

# **Viewpoints and Visualisations in the Ardleigh and Little Bromley area**

## **Appendix C: Bentley Road (PAR30) Visualisation Request**

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Proposals for Bentley Road (PAR 30) include permanent straightening and widening with removal of mature trees and hedgerows to allow for the passing of AIL, HGVs, construction traffic and other road users. However, no visualisations have been provided and it is clear that the proposals will result in a significant and permanent change to the current narrow, twisty and pretty country road with far-reaching views.

**We request that NG provide visuals of how the permanent proposed road scheme and tree/hedge removal will alter the length of Bentley Road bearing in mind that any replacement planting will not provide immediate recompense for the loss of mature trees and hedgerows as a result of the project.**

**We request that the visuals also include, at the Shop Road end, the cumulative visual impact of the permanent access road to the EACN, the removal of hedgerows and trees close to the War Memorial and the siting of the substations over at the EACN.**

Document APP-050 (Doc 2.16 Trees and Hedgerows to be Removed and or Managed Plans – Section C (Final Issue A)) Sheet 16 fails to show all of the trees and hedgerows along its length despite such trees and hedgerows falling within the Order Limits. Sheet 16 already shows significant proposed tree and hedgerow removal along PAR30 but it does not appear to shows the true extent of the removal given the proposed road widening and straightening exercise proposed to accommodate the AIL plus construction traffic access (including passing places) to the PAR access to the EACN.

We also note that the proposals to widen Bentley Road raise serious practical concerns. There are ditches on either side of the road that are essential for the drainage of surrounding farmland. Any attempt to widen the road without adequately addressing these ditches could compromise agricultural drainage, increase flood risk, and create safety hazards for both traffic and local farmers. These environmental and operational impacts must be fully assessed before any approval is granted.

A few photos of Bentley Road taken May 2026 are included where you can see the extent of the hedgerows that exist and in the main, on both sides of the road:



Photos below show hedging and trees forming an uninterrupted boundary between Bentley Road and the property known as “Crabtrees”. The trees form a canopy over Bentley Road close to the junction with Paynes Lane. It is often unclear from NG plans along Bentley Road what trees/hedges/canopy is to be affected. The below example taken from Sheet 16 of APP-050/AS-007 at “Crabtrees” does not show the full extent of the hedging/trees as shown by the photos and the “V” shaped shading is imprecise. Crabtrees is home in Little Bromley and NG documents show that it will be subject to a Class 1 – compulsory acquisition of land at APP-011 (ref 16/15) albeit it is not clear what rights are needed at this location.



Boundary of “Crabtrees” and Bentley Road on right hand side of photo (taken from junction with Paynes Lane) showing extensive and uninterrupted hedging and mature trees along its length. Village planter in the foreground.



Bentley Road towards A120 with “Crabtrees” boundary to right hand side. Less mature hedging and extensive village Daffodil planting on the left



Looking towards Little Bromley from A120 with Crabtrees boundary on left hand side showing mature trees and canopy extending over Bentley



View from The Haywain looking towards Little Bromley with tree canopy on right hand side extending over Bentley Road. Mature hedging.

Extract from Sheet 16 of APP-050/AS-007 showing incomplete hedging/trees along Bentley Road and therefore unclear as to the effect of the proposed Bentley Road works on such hedging/trees.

