
FW: Advice Requested: Potential Removal of 12m Hedgerow at TA0030 0292

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Laura and Stuart

Please find email regarding the Cadney hedgerow (and summarised below). It is the answer I expected we'd get.

1. •
There isn't enough solid evidence to link the hedgerow to Newstead Priory, so it doesn't qualify as 'important' under Criterion 4 of the Hedgerow Regulations.
2. The curving old trackway suggests the boundary itself is old, but we can't be sure a hedgerow was actually part of that boundary (many old boundaries in the area were just drains, not hedges). Because of this uncertainty, the hedgerow also doesn't meet Criterion 5 for historic/archaeological importance.
3. Although it isn't considered 'important' from an heritage perspective, other specialists (ecology, landscape, etc.) may still have reasons to consider it important, so they should also be consulted.

Please get back to me with any questions, I'll save the communications to file so we can reference them as and needed,
Emma

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From: Richard Goddard <Richard.Goddard@northlincs.gov.uk>
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Subject: Re: Advice Requested: Potential Removal of 12m Hedgerow at TA0030 0292

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Good morning Emma,

Thanks for the request - having had a look at historic mapping we have available, I would not identify there is sufficient evidence to associate the hedgerow with Newstead Priory and on this basis would not be identified as "important" on the basis of Criterion 4 within Schedule 1 of the Hedgerow Regulations Act 1997.

However, as you have identified, the curvilinear trackway does indicate earlier origins to the field boundary amongst the later straight boundaries - perhaps from an earlier crossing point of the Old River Ancholme. Unfortunately, it is incredibly unlikely that the presence/absence of the hedgerow as part of this boundary can be confirmed though as boundaries were/are often formed by drains alone until major drainage infrastructure was implemented in the Ancholme Valley. Whilst the boundary is likely to be integral, I am not confident, on balance, that the hedgerow is. Therefore I would not identify it as "important" on Criterion 5 of Schedule 1 of the Hedgerow Regulations.

Whilst I may not consider the hedgerow "important" under the regulations for Archaeology and History, other aspects outside my purview also require consideration and should be consulted as appropriate.

Please let me know if there is anything further in the meantime.

Kind regards,
Richard

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Dear Richard and Matthew

Richard Watts kindly forwarded my hedgerow query to you last week. I'm just emailing to ask whether there is any further information I can provide to assist in determining whether this hedgerow is likely to be considered important, and therefore protected, based on the historic mapping and context outlined in the initial email above, and whether a Hedgerow Removal Notice would be required before removing the 12 m section.

If there is anything else that would be helpful from my side, please do let me know. If you could advise on an approximate timeframe for a response, that would be incredibly helpful please, as this will help us manage the next steps for the civil engineering works on site.

Many thanks in advance,

Best wishes

Emma

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Dear Emma,

On this occasion, I'm afraid we can't help you ourselves – your site near Cadney is in the area covered by the North Lincolnshire Unitary Authority, and therefore outside our administrative boundary. I hope you don't mind, but I'm therefore forwarding your query to staff at the North Lincolnshire Heritage Service – I'm sure they will be happy to assist.

Best wishes to all,

Richard Watts

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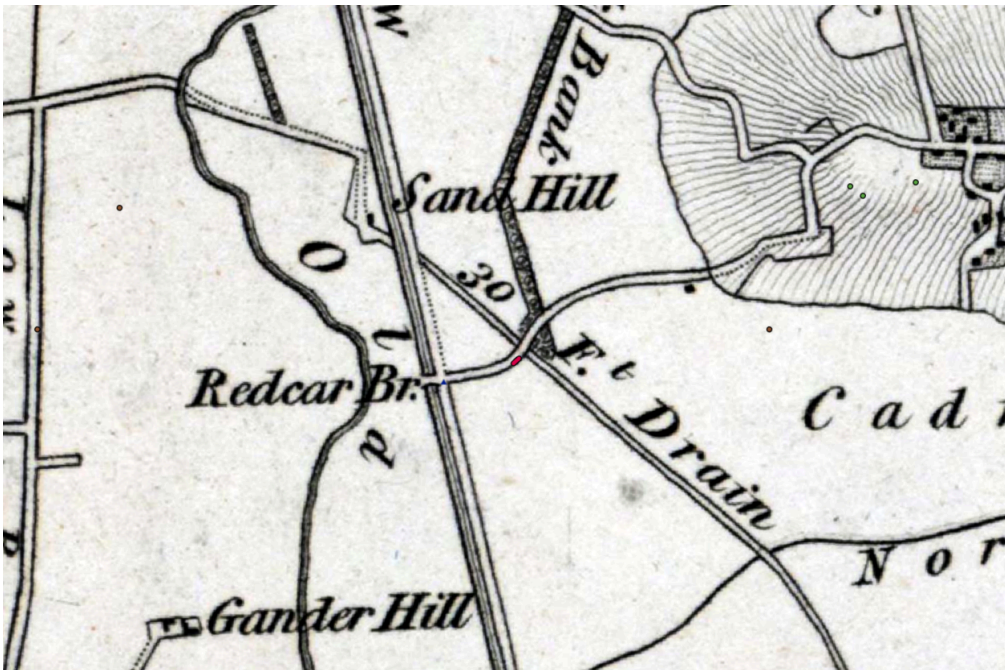
Dear Historic Environment Team,

I am writing to request your advice regarding whether permission is required for the removal of approximately 12 metres of hedgerow located at grid reference TA 0030 0292 (I attach a close-up of the section of hedge). This is at a site near Cadney, where we are currently undertaking woodland creation.

We are assessing whether this hedgerow is likely to be considered 'important' under the Hedgerow Regulations 1997. To inform this, I have undertaken an initial assessment of the hedge and its historic context:

Summary of Findings

- **Parish boundary:** The hedgerow does *not* appear to align with a pre-1850 parish boundary.
- **Archaeological features:** No designated or undesignated heritage assets fall within the hedgerow itself. I have confirmed this using HER data for the local area.
- **Proximity to archaeological sites:** The hedge is not located within or adjacent to a recorded archaeological site.
- **Estate or manor boundaries (pre-1600):** There is a *possible* historic association with the medieval priory founded in 1171. The track running east–west from Redcar Bridge to Cadney, adjacent to the hedge, may have had origins or functions related to the priory.
- **Pre-1845 field system:** This criterion is more likely to apply.
 - The OS 1st edition one inch map shows the east–west track in place at that time.
 - Later OS six-inch mapping from the 1830s–1880s shows the track forming the upper boundary of a field system, and its slightly curvilinear alignment may suggest early or medieval origins.
 - What I cannot confirm conclusively is whether the hedge itself is contemporary with the track or a later addition, although the relationship to the early field system suggests it may meet this criterion.



Above: OS one inch 1st edition old series map, 1798-1878 (hedge marked with small red lozenge)



Above: OS six inch 1830s - 1880s (county layers) (hedge marked with small red lozenge)

Request for Advice

Given the above, my assessment is that the hedgerow may meet one or possibly two of the 'important hedgerow' criteria, particularly the association with a pre-1845 field system, but the evidence is not definitive.

I would therefore be grateful for your advice on:

1. Whether, in your view, this hedgerow is likely to be considered 'important' and therefore protected, based on the historic mapping and context outlined above; and
2. Whether a Hedgerow Removal Notice is required before removing the 12m section.

I am happy to provide further information if required. Many thanks for your guidance.

Best wishes

Emma

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