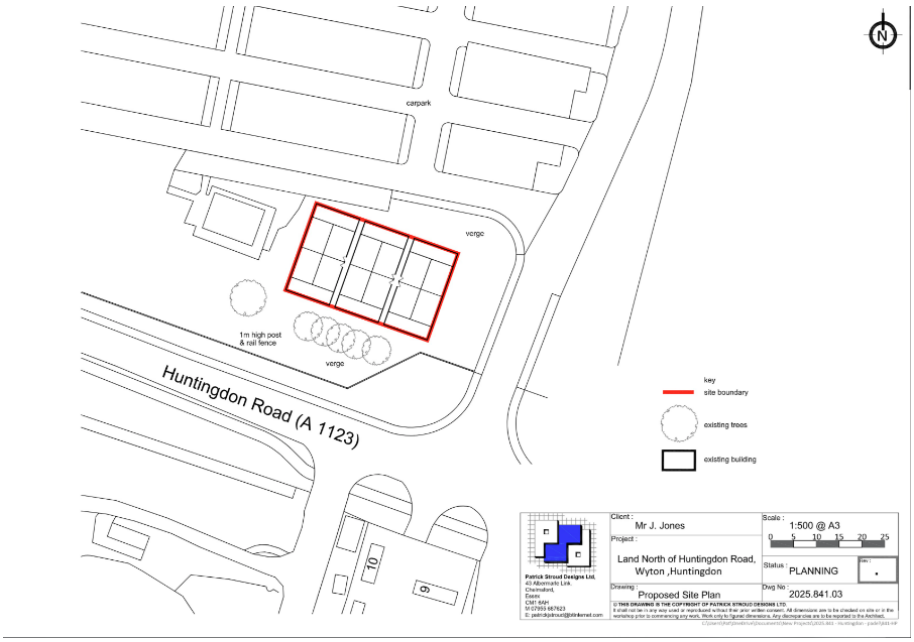
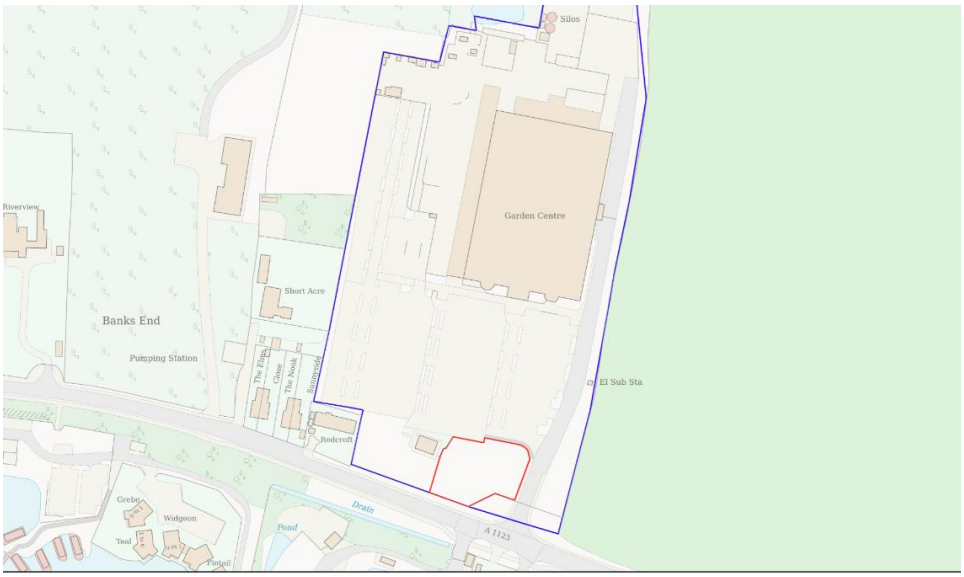
Arboricultural Consultation Response

Application No: 25/01038/FUL	**Location:** Blue Diamond, Banks End, Wyton, PE28 2AA
Case Officer: KS	**Proposals:** Construction of 3 Padel Courts

Observations:

An application has been submitted for the construction of 3 padel courts at the above address. The proposal is not located within the Conservation Area, and there are no TPO's in place on the property. There are however a number of large mature trees that provide significant benefits to the area, so must be taken into account during the construction process.





The redline boundary and mapping show that the trees nearby should be unaffected by the works. There may be some pressure in the future for pruning and removal due to litter dropped on and near the courts. The RPA of each tree will need to be fenced off to prevent access and damage to the rooting areas during works. This would need to be shown on mapping as no Tree Protection Plan appears to have been provided.





A Method Statement would need to confirm that the Construction Exclusion Zone around the RPA's will be fenced off in order to prevent root damage. This is to be retained throughout the process and used with fencing to prevent access into the Construction Exclusion Zone.

HDC policies state that construction should be avoided within RPA's due to the likely damage caused.

LP 30: Biodiversity and Geodiversity

This policy focuses on safeguarding and enhancing the district's ecological value.

- **Development must avoid harm** to biodiversity and geodiversity assets, including trees, woodlands, and habitats.
- Proposals should align with national planning policy.
- If harm is unavoidable, it must be **minimised and mitigated**, with compensation as a last resort.
- The policy supports the **protection of trees** as part of wider ecological networks—especially those with veteran or ancient status.

This indirectly reinforces the protection of RPAs by discouraging development that would damage root systems or tree health.

LP 31: Trees, Woodland, Hedges and Hedgerows

- Development proposals must **retain and protect existing trees**, especially those of high arboricultural or landscape value.
- **Encroachment into RPAs is discouraged**, and any such impact must be justified and mitigated.

- Proposals should include **tree surveys and arboricultural impact assessments**, following BS5837 standards.
- New planting is encouraged to **enhance green infrastructure** and compensate for unavoidable losses.

Recommendation: Support Application with the provision of a simple plan confirming location of HERAS fencing.

Signed: NS	**Date: 18/08/2025**