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Date: 04 April 2024

Dear Marie,

Local Wildlife Site SE61 Field Edge near Fawkham

Thank you for your email dated 04 March 2024 setting out the background and the recommendation regarding the above site. It is noted that the recommendation is to de-designate as a Local Wildlife Site, following a final survey in 2024 to be undertaken to verify the absence of the qualifying species. We note that, following changes to the Criteria for Selection and Delineation of LWS in December 2022, it is our responsibility to make the final decision. Having given it some consideration, we support the undertaking of a further survey but wish to review the situation and come to a decision on the designation of this site in a year's time.

Yours sincerely,

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Summary of Local Wildlife Sites update regarding site SE61 Field Edge near Fawkham.

The Kent Nature Partnership has oversight of the LWS system, with responsibility for setting criteria for selecting and delineating Local Wildlife Sites in Kent and Medway but with day-to-day management undertaken by Kent Wildlife Trust. This work covers both new sites and a rolling review of existing sites. It involves surveying and consultation with the landowners, the relevant local authority and the wider KNP group. This work is considered by a KNP working group, which then makes recommendations. These recommendations can include whether a site should be:

- Confirmed as a new or an updated existing Local Wildlife Site as set out in the draft citation document;
- Confirmed as an existing Local Wildlife Site, but with a revised citation or boundary;
- Deleted as a Local Wildlife Site; or
- Deferred for consideration at a further meeting.

It is then referred to the relevant local authority to make a final decision and either adopt or reject any recommendations.

The following documents have been provided for consideration of this site (SE61 Field Edge near Fawkham), which is an existing site, considered as part of the 10 year survey of LWS.

- A site schedule/citation and map
- A KNP MWG paper containing key information and consultation responses.

The following is a summary of the information contained primarily within the aforementioned paper.

The site has been surveyed on a number of occasions and there have been no limitations to those surveys.

It was surveyed in 2019, 2020 and 2022 by KWT's LWS surveyors. During the surveys in 2019 and 2020 it was noted that the area had been converted to an arable field and that there was little evidence of any remaining qualifying features. The site was visited once more in summer 2022, when it was recorded as being in the same state as the previous surveys, with little to no remaining qualifying features.

As part of this process, consultation was undertaken. Those consulted include the landowner, district councils, the parish council and the wider Kent Nature Partnership group. In response to the consultation a follow-up was undertaken, as it was thought very possible that seeds would still present and surveys undertaken at different times in the season could yield different results. Accordingly, a brief survey was undertaken in summer 2023. This targeted the presence of Pheasant's eye, the qualifying feature, but it was not recorded as being present.

A final survey has been recommended for summer 2024 to verify the absence of this species and if not recorded, to confirm that the LWS be de-designated.

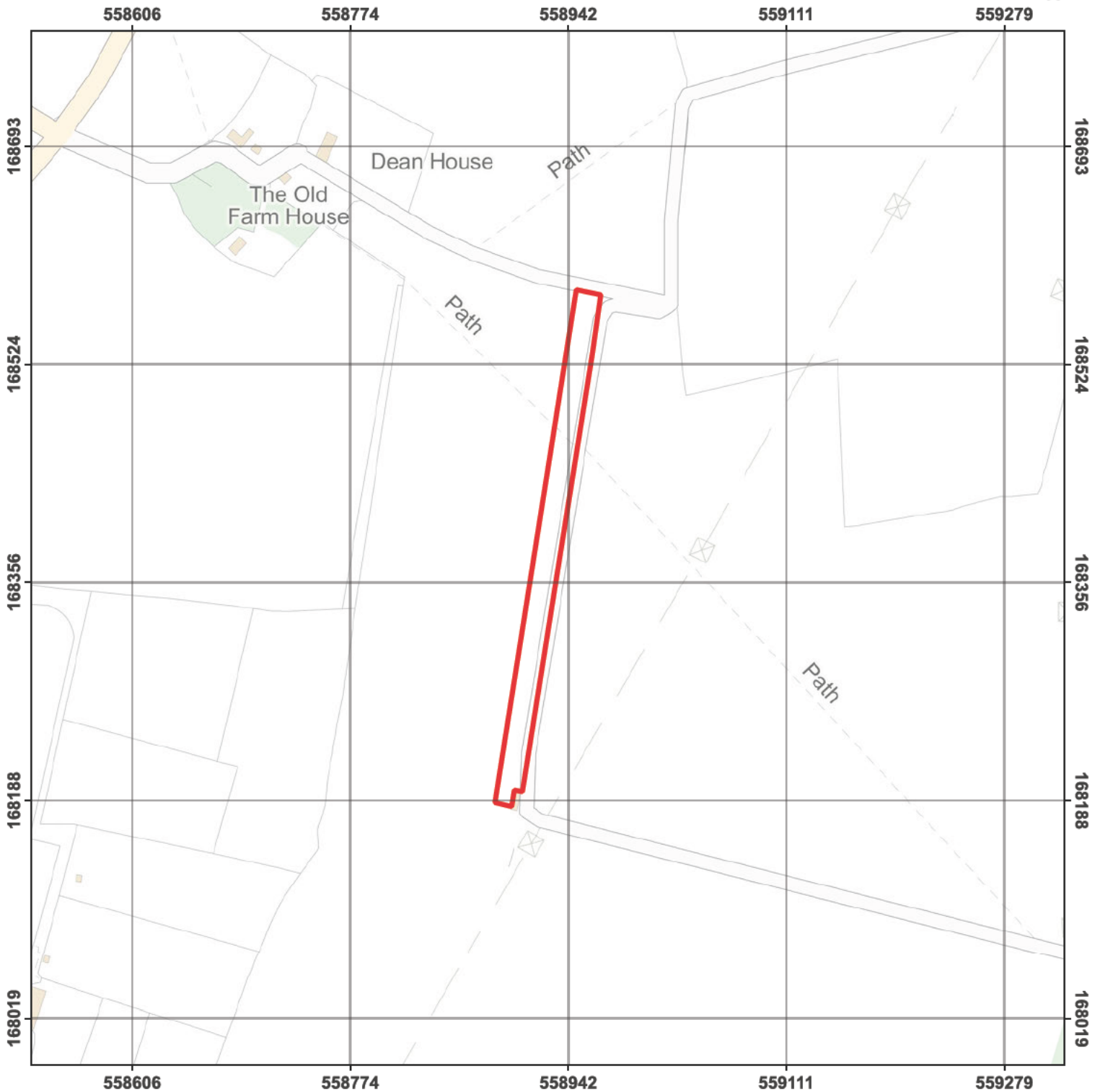
KENT LOCAL WILDLIFE SITE

Site Ref: SE61

Site: Field Edge near Fawkham

Grid ref: TQ589683

Designated:
Last approved: 1995
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