



Hartlepool
Borough Council

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Department: Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services

Division:

Date of Decision / Issue
of Licence: 03/12/2025

Officer Making Decision: MR KA BOSTOCK

Subject / Description & Reason for Decision: (for publication)	<p>Land at Brenda Road let to Seymour (Civil Engineering Contractors) Ltd – Landowner approval to grant from Tees Community Forest.</p> <p>Seymour (Civil Engineering Contractors) Ltd have a lease from the Council of 10 years from 26th June 2019 of land extending to 4.57 ha (11.5 acres) on the east side of Brenda Road which is operated as Seymour Skills Academy. The Academy provides practical civil engineering training. There are a number of ponds on site that are classed as priority habitat.</p> <p>Seymour's have been successful in obtaining grant funding from Tees Community Forest for a tree and shrub planting scheme for areas around the ponds on the northern and western sides of the site. The primary purpose of the scheme is carbon sequestration, but it will also enhance screening and biodiversity. The planting will cover 0.33 ha in total, plus a hedge of 223 metres.</p> <p>Tees Community Forest require the Council as freeholder to provide consent to Seymour's to enter into the Grant Funding Agreement by signing the relevant part of the agreement. By signing the agreement the Council will be obliged in the event of Seymour's vacating the site</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To retain any trees, shrubs and hedging planted as part of the Tees Community Forest scheme and; 2. To permit ongoing access to the site for any woodland maintenance checks during the Period of Obligation set out in this Agreement. <p>The Period of Obligation is 15 years from the date of payment of the grant (which will be made on completion of the planting). The work is intended to be carried out in early 2026 and initial planting must be completed by 31st March 2026.</p> <p>It is proposed to provide the necessary consent in the interests of environmental improvement and habitat protection. In addition, Seymour's are a very well established firm with a strong presence in Hartlepool, the Academy has proved very successful since its establishment in 2019 and it is anticipated that it will continue in operation for many years. Whilst the current lease will expire in 2029 it is again anticipated that it will be renewed for a similar term.</p> <p>The grant amount is set out in the CONFIDENTIAL APPENDIX. The planting areas are shown on the attached plan.</p>
Type of Decision:	Non Key
Nature of Delegation Being Exercised:	EDDNRS223 Power to approve land and property disposal, leases, lettings, licences, wayleaves, easements, undertaking and concluding rent reviews, lease renewals and the release and amendments of restrictions, covenants and other land and property matters within prescribed thresholds as set out in the Finance and Corporate Affairs Committee arrangements
Alternative Options Considered & Rejected:	None
Any Declared Register of Interest:	No

Other Considerations:

OFFICER WITH THE DELEGATION

NAME: MR KA BOSTOCK

POSITION: Director of Neighbourhoods & Reg Servs

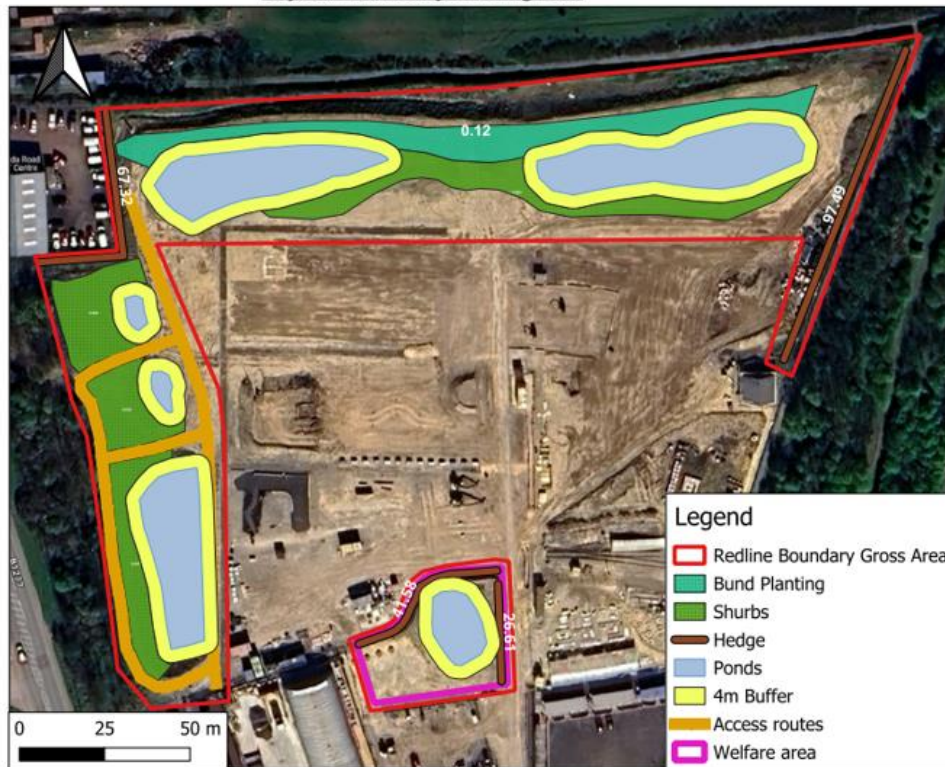
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NAME: KIERAN BOSTOCK

POSITION: Director of Neighbourhoods & Reg Servs

Plan

Seymour Academy Planting Plan



Summary

Bund planting (0.12ha) planted with a mixture of native trees Scots pine, Oak, birch, sycamore, the idea over time it will screen the housing estate behind.

Shrub planting (0.21ha) planted with smaller trees & shrubs Rowan, Wild Cherry, Hazel, Elder. These soften the edges of the collection ponds

Hedge (total 233m) planted with native of hedge mix, again this is create screens and to help frame the welfare area.