

# APPENDIX D

## Local Green Spaces

The first stage in the process of identifying Local Green Spaces is set out in this appendix. For each settlement where one or more potential Local Green Space has been identified, there is a map showing where the proposed designation is, together with further site information in the corresponding table.

The Local Plan consultation process provides the opportunity for local people to comment on the Local Green Spaces that have been proposed in their community, including providing supporting evidence where possible, and also to propose additional areas of Local Green Space.

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# South Derbyshire Local Green Spaces



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## Local Green Space Topic Paper

### Purpose of topic Paper

The purpose of this topic paper is to set out what Local Green Spaces are and how the potential for their designation within the Local Plan Part 2 has been explored, including the methodology used for selecting the sites that are being proposed.

### Introduction

Local Green Spaces were introduced with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in March 2012. Whilst Local Green Spaces are not strictly defined as such in the NPPF, paragraph 77 sets out that the designation will not be appropriate for most green areas of open space, rather that “the designation should only be used:

- where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land.”

The NPPF also stipulates that local policy for managing development within Local Green Spaces should be consistent with policy for Green Belts, and that the presumption in favour of sustainable development would not apply in these areas. In areas already designated as Green Belt, proposals for Local Green Space may still be of merit, for instance in helping to steer development away from areas of particular importance to the local community should an exception to the Green Belt policy be required.

National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) states a Local Green Space designation “is a way to provide special protection against development for green areas of particular importance to local communities”. Such areas can include sports pavilions, structures such as war memorials, allotments or urban spaces. Consultation with the local community, which will be undertaken through Part 2 of the Local Plan, will be necessary to gain their input on what they consider of particular importance.

Local Green Spaces can be designated through local plans or neighbourhood plans. The NPPG encourages anyone who wishes to see an area of land designated as Local Green Space to either contact the Local Authority regarding the Local Plan or to get involved in neighbourhood planning. However Local Green Spaces are not a tool to prevent development and the NPPG makes clear that local plans must identify sufficient land in

suitable locations for development. Local Green Spaces are not exclusively for rural areas; areas of green space in towns and cities that are demonstrably special to the surrounding community are equally viable as those in more rural areas.

Proposed areas of Local Green Space may already have unrestricted public access however public access is not a prerequisite for an area to be considered suitable for designation. Areas of land that are particularly valued by the community because of their wildlife or historic significance for example, may need restricted access in order to protect the very thing that makes it valuable. The NPPG makes clear that the designation of land as a Local Green Space “does not in itself confer any rights of public access over what exists at present. Any additional access would be a matter for separate negotiation with land owners, whose legal rights must be respected”. Public rights of way are unaffected by Local Green Space designations. Management of land designated as Local Green Space will remain the responsibility of the landowner.

The NPPG states that Local Green Space designation will rarely be appropriate where the land has planning permission for development. Should the planning permission be no longer capable of being implemented then the designation of a Local Green Space may be considered, or where the development proposed would be compatible with the designation.

## **Methodology**

In response to the policy and guidance in the NPPF and NPPG respectively, work has been undertaken as part of the drafting of the Local Plan Part 2 seeking out areas of land that meet the criteria for Local Green Spaces. Therefore, each of the sites being proposed for designation for Local Green Space should:

- be demonstrably special to a local community
- hold a particular local significance because of either its:
  - beauty
  - historic significance
  - recreational value
  - tranquillity
  - richness of its wildlife, or
  - other special characteristic identified by the local community.
- not be an extensive tract of land

Notwithstanding the process undertaken to date, it is recognised that input from local communities is an important aspect of Local Green Space designation and therefore consultation is an integral part of the approach taken.

The Withdrawn Local Plan, the revised deposit draft of which was published in 2003, set out a policy (ENV8) for ‘Land that Contributes towards Character and Environmental Quality’.

The premise of this policy was similar to that of Local Green Spaces, in that it sought the protection of areas that were visually or historically important or simply valuable informal open space. The policy did not seek to include sites that were protected by other policies, for example playing fields.

Consultation was undertaken with two of the Council's officers – the Open Space and Facility Development Manager and the Community Partnership Officer. These Officers have a thorough knowledge of the District at community level and were able to assist in ruling out sites previously proposed under ENV8 and also in suggesting additional sites for consideration on the basis of their recreational use by local communities.

Following this internal consultation, the sites that were put forward for designation under ENV8 in the Withdrawn Plan were revisited in order to determine their potential suitability for designation as Local Green Space. For the majority of sites physical site visits were undertaken – where this was not possible the sites were appraised with desktop aerial photography and street view. All sites put forward for inclusion as a Local Green Space following the initial consultation will have had a site visit undertaken prior to a final recommendation of designation being put forward. The majority of sites considered suitable under ENV8 in 2003 remained appropriate for potential designation as Local Green Space and are therefore included for consultation. Larger open spaces such as playing fields that are protected by other policies have not been proposed as Local Green Spaces.

Allotments have been included as proposed areas of Local Green Space; approximately two thirds of the allotments in the District are not controlled by the Local Authority.

Additional sites for consideration as potential Local Green Space can be suggested and indeed are expected, through the Local Plan Part 2 consultation. Following the initial consultation and assessment of sites put forward by local communities or landowners, the Local Authority will seek to contact the landowners of the proposed Local Green Spaces, as set out in the NPPG, to inform them of the proposed designation directly.

The table below lists the sites that are being considered for designation as Local Green Space at this stage. Maps of each Local Green Space follow the table.

## Appendix 1

Settlement	Location	Proximity to community served	Link to local community	Size (ha)	Comments
<b>Swadlincote</b>					
Swadlincote	Darklands Lane, Swadlincote	Within the settlement boundary	SDDC Allotments	0.47	Allotments – no vacant plots and has a waiting list.
	Aston Drive, Midway	Within the settlement boundary		0.37	Uneven ground but valuable open space.
	South of Edgecote Drive, Midway	Within the settlement boundary.		0.98	Good sized green space for its residential location. Not level but sufficient for a physical recreation, dog walking and so on.
	Off Lawns Drive, Midway	Within the settlement boundary.		0.39	Sloping and uneven ground but valuable space.
	Springwood Farm Road, Midway	Within the settlement boundary.		0.31	Open space on three or four sides of the road. No ball games sign.
	Eastfield Road, Midway	Within the settlement boundary.		3.98	Officially known as Sandholes Open Space.
	Upper Midway Allotments, Chestnut Avenue	Within the settlement boundary	SDDC Allotments	1.37	Allotments – no vacant plots and has a waiting list.
	East of Thorn Tree Lane, Newhall	Within the settlement boundary.	SDDC Allotments	.050	Allotments – no vacant plots and has a waiting list.
	Fairfield Crescent, Newhall	Within the settlement boundary.		0.68	Includes areas of flatter land so good for a physical recreation/games. Dog walkers.
	Off The Rise (east of Oversetts Road), Newhall	Within the settlement boundary	SDDC Allotments	0.39	Allotments – no vacant plots and has a waiting list.



Church Gresley	Off Gresley Wood Road, Church Gresley	Within the settlement boundary.		1.49	Wide grassy route off Gresley Wood Road leading to an area of open space and trees beyond. Dog bin at entrance.
	Gresley Wood, Gresley Wood Road	Within the settlement boundary.		0.84	An area of woodland with access via a footpath off Gresley Wood Road.
	Lathkill Dale	Within the settlement boundary		0.35	Relatively flat. Dog walking area. Suitable for a physical recreation/games.
	Wye Dale	Within the settlement boundary		0.27	Quite a few trees. Sloping site. Dog bin.
	Fabis Close	Within the settlement boundary		0.17	L.E.A.P. Dog walking.
Woodville	Sorrel Drive	Within the settlement boundary.		0.43	Open green space in a residential area.
	Falcon Way	Within the settlement boundary.		0.22	Good space with mature trees.
	Kingfisher Avenue	Within the settlement boundary.		0.31	Good space with mature trees.
	Tern Avenue	Within the settlement boundary.		0.03	Whilst this site does not appear particularly special, it does contribute to the openness.
	North of Ashby Road (A511)	Outside of the settlement boundary	Currently recorded as allotments	0.38	Allotments
<b>Key Service Villages</b>					
Aston on Trent	Aston Allotments, Weston Road	Within the settlement boundary, towards the centre of the village.		0.38	Allotments – no vacant plots and has a waiting list.
	Long Walk Wood	Outside of the settlement boundary, south of Aston		6.23	Woodland
	Middle Wood	Outside of the		1.19	Woodland

		settlement boundary, south of Aston			
Etwall	Egginton Road	Long strip of land running through the southern part of the settlement		0.77	Provides a wide grassy avenue with mature trees.
	Appletree Meadow	Adjoining the western side of the settlement boundary.	Known to be used by local residents.	0.60	Valuable open space adjoining the settlement boundary. Some mature trees.
	South of Sutton Lane	Playing Field and Cricket Pitch, adjoining the settlement boundary, to the north of Etwall.	Known to be used by local residents.	1.90	Cricket pitch.
	West of Main Street	Adjoining the settlement boundary, close to John Port School.	Known to be used by locally.	0.09	Maintained green space contributing to the street scene and character of Main Street.
	East of Common End	Outside but adjoining the settlement boundary	Currently recorded as allotments	0.61	Allotments
Hatton	Field Avenue	Within the settlement boundary.		0.05	Maintained open space and mature trees. Dog bin
	Hassall Road	Within the settlement boundary.	Potentially used by local residents	0.21	Green space within residential development. Maintained grass. Young trees.
	QE2 Field, East of Hassall Road	Outside but adjoining the settlement boundary.		3.54	
	QE2 Field, south of	Outside but adjoining	Known to be used by	3.11	

	Heath Fields Primary School, off Scropton Road	the settlement boundary	local residents		
	East of Dove Side	Outside but adjoining the settlement boundary	Parish Council/community allotments	0.5	Allotments
Hilton	South of Egginton Road	Within the settlement boundary, towards the centre of Hilton (as defined by the settlement boundary before consultation)	Known to be used by local residents.	0.06	Maintained grass with shrubs and planting. Footpath through the site. Bench by the bus stop. Integral to character of the street scene.
	Humber Street/Welland Road	Within the proposed new settlement boundary	Known to be used by local residents	1.00	Level open space; dog walking, physical recreation/games.
	Off Mill Lane	Outside but adjoining the settlement boundary		1.78	
	South of Main Street	Within the settlement boundary.	Known to be used by local residents.	0.39	L.E.A.P. and maintained open space.
	Sutton Lane	Outside but adjoining the settlement boundary	SDDC Allotments	0.24	Allotments – no vacant plots and has a waiting list.
	Wellavon Playground, Welland Road/Avon Way	Within the proposed new settlement boundary		0.31	Good size maintained open space with L.E.A.P. in the middle. Dog bin.
Linton	South of Linton Heath	Outside of the settlement boundary	Parish Council/community Allotments	0.36	Allotments
Melbourne	West of Packhorse	Within the settlement	Known to be used by	0.17	Separates housing from the main road.

	Road	boundary, at the northern end of Melbourne.	local residents.		
	North of Station Road	Within the settlement boundary, towards the centre of Melbourne.	Known to be used by local residents.	0.20	
	Station Road	Within the settlement boundary, towards the centre of Melbourne.		0.05	Has a stone of local significance on the site.
	Off Acacia Drive	Within the settlement boundary.		0.41	Good size open space within residential development; level in parts.
	Lothian Gardens, south of High Street	Within the settlement boundary, towards the south of Melbourne	Known to be used by local residents.	0.16	
	Off The Pingle	Outside but adjoining the settlement boundary	Parish Council allotment	2.64	Allotments
	South of Penn Lane	Within the settlement boundary, at the southern end of Melbourne.		1.57	
Overseal	Edward Street	Proposed to be removed from within the settlement boundary	Parish Council/Community allotments	0.47	Allotments
	Daisy Lane	Within the settlement boundary.	Known to be used by local residents.	0.62	Meadow grass planted with young trees including some fruit trees.
Repton	East of High Street and south of Askew Grove	Within the settlement boundary, in the centre of the Repton.		1.15	

	North of Milton Road	Within the settlement boundary, towards the north of Repton.		0.34	
	Land at The Crescent	Within the settlement boundary, towards the centre of Repton.		0.31	Maintained green space with numerous established trees. Integral to the character of the area.
Shardlow	South of London Road	Partially within the settlement boundary.	Unknown usage.	0.25	
	Glenn Way	Within the settlement boundary.	Unknown usage.	0.11	Maintained green space in residential area with young trees.
	The Wharf	Within the settlement boundary.	Known to be used by local residents.	0.13	
	Wilne Lane	Outside but adjoining the settlement boundary	SDDC Allotments	0.31	Allotments – no vacant plots and has a waiting list.
	Long Row	Outside but adjoining the settlement boundary	Parish Council/community allotments	0.9	Allotments
	Millfield	Within the settlement boundary.		0.15	
Willington	South of the Trent and Mersey Canal	Within the settlement boundary, along the northern perimeter.	Known to be used by local residents.	0.4	
	East of Etwall Road (B5008)	Outside of the settlement boundary	Currently recorded as allotments	0.29	
	North of Twyford Road	Within the settlement boundary, south of the railway line.	Potentially used as a village green.	1.63	Used for dog walking.
	Village Hall, south of Twyford Road	Within the settlement boundary.		0.21	Green space appears to be gated off. Await comments from local community

					regarding use of the site.
	North of the River Trent.	Partially within the settlement boundary, towards the south of Willington.		3.06	
<b>Local Service Villages</b>					
Findern	West of Hillside	Within the settlement boundary, on the western edge.	Known to be used by local residents.	0.13	Known as Highfields.
	The Green	Within the settlement boundary, towards the centre of Findern.	An integral focal point of the village.	0.10	
	East of The Hayes	Within the settlement boundary.		0.43	Maintained open space with footpaths through the site.
	East of Porters Lane	Within the settlement boundary.		0.13	
Hartshorne	West of Repton Road/Main Street	Outside but adjoining the settlement boundary.		0.90	Hartshorne Cricket Ground
	Tower Road	Outside of the settlement boundary	Currently recorded as allotments	1.32	Allotments
Netherseal	Main Street/Church Street	Within the settlement boundary, on the junction.		0.33	Well maintained open space – the setting of the village church. Benches.
Rosliston	North of Yew Tree Road	Within the settlement boundary, towards the centre of Rosliston.	Known to be used by local residents.	0.06	Primarily a play area with play equipment.
Ticknall	North of Rose Lane	Outside but adjoining the settlement boundary, to the north	Known to be used by local residents.	0.53	Adjoining the village hall. Semi-garden in feel.

		of Ticknall.			
	North of Main Street	Within the settlement boundary.	Known to be used by local residents.	0.16	Unofficial allotments or similar – appears maintained.
	North of A514, opposite Calke Abbey entrance	Outside of the settlement boundary.		0.15	Part of the setting opposite Calke Abbey entrance.
Weston on Trent	King's Mills Lane	Outside of the settlement boundary	Currently recorded as allotments	0.54	Investigate through consultation the level of use of these allotments.
<b>Rural Villages</b>					
Barrow upon Trent	Sports field, off Twyford Road	Outside but adjoining the settlement boundary, to the west of Barrow upon Trent	Known to be used by local residents	1.60	
	Chapel Lane	Outside but adjoining the settlement boundary	Parish Council or community allotments	1.05	Allotments
Church Broughton	South of Littlefield Road	Outside of the settlement boundary	Currently recorded as allotments	0.04	Allotments
Egginton	Blacksmith's Lane	Outside but adjoining the settlement boundary	Parish Council or community allotment	0.53	Allotments
Lees	Village Green	Within the settlement boundary		0.17	
	Allotments, unnamed road between Long Lane and Dalbury Hollow	Outside but adjoining the settlement boundary	Currently recorded as allotments	0.84	Allotments
Scropton	Mill Lane	Outside of the settlement boundary	Currently recorded as allotments	0.43	Allotments
Stanton	Piddocks Road	No settlement	SDDC Allotments	0.68	Allotments – no vacant plots and has a

		boundary			waiting list.
Thulston	South of Oak Road	Partially within the new settlement boundary	Currently recorded as allotments	0.20	Allotments



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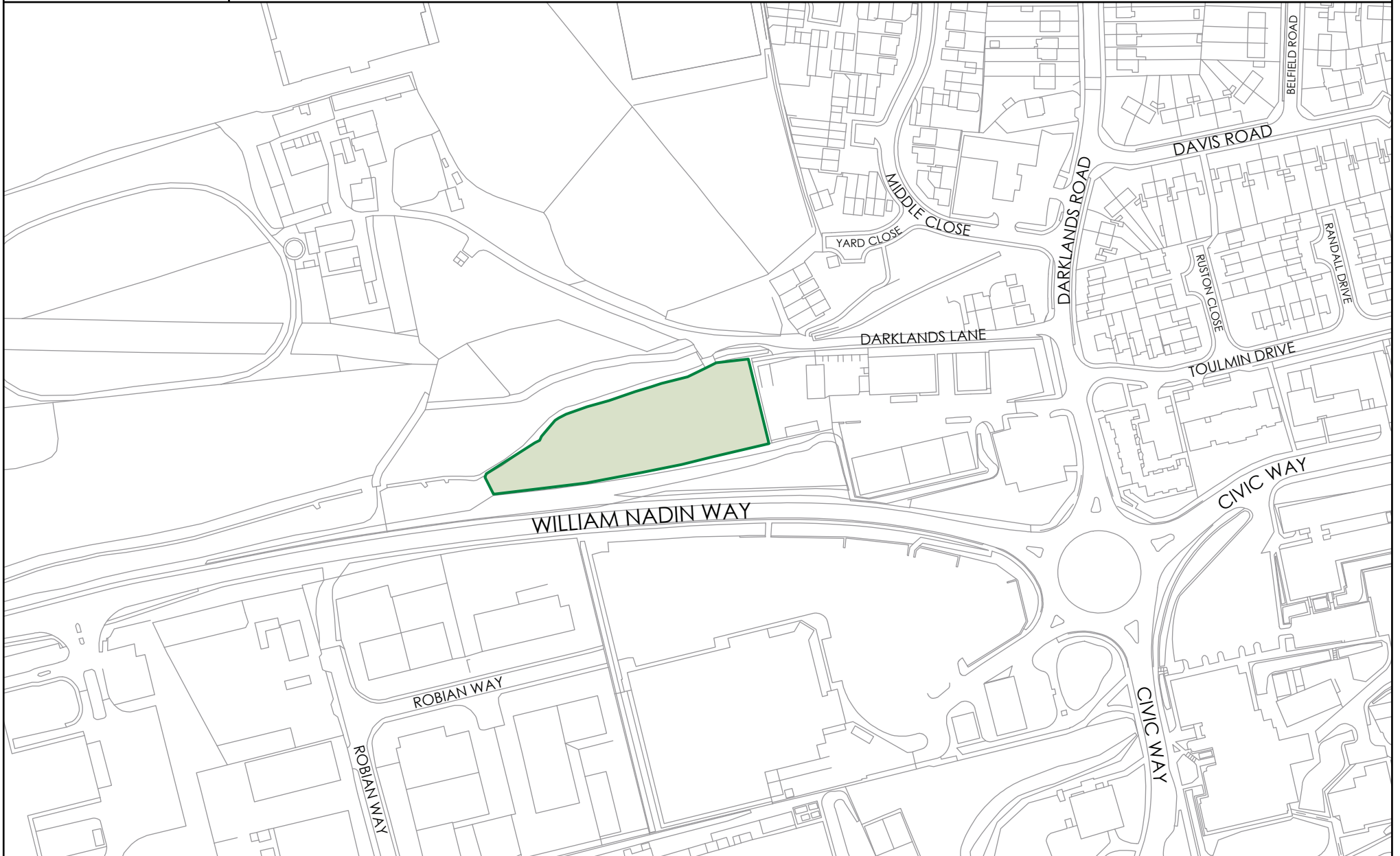
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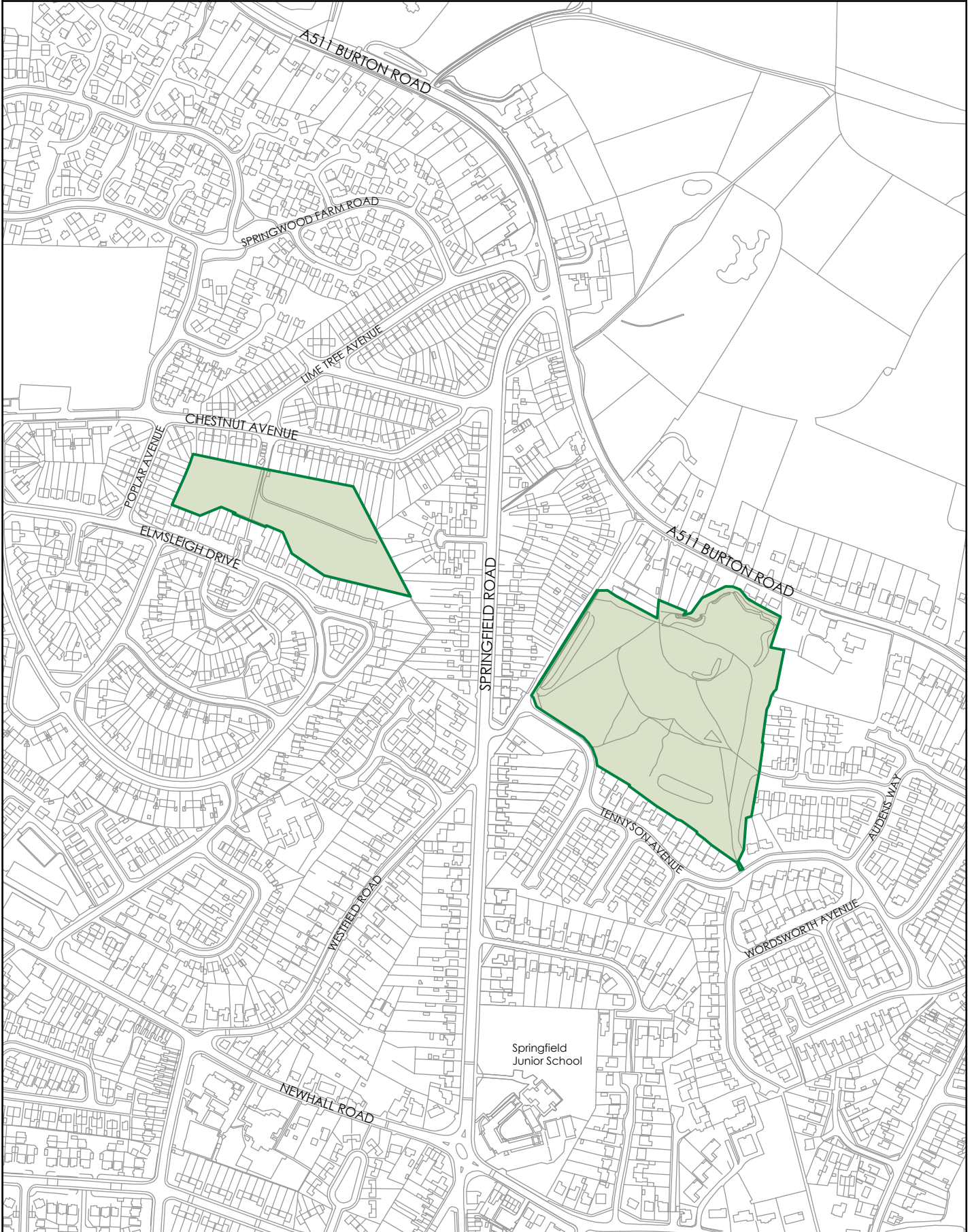
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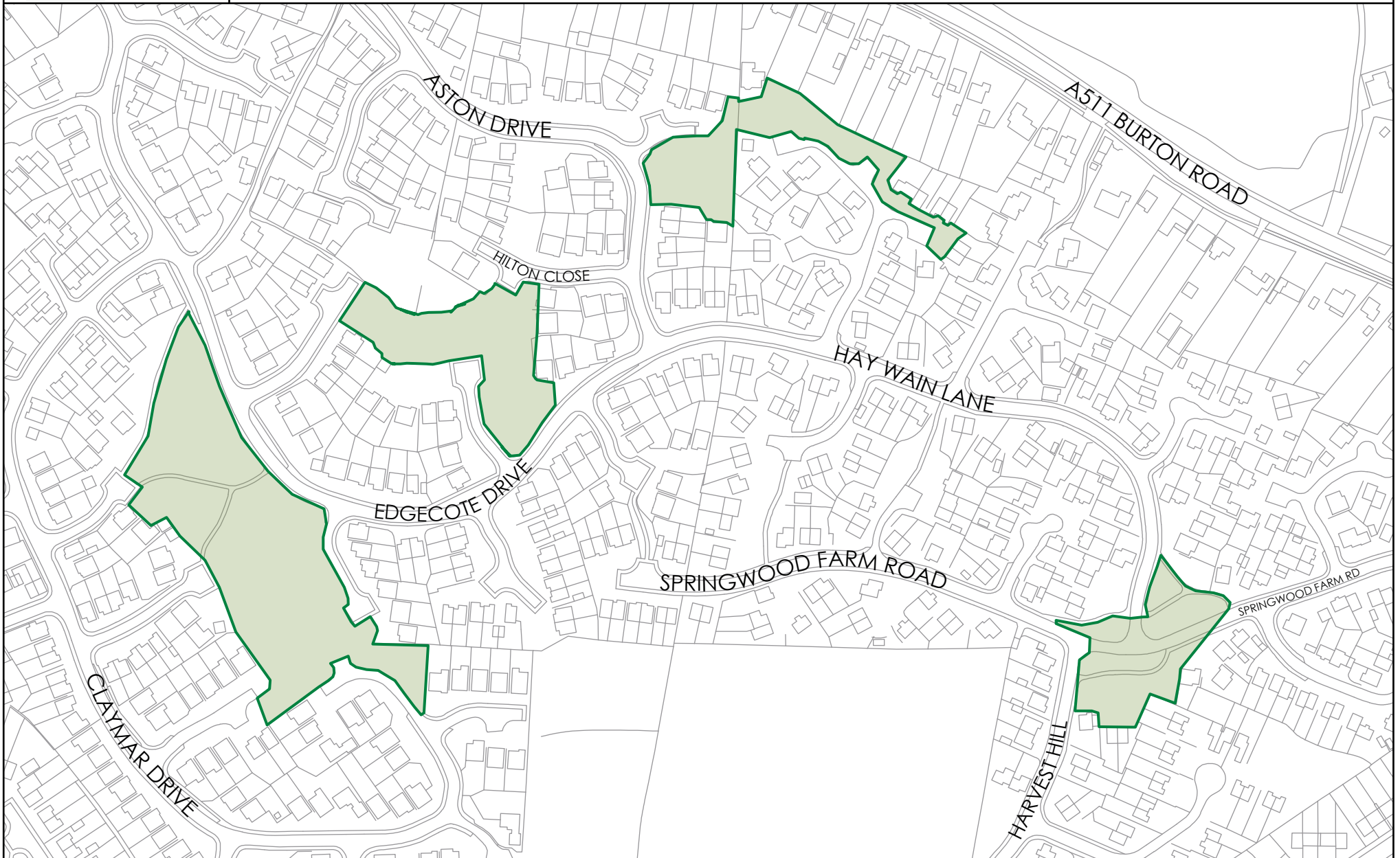
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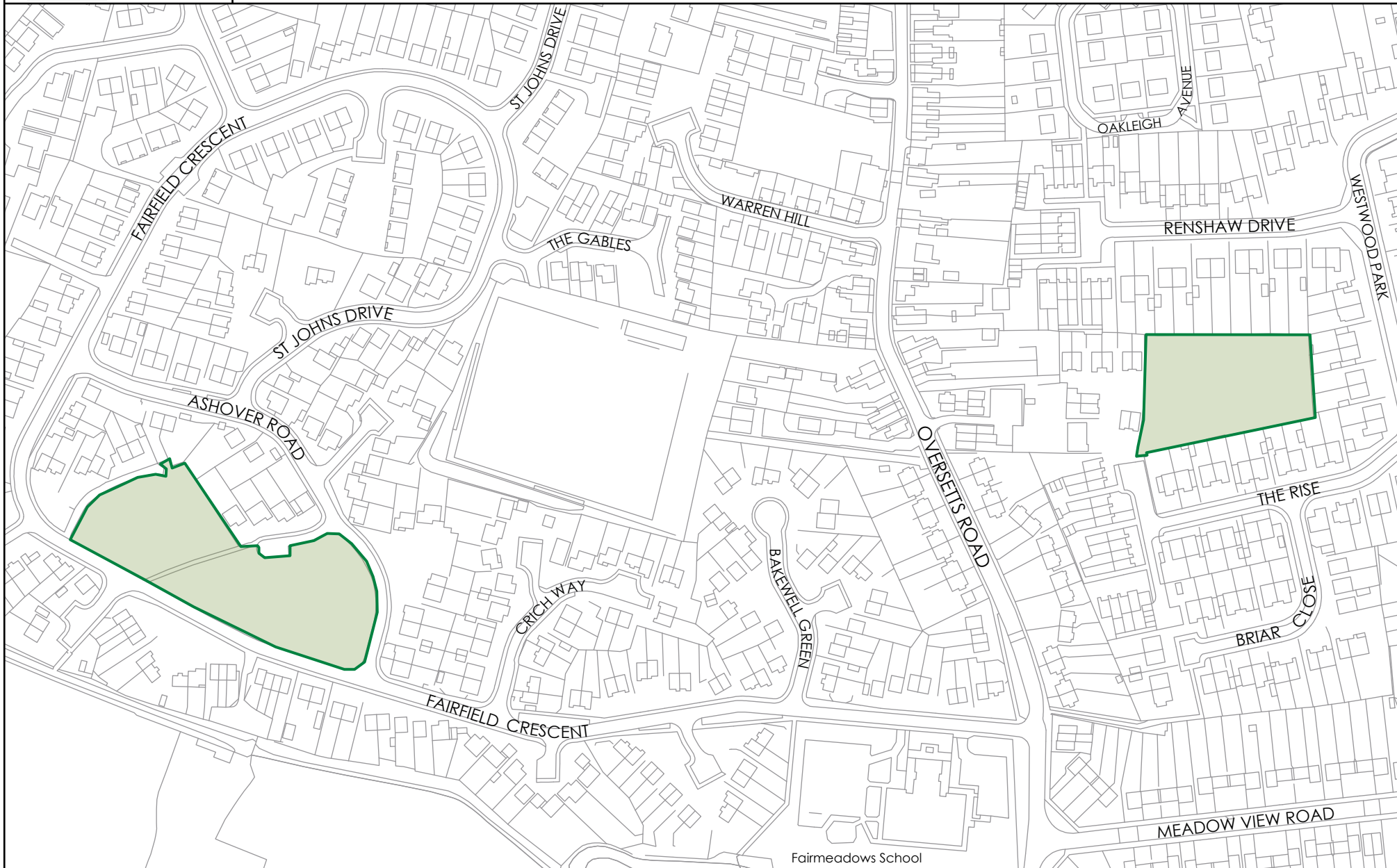
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# Newhall (north) : Local Green Spaces



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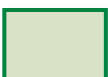
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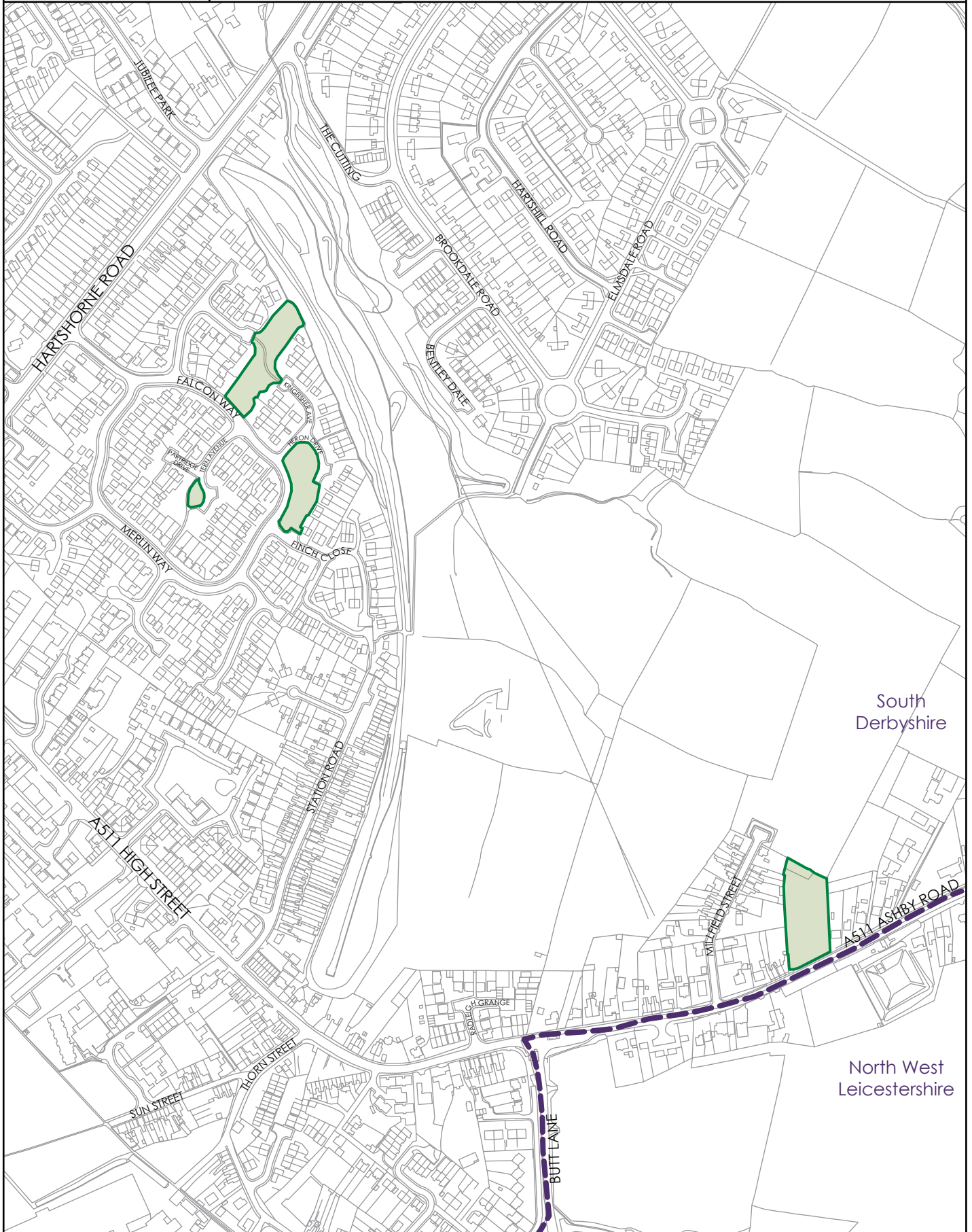
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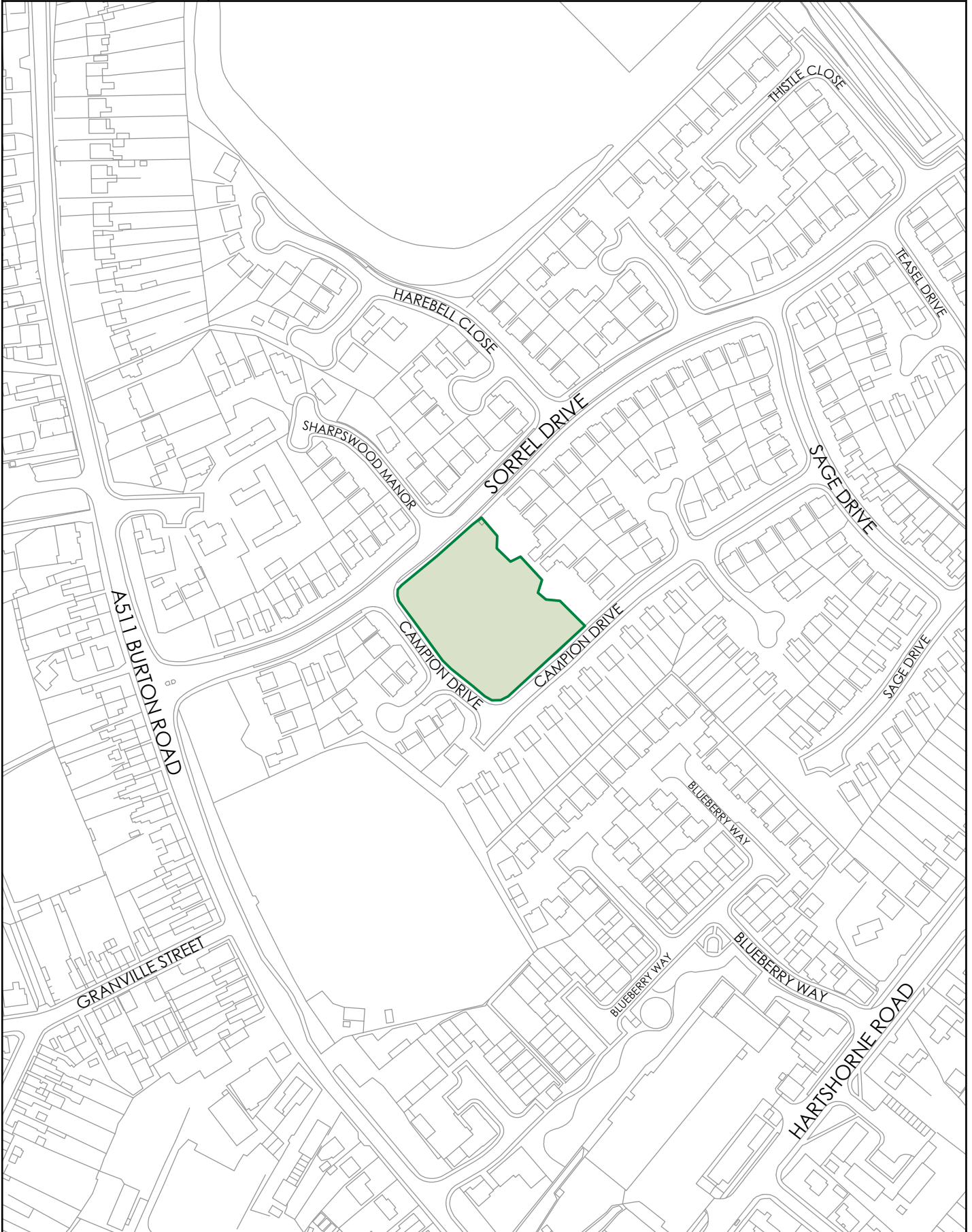


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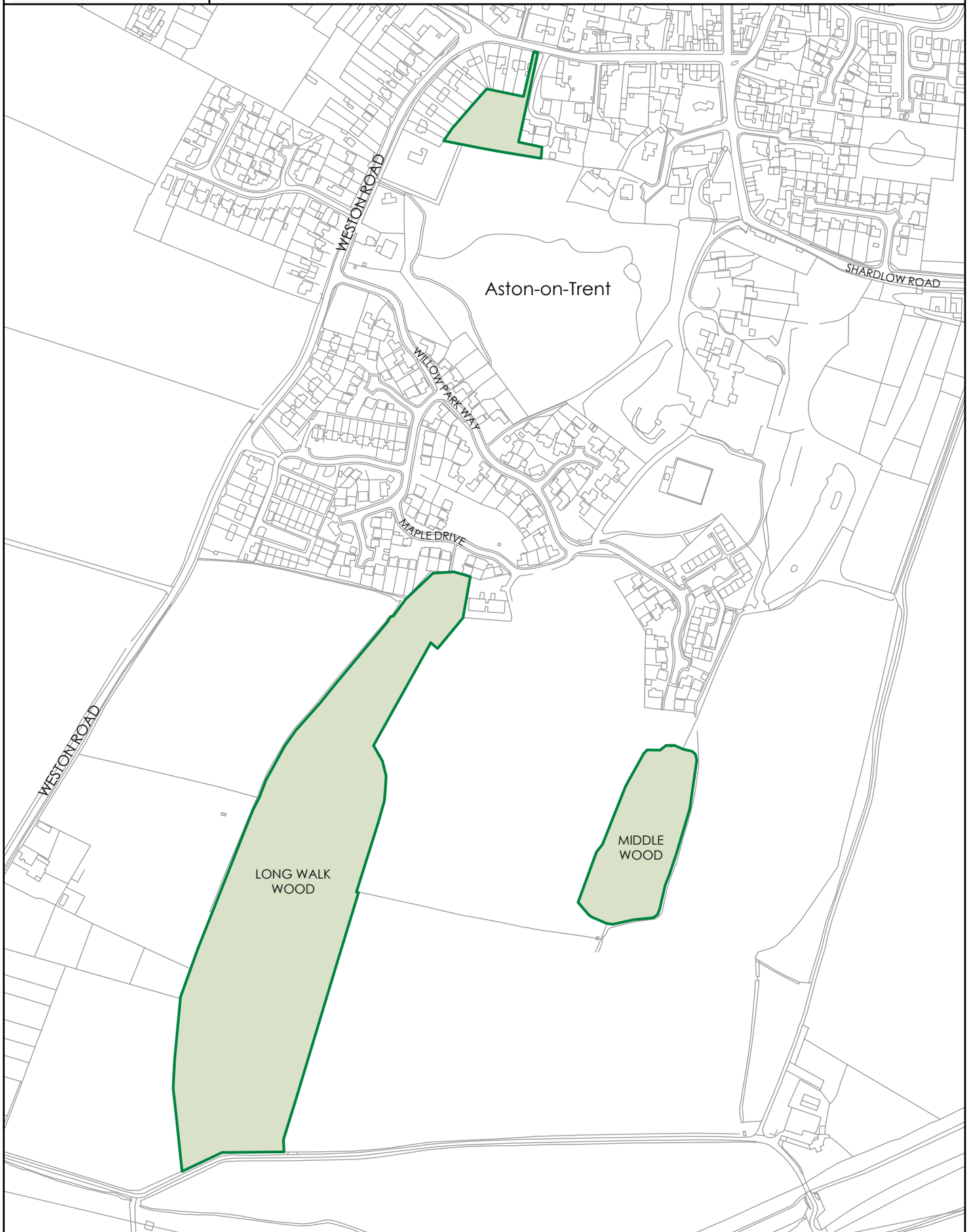
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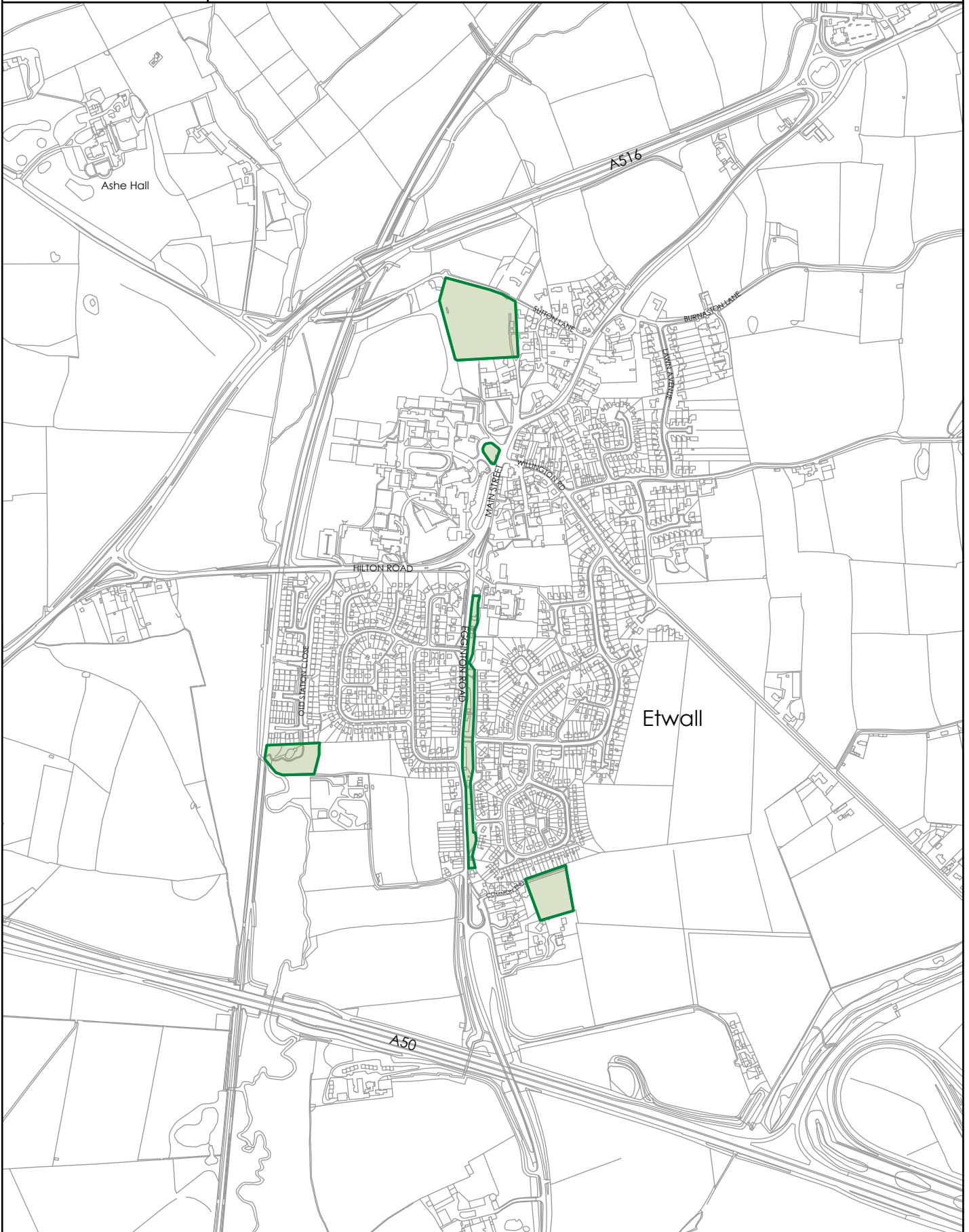


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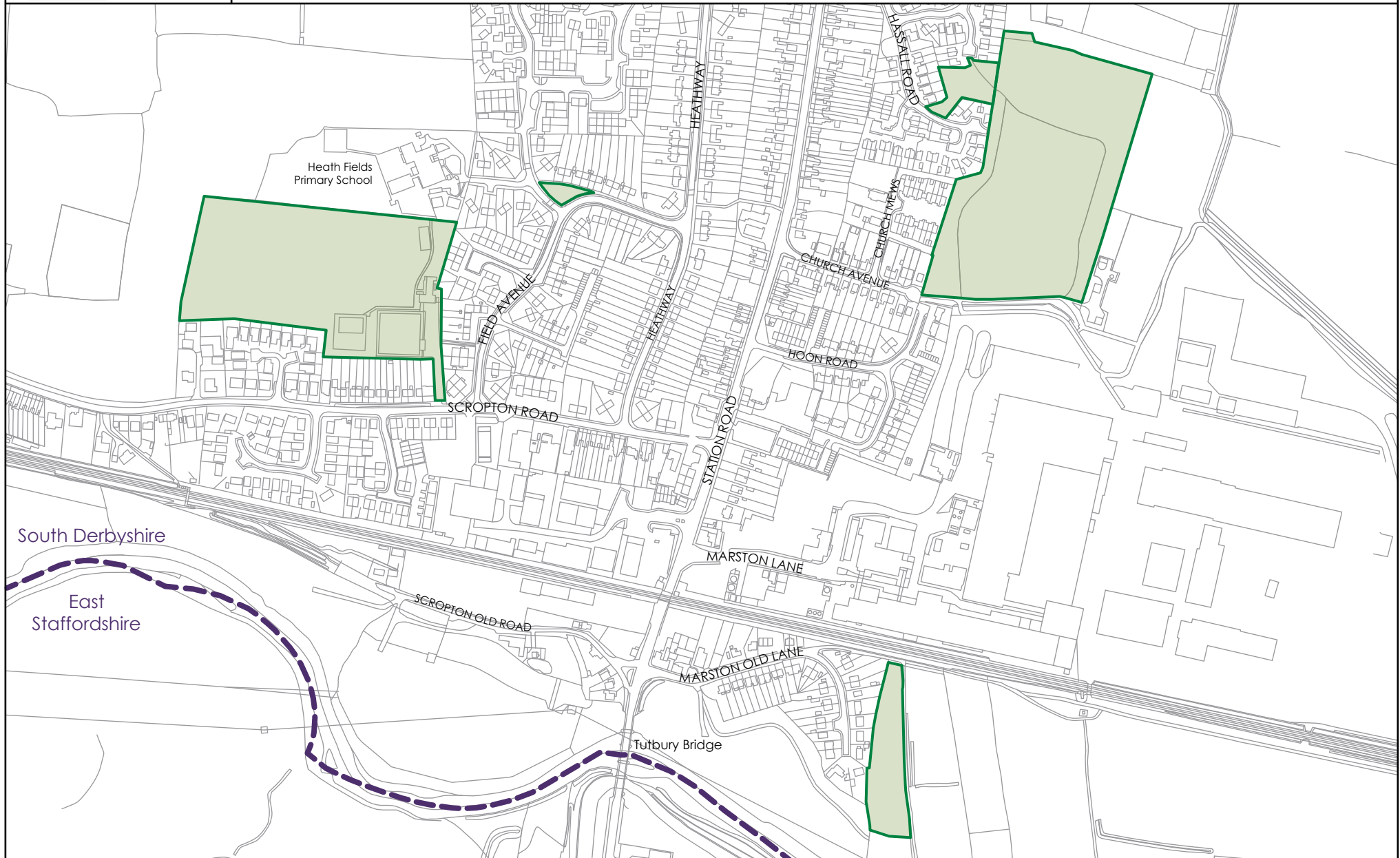
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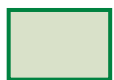
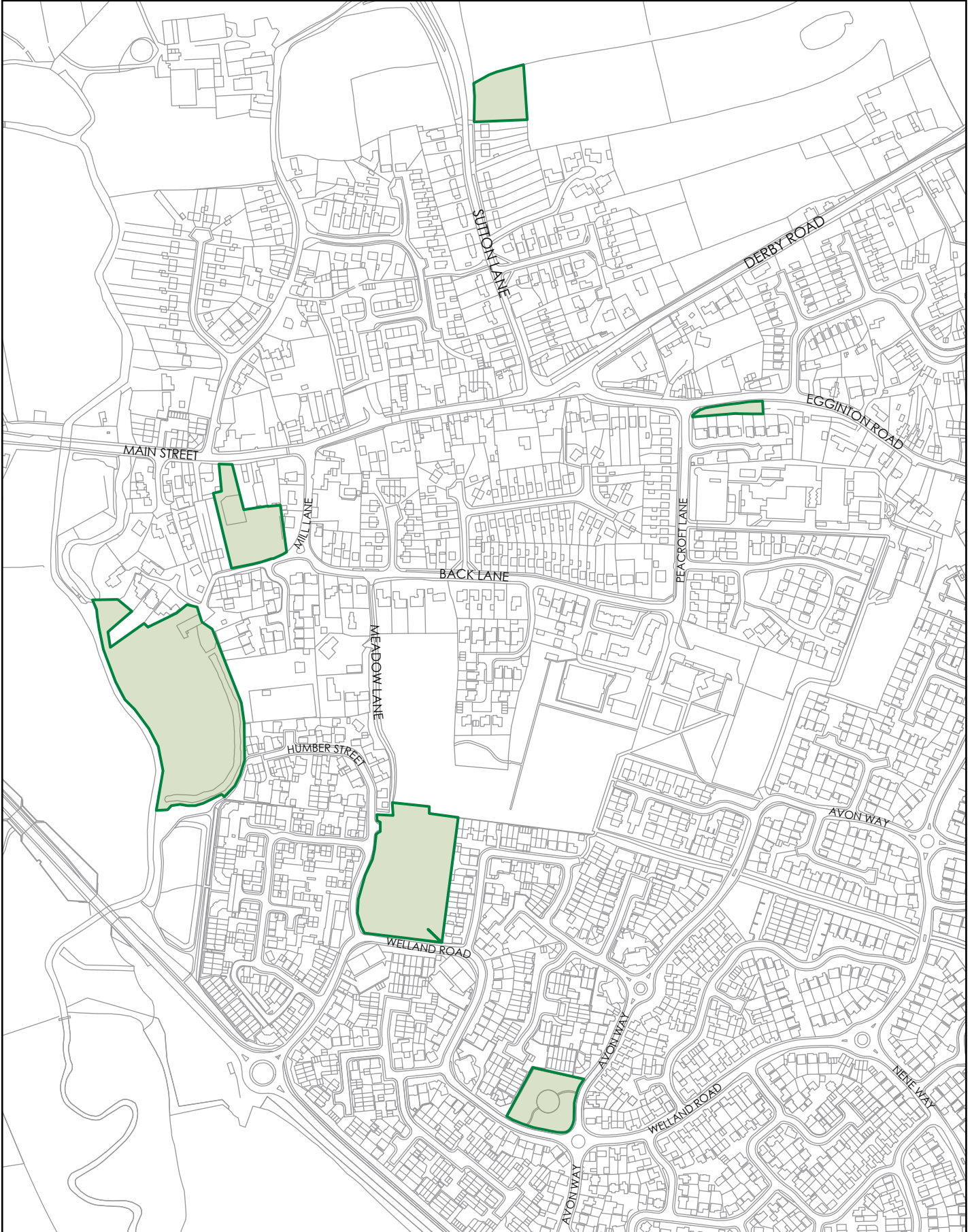
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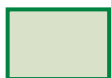
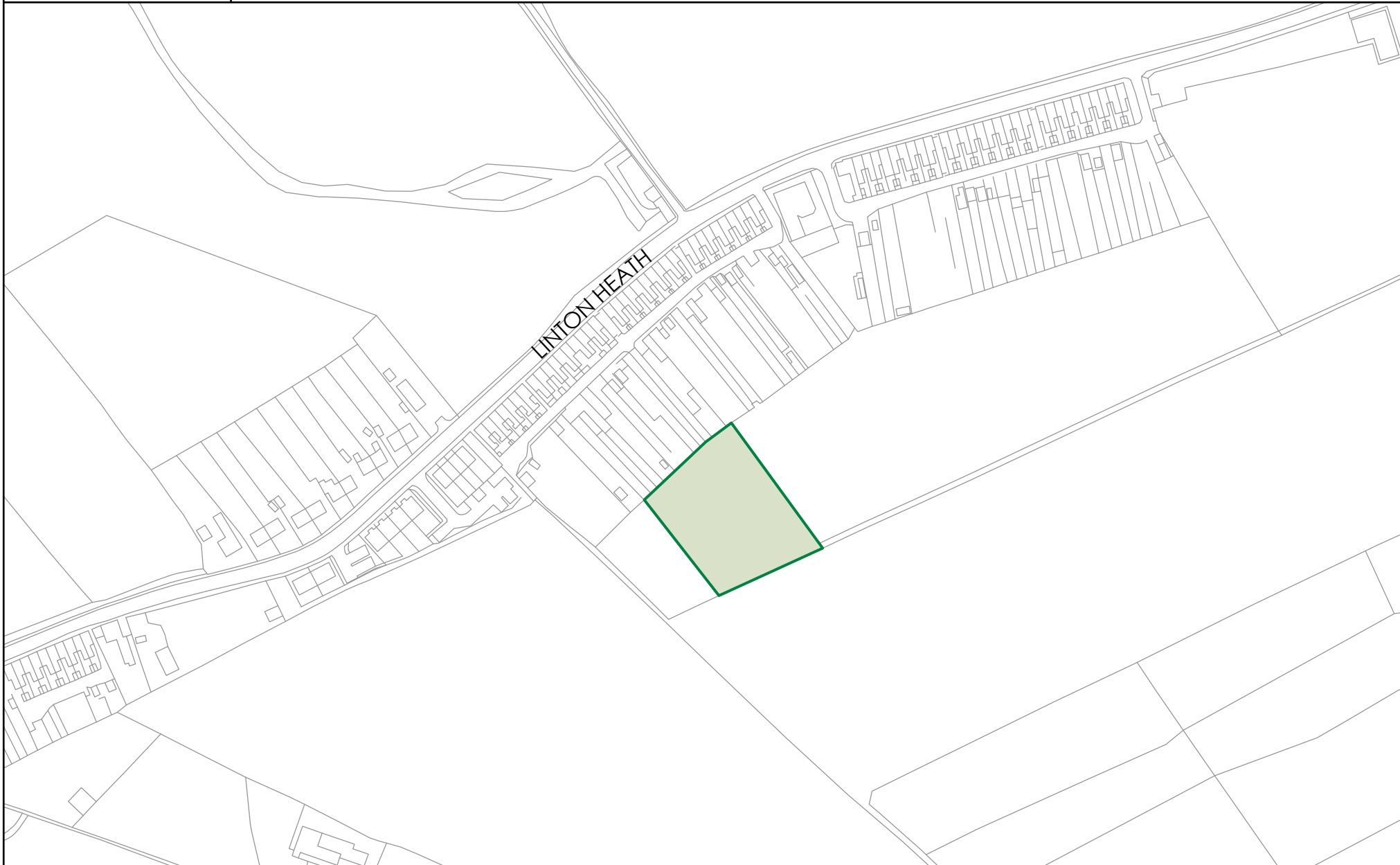
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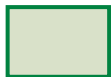
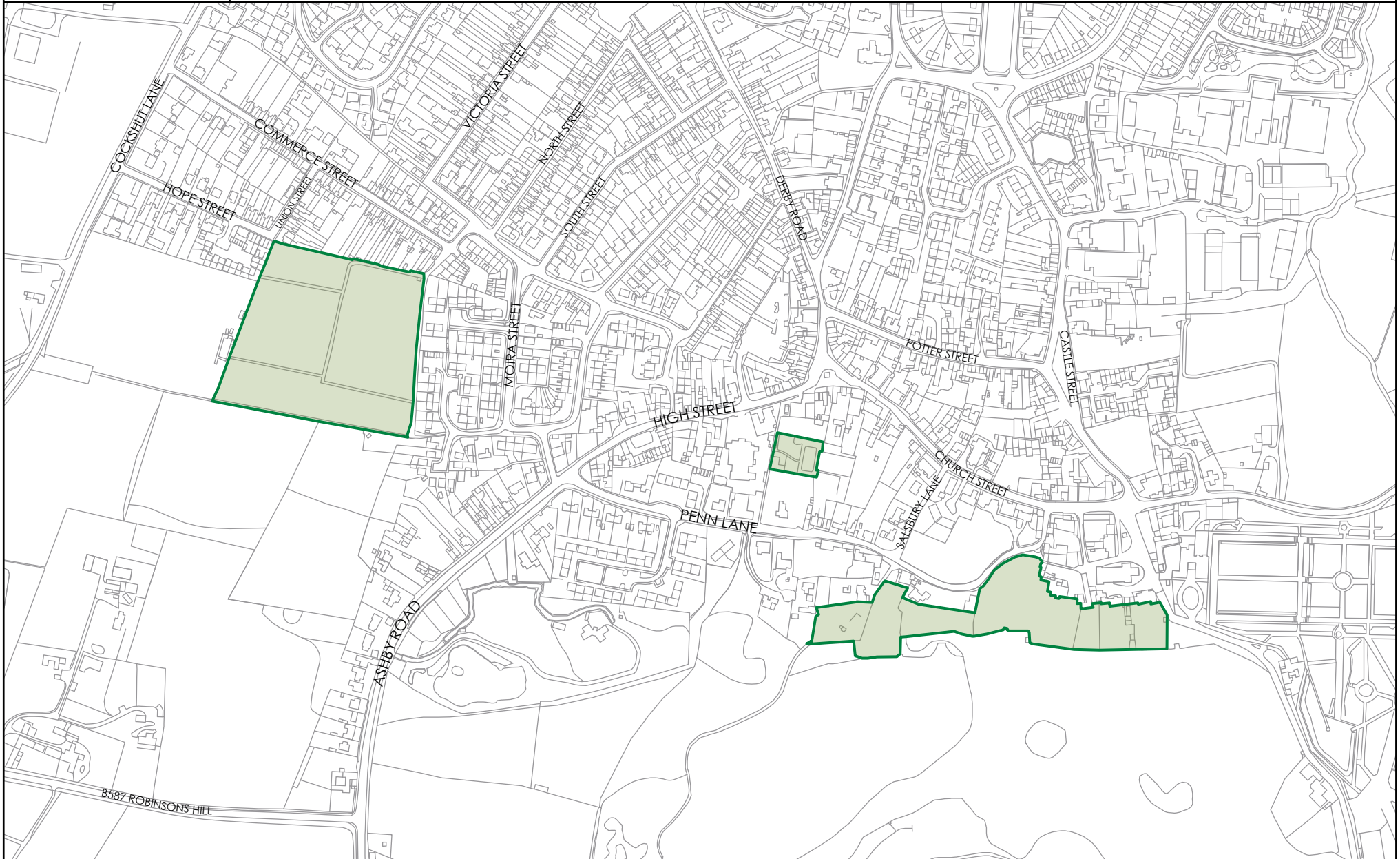
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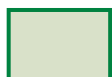
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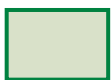
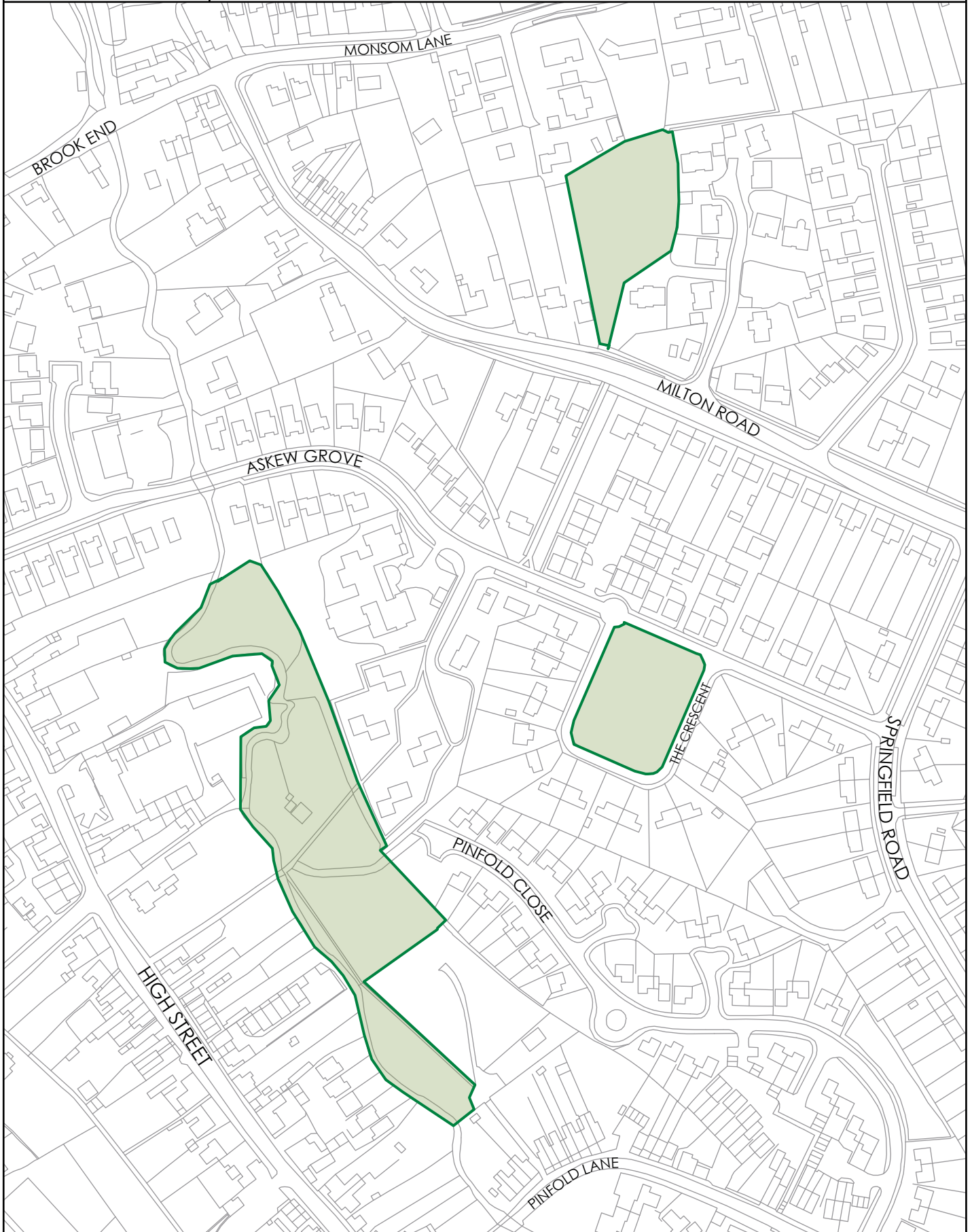
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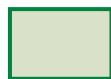
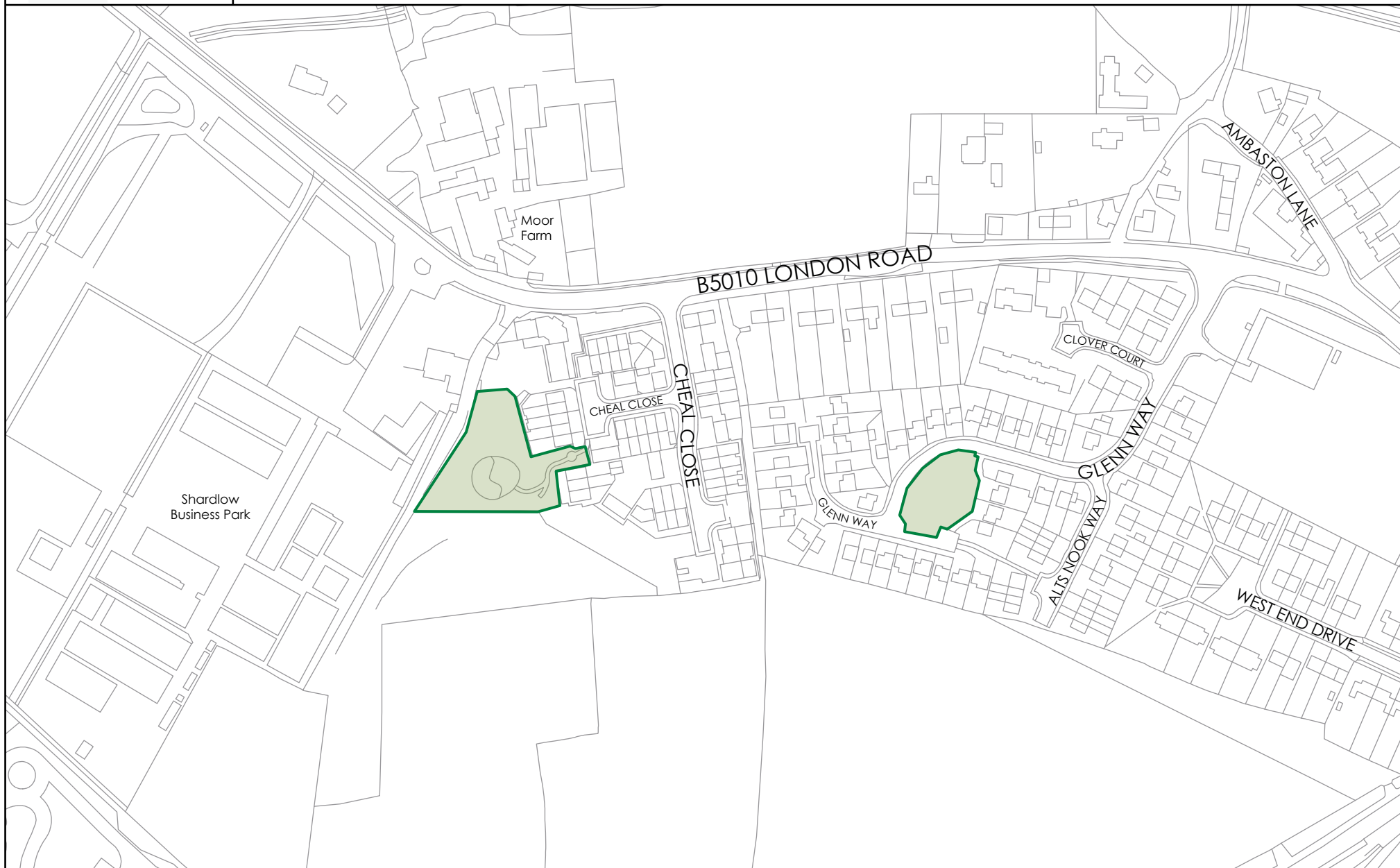
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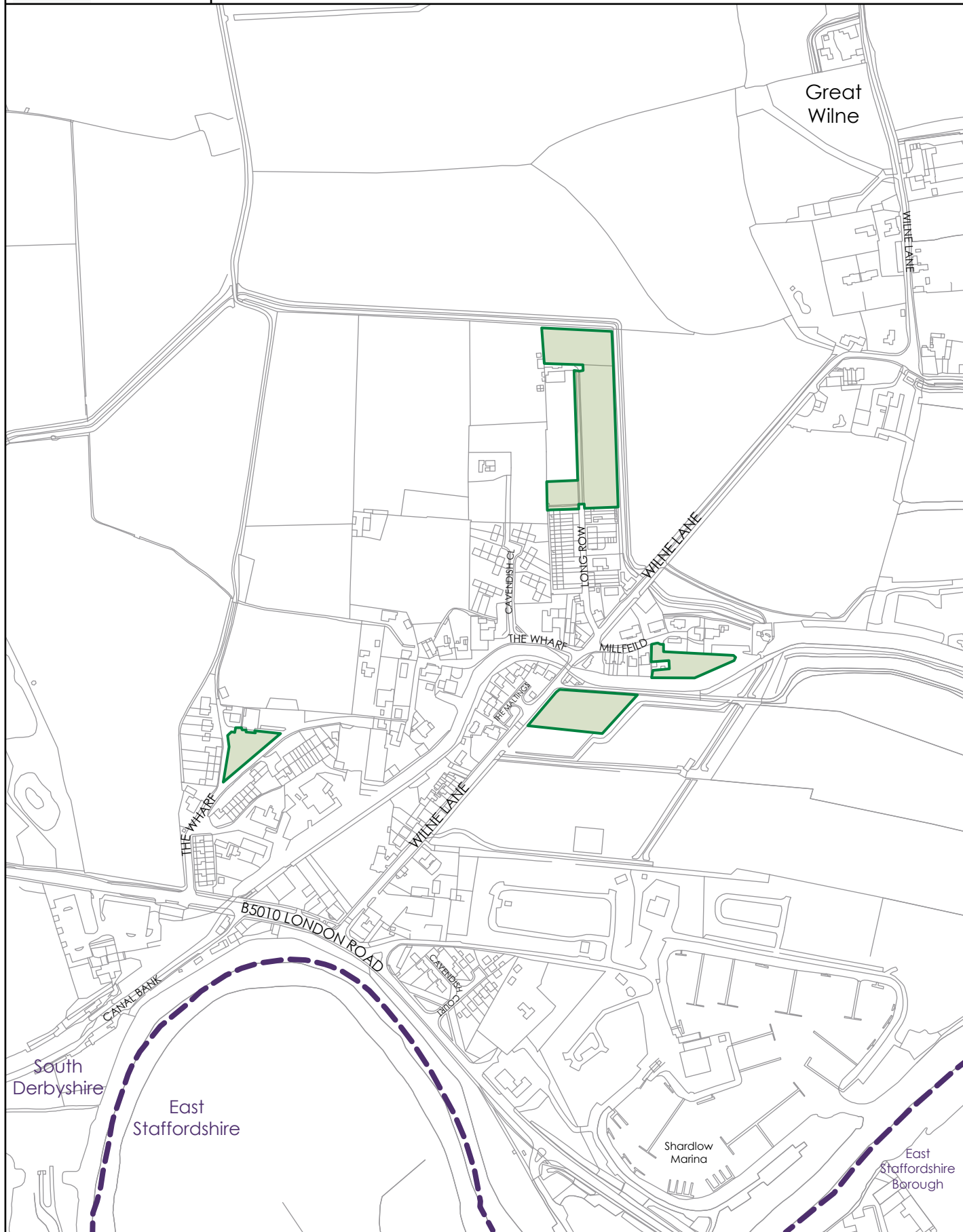
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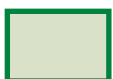
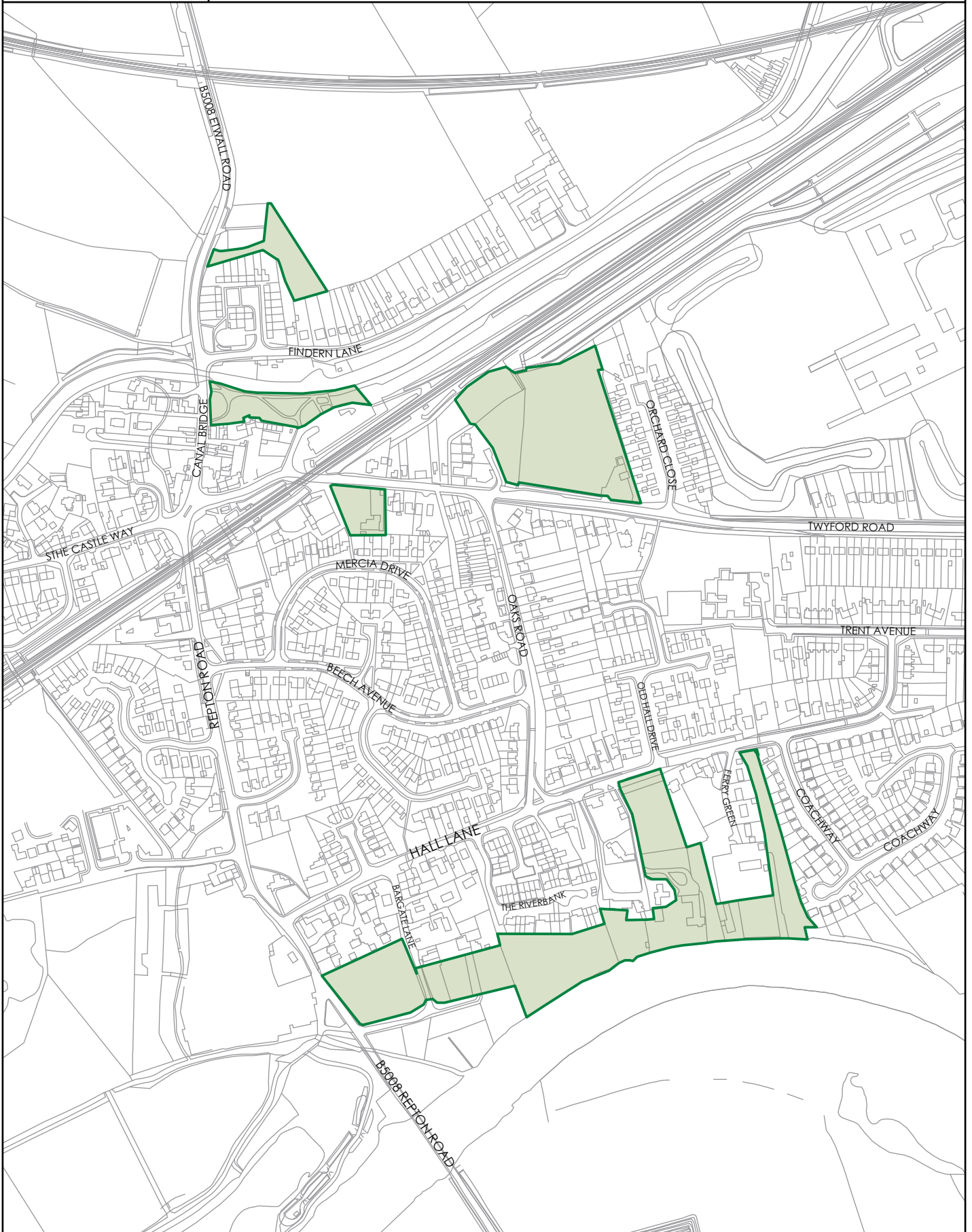


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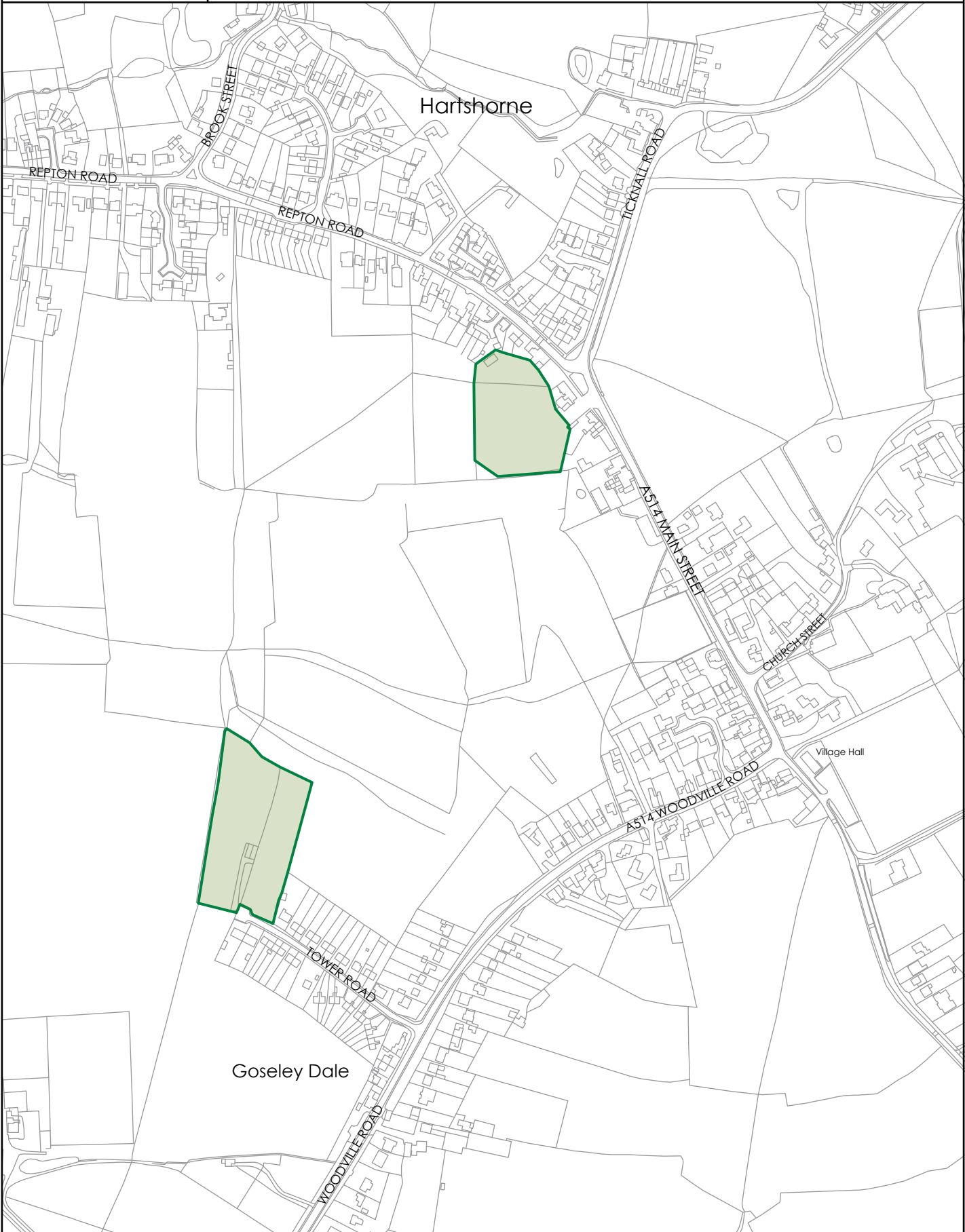


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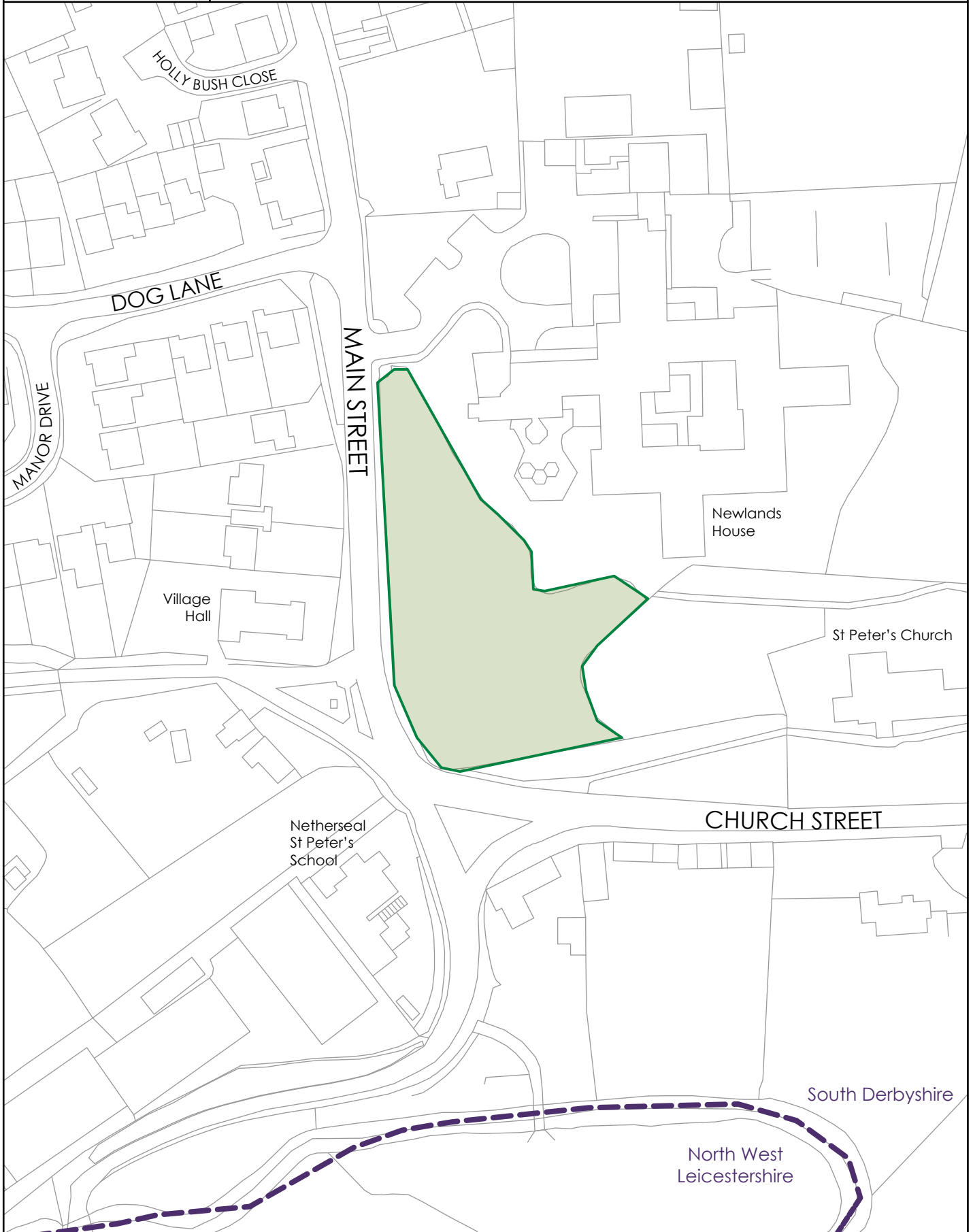
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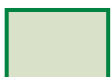
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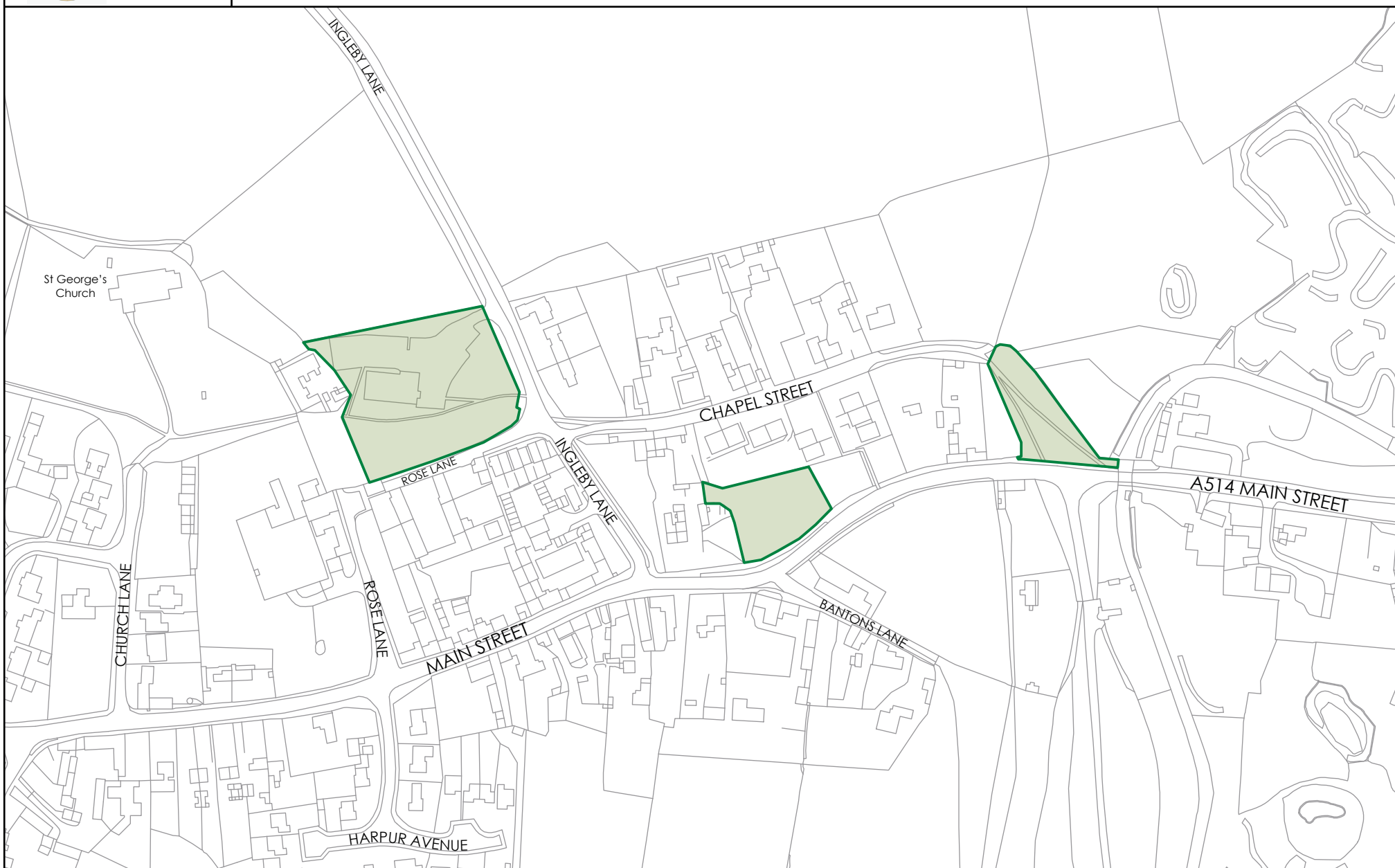


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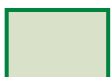
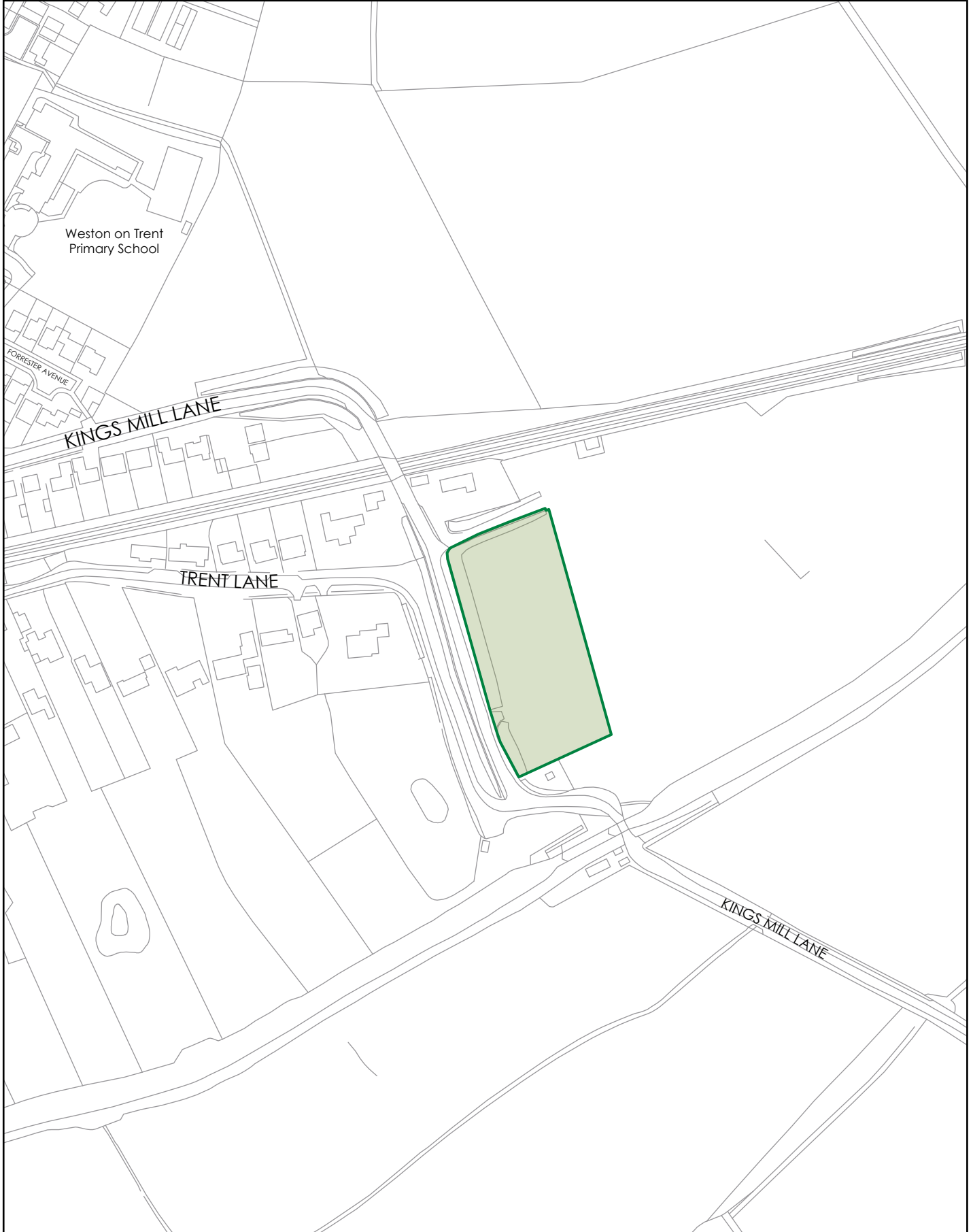
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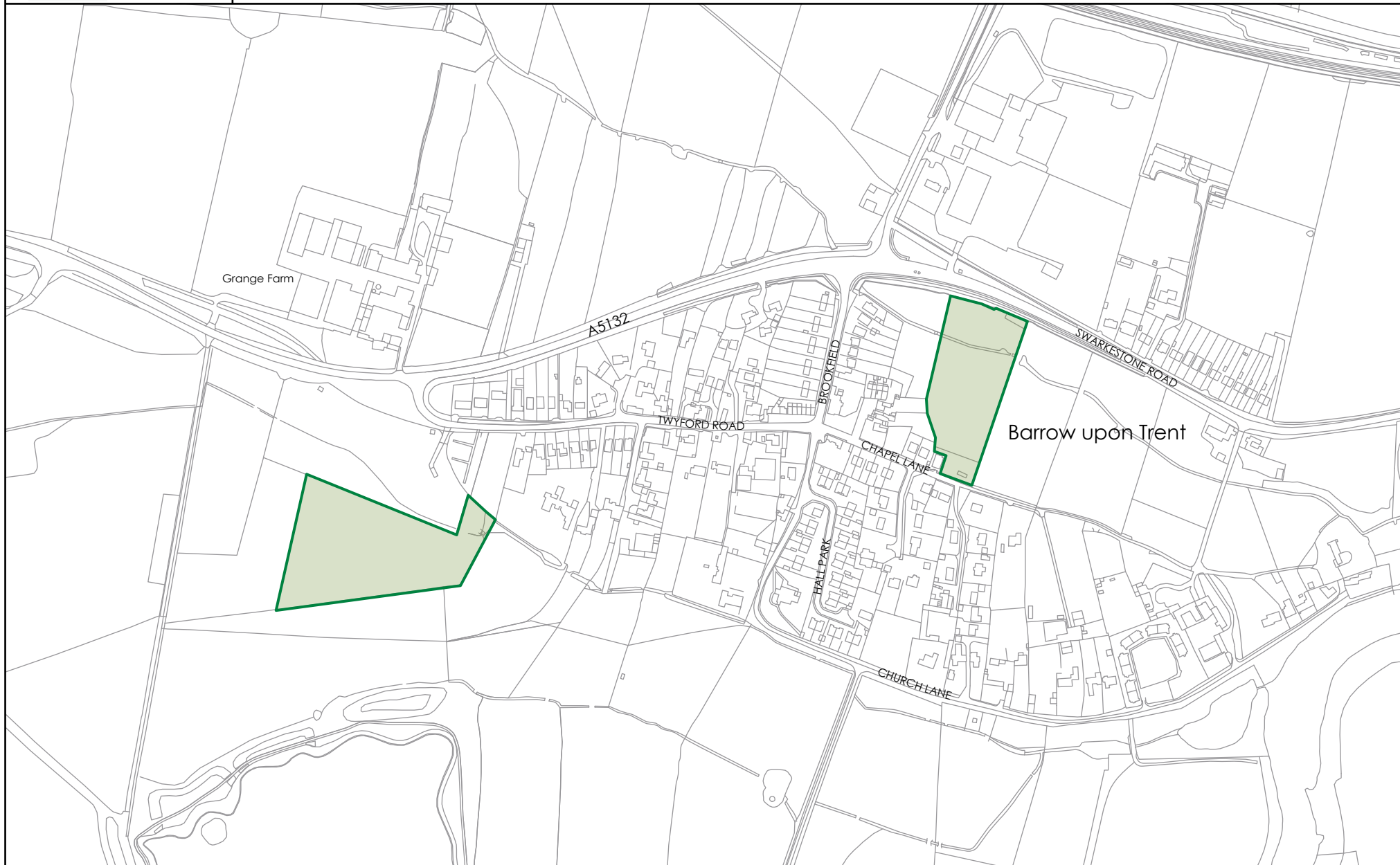




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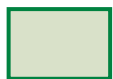
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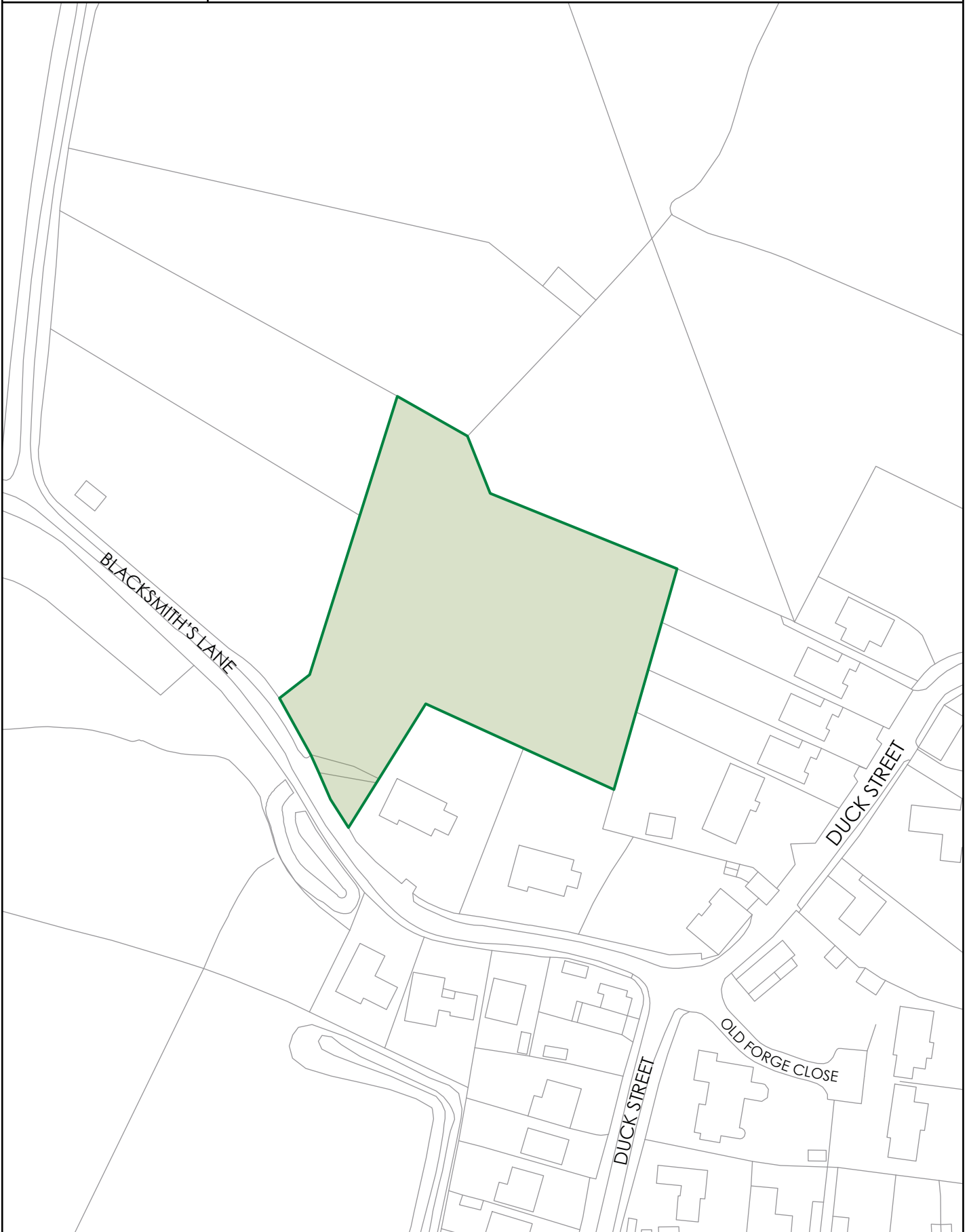


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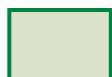
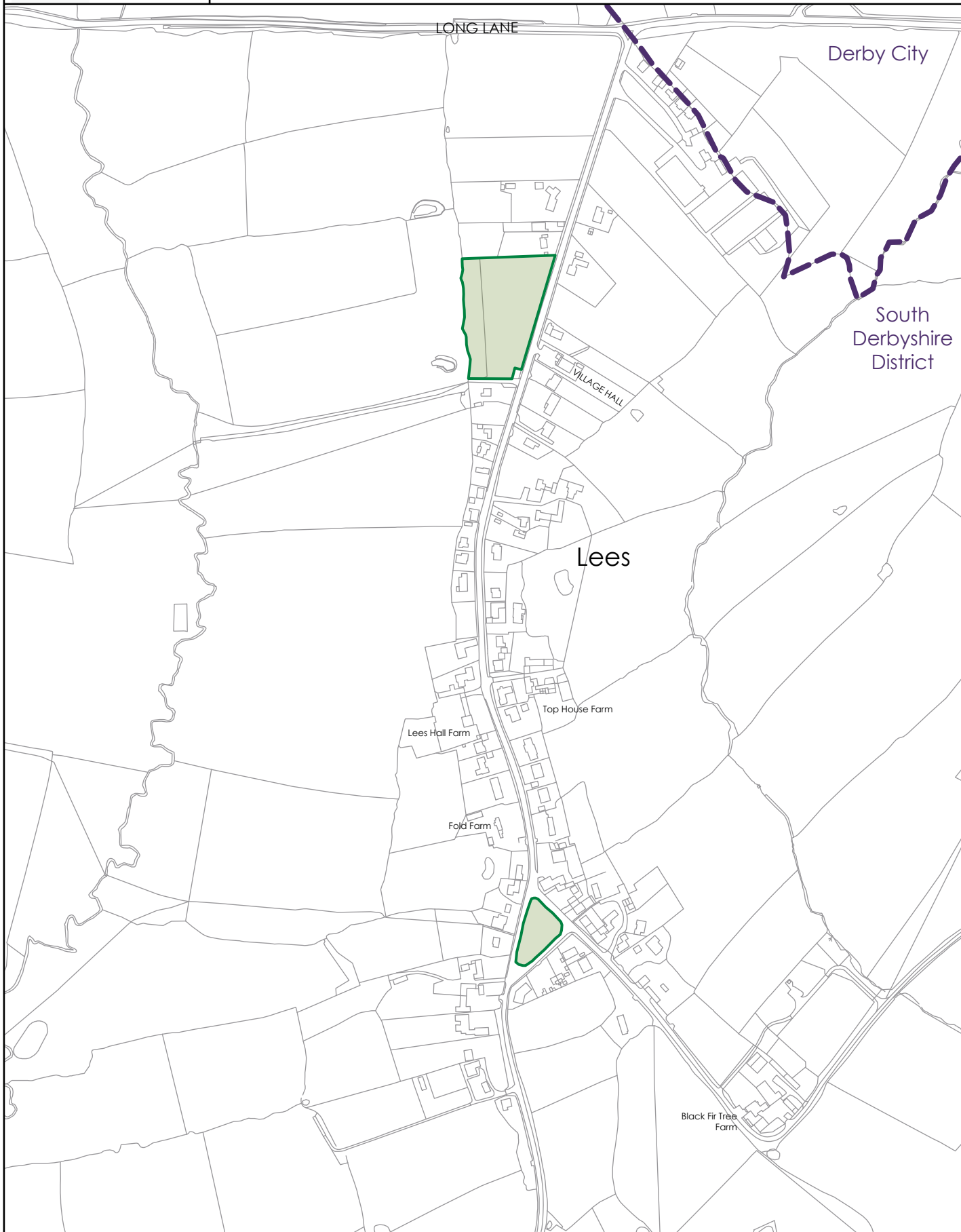
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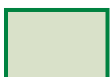
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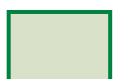
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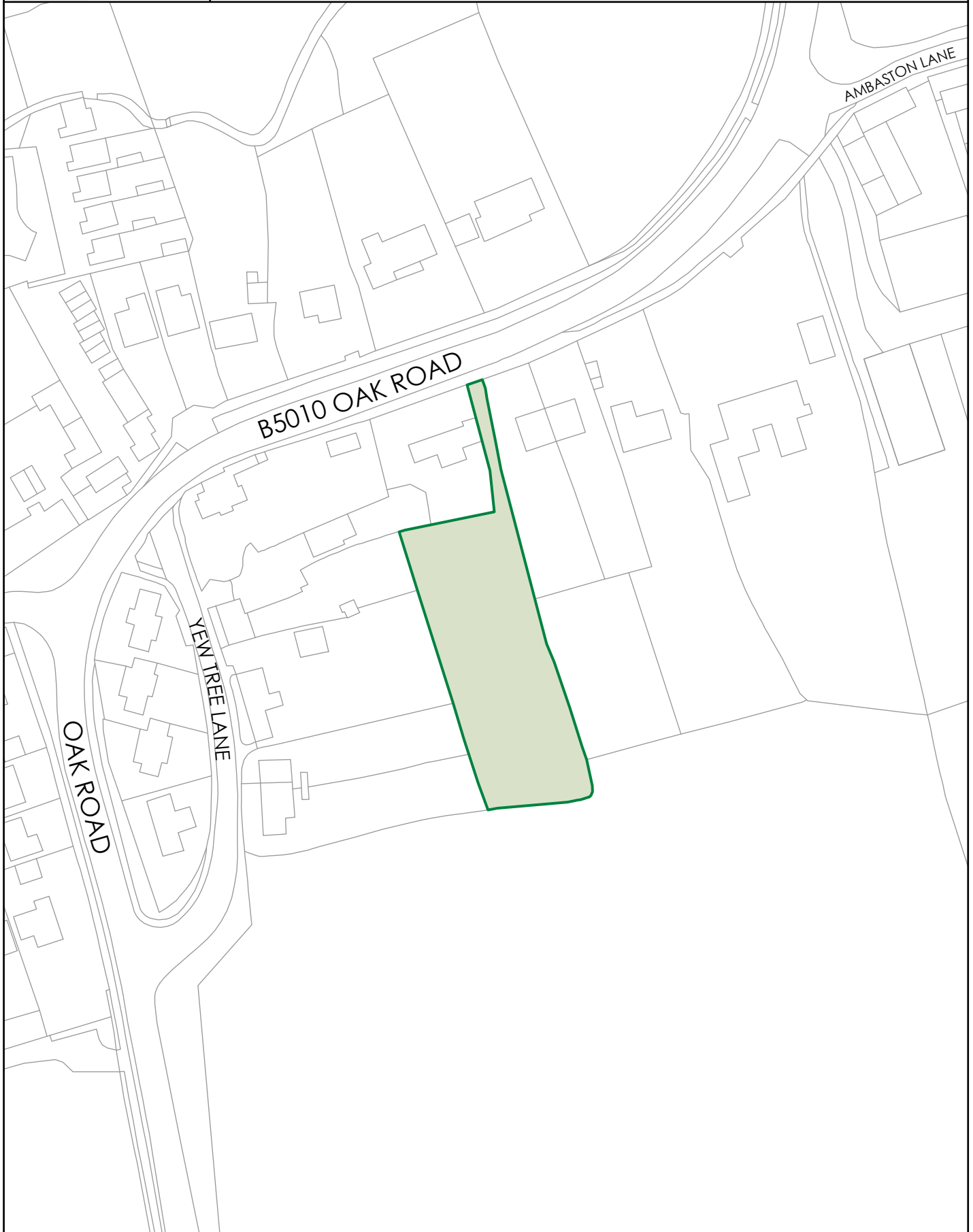
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