



Invitation to Tender

For the Work of:

September 2026 “Mend the Gap” Tender A –

Planting native trees and hedging on 8 sites between Pangbourne, Berkshire and Didcot, Oxfordshire

Issued: 18th September 2026

Return responses by: 11th October 2026 at 17.00

1 The Mend the Gap Project

The project is a rail corridor enhancement scheme, funded by Network Rail and now administered by the Chilterns Conservation Board. The objective of the planting being tendered is to soften the view of the electrification of the Great Western main line from Reading to Didcot. Planting hedges and trees will enhance the landscape and help to screen the railway infrastructure.

2 Overview of the work

Eight landowners in the Mend the Gap project area require tree and hedgerow planting on multiple sites covered by this Invitation to Tender.

The Contract is to supply plants, as well as supply and plant mixed native hedgerow trees, in-field trees, and hedgerow plants, with stakes and shelters or canes. Works will also include ground preparations including mowing, strimming, and mulching.

The successful contractor is also to be employed to attend the site one year later for maintenance which shall be to straighten up hedge plants, to replace failed plants, broken guards, and canes/stakes. On one site (Site 4), supplying of plants should also be undertaken in the following planting season too (Winter 2027-2028).

The contractor will liaise with FWAG South East Advisers who have produced this specification and will oversee works.

3 Summary of the works

The work is summarised as:

Site number	Location	Works
Site 1	South Moreton	Supply only: 15 trees with suitable stakes, guards, and ties.
Site 2	Cholsey	Supply and plant: 1,720m of mixed native hedge, 30 standard trees and 14 hedgerow trees with suitable stakes, guards, and mulch.
Site 3	Cholsey	Supply and plant: 1,200m of mixed native hedge and 14 hedgerow trees with suitable stakes, guards, and mulch. Supply and install: 420m of stock and rabbit-proof metal fencing.
Site 4	Streatley	Year 1, supply only: 50m of mixed native hedge, 8 trees with suitable stakes, guards, and ties. Year 2, supply only: 60m of mixed native hedge, 2 trees with suitable stakes, guards, and ties.
Site 5	Pangbourne	Supply and plant: 40m of mixed native hedge, 2 hedgerow trees, 7 individual standard trees, with suitable stakes, guards, and mulch.
Site 6	Pangbourne	Supply only: 570m of mixed native hedge for gapping up, 19 trees with suitable stakes, guards, and ties.
Site 7	Purley Rise	Supply only: 3 trees with suitable stakes, guards, and ties
Site 8	Whitchurch-on-Thames	Supply only: 5 trees with suitable stakes, guards, and ties.

4 Timing of required works

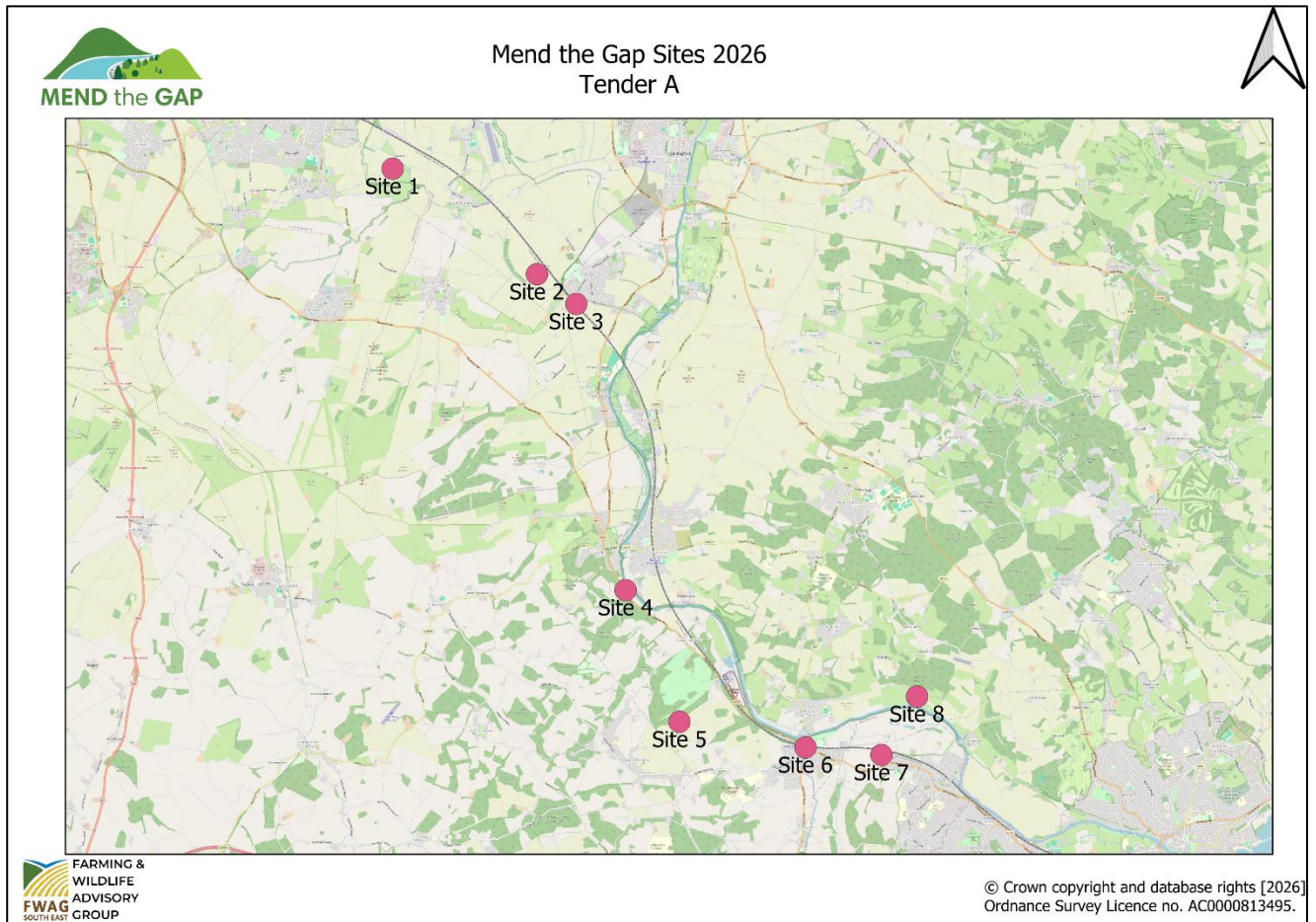
Site preparation and planting to be completed between 2nd November 2026 to 31st January 2027 (contingency one-month extension, for example due to weather or ground conditions).

Follow-up care and maintenance works to be completed between 1st November 2027 and 15th January 2028 (the season after planting).

5 The Sites

The eight sites are as shown on Figure 1. They are in South Oxfordshire and West Berkshire. Access will be via fields and tracks, with permission granted by each landowner.

Figure 1 - Map showing the sites



6 Details of the Works required

6.1 Site 1

This is to supply trees, shelters, stakes, and ties only, as the landowner will be planting the trees themselves.

Required works:

Year 1: Supply only

Items to be supplied between 2nd November to 31st December 2026:

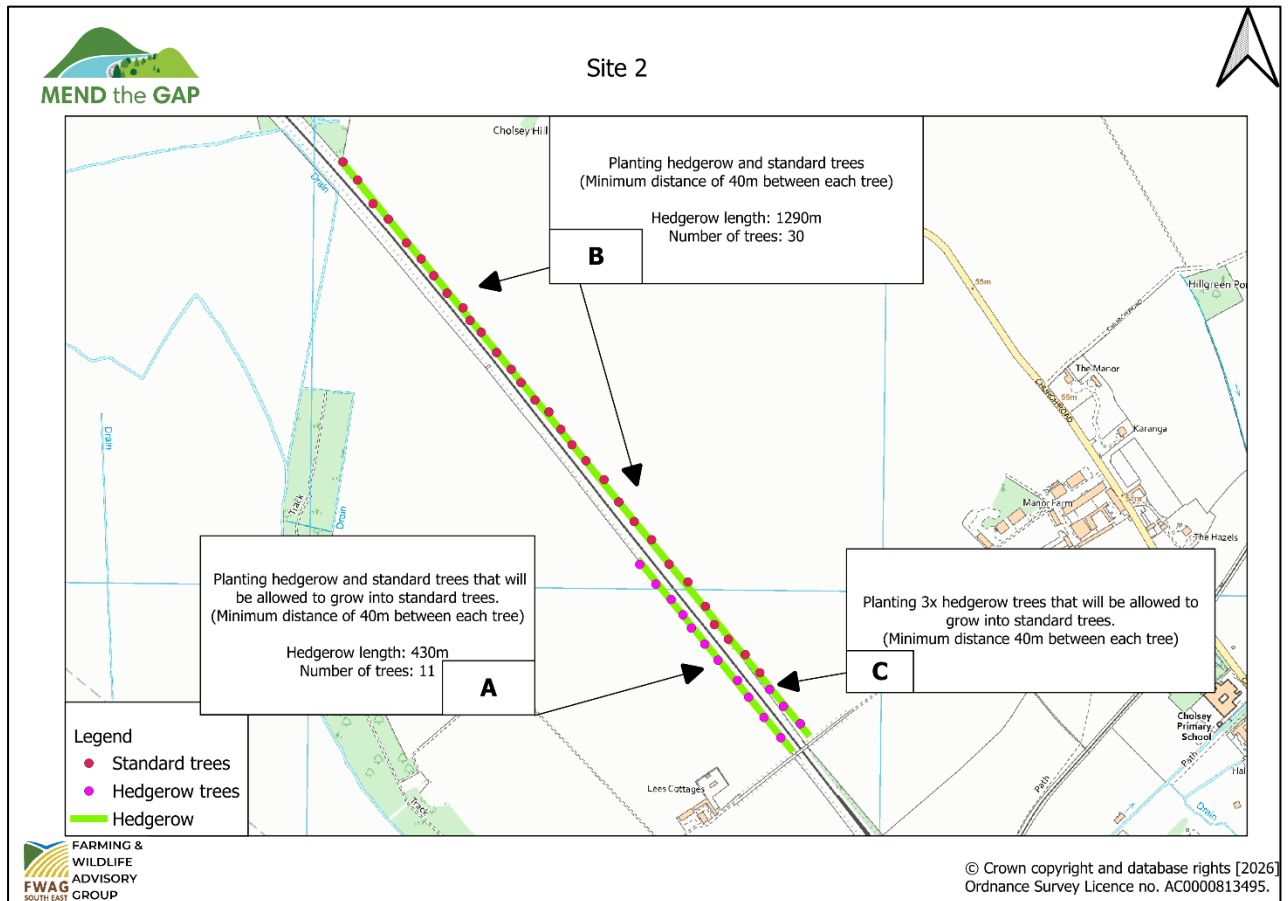
- x2 Black poplar (*Populus nigra*) trees and x13 Disease Resistant Elms (*Ulmus* 'Ademuz' or 'Lutece').
- For Black poplar, both male and female species should be supplied.
- Trees to be supplied as at least 90cm bareroot whips.
- All supplied with corresponding 1.2m biodegradable shelters, stakes and ties, delivered to a single address near South Moreton.
- All proposed plants should be sourced from UK provenance seed – mostly southern area 405 where available.
- The chosen supplier of the plants and the species provenance is to be confirmed with the Project before delivery.

Appendix not needed – see above

6.2 Site 2

Site 2 is composed of arable fields. Works to comprise of hedgerow planting, standard tree planting and hedgerow tree planting alongside the railway embankment.

Figure 2 - Map showing Site 2



Required works:

Year 1: Installation works

Along the railway line, plant 1,720m of mixed native hedge in 2 sections (1,290m and 430m), 30 standard trees (B), and 14 hedgerow trees (A & C) all supplied with suitable stakes, guards, and mulch.

- A. Hedge to be planted on the south side of the railway (only the field closest to the footpath).
- B. Hedge to be planted on the north side of the railway (whole stretch).

Ensure that after works are completed that the site is clear of debris. Prior to planting the contractor may need to mow, strim, and fill rabbit holes. Works to be undertaken between 2nd November 2026 to 31st January 2026 (contingency one month extension, for example due to weather or ground conditions).

For details of the required hedge and trees:
 See Appendix 1 – Hedge Planting Specification
 See Appendix 2 – Tree Standards in Hedges Specification

Year 2: Maintenance & Aftercare

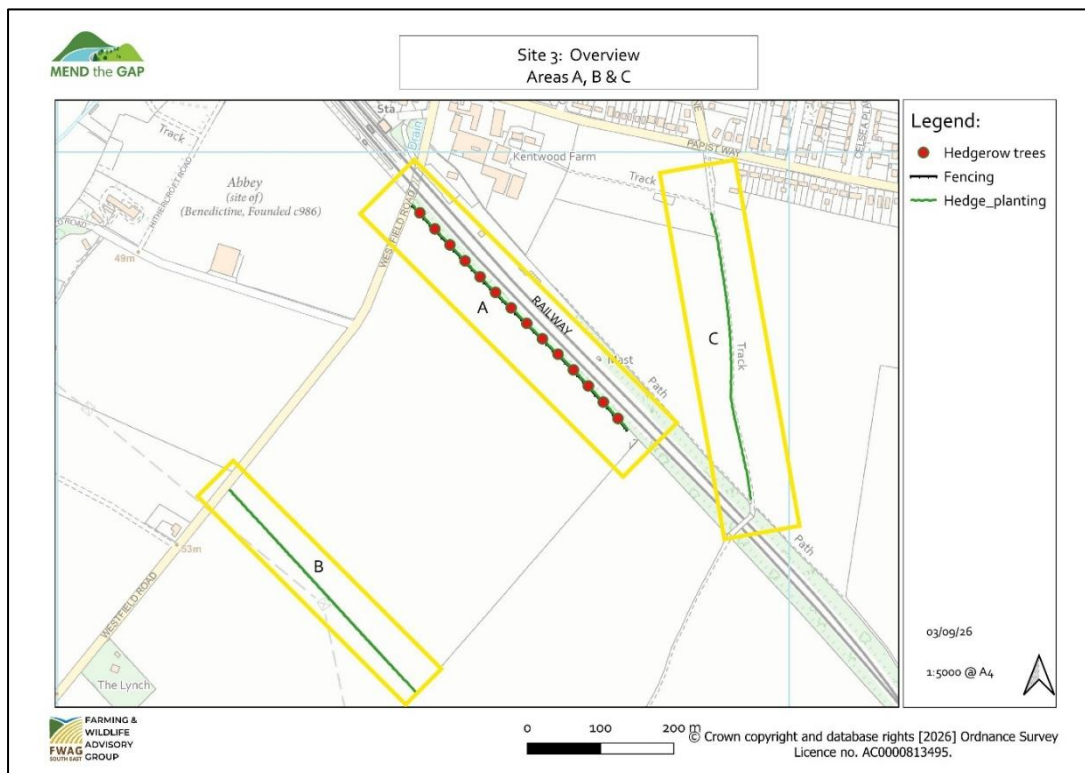
From 1st November 2027 to 31st January 2028, to replace dead, dying, or damaged stock with the same species as soon as practicable in the first planting season. For hedge planting, assume a 20% failure rate. For the purposes of this tender, please factor a 100% failure rate for individual tree plantings. Should replacements not be required on inspection, the contractor will not invoice.

Check shelters and stakes are sound and secure, straighten, and replace any broken protection, as necessary.

6.3 Site 3

Site 3 consists of arable fields near to the railway line and permanent pasture fields. There are three work areas on this site: A, B, C.

Figure 3 - Map showing Site 3



Required works:

Supply and plant: 1,200m of mixed native hedge and 14 hedgerow trees with suitable stakes, guards, and mulch.

Supply and install: 420m of stock and rabbit-proof metal fencing (Figure 4).

Year 1: Installation works

Area A:

- Supply and plant 420m of mixed native hedge and 14 hedgerow trees.
- Supply and install 420m of stock and rabbit-proof fencing, to protect hedge plants from livestock and rabbits.

Area B: Supply and plant 380m of mixed native hedge.

Area C: Supply and plant 400m of mixed native hedge.

Ensure that after works are completed that the site is clear of debris. Prior to planting the contractor may need to mow, strim, and fill rabbit holes. Works to be undertaken between 2nd November 2026 to 31st January 2026 (contingency one month extension, for example due to weather or ground conditions).

For details of the required hedge and trees:

See Appendix 1 – Hedge Specification

See Appendix 3 – Tree Standards in Hedges Specification

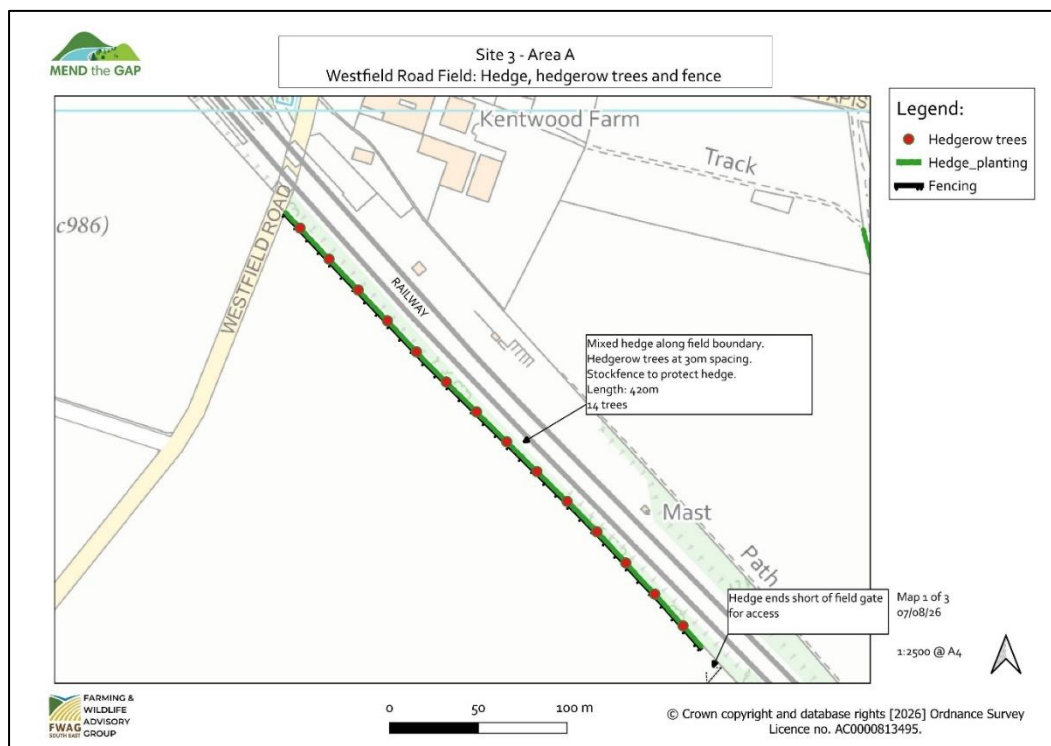
See Appendix 4 - Stock and rabbit proof Fence Specification – Clipex (or similar)

Year 2: Maintenance & Aftercare

From 1st November 2027 to 31st January 2028, to replace dead, dying, or damaged stock with the same species as soon as practicable in the first planting season. For hedge planting, assume a 20% failure rate. For the purposes of this tender, please factor a 100% failure rate for individual tree plantings. Should replacements not be required on inspection, the contractor will not invoice.

Check shelters and stakes are sound and secure, straighten, and replace any broken protection, as necessary.

Figure 4 - Map showing Site 3 Area A



6.4 Site 4

This is to supply hedge plants and trees, shelters, stakes, and ties only, as the landowner will be planting the trees themselves. Supply is split across two years.

Required works:

Year 1: Supply only

- Supply 50m of mixed native hedge compatible with horses, for planting along bridlepath (includes biodegradable guards, canes).
- Supply x2 Midland Hawthorn standard trees (includes biodegradable guards, stakes, and ties).
- Supply x2 Wild pear trees (includes biodegradable guards, stake, and ties).
- Supply x1 Disease-resistant Elm tree, (includes biodegradable guards, stake).
- Supply x3 Holly plants, (includes biodegradable guards, stake, and ties).
- Delivery to site between 1st November 2026 to 31st December 2026 (contingency one-month extension, for example due to weather or ground conditions).

Year 2: Supply only

- Supply 60m of mixed native hedge compatible with horses, for planting along bridlepath (includes biodegradable guards, canes).
- Supply x2 Midland Hawthorn hedgerow standard trees (includes biodegradable guards, stake, and ties).
- Delivery to site between 1st November 2027 to 31st December 2027 (contingency one-month extension, for example due to weather or ground conditions).

See Appendix 5 – Site 4, Hedge supply Specification compatible with horses.

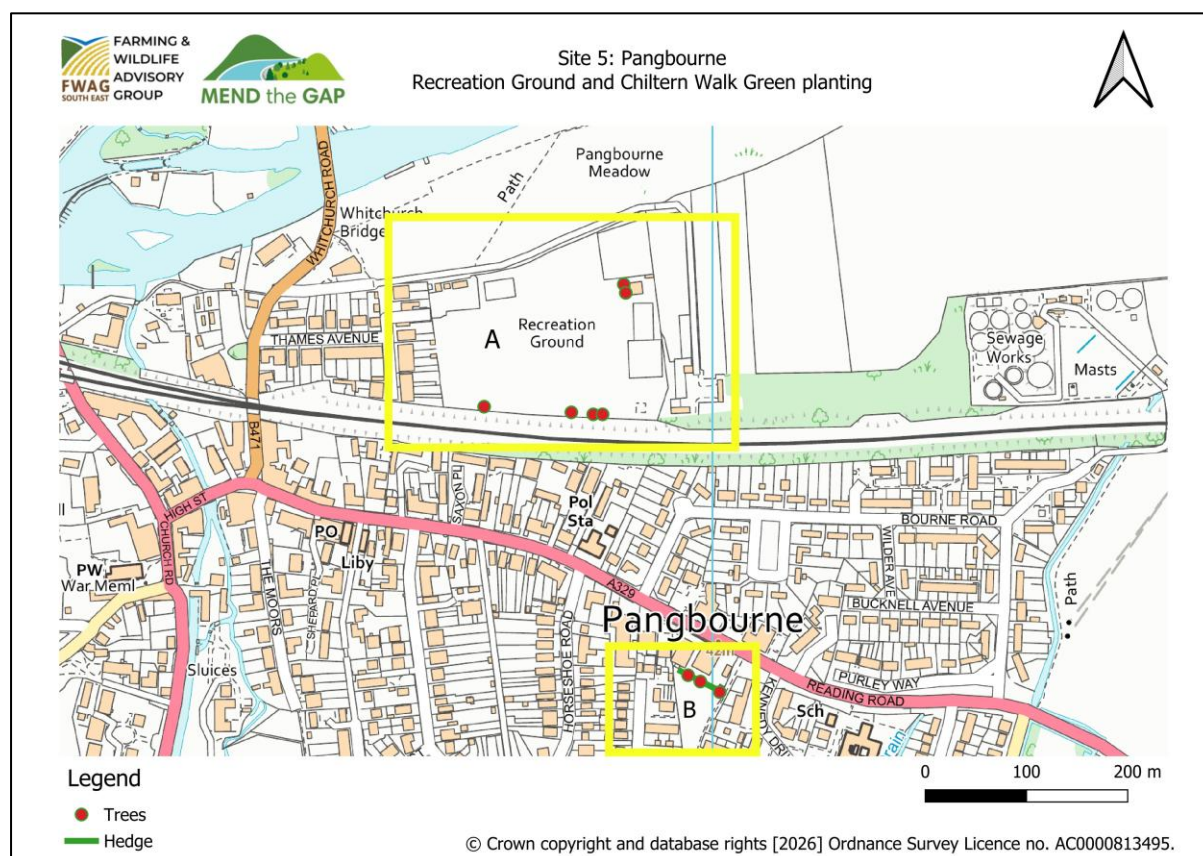
See Appendix 6 – Site 4, Tree Standards in Hedges supply specification

See Appendix 7 - Site 4; Individual Tree Standards supply specification

6.5 Site 5

Site 5 is for public areas belonging to a Parish Council, across two areas consisting of a recreation ground and a green space. On this site, particular care should be taken regarding public access and use, to ensure safety and courtesy to the local community.

Figure 5 - Map showing Site 5 Overview



Required works:

Area A: Recreation Ground:

Site description: This a public open space and recreation ground. The railway runs along the southern boundary with a metal fence. There is a children's play area with a zip line extending out across amenity grass. There are sports pitches used for football and tennis courts. A small car park for users of the facilities with a surfaced footpath running to a sports pavilion.

Year 1: Installation works:

- Supply and plant 6 individual standard trees, with guards, wire mesh protection, and tree water bags.

Area B: Chiltern Walk:

Site description: This is a small public greenspace between residential areas and a petrol station. It is mostly amenity grass and used for recreation by residents. Currently there is a metal security fence along the boundary of the park with a petrol station. The hedge and tree planting here aims to screen the petrol station. One single Cherry tree to be planted near to a recently felled Cherry tree.

Year 1: Installation works:

- Supply and plant 40m of mixed thornless native hedge with 2 hedgerow trees.
- Supply and plant 1 individual cherry tree, with guard, wire mesh protection, and tree water bag.

Ensure that after works are completed the site is clear of debris.

Year 2: Maintenance & Aftercare All Areas.

From 1st November 2027 to 31st January 2028, to replace dead, dying, or damaged stock with the same species as soon as practicable in the first planting season. For hedge planting, assume a 20% failure rate. For the purposes of this tender, please factor a 100% failure rate for individual tree plantings. Should replacements not be required on inspection, the contractor will not invoice.

Check shelters and stakes are sound and secure, straighten, and replace any broken protection, as necessary.

See Appendix 8: Site 5; Thornless native hedge specification.

See Appendix 9: Site 5; Individual standard trees specification.

See Appendix 10: Site 5; Tree Standards in Hedges Specification

6.6 Site 6 Pangbourne

This is to supply hedge plants and trees, shelters, stakes, and ties only, as the landowner will be planting the trees themselves.

Required works:

Year 1: Supply only

Supply 570m of mixed native hedge for gapping up following hedge, (includes biodegradable guards, canes).

- Allow for 5 plants per m (2,860 plants).
- Hedge plants should be approximately 60% thorn (Hawthorn, Blackthorn), plus at least 5 other native species, including species such as Hazel, Dogwood, Dog Rose, Buckthorn, Wayfaring tree & spindle.

Supply 10 Wild pear trees for gapping up hedge, (includes biodegradable guards, stakes).

- x 10 Wild Pear (*Pyrus pyraster*) as 60-80cm whips.

Supply 9 disease-resistant Elm trees, (includes biodegradable guards, stakes, and ties)

- x9 Disease Resistant Elms (*Ulmus 'Ademuz' or 'Lutece'*).
- Trees to be supplied as at 100-125cm bareroot whips.
- All supplied with corresponding 1.2m biodegradable shelters, stakes and ties, delivered to a single address near Pangbourne.

- All proposed plants should be sourced from UK provenance seed – mostly southern area 405 where available.
- The chosen supplier of the plants and the species provenance is to be confirmed with the Project before delivery.
- Delivery to farm between 1st November 2026 to 31st December 2026 (contingency one-month extension, for example due to weather or ground conditions).

Appendix not needed – see above

6.7 Site 7 Purley Rise

This is to supply trees, shelters, stakes, and ties only, as the landowner will be planting the trees themselves.

Required works:

Year 1: Supply only

Supply x3 Wild Pear, (includes biodegradable guards, stakes, and ties)

- x3 Wild Pear (*Pyrus pyraeaster*) as 60-80cm whips.
- All proposed plants should be sourced from UK provenance seed – mostly southern area 405 where available.
- The chosen supplier of the plants and the species provenance is to be confirmed with the Project before delivery
- Delivered to a single address near Purley Rise.
- Delivery to site between 1st November 2026 to 31st December 2026 (contingency one-month extension, for example due to weather or ground conditions).

Appendix not needed – see above

6.8 Site 8 Whitchurch-on-Thames

This is to supply trees, shelters, stakes, and ties only, as the landowner will be planting the trees themselves.

Required works:

Year 1: Supply only

Supply x1 Wild Pear (*Pyrus pyraeaster*) and x5 Black poplar (*Populus nigra*) trees (include biodegradable guards, stakes, and ties)

- Trees should be supplied as 60-80cm whips.
- For Black poplar, both male and female species should be supplied.
- All proposed plants should be sourced from UK provenance seed – mostly southern area 405 where available.
- The chosen supplier of the plants and the species provenance is to be confirmed with the Project before delivery.
- Delivered to a single address near Whitchurch-on-Thames.
- Delivery to site between 1st November 2026 to 31st December 2026 (contingency one-month extension, for example due to weather or ground conditions).

Appendix not needed – see above

7 Contractor Requirements

- The Contractor shall provide everything necessary for the proper execution of the works including all transport, plant, tackle, machinery, public liability insurance to £10 million, materials and labour of every kind.
- Vehicle movements will be kept to a minimum. Access routes will be agreed with the project manager before work.
- Some worksites are in public spaces. The contractor is to ensure that works are completed in a safe and courteous manner.
- To prevent damage to soil structure, no works shall be carried out when the site is wet, waterlogged or flooded.
- Contractors will check for any underground infrastructure before works begin on the construction of wooden tree guards and notify FWAG SE Advisors if identified.
- The Contractor is to make good any and all damage done to all existing items and features on the site unless with prior negotiation with the landowner, including buildings and all fixtures and fittings, fences, gates, drives, paving's, vegetation of all types, services of all types, land and any other articles in the course of these works at no cost to the contract.
- The Contractor shall remove all surplus materials and rubbish to their own place of deposit, including for haulage and any fees payable.
- All employees are to be competent and experienced in all aspects of work on which they are engaged.

8 Preparing to Respond

- The Contractor may visit the sites and surroundings so as to be thoroughly conversant with the position, conditions and extent of the proposed works and the means of access thereto.
- To discuss the tender or view the sites or photographs of the sites please contact Belinda Bown, FWAG South East, on 07388 203332 or belinda.bown@fwagsoutheast.co.uk
- Any enquiries relating to the tender should be discussed by 5pm on Friday 9th October 2026.

9 Responding to the Tender

- Tenders should be submitted by 5pm on 11th October 2026.
- Please email your Tender Response to Ruth Staples-Rolfe at rstaplesrolfe@chilterns.org.uk
- Format may be email, document, or letter
- Must include:
 1. Price for the Works including labour and materials. Any assumptions made or deviation from specification.
 2. Price for the Maintenance Works including labour and materials. Any assumptions made or deviation from the specification.
 3. Confirmation of Insurance cover (level and provider)
 4. The names and contact numbers of two previous clients who can be contacted for a reference.
 5. Your company name and address, contact person and telephone number
 6. Proposed supplier for plants (we can supply contacts for Disease-resistant Elms, Wild Pear, Black Poplar, and any others difficult to source).
 7. A paragraph to explain your company's experience in this work area and to show technical understanding of the works required.

This tender will be scored against the following criteria:

- Quality of tender, degree to which contractor meets brief.
- Demonstration of technical understanding.
- Proposed methodology
- Insurance in place
- Provision of referees
- Value for money

10 Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Hedge Planting Specification

Species:

- Hedge plants should be approximately 60% thorn (Hawthorn, Blackthorn). The remaining 40% should be made up of at least 5 of the following species: Field maple, Hazel, Beech, Dogwood, Hazel, Dog Rose, Buckthorn, Wayfaring tree, and Spindle.
- All proposed plants should be sourced from UK provenance seed – mostly southern area 405 where available.
- The chosen supplier of the hedging and the species and provenance is to be confirmed with the Project before commencement of works.

Ground preparation:

- Prior to planting the sites should be prepared to minimise competition from other vegetation and provide good soil conditions.
- Mowing is advised and scrub will need to be removed in the southern corner.
- Ensure ground is not compacted, do not plant into frozen or waterlogged ground.

Planting & Protection:

- Plant 40-60cm bare rooted whips, 5 plants/m in double staggered row, 40cm width.
- Do not allow plants to dry out during planting – keep them in closed bags / soak in water.
- Use a mycorrhizal root treatment.
- Slot plant and heel in.
- Use Biodegradable 60cm Spiral guards, 38 mm diameter, with 90 cm bamboo canes, to protect from rabbits.

Mulching:

- The hedging should be mulched with woodchip or similar.
- Contractor to state type of preferred mulch product for all sites.

Appendix 2 – Site 2; Tree Standards in Hedges Specification

Location:

- A. Individual hedgerow trees (11) to be planted in the hedgerow on the south side of the railway (minimum 40m intervals) as 60-100 cm individual saplings. These will be allowed to grow into standard trees.
- B. Individual trees (30) to be planted in the hedgerow on the north side the railway (minimum 40m intervals) as 60-90 cm individual saplings. These will be allowed to grow into standard trees.
- C. Individual hedgerow trees (3) to be planted in the hedgerow on the north side of the railway (minimum 40m intervals) as 60-90 cm individual saplings. These will be allowed to grow into standard trees. Only plant these where indicated on the site map (Figure 2).

Species to be a mixture of:

- A & C. Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), Wild pear (*Pyrus pyraster*), Crab apple (*Malus sylvestris*)
- B. Wild service tree (*Sorbus torminalis*), Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*), Pedunculate Oak (*Quercus robur*), Disease-resistant Elm (*Ulmus 'Ademuz' or 'Lutece'*)
- All proposed plants should be sourced from UK provenance seed – mostly southern area 405 where available.
- The chosen supplier of the trees and the species and provenance is to be confirmed with the Project before commencement of works.
- Trees will be labelled to identify the species using a method that will ensure longevity.

Ground preparation:

- With hedge planting preparation

Planting & Protection:

- Slot plant and heel in.
- Install 1.2m tree shelters, stakes, and ties.
- Do not allow plants to dry out during planting – keep them in closed bags / soak in water.
- Use a mycorrhizal root treatment.

Mulching:

- With hedge mulching

Appendix 3 – Site 3; Tree Standards in Hedges Specification

- Plant 14 trees within the hedge
- Trees to be planted, as 60-100cm whips, approximately every 30 metres in the hedge as indicated on the map, these will be allowed to grow into standard trees.
- Trees to be staked, tied and guarded, and mulched with the hedgerow.

Species:

- Trees should include x4 Disease-resistant Elm (*Ulmus 'Ademuz' or 'Lutece'*), x2 Wild Pear (*Pyrus pyraster*), x2 Crab Apple (*Malus sylvestris*), x2 Bird Cherry (*Prunus padus*), x2 Wild service tree (*Sorbus torminalis*) & x2 Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*).
- All proposed plants should be sourced from UK provenance seed – mostly southern area 405 where available.
- The chosen supplier of the trees and the species and provenance is to be confirmed with the Project before commencement of works.

Ground preparation:

- With hedge planting preparation

Planting & Protection:

- Slot plant and heel in
- Use a mycorrhizal root treatment.
- Use tree guards for protection and to allow visibility during hedge cutting operations.
- Allow for 1.2-1.5 m tree shelters, stakes, and ties.

Mulching:

- With hedge mulching

Appendix 4 – Site 3; Stock and rabbit proof Fence Specification – Clipex (or similar)

- Supply and install stock and rabbit-proof fence to protect new hedge.
- Use a metal fencing system (such as Clipex or similar), install as per manufacturer's instructions.
- Fencing should be at least 1m away from new hedge plants
- Use high-tensile steel wire stock net of type HT8/80/15 to make a stock-proof fence with finished height at least 1 m
- Top the net with two strands of high-tensile galvanised barbed steel wire
- One strand of barbed wire to be placed 2cm above the net, the other 12-15 cm above this
- For rabbit protection: use galvanised 18-gauge and 31 millimetres (mm) hexagonal wire mesh
- Attach the mesh to the stock fence using galvanised netting rings.
- Bury the bottom edge of the netting to a depth of at least 150mm or lap the netting on the surface of the ground, anchor lapped netting at 1m intervals.

Appendix 5 – Site 4; Hedge supply Specification compatible with horses.

Year 1, Winter 2026: Supply 50m of mixed native hedge compatible with horses

Year 2, Winter 2027: Supply 60m of mixed native hedge compatible with horses

Species:

- Allow for 5 plants per m (250 plants & 300 plants).
- Hedge plants should be approximately 50% Hawthorn, with the remaining 50% made up of other native species: Field Maple, Hazel, Dogwood, Holly, Rowan, Wayfaring tree & Spindle.
- All proposed plants should be sourced from UK provenance seed – mostly southern area 405 where available.
- The chosen supplier of the hedging and the species and provenance is to be confirmed with the Project before commencement of works.
- Supplied as 40-60cm bare rooted whips
- Supply biodegradable 60 cm spiral guards, 38 mm diameter, with 90 cm bamboo canes, to protect from rabbits.

Appendix 6 – Site 4; Tree Standards in Hedges supply specification

Year 1, Winter 2026: Supply x2 Midland Hawthorn trees to be planted along the hedgerow.

Year 2, Winter 2027: Supply x2 Midland Hawthorn trees to be planted along the hedgerow.

Species:

- Midland Hawthorn (*Crataegus laevigata*)
- Trees to be supplied as 100-125cm whips,
- All proposed plants should be sourced from UK provenance seed – mostly southern area 405 where available.
- The chosen supplier of the trees and the species and provenance is to be confirmed with the Project before commencement of works.

- Supplied with corresponding 1.2m biodegradable shelters, stakes & ties.

Appendix 7 – Site 4; Individual Tree Standards supply specification

Year 1, Winter 2026: Supply only

Species:

- X2 Wild Pear (*Pyrus pyraister*) 60-80cm whips.
- X1 Disease-resistant Elm cultivar (*Ulmus* 'Lutece' or 'Ademuz') 100-125cm whip.
- X3 Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) plants, cell grown 40-60cm.
- All proposed plants should be sourced from UK provenance seed – mostly southern area 405 where available.
- The chosen supplier of the trees and the species and provenance is to be confirmed with the Project before commencement of works.
- Supplied with corresponding biodegradable guards/shelters, stakes & ties.

Appendix 8 - Site 5; Thornless native hedge specification

Species:

- Hedge plants should be a mix of thornless native species, of approximately 60% beech, with the remaining made up of species such as Privet, Dogwood, Field Maple.
- All proposed plants should be sourced from UK provenance seed – mostly southern area 405 where available.
- The chosen supplier of the hedging and the species and provenance is to be confirmed with the Project before commencement of works.

Ground preparation:

- Prior to planting the sites should be prepared to minimise competition from other vegetation and provide good soil conditions.
- Ensure ground is not compacted, do not plant into frozen or waterlogged ground
- Contractor to scan area before digging to avoid CCTV cables.

Planting & Protection:

- Plant 40-60cm bare rooted whips, 5 plants/m in double staggered row, 40cm width
- Use a mycorrhizal root treatment
- Slot plant and heel in
- Use Biodegradable 60cm Spiral guards, 38 mm diameter, with 90 cm bamboo canes, to protect from rabbits

Mulching:

- The hedging should be mulched with woodchip or similar.
- Contractor to state type of preferred mulch product for all sites.

Appendix 9 - Site 5; Individual standard trees specification

- Trees to be planted as 125-150cm bare root whips, where indicated on the map, precise location to be marked with cane before planting. These will be allowed to grow into standard trees. Trees to be staked, tied and guarded, and mulched.

Species:

- **Area A:** x2 Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*), x1 Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*), x1 Disease-resistant Elm (*Ulmus* 'Lutece' or 'Ademuz'), x2 Wild cherry (*Prunus avium*).

Area B: x1 Wild cherry (*Prunus avium*).

- All proposed plants should be sourced from UK provenance seed – mostly southern area 405 where available.
- The chosen supplier of the trees and the species and provenance is to be confirmed with the Project before commencement of works.

Ground preparation:

- Brushcut a 1m diameter circle at the place of tree location.

Planting & Protection:

- Slot plant and heel in
- Use a mycorrhizal root treatment
- Supply and install 1.8m tall weldmesh tree guards for protection, secured to stake.
- Allow for 1.2-1.5 m tree shelters, stakes, and ties.
- Supply TreeGator (or similar) 50L watering bags for each tree. Contractor must ensure they are filled and working before leaving the site.

Mulching:

- The trees should be mulched with woodchip or similar.
- Contractor to state type of preferred mulch product for all sites.

Appendix 10 – Site 5; Tree Standards in Hedges Specification

- Plant 2 trees within the hedge (**Area B**)
- Trees to be planted, as 60-100cm whips where indicated on the map, these will be allowed to grow into standard trees.
- Trees to be staked, tied and guarded, and mulched with the hedgerow.

Species:

- Trees should be x2 Bird Cherry (*Prunus padus*)
- All proposed plants should be sourced from UK provenance seed – mostly southern area 405 where available.
- The chosen supplier of the trees and the species and provenance is to be confirmed with the Project before commencement of works.

Ground preparation:

- With hedge planting preparation

Planting & Protection:

- Slot plant and heel in
- Use a mycorrhizal root treatment.
- Use tree guards for protection and to allow visibility during hedge cutting operations.
- Allow for 1.2-1.5 m tree shelters, stakes, and ties.

Mulching:

- With hedge mulching