

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL



Notice Oughtonhead Common

North Hertfordshire District Council has applied to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for consent under section 38 of the Commons Act 2006 to carry out restricted works on Oughtonhead Common. The Planning Inspectorate will decide the application on behalf of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

The proposed works are: Replacement and extension of the fencing of the grazed area. This will increase the current conservation-grazed grassland area from 6.2Ha to 9.8Ha, at a new length of 2,100m

The fencing will be located as it is currently, with extensions to include grassland area near the Oughtonhead Lane entrance, grassland to the northeast of the Beech Spinney, grassland at the centre of the common where currently two separate grazing compartments meet, the newly created wetland area, the section of land between the current fencing and the perimeter path along the eastern boundary. The fencing will be of a similar height and appearance to that already used, but with stock netting at the bottom.

The perimeter path will be relocated in two sections and kissing gates installed so the original path can still be walked.

A copy of the application form and accompanying documents can be inspected at Hitchin Library during their opening hours and the North Hertfordshire District Council Offices, Gernon Rd, Letchworth, during normal office hours until 18 June 2015. A copy of the application form and accompanying documents may be obtained by writing to the address below or viewed online at http://www.hertslink.org/cms/getactive/placestovisit/oughtonhead/

Any objections or representations should be sent in writing ON or BEFORE that date to the Planning Inspectorate at Room 3/25B, Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN or commonlandcasework@pins.gsi.gov.uk

Letters sent to the Planning Inspectorate **cannot be treated as confidential**. They will be copied to the applicant and possibly to other interested parties.

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