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Ecological impacts

Along the boundary of the site (behind the houses and GP surgery) is an extensive wildlife ‘run’. The hedgerow, wildflowers and vegetation that grow quite densely along this boundary provide a safe haven for a variety of animals- including hedgehogs, deer, foxes, and birds. The tree and hedge line along much of this boundary also provide a good screen to hide the houses when the area is viewed from the much-used walks further back.

Potential for increased flood risk from surface water flooding and higher run off levels into Hellington Beck. Increased ecological pressure on Hellington Nature Reserve and the orchid field (less than 8 sites within South Norfolk) adjacent to the reserve.

Assuming deep excavation needed with this development the run off would lead straight into orchid site.