

PLEASE NOTE VENUE

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO DECISION SCHEDULE



Monday 28th January 2008

at 9.00 am

**in the Avondale Centre,
Dyke House School
(Raby Road entrance)**

Councillor Jackson, Cabinet Member responsible for Neighbourhoods and Communities will consider the following items.

1. KEY DECISIONS

None

2. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 2.1 Minor Works Proposals, Neighbourhood Consultative Forums – *Head of Neighbourhood Management*
- 2.2 M Block Traffic Calming – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.3 Avenue Road, Proposed Taxi Rank Order – Objection – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.4 Cycle Training/Promotions Funding Applications – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.5 Dog Control Orders – *Head of Neighbourhood Management*
- 2.6 Three Year Local Transport Capital Settlement (2008/09 – 2010/11) – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.7 Thornbury Close/Templeton Close Traffic Calming – *Head of Technical Services*

3. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 3.1 Neighbourhood Action Team, Environmental Enforcement – *Head of Neighbourhood Management*

4. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS

None

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5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

EXEMPT ITEMS

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

6. ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

6.1 School Crossing Patrol Service – *Head of Technical Services* (Para 3)

NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITIES

Report to Portfolio Holder

28 January 2008

Report of: Head of Neighbourhood Management

Subject: MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS, NEIGHBOURHOOD
CONSULTATIVE FORUMS

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider recommendations of the Neighbourhood Consultative Forums in respect of Minor Works funding.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

List of Minor Works proposals.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Recommendations of spend on Minor Works schemes to be confirmed by the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood and Communities.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Recommendations of Neighbourhood Consultative Forums to Neighbourhood and Communities Portfolio.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

To agree the recommendations of the Neighbourhood Consultative Forums in respect of Minor Works proposals.

Report of: Head of Neighbourhood Management

Subject: MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS, NEIGHBOURHOOD
CONSULTATIVE FORUMS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider recommendations of the Neighbourhood Consultative Forums in respect of Minor Works funding.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The last cycle of Consultative Forums recommended the following for approval: -

3. NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

3.1 Hart Ward - St Mark's Church Hall

The Residents Association of Clavering and Hart Station have recently raised funding via a number of sources in order to improve St Mark's Church Hall. In December 2007 the Resident Association required additional funding of £250 to improve the external disabled access to the hall as their initial budget fell short of the required amount needed to complete the improvement works.

Total contribution requested is **£250**.

4. CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

4.1 Stranton Ward - Furness Street

Install fencing to the rear of Furness Street and Middleton Road to provide a secure and safe place for residents and their children. This scheme will complete security measures carried out across the neighbourhood, and compliment Tofts Garden.

Total cost of this scheme **£9,000**.

4.2 Stranton Ward - Musgrave Walk

Request from Burbank Neighbourhood Action Plan Forum for a contribution towards bulb planting in Musgrave Walk to continue the beautification programme.

Total contribution requested is **£1,400**.

4.3 Rift House Ward – Recreation Ground

Ward Councillors have been approached by residents in the area to have the fence line to the perimeter of this area renewed. Some works have been carried out recently; however, further works are required. It is proposed that the forum supports this scheme to enable the next section to be renewed, this will then form part of a rolling programme for which there will be no further requests to the forum for future funding.

Total contribution requested is **£5,000**.

4.4 Park Ward - Valley Drive

Flooding and drainage continue to be a cause for concern in this area. A camera survey is required in relation to a drainage scheme in Valley Drive, unfortunately there is no mainstream budget for these works therefore it is requested by residents that the forum supports the funding of these investigatory works.

Total cost for survey is **£2,000**.

4.5 Park Ward - Reedston Close

A fencing scheme is required to secure a piece of land that is prone to anti social behaviour. The cost of the scheme is approximately £4,000 if the Forum can support this scheme the remaining funding has be secured from a Community Safety budget.

Total contribution requested is **£750**.

4.6 Rift House Ward - Spencer Grove

There is a requirement to improve the parking provision in this congested grove, and it has been identified through the Rift House Bum Valley Neighbourhood Action Plans as one of their key priorities, the cost of this scheme is £6,800.

Total contribution requested is **£1,800**.

4.7 Stranton Ward - Middleton Road

Tots Garden is a community garden area that requires a make over and some colour adding. It is suggested that the central oval flower bed be planted with annual summer and spring bedding plants. In addition to this we can install a flower tower floral feature planted with summer and spring bedding plants as it is felt by residents that this would beatify this corner.

Total cost of this scheme is **£2,662**.

5. SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

5.1 Rossmere Ward - Claymore Road

Contribution towards the removal of grass verges outside Nos. 2 – 14 Claymore Road and replace with tarmac hard standing to improve the aesthetics of the area to provide parking.

The total contribution requested is **£6,109.**

5.2 Greatham Ward - Saltaire Terrace

Due to the narrow width of the road in Saltaire Terrace and no turning circle at the top end, it is proposed to remove part of the grass verges outside Nos. 1 – 24 Saltaire Terrace and replace with tarmac, together with a dropped kerb along the full length of the street to allow cars to park off road and give more room for them to turn around.

The total contribution requested is **£6,525.89.**

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 All of the above works can be carried out using existing Minor Works budgets.

7. RECOMMENDATION

7.1 That the recommendations of the Neighbourhood Consultative Forums be approved.

NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder
28 January 2008



Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: M BLOCK TRAFFIC CALMING

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval for the implementation of a traffic calming scheme for the M Block in Owton Manor.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report details the background to the proposed scheme, the investigations into the request and the recommended course of action.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for traffic and transportation issues.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

This is a non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

This is an executive decision made by the Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

That the traffic calming scheme be approved.

Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: M BLOCK TRAFFIC CALMING

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the implementation of a traffic calming scheme in the M Block in Owton Manor.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A report was submitted to this Portfolio on 13 August 2007 providing details of a petition that had been received from residents of Moffat Road and the surrounding area requesting traffic calming to be installed. 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 in relation to Macrae Road, which is included in the proposed scheme.
- 2.3 The scheme will involve the introduction of a 20mph zone, which will be self regulating by the introduction of speed humps as indicated in **Appendix 1.**

3. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES

- 3.1 Approximately 350 consultation letters were sent to all residents and ward councillors, with responses received as follows:
- 95 people in favour of the traffic calming scheme;
 - 8 people not in favour of the traffic calming scheme
- 3.2 Objections to the scheme include:
- Traffic calming is not needed.
 - Speed cushions would not prevent motorbikes from speeding.
 - Damage to vehicles.
 - Back pain for vehicle occupants.

- 3.3 It is correct to say that cushions would not prevent motorbikes speeding as they could travel between them. To counter this, the scheme originally featured full width humps, however the Fire Brigade had concerns that this would impact on their response times, therefore the humps were replaced with cushions.
- 3.4 The consultation responses demonstrate that a significant majority of over 92% of those people responding were in favour of the proposed scheme.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The total scheme cost is £35,000, with this being funded as follows:
- £15,000 from the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum.
 - £10,000 from the Owton NAP Forum.
 - £5,000 from the Local Transport Plan.
 - £5,000 from Housing Hartlepool.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 That the traffic calming scheme for the M Block be approved.

APPENDIX 1



NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder
28 January 2008



Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: AVENUE ROAD, PROPOSED TAXI RANK
ORDER - OBJECTION

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval for the Traffic Regulation Order following an objection to the scheme.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

This report details the information collected in relation to the objection on the Traffic Regulation Order.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for traffic and transportation issues.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

This is a non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

This is an executive decision made by the Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

That the Traffic Regulation Order outlined in the report be approved.

Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: AVENUE ROAD, PROPOSED TAXI RANK
ORDER - OBJECTION

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the Traffic Regulation Order following an objection to the scheme.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The existing taxi rank on the east side of Avenue Road is frequently full to capacity, with additional taxis also waiting to join the rank (see **Appendix 1**). In view of this, it has been agreed to provide an additional rank adjacent to the Police Station.
- 2.2 Previous discussions with the Police had indicated that they would be unwilling to support the provision of an additional rank adjacent to the Police Station on safety/ security grounds. However, at a recent Licensing Committee meeting the Police stated that they would now be prepared to accept a new rank, but would wish to retain the right to cone off the area for their use when necessary (Police horse box use, etc).

3. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES

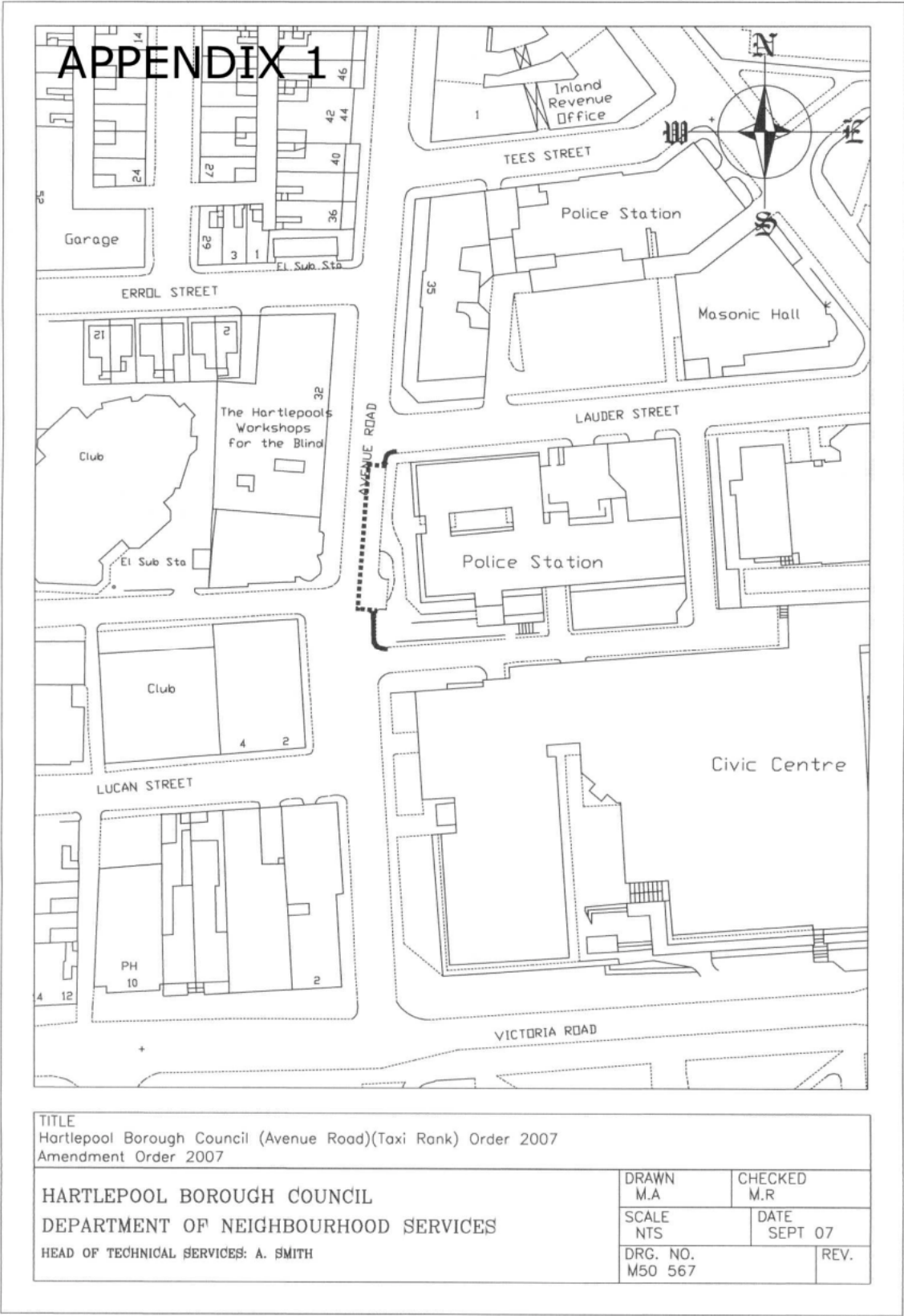
- 3.1 The provision of the new rank has now gone through the legal advertising process and one objection was received (see **Appendix 2**). The objection relates to visibility for vehicles leaving the Civic Centre exit road, however, the new rank will be set back from the road to ensure a reasonable level of visibility for vehicles exiting this road.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The required signing and lining works would be funded from the Council traffic management budget.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 That the Traffic Regulation Order outlined in the report be approved.



APPENDIX 2

Planning Permission for an Additional Taxi Rank outside the Police Station, Avenue Road


I wish to object to the proposed Taxi Rank on the grounds that it is a danger to the users who park at and in the Civic Centre or use the road at the back entrance to Level 1.

Currently taxis create a serious hazard to drivers leaving the Civic Centre via the ramp onto Avenue Road. The taxi drivers park their vehicles on the double yellow lines (the proposed new Taxi Rank) seriously restricting the view of drivers on the top of the ramp wishing to enter Avenue Road. The proposed new Taxi Rank will just make this illegal hazard legal and will remain a danger to drivers leaving the Civic Centre. The hazard caused by the currently illegally parked Taxis is particularly bad on Market Days and this will not diminish should the proposed Taxi Rank be approved.

There already exists a restricted Taxi Rank opposite the existing rank near the Law Courts, which is normally used by car and van drivers during the day. If a new rank is really needed, why not make this rank 24hrs keeping the taxis and thus the hazard, on the same side of the exit from the Civic Centre? There are other ranks near the Civic Centre that are under-utilised by the Taxi drivers, presumably because they are not as convenient or is it because they are too lazy to move?

I would like to think that the Council is more concerned about the safety of its employees and visitors rather than the convenience of taxi drivers.

I look forward to receiving your comments.

Yours sincerely


NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder
28 January 2008



Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: CYCLE TRAINING/PROMOTIONS FUNDING
APPLICATIONS

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek permission from the Portfolio Holder to submit formal bids to the Department for Transport, for funding to increase existing levels of cycle training, and to Cycle England for the appointment of a Bike It Cycling Promotion Officer.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

Details of the bid for funding.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for traffic and transportation issues.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

This is a non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

This is an executive decision made by the Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

Permission is granted from the Portfolio Holder to submit a bid to the Department for Transport for the funding of additional cycling training, and to Cycle England for the appointment of a Bike It Cycle Promotions Officer.

Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: CYCLE TRAINING/PROMOTIONS FUNDING APPLICATIONS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek permission from the Portfolio Holder to submit formal bids to the Department for Transport, for funding to increase existing levels of cycle training, and to Cycle England for the appointment of a Bike It Cycling Promotion Officer.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Department for Transport have invited Councils to apply for funding in order to deliver additional schools cycle training. The application submission date is 1st February 2008 for a 1 year grant.
- 2.2 The grants equate to approximately £40 per child trained to national standard.
- 2.3 This funding is allocated to those Councils that can demonstrate an increase on the existing cycle training levels delivered to schools.
- 2.4 The Road Safety Unit delivers cycle training to approximately 650 school children per annum. This funding bid would double that which is currently delivered.
- 2.5 Cycle England are shortly to announce funding for the appointment of Bike It Cycle Promotions Officers. The remit of the appointed person would involve the encouragement and promotion of cycling across the many schools and businesses in Hartlepool.
- 2.6 This funding stream would require Hartlepool Council to match any grant awarded through a successful bid for a 3 year period.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 In order to train 650 children in national standard cycle training, a bid will be submitted to the Department for Transport for £26,000.
- 3.2 There will be no additional cost implications incurred to Hartlepool Borough Council when delivering the additional training.

- 3.3 The potential bid submitted to Cycle England would total approximately £15,000, and through the Local Transport Plan, the Council will match this funding for the 3 years of the post.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES

- 4.1 The additional funding for cycle training and the Bike It Officer will ensure that any future bids for cycling infrastructure funding through the Cycle Demonstration Town project may be looked at favourably by the Department for Transport.
- 4.2 The cycle training will be delivered in addition to that which is currently delivered to 650 children per annum.
- 4.3 The Bike It Officer post will encourage Council staff, employees in local businesses and school children to use the bicycle as an alternative to the motor vehicle. These promotional activities contribute to the Councils environmental and sustainability strategy, reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality, congestion and safety, all of which are key Governmental targets.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Portfolio Holder grants permission for staff to submit a bid to the Department for Transport in respect of funding additional cycle training and to Cycle England for the appointment of a Bike It Officer.

NEIGHBOURHOOD & COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder
28 January 2008



Report of: Head of Neighbourhood Management

Subject: Dog Control Orders

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval for the necessary steps to be taken in order to comply with the Dog Control Orders (Procedures) Regulations 2006.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The background together with details of proposed Hartlepool Dog Control orders with penalties are included within the report and appendices.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Portfolio Holder is responsible for environmental enforcement.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Key Decision

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Portfolio Holder only

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

- i) That the Portfolio Holder approves the Council adopting the proposed Dog Control Orders as per the attached appendices.
- ii) That the Portfolio Holder gives authority for the necessary steps to be taken to comply with the Dog Control Order (Procedures) Regulations 2006.

Report of: Head of Neighbourhood Management

Subject: Dog Control Orders

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the necessary steps to be taken in order to comply with the Dog Control Orders (Procedures) Regulations 2006.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Portfolio Meeting held in January 2007, the Portfolio Holder gave approval to commence the process of making Dog Control Orders under part 6 of the new Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, and to replace existing dog byelaws currently in use by the council.
- 2.2 In accordance with the Dog Control Orders (Procedures) Regulations 2006, the parish councils of Dalton, Greatham, Elwick and Hart, and the Headland Town Council, have been informed of Hartlepool Borough Council's intention to introduce Dog Control Orders.
- 2.3 During 2007, public consultations were carried out to gather people's views on the problems caused by irresponsible dog owners, and to establish which Orders would be appropriate for the Council to introduce.
- 2.4 Initial public consultation was carried out through the North, Central and South Neighbourhood Consultative Forums, the Environmental Theme Partnership, the local press 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.
- 2.5 Proposals for the Hartlepool Dog Control Orders were compiled following the initial public consultation exercise. These proposals also took into account the Council's knowledge of areas where irresponsible dog ownership is problematic. Further consultations gave the public an opportunity to comment on the proposals.
- 2.6 Although some dog owners expressed concern over the proposed introduction of Dog Control Orders, the Council has allayed fears that

the proposed regulations would be too restrictive. Accordingly and overall, there has been strong public support for the Council to introduce Dog Control Orders.

- 2.7 The Council has provided the Dogs Trust and the RSPCA with details of the proposed Dog Control Orders.

3. HARTLEPOOL DOG CONTROL ORDERS

- 3.1 Details of the proposed Hartlepool Dog Control Orders are attached as follows:

Appendix A

- (i) Fouling of Land by Dogs Order.
- (ii) Dogs on Leads by Direction Order.
- (iii) Dogs (Specified Maximum) Order.

Appendix B

- (i) Dogs on Leads Order.

Appendix C

- (i) Dogs Exclusion Order.

- 3.2 Areas where dogs shall be permitted to exercise freely are detailed at **Appendix D**. This list is not exhaustive, but indicative in its nature.
- 3.3 The Council is proposing to set the level of fixed penalty payable for committing an offence under a Dog Control Order at £80.
- 3.4 The fixed penalty will be subject to a discount of £30 if paid within a period of seven days from the date of issue.

4. SUMMARY

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 The Council has carried out consultations in accordance with the Dog Control Order (Procedures) Regulations 2006.
- 4.3 There is strong public support for the Council to introduce Dog Control Orders and replace existing byelaws relating to dogs.
- 4.4 The effective implementation of these new powers is essential and the Council should consider them fundamental to its key aims and objectives.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That the Portfolio Holder approves the Council adopting the proposed Dog Control Orders as per the attached appendices.
- 5.2 That the Portfolio Holder gives authority for the necessary steps to be taken to comply with the Dog Control Order (Procedures) Regulations 2006.

APPENDIX A

Title of Dog Control Order(s):

- FOULING OF LAND BY DOGS ORDER
- DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION ORDER
- DOGS (SPECIFIED MAXIMUM) ORDER - The proposed maximum number of dogs that any one person may take onto relevant land is 4.

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)

APPENDIX B

Title of Dog Control Order(s):

- DOGS ON LEADS ORDER

Land subject to Dog Control Order(s):

- ALL 'GATED' BACK STREETS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HARTLEPOOL
- WARD JACKSON PARK (see map B1)
- BURN VALLEY GARDENS (see map B2)
- ROSSMERE PARK (see map B3)
- SEATON PARK AND RECREATION GROUND (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)
- RIFT HOUSE RECREATION GROUND (see map B10)
- GRAYFIELDS RECREATION GROUND (see map B11)
- CENTRAL PARK RECREATION GROUND (see map B12)
- FAMILY WOOD, ELWICK ROAD (see map B13)
- STABY HOUSE (see map B14)
- KING GEORGE V RECREATION GROUND (see map B15)
- ROSSMERE WAY RECREATION GROUND (see map B16)
- SEATON COMMON LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (see map B17)
- SPION COP LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (see map B18)
- CROFT GARDENS (see map B19)
- HEADLAND TOWN SQUARE (see map B20)
- HEADLAND FISH QUAY GATES (see map B21)

APPENDIX C

Title of Dog Control Order(s):

- DOGS EXCLUSION ORDER

Land subject to Dog Control Order(s):

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

RIFT HOUSE RECREATION GROUND
GRAYFIELDS RECREATION GROUND
SEATON PARK
KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD
HARTLEPOOL SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
GREATHAM SPORTS FIELD
FRIAR TERRACE
TOWN MOOR RECREATION GROUND
WARD JACKSON PARK
BURN VALLEY GARDENS
STABY HOUSE
ROSSMERE PARK
BURBANK MULTI-GAMES AREA (see map C9)

- ALL PLAY GROUNDS at the following locations:

CLAVERING (see map C10)
WARD JACKSON PARK (see map C11)
TOWN MOOR RECREATION GROUND
(see map C12)
ROSSMERE PARK (see map C13)
BURN VALLEY GARDENS (see map C14)

SUMMERHILL VISTOR CENTRE (see map C15)

HEADLAND LOWER PROMENADE (see map C16)

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD (see map C17)

GRAYFIELDS RECREATION GROUND (see map C18)

SEATON PARK (see map C19)

OXFORD ROAD (see map C20)

KING OSWY DRIVE (see map C21)

JUTLAND ROAD (see map C22)

GREATHAM VILLAGE (see map C23)

APPENDIX D

The following locations are areas where dogs shall be permitted to exercise freely.

- HART TO HASWELL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (see map D1)
- SEATON DUNES & COMMON LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (see map D2)
- GREATHAM BECK LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (see map D3)
- HART WARREN DUNES LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (see map D4)
- SUMMERHILL VISITOR CENTRE (see map D5)

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

**Neighbourhood Services
Neighbourhood Management**



**PROPOSED
DOG CONTROL
ORDERS**

Hartlepool Borough Council

Dog Control Orders

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek approval for the necessary steps to be taken in order to comply with the Dog Control Orders (Procedures) Regulations 2006.

2. Background

- 2.1 At a meeting of the predecessor Portfolio Holder in January 2007, the Portfolio Holder gave approval to commence the process of making Dog Control Orders under part 6 of the new Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, and to replace existing dog byelaws currently in use by the council.
- 2.2 In accordance with the Dog Control Orders (Procedures) Regulations 2006, the parish councils of Dalton, Greatham, Elwick and Hart, and the Headland Town Council, have been informed of Hartlepool Borough Council's intention to introduce Dog Control Orders.
- 2.3 During 2007, public consultations were carried out to gather people's views on the problems caused by irresponsible dog owners, and to establish which Orders would be appropriate for the Council to introduce.
- 2.4 Initial public consultation was carried out through the North, Centre and South Neighbourhood Consultative Forums, the Environmental Theme Partnership, the local press 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.
- 2.5 Proposals for the Hartlepool Dog Control Orders were compiled following the initial public consultation exercise. These proposals also took into account the Council's knowledge of areas where irresponsible dog ownership is problematic. Further consultations gave the public an opportunity to comment on the proposals.
- 2.6 Although some dog owners expressed concern over the proposed introduction of Dog Control Orders, the Council has allayed fears that the proposed regulations would be too restrictive. Accordingly and overall, there has been strong public support for the Council to introduce Dog Control Orders.
- 2.7 The Council has provided the Dogs Trust and the RSPCA with details of the proposed Dog Control Orders.

3. Hartlepool Dog Control Orders

- 3.1 Details of the proposed Hartlepool Dog Control Orders are attached as follows:

Appendix A

- (i) Fouling of Land by Dogs Order.
- (ii) Dogs on Leads by Direction Order.
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Appendix B

- (i) Dogs on Leads Order.

Appendix C

- (i) Dogs Exclusion Order.

- 3.2 Areas where dogs shall be permitted to exercise freely are detailed at Appendix D.

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- 3.3 The Council is proposing to set the level of fixed penalty payable for committing an offence under a Dog Control Order at £80.
- 3.4 The fixed penalty will be subject to a discount of £30 if paid within a period of 7 days from the date of issue.

4. Summary

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 The Council has carried out consultations in accordance with the Dog Control Order (Procedures) Regulations 2006.
- 4.3 There is strong public support for the Council to introduce Dog Control Orders and replace existing byelaws relating to dogs.
- 4.4 The effective implementation of these new powers is essential and the Council must consider them fundamental to its key aims and objectives.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 That the Portfolio Holder approves of the Council adopting the proposed Dog Control Orders as per appendices.
- 5.2 That the Portfolio Holder gives authority for the necessary steps to be taken to comply with the Dog Control Order (Procedures) Regulations 2006.

APPENDIX A

Title of Dog Control Order(s):

- € FOULING OF LAND BY DOGS ORDER
- € DOGS ON LEADS BY DIRECTION ORDER
- € DOGS (SPECIFIED MAXIMUM) ORDER - The proposed maximum number of dogs that any one person may take onto relevant land is 4.

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

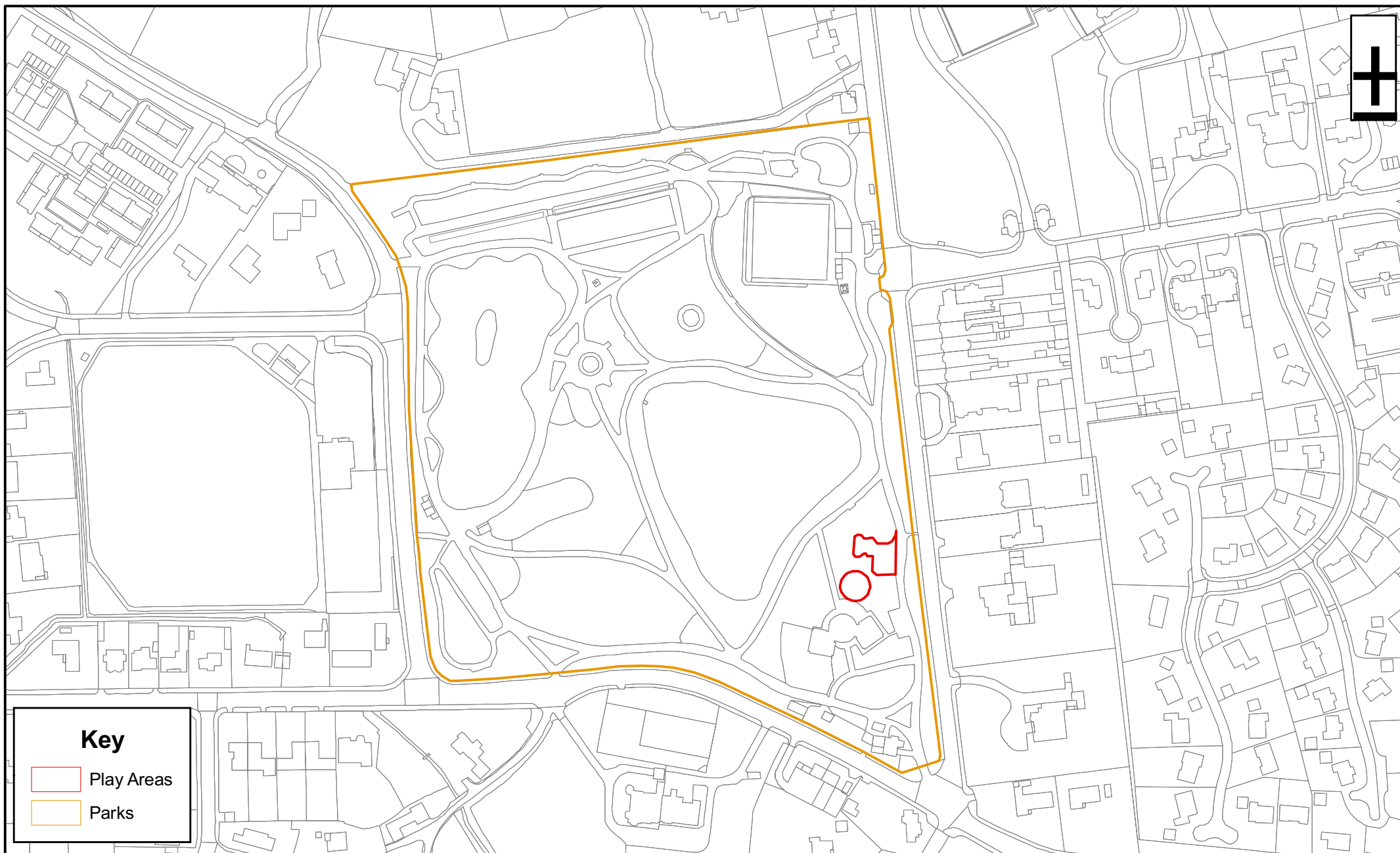
Title of Dog Control Order(s):

☒ DOGS ON LEADS ORDER

Land subject to Dog Control Order(s):

- ☒ ALL 'GATED' BACK STREETS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF HARTLEPOOL
- ☒ WARD JACKSON PARK (see map B1)
- ☒ BURN VALLEY GARDENS (see map B2)
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- ☒ 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)
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- ☒ CENTRAL PARK RECREATION GROUND (see map B12)
- ☒ FAMILY WOOD, ELWICK ROAD (see map B13)
- ☒ STABY HOUSE (see map B14)
- ☒ KING GEORGE V RECREATION GROUND (see map B15)
- ☒ ROSSMERE WAY RECREATION GROUND (see map B16)
- ☒ SEATON COMMON LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (see map B17)
- ☒ SPION COP LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (see map B18)
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- ☒ HEADLAND FISH QUAY GATES (see map B21)

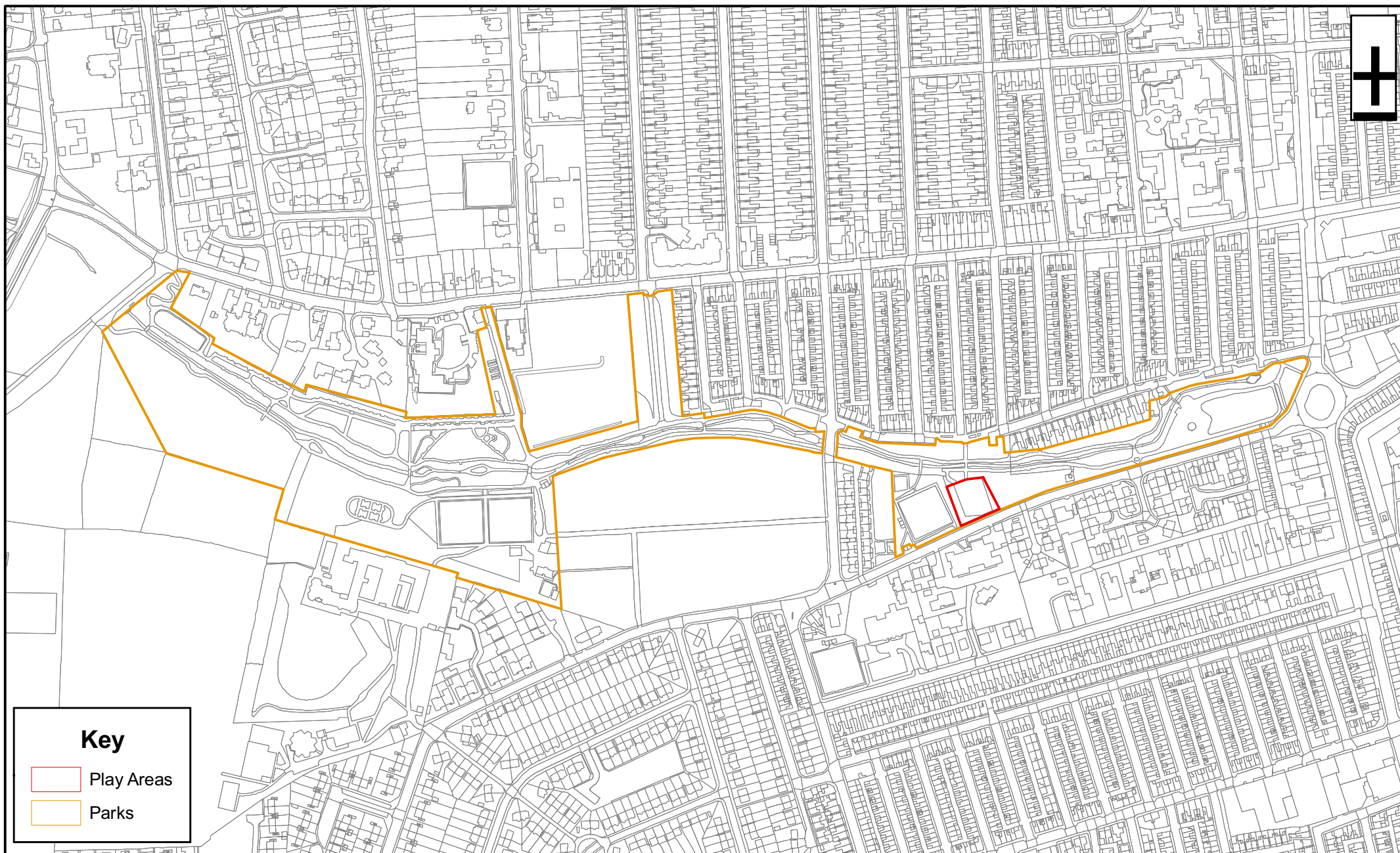
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- Parks

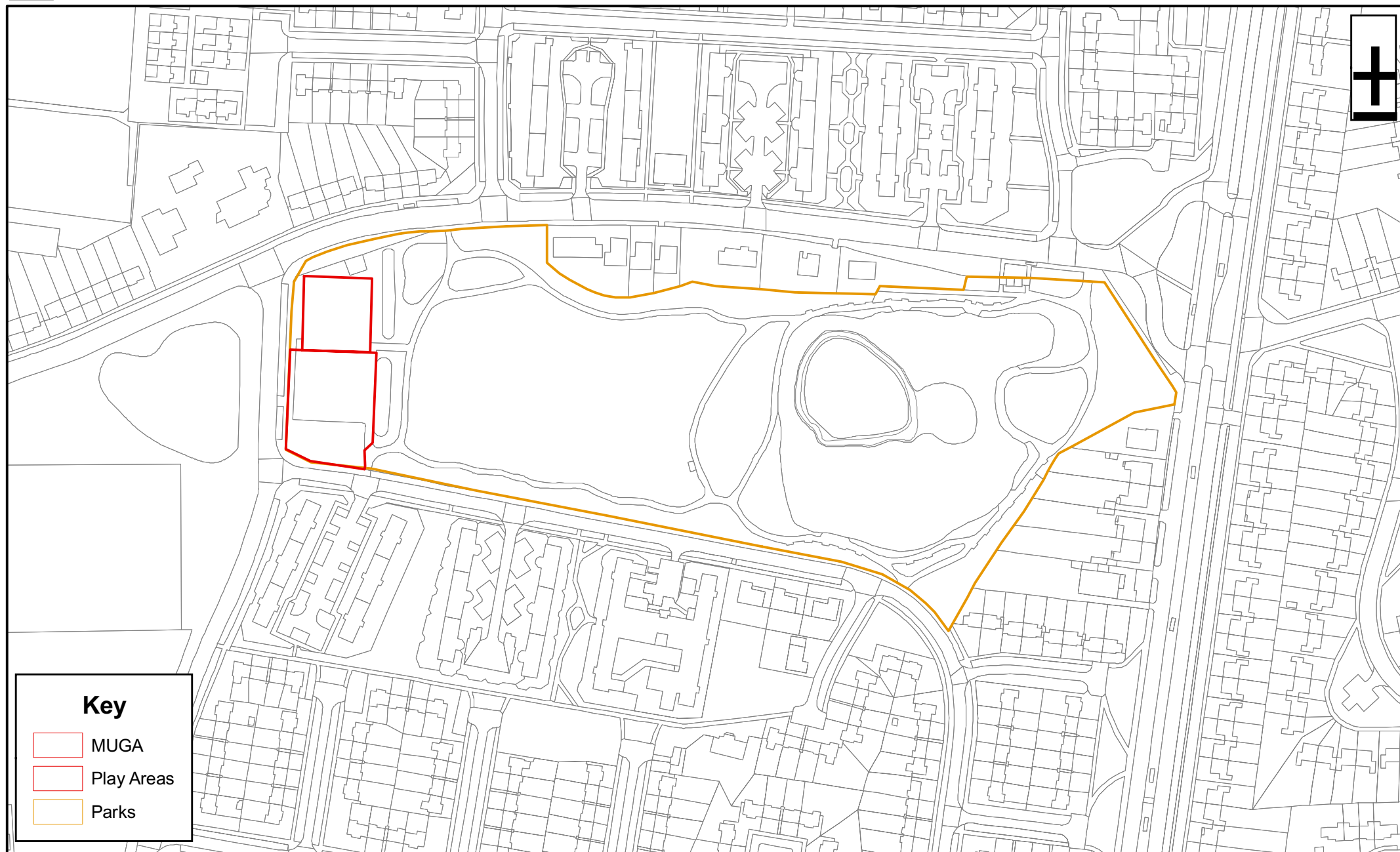
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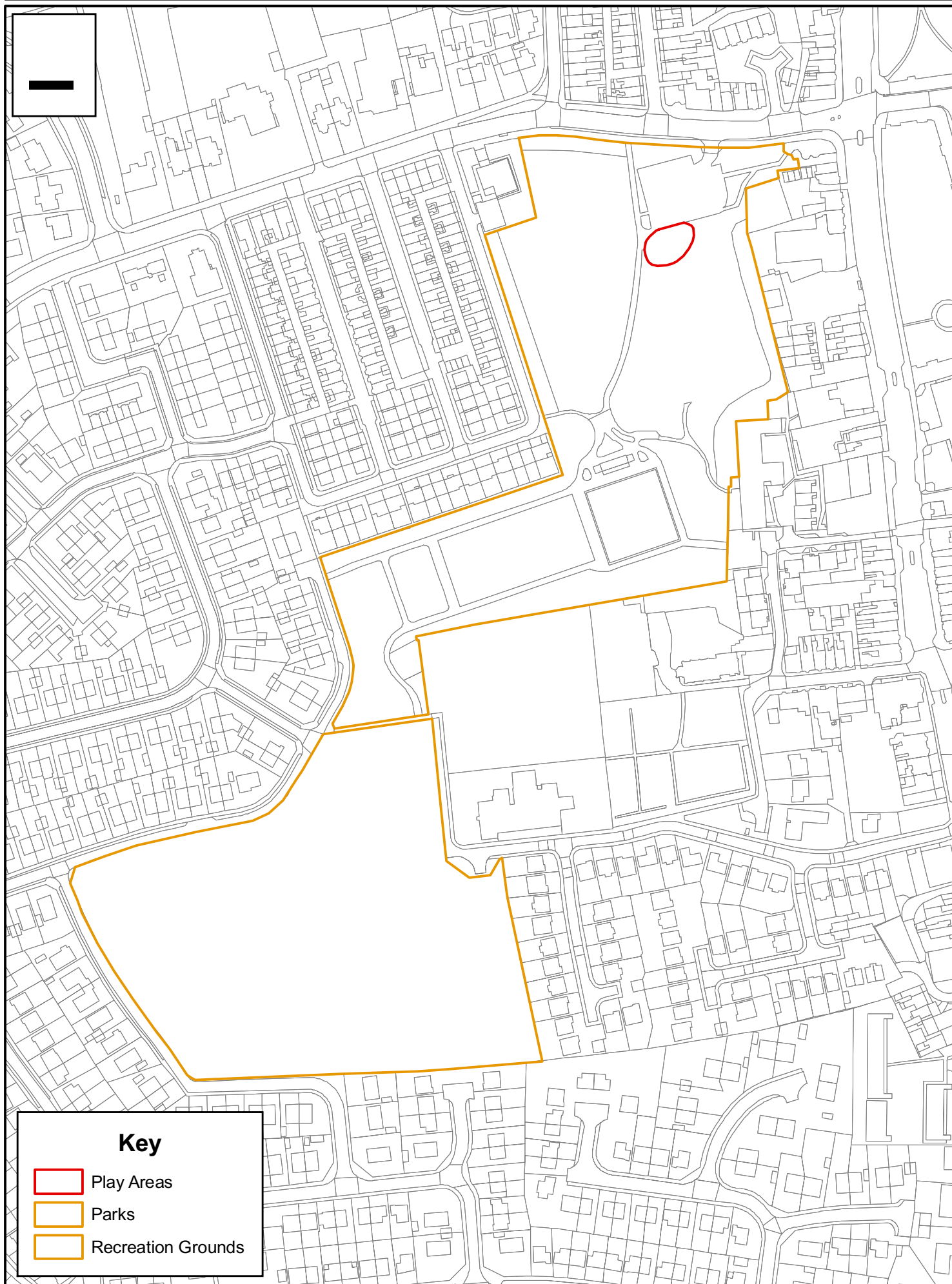
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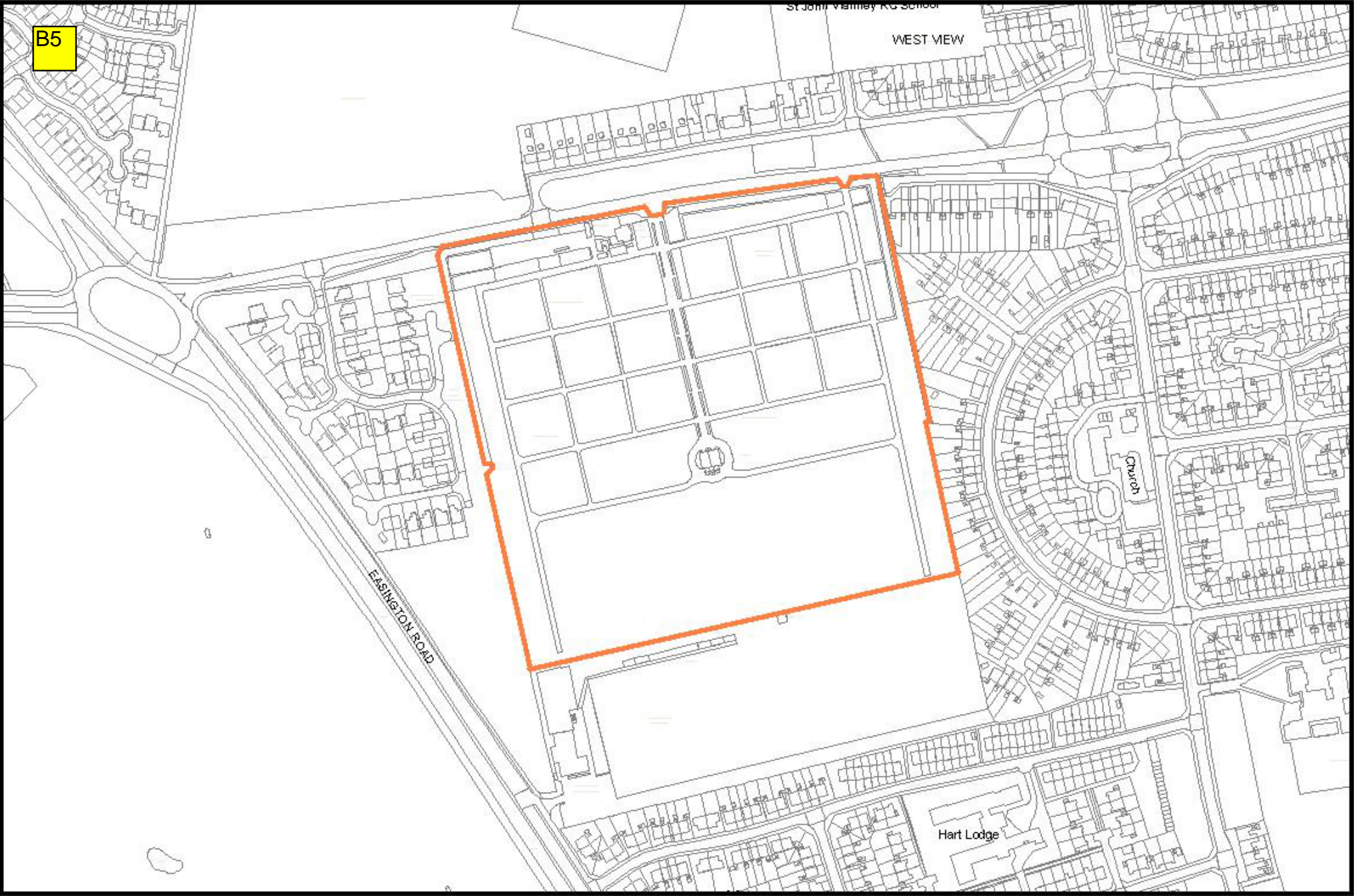
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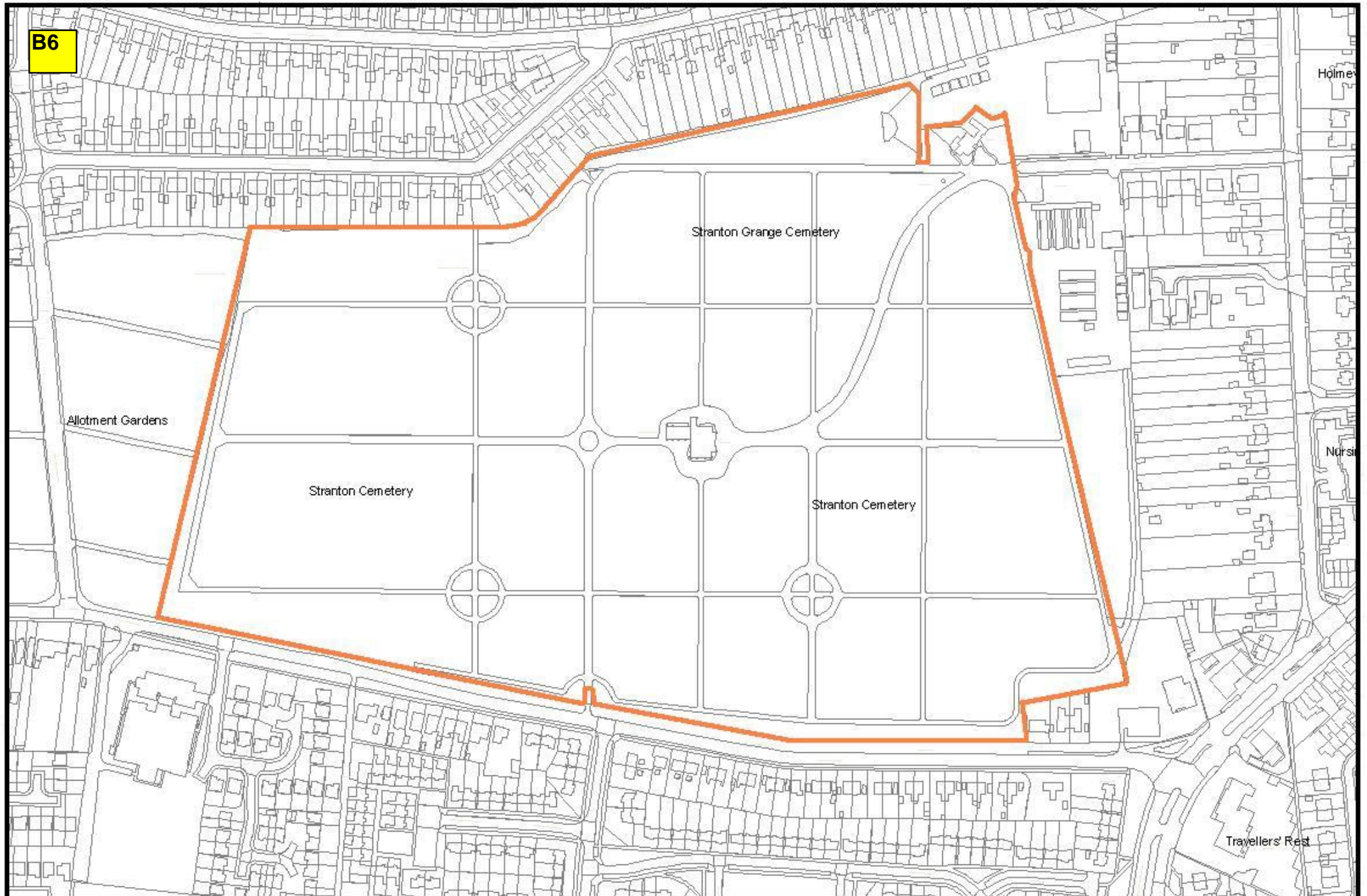
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Stranton Cemetery

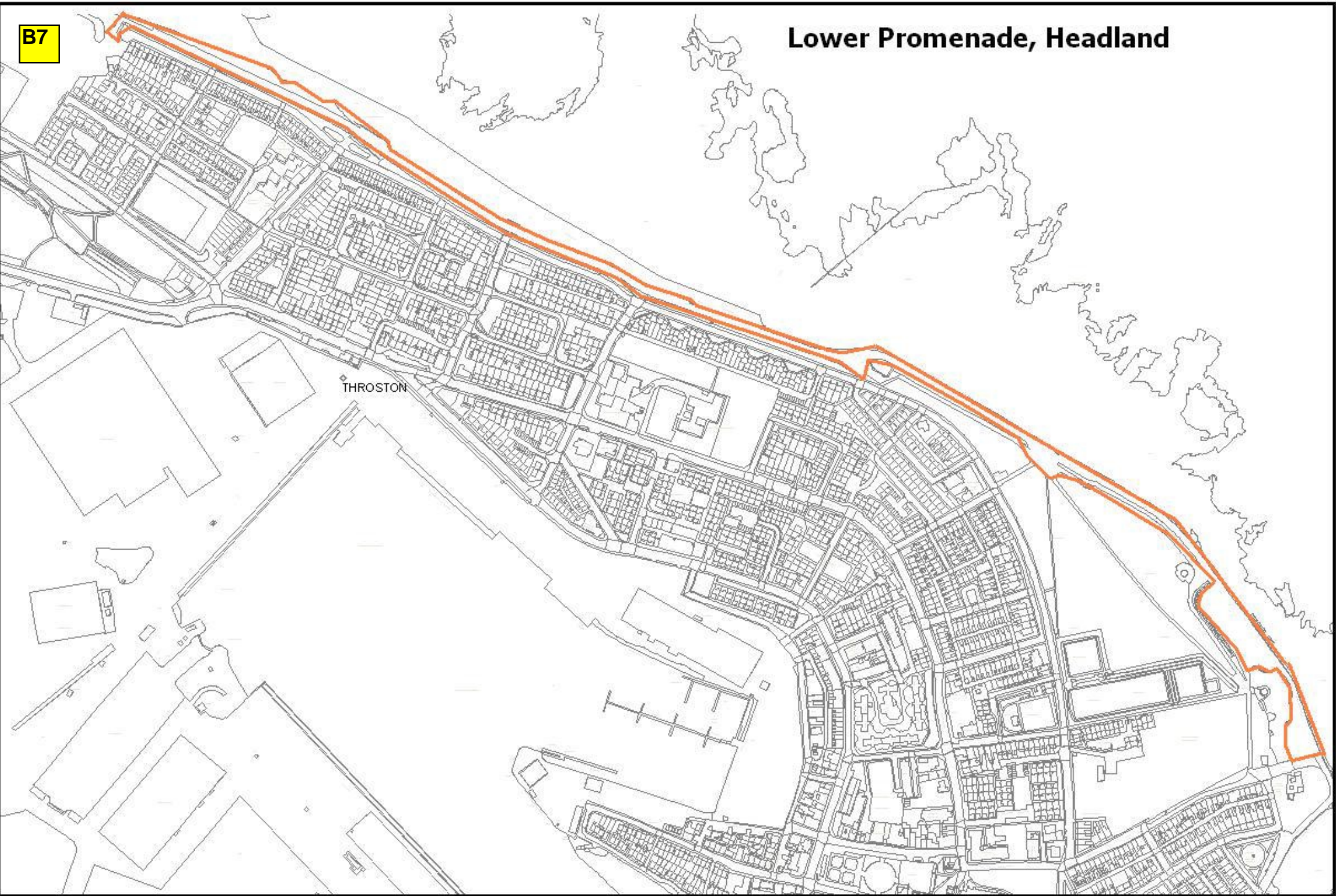
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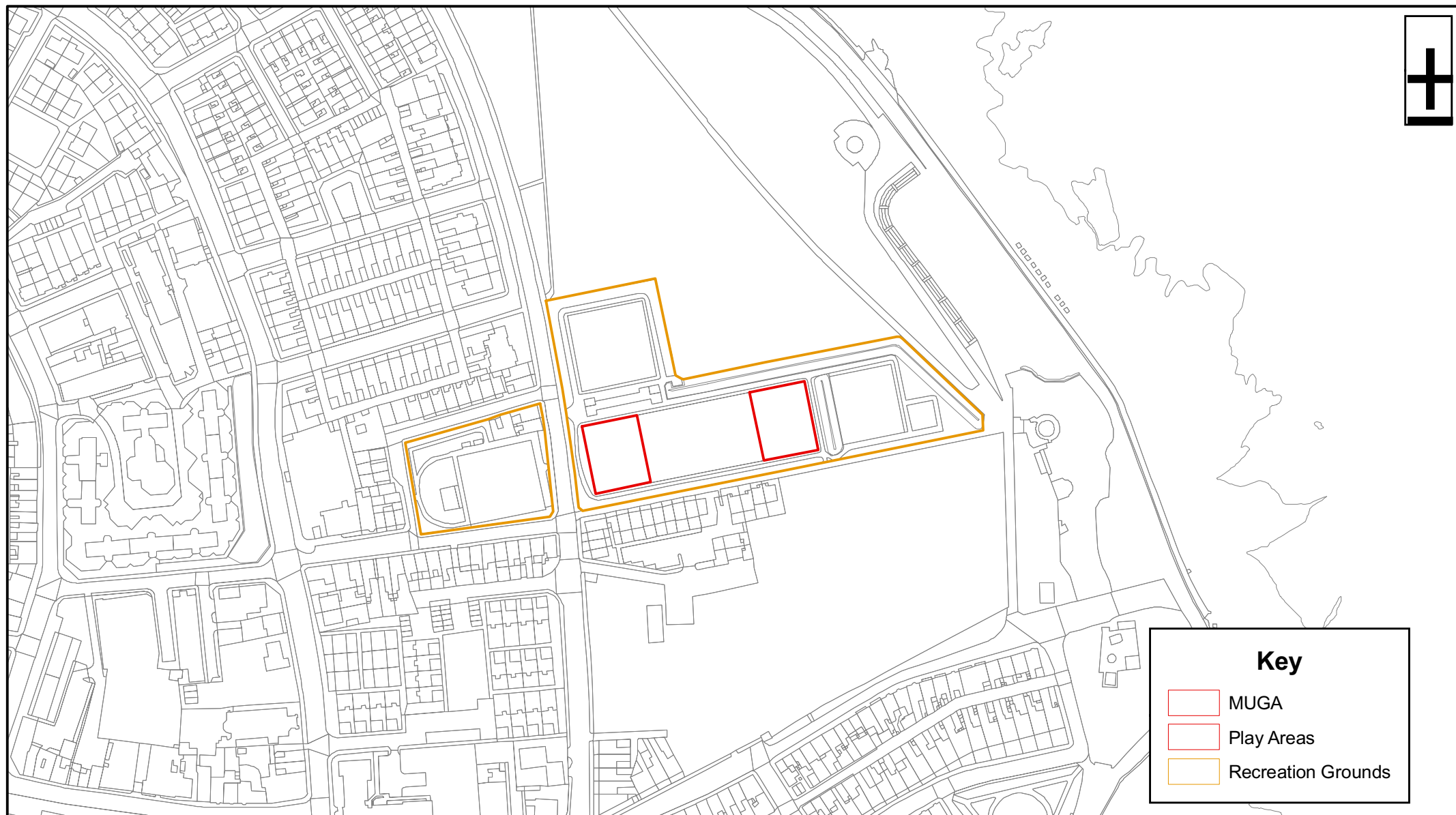
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Lower Promenade, Headland

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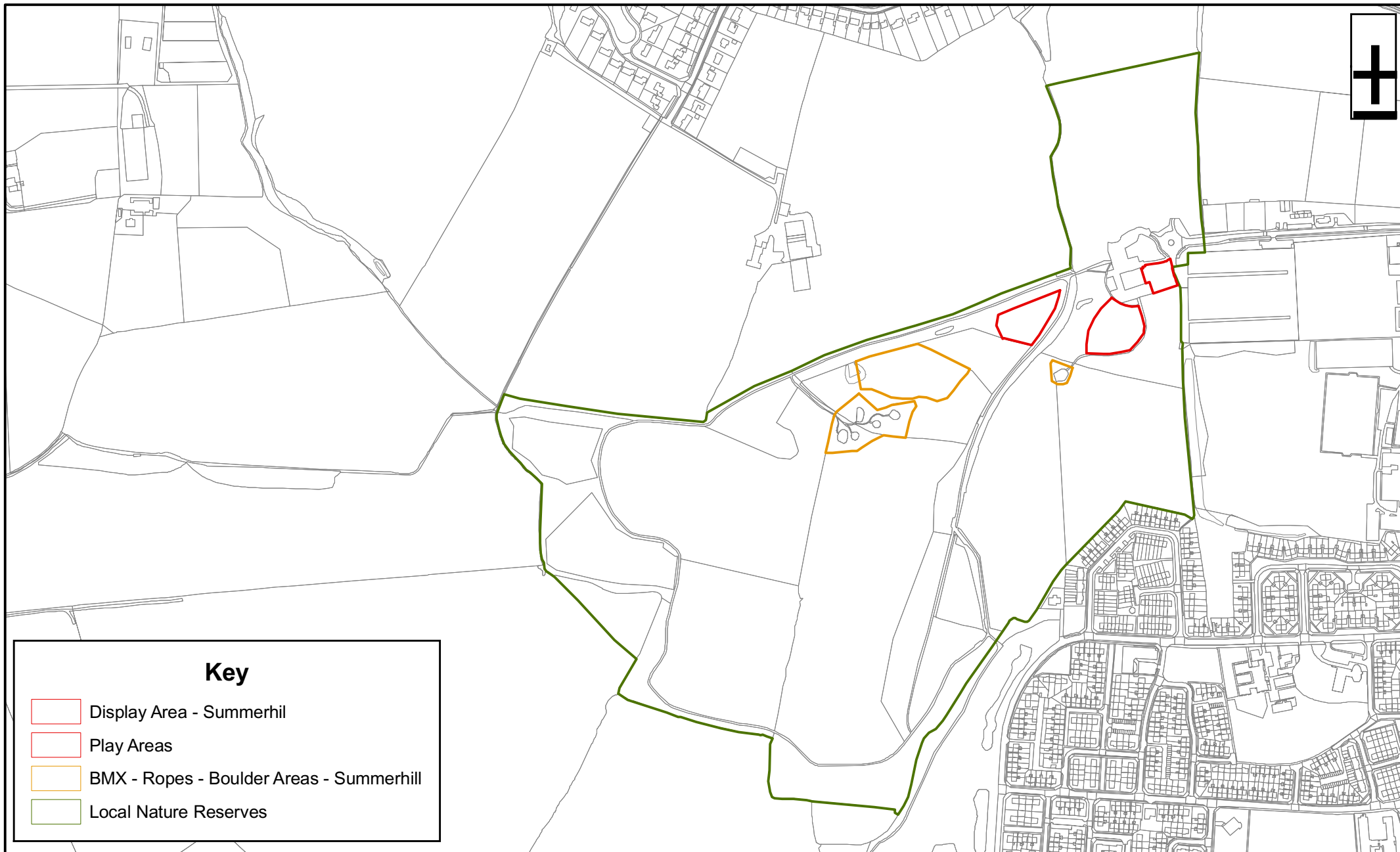
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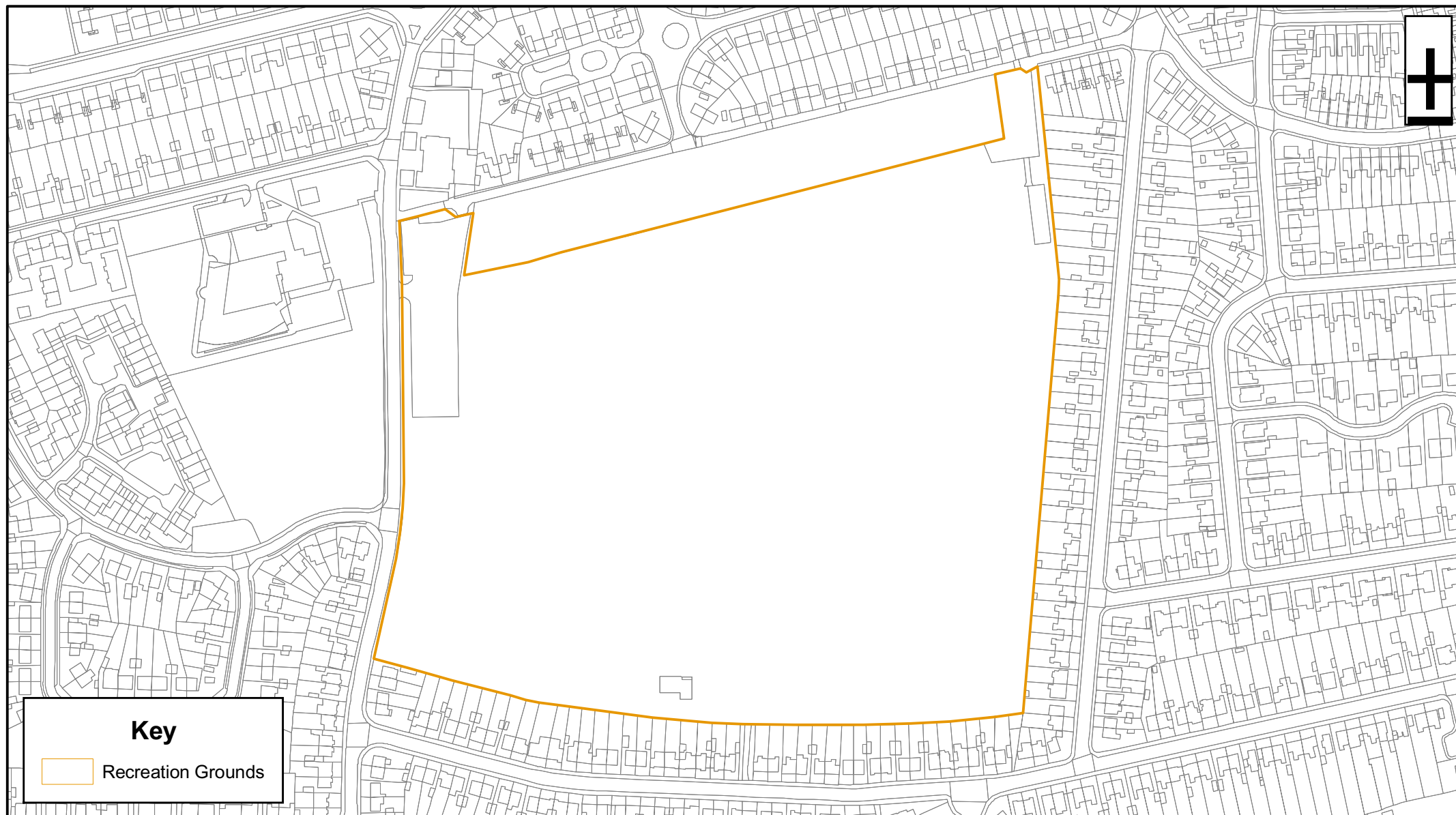
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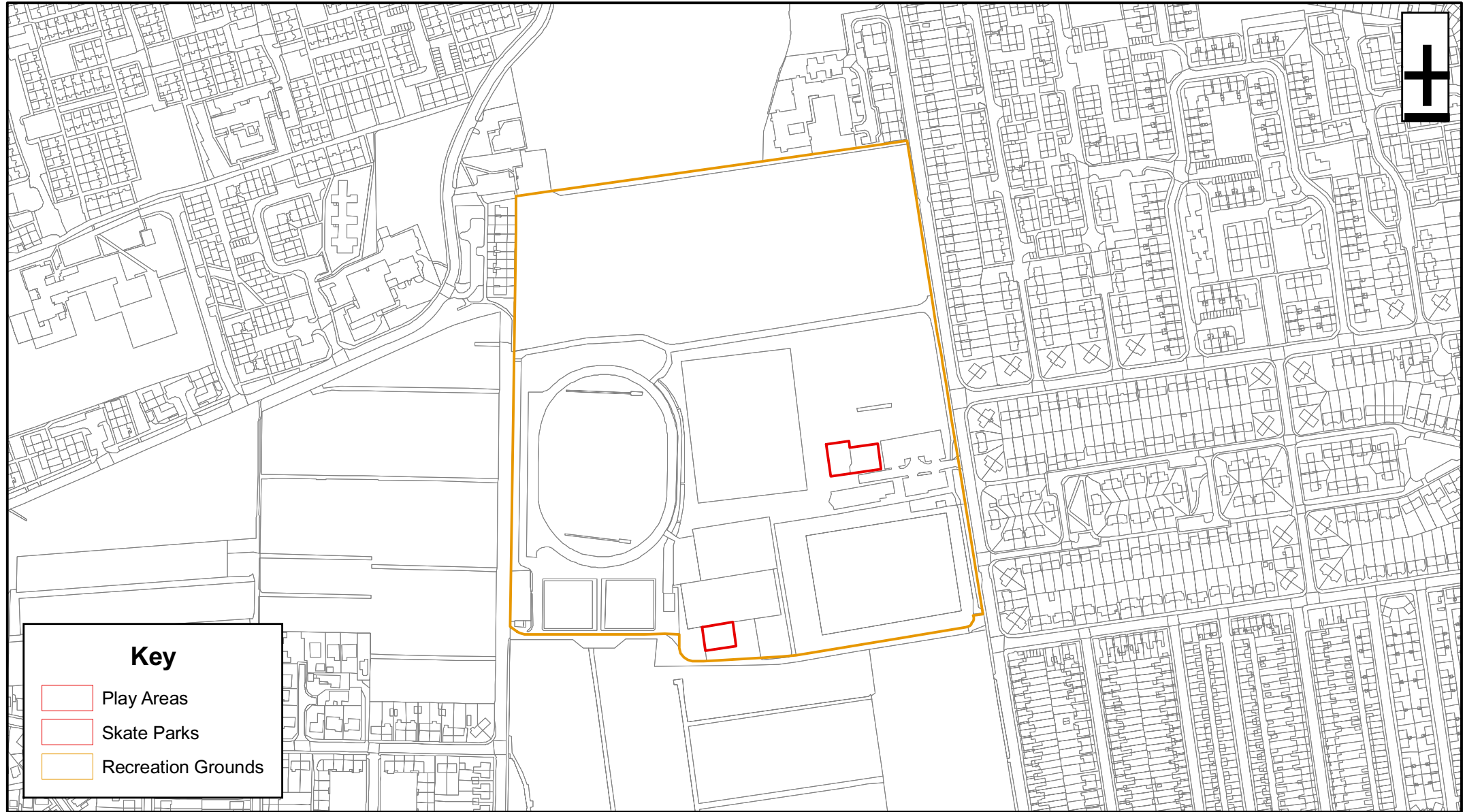
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- Play Areas
- BMX - Ropes - Boulder Areas - Summerhill
- Local Nature Reserves



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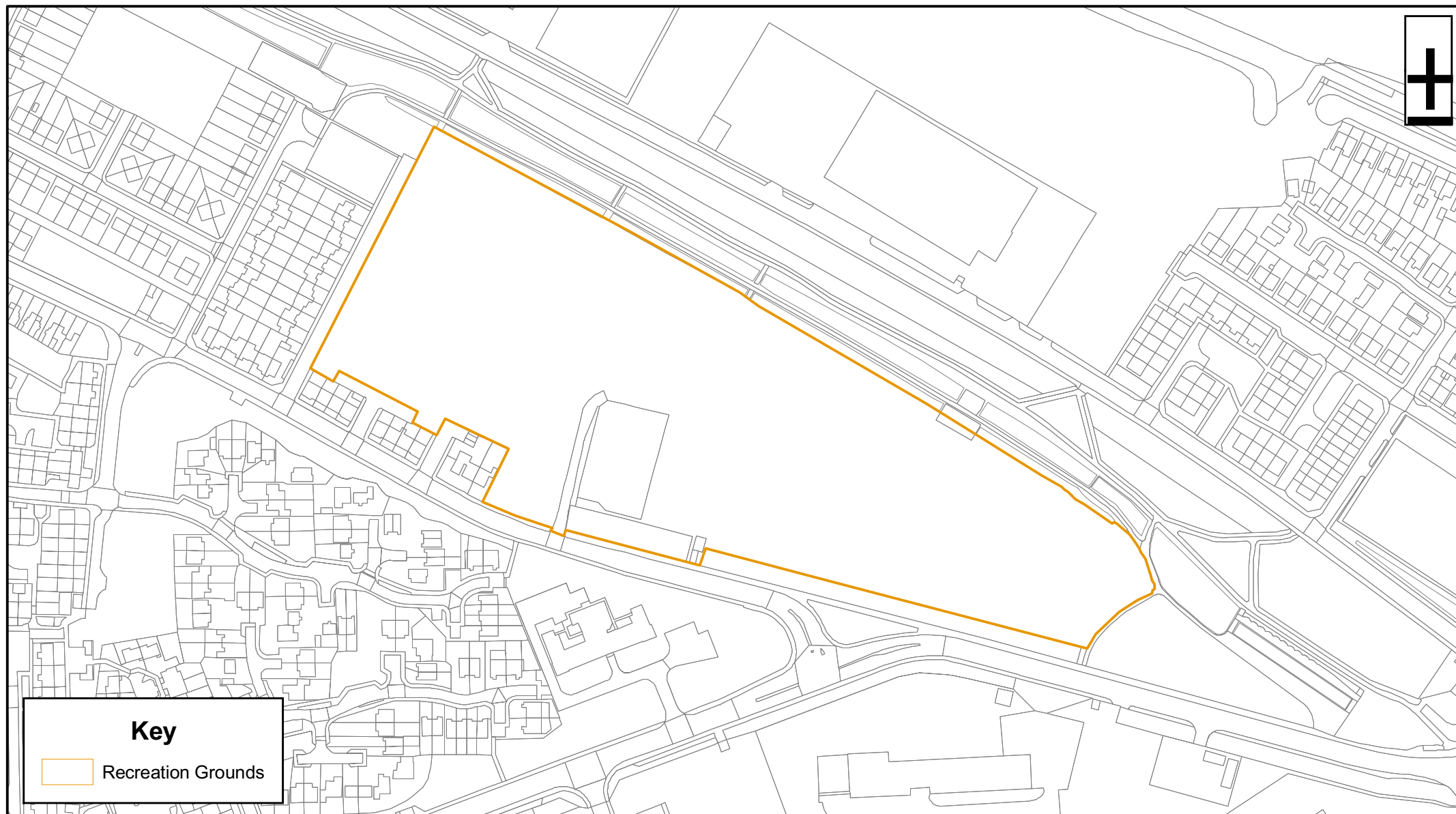
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- Skate Parks
- Recreation Grounds

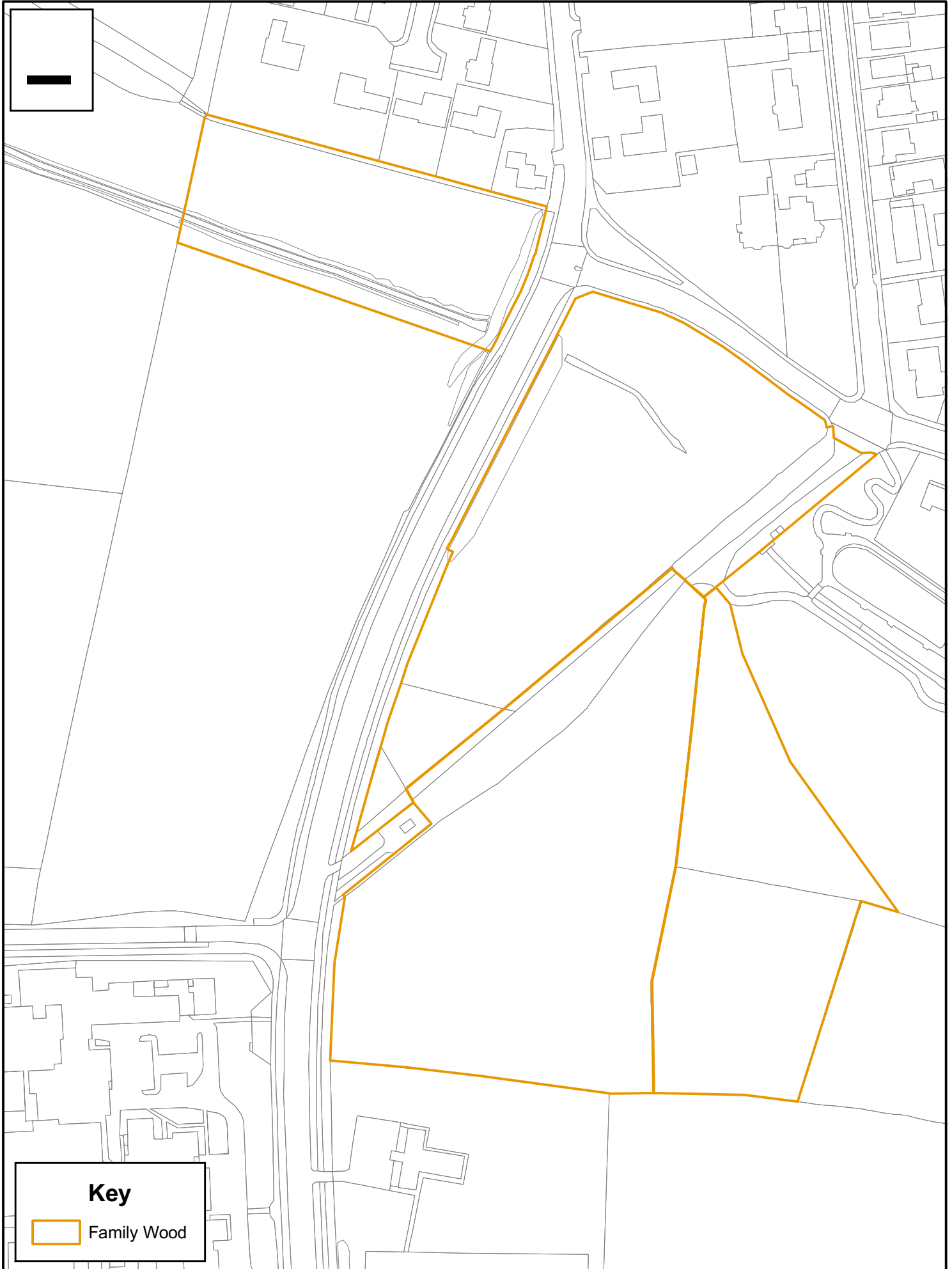
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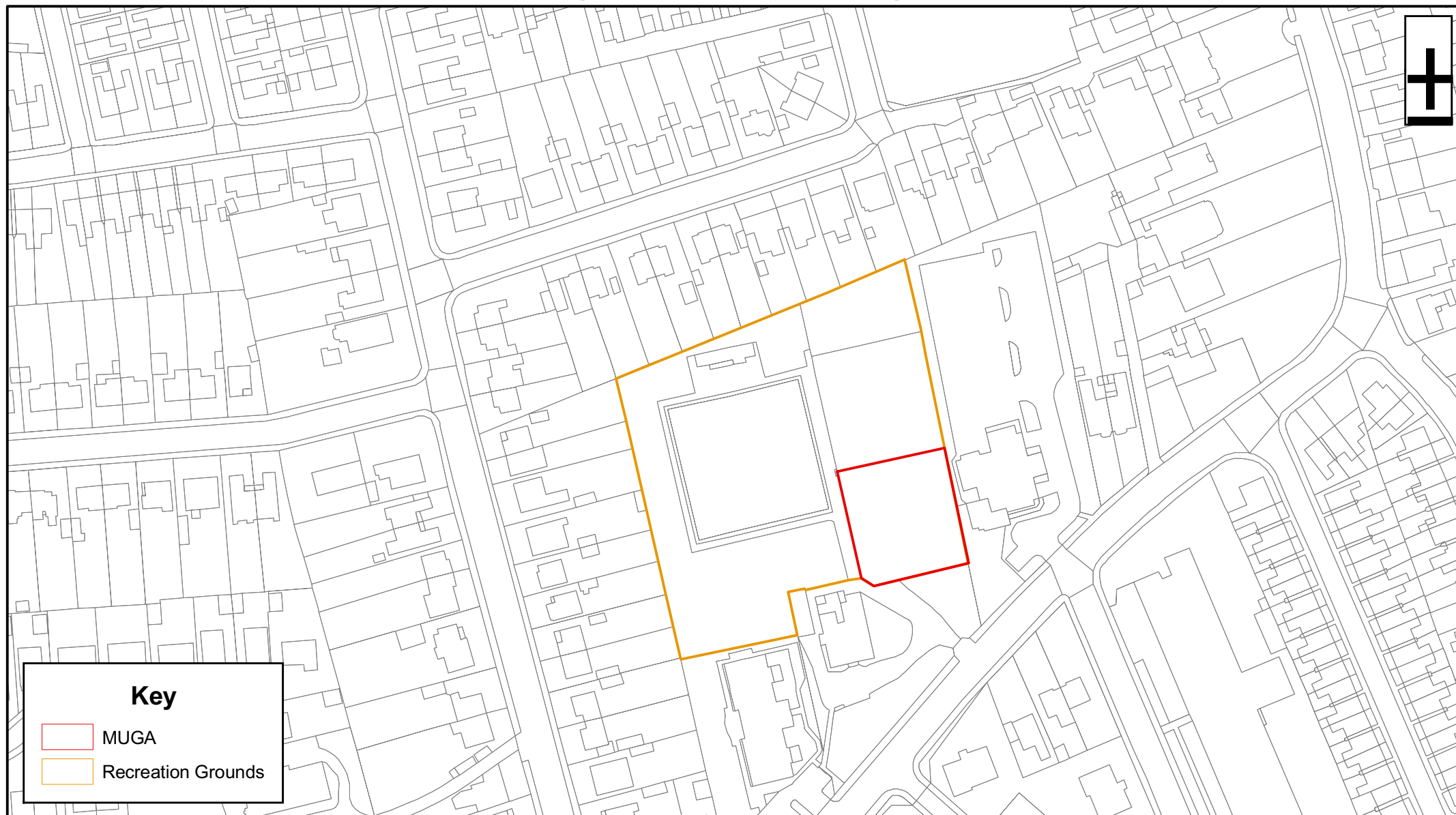
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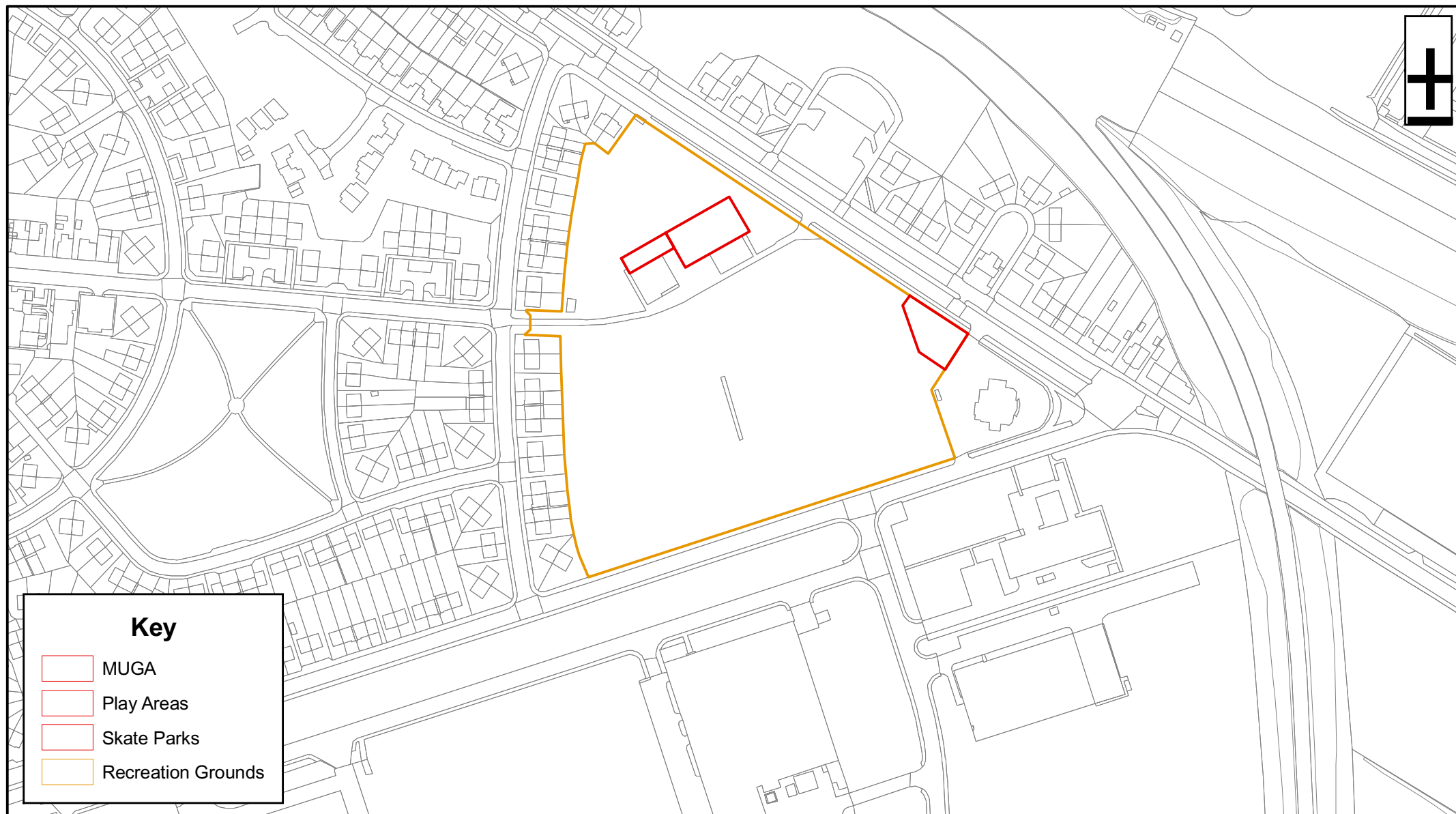


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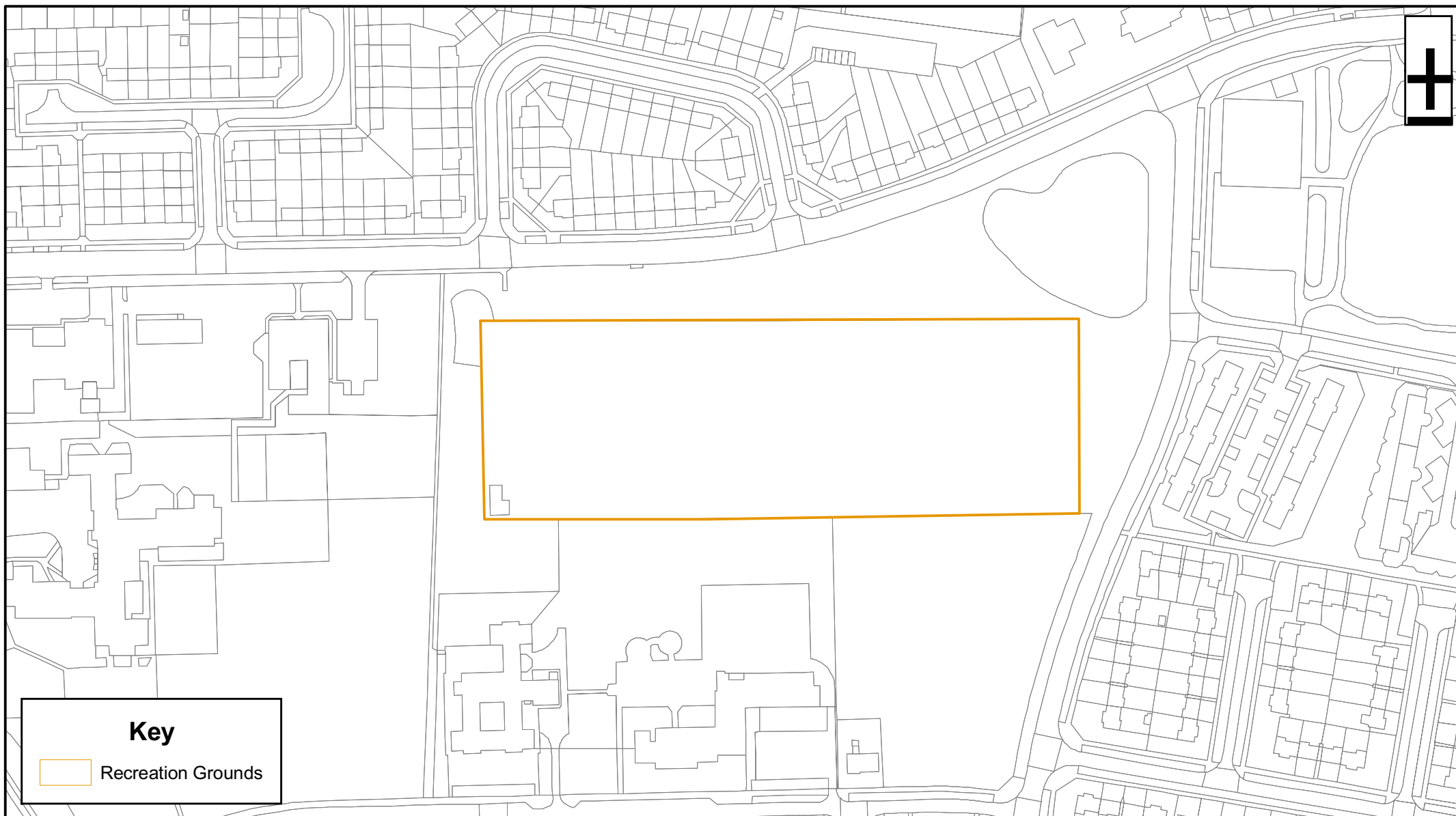
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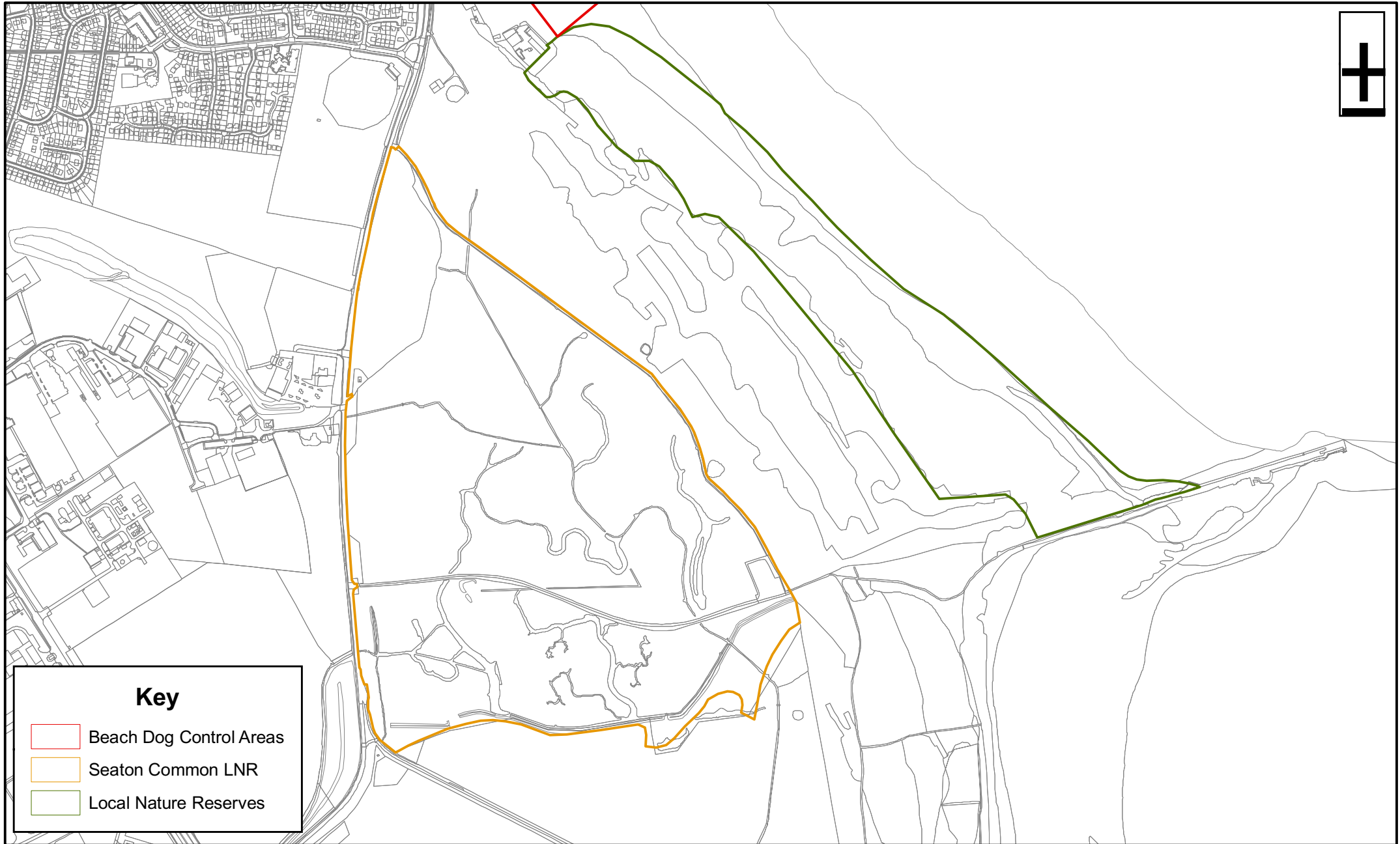
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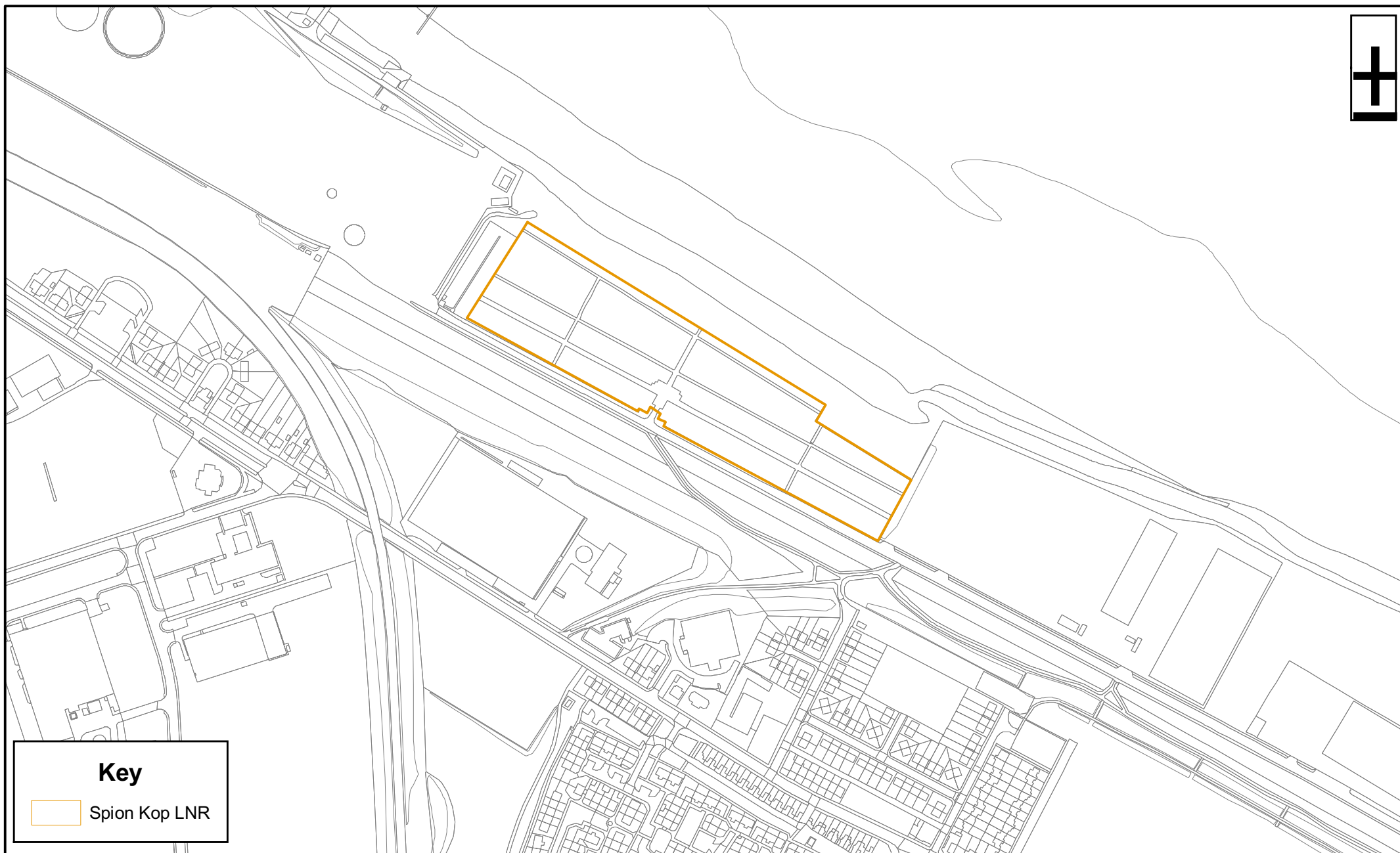
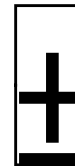



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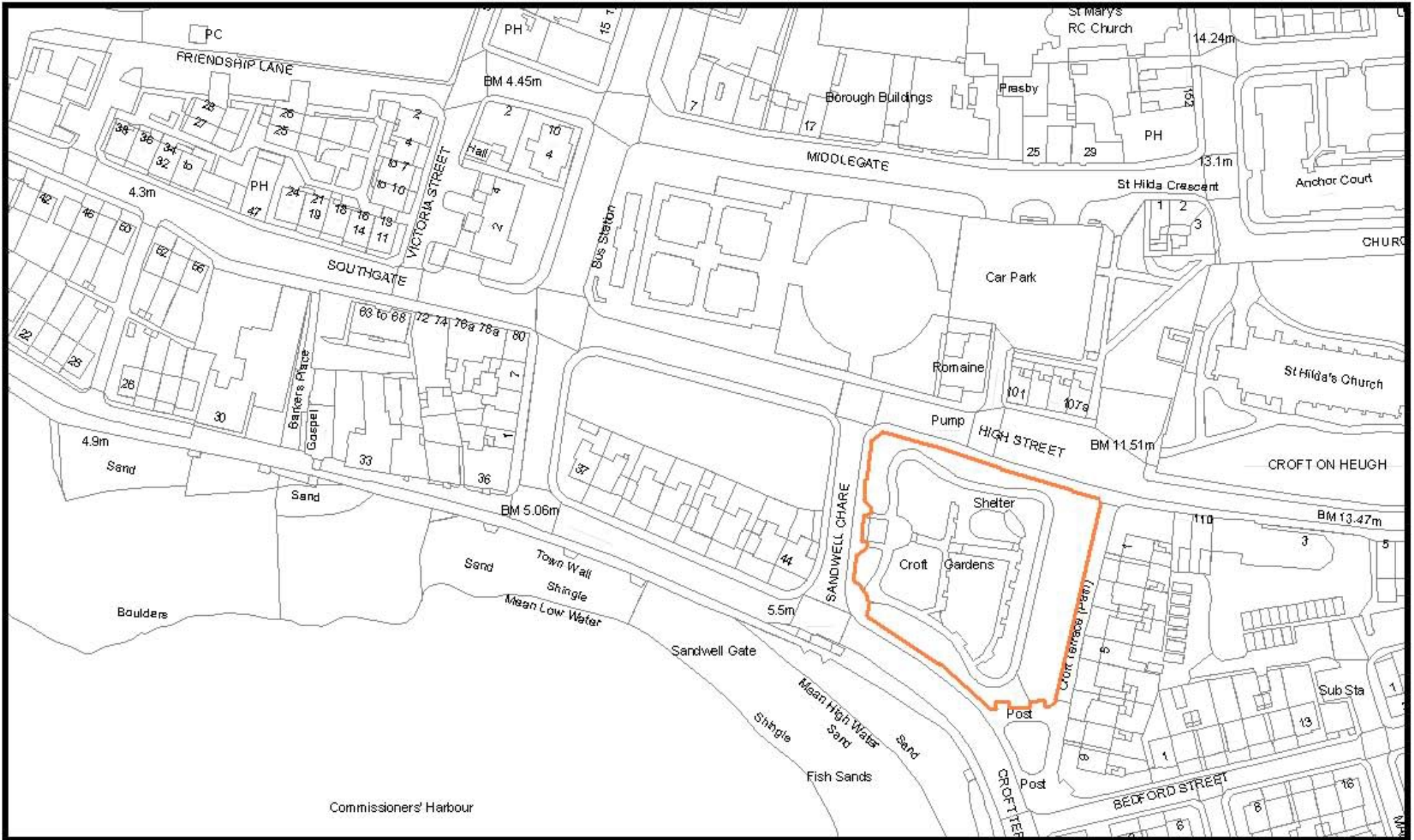
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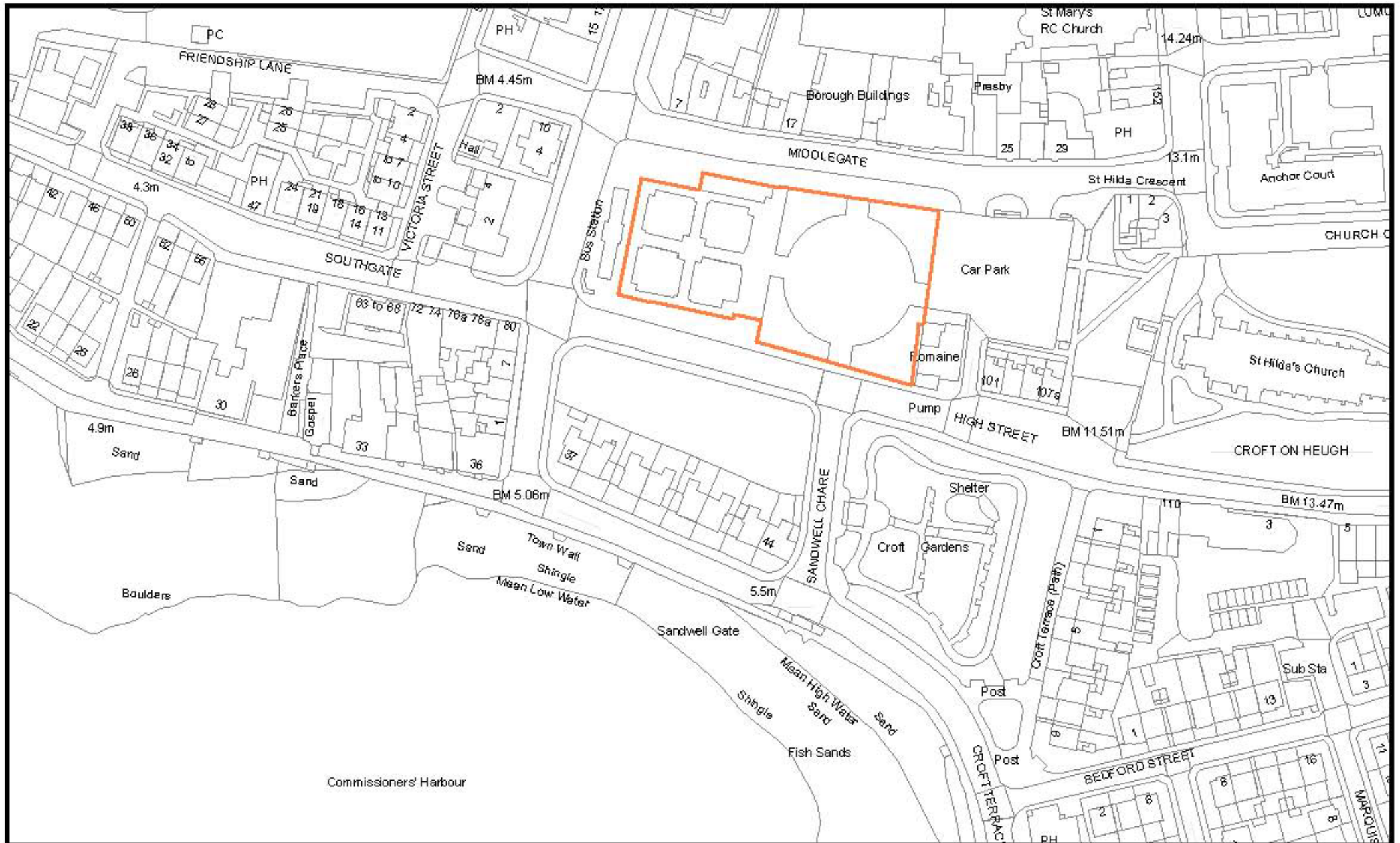


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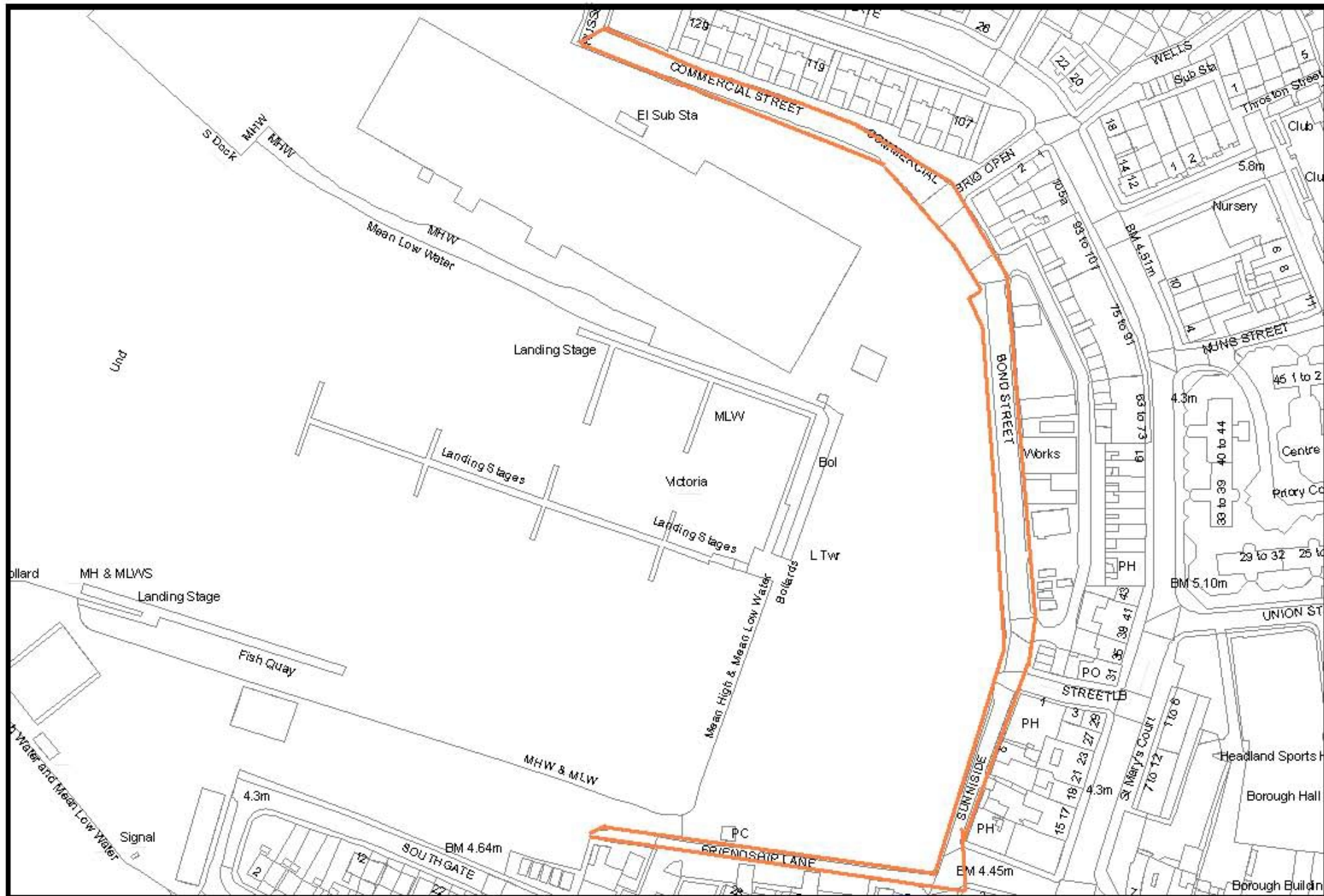


Headland Town Square



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Headland Fish Quay



APPENDIX C

Title of Dog Control Order(s):

- € DOGS EXCLUSION ORDER

Land subject to Dog Control Order(s):

- € SEATON CAREW BEACH - Seasonal May to September inc. (see map C1)
- € HEADLAND FISH SANDS AND DOLOMITE BEACH - Seasonal May to September inc. (see map C2)
- € HEADLAND BLOCK SANDS, LOWER PROMENADE AND PADDLING POOL (see map C3)
- € BURBANK COMMUNITY GARDEN (see map C4)
- € SEATON PADDLING POOL (see map C5)
- € MILL HOUSE SKATE PARK AND MULTI-USE GAMES AREA (see map C6)
- € SUMMERHILL VISITOR CENTRE FIELD STUDY AREA (see map C7)
- € HEADLAND OLD PUTTING AREA (see map C8)

- € ALL SPORTS PITCHES (e.g. football, rugby, hockey, cricket and athletics), BOWLING GREENS AND MULTI-USE GAMES AREAS at the following locations:

RIFT HOUSE RECREATION GROUND
GRAYFIELDS RECREATION GROUND
SEATON PARK
KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD
HARTLEPOOL 6TH FORM COLLEGE
GREATHAM SPORTS FIELD
FRIAR TERRACE
TOWN MOOR RECREATION GROUND
WARD JACKSON PARK
BURN VALLEY GARDENS
STABY HOUSE
ROSSMERE PARK
BURBANK MULTI-GAMES AREA (see map C9)

- € ALL PLAY GROUNDS at the following locations:

CLAVERING (see map C10)
WARD JACKSON PARK (see map C11)
TOWN MOOR RECREATION GROUND (see map C12)
ROSSMERE PARK (see map C13)
BURN VALLEY GARDENS (see map C14)
SUMMERHILL VISTOR CENTRE (see map C15)

HEADLAND LOWER PROMENADE (see map C16)

KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD (see map C17)

GRAYFIELDS RECREATION GROUND (see map C18)

SEATON PARK (see map C19)

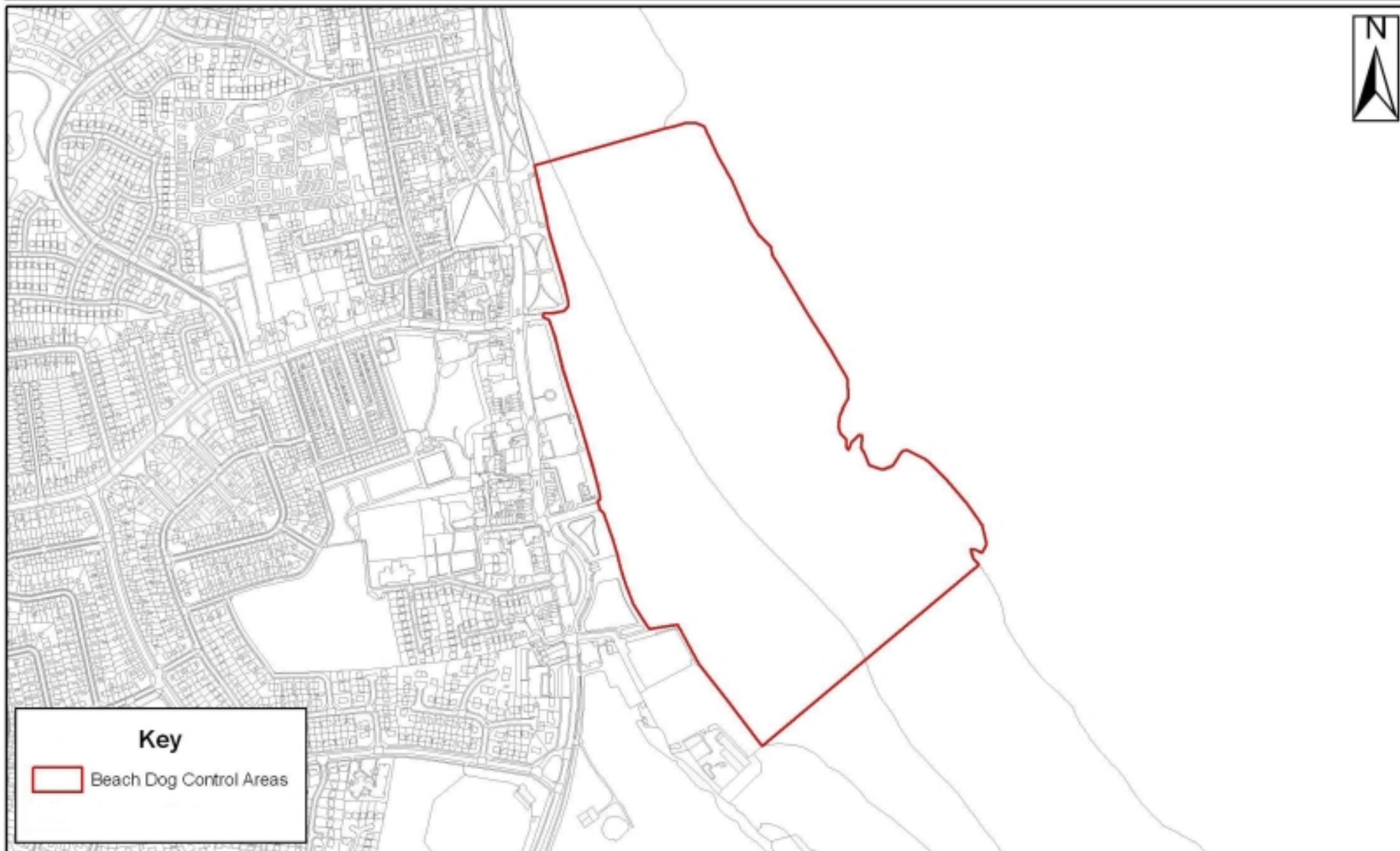
OXFORD RD (see map C20)

KING OSWY DRIVE (see map C21)

JUTLAND RD (see map C22)

GREATHAM VILLAGE (see map C23)

Seaton Beach



Key

 Beach Dog Control Areas



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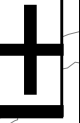
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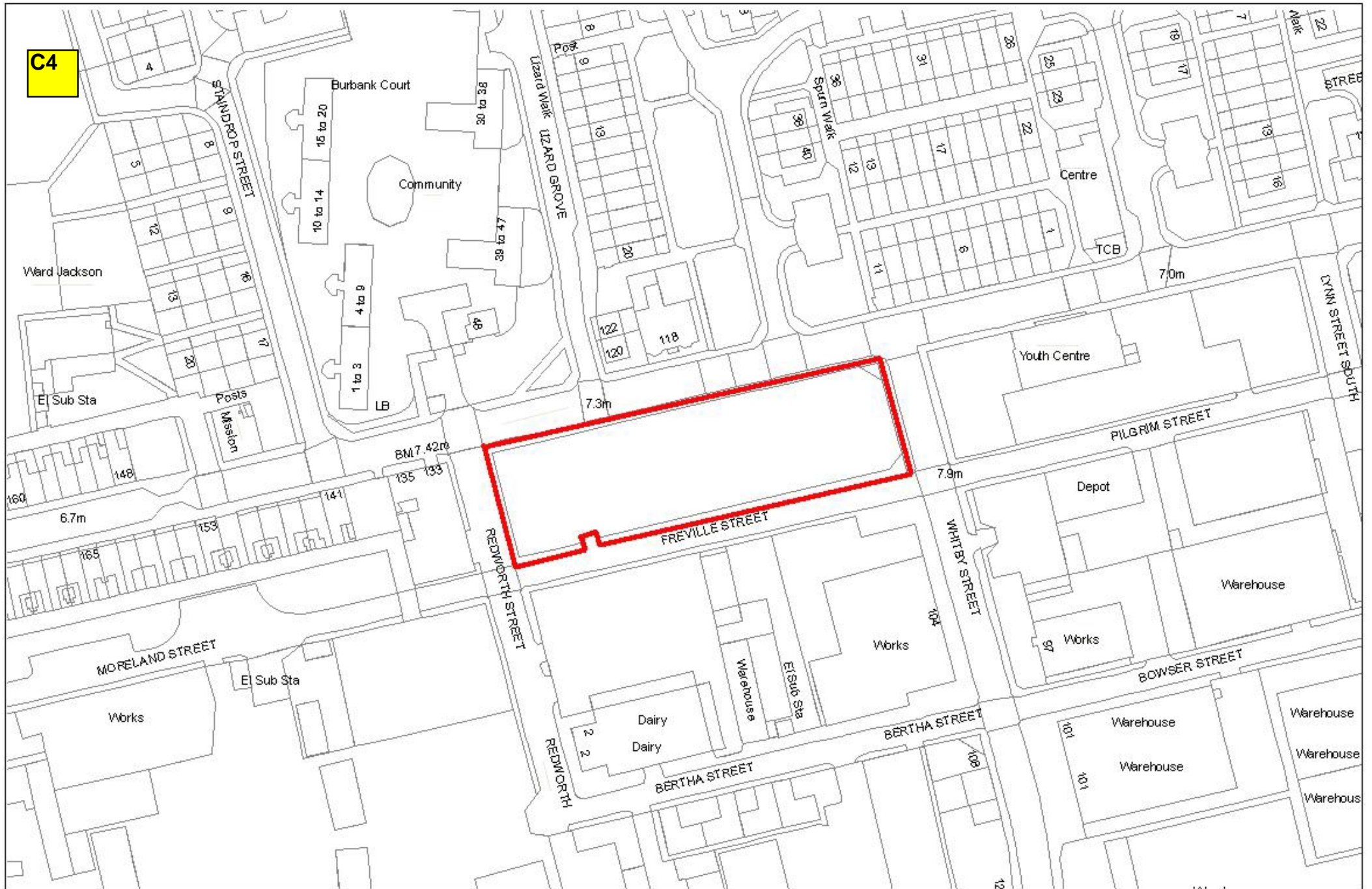


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-  Play Areas



Burbank Community Garden



Seaton Paddling Pool



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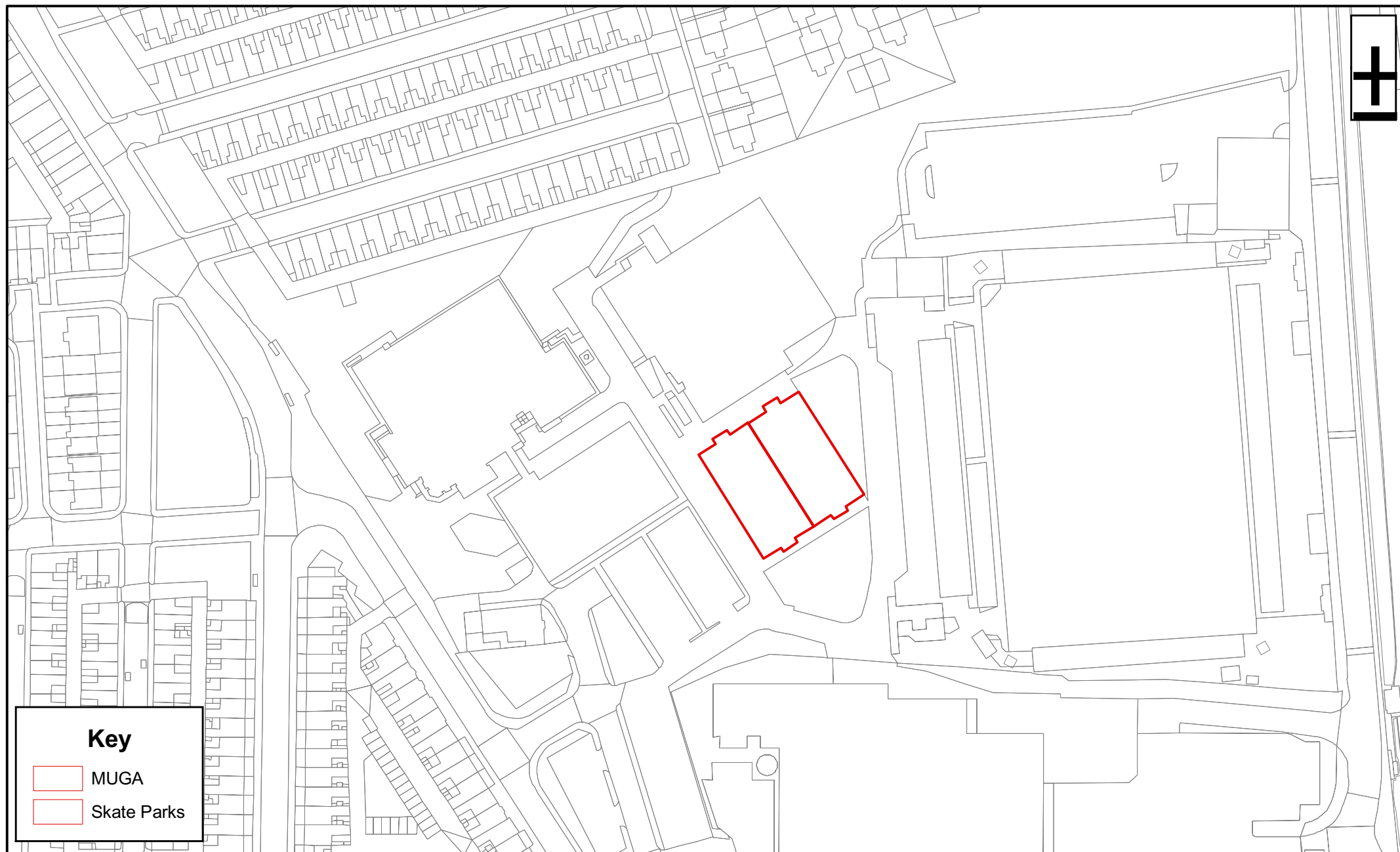
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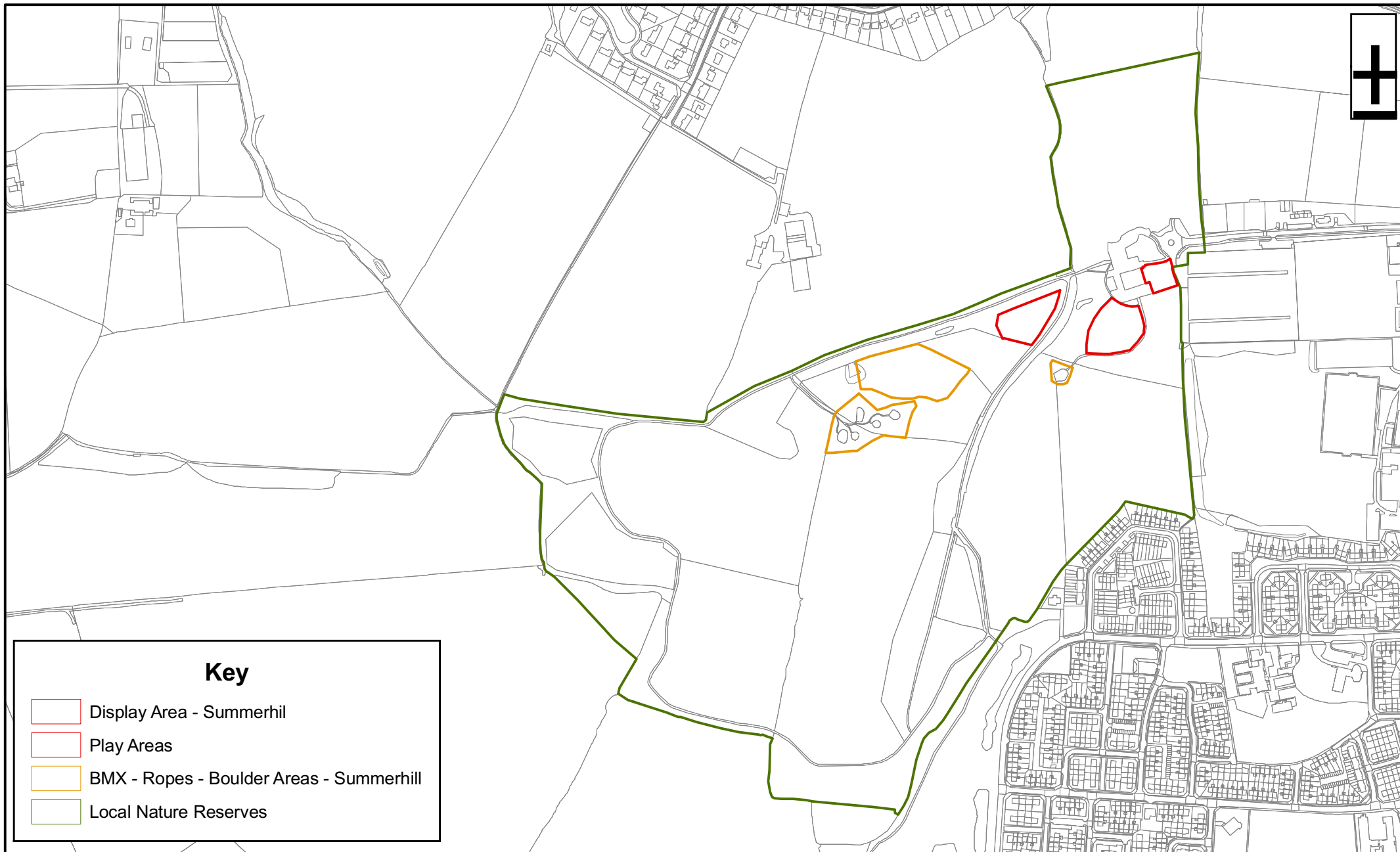
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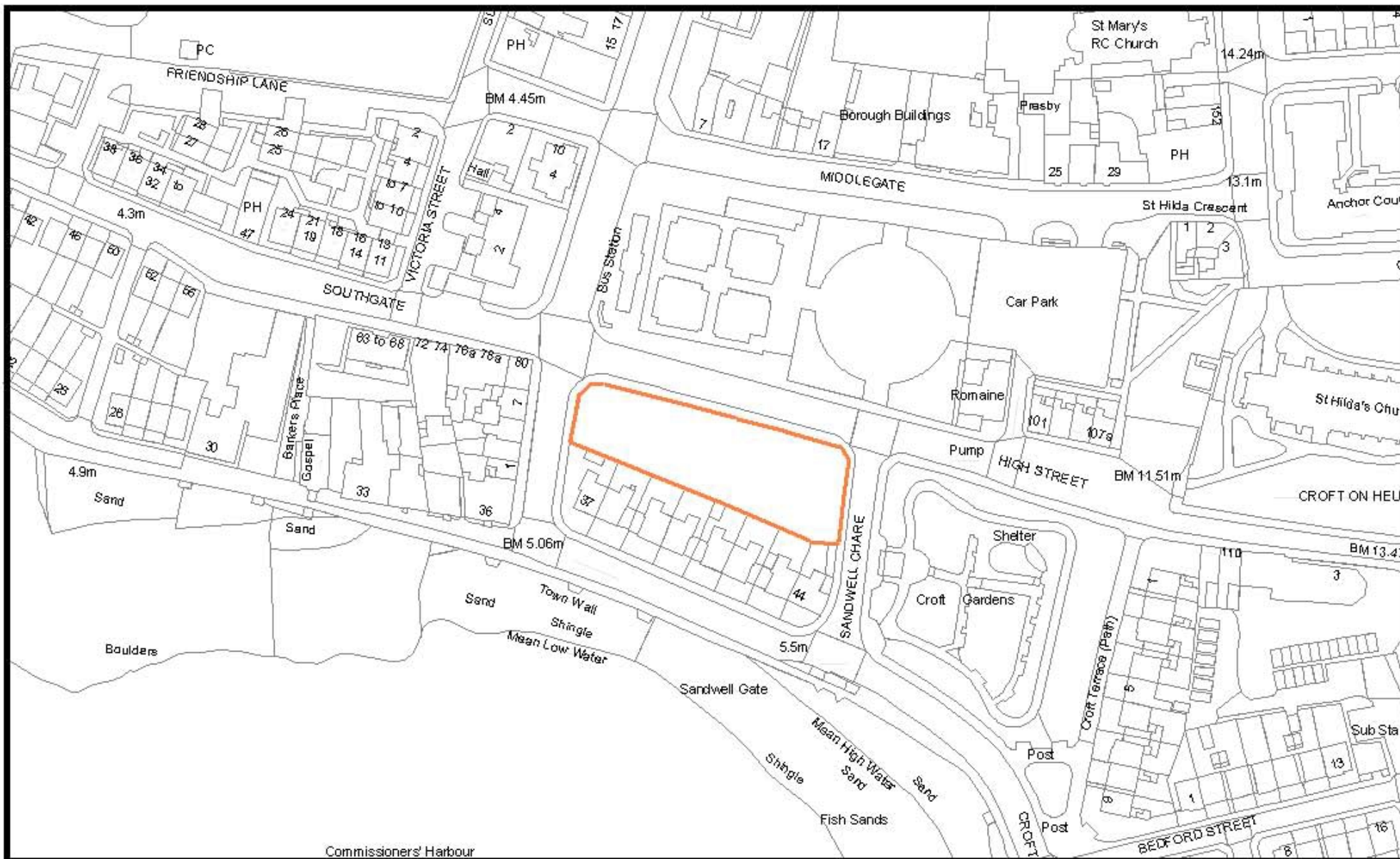
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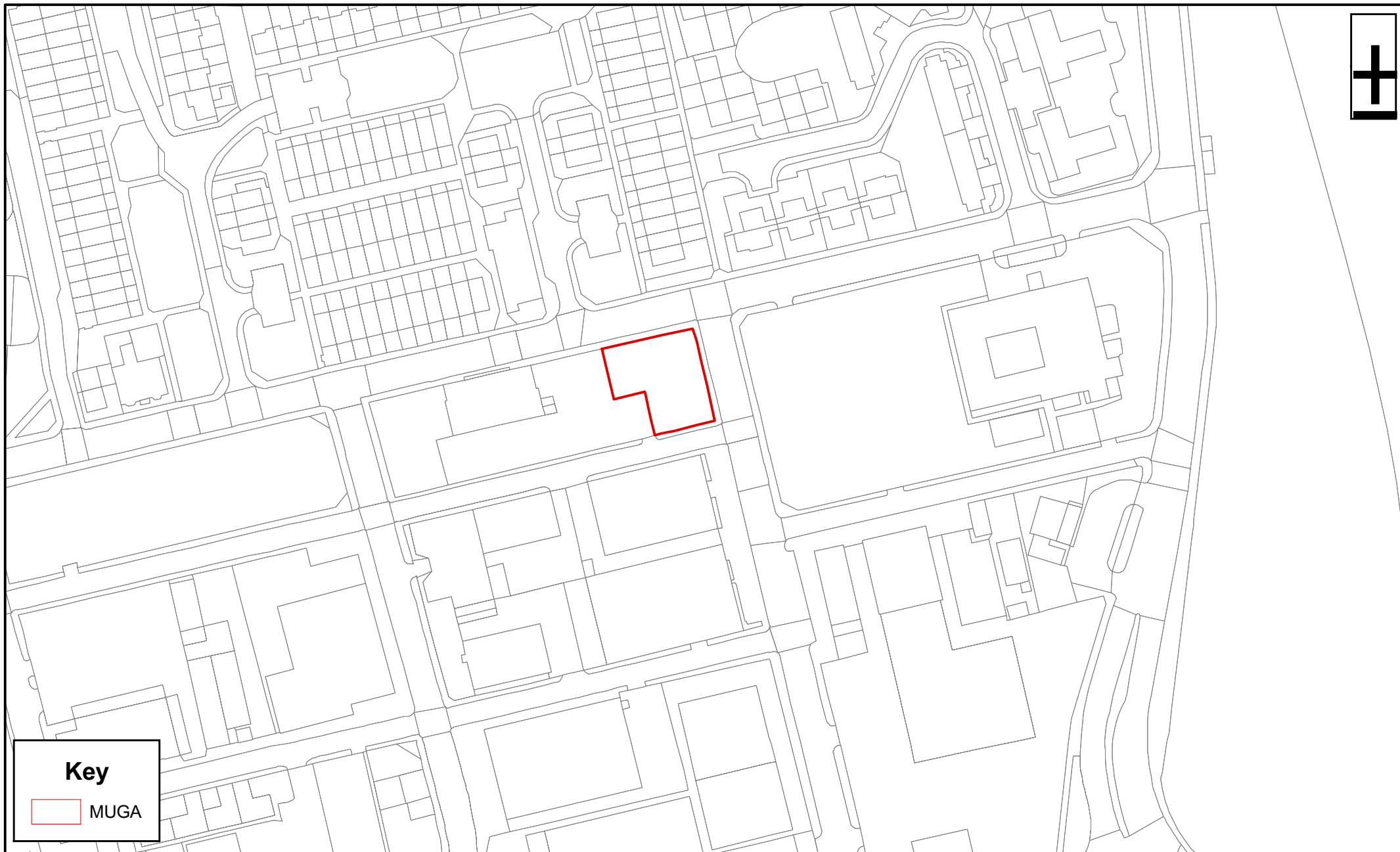
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Summerhill Countryside Park



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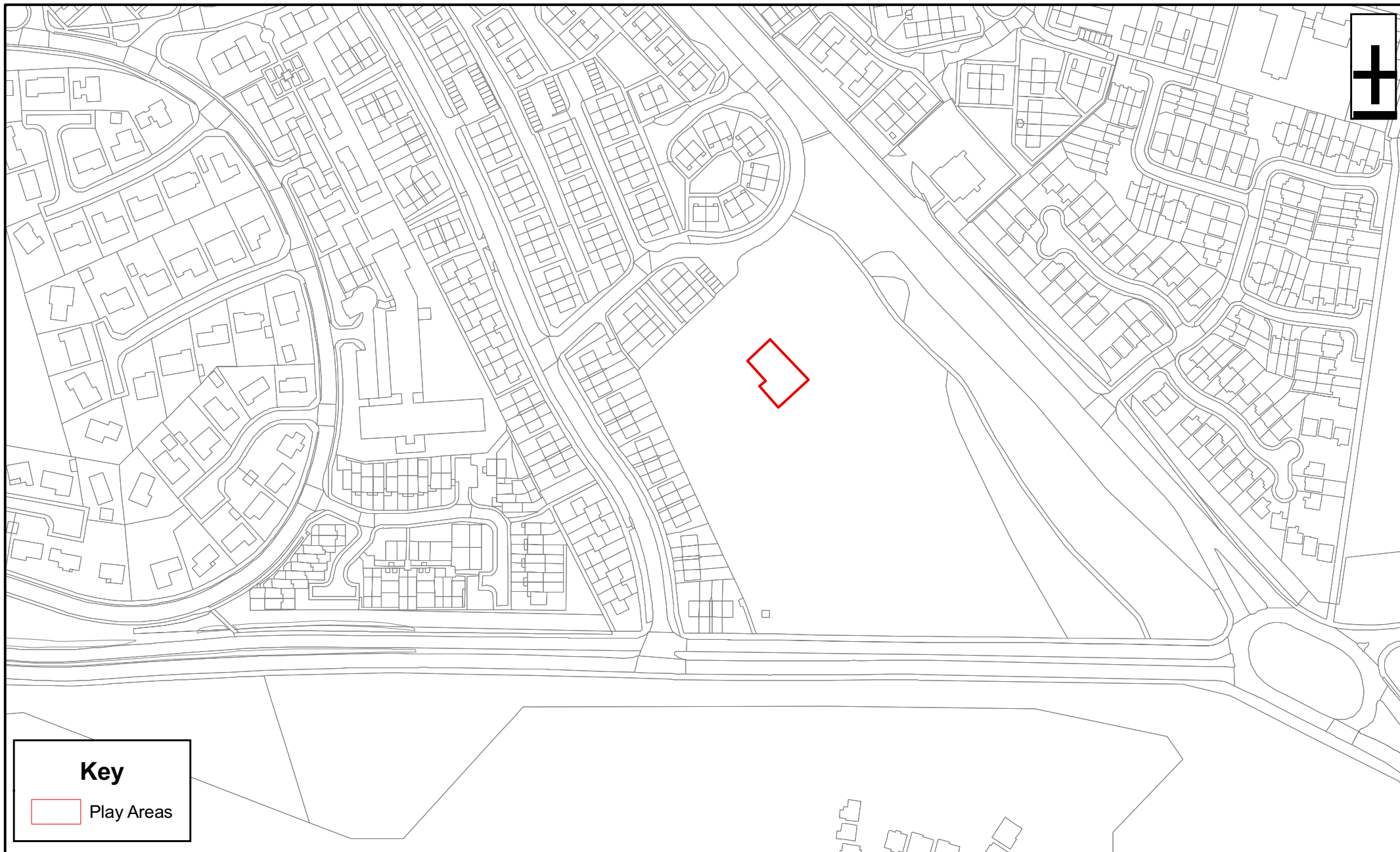




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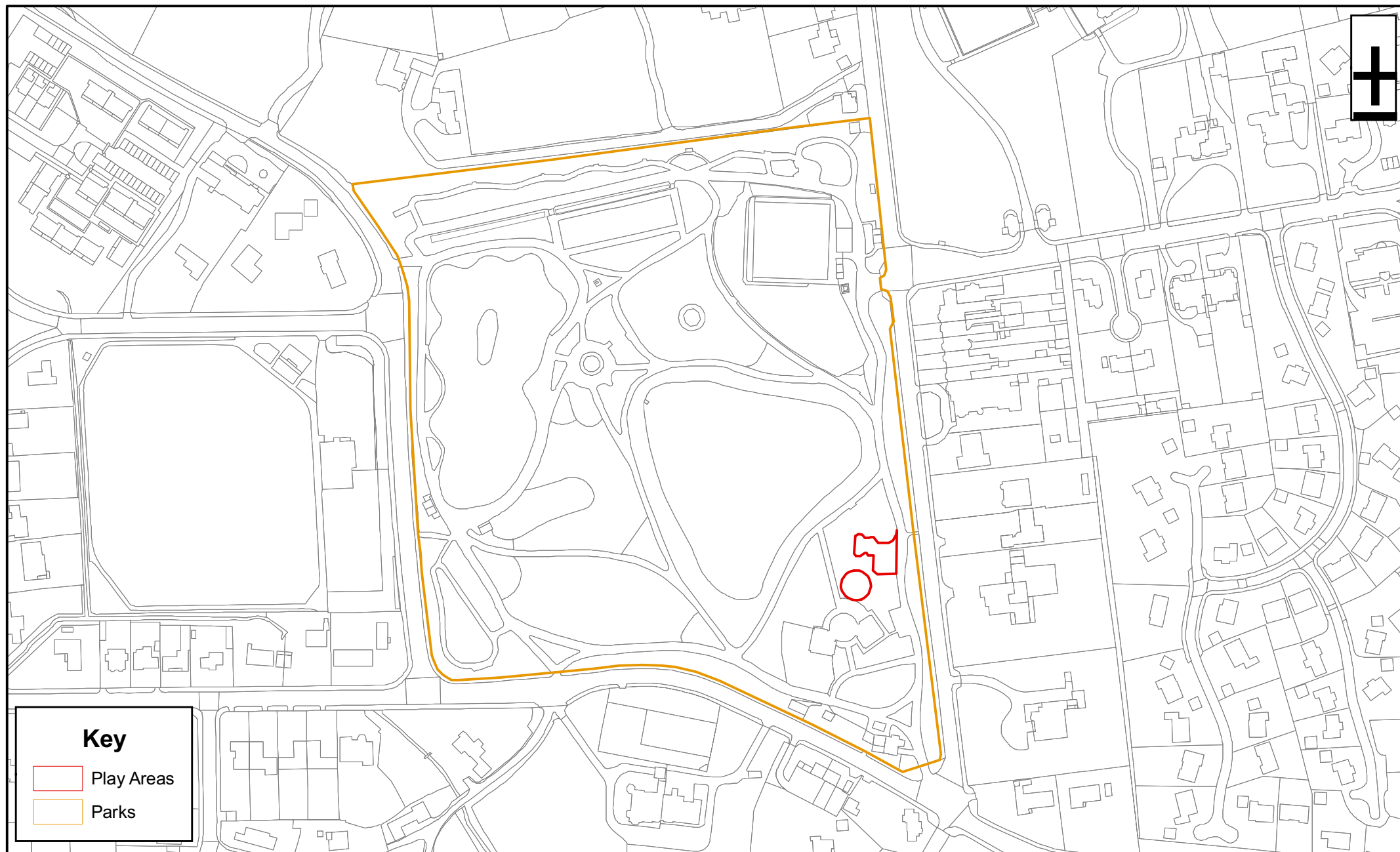
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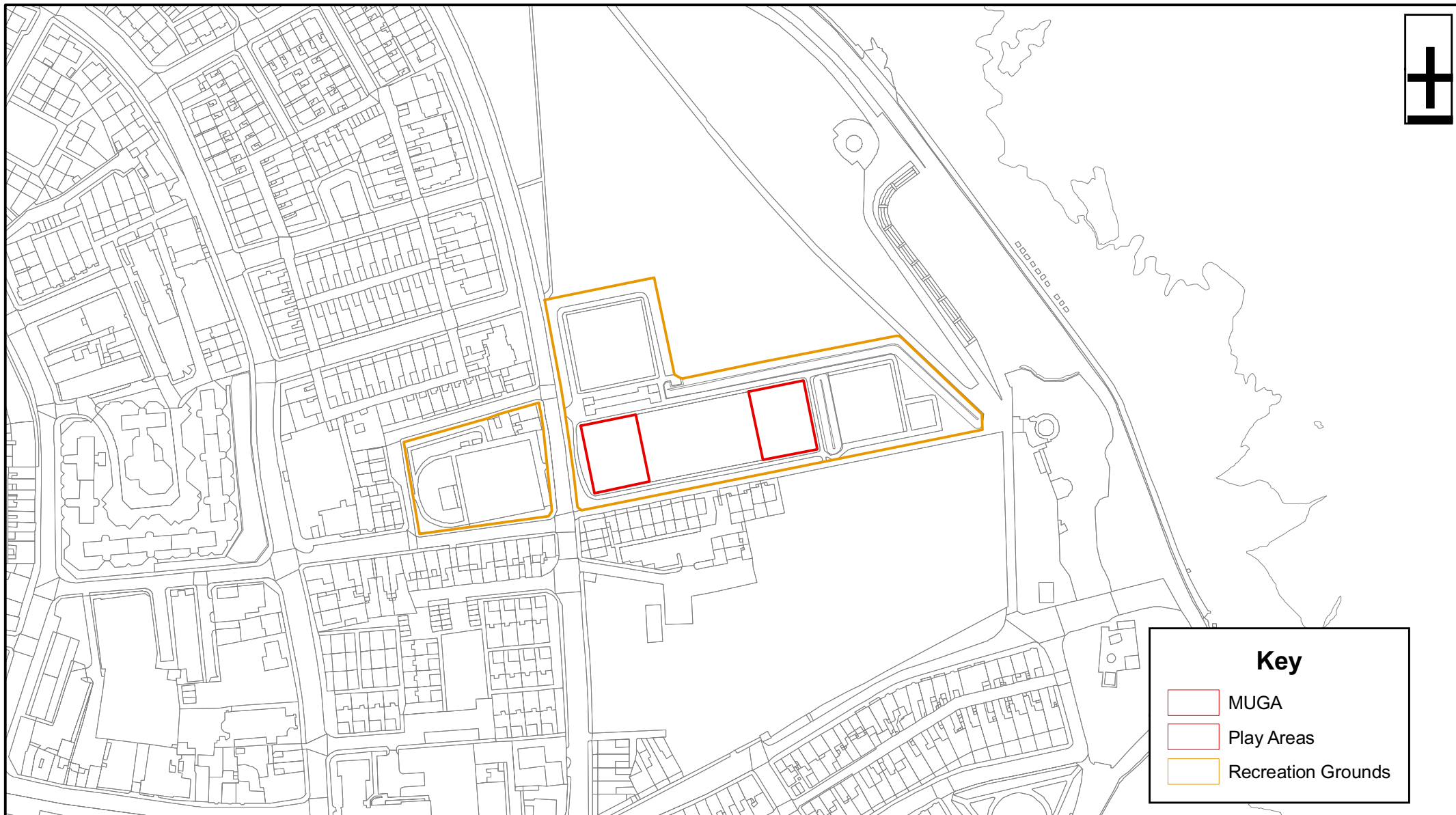
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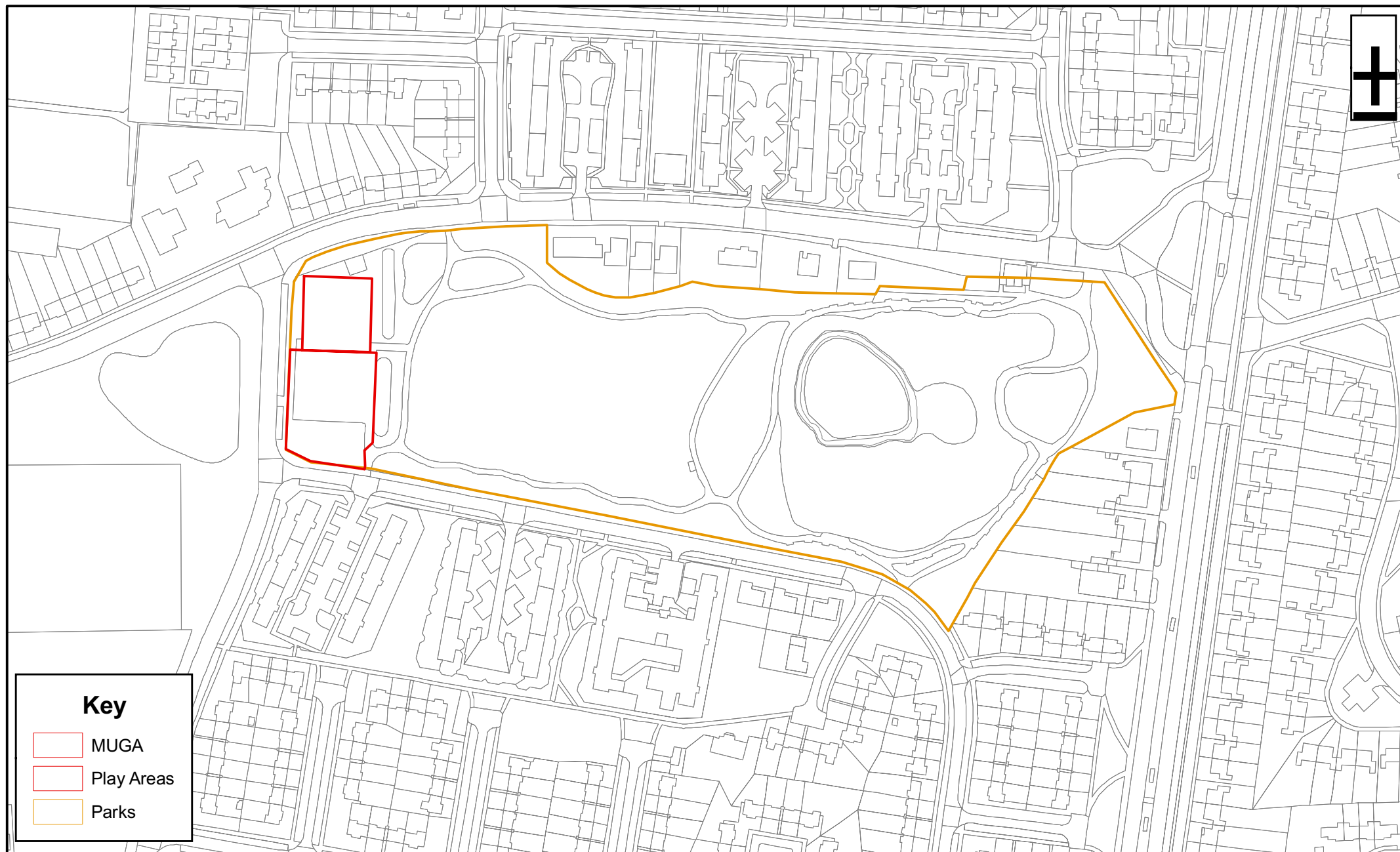
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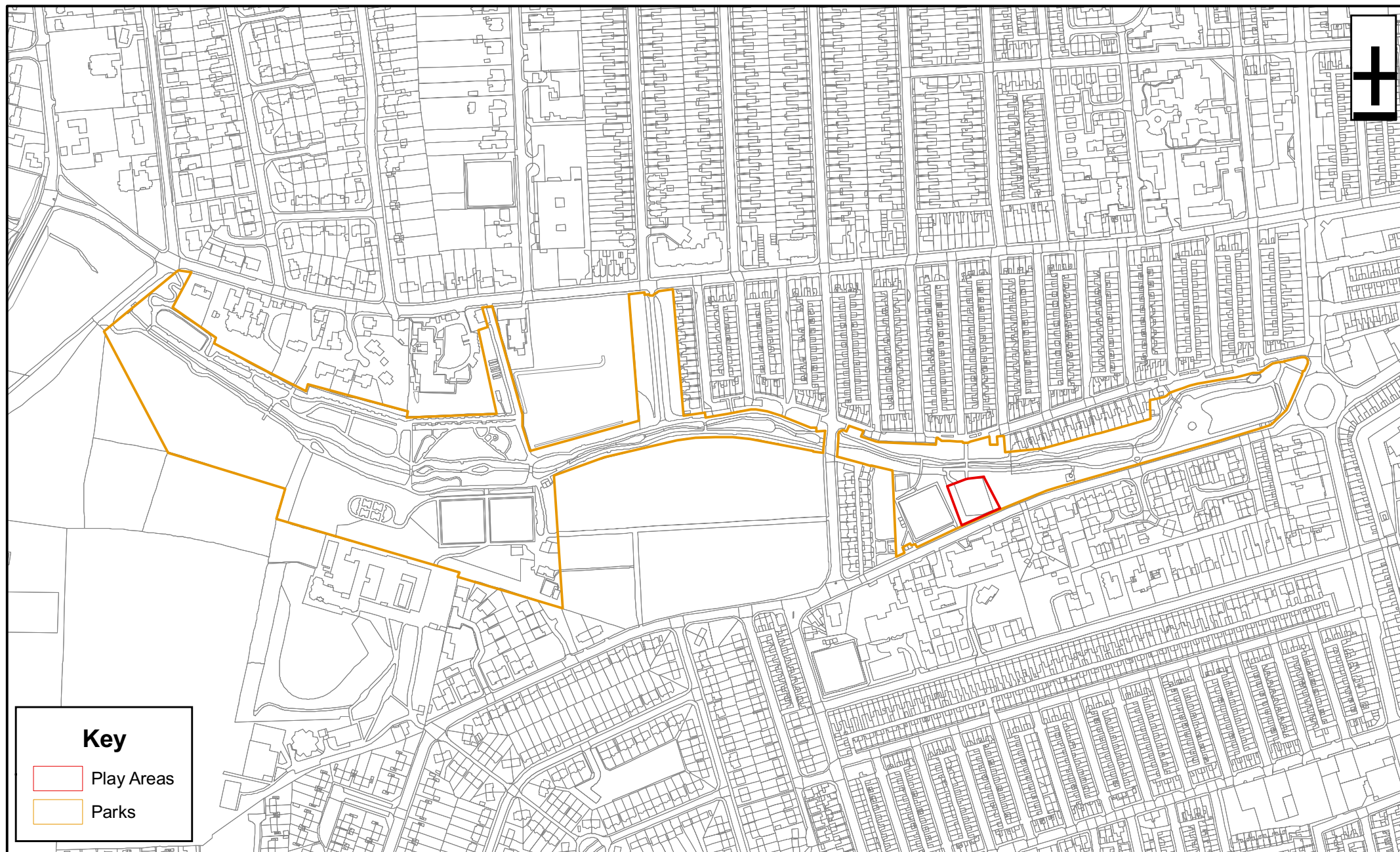
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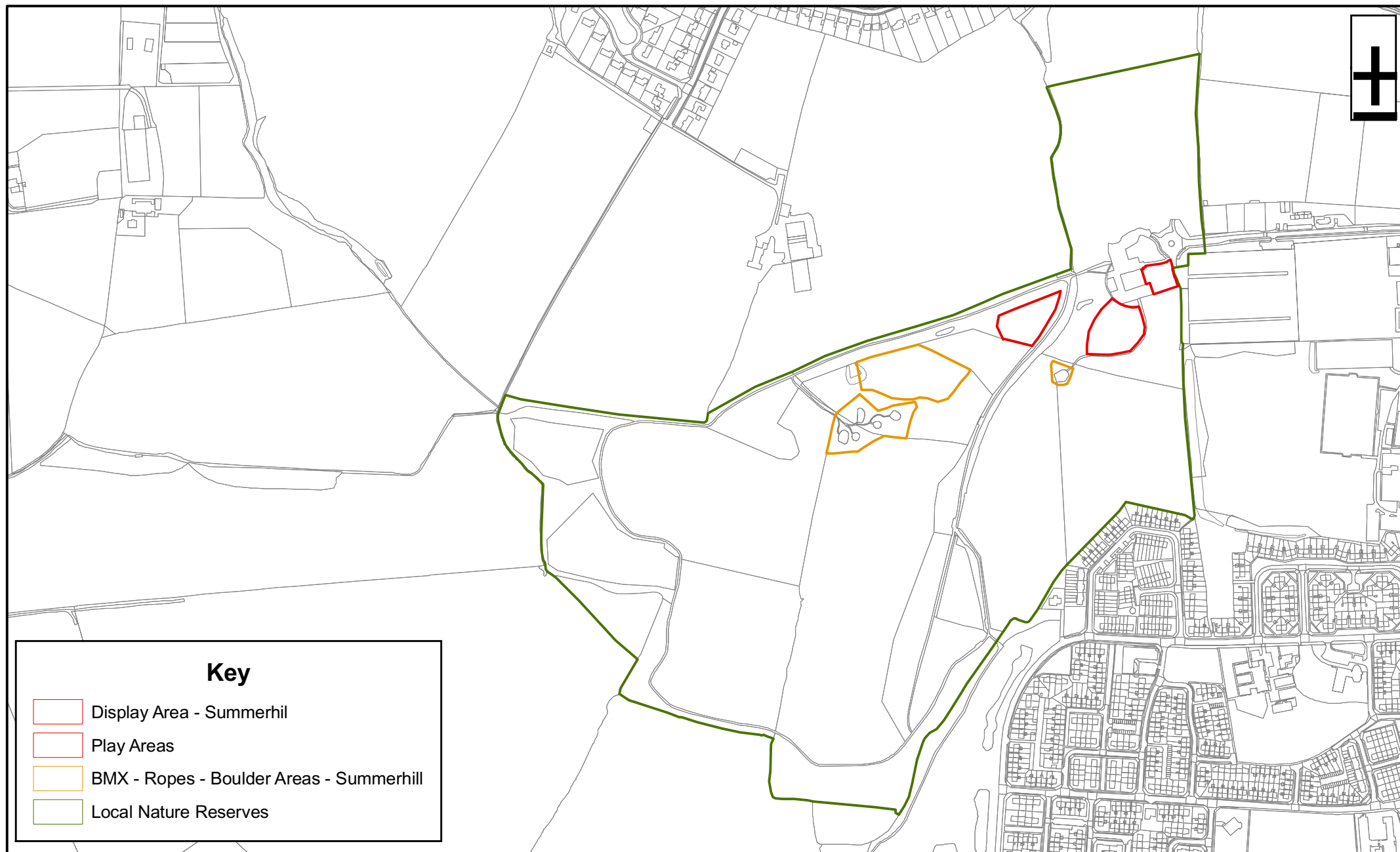
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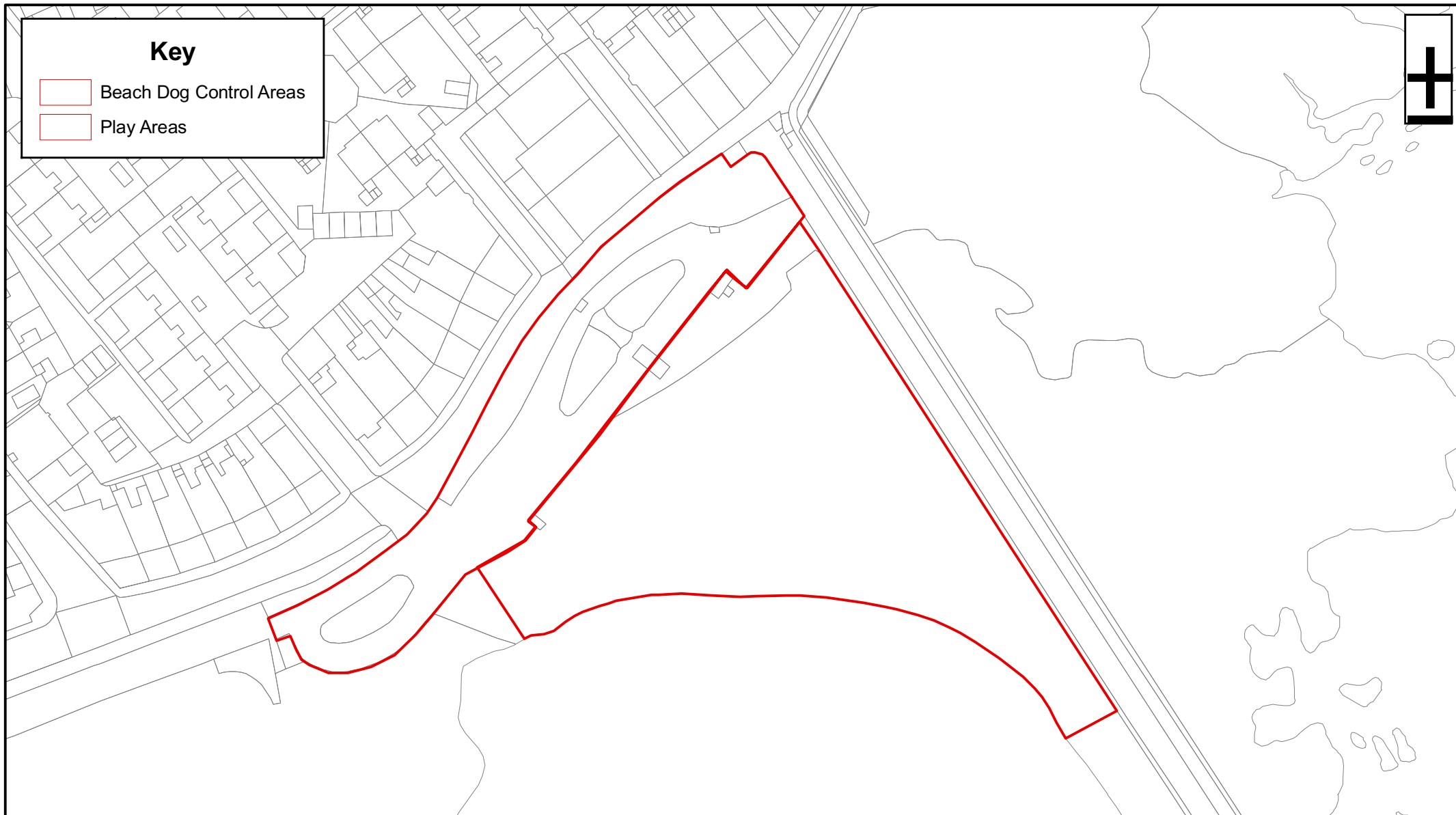


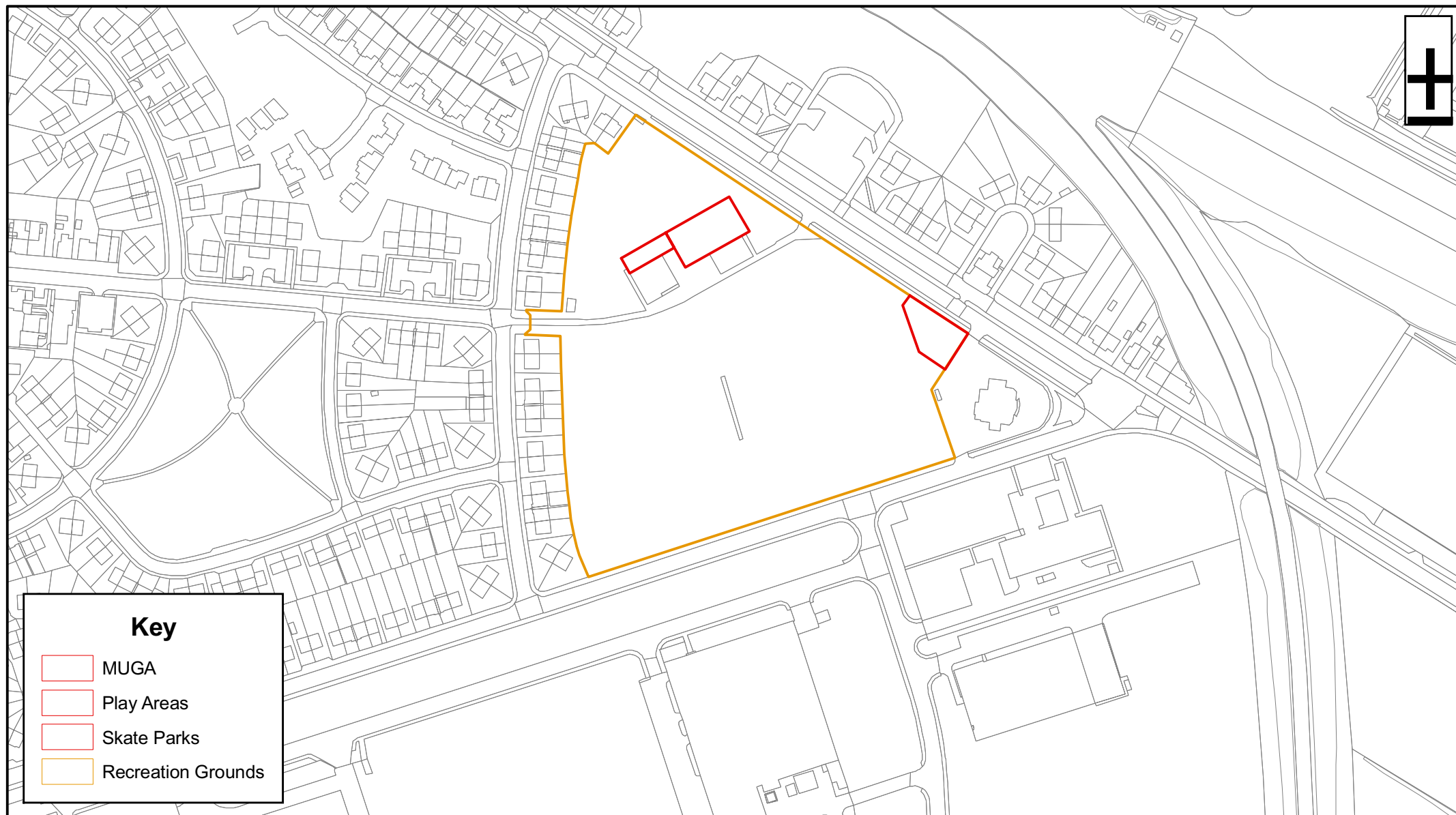
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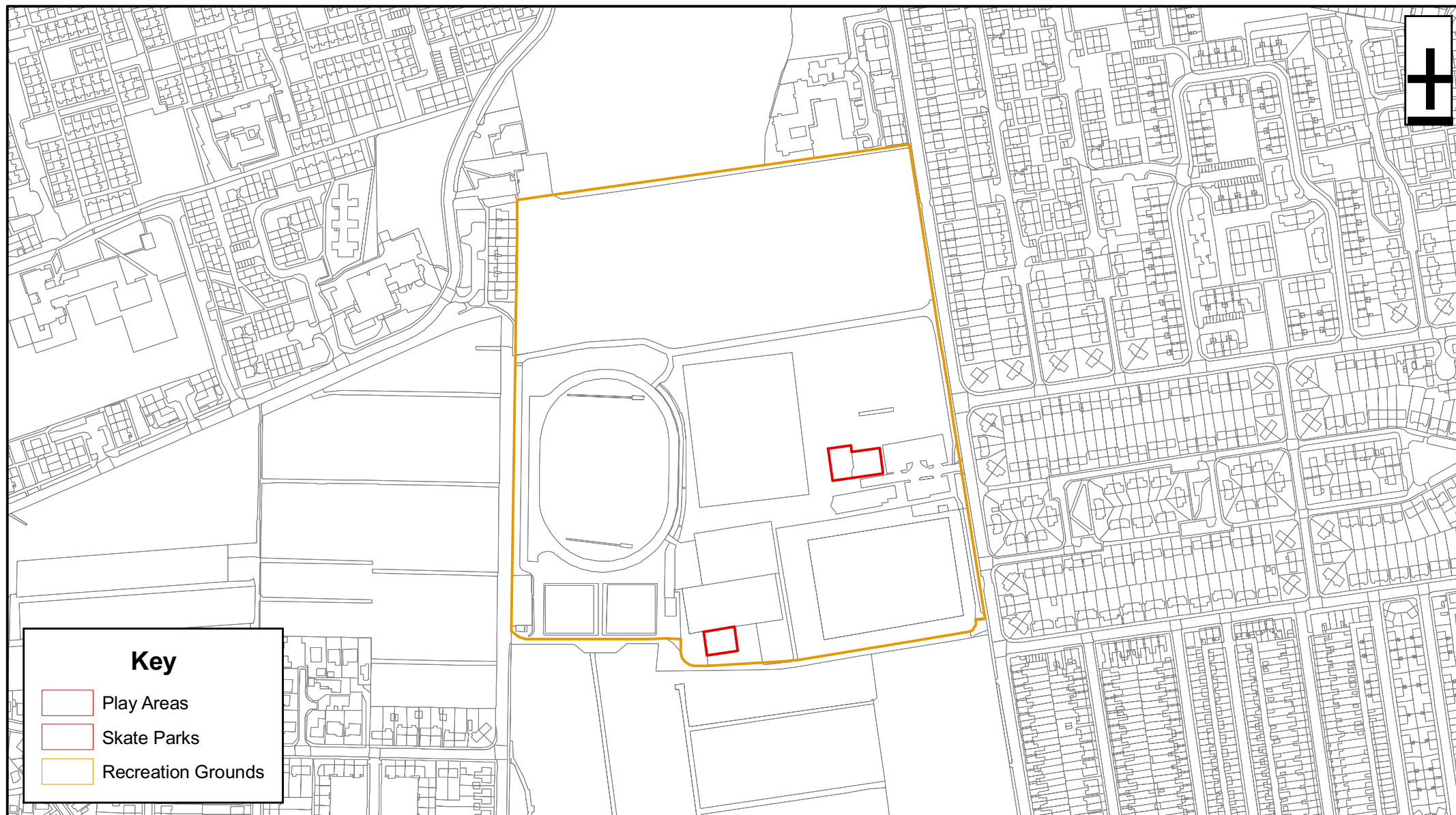
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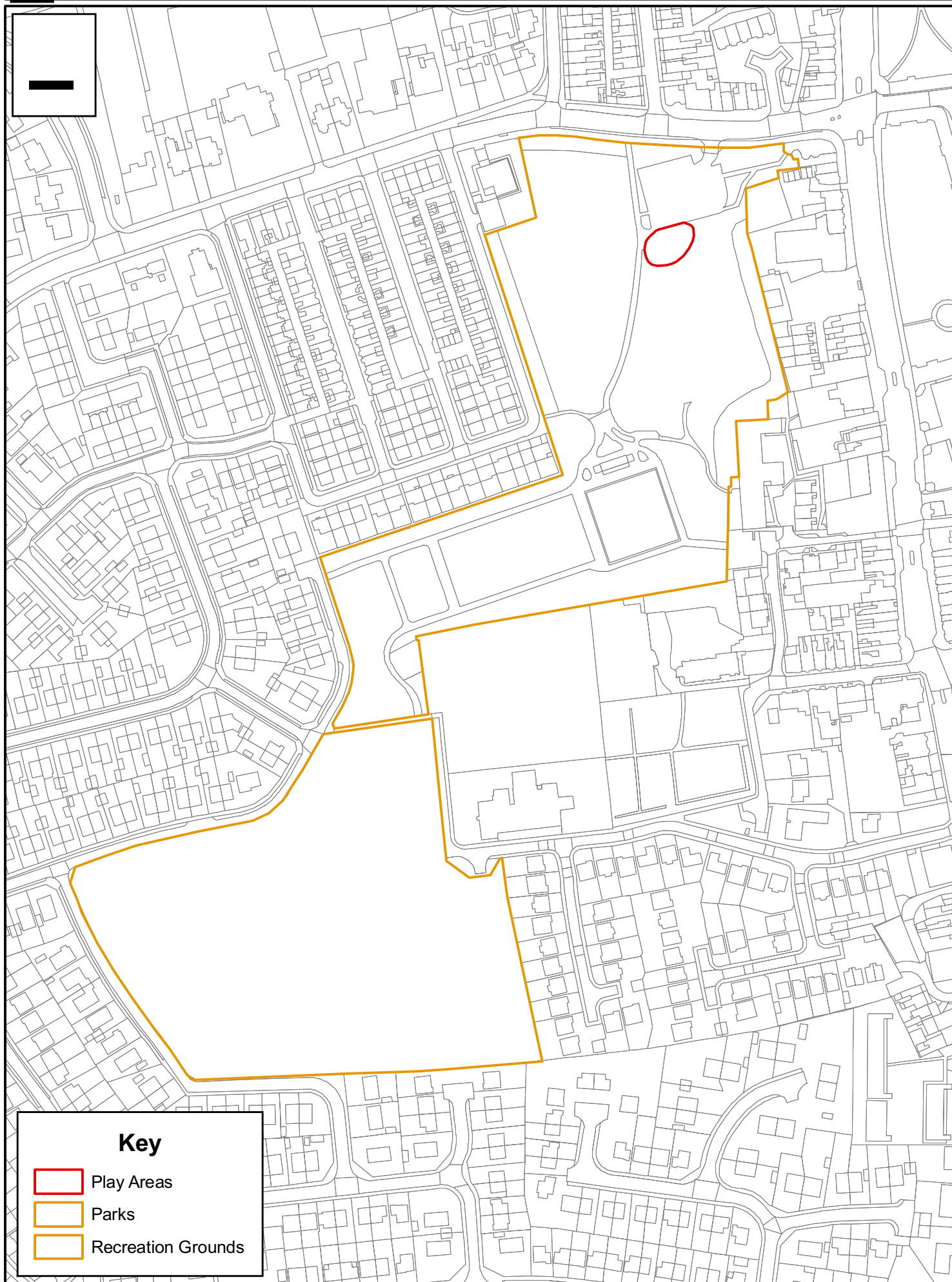
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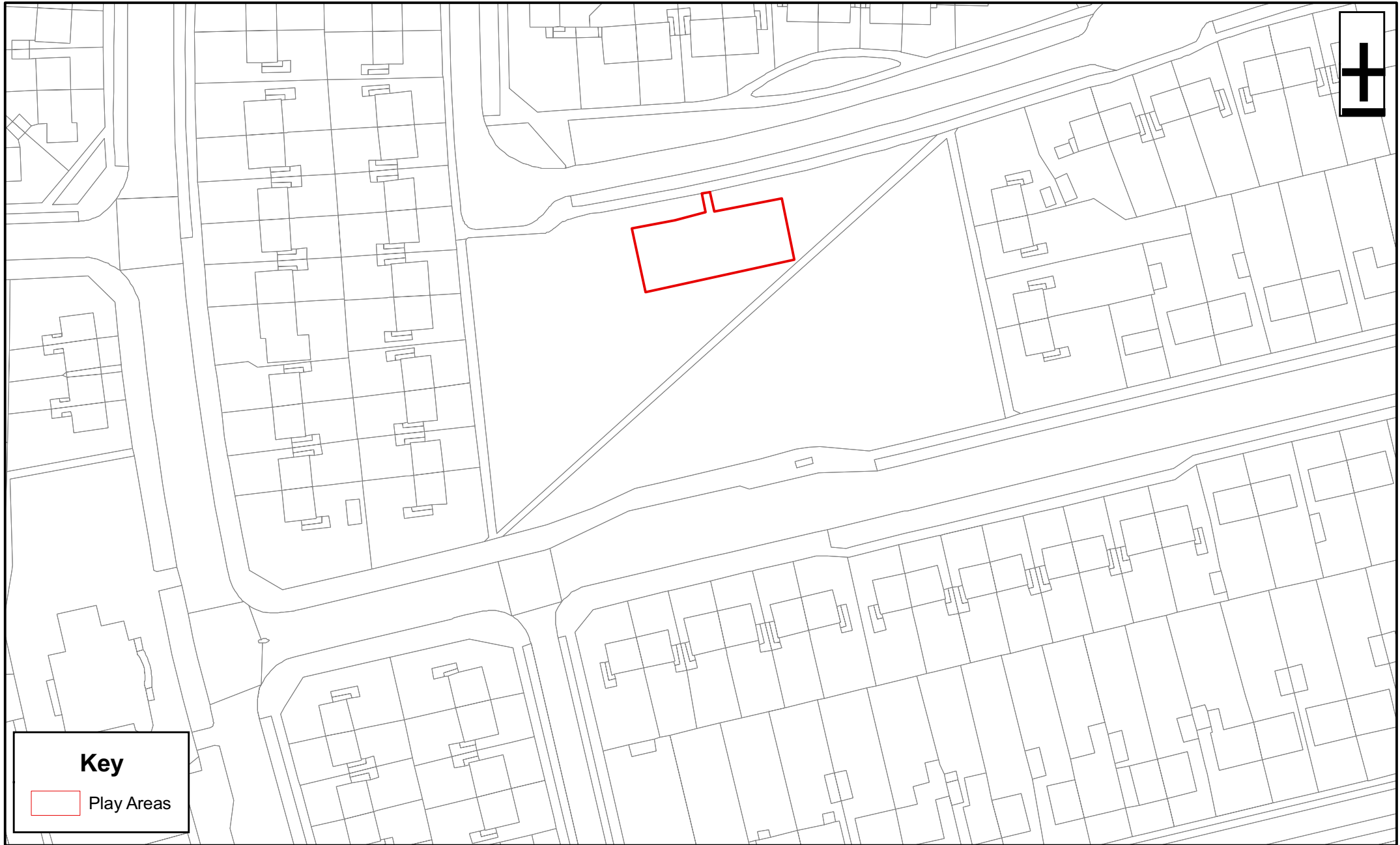
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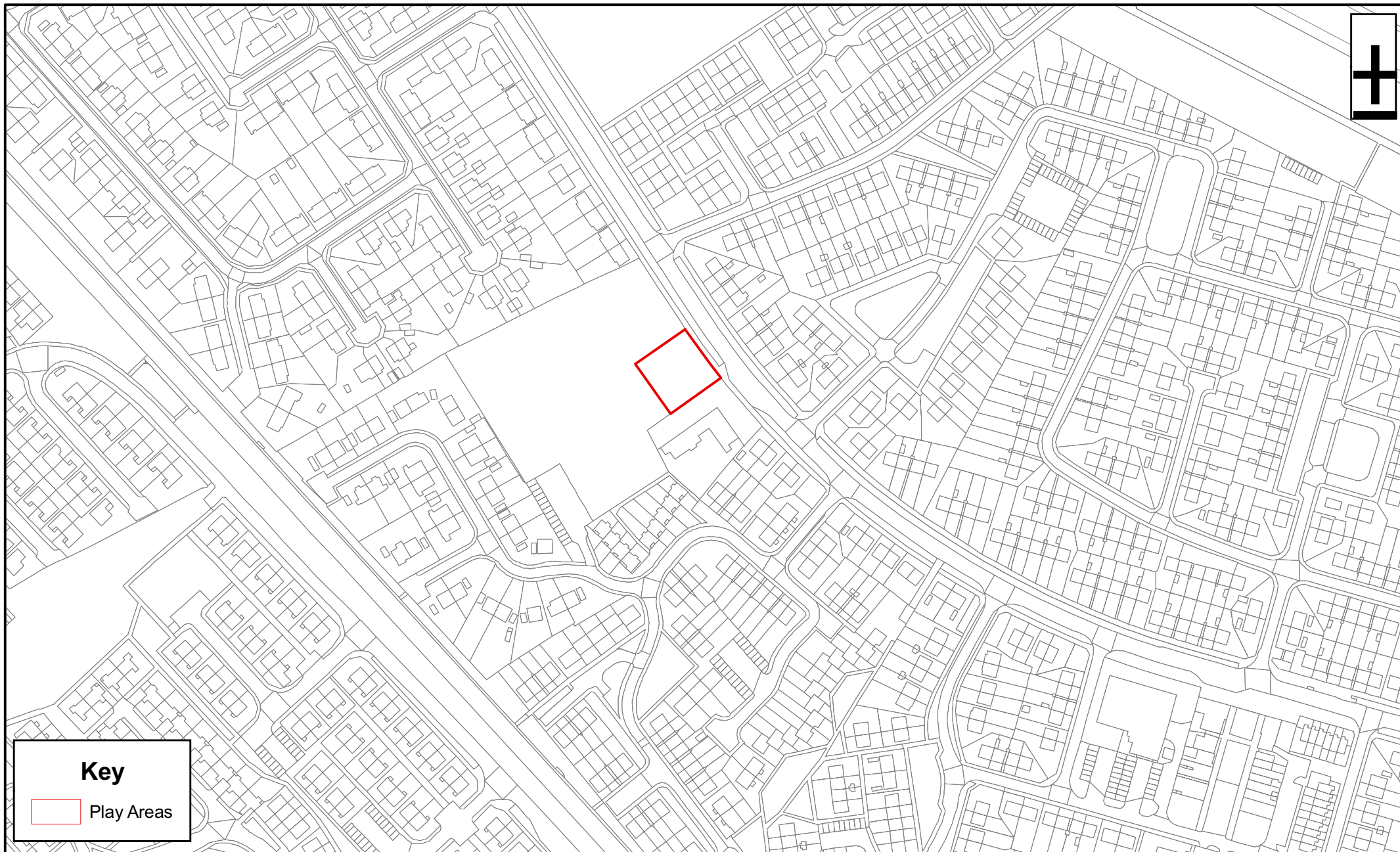


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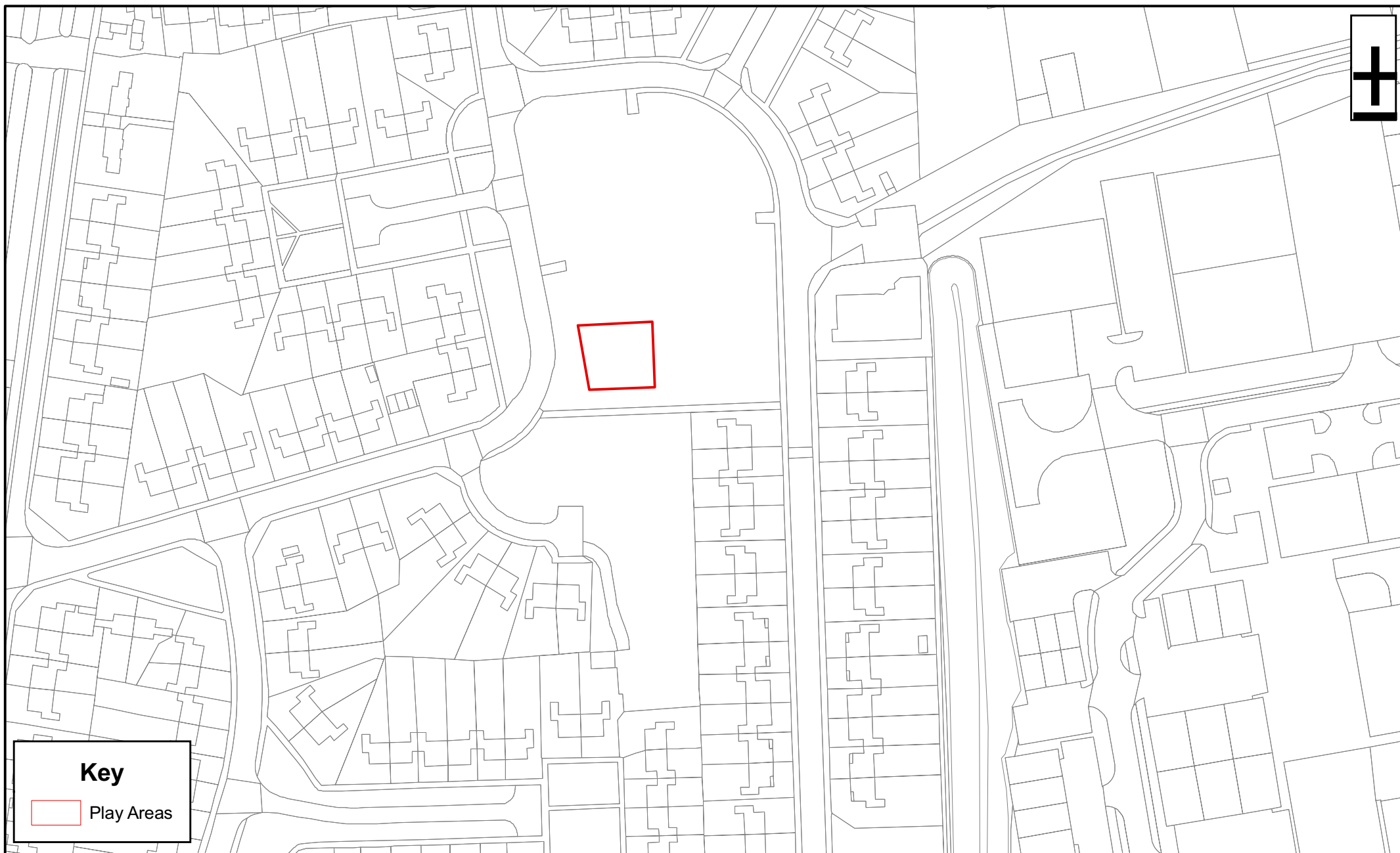
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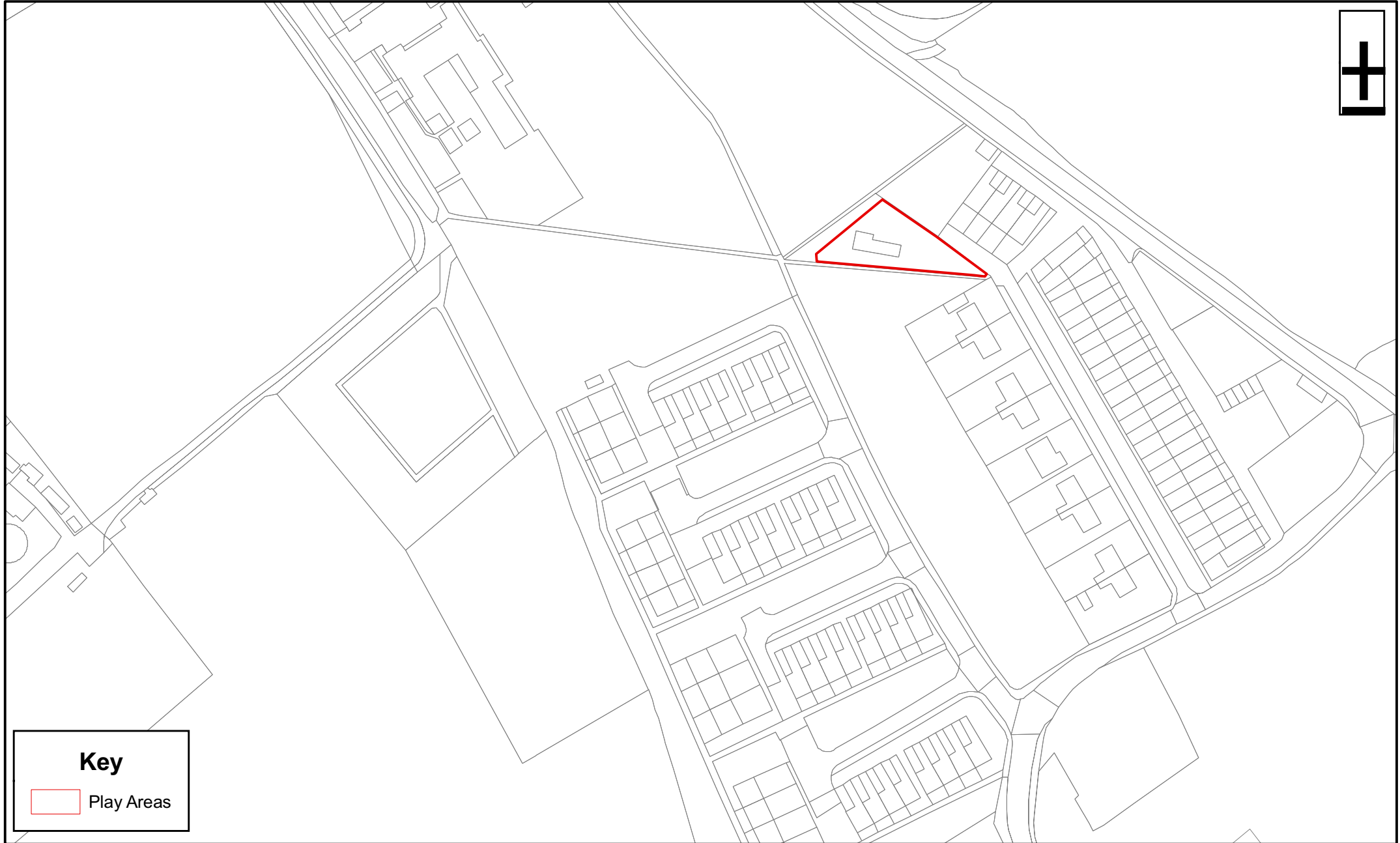
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Jutland Road Play Area



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 Play Areas

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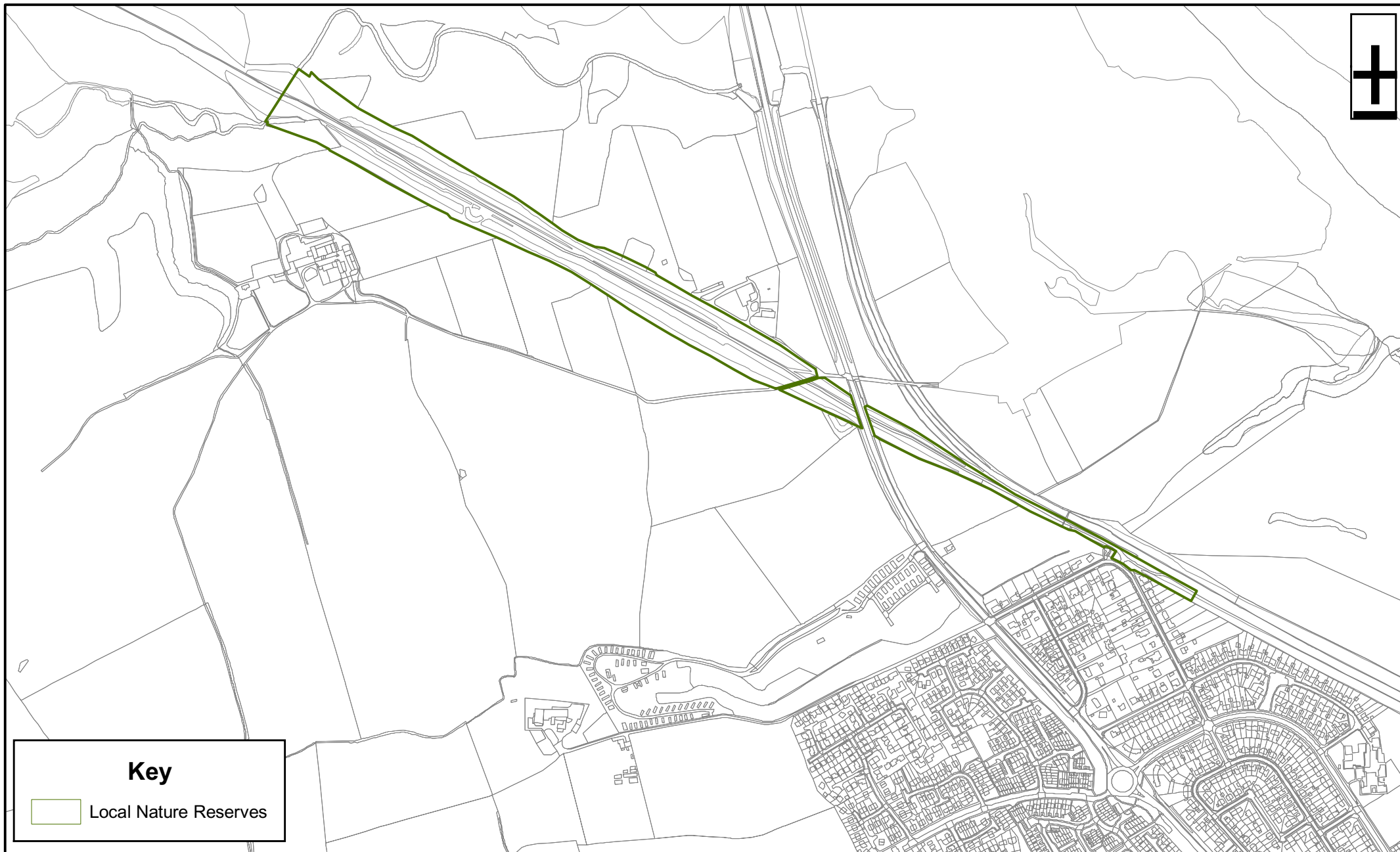
APPENDIX D

The following locations are areas where dogs shall be permitted to exercise freely.

- ∉ HART TO HASWELL LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (see map D1)
- ∉ SEATON DUNES & COMMON LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (see map D2)
- ∉ GREATHAM BECK LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (see map D3)
- ∉ HART WARREN DUNES LOCAL NATURE RESERVE (see map D4)
- ∉ SUMMERHILL VISITOR CENTRE (see map D5)

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

Hart to Haswell Walkway



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 Local Nature Reserves

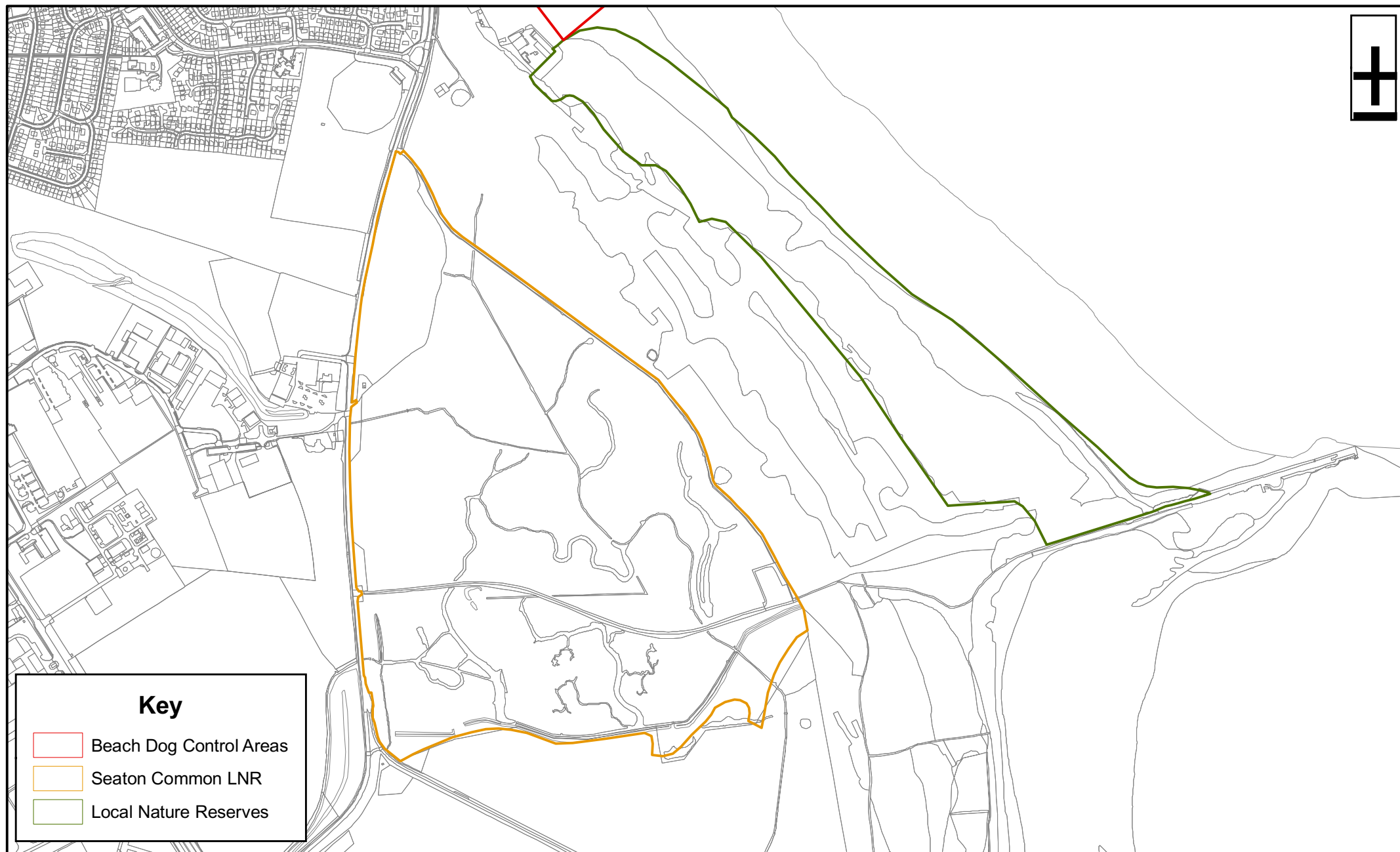


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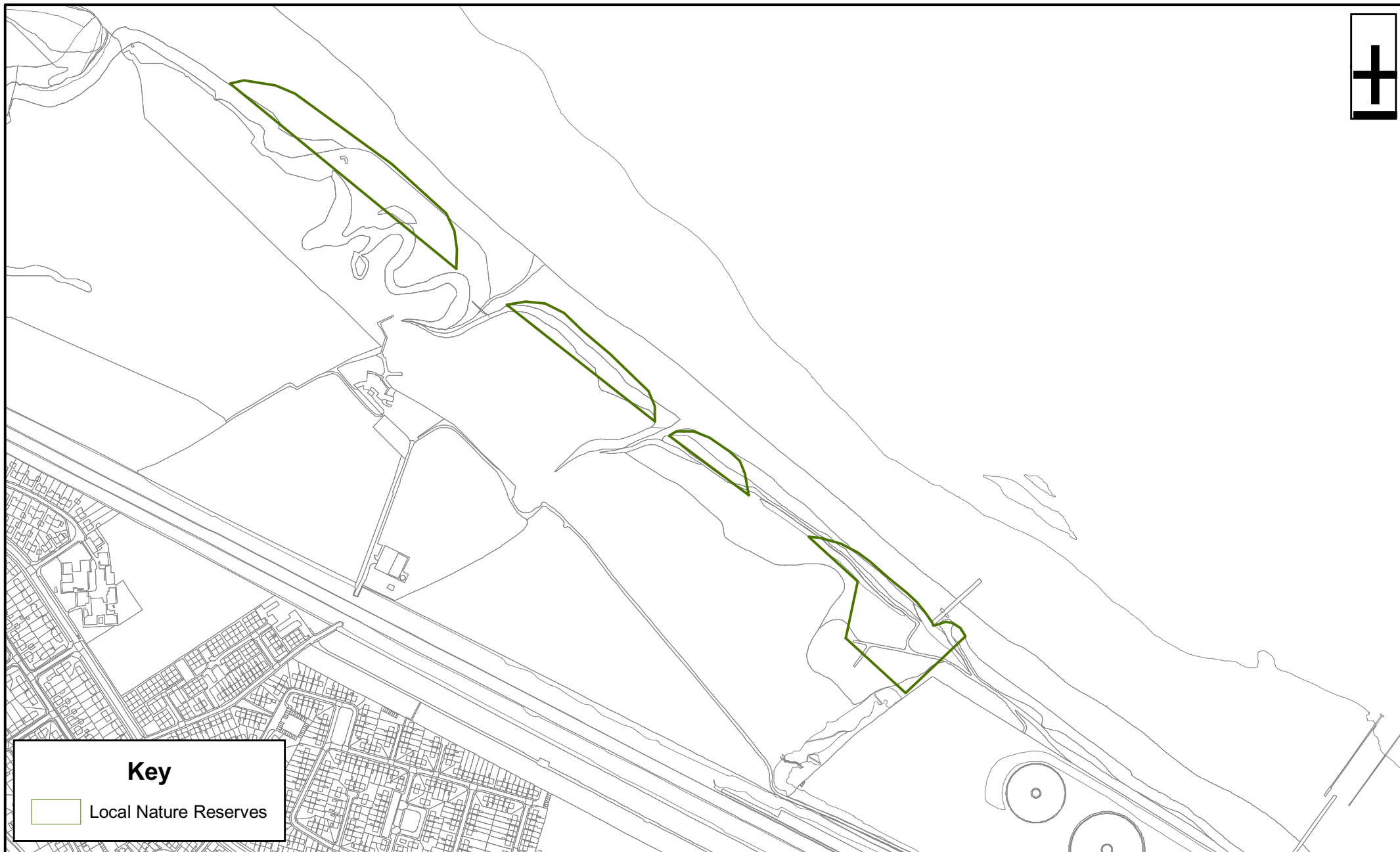


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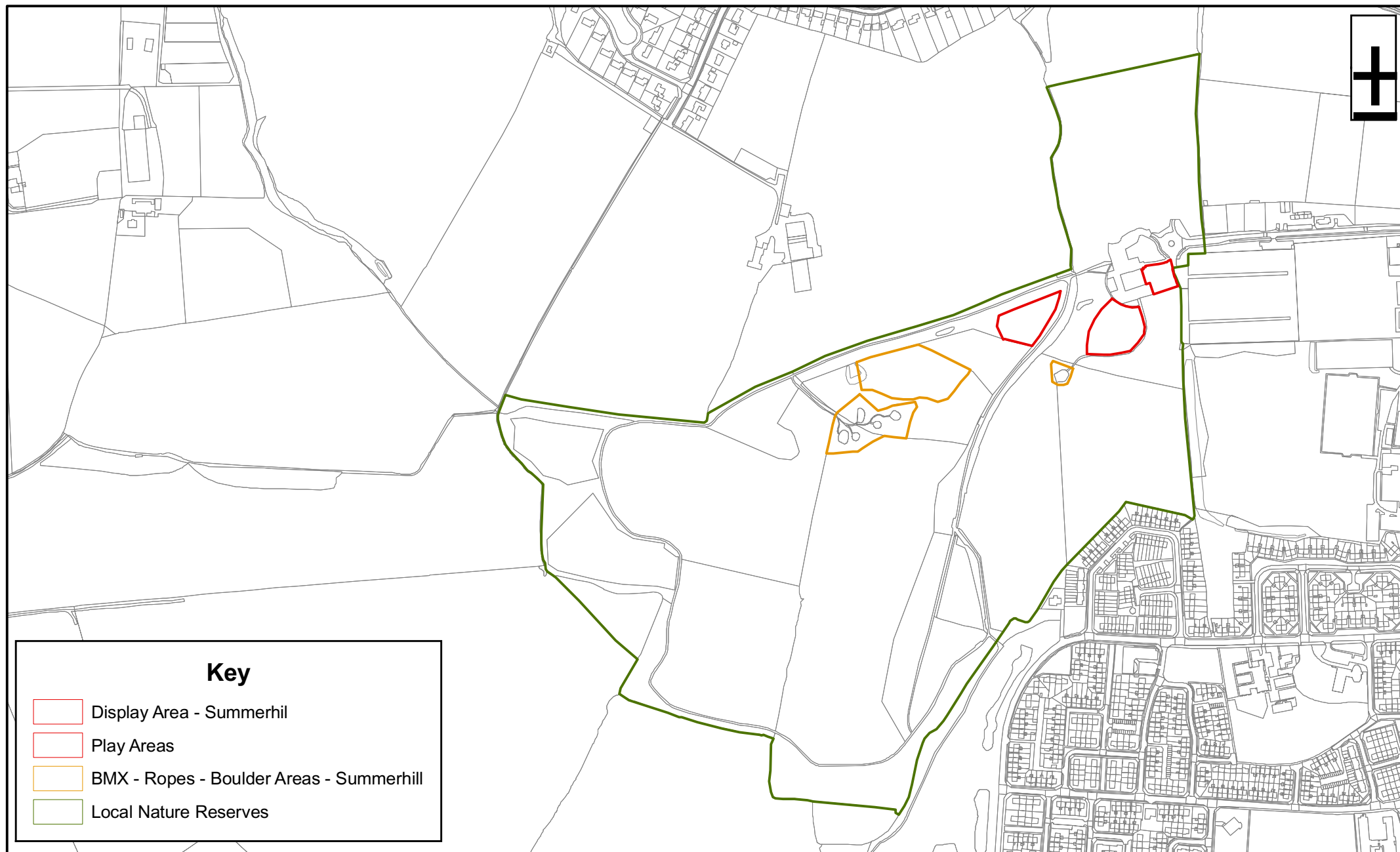


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NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder
28 January 2008



Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: THREE YEAR LOCAL TRANSPORT CAPITAL
SETTLEMENT (2008/09 – 2010/11)

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide information on Hartlepool's three year local transport capital settlement for 2008/9 to 2010/11 and seek approval for the proposed budget allocations for integrated transport and highway maintenance.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report summarises the firm local transport capital settlement for 2008/09 to 2010/11, the last three years of the second local transport plan.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for traffic and transportation issues.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

This is a non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

This is an executive decision made by the Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

Portfolio Holder's approval is sought on this decision.

Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: THREE YEAR LOCAL TRANSPORT CAPITAL SETTLEMENT (2008/09 – 2010/11)

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide information on Hartlepool's three year local transport capital settlement for 2008/9 to 2010/11 and seek approval for the proposed budget allocations for integrated transport and highway maintenance.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Hartlepool's final second Local Transport Plan (LTP) was submitted to the Government on the 31 March 2006. The firm allocation of capital funding for the last three years of this plan was confirmed by Government Office for the North East in a letter to the Council dated 27 November 2007.

Integrated Transport

- 2.2 The capital settlement for integrated transport for the remainder of the second local transport plan period (2008/09 to 2010/11) is provided in Table 1 below. These allocations are less than the final planning guidelines on which the second LTP was based.

Table 1 – Capital Settlement for Integrated Transport

	2008/09 £000s	2009/10 £000s	2010/11 £000s
Second LTP - July 2006	1,144	1,122	1,094
Confirmed Capital Allocation – Nov 2007	1,138	1,089	1,035
<i>Change</i>	-6	-33	-59

Maintenance

- 2.3 The three year settlement for highways capital maintenance for the period 2008/09 to 2010/11 is provided in Table 2 below. These allocations are also less than the final planning guidelines on which the second LTP was based. This is a result of the Government's review of the formula which works out the allocation of funding for each local highway authority.

Table 2 – Capital Settlement for Highways Capital Maintenance

	2008/09 £000s	2009/10 £000s	2010/11 £000s
Second LTP - July 2006	943	990	1,039
Confirmed Capital Allocation – Nov 2007	764	743	779
<i>Change</i>	<i>-179</i>	<i>-247</i>	<i>-260</i>

- 2.4 The proposed distribution of capital allocations for each LTP scheme type for 2008/09 to 2010/11 is set out in **Appendix 1**.
- 2.5 This distribution is based on the allocations listed in Table 10.1 that was published in the final second LTP (July 2006). Amendments have been made to reflect the reduced capital settlement for integrated transport and highways maintenance announced on the 27 November 2007. The scheme types that have been reduced to compensate are shown in bold.
- 2.6 Capital funding will also be carried forward from 2007/08. This includes funding allocated for the Hartlepool Transport Interchange and York Road highway improvements. The exact level of funding to be carried forward, and revised budget allocations for 2008/09, will be reported to the Portfolio Holder in a future meeting when the final expenditure made in 2007/08 is confirmed.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Portfolio Holder notes the firm three year local transport capital settlement and approves the proposed distribution of capital funding for 2008/09 as shown in **Appendix 1**.

Appendix 1 – Proposed Distribution of Capital Funding

Allocation of Integrated Transport Block Funding

Theme	Scheme Type	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Bus Priority Schemes (BL)	Bus quality corridor	300		100
Bus Infrastructure Schemes (BI)	Bus shelters	60	20	20
	Raised kerbs at bus stops	30	30	30
Public Transport Interchanges (IN)	Multi-modal interchange			
	Railway station improvements	50		
Cycling Schemes (CY)	Cycle tracks/lanes	134	152	121
	New advanced stop lines	5	5	5
	New cycle parking facilities	5		5
	Cycle route signage	5	5	5
Walking Schemes (WA)	Other walking schemes	40	47	
Travel Plans (TP)	Workplace travel plans	10	10	10
	School travel plans	15	15	15
Local Safety Schemes (LS)	Safer routes to school	80	80	80
	Public transport CCTV	10	10	10
	New street lighting	70	70	70
	Other safety schemes	25	25	25
	Safer streets initiative	20	20	20
Road Crossings (RC)	Signalled crossings	10		
	Uncontrolled crossings	30	30	30
Traffic Management and Traffic Calming TM	Other traffic management schemes	40		155
	Parking lay-bys	25	25	25
	Speed activated signs	9		
	Highway signage improvements	10		
	School 20mph zones	10	10	10
	Car Park ITS			114
	Consultative Neighbourhood Forums	30	30	30
	Junction improvement schemes		400	50
	Car park improvements	50	50	50
	Road safety education and training	20	20	20
Local Road Schemes (RD)	Motorcycle training	20	20	20
Miscellaneous (OS)	Smarter travel awareness	10	10	10
	Shopmobility	10		
	LTP monitoring	5	5	5
Total		1,138	1,089	1,035

Allocation of Highway Maintenance Funding

		2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Highway Maintenance	Carriageways	644	623	659
	Footways	50	50	50
<i>Sub-total</i>		694	673	709
Bridge Maintenance	Maintenance	70	70	70
<i>Sub-total</i>		70	70	70
Total		764	743	779

NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder
28 January 2008



Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: THORNBURY CLOSE/TEMPLETON CLOSE
TRAFFIC CALMING

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval for the implementation of a traffic calming scheme in Thornbury Close and Templeton Close.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report details the background to the proposed scheme, the investigations into the request and the recommended course of action.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for traffic and transportation issues.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

This is a non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

This is an executive decision made by the Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

That the traffic calming scheme be approved.

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TRAFFIC CALMING

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the implementation of a traffic calming scheme in Thornbury Close and Templeton Close.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A petition has been submitted previously seeking the installation of traffic calming measures in Thornbury Close, which is situated off Westwood Way, in Clavering (as reported to Portfolio on 26 September 2006). Concerns have also been raised via Iain Wright MP over an adjacent road, Templeton Close (see **Appendix 1**).
- 2.2 An investigation took place which looked at the accident record for both roads, including speed surveys. There have been 0 accidents in the last 3 years in either road. Speed survey results have given 85th percentile speeds of 25mph.
- 2.3 In view of the low speeds recorded and zero accident record, traffic calming was not recommended previously, due to the number of roads with higher accident records and speeds across the town.
- 2.4 However, community concern over road safety has remained in this area, particularly as Thornbury Close and Templeton Close are the only two streets on the estate without traffic calming. As a result, a low cost traffic calming scheme has been developed. This would consist of two “thumps” in each street. Thumps are a form of mini road hump which are of a much lesser width, and would be more practical in these locations due to the large number of drive crossings, which would prohibit full size humps being installed.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES

Consultation

- 3.1 Consultation has taken place with residents and ward councillors, which showed that for Thornbury Close there were 13 in favour and 8 against and for Templeton Close there were 8 in favour and 7 against.

- 3.2 The main objection raised by people is that traffic calming is not needed on the two roads. Low speeds and the lack of accidents would appear to bear this out, however, the majority of residents who responded to the consultation were in favour of the proposals.
- 3.3 Other objections related to parking problems, although parking would not be prohibited on the thumps. Difficulty in icy conditions was also cited, but thumps are standard traffic calming features which should not add to problems of this nature.

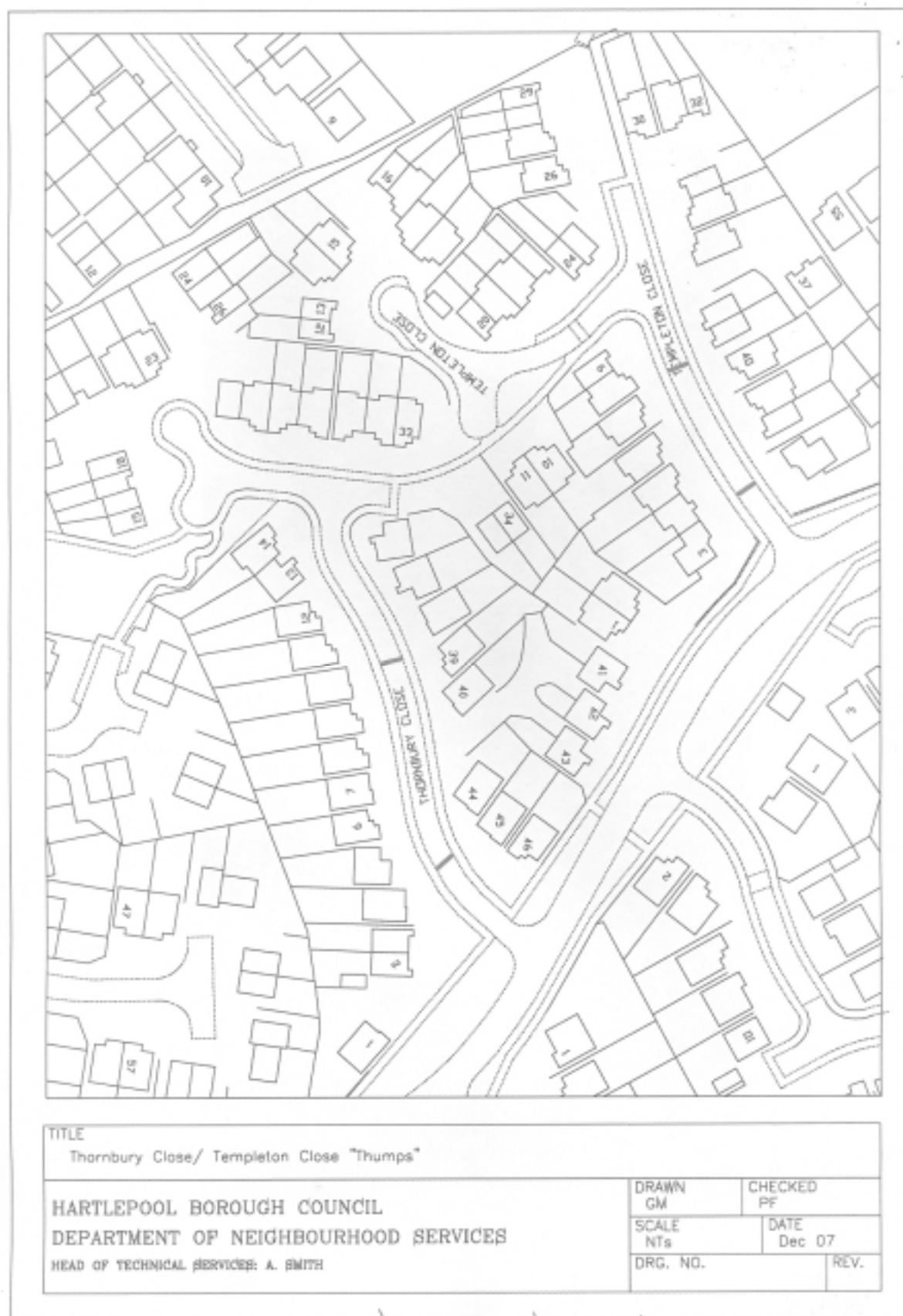
4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 If approved, the scheme would be funded from within existing traffic management budgets.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 That the traffic calming scheme for Thornbury Close and Templeton Close be approved.

APPENDIX 1



NEIGHBOURHOOD & COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO

Report To Portfolio Holder
28 January 2008



Report of: Head of Neighbourhood Management

Subject: NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION TEAM,
ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Portfolio Holder of the key activities and performance of the Neighbourhood Action team over the past 12 months.
- 1.2 To inform the Portfolio Holder of new initiatives introduced by the Neighbourhood Action Team, aimed at improving the environment and providing a safer, cleaner place for people to work and live.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The background, along with achievements over the last twelve months are outlined together with new and forthcoming initiatives.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Portfolio Holder is responsible for Environmental Enforcement issues.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non key

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Portfolio Holder

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

That the Portfolio Holder notes the content of the report.

Report of: Head of Neighbourhood Management

Subject: NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION TEAM,
ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.2 To inform the Portfolio Holder of the key activities and performance of the Neighbourhood Action team over the past 12 months.
- 1.2 To inform the Portfolio Holder of new initiatives introduced by the Neighbourhood Action Team, aimed at improving the environment and providing a safer, cleaner place for people to work and live.

2. BACKGROUND

Achievements over the last 12 months

2.1. Dogs Related Issues

Proactive measures against irresponsible dog owners has continued over the past year, which has seen the number of fixed penalty notices issued to irresponsible dog owners almost double to 272. Fixed penalty notices are currently set at £50; however, this will shortly increase to £100 with the introduction of Dog Control Orders.

- 2.1.2 A total of 337 stray dogs were seized over the past 12 months, though a number of these were returned direct to their owners following a continued micro-chipping initiative with the Dogs Trust. The Council has also continued its free 'spaying and neutering' campaign with the Dogs Trust, which has assisted greatly in controlling the number of strays in the town.

2.2 Litter

Under new powers provided by the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act, there has been a significant increase in the number of people receiving fixed penalty notices for littering. A total of 342 notices were issued over the last 12 months, which included people depositing litter from cars, and individuals who failed to comply with household waste collection requirements.

2.2.1 Under the new Act, a fixed penalty fine has risen from £50 to £75.

2.3 Fly tipping / Covert Surveillance

The Neighbourhood Action Team continues to be extremely active in pursuing people who fly tip and over the last 12 months 1383 reported cases have been investigated. Although the vast majority of these reports were relatively small amounts of household waste left in back streets, the team has had tremendous success in bringing to justice those companies/individuals who deposit truck-loads of controlled wastes in more-remote areas of the town.

2.3.1 Fly tipping of this nature is an extremely difficult crime to detect; however, the use of covert surveillance cameras has meant that fly tippers can never be sure they are not being watched, and much of the Neighbourhood Action Teams success is attributable to this technique.

2.3.2 Following the successful use of covert surveillance cameras in detecting fly tippers, the same technology is being used to combat other types of crime and anti-social behaviour such as criminal damage, arson and social unrest.

2.4 Abandoned and nuisance vehicles / ANPR vehicle

The purge over the last few years on abandoned and nuisance vehicles in Hartlepool has paid tremendous dividends with significant reductions in vehicle arson and vehicle related crime.

2.4.1 The council's Neighbourhood Action Team has become very proficient at dealing with this town-wide nuisance and over the last 12 months, a further 241 vehicles were seized, many of which were used in crime.

2.4.2 To assist further, the team has now acquired a mobile ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) vehicle, which is used to identify abandoned, untaxed and other nuisance cars on the streets of Hartlepool. This mobile unit is capable of trawling virtually every street in Hartlepool in less than a day and is considered a significant new weapon in the council's quest to provide a safer and cleaner place for people to work and live.

2.4.3 Hartlepool Borough Council is one of the first local authorities in the country to obtain mobile ANPR capabilities, and this has already generated considerable interest from neighbouring councils.

2.5 Stop, Search and Seize operations

- 2.5.1 Launched last year as a joint initiative between the council's Neighbourhood Action Team, VOSA, Customs & Excise, Environment Agency and the Police. Primarily considered effective in identifying commercial vehicles involved in fly tipping, as the drivers of the vehicles are asked to show evidence of their waste carriers licence. However, vehicles are also checked for road-worthiness, and tanks are checked for red-diesel.
- 2.5.2 Actions taken by the participating agencies vary from the issuing of producers and defect rectification notices to impounding the vehicle in extreme cases of non-compliance.
- 2.5.3 A series of operations over the last year has seen more than 70 vehicles stopped in roadside checks.

3. NEW & FORTHCOMING INITIATIVES

3.1 Dog Control Orders

- 3.1.1 Hartlepool Borough Council is currently reviewing the local byelaws relating to dogs, which have now been in place for a number of years. These byelaws may well be inappropriate in today's society and, under new legislation, Hartlepool Borough Council is able to apply more-effective measures in its quest to provide a safer and cleaner town for people to work and live.
- 3.1.2 Dog Control Orders were introduced by the government in 2005 and are part of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act, designed to help local authorities clean up their towns and cities. 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 a specified number of dogs onto land.
- 3.1.3 Dog Control Orders are a means of tackling the nuisance caused by irresponsible dog owners; they are not intended to discriminate against dogs or dog owners, and for this reason Hartlepool Borough Council will be giving this matter careful consideration before introducing any new byelaws.

- 3.1.4 It is proposed that offences committed under the new Orders will be subject to a Fixed Penalty of £80.
- 3.1.5 The new byelaws will come into force early in the Spring/Summer of 2008 following extensive public consultations.

3.2 Safer, Cleaner, Greener Initiative

- 3.2.1 This initiative will focus on the NDC area and is essentially intended to improve the quality of life for local residents by bringing together agencies, services, and residents to promote a 'Safer, Cleaner, Greener' living environment.
- 3.2.2 One key objective of the initiative is to tackle the poor quality environment by educating local residents on their responsibilities in relation to domestic household waste, including recycling. Enforcement measures will be taken when appropriate in this respect; however, the initiative will also seek to address wider neighbourhood issues by promoting community safety, and environmental enhancements. Fundamental to the initiative will be securing the involvement of the community both in influencing the delivery of services through the provision of a new consultation mechanism, and promoting resident participation in the many activities/opportunities available within the NDC area.

3.3 Illegal Burning – Longhill and Sandgate Industrial Estates

The Council has become aware of an increase in the number of fires on the Longhill and Sandgate Industrial Estates, many of which may have been started deliberately. Figures provided by the Fire Brigade show an increase of 116.2% and 36.4% respectively over the past year.

- 3.3.1 Such fires have a detrimental effect on the health and amenity of the local area, and have harmful consequences for the environment as a whole. As a way of combating this continuing nuisance, the council's Neighbourhood Action Team has introduced a 'multi-agency' approach to the problem, which involves a number of internal sections working closely with external organisations. The various agencies working on this strategy are as follows:

- Cleveland Fire Brigade
- Cleveland Police
- Neighbourhood Action Team (HBC)
- Environmental Standards (HBC)
- Development Control (HBC)
- Economic Development (HBC)
- Environment Agency

- New Deal for Communities

3.3.2 The strategy is designed to increase surveillance in the area and provide a decisive response to incidents of fire. Participating agencies look into the causes of the fire and where possible use appropriate legislation to force businesses into taking steps to prevent further occurrences.

3.4 'SmartWater' Initiative

3.4.1 SmartWater is a forensic coding system, similar in concept to a 'DNA' profile, which when dry is non-hazardous and virtually impossible to remove completely. Not easily detectable under normal lighting conditions, SmartWater glows under ultraviolet light.

3.4.2 To compliment its already successful use of covert surveillance cameras, the Neighbourhood Action Team will also use SmartWater for detecting environmental crimes such as fly tipping.

3.4.3 Controlled wastes, including building waste, garden waste, and tyres, all with the potential to be fly tipped, will be dabbed with SmartWater by officers from the Neighbourhood Action Team. In the event of these controlled wastes being fly tipped, officers will then be provided with vital leads, which may show where the materials came from and help trace the persons responsible for tipping them.

3.5 Commercial Waste Initiative

Commercial Waste issues range from businesses that have no formal arrangements in place, to those who have inappropriate waste receptacles. Often, this leads to wastes being strewn around the streets of Hartlepool and/or wastes being handled inappropriately by unlicensed companies/individuals - in the latter case, waste materials have been found dumped in farmer's fields etc.

3.5.1 To help alleviate this growing problem, officers from the Neighbourhood Action Team will routinely approach businesses to establish whether their commercial waste arrangements are appropriate. Businesses failing to meet the required standards are reminded of their obligations under sections 33, 34 and 47 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 relating to their wastes.

3.5.2 The Neighbourhood Action Team will not hesitate to take enforcement action against businesses or individuals where it considers appropriate to do so.

3.5.3 It is envisaged this initiative will contribute to cleaner streets, fewer cases of fly tipping, and a potential increase in revenue as more businesses take up trade waste agreements with the Council.

3.6 Littering on School Routes

Litter continues to be a major concern, particularly amongst residents living adjacent to school routes. Legal requirements have also made it increasingly difficult to serve fixed penalty notices to juveniles.

- 3.6.1 To combat this town-wide nuisance, the Neighbourhood Action Team has introduced an initiative, which involves working closely with schools to address the problems caused by pupils who deposit litter.
- 3.6.2 The initiative is carried out in two parts where on the first occasion an officer witnesses a pupil littering, details are recorded and a joint meeting is held with a senior tutor from his/her school. The pupil is lectured on laws in relation to litter and told of its effect on the community. Parents are informed of the offence and details are placed on file.
- 3.6.3 A repeat offence initiates the same procedure, where additionally a fixed penalty notice is served on the pupil. Details are then sent to the Youth Offending Service and the Council's Legal section. Failure to pay the fixed penalty notice would ultimately result in the case being referred to a Youth court where this procedure will undoubtedly increase the likelihood of the penalty being upheld. Accordingly, the effectiveness and credibility of issuing fixed penalty notices to juveniles is also increased.

4. SUMMARY

- 4.1 The Neighbourhood Action Team's achievements contribute significantly to providing a safer, cleaner environment for the people of Hartlepool. The team is therefore fundamental to the Council's key aims and objectives.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That the Portfolio Holder notes the content of the report.