



## Eastington Community Land Trust Ltd. (ECLT)

### Seventieth Meeting of Board Members

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020

#### AGENDA ITEM 5.2

#### Fencing etc at Puddleworth Close

##### 1. Background

There was some confusion at the last Site Meeting where EG Carter thought that the wildflower meadow would be un-fenced by the spine road and have 1.8 metre boarded fencing to the west (farmer's field).

Because the site buildings, materials and parking cover this area, it was quickly agreed to bring the 1.8 metre fencing only as far as the edge of Plot One. This is now in place



The fencing can be seen on the left-hand side, with Plot One foundations in middle-ground. The wildflower meadow will emerge (eventually) from under the soil heaps and the stacks of blocks. The "CAT" is sitting on the spine road and the Acoustic Fencing is visible top right.

## **2. ECLT input required**

Board decided at the 20<sup>th</sup> January meeting to request ranch fencing to both sides of the wildflower meadow. This was accepted by Aster in principle.

Having had considerable input to the design of both the wildflower meadow and the orchard, I decided to plot the required fencing in more detail. There are some areas open to confusion.

The appended diagram shows the main features. Text boxes outlined in blue are items which are very clear on EG Carter plans. This includes retention of the existing hedges facing the Claypits Road, neither of which require fencing and are to be maintained by Aster.

The access to the orchard area is to remain open and requires no fencing.

Plot One has a grass verge within Aster's leased area and this will be maintained by Aster.

Text boxes with no blue border are my suggestions, for which Board's approval is sought.

The Wildflower meadow should have ranch fencing on three sides, leaving Plot One bungalow visible upon approach. Three details are that there should be a farm gate to allow machinery for seasonal mowing and a hoggin-paved access for the weather station. The ranch fence should return along side the hoggin path to meet the existing ranch fence around the weather station.

For Plot 23, also a bungalow, there is no argument with a 1.8 metre boarded fence providing privacy to the rear garden. However, consideration should be given to using a ranch fence to the front door, rather than the hedging shown.

Other wise the orchard area is already agreed with the hoggin path (a permissive footpath) and two benches. The detail missing here is that the benches should be standing on a hoggin base, to avoid erosion from people sitting there and the need to shift the tables before and after mowing. Experience at ECO and alongside canal towpaths is definitive on this.

## **3. Recommendation**

Board are asked to agree the details above, which can then be supplied formally to Aster and EG Carter.

**Tom Low, Secretary**

**February 2020**

**Wildflower Meadow and Orchard approach – close-up – TAL Ideas 10/2/2020**

**KEY :**

Plan as at  
1/1/2020

Ideas as at  
10/2/2020

