

# CCRiP meeting with Emily Estates

10<sup>th</sup> July 2025

The meeting with Zoe Young of Emily Estates (EE) was arranged to discuss the following :

1. *Establishing a timetable for ongoing meetings with EE*

CCRiP has begun the process of identifying land ownership and has already engaged with some landowners to discuss natural flood mitigation (NFM) ideas or put projects in place. As EE is by far the largest landowner in the Cam catchment it was felt regular meetings should take place between CCRiP and EE. It was agreed that quarterly updates would make sense and so the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 was pencilled in for the next meeting

2. *Set dates for visits to the Sandbrook Lane fields and a tour of the NFM features installed thus far on EE land both with Paul Rawson and other relevant parties present. Agree the framework for progressing design and delivery after the site visits.*

Lorne Thompson prepared a report for EE in July 2024 with various NFM suggestions covering the upper Cam mainly to the north and east of Yarlington and north of Galhampton as well as for the upper Brue (not in Cam catchment). Additionally FWAG (Farmers Wildlife Advisory Group) had prepared a report at about the same time covering the Brue in the Lily Farm area.

Lorne pointed out that to have success using NFM techniques requires many interventions of various types and be at scale. Therefore it is important to look at the measures taken thus far and also those which have not been implemented.

Paul Rawson has put aside 21<sup>st</sup> July (proposed 10.30am) to lead a tour of NFM work implemented thus far, CCRiP to let Zoe know who will attend. Lorne Thompson suggested that Magan Bessell from Wessex Water (Catchment Adviser for the Phosphate Reduction Programme) should be invited. Zoe to advise who will attend in addition to Paul from EE, possible ED White and Cameron Knee.

Lorne Thompson has also prepared a first draft plan for the EE fields to the west of Sandbrook Lane, currently being farmed by tenants. Run-off/drainage issues resulting in flooding of the road and a significant increase in flood risk for two properties have become apparent during the '23 floods and other rain fall events since. Lorne will walk these fields again prior to arranging a meeting with EE.

During the course of the conversation Mareike pointed out that if EE would clear the ditches without fully understanding the issues, then there is a danger that this could increase the flood risk for the two properties. CCRP is also working with other stakeholders in the same area as a joint approach is needed.

3. *Set the topics for the next 2/3 meetings so we all have time to prepare*

EE are or have been working on various large projects where it may be helpful to see if NFM ideas can be incorporated. Projects identified:

Manor Farm

Shatwell Yard

Trout Ponds

These would probably require separate meetings/site visits

Additionally a meeting with Megan Bessell of Wessex Water should be scheduled. She can explain Wessex Waters strategy regarding Phosphate reduction, how they interact with landowners, what interventions are available and the financial support for specific capital expenditure and ongoing funding. Also further discussion on the circumstances in which EE may forego funding and redirect this for community use on NFM projects.