BIO DIVERSITY NET GAIN - AVA/2024/0418 - A Clark-Maxwell

Current biodiversity of land
The land proposed is pasture land that is grazed by horses and mown and rolled. To the south of the area is a plantation of established mix British trees which is fenced from the field by stock fencing. East of the area is stock fencing with grass verge and then the existing bridlepath. On the other verge from the path we have hedgerow with mix planting and trees leading into a grazing field.
The west area consists of a partial reed bed leading to an established woodland and the north of the proposed area will continue to be pastureland.



Exemption through de-minimus.
1 Historic rolling, harrowing and mowing of the field has reduced habitat in the pasture.
2 Less than 5m linear habitat within the site boundary will be affected as no habitat change
3 Less than 25m squared within the plan will be impacted by the development.
4 No trees, hedges or plants will be removed or destroyed or disturbed as no access change.

We intend to plant more trees within the site to improve the biodiversity of the area and also plant hedgerow and hedgerow based plants to encourage bird and insect life. An exclusion zone area 5m or larger will be placed to preserve the reed bed. The reed bed is fed by natural water however it dries in the summer months. Aesthetically the area will not change from mown grass and will remain non-zero with instead actual habitat improvement proposed.