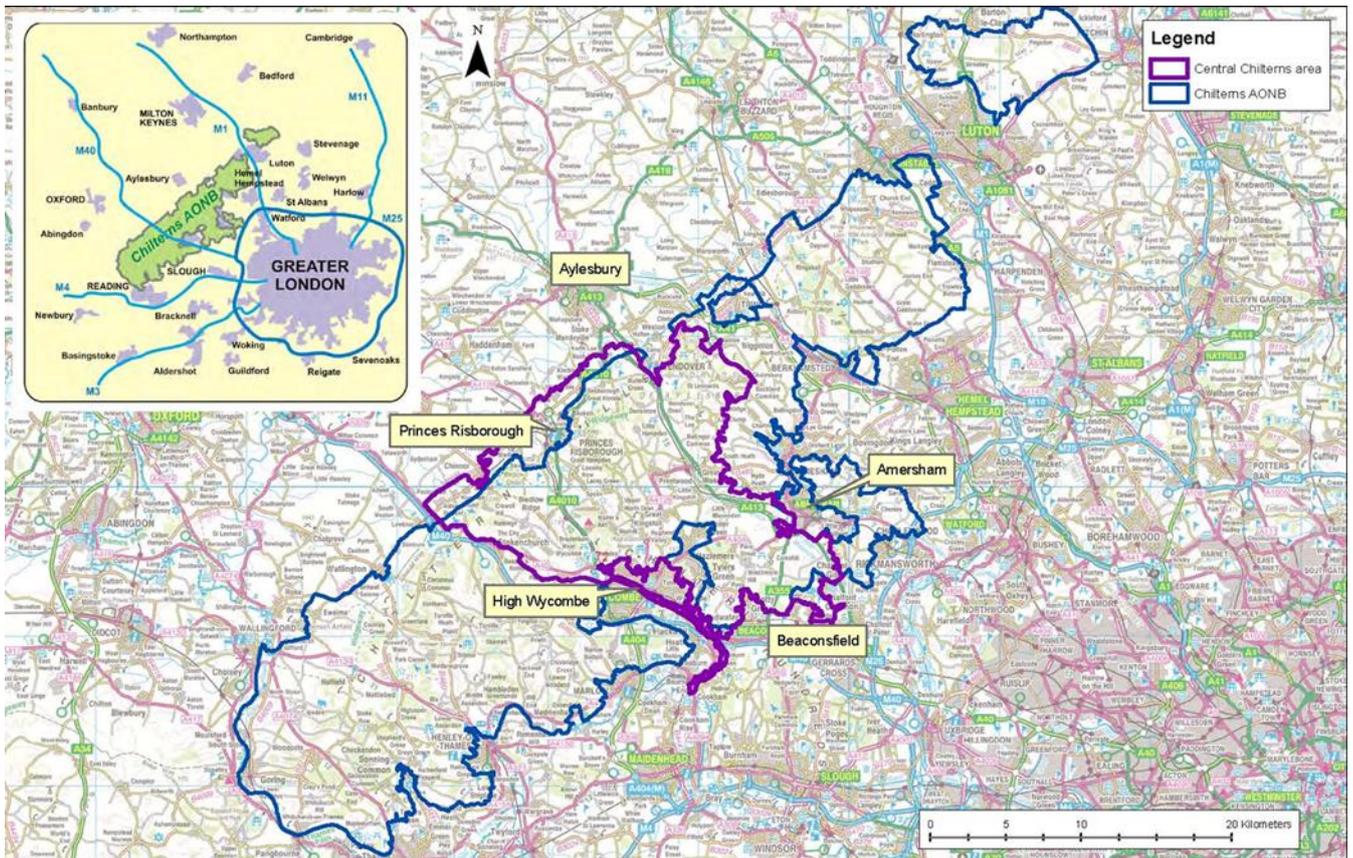


# Invitation to Tender

## *Landscape Connections:*

*Location: Central Chilterns*

*Works: Hedge planting*



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## Chalk, Cherries and Chairs - Introduction

Chalk, Cherries and Chairs is a 5-year National Lottery Heritage Funded Landscape Partnership Scheme being delivered in the Central Chilterns. Working in partnership with a wide range of National, Regional and local partners Chalk, Cherries and Chairs aims:

- To restore, enhance and record wildlife habitats, landscape features and cultural heritage of the Central Chilterns.
- To create new opportunities for people to investigate and celebrate the cultural and natural heritage of the Central Chilterns, inspiring and wider range of people to become stewards for their local heritage.
- To strengthen the capacity of local communities to take action for their local landscapes and natural heritage.

## Landscape Connections - Background

Landscape Connections aims to create, restore, manage and connect habitats across the Central Chilterns project area and will improve existing sites, create more and bigger sites and improve connectivity between sites.

Focus will be placed on priority habitats consistent with the Central Chilterns Landscape (Grassland, Woodland, Hedgerows and chalk aquifer fed Headwaters). The project will focus on large scale private estate and/or farmland projects, Local Wildlife Sites and Nature Reserves.

The project will support landowners to both deliver high quality habitat on their land and to work more closely with neighbours to agree collaborative approaches to land management.

Landowners will be offered an 'end to end' package including direct capital investment, practical advice, work parties to support habitat management, specific training and habitat/species monitoring. Specific woodland and hedgerow management advice will be offered and targeted advice to manage the negative impacts in woodland of deer and the edible dormouse (Glis Glis) and a growing intensity of grazing horses on grassland.

Specifically, the project will significantly increase the number of hectares of connected habitat in active and positive management. Its legacy of the project will be to increase the number of hectares of habitat in improved condition and also increased species presence, range and abundance.

## Description of work

The project team are seeking to build a list of suitable hedge-planting contractors for the period 2021-2023. Contracts will be offered to our preferred suppliers on a project-by-project basis. Applicants are invited to submit tenders that provide example costs by filling in the table below:

Activity	Units	Cost per unit (in £)
Application of pre-planting herbicide on 1.5m strip	Cost per metre	
Planting hedge whips at 6 whips/metre in staggered rows 40cm apart.	Cost per metre	
Supplying 45-60cm 2 yr old whips of local provenance in approximately the following mix: Hawthorn - 25%	Average cost per whip	

Field Maple - 15%		
Hazel - 15%		
Hornbeam - 5%		
Mountain Ash - 5%		
Wayfaring Tree - 10%		
Buckthorn - 5%		
Guelder Rose - 5%		
Spindle - 5%		
Dog Rose - 5%		
Wild Cherry – 5%		
Providing stakes	Cost per stake	
Providing tree guards	Cost per tree guard	

Any costings provided will be indicative, not taken to be a quotation, although we would expect rates to remain as indicated for a period of 12 months from submission.

## Proposal

Tenders will be evaluated on the basis of the following details:

- An understanding of the brief.
- A detailed breakdown of costs according to the bill of quantities.
- A description of how the work will be carried out.
- How ground conditions will be protected.
- Details of warranty regarding whip survival and contingency planning.
- Summary of health and safety procedures.
- Details of your insurance.
- Organisational and individual skills, knowledge and experience.

## Submission

If you have any questions please contact: **Harriet Bennett**, Land Management Officer (Chilterns Conservation Board).

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Tenders should be submitted by 17:00 on 18 January 2021 to Harriet Bennett (details above).

References from previous clients may be requested during the assessment process.