

# ECOLOGY AND RESTORATION LAND AT THE FORMER HAMBLE AIRFIELD



## ECOLOGY

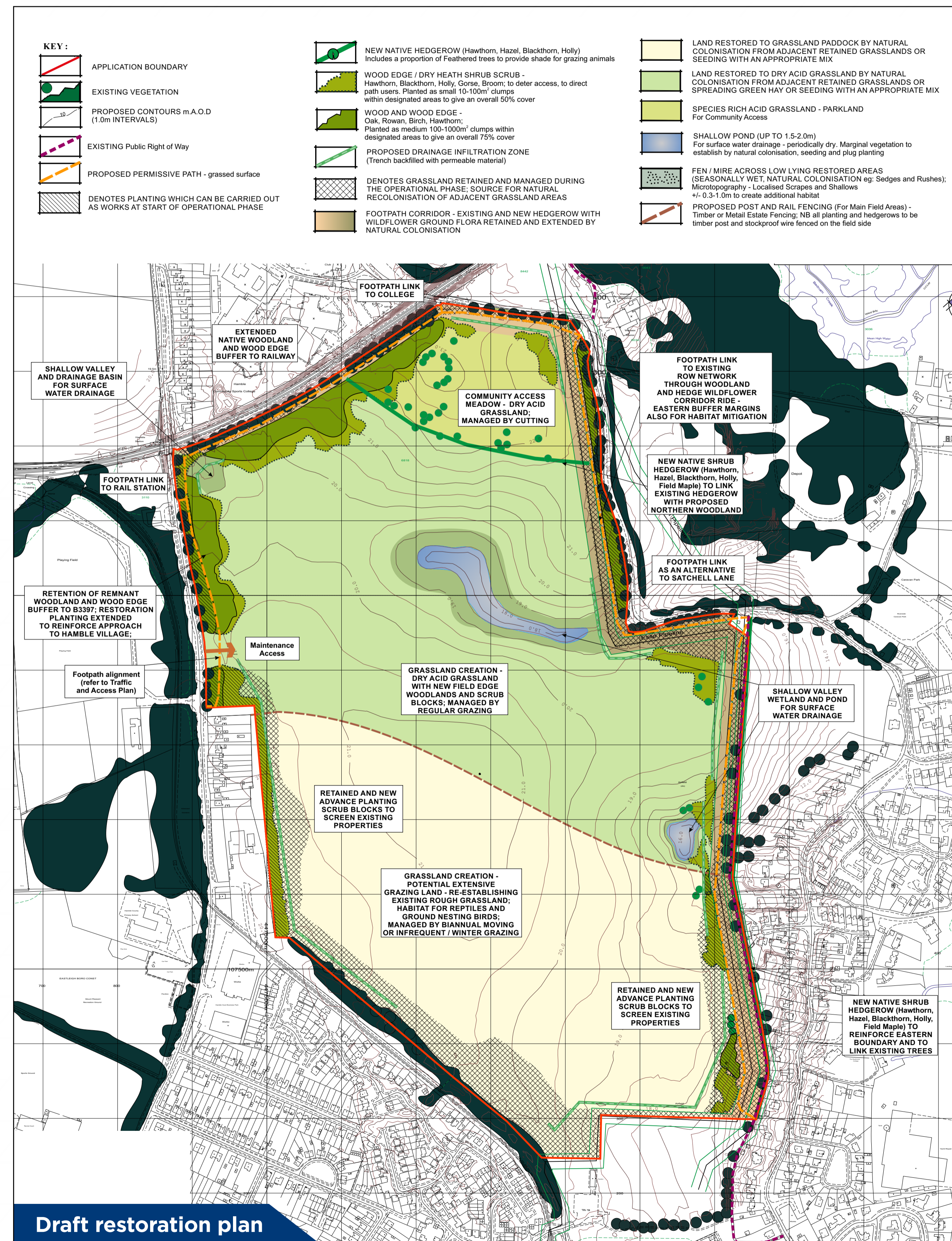
CEMEX takes its responsibilities towards the environment very seriously and that includes its impact on ecology and biodiversity. CEMEX has also had a partnership with the RSPB for over 10 years. A number of ecological surveys have been carried out on the site, firstly in 2017 and then again in 2021.

The surveys picked up the presence of reptiles on site, and CEMEX therefore plans to carefully move the reptiles around the site using reptile fencing during the operational period. This activity, which will be detailed in our planning submission, will be undertaken under the supervision of an independent ecologist. Planting during the works will enhance the site habitat for reptiles.

The ecology surveys have also calculated a baseline score for the current level of biodiversity on the former airfield. We have used this score to inform our restoration plans for the site.

As part of our commitment to leaving a positive environmental legacy, CEMEX's restoration plans include a number of nature and habitat enhancements that will notably **increase the site's biodiversity score**.

Our aim is to provide **at least 10% biodiversity net gain** on site once restored, however, the final score is likely to be higher.



## RESTORATION

Once the extraction of minerals from the former Hamble Airfield has been completed, CEMEX propose to restore **the majority of the site to grazing land with enhanced biodiversity**, while creating a **new area of parkland** for local recreation.

Our plans include:

- New high-quality grassland and grazing areas
- A new area of parkland at the north-eastern corner of the site, **offering publicly accessible green space on land that is currently private**
- A new footpath connection between Satchell Lane and Hamble Lane
- Small drainage ponds across the site, providing a variety of habitat opportunities.
- New native species woodland and shrub planting at the edges of the site, to include hawthorn, blackthorn, holly, oak, rowan, and gorse.
- New native hedgerow across the north-eastern side of the site