

IMPORTANT - THIS COMMUNICATION AFFECTS YOUR PROPERTY

SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

THE ENVIRONMENT ACT 1995 (as amended)
THE HEDGEROW REGULATIONS 1997 (as amended)

HEDGEROW REPLACEMENT NOTICE

Issued By : South Downs National Park Authority

1. **THIS IS A FORMAL NOTICE** which is issued by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) ("the Authority"), because it appears that there has been a breach of The Hedgerow Regulations ("the Regulations") as it appears to the Authority that a hedge has been removed without the prior consent of the Authority.

2. **THE LAND TO WHICH THE NOTICE RELATES**

Field to the east of The Springs Edburton Road, Edburton, West Sussex
BN5 9LN (as shown edged red on the attached plan)

3. **THE MATTERS WHICH APPEAR TO CONSTITUTE THE BREACH OF THE REGULATIONS**

Without prior consent from the Authority removal of the hedge shown edged green on the attached plan

4. **THE REASON FOR ISSUING THE NOTICE**

The Land is situated in the South Downs National Park. The SDNPA has the following statutory purposes:

- To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage,
- To promote opportunities for the public understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of their areas.

It appears to the Authority that the length of the hedge removed has significantly altered the rural outlook causing harm to the amenity in this prominent location of the village of Edburton.

The hedgerow served as a wildlife corridor for small mammals and is a source of food for various species of birds and animals.

On the balance of probability, the hedgerow is considered an "important" hedgerow for the purposes of the Regulations.

Prior consent was not obtained from the Authority which is a breach of the Regulations. It is considered there is no justification nor essential need for the removal of the hedge and its removal fails to conserve and enhance the national park.

5. WHAT YOU ARE REQUIRED TO DO

Reinstate the hedge using the following specification:

- **Trees species** to be reinstated:
 1. Hawthorn 50%
 2. Blackthorn 20%
 3. Wayfaring tree 10%
 4. Guelder Rose 5%
 5. Spindle 5%
 6. Hazel 5%
 7. Field Maple 5%
- **Tree size** to be 40-60cm bare rooted whips
- **Planting** to be at a density of 5 plants per metre in staggered double rows 50cm apart

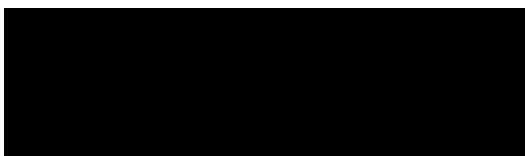
6. TIME FOR COMPLIANCE

The hedge to be replaced in the next planting season October 2025 to February 2026.

7. WHEN THIS NOTICE TAKES EFFECT

This notice takes effect on the date of service

Date : 15th May 2025



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Background Documents:

SDNPA Enforcement Guide

EXPLANATORY NOTES

YOUR RIGHT OF APPEAL

You can appeal against this notice, but any appeal must be received, or posted in time to be received, by the Planning Inspectorate acting on behalf of the Secretary of State no later than 28 days from the date specified in paragraph 7 of the notice.

Details of how to make an appeal can be found on the GOV.UK website

[Hedgerows – Retention and Replacement Notices: Guidance on the Appeal Procedures - GOV.UK](#)

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DO NOT APPEAL

If you do not appeal against this notice, it will take effect on the date specified in paragraph 7 of the notice and you must then ensure that the required steps for complying with it, for which you may be held responsible, are taken within the period[s] specified in paragraph 6 of the notice. Failure to comply with a notice which has taken effect may result in further enforcement action by the Authority.

There are a number of grounds of appeal and these can be found under Regulation 9 of the Hedgerow Regulations 1997 (as amended).

GUIDANCE NOTES

The following sections of the Hedgerow Regulations 1997 (as amended) are relevant to Hedgerow Replacement Notices:

Regulation 5 and 8

THOSE PERSONS SERVED WITH THIS NOTICE

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