






**Pondhead
Wetland Restoration
Planning Application**


**Drawing 003: Proposed Site
Plan**


-  Site Boundary
-  Existing Watercourse
-  Proposed Watercourse

 Bridges

 Pre-existing
flooding

 (Lime wood +
Borehead farm bridges)

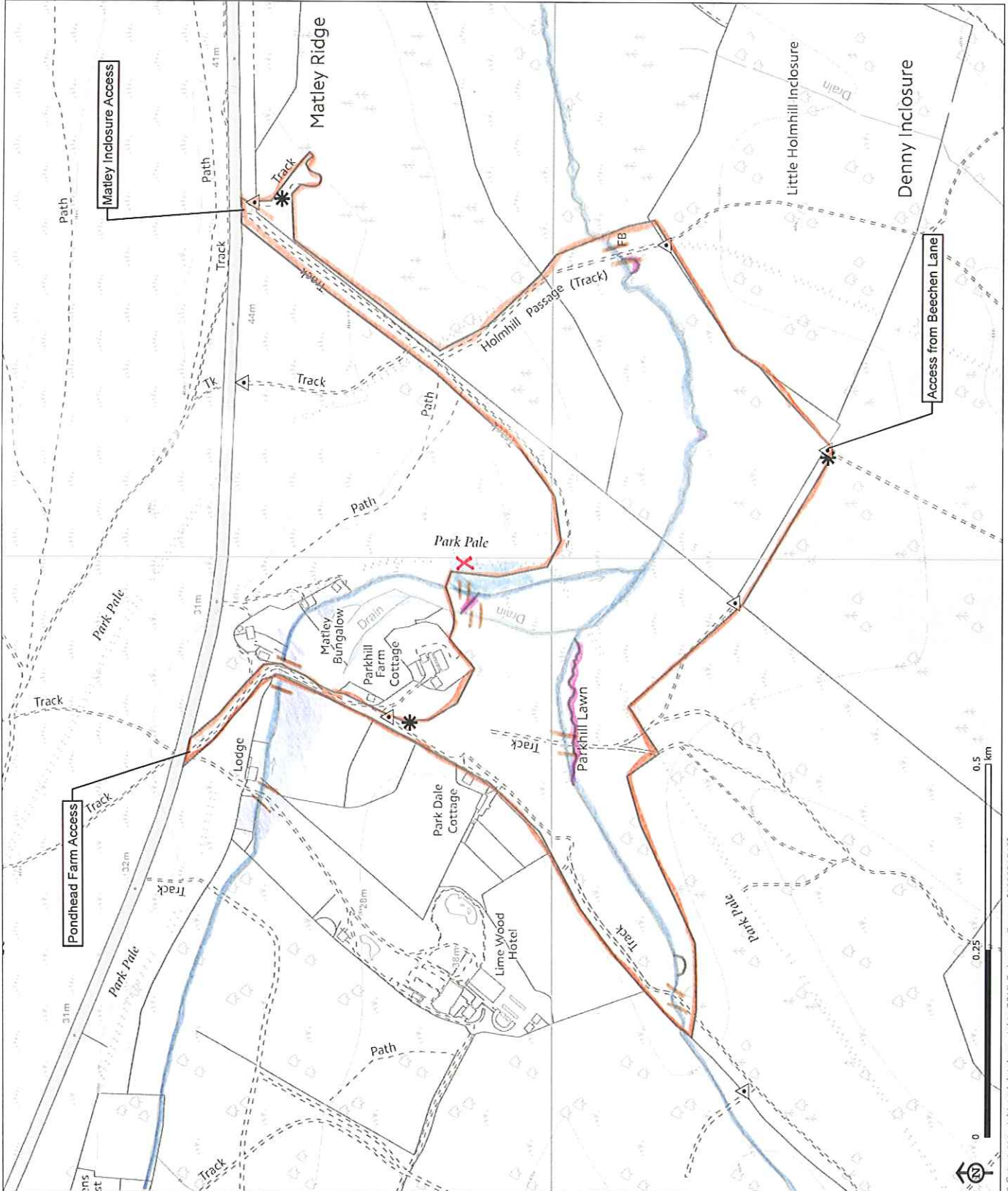
 New winter 2016
flood area by new
mill!

 Location where
lady trapped in
mud to waist.

Map Scale @ A3: 1:5,000

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Flooding in the Pondhead / Matley area

The below photo taken in Winter 2013/2014 is looking north west from the Pondhead Farm access track towards the entrance gate lodges at Lime Wood Hotel.

This "lake" was created in 2013/2014 after a sustained period of heavy rain, however, things are now worse since the highway drainage works on Gosport Lane have improved the efficiency of flow from Lyndhurst to the Pondhead / Matley area.

On the 3rd and 27th January 2016, after one day of heavy rain, the entrance to Lime Wood Hotel was under water.

The bridges at Lime Wood and Pondhead Farm act as bottlenecks for the huge volumes of water. The lower bridge (where the "new link" is proposed and the lady was trapped in the mud) now also cannot cope with the increased water volumes. The water catchment area has of course stayed the same, the efficiency of new the drains means that the water arrives much more quickly.

The Forestry Commission's proposal to reduce overall capacity with the "new link" and further slow the water just 100m downstream, is likely to made a bad situation worse.

The application was deferred by the NPA Planning Committee in November 2015 partly to monitor the impact of the Gosport Lane works over the winter. We have monitored it and are concerned. We asked to corroborate our findings with that of the applicant, but as yet we have had no response!!

Photo: Winter 2013/2014



Flooding after one day of heavy rain occurred here for the first time on 03 and 27 January 2016.

It is the location of the proposed “new link” looking west towards Pondhead Farm (Park Dale Cottage is white in the background). The main flow from Lyndhurst runs along the line of trees (from right to left). The bridge over that flow is to the right of the photo.

27 January 2016



28 January 2016 – Flood water subsided the next day, but left an already wet area dangerously boggy. The area in the foreground is where the lady was trapped in the mud on 04 March 2016.



The lady became trapped in an area adjacent to the location of the proposed "new link" between the "western" and "eastern" side drains.

This area flooded this year for the first time in living memory since the Gosport Lane improvements were completed last year.

The application intends to make this area even wetter. It is already dangerous to pedestrians and stock alike.



A walker became trapped waist-deep in mud in Lyndhurst



A picture from the scene



4 Mar 2016

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HAMPSHIRE firefighters have gone to the aid of a walker trapped up to her waist in mud.

Crews from Brockenhurst, Hardley and **Redbridge** were called to a car park at Matley Wood, near **Lyndhurst**.

A 61-year-old woman was enjoying a morning stroll when he started sinking into the mud.

Firefighters pulled her to safety and she was not injured.

(Matley Cottage access track)