

Herefordshire Council
HEDGEROW ECOLOGICAL SURVEY

THE ENVIRONMENT ACT 1995
 THE HEDGEROW REGULATIONS 1997

Site: The Fruit Farm, Upton Bishop, Ross on Wye, HR9 7UD

Ref: 223088	Total hedgerow length (metres): 154 m
Grid Ref: 362850, 227150	Total length of gaps: 3.6 m
Date of survey: 16/09/2022	% of gaps in hedgerow: X
Hedgerow number (on Map): Unknown	Number of standard trees: 0

WOODY SPECIES PRESENT

SPECIES	30m lengths								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Hawthorn	x	x							
Blackthorn		x							
Hazel	x	x							
Elder	x	x							
Rose sp.									
Maple	x								
Ash									
Oak									
Dogwood									
Holly									

Is the hedgerow associated with a bank, wall or ditch? If yes, bank or wall or ditch length:	No
Is there a parallel hedge within 15 metres?	No
Does the hedgerow connect with a pond?	No
Does the hedgerow connect with woodland?	No
Does it connect with other hedgerows? If yes, number of hedgerows:	Yes, 2 hedgerows
Is the hedgerow adjacent to a Bridleway, Footpath, RUPP or BOAT? If yes, which:	No

WOODLAND GROUND FLORA SPECIES PRESENT

WOODLAND SPECIES		WOODLAND SPECIES	

Comments:

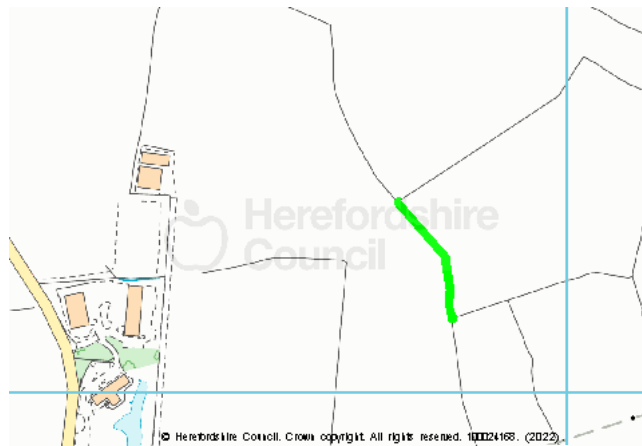


Image 1 Showing hedgerow surveyed (Hedgerow A).

Image 2 Showing the small missing gap of 3.6 m.



The total requested area for removal is 154 m, which is the area that was surveyed on the 16th of September 2022. It is a well-established hedge and the only gap is the one that can be found in the middle. This makes up less than 10% of the hedgerow. The incline of the land leads to a drop from the hedgerow to the land on the East side of the hedgerow.

As per the regulations as the hedge is longer than 100 meters it was surveyed in 2 locations centrally, each section 30 meters. Starting South to North:

1. Section one: has a total of 4 woody species, Hawthorn, Hazel, Elder, and Maple. In regards to woodland ground flora there was a mixture of plant species not accountable on the regulations such as bracken and nettles.
2. Section two: has a total of 4 woody species, Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Hazel, and Elder. In regards to woodland ground flora there was a mixture of plant species not accountable on the regulations such as blackberries, bindweed, and nettles.

In conclusion, the hedgerow in question (hedgerow A) **does not support 7 woody species, as it has an average of 4 woody species and does not have the required associated features, therefore it does not satisfy the Hedgerow Regulation 1997 criteria, and does not designate this hedgerow as Important Hedgerow.**