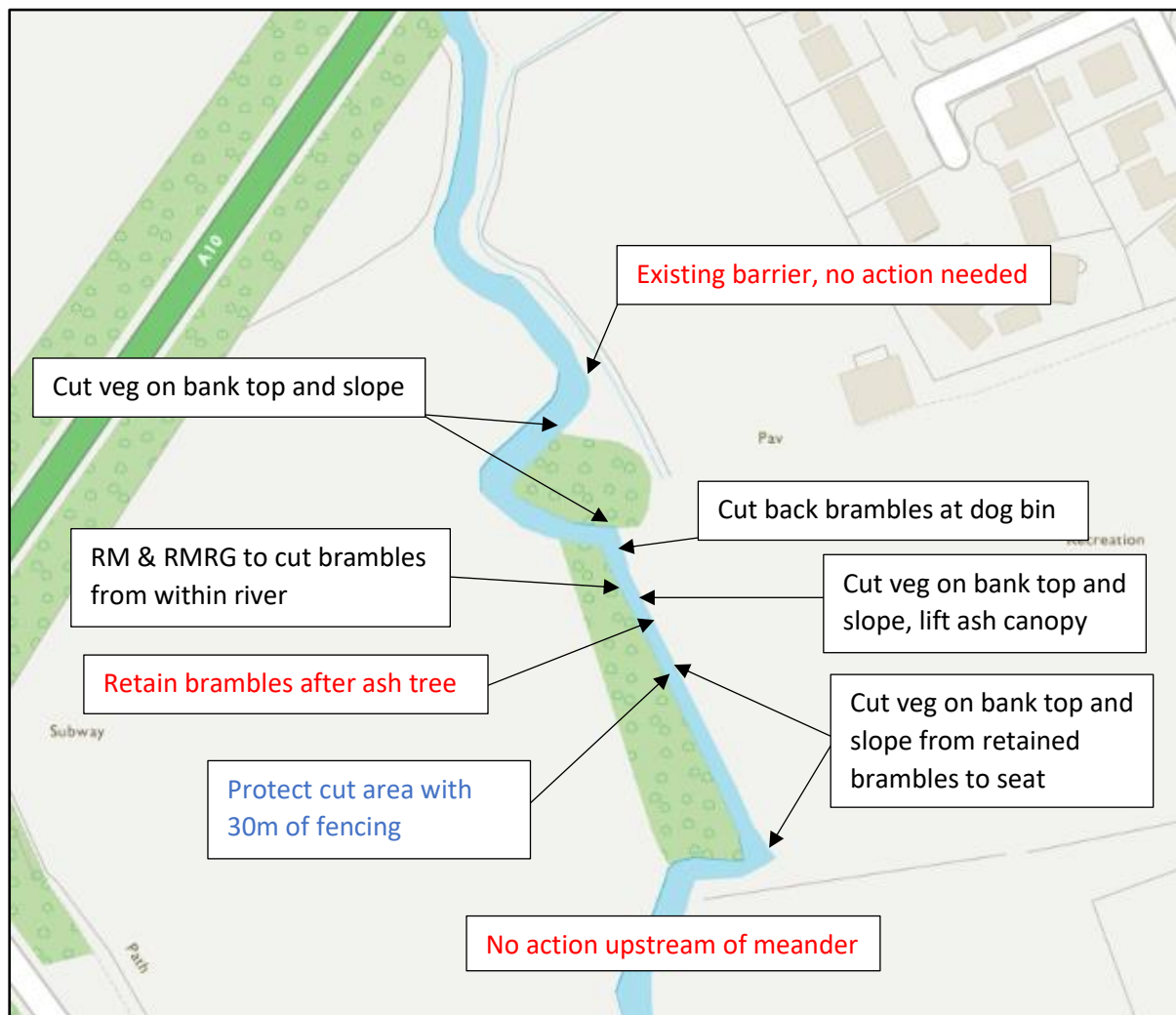


## River Mel, Melbourn Recreation Ground (parish land)

### Vegetation Management Plan



### Objectives:

- 1) To prevent enclosure of river by brambles and dense scrub.
- 2) To retain marginal habitat for water vole conservation.
- 3) To sustain the river in a condition that allows the River Mel Restoration Group to undertake in-river work.
- 4) To allow access to parts of the whilst protecting others from disturbance by the public and dogs.



Hard strim/flail cut top of bank and slope every 3 years, retain fringe at water level.



Cut bramble back hard from around waste bin, cut bramble above fence line to prevent it from becoming higher.



Crown lift ash tree (red arrow), strim/flail cut previously cut bramble at ground level (not the thicket).



Bramble at ground level to be strimmed/flail cut, retain all marginal sedge growth (red arrow). Rob Mungovan supported by RMRG volunteers to cut bramble growth from within river. RMRG vols to plant sedge into opened-up areas.



Strim/flail cut tall growth from bramble thicket to small willow (red arrows). Then protect cut area using 30m of 4ft high chestnut paling fencing (orange line). NB, order a 50m roll to provide excess for replacement/use elsewhere, support fence using 20 6ft stakes.



Strim/flail cut from seat to upstream meander.



Strim/flail cut from seat to upstream meander. Ensure newly planted alder tree is not damaged.



No cutting required upstream of meander.