

Notification No: 25/00788CONS

Site: Blissford Dairy Farm, Blissford Road, Blissford,
Fordingbridge SP6 2JG

Conservation Area Tree

Work Notification: Re-pollard 2 x Oak trees (T1 & T2 on the plan)
Re-pollard 1 x Holly tree (T3 on the plan)
Prune/Coppice 1 x mixed species native hedgerow (G1 on the plan)

Case Officer: James Palmer, Tree Officer

Parish: Hyde Parish Council

1. REASON FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

Application by Authority Member

2. DEVELOPMENT PLAN DESIGNATION

Conservation Area (Western Escarpment)

3. RELEVANT LEGISLATION/REGULATIONS

Section 211 of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012. These provisions require that six weeks' notice is submitted to the local planning authority before carrying out any work on trees within a Conservation Area.

4. PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

None received

5. ASSESSMENT

5.1 The tree work notification under Section 211 has been received due to the location of the trees and hedgerow within the Western Escarpment Conservation Area.

5.2 The details have been assessed by the Tree Team as follows:

5.3 Mature Oak tree (marked as T1 within the notification) – This tree appears in good health. The tree has previously been reduced/pollarded to circa 5 metres above ground level. Multiple utility lines run through the crown, contacting branches in several locations. The proposed works to re-pollard the tree are considered sound cyclical management.

5.4 Mature Oak tree (marked as T2 within the notification) – This tree

appears in good health. It grows adjacent to the access track. The proposed works to re-pollard the tree in line with the works previously undertaken are considered sound cyclical management.

- 5.5 Holly tree (marked as T3 within the notification) – This tree appears in good health. The tree has a dense crown growing subservient to the adjacent Oak tree (T1). The crown is in contact with the fabric of the outbuilding. A section of lapsed hedgerow is in need of re-instatement by re-pollarding.

- 5.6 Mixed species native hedgerow (marked as G1 within the notification)

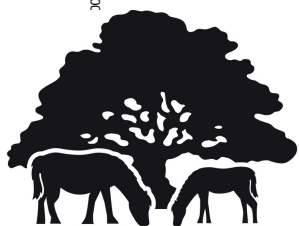
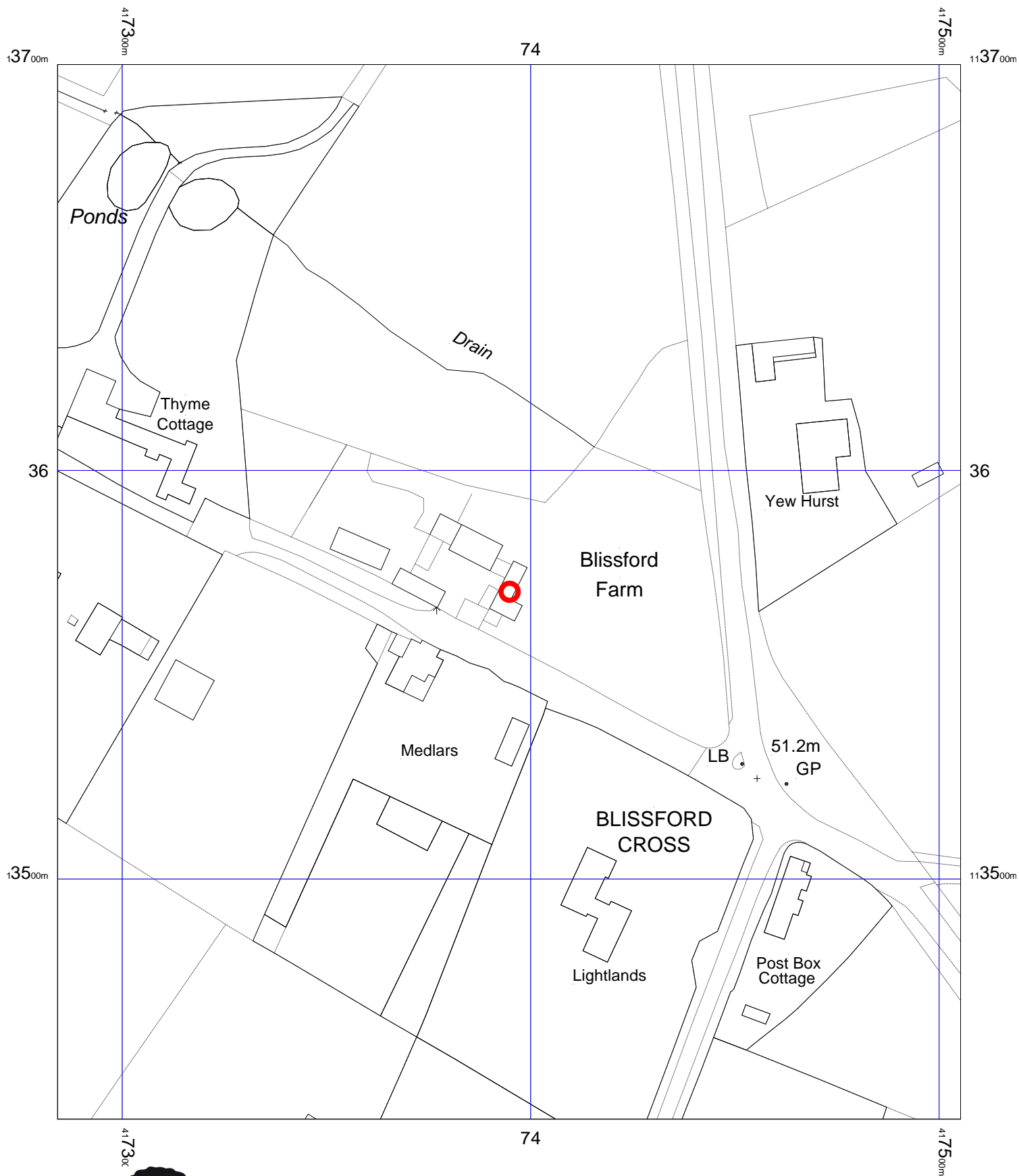
The hedgerow grows on the eastern boundary of Blissford Dairy Farm and adjacent to Blissford Road for circa 250 metres. It comprises a native hedgerow with notable woody species being Goat Willow, Hawthorn, Field Maple, Oak, Elder, Hazel and Blackthorn with dense mixed native plant understorey.

The hedgerow has undergone limited recent management with the dominant tree species outgrowing adjacent hedgerow plants. This has resulted in a less uniformed structure and has reduced light levels to the lower portions of the hedgerow. The reduction in maintenance has fragmented the hedgerow's structure and in time, left unmanaged, it will cease to be a hedge.

- 5.7 Several of the taller trees now make contact with the overhead utility lines. The proposed works will create an appropriate distance between the lines and foliage.
- 5.8 The larger of the trees growing from the hedgerow and those that do not form part of the hedgerow are to be retained.
- 5.9 The maintenance and management of hedgerows does not require a tree work notification, however as management has lapsed, some of the woody species' e.g. Willow, Hazel and Oak may be considered trees, therefore for the avoidance of doubt the tree work notification has included these works.
- 5.10 The proposed works are considered sound hedgerow management enabling the re-establishment of the hedgerow and avoiding its long-term erosion.
- 5.11 The proposed works are considered sound management of trees and hedgerows in the countryside. They will benefit the landscape of the New Forest National Park and the character of the Western Escarpment Conservation Area.

6.1 **RECOMMENDATION**

Raise no objection.



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