

# PLEASE NOTE VENUE

## **SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA**



**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

**at 10.00 am**

**in Owton Rossmere Resource Centre (ORCEL),  
Wynyard Road, Hartlepool**

**MEMBERS: SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:**

Councillors S Cook, Flintoff, Gibbon, Hill, James, Johnson, A Lilley, G Lilley,  
A Marshall, Preece, Turner, Wistow and Young

**Resident Representatives:**

Ann Butterfield, Mary Green, Rose Kennedy, Michael McKie, David Roe, Iris Ryder  
and Michael Ward.

- 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 South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2007 (*attached*)
  - 4.2 Matters arising
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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## 6. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

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

## 7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / INFORMATION

- 7.1 Presentation – LINKs (Local Involvement Networks) – *Head of Procurement and Property Services*
- 7.2 The Future Town Planning of Hartlepool – Core Strategy Issues and Options Discussion Paper Consultation – *Director of Regeneration and Planning Services*
- 7.3 Presentation – Pride in Hartlepool – *Pride in Hartlepool Officer*

## 8. ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 8.1 Minor Works Proposals – *Neighbourhood Manager (South)*
- 8.2 M Block Traffic Calming – *Head of Technical Services*
- 8.3 Owton Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) Update (Final for Endorsement) – *Head of Regeneration*

## 9. WARD ISSUES

## 10. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the South Area Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum is to be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2008 commencing at 10am at Owton Rossmere Resource Centre, Wynyard Road.

The next meeting of the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum is to be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008 commencing at 10am at Owton Rossmere Resource Centre, Wynyard Road.

**WARDS**

Fens  
Greatham  
Owton  
Rossmere  
Seaton

# ***SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM***

**12 October 2007**

## ***MINUTES OF THE MEETING***



The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. in the Owton Manor Community Centre, Hartlepool

<b>PRESENT:</b>
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Chair: Councillor Mick Johnson - Rossmere Ward

Vice Chair: Mary Green (Resident Representative)

Councillor Shaun Cook	- Rossmere Ward
Councillor Bob Flintoff	- Owton Ward
Councillor Steve Gibbon	- Fens Ward
Councillor Cath Hill	- Seaton Ward
Councillor Marjorie James	- Owton Ward
Councillor Michael Johnson	- Rossmere Ward
Councillor Alison Lilley	- Fens Ward
Councillor Ann Marshall	- Rossmere Ward
Councillor Arthur Preece	- Fens Ward
Councillor Michael Turner	- Seaton Ward
Councillor Gerald Wistow	- Owton Ward

**Resident Representatives:**

Ann Butterfield, Rose Kennedy, Michael McKie and Iris Ryder.

**Public:** H Oxley, J Smith, J Unwin, M Unwin, M Hurst, R A Johnson, K Fisher and D Clark.

**Officers:** David Frame, South Neighbourhood Manager  
David Mitchell, Neighbourhood Coordinator  
Sue McBride, Neighbourhood Development Officer (South)  
Margaret Wigglesworth, Community Engagement Officer  
Paul Mitchinson, Highways Services Manager  
Paul Briggs, Assistant Director (Resources and Support Services)  
Charlotte Burnham, Scrutiny Manager

**Police Representatives:** D Galloway, C Richardson.

## **22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Geoff Lilley and David Young and Resident Representatives David Rowe and Michael Ward.

## **23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor S Cook declared a personal interest in Minute No. 32 'Nuclear New Builds'.

## **24. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 AUGUST 2007**

David Frame indicated that he had received an e-mail from Councillor G Lilley requesting an amendment to Minute No. 13 and the reference he had made to Members writing to the Chair of INCA. Councillor G Lilley requested the paragraph in the minutes be replaced with the following: -

"Councillor G Lilley raised the issue of Seaton Meadows waste disposal site and encouraged Councillors and residents to write to John Mann, the Chairman of INCA, to encourage community involvement in the end of use status of the site, in the hope that once no longer in operation as a waste disposal site it could be used by the wider community and enhance the biodiversity of the area."

The amendment was agreed by the Committee.

Subject to the above amendment, the minutes were confirmed,

## **25. MATTERS ARISING**

Councillor James referred to Minute 14 "Public Questions Time" and updated the forum following a visit to the visual audit carried out in the Macrae/Minch Roads area. Following the visit there was a

recognised that there was a need for three additional streetlights. Councillor James indicated that funding for the streetlights was being negotiated and hoped that minor works funding would also be available.

Councillor A Marshall asked if the no drinking in public places signs had been erected. David Frame indicated the works were on-going.

Councillor S Cook indicated that he had not received the report on the visual audit of Rossmere Park.

Councillor Wistow asked for an update on the motorbike issues raised at the previous meeting and the Police and Community Safety Forum. The Chair indicated that he had written to Councillor Wallace, one of the council's representatives to the Police Authority and would ask for the issue to be reported to the next meeting. Councillor James stated that this was an issue for all the forums and suggested the Chairs of the three forums liaise with the Police.

## **26. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH LIAISON MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2007**

The minutes of the meeting of the parish liaison meeting were received.

## **27. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions raised by members of the public.

## **28. BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE – STAGE 4 CONSULTATION – SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS**

Paul Briggs, Assistant Director (Resources and Support Services), outlined the next stage of the Building



Schools for the Future consultation process which related to special educational needs. A series of public consultation meetings were being held and people were encouraged to attend one of the meetings to hear the proposals and comment on them.

Mr Briggs updated the Forum on the situation relating to Brierton Community School. Following the stage 3 consultation, Cabinet had formally proposed the discontinuation of Brierton School. This proposal was now part of the formal consultation and a public notice of this had been issued. Once this formal consultation on the proposal had been completed, a report with the response to the consultation would be submitted to Cabinet for final consideration.

Councillor S Cook hoped that the retention of the hydrotherapy pool would be a key element of any future proposals as its benefits to those children that needed this therapy far outweighed the costs.

Councillor commented on the future use of land following the implementation of the BSF recommendations.

### **29. WINTER SERVICE POLICY AND PRIORITIES**

Paul Mitchinson, Highways Services Manager, sought the forum's comments on the proposed winter service policy and priorities.

Residents and Councillors questioned the locations of grit bins and gritting routes in the south area.

### **30. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTIONS**

Margaret Wigglesworth, Community Engagement Officer, highlighted to the forum the availability of council tax

reductions available to people with permanent disabilities, those with mental impairment, and those caring for them. The Chair thanked Margaret Wigglesworth for the very informative presentation.

### **31. SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION – WITHDRAWAL OF EMERGENCY PRACTITIONER SERVICES AT WYNARD ROAD PRIMARY CARE CENTRE IN HARTLEPOOL**

Councillor Jonathan Brash, Chair of the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum, was present at the meeting to seek the forum's views on the investigation into 'Withdrawal of the Emergency Practitioner Services at the Wynyard Road Primary Care Centre in Hartlepool'. The issue had been originally referred to scrutiny by the South Forum. Councillor Brash indicated that the meetings of the scrutiny forum discussing this issue would be held in the south area. The first meeting would be held on 23 October at 3.00pm at the Owton Rossmere Resource Centre and would involve representatives from the Hartlepool PCT.

Councillors and residents welcomed the investigation and Councillor Wistow particularly commented on the strength of local feeling. Councillor Wistow was also concerned at the news that the practice was currently out to tender to the private sector. There was some concern that this would be completed before the scrutiny investigation. Councillor Brash indicated he was aware of this and would ask the PCT to take on board the scrutiny investigation in their process.

General concern was expressed by many present at the poor health services to people in the south area; the north and central areas were significantly better provided for. Councillor Brash noted the forum's comments and indicated that he

would report on the investigation to a future meeting of the South Forum.

### **32. NUCLEAR NEW BUILDS**

Stuart Crooks, Station Director at Hartlepool Nuclear Power Station, gave a presentation to the forum outlining the history of the power station, its economic impact in terms of jobs and the locally supported sponsorship programmes. Mr Crooks referred to the recently completed consultation exercise undertaken by the government on the potential for nuclear new builds and addressed the potential for a Hartlepool "B" nuclear power plant. It was expected that any decisions on new nuclear power stations wouldn't be announced for at least two years. The current power station was towards the end of its expected life-span though it could go through a life-extension process, though that decision would need to be taken relatively soon. Mr Crooks went on to explain the type of new power station that could potentially be sited at Hartlepool and the projected build time for such a project.

Mr Crooks took and answered questions from the meeting for an hour after his presentation and the areas covered are, briefly, as follows: -

- The flaws in the consultation process on nuclear new builds. Mr Crooks stressed that the consultation process was undertaken by the government and not British Energy.
- The government's holding in British Energy.
- In the past it had been stated that it was not possible to build a new nuclear power station on the current site; what had changed? Mr Crooks stated that the plants and the technology had changed significantly. New plants were much smaller. The location next to the petro-chemical

industries on Teesside was no longer a significant concern; it was more about the emergency service provision. Investment in safety systems within the industry had changed significantly over the years. The Hartlepool plant was not now as originally designed, systems had changed so significantly. New plants were even more advanced.

- The disposal of nuclear waste was, for many people, the most significant issue that needed to be addressed. Mr Crooks commented that, in his view, no more nuclear power stations should be built until the issue of the disposal of the waste had been resolved. This was, however, a government decision. The technology to dispose of the waste safely existed; it was only the will to deal with the issue and the sites for its burial that were now needed.
- The site was too close to homes in Seaton Carew and a recent poll undertaken by Green Peace showed 93% of people were against a new nuclear power station. Mr Crooks stated that proximity wasn't an issue, there were other plants much closer to populated areas. If there were doubts, then new plants shouldn't be built. British energy had recently carried out a poll that showed 67% in favour.
- The economic contribution of the station to the local economy needed to be taken seriously.
- What was the current best view on health in the area surrounding the power station? Mr Crooks indicated that it depended on which reports you read. Some will demonstrate that there are cancer clusters in areas where there is no nuclear power station. Staff at the station had a health screening every year and there were very low levels of sickness among the workforce. The Environment Agency also carried out significant monitoring in the area.
- The nuclear power industry should carry out independent reviews of the

health risks in the areas around stations. Mr Crooks commented that if British Energy paid for research its 'independence' would be challenged. A recent report into 32,000 cases of childhood leukaemia showed no association with nuclear power stations.

- More nuclear waste should be recycled rather than being buried. Mr Crooks confirmed that the majority of all nuclear waste from power stations was recycled at Sellafield. The current proposal for the waste that couldn't be recycled was to vitrify it into glass blocks for burial.
- Would new nuclear power plants be a disincentive for renewable power production? Mr Crooks stated that he fully supported renewable power generation but it couldn't meet all the needs of the country. Renewables were, presently, also very heavily subsidised.
- The industry had failed for thirty years to address the issue of waste. Is the cost of the waste included in the price for the electricity? Mr Crooks stated that the technology to deal with the waste existed now and it was being safely disposed of all over the world. The price of electricity from the station included the costs of waste processing.
- The issue of health was still a major concern, was there clear independent information available to the public. Mr Crooks referred the forum to a report produced by Dr Yardley from the Health Protection Agency. The Chair indicated that he would invite Dr Yardley to a future forum meeting. Councillor Wistow also referred to Professor John Wilkinson at the Public Health Observatory in Durham as another specialist in this field.

In response to a request made by Members during the discussion, Mr Crooks indicated that the Councillors and

Resident Representatives would be welcome to visit the power station. Mr Crooks advised that various organisational and security matters would need to be arranged with Council Officers in advance.

The Chair thanked Mr Crooks for his presentation and the time spent in answering the forums questions.

### **33. MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS**

David Frame, South Neighbourhood Manager, reported on the following proposals for funding from the minor works budget.

1. Verge Re-instatement with Bitmac - outside number 2 Buckie Grove - £658.99.
2. Street lighting improvements to Fens and Seaton to the following locations:
  - a) Thursby Grove, Fens Ward - £4000.
  - b) Victoria Street, Seaton Carew - £2000.
  - c) Queen Terrace, Seaton Carew - £3000.

The proposals were supported by the forum and would be presented to the Neighbourhoods and Communities Portfolio Holder for final approval.

### **34. WARD ISSUES**

Car parking permits – Councillor Turner raised his concern that the residents in the Seaton Carew residents parking zone had not been consulted properly on the recent proposed increases in charges or that they were not represented on the Residents Parking Zones User Group. Councillor James also expressed her concern that a recent press release by the council had indicated that the users group had been established by the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee, which

was incorrect and had not been corrected.

‘Ghost Ships’ – Councillor Turner indicated that a resident had asked him to question why the ships were still at the Greythorp dock when they were there illegally and should be returned to the United States. The Chair commented that he would refer the question to the Chief Solicitor.

Cycleway near Mayfair Centre, Seaton Carew – Councillor S Cook commented that the cycleway along this stretch of road was very overgrown. David Frame stated he would look to have the hedge cut back.

Catcote Road Parking Problems – Councillor S Cook indicated that since the green railings had been removed from the stretch of Catcote Road near no. 197, parking problems were occurring. David Frame indicated that he would review the problems.

No. 15 Bus Service – Councillor James commented that she had been informed that the service was to be reintroduced, though operating on a slightly different route.

Resident Representative Iris Ryder commented that the footpath by the bus stop outside the Staincliffe Hotel was in need of further maintenance due to the previous repairs been poorly carried out. David Frame indicated that the path would be repaired.

Resident Representative Mike McKie asked if the implementation of a tarmac area for parking at Brierton Lane allotments could be costed. Councillor James commented that she understood that due to the allotments being on land that was designated for the extension of the cemetery, no permanent ‘structures’ were allowed on the site. The Chair

indicated that he would refer the issue to the Community Services Division.

### **31. NEXT MEETING**

The Chairman indicated that the next meeting of the forum would be held on Friday 30 November 2007 commencing at 10.00am at the Owton Rossmere Resources Centre, Wynyard Road, Hartlepool.

CHAIR

**Report of:** Head of Neighbourhood Management

**Subject:** Dog Control Orders

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

## Hartlepool Borough Area



## **APPENDIX B**

Title of Dog Control Order(s):

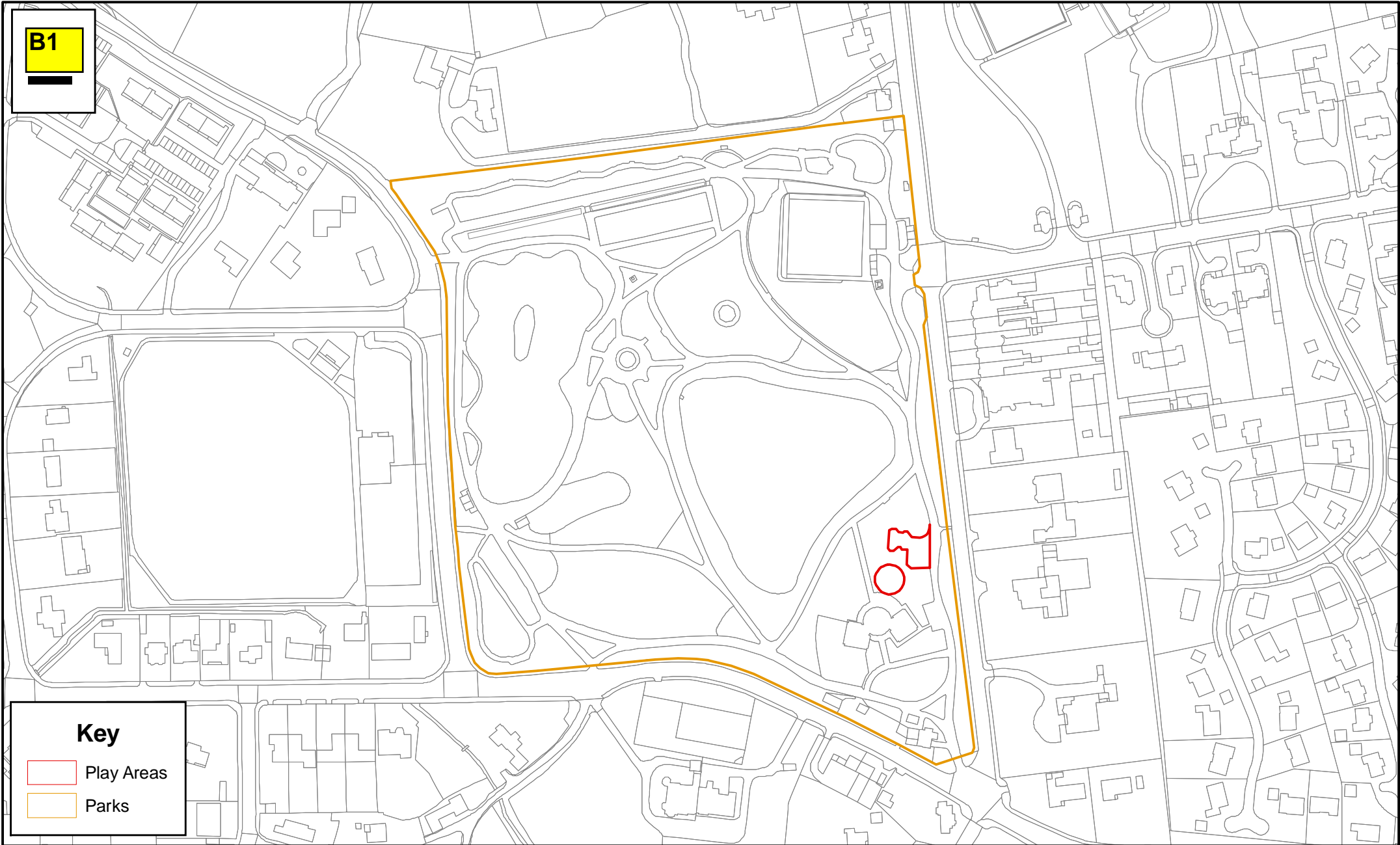
- NOT KEEPING A DOG ON A LEAD

Land subject to Dog Control Order(s):

- ALL 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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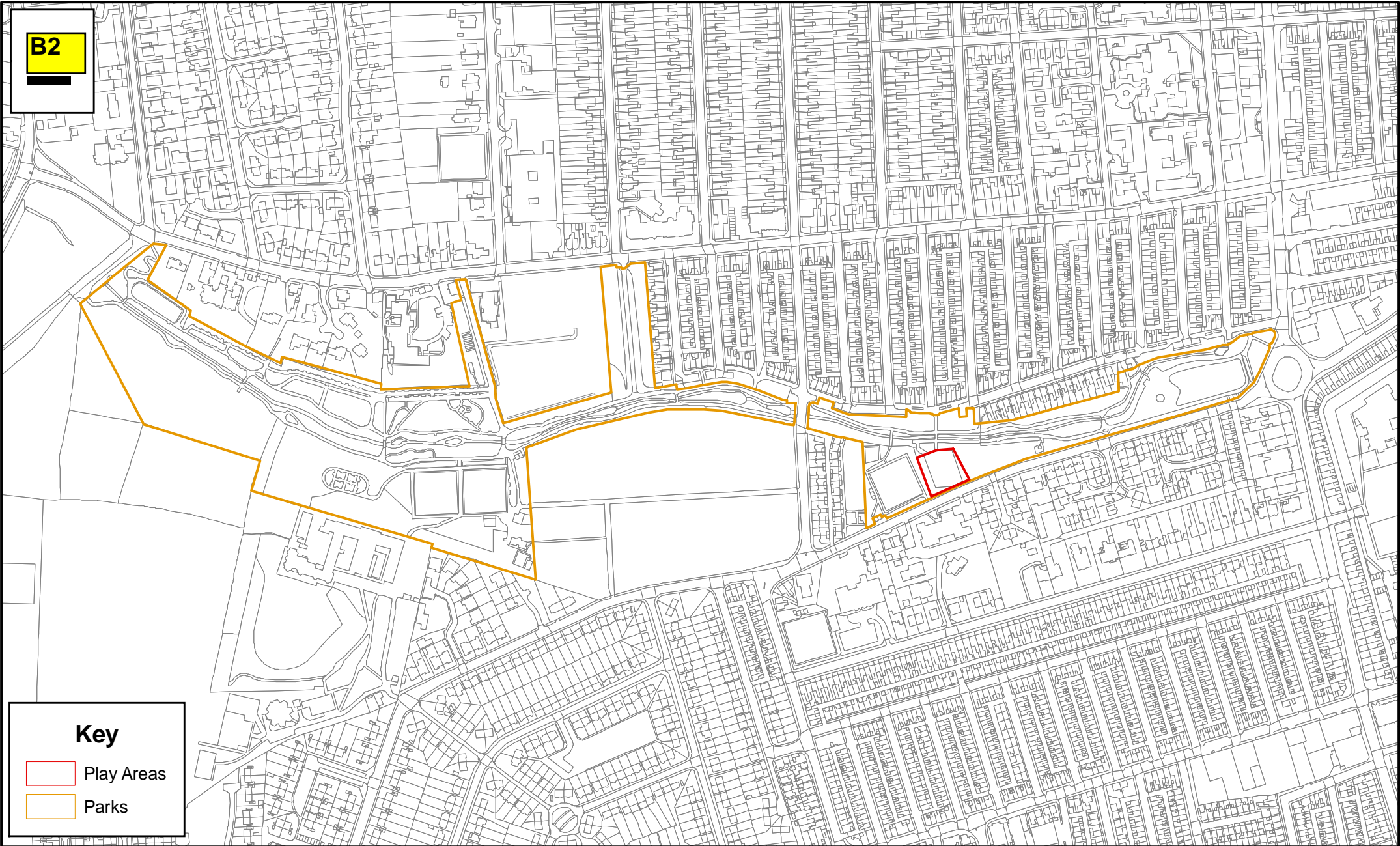


# Burn Valley Gardens

B2

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-  Play Areas
-  Parks



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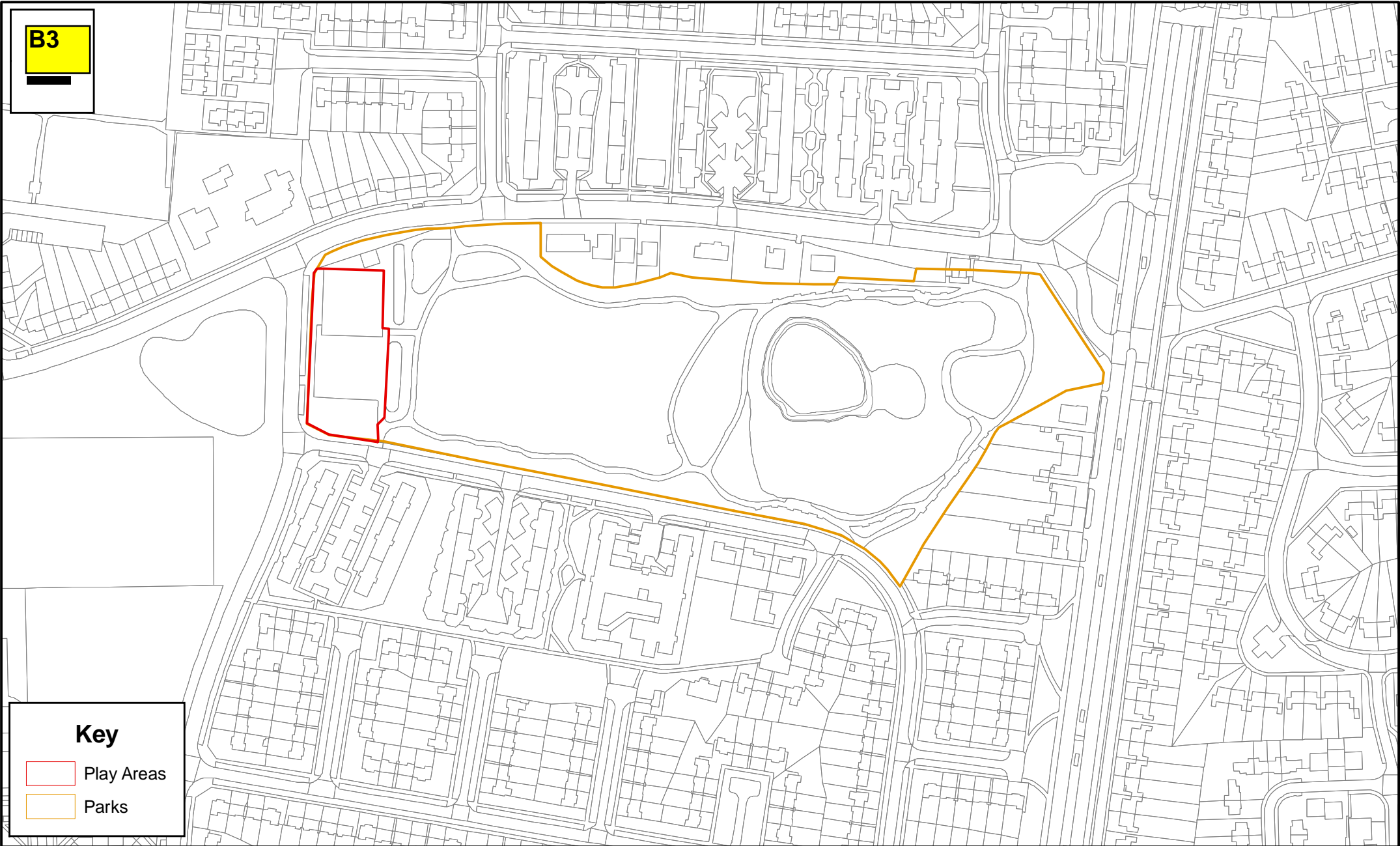
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# Rossmere Park

B3

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-  Play Areas
-  Parks



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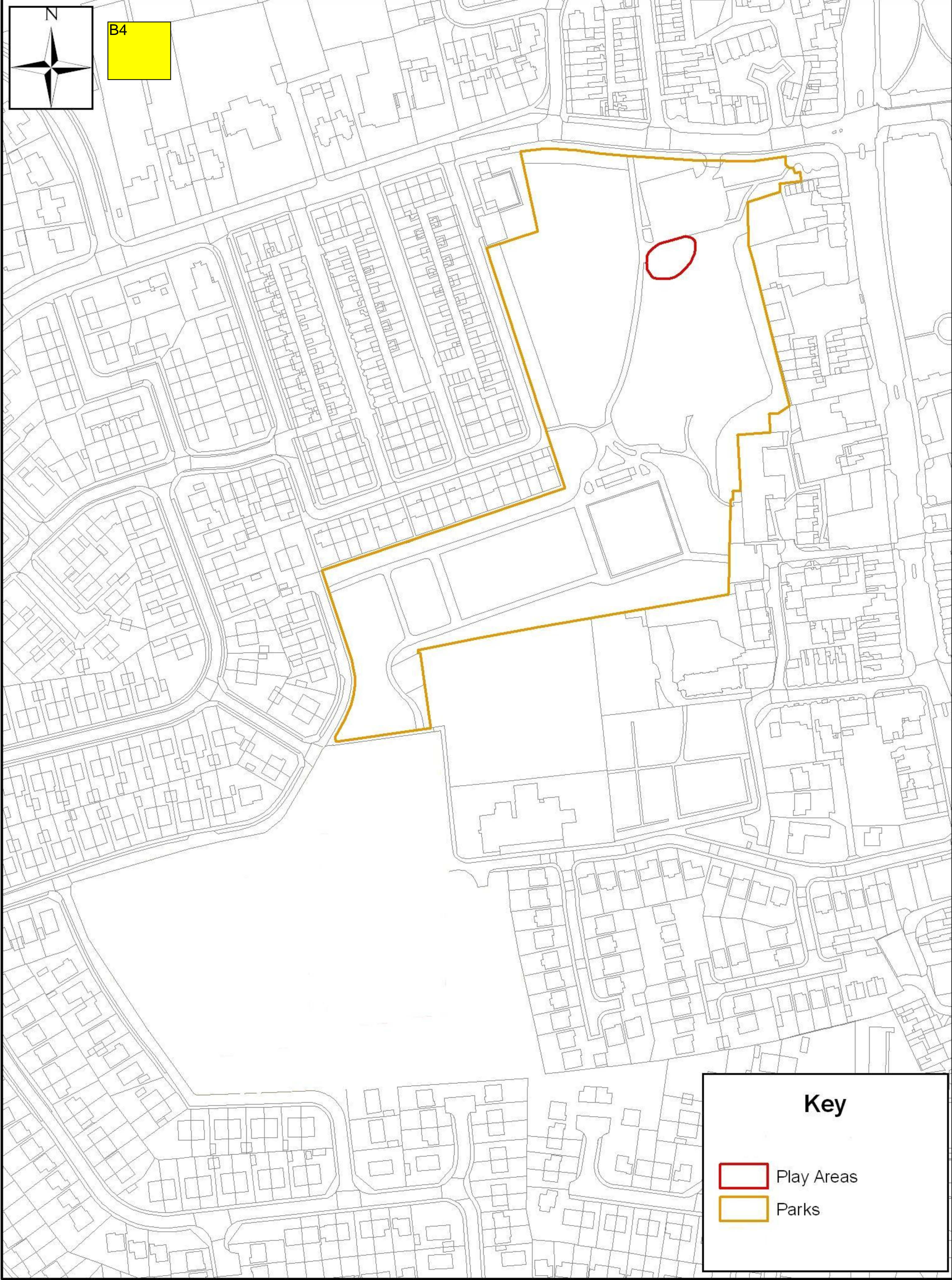
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Seaton Park



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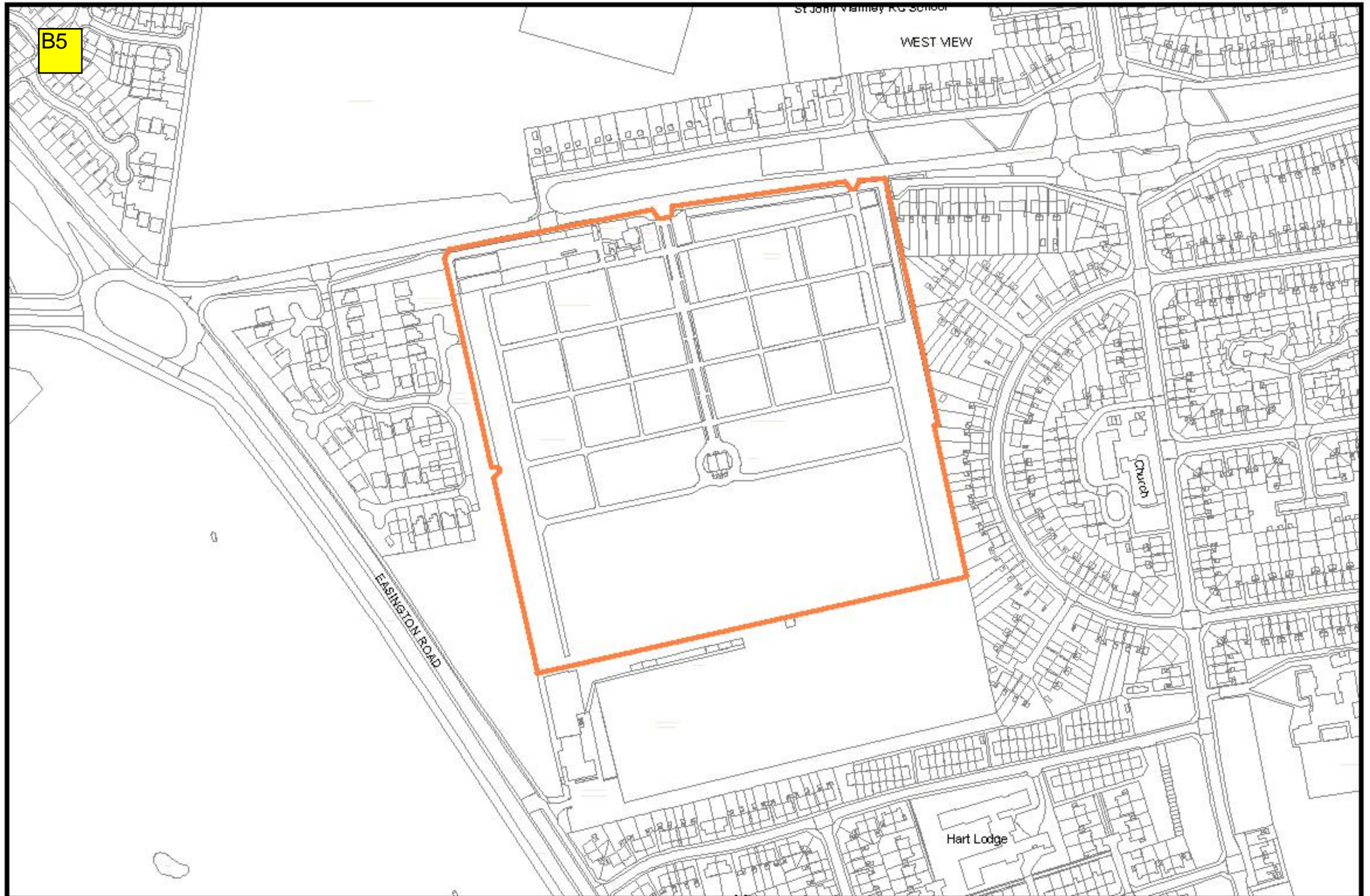


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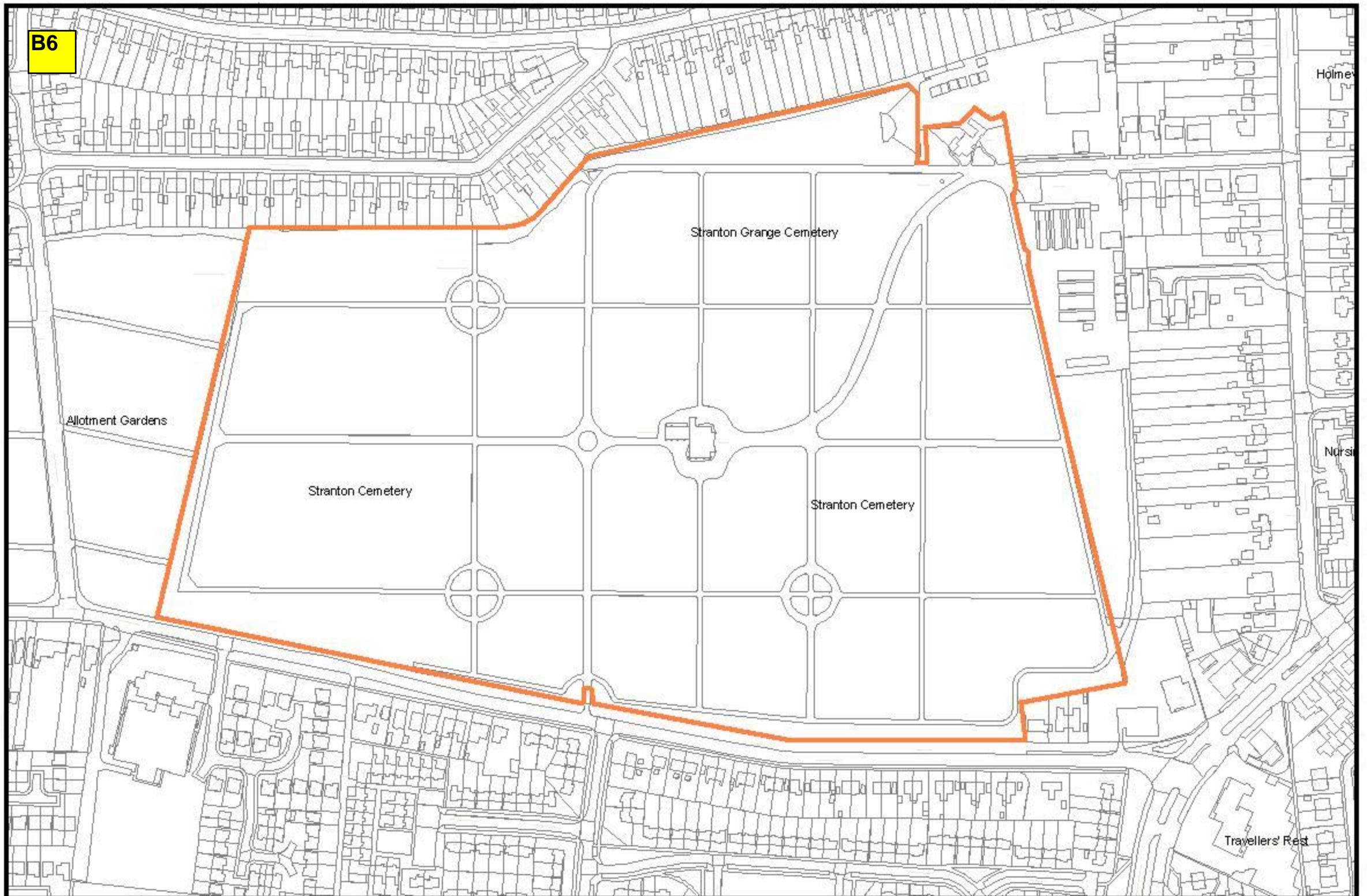
# West View Cemetery





# Stranton Cemetery

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## Lower Promenade, Headland


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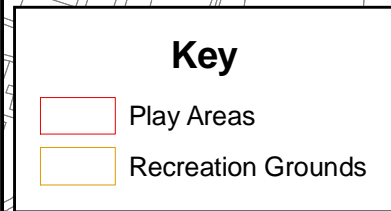
# Town Moor

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**Key**

 Play Areas

 Recreation Grounds



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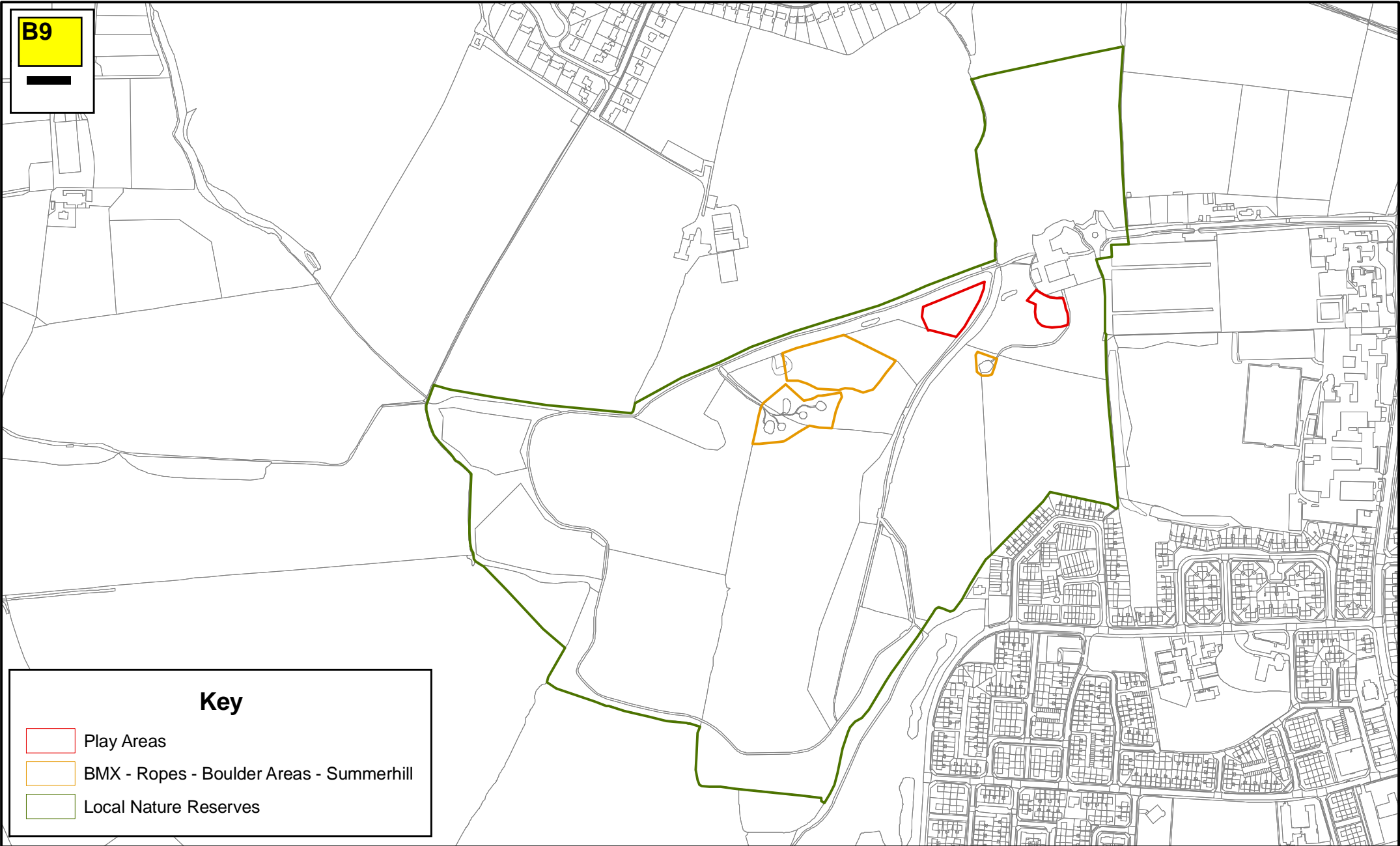
# Summerhill LNR

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

Land subject to Dog Control Order(s):

- 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:

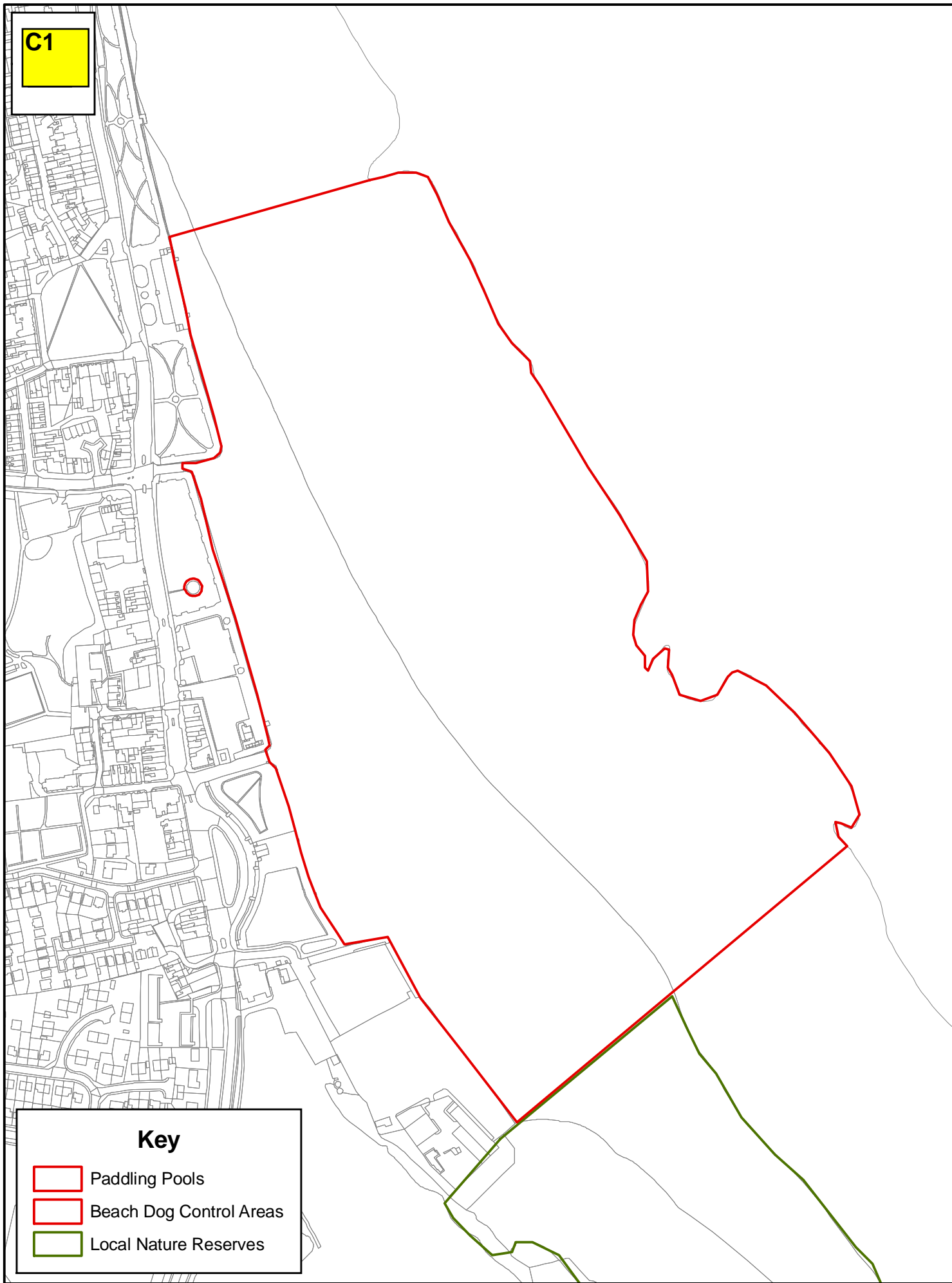
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GRAYFIELDS REC.  
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GREATHAM SPORTS FIELD

- 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 VISITOR 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 Park and Recreation Areas

C1



Key



Paddling Pools



Beach Dog Control Areas



Local Nature Reserves



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# Fish Sands

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## Key

 Beach Dog Control Areas



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# Block Sands

C3

## Key

-  Play Areas
-  Beach Dog Control Areas



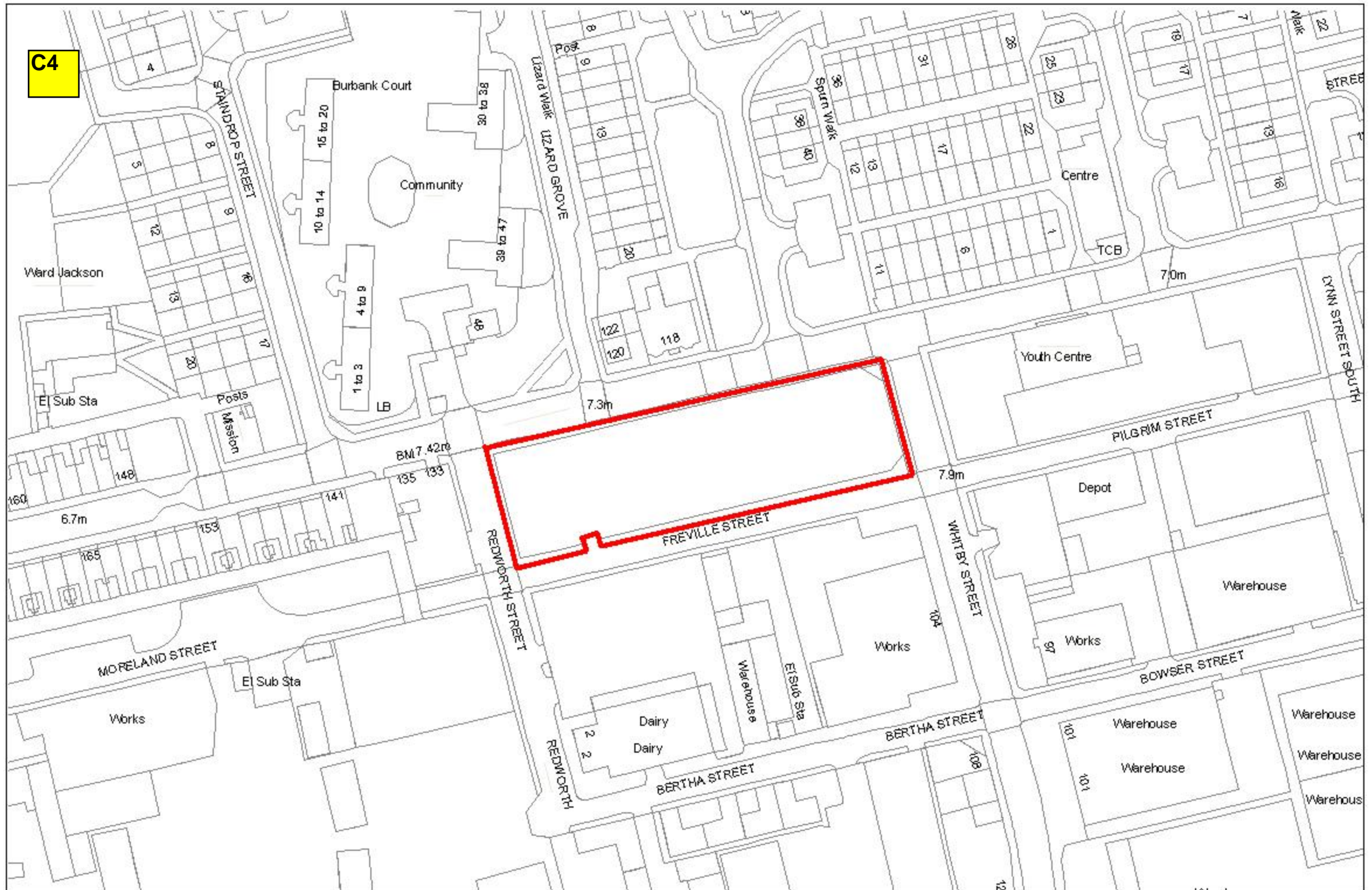
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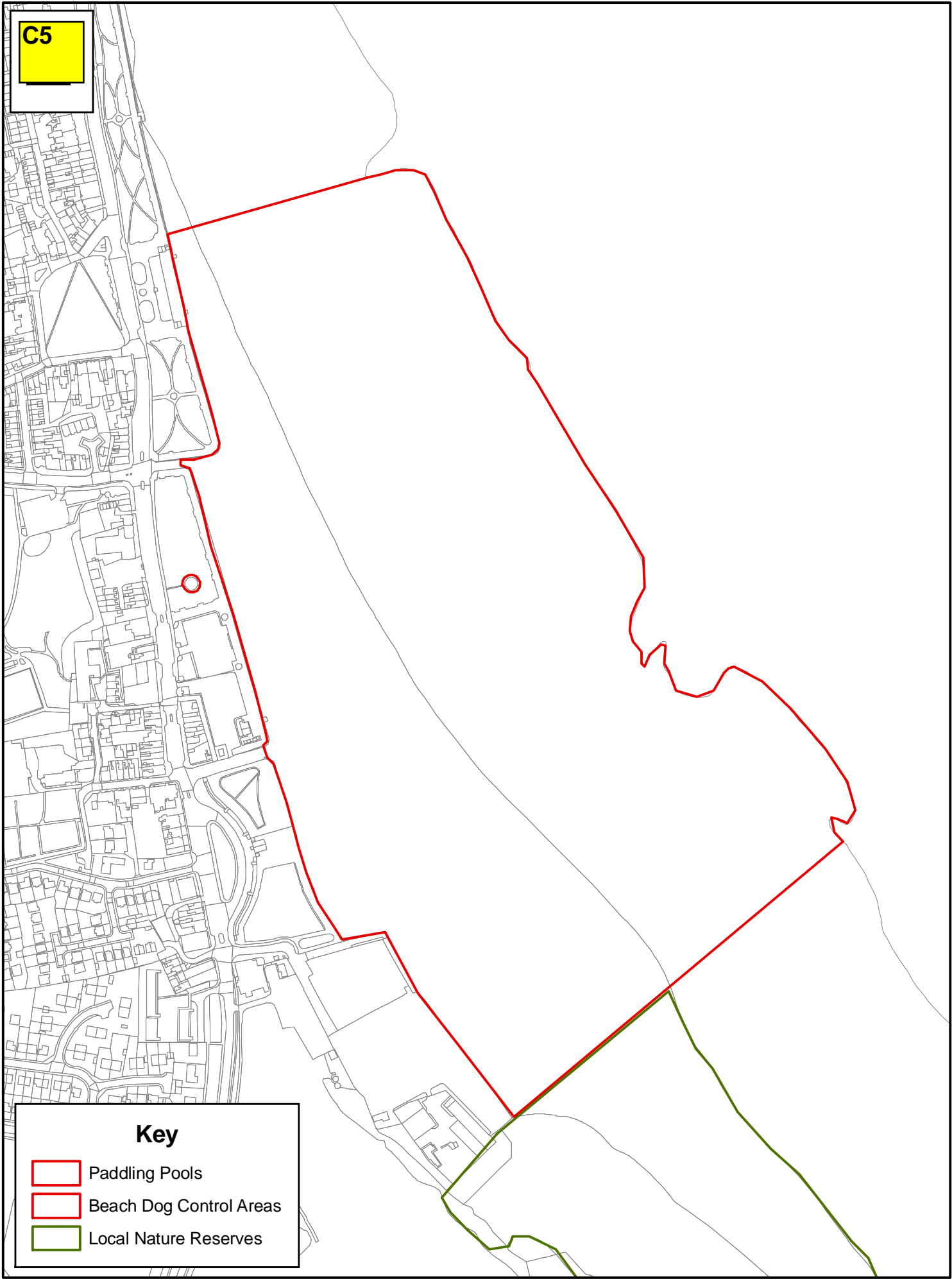


# Burbank Community Garden



Seaton Park and Recreation Areas

C5



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Paddling Pools



Beach Dog Control Areas



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# Block Sands

C6

## Key

-  Play Areas
-  Beach Dog Control Areas



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# Mill House Skate Park

C7

## Key



Play Areas



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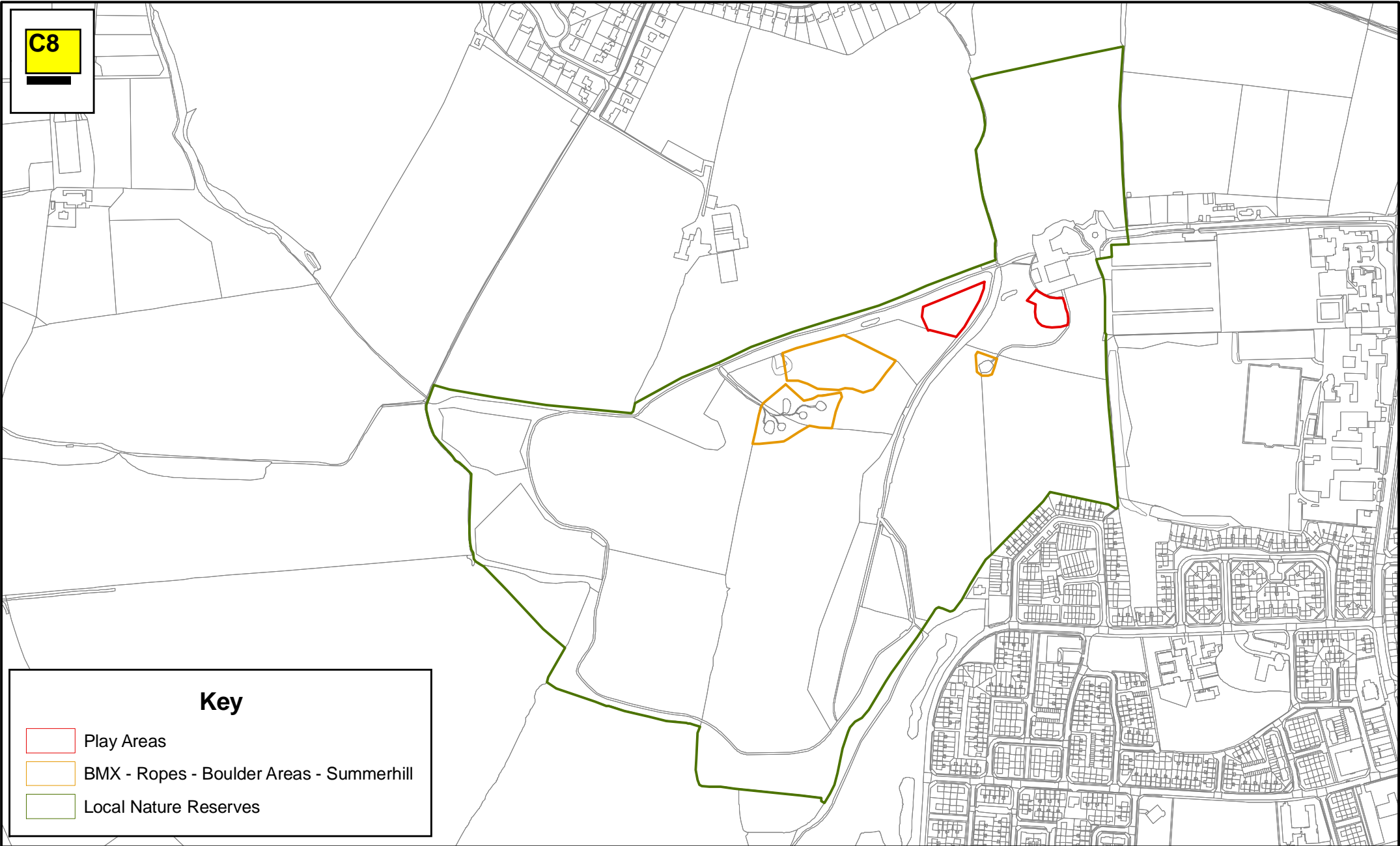
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# Summerhill LNR

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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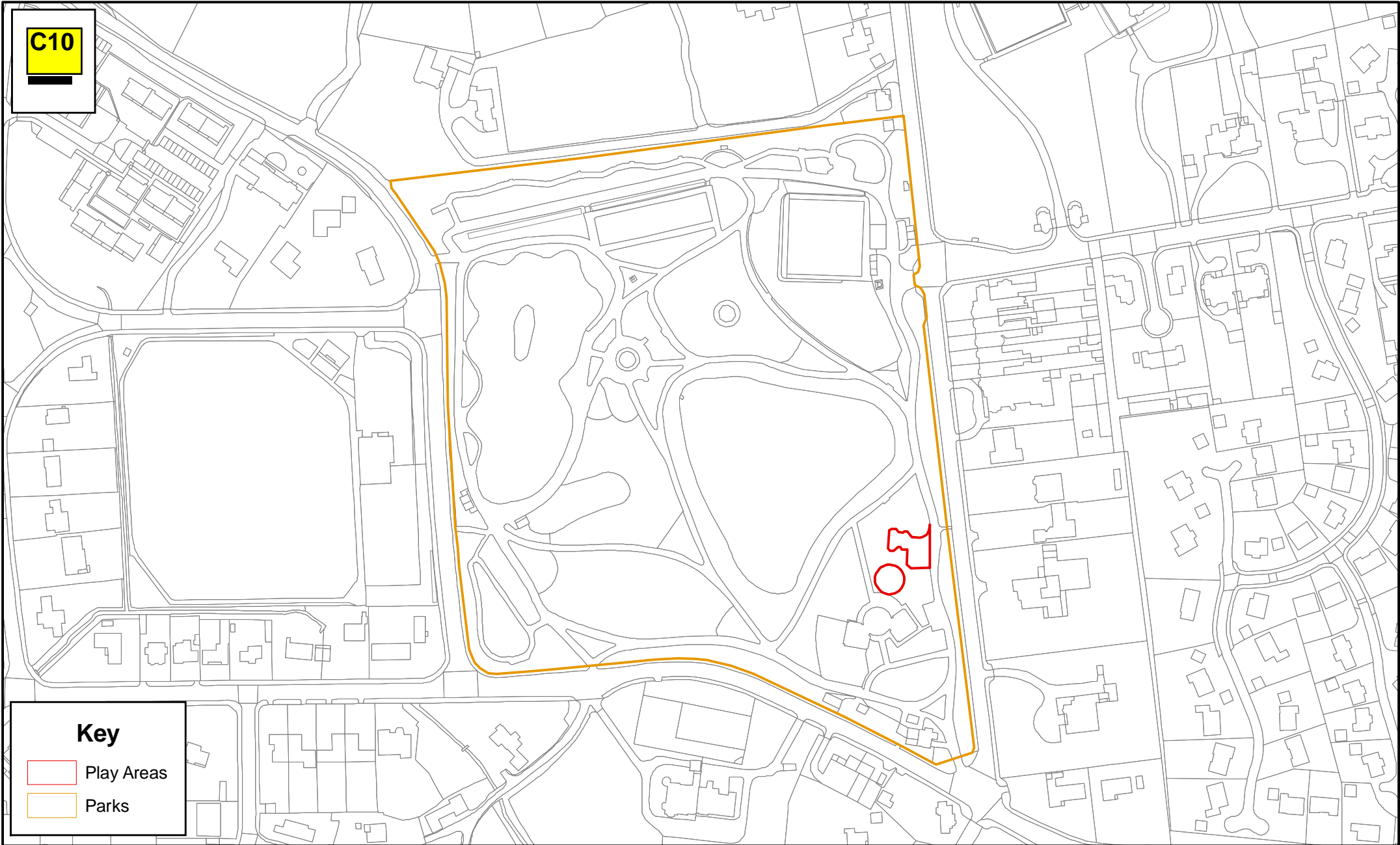
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# Ward Jackson Park

C10



## Key

-  Play Areas
-  Parks



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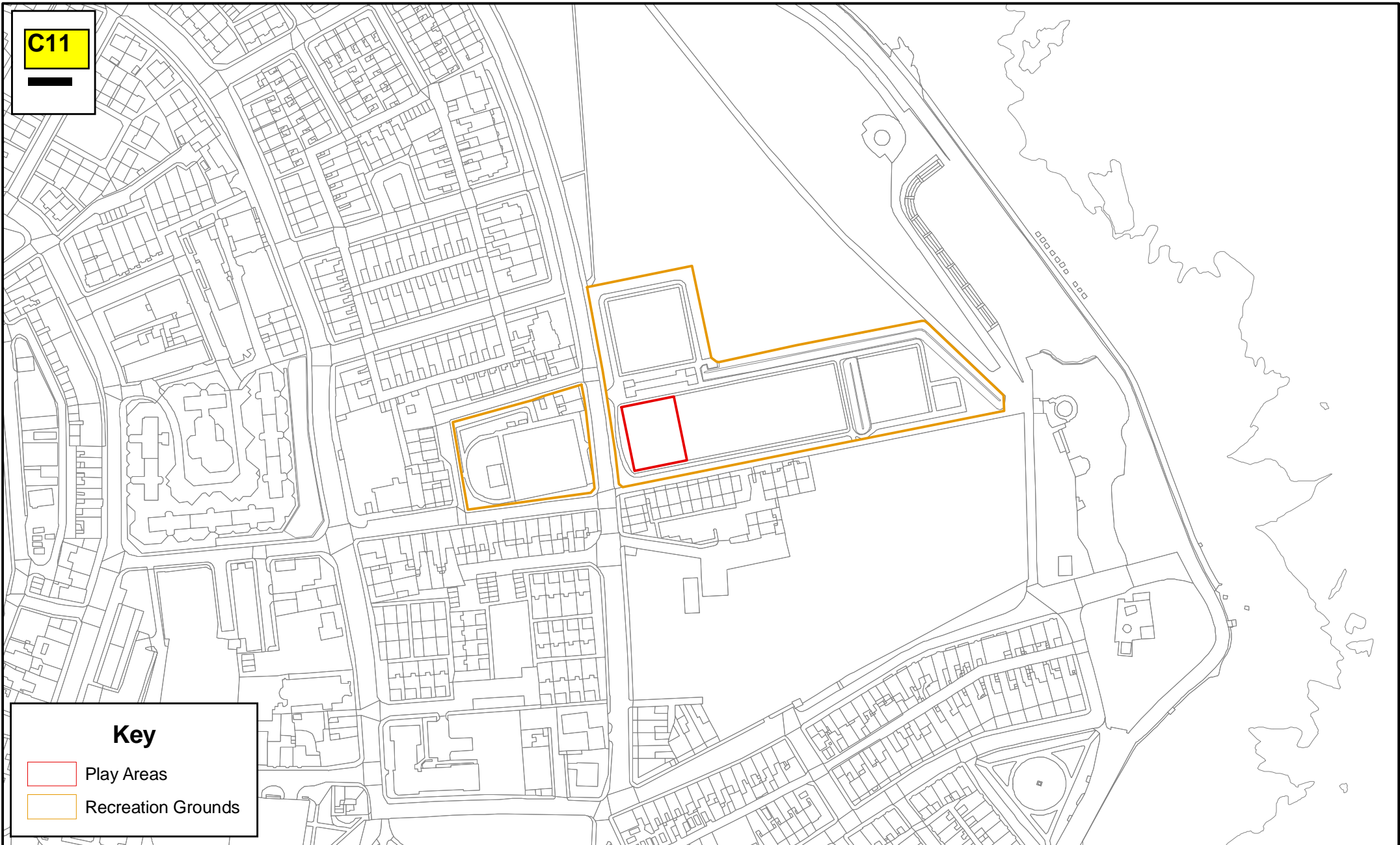
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# Town Moor

C11



## Key

-  Play Areas
-  Recreation Grounds



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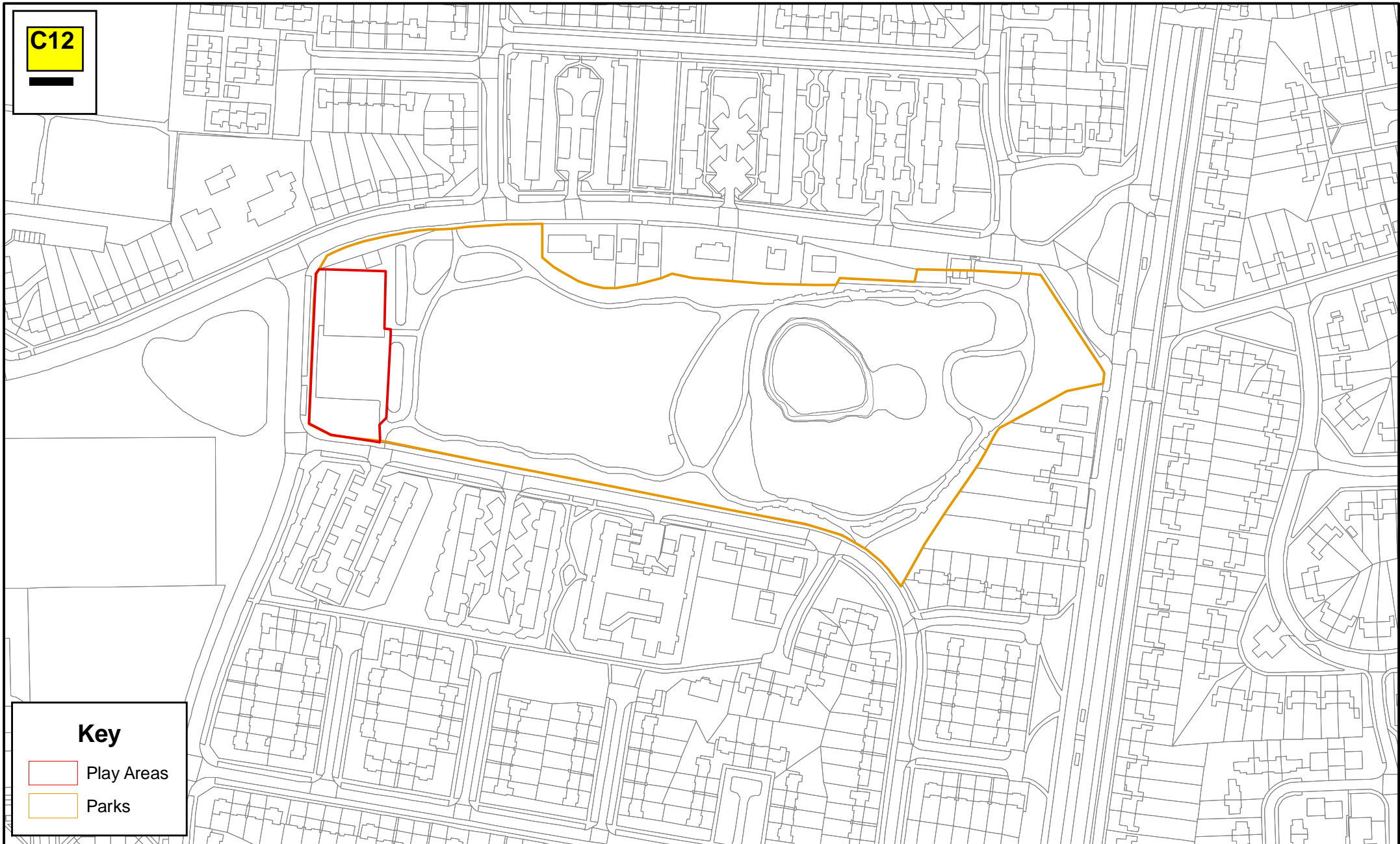
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# Rossmere Park

C12



## Key

- Play Areas
- Parks



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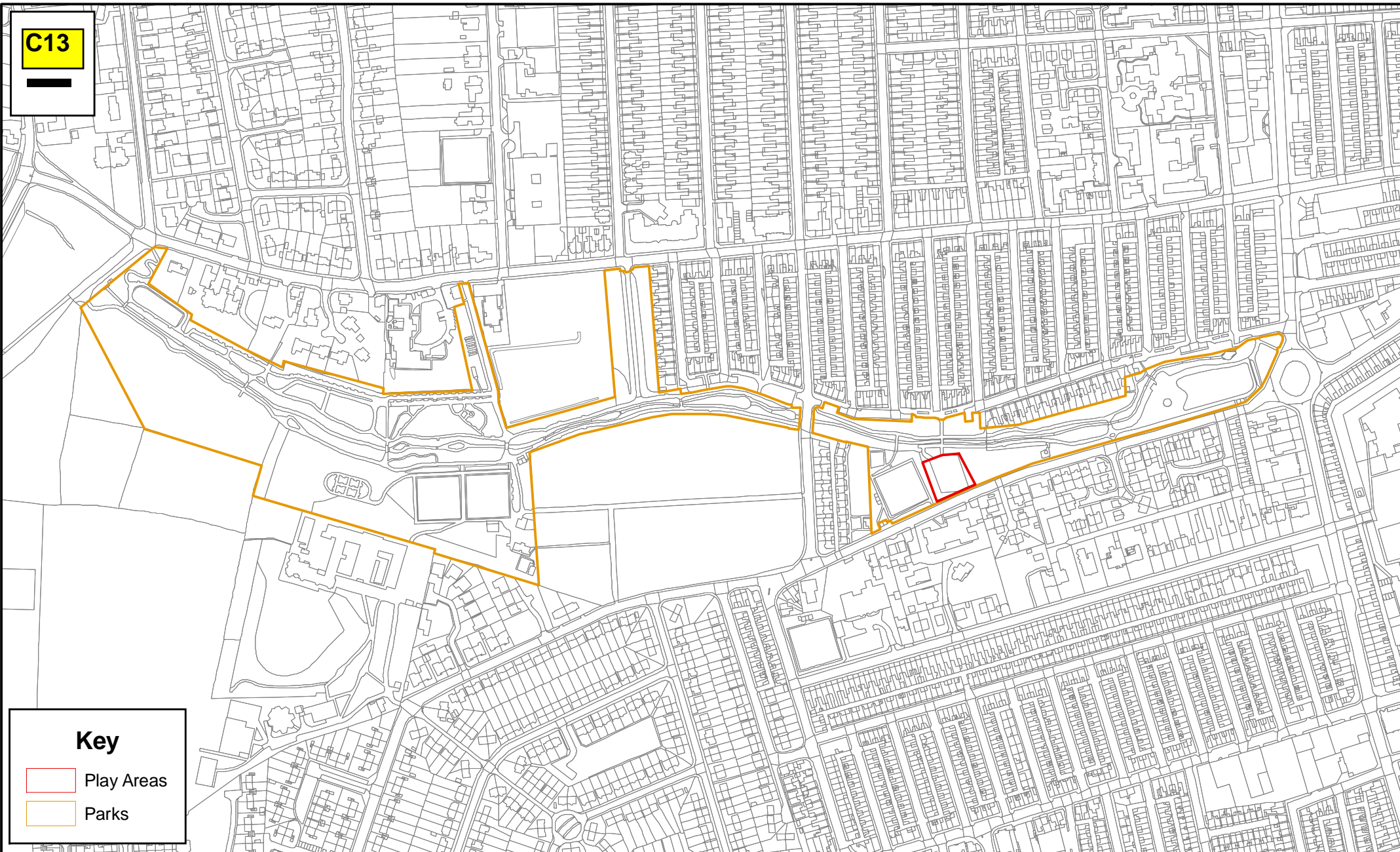
# Burn Valley Gardens

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## Key

-  Play Areas
-  Parks



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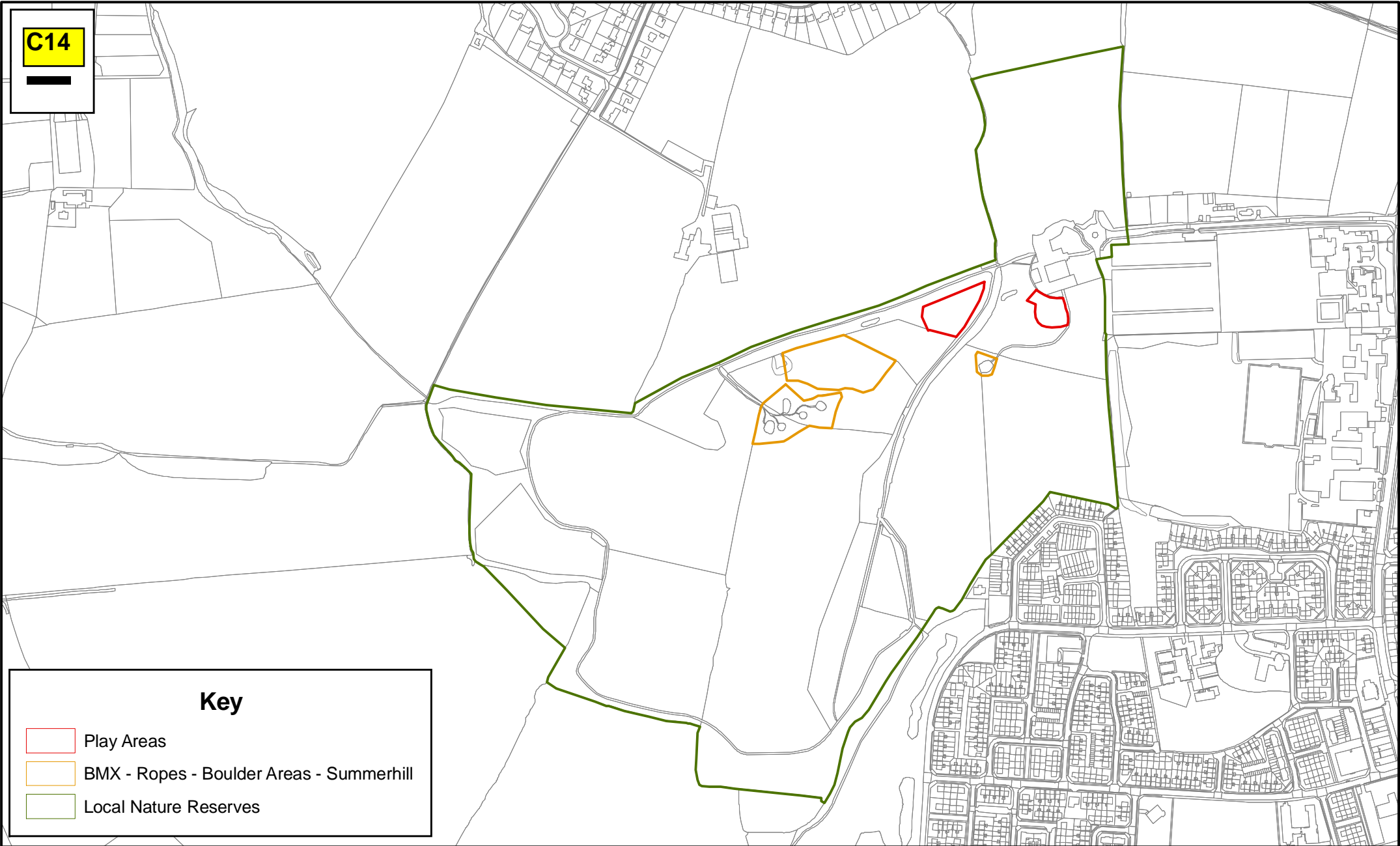
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# Summerhill LNR

C14

## Key

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



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# Block Sands

C15

## Key

-  Play Areas
-  Beach Dog Control Areas



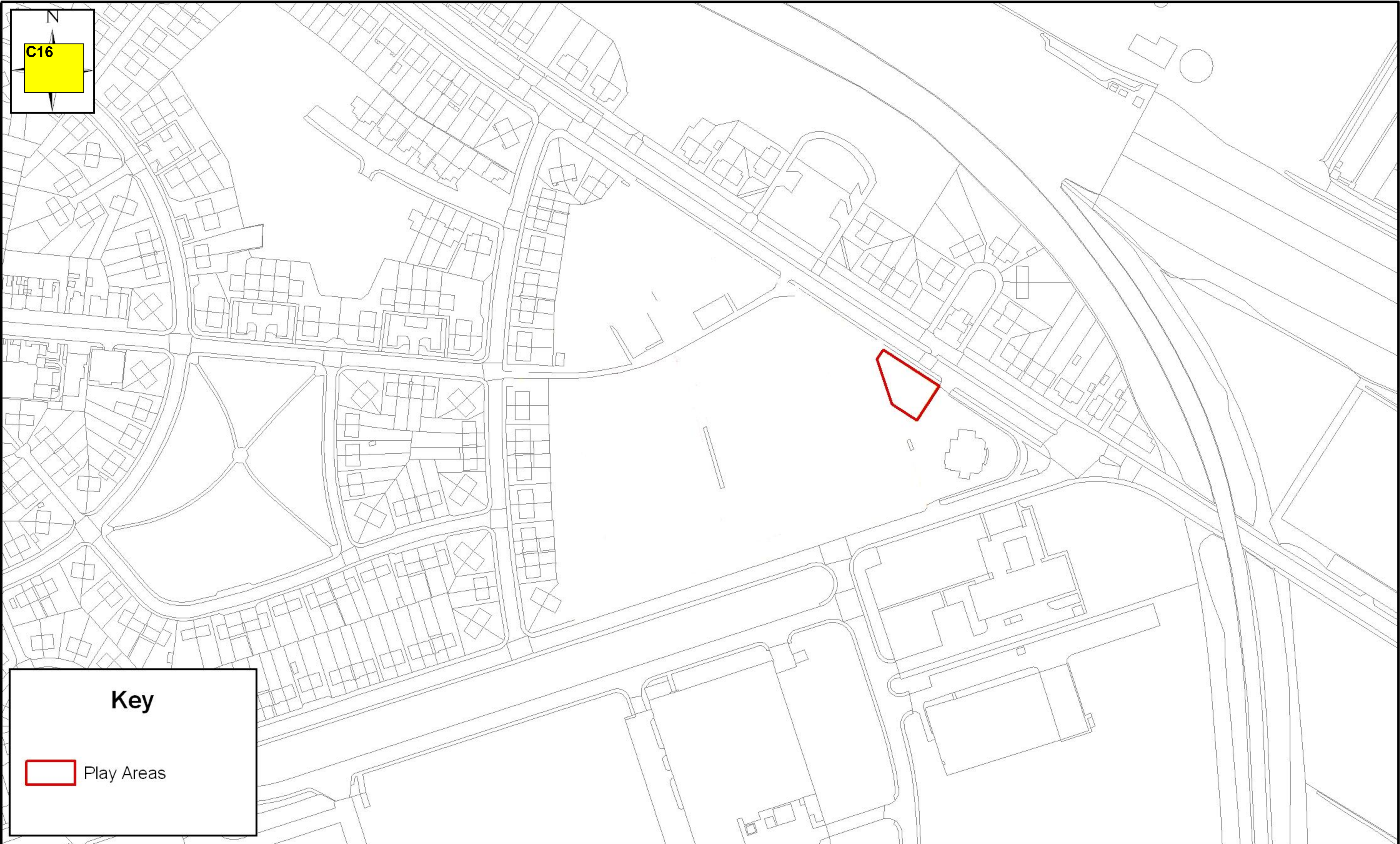
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# King George V



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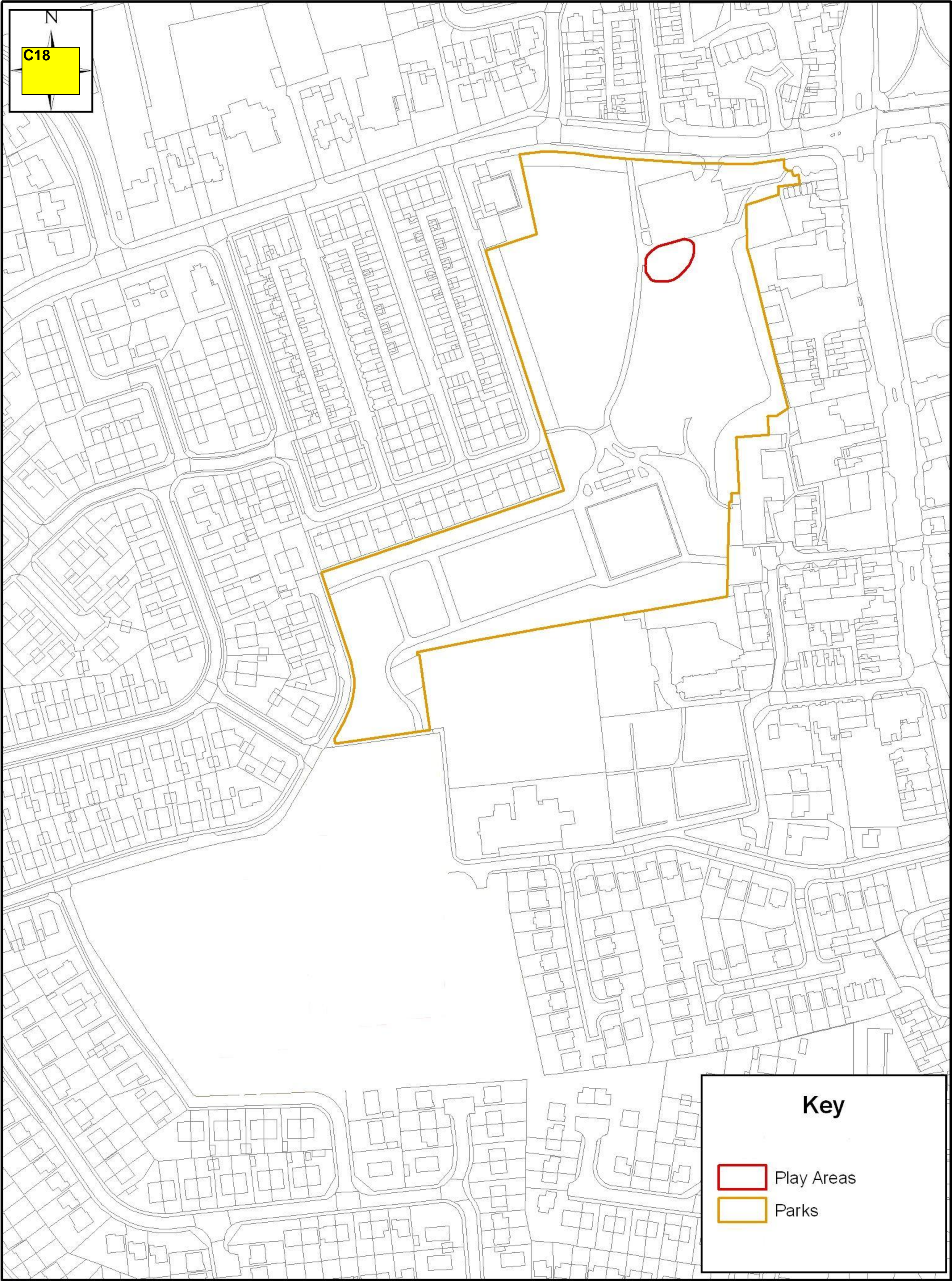
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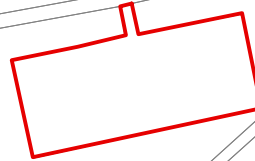


# Oxford Road Play Area

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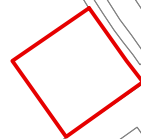
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# Jutland Road Play Area

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# Greatham Play Area

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- 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)
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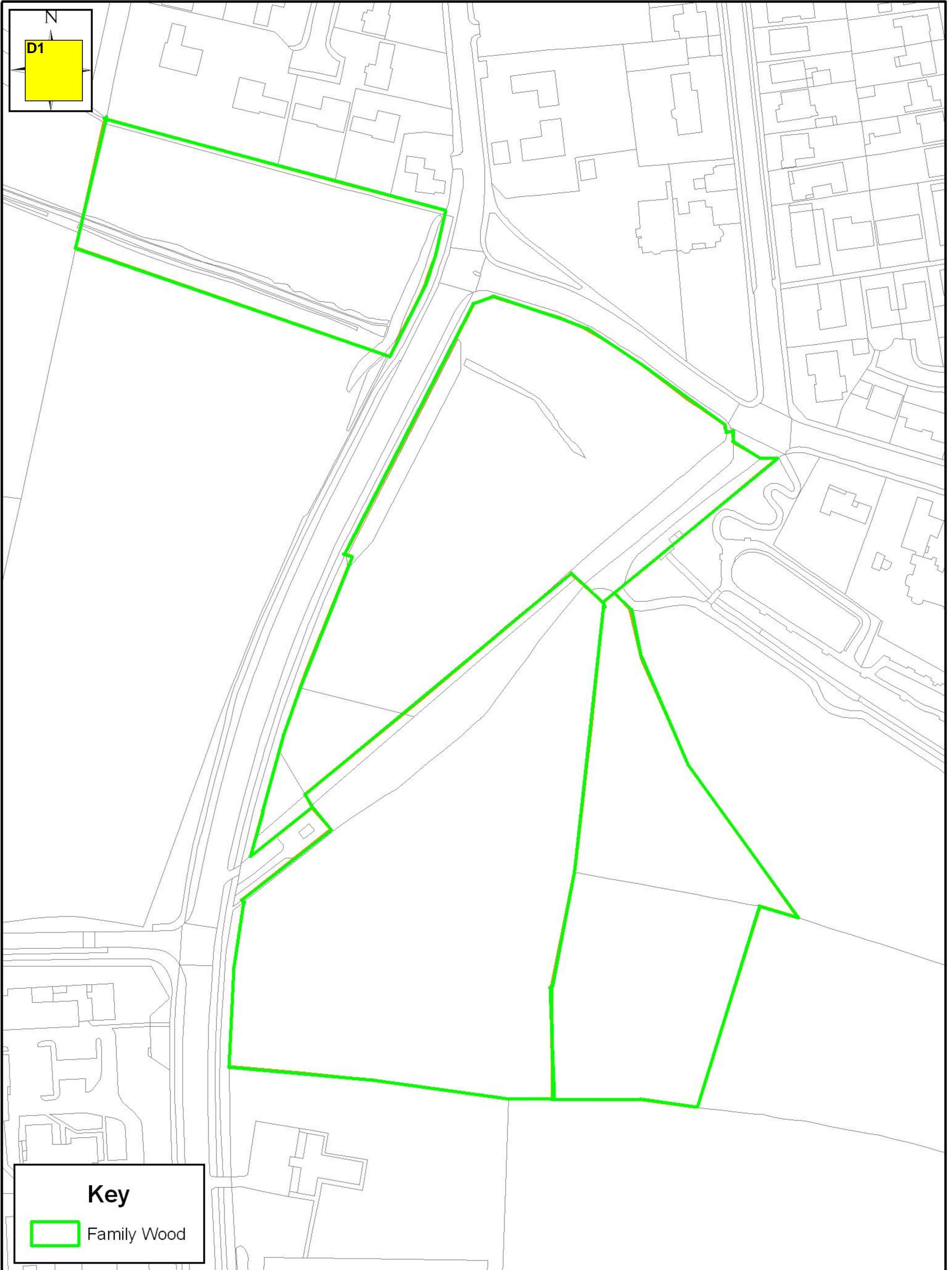
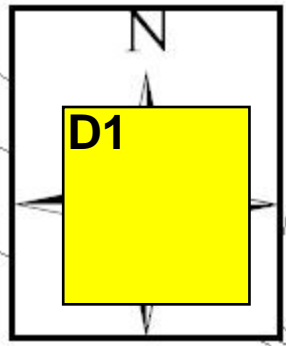
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# Family Wood



## Key

 Family Wood



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# Hart to Haswell LNR

D2

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# Seaton Dunes & Common LNR

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# Greatham Beck LNR

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# Spion Kop LNR

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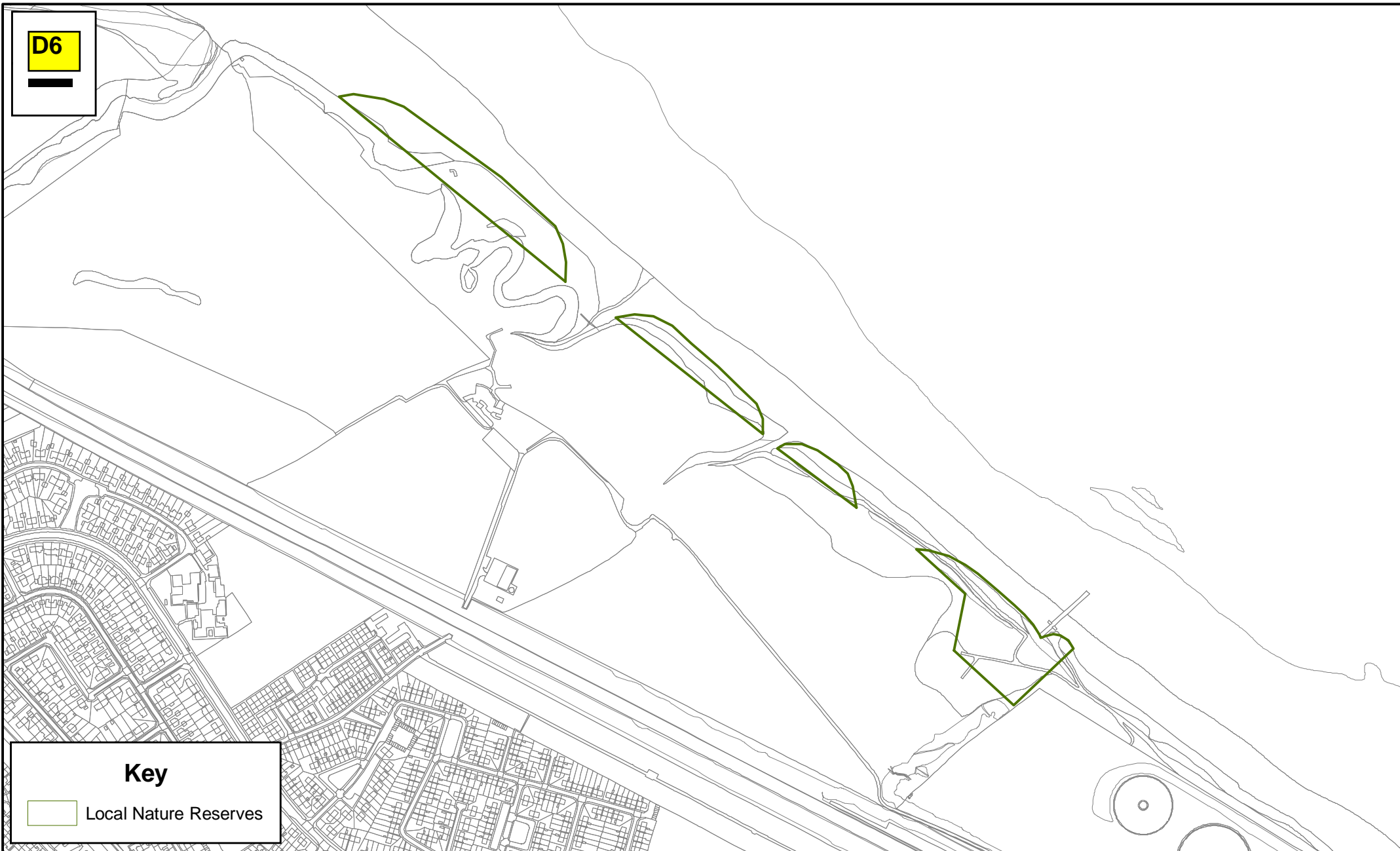
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# Hart Warren Dunes LNR

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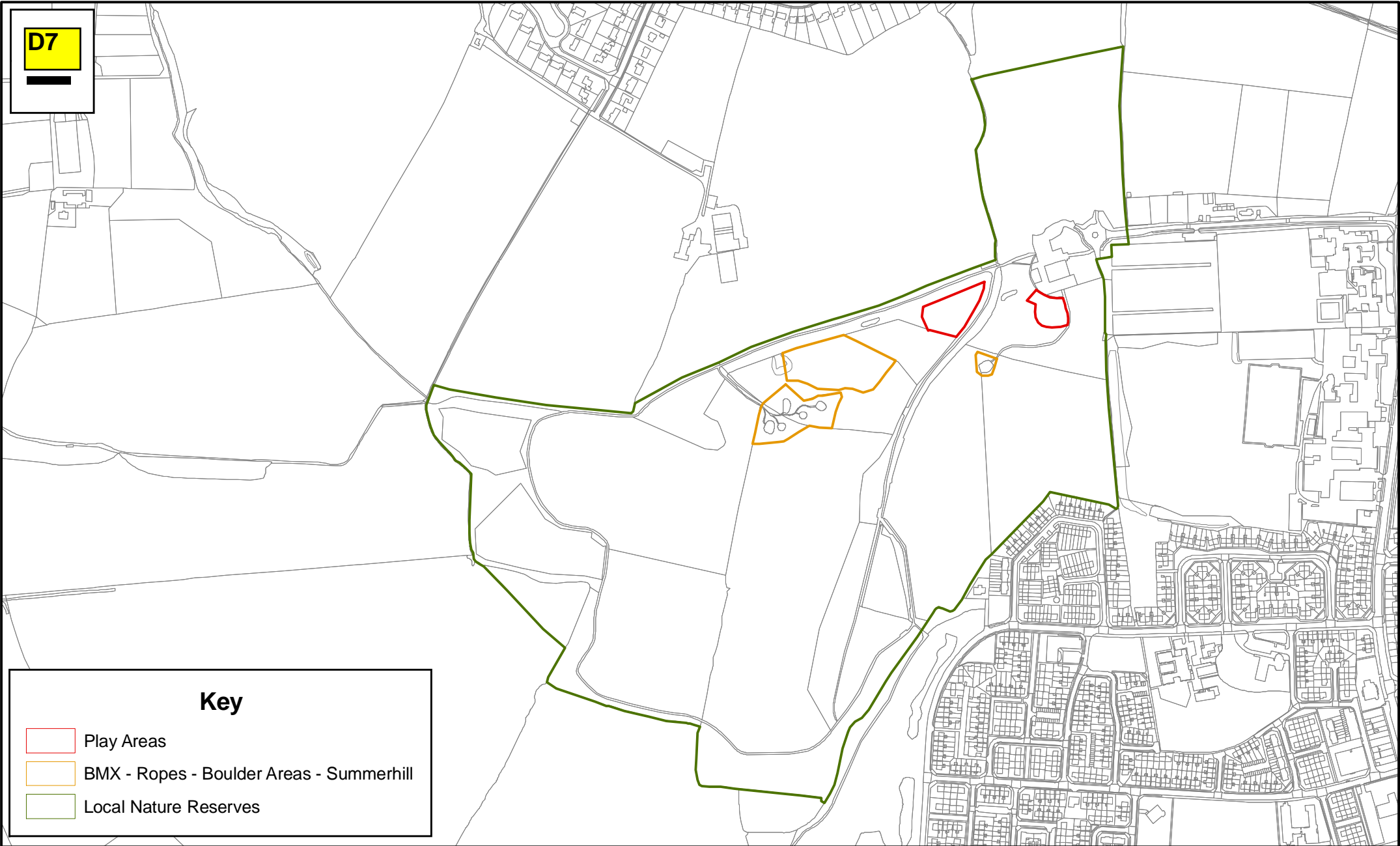
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# Summerhill LNR

D7

## Key

-  Play Areas
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-  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

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## **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007, 10am-1pm  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007, 4pm-7pm  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2007, 10am-12noon  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008, 4pm-7pm  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008, 10am-1pm  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:planningpolicy@hartlepool.gov.uk))

## How to Comment

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- you can send your comments by letter to the Planning Policy Team at Bryan Hanson House or by email to [planningpolicy@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@hartlepool.gov.uk)

**All comments and questionnaires should be received by 4.30pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008.**



**Report of:** Neighbourhood Manager (South)

**Subject:** MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS

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## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider improvement schemes for potential funding from the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum Minor Works Budget.

## 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Minor Works budget remaining for the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 amounts to **£51,236.01** (See **Appendix A**).
- 2.2 A number of schemes are detailed below to address concerns raised by Elected Members, Residents' Representatives, and residents in the South Forum Area.
- (i) Verge re-instatement with Bitmac.

### a) Claymore Road – Outside of Numbers 2 -14 (See **Appendix B**)

The verge outside of the above properties has been damaged by cars parking on it. In addition the properties opposite can have problems entering/exiting their properties due to parking congestion along the road side. Replacing the grass verges with tarmac hardstanding will improve the aesthetics of the area while helping with parking congestion.

The LTP (Local transport Plan) has agreed to contribute £5,000 towards this project.

<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>£11,109.00</b>
<b>Cost to Forum</b>	<b>£6,109.00</b>

**b) Saltaire Terrace – Outside of numbers 1 – 24 (See Appendix C)**

Due to the narrow width of the road in Saltaire Terrace, and no turning circle at the top of the street, parking and turning around in the street can be very difficult. Therefore, In order to alleviate these problems it is proposed that part of the verge will be replaced with tarmac together with a dropped kerb along the full length of the street. This will allow cars to park off road along the length of the street while giving more room for cars to turn around.

Housing Hartlepool has agreed to match fund this project to the sum of £6,500.

<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>£13,025.89</b>
<b>Cost to Forum</b>	<b>£6,525.89</b>

The costs of both of these schemes are dependent upon the location of utilities in the area not making the cost prohibitive.

**4 RECOMMENDATION**

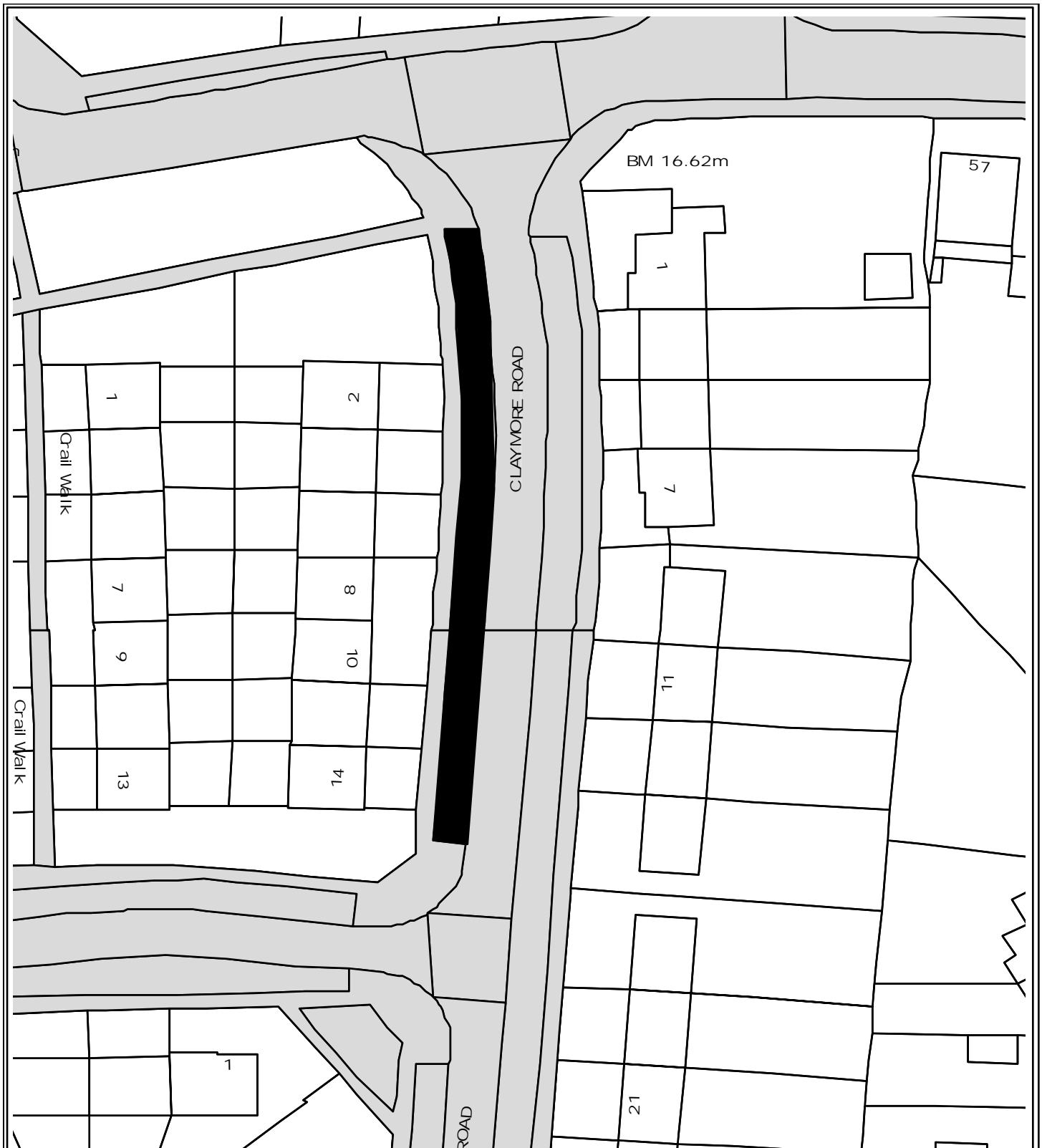
- 4.1 The Forum is asked to consider the above scheme. Approved schemes will need to be presented to the Neighbourhoods and Communities Portfolio Holder for final approval.

## 8.1 APPENDIX A

**SOUTH AREA – MINOR WORKS 2007/2008 - £87,000.00 BUDGET**

<b>FORUM APPROVED DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>WORK</b>	<b>COST</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
15/06/07	South Area	All	Pride in Hartlepool Contribution	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
15/06/07	South Area	All	Dropped Crossing Programme	£3,500.00	£8,500.00
15/06/07	Newark Road	Fens	Street Lighting Scheme	£11,500.00	£20,000.00
15/06/07	Glaisdale Grove	Seaton	Street Lighting Scheme	£3,500.00	£23,500.00
15/06/07	Bilsdale Road	Seaton	Landscape Scheme	£2,605.00	£26,105.00
12/10/07	Buckie grove	Rossmere	Verge Re-instatement with Tarmac	£658.99	£26,763.99
12/10/07	Thursby Grove	Fens	New Lighting Scheme	£4,000.00	£30,763.99
12/10/07	Victoria Street	Seaton	New Period Style Lighting Scheme	£2,000.00	£32,763.99
12/10/07	Queen Terrace	Seaton	New Period Style Lighting Scheme	£3,000.00	£35,763.99

## 8.1 APPENDIX B



Claymore Road - Dark shaded area represents the are of grass verge to be re-instated with tarmac.

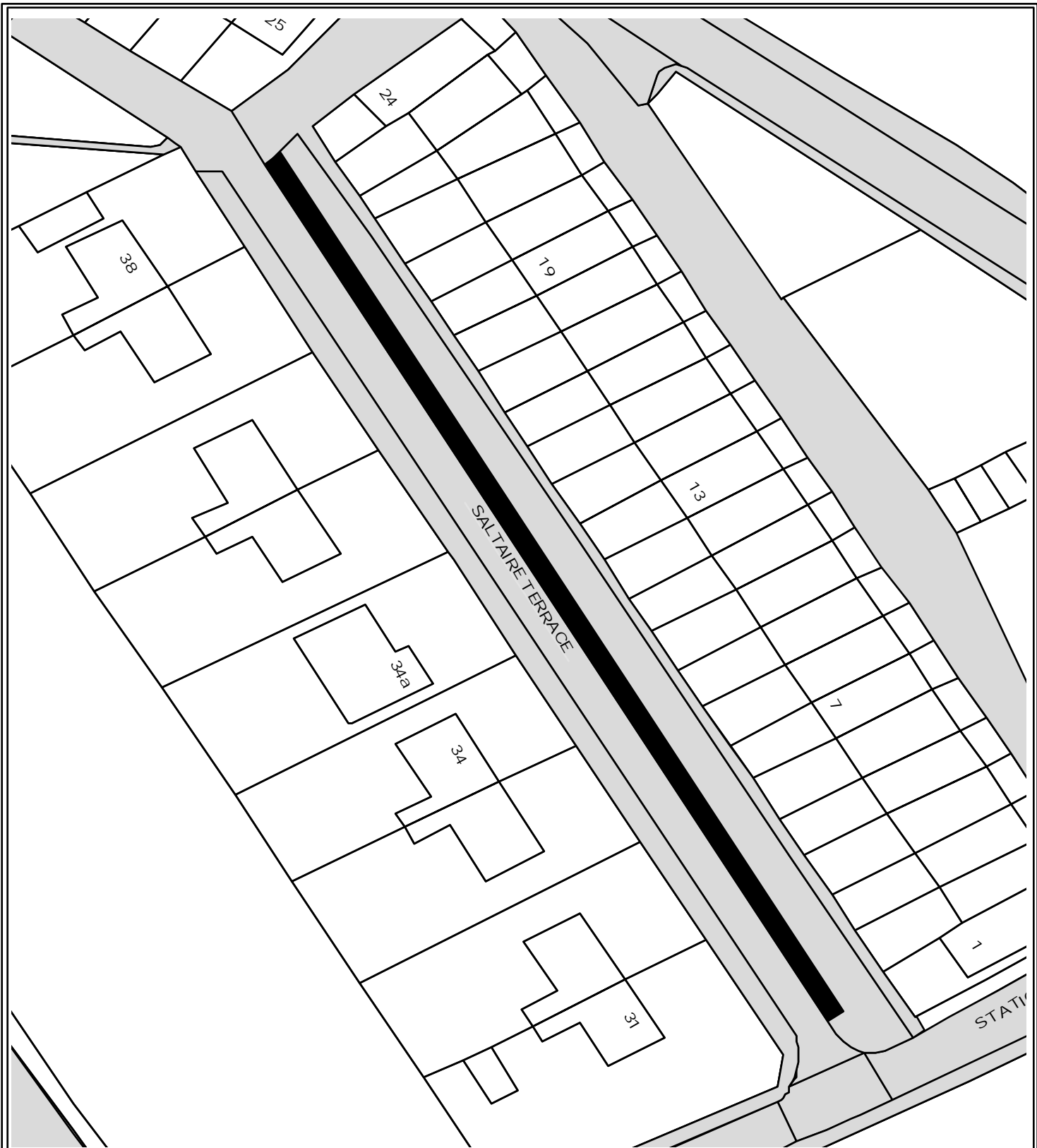
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Saltaire Terrace - Dark Shaded area represents the area of grass verge to be reinstated with tarmac

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**Report of:** Head of Technical Services

**Subject:** M BLOCK TRAFFIC CALMING

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** To outline the proposed traffic calming scheme for the M Block, Owton Manor.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** A petition was submitted to the Traffic and Transportation Section requesting traffic calming in Moffat Road. Further discussions with ward councillors led to proposals being drawn up to cover the whole of the M block, due to complaints received in relation to the wider area.
- 2.2** Previous complaints have been received, particularly concerning Macrae Road, and this street would be included in the proposed scheme.

**3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1** The proposed scheme would consist of a series of road humps, with the area being covered by a 20mph zone (See Appendix A)
- 3.2** Full consultation will be undertaken with residents and ward councillors, should funding for the scheme be approved.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1** The total scheme cost is **£35,000**, with this being funded as follows:-

**£10,000** to be requested from the Owton NAP Forum.

**£5,000** has been allocated from the Local Transport Plan.

**£5,000** has been allocated from Housing Hartlepool

The remaining **£15,000** is requested from the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum to complete the scheme.

## **5 OFFICER ADVICE**

- 5.1** That the £15,000 contribution to this scheme be approved in order to complete the traffic calming scheme.

The scheme is subject to a successful consultation exercise, which will be undertaken should the funding be approved. The proposals will then be reported to the Neighborhood and Communities Portfolio Holder in January.

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**Report of:** Head of Regeneration

**Subject:** OWTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PLAN (NAP)  
UPDATE (FINAL FOR ENDORSEMENT)

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**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek endorsement of the Neighbourhood Action Plan Update for the Owton area (the Owton Ward plus the 'I' Block of the Fens Ward).

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Neighbourhood Action Plans are the local elements of the Hartlepool Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy. The Strategy forms part of the Community Strategy and the overall policy framework for the Borough, and sets out the long term vision for Hartlepool and the approach to the continuous improvement of services. NAPs have been developed in line with government policy for each of the Hartlepool wards which fall within the 10% most deprived wards nationally.
- 2.2 Neighbourhood Action Plans are important in encouraging local people and organisations to work together to narrow the gap between the most deprived wards and the rest of the country and they should be influential in the future allocation of resources. The objective of the NAP is to integrate policies at the local level to improve the way that services are provided.
- 2.3 The Owton Neighbourhood Action Plan was the fourth NAP to be successfully prepared for the town in 2005. The plan has been used by the Owton Forum (established as a result of the NAP) to identify how the Residents' Priorities Budget (allocated by the Hartlepool Partnership through its Neighbourhood Renewal Fund programme), would be spent.
- 2.4 The Owton Neighbourhood Action Plan is the fourth NAP to be updated, by the Regeneration Team, since the completion of six NAPs across the town; Dyke House/ Stranton/Grange; Burbank; Rift House/Bum Valley; Rossmere and North Hartlepool. In addition to this, it should be noted that a NAP has been developed for the New Deal for Communities (NDC) area, undertaken by the NDC Staff Team, making seven in total across the town.
- 2.5 The Hartlepool Partnership has agreed to allocate a further £39,000 of Residents' Priority Budget for the 2007/08 financial year specifically for the Owton Neighbourhood Action Plan area. The funding will be used to continue to address some of the residents' priorities identified in the updated plan. In addition to this, £117,500 of Neighbourhood Element Funding has also been allocated to the Owton NAP area over the 2007/08 financial year.

- 2.6 The Neighbourhood Element Funding of the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) is awarded to the areas within the 3% most deprived wards nationally, to help action in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods to improve outcomes for people living in these areas. One of the requirements of the Neighbourhood Element Funding is that it is focussed on one particular theme for which the Owton Forum chose the Strengthening Communities theme.
- 2.7 In Owton, Neighbourhood Element Funding has been used to enhance and develop the present infrastructure of the community/voluntary sector that operates in the area through the Strengthening Communities theme by supporting the sustainability and strengthening of five established community/voluntary organisations that operate resource centres in the area, not only maintaining capacity and service provision levels but increasing and targeting services more efficiently and effectively to reduce national floor targets. The five organisations are identified below. Each of the organisations focuses on different themes to collectively work towards 'Strengthening Communities':
- **Owton Fens Community Association (OFCA):** Jobs and Economy and Housing and Environment;
  - **Manor Residents' Association:** Lifelong Learning and Skills;
  - **Owton Manor West Neighbourhood Watch and Residents' Association:** Community Safety;
  - **Owton Rossmere Resource Centre (ORCEL):** Health and Care; and
  - **Solid Rock Youth Project:** Culture and Leisure.
- 3.0 **CONSULTATION AND CURRENT POSITION**
- 3.1 The Owton Neighbourhood Action Plan area lies to the south west of the Borough and is bounded to the north by Brierton Lane, to the west by the Owton Ward boundary and to the east by Catcote Road. The southern boundary takes in the 'I' and 'M' blocks and Manor College of Technology. The area covers a fairly large community of approximately 2,905 households (JSU 2002), which are accommodated predominantly in originally social housing which is largely owned by Housing Hartlepool or 'Right to Buy'.
- 3.2 The community incorporates a good range of local facilities including local shopping parades at Brierton Lane, Catcote Road, St Patrick's and Wynyard Road, community facilities such as Wynyard Road Community Centre and Library, Owton Rossmere Resource Centre, Owton Fens Community Centre (OFCA), Manor Residents' Association and the Manor West Centre and local churches at St Patrick's and Owton Manor Lane Baptist Church. The Manor College of Technology, Owton Manor and Grange Primary Schools are also situated within the Neighbourhood Action Plan boundary.
- 3.3 To the west lies open countryside whilst to the east lies the Rossmere Ward and to the south the Fens Ward.
- 3.4 The Neighbourhood Action Plan Update has been developed through a range of consultation sessions with residents, children and young people,

the elderly, community/voluntary groups, Councillors and those who deliver services to the area (e.g. Cleveland Police, Hartlepool Borough Council Officers, Housing Hartlepool and Hartlepool Community Network). An initial community consultation event was held in July 2007 which was crucial in identifying the community's priority concerns and the actions required to address the concerns. Household survey data (MORI 2006) and other baseline data and statistics have also provided an understanding of the conditions in the Owton NAP area.

3.5 As described above, a wide range of consultation sessions were carried out to develop and inform the Neighbourhood Action Plan Update. To complement this, comprehensive consultation was also undertaken to ensure comments were received from key stakeholders and residents on the draft. This further consultation included: -

- Working with members of local organisations and groups such as Manor West Neighbourhood Watch and Residents' Association, Manor Residents' Association, Owton Fens Community Association (OFCA), the Carpet Bowls Club, the Tuesday Club, the over 60's Club, the Sequence Dance Club and Owton Friendship Group. The Regeneration Team also worked with customers of wynyardcafe.com at Owton Rossmere Community Centre;
- Working with youth groups operating throughout the area for example, Solid Rock Youth Project, the South Area Playscheme and OSCARS;
- Visiting the Owton Forum;
- Holding drop-in sessions at various community buildings;
- Providing an online consultation on Hartlepool Borough Council's online consultation system: <http://consultation.hartlepool.gov.uk>;
- Delivering a newsletter to every household in the area;
- Visiting and working with local Primary and Secondary schools;
- Liaising with Hartlepool Community Network and Housing Hartlepool;
- Meetings with key service providers including; Hartlepool Borough Council Officers and Ward Councillors; and
- Seeking comments at the Hartlepool Partnership and the Neighbourhoods and Communities Portfolio Holder, in addition to the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum.

3.6 All comments received were very positive and constructive and have helped to formulate an accurate action plan for the area. Meetings with key service providers (which all Ward Councillors were invited to) have also enabled us to identify funding and resources for some of the actions required, encourage key service providers to confirm their commitment to the delivery of actions and to ensure both residents and service providers felt ownership of the plan.

3.7 This 'finalised' Neighbourhood Action Plan Update which includes all of the amendments suggested by consultees, has been taken for endorsement by the Neighbourhoods and Communities Portfolio Holder, the outcome of which will be reported verbally to the South Neighbourhood Consultative

Forum. The NAP Update is also to be considered by the Owton Forum and the Hartlepool Partnership.

- 3.8 The final version will be placed on the Hartlepool Partnership and Hartlepool Borough Council's websites for future reference.

#### **4.0 RESIDENTS' KEY CONCERNS**

- 4.1 The information below illustrates some of the key issues which residents feel need to be addressed in order to improve the Owton NAP area:

##### **4.2 Jobs and Economy**

- Address barriers to employment and increase employability of local residents.
- Decrease unemployment / youth unemployment and improve access to local employment opportunities.
- Raise aspirations and consequently reduce the level of people claiming Incapacity Benefit (IB) and Income Support (IS).
- Explore ways in which voluntary work can be progressed in to paid employment (as certain benefits can not be claimed whilst carrying out voluntary work).
- Tackle issues people face when managing debt.

##### **4.3 Lifelong Learning and Skills**

- Address barriers to education.
- Raise aspirations.
- Continue to improve educational attainment in schools and adult learning, and increase vocational opportunities available.
- Provide support to those who could be affected by the potential closure of Brierton Community School.

##### **4.4 Health and Care**

- Tackle high levels of smoking.
- Encourage people living in Owton NAP area to have more healthy lifestyles.
- Tackle issues with drug and alcohol dependence.
- Reduce teenage pregnancy rates.
- Reduction in health care services in the area after the emergency care practitioner service was withdrawn from Wynyard Road.
- Increase support for the elderly population.
- Adapt services to ensure easy access for the working population.

##### **4.5 Community Safety**

- Increase the take up of free home fire safety checks available from Cleveland Fire Brigade.
- Address the issues with deliberate fires being ignited on green spaces, wheelie bins, public bins in Monkton Road and the lane at the top of Macrae Road.
- Address anti-social behaviour and associated behaviour plus the congregation of youths.

- Reduce drug dealing and drug related issues throughout the area, especially in the alleyway from Kesteven Road to Ivanhoe Crescent and the phone box at St Patrick's shops.
- Reduce underage drinking, particularly around / behind shopping precincts.
- Tackle the illegal sale of alcohol to minors.
- Stop the illegal use of off road motorbikes.
- Address the fear of crime on an evening in and around the estate.

#### 4.6 Environment and Housing

- Continue to address car parking and road safety issues as well as improving uneven road surfaces and pavements.
- Address the problem of litter and associated refuse / recycling collections, dog fouling, fly tipping, vandalism and graffiti in the area.
- Investigate the possibility of improving the general appearance of the area including local shopping parades.
- Address housing issues in the area including the lack of variety of housing, lack of social housing and problems with private landlords.
- Continue to improve street lighting and drain cleansing in identified 'hot spot' areas.
- Improve public transport provision to outlying areas and locally on an evening, particularly after 6.00pm.

#### 4.7 Culture and Leisure

- Raise awareness of the services and activities which are available for all ages, within the area for residents to access.
- Increase the provision of activities for the young, elderly and vulnerable.
- Improve open green spaces and children's play areas to ensure safe use.
- Strengthen the links between the local community and local schools.

#### 4.8 Strengthening Communities

- Encourage the involvement of young people in community issues.
- Strengthen the existing provision of community / voluntary organisations in the area.
- Increase resident participation in issues that affect the area.
- Encourage the participation of hard to reach groups.
- Identify sources of funding to continue the development of the community / voluntary organisations.

### 5.0 **THE CONTENTS OF THE PLAN**

5.1 The document has been structured in a way that is intended to give a clear picture of the strong themes running through the Neighbourhood Action Plan back to the Community Strategy and the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy.

5.2 The format of the document differs slightly from that of the original Owton Neighbourhood Action Plan endorsed in 2005 as well as the Dyke House/Stranton/Grange and Burbank NAP Updates, which have been endorsed by the Hartlepool Partnership. The template has been amended as a result of the findings of the NAP Review as well as taking on board



suggestions for improvement from service providers who refer to the plan on a regular basis.

- 5.3 The introductory section includes a map of the area (outlined on page 1 of the plan). It also continues to cover the background to Neighbourhood Action Plans, a brief description of the Owton neighbourhood, how the Owton NAP Update has been developed, and a summary of the community's main concerns.
- 5.4 The following section then comprises the seven theme areas:- Jobs and Economy; Lifelong Learning and Skills; Health and Care; Community Safety; Environment and Housing; Culture and Leisure and Strengthening Communities. Each theme identifies the key statistics, the strengths and weaknesses and the gaps in service delivery which need to be addressed. Following this is a table which identifies the community's priority concerns, some of which are highlighted above (paragraph 4.2 to 4.8 of this report), the actions that are required to address these concerns, a column to identify whether actions are short term (within one year), medium term (between one and five years) or long term (five + years), the organisations who need to be involved in delivering the actions, possible funding and resources and how the actions will contribute to addressing strategic targets (such as the Local Area Agreement Indicators).
- 5.5 The next section outlines the key resources and programmes delivered in the area/accessible to residents of the Owton NAP area. These follow the seven theme areas identified in the paragraph above. The last section of the plan is a Jargon Buster with a separate Summary Document to accompany the plan.
- 5.6 A resident's summary pamphlet is currently being produced. This will outline the priorities which the Owton Forum is working to address in the current financial year, following the prioritisation exercise. This will be delivered to every household in the Owton NAP area to highlight the work of the Forum and encourage resident participation in the process.

## **6.0 IMPLEMENTATION**

- 6.1 The Council's Neighbourhood Services Department has adopted a neighbourhood management role to assist in the implementation of all Neighbourhood Action Plans. The original Owton NAP brought together service providers and residents through the Owton Forum. The updated NAP will continue to be overseen at a local level by this group, managed by the South Neighbourhood Manager, along with being fundamental in considering allocations for the NRF Residents' Priority Budget and Neighbourhood Element Funding. In addition, the Hartlepool Partnership's Theme Groups have an important role to play in monitoring plan progress on strategic issues across all of the seven themes, on an annual basis.

## **7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISK**

- 7.1 In addition to the Neighbourhood Renewal Funding (Residents' Priority Budget) and Neighbourhood Element Funding, the Neighbourhood Action

Plan will also continue to be influential in the future allocation of resources. The NAP Update provides a strategic analysis of the current problems, gaps and priorities which could be tackled should any new funding streams emerge. Impact upon priorities is expected to be made by using more efficiently and effectively existing mainstream resources on the more disadvantaged areas. This will coincide with a continuous improvement to services by all partners, which often only involves a series of small adjustments and a more efficient co-ordination of activity. The objective of the NAP is to integrate policies at the local level to improve the way that services are provided.

- 7.2 As previously outlined in paragraph 2.5, the Hartlepool Partnership agreed to allocate £39,000 for the Residents' Priority Budget for the 2007/08 financial year specifically for the Owton Neighbourhood Action Plan area plus £117,500 of Neighbourhood Element Funding. The Owton Forum will continue to discuss with the South Neighbourhood Manager, Hartlepool Community Network, Housing Hartlepool and other key service providers how this funding and any subsequent match funding should be used to address some of the community's priority concerns.
- 7.3 There are no substantial risks in the Neighbourhood Action Plan process as the local NAP Forum is well established and has experience in the allocation of funding. There is however a degree of risk associated with securing future resources, over and above the existing NRF monies for 2007/08. The Local Forum and the relevant officers will however be continually working in partnership with other service providers/organisations to ensure that every funding opportunity is utilised. There is also a slight risk in relation to the expenditure of the Neighbourhood Renewal Funding (Residents' Priority Budget) and Neighbourhood Element Funding not being achieved in the relevant financial year. This risk will be minimised by budgetary monitoring to ensure the funding is not lost to the area.

## 8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum is requested to **endorse the Neighbourhood Action Plan Update** for the Owton area subject to endorsement from the Owton Forum and the Hartlepool Partnership.

## 9.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 As previously outlined in paragraph 2.3, the Owton Neighbourhood Action Plan was the fourth NAP to be successfully prepared for the town in 2005 and the plan was used as a base by the Owton Forum to identify how the Residents' Priorities Budget, (allocated by the Hartlepool Partnership through its Neighbourhood Renewal Fund programme), would be spent.
- 9.2 The Owton Forum comprising residents, (including representatives from the local Residents Association established in the area), Ward Councillors, community/voluntary groups, the Borough Council and other key organisations such as Housing Hartlepool, Hartlepool Community Network and Cleveland Police, has successfully spent over £212,000 of funding for the neighbourhood over 2005-2007.

- 9.3 Schemes supported are wide ranging and include the implementation of a car parking scheme in Ibrox Grove, a traffic calming scheme in Eskdale Road, the works to St Patrick's Shops, the provision of sessional youth workers, capital works to the Manor West Centre and Manor Residents' Association, provision of healthy meals at Owton Rossmere Resource Centre as well as various activities and outings by various community/voluntary organisations.
- 9.4 The endorsement of the Owton Neighbourhood Action Plan Update will enable local people and organisations to continue to work together to successfully integrate policies at a local level, improving the ways that services are provided, to achieve goals of lower unemployment and crime, better health, skills, housing and physical environment, and a stronger community with improved culture and leisure opportunities.
- 9.5 The Neighbourhood Action Plan Update will also continue to look at how services can be made more efficient and effective for the local community and help local service providers and users to continue to ensure that gaps between existing and desired services are identified and considered by service providers, to effectively add value and improve the quality of life in the Owton NAP area.
- 9.6 The Neighbourhood Action Plan Update will be influential in the future allocation of resources as it provides a framework for opportunities if further funding/resources become available.
- 10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**
- 10.1 The original Owton Neighbourhood Action Plan was endorsed by the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum on 10 June 2005, what used to be the Regeneration and Liveability Portfolio Holder on 10 June 2005 and the Hartlepool Partnership on 08 July 2005. As stated in paragraph 5.2, the NAP document relates back to the Community Strategy and the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy.
- 11.0 CONTACT OFFICER**
- 11.1 Gemma Clough, Principal Regeneration Officer, Regeneration and Planning Services, Bryan Hanson House, Hanson Square, Hartlepool, TS24 7BT. Tel: 01429 523598. E-mail: [gemma.clough@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:gemma.clough@hartlepool.gov.uk).
- 11.2 The summary document highlighting the priority concerns of the local community, and the actions to address these concerns is attached for information. Copies of the Neighbourhood Action Plan document will be made available at the meeting. If however you would like a copy prior to this, please do not hesitate to contact the named officer detailed above.

## Owton Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) Update

### Summary Document

This document highlights the priority concerns and actions required, as identified in final version for endorsement, Nov 2007

#### Jobs and Economy

- **Address barriers to employment and increase employability of local residents.**
- Further promote existing specialised pre-employability programmes available, for example in confidence building and interview techniques, CV writing etc. and investigate avenues for improving recruitment.
- Seek to improve take up of learning opportunities in basic skills (such as literacy and numeracy), and life skills to aid access to employment.
- Ensure that specialist employment advisors are available and accessible in local community venues.
- Need to explore funding opportunities and for local service providers to work as a consortium in order to tackle worklessness, and address barriers to employment (including childcare), through targeted interventions.
- Create employment opportunities that support people who have responsibilities at home.
- **Decrease unemployment / youth unemployment and improve access to local employment opportunities.**
- Explore employment opportunities for local people with major contractors for Victoria Harbour.
- Provide an employer engagement event to promote the benefits of employing local people including those who may be difficult to reach or recruit (e.g. including young people and those who are ex-offenders or long term benefit claimants).
- Improve employer engagement and liaise with employers regarding their job specifications and matching local people with job opportunities.
- Investigate possibility of individuals having early access to programmes such as New Deal 18 to 24 years.
- **Raise aspirations and consequently reduce the level of people claiming Incapacity Benefit (IB) and Income Support (IS).**
- Encourage a review of the financial packages distributed by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP).
- Provide accessible, affordable and high quality childcare to allow people to return to work.
- Raise aspirations amongst adults.
- Investigate ways of tackling informal economies and providing support for those who work in them.
- **Explore ways in which voluntary work can be progressed in to paid employment (as certain benefits can not be claimed whilst carrying out voluntary work).**

- Improve employer engagement and communication.
- Work with local community / voluntary organisations to ensure that voluntary work opportunities are focussed on sector specific employment opportunities, and that quality information and guidance is given to residents.
- **Tackle issues people face when managing debt.**
- Promote services that are available in the area to help residents maintain and manage their debt, and to discuss any related issues.
- Further specialist debt management services are required in the community (particularly the service of constant in work benefit calculations, to promote the benefits of being employed).

### **Lifelong Learning and Skills**

- **Address barriers to education.**
- Explore funding opportunities to ensure that every child has a crèche / nursery place appropriate to need to allow parents to take up training opportunities.
- Work with local service providers to ensure that all training has affordable childcare available to allow parents to participate.
- Promote the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and Adult Learning Grant (further to recent television and radio campaigns).
- **Raise aspirations.**
- Promote and increase where possible parental involvement in schools and learning in general.
- Educate parents and grandparents about the benefits of education and attending school to deter truancy.
- Improve citizenship skills of young people.
- **Continue to improve educational attainment in schools and adult learning, and increase vocational opportunities available.**
- Further improve educational attainment in local schools which serve the Owton NAP area.
- Explore the possibility of providing more vocational courses and activity based learning in and out of school and promote existing opportunities available.
- Further promote the courses available at colleges across the town, in local venues.
- **Provide support to those who could be affected by the potential closure of Brierton Community School.**
- Ensure that support services are available for those who could be affected by the potential closure of Brierton Community School through the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme.
- Provide a contact point and sign posting service for pupils and parents who may have any queries regarding the potential closure of the school.



## **Health and Care**

- **Tackle high levels of smoking.**
- Ensure people who want to stop smoking are aware of where they need to go for help and support.
- Educate young people about the dangers of smoking.
- **Encourage people living in Owton NAP area to have more healthy lifestyles.**
- Continue to publicise and provide 'Healthy Eating' initiatives and education.
- Investigate providing further localised 'Healthy Eating' initiatives and education to fill any gaps.
- Ensure that care advisors are aware of all existing care and support structures to enable sign-posting.
- Encourage residents of all ages to take part in physical and leisure activities.
- Advertise physical and leisure facilities that are available in the area including any concessionary rates.
- Ensure that support services are available to enable people to undertake physical and leisure activities, e.g. crèche and nursery facilities.
- Continue to work towards developing and strengthening existing care programmes.
- Increase awareness of the importance of health for good self-esteem / strong relationships.
- **Tackle issues with drug and alcohol dependence.**
- Continue to develop the joined up support service required identified through the Connected Care Programme.
- GP's to signpost to relevant services when approached for support and advice.
- Raise awareness of drug and alcohol issues amongst young people.
- **Reduce teenage pregnancy rates.**
- Continue in-school education of teenage pregnancy and other sexual health related matters to both boys and girls through primary and secondary schools.
- Improve availability of free contraception.
- Local Authority aims to reduce under 18 conceptions locally by 55% by 2010.
- Encourage young people to access teenage pregnancy support and advice services (free of charge).
- Advertise the services available.
- Encourage and therefore increase the use of the equipment OFCA have on offer. Electronic babies and empathy bellies are available – both are accompanied by a programme.
- Continue to improve support and advice services available for teenagers to discuss health issues.
- **Reduction in health care services in the area after the emergency care practitioner service was withdrawn from Wynyard Road.**

- Explore possibility of providing outreach emergency health drop in sessions at local venues.
- Publicise health care services that are currently available on an outreach basis in the area.
- **Increase support for the elderly population.**
- More low level support required for the elderly.
- Implementation of the Citizenship Strategy through 50+ Forum.
- Adaptations required to housing to allow the elderly to live on their own comfortably.
- Promote local clubs which the elderly can attend.
- **Adapt services to ensure easy access for the working population.**
- Increase access to health services e.g. GP's, hospitals and other health professionals on an evening during the week and on Saturdays.
- Lack of available dentist surgery in the area. All provision is outside of the Owton NAP area.

### **Community Safety**

- **Increase the take up of free home fire safety checks available from Cleveland Fire Brigade.**
- Increase publicity around the free smoke alarms and home fire safety checks along with improving fire safety in the home.
- Advertise this scheme through Housing Hartlepool newsletters and local community newsletters.
- Liaise with Accredited Landlords to promote these checks for their properties.
- **Address the issues with deliberate fires being ignited on green spaces, wheelie bins, public bins in Monkton Road and the lane at the top of Macrae Road.**
- Encourage people to report individuals who start deliberate fires e.g. publicise reporting procedures.
- Promote education on the dangers of deliberate fires on public spaces.
- **Address anti-social behaviour and associated behaviour plus the congregation of youths.**
- Encourage residents to report incidents of anti-social behaviour.
- Continue to increase the presence and high visibility patrols of PC's and PCSO's.
- Further works with individuals involved in incidents of anti-social behaviour.
- Encourage parental involvement in existing sessions organised by community / voluntary organisations in the area.
- Explore the opportunity of creating further diversionary activities for youths, in order to deter them from hanging around on streets.
- Continue to publicise and raise awareness of Anti Social Behaviour Unit.
- Explore the possibility of using designated action to counter anti-social behaviour and alcohol related nuisance behaviour, where appropriate.

- Look at the possibility of providing a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in the Owton NAP area. Use to be supervised.
- Look at the possibility of providing a games area to the back of St Patrick's shops now the alleygates have been installed in the Owton NAP area.
- **Reduce drug dealing and drug related issues throughout the area, especially in the alleyway from Kesteven Road to Ivanhoe Crescent and the phone box at St Patrick's shops.**
- Seek to increase drug related enforcement activities in the area.
- Continue to increase the presence and high visibility patrols of PC's and PCSO's and ensure that Officers continue to build good relationships with the community, especially youths.
- Initiatives to increase awareness and educate the community of the dangers surrounding the use of illegal substances.
- Liaise with Service Providers to increase drug clean up operations in the area, especially in open green spaces.
- **Reduce underage drinking, particularly around / behind shopping precincts.**
- Seek to increase Police enforcement activities.
- Continue to increase the presence and high visibility patrols of PC's and PCSO's and ensure that Officers continue to build good relationships with the community, especially youths.
- Investigate the possibility of employing specialised Youth Workers to engage with youth to see what activities they would like to be involved in and raise awareness of the implications of their behaviour.
- Explore the possibility of increasing CCTV provision in the area to deter underage activities, especially in 'hotspot' areas such as St Patrick and Wynyard Road shops.
- Clean up broken bottles and litter in problematic areas (most concentrated glass and litter problems are caused by the night time economy on a weekend) by looking at the feasibility of timetabling litter clearance services so it can cover Mondays.
- **Tackle the illegal sale of alcohol to minors.**
- Tackle illegal sale of alcohol to young people who are underage particularly from shops on Wynyard Road.
- Continue to work with local shops to encourage employees to ask for ID for alcohol purchases.
- Encourage residents to report incidents of sale of alcohol to minors.
- Continue to publicise new legislation relating to Alcohol Designated Areas.
- **Reduce the illegal use of off road motorbikes.**
- Aim to reduce the illegal off road motor bike usage in 'hotspot' areas.
- Increased enforcement e.g. Cleveland Police to increase operations using the off road motorbike unit.
- Increase CCTV and lighting provision around 'hotspot' areas in order to reduce illegal activity.
- Residents to report all illegal motorbike incidents.
- Raise awareness of dangers and responsibilities of using a motorbike.
- **Address the fear of crime on an evening in and around the estate.**
- Increase the publicity around good news stories in the area.

- Support and extend existing Neighbourhood Watch Schemes.
- Continue to promote Ringmaster 10000 and encourage residents to sign-up to the scheme.
- Encourage residents to report incidents that cause alarm, distress or nuisance.
- Produce Community Safety booklets for the local community.

## **Environment and Housing**

- **Continue to address car parking and road safety issues as well as improving uneven road surfaces and pavements.**
- Further increase car parking provision across the Owton NAP area. The 'I' Block of the Fens Ward, the 'E', 'K' and 'L' Block of the Owton Ward, as well as Owton Manor Lane (Jameson Road / Catcote Road), Dalkeith Road, Hibernian Grove and outside of schools on Catcote Road, Maxwell Road and Mowbray Road have all been identified through the consultation process. Look at other options in addition to the tarmacking of grass verges such as creating parking bays, where appropriate.
- Investigate and improve road safety through the design and implementation of the most appropriate traffic calming and congestion measures including safety cameras and the lowering of speed limits for the problematic areas which include most of the 'M' Block, Wynyard Road (shops / community centre area) and outside of the schools.
- Improve uneven road surfaces and patchy and uneven pavements across the area including Wynyard Road shopping parade and between Catcote Road and Torquay Avenue as well as further works required in Owton Manor Lane.
- Ensure that strategic roads in the area are adequately salted during hazardous winter weather conditions.
- Investigate and make any improvements to the cycle ways and extend provision where deemed to be required, although it should be noted that the existing cycle way is joined up with the cycle route for Hartlepool.
- **Address the problem of litter and associated refuse / recycling collections, dog fouling, fly tipping, vandalism and graffiti in the area.**
- Tackle issue of litter including broken bottles in the area, particularly at shopping parades during lunch times, the green area near the Goldmine Public House (glass in the bushes), Kilmarnock Road green, Lindsay Road, the beck and the alleyway at the back of Maxwell Court / next to the old Police station, through increased enforcement action and partnership working with various agencies including local schools and businesses.
- Increase provision of litter bins across the area if feasible, including St Patrick's shops and Owton Manor Primary School or explore the feasibility of increasing the size of litter bins.
- Explore the feasibility of increasing the refuse and recycling collection service if feasible or alternatively look to increase the size of litter bins.



- Address problems associated with the refuse and recycling collection service by encouraging residents to remove green and brown wheelie bins from the street, once emptied, to reduce acts of vandalism / theft / setting of deliberate fires in them. Also to ensure that refuse and recycling collection operatives clear any refuse spillages that occur during the emptying of household and public litter bins.
- Address problems associated with the recycling collection service by ensuring that white recycling bags are sufficiently weighted down in order to prevent them from blowing away.
- Address the issue of dog fouling in the area through increased fines and enforcement, the prominent placing of signs and educating the community as well as providing additional dog foul bins across the area, particularly to the rear of Wynyard Road shops, the green space next to the Hourglass Public House and the garages in the 'I' block (Innes Road).
- Put in place preventative measures in order to tackle fly-tipping at the rear of Wynyard Road shops, the rear of Elderslie Walk, the alleyway to the rear of Owton Manor Social Club and the green area near Moffatt Road, through increased levels of enforcement and street cleansing.
- Remove graffiti and improve response times and seek to address acts of vandalism including graffiti across the area, including the garages in the 'I' Block and local shopping parades, plus the deliberate setting of fires, including those set in household wheelie bins and public bins in Monkton Road and the lane at the top of Macrae Road as well as reducing damage to trees, swings and public street lighting columns.
- **Investigate the possibility of improving the general appearance of the area including local shopping parades.**
- Continue to improve the general appearance of local shopping parades / commercial properties through shop front improvements such as the painting of shutters, street cleansing and beautification where feasible.
- Continue to improve the general appearance of the area through street cleansing, beautification including the placement of more flower beds, where needed, and the regular pruning of shrubs, particularly on Eskdale Road and the cutting back of trees and shrubs at the alleyway to the rear of Maxwell Court / next to the old Police station. Also to regularly maintain green spaces such as the area next to The Hourglass Public House.
- Encourage residents to take pride in the appearance of their homes and gardens, whether in the private or social sector, through regular maintenance.
- Further promote the gardening service available to vulnerable people through the Volunteer Initiative Project, delivered by Owton Fens Community Association (OFCA).
- Improve the collection of grass cuttings once areas have been mowed and ensure that grass verges are edged and weeded.
- **Address housing issues in the area including the lack of variety of housing, lack of social housing and problems with private landlords.**
- Include provision of social family housing (2 / 3 bed accommodation) and bungalows in new developments.
- Provide accommodation, including support, more suitable to the needs of the elderly, which will create attractive opportunities for them to leave their larger properties, which will then be available as family homes.

- Include provision of 1 / 2 bed sheltered accommodation in new developments.
- Promote and encourage private landlords to participate in the Landlord Registration Scheme.
- Investigate complaints from residents regarding anti-social behaviour displayed by tenants of private rented properties and take appropriate action.
- **Continue to improve street lighting and drain cleansing in identified ‘ hot spot’ areas.**
- An assessment and potential improvement of street lighting provision required in Macrae Road, the alleyway to the side of Owton Manor Social Club / Wynyard House, the alleyway between Dunoon Road / Greenock Road, Maxwell Court bungalows (lights shadowed by overgrown trees), the garages in the ‘I’ Block, Glamis Walk (field) and the field opposite Manor School.
- An assessment and improvement of street drainage required across the area, particularly in relation to blocked drains. Eskdale Road drains in particular emit a pungent smell in the summer months. Residents to report any blockages to Northumbrian Water or seek advice from Hartlepool Borough Council.
- **Improve public transport provision to outlying areas and locally on an evening, particularly after 6.00pm.**
- Investigate into the reasons why the direct bus service to James Cook Hospital has been withdrawn and the No. 1 bus service and services to Hartlepool Hospital and North Tees Hospital are limited, as well as investigating into the situation with regard to the No. 15 bus service.
- Look to improve public transport services to Hartlepool supermarkets and provision on an evening after 6.00pm.
- Explore the feasibility of limiting bus shelter vandalism by such methods as replacing glass with an unbreakable material or replacing with a different design and ensuring regular maintenance.
- Investigate the feasibility of increasing the number of low-liner buses in the fleet.

### **Culture and Leisure**

- **Raise awareness of the services and activities which are available for all ages, within the area for residents to access.**
- Publicise events, activities and facilities more effectively. This would include creating an integrated timetable of all activities in the area.
- Further improve communication between Service Providers and local residents.
- Ensure community representatives and community / voluntary organisations are better informed of what activities are available.
- **Increase the provision of activities for the young, elderly and vulnerable.**
- Explore the possibility of expanding existing services and activities for the young, elderly and vulnerable.

- Explore the possibility of producing a memory lane for the Owton Manor area.
- Explore the possibility of Hartlepool Borough Council Arts, Museums and Events Service providing an outreach service to work with a local history group on history project with local schools etc.
- Look at the possibility of providing a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in the Owton NAP area. Use to be supervised.
- Look at the possibility of providing a games play area to the rear of St Patrick's shops now that the alleygates have been installed in the Owton NAP area.
- Engage with Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme to ensure community provision is improved and increased, where possible.
- Explore the possibility of Owton Manor West Neighbourhood Watch and Residents' Association restarting their trampoline club.
- Explore the possibility of providing trips to bowling alley, ice rink at the Young People's Centre in Newton Aycliffe.
- **Improve open green spaces and children's play areas to ensure safe use.**
- Assess lighting and the upkeep and maintenance of open green spaces including the open spaces opposite the Hourglass Public House and the green wedge behind the Goldmine Public House (formerly the Red Admiral) and improve and maintain children's play areas.
- Explore further some of the aspirations of children and young people which include access to a park with play facilities, more football pitches, tennis courts, more varied activities at Summerhill Country Park, a learner swimming pool, skatepark, motorcross track and zoo. This could include better community links with organisations such as HBC Countryside Wardens and promotion of links with external providers such as Clarences Community Farm, Tweddle Zoo etc.
- Promote activities on offer at Summerhill Country Park.
- Explore opportunities to increase both indoor and outdoor play provision.
- **Strengthen the links between the local community and local schools.**
- Promote greater parental involvement and family activities with all local schools in the area e.g. parents' days, open days etc.
- Explore the possibility of opening schools up on a night to hold extra activities and maximise the use of their resources e.g. sports hall, playing fields etc.

### **Strengthening Communities**

- **Encourage the involvement of young people in community issues.**
- Continue to expand the variety of youth activities available in the area.
- Encourage young people to become more involved in community projects and take ownership of the area.

- Ensure that the Owton Forum allocates an agreed level of funding to the Owton Youth Forum, once established, as outlined in the NAP Review.
- Explore match funding opportunities for potential projects.
- Improve respect towards others by encouraging work between different generations in the community.
- **Strengthen the existing provision of community / voluntary organisations in the area.**
- Ensure the continuation of partnership working in the Owton NAP area.
- Encourage community / voluntary organisations to continue actively seek proactive solutions to community issues.
- Identify sustainable sources of funding to enable the continuation of community / voluntary organisations in the area.
- Ensure that the work of smaller groups and organisation are not overlooked because they do not have the capacity to attend meetings and continue to try and contact groups with limited capacity to involve them in the NAP process.
- Encourage local people to get involved in existing voluntary and community groups in the Owton area.
- **Increase resident participation in issues that affect the area.**
- Visit existing groups in the area to publicise and explain the role of the Owton Forum e.g. Mother and Toddler group.
- Provide development and training events in the local area to improve the quality of community involvement.
- Encourage good news stories within the Owton NAP area and beyond, through press releases, local newsletters and word of mouth.
- Encourage new residents to become involved in community activity through increased publicity and overcome barriers where applicable, such as childcare.
- Encourage community engagement through community events e.g. a fun day.
- **Encourage the participation of hard to reach groups.**
- Liaise with existing groups to promote community activity.
- Community / voluntary organisations to visit hard to reach groups to promote participation.
- Look at alternative methods of engagement and ways in which information is disseminated to the local community e.g. coffee mornings, fairs, etc.
- Encourage the elderly to become more involved in community projects.
- **Identify sources of funding to continue the development of the community / voluntary organisations.**
- Explore the feasibility of reducing the number of targets and outputs when drawing in funding.
- Continue to promote the community / voluntary sector and lobby for future funding.
- Continue to invest resources in local community / voluntary organisations e.g. Neighbourhood Element Funding.