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PART II — CRITERIA

1. Archaeology and history
2. The hedgerow incorporates an archaeological feature which is—
3. The hedgerow— (a) is situated wholly or partly within an...
4. The hedgerow— (a) marks the boundary of a pre-1600 AD...
5. The hedgerow— (a) is recorded in a document held at...
6. Wildlife and landscape

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7. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the hedgerow includes—
8. The hedgerow— (a) is adjacent to a bridleway or footpath,...

SCHEDULE 2 — WOODLAND SPECIES

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