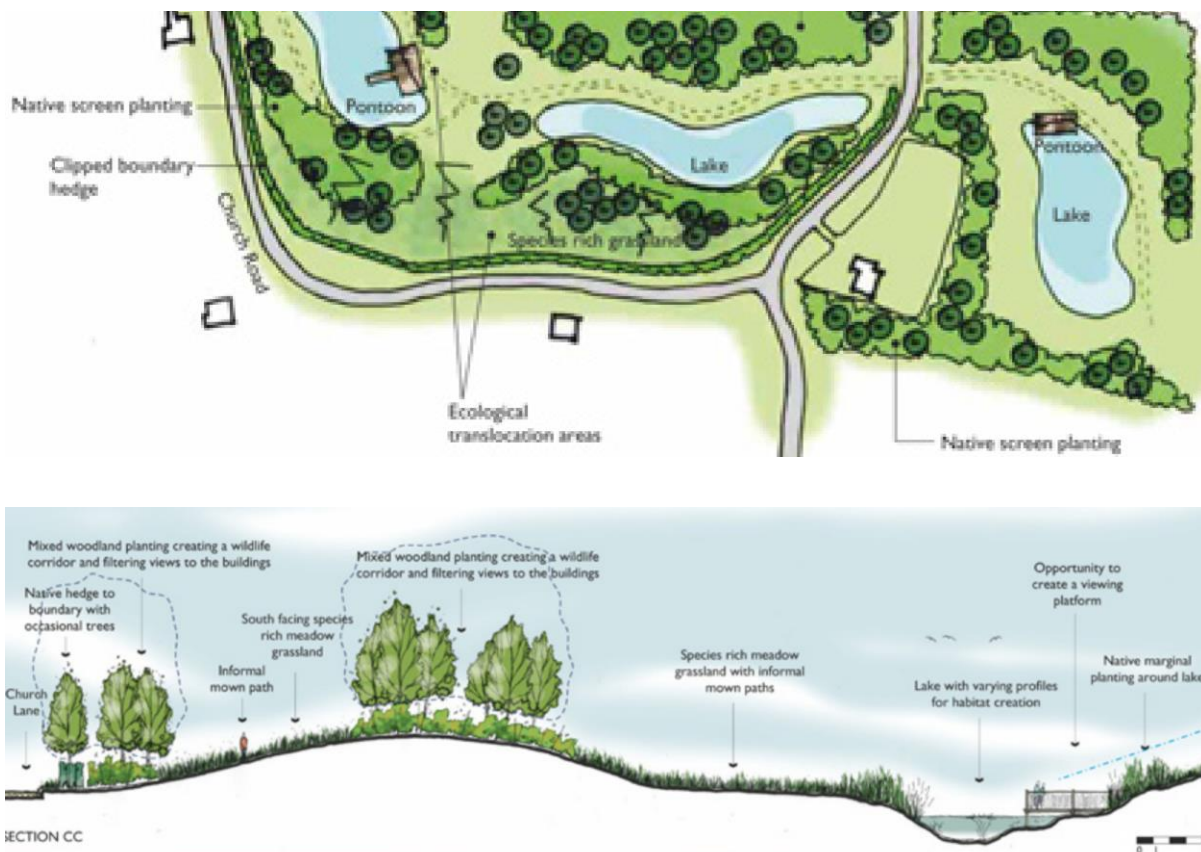


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KCC has been appointed to carry out work valued up to £37m to prepare the MOJO site for the DfT. This should include work on the boundaries to protect the amenity of nearby residents.

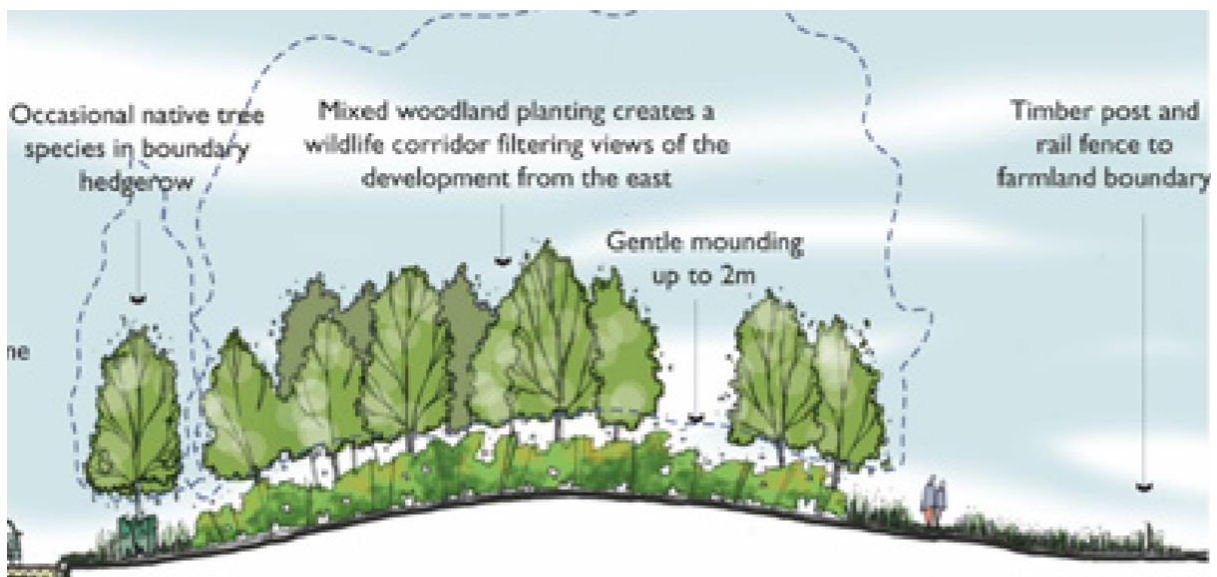
AE639 is to be routed to the south of MOJO. The setting of Church Road is required to be enhanced through the implementation of a gently undulating landform created by varying profiled bunds and features in the form of ponds and shallow grassed swales. Woodland planting to be established along the slopes of the bunds and adjacent to Church Road so as to reinforce the existing sunken character of Church Road, whilst allowing for occasional filtered views across the undulating grassland / wildflower meadows and ponds. A second layer of woodland planting and landscaped bunds create a dense backdrop to these views and will filter views. KCC has the opportunity to deliver a functional environment which provides long term value for locals, visitors and wildlife.



Other work to include creating a community hub at Sevington Church. The new church setting to create an area for contemplation and leisure. This should include a new car park, a small orchard reflecting historical precedent with pond and wildlife habitats within an eco-park environment.



Highfield Lane to be reinstated with an enhanced sense of enclosure provided by new native woodland and hedgerow planting to the east and west respectively. The woodland should be set within gentle bunds to create the sense of a sunken green lane which is a key positive landscape characteristic of the Mersham Farmlands and responds to ABC's landscape character policy objectives.



Further information on the requirements can be found at <https://planning.ashford.gov.uk/Planning/details.aspx?systemkey=98685> which provides details of consented activity on site

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