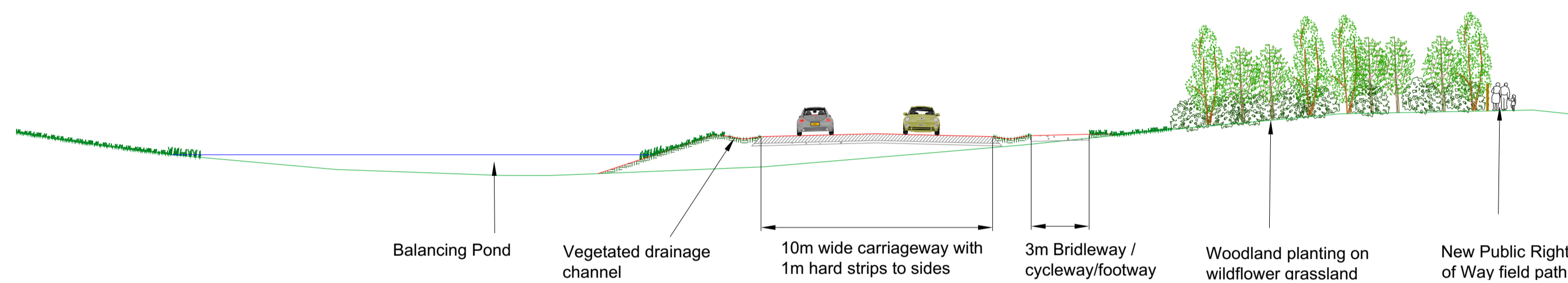
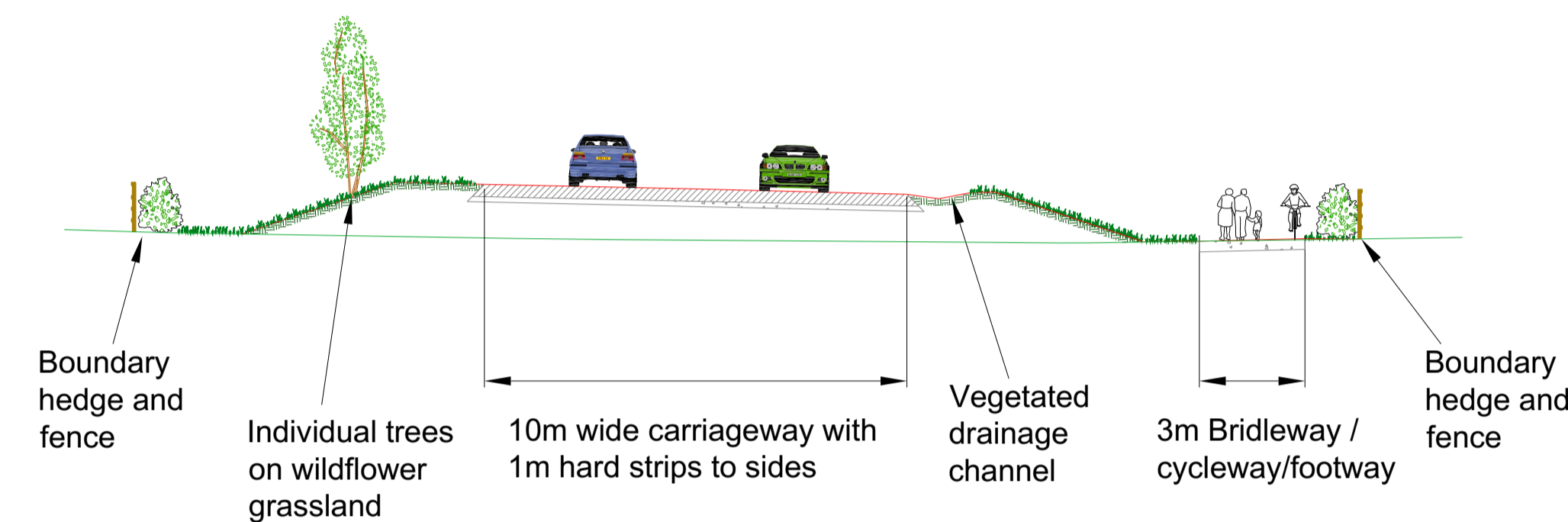


The Environment

The route of the proposed North West Relief Road runs through attractive and undeveloped countryside with some special sites like Hencott Pool. Thus in spite of the benefits there will be some adverse effects



To minimise the impact on the environment, measures including planting, cleansing pollutants, screening and maintaining public rights of way, have been built into the design. (Some of these measures as shown below were incorporated in the design of the Hodnet Bypass.)



Drainage pond

- Prevent flooding.
- Collect and retain surface water run-off.
- Treat run-off to remove major pollutants.
- Release cleansed water into local streams.
- Provide habitats for wildlife.



Wildflower grassland

- Create high biodiversity value areas.
- Attracts insects, birds and small mammals.
- Provide attractive feature along the road.
- Provide habitats for wildlife.



Woodland planting

- Provides screening.
- Integrates the road into the landscape.
- Native species benefit wildlife.
- Provide habitats for wildlife.



Boundary Hedge Planting

- Defines highway boundary.
- Native species benefit wildlife.
- Provides screen.
- Provide habitats for wildlife.



Pedestrians, Cyclists and Horse Riders

- A continuous shared footway/cycleway along the road route, with some provision for horse riders.
- Separated from the road to reduce noise and fumes where possible.
- Integrated with existing public rights of way to create opportunities for short circular routes. Some existing rights of way would be diverted to maintain links.
- Safe crossing points would be provided including underpasses for the Severn Way and Marches Way.