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Drainage Improvements

**Berry Barn** – possible location of a large pond to tank water

**Berry Barn** – small culvert blocked with litter

**Sheepwash Lane** - potential to widen some ditch areas into ponds to hold more water
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Sheepwash Lane - existing junction pond can be managed with some repprofiling of one side and the partial removal of a collapsed willow. Water can tank here next to farmland and away from properties.

Drainage issues

Non-functioning culverts

Cut vegetation has been left in the ditch and will reduce the tanking capacity of the ditch and has potential to block any culverts.
Litter caught at the entrance of a culvert building up potentially and blocking it.

Banks destabilised and erosion caused by construction work.

Opportunities to improve the wetland environment

Dig out abandoned relic ponds to tank water and improve wetland potential.
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Opportunity to create a wetland area where field wet for months

Environmental issues

Equestrian litter

Ditch full of plastic bottles and litter
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Ditch with dumped pot plants

General dumping on ditch banks

High densities of rats at some sites, attracted by easy access to food
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Manure and silage too near to the water with leaching of nutrients into the water
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Good wetland habitat

Varied vegetation along the banks, some aquatic vegetation, a wide margin to buffer against the arable land, and one bank left out of the management regime.

Large wetland area with some reedbeds and other riparian vegetation offering feeding opportunities for wetland birds and, potentially, for water voles.

Reeds allowed to develop on one side of the ditch offering good wildlife habitat.
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Ditch Management with one side of the ditch worked and the spoil placed away from the edge of the ditch to prevent it falling back into the channel.

Naturally wide part of a ditch with a ponded area – good range of vegetation and able to hole water for longer.

Ponded area at a ditch junction creating a natural wetland area.