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**Nature conservation/Ecological assessment for planning proposal at
Hazel Cottage (continued)****The horse menage**

The menage will be in the northern edge of the field, 10m away from the edge of a mature hedge. All construction will take place on the improved grass ley and will involve no disturbance to any hedge, trees, tree roots or other wildlife habitat. (See below under trees) Native wildflower seeds will be sown on the exposed soil at the lower end of the menage. There is little potential for further improving the wildlife value of the area after construction, however no wildlife habitat will be lost or damaged during construction.

It is proposed that construction will take place in September/October 2011.

Kate Wollen, 25th May 2011

Mature Trees

No trees or tree root systems will be damaged during the construction of any of the proposals.

The nearest tree to the pond is an ash whose canopy edge (dripline) is 7m from the proposed pond edge (trunk approx 17m away) on the other side of the hedge.

One oak tree stands within 17m of the proposed arena, the canopy edge being 9m from the arena edge.

Two oak trees stand adjacent to the proposed vehicle access gate. One gate post will be sited under the outer edge of the canopy of one tree, and the hardstanding in the gateway will begin at the very edge of the canopy. However no excavation will occur to damage the tree roots when laying the hard standing as the crushed stone will be laid on the soil surface. The gatepost is to be sited far enough from the main root system so not to cause any damage or disturbance to tree roots.

During construction the soil level will not be raised around any tree rootplate nor will any chemicals, fuel or machinery be stored near to or under any trees.

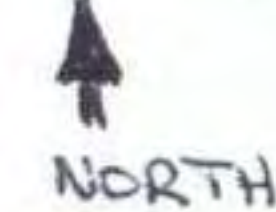
Ray Beasley, Forester, 25th May 2011

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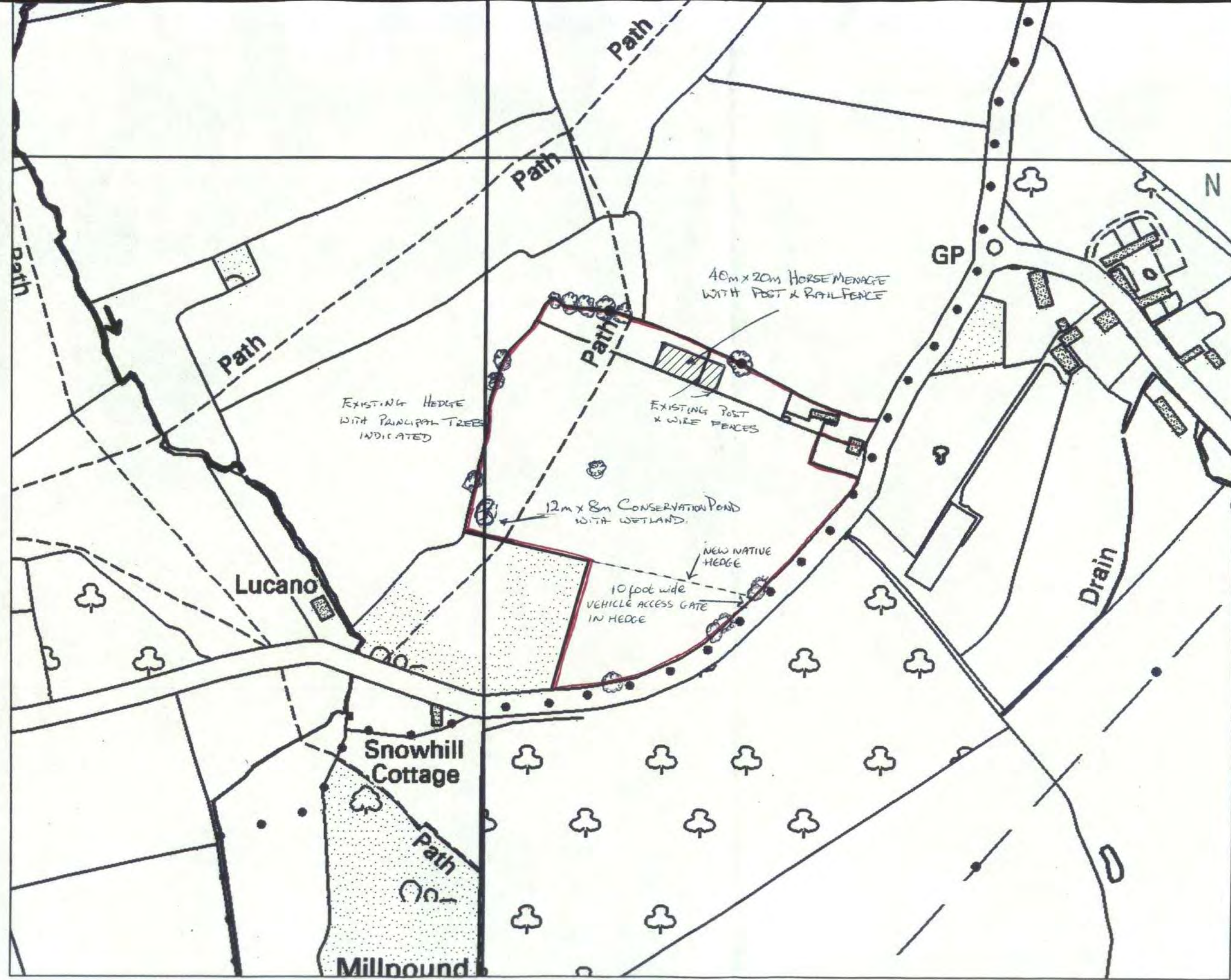
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Hazel Cottage
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