha palustris	А	
Reed Canary Grass	Phalaris arundinacea	LA	
Yorkshire Fog	Holcus lanatus	F	
Wild Angelica	Angelica sylvestris	F	
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	F	
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	0-F	
Cricket Bat Willow	Salix alba caerulea		Planted
Creeping Buttercup	Ranunculus repens	0	
Curled Dock	Rumex crispus	0	
Small Teasel	Dipsacus pilosus	0	
Greater Burdock	Arctium lappa	0	
Red Campion	Silene dioica	0	
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata	0	
Meadow Foxtail	Alopecurus pratensis	0	
Alder	Alnus glutinosa	0	
Autumnal Hawkbit	Leontodon autumnalis	R	
Common Spotted Orchid	Dactylorhiza fuchsii	R	
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	R	
Self-heal	Prunella vulgaris	LF	Mown area
Fleabane	Pulicaria dysenterica	LF	Mown area
White Clover	Trifolium repens	LF	Mown area
Fools Watercress	Apium nodiflorum	LA	Ditch
Branched Bur-reed	Sparganium erectum	F	Ditch
Greater Horsetail	Equisetum telmateia	Α	Ditch
Meadowsweet	Filipendula ulmaria	F	Ditch
Himalayan BalsamImpatiens glanduliferaORiver Bank

## Unit M (photo 20)

Belt of mature plantation woodland with sparse or no understorey and sparse ground layer. There are small amounts of Dog's mercury and wood false brome which may indicate replanting on a former woodland site. However, these two species are known to have colonised woodland of recent origin elsewhere in the survey corridor. Overall the planting does not support any significant assemblage of ancient woodland species.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus		Canopy
European Beech	Fagus sylvatica		Canopy
Cypress	Cupressus sp.		Canopy
Yorkshire Fog	Holcus lanatus	0	Ground layer
lvy	Hedera helix	0	Ground layer
Wood False Brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum	0	Ground layer
Ground Ivy	Glechoma hederacea	0	Ground layer
Dog's Mercury	Mercurialis perennis	R	Ground layer
Garlic Mustard	Alliaria petiolata	R	Ground layer

## Unit N (Photo 21)

Fairly recent (2003-2005) broad-leaved plantation over species poor grassland dominated by false oat and stinging nettle. A defunct hedgerow runs along the northern edge of the planting, although this too appears to be of recent origin. Sharp-leaved fluellin, a scarce plant of arable land, was found in the field margin to the north (grid reference location of plant: TG10761187).

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	А	Planted
Field Maple	Acer campestre	F	Planted
Sweet Chestnut	Castanea sativa	0	Planted
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	0	In hedge
Dog Rose	Rosa canina agg.	R	In hedge
Privet	Ligustrum vulgare	0	Self-seeded
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	LF	Self-seeded
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus	0	Self-seeded
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	Α	Ground layer
False Oat Grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	А	Ground layer
Broad-leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	F	Ground layer
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata	F	Ground layer
Curled Dock	Rumex crispus	0	Ground layer
Sharp-leaved Fluellen	Kickxia elatine	R	Arable margin to north
Black Bindweed	Fallopia convolvulus	R	Arable margin to north

Unit O (photo 22)

A dense stand of secondary growth of common sallow and ash. In 1999 this area was cultivated land. Sometime in the early 2000s some tree planting occurred in the south of the unit alongside the A47. This planting has been neglected, and self-seeded ash and sallow have become dominant. There are still some remnant grassland plants in the ground layer from a period in the 2000s when the unit was predominantly grassy. The growth of the two species is mainly at the sapling stage, and lets in considerable light to the ground. Note the abundance of wood false brome, and the presence of one or two other woodland plants (e.g. wood dock and spurge laurel) in this former arable area. It is assumed these have colonised from the green lane to the east and the woodland to the west. The peculiar mix of species means this is not assignable to NVC community.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Common sallow	Salix caprea	Α	
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	Α	
Wood False Brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum	Α	
Wild Strawberry	Fragaria vesca	LF	
Wood sedge	Carex sylvatica	0-F	
Wood Dock	Rumex sanguineum	0	
Fleabane	Pulicaria dysenterica	0	
Self-Heal	Prunella vulgaris	0	
Water Mint	Mentha aquatica	0	
Orange Hawkweed	Pilosella aurantiaca	0	
Hoary Ragwort	Senecio erucifolius	0	
Oxeye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare	R-O	
Coltsfoot	Tussilago farfara	R	
Lesser Pond Sedge	Carex acutiformis	R	
Spurge Laurel	Daphne laureola	R	

## Unit P (photo 23)

Mature woodland, with a number of indicator species and at least one over-mature or veteran oak tree in the east. The 1946 aerial photograph of the area shows most of Unit P to be cultivated land, with only the hedge banks and green lane in the east of the unit being present. There is a small colony of naturalised martagon lily (grid reference location of plant: TG10371202), which is rare in the county, and the localised spurge laurel, and other woodland indicators are abundant especially in the east of the unit. This is assignable to W8 woodland despite its recent origin.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	А	Canopy
Field Maple	Acer campestre	F	Canopy
Oak	Quercus robur	0	Canopy
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	F	Understorey
Hazel	Corylus avellana	F	Understorey
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	F	Understorey
Privet	Ligustrum vulgare	F	Understorey
Elder	Sambucus nigra	F	Understorey
Wild Cherry	Prunus avium	0	Understorey
Dog's Mercury	Mercurialis perennis	А	Ground layer
lvy	Hedera helix	А	Ground layer
Wood False Brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum	А	Ground layer

Martagon Lily	Lilium martagon	LF	Ground layer
Primrose	Primula vulgaris	LF	Ground layer
Wood Sedge	Carex sylvatica	F	Ground layer
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica	F	Ground layer
Garlic Mustard	Alliaria petiolata	F	Ground layer
Spurge Laurel	Daphne laureola	0	Ground layer
Common Dog Violet	Viola riviniana	0	Ground layer

## Unit Q (photo 24)

Mature mixed plantation with a very open understorey and almost no ground layer apart from sycamore seedlings. Probably planted soon after World War 2 (it is not present in the 1946 aerial, but shows as mature in a 1999 aerial).

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Beech	Fagus sylvatica	F	Canopy
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	F	Canopy
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus	F	Canopy
Scots Pine	Pinus sylvestris	F	Canopy
Holly	llex aquifolium	R	Understorey
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	R	Ground layer
Wood False Brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum	0	Ground layer
Garlic Mustard	Alliaria petiolata	0	Ground layer
Broad Buckler Fern	Dryopteris dilatata	R	Ground layer

Unit QA (photo 26) and adjoining ride (photo 25) - planted in late 2000s. Densely planted with closed canopy, no definable understorey and very poorly developed ground layer.

Ride with abundant false oat, and frequent crested dogstail and knapweed. Although the latter two species could well have been sown as part of a seed mix, this ride can be classified as a neutral grassland along the lines of MG1/MG5 *Arrhenatherum/ Centaurea* grassland.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Grey Willow	Salix cinerea		Self-seeded
Goat Willow	Salix caprea		Self-seeded
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur		Planted
Silver Birch	Betula pendula		Planted
Sweet Chestnut	Castanea sativa		Planted
Holly	llex aquifolium		Planted
Ride			
False Oat Grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	Α	
Cats Ear	Hypochaeris radicata	LA	
Crested Dogs Tail	Cynosurus cristatus	F	
Knapweed	Centaurea nigra	F	
Fleabane	Pulicaria dysenterica	F	
Perforate St John's- wort	Hypericum perforatum	LF	
Common Agrimony	Agrimonia eupatoria	0	
Oxeye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare	0	
Hoary Ragwort	Senecio erucifolius	0	
Lesser Trefoil	Trifolium dubium	0	

Broad-leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	0	
Red Fescue	Festuca rubra	0	
Perennial Rye Grass	Lolium perenne	0	
Ribwort Plantain	Plantago lanceolata	0	
Common Vetch	Vicia sativa	0	
Yarrow	Achillea millefolium	0	
Marsh Thistle	Cirsium palustre	0	
White Clover	Trifolium repens	0	
Common Centaury	Centaurium erythraea	0	
Goatsbeard	Tragopogon pratensis	0	
Wood Dock	Rumex sanguineus	0	
Red Campion	Silene dioica	0	
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	0	
Field Forget-me-not	Myosotis arvensis	0	

## Unit R (photo 28)

Mixed plantation, planted between 1999 and 2003. A species rich hedge runs along the eastern and northern edge with a narrow ride separating it from the rest of the plantation.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur		Canopy
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior		Canopy. Also present in hedge
Sweet Chestnut	Castanea sativa		Canopy. Also present in hedge
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus		Canopy
Scots Pine	Pinus sylvestris		Canopy
Field Maple	Acer campestre		Canopy. Also present in hedge
Larch	Larix decidua		Canopy
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa		In hedge
Hazel	Corylus avellana		In hedge
Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna		In hedge
Goat Willow	Salix caprea		Edges
Cypress	Cupressus sp.		Edges
Nipplewort	Lapsana communis		Ground layer
Ground Ivy	Glechoma hederacea		Ground layer
False Oat grass	Arrhenatherum elatius		Ground layer
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica		Ground layer
Rough Chervil	Chaerophyllum temulentum		Ground layer
Wood Avens	Geum urbanum		Ground layer

## Unit S (photos 32-33)

An area of planted woodland, showing up as young plantation on the 1988 aerial photo, and not present on the 1946 aerial. There are mature, neglected hedges along the old route of the A47 which runs along the southern boundary of the woodland. The ground flora, including bee orchid (grid reference location of plant: TG09241237), indicates that the area was probably dry grassland prior to being planted.

	Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
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Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur		Planted - canopy
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior		Planted - canopy
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus		
European Beech	Fagus sylvatica		Planted - canopy
Elder	Sambucus nigra		
Red Oak	Quercus rubra		Planted - canopy
Cypress	Cupressus sp		Planted -
			understorey
Ground Ivy	Glechoma hederacea	Α	Ground layer
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	F-A	Ground layer
Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum	LA	Ground layer
Rough Meadow Grass	Poa trivialis	LA	Ground layer
Creeping Cinquefoil	Potentilla reptans	F	Ground layer
Field Forget me not	Myosotis arvensis	0	Ground layer
Creeping Buttercup	Ranunculus repens	0	Ground layer
Perforate St John's- wort	Hypericum perforatum	0	Ground layer
Lesser Burdock	Arctium minus	0	Ground layer
Hemlock	Conium maculatum	0	Ground layer
Spear Thistle	Cirsium vulgare	0	Ground layer
Bee Orchid	Ophrys apifera	R(1)	Ground layer

## Unit T (photos 33-34)

Woodland with a mature section and a more recent planted section. The more recent section, which is the western half of the unit, has a mixture of broad-leaved species. The mature section has developed between 1946 (where it may be within the grounds of a demolished property) and 1988. It may have developed from secondary growth as opposed to planting. The presence of bluebell and red campion may result from the previous status as a garden. The older section is assigned to W8. Surrounding the unit is an arable field to the north, the A47 to the south, a planted field margin to the east and set aside to the west.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	F	Recent planting (Also in planted understorey)
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	F	Recent planting (Also in older section)
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	F	Recent planting (Also in older section and planted understorey)
Common Hazel	Corylus avellana	F	Recent planting
Silver Birch	Betula pendula	F	Recent planting
Holly	Ilex aquifolium	F	Recent planting
Rowan	Sorbus aucuparia	0	Recent planting
Copper Beech	Fagus sylvatica f. Purpurea	0	Older section
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	LD	Ground layer
Wood False Brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum	0	Ground layer
Common Bluebell	Hyacinthoides non- scripta	0	Ground layer



American Willowherb	Epilobium ciliatum	R	Ground layer
Rough Meadow Grass	Poa trivialis	0	Ground layer
Red Campion	Silene dioica	0	Ground layer
Common Mouse Ear	Cerastium fontanum	0	Ground layer
Cleavers	Galium aparine	F	Ground layer
Dog's Mercury	Mercurialis perennis	F	Older section
Wild Cherry	Prunus avium	F	Older section and planted understorey
Field Forget-me-not	Myosotis arvensis	Α	Ground layer
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	F	Planted understorey
Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum	LD	Western corner along A47

## Unit U

Two small fields divided by a rough hedge. The northern field (photo 36) has been planted with saplings, and otherwise supports a flora typical of ex-cultivated land on the sandy soils of the area. The southern field is more species rich, but is subject to some disturbance in the southern part of the field. It is assigned to MG1 grassland.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur		Planted
Wild Cherry	Prunus avium		Planted
Silver Birch	Betula pendula		Planted
Field Bindweed	Convolvulus arvensis	Α	
Bristly Oxtongue	Helminthotheca echioides	A	
Creeping Bent	Agrostis stolonifera	Α	
Yorkshire Fog	Holcus lanatus	LA	
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense	F	
Common Centaury	Centaurium erythraea	F	
Ragwort	Jacobaea vulgaris	F	
Wall Speedwell	Veronica arvensis	0	
Self-heal	Prunella vulgaris	0	
Fleabane	Pulicaria dysenterica	0	
Oxeye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare	R	
American Willowherb	Epilobium ciliatum	R	
Scarlet Pimpernel	Anagallis arvensis	R	
Wood False Brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum	R	

## Unit U Southern Field (photo 37)

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Ragwort	Jacobaea vulgaris	А	
Yorkshire Fog	Holcus lanatus	Α	
False Oat Grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	LA	
Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum	LA	
Perforate St John's- wort	Hypericum perforatum	LA	
Meadow Buttercup	Ranunculus acris	LA	
Grey Willow	Salix cinerea	LA	Hedge

Bristly Oxtongue	Helminthotheca echioides	F	
Self-heal	Prunella vulgaris	F	
Common Centaury	Centaurium erythraea	F	
Fleabane	Pulicaria dysenterica	0-F	
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa		Hedge
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior		Hedge
Hazel	Corylus avellana		Hedge
Elm	Ulmus sp.		Hedge
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense	0	
Wood False Brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum	0	
Hoary Willowherb	Epilobium parviflorum	0	
White Clover	Trifolium repens	0	
Creeping Buttercup	Ranunculus repens	0	
Ribwort Plantain	Plantago lanceolata	0	
Purple Loosestrife	Lythrum salicaria	R	
Hoary Ragwort	Senecio erucifolius	R	

## Hedges around unit U north

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus		Hedgerow
Dogwood	Cornus sanguinea		Hedgerow
Field Maple	Acer campestre		Hedgerow
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa		Hedgerow
Elder	Sambucus nigra		Hedgerow
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna		Hedgerow
Hazel	Corylus avellana		Hedgerow
Dog Rose	Rosa canina		Hedgerow
Barren Brome	Anisantha sterilis		Margin
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense		Margin
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica		Margin
Garlic Mustard	Alliaria petiolata		Margin

## Unit V (photo 38)

Tall, rank wet grassland in River Tud floodplain - has the appearance of being enriched by fertiliser. Appears to have a continuous history of grassland since 1946.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	Α	
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense	Α	
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	А	
Cleavers	Galium aparine	Α	
Field Bindweed	Convolvulus arvensis	Α	
Great Willowherb	Epilobium hirsutum	Α	
Silverweed	Potentilla anserina	0	
Meadowsweet	Filipendula ulmaria	O-LA	
Mugwort	Artemisia vulgaris	F	
Cut leaved cranesbill	Geranium dissectum	0	

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False oat grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	F	
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata	F	
Yorkshire Fog	Holcus lanatus	F	
Common Mallow	Geranium Sylvestris	0	
False Oat	Arrhenatherum elatus	0	
Ragwort	Senecio jacobaea	0	
Common mallow	Malva sylvestris	0	
Purple Loosestrife	Lythrum salicaria	R	
Burdock	Arctium sp.	R	
Hemlock	Conium maculatum	R	
Soft Rush	Juncus effusus	LA	Ditches and near river
Fat Hen	Chenopodium album	0	
Angelica	Angelica archangelica	R	
Field Bindweed	Convolvulus arvensis	0	
Reed Canary grass	Phalaris arundinacea	А	Ditches and near river
Branched bur-reed	Sparganium erectum		In river
Alder	Alnus glutinosa		Trees near river
Willow Sp.	Salix sp.		Trees near river and around ditches

## Unit W (photos 39-40)

Planted with *Miscanthus* with some tall ruderal vegetation in the northern half. Some seedling alder and other common species (stinging nettle, creeping thistle, cleavers, broad-leaved dock) have grown up within the *Miscanthus*, which was established prior to 2017. There is a narrow strip of species poor grassland between the *Miscanthus* and the river, and the river bank has some semi-natural vegetation - alder, ash, hogweed, stinging nettle, burdock, and elder. The ruderal vegetation in the north has abundant creeping thistle, nettle and broad-leaved dock, but also frequent Canadian fleabane, common figwort, hemlock, ragwort and perforate St. John's wort.

A small area of woodland to the west (known as Grumpy's Wood) has the following:

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Hazel	Corylus avellana	F	Canopy
Field maple	Acer campestre	F	Canopy
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	F	Canopy
Silver birch	Betula pendula	F	Canopy
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus	F	Canopy
Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	F	Canopy
Beech	Fagus sylvatica	F	Canopy
Goat willow	Salix caprea	F	Canopy
Pedunculate oak	Quercus robur	F	Canopy
Stinging nettle	Urtica dioica	D	Ground Layer
Cleavers	Galium aparine	D	Ground Layer
Burdock	Arctium sp	0	Ground Layer
Great Willowherb	Epilobium hirsutum	F	Ground Layer
Mugwort	Artemisia vulgaris	F	Ground Layer
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	F	Ground Layer
Creeping thistle	Cirsium arvense	F	Ground Layer

This woodland has been planted within the last 5-10 years.

## Unit X (photo 41)

Planted willow woodland. An open canopy with a well developed understorey dominated by stinging nettle, with more open patches having abundant lesser pond sedge. The aerial record shows the site is wooded in 1946, then clear of trees in 1988 to the early 2000s, before planting of willow between 2006 and 2017.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
White Willow	Salix alba	D	Plantation trees
Silver birch	Betula pendula	0	To north-western end
Alder	Alnus glutinosa	0	To north-western end
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	0	To north-western end
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus	0	To north-western end
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	D	Ground Layer
Pedunculate oak	Quercus robur		Mature specimen at western end
Cleavers	Galium aparine	Α	Ground Layer
Lesser pond sedge	Carex acutiformis	F-A	Ground Layer
Red Campion	Silene dioica	F	Ground Layer
Creeping thistle	Cirsium arvense	F	Ground Layer
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	0	Ground Layer
False oat	Arrhenatherum elatius	0	Ground Layer
Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum	0	Ground Layer

## Unit Y

Unit Y is a small fragment of woodland surrounding two ponds. It was not visited for this survey, or for the previous 2017 survey. It is present as woodland or scrub in both 1946 and 1988, and also on the first edition OS maps (1879-1886) and therefore may be of considerable age, but its ecological value is somewhat limited by its size.

## Unit Z

A small pocket of woodland directly off the current A47. It was not visited for this survey, or for the previous 2017 survey. This shows up as scrub in 1988, and is not present at all in 1946, and therefore is likely to be of lower botanical value than Unit Y.

## Unit TU (photos 30, 31)

A large field with diverse grassland of varied structure. The field was under arable cultivation in 1999, but by 2003 the eastern half of the field was left fallow, and has apparently been since then. The field is apparently cut or topped, perhaps annually. The soils have given rise to a grassland with sandy calcareous characteristics, although its recent origins and consequently recently established plant community make it problematic to assign NVC community. The grassland is tentatively assigned to MG1d *Arrhenatherum* grassland, *Pastinaca sativa* sub-community. It contains the RDB species common cudweed (grid reference location of plant: TG08881250) and marjoram (grid reference location of plant: TG08881245), as well as the local wild basil (grid reference location of plant: TG08881250) and marjoram (grid reference location of plant: TG08891245).



Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Ragwort	Jacobaea vulgaris	Α	
False Oat Grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	Α	
Soft Brome	Bromus hordeaceus	Α	
Autumn Hawkbit	Leontodon autumnalis	Α	
Yorkshire Fog	Holcus lanatus	Α	
Creeping thistle	Cirsium arvense	F-A	
Orange Hawkweed	Pilosella aurantiaca	LA	
Wood Small-reed	Calamagrostis epigejos	LA	
Hard Rush	Juncus inflexus	LA	
Common Broomrape	Orobanche minor	LA	
Squirreltail Fescue	Vulpia bromoides	LA	
Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum	LA	Edges
Wild Marjoram	Origanum vulgare	LA	
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata	F	
Hop Trefoil	Trifolium campestre	F	
Broad-leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	F	
Catsear	Hypochaeris radicata	F	
Hairy sedge	Carex hirta	LF	
Creeping Cinquefoil	Potentilla reptans	LF	
Rosebay Willowherb	Chamaerion	O-F	
····,	angustifolium		
Self-heal	Prunella vulgaris	O-F	
Common Centaury	Centaurium erythraea	O-F	
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	0	
White Clover	Trifolium repens	0	
Crested Dogs Tail	Cvnosurus cristatus	0	
Wild Basil	Clinopodium vulgare	0	
Goats Beard	Tragopogon pratensis	0	
Fleabane	Pulicaria dvsenterica	0	
Ribwort Plantain	Plantago lanceolata	0	
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	0	
Soft Rush	Juncus effusus	0	
Field Forget-me-not	Mvosotis arvensis	0	
Common Mouse Ear	Cerastium fontanum	0	
Wild Strawberry	Fragaria vesca	0	
Dark Mullein	Verbascum nigrum	0	
Common Cudweed	Filago vulgaris	0	
Scarlet Pimpernel	Anagallis arvensis	0	
Vipers Bugloss	Echium vulgare	0	
White Campion	Silene latifolia	R-O	
Common Storksbill	Erodium cicutarium	R-O	
Weld	Reseda luteola	R-O	
Hairy Tare	Vicia hirsuta	R	
Buddleja	Buddleia davidii	R	
American Willowherb	Epilobium ciliatum	R	
Yarrow	Achillea millefolium	R	
Cleavers	Galium aparine	R	
Common Poppy	Papaver rhoeas	R	
Red Clover	Trifolium pratense	R	
Red Campion	Silene dioica	R	
Pyramidal Orchid	Anacamptis pyramidalis	R	
Perforate St John's-	Hypericum perforatum	R	
wort			
Mouse Ear Hawkweed	Hieracium pilosella	R	
Common Bent	Agrostis capillaris	R	

Canadian Fleabane	Conyza canadensis	R	
Common Fiddleneck	Amsinckia micrantha	R	
Smooth Sow thistle	Sonchus oleraceus	R	
Cats Ear	Hypochaeris radicata	R	
Doves foot Cranesbill	Geranium molle	R	
Tufted Vetch	Vicia cracca	R	
Figwort	Scrophularia nodosa	R	
Barren Brome	Anisantha sterilis	R	

## Unit a (photo 46)

This unit was visited for this survey to check its integrity and continued existence. The 2017 survey described it as "a patch of mature woodland with veteran pedunculate oak and ash, and an understorey of hazel, blackthorn, hawthorn, field maple, dogwood, wild cherry and willow. There is a large dry pond or excavation at one end. Ground flora includes dog's mercury, herb robert, ground ivy, wood melick Melica uniflora, and stinging nettles, with much bare earth under the tree canopy." The woodland also had an amount of white willow, otherwise the survey concurs with the previous description.

The aerial photography sequence shows the existence of a pond with wooded banks in 1946 and 1988, followed by evidence of planting on formerly cultivated land in the area to the north and west in 1999. Most of the woodland is therefore of recent origin. The very small area of woodland around the pond is W8.

## Unit b

This unit was not surveyed, and it is unclear from the previous survey as to what habitat the unit consists of. It is either a hedgerow, or a margin of grassland beside the hedgerow. It is considered unlikely to be ecologically valued.

## Unit c

This unit was visited for this survey to check its integrity and continued existence. Woodland planted shortly before 1999, prior to which it was arable cultivation. A car park indicates a degree of public access. The 1946 aerial shows a small scrub area (Unit d) next to the current car park, which could help to explain the presence of older trees found in 2017. The 2017 description is as follows: "Unit c woodland is similar to Unit a around the edges but supports mixed plantation trees, up to 20m in height and densely planted. The wood is dominated by tall spindly ash, with understorey of hazel, field maple, hornbeam, beech, oak, small leaved lime, crab apple, willow, sweet chestnut, wild cherry and Scots pine. The ground flora includes dog's mercury but there is mainly bare earth, particularly where tree growth is dense. There are more mature trees within the plantation indicating that this may have been planted to reinforce existing seminatural woodland, possibly on an ancient woodland site." However the evidence clearly points to the whole unit being of recent origin, so the more mature trees must just be fast-growing individuals.

## Unit d

This unit was visited for this survey to check its integrity and continued existence. The 2017 report says "Unit d surrounds the car park for the woodland and comprises a fringe of mature pedunculate oak trees, field maple and wild cherry, with a shrub layer of rowan, elder, dog rose and holly. The ground flora is sparse but supports woodland indicator species such as ground ivy, bugle, selfheal and wood avens." The 1879-1886 OS

first series map indicates this was an old marl pit, thus supporting the opinion of the previous report that this unit is older than the surrounding planted woodland. Assigning NVC community to such a small area is, however, problematic.

#### Unit e

Landscape planting with closed canopy and no understorey or ground layer. The 1946 and 1988 aerials indicate a small copse prior to the current planting, and possibly an old pit - however there was no evidence of these from the survey. However the planting is dense and difficult to push through, so a small pocket of older woodland may still exist.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Hazel	Corylus avellana		Canopy
Field Maple	Acer campestre		Canopy
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur		Canopy
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior		Canopy
Guelder Rose	Viburnum opulus		edges
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna		edges

## Unit 88 (photo 47)

This unit was not considered in the previous survey. It is a heterogeneous area of grassland and scrub, which in 1946 was under arable cultivation. In 1988 it appears to have been homogeneous dry grassland, perhaps not long established. By 1999 there is some evidence of earthworking on the site, with a straight track cut across from east to west, and an area of hardstanding in the east, as well as numerous piles of earth in the south. These features have been retained until the present, but are now covered in vegetation typical of disturbed light soils. The unit supports the nationally scarce hoary mullein, and RDB common cudweed. The grassland is mainly MG1 Arrhenatherum grassland, with some invading W21 Hawthorn scrub and W24 Rubus/ Holcus underscrub.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Ragwort	Jacobaea vulgaris	А	
Ground Ivy	Glechoma hederacea	Α	
False Oat Grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	Α	
Autumn Hawkbit	Leontodon autumnalis	Α	
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	Α	
Bramble	Rubus agg.	Α	
Common Cudweed	Filago vulgaris	LA	RDB NT
Thyme Leaved Sandwort	Arenaria serpyllifolia	LA	
Early forget-me-not	Myosotis ramosissima	LA	
Common Centaury	Centaurium erythraea	F	
Yorkshire Fog	Holcus lanatus	F	
Wild Teasel	Dipsacus fullonum	F	
Field Forget-me-not	Myosotis arvensis	F	
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	F	
Hoary Mullein	Verbascum pulverulentum	LF	Nationally scarce
Germander Speedwell	Veronica chamaedrys	LF	
Common Bent	Agrostis capillaris	0-F	
Creeping Buttercup	Ranunculus repens	0-F	
Yarrow	Achillea millefolium	0	
Common Poppy	Papaver rhoeas	0	
Oxeye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare	0	

Rosebay Willowherb	Chamaerion	0	
Spear Thistle		0	
Greening Cinquefeil		0	
	Polentina replans	0	
Daisy	Bettis perennis	0	
Broad-leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	0	
Self-heal	Prunella vulgaris	0	
Lesser Stitchwort	Stellaria graminea	0	
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata	0	
Meadow Buttercup	Ranunculus acris	0	
Perforate St John's- wort	Hypericum perforatum	0	
Wild Angelica	Angelica sylvestris	0	
Common Mouse Ear	Cerastium fontanum	0	
Doves-foot cranesbill	Geranium molle	0	
Silverweed	Potentilla anserina	0	
Musk Mallow	Malva moschata	0	
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus	0	
Wild Cherry	Prunus avium	0	
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	0	
Black Medick	Medicago lupulina	R	
Black Horehound	Ballota nigra	R	
Weld	Reseda luteola	R	
Stinking Iris	Iris foetidissima	R	
Dog Lichen	Peltigera sp.	R	
Vipers Bugloss	Echium vulgare	R	
Lady's Mantle	Alchemilla mollis	R	
Common Agrimony	Agrimonia eupatoria	R	
Scarlet Pimpernel	Anagallis arvensis	R	

## Unit RY1 (photo 42)

Damp grazing marsh with wet ditches, which looks to be relatively unchanged since the Tithe map in 1836-1850. This vegetation matches well with MG9 *Holcus-Deschampsia* grassland. The ditch vegetation is not a close match with any NVC community, but given the abundance of lesser pond sedge, S7 *Carex acutiformis* swamp would be the best fit.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Yorkshire Fog	Holcus lanatus	Α	
Red Fescue	Festuca rubra	F	
Creeping Bent	Agrostis stolonifera	F	
Field Bindweed	Convolvulus arvensis	F	
Water Mint	Mentha aquatica	F	
Tufted Hair-grass	Deschampsia caespitosa	F	
Hard Rush	Juncus inflexus	F	
False Oat Grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	LF	
Soft Rush	Juncus effusus	LF	
Lesser pond sedge	Carex acutiformis	LF	Also in ditches
Greater Bird's-foot Trefoil	Lotus uliginosus	0	
Meadowsweet	Filipendula ulmaria	0	
Clustered Dock	Rumex conglomeratus	0	
Small Timothy	Phleum bertolonii	0	
Marsh Horsetail	Equisetum palustre	0	



Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	0	
Curled Dock	Rumex crispus	0	
Common Reed	Phragmites australis	0	
Fleabane	Pulicaria dysenterica	0	
Lesser Stitchwort	Stellaria graminea	R	
Creeping Buttercup	Ranunculus repens	R	
Common Sorrel	Rumex acetosa	R	
Cut-leaved cranesbill	Geranium dissectum	R	
Spear Thistle	Cirsium vulgare	R	
Teasel	Dipsacus fullonum	R	
Reed Canary Grass	Phalaris arundinacea	R	
Lesser Pond Sedge	Carex acutiformis	Α	Ditches only
Common Duckweed	Lemna minor	Α	Ditches only
Watercress	Nasturtium officinale	LA	Ditches only
Creeping Bent	Agrostis stolonifera	F	Ditches only
Grey Willow	Salix cinerea	F	Ditches only
Common Water Crowfoot	Ranunculus aquatilis	LF	Ditches only
Clustered Dock	Rumex conglomeratus	0-F	Ditches only
Greater Bird's-foot Trefoil	Lotus uliginosus	0	Ditches only
Common Figwort	Scrophularia nodosa	0	Ditches only
Water Forget-me-not	Myosotis scorpioides	0	Ditches only
Water Horsetail	Equisetum fluviatile	0	Ditches only
Valerian	Valeriana officinalis	0	Ditches only
Branched Bur-reed	Sparganium erectum	0	Ditches only
Woody Nightshade	Solanum dulcamara	0	Ditches only
Lesser Water-parsnip	Berula erecta	R	Ditches only
Marsh Marigold	Caltha palustris	R	Ditches only

## Unit RY2 (photo 29)

A corner of an arable field with tall herb vegetation. Recently established.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Ragwort	Senecio jacobaea	Α	
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense	Α	
Spear Thistle	Cirsium vulgare	Α	
Common Mugwort	Artemisia vulgaris	F	
Perforate St John's- wort	Hypericum perforatum	F	
Hoary Ragwort	Senecio erucifolius	0	
Black Medick	Medicago lupulina	0	
Stone Parsley	Sison amomum	R	In hedge to south
Rest Harrow	Ononis repens	R	In hedge to south

## Unit RY3 (photo 43)

Grassland adjacent to the River Tud, recently mown at the time of survey. There is no obvious change in habitat since 1946, although it is suspected that enrichment has occurred at some point. This grassland most closely resembles MG9.

	Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
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Creeping Bent	Agrostis stolonifera	Α	
Yorkshire Fog	Holcus lanatus	Α	
Perennial Rye Grass	Lolium perenne	Α	
Common Bent	Agrostis capillaris	F	
White Clover	Trifolium repens	F	
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense	F	
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata	F	
Creeping Buttercup	Ranunculus repens	F	
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	0	
Common Mouse Ear	Cerastium fontanum	0	
Ribwort Plantain	Plantago lanceolata	0	
Reed Canary Grass	Phalaris arundinacea	0	
Upright Hedge Parsley	Torilis japonica	R	
Marsh Marigold	Caltha palustris	R	
Perennial Sow Thistle	Sonchus arvensis		Ditch at west end
Meadowsweet	Filipendula ulmaria		Ditch at west end
Hedge Bindweed	Calystegia sepium		Ditch at west end
Great Willowherb	Epilobium hirsutum		Ditch at west end
Guelder-rose	Viburnum opulus		Hedge to south
Sweet Chestnut	Castanea sativa		Hedge to south
Hazel	Corylus avellana		Hedge to south
Grey Willow	Salix cinerea		Hedge to south
Elder	Sambucus nigra		Hedge to south
Almond Willow	Salix triandra		River
Branched Bur-reed	Sparganium erectum		River
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica		River
Crack Willow	Salix fragilis		River
Alder	Alnus glutinosa		River
Watercress	Nasturtium officinale		River

## Unit RY4 (photo 44)

A grazed field within the floodplain grassland, quite species poor and probably a poor example of MG9 *Holcus-Deschampsia* grassland. Had the appearance of being overgrazed.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Yorkshire Fog	Holcus lanatus		
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata		
Broad-leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius		
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense		
Red Fescue	Festuca rubra		
Self-heal	Prunella vulgaris		
Creeping Buttercup	Ranunculus repens		
Perennial Rye Grass	Lolium perenne		
Perennial Sow Thistle	Sonchus arvensis		
Spear Thistle	Cirsium vulgare		

## Unit RYXi

An area of reedswamp with some wooded drier ground in the south-west corner. Until recently there was a lake to the north of this unit, which now appears to have dried up and become colonised by young tree growth. The unit itself shows no evidence of management over the last 20 or so years, and has become colonised by thickets of grey

willow. The dry woodland is quite old and shows on the Tithe map of 1836-50. The NVC community is closest to S26 *Phragmites/ Urtica* fen.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Reed	Phragmites australis	Α	
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	Α	
Hedge Bindweed	Calystegia sepium	F	
Great Willowherb	Epilobium hirsutum	F	
Hemp Agrimony	Eupatorium cannabinum	LF	
Grey Willow	Salix cinerea	O-F	
Нор	Humulus lupulus	0	
European Beech	Fagus sylvatica		Copse
Hazel	Corylus avellana		Copse
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna		Copse
White Poplar	Populus alba		Copse
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa		Copse
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior		Copse
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus		Copse
Alder	Alnus glutinosa		Copse
Fool's Water-cress	Apium nodiflorum	Α	Ditch
Water Forget-me-not	Myosotis scorpioides	0	Ditch
Great Willowherb	Epilobium hirsutum	0	Ditch

## Unit RYW (photo 45)

A small field with some scrub on higher ground at the southern valley edge, and some damp grassland within the floodplain. There is also a drier area of grassland which holds species such as sweet vernal grass and lesser stitchwort. Unlike Unit L, to the north of the river, this area has never been planted with poplars, and retains a much more natural vegetation cover. The area appears basically unchanged since 1946. The small areas of diverse vegetation make this unit difficult to assign to NVC community, but an MG9 community is the closest fit. Unbranched bur-reed in the river is a scarce species locally.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Red Fescue	Festuca rubra	А	
Soft Rush	Juncus effusus	LA	
Lesser Pond Sedge	Carex acutiformis	LA	
Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum	LA	
Water Mint	Mentha aquatica	LA	
Yorkshire Fog	Holcus lanatus	F-LA	
False Oat Grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	F-LA	
Silverweed	Potentilla anserina	F	
Marsh Marigold	Caltha palustris	F	
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	F	
Sweet Vernal grass	Anthoxanthum	F	
	odoratum		
Lesser Stitchwort	Stellaria graminea	F	
Tufted Hair-grass	Deschampsia caespitosa	F	
Hairy Sedge	Carex hirta	LF	
Compact Rush	Juncus conglomeratus	O-LF	
Hoary Willowherb	Epilobium parviflorum	0	

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Marsh Horsetail	Equisetum palustre	0	
Meadowsweet	Filipendula ulmaria	0	
Greater Bird's-foot Trefoil	Lotus uliginosus	0	
Clustered Dock	Rumex conglomeratus	0	
Germander Speedwell	Veronica chamaedrys	0	
Himalayan Balsam	Impatiens glandulifera	0	River bank
Hoary Ragwort	Senecio erucifolius	R	
Unbranched Bur-reed	Sparganium emersum	R	In river - locally
			scarce
Meadow Vetchling	Lathyrus pratensis	R	

## Hedgerow AS1

As described under Unit AS2.

Hedgerow R1 (photo 69)

Species rich hedge and the eastern side of a lane with a diverse and valued bank, including sanicle, primrose and hairy brome. The track is part of an old green lane leading to Star Covert to the north from Honingham. This is likely to qualify as an important hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Crab Apple	Malus sylvestris		Hedge
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior		Hedge
Horse Chestnut	Aesculus hippocastanum		Hedge
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur		Hedge
Field Maple	Acer campestre		Hedge
Hazel	Corylus avellana		Hedge
Wild Plum	Prunus domestica		Hedge
Dog's Mercury	Mercurialis perennis		Bank
Wood False Brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum		Bank
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica		Bank
Dogwood	Cornus sanguinea		Bank
lvy	Hedera helix		Bank
Primrose	Primula vulgaris		Bank
Black Bryony	Tamus communis		Bank
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata		Bank
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium		Bank
Sanicle	Sanicula europaea		Bank
Hairy Brome	Zerna ramosa		Bank

## Hedgerow R2 (photo 70)

The hedgerow on the west side opposite R1. More species poor, but the presence of spurge laurel is of interest. Spurge laurel is a species of local distribution in Norfolk. It *may* qualify as an important hedge as it is part of a green lane feature and may have historical significance.

Common name Latin name DAFOR rating Notes
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Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	Α	
European Horse	Aesculus	F	
Chestnut	hippocastanum		
Field Maple	Acer campestre	0	
Common Lime	Tilia x vulgaris	0	
Spurge Laurel	Daphne laureola	R	
Dog's Mercury	Mercurialis perennis	Α	Bank/ verge
Wood False Brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum	F	Bank/ verge
lvy	Hedera helix	F	Bank/ verge
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica	0	Bank/ verge
Bristly Oxtongue	Helminthotheca echioides	R	Bank/ verge

#### Hedgerow 1

Lies to the south of Unit Ca woodland; a relatively recent hedgerow which follows the line of the re-routed A47 built between 1946 and 1988. The hedgerow is gappy and with a wire fence running along its length. It is considered unlikely to qualify based on ecological characteristics as an 'Important' hedgerow under The Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa		
Elder	Sambucus nigra		
Field Maple	Acer campestre		
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior		
Hazel	Corylus avellana		
Dog Rose	Rosa canina		Margin to south
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica		Margin to south
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica		Margin to south
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense		Margin to south
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium		Margin to south

## Hedgerow 2

Hedgerow 2a (photo 48) - Dense, wide species-rich hedgerow separating churchyard from overgrown field to the west. This is likely to qualify as an important hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	А	
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	F	
Hazel	Corylus avellana	F	
Lime sp	Tilia sp	0	
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	0	
Horse Chestnut	Aesculus hippocastanum	0	
Dog Rose	Rosa canina agg.	0	
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	0	
Elm	Ulmus sp.	А	
Crab apple	Malus sylvestris	R	

Hedgerow 2b (photo 49) - Hedgerow to the south of overgrown field, merging with planted woodland of Unit C to the west, with a distinct hedge bank. This is likely to qualify as an important hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Wild Cherry	Prunus avium	0	
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	0	
Field Maple	Acer campestre	0	
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	F	
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	F	
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	0	

## Hedgerow 3 (photo 50)

Species rich hedge with oak and ash standards. As noted in the previous report, although there are 6+ locally native woody species over the entire length of the hedgerow, these do not all occur within any 30m section so it is considered unlikely to qualify based on ecological characteristics as an 'Important' hedgerow under The Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Field Maple	Acer campestre	F	Hedgerow
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	F	Hedgerow
Elder	Sambucus nigra	F	Hedgerow
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	F	Hedgerow
Hazel	Corylus avellana	F	Hedgerow
Dog Rose	Rosa canina	F	Hedgerow
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	0	Standard tree
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	0	Standard trees
Plum	Prunus Sp.	0	Hedgerow

## Hedgerow 4 (photo 51)

Species rich hedgerows with species rich steep hedge banks along the road, forming a holloway in places. This is likely to qualify as an important hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations. The hedge is gappy in places.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Dogwood	Cornus sanguinea	0	Hedgerow
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	F	Some standard trees
Field Maple	Acer campestre	F	Hedgerow
Hazel	Corylus avellana	F	Hedgerow
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	F	Hedgerow
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	F	Hedgerow
Elm	Umus minor	0	Hedgerow
Holly	llex aquifolium	0	Hedgerow
Bramble	Rubus agg.	F	Hedge bank
Catsear	Hypochaeris radicata	Α	Hedge bank
Goatsbeard	Tragopogon pratensis	0	Hedge bank
Tufted Vetch	Vicia cracca	0	Hedge bank
Perforate St John's- wort	Hypericum perforatum	F	Hedge bank
Wild strawberry	Fragaria vesca	F	Hedge bank



Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum	LA	Hedge bank
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	F	Hedge bank
Ribwort Plantain	Plantago lanceolata	А	Hedge bank
Field Scabious	Knautia arvensis	LA	Hedge bank
Field Bindweed	Convolvulus arvensis	0	Hedge bank
Curled dock	Rumex crispus	0	Hedge bank
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	LA	Hedge bank
Knapweed	Centaurea nigra	F	Hedge bank
Ragwort	Jacobaea vulgaris	0	Hedge bank
Herb Robert	Geranium robertianum	0	Hedge bank
Yarrow	Achillea millefolium	F	Hedge bank
Creeping cinquefoil	Potentilla reptans	F	Hedge bank
Nipplewort	Lapsana communis	F	Hedge bank
Smooth sowthistle	Sonchus oleraceus	F	Hedge bank
Bladder campion	Silene vulgaris	R	Hedge bank

## Hedgerow 5 (photo 52)

A predominantly blackthorn species poor hedge with a species poor base/ margin. It is considered unlikely to qualify based on ecological characteristics as an 'Important' hedgerow under The Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	D	Hedgerow
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	F	Hedgerow
Hazel	Corylus avellana	F	Hedgerow
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	F	Standard trees
White Bryony	Bryonia alba	F	Hedgerow
Dog Rose	Rosa canina	0	Hedgerow
Common Couch	Elytrigia repens	Α	Margin
Cocksfoot	Dactylis glomerata	Α	Margin
False Oat	Arrhenatherum elatius	А	Margin
Ragwort	Senecio jacobaea	F	Margin
Nipplewort	Lapsana communis	F	Margin
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	Α	Margin
Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum	F	Margin
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense	F	Margin
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica	R	Margin
Spear Thistle	Cirsium vulgare	0	Margin

## Hedgerow 6 (photo 53)

A species rich hedgerow with a species poor margin. This is likely to qualify as an important hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	А	Hedgerow
Hazel	Corylus avellana	Α	Hedgerow
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	Α	Hedgerow
Elm	Ulmus sp.	F	Hedgerow
Dogwood	Cornus sanguinea	F	Hedgerow
Buckthorn	Rhamnus catharticus	0	Hedgerow

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Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	R	Standard trees
Dog Rose	Rosa canina	0	Hedgerow
Spear Thistle	Cirsium vulgare	0	Margin
False oat grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	А	Margin
Cocks foot	Dactylis glomerata	Α	Margin
Ragwort	Jacobaea vulgaris	F	Margin
Common Nipplewort	Lapsana communis	F	Margin
Common Couch	Elytrigia repens	F	Margin
White Bryony	Bryonia dioica	F	Hedgerow
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense	Α	Margin
Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum	LA	Margin

## Hedgerow AS2 (photo 54)

Species poor gappy hedgerow with a species poor bank/ margin to the south of hedgerows 5 and 6. It is considered unlikely to qualify based on ecological characteristics as an 'Important' hedgerow under The Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	А	Hedgerow
Hazel	Corylus avellana	0	Hedgerow
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	А	Standard trees
Field Maple	Acer campestre	F	Hedgerow
Garlic Mustard	Alliaria petiolata	0	Margin
Burdock	Arctium sp	0	Margin
Spear Thistle	Cirsium vulgare	А	Margin
Bramble	Rubus agg.	LA	Margin
Cleavers	Galium aparine	А	Margin
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense	Α	Margin
Nipplewort	Lapsana communis	F	Margin
Common fumitory	Fumaria officinalis	F	Margin
Mugwort	Artemisia vulgaris	F	Margin

## Hedgerow AS3 (photo 55)

A species rich hedgerow with species poor margins. it is considered unlikely to qualify based on ecological characteristics as an 'Important' hedgerow under The Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	D (north)	Hedgerow
Elder	Sambucus nigra		Hedgerow
Field Maple	Acer campestre		Hedgerow
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	D (south)	Hedgerow
Hazel	Corylus avellana		Hedgerow
Spindle	Euonymus europaeus		Hedgerow
Dog Rose	Rosa canina		Hedgerow
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica		Margin
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica		Margin
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense		Margin
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium		Margin

Hedgerow 7 (photo 56)

On the eastern side of a green lane track. This, together with Hedgerow 8, is likely to qualify as an important hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations. The ground flora suggests an older origin to the green lane.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna		Hedgerow
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur		Hedgerow
Spindle	Euonymus europaeus		Hedgerow
Privet	Ligustrum vulgare		Hedgerow
Dog Rose	Rosa canina agg.		Hedgerow
Elder	Sambucus nigra		Hedgerow
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica		Verge
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica		Verge
Rough Chervil	Chaerophyllum temulentum		Verge
Field Bindweed	Convolvulus arvensis		Verge
lvy	Hedera helix		Verge
Wood False Brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum	F	Verge
Common Agrimony	Agrimonia eupatoria	0	Verge
Dog's Mercury	Mercurialis perennis		Verge

## Hedgerow 8

On the west side of a green lane track, opposite hedgerow 7. This is likely to qualify as an important hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna		Hedgerow
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa		Hedgerow
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur		Hedgerow
Horse chestnut	Aesculus hippocastanum		Hedgerow
Field Maple	Acer campestre		Hedgerow
Wood False Brome	Brachypodium sylvaticum	Α	Verge
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	F	Verge
lvy	Hedera helix	F	Verge
Dog's Mercury	Mercurialis perennis	F	Verge
Knapweed	Centaurea nigra	0	Verge
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica	0	Verge
Rough Chervil	Chaerophyllum temulentum	0	Verge
Field Bindweed	Convolvulus arvensis	0	Verge
Common Agrimony	Agrimonia eupatoria	0	Verge

## Hedgerow 9

Hedgerow with a grassy field margin. Dwarf spurge in the adjacent field margin (photo 27), a local species in Norfolk. This is likely to qualify as an important hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Field Maple	Acer campestre		Hedgerow



Hazel	Corylus avellana	Hedgerow
Pedunculate oak	Quercus robur	Hedgerow
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	Hedgerow
Dog Rose	Rosa canina	Hedgerow
Bramble	Rubus agg.	Hedgerow
Dwarf Spurge	Euphorbia exigua	RDB VU (England)
False Oat Grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	
Oxeye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare	
Creeping Bent	Agrostis stolonifera	
Goats Beard	Tragopogon pratensis	
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata	
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense	
Red Fescue	Festuca rubra	
Field Bindweed	Convolvulus arvensis	

## Hedgerow 9/10 (Photo 59)

Species rich hedged green lane with an adjoining pond to the east. The pond is especially well vegetated. This is likely to qualify as an important hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior		Hedgerow
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna		Hedgerow
Crab Apple	Malus sylvestris		Hedgerow
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa		Hedgerow
Elm	Ulmus sp.		Hedgerow
Hazel	Corylus avellana		Hedgerow
Grey willow	Salix cinerea		Hedgerow
False Oat Grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	Α	
Oxeye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare	F	
Bramble	Rubus agg.	LF	
Knapweed	Centaurea nigra	F	
Yorkshire Fog	Holcus lanatus	F	
Creeping Bent	Agrostis stolonifera	F	
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	0	
Curled dock	Rumex crispus	0	
Wood False Brome	Brachypodium	0	
	sylvaticum	•	
Self-Heal	Prunella vulgaris	0	
Black Bryony	Tamus communis	0	
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata	0	
Small Timothy	Phleum bertolonii	0	
Lesser Pond Sedge	Carex acutiformis		Pond
Hard Rush	Juncus inflexus		Pond
Gypsywort	Lycopus europaeus		Pond
Bulrush	Typha latifolia		Pond
Branched Bur Reed	Sparganium erectum		Pond
Clustered Dock	Rumex conglomeratus		Pond
Water Forget-me-not	Myosotis scorpioides		Pond
Celery-leaved	Ranunculus sceleratus		Pond
Duttercup	6.1		
woody Nightshade	Solanum dulcamara		Pond
Hairy Willowherb	Epilobium hirsutum		Pond

## Hedgerow 10 (photo 60)

Species rich hedge alongside busy road, with a species poor road verge. This is likely to qualify as an important hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Field Maple	Acer campestre		Hedgerow
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna		Hedgerow
Elm	Ulmus sp.		Hedgerow
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur		Hedgerow
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus		Hedgerow
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa		Hedgerow
False Oat Grass	Arrhenatherum elatius		Verge
Mugwort	Artemisia vulgaris		Verge
Bramble	Rubus agg.		Verge
Yarrow	Achillea millefolium		Verge
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium		Verge
Field Bindweed	Convolvulus arvensis		Verge
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense		Verge

## Hedgerow 11

Hedgerow along the northern edge of Unit TU. Not surveyed in detail for this report, but the previous 2017 survey described it as "This comprises a gappy hedgerow alongside the A47 with a line of roadside trees up to 25m rather than an intact species-rich hedgerow. Tree and shrub species present comprise willow, silver birch, sycamore, hawthorn, ash and dogwood". The hedgerow was noted in 2019 as still being present much as described. it is considered unlikely to qualify based on ecological characteristics as an 'Important' hedgerow under The Hedgerow Regulations.

## Hedgerow 12 (photo 61)

Species rich hedge with a species rich road verge/ bank on the opposite side of the narrow unclassified road. Some of the species also occur on the hedge side of the road. The RDB species common cudweed was found on this verge, along with other species indicative of neutral grassland on sandy soils. This is likely to qualify as an important hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Sycamore	Acer pseudoplatanus		Hedgerow
Elm	Ulmus sp.		Hedgerow
Field Maple	Acer campestre		Hedgerow
Hazel	Corylus avellana		Hedgerow
Sweet Chestnut	Castanea sativa		Hedgerow
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa		Hedgerow
Wild Privet	Ligustrum vulgare		Hedgerow
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior		Hedgerow
Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna		Hedgerow
Dog Rose	Rosa canina agg.		Hedgerow
Perforate St John's- wort	Hypericum perforatum		Verge/ bank opposite
Herb Robert	Geranium robertianum		Verge/ bank opposite
Wild Angelica	Angelica sylvestris		Verge/ bank opposite
Creeping Cinquefoil	Potentilla reptans		Verge/ bank opposite
Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum		Verge/ bank opposite

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Common Mugwort	Artemisia vulgaris	Verge/ bank opposite
Bramble	Rubus agg.	Verge/ bank opposite
Wild Strawberry	Fragaria vesca	Verge/ bank opposite
Dog's Mercury	Mercurialis perennis	Verge/ bank opposite
White Campion	Silene latifolia	Verge/ bank opposite
Nipplewort	Lapsana communis	Verge/ bank opposite
Common Toadflax	Linaria vulgaris	Verge/ bank opposite
Lesser Calamint	Clinopodium	Verge/ bank opposite
	calamintha	
Field Scabious	Knautia arvensis	Verge/ bank opposite
Common Cudweed	Filago vulgaris	RDB NT Verge/ bank
		opposite
Red Fescue	Festuca rubra	Verge/ bank opposite
Ground Ivy	Glechoma hederacea	Verge/ bank opposite
White Bryony	Bryonia dioica	Verge/ bank opposite
Rosebay Willowherb	Chamaerion	Verge/ bank opposite
	angustifolium	
Soft Rush	Juncus effusus	Verge/ bank opposite
Field Horsetail	Equisetum arvense	Verge/ bank opposite

## Hedgerow 13 (photo 62)

Intact hedge, but species poor, with species poor margin/ base. it is considered unlikely to qualify based on ecological characteristics as an 'Important' hedgerow under The Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	D	Hedgerow
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	0	Hedgerow
Elder	Sambucus nigra	0	Hedgerow
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	D	Margin
White Clover	Trifolium repens	А	Margin
White Bryony	Bryonia dioica	F	Margin
Barren Brome	Anisantha sterilis	А	Margin
Hedge Mustard	Sisymbrium officinale	F	Margin
Cut-leaved Cranesbill	Geranium dissectum	F	Margin
Cleavers	Galium aparine	А	Margin

## Hedgerow 14 (photo 63)

Gappy hedge with mature trees and dead wood. This is likely to qualify as an important hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Alder	Alnus glutinosa		Standard trees
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur		Standard trees
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior		Standard trees
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	Α	Hedgerow
Hazel	Corylus avellana	Α	Hedgerow
Field Maple	Acer campestre	F	Hedgerow
Elder	Sambucus nigra	F	Hedgerow
Dog Rose	Rosa canina	0	Hedgerow

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Cleavers	Galium aparine	Α	Hedge base
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	R	Hedge base
Nipplewort	Lapsana communis	0	Hedge base
Field Forget-me-not	Myosotis arvensis	0	Hedge base
Field Horsetail	Equisetum arvense	LA	Hedge base
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	0	Hedge base
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata	Α	Hedge base
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica	R	Hedge base

## Hedgerow 14a (Continues on from 14), more recently planted (photo 64)

A more recently planted section of hedge. it is considered unlikely to qualify based on ecological characteristics as an 'Important' hedgerow under The Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Dog Rose	Rosa canina agg	F	
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	F	
Hazel	Corylus avellana	F	
Elder	Sambucus nigra	F	
Spindle	Euonymus europaeus	F	
Cocks-foot	Dactylis glomerata	А	Hedge base
Common Couch	Elytrigia repens	А	Hedge base
False Oat	Arrhenatherum elatius	Α	Hedge base
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	0	Hedge base
Rough Meadow grass	Poa trivialis	Α	Hedge base

## Hedgerow 15 (photo 65)

More a line of trees than a hedgerow, Species rich with a shaded understorey and species poor base. This is likely to qualify as an important hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Hazel	Corylus avellana	А	Trees
Field Maple	Acer campestre	Α	Trees
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	0	Trees
Crab Apple	Malus sylvestris	0	Trees
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	0	Trees
Hornbeam	Carpinus betulus	R	Trees
Holly	llex aquifolium	R	Trees
Dog's Mercury	Mercurialis perennis	R	Ground Layer
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica	0	Ground Layer
Herb Robert	Geranium robertianum	0	Ground Layer
Bramble	Rubus Agg.	LA	Ground Layer

## Hedgerow 16 (photo 66)

Gappy hedgerow with trees, species poor hedge base. it is considered unlikely to qualify based on ecological characteristics as an 'Important' hedgerow under The Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Field Maple	Acer campestre	0	Hedgerow
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	F	Hedgerow
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	F	Hedgerow
Elder	Sambucus nigra	F	Hedgerow
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	0	Hedgerow
Ash	Fraxinus excelsior	0	Hedgerow
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	LD	Margin
Hogweed	Heracleum sphondylium	Α	Margin
lvy	Hedera helix	F	Margin
Wood Avens	Geum urbanum	R	Margin
Hedge Woundwort	Stachys sylvatica	F	Margin
Burdock	Arctium sp.	F	Margin
Mugwort	Artemisia vulgaris	F	Margin
Spear Thistle	Cirsium vulgare	0	Margin
False oat grass	Arrhenatherum elatius	Α	Margin
Cocks foot	Dactylis glomerata	Α	Margin
Broad Leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	LA	Margin
Field Bindweed	Convolvulus arvensis	0	Margin

## Hedgerow V (photo 67)

Gappy - line of scrubby trees with field maple and oak standards. it is considered unlikely to qualify based on ecological characteristics as an 'Important' hedgerow under The Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Field Maple	Acer campestre	А	Standards
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	0	Standards
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	D	Hedgerow
Elder	Sambucus nigra	0	Hedgerow
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	Α	Hedgerow

## Hedgerow AS4 (SW of Unit F)(photo 68)

A species rich hedgerow with species poor margins. it is considered unlikely to qualify based on ecological characteristics as an 'Important' hedgerow under The Hedgerow Regulations.

Common name	Latin name	DAFOR rating	Notes
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	D	Hedgerow
Buckthorn	Rhamnus cathartica	0	Hedgerow
Hazel	Corylus avellana	F	Hedgerow
Dog Rose	Rosa canina agg.	0	Hedgerow
lvy	Hedera helix	0	Hedgerow
Common Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	F	Hedgerow
Elder	Sambucus nigra	F	Hedgerow
Pedunculate Oak	Quercus robur	F	Tree
White Bryony	Bryonia dioica	F	Hedgerow
Common Nettle	Urtica dioica	А	Margin
Creeping Thistle	Cirsium arvense	А	Margin

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Common Mallow	Malva sylvestris	Α	Margin
Red Campion	Silene dioica	F	Margin
Broad-leaved Dock	Rumex obtusifolius	F	Margin
White Campion	Silene latifolia	F	Margin
Spear Thistle	Cirsium vulgare	0	Margin
Common Poppy	Papaver rhoeas	F	Margin
Groundsel	Senecio vulgaris	F	Margin
Bracken	Pteridium aquilinum	LA	Margin
Common Dog Violet	Viola riviniana	0	Margin

## 5.3 Constraints and Limitations of Survey

The optimal period to undertake botanical survey including identification of plant species is between April and September. The botanical survey was completed in mid-July which is within the optimal survey window for a Phase 1 habitat survey. Therefore this is not considered to be a limitation to the accurate assessment of the habitats and the dominant species of the respective vegetation types were visible and identifiable.

The survey did not involve detailed NVC quadrat work within each habitat unit and hence this report cannot be considered a comprehensive assessment of the botanical composition of each unit. However, it is considered that additional quadrat survey would be unlikely to affect the overall ecological evaluation of each of the habitats.

Access was generally available across the survey area except for Units H, I,J and b; apart from this there were no known limitations in areas where access was required.

Identification of habitat units to survey relied on the baseline information provided on the previous botanical survey report (AMEY, 2017), with additions in areas further identified as being of potential value. At times during the field survey there were habitat units which were not as mapped. As far as possible any additional habitats located were added to this survey, but there may be others which have been missed.

Please note that the A47 itself has a band of roadside trees/mature overgrown hedgerow which has not been picked up on the Phase 1 Habitat map and has largely not been assessed in this report.

## 6. Evaluation of Features

## 6.1 Habitat Units

Unit	NVC type	Ecological value
А	Plantation - n/a	Local
AS6	Closest to MG1	District
В	Plantation - n/a	Local
AS5	Plantation (n/a)	Local
Ca	Plantation - n/a	Priority Habitat - local
Cb	W8	Priority Habitat - local
D	Plantation - n/a	Priority Habitat - local
E	Not assignable	Local
F	Fragment - n/a	Local
G	Hedge,W8 and MG1	Local
AS1	Not assignable	
AS2	Hedge W8, and plantation	Priority Habitat - local
Н	W8	District
la	Not assignable	District
lb	Not assignable	County
lc	MG9	Priority Habitat - County
Id	Not assignable	Local (- district)
J	Plantation - n/a	Local
К	W8a	Priority Habitat - County
L	MG1/ S28	District
Μ	Plantation - n/a	Local
Ν	Plantation over MG1	Local
0	Not assignable	Local (- district)
Р	W8	Priority Habitat - District/
		county
Q	Not assignable	Local
QA	Plantation - n/a	Local
R	Plantation - n/a	Local
S	Plantation - n/a	Priority Habitat - local
Т	W8/ n/a	Priority Habitat - local
U	South part - MG1, north n/a	Local (- district)
V	Not assignable	Priority Habitat - district
W	Not assignable	Priority Habitat - district
X	Not assignable	Priority Habitat - district
Y	Not assignable	Local
Z	Not assignable	Local
TU	MG1d	District
a	Fragment of W8 around	Priority Habitat - local
	pond, otherwise plantation	
b	Not assignable	
с	Plantation (n/a)	District
d	Not assignable	District
e	Plantation (n/a)	Priority Habitat - local
Unit 88	MG1/W21/W24	District
RY1	MG9	District
RY2	Not assignable	Local
RY3	MG9	District



Unit	NVC type	Ecological value
RY4	MG9	District
RYW	MG9	Priority Habitat - County
RYXi	S26	Priority Habitat - County

## 6.2 Hedgerows

Hedgerow	Likely to be important?
AS1	Yes
R1	Yes
R2	May qualify on historical
	grounds
1	No
2a	Yes
2b	Yes
3	No
4	Yes
5	No
6	Yes
AS2	No
AS3	No
7	Yes
8	Yes
9	Yes
9/10	Yes
10	Yes
11	No
12	Yes
13	No
14	Yes
14a	No
15	Yes
16	No
V	No
AS4	No

## 7. Impact Assessment

## 7.1. Potential impacts on ecological receptors

Note - definitions: Impact - Actions resulting in changes to an ecological feature. For example, the construction activities of a development removing a hedgerow.

Effect - Outcome to an ecological feature from an impact. For example, the effects on a dormouse population from loss of a hedgerow.

Impact assessment is made with reference to the CIEEM EcIA Guidelines<sup>8</sup>.

Throughout, italicised words are used in the technical sense defined within the CIEEM guidance. This refers to the geographical context of the impact or effect. Hence, the following geographical frame of reference will be used to describe the ecological impacts and effects, or adapted to suit local circumstances:

- International and European
- National
- Regional
- County
- District\*
- Local

\*District level is not listed in the EcIA guidance, but is included within WFE reports as it is a useful and readily identifiable geographic unit.

The local/parish geographical context for the proposal site is defined here as the collective civil parishes of North Tuddenham, Hockering, Honingham and Easton. The district context is problematic to define, since the corridor is partly in three LPA districts, but it is all included in the mid-Norfolk National Character Area<sup>9</sup>. in which the site is situated. The county context is Norfolk, and the region is East Anglia.

The EclA guidelines espouse a quantification of impact/effect magnitude where possible. Where this is not available or uncertain, impact magnitude categories and criteria are defined based on Byron (2000)<sup>10</sup>. These categories are often also used as shorthand to summarise magnitude.

• *Major negative* - that which has a harmful effect on the integrity of a conservation site or the conservation status of a population of a species within a defined geographical area; e.g., fundamentally reduces the capacity to support wildlife for the entirety of a conservation site, or compromises the persistence of a species' population at a defined locality.

• Intermediate negative - that which has no adverse effect on the integrity of a conservation site or the conservation status of a species' population, but does have an important adverse effect in terms of achieving certain ecological objectives; e.g.,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> CIEEM (2018) Guidelines for Ecological Impact Assessment in the UK and Ireland: Terrestrial, Freshwater and Coastal, 2nd edition. Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management, Winchester

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/4560839075954688

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Byron H. (2000) Biodiversity Impact - Biodiversity and environmental impact assessment: a good practice guide for road schemes. The RSPB, WWF-UK, English Nature and the Wildlife Trusts, Sandy

sustaining target habitat conditions and levels of wildlife for a conservation site, or maintaining population growth for a species.

• *Minor negative* - some minor detrimental effect is evident, but not to the extent of the above.

• *Neutral* - that which has no predictable effect.

#### 7.1.2 Positive or Negative Impacts/ Effects

The nature of a predicted impact is as per CIEEM definition:

"Positive impact - a change that improves the quality of the environment e.g. by increasing species diversity, extending habitat or improving water quality. Positive impacts may also include halting or slowing an existing decline in the quality of the environment.

Negative impact - a change which reduces the quality of the environment e.g. destruction of habitat, removal of species foraging habitat, habitat fragmentation, pollution."

## 7.2 Duration of Impact/ Effect

Impacts/ effects are described as short, medium or long-term, and as either permanent or temporary.

## 7.3 Impact/ Effect Reversibility

Reversibility is judged per the CIEEM Guidelines for Ecological Impact Assessment description: "An irreversible effect is one from which recovery is not possible within a reasonable timescale or there is no reasonable chance of action being taken to reverse it. A reversible effect is one from which spontaneous recovery is possible or which may be counteracted by mitigation."

## 7.4 Impact/ Effect Significance

The CIEEM Guidelines for Ecological Impact Assessment provide a working definition of 'significant effects' which includes the statements:

"For the purpose of EcIA, 'significant effect' is an effect that either supports or undermines biodiversity conservation objectives for 'important ecological features' or for biodiversity in general." and "In broad terms, significant effects encompass impacts on structure and function of defined sites, habitats or ecosystems and the conservation status of habitats and species (including extent, abundance and distribution)."

In this assessment, a significant impact is not attributed to any effect on a receptor which is predicted to occur at no greater than minor negative magnitude. Similarly any impact, regardless of magnitude, is not regarded as significant if its geographic scale of importance is lower than a local/ parish level.

## 7.5 Description of Impacts/ Effects

A number of impacts/ effects on ecological receptors may result from the proposed development.

## 7.5.1. Change of land use

This impact will be the most important for valued habitats. A new route will permanently alter existing habitats. Some will have capacity to be recreated elsewhere, others can be regarded as irreplaceable (for example ancient woodland, or old species rich meadows). A new road can also cause fragmentation and severance of existing habitats. There are also opportunities for new cuttings or embankments to create new corridors of habitat, or for cut-off sections of land to be managed for biodiversity.

## 7.5.2. Construction activities

The land required for construction may be greater than the final footprint of the road. Construction vehicles, materials storage and other activities may destroy or devalue existing habitats.

## 7.5.3. Operational activities

A new road will have similar in-use impacts to the existing road, although an increase in vehicle use may increase non-direct effects such as diffuse pollution.

## 7.6 Habitats

Assessment is based on drawing dated 7/11/2017 supplied by Sweco and drawn by Amey.

Of the six units valued at County level (Ib, Ic, K, P, RYW, RYXi), RYW and K are directly affected by the proposed road route. This would have a **major** impact on Unit RYW, bisecting it, and an **intermediate** impact on Unit K, clipping the SW corner. Other county level habitats will not be directly affected.

Of the 14 units valued at district level (AS6, H, Ia, L, V, W, X, 88, TU, RY1, RY3, RY4, c, and d), only Units 88 and TU will be directly impacted. Unit 88 would be bisected, resulting in a **major** habitat impact. Unit TU would be partially affected in the northwest corner, resulting in an **intermediate-major** impact on the integrity of the unit. Other units would not be affected.

Of the 14 potentially important hedgerows, 10 will be bisected. These are R1, R2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, and 15. It is unlikely that all of these hedgerows can be avoided. Further detailed assessment using the scoring system in the Hedgerow Regulations may rule out some of those affected. Impacts on these hedges are rated as **intermediate** or **major** at a local level.

## 8. Mitigation

## 8.1 General Principles

The Mitigation Hierarchy is a key principle, with the sequential strategies given in order. This is interpreted by WFE, as it applies to built development, in the table below.

## Mitigation Hierarchy

Action and sequential number	Description
1. Avoidance	Seek options that avoid impacts/ effects on ecological features, for example through design of development or seasonal timing of works.
2. Mitigation	Adverse impacts/ effects should be minimised through mitigation measures, either through the design of the project or subsequent measures that can be guaranteed - for example, through a condition or planning obligation.
3. Compensation	Where there are significant residual adverse ecological effects despite the mitigation proposed, these should be offset by appropriate compensatory measures. A common example is the replanting of a removed section of hedge elsewhere on the site.
Enhancement	Seek to provide net benefits for biodiversity over and above requirements for avoidance, mitigation or compensation.

Impacts on valued habitats of both county and district level should, in the first instance, aim to be avoided by adjustments in the route.

Where this cannot be achieved, the replaceability of the habitat needs to be considered. Units 88 and TU are both habitats of recent origin, and should be straightforwardly replicable, accepting some temporary loss during and in the few years after construction, until replacement habitat matures. There would be some land between the old and new routes which would be ideal for new habitat creation.

Unit K, and to an extent Unit RYW are harder to replicate. Unit K in particular is old, possibly ancient woodland and could be completely avoided by a relatively minor southward shift in the route.

Unit RYW will be harder to avoid, and the replacement of floodplain grassland will be harder to achieve. This may be a case where offsite compensation is required, in terms of a contribution to habitat creation elsewhere.

Where impact on hedgerows is unavoidable, compensatory planting of replacement hedgerow will be necessary in the surrounding landscape at a favourable ratio.

## 9. Conclusions

There are habitats of county value along the surveyed corridor. These can be largely avoided by the new road route, but some adjustment may be necessary particularly with regard to Unit K and Unit RYW. Mitigation by habitat creation is feasible for some valued areas to be lost, but offsite compensation may be required for Unit RYW.

It is likely that some important hedgerow may be lost, and compensation should aim to replace lost hedgerow by a favourable ratio.

The scheme should be put through the Defra Metric<sup>11</sup> to produce a plan for measurable net gain at an early opportunity, to influence design going forward.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Natural England (2019) The Biodiversity Metric 2.0

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# Appendix 1. Site Photographs






Photo 2. AS6 grassland to the west of Unit A







Photo 4. Unit AS 5 (south of unit B) planted strip with young trees





Photo 5. Unit Ca





Photo 6. Unit Cb

















Photo 11. Unit G western side







Photo 13. Unit AS 2 main section





Photo 14. Unit AS 2 western section





Photo 15. Unit AS 2 hedge bank within woodland



Photo 16. Unit AS 2 pond within woodland





Photo 17. Unit Ic on far side of river





Photo 18. Unit K woodland - hazel stool and dog's mercury visible









Photo 20. Unit M mature beech and sycamore





Photo 21. Unit N sparse plantation over false oat and nettle grassland







Photo 23. Unit P - eastern end near old green lane feature





Photo 24. Unit Q showing ground layer composed almost entirely of sycamore seedlings





Photo 25. Grassy ride between Units Q and QA





Photo 26. Unit QA - dense plantation





Photo 27. Dwarf spurge north of Unit Q





Photo 28. Unit R plantation





Photo 29. Unit RY2





Photo 30. Unit TU example





Photo 31. Unit TU - pyramidal orchid





Photo 32. Unit S - ground flora





Photo 33. Unit S southern edge along route of old highway





Photo 34. Unit T recently planted woodland



Photo 35. Unit T mature woodland





Photo 36. Unit U north field; planted ex-cultivated field





Photo 37. Unit U south field








Photo 40. Unit W (woodland in west of)









Photo 42. Unit RY1 - floodplain grassland MG9





Photo 43. Unit RY3





Photo 44. Unit RY4 boundary





Photo 45: Unit RYW





Photo 46: Unit a, planted section





Photo 47. Unit 88



















Photo 52. Hedgerow 5 (in distance)















Photo 56. Hedgerow 7





Photo 57. Hedgerow 8





Photo 58. Hedgerow AS3





Photo 59. Hedgerow 9/10









Photo 61. Hedgerow 12

















Photo 68. Hedgerow AS4 (SW of Unit F)





Photo 69. Hedgerow R1





Photo 70. Hedgerow R2 with spurge laurel