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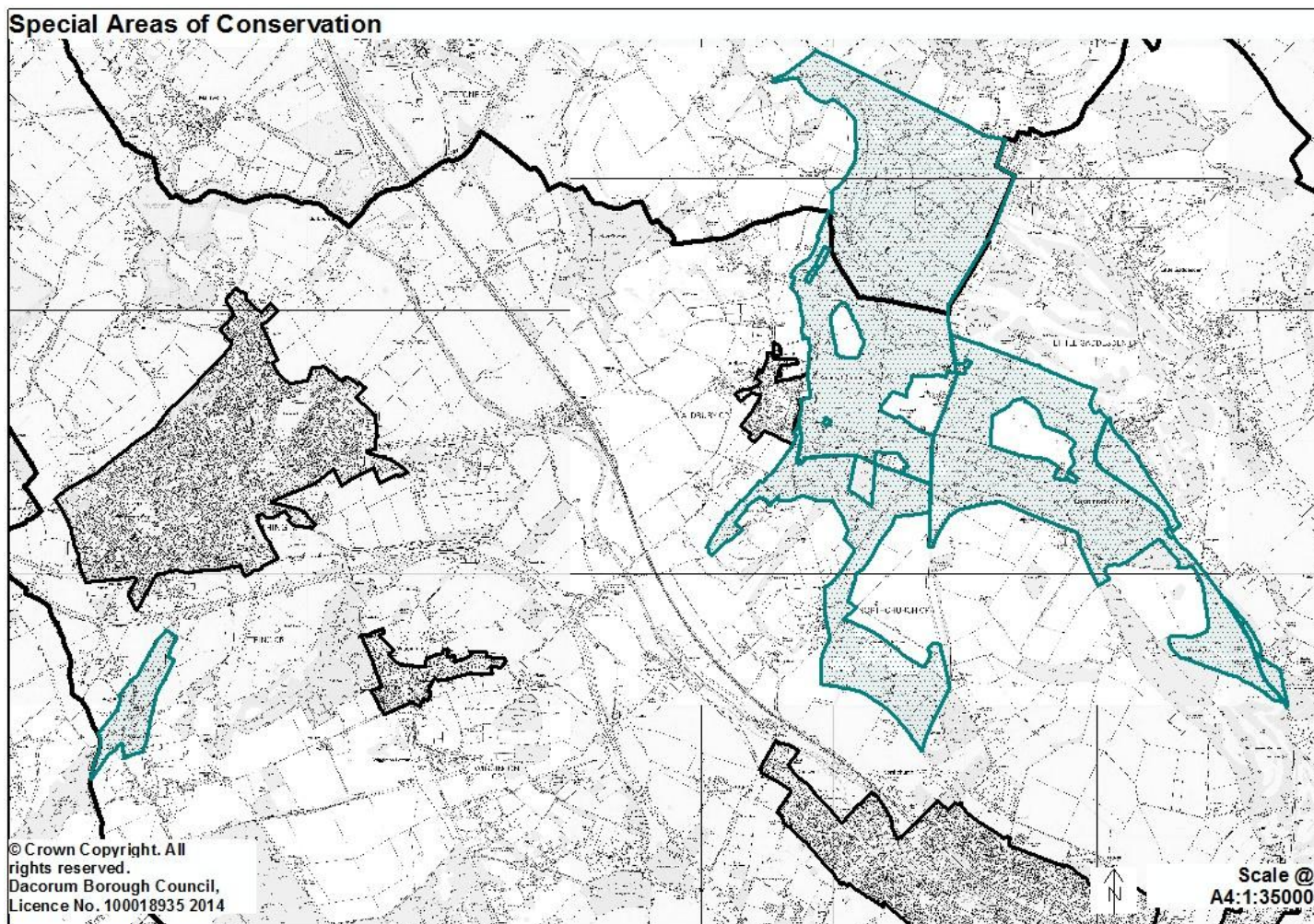
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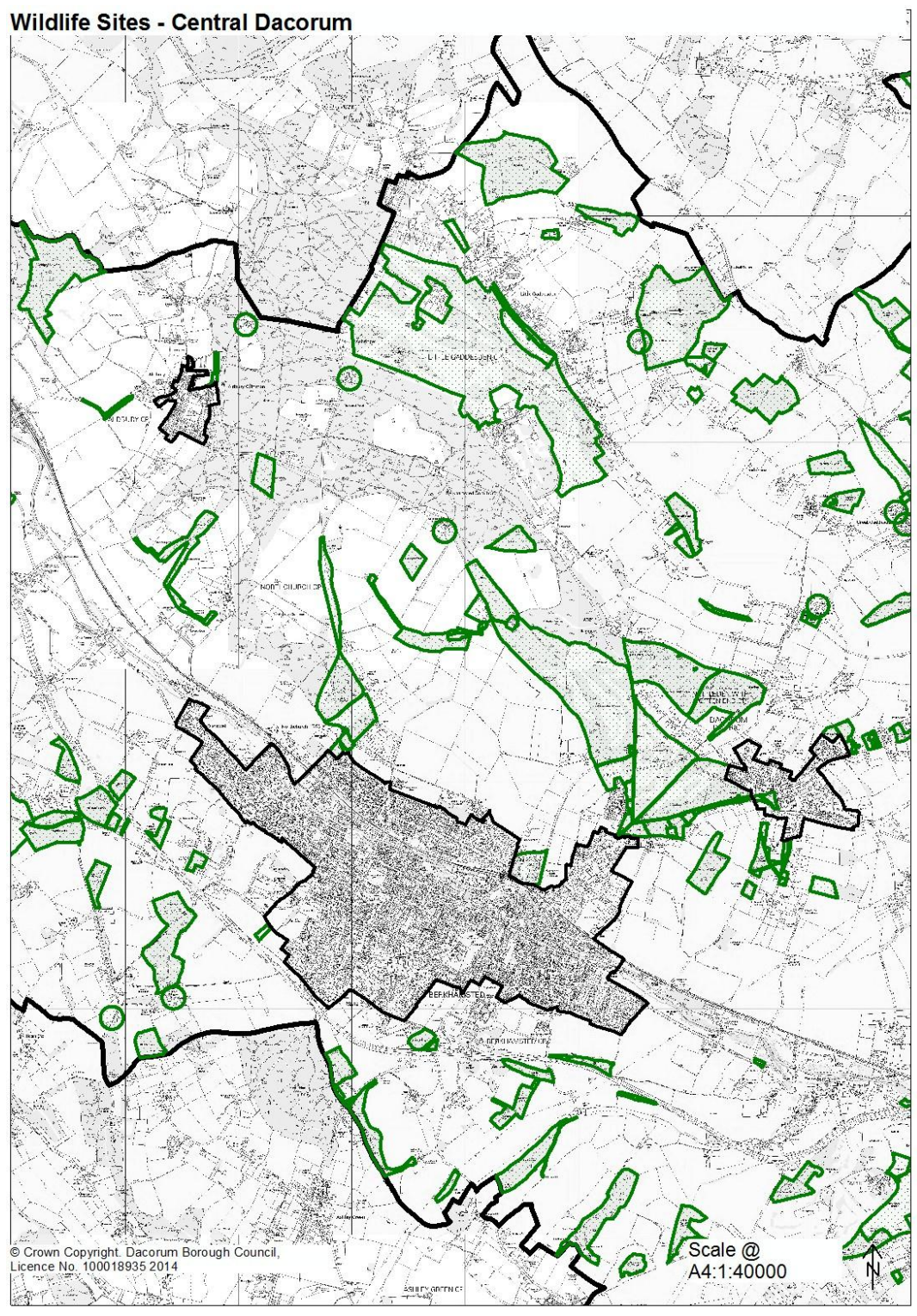
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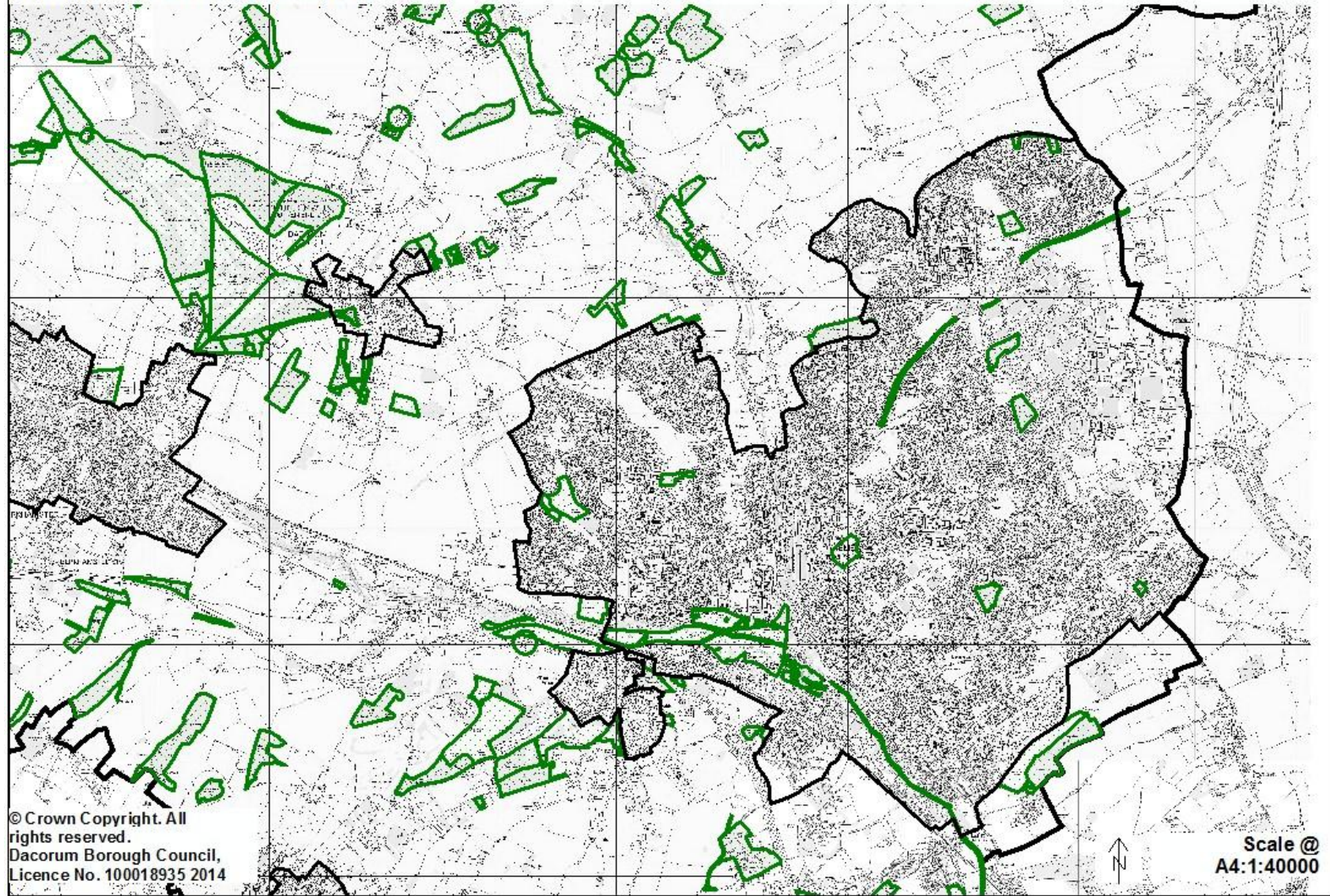
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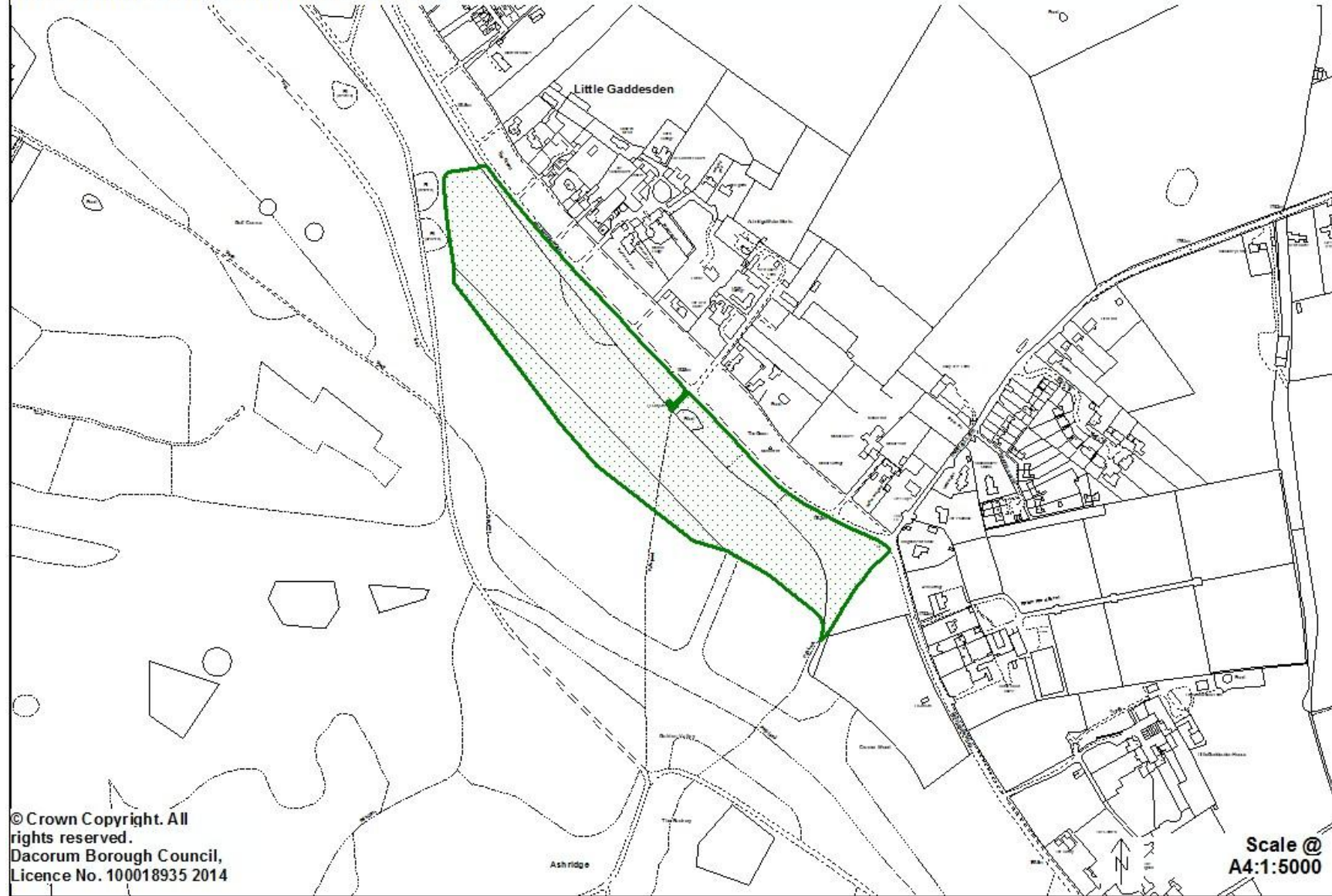
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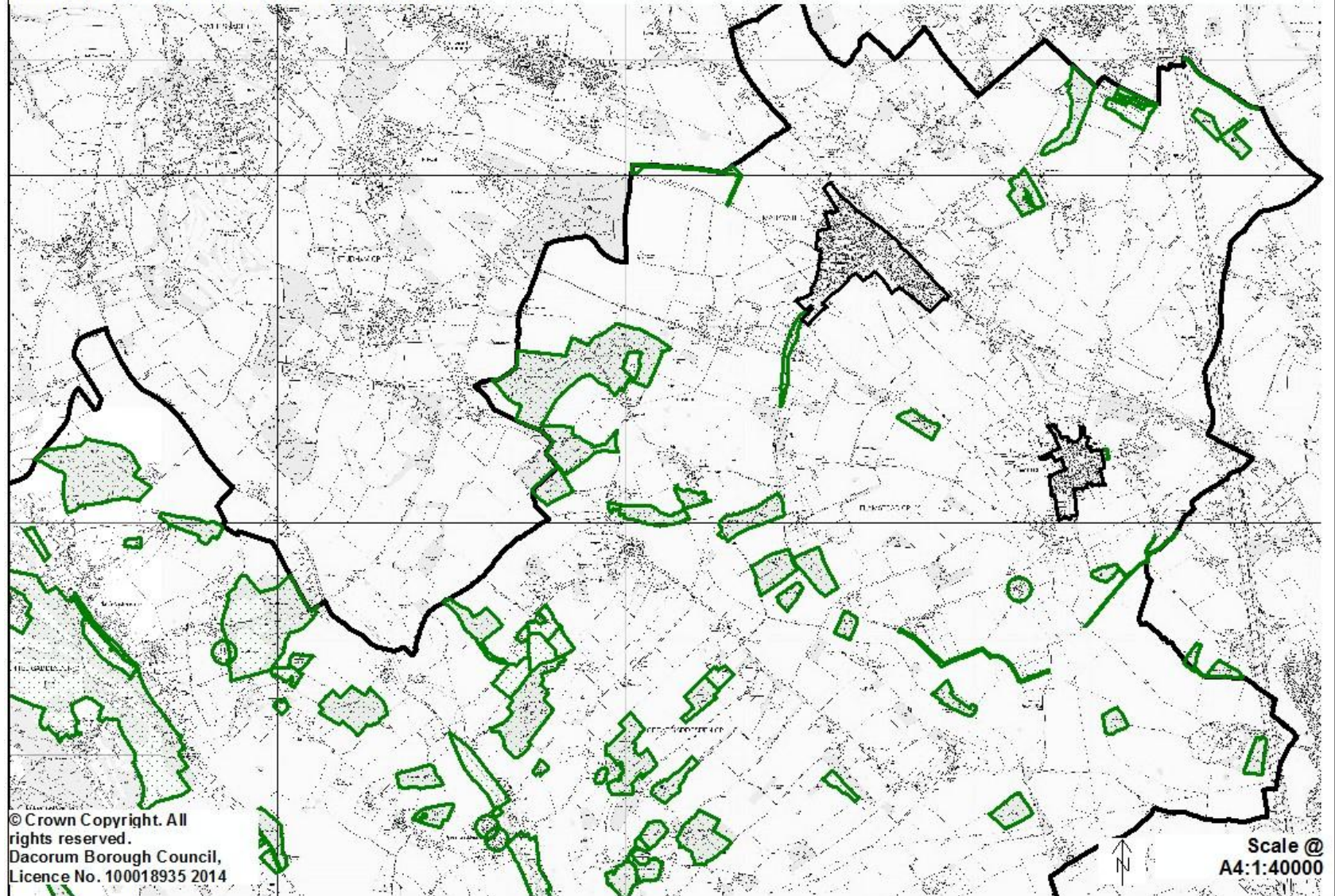
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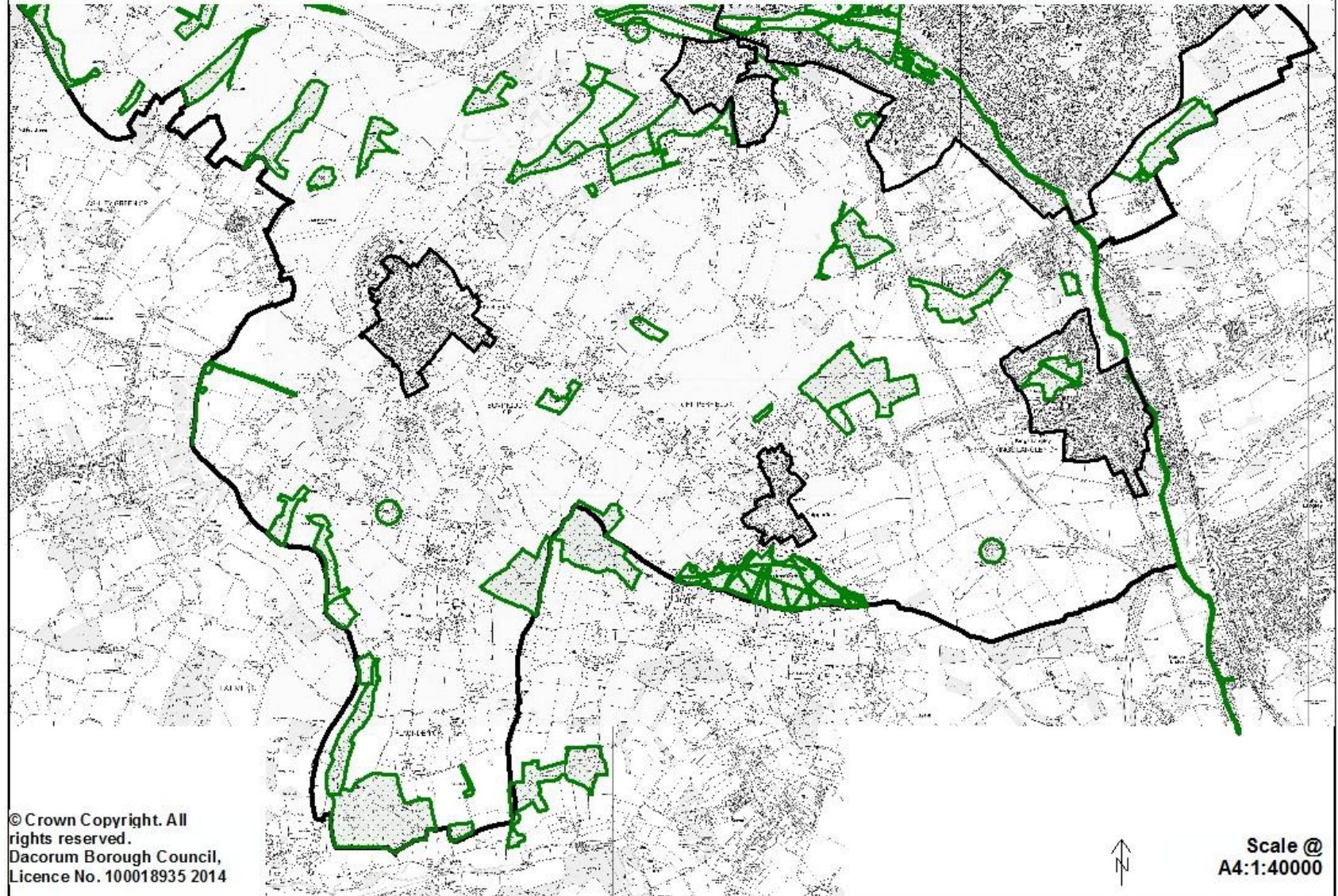
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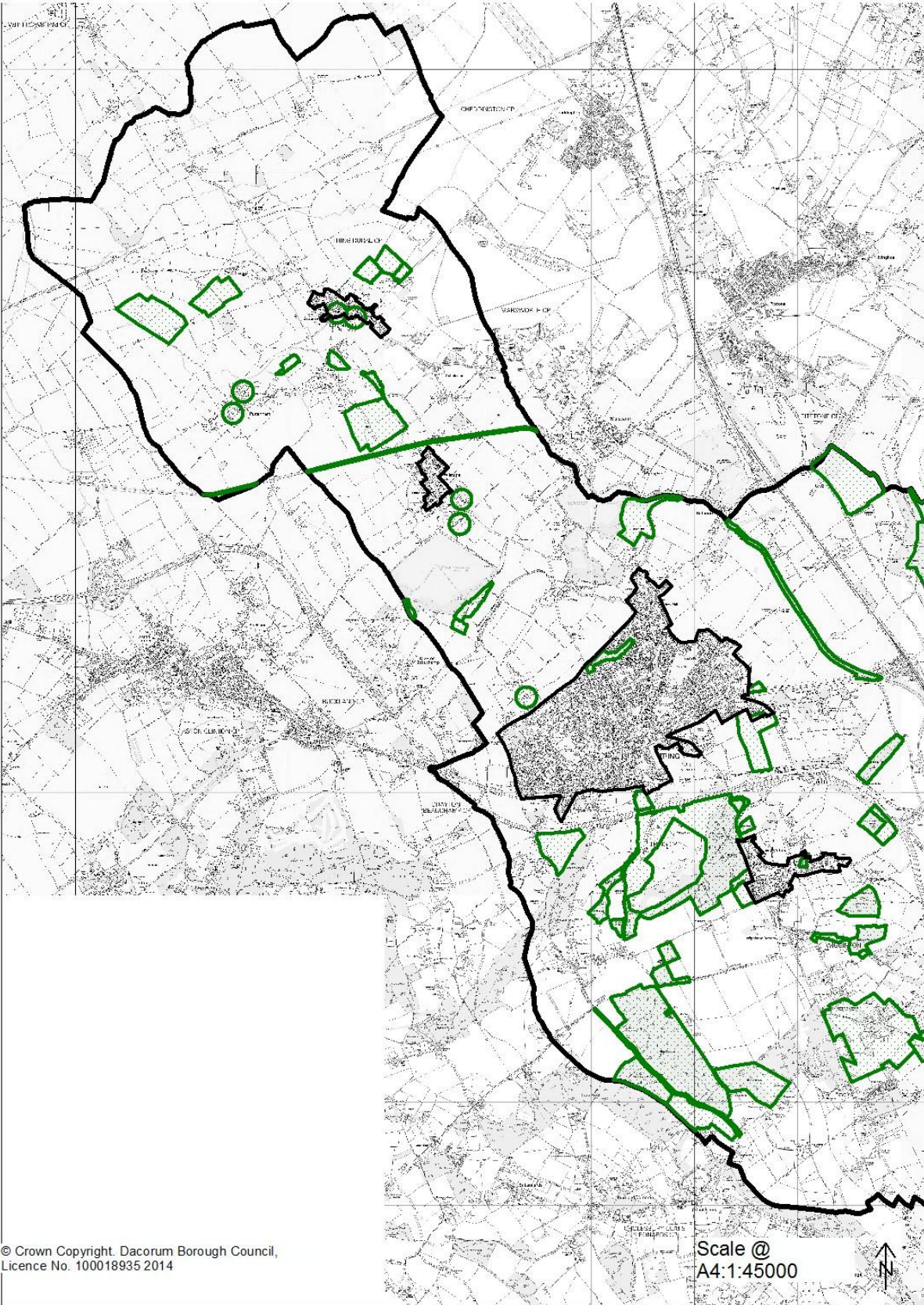


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Wildlife Sites - West Dacorum



Appendix 3

Schedule of Ancient Woodlands within Dacorum

NAME	TYPE	SITE ID	X_COORD	Y_COORD
ABELS GROVE	Ancient Replanted Woodland	245830	505392	213346
BIRCHLEY WOOD	Ancient Replanted Woodland	245825	503985	210914
BREACH WOOD	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	245309	502765	213129
BROWNLEYS	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	245348	507439	216824
BULLS WOOD	Ancient Replanted Woodland	1108311	493322	210442
BURY WOOD	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	245161	503179	204814
BURY WOOD	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	245295	509422	211904
COKERS SPRING	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	1108308	499526	206249
COLESHILL WOOD	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	245173	500902	205070
CROMER WOOD	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	1115758	500110	211941
CROMER WOOD	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	245301	500110	211941
DEAN WOOD	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	245321	504229	214061
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GREAT WOOD	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	245179	500382	205412
GREAT/PHASELS WOODS	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	245146	505027	204269
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HARRIETSEND SPRING	Ancient & Semi-Natural	1108306	498845	205409

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HAY WOOD	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	245284	507350	211568
HEIZDINS WOOD	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	245256	503137	209900
HIGH SPRING	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	1108310	492248	209732
HIGH SPRING	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	1108310	492062	209845
HIGH SPRING	Ancient Replanted Woodland	1108310	492372	209704
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HOO WOOD	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	1497283	499243	214358
HOO WOOD	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	245303	503231	212653
HOO WOOD	Ancient Replanted Woodland	245829	503058	212120
HOWE GROVE	Ancient & Semi-Natural Woodland	245233	505987	208710
LAMBS SPRING	Ancient Replanted Woodland	245841	503366	214293
LAMBS SPRING	Ancient Replanted Woodland	245848	503211	215208
LITTLE FRITHSDEN COPSE	Ancient Replanted Woodland	245819	501364	209742
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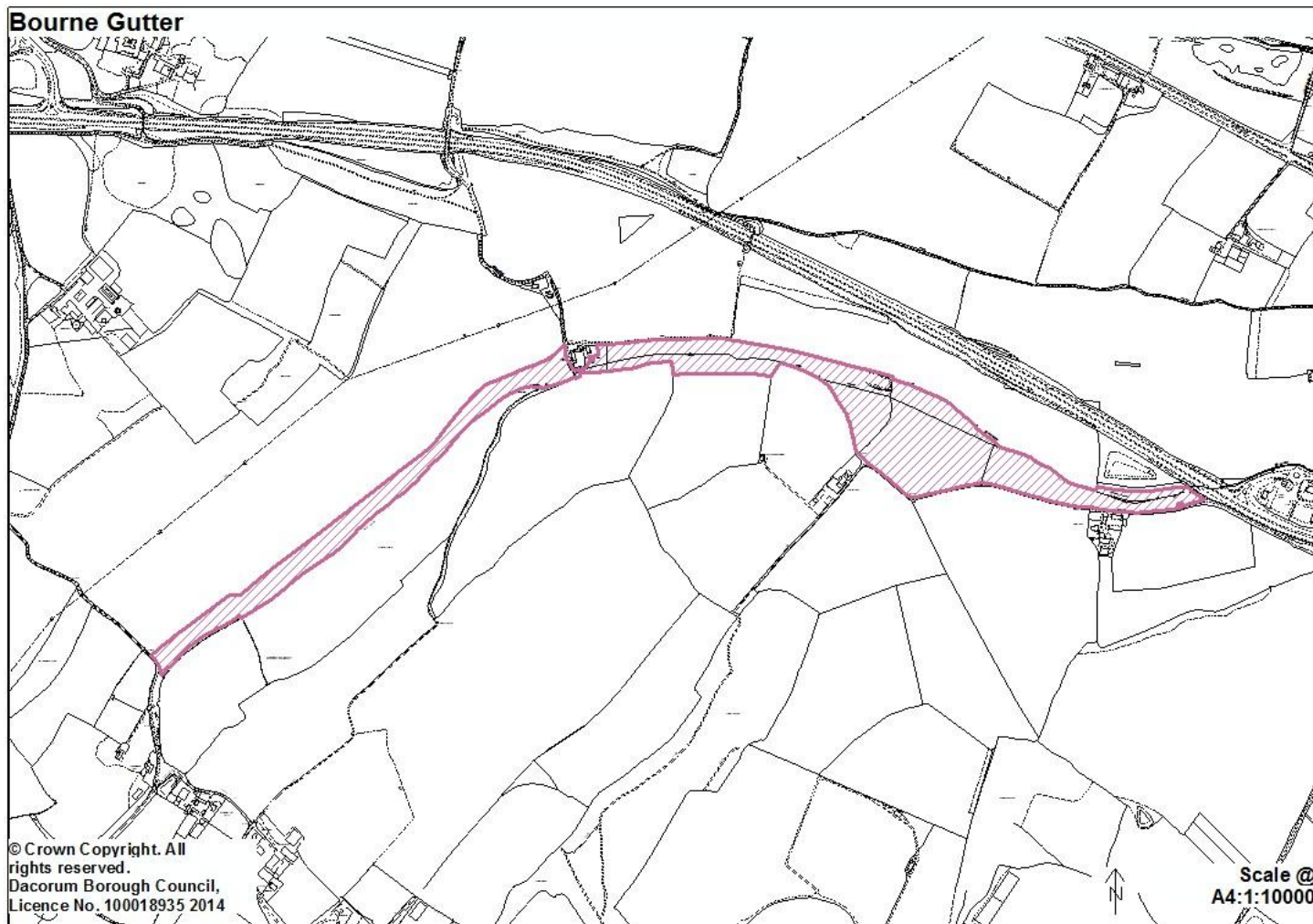
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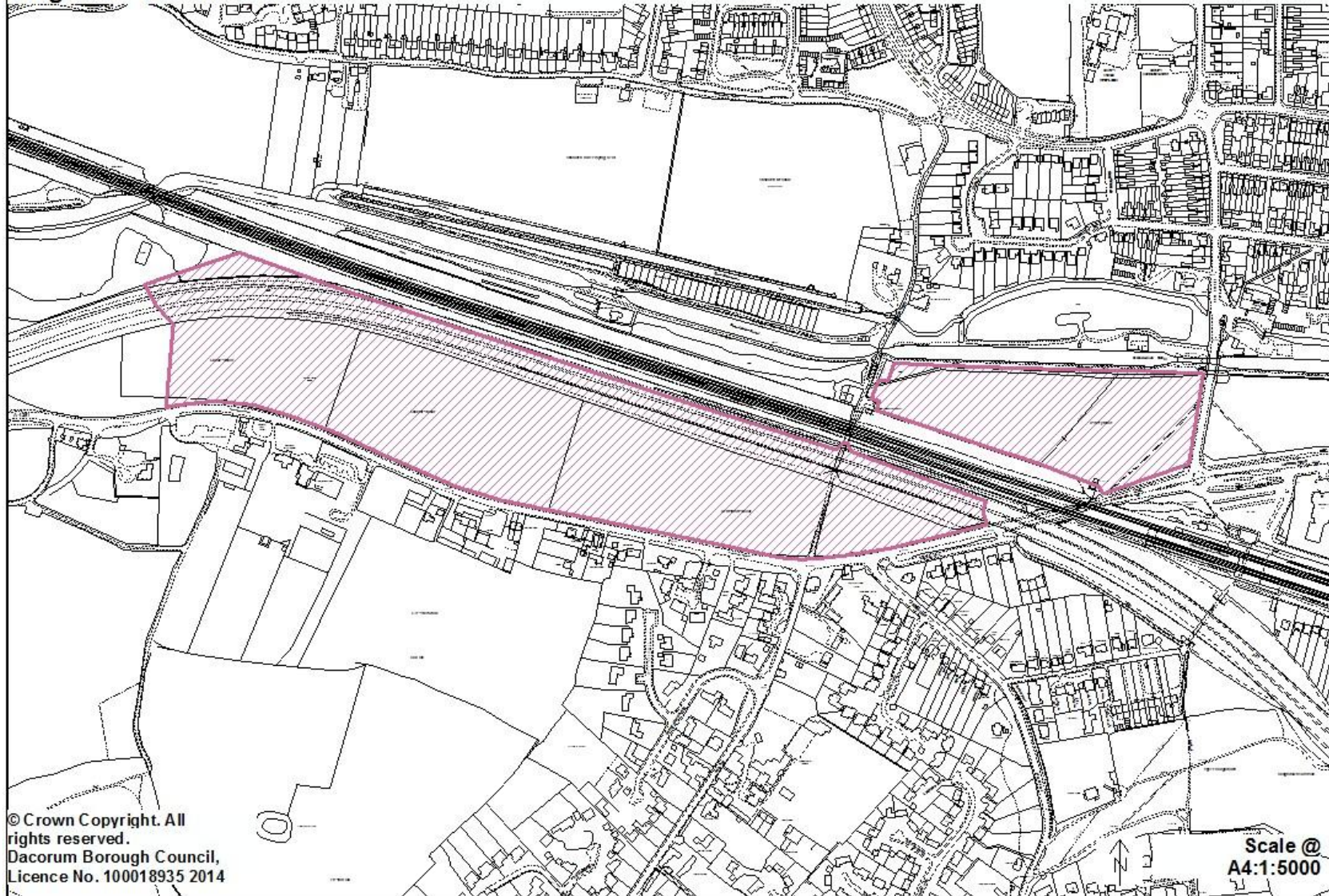
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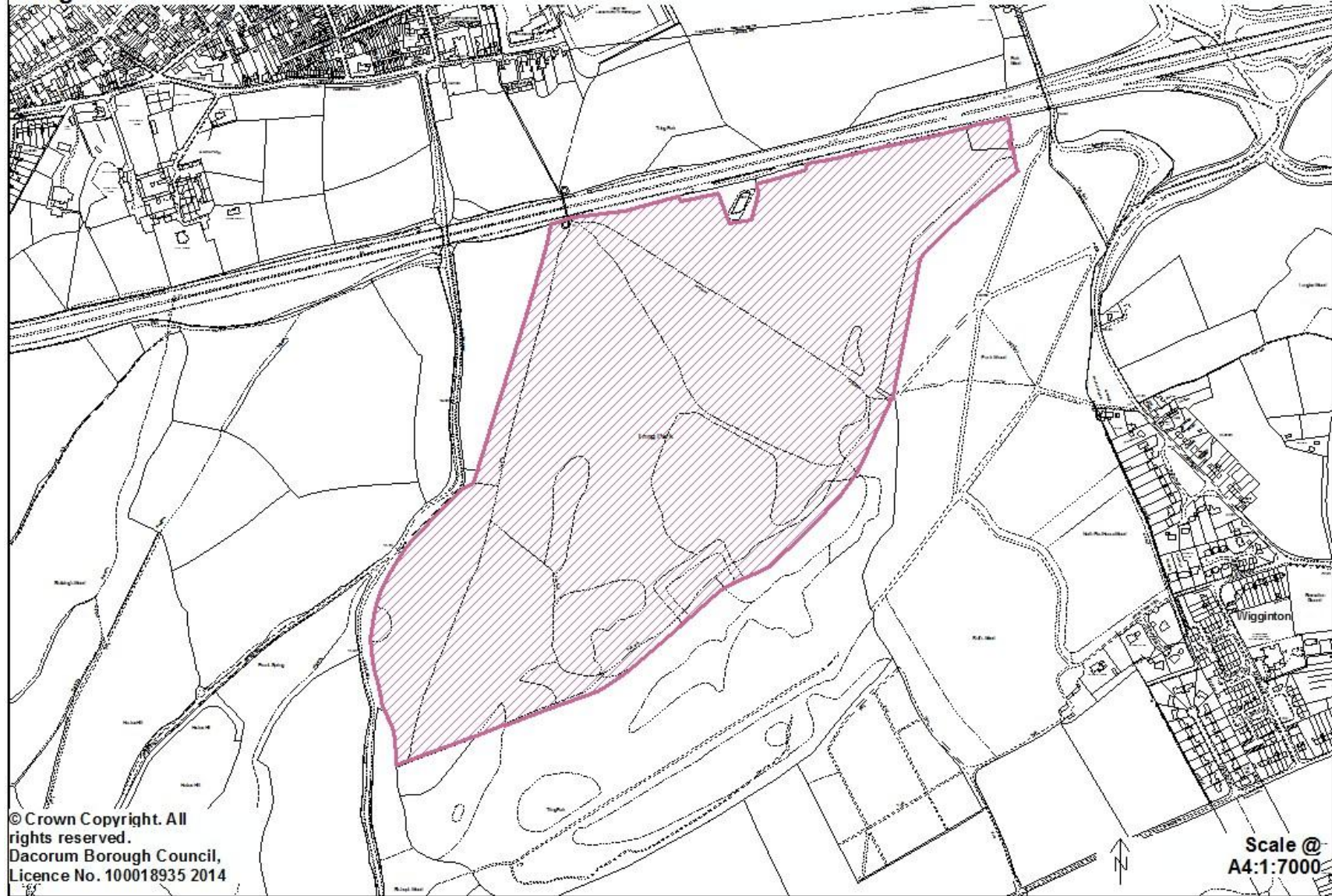
Pingoes on Boxmoor



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Tring Park



Map showing Updates and Amendments to Areas of Archaeological Significance

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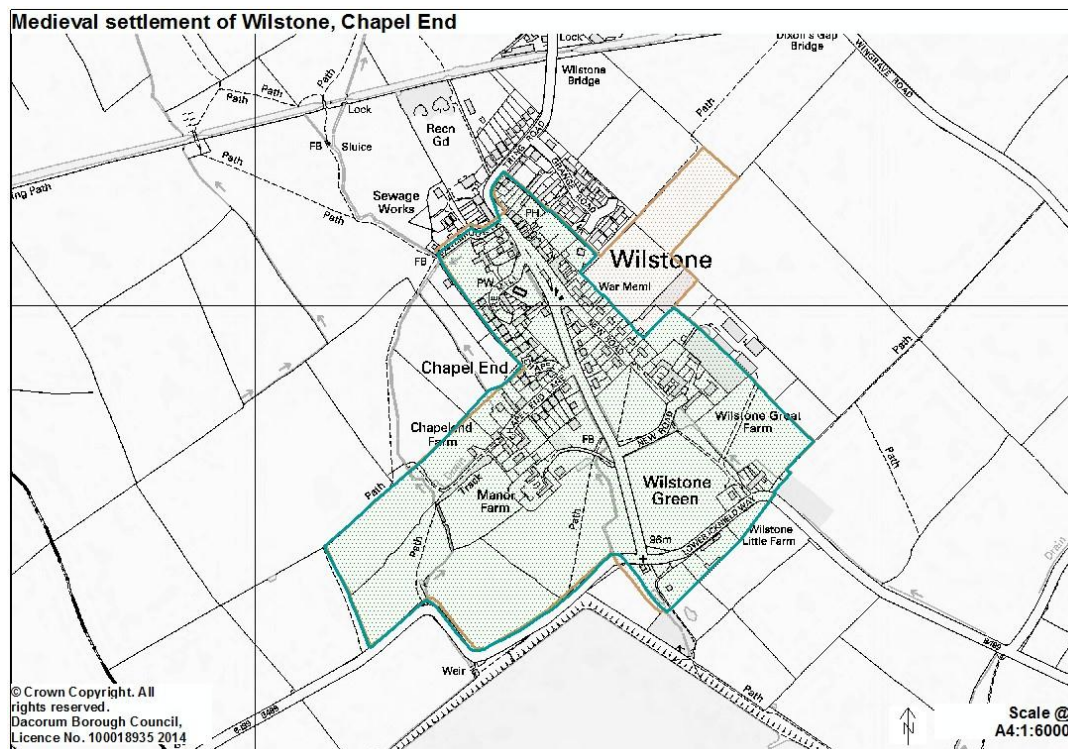
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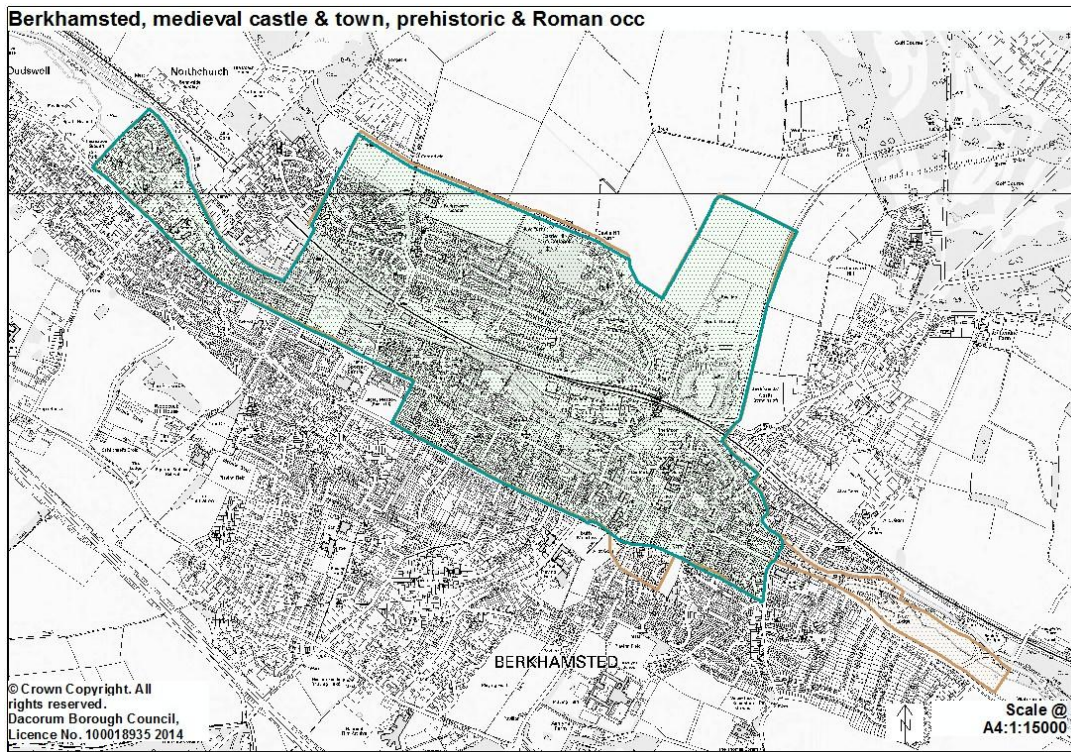
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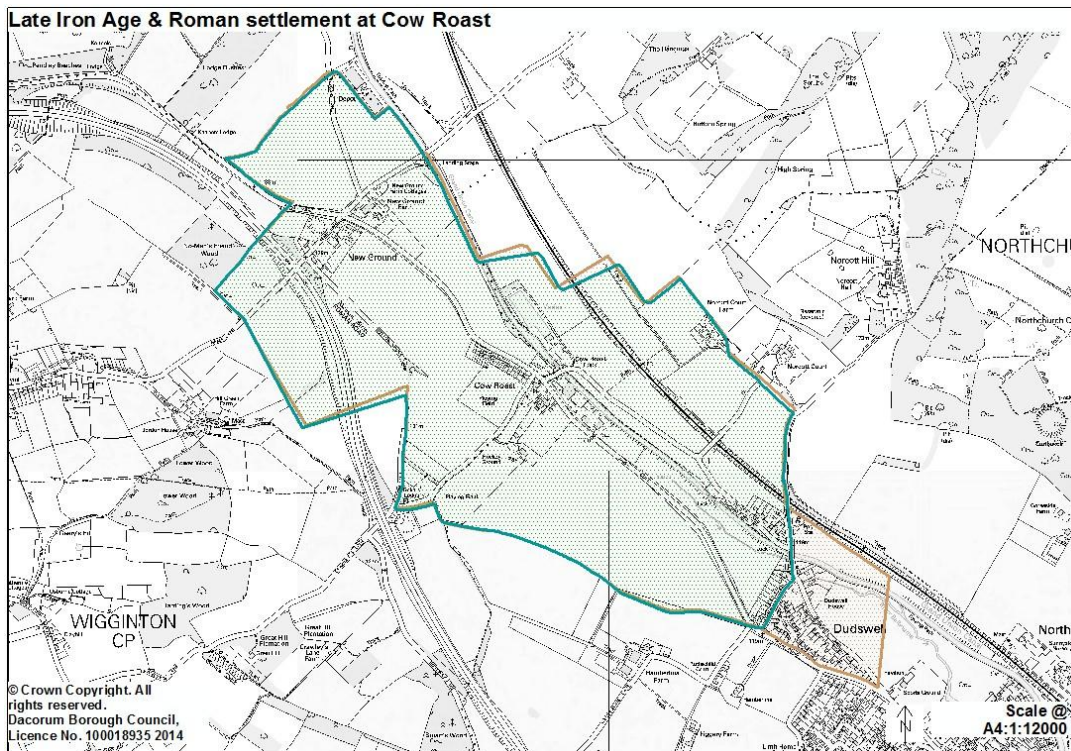
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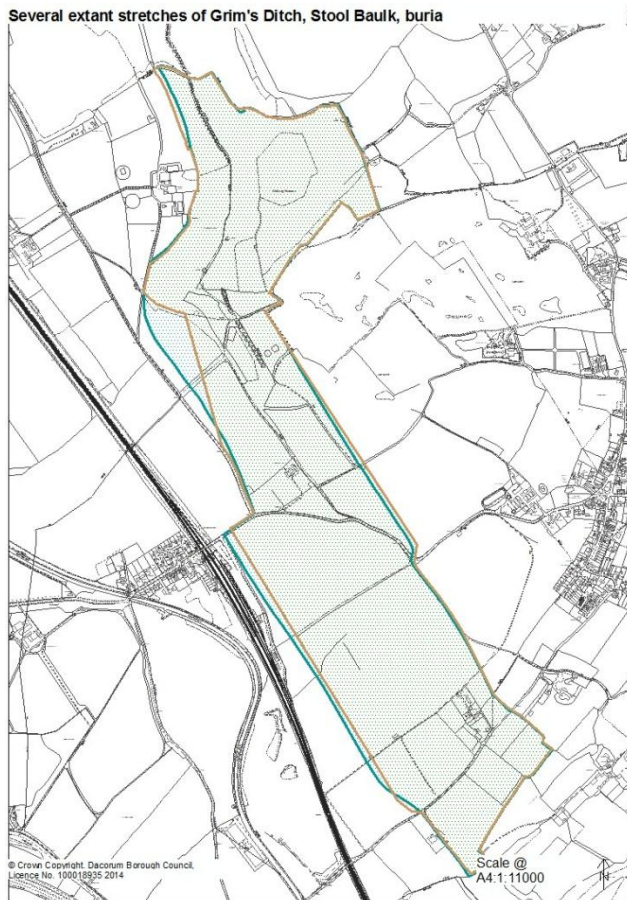
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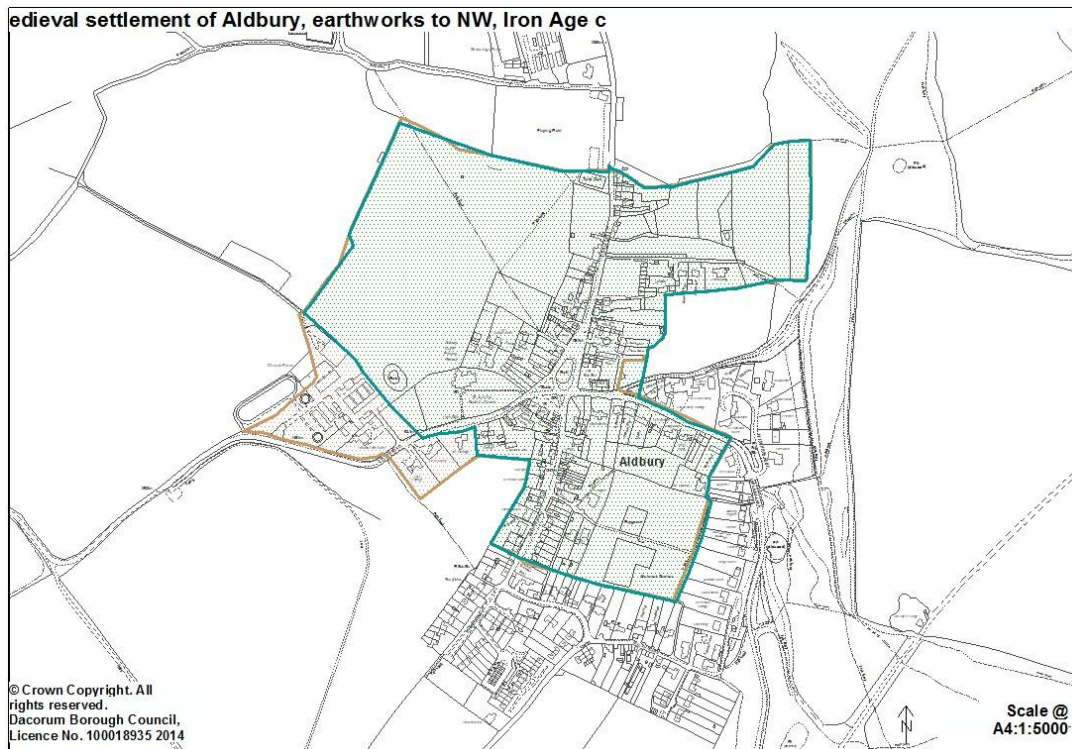
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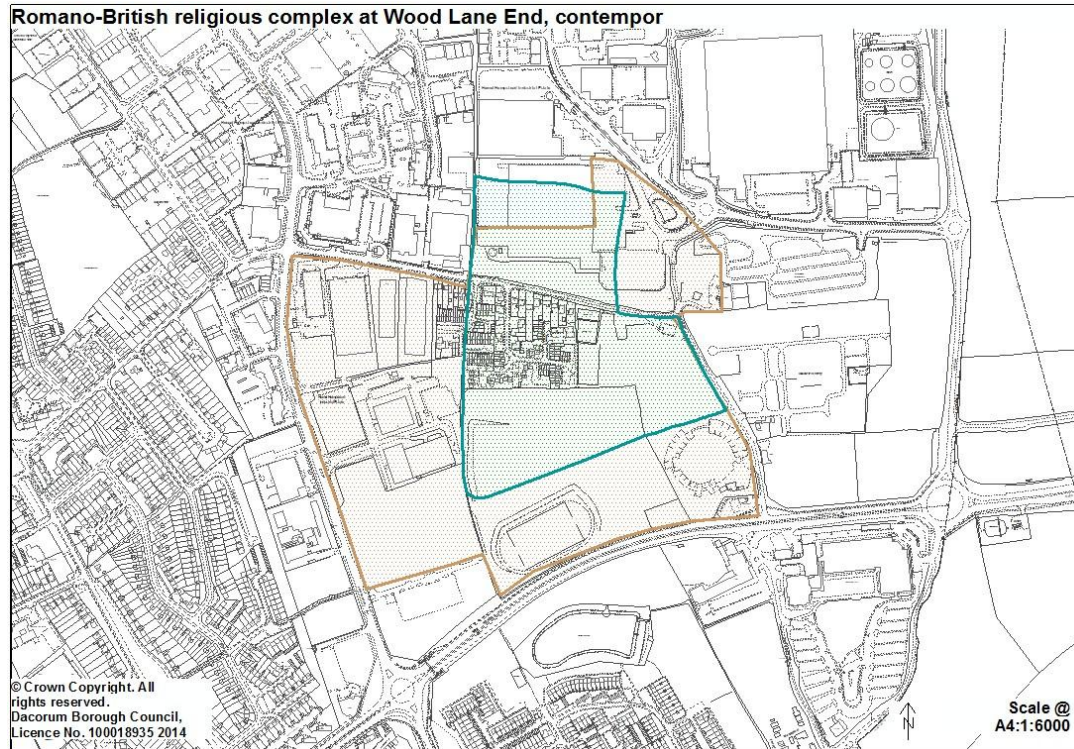


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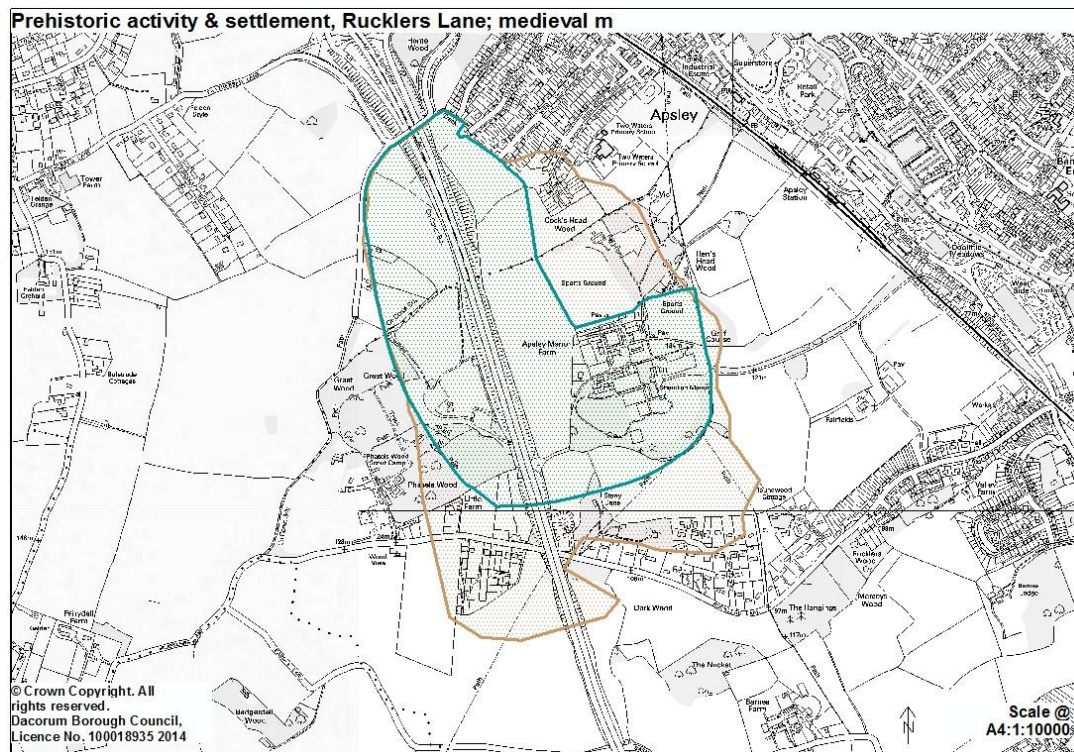
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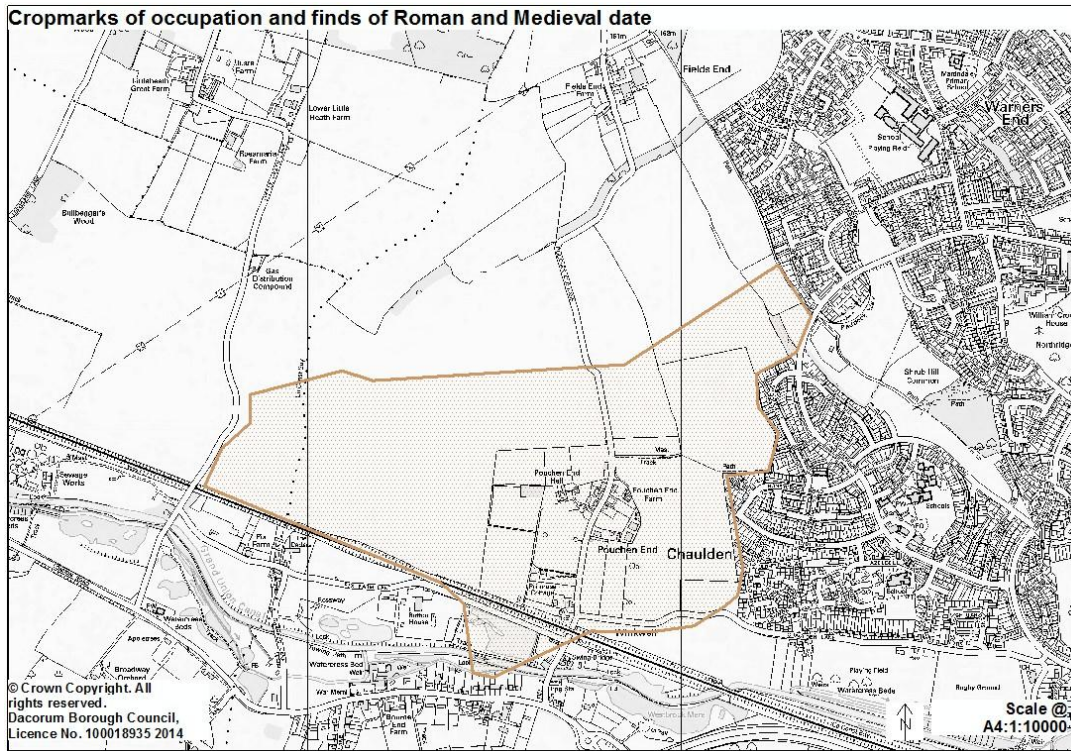
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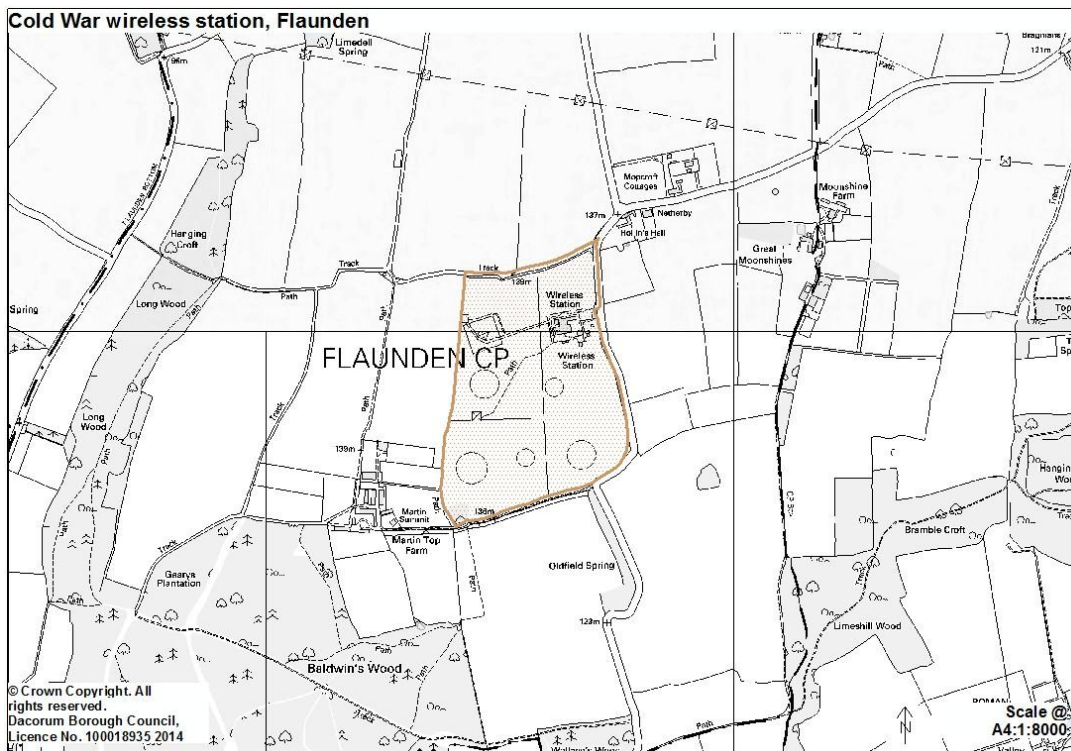


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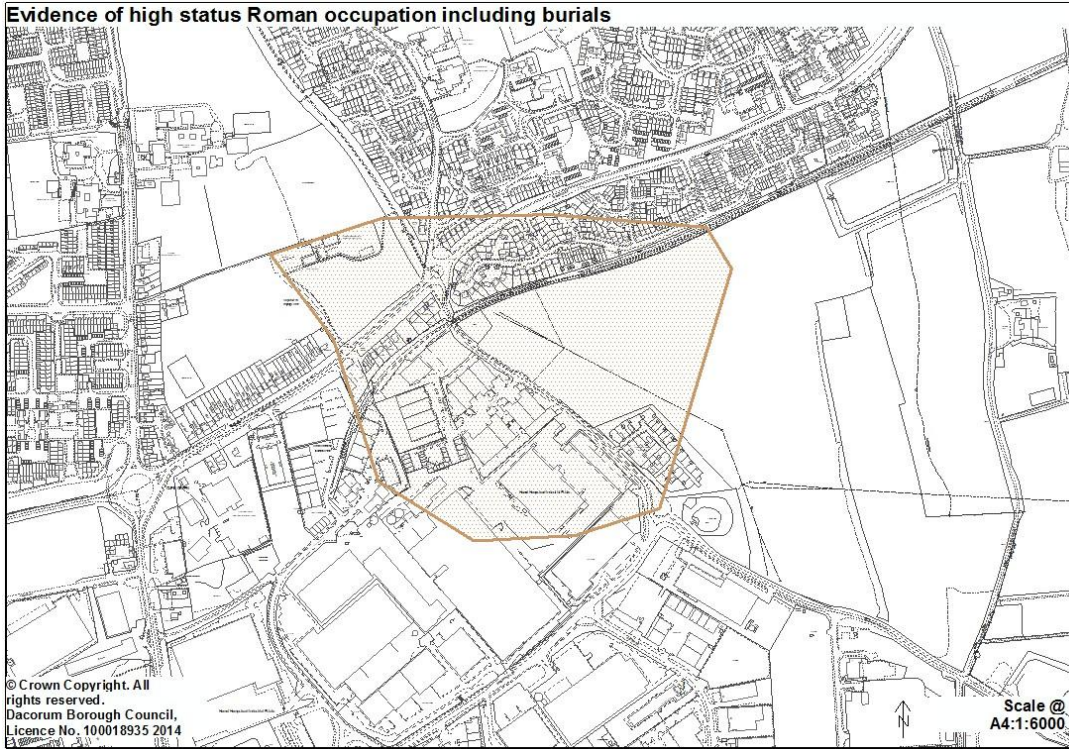


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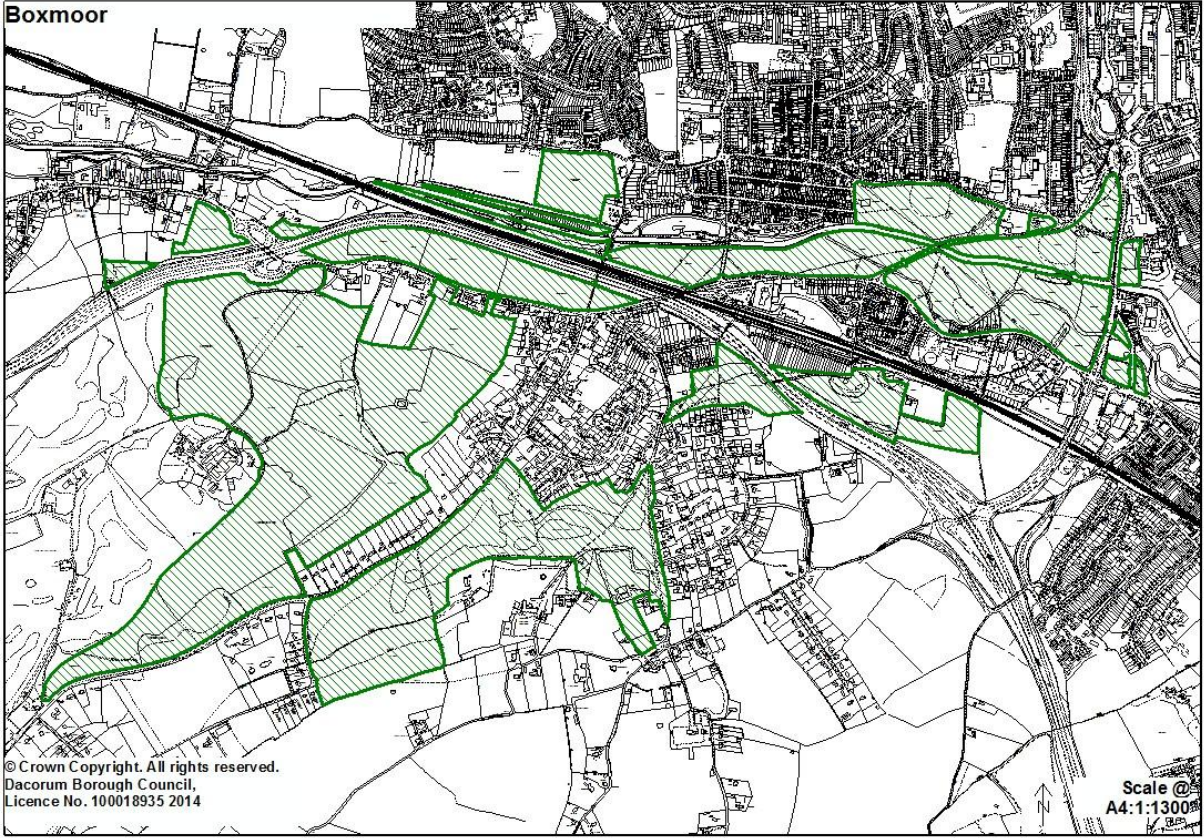


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Appendix 6

Assessment of Potential Non-Registered Parks and Gardens of Historic Interest

Site No.1 Boxmoor	
Location Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead	
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Existing designations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RIGS (Moor End Farm Meadows)• Town• Open Land• Heathrow Wind Turbine Safeguarding Zone• Flood Zone 2 & 3• Area of Special Control of Adverts• Area of Archaeological Significance• Agricultural Land Classification – Grade 3 and Urban• Residential Area within a Town or Large Village• Listed Buildings• Green Belt• HSE Consultation Zone – Hazardous Substances• Main out of centre retail location

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSSI and/or Nature Reserve
Assessment against criteria	Site not considered to merit designation based on consideration of English Heritage guidance, advice and knowledge of Historic Gardens Trust and/or is considered by Officers to be sufficiently protected from inappropriate development by existing policies.

**HERTFORDSHIRE GARDENS
TRUST LOCAL LIST: DACORUM**

Present Name of Site
BOXMOOR

Historic Name

Parish/Town: **Hemel Hempstead and Bovingdon**

National Grid Reference of Principal Building: TL045 161

Present Area (approximate) 460 Acres

Brief Description

The Boxmoor Trust started in 26 April 1594 with the conveyance of meadow land in the Bulbourne Valley to 67 feoffees to hold in trust for the inhabitants of Bovingdon and Boxmoor. This safeguarded the grazing rights of the inhabitants on land which had been part of the College of the Bonhommes at Ashridge until c.1539. The Boxmoor Act of 1809 set up the modern Trust with 12 active trustees to manage the land for grazing and, increasingly, public amenity. A major concern now is the maintenance of the natural habitats found in the Bulbourne Valley in which most of the moors lie.

Land holdings have fluctuated over the years with 25 acres of common ground being purchased by the Grand Junction Canal Company in 1794 which crossed the land. Land was also purchased by the railway in the 19th century which also crosses the land. Further land was lost to the New Town and the Water Gardens (q.v.) and Kodak were built on Trust meadows in the 20th century. In recent years the Trust has increased its holdings by the lease, then freehold purchase (in 2003) of 400 acres of the Westbrook Hay estate (q.v.) and by the purchase of 45 acres of the old Bovingdon Brickfields in 2000.

The land is managed as a public amenity and for grazing rare breeds such as the Norfolk Horn sheep and Belted Galloway cattle. Sports such as Boxmoor and Hemel Hempstead Cricket Clubs, the Rugby Club and the Golf Club have grounds on Trust lands.

The Trust owns cottages and other properties in Hemel Hempstead, Boxmoor and Bovingdon, some of which have metal Grazing Rights Plaques still attached to them. These Grazing Plaques were put up as a result of the 1809 Act and were affixed to the houses in 1834.

Trees: Historically the Bat Willow (*Salix Caerulea* (female)) has proved an important element in the landscape as it was grown commercially for the production of cricket bats. English Willow being particularly suited to cricket bats over 300,000 bats were made until the onset of disease and the losses caused by the Great Storm of 1987. On Boxmoor willow sets were planted near the Plough Inn at Moor End in 1928 and by 1931 there were 300 trees next to the watercress beds at Two Waters. There are still a number of willows both on the moors and on the banks of

the canal.

Avenues: These are the main design element on Boxmoor and several have been planted **Coronation Avenue.** 40 Horse Chestnuts (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) were set from Picton's Bridge to the Three Blackbirds for the 1937 coronation of George VI.

Avenue for Queen Mother. 80 red and white chestnuts were placed alongside the old A41 leading to Bourne End to mark the 80th birthday of the Queen Mother in 1980.

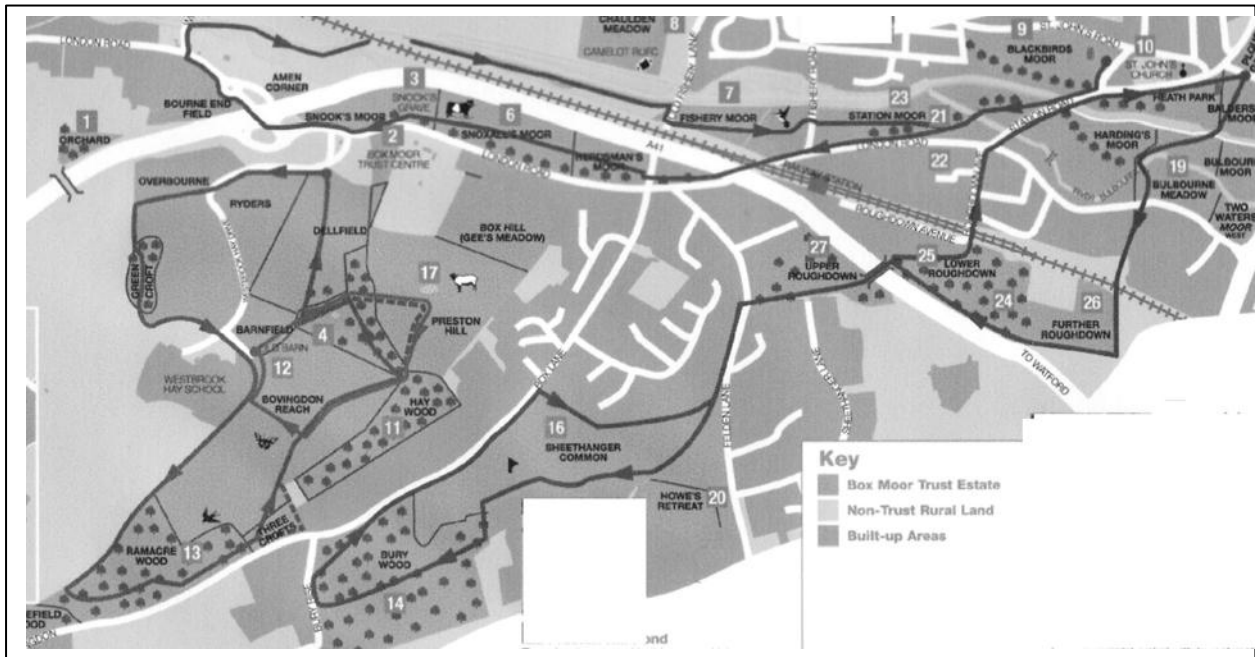
An existing copse of mixed varieties adjoining Station Road was dedicated on the occasion of Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee in 1977.

Orchard: An orchard has been set up on land at Westbrook Hay for old species such as Lane's Prince Albert and Oakland Seedling apples which were raised at John Lane's Potten End Nurseries in the 19th century.

Important people associated with site:
Assessment of significance. A historic open space with the chestnut avenues giving a semi- formal entrance to Hemel Hempstead along the Bulbourne Corridor from Berkhamsted and Kings Langley. Together with Gadebridge Park (q.v.) this open area defines and provides a semi-rural setting for the new town of Hemel Hempstead and a transitional area from urban to countryside. Principal Uses: Open access, sports, grazing.
Public Access/Rights of Way: A network of footpaths and bridleways, provided by the Trust cross the moors, which are open land.
Designations:
Grazing Rights Plaques: Grade II and II* in Bovington
Lampost and Pump at Boxmoor Hall: Grade II
Registered Common Land (Boxmoor and Dew Green Commons)
Landscape Character Area: 118 Lower Bulbourne Valley
Sources of information: Hands, R&J (1994) <i>The Book of Boxmoor</i> , Baron. Hands, J&R (2004) <i>Royalty to Commons: 400 Years of the Boxmoor Trust</i>

Site visited by: Hertfordshire Gardens Trust **Date:** 2009

Boxmoor Trust Estate Plan



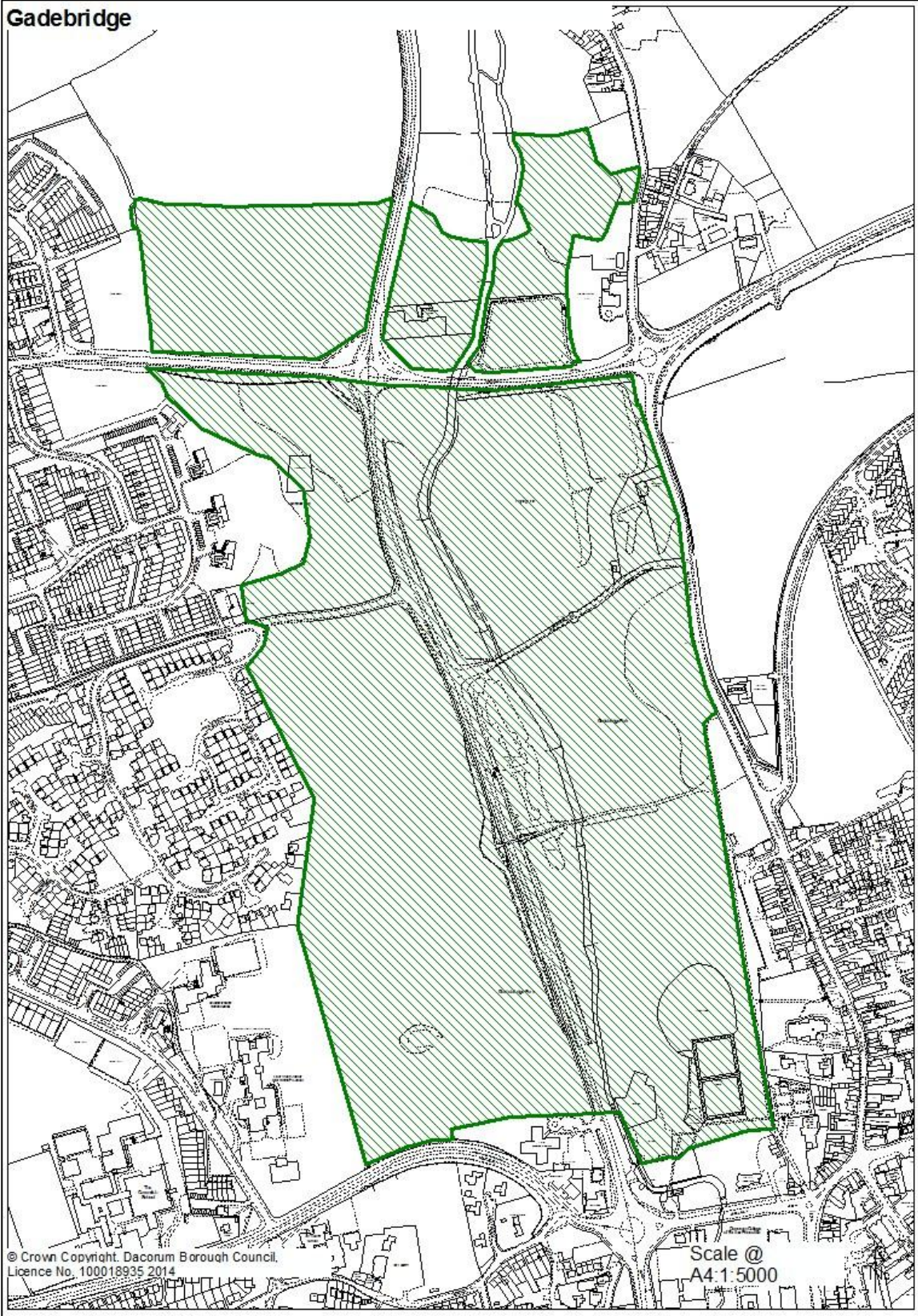


Ordnance Survey, First Edition, 1897 Sheet XXXIII Scale: 6" to 1 mile

Site No.2 Gadebridge Park

Location

Gadebridge Park, Hemel Hempstead



Existing designations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Belt • Scheduled Ancient Monument (Gadebridge Roman Villa) • Area of Special Control of Adverts • Area of Archaeological Significance • Agricultural Land Classification – Grade 3 and Urban • Flood Zone 2 & 3 • Conservation Area • Listed Buildings
Assessment against criteria	Site not considered to merit designation based on consideration of English Heritage guidance, advise and knowledge of Historic Gardens Trust and/or is considered by Officers to be sufficiently protected from inappropriate development by existing policies.

**HERTFORDSHIRE GARDENS
TRUST LOCAL LIST: DACORUM**

Present Name of Site
GADEBRIDGE PARK

Historic Name (if known)
Gadebridge

Parish/Town
Hemel Hempstead

National Grid Reference of Principal Building: TL049 081

Present Area (approximate) 32 hectares

Brief Description

Originally a farmhouse this was rebuilt at the turn of the 17th century by the Combe family who also owned The Bury, just south of St Mary's Church. The house was owned by Dr Richard Hale who bought up several more farms and devised the estate upon his nephew Thomas Tower in 1729. During the 18th and early 19th centuries it remained part of the Gadebridge Estate owned by the Tower family of Weald Hall who had links with Ashridge and Wormleybury. The Estate also included Shantocks Farm (q.v.), Gaddesden Hall (q.v.) the paper mills leased to Fourdrinier and an interest in The Bury at the southern end of the estate. It was sold off piecemeal between 1820 and 1840. It was later owned by Astley Paston Cooper, a surgeon at Guy's Hospital, royal surgeon to William IV, George IV and Queen Victoria, and a founder of West Herts Infirmary at Piccotts End in 1826. A later Sir Astley, first mayor of the Borough in 1898, owned c. 1000 acres in Hemel Hempstead. In 1914 the house was sold and became a Preparatory School (later Westbrook Hay, q.v.) before being taken over by the Commission for New Towns and demolished. The parkland of 43 acres was purchased by the Hemel Hempstead Borough Council in 1952.

Principal Building: Demolished. This was situated on an eminence to the west of the Gade looking down to the river. The original house was built in the 1690s. In 1774 it was described as a genteel house with 2 parlours and 5 bedchambers. By the 19th century it had been much extended to an 11-bay, 2-storey house with central pediment and port cochere on the south side. It was clothed in creeper to the level of the first floor and stuccoed above. The house was demolished to build the Marketing Education Centre for Kodak in 1973. This has been

demolished in its turn.

Approaches: The road was across the river by a Ford and footbridge with a curving drive heading uphill towards the walled garden and farm. The ford was guarded by The Round Cottage, which was also known as the Threepenny bit house. This was also demolished when the New Town came into being.

The main approach to the house was from the Old Town High Street north of the settlement at the Lodge. This **Lodge** was set back from the road and the drive flanked with low walls topped with stone and metal railings with the gatepiers surmounted by circular finials. The drive headed west to the river, crossing it via the 'Chinese bridge' (still extant) then turned north, then curved west to the front of the mansion. This bridge, also called the White Bridge, replaced a ford in 1840 when Astley Cooper commissioned a local iron founder, Joseph Cranstone, to build the bridge in a mock bamboo Chinese style. The Lodge in Piccotts End Road has been demolished and was opposite the original site of the drinking fountain/lamppost. The Lodge in Queensway remains.

Gadebridge Farm: was situated to the northeast of the house and was demolished along with the house and gardens by the Commission for New Towns

Pleasure grounds: Drury and Andrews, 1766, shows formal gardens laid to the west of the house, an orchard to the south and a small area of pasture or park. By 1877 there were informal walks round lawn to the west of the house with remnants of avenues reaching south and then east-west into the park

Walled Kitchen Garden: In 1774 these comprised 3 small gardens planted with good fruit. By 1877 the walled gardens were extensive and divided by cross-paths into 8 segments and situated just east of Gadebridge Farm. The eastern end contained glasshouses and frames and several of the paths were lined with fruit trees.

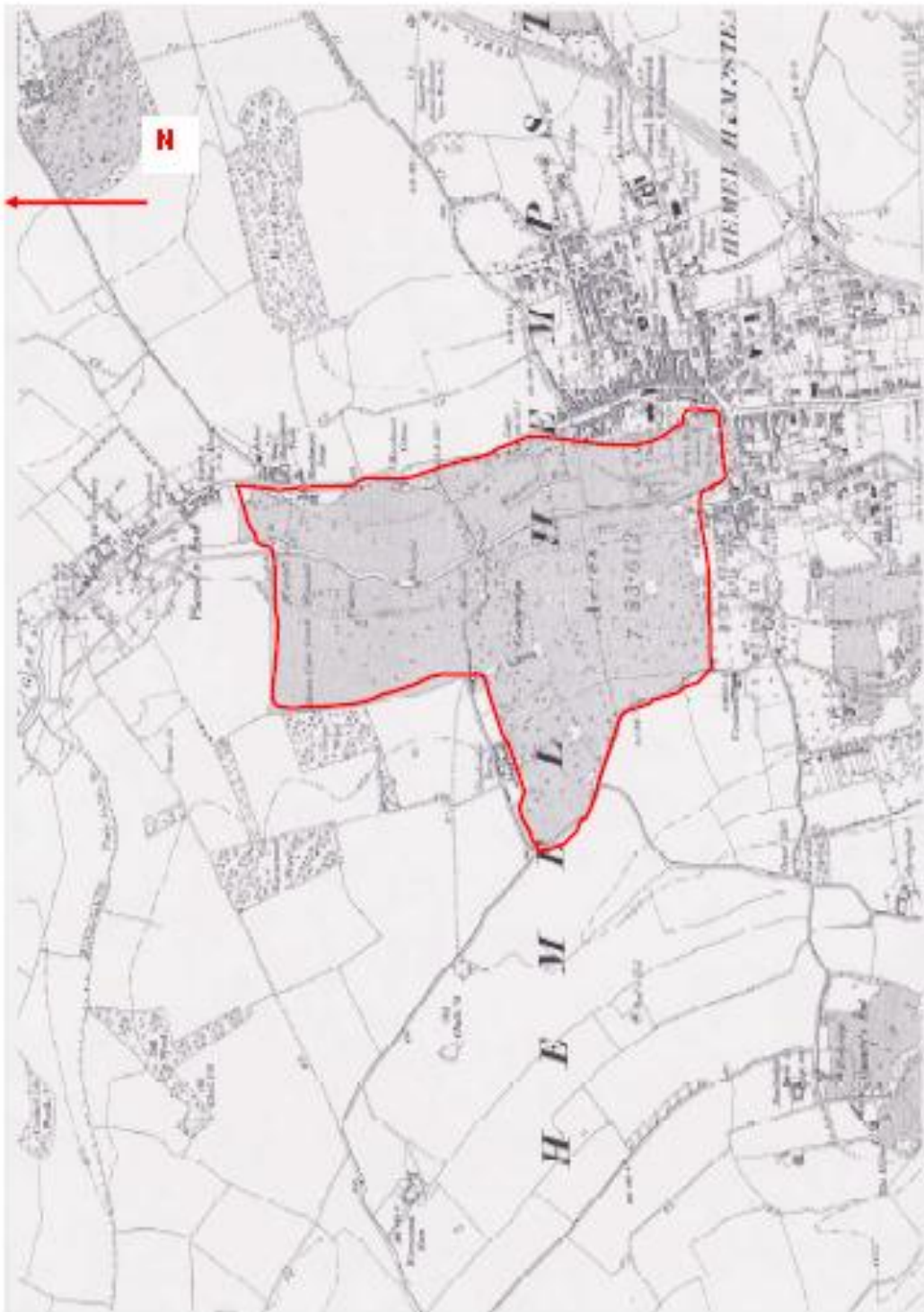
Park: In 1774 a spring and wood of about half an acre was laid out with walks, with further walks along the river and 2 small fishponds fed by the trout stream. In all the grounds to the house in 1774 were 8 acres. By 1899 the park extended both sides of the river which had a series of 4 ornamental waterfalls along it. It extended from Piccotts End in the North as far as Bury Mill End and comprised 7183 acres. The Park today extends from the site of The Bury north to Marchmonts and includes the walled garden of the Bury and children's play facilities. The original river course in the valley bottom was diverted to its current position many years ago and in 1987 re-profiled to create a low flow channel along the centre of the River, thus allowing vegetation to establish on either side to broaden habitat diversity and encourage more species. Pools were left below each weir to allow public access to the water's edge.

The southern end of the Park abuts Mr Ginger's Villa and water garden at The Bury which he occupied in c.1796.

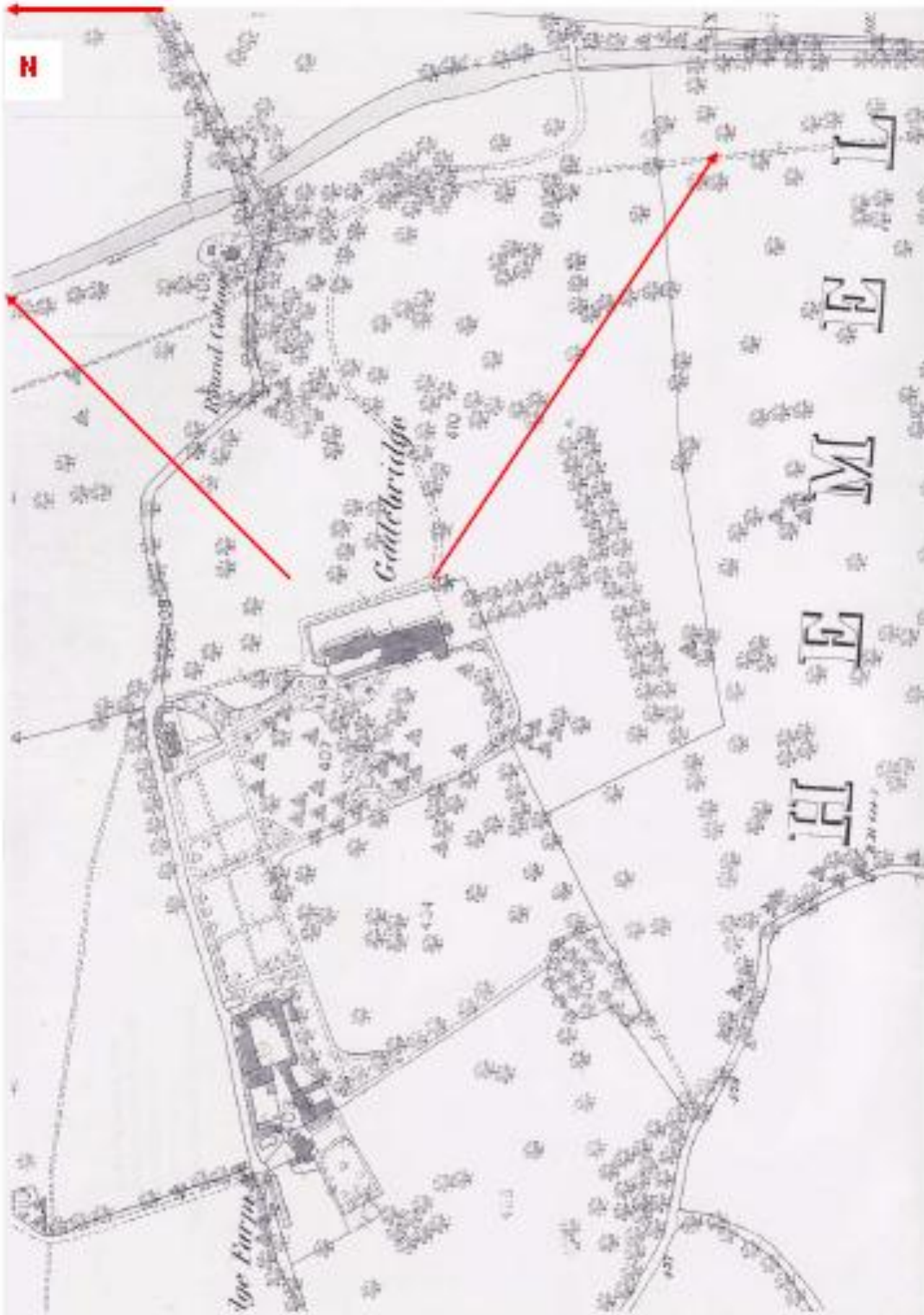
Important people associated with site:
Resident: Sir Astley Paston Cooper
Owners: Dr Richard Hale, Tower family of Weald Hall
Assessment of significance: Remnant of late 18 th and early 19 th century parkland with some features still extant
Principal Uses: Public Park
Public Access/Rights of Way: Open land
Designations: (e.g. Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Conservation Area, Listed Buildings, EH Register of Historic Parks & Gardens, Tree Preservation Orders, SSSIs, Nature Reserve, National Trust, County Wildlife Site, etc)
Scheduled Ancient Monument: Roman Villa in Home Wood, Gadebridge Park

Green Belt
Area of Archaeological Significance: Gadebridge Park
Landscape Character Area: 123 High Gade Valley
Sources of information: Elizabeth Buteux <i>From Private Estate to Public Park: the Paston Coopers and Gadebridge</i> , Hertfordshire's Past 49, OS Maps, Title Deeds of Gadebridge Estate (HALS DE/Nm)

Site visited by: Hertfordshire Gardens Trust **Date:** 2009



Ordnance Survey 2nd Edition 1899 Sheet XXXIII SE Scale 6":1 mile



Ordnance Survey 1* Edition 1877. Sheet XXXIII.7 Scale 25":1 mile



Gadebridge Park 'Chinese' Bridge looking West. September 2009
Eastern perimeter wall showing flint original and infill where drive and
entrance were sited. September 2009





Mr Ginger's Villa at The Bury 1796.

HERTFORDSHIRE GARDENS TRUST LOCAL
LIST: **DACORUM**

Present Name of Site
LOCKERS PARK SCHOOL

Historic Name
PART OF LOCKERS

Parish / Town: **Hemel Hempstead**

National Grid Reference of Principal Building: TL 050 075

Present Area 23acres

Brief Description

The school is situated on the western side of Hemel Hempstead. It sits within grounds which were once part of the parkland of nearby "Lockers" which is on Bury Hill. The land was purchased from the Collett family in the early 1870's by the founder of the school, Henry Montague Draper. He deliberately chose the site because it was approximately one third of the distance between London and Rugby School and close to the then Boxmoor Station. It is possibly one of the earliest purpose built preparatory schools in the country.

Principal Building: Henry Draper commissioned the architect Sidney Smith to design the school building. Built in 1874 of brick with red brick bands, it is of three storeys under a tiled roof with gables and a polygonal stair turret. Early school literature describes it as being "healthily situated on a gravel and chalk soil". It sits close to the western boundary. As requirements have changed alterations and modernisation have taken place within the building and additions have been made to it. Smith also designed Michell House at Rugby School which bears a striking resemblance to Lockers Park house.

Between 1900 and 1912 a number of new buildings were erected including a new classroom block, a gymnasium and a chapel designed by Sir Gifford Fox with stained glass windows by Douglas Strachen. In 1968 a science lab was built and 1975 saw the completion of a new hall. This was followed by a sports hall and in 1994 another classroom block. All these new buildings are clustered around the original structure and do not seem to have impacted greatly on the surrounding parkland.

The Approach: The tithe map of 1840 shows a tree lined drive leading northwards across open parkland to the property called Lockers. This appears on the 1st edition OS map of 1877 and on the 1897 OS map. Recent aerial photographs show that the tree lined drive today follows the same route. About half way along its length a branch to the left leads to the school buildings. A lodge situated to the right of the entrance was demolished in 1967.

The Grounds: The tithe map shows open parkland bisected north to south by a driveway leading to Lockers. There are wooded areas in the SE corner, along part of the E boundary and a narrow strip to the left of the driveway. The 1st and 2nd edition OS maps show trees edging the boundaries of the grounds. Recent aerial photographs show that the basic nineteenth century layout is still visible today, although there is

probably more woodland than in the nineteenth century. There is a thick belt of trees and shrubs along the eastern boundary and around the southern tip with yew hedging skirting the main entrance. The western boundary is less densely wooded. The boundaries are defined by wire fencing to the east and wooden fencing and hedging to the west

Sport has always been an integral part of the life of the school. In the nineteenth century football and cricket were played. The cricket pitch is situated to the left of the school drive. – An Inspectors report of 1951 states, “The private drive skirts a fine cricket ground overlooked by stately trees and dominated by the main building.” During the early part of the twentieth century a cricket pavilion designed by Captain Noel Hadwen was erected. The football pitches were to the N of the school buildings. In 1904 a swimming pool was built to the E of the drive and just N of the school. A rifle range was added in 1915, and later a putting green, a squash court, hard tennis courts (1971), an all weather Astroturf pitch a 9 hole golf course added in 1994 and an all weather Astroturf pitch. Historically the boys could tend their own gardens which were moved to be close to the chapel in the 1960’s. All these facilities seem to have been absorbed while retaining a park like setting.

Until the 1970’s “the lower field and farm buildings had been let to a local farmer. In 1973 the farm buildings were converted to provide staff accommodation known as The Stables
The architect was John Manning. A staff bungalow was also built within the grounds. The fields which had once been let to the farmer became areas used by the boys for recreation.

<p>People Associated with the site: Architect: <i>Sidney Smith</i> Pupils: Lord Mountbatten, HRH Prince Maurice Mountbatten, Roy Beddington - artist, Sir Paul Channon - politician, Sir Keith Joseph - politician, Guy Burgess - spy, James Lees-Milne - architectural historian Teachers: Laurie Lee – teacher</p>
<p>Assessment of significance: The school is one of the first purpose-built Preparatory Schools in the country and the site chosen as it is within easy access by train of London and Rugby School, for which it was a feeder. The grouping of the school buildings ensures that the park-like nature of the site is retained. The original avenue which led to The Lockers is still in existence, along with many mature parkland trees.</p>
<p>Principal Uses: School</p>
<p>Public Access/Rights of Way: None</p>
<p>Designations: (e.g. Scheduled Ancient Monuments, Conservation Area, Listed Buildings, EH Register of Historic Parks & Gardens, Tree Preservation Orders, SSSIs, Nature Reserve, National Trust, County Wildlife Site, etc Open Land, in Dacorum Local Plan 2004. Several of the trees have TPOs.</p>
<p>Visited: HGT 2009 (outside grounds only)</p>