



WOOD LANE FIELD PLAN

July 2025

Combe Martin Parish Council

Wood Lane Field Plan

The Plan

The plan was considered and approved at the early October 2024 Council meeting. Several matters were discussed and agreed, and the plan below shows these. As details have been confirmed or where the situation has evolved, this plan has been updated (most recent update July 2025).

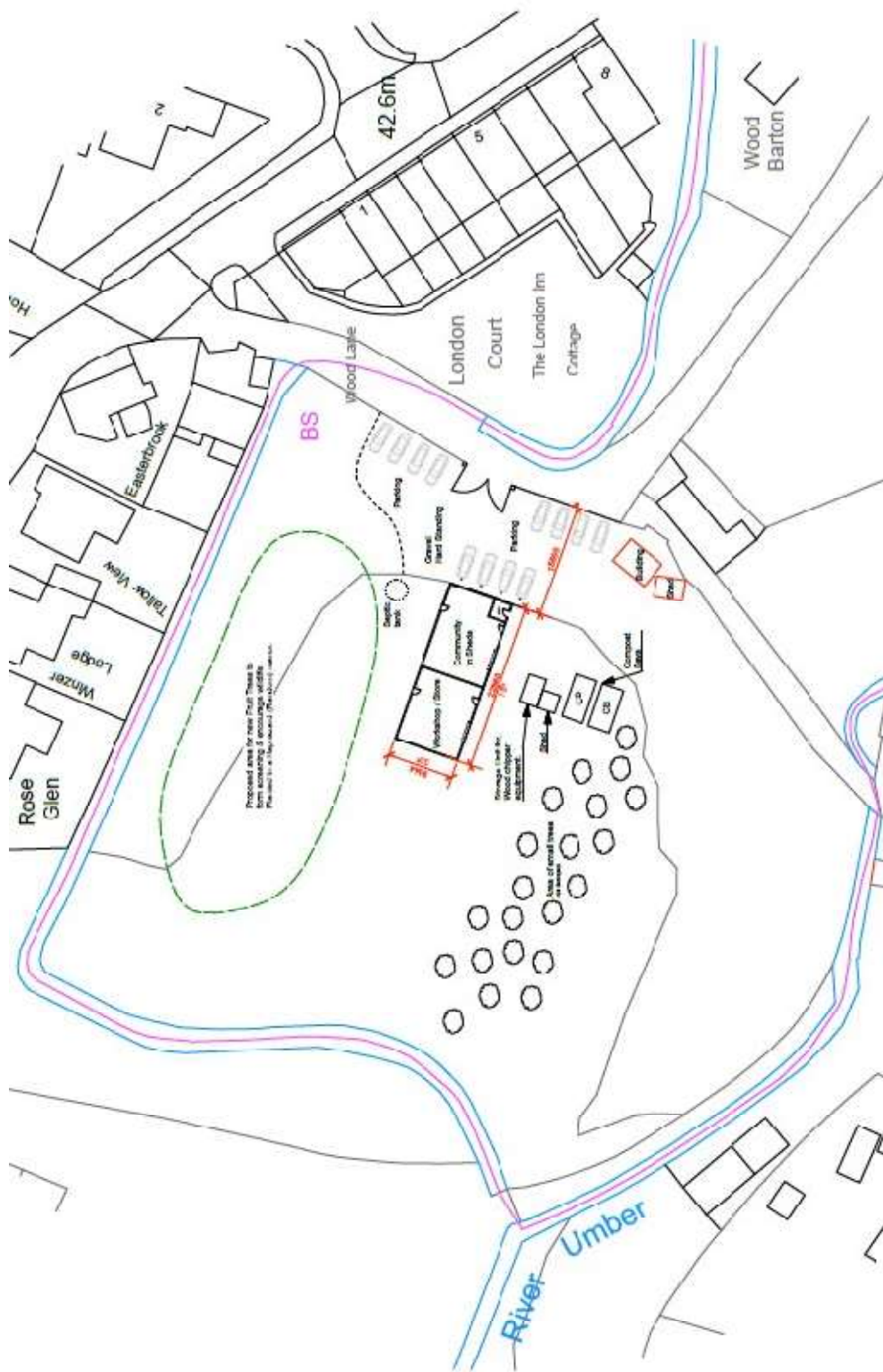
Men in Sheds

There isn't an active group in Combe Martin but the mental health benefits of this sort of group are well proven. The Council agreed to try and build a new unit which would have space for "Men in Sheds" as the first step of getting a group up and running in the village.

Council Workmen's Unit

The Council use their unit to store their vehicles (tractors, grass cutters, etc) and their equipment (chainsaws, etc). They also need enough room inside to refurbish and paint the council benches during the winter months. The small building on the site goes some way towards fulfilling these needs but clearly isn't big enough for all of them. The temporary use of the shipping container makes the site practical, but a long-term solution needs to be identified, not least so the Council can start allocating funds towards the building of this new structure.

The Council have applied for planning permission for a new unit approximately 75' x 30' (accommodating the Council workmen and the Men in Sheds unit). This unit would be best placed in line with the gated entranceway. (This keeps the unit level and as close to the gate/road as practical.) The downside of this would be that the residents of the main road would be presented with a view of the back of this building. Mitigation for this is addressed later.



The field was originally bought for allotments so the southern end of the field will be allocated for them.

In December 2024 the Council agreed to a request from the Combeposters group to be allowed to site their sheds and the compost bays on the Wood Lane site.

The houses (on the main road) would be looking at the back of the new unit, so the Council have agreed to plant a hedge alongside the northern side of it. Between this and the river, the Council will also be planting an orchard. These trees would take some years to reach their full height but would produce a variation of fruit and blossoms, which would be welcomed by the bees once their hives are established. The fruit could also be collected and donated to the Combe Martin Food Pantry.

The Council will also use the field to become self-sufficient for its annual Christmas tree. It will grow a handful of trees and then use and replace one each year.