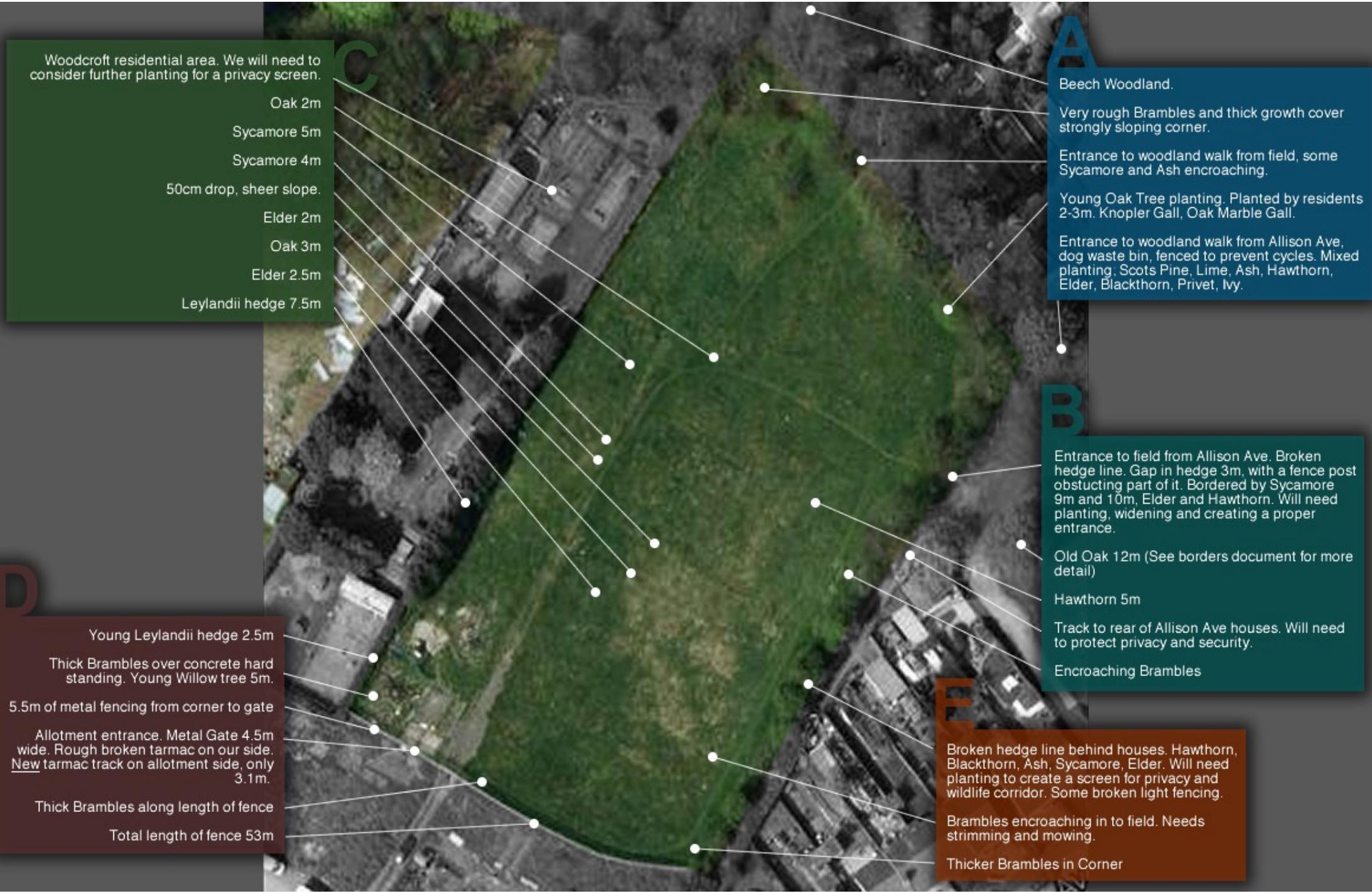


Eastern Site



Woodcroft residential area. We will need to consider further planting for a privacy screen.

- Oak 2m
- Sycamore 5m
- Sycamore 4m
- 50cm drop, sheer slope.
- Elder 2m
- Oak 3m
- Elder 2.5m
- Leylandii hedge 7.5m

A

Beech Woodland.

Very rough Brambles and thick growth cover strongly sloping corner.

Entrance to woodland walk from field, some Sycamore and Ash encroaching.

Young Oak Tree planting. Planted by residents 2-3m. Knobler Gall, Oak Marble Gall.

Entrance to woodland walk from Allison Ave, dog waste bin, fenced to prevent cycles. Mixed planting: Scots Pine, Lime, Ash, Hawthorn, Elder, Blackthorn, Privet, Ivy.

B

Entrance to field from Allison Ave. Broken hedge line. Gap in hedge 3m, with a fence post obstructing part of it. Bordered by Sycamore 9m and 10m, Elder and Hawthorn. Will need planting, widening and creating a proper entrance.

Old Oak 12m (See borders document for more detail)

Hawthorn 5m

Track to rear of Allison Ave houses. Will need to protect privacy and security.

Encroaching Brambles

D

Young Leylandii hedge 2.5m

Thick Brambles over concrete hard standing. Young Willow tree 5m.

5.5m of metal fencing from corner to gate

Allotment entrance. Metal Gate 4.5m wide. Rough broken tarmac on our side. New tarmac track on allotment side, only 3.1m.

Thick Brambles along length of fence

Total length of fence 53m

E

Broken hedge line behind houses. Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Ash, Sycamore, Elder. Will need planting to create a screen for privacy and wildlife corridor. Some broken light fencing.

Brambles encroaching in to field. Needs strimming and mowing.

Thicker Brambles in Corner

The Eastern portion of the site is obviously our best area for growing. It's length is SSW facing which gives us a great amount of light to work with throughout the year (see initial site document for solstice sun angles). There is a 30m stretch of 7.5m Leylandii hedge on the Western edge that will give a small amount of shade from the evening sun.

The site is free draining throughout, with a slope running NW and SW, with a central Eastern high point (see site contour sketch below). Even after the prolonged rain we have had this Winter there is no sign of water logging anywhere on site, and visible signs of run off damage.

There are a number of paths that are used around the site that are visible of the satellite image above. The path along the Eastern boundary is the least used. On my days visit (23.01.14) there were 5 dog walkers that visited the site, one of whom had difficulty walking so visited the site as it was relatively flat compared to other local spots. There is a reasonable amount of dog faeces present on site.

The main walking entrance from Allison Ave has been made by pedestrians and is not a formal entrance, more of a gap in the hedge (see B1).

This site is bordered by 2 allotment sites and 2 residential areas. Both of the Allison Ave and Woodcroft residents will no doubt have concerns for their privacy. The hedge along the Woodcroft border is sufficient, however the Allison Ave hedgerow is broken in many places and offers little in the way of privacy in the Winter months. The hedges could all be thickened to 5m wildlife corridors and planted with edible species.

Currently the only vehicle access directly on to site is via The Rock Allotments. This gated entrance (see D4) has an access track that is only 3.1m wide, and is very new tarmac. With a bit of tree work the Allison Ave entrance could also be used to get work vehicles on site, provided we can get permissions, this will be the preferred entrance for machinery, and the only option for access by vehicle when the site is open.

There are a number of existing trees on site (see image above), some of which are worth keeping if they do not heavily interfere with plans. There are a few Sycamore trees that should be removed as soon as possible. There is an area of Oak saplings in the Northern corner, that have been planted by locals. Steve Beard has said that the intention with these is to coppice them. We will need to consider them in this area of the design.

At a glance there are no protected species of herbaceous plant present, further surveys will be needed later in the year.

The current list is : Common Knapweed (*Centaurea nigra*) , Ribwort Plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*), Common Mouse Ear (*Cerastium fontanum*), White clover (*Trifolium repens*), Sorrel (*Rumex acetosa*) Yarrow, (*Achillea millefolium*), Cow Parsley (*Anthriscus sylvestris*), Ivy (*Hedra helix*), Hedge Woundwort (*Stachys palustris*), Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinalis* agg.), Cut-leaved Cranesbill (*Geranium dissectum*), Groundsel (*Senecio vulgaris*).

The large tussocks are possibly ant hills and will require further investigation.



-  Young Tree
-  Contour (approx)
-  Walked path
-  Oak sapling planting
-  Runoff direction

Photos from section A. (Allison Ave and Brooklea Allotments border)



Northern corner rough Brambles



Wooded boundary



Entrance to woods from field



Oak sapling planting

Photos from section B. (Allison Ave entrance and rear of housing)



Track to back of houses



Entrance from Allison Ave



Other side of entrance



Broken hedge and encroaching
Brambles

Photos from section C. (Woodcroft boundary)



Leylandii hedge, Woodcroft border



Young Sycamore



Densely tufted grass



Large tussocks, possibly Ant hills

Photos from section D. (The Rock allotments boundary)



Thick Brambles, Allotment edge



4.5m Gate at allotment entrance



Rough tarmac drive in from allotments



Densely brambled hard standing