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HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2007 SUMMARY

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FOREWORD



The Tees Valley Local Access Forum welcomes this Rights of Way Improvement Plan as a significant step in the future development of rights of way and other access opportunities to meet the demands of the 21st century, and seeks to continually improve provision for recreation, work and commuting.

It has never been more important to understand that this access network provides an infrastructure that is not only of high value and potential in its own right, but also links to other key areas that affect society. It is well documented that going into the countryside has significant benefits on health through increased physical activity and better mental wellbeing. Similar examples can be given showing contributions (real and potential) to tourism, planning, transport etc.

The Rights of Way Improvement Plan is not only about lines on the ground, but also deals with links to these other issues, and looks to make the most of the countryside and coast in the Tees Valley to provide a quality resource we can all enjoy.

Steve Scoffin

Tees Valley Local Access Forum Chair

TEES VALLEY JOINT LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Aims

- ◆ To promote an interest in public rights of way and access to the countryside, towns and coast in our area.
- ◆ To examine how our local authorities manage the rights of way, and put forward ideas about how improvements can be made.
- ◆ To seek to influence local, regional and national government and planning proposals.
- ◆ To balance the needs of land management and the desirability for recreation, conservation and biodiversity in the region.
- ◆ To broaden our understanding and experience of issues affecting the Tees Valley.
- ◆ To identify missing access links and other improvement works including access points and signage within the local rights of way network. These would be raised with local authorities who would look to undertake the work as and when funding was available.
- ◆ To utilise the forum working groups to develop proposals and recommendations, bringing them to the main forum meetings for approval. The forum will then inform the local authorities, aiding their decision making

FOREWORD



It is useful to consider that most people will, at some time, access or want to access the countryside on their doorstep, for what ever reason. To this end the process of research, consultation leading to the production of Hartlepool's Rights of Way Improvement Plan, creates a strong opportunity to improve and expand on the opportunities for access into the Countryside.

Hartlepool's rights of way network runs through both urban and rural environments of the Borough. These vital links into and out of the Town are constantly being improved to provide positive access for a wider community of people. This network of paths reaches beyond the Borough and into a wider network, covering the whole of England and Wales.

Our network of footpaths, bridleways and byways attracts visitors from outside the region as well as users from close at hand. It is an economic and tourism asset as well as being an important section of the Council's highway infrastructure. This Plan links these two important aspects of its role and provides sensible and attainable short and long-range improvements that will be of positive benefit to all who use, will use or might use these routes in the future.

The Rights of Way Improvement Plan shows Hartlepool Borough Council's commitment to the future of its local rights of way network, showing it to be a strong sustainable asset for everyone to use, now and in the future.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



As with all other Highway Authorities throughout England, Hartlepool Borough Council has been required under Section 60 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to develop and produce a Rights of Way Improvement Plan by November 2007.

The Rights of Way Improvement Plan (the Plan) establishes a framework for local rights of way and countryside access work, over the next ten years, by identifying the key issues and pressures which affect countryside access and local rights of way around Hartlepool Borough and setting out in clear terms the Council's aims and objectives for itself, its partners and the wider public.

The legislation requires us to prepare a plan, which considers local rights of way (defined as including cycle tracks), in the context of:-

- How local rights of way meet the present and likely future needs of the public.
- Opportunities provided by local rights of way for exercise and other forms of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of their area.
- Accessibility of the local rights of way to blind or partially sighted people and those with mobility problems.

Scope of The Plan

It is expected that all rights of way improvement plans will seek to link more closely with the Local Transport Plan (LTP). At present, full integration is not required although it is planned that the Rights of Way Improvement Plan will be strongly linked with the next LTP, which could to be written in 2011.

Although the Plan sets out actions and priorities, work programs for the next ten years. It is intended to constantly review the Plan within that time, so as to coincide with the publication of the next LTP. This would bring the review and production of the plan inline with the same timescale. The plan would then be reviewed either every five or ten years thereafter.

Whilst the Public Rights of Way network forms the most significant resource, which enables members of the public to access the countryside, looking at this network alone would not show the full picture of access to the countryside.

There are many other routes and sites that are used by the general public for recreational countryside access that are not legally recorded on the Definitive map, as public rights of way, but which complement the rights of way network extending and improving access to the countryside.

As a result, the Plan considers the whole network of off-road routes, public open spaces, country parks and green corridors, including the potential of 'Open Access', as well as public rights of way and highways.

The Process (How The ROWIP Has Been Developed)

The Council has drawn on a variety of sources during the development of the Plan, including statutory guidance, countryside agency advice (now part of Natural England), public consultation, officer discussions, national research, network surveys and audits as well as the state of our network in relation to meeting Access for All standards.

In order to identify the issues that have shaped the Plan, the Council began by consulting with a wide range of groups including those listed below:-

- Landowners
- General Public
- User Groups
- Hartlepool Access Forum
- Tees Valley Local Access Forum
- Black Minority Ethnic Forum

The responses gained from this wide-ranging consultation have been the foundation by which the Council has been able to produce a Statement of Action. This statement lists all the key objectives that will form the basis of improvements to the local rights of way for the future, as well as the potential funding routes that have been identified as being essential for the success of each objective.

We have also worked with the Tees Valley Local Access Forum to ensure that its members have had the opportunity to feed into the Plan at every stage. As the forum is a statutory body it is relied upon to identify and discuss issues and provide advice as to how the council should move forward to improve countryside access for everyone. The Council must take notice of this advice and where possible act upon it, as and when necessary.

The Forum will continue to be involved with monitoring the progress made towards the Plans targets.



The Next Step (The Way Forward)

It is clear that many of the points identified require much time and funding to deliver, for example the definitive map work, in which cases will be identified where progress can be made within a shorter timescale and within current resources.

The implementation of certain key actions will be more visible to users such as furniture improvement compared to say definitive map work. However, it is important to keep in mind that definitive map work must be completed in its entirety before the 2026 cut off date implemented by the CROW ACT 2000.

Although this work will take the longest to complete, due to its complexity and cost, it should nevertheless be given a high priority.

VISION STATEMENT



“To maintain, develop and promote countryside access, through partnership working with landowners, users and the general public to meet the needs of those who use or wish to use the local access network”.

Local rights of way are, once again, becoming an important part of the wider transport infrastructure. The implementation of this Rights of Way Improvement Plan will assist the Council and its partners in achieving their overall vision and aims.

Hartlepool Borough Council will look to:-

- Be guided by the principle that priority should be given to actions within the Plan that give the most benefit to the users and potential users.
- Increase the public's enjoyment of, and benefit derived from open spaces, the local countryside and access to the coast.
- Encourage visitors to the Borough for the purpose of countryside access and recreation.
- Work internally with the Local Transport Management Team to help find ways for improving the Borough's Cycleways, Bridleways and Access for All routes, throughout the Borough.
- Link strategically with its immediate neighbours, through improved connections to their National Routes/Trails.

This will be achieved by:-

- Consulting and working with all disability users and groups to improve countryside access facilities.
- Consulting with and improving access for all legal users of the local rights of way network.

Improvements will be monitored against the targets, during the ten year life of the Plan.

Throughout the development of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan, Hartlepool Borough Council has taken into account the related regional policies and national government aims and objectives for:-

- Safe, easy and sustainable travel/transport.
- Healthy living.
- Improved and sustainable quality of the environment.

STATEMENT OF ACTION



Throughout the whole process of researching, consulting and assessing Hartlepool's local access network, emerging themes have developed as indicators of how best the Plan will function as a live and workable document.

The following themes have been used to develop the Statement of Action. The statement sets out the areas of work and, more specifically, priorities and projects that will be carried out to help improve Hartlepool's local access network.

As part of this process, Hartlepool has recognised that to be able to improve the network, we must appraise and report on the sustainability of the developing works that make up the statement of action. This appraisal connects with the need to write and produce a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the Plan. The SA looks at how the Plan measures up to the SA's objectives, showing how it will deliver and bring about improvements to the local access network. A summary of the SA is shown on page 7, Section 1.7.

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Theme 1 Actions Proposed : To Consult On, Develop and Deliver Access for All Improvements

Issue	Ref	Proposed Action	Relevance to Other Policies and Legislation	Funding Sources	Estimated Timeframe	Partners
Training	AA 1	All staff and Countryside Volunteers to have good level of understanding of the range of disability issues	HBC - CPD and HR Training	Rights of Way	Ongoing	HAG, Havelock Centre, Social Services, Human Resources
Standards	AA 2	Aspire to meet British Standard 5709:2001 for gaps, gates and stiles subject to consideration of landowners requirements, local character and accepted practice at any location	Rights of Way Strategy	Rights of Way	Ongoing	Landowners, HAG, Social Services, NFU, CLA
Inclusion	AA 3	Ensure consideration of access issues in all decisions and consultation with access groups as a matter of course throughout work	Rights of Way Strategy	N/A	Ongoing	Hartlepool Access Group
Access Provision*	AA 4 4.1	Provide circular walks suitable for all users* Summerhill Circular - Improvement of present circular route upgrading surface and facilities, making it an Access for All route	Local Transport Plan	Local Transport Plan	Ongoing	Local Transport Plan, HAG, Social Services, Access Groups
Local Access Forum	AA 5 4.2	Circular Access for All Routes Recruit members from Access Groups etc., including users, landowners and other groups with an interest in Local Access initiatives	CRoW Act	Local Access Forum Budget	Annual	ROW Officers throughout Tees Valley - Middlesbrough Council, Darlington Borough Council, Stockton Borough Council, Hartlepool Borough Council

* The level of access provision will look to set its goals as set out in the standards issues by the Fieldfare Trust's 'Good Practice Guide for Disabled People's Access to the Countryside' publication and The Countryside Agency's "by all reasonable means - inclusive access to the outdoors for disabled people" - CA215.

Theme 2 Action Proposed : To Deter Anti-Social Behaviour

Issue	Ref	Proposed Action	Relevance to Other Policies and Legislation	Funding Sources	Estimated Timeframe	Partners
Mechanically Propelled Vehicle Trespass	ASB 1	Ensure appropriate signage and furniture to allow only those with a legal right to gain access	Highways Legislation, Rights of Way Strategy	Rights of Way	Ongoing	Police and Community Safety
Dog Fouling & Littering	ASB 2	Campaign for dog and litter bins where desired, provide scoops and publicise	Crime and Disorder Act, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act	Rights of Way	Ongoing	All Departments and Partnership Agencies
Intimidation	ASB 3.1	Promote safety of users, landowners and those residing close to a ROW	Crime and Disorder Act, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act	Rights of Way	Ongoing	Police and Community Safety
	ASB 3.2	Work with partners to disperse gatherings at points along ROW	Crime and Disorder Act	Community Safety	Ongoing	Police and Community Safety
	ASB 3.3	Through effective signage prevent the risk of trespass and resulting conflict	Highways Legislation, Rights of Way Strategy	Rights of Way	Ongoing	Path Monitors and Countryside Access Staff

Theme 3

Actions Proposed :To Identify, Develop and Deliver Bridleways and Cycling Provision

Issue	Ref	Proposed Action	Relevance to Other Policies and Legislation	Funding Sources	Estimated Timeframe	Partners
Equine provision	BC 1.1	Identify possible bridleway links through creations/diversions or ROW upgrades	Local Transport Plan	ROW Budget	Regular Audit and review	Tees Forest Equine Study, Stables /Horse Owners, User Groups, Landowners, Sustrans, One NE
	BC 1.2	Identify opportunities to provide bridleway links from urban fringe to rural areas	Local Transport Plan	N/A	Ongoing	Tees Forest Equine Study, Stables /Horse Owners, User Groups, Landowners, Sustrans, One NE
	BC 1.3	Identify key roadside verges where additional provision would link with bridleways	Local Transport Plan	Local Transport Plan	2008	Technical Services Section and Road Safety Unit, One NE
	1.3.1	A19				
	1.3.2	A689				
	1.3.3	Butts Lane				
	1.3.4	Coal Lane				
1.3.5	Dalton Back Lane					
1.3.6	Worset Lane					
	BC 1.4	Create bridleways in areas of greatest need	Local Transport Plan	Local Transport Plan	Ongoing	Local Transport, Tees Forest, Landowners, Neighbouring Local Authorities, Sustrans, One NE
	BC 1.5	Safe crossings in place for busy roads and safer access along feeder routes (See IM 2.1)	Local Transport Plan	Local Transport Plan	Continuous review	Technical Services, Engineers, Highways Agency, One NE

Theme 3

Actions Proposed :To Identify, Develop and Deliver Bridleways and Cycling Provision

Cycling Provision	BC 2	Look at providing scheme to create and improve cycling provision	Local Transport Plan	Local Transport Plan	Ongoing	Local Transport Plan, Sustrans, One NE
	2.1	Cycle links to Summerhill - provide off road cycle links by upgrading public footpaths to bridleway status				
	2.2	Links to the West - New Bridleways and cycle links, including A 19 Bridge				
	2.3	Greatham to Seaton - New cycle route/bridleway from Graythorp Common to Seaton Lane				
	2.4	Hartlepool 35 improvement - Lengthen northwards				
	2.5	Middlethorpe Farm - 2 new footpaths, new cycleway, link to Hart to Haswell Walkway				
	See also IM 2.2.2, IM 3.1.2					
Environmental Stewardship*	BC 3.1	Produce database of 'missing links' that could be requested on stewardship applications*		N/A	Continuous review	Defra, Landowners, FWAG, Tees Forest, Natural England
	BC 3.2	Approach landowners for concessionary routes and dedication of routes	Rights of Way Strategy		Ongoing	Landowners, Defra

* At all times, Hartlepool Borough Council continues to maintain the correct procedures with regard to Data Protection as laid down in the Data Protection Act 1988.

Theme 4 Actions Proposed : To Develop, Assess and Maintain the Definitive Map and Statements

Issue	Ref	Proposed Action	Relevance to Other Policies and Legislation	Funding Sources	Estimated Timeframe	Partners
Creations and Diversions	DM 1.1	Process all outstanding creations and diversions with regard to issues of Plan policies	Local Transport Plan	Rights of Way (where applicable)	Ongoing	Landowners, Utilities, User groups
	DM 1.2	Assess creations and diversion proposals and offer reduced costs where changes contribute to Plan policies	Rights of Way Strategy	Rights of Way	Ongoing	Landowners, Utilities, User groups
	DM 1.3	Apply mobility and visually impaired accessibility guidance to creations and diversion routes	Local Transport Plan	Rights of Way	Ongoing	Landowners, Legal Services, Access Groups, Social Services
DMMO Claims (Definitive Map Modification Order)	DM 2.1	Identify historic routes which may be potential DMMO claims	CRoW Act	Rights of Way	2026	Discovering Lost Ways Project, Landowners, User Groups
	DM 2.2	Process DMMO claims as required by law but having regard to the matters identified as contributing to Plan policies	Highways Legislation	Rights of Way	Ongoing	User Groups, Access Groups, Landowners
Anomalies	DM 3	Research and initiate relevant Legal Orders to correct anomalies found on the Definitive Map and Statement	Highways Legislation	Rights of Way	Ongoing	Legal services
Accuracy	DM 4	Maintain accuracy of the working copy of the Definitive Map	Rights of Way Strategy	N/A	Ongoing	Legal services
GIS	DM 5.1	Digitise HBC Public ROW network	Rights of Way Strategy	N/A	Ongoing	Technical Services
	DM 5.2	Digitise HBC land covered by Highways Act 1980 31/6	Rights of Way Strategy	N/A	Ongoing	Legal Services

Theme 5 Actions Proposed : To Raise Awareness of Illegal Use and Maintain Higher Rights (Mechanically Propelled Vehicles) and Prevent or Reduce Illegal Use of the Access Network

Issue	Ref	Proposed Action	Relevance to Other Policies and Legislation	Funding Sources	Estimated Timeframe	Partners
Awareness and Illegal Use	HR 1.1	Liaise with user groups to educate members of the public to prevent illegal use of network	Rights of Way Strategy, Crime and Disorder Act and other Traffic Enforcement Legislation	Rights of Way, Community Safety	Ongoing	TRF, LARA, Other user groups, HAG, Police
	HR 1.2	Liaise with police to ensure effective enforcement to deter dangerous and/or illegal use of network	Rights of Way Strategy, Crime and Disorder Act and other Traffic Enforcement Legislation	N/A	Ongoing	Police, Countryside Wardens, User Groups
	HR 1.3	Identify and list privately run facilities for motorised users throughout region for advertisement and distribution	Motor Bike Strategy - in the process of being produced	N/A	2008	TRF, LARA, Landowners, Auto shops, Countryside Wardens, Police
Maintenance	HR 2	Develop byway maintenance policy in line with 'Making the best of Byways' and HBC Highways Inspection Regime	Highways Legislation	N/A	Continuous Review	Defra, Landowners, Technical Services

Theme 6**Actions Proposed : To Carry Out Internal Duties in Co-operation with other Council Departments**

Issue	Ref	Proposed Action	Relevance to Other Policies and Legislation	Funding Sources	Estimated Timeframe	Partners
Planning	ID 1	Liaise with Planning Dept to advise on developments that may impact on rights of way	PPG 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21 PPS 1, 7, 9	N/A	Weekly review (One Stop Shop)	Planning and Regeneration
Local Transport Plan	ID 2	Production of submission to Local Transport Plan to improve access network	Local Transport Plan	N/A	2006 (then every 5 years as with Local Transport Plan reports)	Technical Services

Theme 7

Actions Proposed : To Develop, Audit and Deliver Improvements and Maintenance of the Local Access Network

Issue	Ref	Proposed Action	Relevance to Other Policies and Legislation	Funding Sources	Estimated Timeframe	Partners
General	IM 1.1	Develop improvement programme as guided by HBC Condition Survey/Audit	Accessibility, Congestion, Air quality, Quality of life, Walking the Way to Health	N/A	Continuous review	Rights of Way Officers, Landowners, Sports Development
	IM 1.2	Develop programme to monitor and maintain publicised routes to high standard	Rights of Way Strategy	N/A	Rolling Programme	Countryside volunteers, Landowners
	IM 1.3	Set targets to achieve continued improvement through Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPI-178) and Local Indicators	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister	N/A	Ongoing (Annually)	Chief Executives Department
	IM 1.4	Use audit of network to provide information about path condition and identify routes with the potential to have access improvements undertaken – in terms of furniture and surface	Disability Discrimination Act, Rights of Way Strategy	N/A	2008 then review annually	Hartlepool Access Group (HAG)
Safety	IM 2.1	Identify dangerous crossing points, find suitable crossing solutions to reduce danger to users	Local Transport Plan	Local Transport Plan	Continuous review	Technical Services
	2.1.1	A179 safe crossing - Safe Crossing Area between Worsett Lane and Hart Moor Farm				
	2.1.2	A19 multi-user bridge - Safe crossing of A19 and linking of paths severed when road built				
	2.1.3	A689 Safe Crossing - Provide off-road link to pedestrian controlled crossing at Sappers Corner				
	2.1.4	Newton Bewley safe road crossing - Linked to the Newton Bewley links with other ROW				
	IM 2.2	Safe paths close to road side access				
	2.2.1	Elwick - Safe link of rights of way				
2.2.2	Link to Hart - New link from Hart 3 to Hart 17					

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Improved linkage of Networks - HBC and Neighbouring Authorities	IM 3.1	Join up paths where currently no links	Local Transport Plan, Rights of Way Strategy		Ongoing	Technical Services
	3.1.1	Newton Bewley link to Greatham				
	3.1.2	Newton Bewley link to North				
	3.1.3	Middlethorpe Farm link to Hart to Haswell Walkway. 2 new footpaths and new cycleway		Local Transport Plan		
	IM 3.2	Link to neighbouring Local Authorities	Local Transport Plan, Rights of Way Strategy	Rights of Way	Ongoing	Stockton Borough Council, Durham County Council, Easington District Council
	3.1.1	Hart to Durham CC (incl IM 3.1.3)				
	3.1.2	High Burntoft to Stockton BC				Countryside Volunteers, Countryside Wardens, Access Groups
Guidance for maintenance workers	IM 4	Provide guidance for maintenance staff to ensure new maintenance is in line with Defra guidelines on reduced mobility and impaired vision policy, and nature conservation	Rights of Way Strategy	N/A	Review Annually	Youth Organisations, e.g. Duke of Edinburgh's Award, General Public
Volunteers	IM 5	Publicise volunteer service to the public, provide training, feedback and events for volunteers	Rights of Way Strategy	Rights of Way	Ongoing	Landowners, User Groups, Technical Services, One NE
Strategy	IM 6	Work with outside agencies to generate grant aid for works additional to maintenance that are intended to contribute to an improvement to the network	Local Transport Plan	External funding partners	Ongoing	
Landowners guidance	IM 7.1	Clarify what assistance can be provided to landowners in the management of rights of way	Rights of Way Strategy	N/A	Ongoing	Landowners, CLA, NFU
	IM 7.2	Produce countryside information and leaflets for landowners on website and in electronic form	Rights of Way Strategy	Rights of Way	Ongoing	Landowners, CLA, NFU

Theme 8 **Actions Proposed : To Develop, Improve and Communicate Information Resources**

Issue	Ref	Proposed Action	Relevance to Other Policies and Legislation	Funding Sources	Estimated Timeframe	Partners
Delivery	IPS 1	Re-evaluate current methods of information distribution and develop a strategy for information provision to reach all sectors of society	Rights of Way Strategy	ROW and others (unknown at this date)	2010 review	Tourism, Leisure Services, User Groups, Marketing services, One NE, Natural England
Electronic Information	IPS 2	Develop website and link with other relevant organisations and sources of information	Information Technology	Rights of Way	2008	Northgate, Chief Executives Department
Minority Groups	IPS 3	Work with ethnic and minority communities to identify and reduce perceived barriers to access	Rights of Way Strategy	N/A	Ongoing	Talking with Communities, Black, Minority Ethnic Forum
Access for All	IPS 4	Produce grading system for ease of use of routes to enable members of the public to make own decisions about suitability of route for individual ability	Rights of Way Strategy	Rights of Way	Ongoing Review 2008	Access Groups, User Groups
New Rights	IPS 5	Inform public about new and existing rights under Environmental Stewardship, Woodland Grant Access, Community Woodland Access	N/A	Rights of Way	Ongoing	Defra, Forestry Commission
Consultation	IPS 6.1	Work with neighbouring authorities to provide joined up network	Rights of Way Strategy	N/A	Ongoing	Durham County Council, Easington District Council, Stockton Borough Council, One NE
	IPS 6.2	Consult with TVLAF, ROW Liaison Groups etc	Rights of Way Strategy	N/A	1-3 meetings/group/year	TVLAF, Rights of Way Liaison Group
	IPS 6.3	Liaise with horse riding representatives to agree key roadside verge improvements	Rights of Way Strategy	N/A	Ongoing	BHS, Local Horse Riding Facilities/Stables, Technical Services
	IPS 6.4	Continue to meet and liaise with neighbouring Local Authority ROW officers to look at standardising varying aspects of ROW management and maintenance e.g. Signage, furniture etc	N/A	N/A	Every 2 months	Darlington Borough Council, Middlesbrough Council, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and Stockton Borough Council

Theme 9

Actions Proposed : To Promote and Publicise the Local Access Network

Issue	Ref (PN)	Proposed Action	Relevance to Other Policies and Legislation	Funding Sources	Estimated Timeframe	Partners
Awareness of rights	PN 1.1	Produce display / poster / leaflet detailing type of rights on each class of right of way	Local Transport Plan	Rights of Way	2008	Tourism, Leisure Services, User Groups, Marketing Services, Access Groups
	PN 1.2	Produce landowner pack detailing rights and responsibilities	Rights of Way Strategy	Rights of Way	2008	
Network Availability	PN 2	Provide information about the availability of all routes in the Borough	Information Technology	Rights of Way	Continuous updating and promotion of information	Northgate
Self-guided / Circular routes	PN 3.1	Promote those already in existence, review and update those out of print, identify new routes to promote	Rights of Way Strategy	Rights of Way, Sports Development, Access Groups	Review continually	Tourism, Leisure Services, User Groups, Marketing, Access Groups Access Groups
	PN 3.2	Identify and publicise 'Access for All' opportunities within self-guided and circular routes	Rights of Way Strategy	Rights of Way, Sports Development, Access Groups	Continuous review	
Features of Interest	PN 4.1	Promote routes along coast, through nature reserves, on sites with archaeological / geological / natural history interest; create new routes allowing access to such features	Rights of Way Strategy	Rights of Way	Continuous review	Tees Archaeology, Landscape and Conservation Section, Natural England, Interest groups
	PN 4.2	Provide on-site interpretation boards	N/A	Rights of Way	Continuous Review	Tees Archaeology, Landscape and Conservation Section, Natural England, Interest groups
	PN 4.3	Seasonal press releases to encourage use of rights of way on regular basis	N/A	N/A	Continuous review	HBC Press Office, Hartlepool Mail, Radio Cleveland

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Health	PN 5	Sustain and increase healthy walking initiatives	Health Initiative	N/A	Continuous review	Sports Development, Adult and Children's Services, NHS, PCT, One NE
Public Transport Links	PN 6	Increase number of routes and events that link with public transport provision	Local Transport Plan	Local Transport Plan	Continuous review	Public Transport Service Providers, Technical Services
Countryside Code	PN 7	Promotion to the General Public, in Schools and to Organisations - Walking Groups etc	Rights of Way Strategy	Natural England	Continuous review	Natural England, Education Dept, Adult and Children's Services, User Groups, Access Groups
Conservation	PN 8	Work with bodies responsible for SSSI's, NNR's, LNR's etc to develop a promotion campaign consistent with their policies, management plans, and objectives	CRoW Act, Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act	N/A	Continuous review	Natural England, Countryside Wardens, Landscape and Conservation Section, Local Nature Groups
Economics	PN 9	Work with tourism and Rural Development Agencies to promote value of countryside access to small businesses	Tourism, Economic Regeneration, HBC Local Plan	N/A	Continuous review	Defra, NFU, CLA, Natural England, Tourism

CONCLUSIONS



Hartlepool, along with the other Tees Valley Councils of Middlesbrough, Stockton, Darlington and Redcar & Cleveland are responsible for the implementation of their Plans. The Council will work with them and other partners, such as TVLAF, to deliver a consistent approach.

The Council will actively consult on improvement projects to the public rights of way and local access network with key stakeholders such as Parish Councils, landowners, user groups and members of the public. The Council also intends to involve the existing Rights of Way Liaison Group.

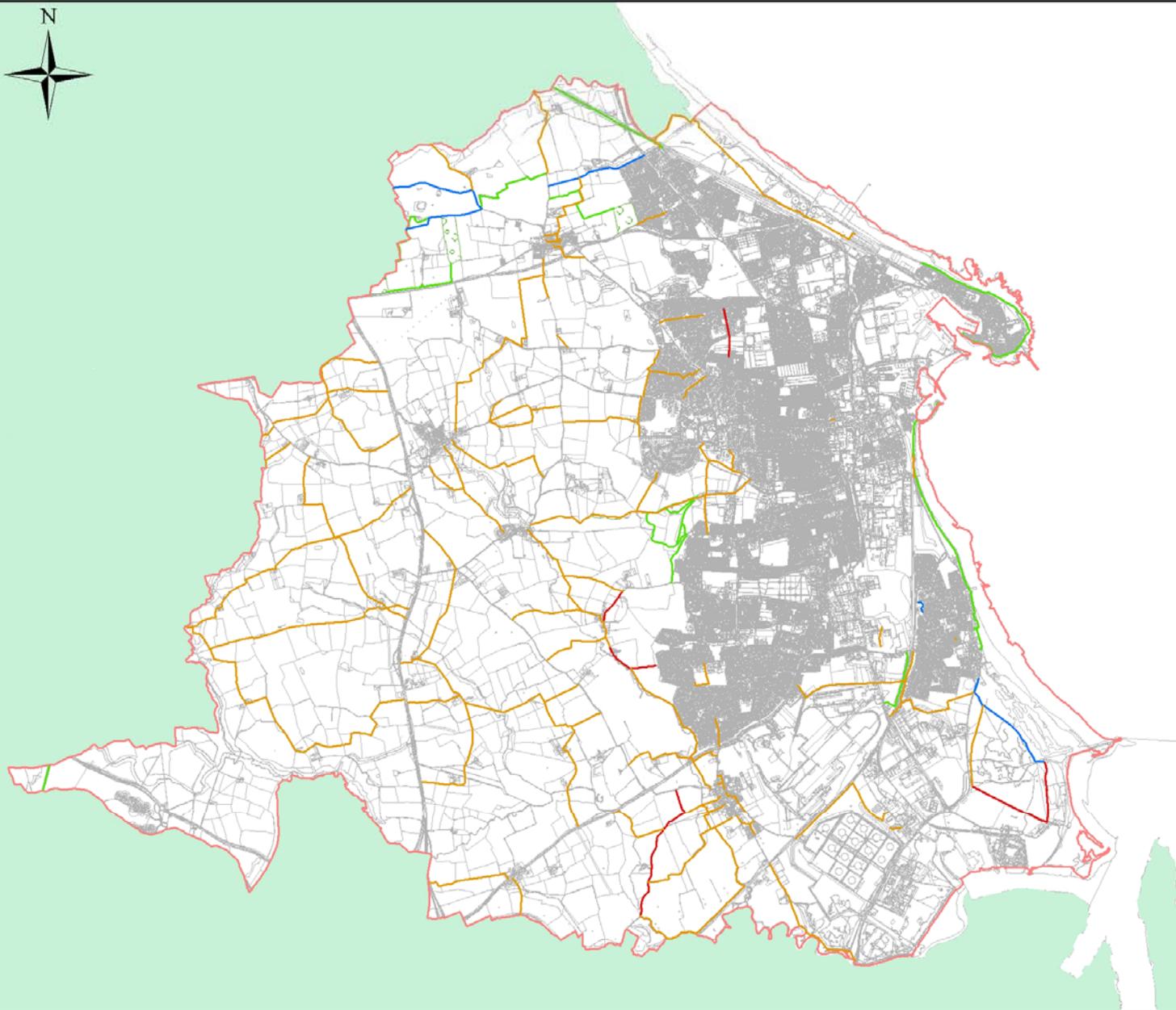
The Plan is intended to build upon the existing duties and improve the effectiveness with which they are carried out. The Council will look to secure additional sources of funding to implement fully the policies and actions of the Plan.

The Council is investing in a more inclusive approach to access, so that people from all communities can, in the future, access the countryside and enjoy their experiences. These differing users and groups include the mobility and visually impaired, those from diverse backgrounds, the young and the old. Continual consultation is one of the keys to help unlock the improvements that are asked for.

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 requires a review of the Plan within 10 years, however it is intended that the first review will be sooner to bring it in line with Hartlepool's Local Transport Plan timetable, which is an important source of funding.

MAPS

Hartlepool Borough Map



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-  Public Footpath
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-  Public Byway
-  Permissive Access
-  Parish Boundary
-  Community and Access Woodland
-  Neighbouring Authorities

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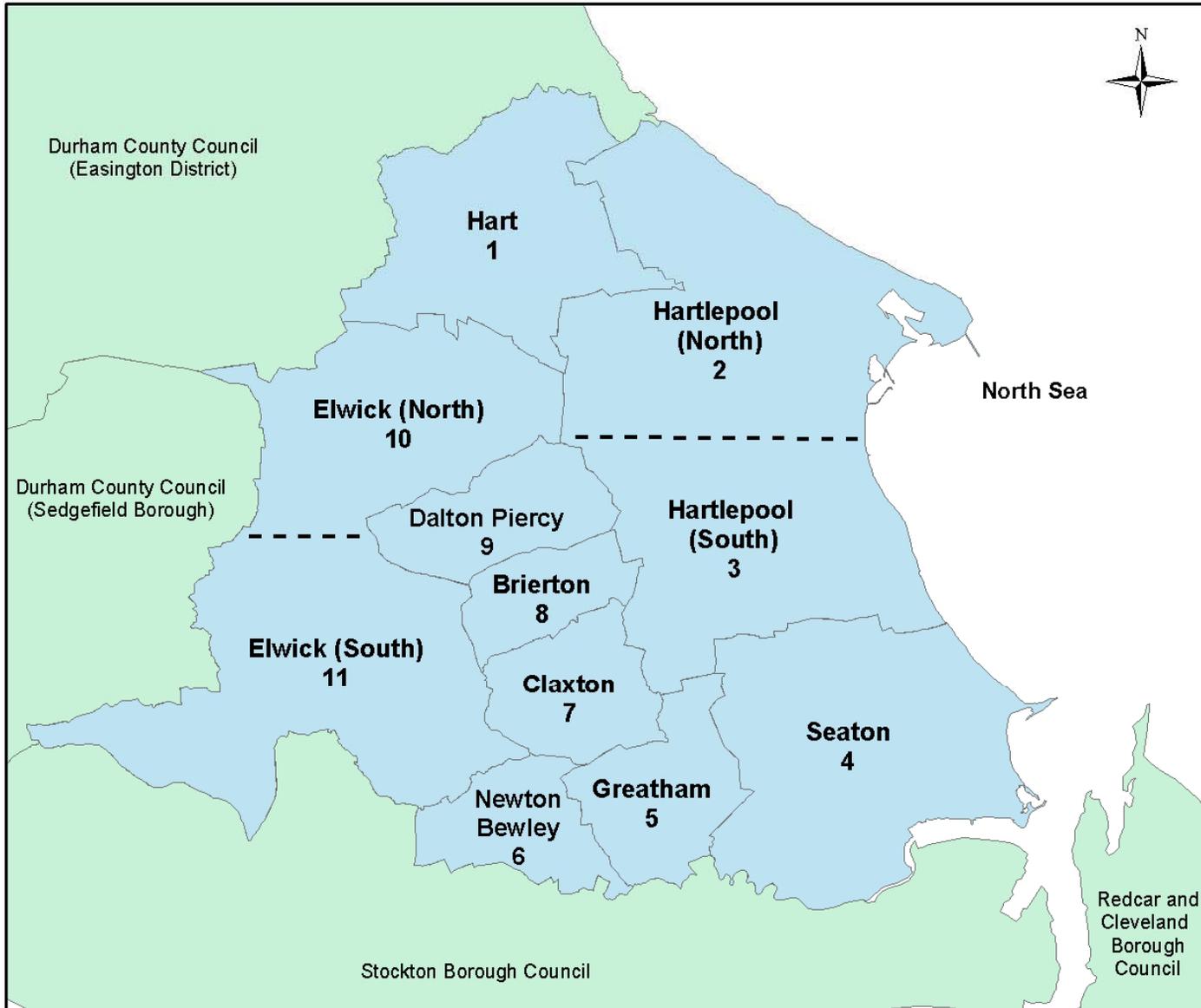
Please note, these maps are purely representative and should be used in conjunction with Ordnance Survey Explorer Map No. 306.

For more accurate detail, please refer to the Definitive Map. This map is the legal register of all recorded public rights of way. It can be viewed free of charge at:

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Hartlepool Parish and Neighbouring Authorities Map



Parish Map

Public rights of way are given references based on the Parish in which they are found and then numbered sequentially.

For this reason the following maps are split up by parish with the larger parishes of Elwick and Hartlepool being further divided into north and south.

The Parish boundaries are based on the latest Definitive Map.

Neighbouring Authorities

Hartlepool is bordered to the north and west by the Durham County districts of Easington and Sedgefield, to the south by Stockton and with Redcar and Cleveland to the south-east.

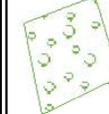
The public rights of way in Easington and Sedgefield are administered by Durham County Council.

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Map 1 - Hart Parish



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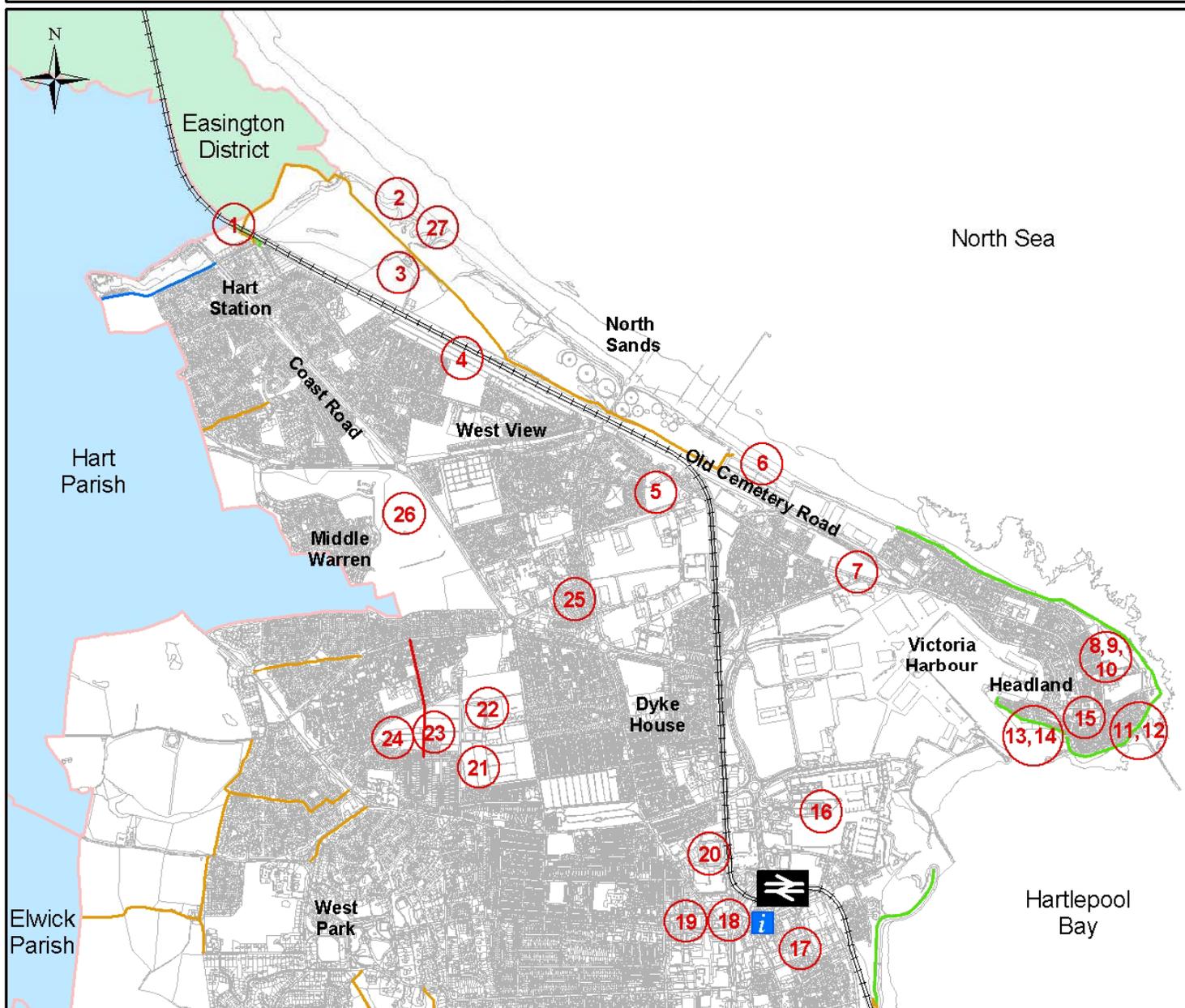
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Features of Interest

- 1 Hart Moor Farm Access Woodland
- 2 Thorpe Bulmer Dene
- 3 Silverhills Plantation
- 4 Hart to Haswell Walkway
- 5 Springwell Community Woodland
- 6 Medieval Fishponds
- 7 Hart Saxon Church
- 8 Brus Wall
- 9 Hart Windmill
- 10 Wind Turbine

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Map 2 - Hartlepool North



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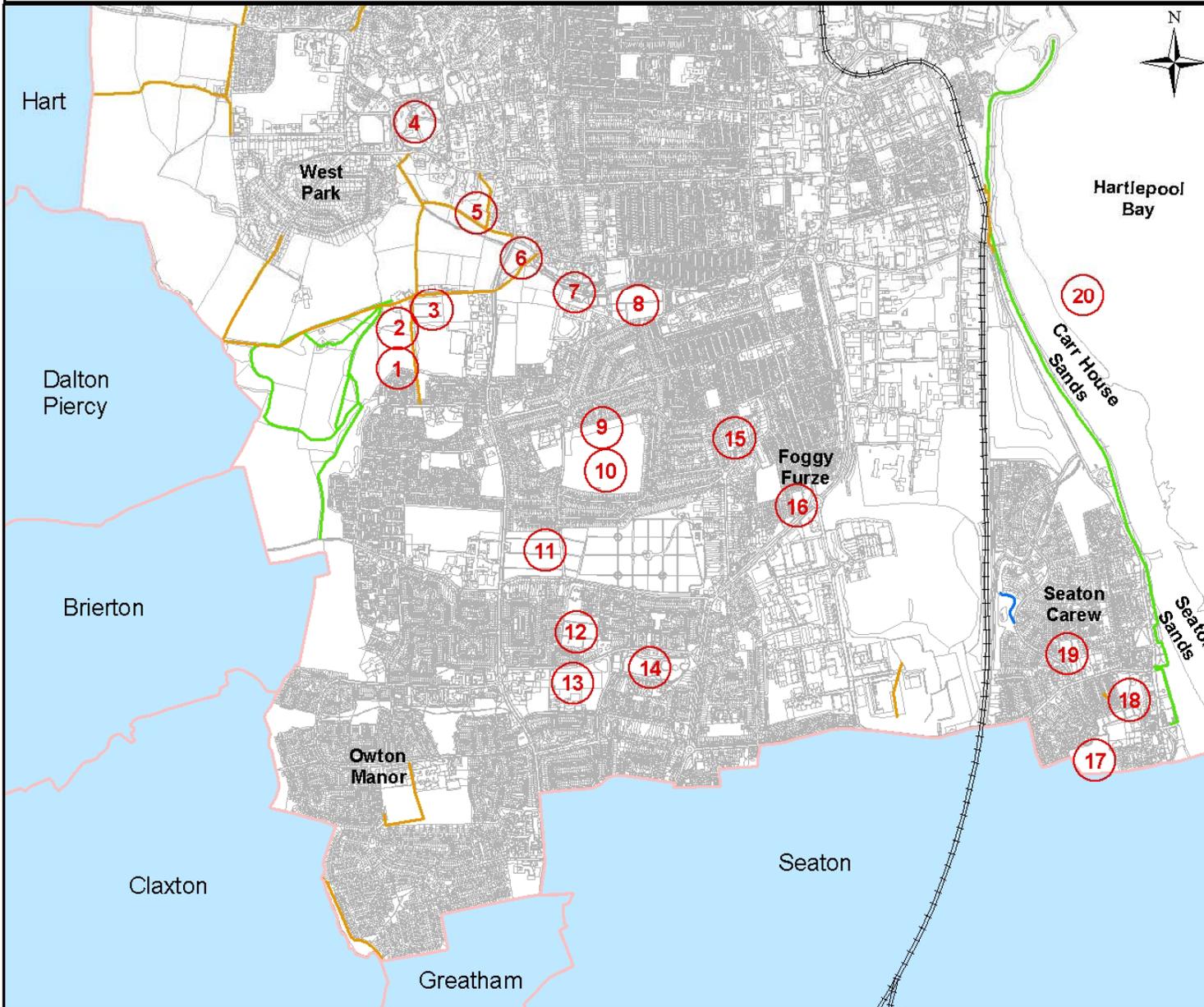
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Features of Interest

- 1 Hart to Haswell Walkway
- 2 Hart Warren Dunes SSSI
- 3 Hartlepool Golf Club
- 4 Nicolson's Field Allotments
- 5 King George V Rec
- 6 Spion Kop Cemetery LNR
- 7 Central Park
- 8 Olive St Allotments
- 9 Friar Terrace Rec
- 10 Town Moor
- 11 Heugh Lighthouse
- 12 Heugh Battery
- 13 Town Wall
- 14 Sandwell Gate
- 15 St Hilda's Church
- 16 Marina
- 17 Bryan Hanson House
- 18 Municipal Buildings
- 19 Civic Centre
- 20 Hartlepool United's Victoria Park
- 21 Chester Rd Allotments
- 22 Grayfields Rec
- 23 Thomhill Allotments
- 24 Throston Allotments
- 25 Thompson Gr Allotments
- 26 WWII Pill Boxes
- 27 WWII Pill Boxes

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Map 3 - Hartlepool South



Key	
	Public Footpath
	Public Bridleway
	Public Byway
	Permissive Access
	Parish Boundary
	Network Rail

Features of Interest	
1	Catcote Romano - British Village
2	Summerhill Country Park and Local Nature Reserve
3	Catcote Allotments
4	Ward Jackson Park
5	Briarfields Allotments
6	Family Wood
7	Burn Valley Gardens
8	Burn Valley Allotments
9	Waverley Terr Allotments
10	Rift House Rec
11	Stranton Allotments
12	Brierton Allotments
13	Rossmere Way Rec
14	Rossmere Park
15	Staby House Rec
16	Haswell Av Allotments
17	Dodds Field Rec
18	Seaton Park
19	Woodcroft Allotments
20	Submerged Forest

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Map 4 - Seaton Parish

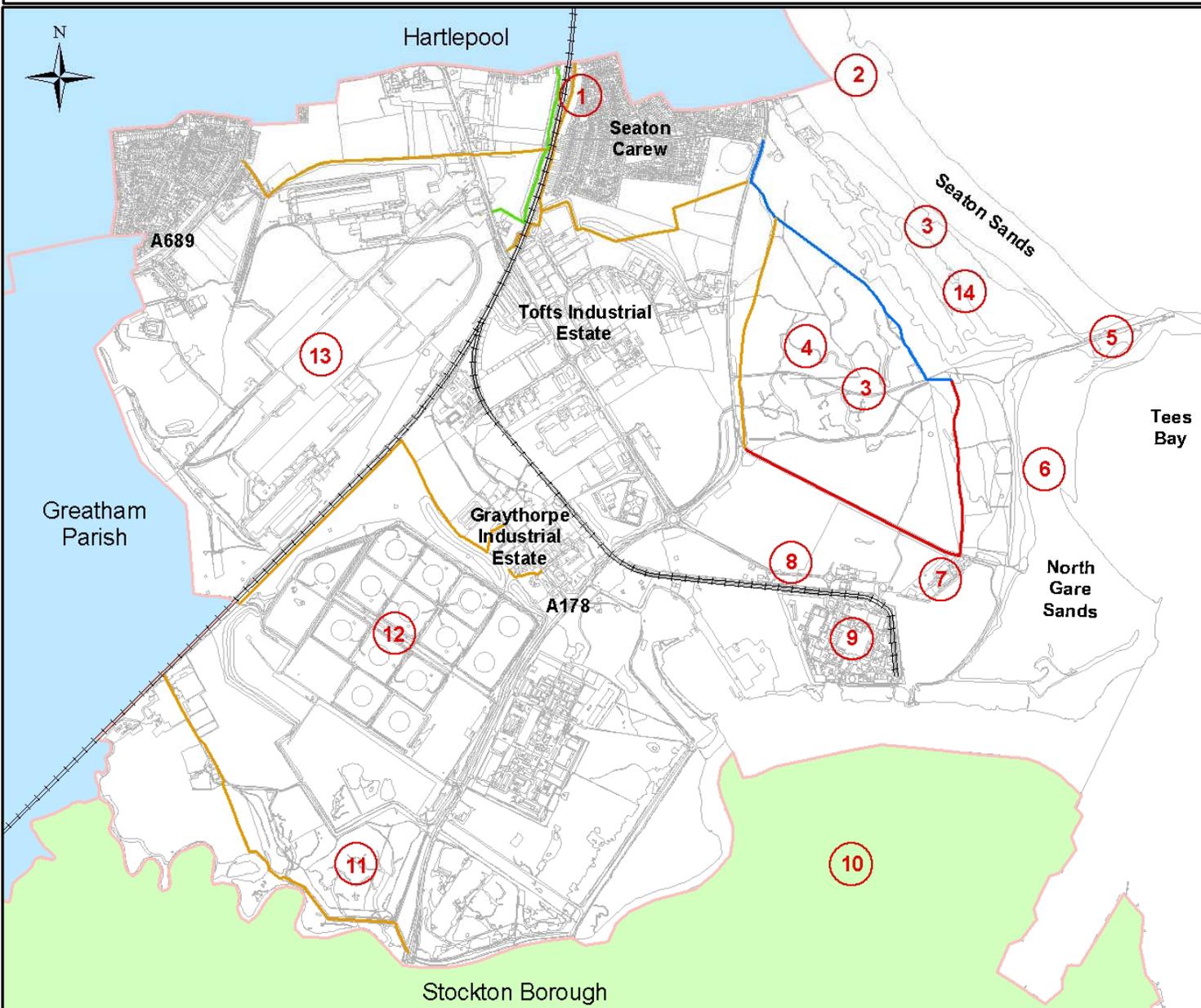
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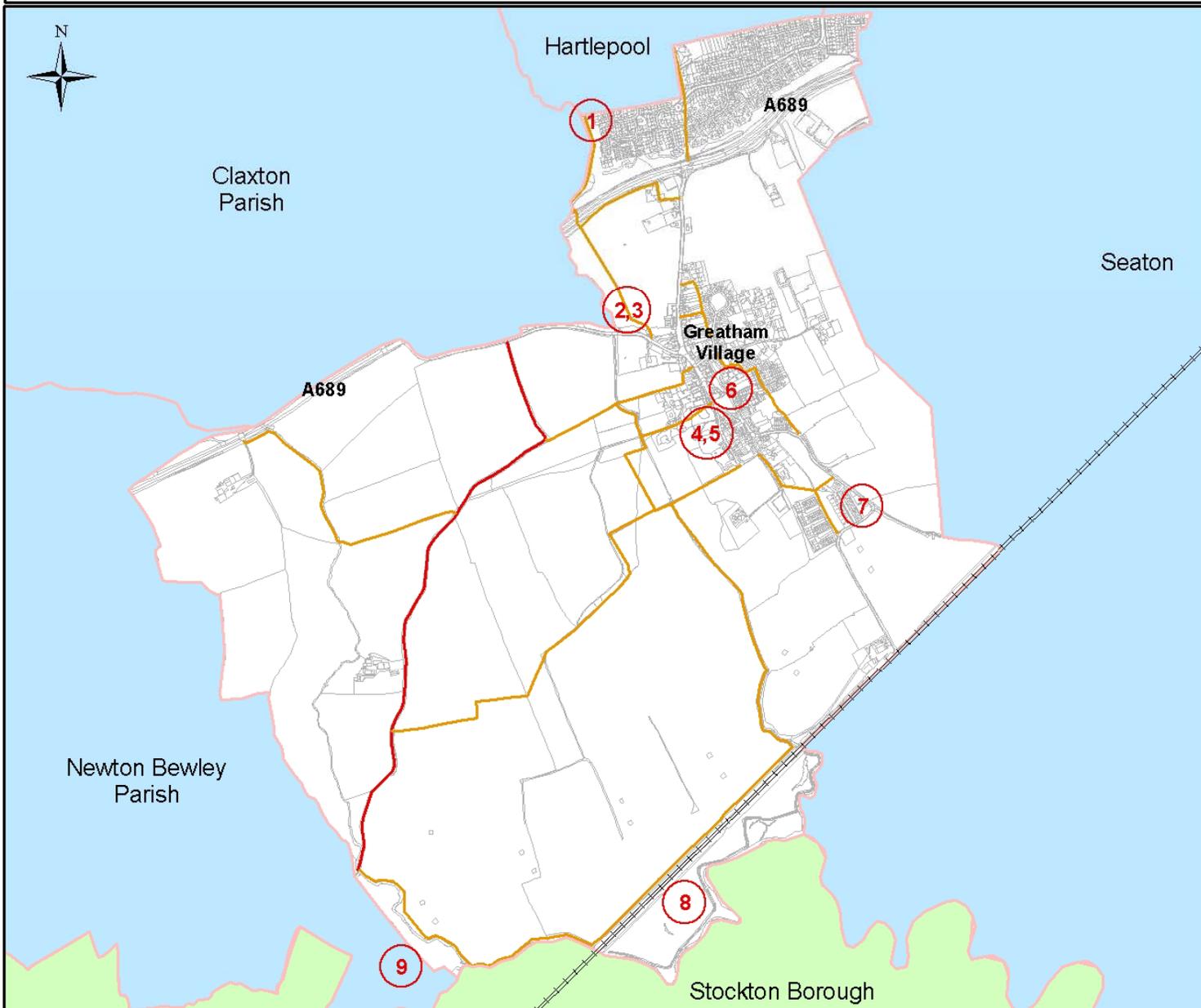
Features of Interest

- 1** Station Lane Allotments
- 2** Seaton Wreck (Site of)
- 3** Seaton Dunes SSSI and LNR
- 4** Medieval Salt Production Site (Seaton Common)
- 5** North Gare Breakwater
- 6** Teesmouth NNR
- 7** Oxford Zinc Works
- 8** Teesmouth Field Centre
- 9** Power Station
- 10** Seal Sands
- 11** Brine Pumping Area (disused)
- 12** Phillips Petroleum
- 13** Corus Pipe Mill
- 14** WWII Tank Defences

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Map 5 - Greatham Parish



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- Network Rail

Features of Interest

- 1** Greatham Beck LNR
- 2** WWII Pill Boxes
- 3** WWII Tank Defences
- 4** Greatham Hospital
- 5** Greatham Parish Church
- 6** Sheaf Thrower Sculpture
- 7** Greatham Allotments
- 8** Cowpen Marsh SSSI
- 9** Faith Wood - Cowpen
Bewley Woodland Park

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Map 6 - Newton Bewley Parish



Elwick Parish

Claxton Parish

Greatham Parish

Stockton Borough

Newton Bewley Village

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- Public Footpath
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Features of Interest

- 1 Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park

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Map 7 - Claxton Parish



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Features of Interest

- 1 Claxton Medieval Moated site

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Map 8 - Brierton Parish



Dalton Piercy
Parish

Brierton Lane

Dalton Beck

Brierton

1

Dalton Back Lane

Hartlepool

Elwick
Parish

Claxton
Parish

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Features of Interest

- 1 Quarry (disused)

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Map 9 - Dalton Piercy Parish



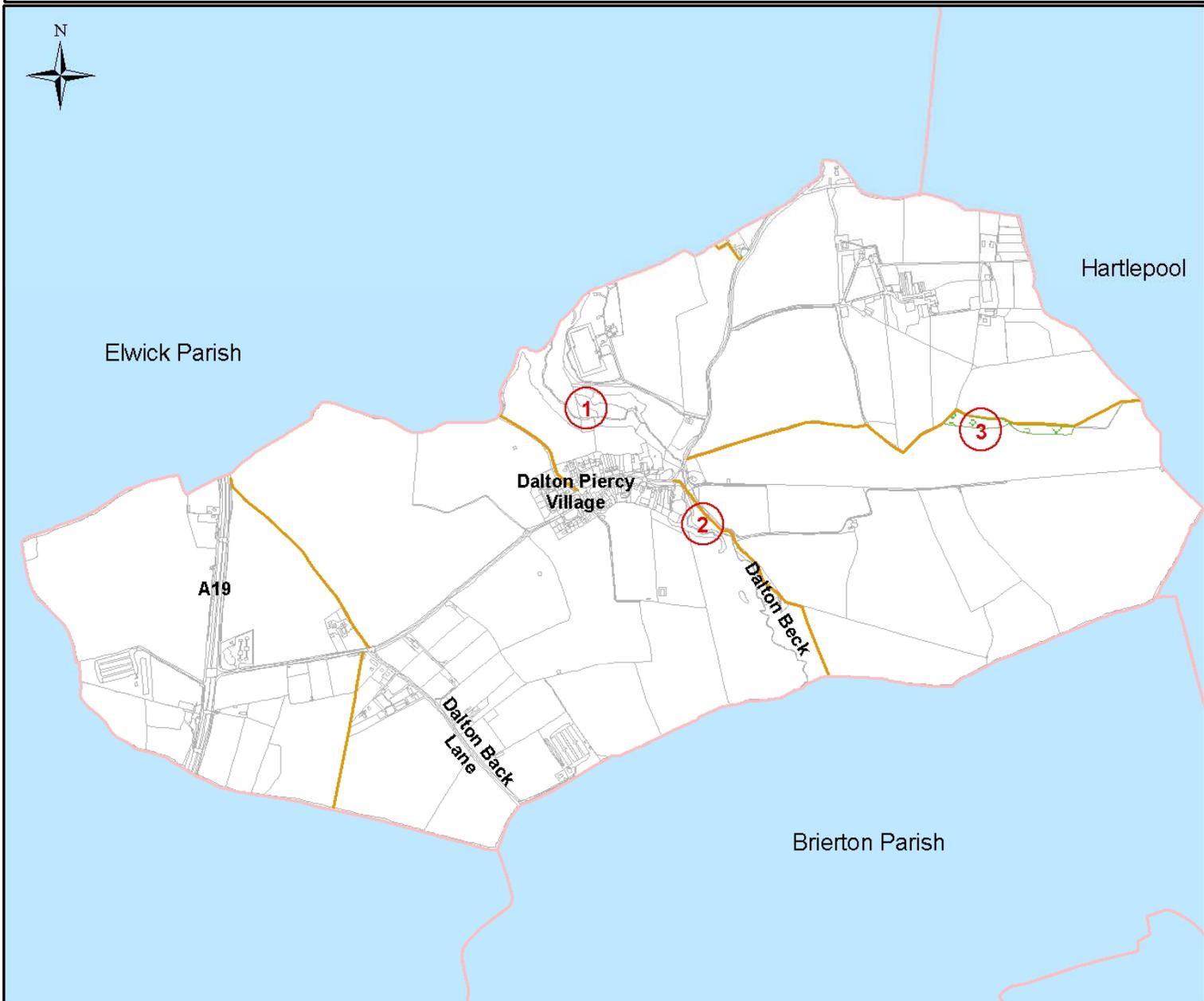
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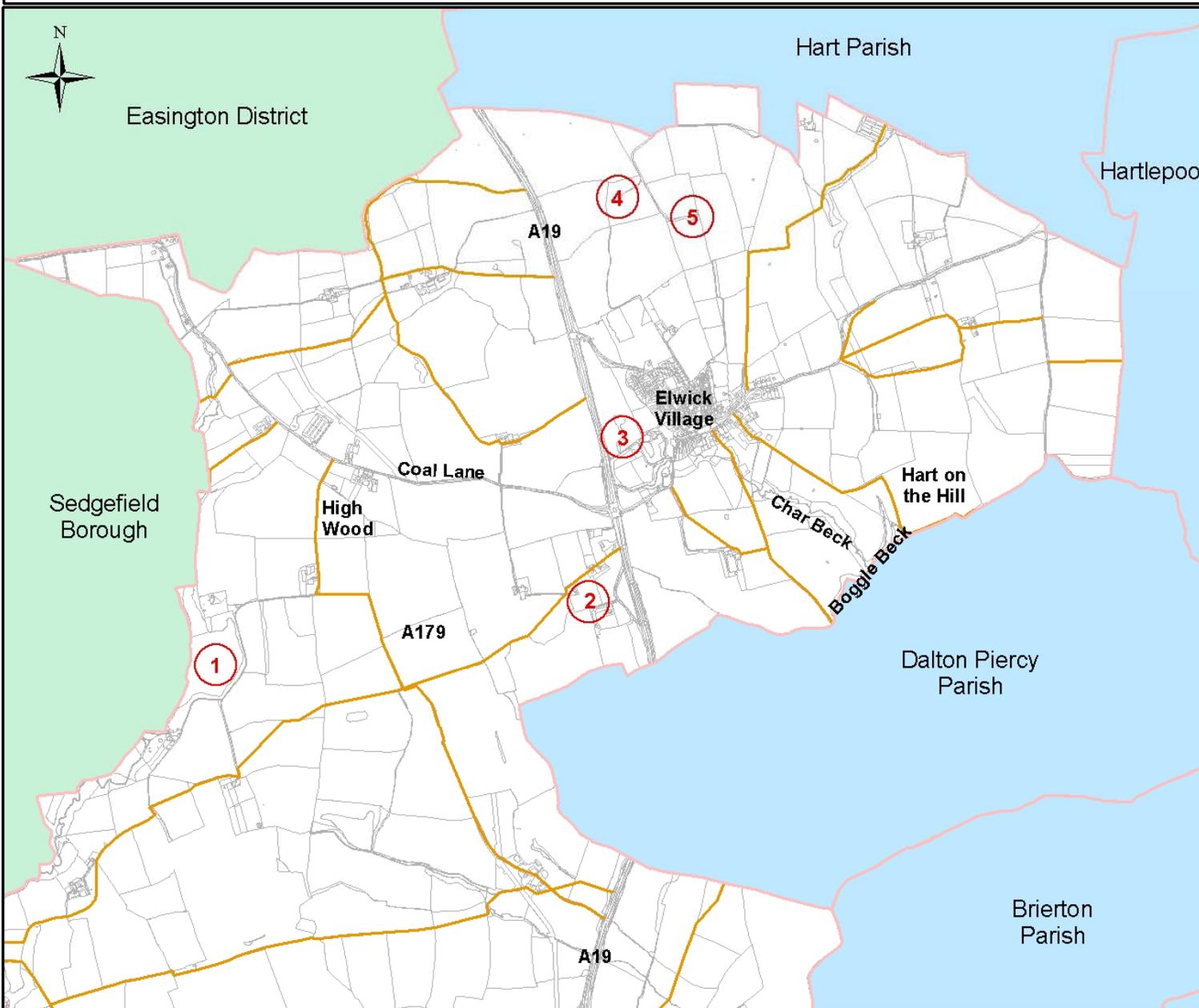
Features of Interest

- 1** The Howls
(private nature reserve owned by Hartlepool Water Authority)
- 2** The Batts
(private nature reserve owned by Dalton Piercy Parish Council)
- 3** Dalton Gorse
(access area)

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Map 10 - Elwick Parish (North)



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Features of Interest

- 1 Crookfoot Reservoir
- 2 Elwick Windmill
- 3 Elwick Manor and Fishponds
- 4 Wind Turbine
- 5 Wind Turbine

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Map 11 - Elwick Parish (South)



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Features of Interest

- 1 Crookfoot Reservoir
- 2 Amerston Hall - Access to Medieval Manorial and farming remains
- 3 Castle Eden Walkway
- 4 High Burntoft Medieval rig and furrow

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