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Dear Matthew

Screening for a Proposed Single Wind Turbine Development at Spring Brook near Underbank Reservoir

Further to our discussion earlier today, I am writing to request a formal Screening Opinion for the proposed development of a single wind turbine at "Spring Brook" on Sheephouse Farm, Cubley, Penistone.

The proposal is located on land immediately to the north of Underbank Reservoir. **Figures 1 and 2** show the site location and an indicative layout, respectively. The proposal would consist of a single wind turbine with an anticipated total installed capacity of up to 800kW and a maximum height to blade tip 79m.

The Energy Workshop has previously requested a Screening Opinion on a proposal comprising two wind turbines with a height to blade tip of up to 101m at Spring Brook. BMBC provided a Screening Opinion (2012/ENQ/01557) stating that it would consider such a proposal to be EIA development, principally on the grounds of potential visual impacts.

The Energy Workshop also sought pre-application advice on the issue of tip height for the initial two turbine proposal for the site, providing visualisations of two 79m to tip turbines and two turbines of 101m to tip, for comparison. BMBC gave its view that the smaller turbines "appear (based on the submitted wirelines) substantially less obtrusive and visually prominent than the larger turbines."

Following the reduction in height and number of turbines, The Energy Workshop considers that the proposed development would not be EIA Development, in accordance with Section 5 of the EIA Regulations and Government guidance in Circular 02/99: Environmental Impact Assessment.

We write to request a formal Screening Opinion for the smaller scheme from BMBC.

It should be noted that any non-EIA application would be accompanied by a detailed Environmental Report describing the environmental effects of the proposal, including an appraisal of the visual effects of the proposed development.

Please do not hesitate to call me on 01484 483112 should you have any queries regarding the proposal or require further details.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Chappell', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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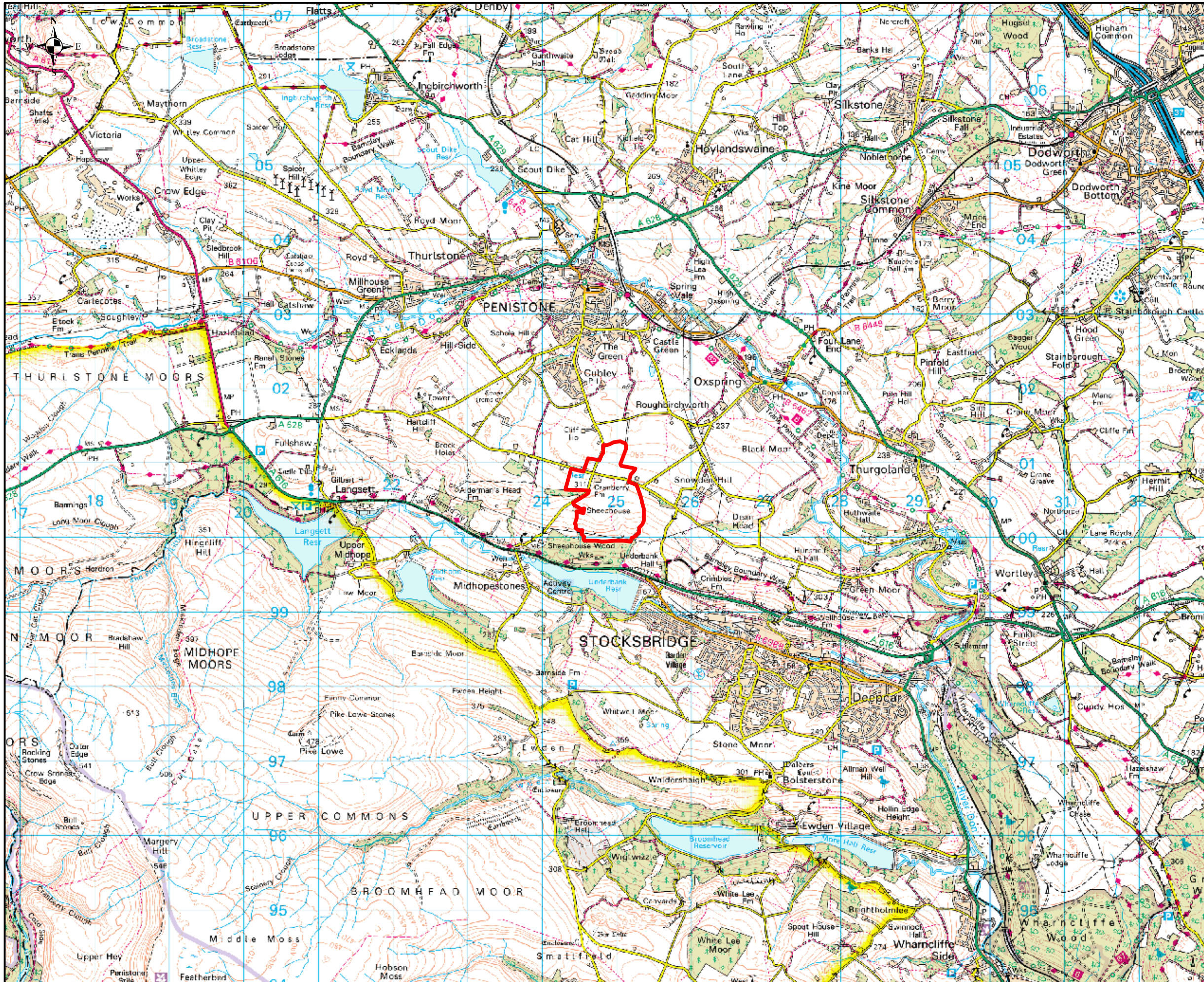


Figure 1
Site Location

— Site Location

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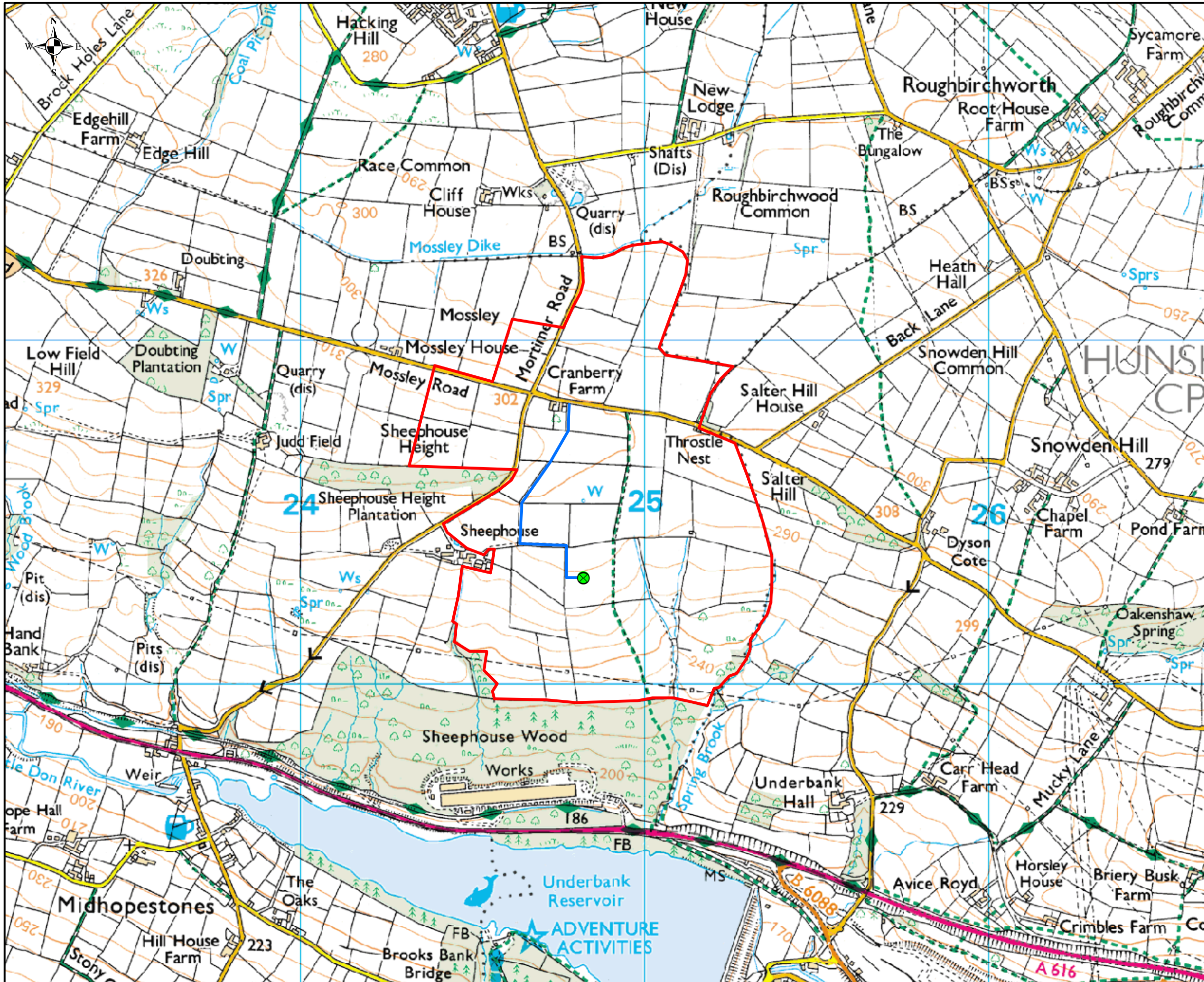
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Spring Brook

Figure 2 Indicative Layout

- Turbine Location
- Access track
- Site Location

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