



## APPENDIX B

### **Explanatory note regarding DC/22/1887/FUL | Planning application - create access into All Saints Golf and Country Club | Land Off The Street Fornham All Saints Suffolk**

26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

All Saints Hotel would like to reinstate a historic access off the The Street, Fornham All Saints to the Golf Course, the reasons for this are to:

- **Improve access to the isolated northwest area of the golf course.**

The area of the golf course which would be served by the new access requires a convoluted route to access it.

It is necessary to either cross several water courses or travel a far greater distance around the golf course to avoid them.

The Golf Manager at the hotel has historically requested the proposed access to improve this. This was once again brought into focus following a recent incident on the golf course where a maintenance vehicle broke down (Appendix A).

The new access eliminates the need to cross and water courses and provide a more direct route. Specifically, reinstating this access will reduce the fuel required for maintenance vehicles to reach certain areas of the golf course from 2.1 miles to 0.3 miles (Appendix B).

- **Intensification of vehicular movements to this area of the golf course.**

The area that is immediately adjacent to the new access will be subject to a comprehensive replanting scheme following a felling licence issued by the Forestry Commission as shown in Appendix C.

This will intensify the number of vehicular movements to this area as the felling license requires that the new trees will have to be planted, watered, mulched, weeded, replaced and protected for a period of 10 years.

## APPENDIX A

### Letter from Golf Manager demonstrating need for new access.

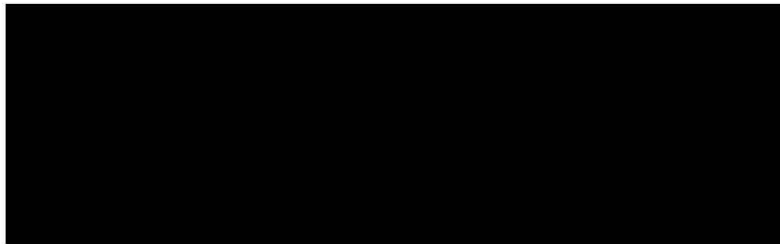


Hi David

Quick note, just to let you know West Suffolk Council were mowing on the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway today and their machine had a serious breakdown. Hydraulic oil had burned a small section of the fairway which we have cleaned up as well as possible.

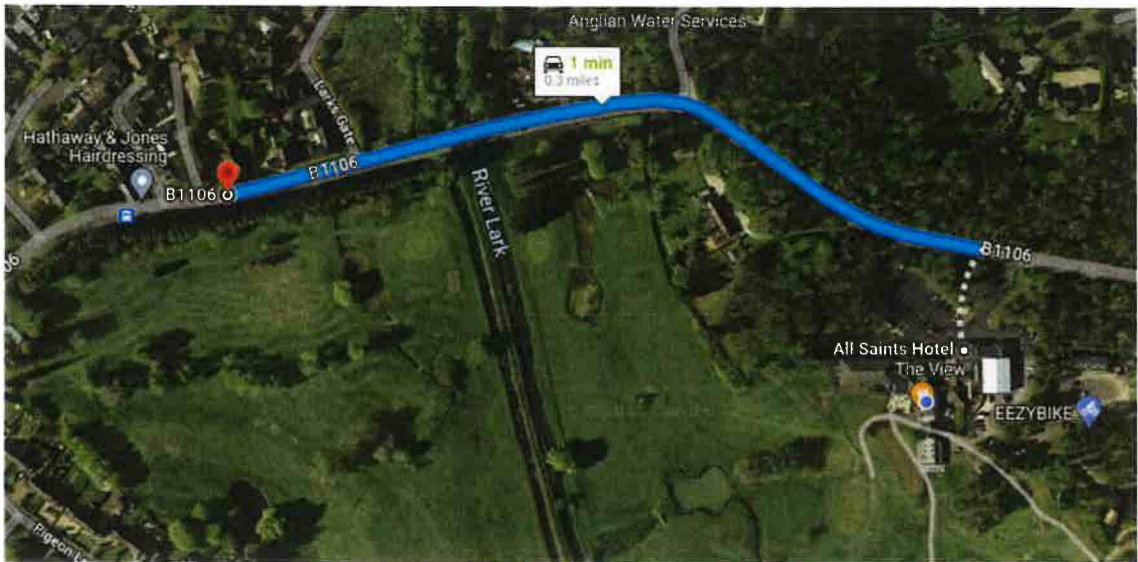
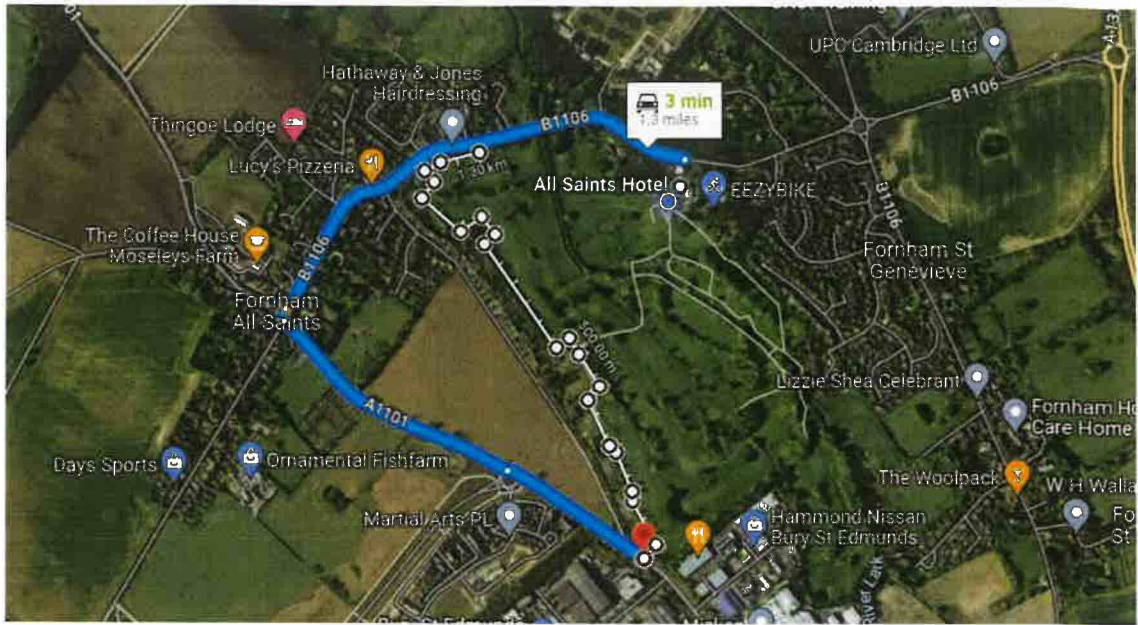
The mower had to be left in situ for a couple of hours, fortunately not in the way of golfers. The recover vehicle is now on site but it has been more than a little difficult, getting it across the course to retrieve the mower. Had we had any significant rainfall and/or we were in the winter months, I'm not sure how we could have got to the site. Had we access to the course from the B1106 in Fornham, directly on to the 5<sup>th</sup> hole this would solve any future issues. I know you spoke about access there before, so I would recommend we revisit the option to ensure we can get the council and other contractors to all areas on site, throughout the year.

Any questions please just shout, thanks  
Steve



## APPENDIX B

Maps demonstrating reduce travel distance required to access the northwest area of the golf course by reinstating historic access.



**APPENDIX C**

**Felling licenses for areas of land adjacent to proposed access.**

# Felling Licence to fell growing trees



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**17/11/2022**

**Application ref: 017/2998/2022**

**Management Plan Ref: N/A**

**Felling Licence (Forestry Act 1967)**

**Woodland Name: The Suffolk Golf Course**

Please find your approved Felling Licence and associated work area map(s) enclosed. If you are a managing agent receiving this Licence on behalf of the owner / tenant, you must forward a copy of the Licence to the owner / tenant for their attention.

Please note the expiry date for completion of the work.

If this Licence contains conditions for restocking, it is the responsibility of the owner / leaseholder / tenant of the land to ensure that the conditions are met by the required date(s) specified in this Licence. The Forestry Commission may visit the site at any time to inspect compliance of this Licence and its conditions.

## Non-compliance with Conditions of the Licence

Failure to comply with the conditions of this Licence may result in an Enforcement Notice being served upon you or any successive owner of the land. Subsequently, failure to comply with an Enforcement Notice may constitute an offence under section 24(4) of the Forestry Act 1967, involving a summary conviction and an unlimited fine. Where an Enforcement Notice is served due to non-compliance with this licence, the Forestry Commission may publish the map attached to this licence (so far as it is replicated within the subsequent Enforcement Notice) upon its publicly facing digital map browser or elsewhere.

## Timber Regulations

The Plant Health Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 (PHR) requires the use of Protected Zone plant passports for the movement of all conifers and *Castanea* species (including sweet chestnut) with bark, and standard plant passports for *Juglans*, *Platanus* and *Pterocarya* species (e.g. walnut, plane, wingnut) with or without bark. For these species, a plant passport will be required at each stage of the transport chain where whole or chipped roundwood (including brash) is moved from the harvesting site or site of aggregation, to the processor and the movement of isolated bark whether or not mixed with other materials.

Professional operators must join a register managed by the competent authority, where the professional operator is authorised to issue plant passports. Forest owners will not normally issue passports unless they are responsible for commissioning the movement of timber.

Guidance on how to **Register as a Professional Operator to issue Plant Passports** is available on GOV.UK.

UK legislation governing timber legality prohibits trade of illegally harvested timber and timber products. It requires those responsible for placing UK grown timber onto the market for the first time, the 'Operator', whether they are an owner, contractor or timber merchant, to maintain documentation to prove that the timber is harvested from a legally authorised resource.

A timber regulations Due Diligence checklist is required when placing the timber authorised by this felling licence on the market for the first time. The parties involved will need to complete, and each retain a copy of, the Due Diligence checklist (along with any other documents that demonstrate the timber has been felled in conjunction with all other relevant legislation e.g. Health and Safety). More information on timber regulation is available on GOV.UK by searching '[Regulations: timber and FLEGT licences](#)'.

#### For those in receipt of Rural Payments

If you claim rural payments, you must follow a set of rules called Cross Compliance, which include Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition of land (GAEC) rules. These rules may impact what times of the year you can cut down trees on land receiving rural payments. Failure to comply with these rules may result in a reduction of payments made by the Rural Payments Agency.

#### Protected sites - Sites of Special Scientific Interest or Scheduled Monuments

This Licence only gives you permission to fell the trees specified in the Licence. It does not give you the additional consents that you require in order to conduct works (including felling) within Sites of Special Scientific Interest or Scheduled Monuments (protected sites). These consents may be enclosed with this felling licence, but if they are not, you should not fell trees on protected sites without the formal consent from Natural England or Historic England respectively.

#### Planning permission

If, after felling trees authorised to be cut down in this Licence, you seek planning permission for any form of development on the felled area, you should be aware that the granting of planning permission will not override the conditions of this Licence or any subsequent Enforcement Notice issued under section 24 of the Forestry Act 1967.

#### Environmental Information Regulations

Felling Licences are disclosed on request and may be published under the Environmental Information Regulations. Disclosure and publication will take into account the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 in respect to any personal information included in the licence.

Yours sincerely

For the Forestry Commission

# Licence to Fell Growing Trees

To: Mr David Harris  
The Suffolk Golf Course  
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This Licence gives you permission under section 10 of the Forestry Act 1967 as amended to fell the trees described in Part 1 of this licence and in the areas shown on the appended map(s).

Tree felling under this Licence has been approved by the Forestry Commission as being in accordance with government policy for the sound management of a renewable resource, based on the application made. The Licence issued is intended for use by the person with an interest in the land that enabled them to apply for the licence in the first instance.

## **The felling permissions in this Licence expire on: 17 Nov 2027**

Prior to felling, all parties (agents, contractors, stakeholders) who are involved or affected by the felling must be made aware of this licence and provided with a copy of the Licence and map(s) on request. After enacting any part of this licence, if you sell the land you should also tell the new owner about this Licence.

If a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) is placed on these trees after this Licence was applied for or issued, you must contact the Forestry Commission as you will need a new Licence if you wish to fell the protected trees. Without a new felling Licence, you may potentially be committing an offence under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in relation to the TPO. The local planning authority is not empowered to grant you permission to fell protected trees if that felling would ordinarily require a felling Licence.

Tree felling operations must be carried out in a manner that reflects good forestry practice, as set out in the current UK Forestry Standard (UKFS). When preparing tree felling operations, appropriate consideration should always be given for possible impacts on habitats and species, these will include but not limited to:

- Ensuring operations are in compliance with the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 relating to European Protected Species (EPS); and
- Ensuring timing of operations (such as in the bird nesting season) are in compliance with the protection of birds under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Any felling operations for 'thinning' approved by this Licence must be implemented evenly across the felling site(s) for thinning identified under Part 1 of this licence. The felling operation for thinning will not exceed 30% of the total number of trees or remove more than 30% of the original canopy cover per operation, unless otherwise agreed by the FC and confirmed in this licence. Note: tree felling operations for 'thinning' that occur at a greater intensity than 30% of the number of trees or area of canopy (in all or part of an operational area) may constitute a breach of the Licence.

Where conditions of the Licence state that restocking is by natural regeneration or by using coppice regrowth, ground conditions must be maintained to facilitate and secure natural regeneration, and coppiced stumps must be retained in situ and be adequately protected to allow site native natural regeneration to occur.

### Tree Health

If you have any reason to suspect the presence of tree pests or disease, e.g. *Phytophthora ramorum*, you are obliged to inform the Forestry Commission at the earliest possible opportunity, as per your obligation under article 14 of The Plant Health Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 (PHR).

If larch or other tree species susceptible to *Phytophthora ramorum* included in this licence display symptoms of this disease you must not fell those trees until the FC have had the opportunity to assess their health. If *Phytophthora ramorum* presence is suspected or confirmed, the area will become subject to a Statutory Plant Health Notice (SPHN), the conditions of which will override those contained within this licence.

Paul Webster

Date: 17/11/2022

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Signed for and on behalf of the Forestry Commissioners



## Part 1 - Description of the trees to be felled

Property: The Suffolk Golf Course

Name of wood: The Suffolk Golf Course

Local Authority: West Suffolk Council

Approved Felling

Details:

Felling site, subcpt or coupe	Type of operation	Marking of trees	Digitised Area ha	Total number of trees	Estimated volume m <sup>3</sup>	Species
Overmature poplar and willow	Felling of Individual Trees		0.04		20	white willow / hybrid poplar
Western poplar	Felling of Individual Trees		0.01		15	hybrid poplar

## **Part 2 - Restocking Conditions**

Condition B: Restock on alternative area.

The following conditions apply to the licenced felling in Overmature poplar and willow, Western poplar .

1. Before 30th June 2028 the land marked on the attached map must be:
    - a. Prepared.
    - b. Planted with holm oak, common lime, common alder and mixed conifers to achieve not less than 11 trees to replace those felled on a one to one basis, evenly distributed over the replanting area.
  
  2. For a period of 10 years from the planting:
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    - c. Any trees must be maintained in accordance with the rules and practice of good forestry.
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## **Part 3 - Supplementary points**

Replanting to be within two years of felling.

# Operations Map



The Suffolk Golf Course | TL 840 676 | 017/2998/2022

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# Restocking Map



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Lindsey Allen

Date: 13/04/2022

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Approved Felling

Details:

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Roadside Poplars	Clear Felling		0.23		185	hybrid poplar

## **Part 2 - Restocking Conditions**

Condition A: Restock on felled area.

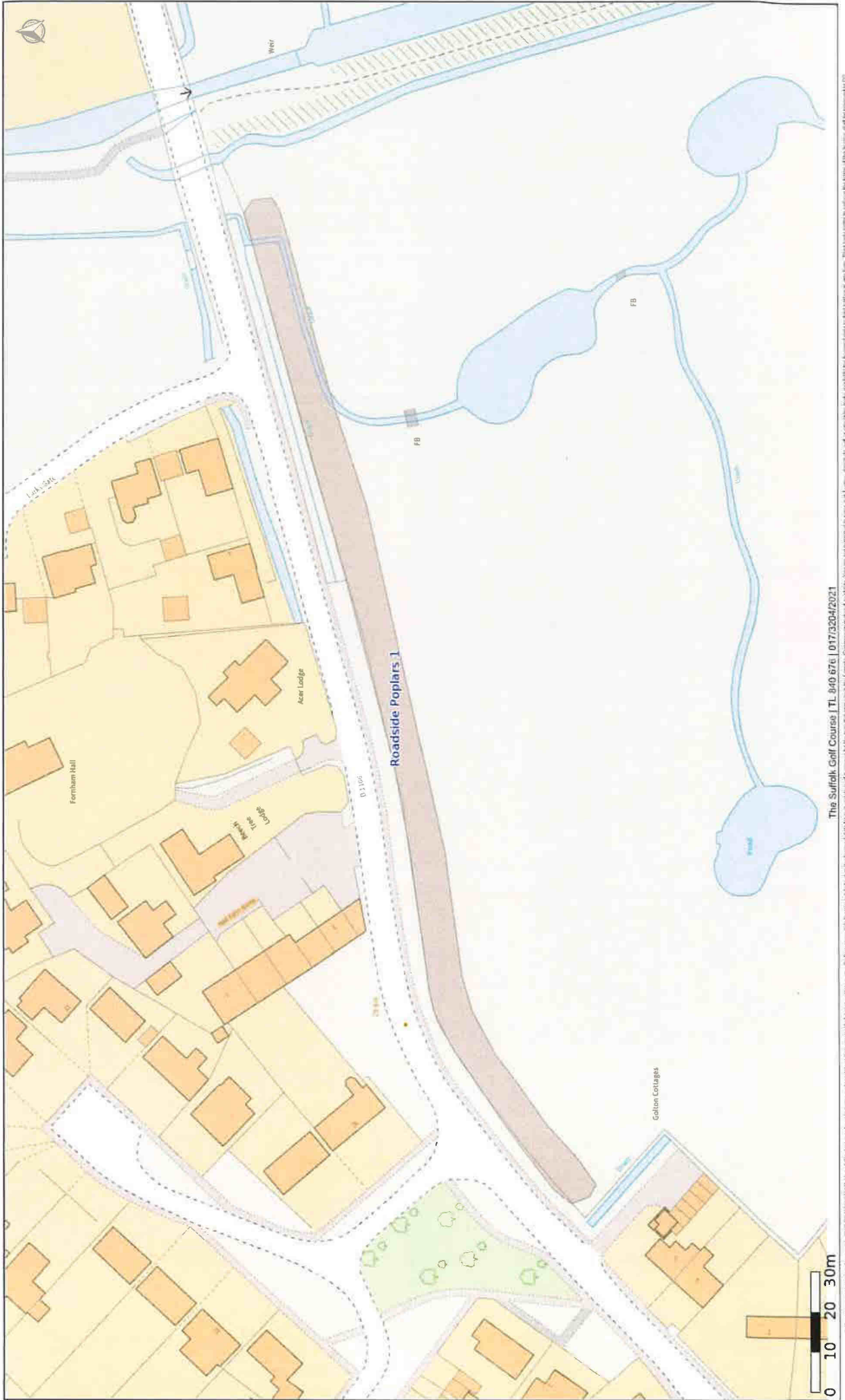
The following conditions apply to the licenced felling in Roadside Poplars.

1. Before 30th June 2027 the land on which the felling took place must be:
    - a. Prepared.
    - b. Planted with small-leaved lime, mixed conifers, holm oak and common alder to achieve not less than 4444 stems per hectare evenly distributed over the site.
  
  2. For a period of 10 years from the planting:
    - a. The plants must be protected against damage and be adequately weeded.
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## **Part 3 - Supplementary points**

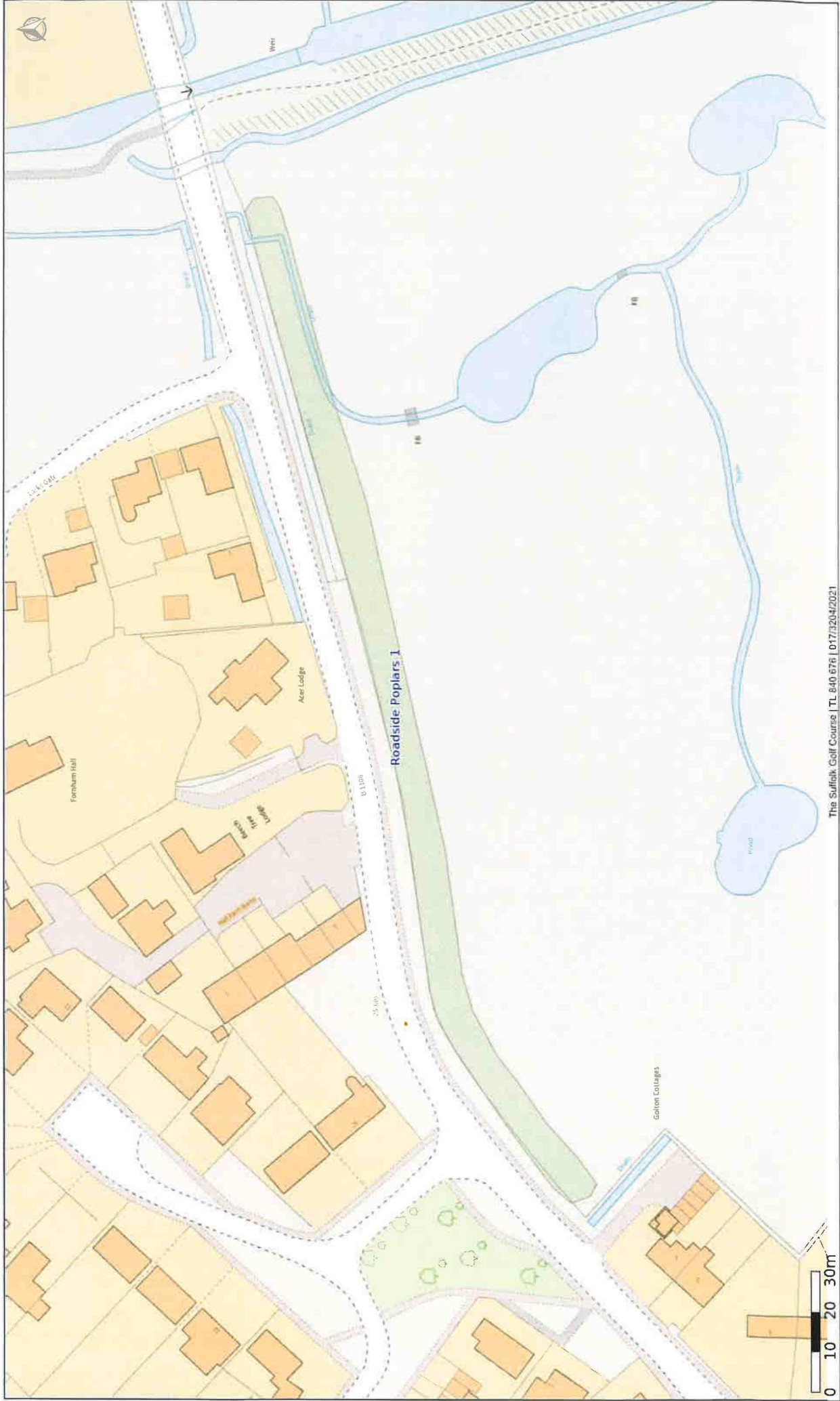
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