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22nd May 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

Anglian Water Services Limited
Reference Number: WAT-07701

Hedgerow removal notice application for the removal of 55m of hedgerow across 5 locations. The locations are summarised in Table 1.

To facilitate the installation of the 3 new pipelines to address growth in the Woolpit area, it is necessary to remove 55m of hedgerow across 6 locations. These removals will facilitate pipelaying and construction access. Although 15/10m has been applied for at each location, this is a cautious amount to account for possible nesting birds. In reality, less will be removed.

I am writing to seek approval for the removal of the above sections of hedgerow as required under the Hedgerow Regulations 1997 (The Regulations).

The Regulations set out that it is for the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to decide whether to approve the notice or issue a hedgerow retention notice if the hedgerow has been identified as 'important' when assessed against the criteria in the Regulations and it does not consider that the circumstances justify its removal. If the hedgerow is not identified as important when assessed, then under the Regulations the LPA cannot refuse permission for its removal, notwithstanding planning policy.

Once the pipeline has been installed, the hedgerow will be reinstated in the next planting season using the following hedgerow specification.

Hedgerow Specification for Reinstatement



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Species	Age	Form and Height	% Mix
Hawthorn	1 +1	TP 45-60	60
Blackthorn	1 +1	TP 45-60	25
Field Maple	1 +1	TP 45-60	5
Dogwood	1 +1	TP 45-60	5
Dogrose	1 +1	TP 45-60	5

The hedge shrubs will be planted in a mulch strip. 450mm apart in two staggered rows also 450mm apart.

All shrubs to be 45-60cm high bare root transplants, protected with 60cm high reinforced tubing and wooden splines.

I have included a location and detailed plan of the exact hedgerows to be removed.

Should you require any further information, or wish to discuss any aspects of this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Annie Rowe
Enabling Coordinator

Table 1: Hedgerow removal locations. [Link to grid reference finder](#)

Description	X, Y	what3words	Nearest address	To be removed (m)	>30 years old?
HR_1	589568, 260316	bother.rotations.televised	Linkwood Road, Little Whelnetham, Rushbrooke, West Suffolk, Suffolk, England, IP30 0EW	10	Y
HR_2	589941 , 261807	readjust.mutual.divider	Elderstub Lane, Blackthorpe, Rushbrooke with Rougham, Rushbrooke, West Suffolk, IP30 9HY	15	Y
HR_3	590867 , 261870	emails.overture.spinning	Almshouse Road, Rougham Green, Rushbrooke with Rougham, Rougham, IP30 9JW	10	Y
HR_4	591017 , 261947	views.nowadays.thud	Almshouse Road, Rougham Green, Rushbrooke with Rougham, Rougham, IP30 9JW	10	Y
HR_5	593897, 261788	theme.illogical.blubber	The Street, Mid Suffolk, Suffolk, England, IP30 9AX	10	Y

