

PLEASE NOTE VENUE

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



Wednesday 28th November 2007

at 10.00 am

**in West View Community Centre,
Miers Avenue, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:

Councillors Allison, Atkinson, Barker, Clouth, R Cook, Fenwick, Fleet (Chair), Fleming, Griffin, Jackson, J Marshall, Plant, Rogan, Wallace and Wright.

Resident Representatives:

John Cambridge, Don Davison, Irene Nelson, Mary Power, Linda Shields (Vice-Chair), Joan Steel, Robert Steel and Maureen Waller

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 4. MINUTES**
 - 4.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2007 (*attached followed by updates on issued raised at the last meeting*)
 - 4.2 Matters arising
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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Break

(5/10 minutes to collect tea/coffee and back to seats whilst presentations are prepared)

6. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE ISSUES

7. WARD MEMBERS AND WARD ISSUES

8. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Dog Control Orders – *Head of Neighbourhood Management*

9. ITEMS FOR DECISION

No items

10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION and/or INFORMATION

- 10.1 Presentation – LINKs (Local Involvement Networks) – *Development Officer*
10.2 The Future Town Planning of Hartlepool – Core Strategy Issues and Options
Discussion Paper Consultation – *Director of Regeneration and Planning Services*
10.3 Presentation - Pride in Hartlepool – *Pride in Hartlepool Officer*

11. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the North Area Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum is to be held at on Wednesday 9th January 2008 commencing at 10am at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue.

The next meeting of the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum is to be held at on Wednesday 30th January 2008 commencing at 10am at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue.

12. ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

WARDS

Brus
Dyke House
Hart
St Hilda
Throston

10th October 2007

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 2.00pm at West View Community Centre, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Mary Fleet - Dyke House Ward

Vice-Chair Resident Representative Linda Shields

Councillor Steve Allison	-	St Hilda Ward
Councillor Reuben Atkinson	-	Dyke House Ward
Councillor Sheila Griffin	-	Brus Ward
Councillor Peter Jackson	-	Throston Ward
Councillor John Marshall	-	St Hilda Ward
Councillor Michelle Plant	-	Brus Ward
Councillor Edna Wright	-	Hart Ward

Resident Representatives:

John Cambridge, Don Davison, Irene Nelson, Joan Steel, Robert Steel and Maureen Waller

Public: Pat Andrews, John Maxwell, P Nicholson, D Thompson, Alan Vale and Denis Waller

Officers:

- Denise Ogden, Head of Neighbourhood Management
- Richard Teece, Development Control Manager
- Paul Briggs, Assistant Director (Resources and Support Services)
- Paul Mitchinson, Highway Services Manager
- Margaret Wigglesworth, Community Engagement Officer
- Peter Frost, Traffic Team Leader
- Michael Dunn, Enforcement Co-ordinator
- Garry Jones, Neighbourhood Services Officer
- Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

Police Representatives: PC Alee and PC McManus

Housing Hartlepool Representative: Angie Crawford

British Energy Representatives: Debbie Simpson and Andy Merifield

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Caroline Barker, Rob Cook and Timothy Fleming.

28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

None

29. MINUTES

The minutes for the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum held on the 8th August 2007 were agreed.

30. MATTERS ARISING

Verner Road – A resident noted that the repairs to the pavements had still not commenced. The Neighbourhood Services Officer advised that they would be starting shortly but officer had no definite commencement date. The resident went on to thank the Head of Neighbourhood Management for referring the matter of persistent dog barking to the dog warden as there had been a reduction following their visit.

Steetley/Britmag site – The Development Control Manager gave a brief update on the current situation, including details on the background, future development and site safety issues. A resident asked what the consequences would be if planning permission was not forthcoming and was advised that they could be very serious as the company in question did not have any assets. To clear the land of all contaminants could cost up to £8 million. Another resident asked what would happen to the chimney and jetty and was told the chimney would be demolished while there were no plans for the jetty.

Speeding Drive – A Councillor indicated there had been complaints that parked cars and a caravan were blocking the entrance out of Speeding Drive, particularly from Stagecoach drivers. The Traffic Team Leader reported that Stagecoach had not raised this as an issue during their regular meetings with officers but he would discuss it with them. The caravan was not classed as an obstruction.

King Oswy Safety Measures – A Councillor advised that a request for the installation of bollards at this site had been rejected by the Neighbourhoods and Communities Portfolio Holder as too costly (£20,000) who had suggested this be submitted as a possible minor works scheme. The Councillor questioned how many bollards had been budgeted for and was advised that it was the number originally asked for.

Illegal Parking – A Councillor raised the issue of illegal parking and was advised that this would be included on the agenda for the next Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum. The Councillor indicated that this was a potential life or death situation before giving an explanation of the current rules regarding the parking of heavy goods vehicles on grass verges or pavements without a police permit. The instructions in the highway code and driving instructor's handbook would seem to be in opposition to previous advice given. The Councillor requested clarity on this matter be given in writing prior to the Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum.

"Ghost Ships" – The Development Control Manager gave a brief update on the "ghost ships". He reported that on 5th October 2007 the Planning Committee had deferred decisions on the planning and hazardous substances consent applications until after the Public Inquiry

into the planning appeals related to the previous refusals. The inquiry had started on 9th October 2007 and was expected to last 2-3 weeks.

Following this a Resident Representative indicated that a previous question relating to the Council being in contempt of court had not been answered. The Forum had requested at the previous meeting that a full response to this aspect be submitted to this meeting but this had not been addressed.

Falcon Road – A Resident

Representative indicated that the majority of residents were opposed to the closure of Falcon Road. The Traffic Team Leader advised that the majority of residents were opposed to the closure of Falcon Road. The results would be reported to Portfolio along with the emergency services comments and any accident records.

31. PRESENTATION – BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE – STAGE 4 CONSULTATION – SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

The Assistant Director – Resources and Support Services gave a presentation on Building Schools for the Future. This was a Government initiative which would provide money to rebuild, remodel and refurbish Hartlepool's secondary schools. A copy of the Stage 4 Consultation Document was made available for those present.

This stage of consultation would run until 26th October 2007. In addition to the Consultation Document, information could be viewed on the website www.hartlepool.gov.uk/schoolscapital/bsf.

Stage 4 would look at options for the possible co-location of Catcote and Springwell Special Schools as well as other aspects of Hartlepool's provision for

children and young people with special educational needs.

Included in the presentation were slides relating to the following

- What is BSF Stage 4 Consultation about?
- BSF – The Main Facts
- Co-location
- Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties
- Provision for Excluded Pupils
- Support for Pupils in Mainstream Schools

The Assistant Director stressed that no decisions had yet been made.

Following the presentation the following questions/issues arose:

A Councillor asked if there were any plans for the St Hilda's site given the refusal of the Children's Services Department to release the site for the erection of housing. The Assistant Director advised that it was departmental policy not to release any sites in the stewardship of the Children's Services Department until the review had been completed.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Director – Resources and Support Services – for attending the meeting and answering questions.

32. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

“With the constant damage to the Brus barrier and now the recent removal of bollards from access slopes leading to the beach at the Headland Promenade what plans are in place by Neighbourhood Services to stop for good sea-coalers operating on the North beach and using the promenade as a highway during the hours of darkness” – The Neighbourhood

Services Officer indicated that new bollards had recently been installed and the situation continued to be monitored. However vehicles driving on the beach was a police matter.

Cemetery Road – A resident raised the problem of fly tipping. The Neighbourhood Services Officer reported that the owners of the Steetley site had been contacted and asked to ensure the gates were securely locked to prevent a recurrence of this. A Councillor went on to raise the issue of CCTV cameras in Hartlepool generally. The camera on Cemetery Road was one of the most sophisticated but the fly tipping perpetrators were still not being caught. He requested the forum look into the crime detection results brought about by CCTV.

“Can we have more dropped kerbs from the former ‘Kirkham’ public house, towards Sandwell Gate? A wheelchair user found it difficult to access both sides of the footpath on a recent visit.” – The Neighbourhood Services Officer to look into placing those.

“There are still vehicles parking in the Thorpe Street and Corporation Street bus stop bays, the Northgate bus stop area, including a food logistics company truck every Tuesday morning.” - The Head of Neighbourhood Management advised that this was a police enforcement matter. A mobile patrol van checked bus stops daily and would issue tickets to offenders. A Councillor indicated that she had witnessed a police car setting up a speed camera and parked illegally in the bus shelter on Weymouth Drive. Enforcement officers to check if this had been an emergency and if not a notice would be issued.

Broadfield Road – A resident reported that a caravan was parked there. Advice was given to contact the relevant authorities on this matter

Throston – A Resident Representative queried progress on the anti-social behaviour unit. The Head of Neighbourhood Management would ask someone to ring him on this matter.

“Vehicles are still parking on the footpath either side of Union Street”

“Dog fouling in Hart Station” – The Head of Neighbourhood Management would arrange for dog wardens to be sent out.

“What, with Tall Ships in mind, is being done to improve traffic flow?” – The Head of Neighbourhood Management advised that traffic and transport was the key to the event being a success and as such this was being given serious consideration.

Throston Grange Estate lighting – A Resident Representative indicated that this was in a poor state. She also commented that the layout of housing on the estate meant that alleyways were created. Some were blocked off but others were not and were a magnet for youths. Recently there had been problems with people trying to set fire to the UPVC on the overhanging bedrooms. A Councillor reported that it was policy to sell the land between the houses for nil consideration to home owners. However the utilities running through these alleyways would have to be diverted and this needed to be paid for. The Resident Representative felt that it was unfair to expect residents to pay for this. The Head of Neighbourhood Management would set up a meeting between the interested parties to discuss the issues raised.

With reference to the lighting a Councillor advised that a programme of updating the lighting had already begun. He requested that a progress report be brought to a future forum.

“Could we please have an update on what is happening with the anhydrite mines on Central Estate?” – The Head of Neighbourhood Management advised that tests were being carried out and the Forum would be kept informed.

Easington Road / Jesmond Road – A resident indicated that the only way to get onto Jesmond Road from Easington Road was via a u-turn. He suggested that the road be shut off forcing traffic to go right at the roundabout. The Traffic Team Leader reported that a scheme had been identified in the Local Transport Plan, but this would not be implemented for 2 or 3 years.

33. WARD MEMBERS AND WARD ISSUES

Thorpe Street scheme – A Councillor reported that Housing Hartlepool had withdrawn from a proposed scheme at the top of Thorpe Street. Officer were asked to come up with a replacement scheme.

Dolomite Beach – A Councillor referred to an agreement made by the Council 10 years ago to keep the beach clean. This was not happening and he requested that they stick to the agreement.

Union Bank – A Councillor made a further request for parking bays at the bottom.

Civic Regalia – Members of the General Purposes Committee had requested that Civic Lottery funding be made available to help clean and repair the Civic Regalia. This had been refused by the Grants Committee. A Councillor asked that the

Forum bring pressure to fund these repairs,

Linear Park – The North was the only area that did not have a proper park. A Councillor requested that the Forum take action on this.

Miers Avenue – A Councillor asked that the pavement directly outside the Community Centre be placed on the list for repair.

Warren Road – A Councillor asked that the pavement be placed on the list for repair. Another Councillor requested that residents at the top of Warren Road be issued with parking permits due to the new development.

34. WINTER SERVICE POLICY AND PRIORITIES

The Highways Services Manager presented a report which detailed the Winter Service Policy and Priorities, the objectives and statutory basis, the limitations, the current position and recommendations.

Following the presentation the following questions/issues arose:

A Resident requested that a map showing the primary gritting routes be made available in the papers for the 3 Neighbourhood Forums.

A resident asked what would happen if there was an underspend on the winter service. The Highway Services Manager advised that the highways budget was used for Winter service and any under or overspend would directly affect the highway maintenance budget used for planning and resurfacing work.

A Councillor asked that the Union Bank area be flagged up as a possible priority. The Highway Services Manager indicated

that this was near a walking bus route which was currently on the priority list.

A Councillor asked if rock salt was still used and was advised that this was the most cost effective method.

A Councillor asked what the policy was re unadopted roads and was advised that these were not included.

The Chair thanked the Highway Services Manager for attending the meeting and answering questions.

35. MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS

The Forum was asked to consider the following minor works schemes which would subsequently be reported to the Portfolio Holder for approval:

Scheme 1: St Hilda Ward, Belle Buoy and Fishing Cobbles – the Friends of Croft Gardens had been donated two fishing cobbles and a bell buoy. Details were given of three Headland locations which had been identified for these to be used as features to link in with the Maritime Heritage of the area. Repair work was needed on the boats and planning permission, transport and planting costs also needed to be factored in – **estimated costs £1,675.**

A Councillor referred to the prevalence of items in the Croft Gardens and suggested other places in the Headland could be improved. Reference was also made to a flower tower in the Town Square which was supposed to be moveable but was not. He requested that this be rectified or the tower be removed altogether. A further request was made that the Headland Parish Council be asked for their thoughts on any Minor Works Schemes prior to them coming to the North Forum.

Scheme 2: Brus Ward – West View Road Verge Works – residents had requested that the grass verges outside of their properties be tarmaced over. Details were given of the properties in question – **estimated costs £5,200**

Scheme 3: Hart Ward – Bamburgh Road Verge Work - residents and ward members had requested improved parking on a section of Bamburgh Road. It was suggested that part of the grass verge be tarmaced to provide a vehicle where areas could pull onto – **estimated costs £1,200**

Scheme 4: Throston Ward – Throston Grange Lane – residents and ward members had requested an improved parking scheme between 220 and 236 Throston Grange Lane. It was suggested that a 30 metre length of footpath be tarmaced and a new footpath be constructed for pedestrians – **estimated costs £9,700.**

Scheme 5: St Hilda Ward – Cleveland Road Traffic Island – Central Estate residents had requested the provision of a traffic island on Cleveland Road. Details were given of the results of traffic surveys on the area, showing there had been no traffic accidents on Cleveland Road in the last 3 years. As a result the road was fairly low down on the priority list. The Central Estate Neighbourhood Action Plan Group were proposing to use their Neighbourhood Renewal Fund monies (£22,000 – £29,000) toward the provision of a traffic island, which had been costed at £48,800. The Neighbourhood Manager had secured £4,000 from Community Safety and £10,000 from Highways. The Forum were being asked for a contribution toward the final cost of the project – **estimated costs £5,000**

A Councillor asked why this scheme was so expensive and requested a cost

breakdown. The Traffic Team Leader reported that the increased cost was the result of the necessary re-location of the existing cycleway. The cost breakdown had been to the Central Estate NAP Forum who had raised no objections.

Decision

The Forum approved all the schemes to be recommended for approval to the Portfolio Holder.

36. PRESENTATION – COUNCIL TAX REDUCTIONS

The Community Engagement Officer gave a brief presentation on the Council Tax reductions which were available. These were not means tested and applied broadly to the following groups:

- People with permanent disabilities
- People who are severely mentally impaired
- Carers

The Officer indicated that there were leaflets available explaining the qualifying criteria in more detail. Benefits officers would also be happy to come to people's homes should they need further information.

The Chair thanked the Community Engagement Officer for attending the meeting.

37. PRESENTATION – NUCLEAR NEW BUILDS

Andy Merifield from British Energy gave a brief presentation on Hartlepool Power Station and current proposals for the building of a second plant. Included in the presentation were slides relating to the following

- British Energy today

- Hartlepool Power Station
- Regional Impact
- Our staff
- Local Sponsorship programmes
- A signal of intent is needed for all stakeholders
- What if we built Hartlepool "B"
- Cost of losing nuclear generation in the UK
- The Policy Case
- A role for British Energy
- What we are doing now
- Hartlepool Power Station Engineering Apprenticeships
- Investment in Training

A Councillor commented on the five year gap between the decommissioning of the old plant and the commissioning of the new plant. Mr Merifield indicated that in a perfect world the transition would be seamless.

The Chair thanked Mr Merifield for attending the meeting and answering questions.

38. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum is to be held on Wednesday 28 November 2007, commencing at 10.00 am at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue

MARY FLEET

CHAIR

North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum

Wednesday, 10 October 2007

Issues Raised

ISSUE DETAILS	ACTION	LEAD OFFICER
<u>MATTERS ARISING</u> Speeding Drive Cllr Edna Wright - cars blocking the entrance (incl caravan). Stagecoach drivers have complained that they are unable to get down the road.	Peter Frost, Technical Services to discuss problems with Stagecoach officials.	Peter Frost
Illegal Parking Cllr John Marshall - request for clarity on police duties and council officer responsibility regarding the obstruction of paths by HGVs. Different information in the highway code and driving instructor's handbook as to that given by Alastair Smith. Cllr Marshall would like this information given out prior to the next police forum so members could digest it prior to the discussion.	Information regarding enforcement duties of policing and local authority relating to HGV's obstruction on public footpaths to be provide prior to North area Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum on 9 th January 2008.	Phil Hepburn
Ghost Ships Bob Steel – further request for information on legal position re Judge Sullivan ruling and alleged contempt of court.	Letters clarifying Judge Sullivan's ruling sent to Mr Steel.	Denise Ogden
Old Cemetery Road A Member highlighted the issue of CCTV cameras in Hartlepool generally. The camera on Cemetery Road was one of the most sophisticated but the fly tipping perpetrators were still not being caught. He requested the forum look into the crime detection results brought about by CCTV.	Agenda item at the next Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum.	Alison Mawson

ISSUE DETAILS	ACTION	LEAD OFFICER
<u>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME</u> Dropped Kerbs Can we have more dropped kerbs from the former 'Kirkham' public house, towards Sandwell Gate? A wheelchair user found it difficult to access both sides of the footpath on a recent visit."	Neighbourhood Services Officer to inspect and place on programme.	Garry Jones
Thorpe Street / Corporation Street Bus bays.	Bus bay lines to be refreshed. There has been 117 penalty charge notices issued to vehicles parking in bus bays since January 2007.	Phil Hepburn
Illegal Parking Waymouth Cycle path – police vehicles parking on cycle path.	Police contacted on this issue. The investigation revealed that police were on official duty; therefore enforcement rules cannot be applied.	Phil Hepburn
Broadfield Road Caravan parked in this location.	To be inspected.	Phil Hepburn
Throston Grange Anti social behaviour issues.	Neighbourhood Manager to meet with Ward Members.	Karen Oliver
Union Street Parking on both sides of the road.	Traffic enforcement to visit location.	Phil Hepburn
Hart Station Dog fouling.	Area to be visited by Dog Warden.	Karen Oliver

ISSUE DETAILS	ACTION	LEAD OFFICER
Throston Grange Estate Overhanging bedrooms, street lighting.	Neighbourhood Manager currently liaising with Housing Hartlepool, Street Lighting Technician and Neighbourhood Police on these issues. Ward Members and Resident Representative will be kept informed of progress.	Karen Oliver
Anhydrite Mines Request for update.	Forum to be kept informed of progress.	Karen Oliver
<u>WARD MEMBERS AND WARD ISSUES</u> Thorpe Street / Marine Drive Scheme It was reported that Housing Hartlepool had withdrawn from a proposed schemes at the top of Thorpe Street, and officers were asked to come up with a replacement.	Neighbourhood Manager progressing this through Headland Neighbourhood Action Plan, and St Bega's School.	Karen Oliver
Dolomite Beach Beach cleansing issue.	Neighbourhood Manager to look at cleansing regime in this location.	Karen Oliver
Union Bank Request for parking bays.	Request noted.	Peter Frost
Linear Park The North was the only area that did not have a proper park. It was requested that the Forum take action on this.	Neighbourhood Manager is currently looking at a strategy to find funding to improve this area. The Linear Park is part of the work relating to the "Railway Approaches Action Plan."	Karen Oliver

ISSUE DETAILS	ACTION	LEAD OFFICER
<p><u>WARD MEMBERS AND WARD ISSUES (Cont...)</u></p> <p>Miers Avenue Member request that footpath directly outside of community centre be repaired.</p>	<p>Noted, and initial inspection to take place.</p>	<p>Garry Jones</p>
<p>Warren Road Member requested that footpath be repaired.</p> <p>Request that residents at the top of Warren Road be issued with parking permits due to new development.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>New development still at early stages. Issues around parking to be taken into consideration and relevant consultation to take place in the next few months.</p>	<p>Karen Oliver</p>
<p>Town Square Removal of 'Flower Tower.'</p>	<p>Consultation with Headland Parish Council. Awaiting response from Headland Parish Council.</p>	<p>Karen Oliver</p>

North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum

Minor Works - 2007/2008 - £87,000

Budget Code – AR50130

Forum - £52,000

Highway Maintenance - £20,000

Grass Verges - £15,000

Ward	Name of Scheme	Date Approved	Minor Works Funding £	Other Funding
Various	Dropped crossings	13 June 2007	3,500	
Various	Pride in Hartlepool	13 June 2007	5,000	
Hart	Muirfield Walk Landscaping	13 June 2007	8,400	
Hart	Marley Walk Environmental Improvements	13 June 2007	4,250	
Various	Key Routes	13 June 2007	20,000	
Various	Multi Use Games Areas	13 June 2007	10,000	
Hart	Swanage Grove Removal of grassed agreas	8 August 2007	7,325	
St Hilda	Union Street Hand rail	8 August 2007	1,669	
Dyke House	Hurworth Street Removal of seating areas	8 August 2007	2,000	
St Hilda	Belle buoy and fishing cobble	10 October 2007	1,675	
Brus	West View Road Verge works	10 October 2007	5,200	

Ward	Name of Scheme	Date Approved	Minor Works Funding	Other Funding
Hart Ward	Bamburgh Road Verge works	10 October 2007	1,200	
Throston	Throston Grange Lane Improved parking	10 October 2007	9,700	
St Hilda	Cleveland Road Traffic Island	10 October 2007	5,000	

Total spend

£84,919

Total Left

£2,081

Minor Works Schemes – 2007/08

Ward	Total cost of Schemes
Brus	5,200
Dyke House	2,000
Hart	21,175
St Hilda	8,344
Throston	9,700
Various	38,500
TOTAL	84,919

Report of: Head of Neighbourhood Management

Subject: Dog Control Orders

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide concise details of the proposed Dog Control Orders for consultation.

2. Current Situation

- 2.1 The Council has a number of byelaws relating to dogs that were introduced to protect the general public. These byelaws consist of the following, and are stringently enforced by the Council's Neighbourhood Action Team:
- (i) Dogs on leads in Ward Jackson Park, Burn Valley Gardens, Rossmere Park, Seaton Park.
 - (ii) Dogs on leads in Stranton Cemetery and West View Cemetery.
 - (iii) Seasonal ban of dogs on the seashore and corresponding promenades at Seaton Carew, Headland Fish Sands, Headland Block Sands.
- 2.2 The Dogs(Fouling of Land)Act 1996 is used by the Council's Neighbourhood Action Team to reprimand irresponsible dog owners who fail to remove dog faeces forthwith.
- 2.3 With few exceptions, the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 applies to any land, which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).
- 2.4 Failure to remove dog faeces forthwith is an offence under the Dogs(Fouling of Land)Act 1996 and subject to a maximum fine of level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1,000).
- 2.5 Offenders are able to discharge liability for conviction through payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice of £50.

3. Dog Control Orders

- 3.1 In April of 2006, the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act was fully introduced and provided local authorities with a range of new powers to tackle problems in the environment.
- 3.2 Part 6 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 enables local authorities to make dog control orders, which effectively replace the previous system of dog byelaws for the control of dogs, and also the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996.

- 3.3 Existing byelaws remain in force indefinitely and can continue to be enforced as normal. However, if an authority makes a Dog Control Order in respect of an offence on a specified area of land, any existing byelaw dealing with the same offence on the same land lapses.
- 3.4 A Dog Control Order can be made in respect of any land, which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).
- 3.5 Although the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 has been repealed, the Order commencing the repeal provision preserves the offence under the 1996 Act in respect of any designation orders made prior to the repeal. Therefore, any orders made under the 1996 Act will continue to have effect, and enforcement through fixed penalty notices (fixed at £50) and prosecution can continue.
- 3.6 The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 will cease to have effect only when a Dog Control Order is fully introduced by an authority.
- 3.7 The Dog Control Orders Regulations provide for five offences which may be prescribed in a dog control order:
- (a) failing to remove dog faeces;
 - (b) not keeping a dog on a lead;
 - (c) not putting, and keeping a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer;
 - (d) permitting a dog to enter land from which dogs are excluded;
 - (e) taking more than the specified number of dogs onto land.
- 3.8 The penalty for committing an offence under a Dog Control Order is a maximum fine of level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1,000). Alternatively, the opportunity to pay a fixed penalty may be offered in place of prosecution.
- 3.9 The local authority is able to set the amount of fixed penalty payable.
- 3.10 If no amount is set, then the amount payable is £75.
- 3.11 An authority may make provision for treating the fixed penalty as having been paid if a lesser amount is paid before the end of a period specified by the authority.

4. Exemptions

- 4.1 Dog Control Orders provide exemptions in particular cases for registered blind people, and for deaf people, and for other people with disabilities who make use of trained assistance dogs.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Dog Control Orders under Part 6 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 are a welcome new addition to the powers available to the Council as it endeavours to provide a safe and clean environment for the people of Hartlepool.

- 5.2 The effective implementation of these new powers is essential and the Council must consider them fundamental to its key aims and objectives.
- 5.3 Initial public consultations on Dog Control Orders have been carried out through press articles, attendance at Resident Associations and Groups, Neighbourhood Consultative Forums, the Environmental Theme Partnership, Parish Council meetings and the Council's website. Members of the public have been encouraged to make comments, suggestions or to ask questions about the proposed Dog Control Orders.

6. Draft Proposals

- 6.1 Following initial consultations, details of the areas affected by the proposed Dog Control Orders are attached as follows:

Appendix A

- (i) Failing to Remove Dog Faeces.
- (ii) Not Putting, and Keeping a Dog on a Lead when Directed to do so by an Authorised Officer.
- (iii) Taking More than the Specified Number of Dogs onto Land.

Appendix B

- (i) Not Keeping a Dog on a Lead.

Appendix C

- (i) Permitting a Dog to Enter Land from which Dogs are Excluded.

- 6.2 Areas where dogs shall be permitted to exercise freely are detailed at Appendix D; however, an Authorised Officer shall retain the power to direct a person to put, and keep a dog on a lead.

The list of areas at Appendix D is not exhaustive, but indicative in its nature.

- 6.3 The Council is proposing to set the level of fixed penalty payable for committing an offence under a Dog Control Order at £100.
- 6.4 The fixed penalty will be subject to a discount of £40 if paid within a period of 7 days from the date of issue.

7. Timetable for implementation

- 7.1 Prior to the introduction of Dog Control Orders, the Council will publish a notice describing the proposed Orders in a local newspaper circulating in the same area as the land to which the orders will apply and invite representations on the proposals.
- 7.2 At the end of the consultation period the authority will consider any representations that have been made. If it then decides to proceed with the orders, it must decide when the order will come into force.
- 7.3 Subject to further public consultation, it is envisaged that any Dog Control Orders will formally come into force on 1st April 2008.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 Members of the public are asked to consider the proposals to introduce Dog Control Orders and to make comments or suggestions.

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APPENDIX A

Title of Dog Control Order(s):

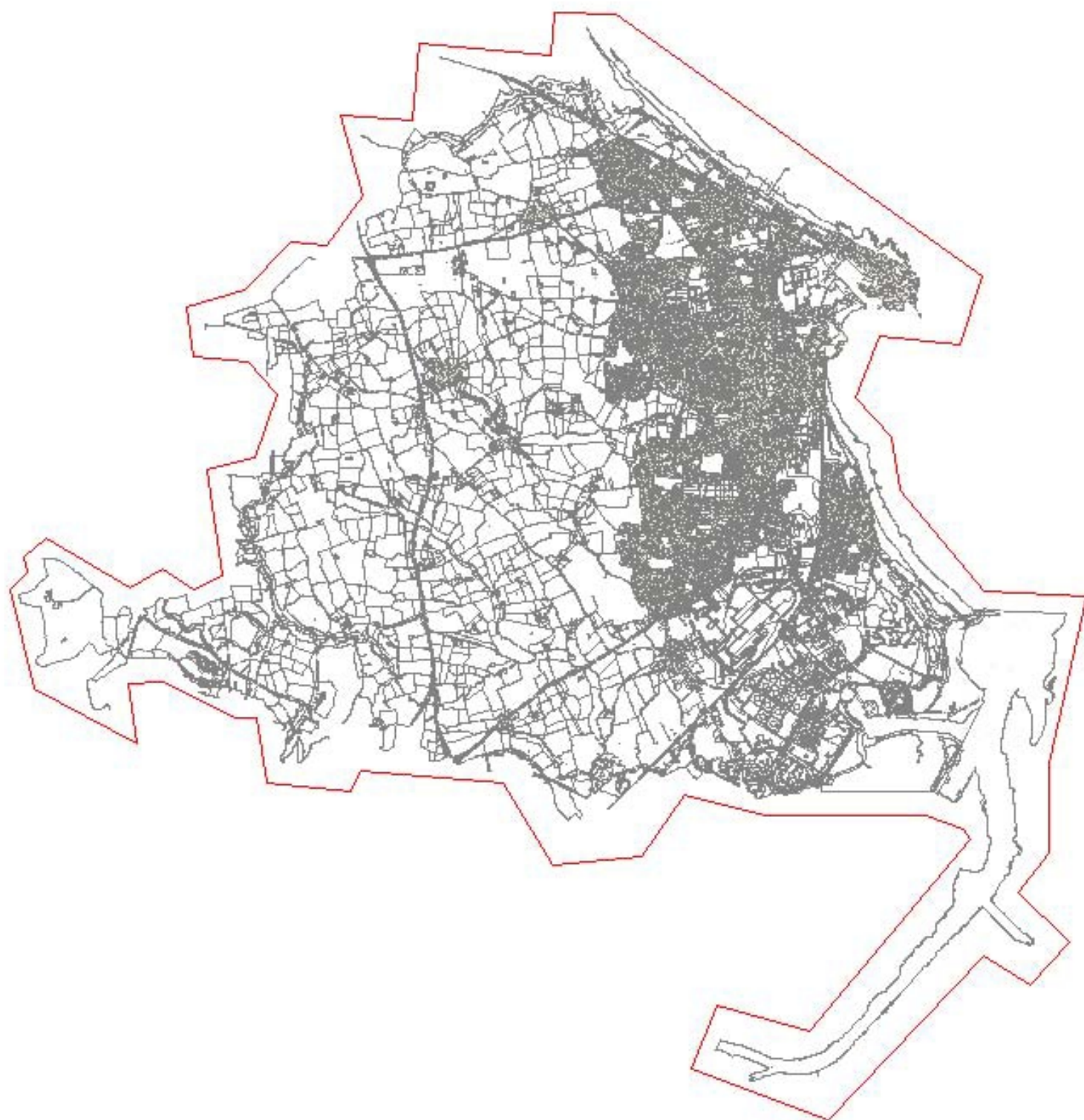
- FAILING TO REMOVE DOG FAECES
- NOT PUTTING AND KEEPING A DOG ON A LEAD WHEN DIRECTED TO DO SO BY AN AUTHORISED OFFICER
- TAKING MORE THAN THE SPECIFIED NUMBER OF DOGS ONTO LAND (3 DOGS PER PERSON)

Land subject to Dog Control Order(s):

- ALL LAND WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HARTLEPOOL, WHICH IS OPEN TO THE AIR AND TO WHICH THE PUBLIC HAS ACCESS, WITH OR WITHOUT PAYMENT (see map A1)

A1

Hartlepool Borough Area



APPENDIX B

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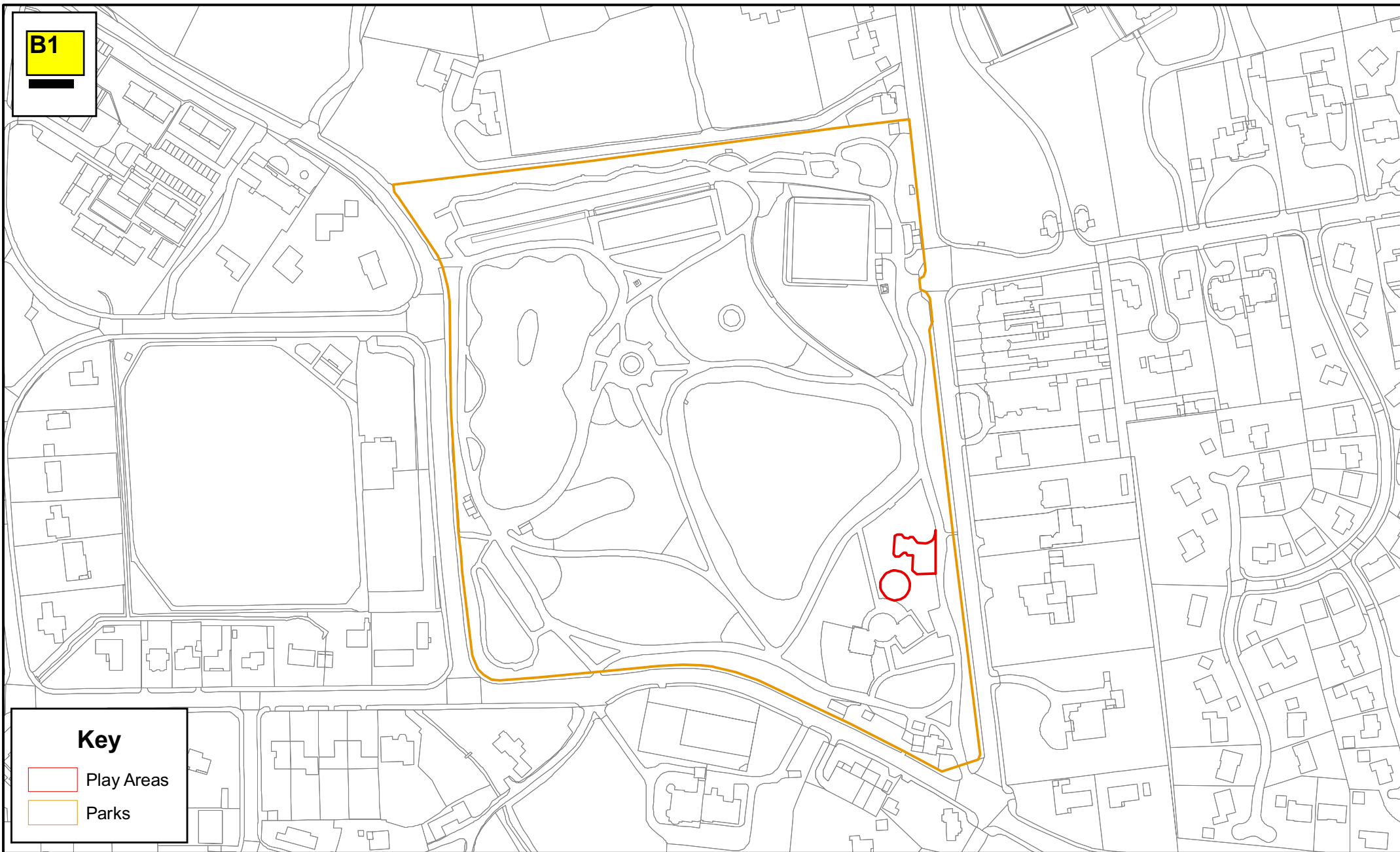
- NOT KEEPING A DOG ON A LEAD

Land subject to Dog Control Order(s):

- ALL 'GATED' BACK STREETS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HARTLEPOOL
- WARD JACKSON PARK (see map B1)
- BURN VALLEY GARDENS (see map B2)
- ROSSMERE PARK (see map B3)
- SEATON PARK (see map B4)
- WEST VIEW CEMETERY (see map B5)
- STRANTON CEMETERY (see map B6)
- LOWER PROMENADE, HEADLAND (see map B7)
- TOWN MOOR REC. (see map B8)
- SUMMERHILL ROPE AND BOULDER PARK, AND BMX TRACK (see map B9)

Ward Jackson Park

B1



Key

- Play Areas
- Parks



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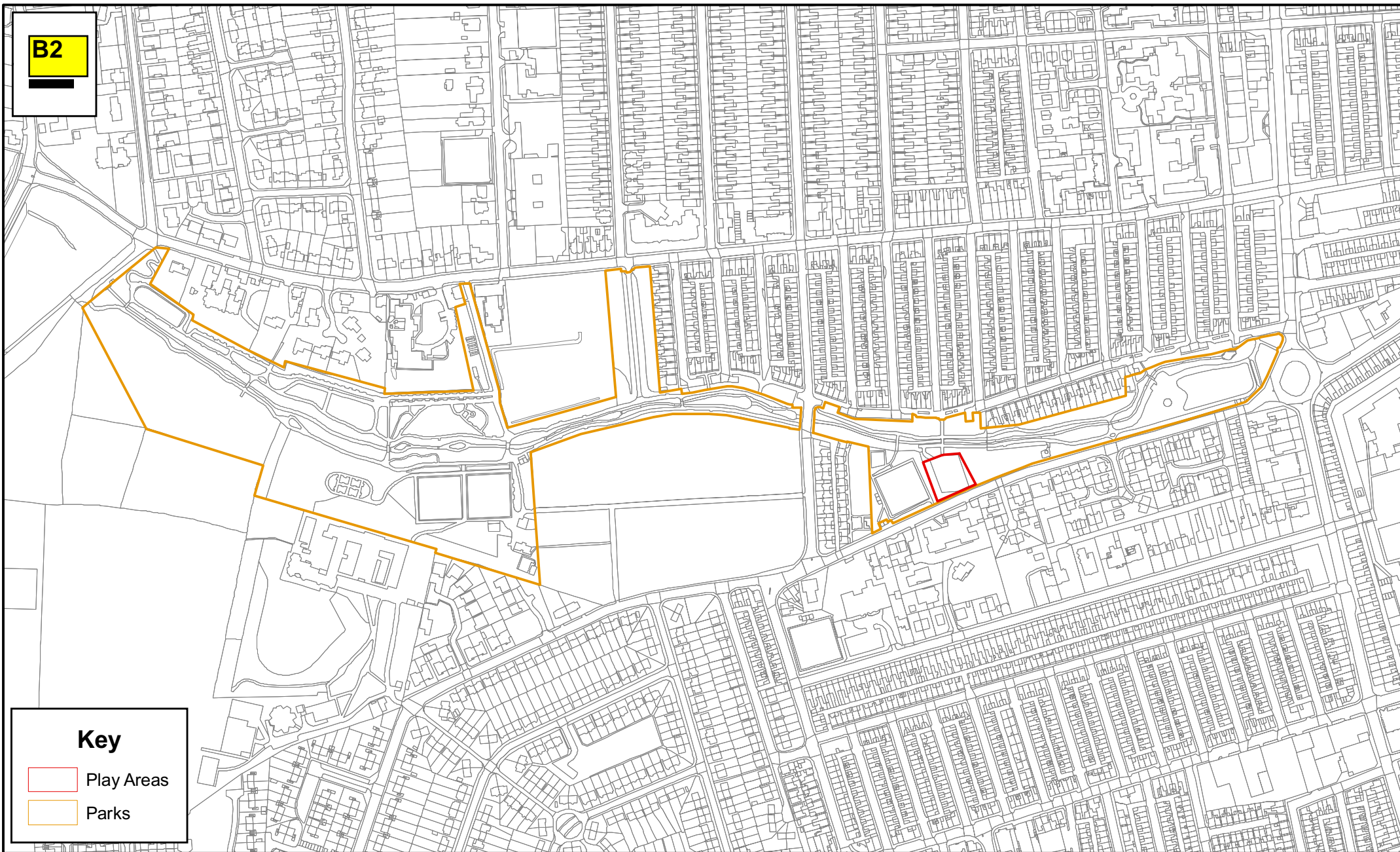
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Burn Valley Gardens

B2

Key

- Play Areas
- Parks



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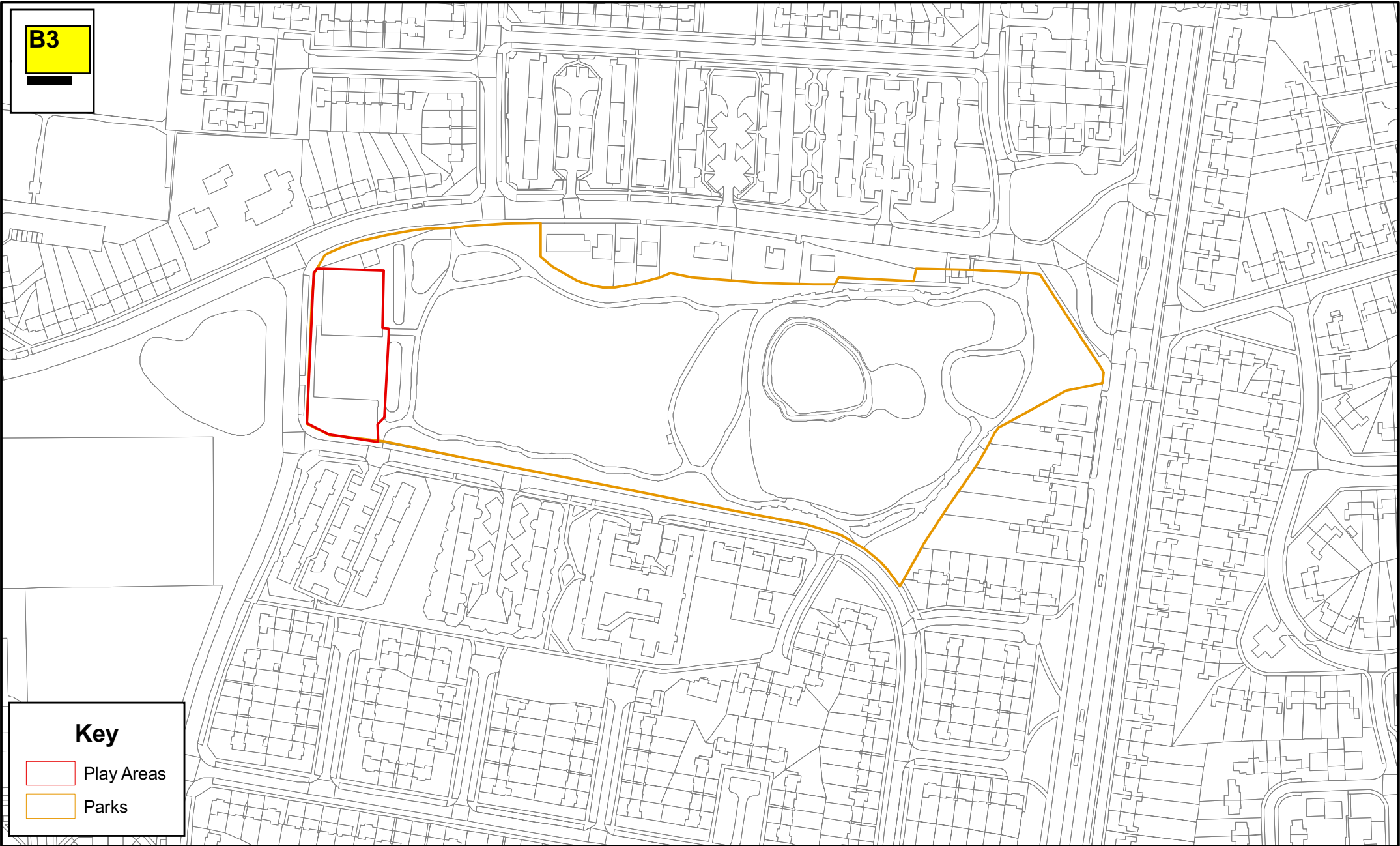
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Rossmere Park

B3

Key

-  Play Areas
-  Parks



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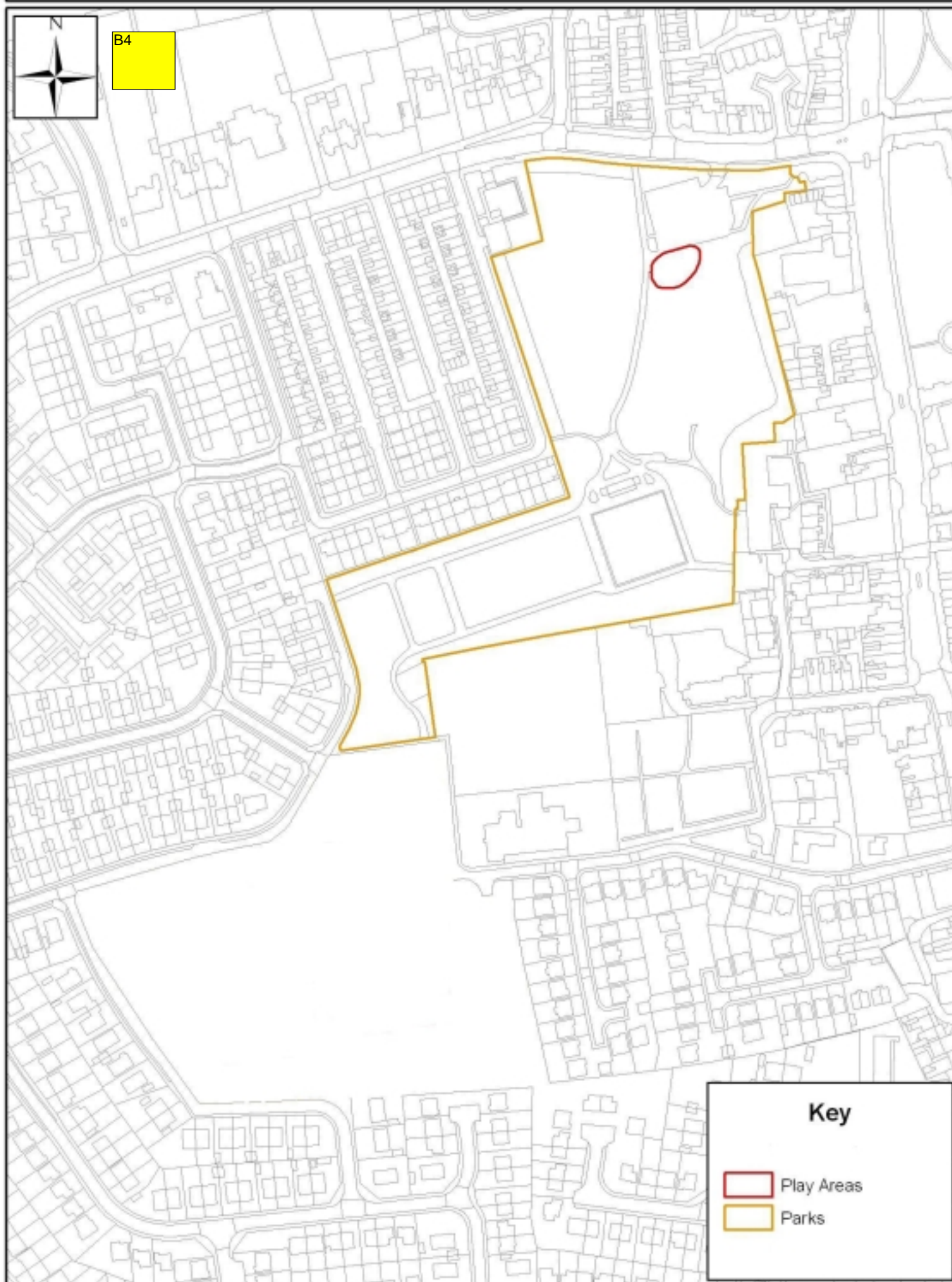
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Seaton Park



B4



Key

- Play Areas
- Parks

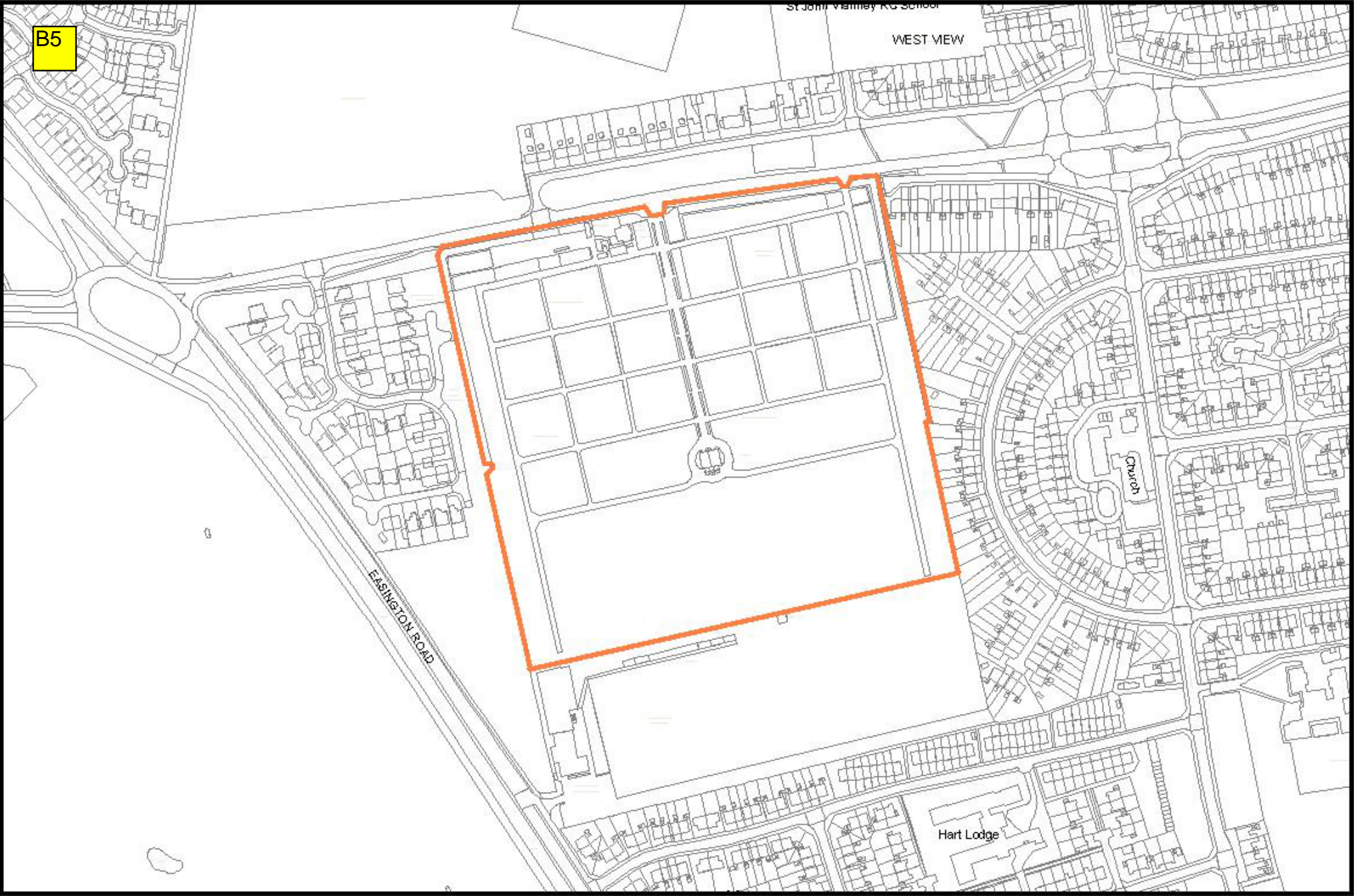


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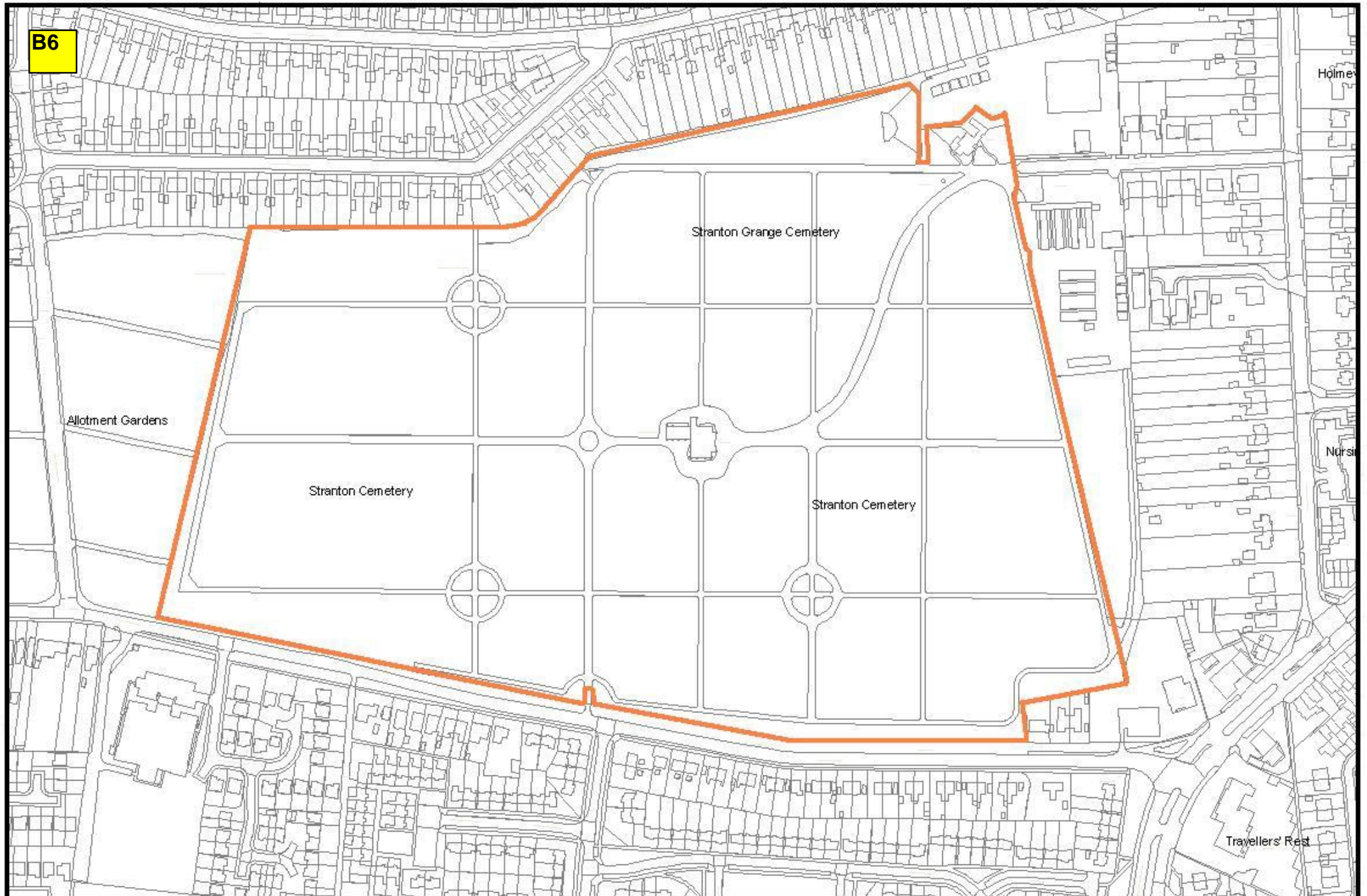
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West View Cemetery



Stranton Cemetery

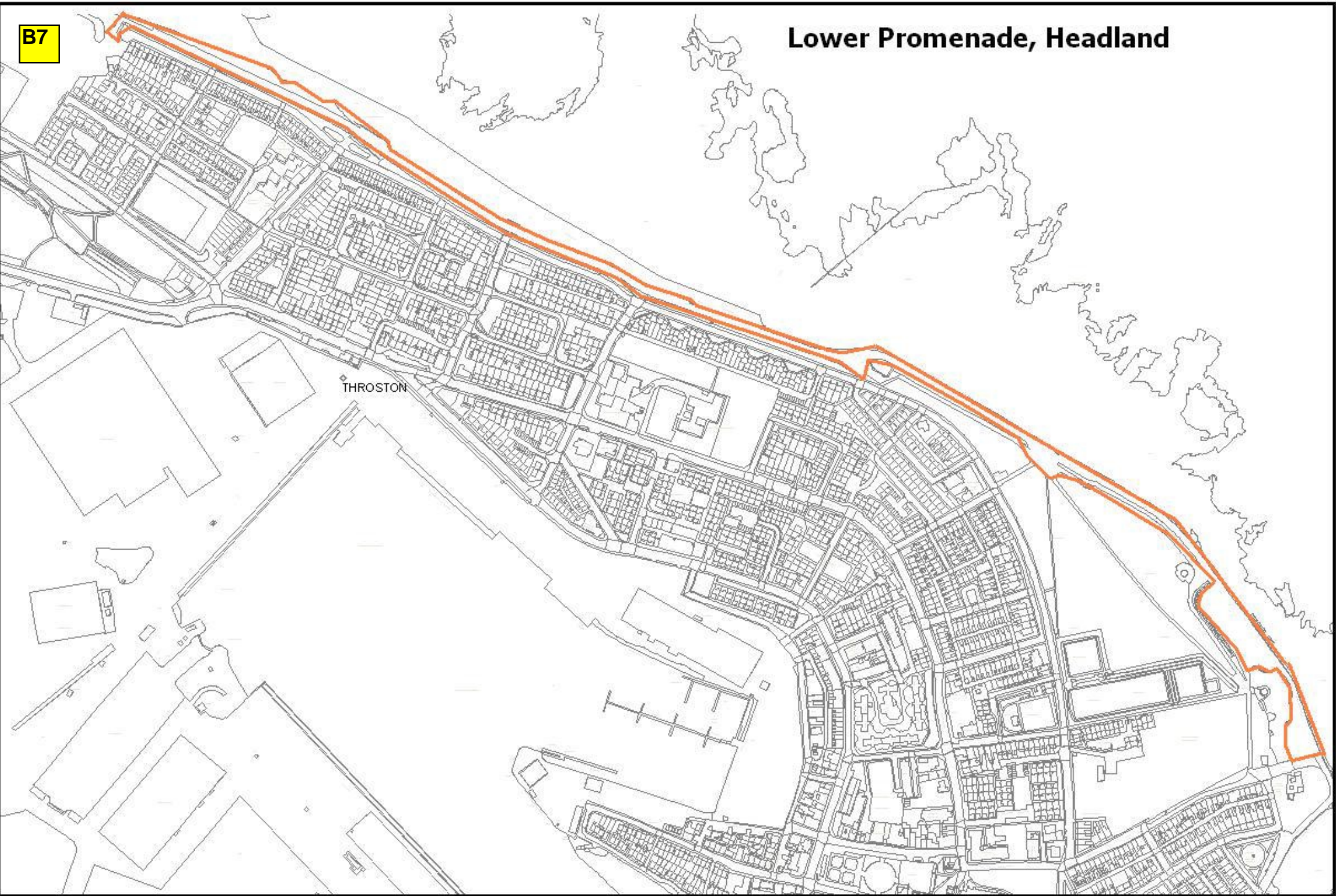
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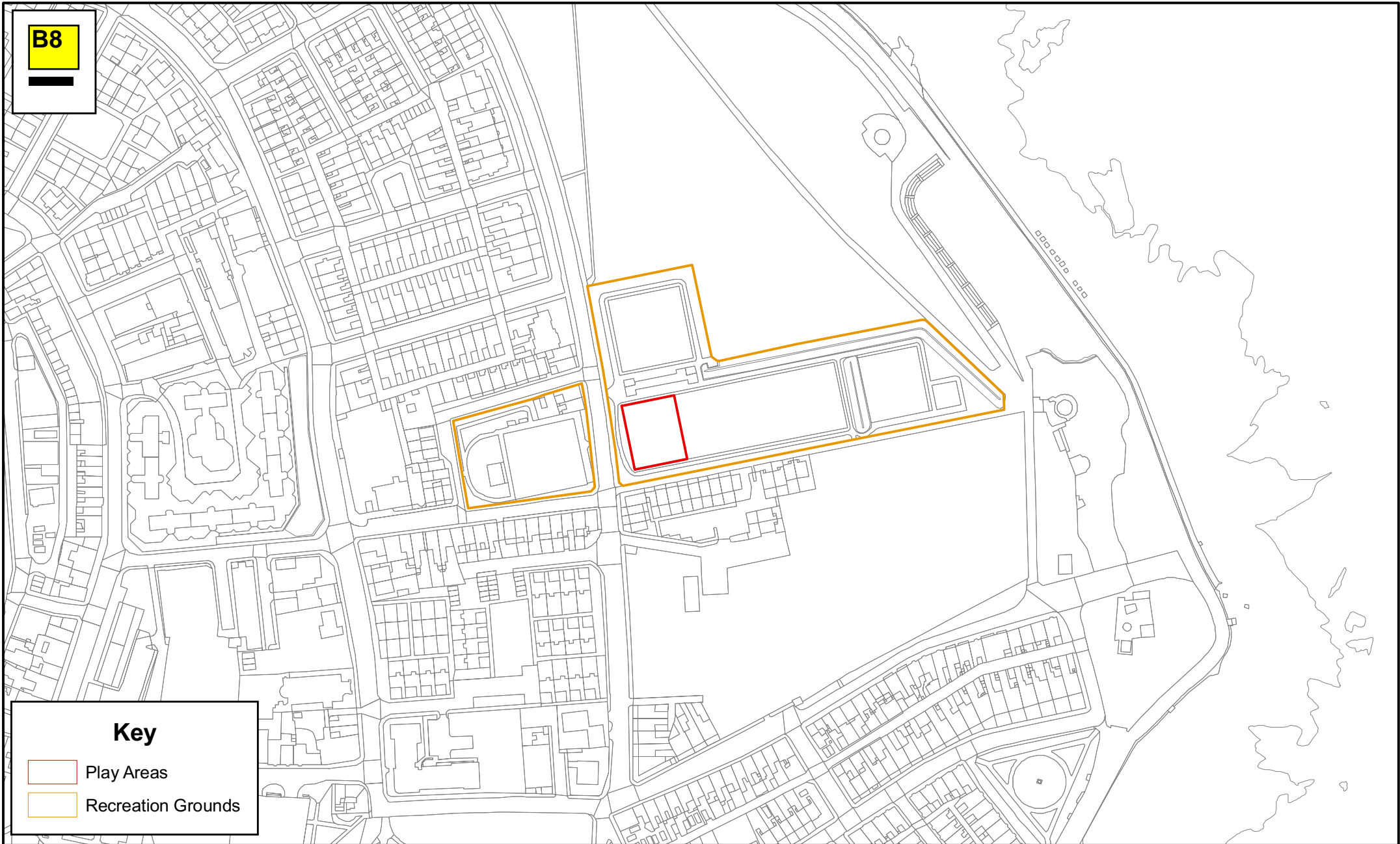
Lower Promenade, Headland

THROSTON



A detailed map of the Lower Promenade, Headland area. The map shows a coastal town with a dense grid of streets and buildings. A prominent orange line highlights a specific boundary or route along the coast. The area is labeled 'THROSTON' in the center-left. The map includes various geographical features like the coastline, islands, and a river or inlet. The overall layout is a top-down view of the urban and coastal environment.

Town Moor

B8



Key

-  Play Areas
-  Recreation Grounds



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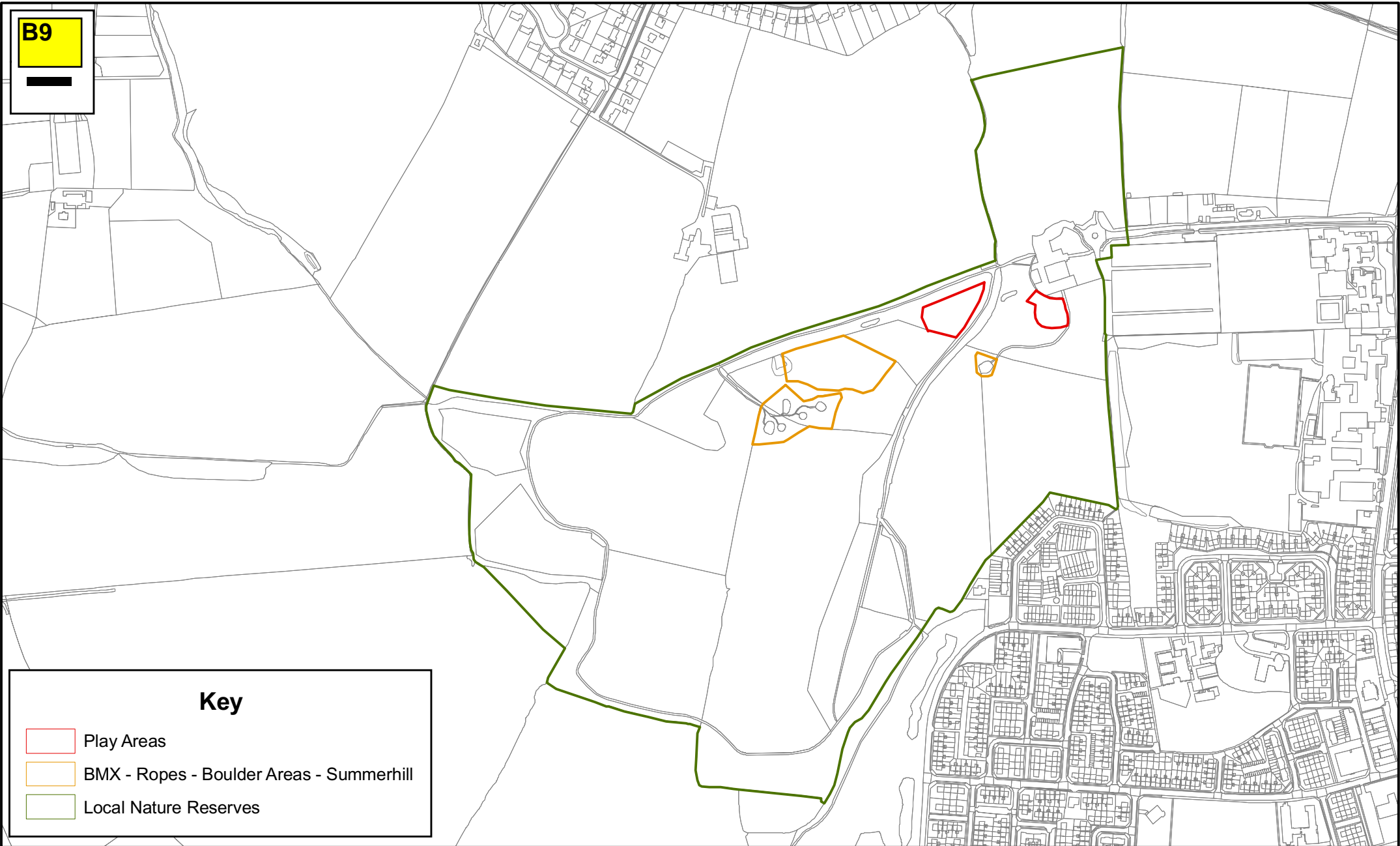
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Summerhill LNR

B9

Key

-  Play Areas
-  BMX - Ropes - Boulder Areas - Summerhill
-  Local Nature Reserves



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APPENDIX C

Title of Dog Control Order(s):

- PERMITTING A DOG TO ENTER LAND FROM WHICH DOGS ARE EXCLUDED

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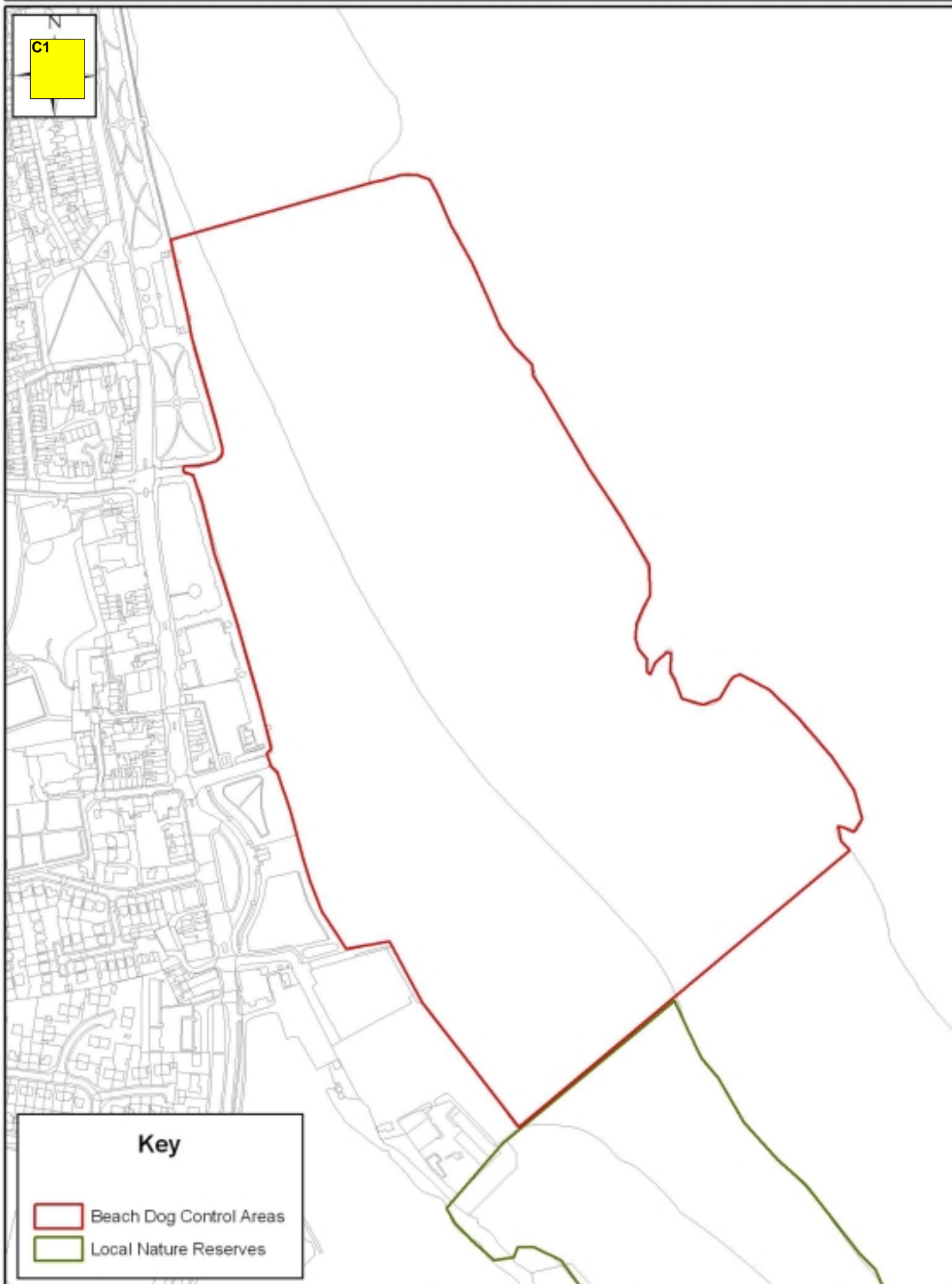
- SEATON CAREW BEACH - Seasonal May to September inc. (see map C1)
- HEADLAND FISH SANDS - Seasonal May to September inc. (see map C2)
- HEADLAND BLOCK SANDS – Seasonal May to September inc. (see map C3)
- BURBANK COMMUNITY GARDEN (see map C4)
- SEATON PADDLING POOL (see map C5)
- LOWER PROMENADE PADDLING POOL, HEADLAND (see map C6)
- MILL HOUSE SKATE PARK (see map C7)
- SUMMERHILL VISITOR CENTRE FIELD STUDY AREA (see map C8)
- ALL SPORTS PITCHES (e.g. football, rugby, hockey, cricket and athletics) at the following locations:

RIFT HOUSE REC.
GRAYFIELDS REC.
SEATON REC.
KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD
HARTLEPOOL 6TH FORM COLLEGE
GREATHAM SPORTS FIELD

- ALL PLAY GROUNDS at the following locations:

CLAVERING (see map C9)
WARD JACKSON PARK (see map C10)
TOWN MOOR REC. (see map C11)
ROSSMERE PARK (see map C12)
BURN VALLEY GARDENS (see map C13)
SUMMERHILL VISTOR CENTRE (see map C14)
HEADLAND LOWER PROMENADE (see map C15)
KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD (see map C16)
GRAYFIELDS REC. (see map C17)
SEATON PARK (see map C18)
OXFORD RD (see map C19)
KING OSWY DRIVE (see map C20)
JUTLAND RD (see map C21)
GREATHAM VILLAGE (see map C22)

SEATON CAREW BEACH



Key

- Beach Dog Control Areas
- Local Nature Reserves



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Fish Sands

C2



Key



Beach Dog Control Areas



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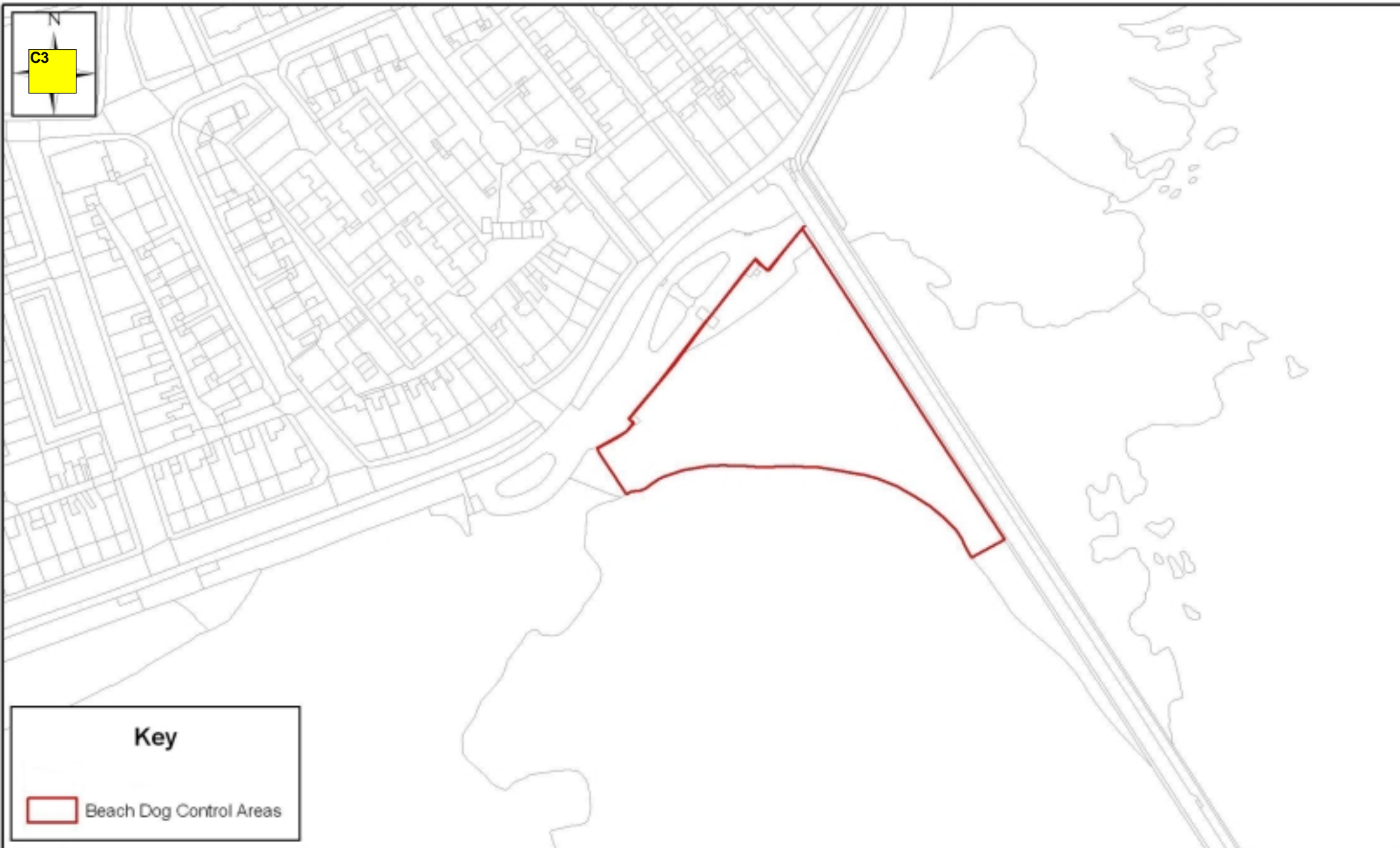
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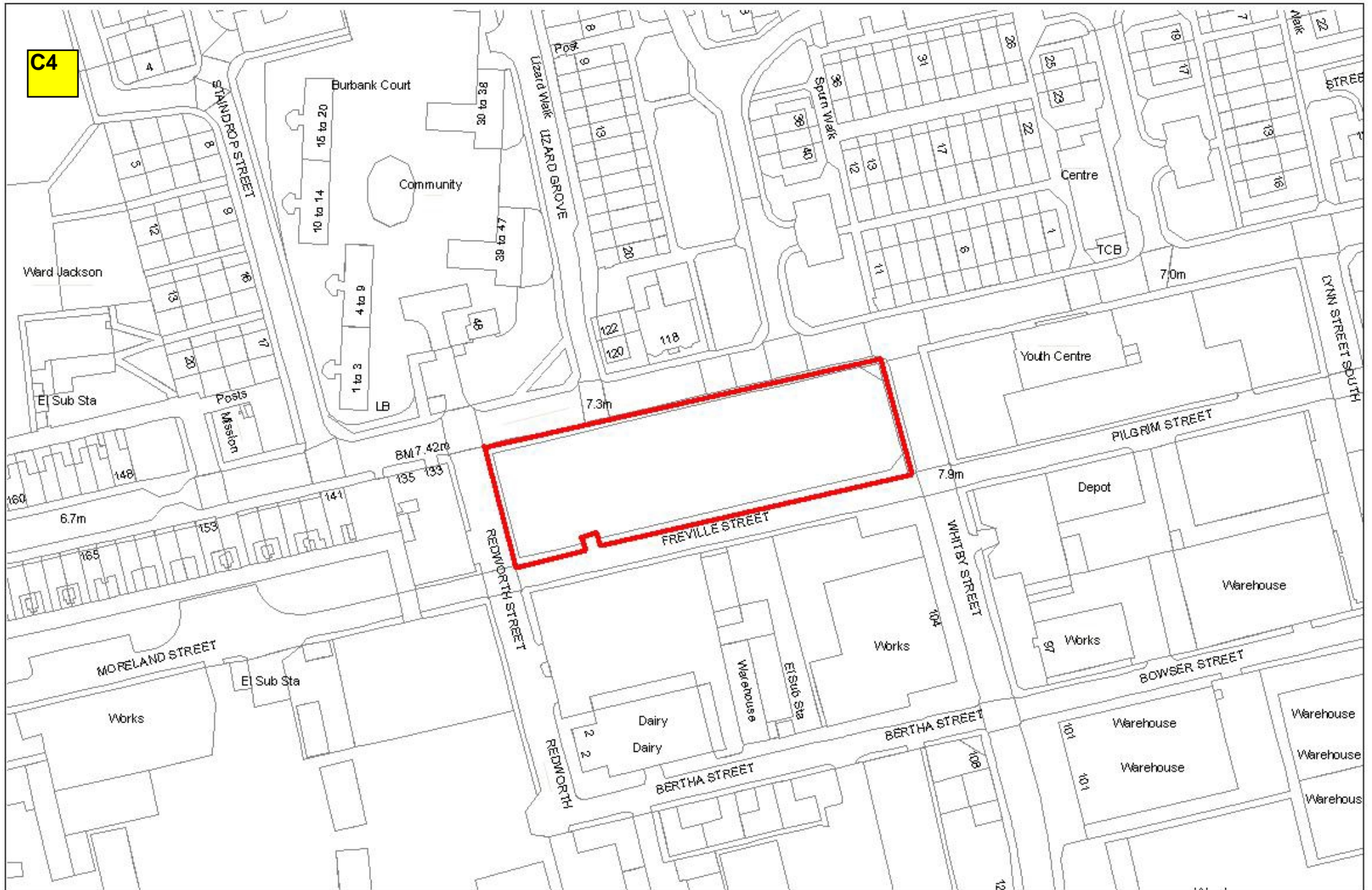


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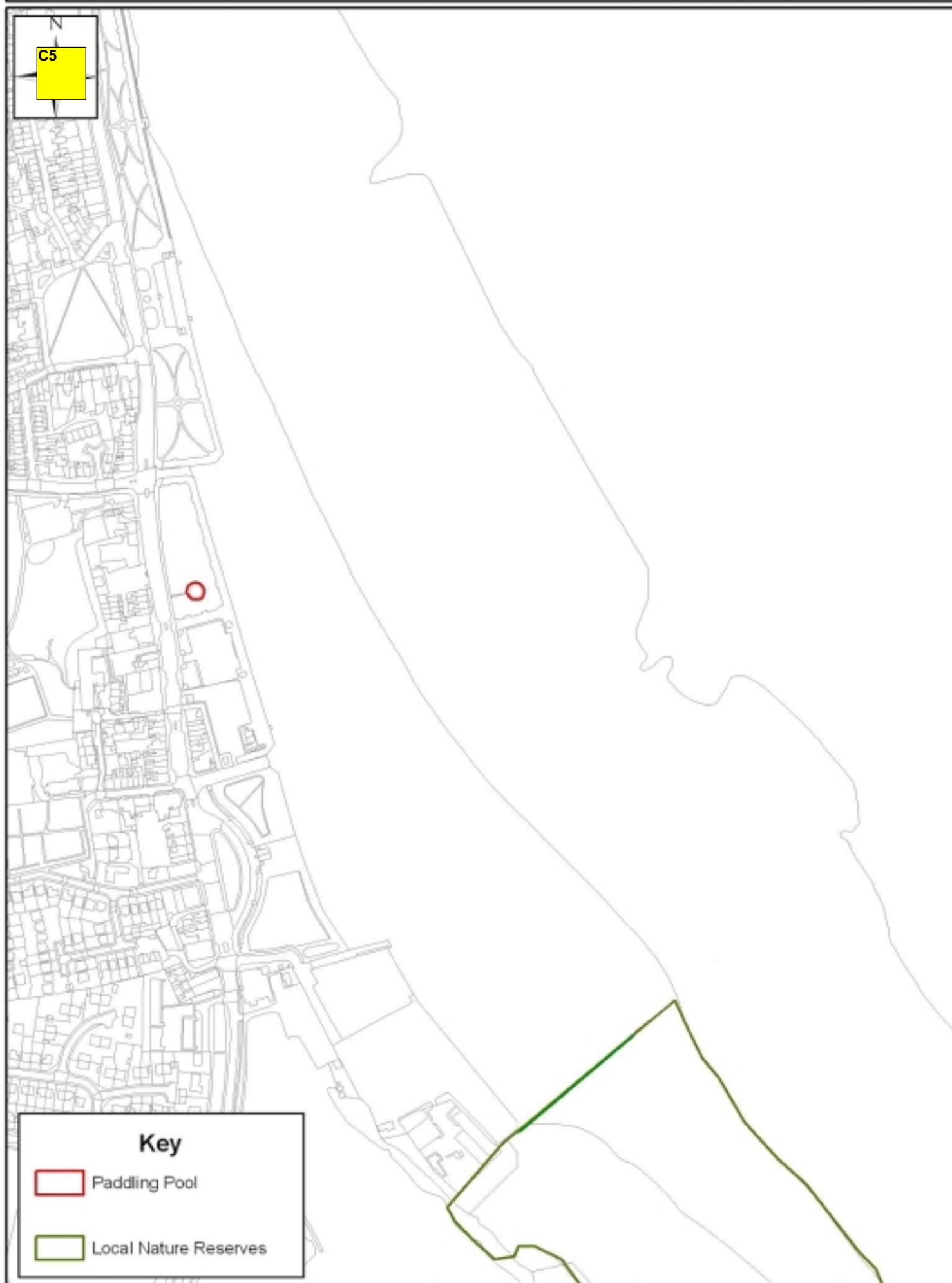
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Burbank Community Garden



SEATON CAREW PADDLING POOL



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Paddling Pool



Local Nature Reserves

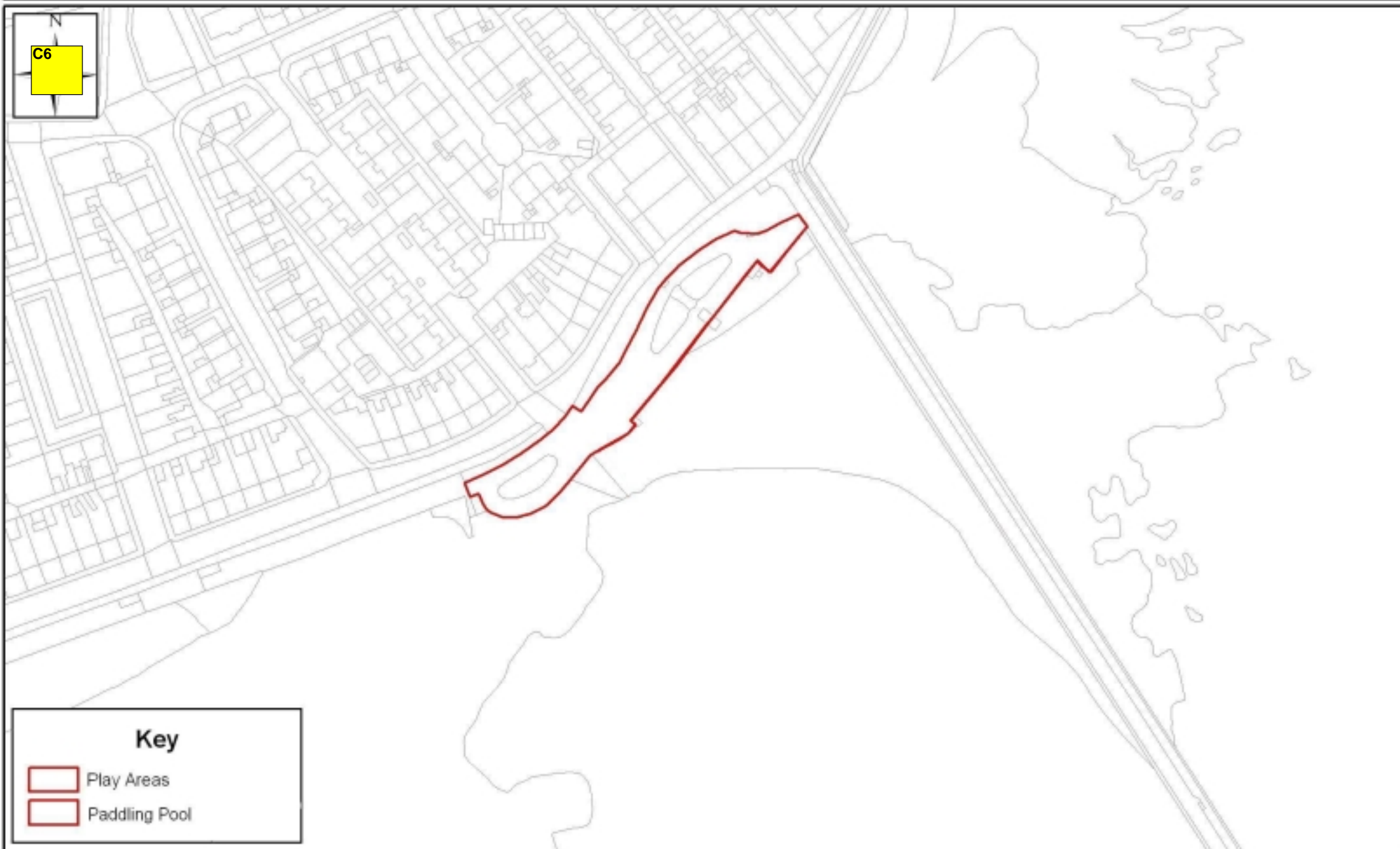


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HEADLAND LOWER PROMENADE



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Mill House Skate Park

C7

Key



Play Areas



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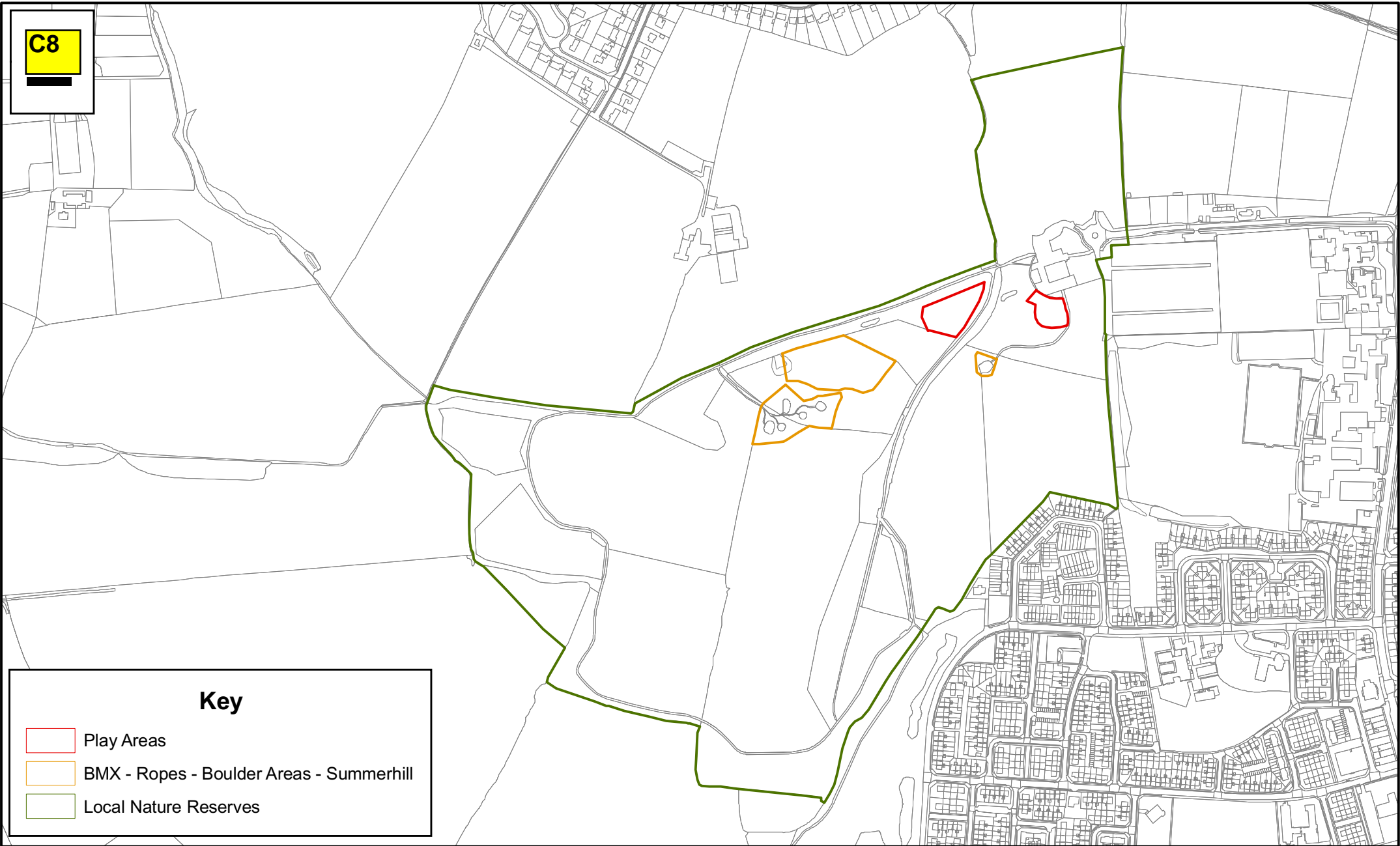
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Summerhill LNR

C8

Key

-  Play Areas
-  BMX - Ropes - Boulder Areas - Summerhill
-  Local Nature Reserves



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Clavering Play Area

C9

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Key



Play Areas



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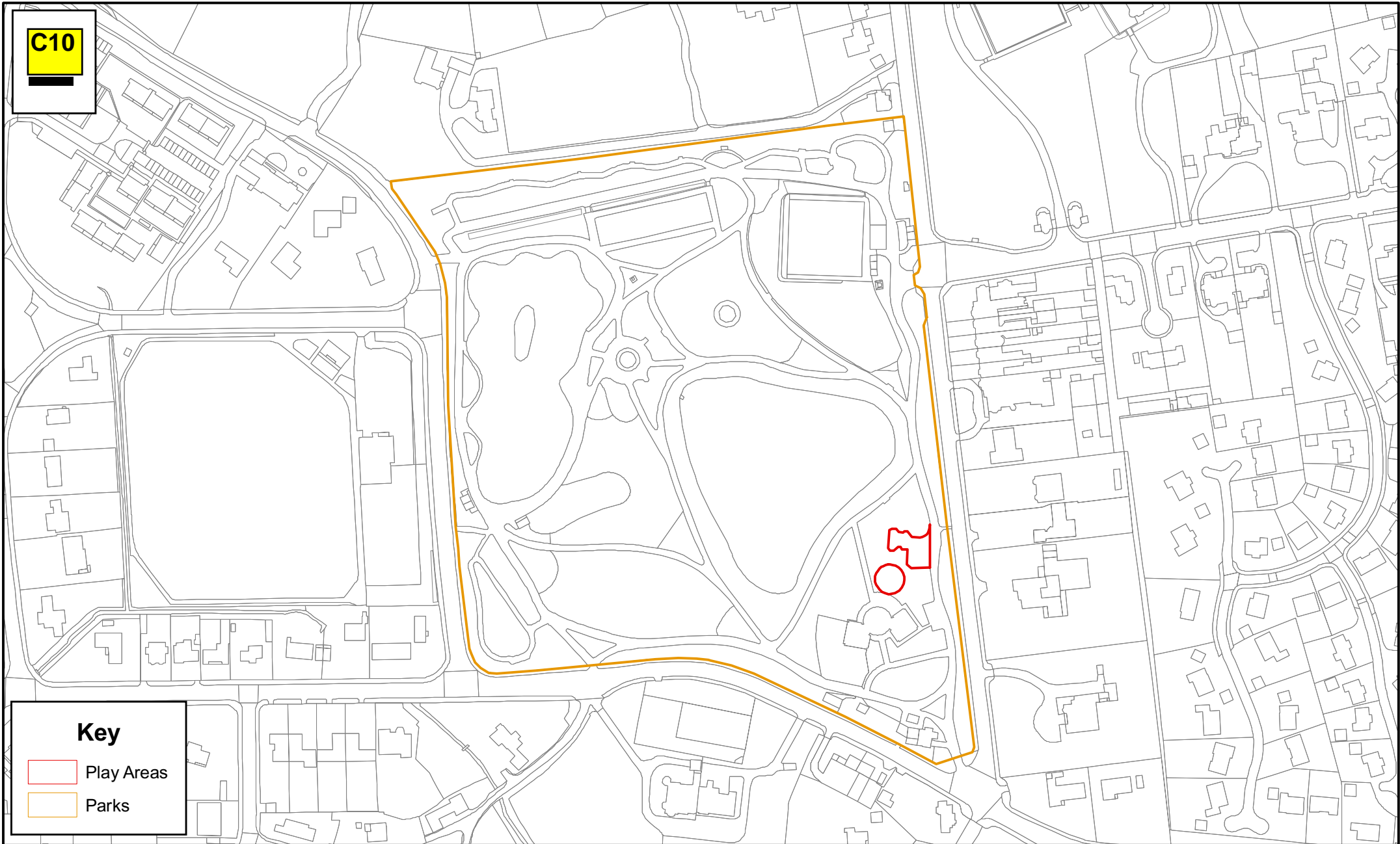
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Ward Jackson Park

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Key

-  Play Areas
-  Parks



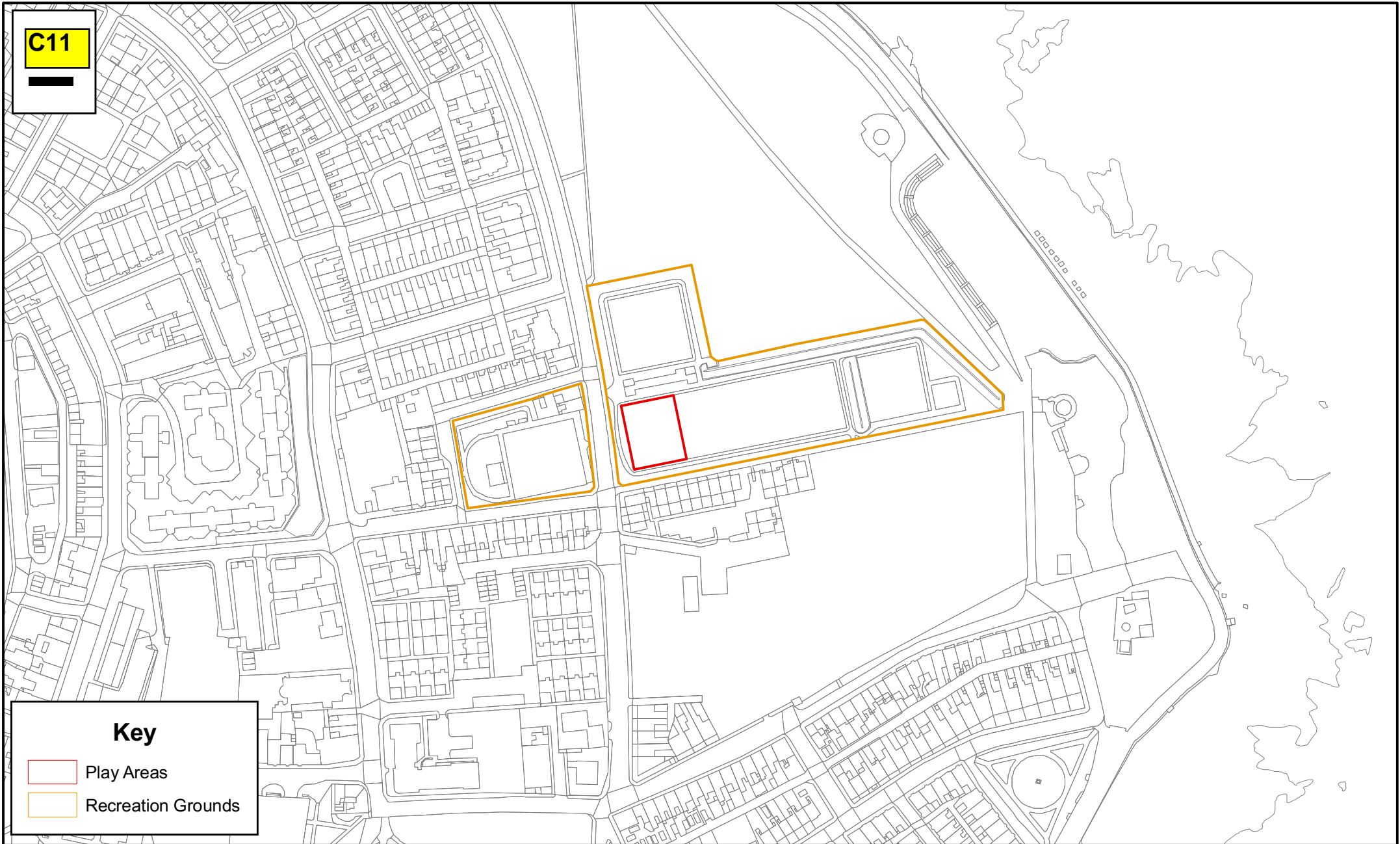
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Town Moor

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Key

-  Play Areas
-  Recreation Grounds



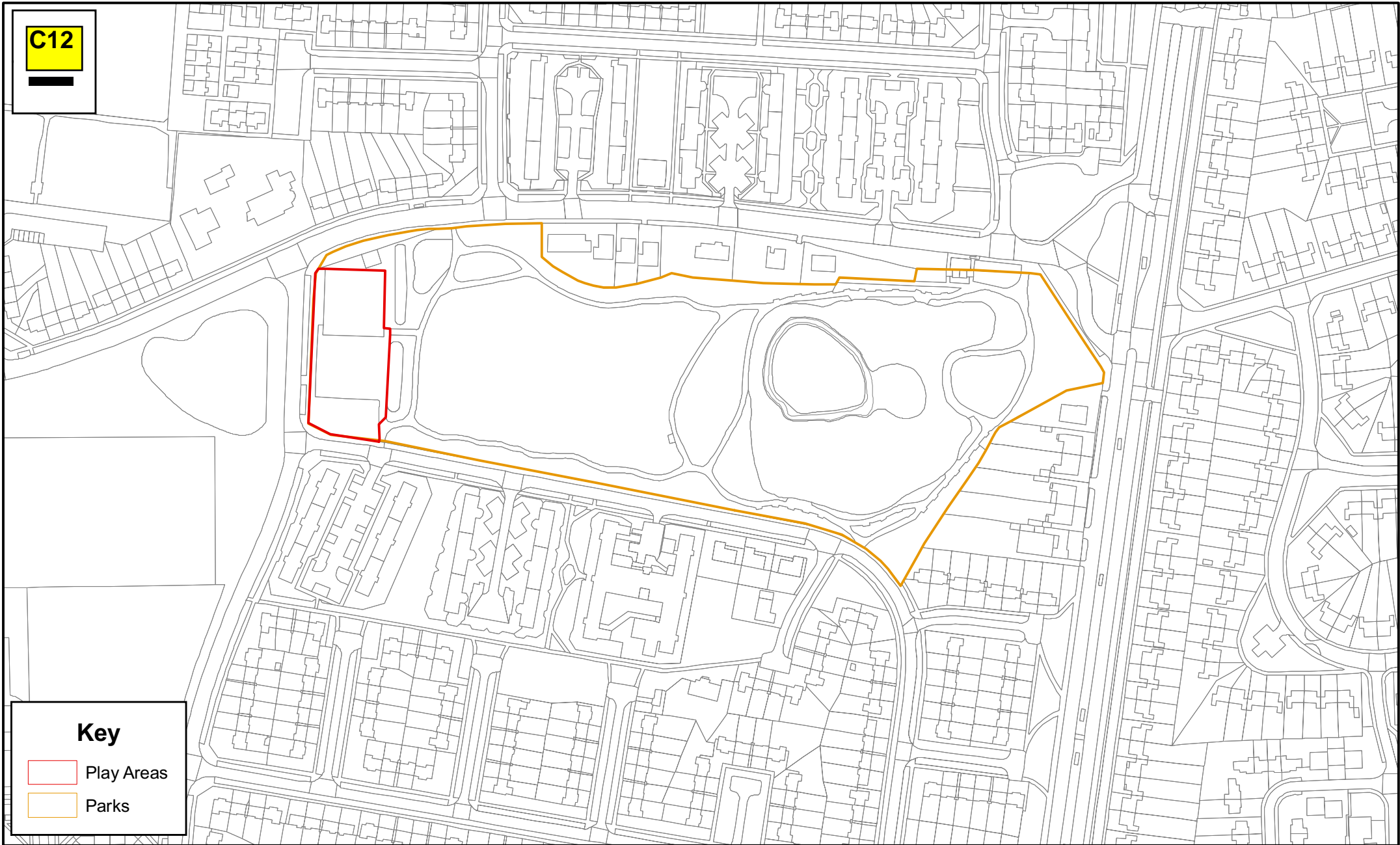
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Rossmere Park

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-  Parks



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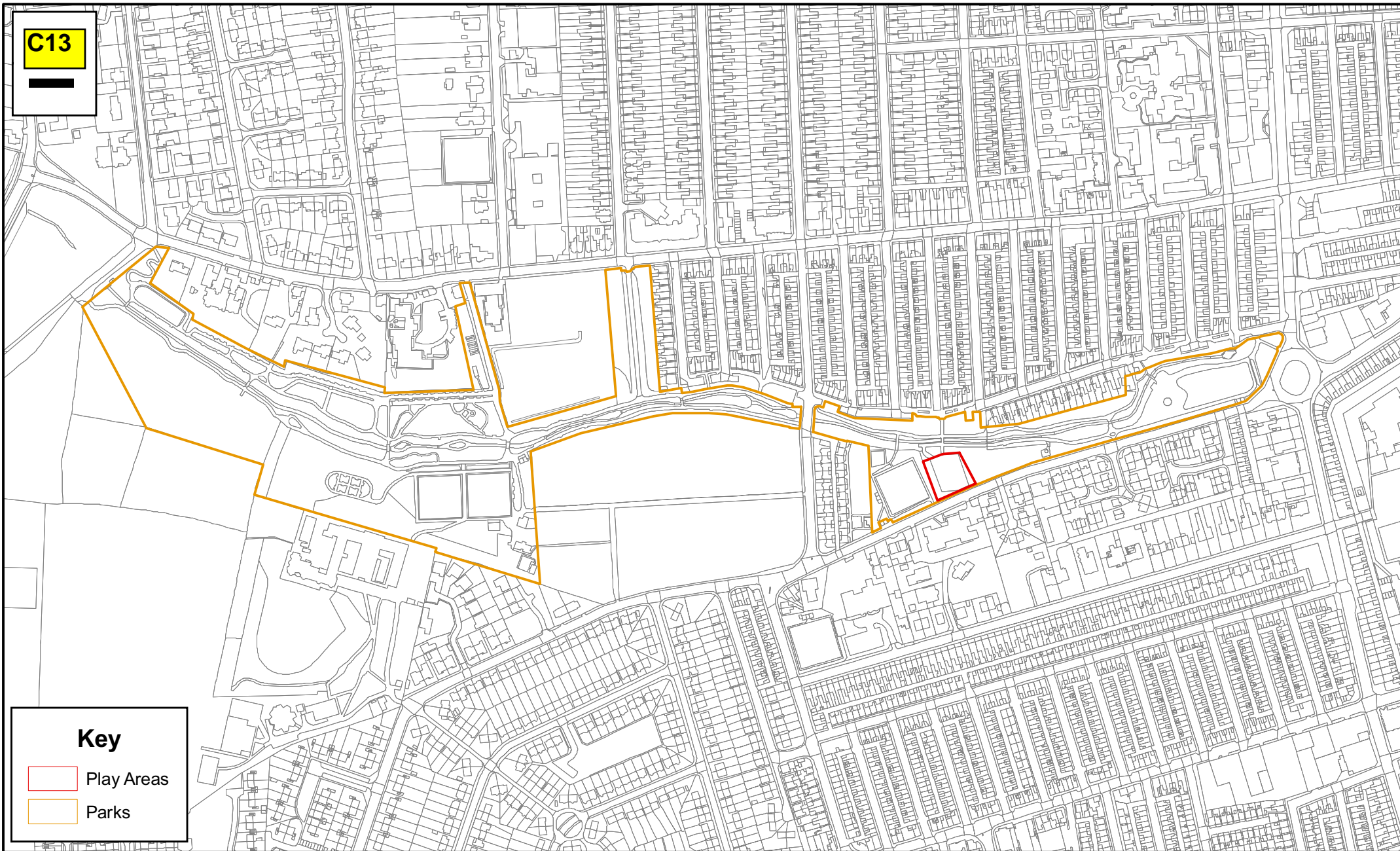
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-  Parks



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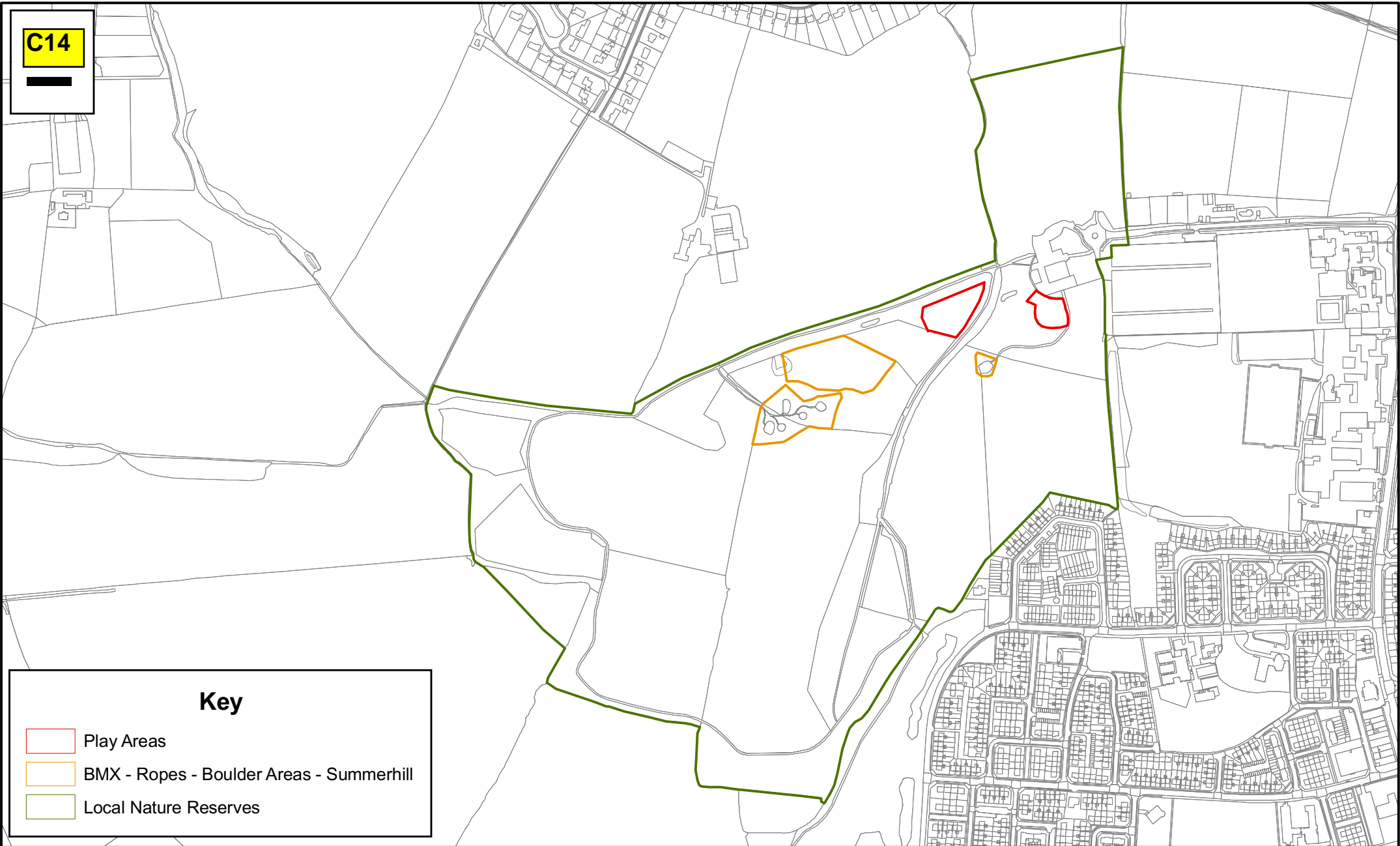
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Summerhill LNR

C14

Key

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-  BMX - Ropes - Boulder Areas - Summerhill
-  Local Nature Reserves

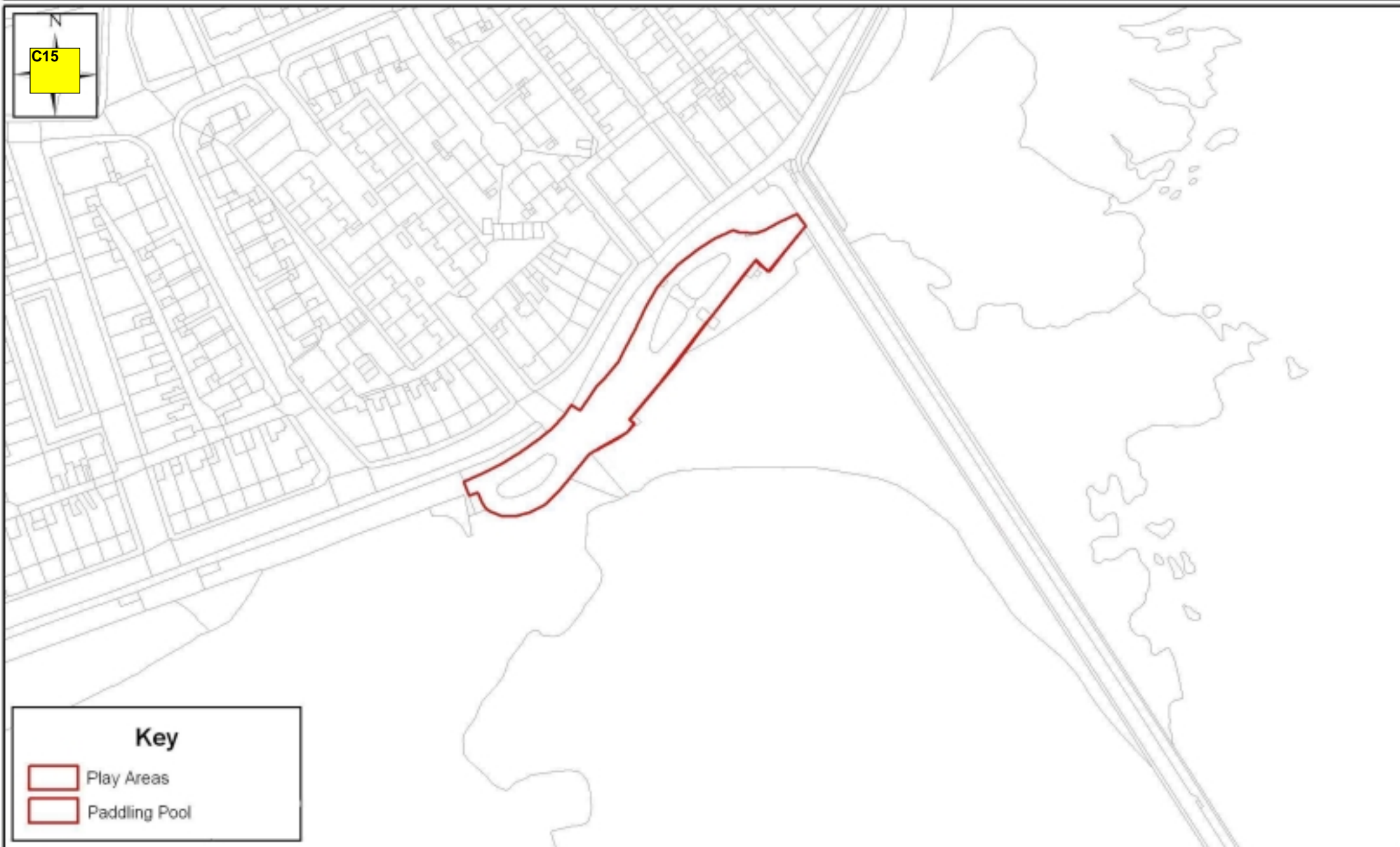


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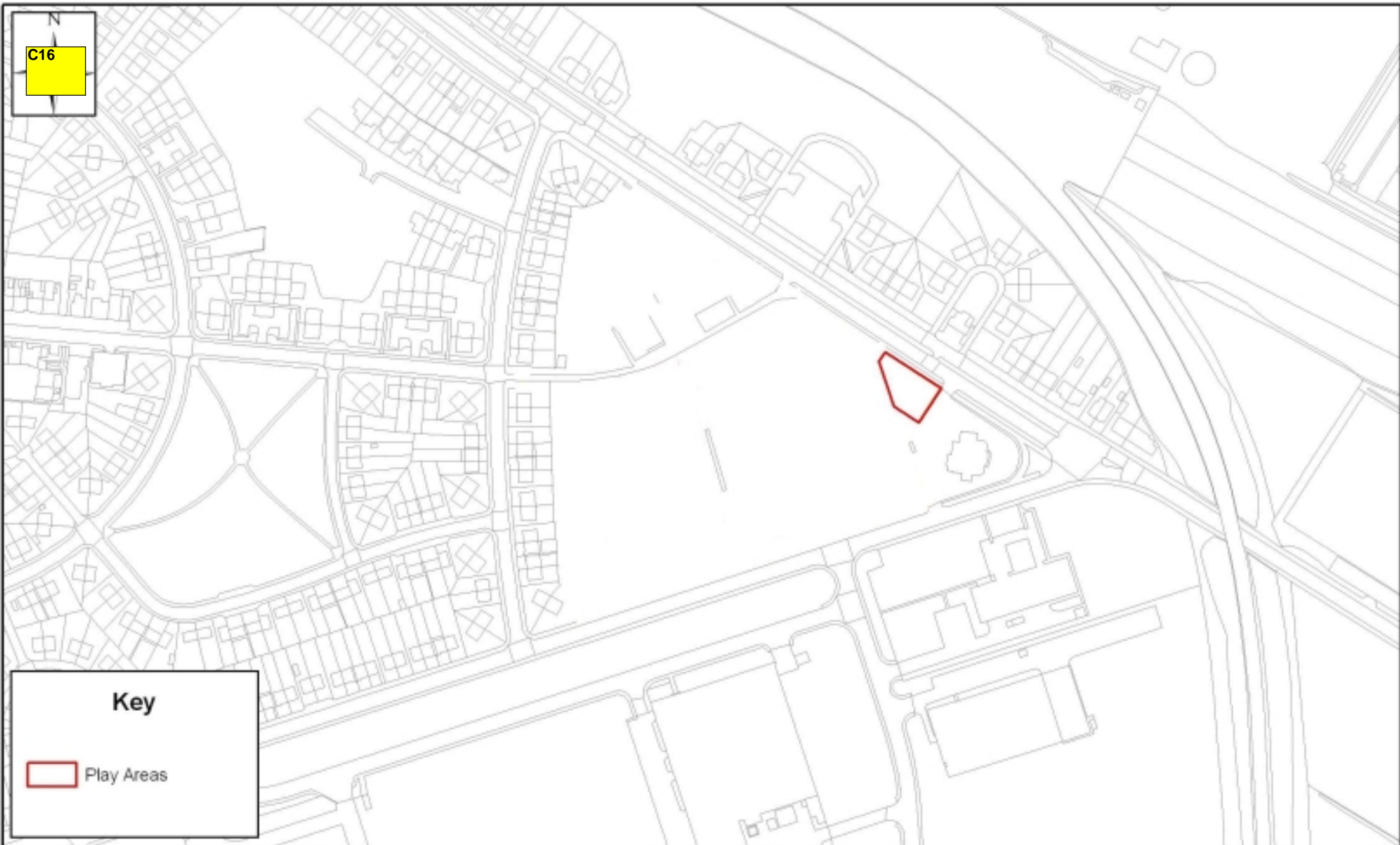


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King George V



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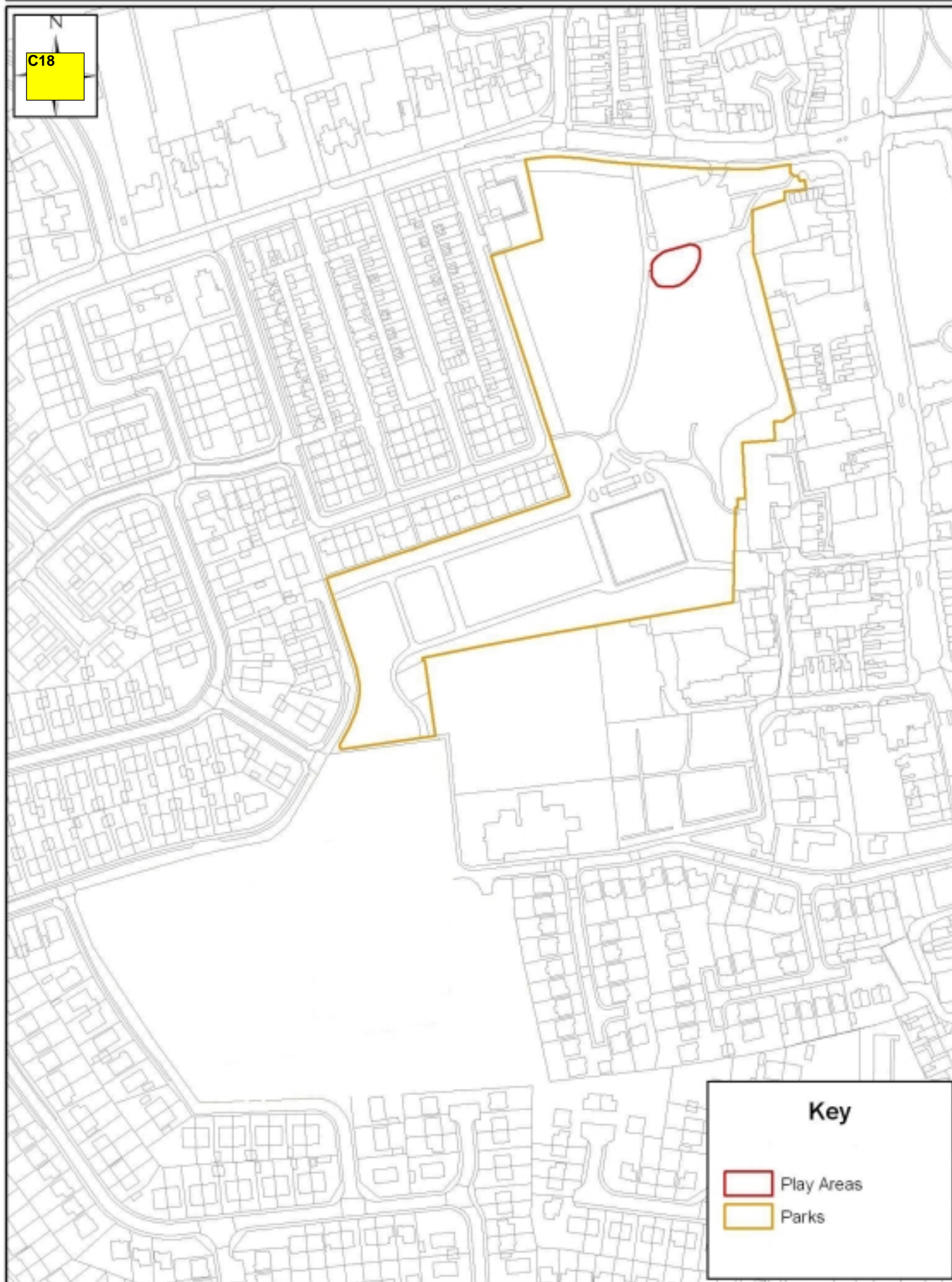
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Seaton Park

C18



Key

- Play Areas
- Parks



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Oxford Road Play Area

C19

Key

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King Oswy Drive Play Area

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Play Areas



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Jutland Road Play Area

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Greatham Play Area

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Play Areas



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APPENDIX D

The following locations are areas where dogs shall be permitted to exercise freely; however, an Authorised Officer shall retain the power to direct a person to put, and keep a dog on a lead.

- FAMILY WOOD, ELWICK RD (see map D1)
- HART TO HASWELL LNR (see map D2)
- SEATON DUNES & COMMON LNR (see map D3)
- GREATHAM BECK LNR (see map D4)
- SPION COP LNR (see map D5)
- HART WARREN DUNES LNR (see map D6)
- SUMMERHILL VISITOR CENTRE (see map D7)

This list is not exhaustive, but indicative in its approach.

Family Wood

D1

Key

 Family Wood



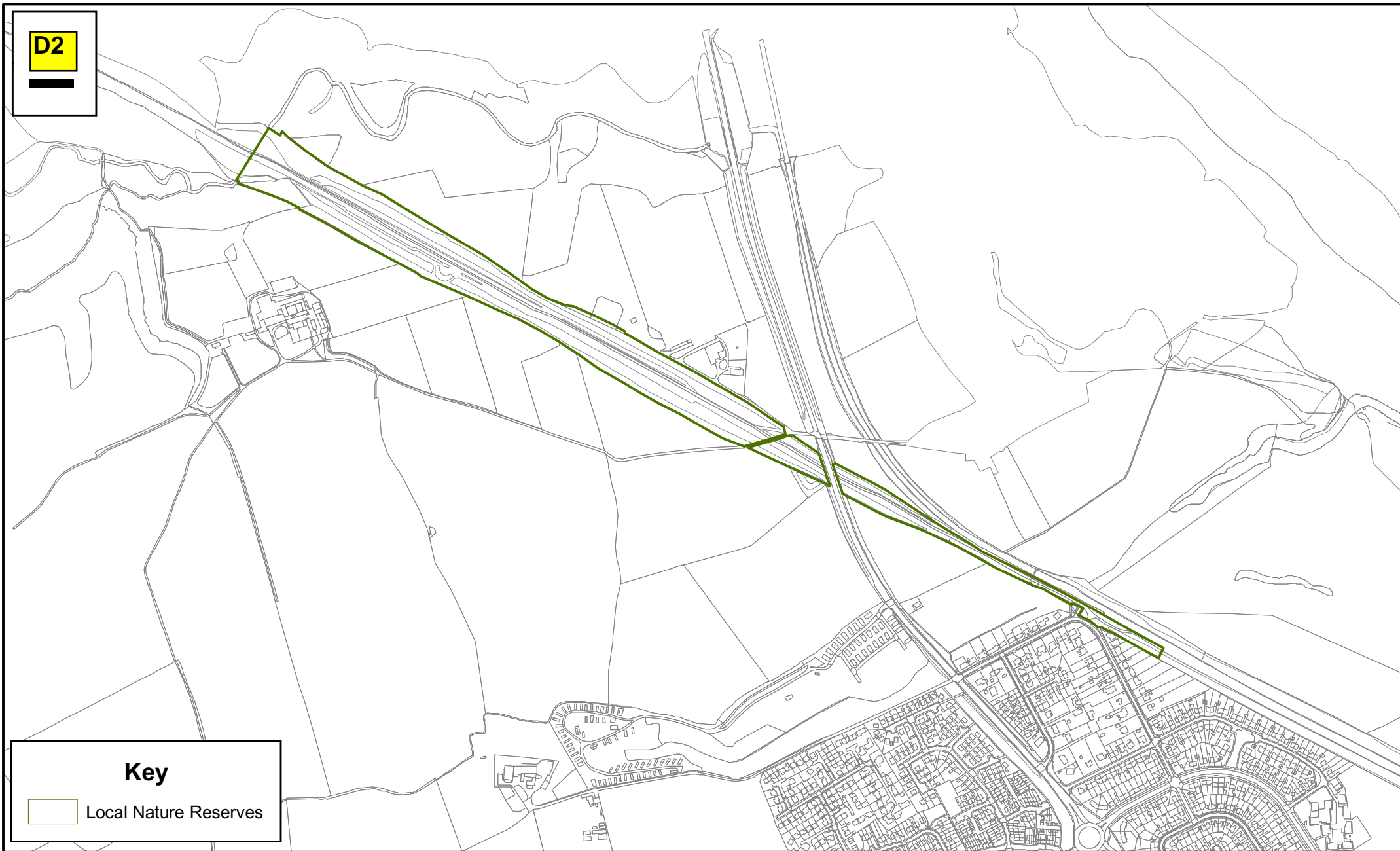
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Hart to Haswell LNR

D2



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 Local Nature Reserves



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Seaton Dunes & Common LNR

D3

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Greatham Beck LNR

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Spion Kop LNR

D5

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Hart Warren Dunes LNR

D6

Key



Local Nature Reserves



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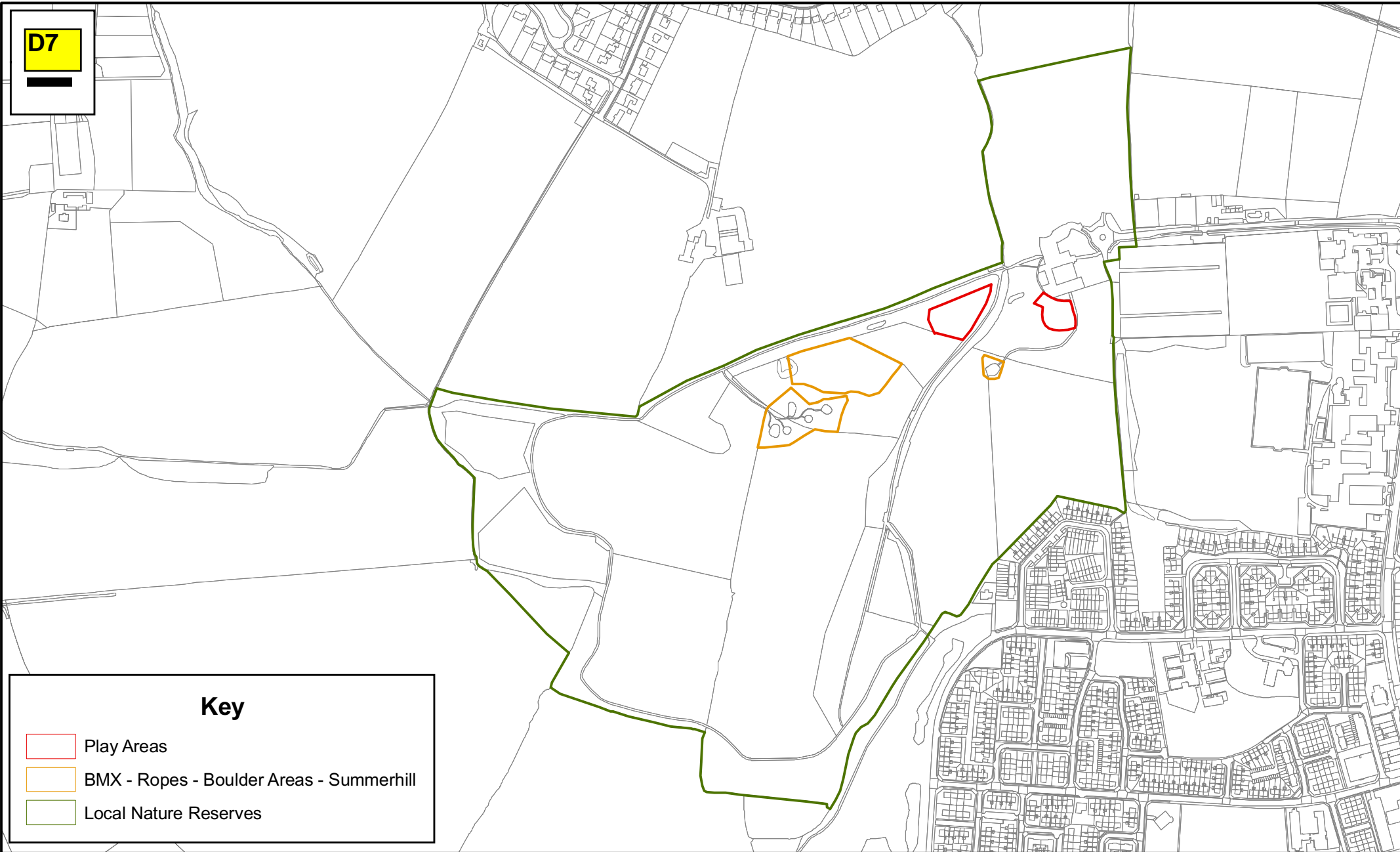
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Summerhill LNR

D7

Key

-  Play Areas
-  BMX - Ropes - Boulder Areas - Summerhill
-  Local Nature Reserves



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Report of: Director of Regeneration and Planning Services

Subject: The Future Town Planning of Hartlepool - Core Strategy Issues and Options Discussion Paper Consultation

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Forum of the consultation arrangements for the Issues and Options discussion paper, comprising the first stage in the preparation of the Hartlepool Core Strategy of the new Local Development Framework.

2. BACKGROUND AND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The preparation of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document is a requirement of the new 'Local Development Framework' planning system established by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- 2.2 The Hartlepool Core Strategy will set out the key elements of the planning framework for the area and will comprise a spatial vision and strategic objectives, a spatial strategy and core policies. The publication of an Issues and Options Discussion paper represents the first stage in the preparation of this Core Strategy. The paper sets out for comment some of the main issues facing Hartlepool and suggests various options for addressing these. There may be other issues and also alternative options should be considered. The purpose of the paper is to simulate debate- not to provide the answers.

3 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- 3.1 Public consultation is currently being carried out on the Issues and Options Discussions paper and this will allow communities, organisations and businesses to have their say on what options should be used in the Hartlepool to deal with a range of spatial planning issues. The consultation will allow any further issues to be identified, and for options to be put forward for consideration on how to deal with such further issues.
- 3.2 The consultation began on October 31st and will last for three months until the end of January 2008. The Issues and Options discussion paper its accompanying sustainability appraisal and a questionnaire are available from the Civic Centre, Central Library and branch libraries throughout Hartlepool and from Bryan Hanson House.

- 3.3 The Central Library will also have display boards during the consultation period and the following drop in sessions will take place:

Thursday 6th December 2007, 10am-1pm
Monday 10th December 2007, 4pm-7pm
Saturday 15th December 2007, 10am-12noon
Tuesday 8th January 2008, 4pm-7pm
Monday 14th January 2008, 10am-1pm
Saturday 19th January 2008, 10am-12noon

Officers will be on hand to discuss the issues and options and answer any queries from interested parties.

- 3.4 There are various ways to submit comments. Either complete a questionnaire and return it to Bryan Hanson House, Hanson Square Hartlepool TS24 7BT – the questionnaires are available at Bryan Hanson House, the Civic Centre and the libraries, or can be requested by phoning 01429 523532 or emailing planningpolicy@hartlepool.gov.uk. The questionnaire can be completed on our online consultation website at <http://planningpolicy.hartlepool.gov.uk>. Users will need to register when visiting the site, and will then be kept informed by email of consultations on later stages of the Core Strategy and other planning documents that are being produced. Comments can also be sent by letter to the Planning Policy Team at Bryan Hanson House or by email to planningpolicy@hartlepool.gov.uk.
- 3.5 Planning officers are available to discuss the issues throughout the consultation period and are happy to give a detailed presentation to any groups that would like to know more about the document and the new planning system. All opinions are extremely important to us and this discussion paper provides a valuable opportunity to help shape the future of the town.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 That the report be noted and that interested parties be encouraged view the document or attend the drop in sessions and make formal representations on the Issues and Options report.



Summary of Hartlepool Core Strategy Issues and Options Discussion Paper 2007

“Future town planning of
Hartlepool”

The Issues and Options Discussion Paper

A discussion paper has been published to start the process for determining how Hartlepool will develop in the future.

It is important for you to get involved at this time to help shape what kind of place Hartlepool will become.

The paper sets out a number of key issues and suggests possible options for addressing these. There may be other issues and also alternative options which you feel should be considered. The purpose of this paper is to stimulate debate – not to provide the answers.

The New Planning System

The Hartlepool Local Plan setting out policies and general proposals for use and development of land in Hartlepool was adopted in April 2006. However, the plan-making system has been revised and a new plan-making system introduced which is now wider than just land use. At the local level it will ultimately replace the single local plan with a collection of documents known as the “Local Development Framework”.

The new planning system is much wider than the old system, with emphasis on “Spatial Planning” to bring together and integrate policies for the use and development of land with other policies and programmes which influence the nature of places and how they function. Documents within the Local Development Framework will, like the Local Plan, seek to ensure the most efficient use of land by balancing competing demands, but in accordance with a clear, distinctive and realistic vision of how the area will develop and change based on principles of sustainable development. This issues and options document introduces the first stages of developing that vision.

The Core Strategy

Hartlepool’s Core Strategy will set out broadly but clearly what kind of place the area will be in the future, what kind of changes will be needed to make this happen, and how this will be brought about. As a starting point it will set out the spatial vision for the Borough – as it is anticipated to be by 2025. It will be developed from the vision of Hartlepool’s Community Strategy. To achieve this vision, the Core Strategy will establish spatial objectives and a spatial strategy and strategic policies to deliver the vision and to guide the Borough’s development over the next decade and more.

The core strategy will provide the broad locational strategy for future development as well as focusing on four themes covering:

- Strengthening the Local Economy,
- Developing a Sustainable Community,
- Enhancing the Environment, and
- Improving Connectivity.

Locational strategy

The Core Strategy will need to identify in broad terms where future development will be located. Some of the options could be:

- Continue focus on major regeneration areas of the town,

- Expand the villages,
- Allow a western expansion of the town beyond the built-up area,
- Allow further development at Wynyard,
- Concentrate new retailing only in the shopping centre,
- Create more public open space in the built up area.

Strengthening the Local Economy

Key Issues and Options:

- How can we develop the tourism economy?
- Is the amount of employment land sufficient for current and future needs?
- Can some employment sites be identified for different uses?
- What investment is needed to make our employment land more attractive for development?

Developing a Sustainable Community

This theme is concerned with providing housing to meet local aspirations, maintaining leisure facilities and other local services. Issues and options include:

- Let the market decide the type of housing provided.
- Should we encourage the provision of family housing and bungalows?
- Do you think the Council should address the issues of overprovision of flats and apartments?
- Should developers be required to provide any affordable housing in new developments?
- Should open space and recreation and leisure facilities be spread more evenly across town?
- Are there any part of the town that would benefit from a local (shopping) centre?

Enhancing the Environment

This theme covers both the built and natural environment and the importance this has contributing to quality of life issues. Our options could include:

- Actively look to enhance our wildlife Sites.
- Assess whether any new areas should be designated as conservation areas.
- Provide design related policies for new development that gives a sense of place.

Improving Connectivity

This theme is concerned with transport links both within the Borough and with the wider region. Issues and options could include:

- Continue to develop the coastal walkway.
- Greater use of travel plans to achieve more sustainable transport movements.
- To develop park and ride facilities at key points to help reduce congestion.

The Consultation Process

The Issues and Options Discussion Paper and its accompanying Initial Sustainability Appraisal will be widely available for a period of three months until the end of January 2008. They will be available for inspection at Bryan Hanson House, the Civic Centre and the town's libraries. A number of copies will be available for borrowing at the Central Library. The documents are also available for downloading at the Council's website <http://www.hartlepool.gov.uk> or on the online consultation site at <http://planningpolicy.hartlepool.gov.uk>.

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Officers will be on hand to discuss the issues and options and answer any queries from interested parties. At other times there will be a small explanation display.

Officers from the Planning Policy team are available at Bryan Hanson House during normal office hours to expand on anything included in this paper and / or to discuss any other matters relating to the preparation of the Core Strategy. Officers can also visit your home if you are unable to get to Bryan Hanson House. If you are a member of a group of residents or businesses and would like an officer to attend one of your meetings, please contact the policy team at Bryan Hanson House, Hanson Square Hartlepool TS24 7BT (tel 01429 523532 or email planningpolicy@hartlepool.gov.uk)

How to Comment

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All comments and questionnaires should be received by 4.30pm on Friday 1st February 2008.