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## Method Statement

a. Position of interpretation panels, benches, structures, etc.

Please see attachment 1 – map Ellerburn Fence, Trail and Furniture. Currently we have no plans for interpretation panels. The seats will follow the guidance attached. Instead of having resting points every 100 meters, Whitby DAG and the Fieldfare Trust recommended every 300 meters. We are following this advice. The 10 seats are marked on the map as yellow dots. In the wettest area of the trail a board walk near the alder field will allow the trail to follow the beck closer. This board walk is marked as a rectangle.

b. Position of the trail lay out, extent of clearings, details of vegetation and trees proposed to be removed.

Please see attachment 1 – map Ellerburn Fence, Trail and Furniture . As part of the construction of the trail, where the trail leads down towards the beck, 4-5 very small broad leaf trees will be removed to allow for the path to lead to the beck and the construction of the bridge. This will have no visual effect on the canopy of the trees and the view into the valley. Locations of the bridges and minor felling is circled on the map.

c. Measures for the protection of those trees to be retained during the course of the development.

The contract for the construction of the trail includes risk assessments covering the protection of remaining trees and vegetation. Parts where vegetation may be effected, this will be re-instated once the construction of the trail is completed.

d. Materials to be used for the surface of the trail

The surface of the trail will be formed from a hard dark coloured 10mm to dust material compacted to the correct profiles to accommodate surface water drainage. The material will be either graded road planings dark grey in colour or a whinstone which is a dark reddish colour. The section that is not to DDA will be surfaced with a slightly coarser stone possibly limestone at 20mm to dust.

e. Hard surfacing features, minor artefacts and structures, any furniture, refuse or other storage units, signs and external lighting.

The trail includes 2 bridges which are a built from steel beams with a timber deck and handrails. The abutments will be constructed from gabion baskets on concrete foundations. The baskets will be filled with single size hard stone such as granite. The timber board walk will be constructed from treated soft wood on driven timber pile supports. The decking on the bridge and the boardwalk will include buff coloured anti slip inserts.

For the furniture, please see a. benches.

f. Fencing details

Please see attachment 1 – map Ellerburn Fence, Trail and Furniture. We are setting up new leases with the tenants of the fields. To make this as straightforward as possible, the decision was made to create a new fence line along the entire length, using the contours of the valley. This will also allow the planting scheme to establish quicker. On the request of one of the tenants, we have created areas in the fence line where their horses can shelter in adverse weather.



- g. Details of specimen trees to be planted along the eastern boundary of the route to enhance assimilation into the wider landscape.

Please see attachment g Planting Scheme report and map. From the report you will see some strategically placed field trees that will minimise the impact of the trail on the residents. In certain places close to residents, the hedge will be allowed to grow higher and thicker. At the start of the trail, traditional skills of hedge laying will be demonstrated.

We are planning two variations from the attached planting scheme.

- i. In the most southern field on the map marked as A, we will grow short rotation coppice in a variety of coloured willow, to add to the sensory experience. It will also help the route to blend into the wider landscape.
- ii. Just south of the Alder field and the board walk we intend to plant thornless fruit bushes, to encourage active foraging.

