

## Arboriculture

Thank you for consulting on this EIA Scoping Opinion.

This has been assessed as a desk top exercise.

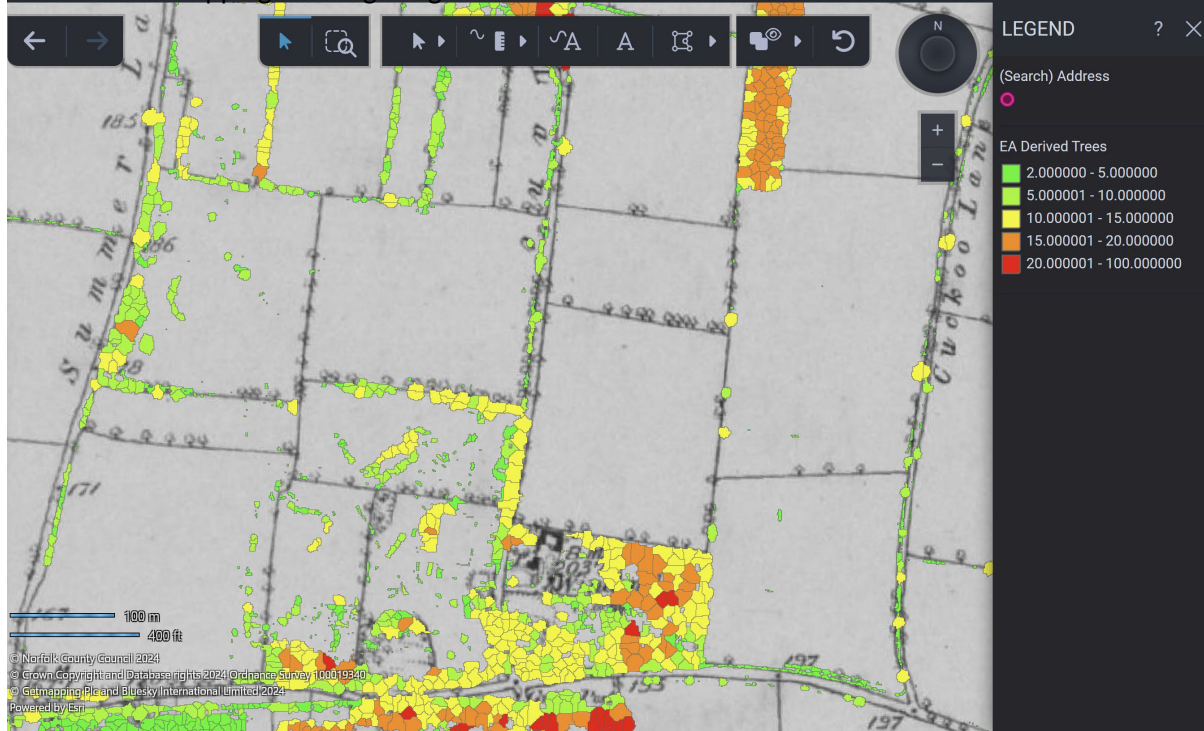
The outline proposals will impact on existing trees and a full arboricultural impact assessment and method statement in line with BS 5837 (2012) – Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction will be required.

There are field boundary trees that are within the proposed area of works. These trees are in the same location as trees marked on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS map dating from around 1880 and it is likely that the trees are at least 150 years old, and likely to be significantly older. The potential age of these trees raises the likelihood that there are ancient or veteran trees which receive greater protection under section 186c of the NPPF. An assessment must be made as to whether these trees are ancient / veteran and if they host any protected species.

Contemporary map showing arial view with the height bands of trees and hedges on site:



1<sup>st</sup> Edition OS mapping showing hedgerow trees in similar locations:



Should it be appropriate for any trees and hedges be felled to achieve the scheme aims then appropriate replacement planting and habitat creation must be proposed.

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