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1 Methodology

- 1.1.1 An update hedgerow survey was undertaken on 16th May 2025 in accordance with survey guidelines published by Defra (2017). The original hedgerow survey was undertaken on 27 May 2021. The survey area included all hedgerows within and bordering the Site boundary; refer to Figure A7.6.1. The survey focused on the ecological components of hedgerows; no cultural heritage aspects were assessed.
- 1.1.2 For each hedgerow, the central 30m section of each 100m was surveyed in detail, identifying woody and woodland indicator species present. Other features, such as the presence of a ditch, wall or trees were also noted. Each hedgerow was then assessed against the criteria set out in the Hedgerow Regulations to establish whether or not it was 'important'.

2 Limitations

- 2.1.1 There were no limitations to the survey.

3 Results

- 3.1.1 The results of the hedgerow survey are presented in Table A7.6.1 and Figure A7.6.1. A total of 29 hedgerows were surveyed and assessed against the criteria set out in the Hedgerow Regulations 1997. All 29 hedgerows were assessed as ecologically 'important' due to the presence of dormouse (a legally protected species) within the survey area (refer to Appendix 7.11). 13 of the 29 hedgerows would not have qualified as ecologically 'important' if it were not for the presence of dormouse. The update survey found no change to the original survey undertaken in 2021.

4 References

- 4.1.1 Defra (2007) Hedgerow Survey Handbook - a standard procedure for local surveys in the UK. Defra, London.

Table A7.6.1: Hedgerow survey results

Hedgerow number	Length (metres approx.)	Presence of protected/notable species	Parallel to right of way	Gaps <10% hedgerow length	Parallel to hedgerow within 15m	Wall/bank over half length of hedgerow	Ditch over half length of hedgerow	Number of connections	At least one standard tree per 50m length	Woody species	Average number of woody species in 30m length	Woodland indicator species	Number of woodland indicator species	Important?
H1	77	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	4	N	Hawthorn, field maple, blackthorn, rose, spindle.	5	Lords-and-ladies, wood false-brome	2	Y
H2	Hedgerow regulations do not apply as hedgerow adjoins residential property.													
H3	76	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	3	N	Blackthorn, hawthorn, field maple.	3	Lords-and-ladies	1	Y*
H4	Hedgerow regulations do not apply as hedgerow adjoins residential property.													
H5	Hedgerow regulations do not apply as hedgerow adjoins residential property.													
H6	53	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	4	N	Blackthorn, hawthorn, spindle, rose, elm.	5	Wood false-brome	1	Y*
H7	115	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	4	N	Hawthorn, rose, elm, elder, field maple, blackthorn.	4	-	0	Y*
H8	252	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	4	Y	Ash, elm, rose, hawthorn, blackthorn, oak, elder.	5.3	Lords-and-ladies, wood false-brome	2	Y
H9	53	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	4	N	Hawthorn, blackthorn, elm, rose.	4	Wood false-brome	1	Y*

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H10	111	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	4	N	Hawthorn, blackthorn, rose, field maple.	4	Wood false-brome, herb robert	2	Y*
H11	230	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	4	Y	Hawthorn, field maple, blackthorn, elm, rose, oak, dogwood, spindle.	5	Lords-and-ladies, wood false-brome	2	Y
H12	200	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	4	Y	Hawthorn, blackthorn, elm, field maple, rose.	4	Lords-and-ladies, wood false-brome	2	Y*
H13	92	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	4	Y	Blackthorn, hawthorn, rose, elm.	4	Herb robert, wood false-brome	2	Y*
H14	132	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	4	Y	Hawthorn, blackthorn, field maple, spindle, dogwood, rose, elm.	7	Lords-and-ladies	1	Y
H15	234	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	4	N	Elm, spindle, rose, dogwood, hawthorn, blackthorn.	4.6	Lords-and-ladies	1	Y*
H16	185	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	4	Y	Elm, oak, spindle, hawthorn, rose, dogwood, field maple, blackthorn.	5	Lords-and-ladies, Wood false-brome	2	Y

Table A7.6.1: Hedgerow survey results

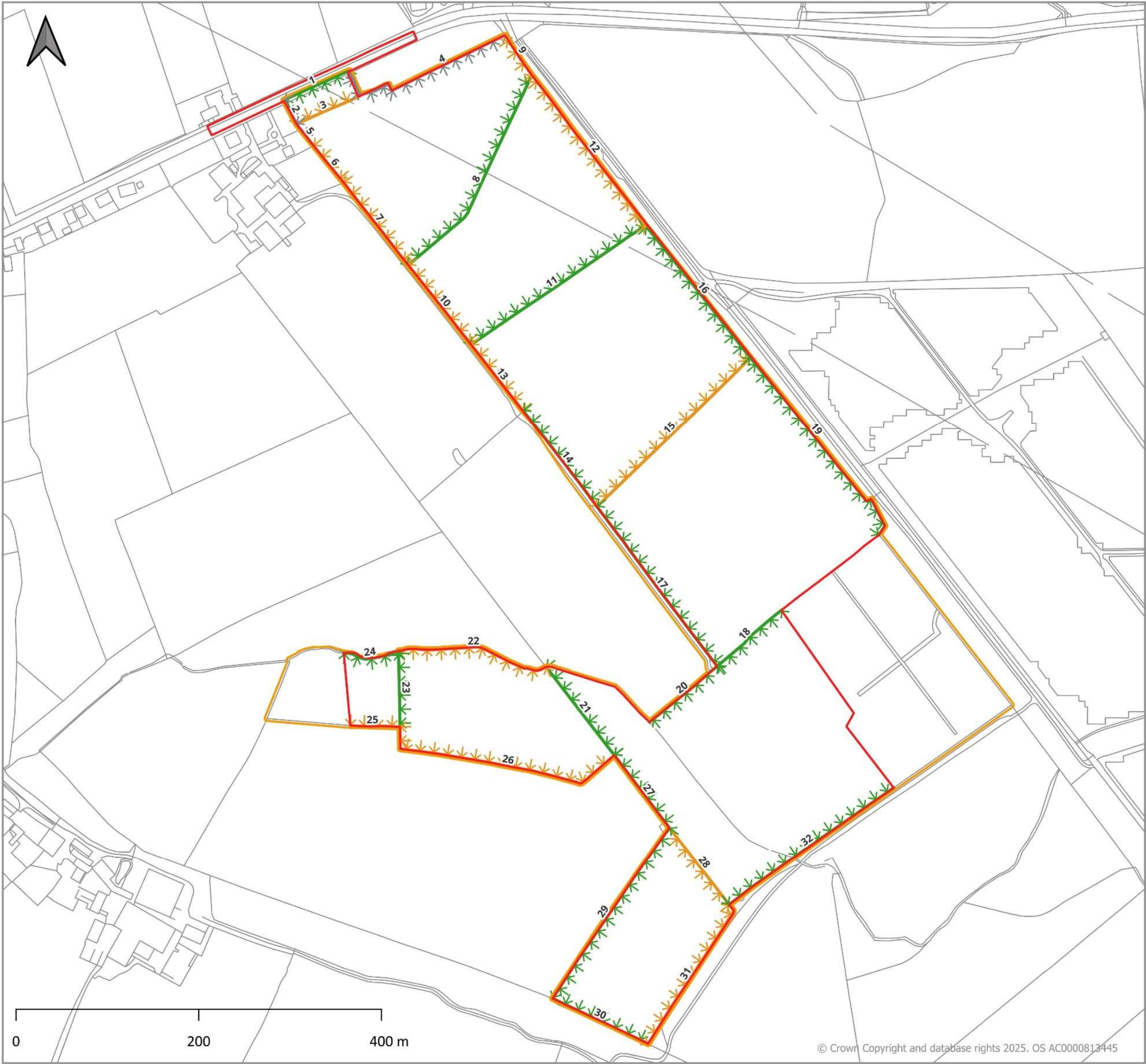
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H17	185	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	4	Y	Elm, oak, spindle, hawthorn, rose, dogwood, field maple, blackthorn.	5	Lords-and-ladies, wood false-brome	2	Y
H18	93	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	4	N	Field maple, spindle, blackthorn, dogwood, hawthorn, privet, rose.	7	Lords-and-ladies, wood false-brome	2	Y
H19	251	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	4	N	Elm, rose, field maple, hawthorn, oak, blackthorn, dogwood, spindle.	5.6	Lords-and-ladies, wood false-brome	2	Y
H20	96	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	2	N	Privet, dogwood, blackthorn, rose, hawthorn, spindle, field maple.	7	Lords-and-ladies	1	Y
H21	123	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	4	N	Elder, hawthorn, blackthorn, field maple, elm, spindle, rose.	5	Lords-and-ladies	1	Y
H22	167	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	4	N	Blackthorn, hawthorn.	2	Lords-and-ladies	1	Y*
H23	107	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	4	N	Hawthorn, field maple, blackthorn, elm, elder, privet, rose.	5.5	Lords-and-ladies	1	Y
H24	62	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	4	N	Willow, hawthorn, blackthorn, rose, elder, privet.	6	Lords-and-ladies	1	Y

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H25	55	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	4	N	Blackthorn, elm, hawthorn.	3	-	0	Y*
H26	248	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	3	N	Elm, blackthorn, hawthorn, elder, spindle, field maple.	4.5	Lords-and-ladies	1	Y*
H27	99	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	4	Y	Dogwood, field maple, blackthorn, hawthorn, elm, elder.	6	Lords-and-ladies	1	Y
H28	107	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	4	N	Blackthorn, hawthorn, field maple, privet, rose.	4	Lords-and-ladies	1	Y*
H29	222	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	4	Y	Blackthorn, dogwood, ash, rose, spindle, hawthorn, oak, ash, field maple, elm, elder.	6	Lords-and-ladies	1	Y
H30	115	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	4	Y	Field maple, blackthorn, privet, rose, oak, hawthorn, elm, elder, oak, dogwood.	7.5	Lords-and-ladies	1	Y
H31	171	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	4	N	Hawthorn, field maple, blackthorn, rose, privet, elder.	4.5	Lords-and-ladies, bluebell	2	Y*
H32	220	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	4	Y	Blackthorn, hawthorn, field maple, oak, elm, elder, ash.	5	Lords-and-ladies	1	Y

*Hedgerow would not qualify as 'important' were it not for the presence of dormouse.

Figure A7.6.1: Hedgerow Survey Plan



Key

- Site boundary
- Survey boundary
- Hedgerow 'Important' - due to presence of dormouse and other Hedgerow Regulations criteria
- Hedgerow 'Important' - due to presence of dormouse only
- Regulations do not apply as hedgerow adjoins residential property

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Hedgerow Survey Plan		
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