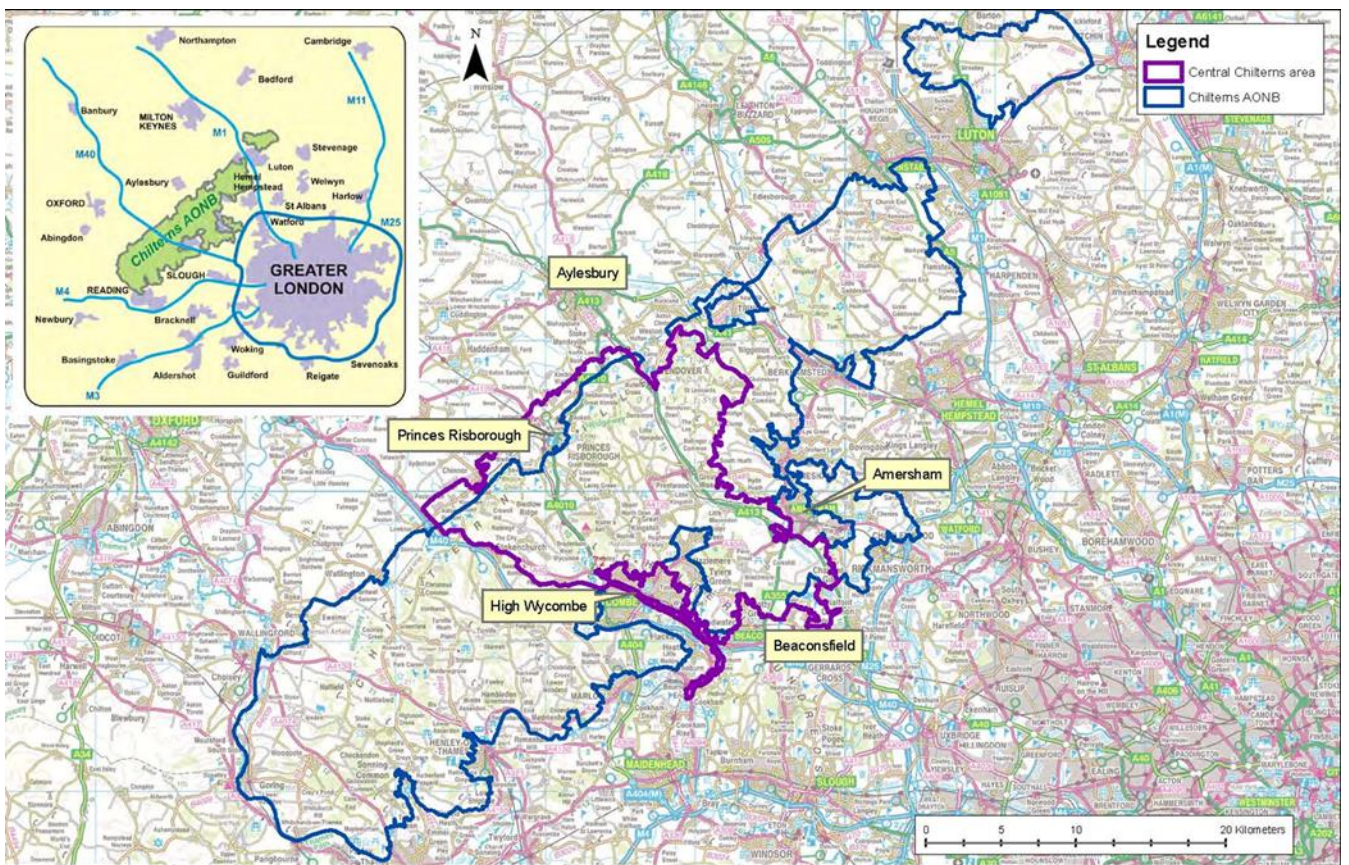




Invitation to Tender

Location: Central Chilterns

Works: Hedge copping



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The Chalk, Cherries and Chairs Project

Chalk, Cherries and Chairs is a 5-year National Lottery Heritage Funded Landscape Partnership Scheme being delivered in the Central Chilterns aiming to create, restore, manage and connect habitats across the Central Chilterns project area.

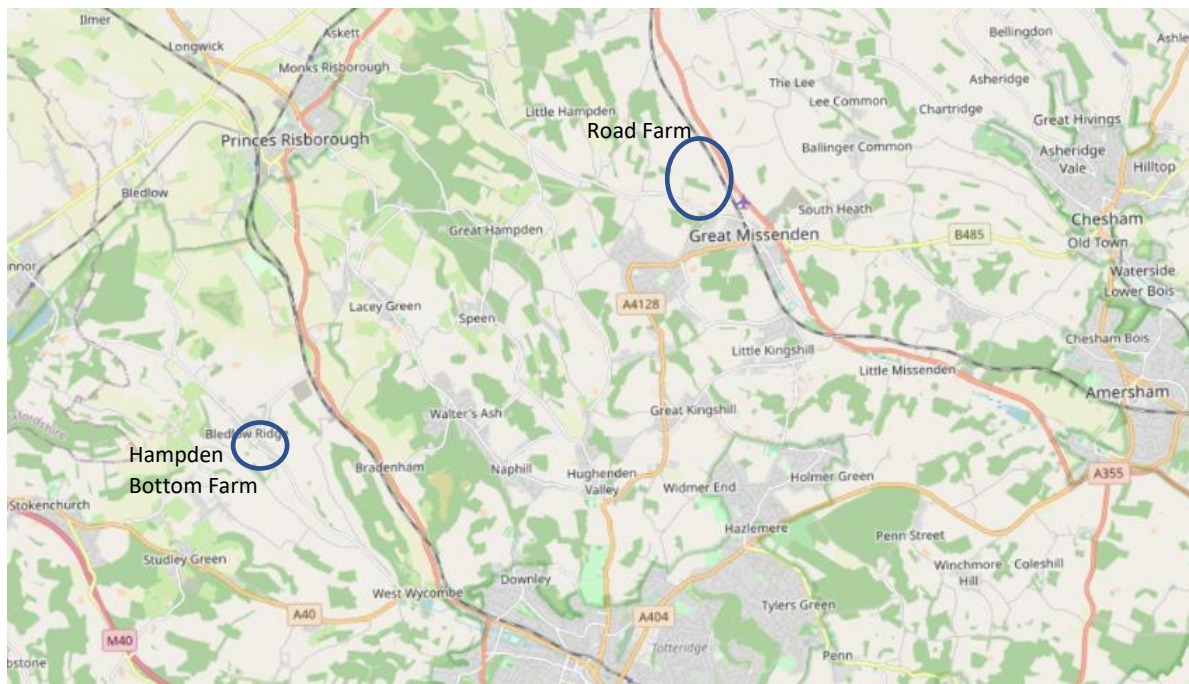
Focus is on priority habitats consistent with the Central Chilterns Landscape (grassland, woodland, hedgerows and chalk aquifer fed headwaters). The project supports landowners to both deliver high quality habitat on their land and to work more closely with neighbours to agree collaborative approaches.

Description of work

The project team are seeking contractors for autumn/winter 2021-2022 to coppice hedges on two farms in the Central Chilterns. Work can start in October 2021 and must be completed and invoiced before the end of December 2021.

Funding for this contract is subject to final approval of grant funding which will be confirmed prior to tenders being assessed and contracts awarded on the 22nd October 2021.

The maps below show the location of the farms and coppicing work in this phase of the project.



Site 1 – Hampden Bottom Farm, Bledlow

... Coppinging (140 + 166 + 136) = 442m — New hedges planned - - - New fences planned



Site 2 - Road Farm, Great Missenden

- - - Coppinging = 450 + 100 + 150 + 150 = 850m — New gate planned



Schedule of works

The hedges identified for coppicing are in need of rejuvenation and need cutting to no lower than the bowl of the stump, whilst leaving some trees as standards (to be agreed before work starts).

Old wire should be removed from the hedge and taken off-site. The hedges should be cut using the most suitable machinery available to the contractor and the brash burnt safely at an agreed location on-site. We expect that if contractors use tree shears the cut should be cleaned off with a chainsaw.

There is a separate tender for planting up the gaps and building a protective fence after the coppicing.

Objectives and restrictions

- The proposed method for coppicing will be agreed before work.
- Brash should be burned on site.
- Firewood (anything with diameter over 15cm) can either be taken away or left in an uncut pile for the landowner (this should be reflected in the price and two options could be offered in the budget).
- All staff will be suitably qualified and experienced for the work undertaken and will wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
- Appropriate signs will be installed by the contractor to warn of work in progress.
- All work should be undertaken and invoiced before the end of December 2021.

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.
- Summary of health and safety procedures.
- Details of your insurance.
- Organisational and individual skills, knowledge and experience.
- Earliest potential start date.

Submission

For a site visit or questions please contact: **Harriet Bennett**, Land Management Officer (Chilterns Conservation Board).

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Tenders should be submitted by 17:00 on 15 October 2021 to Harriet Bennett (details above).

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