

## Section C2 - Current condition of the lands

16. Describe the current condition and use of the lands, including any biodiversity, landscape, archaeological, agricultural and recreational interests:

(a) The release land

The small area of release land makes no contribution to archaeological, agricultural and recreational interests. It makes a small contribution to biodiversity and to landscaping. However this will be more than compensated by the replacement land. As previously stated it does not provide a safe footpath or recreational area.

(b) The replacement land

The replacement land will add to the open space and area of the village green. It contains a significant number of trees that are important to maintaining the character of the village green. These trees and area become within the direct control of Offley Parish Council. The removal of the current fencing adds to the rural nature at the edge of the village green. The new border fencing further into Dancoote gardens will, for the most part, ~~not~~ not be visible from the village green.

17. What structures (e.g. buildings, roads, bridleways, footpaths, walls, fences) are currently on the land?

(a) The release land

The release land does not have any structures on it.

(b) The replacement land

The replacement land has paddock fencing (post and rail) along the whole 50 metres. This will be removed as mentioned in 16(b) above.