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Planning Application reference H19-0081-11 – Treading Wind Farm
Proposed Planting Scheme

Dear Mr. Gedney,

As you are no doubt aware, Wind Ventures and myself met with your appointed landscape consultant Jonathan Billingsley at Fenland District Councils offices on 27th February.

At this meeting, we discussed the potential for a planting scheme at two locations, one of which falls within South Holland District Councils area.

It is proposed to extend the existing hawthorn hedge along Guanockgate Road, either within the adjoining landholding or the roadside verge. This scheme will, over time, screen the view of the proposed wind farm from the dwelling known as The Birches. The planting plan demonstrates how this new hedgerow will change over time, and the associated screening that it provides.

Wind Ventures would be happy for South Holland District Council to condition this planting scheme, or will agree to undertake this scheme via a S106 agreement as appropriate, should the project be awarded planning consent.

The attached scheme also has the benefit of both extending the existing habitat as well as providing screening.

If you have any questions or comments then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

John Fairlie
Director
CC; J Billingsley, The Landscape Partnership

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Proposed Planting – The Birches

Introduction

1. This note provides a description of the planting proposed near a property local to the Treading Wind Farm site –a hedgerow to the east of the Birches (which is to the west of the proposed wind turbine array).

2. This note is accompanied by Figures B1 and B2.

The Birches

3. The Birches is located on Guanockgate Road to the west of the proposed Treading Wind Farm, approximately 693m west-northwest of turbine 2 and 838m west-southwest of turbine 1, as shown on the plan in Figure B1. The Birches is a bungalow with ground floor front windows and an open front garden which face eastwards towards the proposed wind turbines.

4. There are several properties located along Guanockgate Road, most of which have some intervening vegetation between the property and the wind turbines, including a substantial field boundary/road side hedgerow on the eastern side of Guanockgate Road, which consists mainly of hawthorn. However, there is a long gap in this hedgerow from just north of the Birches southwards to Chestnut Farm and there are three properties immediately opposite this gap, with the frontage of The Birches having the most open views to the east.

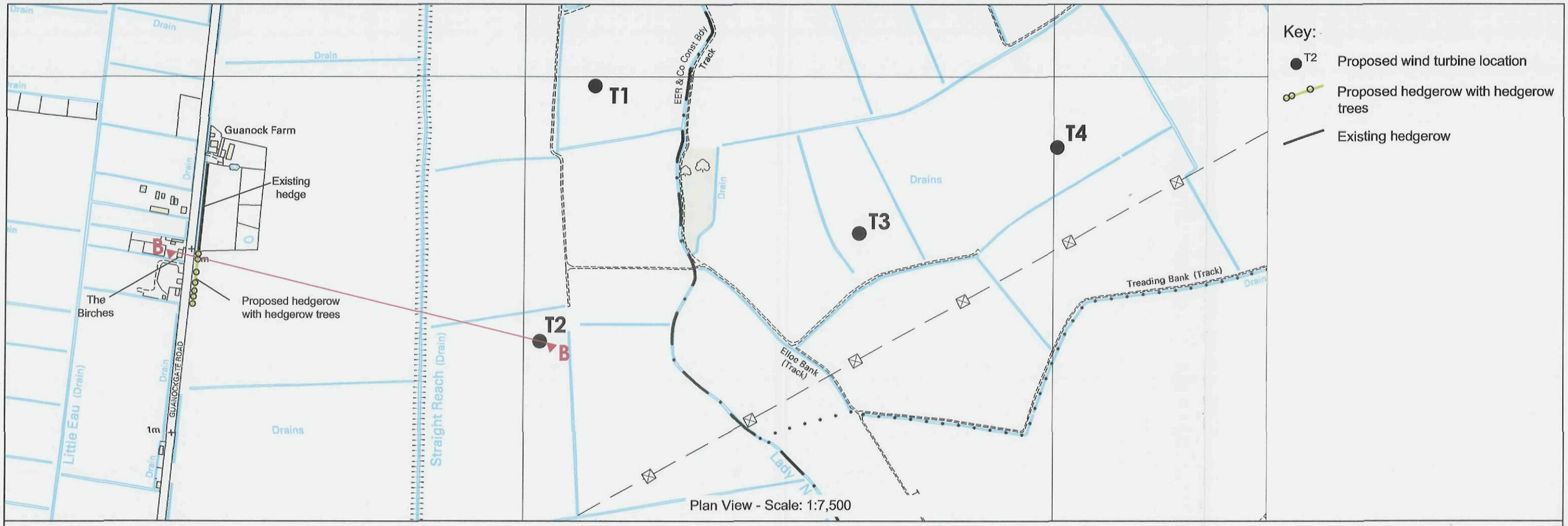
5. As suggested by the Planning Officer, the proposed planting would be a 100m length of new hawthorn hedgerow that would extend southwards from the existing field boundary/roadside hedgerow, as shown on the plan in Figure B1. It is also proposed to plant several hedgerow trees along this length, which could be carefully sited so as to mask the turbines in key views from these three properties. The proposed location of this hedgerow with hedgerow trees is on the boundary of the adjacent field, to the immediate rear of the highway verge (as shown in Figure B1). However, if the landowner does not give permission for this, then the hedgerow and hedgerow trees would be located within the highway verge.

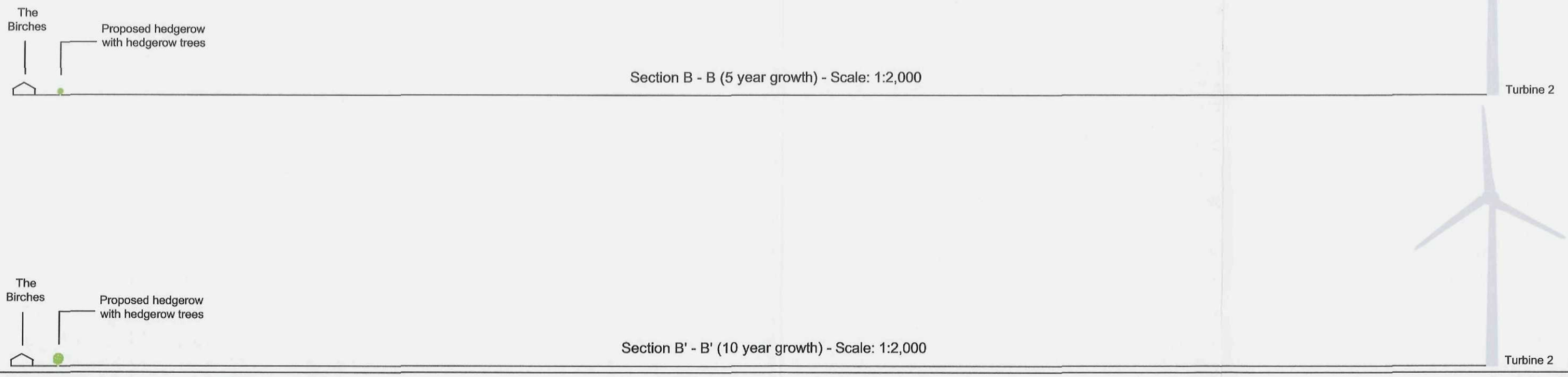
6. The relative locations of the property, the existing field boundary hedgerow, the proposed hedgerow with the hedgerow trees and turbines 1 and 2 are shown diagrammatically on the plan and to scale in the sections on Figures B1 and B2. The first section (B-B) on both figures shows the proposed hedgerow approximately 5 years after planting (at 1.5m high) and the second section (B'-B') on both figures shows the proposed hedgerow approximately 10 years after planting (at 3m high). The proposed hedgerow and hedgerow tree species are listed in Schedule 1 below.

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Schedule 1: Hedgerow

Latin name	**Common name**
Hedgerow species:	
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn
Hedgerow tree species:	
Fraxinus excelsior	Ash

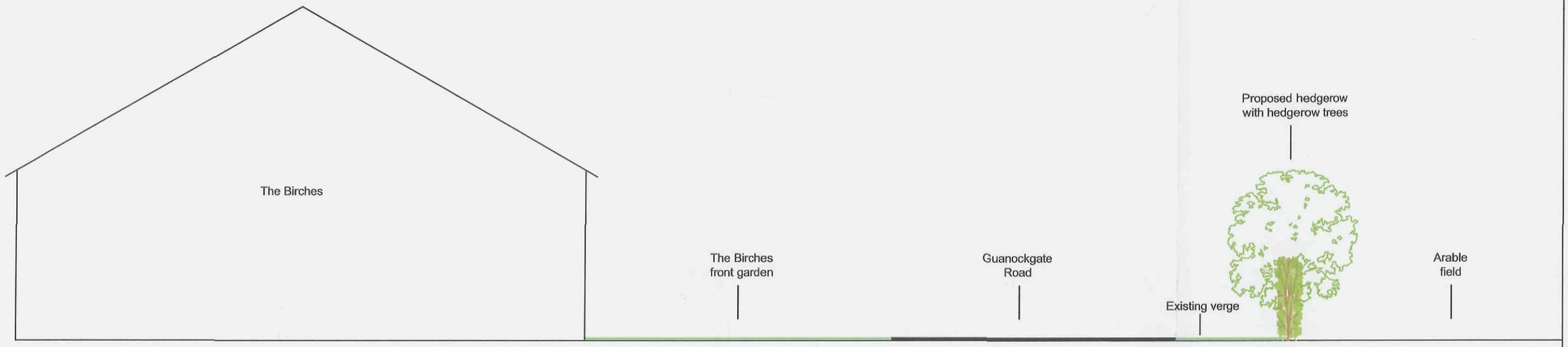




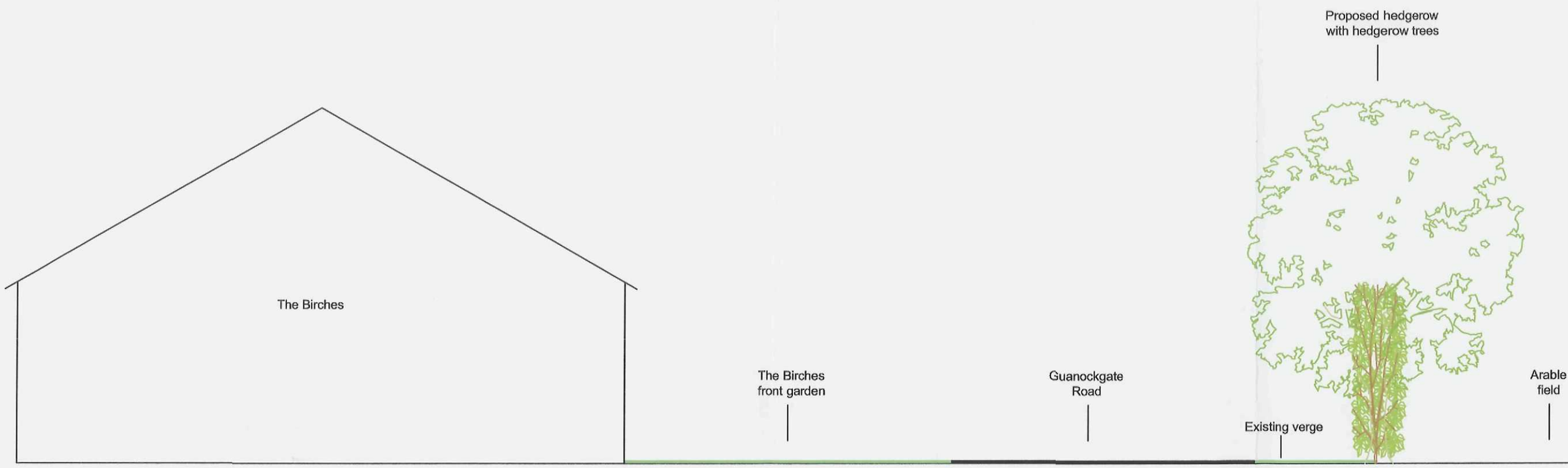
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Figure B1
The Birches - Plan & Sections



Section B - B (5 year growth) - Scale: 1:75



Section B' - B' (10 year growth) - Scale: 1:75

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Figure B2
The Birches - Details