

### Introduction

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County Council are committed to a well-planned system of green spaces at Manydown. Existing habitats will be protected as far as possible, with further planting and wildlife corridors providing new natural ecological habitats.

Manydown contains some important areas of value to wildlife, including a north to south corridor used by bats and other species. This needs to be re-provided and, where possible, enhanced to allow the continued movement of species and the future development of the site.

To allow the planting to establish before the proposed development begins, the councils and their development partner Urban&Civic are planning ahead and making some of the ecological works a priority. Natural England is supportive of the principle of this approach.

As a result, a separate detailed planning application has been submitted for planting and groundworks, including drainage, to establish a wildlife corridor for bats and other species.



### What is being proposed?

The outline planning application for the north Manydown development proposes a 20-metre wide corridor of mixed habitats, including woodland, grassland and scrub, on the eastern side of the lane between the B3400 and Wootton St Lawrence. This is currently under consideration by the planning authority.

The separate ecology planning application proposes that this wide corridor is provided on the western side of the lane instead and that existing sections of hedgerow on the eastern side of the lane are kept and reinforced to establish a six-metre wide hedgerow corridor. These two corridors would connect with woodland to the north and existing sections of hedgerow along Worting Road to the south. The application also includes groundworks in agricultural fields for drainage and planting.

This detailed application aims to enable the earlier establishment of the wildlife corridor and offers an alternative layout option to that set out in the outline planning application.

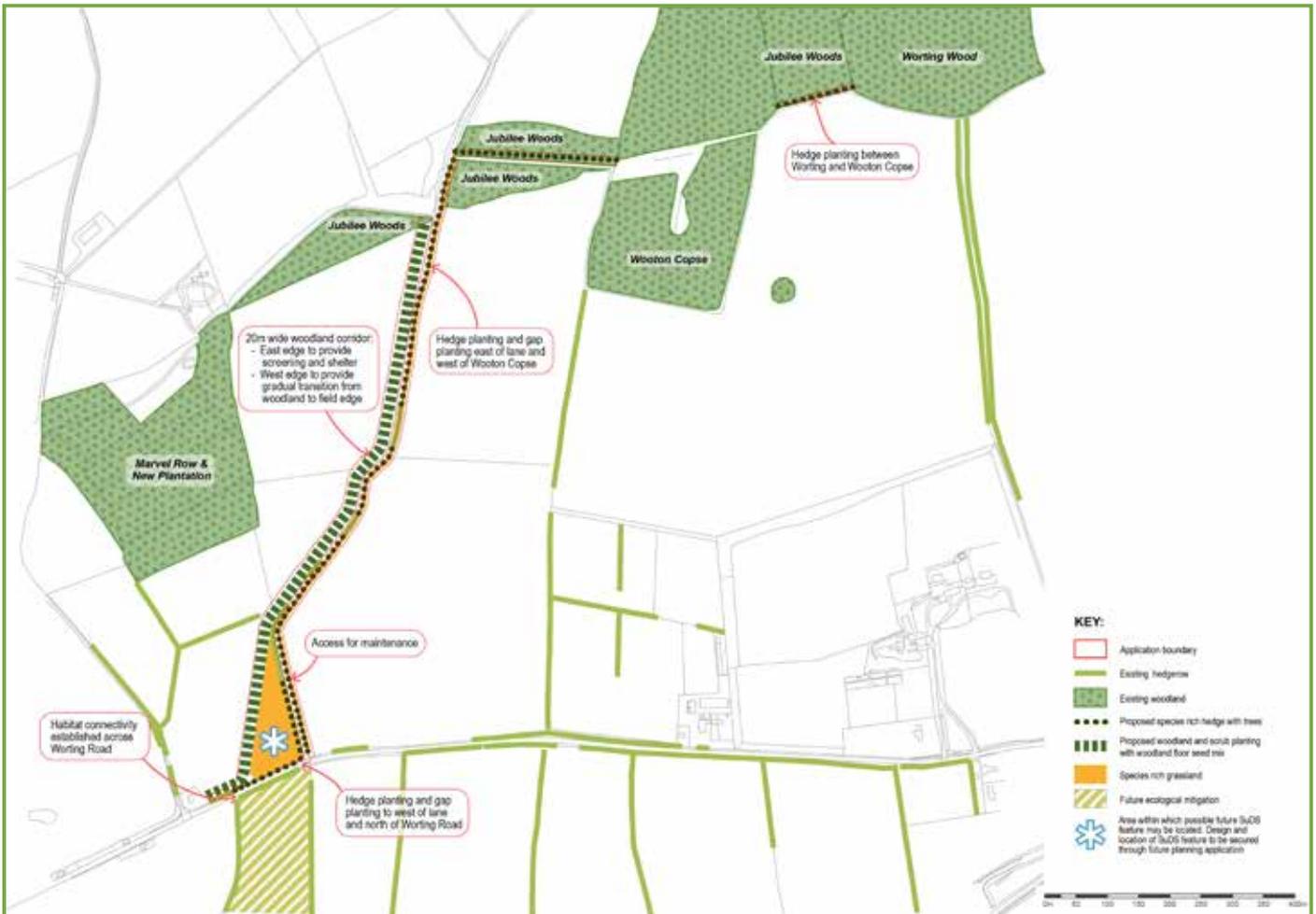
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# Map of the proposed landscaping and ecological mitigation works



## Consultation on the planning application

The borough council as planning authority is now consulting on the detailed planning application for this ecology work at Manydown.

For more information and to comment on the separate ecology application, see the page on the borough council's planning webpages at [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/manydownplanning](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/manydownplanning)

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