

Draft HMMP Chandos, Billingshurst Road, Coolham, West Sussex RH13 8QN

Project type	Minor/creation of a revised vehicular access
Development name and address	Chandos, Billingshurst Road, Coolham, West Sussex RH13 8QN
BNG project name and address	Chandos, Billingshurst Road, Coolham, West Sussex RH13 8QN
Author organisation and address	Mark Leedale Planning, 20 Hurlands Place, Farnham GU9 9HX
Landowner	Ms A MacGill and Ms Daw
Land manager	As above
Responsible person for creating and managing the habitat	Ms A MacGill and Ms Daw
Period covered by this management plan	30 years
Planning authority	Horsham DC
Planning reference	DC/26/0723
BNG reference	None
OS Grid reference (central)	511552 E 123019 N
Metric revision/title	Metric version 1.2.3 (3.7.2025)
Irreversible habitats on site	None

The replacement hedge as shown on the BNG plan and detailed in the Metric will be a mix of native species including:

Hawthorn
Blackthorn
Hazel
Field Maple
Dog Rose / Guelder Rose

This will be planted as follows:

Plant in a staggered double row, using about 5 plants per metre.
Bare-root "whips" will be planted while dormant (November to March).
Use mulch matting or weed-suppressing fabric and spirals for rabbit protection while the young plants establish

The hedge will be managed as follows:

There will be seasonal trimming, rotational cutting to protect wildlife, and proper maintenance of the base and young plants. This will establish a bushy structure and supports biodiversity

Trimming and Cutting Cycles

- Trimming will take place between November and January. It is important that no cutting takes place between March and August to avoid disturbing breeding birds
- **Rotational cutting:** The hedge will be cut on a 2- to 3-year rotation, trimming only one side or a maximum of one-third each year. This ensures a continuous supply of flowers and berries
- **Incremental cutting:** Each trim will be 10cm higher and wider than the previous trim line to avoid the hedge becoming "leggy" or gappy at the base over time
- **Shape:** A classic 'A-shape' (wide at the bottom, tapering to a rounded top) is ideal for sunlight penetration and wildlife