

# Mistley and Manningtree

## Boundary revision following public consultation

Having reviewed comments received at public consultation, historic maps, and the experience/features on the ground, one small amendment to the boundary has been proposed to ensure they are robust and defensible.

### Discussion

To the south of the conservation area, around Mistley Park, there was some confusion at public consultation about why the boundary falls where it does, particularly as it is hard to follow on the ground within the woodland plantation. Place Services have reviewed the boundary on the ground and through historic map analysis to readdress the conservation area boundary.



Figure 1 Survey of Mistley Hall 1778

Originally, the Mistley Hall Survey (above) had been used to draw the boundary in the south of the conservation area. The boundary roughly followed the line marked as a ‘Sunken Fence’ on this historic map, however, with the following deviations:

- Some minor deviations to mean that it followed more sensible modern boundaries (edges of fields for example)

- Deviation to take in Beech Plantation, which historically was outside the fence but shown on the historic map as planted at this time
- Deviation to take in Gull Pond and the archaeological remains of the Game Keeper building and Dog's Kennels, which are all labelled features on the historic park map

The deviations from this historic boundary led to confusion, as it resulted in a portion of plantation being severed from the remaining area, which was not legible on the ground. It would, therefore, be beneficial to include the remainder of the historic plantation to follow the boundary shown on the First Edition Ordnance Survey Map, which is also more legible on-the-ground today.

### Proposed change

It is proposed to amend the boundary to the south-east slightly to take in the historic woodland/plantation rather than following the line of a footpath through the middle. This way the whole landscape feature is included rather than just half of it. Historic cartographic evidence shows that the plantation to the south of Gull Pond was planted by the century. Today, it contributes to the historic character of the parkland and contains historic routes that would have connected the lost Gamekeeper Lodge and Kennels to the Hall and wider park and landscape and a waterway.

The proposed boundary would now follow the OS boundary shown below, giving a more robust boundary line.

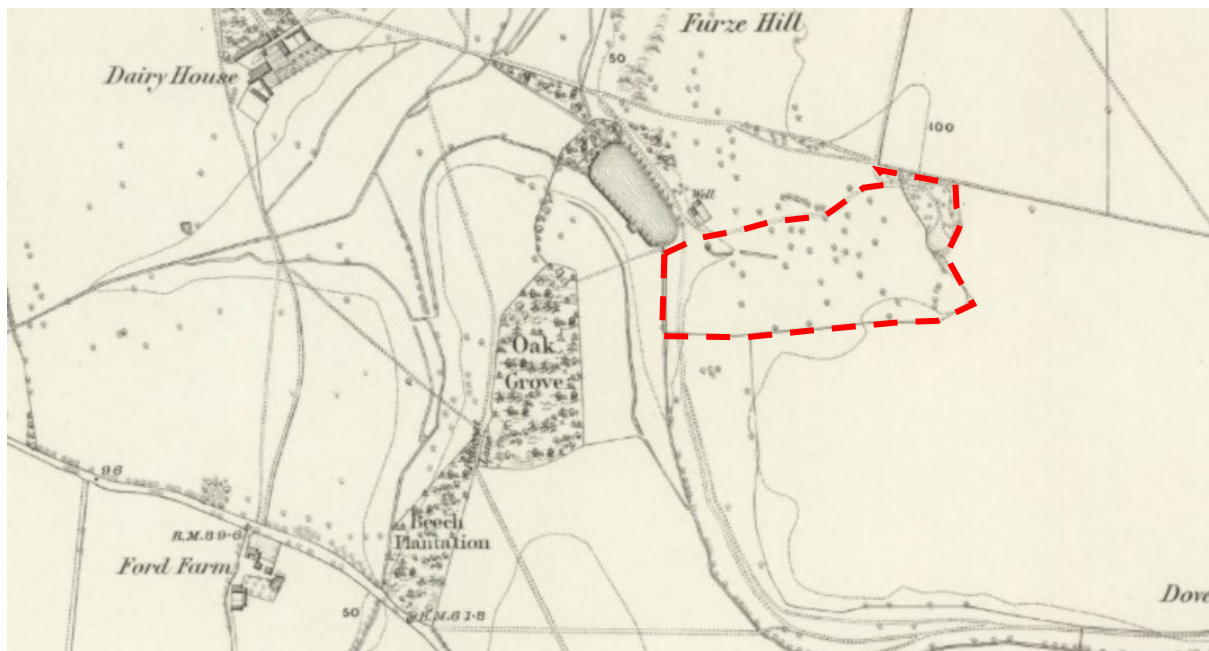
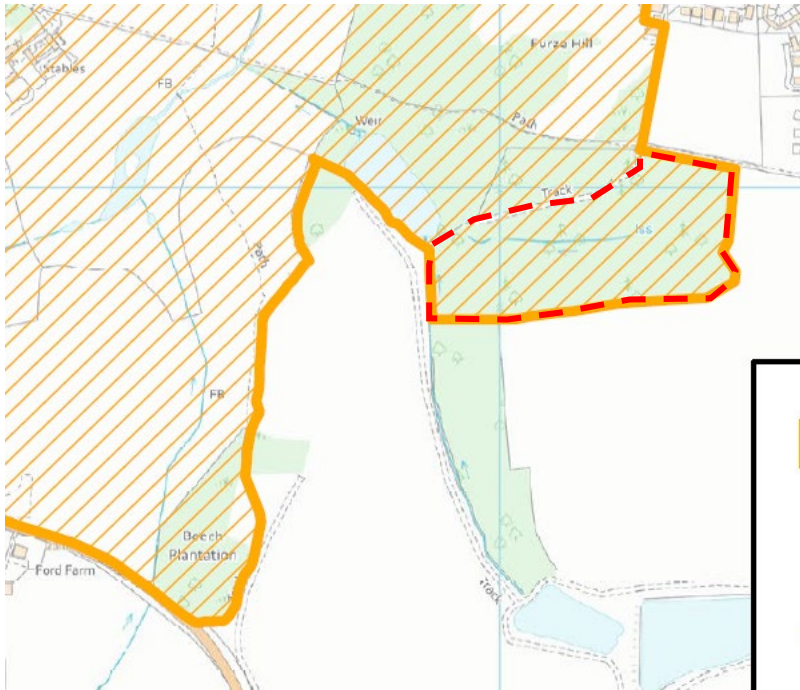


Figure 2 Excerpt of the 1881 Ordnance Survey Map of Mistley Hall, showing the proposed addition



*Figure 3 Map of boundary proposal 2025, with addition outlined in red*

The woodland in Mistley is likely in the same ownership as the part already in the conservation area, so it is proposed that a targeted letter can be sent to the landowner.