



**The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Hedgerow Regulations
1997**

Notice of Consent for works to a Hedgerow

Application Reference Number: PL/2026/02708

Decision Date: 01/06/2026

Applicant:	Miss Bethany Bucknall Wessex Water Operations Centre, Claverton Down, Bath, Bath & North East Somerset, United Kingdom, BA2 7WW
Particulars of Development:	A 60m length of hedgerow atop a stone wall will require removal. Species include elder (<i>Sambucus nigra</i>), hawthorn (<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>), blackthorn (<i>Prunus spinosa</i>) and bramble (<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.). The hedgerow is approximately 1m wide and is well managed on one side. Wessex Water is proposing to undertake repairs to the wall that lies underneath the hedgerow. The wall has partially collapsed. The wall borders the access track leading to Wessex Water's Winsley Water Recycling Centre, and repairs to the wall are required in order for the tankers to be able to safely use the access track. The hedgerow is growing directly above the wall and will require removal in order for the repairs to the wall to be completed. All hedgerow removed will be re-installed in line with Wessex Water Standards following completion of the works.
At:	Hedgerow bordering the access track (southern side) to Winsley WRC (borders access track and farmers field). The entrance to the access track is off Green Lane (380516, 160451). The Access track is also Bridleway WINS8.

The above proposal has been considered under the provisions of the Hedgerow Regulations 1997 and WILTSHIRE COUNCIL has NO OBJECTION to the works proposed.

Nic Thomas - Director of Planning, Economy and Regeneration

NOTES:

(1) This determination is given on the basis of the legislation in force and the facts available at the time of the determination.

(2) The hedgerow removal must be carried out in accordance with the proposal specified in the removal notice submitted to the Local Planning Authority and within a period of 2 years beginning 42 days after receipt of the valid notification.

(3) This decision only authorises the works proposed under the provisions of the Hedgerows Regulations 1997. Consent may also be required under other legislation or under private agreements; the Local Planning Authority may be able to assist in case of doubt.

(4) The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 makes it a criminal offence to damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird whilst that nest is in use or being built. Established working practice avoids works to any hedgerow, tree or vegetation where birds may reasonably be expected to make their nests between 1st of March and 31st of August in any year. Care should be taken outside of this exclusion period as variations in climate may extend the nesting season.

(5) This permission shall not be construed as granting rights to carry out works on, or over, land not within the ownership or control of the applicant.