Alignment Segment AB2

Low indicative signage on oak posts as in the example right and below right. The open nature of the segment means that there is lowered landscape capacity to absorb taller signage. The edge of the commons is eroded somewhat due to casual parking at the commons edge. To reverse this and to allow for discreet parking a reinforced grass edge is proposed as in the example below right. There is to be no obvious signage and parking is to simultaneously allow for erosion reversal and edge protection. Strong grass species will be required for this and yellow rattle is to be planted into the sward behind parking to act as a biological barrier and to generate a more species rich grassland.

The commons meadow to continue to be mown and managed as such with an increased emphasis on species rich grassland management. The hedgerows and hedgerow trees in the surrounding hedgerows to be included in a hedgerow maintenance program. Where white thorn or similar species have evolved into a tree and stem size is greater than can be lain, these to be treated as hedgerow trees especially adjacent to ash species. Where sections can be successfully laid the aim is to secure the next fifty years on a ten yearly management rotation. The style to either be bound on top or to the nearest discernible traditional style locally. Where ash will have to be replaced in the hedgerow there is a opportunity to add crab apple *Malus sylvestris*, wild cherry, *Prunus avium*, Rowan *Sorbus acuparia* or sessile oak *Quercus robur*. All to be of local provenance and locally grown where possible.





Oak post signage



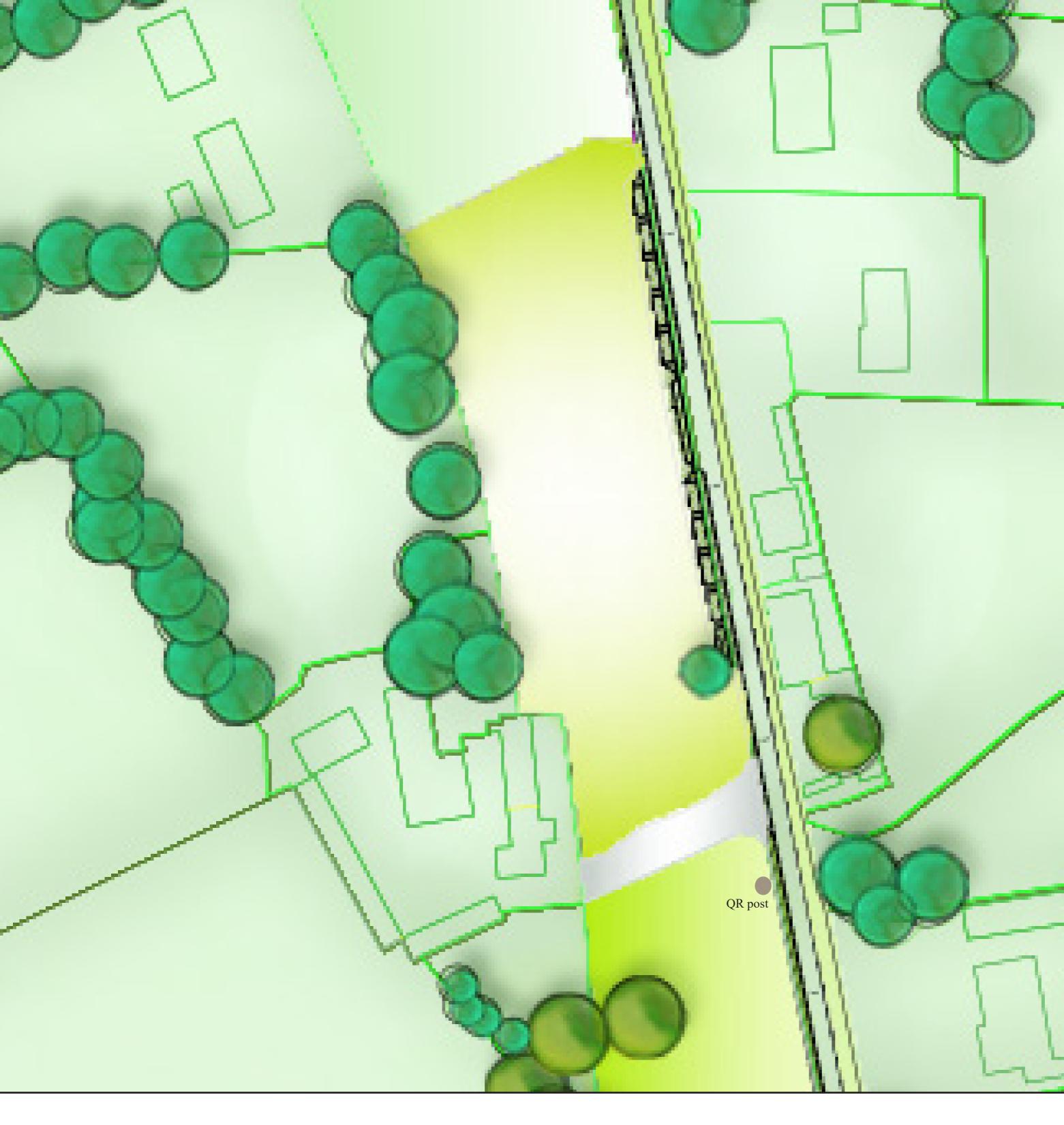
Oak post signage



Example of reinforced grass



Example of rowan above allowed to develop into a hedgerow tree. Wild cherry, left can add height to a hedgerow scheme to replace ash where it is dying out. It also adds spring and autumn colour for visual amenity and has excellent biodiversity properties.





An example of a species rich semi-natural grassland sward with significant biodiversity properties and spring /summer colour.



Example of newly lain hedge demonstrating Sussex bind.



Yellow rattle in bloom.



Species rich late summer meadow. The aim of species rich semi natural grasslands is to protect and enhance the species and wildflower diversity of the sward.



Example of semi mature wild cherry. This native species can aid in supplanting ash in the hedgerows.





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