



## **SALEHURST AND ROBERTSBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**2016-2028**

**DETAILS AND PHOTOGRAPHS – SCHEDULE 4 LOCAL LIST OF TREES AND HEDGEROWS  
PLAN SUBMISSION : Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012**

**December 2016**

# Salehurst & Robertsbridge Neighbourhood Plan

## Schedule 4 – Local list of trees and hedgerows outside the Conservation Area

The Plan designates the trees and hedgerows as listed below, as locally listed in Policy EN9 of the SRNDP.

Surveys for the SRNDP have shown that local residents place a high value on the historic and rural character of the village. Professional character assessment of the village has also emphasised the importance of the contribution of green assets to its overall character.

Trees (individually and collectively) and hedgerows have therefore been identified in this report for protection under SRNDP Policy EN9.

This list is not definitive; the Parish Council may review, add or delete entries in future. An implementation and management policy for green assets identified in this list will be agreed and published in due course after consultation with conservation experts. This should include guidance on appropriate management of these resources.

Trees within the Conservation Areas of Robertsbridge and Northbridge Street (CA) are protected by default. Trees and hedgerows outside the CAs are largely unprotected prior to the adoption of the SRNDP, except for a few which benefit from Tree Preservation Orders.

It should be noted that some mature hedgerows form the borders, or are part of, potential development sites, and seeking to preserve these as far as possible should be an important objective in the evaluation of planning applications.

The intention is to protect trees and hedgerows that fall into any of the following categories:

- Individual large trees
- Groups of trees limited in area
- Mixed mature hedgerows
- Mature specimens of selected species

Priority has been given to those that are:

- Within the development boundary
- Near highways and footpaths
- Visible from residential areas

They will:

- Add to visual amenity
- Contribute to biodiversity
- Have significant heritage value

The listing is grouped by area. Woodland and agricultural areas outside the development boundary are generally excluded.

It is expected that priority will be given to those green assets that make a particular contribution to the rural and historic character of the village. The extent of this contribution, as well as the replaceability of the asset, has been assessed on a two point grade scale.

The contribution to biodiversity, visual significance and heritage and amenity value has also been estimated. The general criterion for preservation is whether the character and appearance of the village would be significantly harmed by the loss of any given tree, group or hedgerow.

This list excludes trees and hedgerows in or on the border of the CAs.

### Asset Identification

*The listed trees, groups of trees and hedgerows have been assigned an identification code.*

*The list is selected from an original long list; therefore the identifier codes are not sequential.*

*Ownership details are subject to confirmation at the consultation phase.*

*A set of photos of the listed assets is available on the SRNDP website.*

#### Asset identifier:

*Tx = Tree #*

*Gx = Group #*

*Hx = Hedgerow #*

#### Quality assessment:

##### Character

*B = Biodiversity asset*

*V = Visual asset*

*H = Heritage asset*

*A = Amenity asset*

##### Ownership

*(P) = Private*

*(E) = ESCC*

*(C) = Parish Council*

*(T) = Trust (Club, Church etc.)*

*(D) = Developer*

##### Grade

*1 = Priority, irreplaceable*

*2 = High value, would be significant loss*

*E.g.: BVHA (P) 1*

## **List of Trees & Hedgerows**

### **H6: George Hill, east side**

Mature mixed hedgerow and trees in prominent site  
Western border of Grove Farm site  
To be preserved within any development  
BVHA (D/P) Grade 2

### **G6: George Hill**

Mature Oak Trees in prominent site  
at southern entrance to village  
VA (E/P) Grade 1

### **H7: George Hill, southern end, west side**

Mature hedgerow on eastern border of Heathfield  
Gardens site  
To be preserved in any development  
BV (E/D) Grade 2

### **G7 Heathfield Gardens development site**

Numerous mature oaks, pond and hedgerows  
To be preserved within any development  
BVHA (D) Grade 1

### **T5: Heathfield Gardens**

Mature horse chestnut in prominent position at centre  
of estate  
VHA (T) Grade 1

### **G8 Lane to Browns Farm, off Bishops Lane**

Corridor of mature oaks  
BVHA (P) Grade 2

### **G9 Bishops Lane eastern end, south side**

Extensive belt of mature oaks and other species  
Bordering Heathfield Gardens  
BVHA (E) Grade 1

### **G10 Bishops Lane, between bridges**

Mature oaks and hedgerows  
BVHA (E) Grade 2

### **G11 Bishops Lane Hollow Way, western end**

Extensive mixed border including numerous mature  
oaks (preservation order in place for north side)  
BVHA (P) Grade 2

### **G13 Knelle Road, Langham Road (east end) and Bellhurst Road**

Roadside pollards  
BVHA (E) Grade 2

### **G14 Brightling Road, east end**

Extensive roadside border of mixed mature trees  
BVHA (E) Grade 2

### **G18 The Ostrich eastern boundary**

Several mature oaks  
VHA (P) Grade 2

### **G19 Station Road, west end, south side**

Row of various specimen trees  
BVHA (T/C) Grade 2

### **G20 Jubilee Garden, Station Road**

Mature ornamental trees in dedicated public space  
VHA (C) Grade 2

### **T6 Clappers playground**

Mature copper beech  
VA (C) Grade 1

### **G24 Clappers Recreation Ground, west side**

Extensive woodland border  
VA (P) Grade 2

### **G29 Cricket Ground, north boundary**

Semi-mature oak belt  
VA (T) Grade 2

### **T10 Church Oak**

Large tree in front of Church  
BVHA (E) Grade 1

### **T11 Mature Yew**

to east of Church (on left)  
BVHA (T) Grade 1

### **T14 Salehurst Halt Oak**

Adjacent to Salehurst Halt Pub  
VH (P) Grade 2

### **G40 Churchyard Yews**

Along the front of the churchyard  
BVHA (T) Grade 1

### **G41 Churchyard Conifers**

3 large conifers at front of churchyard  
BVHA (T) Grade 1

### **G47 Bridleway from Poppinghole Lane to Park Farm**

Wooded section at top of hill with ancient hedges  
Part of original road from Mountfield to Salehurst  
BVHA (P) Grade 1



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*Mature hedgerow on eastern border of Heathfield Gardens site*  
*To be preserved in any development*



**T4: George Hill, west side**  
*Mature chestnut*



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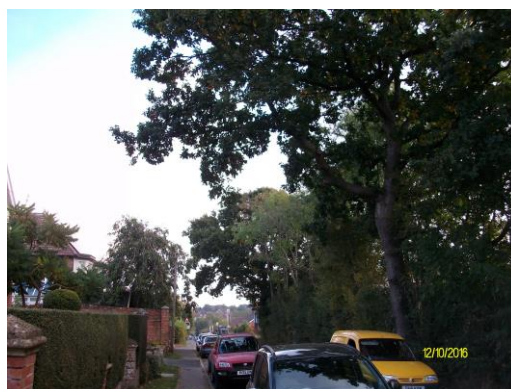
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Corridor of mature oaks



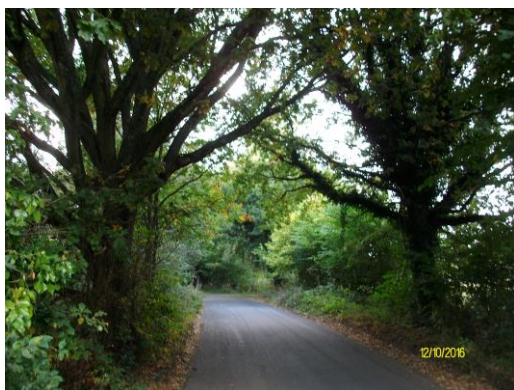
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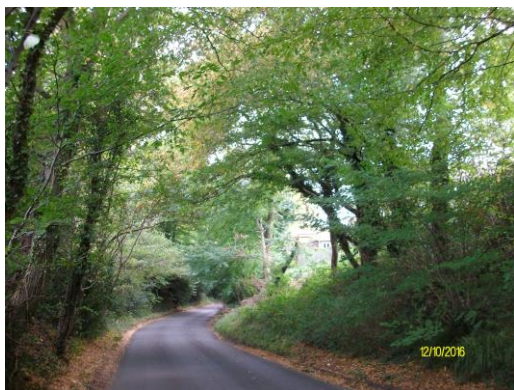
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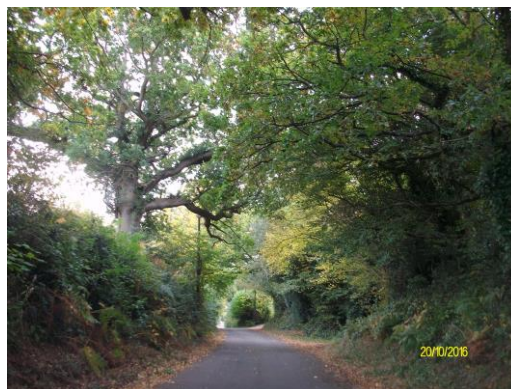
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*G43 Rocks Lane Hollow Way*



*T11 Mature Yew to east of Church (on left)*



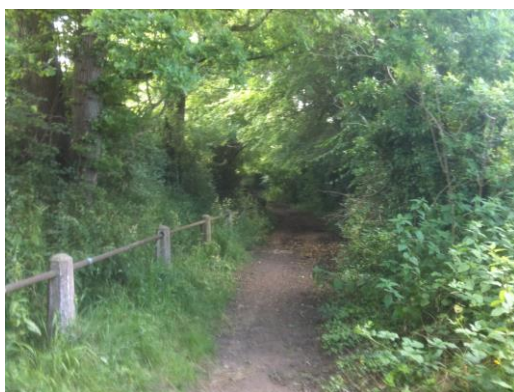
*G44 Beech House Lane Hollow Way*



*T15 Busters Oak*



*G47 Bridleway Poppinghole Lane to Park Farm*



*G46 Church Bridge Bridleway*



