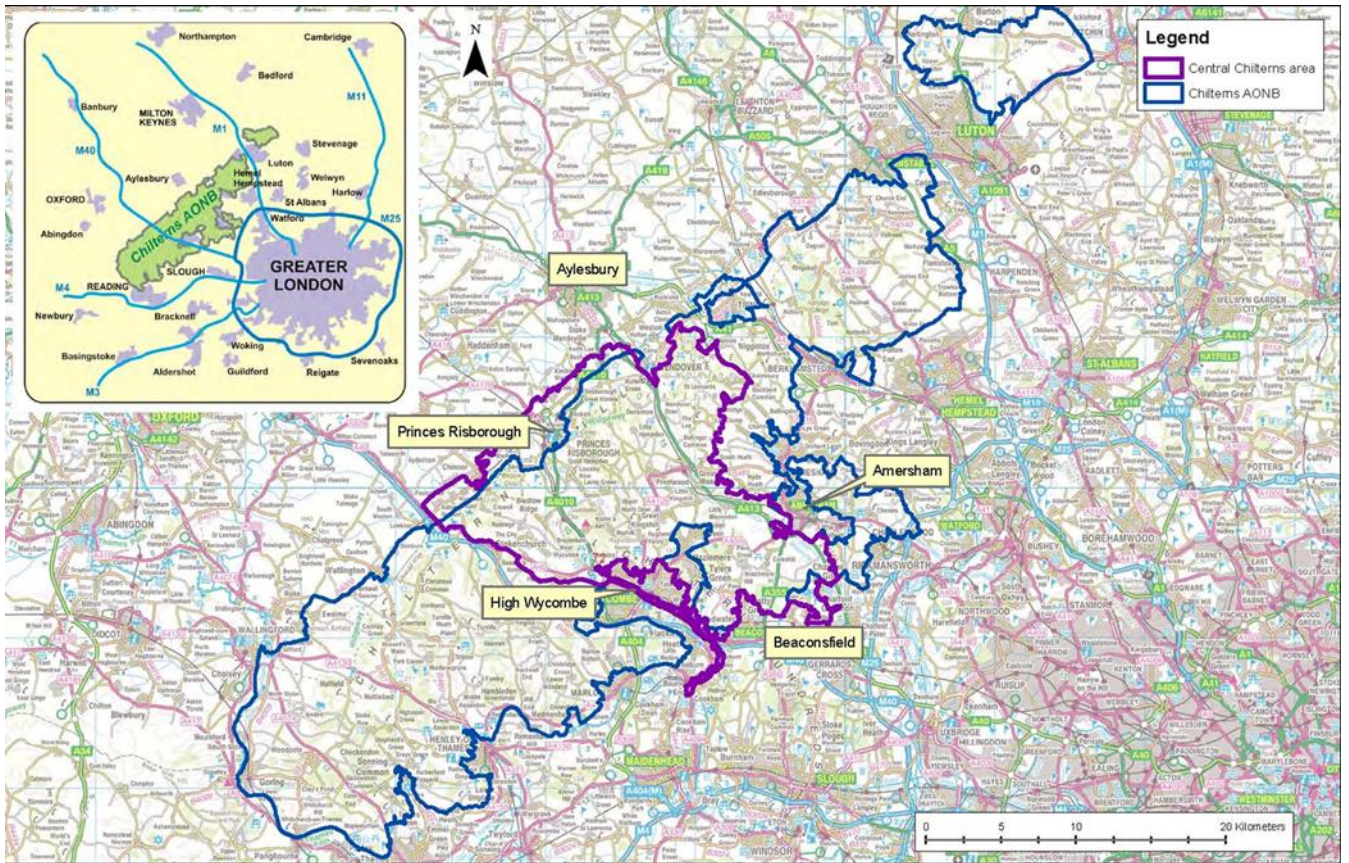




# Invitation to Tender

*Location: Central Chilterns*

*Works: Hedge laying*



**Issued: 30 September 2021**

## 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.

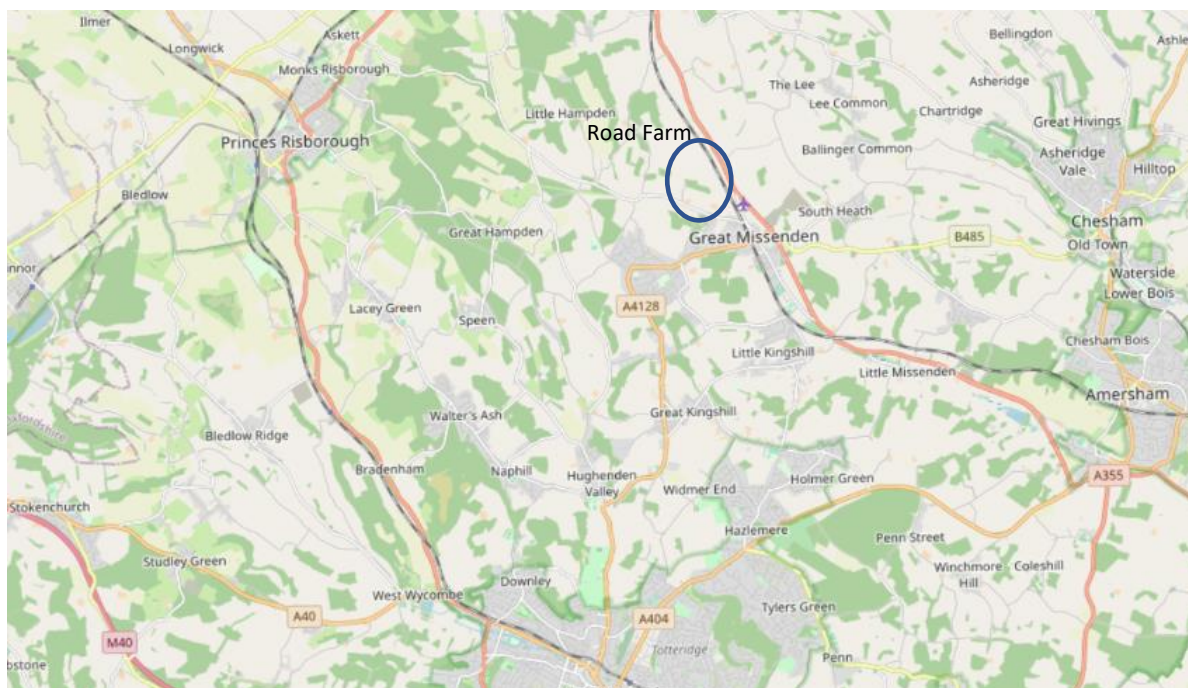
Focus is on priority habitats consistent with the Central Chilterns Landscape (grassland, woodland, hedgerows and chalk aquifer fed headwaters). The project supports landowners to both deliver high quality habitat on their land and to work more closely with neighbours to agree collaborative approaches.

## Description of work

The project team are seeking a contractor for autumn/winter 2021-2022 to lay a hedge in the Central Chilterns. Work can start in October 2021 and must be completed and invoiced before the end of January 2022.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021.

The maps below show the location of the farm and hedge-laying work in this phase of the project.



## Road Farm, Great Missenden

----- Laying = 250m

New gate planned



## Objectives and restrictions

- Access routes will be agreed with the project manager before work and ground disturbance will be kept to a minimum.
- The proposed method for laying will be agreed before work.
- All cut material will be removed to a designated bonfire area and burnt. No accelerants, tyres or other similar substances will be used to start the fire.
- All staff will be suitably qualified and experienced for the work undertaken and will wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
- If a chainsaw is needed, only biodegradable chain oil will be used.
- Appropriate signs will be installed by the contractor to warn of work in progress. The fire will be identified by the contractor as a hazard using tape or similar.
- All work should be undertaken and invoiced before the end of February 2022.

## 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

Tenders are invited for some, or all, of the work.

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).