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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

<b>Introduction</b>	<p>Sirius Geotechnical Ltd was commissioned by Ptarmigan Land North Ltd to undertake a preliminary appraisal report (desk top study) of land off Hemingfield Road, Hemingfield, South Yorkshire (the site).</p> <p>It is understood that consideration is being given to redevelopment of the site with low rise residential properties. No proposed development layout or levels had been provided at the time of writing.</p>
<b>National Grid Reference</b>	439300, 401800.
<b>Site Description</b>	<p>The site covers an area of c. 6.9 hectares. The majority of the site is occupied by a single field, which had a rapeseed crop at the time of the walkover survey. The eastern third of the site comprises an area of short grass, with the easternmost part divided into paddocks for horses.</p> <p>The only buildings and structures are within the south-western corner (Hill Top Farm). The easternmost building is a barn of breeze block and timber construction, with a suspected asbestos cement (AC) corrugated sheet roof, used for storage of various farming equipment, as well as a self-bunded fuel tank. The central buildings are barns of breeze block construction, with suspected AC sheet cladding and roofs, used for storage of farm machinery in the west, and timber planks in the east. There is a farm shop and café in the south-eastern corner. The westernmost buildings are former animal sheds, of timber construction with corrugated steel roofs, with some farm machinery stored within.</p> <p>The external areas surrounding the buildings are surfaced variously with concrete, asphalt and compacted gravel in the west. There is various old farm equipment and vehicles stored to the north and west of the buildings, as well as waste materials such as tyres and wooden pallets.</p>
<b>Site History</b>	Historical maps indicate that the majority of the site has remained as undeveloped agricultural land. Buildings associated with Hill Top Farm are first shown in the south-western part of the site on maps dated from the 1970s, with additional buildings and extensions after then.
<b>Anticipated Ground Conditions</b>	<p>Localised made ground is likely to be present associated with the developed area in the south-western part of the site.</p> <p>Geological maps show that the site is underlain by the Woolley Edge Rock (sandstone) of the Pennine Middle Coal Measures Formation. A geological fault is shown in the west of the site.</p>
<b>Mining &amp; Quarrying</b>	<p>The Coal Authority (CA) records that shallow mine workings in the Meltonfield Coal are present in the north-east of the site. Furthermore, review of geological mapping indicates that the Meltonfield Coal could underlie the whole site at shallow depth, and therefore, it is possible that there are also unrecorded shallow coal mine workings beneath the site.</p> <p><b>The risk to surface stability from recorded and unrecorded shallow coal mine workings should be investigated further prior to development.</b></p> <p>Although there are no recorded mine entries beneath the site, due to the presence of recorded shallow and deep mine workings in several seams at the site, as well as the potential for unrecorded shallow mine workings across the whole site, it is possible that there are unrecorded mine entries within the site.</p> <p>Inspection of historical maps has not revealed any evidence of quarrying beneath the site. However, there are historical sandstone quarries in the wider Hemingfield area, and the possibility of encountering small unrecorded quarries cannot be wholly discounted.</p>
<b>Soakaways</b>	<p>Based on the anticipated ground conditions within the majority of the site, the use of soakaways may potentially be suitable.</p> <p>Should ground conditions be considered potentially viable for soakaway drainage, in situ infiltration tests should be completed to derive infiltration rates and aid drainage design.</p>

<b>Foundations</b>	<p>The nature and depth of foundations will be dependent on loadings, development levels and the detailed site ground conditions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location, thickness and geotechnical properties of any made ground.</li> <li>• Presence / extent of substructures (such as basements, old foundations, etc).</li> <li>• Proximity to existing structures, e.g., retaining walls, road embankment, etc.</li> <li>• Bearing capacity of the natural strata.</li> <li>• <b>Presence of shallow mine workings and unrecorded mine entries.</b></li> <li>• Groundwater levels.</li> <li>• Proximity to trees, where potentially shrinkable soils are present.</li> </ul> <p>It is recommended that a site investigation is carried out in order to provide information regarding the soil profile and to allow foundations to be confirmed / designed.</p>
<b>Potential Ground Contamination</b>	<p>The preliminary conceptual site model indicates that contaminant linkages may be possible to a variety of receptors, although risks are likely to be limited in extent to areas of current development. Potential heavy metals, asbestos fibres, PAH, petroleum hydrocarbons and pesticides in made ground, topsoil and shallow natural soils may pose a potential risk to future residents and construction workers and controlled waters.</p> <p>A Phase 2 (intrusive) geoenvironmental investigation should be undertaken to confirm the presence or otherwise of contaminants sources and determine the risks to identified receptors.</p>
<b>Ground Gas Risk</b>	<p>A possible risk from hazardous gas sources exists, principally associated shallow coal mine workings. In addition, there are potential off-site sources of hazardous ground gases, including historical landfill site and backfilled opencast coal mines within 250m of the site.</p> <p>To confirm the situation regarding hazardous gases on site, from potential on-site and off-site sources, a hazardous gas investigation would be required to determine the need or otherwise for gas protection measures in future buildings.</p> <p>Radon protection measures are not required for the site.</p>
<b>Further Works</b>	<p>The following ground investigation works are recommended to inform the proposed low rise residential development scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trial pits and window sample boreholes to investigate shallow soil and groundwater conditions and allow the recovery of soil and groundwater samples for laboratory testing.</li> <li>• Should ground conditions be considered suitable for soakaways, in-situ infiltration tests should be undertaken to aid soakaway design.</li> <li>• Rotary drilling to determine the risk from recorded and unrecorded shallow coal mine workings.</li> <li>• Installation of gas/groundwater monitoring wells in selected boreholes.</li> <li>• Geotechnical and contamination testing at UKAS accredited testing laboratories to adequately characterise the made ground and shallow natural soils.</li> <li>• Sampling and analysis of the stockpile of road planings on the site to determine whether coal tar binder is present, to inform re-use / disposal options.</li> <li>• A programme of periodic ground gas monitoring.</li> <li>• Geoenvironmental Appraisal report.</li> </ul> <p>An asbestos survey of the existing buildings should be completed by an appropriately qualified surveyor prior to any / demolition works.</p> <p>A structural assessment of existing retaining walls should be completed by a qualified engineer.</p>

**The executive summary given above is an overview of the key findings and conclusions of the report. There may be other information contained within the body of the report which puts into context the findings of the executive summary. No reliance should be placed on the executive summary in isolation.**

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Sirius Geotechnical Ltd (Sirius) was commissioned by Ptarmigan Land North Ltd to undertake a preliminary appraisal report (desk top study) of land off Hemingfield Road, Hemingfield, South Yorkshire (the “site”).

It is understood that consideration is being given to redevelopment of the site with low rise residential properties, although no proposed development layout or levels had been provided at the time of writing.

The objectives of this appraisal were to:

- Establish the historical development of the site and surrounding area from a review of available historical Ordnance Survey (OS) maps;
- Establish the environmental setting of the site;
- Determine whether historical or current activities could give rise to significant ground contamination;
- Evaluate whether past mining or other extractive industries could have an influence on the site;
- Determine the potential risk to the development from hazardous ground gas sources, including radon;
- Where possible, make provisional recommendations for foundations and measures to deal with potential contamination; and,
- Provide recommendations for intrusive works required to confirm the ground conditions below the site and the contamination status of the shallow soils, and, from this, foundation solutions and measures to deal with any contamination.

This investigation includes an assessment of information provided by the Landmark Information Group (Envirocheck report), the British Geological Survey (BGS), the Coal Authority (CA), and online information available from the Environment Agency (EA).

A site inspection (walkover survey) was undertaken by a Sirius Geoenvironmental Engineer on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

This report presents and interprets the factual information reviewed during this investigation and presents a preliminary conceptual site model (PCSM) from which ground-related hazards and risks have been assessed.

It has been assumed in the production of this report that the site is to be redeveloped for a low rise residential end use (with private gardens). In addition, it is assumed that ground levels will not change significantly from those currently present. If this is not the case, then amendments to the recommendations made in this report may be required.

Where the report refers to the potential presence of invasive plants or asbestos-containing materials, such observations are for information only and should be verified by a suitably qualified expert.

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## 2. SITE DETAILS AND DESCRIPTION

**Table 2.1 Current Site Overview**

<b>Location</b>	The site comprises an approximately rectangular parcel of land, located to the north of the village of Hemingfield, c. 6km south-east of Barnsley town centre. A site location plan is included as Drawing No. C9756/01, within Appendix A.
<b>National Grid Reference</b>	439300, 401800.
<b>Topography</b>	Overall, the site topography is a slope down from south-west (high point of c. 85m above Ordance Datum (AOD)) to north-east (low point of c. 65m), with gradients up to c. 1 in 10.
<b>Site Features</b>	<p>The majority of the site is occupied by a single field, which had a rapeseed crop at the time of the walkover survey. There is a farm track and hedgerow along the eastern boundary of this field, with a public footpath on the eastern side. The track leads to an underpass that provides access to farm machinery and pedestrians to the northern side of the Dearne Valley Parkway. The eastern third of the site comprises an area of short grass, with the easternmost part divided into paddocks for horses, with electric fences at their boundaries.</p> <p>The only buildings and structures within the site are within the south-western corner (Hill Top Farm).</p> <p>The easternmost building is a barn of breeze block and timber construction, with a suspected asbestos cement (AC) corrugated sheet roof, used for storage of various farming equipment, as well as a self-bunded fuel tank. There is a breeze block retaining wall, c. 1.2m high, retaining the building from the land to the north.</p> <p>The central buildings are barns of breeze block construction, with suspected AC sheet cladding and roofs, and used for storage of farm machinery in the west, and timber planks in the east. There is a farm shop and café in the south-eastern corner.</p>

	<p>The westernmost buildings are former animal sheds, of timber construction with corrugated steel roofs, with some farm machinery stored within.</p> <p>The external areas surrounding the buildings are surfaced variously with concrete, asphalt, and compacted gravel in the west. There is a breeze block retaining wall, c. 1.2m high, retaining the concrete slab to the north of the main buildings from the land to the north. There is various old farm equipment and vehicles stored to the north and west of the buildings, as well as waste materials such as tyres and wooden pallets in places.</p> <p>There is a pile of asphalt road planings, and a pile of sandstone blocks, to the south of the buildings.</p> <p>There is a low vegetated mound, possibly containing soil and sandstone cobbles and boulders, to the north of the buildings.</p>
<b>Buried Services</b>	<p>A manhole cover was noted in the western part of the main field of the site.</p> <p>A water meter was noted just inside the site entrance off Hemingfield Road to the farm buildings. It is assumed that the buildings are connected to the usual electricity, water, sewage and telecommunications services.</p>
<b>Approximate Site Area</b>	6.9 hectares.
<b>Site Boundaries and Adjoining Land Uses</b>	<p>The site is bound to the north and north-west by the embankment to the A6195 Dearne Valley Parkway and Hemingfield Road, which is vegetated by semimature trees, bushes and shrubs. The eastern boundary is formed by a hedgerow, beyond which lies similar paddocks for horses.</p> <p>Part of the western boundary, and the western half of the southern boundary, is formed by a sandstone block retaining wall, up to c. 1.5m high, retaining the footpath to Hemingfield Road from the site. The eastern half of the southern boundary is partially formed from a newer sandstone block wall, which may partially act as a retaining wall, retaining the footpath to Briery Meadows from the site, and a</p>

	fence and hedge, beyond which lies a public footpath and residential properties on Briery Meadows.
<b>Invasive Plant Species</b>	<p>None noted during the walkover survey. However, Sirius are not qualified ecologists, and the walkover was undertaken outside the growing season.</p> <p>It is recommended that an invasive plant species survey is undertaken by a suitably qualified ecologist prior to development.</p>

Pertinent site features are shown on Drawing No. C9756/02 within Appendix A.

### 3. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

#### 3.1. Introduction

Published environmental, geological and historical data relating to the site has been reviewed. A summary of relevant information is provided below and a copy of the Envirocheck report is included as Appendix B.

#### 3.2. Site History

Table 3.1 presents a summary of the site history from 1855 to 2023, as illustrated on historic OS maps and recent aerial imagery. Only features within 500m that may affect the site are listed.

**Table 3.1 Site History (all distances are approximate)**

Map Dates	On-Site Features	Off-Site Features
1855	The site is shown to comprise open fields.	Hill Top (hamlet) is shown immediately south-west of the site. Wells are recorded to the south of the site. There is a Quarry (Sandstone) 400m east of the site.
1892-3	No significant changes shown, although a footpath is recorded to cross the site.	There are four Wells and a Pump within 100m of the site. Lundhill Colliery is recorded 400m north-east of the site.
1903-5	No significant changes shown.	There is a railway within a rock cutting, 30m west of the site. Lundhill Colliery is now labelled as Old Coal Pit. The sandstone quarry east of the site is shown as disused. There is an Old Quarry 200m south-east of the site.
1930-8	A small, unlabelled building, is shown in the south-western part of the site.	No significant changes shown.
1948	No significant changes shown.	No significant changes shown.
1956 – 1966	The small building within the site is no longer shown.	No significant changes shown.
1978 – 1980	Hill Top Farm is located in the south-western part of the site.	No significant changes shown.
1989 – 1993	Additional building at Hill Top Farm.	No significant changes shown.
2000	Additional / extended building at Hill Top Farm.	The Dearne Valley Parkway runs along the northern boundary, on an embankment, which also stretches



Map Dates	On-Site Features	Off-Site Features
		part way down the western site boundary.
2023	No significant changes shown.	Residential properties on Briery Meadows immediately south of the site.

### 3.3. Published Geological Information

A summary of available published geological information is provided in Table 3.2 below.

**Table 3.2 Geological Summary**

<b>Sources of Information</b>	<p>BGS 1:50,000 scale geological map (Sheet 87 - Barnsley), Bedrock and Superficial Deposits edition (2008).</p> <p>Geological Survey of Great Britain, 1:10,000 scale geological map Sheet SE30SE (1981).</p> <p>Geological Survey of England &amp; Wales, 1:10,560 scale County Series geological map Sheet 283 NW (1931).</p> <p>Geological Survey of Great Britain geological memoir: <i>Geology of the Country around Barnsley</i> (1947).</p> <p>BGS online borehole records.</p> <p>Envirocheck report (see Appendix B).</p> <p>CA Consultants Coal Mining Report (see Appendix C).</p>
<b>Made Ground</b>	None recorded on the published maps, although some made ground is likely to be locally present, associated with the developed area in the south-west of the site.
<b>Drift Geology</b>	None recorded to affect the site.
<b>Solid Geology</b>	<p>The site is shown to be underlain by the Woolley Edge Rock, a named sandstone unit of the Pennine Middle Coal Measures Formation, of Carboniferous age.</p> <p>The County Series map shows a conjectured fault with an approximate north-south trace in the west of the site; the eastern side is downthrown.</p>

<b>Coal Seams</b>	<p>The shallowest coal seam that is likely to underlie the site is the Meltonfield Coal, which outcrops c. 120m south of the site. The geological mapping records the thickness of the seam as ranging between 0 and 1.4m. Within the geological memoir, there is mention of the seam being worked at various locations within Barnsley area, although Hemingfield is not specifically referenced.</p> <p>The next shallowest seam is the Two Foot Coal, which is shown to lie c. 11m below the Meltonfield Coal on the generalised vertical section on the 1:50,000 scale geological map, and 0.1 to 2.1m thick. On the 1:10,000 scale geological map, there is a shaft section for Lundhill Colliery (c. 450m north-east of the site), which states that the vertical separation between the Meltonfield Coal and Two-foot Coal is c. 13m. The geological memoir states that the seam was occasionally worked in the north of the Barnsley area (i.e., not including the site area).</p>
<b>Coal Mining</b>	<p><u>Consultants Coal Mining Report</u></p> <p>Pertinent points are summarised below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are recorded shallow mine workings beneath the site in the Meltonfield Coal. The workings are stated to be from Lundhill Colliery, with the last year of working being 1900. The depth of working stated is 25m. The extraction thickness was 1.17m and the seam dipped 5.7 degrees to the north-east.</li> <li>- There are recorded mine workings in eight other coal seams beneath the site, with the next shallowest worked seam being the Kent Thick, at a depth of 92m. The latest date of working beneath the site is 1969.</li> <li>- There are no recorded mine entries beneath the site or within 100m of the site, although it is possible that unrecorded mine entries are present.</li> <li>- The site is not recorded to be affected by opencast coal mining. There are historical opencast mines recorded c. 200m to the south-east and south-west of the site, corresponding to the outcrop of the Meltonfield Coal.</li> </ul>

	<p><u>Interactive Map Viewer</u></p> <p>According to the CA Interactive Map Viewer, the north-eastern corner of the site is in a high-risk development area, due to the presence of recorded shallow coal mine workings.</p> <p><u>Mine Abandonment Plan Records</u></p> <p>The CA was instructed by Sirius to undertake a search of its mine abandonment plan catalogue for recorded shallow mine workings and opencast mine workings that affect the site. The response was that one plan existed, for underground mine workings in the Meltonfield Coal seam (CA ref. 3280/02, a copy of which is included in Appendix C).</p> <p>The abandonment plan is dated 1895 and shows that there are workings in the Meltonfield Coal seam in the north-eastern corner of the site (only). There are no depths or levels of the workings shown on the plan.</p> <p>The extent of recorded mine workings shown on the abandonment plan, superimposed on to the current site boundary, is shown on Drawing No. C9756/03, in Appendix A.</p> <p>There is a shaft section on the plan (presumably from one of the four mine shafts shown on the plan that are located c. 400m north-east of the site), which shows that the Meltonfield Coal is 1.17m thick and is overlain by 1.75m of 'bind with ironstone', i.e., clay / shale / mudstone with ironstone.</p>
<b>Quarrying</b>	<p>Within the Envirocheck report, there is one BGS Recorded Mineral Site within 250m of the site, located 192m to the west, and listed as a ceased opencast extraction of Woolley Edge Rock sandstone.</p>
<b>BGS Borehole Records</b>	<p>No records within the site, or in proximity to the site.</p>

### 3.4. Hydrology and Hydrogeology

A summary of available information pertaining to hydrology and hydrogeology is presented in Tables 3.3 and 3.4, below.

**Table 3.3 Hydrology and Surface Water Features**

	<b>Presence/location</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>EA Classified Watercourses</b>	The site is situated within the 'Knoll Beck from Source to River Dearne' Water Body.  The nearest named water course to the site is Knoll Beck, located c. 550m south of the site.	Data from the EA indicates that the site has an ecological classification of "Moderate" and a chemical Classification of "Fail" as of 2019 <sup>1</sup> .
<b>Unclassified Watercourses</b>	There are un-named land drains located c. 250m north of, and c. 350m south of, the site.	
<b>Licensed Surface Water Abstractions (within 1 km)</b>	None recorded.	
<b>Other Surface Water Features (Canals, Ponds, Lakes, etc.) (within 500 m)</b>	The Elsecar Canal runs alongside Knoll Beck, c. 500m south of the site.	There is a pond (historically a reservoir) located c. 225m north of the site.
<b>Flood Risk Status</b>	The site is recorded by the EA to be located within Flood Zone 1.	This is the lowest risk category within the EA's classification system.

<sup>1</sup> <https://environment.data.gov.uk/catchment-planning/WaterBody/GB104027057470>

**Table 3.4 Hydrogeological Features**

	<b>Presence/location</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Aquifer Classification</b>	The solid strata underlying the site are classified as a Secondary A Aquifer.	These are defined by the EA as, <i>“permeable layers that can support local water supplies, and may form an important source of base flow to rivers”</i> .
<b>Licensed Abstractions</b> (within 1 km)	None recorded.	
<b>Source Protection Zones</b> (within 1 km)	None recorded.	
<b>Groundwater Flooding</b>	The site is shown as lying within an area with limited potential for groundwater to occur.	

### 3.5. Landfilling and Waste Management

**Table 3.5 Waste Management Activities**

	<b>Presence / Location</b>
<b>Historical Landfill Sites</b> (within 500m)	<p>There is a historical landfill located 241m north of the site, named Wombwell Foundry. The first date of waste input was 1977.</p> <p>Two entries for a Registered Landfill Site for the same landfill state that the permit was active, as of 1997 (although the site is now partially occupied by a housing development). The authorised waste types include boiler clinker, foundry slag, general foundry debris, industrial non-hazardous waste, refractory bricks and sand, broken asbestos sheets, detergent and oily waste.</p>
<b>Other Licensed Waste Management Facilities</b> (within 500m)	None recorded.

	<b>Presence / Location</b>
<b>Evidence of Landfilling</b> (within 250m)	The Dearne Valley Parkway and Hemingfield Road adjacent to the north of the site lie upon an embankment, up to c. 10m high.  The plan with the CA Consultants Mining Report shows that there are two backfilled opencast coal mines, located c. 200m south-west and c. 200m south-east of the site.
<b>Walkover Evidence of Fly-Tipping on Site?</b>	None noted, although various waste items are stored around the buildings in the south-west of the site, e.g., tyres and pallets.
<b>Ground Gas Risk Assessment Required?</b>	Yes, due to the presence of recorded shallow coal mine workings and potential for unrecorded shallow mine workings on the site.

### 3.6. Radon Risk

According to the Envirocheck Report, the site lies within an area in which no radon protective measures are required.

### 3.7. Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

Reference to maps published by Zetica indicates that the site is classified as lying within a low risk area for unexploded bombs.

### 3.8. Other

Other potentially contaminative activities or environmental constraints identified within the Envirocheck report are listed below. The entries relate to activities within 250m of the site, with the exception of COMAH facilities where the assessment is extended to a distance of 1km from the site.

- Six Contemporary Trade Directory Entries are located within the 250m of the site. The closest active entry is situated 66m to the south-east, for 'cleaning services – domestic'.
- There is an area of Ancient Woodland located 123m to the north-west of the site.
- An area of Adopted Greenbelt is located immediately north of the site.
- The site is located within a nitrate vulnerable zone.

### **3.9. Minerals Safeguarding Areas**

Reference to the Barnsley MBC online Local Plan indicates that the site is not located within a mineral safeguarding area<sup>2</sup>.

### **3.10. Local Authority Planning Portal**

A review of the Barnsley MBC online Planning Explorer<sup>3</sup> did not identify any planning applications on or adjacent to the site that had any site investigation information available to view online.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/barnsley-maps/local-plan/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/barnsley-maps/planning-applications/>

## 4. PRELIMINARY CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL

Based on the desk study information and walkover survey observations, a preliminary conceptual site model (PCSM) was developed for the proposed future land use (low rise residential with gardens). This summarises the understanding of surface and sub-surface features, the potential contaminant sources, transport pathways and receptors to assess potential contaminant linkages.

A qualitative risk assessment has also been made of each contaminant linkage operating following the methodology described in Appendix D.

The preliminary CSM is presented in schematic form as Drawing No. C9756/04 in Appendix A.

In summary, the following potential contaminant linkages have been assessed as posing a potentially unacceptable level of risk (defined as being greater than 'low' risk) in the proposed end-use:

- Heavy metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) and pesticides in topsoil and made ground, and localised (i.e., in and around the existing farm buildings) hydrocarbons from oil / fuel spillages are considered to pose a **moderate risk** to future residents and construction workers via dermal, ingestion and dust / vapour inhalation pathways.
- Inhalation of asbestos fibres released from asbestos-contaminated shallow made ground and natural soils, posing a **moderate risk** to future residents and construction workers via dust inhalation pathways.
- Damage to construction materials (concrete) by sulphates and low pH in soils and groundwater; these are considered to pose a **low to moderate risk** to the built environment via direct contact pathways.
- Phytotoxic effects of heavy metals (e.g., copper and zinc) within made ground and shallow natural soils on planting and landscaping within the proposed development, posing a **low to moderate risk**.
- Possible leachable / mobile metals, pesticides, and / or organic contaminants in perched / shallow groundwater, posing a **low to moderate risk** to the underlying Secondary A Aquifer.
- Migration of hazardous ground gases (e.g., methane and carbon dioxide) into buildings and confined spaces (e.g., excavations) from on-site and adjoining shallow coal mine workings, posing a **moderate risk** to future residents and construction workers.



The above assessment does not include potential asbestos containing materials (ACMs) within the infrastructure of existing buildings on-site. These are considered to pose a low risk to future site users and construction workers based on the assumption that a suitable asbestos survey is carried out by a specialist prior to demolition / redevelopment commencing at the site and that any identified ACMs are appropriately identified and removed from site.

## 5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 5.1. General

This preliminary appraisal report (desk top study) has been performed for land off Hemingfield Road, Hemingfield, South Yorkshire. It is understood that consideration is being given to redevelopment of the site with low rise residential properties, although no proposed development layout or levels had been provided at the time of writing.

In preparation of this report, it has been assumed that ground levels will not change significantly from those currently present. If this is not the case, then amendments to the interpretation and conclusions in this report may be required.

### 5.2. Flood Risk

The Envirocheck report shows that the site lies within Flood Zone 1. However, as the site is larger than 1 hectare in area, a flood risk assessment is likely to be required to support a planning application for development of the site.

### 5.3. Geotechnical

#### Mining and Quarrying

The CA records that shallow mine workings in the Meltonfield Coal are present in the north-east of the site. Furthermore, review of geological mapping indicates that the Meltonfield Coal could underlie the whole site at shallow depth, and therefore, it is possible that there are also unrecorded shallow coal mine workings beneath the site.

**The risk to surface stability from recorded and unrecorded shallow coal mine workings should be investigated further prior to development.**

Although there are no recorded mine entries beneath the site, due to the presence of recorded shallow and deep mine workings in several seams at the site, as well as the potential for unrecorded shallow mine workings across the whole site, it is possible that there are unrecorded mine entries present. The CA states that construction over, or within the influencing distance of, a mine entry, should be avoided wherever possible.

Inspection of historical OS plans has not revealed any evidence of quarrying beneath the site. However, there are historical sandstone quarries within the Woolley Edge Rock in the wider Hemingfield area, and the possibility of encountering small unrecorded quarries cannot be wholly discounted. It is recommended that excavations be examined for evidence of such features. If evidence of an infilled quarry is suspected, works should cease and the advice sought of a suitably qualified consultant.

## Foundations

The nature and depth of foundations will be dependent on loadings, development levels and the detailed site ground conditions, including:

- Location, thickness and geotechnical properties of any made ground.
- Presence / extent of substructures (such as basements, old foundations, etc).
- Proximity to existing structures, e.g., retaining walls, road embankment, etc.
- Bearing capacity of the natural strata.
- **Presence of shallow mine workings and unrecorded mine entries.**
- Groundwater levels.
- Proximity to trees, where potentially shrinkable soils are present.

It is recommended that a site investigation is carried out in order to provide information regarding the soil profile and to allow foundations to be confirmed / designed.

## Retaining Walls

A number of retaining walls are located within and along site boundaries. A structural assessment of existing retaining features should be completed by a qualified engineer, where these are to be retained within the proposed development.

### 5.4. Soakaways

Based on the anticipated ground conditions within the majority of the site (i.e., weathered sandstone at shallow depth), the use of soakaways may potentially be suitable. Site specific ground conditions should be investigated further through site investigation.

Should ground conditions be considered potentially viable for soakaway drainage, in situ infiltration tests should be completed to derive infiltration rates and aid drainage design.

## 5.5. Contamination

### Risk Evaluation for the Proposed Land Use (Residential with Gardens)

The preliminary conceptual site model indicates that contaminant linkages may be possible to a variety of receptors, although risks are likely to be limited in extent to areas of current development. Potential heavy metals, asbestos fibres, PAH, petroleum hydrocarbons and pesticides in made ground, topsoil and shallow natural soils may pose a potential risk to future residents and construction workers and controlled waters. Risks related to these potential linkages are currently given qualitative assessments of **low to moderate**, through to **moderate**.

A Phase 2 (intrusive) geoenvironmental investigation should be undertaken to confirm the presence or otherwise of contaminants sources and determine the risks to identified receptors.

## 5.6. Asbestos

A pre-demolition asbestos survey would be required prior to any demolition of the existing buildings and structures on site.

The possibility of asbestos sheeting, used as shuttering, and / or fragments of asbestos-containing materials within made ground or shallow soils cannot be discounted. The potential presence of asbestos within site soils should be investigated further through intrusive site investigation and laboratory analysis.

## 5.7. Ground Gas

A possible risk from hazardous gas sources exists following development, principally associated with recorded and potential unrecorded shallow coal mine workings, with migration pathways including potential unrecorded mine entries and crown holes, as well as via joints and fractures within the sandstone strata underlying the site.

To confirm the situation regarding hazardous gases on site, a hazardous ground gas investigation (i.e., installation of monitoring wells within boreholes, followed by a programme of periodic ground gas monitoring) would be required to determine the need or otherwise for gas protection measures in future buildings.

According to the Envirocheck report, radon protective measures are not required for the site.

## **5.8. Invasive Plants**

Invasive plant species were not identified during the site inspection. However, it is recommended that a survey is carried out by a specialist ecologist, to confirm the presence or absence of invasive plant species, and the implications thereof.

## 6. FURTHER INVESTIGATION

The following ground investigation works are recommended to inform the proposed residential development of the site:

- Trial pits and window sample boreholes to investigate shallow ground and groundwater conditions and allow the recovery of soil and groundwater samples for laboratory testing.
- Should ground conditions be considered potentially suitable for soakaways, in-situ infiltration tests should be undertaken to aid soakaway design.
- Rotary drilling to determine the risk from recorded and unrecorded shallow coal mine workings.
- Installation of gas / groundwater monitoring wells in selected boreholes.
- Geotechnical and contamination testing at UKAS accredited testing laboratories to adequately characterise the made ground and shallow natural soils.
- Sampling and analysis of the stockpile of road planings on the site to determine whether coal tar binder is present, to inform re-use / disposal options.
- A programme of periodic ground gas monitoring.
- Geoenvironmental Appraisal report.

Intrusive ground investigation works should be undertaken by a suitably qualified geoenvironmental consultant.

An asbestos survey of the existing buildings should be completed by an appropriately qualified surveyor prior to any / demolition works.

A structural assessment of existing retaining walls should be completed by a qualified engineer.

## **7. REGULATORY APPROVALS**

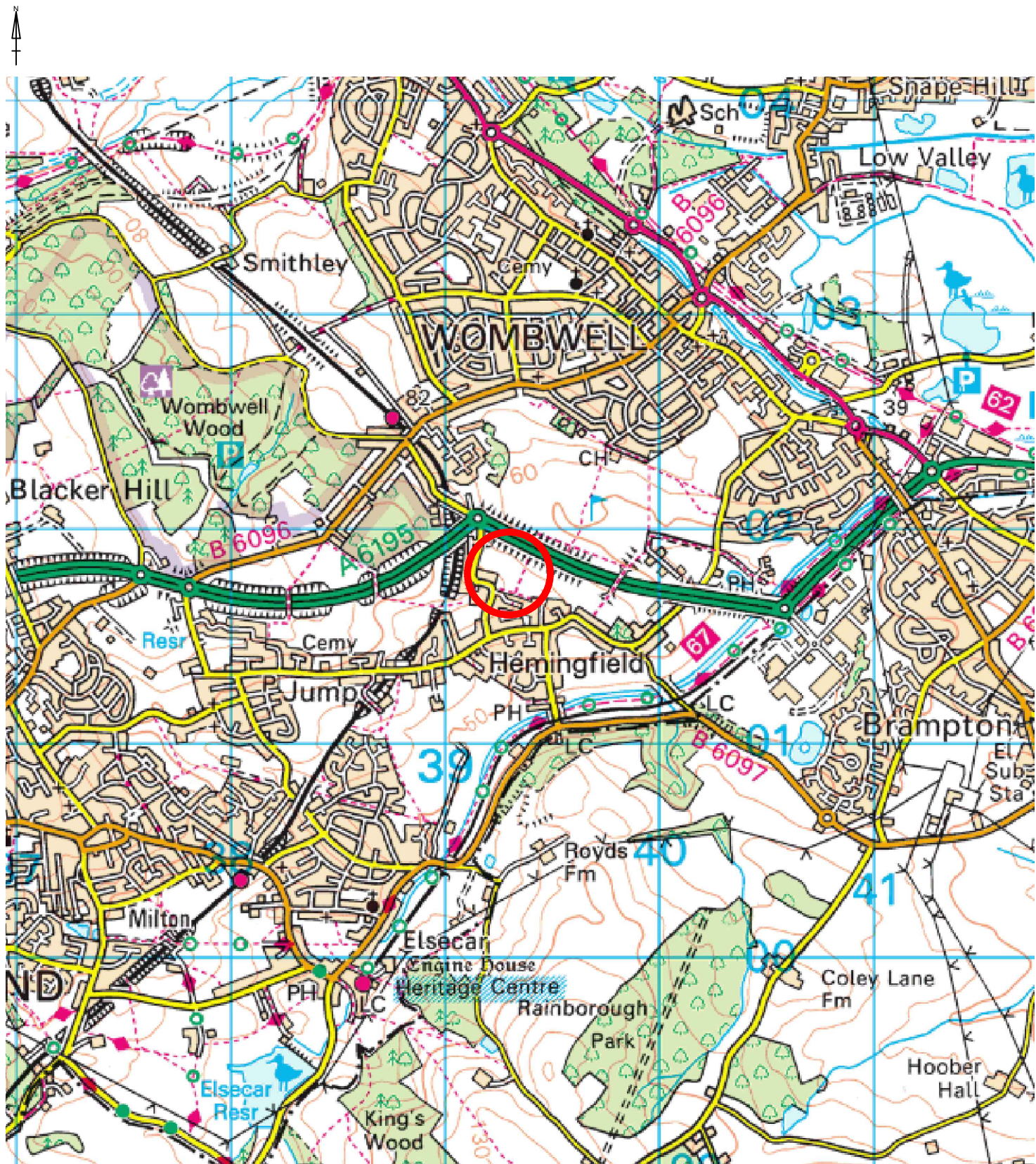
The conclusions and recommendations presented above are considered reasonable based on the findings of the Preliminary Appraisal. However, these cannot be guaranteed to gain regulatory approval and, therefore, the report should be passed to the appropriate regulatory authorities and / or other organisations for their comment and approval prior to undertaking any works on site.



# APPENDIX A

## DRAWINGS





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Land off Hemingfield Road,  
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Site Location Plan

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1. Paddock area, underpass beneath A6195 in distance



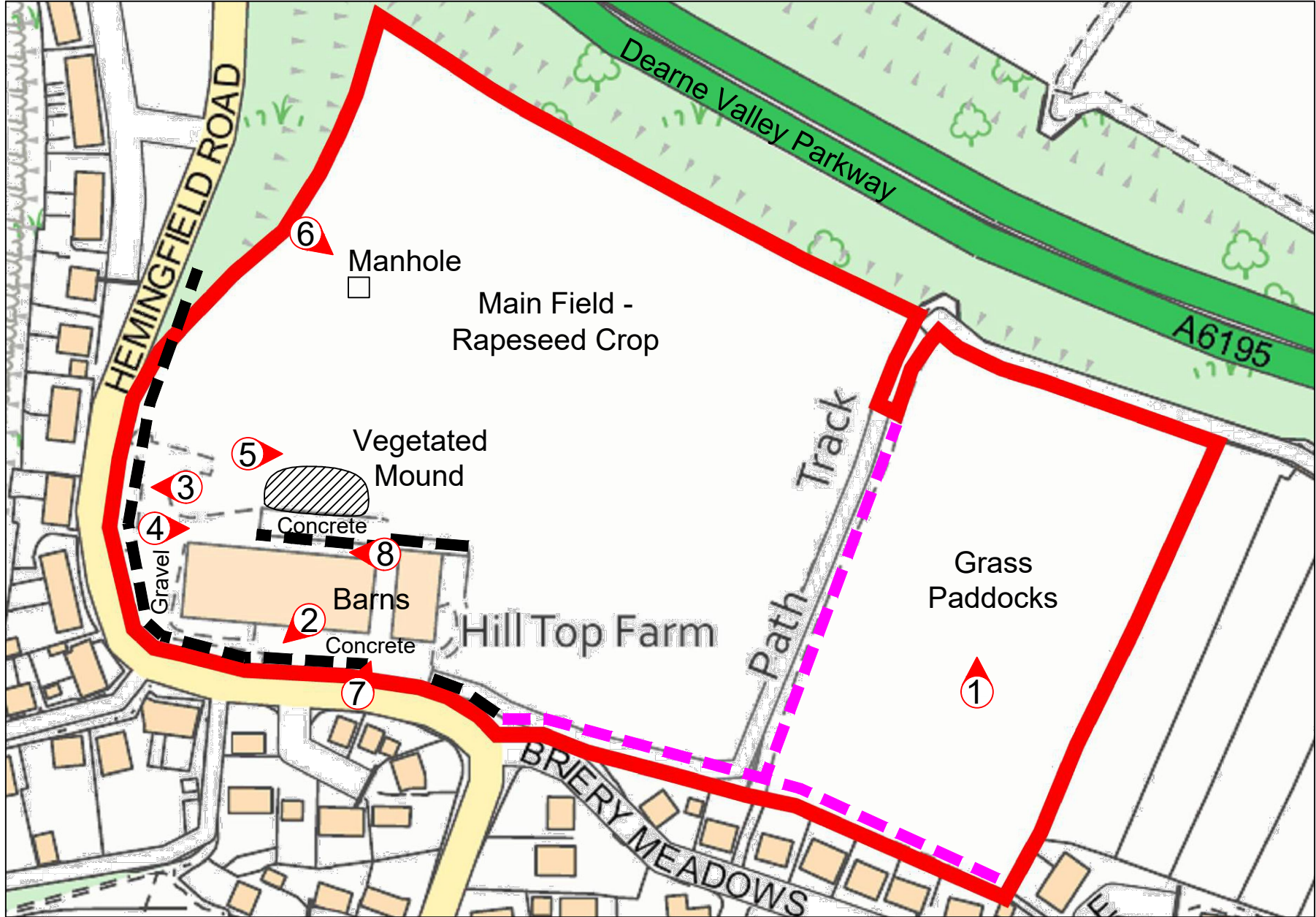
2. Piles of road planings and sandstone blocks



3. Retaining wall retaining Hemingfield Road from the site



4. Rear of site buildings



5. Vegetated mound to north of buildings



6. Main field planted with rapeseed crop, manhole in foreground



7. Farm buildings from site entrance



8. Machinery and waste storage to rear of buildings

- KEY**
- Site Boundary
  - Retaining Walls
  - Public Footpath
  - Photograph Location and Direction

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1. This drawing should not be viewed in isolation from the accompanying report.

2. All exploratory hole locations are approximate and based on handheld GPS coordinates unless stated otherwise on the exploratory hole logs.

3. The locations of services shown on this drawing are approximate and are based on utility plans provided by the client. Locations of services are given for the purposes of indicating constraints to the site investigation only. Reference should be made to original utility plans and HSG47 for locating of services within the site.

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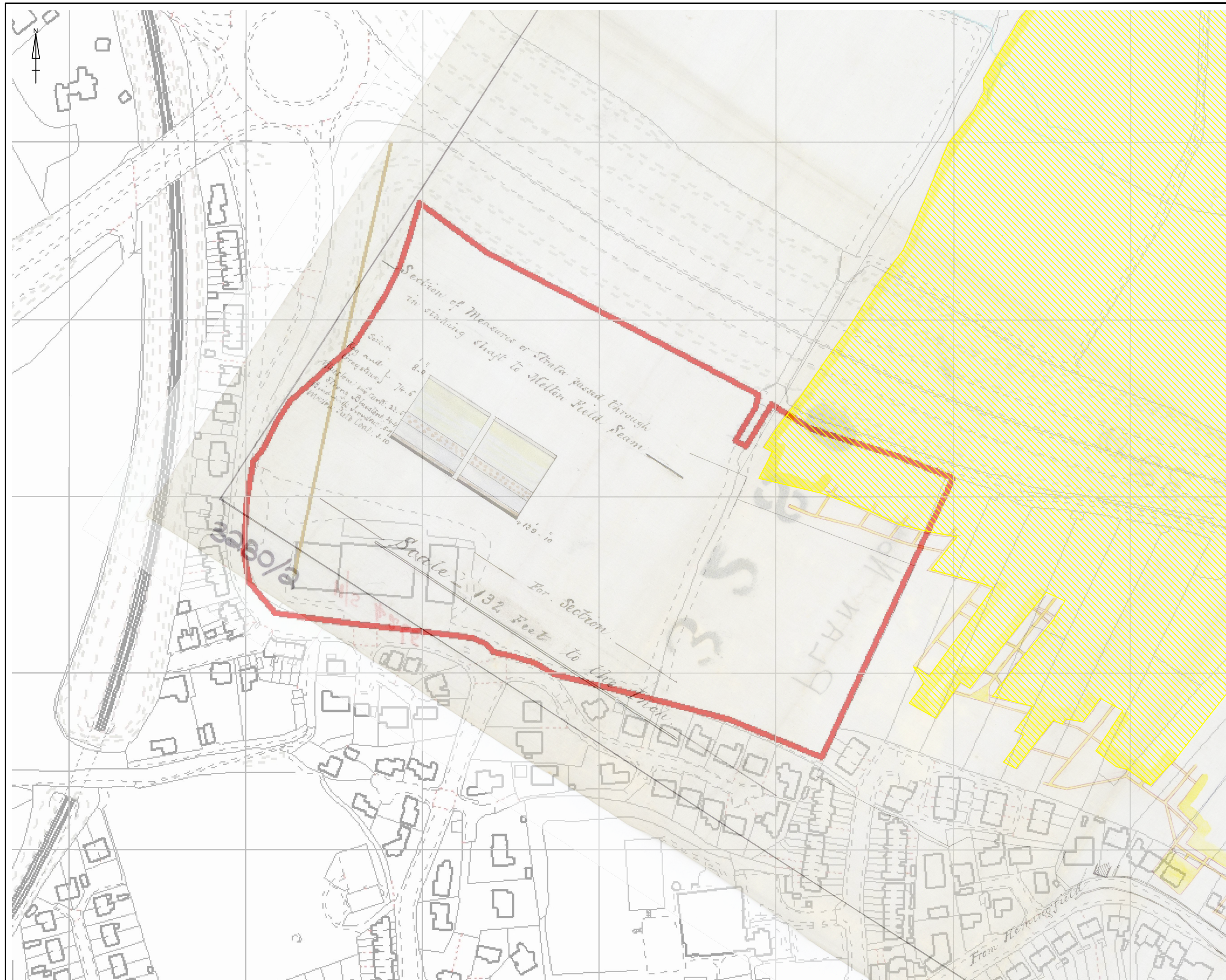
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**NOTES**


- Site Boundary
- Recorded Mine Workings in the Meltonfield Coal Seam
- Recorded Mine Headings in the Meltonfield Coal Seam

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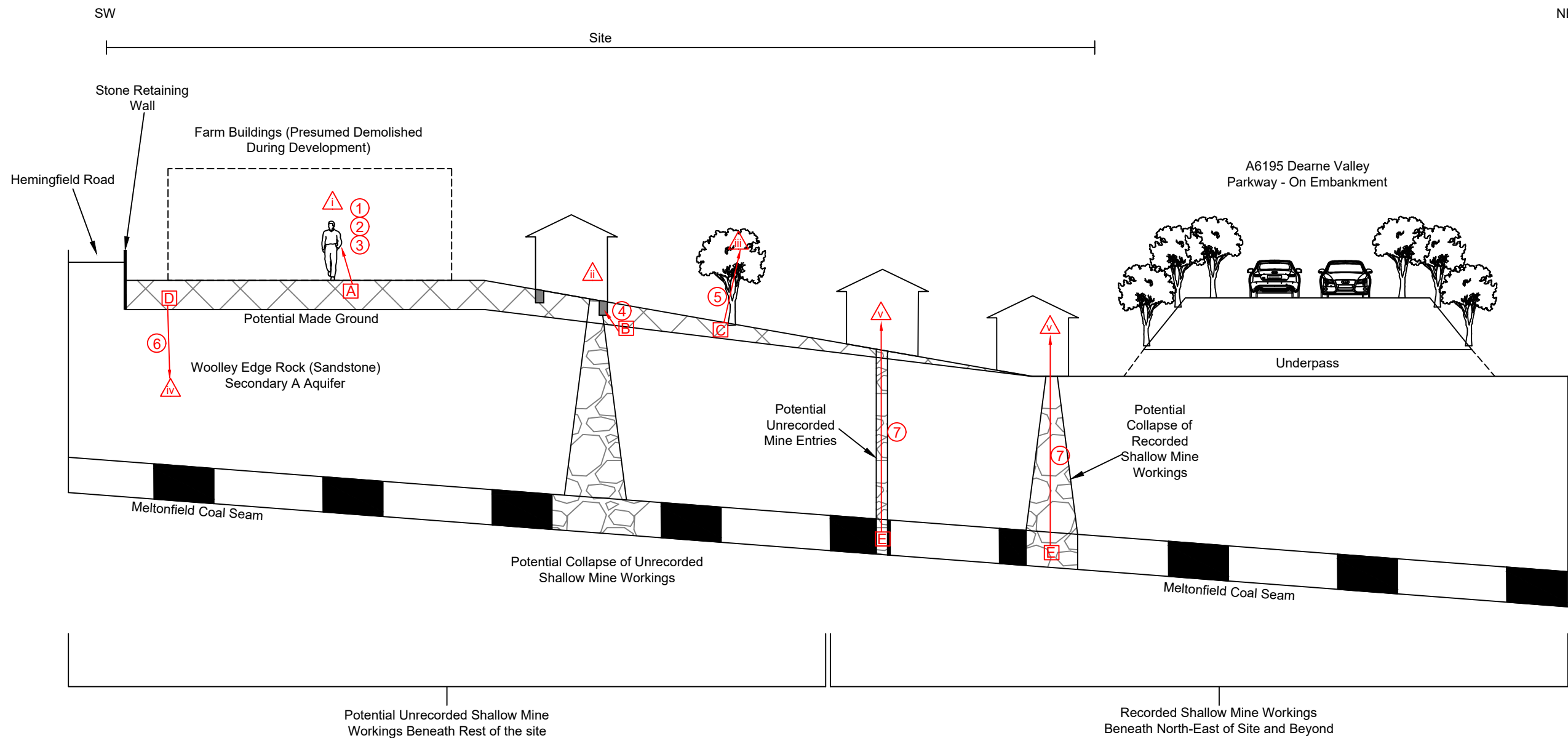
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Contamination Source	Contamination Pathway	Potential Receptors	Risk of Significant Contaminant Linkage
<b>A</b> – Heavy metals, PAH, petroleum hydrocarbons, asbestos and pesticides within made ground / shallow natural soils	① Direct and indirect ingestion of soil ② Inhalation of contaminated particles and dust ③ Dermal contact	<b>i</b> – Future residents / construction workers	Moderate Moderate Moderate
<b>B</b> – Low pH and sulphates within shallow soils and groundwater	④ Damage from chemical reactions	<b>ii</b> – Concrete substructures	Low to Moderate
<b>C</b> – Phytotoxic elements within made ground	⑤ Plant uptake	<b>iii</b> – Landscaping	Low to Moderate
<b>D</b> – Heavy metals, PAH, petroleum hydrocarbons and pesticides within made ground and shallow groundwater	⑥ Leaching and migration within groundwater	<b>iv</b> – Controlled waters (Woolley Edge Rock Secondary A Aquifer)	Low to Moderate
<b>E</b> – Hazardous ground gases from recorded and potential unrecorded shallow mine workings	⑦ Gas migration (including via preferential pathways such as unrecorded mine entries / inhalation / accumulation	<b>v</b> – Future residents / construction workers	Moderate



# APPENDIX B

## ENVIROCHECK REPORT

# Historical Mapping Legends

## Ordnance Survey County Series 1:10,560

	Gravel Pit		Sand Pit		Other Pits
	Quarry		Shingle		Orchard
	Osiers		Reeds		Marsh
	Mixed Wood		Deciduous		Brushwood
	Fir		Furze		Rough Pasture
	Arrow denotes flow of water		Trigonometrical Station		
	Site of Antiquities		Bench Mark		
	Pump, Guide Post, Signal Post		Well, Spring, Boundary Post		
	Surface Level				
	Sketched Contour		Instrumental Contour		
	Main Roads		Minor Roads		
	Sunken Road		Raised Road		
	Road over Railway		Railway over River		
	Railway over Road		Level Crossing		
	Road over River or Canal		Road over Stream		
	Road over Stream				
	County Boundary (Geographical)				
	County & Civil Parish Boundary				
	Administrative County & Civil Parish Boundary				
	County Borough Boundary (England)				
	County Burgh Boundary (Scotland)				
	Rural District Boundary				
	Civil Parish Boundary				

## Ordnance Survey Plan 1:10,000

	Chalk Pit, Clay Pit or Quarry		Gravel Pit
	Sand Pit		Disused Pit or Quarry
	Refuse or Slag Heap		Lake, Loch or Pond
	Dunes		Boulders
	Coniferous Trees		Non-Coniferous Trees
	Orchard		Scrub
	Bracken		Heath
	Marsh		Reeds
	Building		Glasshouse
	Sloping Masonry		Pylon
	Cutting		Embankment
	Road Under		Road Over
	Level Crossing		Foot Bridge
	Standard Gauge Multiple Track		Standard Gauge Single Track
	Siding, Tramway or Mineral Line		Narrow Gauge
	Geographical County		Administrative County, County Borough or County of City
	Municipal Borough, Urban or Rural District, Burgh or District Council		Borough, Burgh or County Constituency
	Civil Parish		
	Boundary Post or Stone		Police Station
	Church		Post Office
	Club House		Public Convenience
	Fire Engine Station		Public House
	Foot Bridge		Signal Box
	Fountain		Spring
	Guide Post		Telephone Call Box
	Mile Post		Telephone Call Post
	Mile Stone		Well

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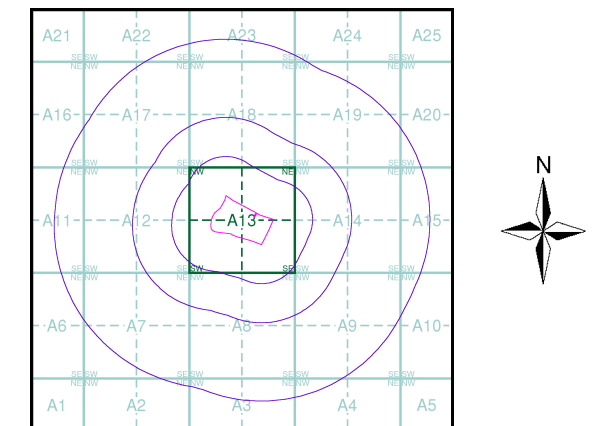
	Gravel Pit		Refuse tip or slag heap
	Rock		Rock (scattered)
	Boulders		Boulders (scattered)
	Shingle		Mud
	Sand		Sand Pit
	Slopes		Top of cliff
	General detail		Underground detail
	Overhead detail		Narrow gauge railway
	Multi-track railway		Single track railway
	County boundary (England only)		Civil, parish or community boundary
	District, Unitary, Metropolitan, London Borough boundary		Constituency boundary
	Area of wooded vegetation		Non-coniferous trees
	Non-coniferous trees (scattered)		Coniferous trees
	Coniferous trees (scattered)		Positioned tree
	Orchard		Coppice or Osiers
	Rough Grassland		Heath
	Scrub		Marsh, Salt Marsh or Reeds
	Water feature		Flow arrows
	Mean high water (springs)		Mean low water (springs)
	Telephone line (where shown)		Electricity transmission line (with poles)
	Bench mark (where shown)		Triangulation station
	Point feature (e.g. Guide Post or Mile Stone)		Pylon, flare stack or lighting tower
	Site of (antiquity)		Glasshouse
	General Building		Important Building



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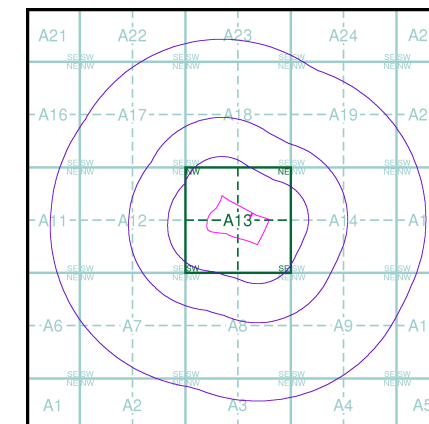
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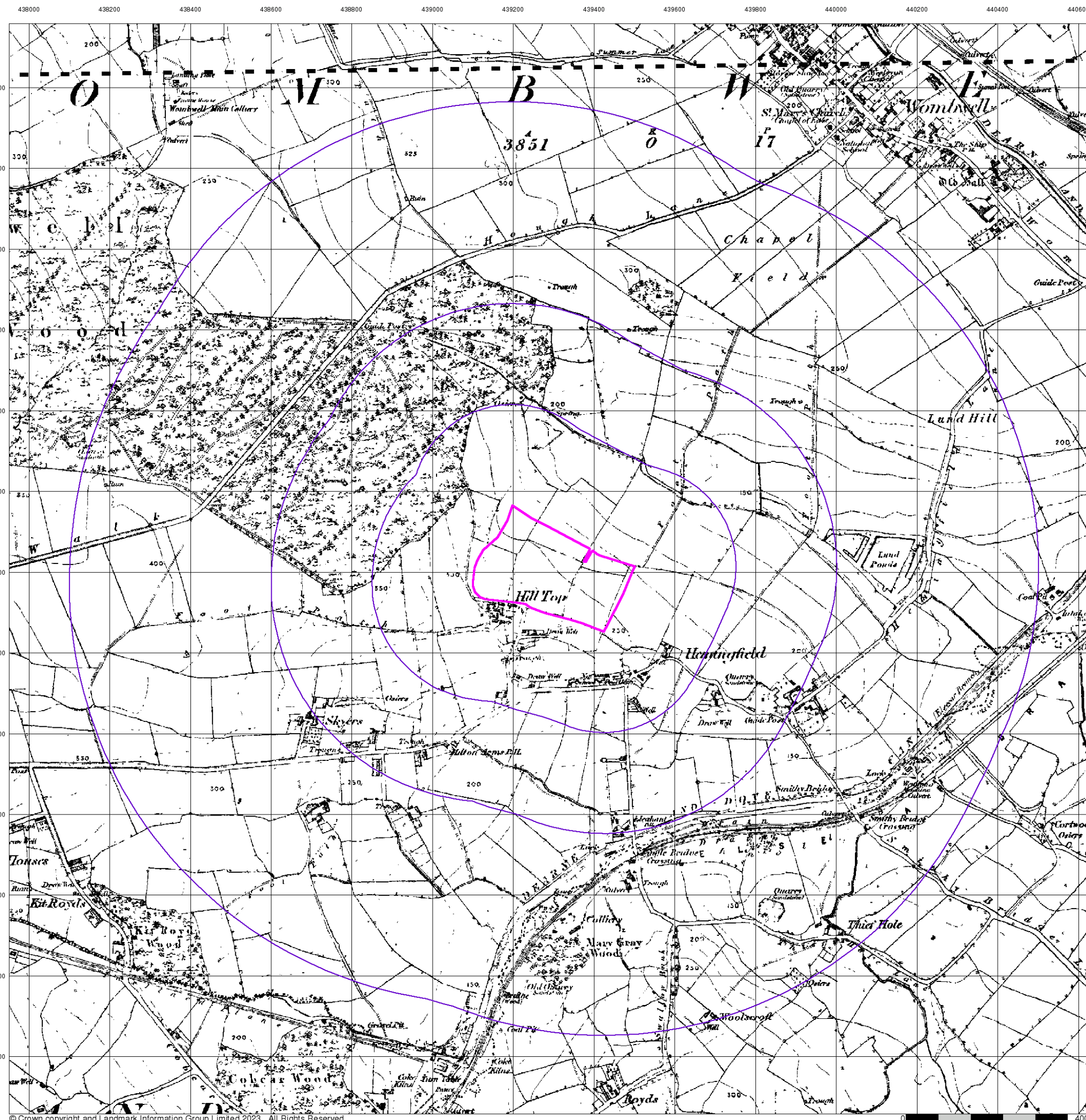
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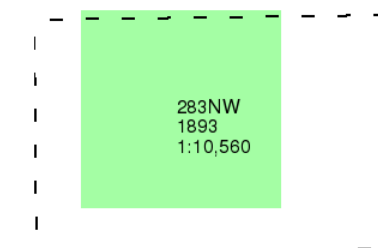
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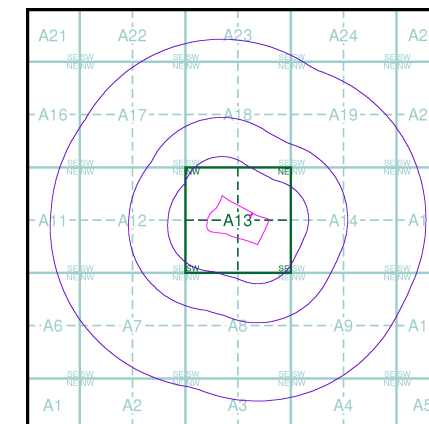
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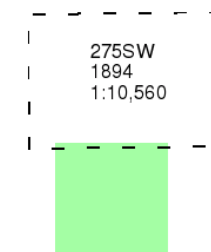
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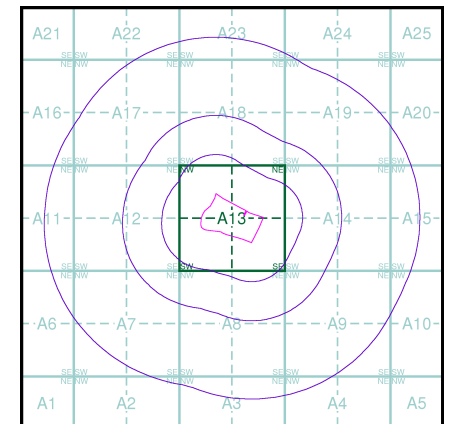
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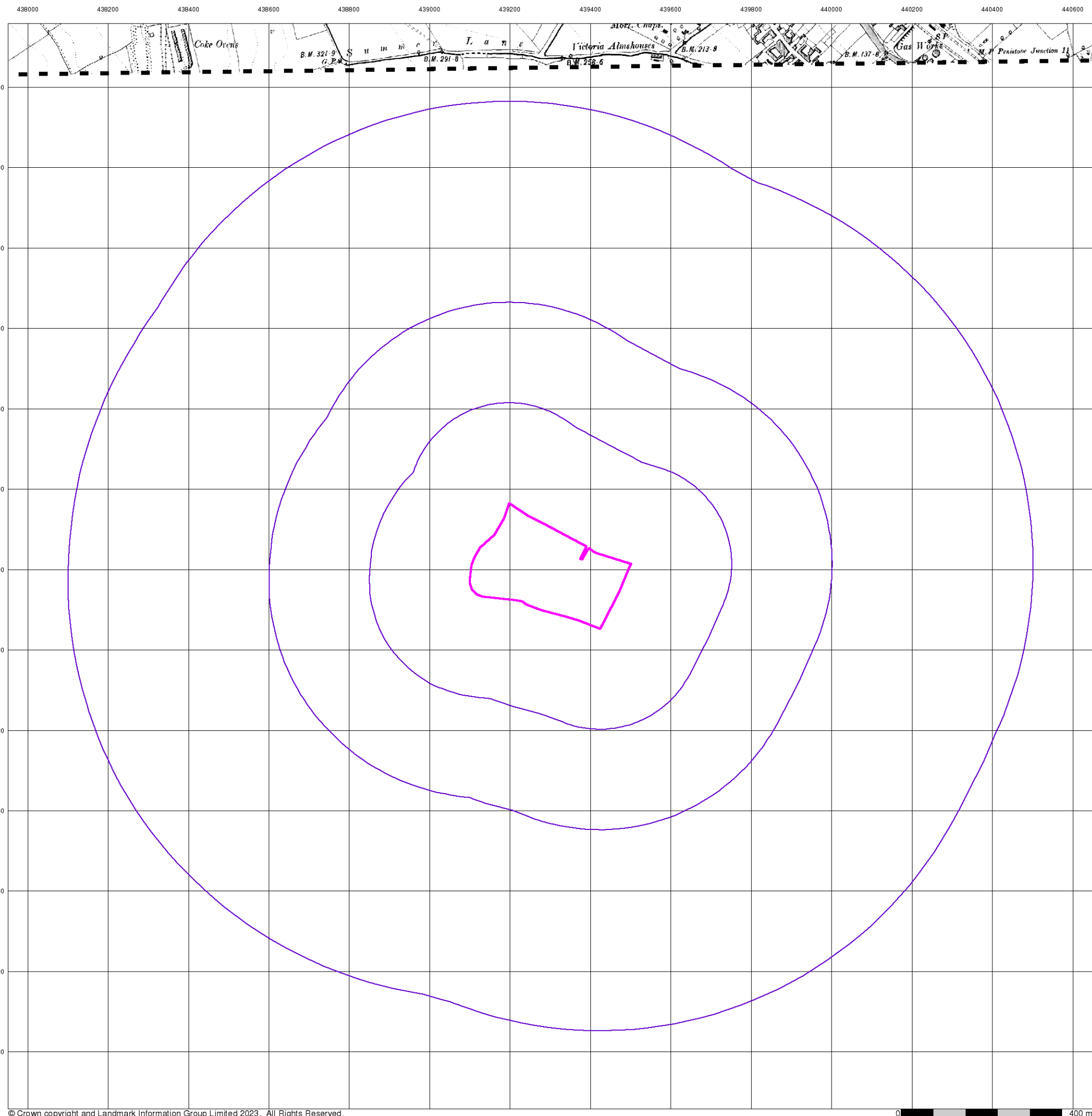
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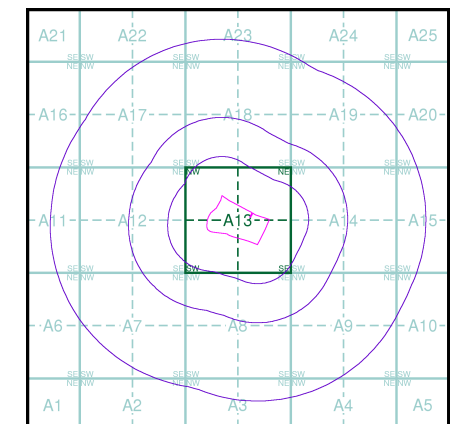
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