

HEDGEROW PROTECTION PLAN

Rectory Barn, Church Corner / Whaddon Lane, Whaddon, Wiltshire

Site	Rectory Barn, Whaddon, Wiltshire BA14 6NR
Proposal	Construction of a single new dwelling with associated access, parking and landscaping
Applicant / Owner	Sally Evans
Project reference	ETH25-590
Purpose	Planning application supporting document

Purpose of this plan. This document sets out the measures required to retain and protect the existing boundary hedgerow during construction and to maintain its ecological function following completion of the development.

1. Site Context and Importance

The site comprises residential garden land with a boundary hedgerow along the northern and western boundaries. The Ecological Impact Assessment identifies this hedgerow as the most important on-site feature for bats and as high-value terrestrial habitat for great crested newt, including for foraging, commuting and hibernation. The development layout retains the hedgerow and uses the existing access, avoiding the need for hedgerow removal.

2. Hedgerow Protection Measures

Measure	Requirement
Protective fencing	Before construction starts, install robust tree/hedgerow protective fencing to safeguard the retained hedge and associated rooting areas. The Arboricultural Implications Assessment specifies protection from T6 through to the existing gate entrance and for 3 m along the hedge on the eastern side of the entrance, to the red-line boundary.
Exclusion zone	The area behind the protective fencing shall be treated as an exclusion zone. No vehicles, plant, materials, spoil, mixing, fires, level changes or other construction activity shall take place within it.
Root protection	Avoid excavation, compaction and root severance within retained rooting areas. Any unavoidable activity that may affect roots shall be referred to the project arboricultural consultant before works proceed.
Construction access	Construction traffic shall use the existing gateway at the north-east of the plot so that no new hedgerow opening or removal is required.
Contamination control	Concrete washout, fuels, oils, chemicals and other potentially contaminating materials shall not be discharged or stored where they could affect the hedgerow or rooting areas.

Lighting	External lighting shall be designed to avoid increased light spill onto the northern and western hedgerows. The detailed lighting strategy should demonstrate that light levels along these retained corridors remain comparable to baseline conditions.
Ecological safeguards	Any works close to the hedgerow shall also follow the ecological mitigation for great crested newt and nesting birds set out in the EclA and any Natural England licence requirements applicable to the development.

3. Hedgerow Protection Plan

Insert the approved site / tree protection plan below, showing the retained hedgerow, protective fencing, existing access and relevant tree references.

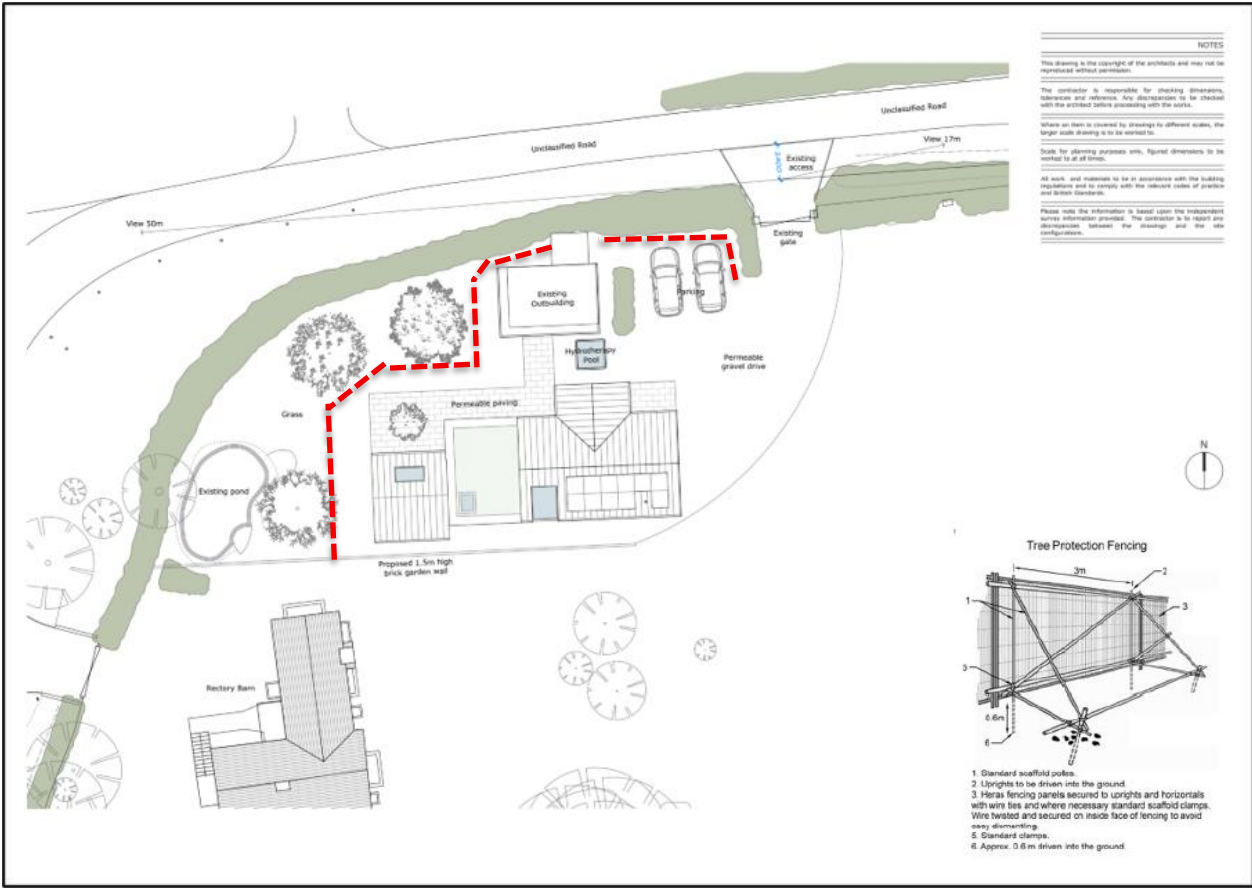


Figure 1. Hedgerow Protection Plan / Tree Protection Plan (fencing is red dotted line)

4. Implementation and Site Control

- Protective fencing shall be erected before site clearance, demolition, delivery of construction materials or other enabling works commence in the vicinity of the retained hedgerow.
- The fencing shall remain in place and fit for purpose throughout the construction phase and shall not be moved or removed without prior approval from the project arboricultural consultant or other suitably qualified person.
- All contractors shall be made aware of the hedgerow protection requirements during site induction. Any accidental damage to the hedgerow, fencing or rooting area shall be reported immediately and appropriate remedial advice sought.

- On completion of construction, protective fencing may be removed once operations capable of damaging the retained hedgerow or its rooting area have ceased.

5. Conclusion

The proposed development has been designed to retain the northern and western boundary hedgerows. Provided the measures in this plan are implemented, the hedgerow can be protected from construction-related damage while continuing to function as an ecological corridor for bats, great crested newt and other wildlife.

Source Documents

- Ethos Environmental Planning. Ecological Impact Assessment: Rectory Barn, Church Corner, Whaddon, Wiltshire. Project ETH25-590, Issue V3, February 2026.
- Acer Tree Surgeons. Arboricultural Implications Assessment relating to the proposed development at Rectory Barn, Whaddon Lane, Hilperton. 2 January 2026.