

## **Appendix C: Flood Risk Kirkhilland Moorland**

**Our ref: RCEF74462-001 LR Land off Kirkhill Avenue and Moorland Rise**

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## **Land off Kirkhill Avenue and Moorland Rise, Rossendale – Development Framework Area**

### **Preliminary note on flood risk and surface water drainage**

#### **Background**

RPS Consulting Services Ltd has been commissioned to update a previous technical note (RCEF26527-004 LR Draft Kirkhill and Moorland) to reflect current national planning policy, guidance and best practice in relation to flood risk and drainage at Land off Kirkhill Avenue and Moorland Rise, Rossendale.

#### **Site Setting**

National Grid Reference (NGR) – Kirkhill – 379295, 423351 – Moorland – 379491, 423002

Site area = approximately 7.7 hectares (Kirkhill 2.7 hectares and Moorland 5.0 hectares).

#### **Hydrological Setting**

The Environment Agency's online Flood Map for Planning (see Figure 1) indicates the site is wholly within Flood Zone 1 and therefore considered to be at a low risk of fluvial flooding. A small watercourse passes through the Kirkhill site in a north to south direction and passes into a culvert beneath Kirkhill Avenue.

#### **Topography**

A Topographic Survey was undertaken at the Kirkhill and Moorland Rise sites by PM Surveys UK on 3rd November 2016. The Topographic Survey (included as Appendix A) indicates levels within the Kirkhill sites are shown to generally slope in a south easterly direction from a level of approximately 285 m AOD, located in the northwest of the site, to levels of approximately 275 m AOD located in the south east. The site is fairly narrow with a gradient of approximately 1 in 5. The area of Kirkhill Road located immediately north of the site lies at a level of approximately 290 m AOD.

The Moorland Rise site is very similar to Kirkhill at the northern end, with the highest point being around 285 m AOD to 275 m AOD with a gradient of 1 in 8. The southern end of the Moorland Rise site slopes from the east to the west, towards Moorland Rise. This highest point is approximately 285 m AOD and the lowest point is approximately 260 m AOD with a gradient of approximately 1 in 9.

Based on the slope across the existing sites it is likely that surface water would flow to the southwest towards Kirkhill Avenue and Moorland Rise respectively. Some of the water from Kirkhill site may pass into the smaller watercourse flowing through the site. It is, however, considered likely that the majority of surface water flows will continue down the hill and onto the roads entering the existing drainage system. Where drainage capacity is exceeded water is likely to surcharge the road and potentially cause flooding of properties on the southern side of the road.

## **Geology**

Reference to British Geological Survey online mapping (1:50,000 scale) indicates the majority of the Kirkhill site and the northern area of the Moorland Rise site are underlain by superficial deposits of Diamicton (Glacial Till). The remainder of the Moorland Rise site appears to have no superficial geology.

Superficial geology along the southern boundary of the Kirkhill site (adjacent to Kirkhill Avenue) is shown to be underlain by bedrock deposits from the Marsden Formation which is described as a sedimentary mudstone and siltstone. The central area of the Kirkhill site is shown to be underlain by bedrock deposits of Holcombe Brook Grit which is described as a sedimentary sandstone. The northern area of the site (adjacent to Kirk Hill Road) is shown to be underlain by the Rossendale Formation which is described as sedimentary mudstone and siltstone.

## **Existing Sewers**

United Utilities Asset Location Plans (included as Appendix B) indicate there are no public sewers within the boundary of the site. The Asset Location Plans indicate a number of surface water sewers located in Kirkhill Avenue:

- One 150 mm diameter surface water sewer is located at the western end of Kirkhill Avenue. This sewer is shown to flow to the south before turning east at Cedar Avenue. The sewer then immediately turns south beneath Rosewood Avenue where the diameter of the sewer increases to 225 mm. This sewer continues to trend in a southerly direction before discharging into a surface water sewer located beneath Hillside Road;
- A 150 mm diameter surface water sewer is shown to extend between properties No. 32 and No.40 Kirkhill Avenue. This sewer is shown to discharge into a 225 mm diameter surface water sewer opposite No. 36 Kirkhill Avenue which trends in a southerly direction before discharging into a 750 mm diameter surface water sewer. This sewer flows in a westerly direction before discharging into the aforementioned surface water sewer extending from the western end of Kirkhill Avenue;
- A 225 mm diameter surface water sewer is shown to extend between No.5 and No. 24 Kirkhill Avenue and appears to discharge into the culvert from the small watercourse passing beneath Kirkhill Avenue. The surface water network is shown to discharge into a short section of open channel to the east of the covered reservoir. This open channel is shown to flow into a 525 mm diameter private surface water sewer which flows to the west. This sewer discharges into a 600 mm diameter surface water sewer beneath Walnut Avenue eventually discharging into the surface water sewer beneath Hillside Road.

Reference to United Utilities Asset Location Plans indicates a 939 mm diameter surface water sewer is located beneath Moorland Rise in the vicinity of St Mary's Primary School. This sewer flows in a north westerly direction before turning south within a surface water sewer located between the School and residential properties located to the west of Moorland Rise. In addition, a 225 mm diameter surface water sewer is shown to be present beneath the southern section of Moorland Rise. This sewer is shown to flow in a southerly direction before turning west and eventually discharging into the aforementioned 939 mm surface water sewer.

## **Surface Water Management**

The Government's planning policy in relation to surface water management is set out within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and accompanying Planning Practice Guidance (PPG). This is supported by the Non-Statutory Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems, published by DEFRA in 2015 which states the following in relation to greenfield sites:

*"For greenfield developments, the peak run-off rate from the development to any highway drain, sewer, or surface water body for the 1 in 1 year rainfall event and the 1 in 100 year rainfall event should never exceed the peak greenfield run-off rate for the same event".*

The existing peak greenfield run-off rate for the 1 in 1 and 1 in 100 year rainfall events have been calculated using the Interim Code of Practice for Sustainable Drainage Systems (ICP SuDS) function in MicroDrainage. The existing greenfield run-off rates have been calculated based on a 1 ha area and this rate has subsequently been scaled based on several assumed proposed hardstanding areas, as shown in Table 1 below.

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In order to restrict surface water run-off generated by the proposed development to the existing peak run-off rates, attenuation will be required on site for all events up to and including the 1 in 100 year plus 40% climate change event. At this stage, the amount of attenuation has been estimated using the Quick Storage Estimate function in MicroDrainage and the results of this are included in Table 1.

**Table 1 Preliminary surface water attenuation requirements\***

Assumed proposed impermeable area (%)	Assumed proposed impermeable area (ha)	1 in 1 year greenfield run-off rate (l/s)	Attenuation volume required to restrict surface water run-off to 1 in 1 year run-off rate (m <sup>3</sup> )	1 in 100 year greenfield runoff rate (l/s)	Attenuation Volume required to restrict surface water run-off to 1 in 100 year run-off rate (m <sup>3</sup> )
100	7.700	83.2	4531 - 7123	198.7	3097 - 5186
90	6.930	74.8	4079 - 6414	178.8	2788 - 4667
80	6.160	66.5	3626 - 5701	158.9	2478 - 4149
70	5.390	58.2	3172 - 4988	139.1	2168 - 3630
60	4.620	49.9	2719 - 4275	119.2	1858 - 3112
50	3.850	41.6	2265 - 3562	99.3	1549 - 2593
40	3.080	33.3	1812 - 2849	79.5	1239 - 2074

*\*the above estimations assume no infiltration based on a preliminary appraisal of the geology. Once infiltration rates are known pending further investigation, the volume of attenuation may be decreased.*

The PPG identifies that the discharge of surface water run-off should be as high up the following hierarchy of drainage options as reasonably practicable:

1. Into the ground (infiltration);
2. To a surface water body;
3. To a surface water sewer, highway drain, or another drainage system;
4. To a combined sewer.

The published geology (described above) indicates that the use of infiltration drainage techniques may be limited due to the potentially cohesive nature of the underlying strata. Some infiltration may be achievable on the Moorland Rise site, however, further investigation (i.e infiltration testing in accordance with BRE365) will be required to confirm site specific infiltration rates.

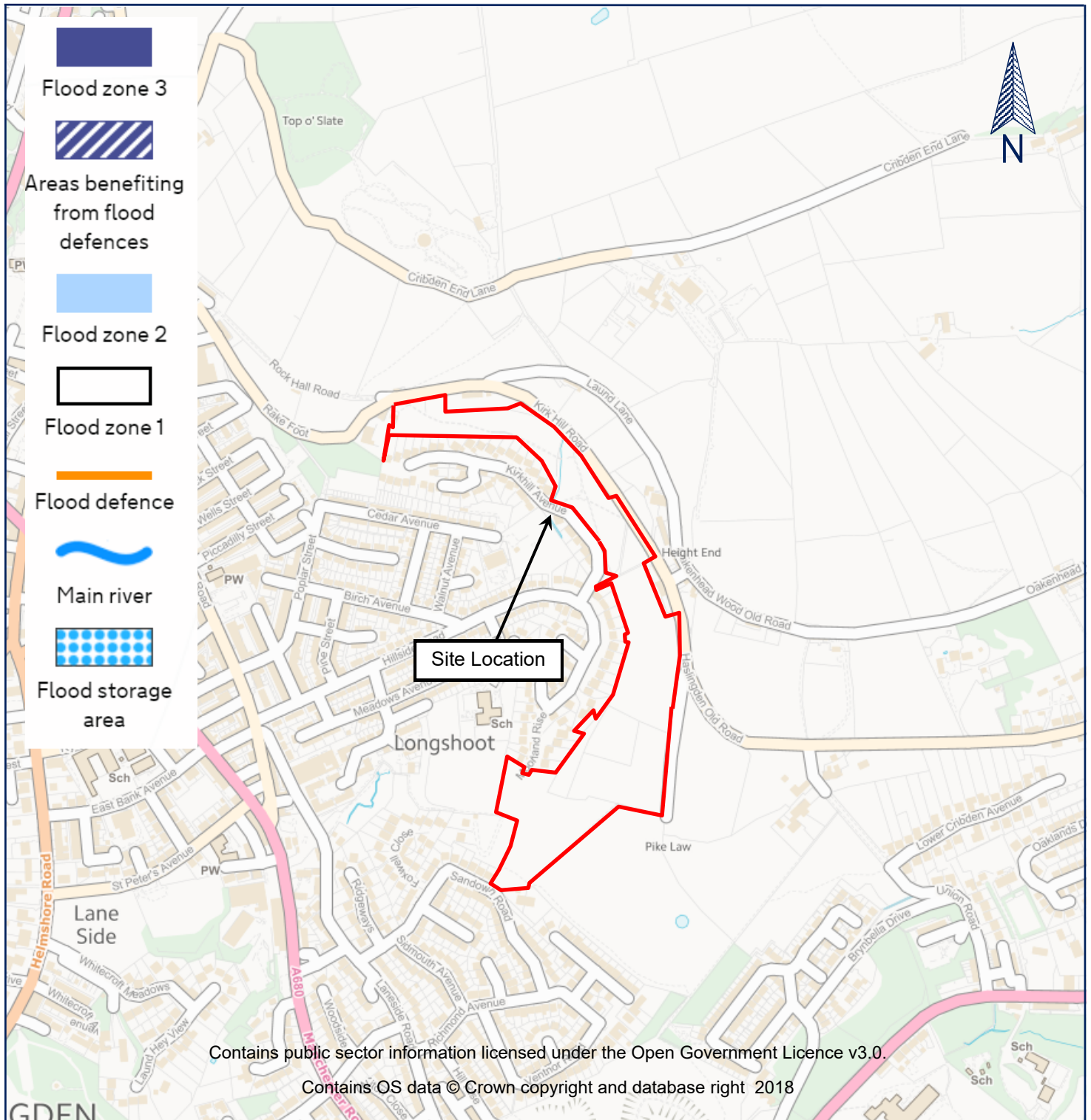
The likely surface water management solution is to mimic the existing drainage pattern of the site by discharging surface water at a controlled rate. Based on the gradients across the site, it is likely that some surface water run-off from the Kirkhill site may pass to the existing on-site watercourse. However, the majority of surface water run-off from both sites will likely be required to drain into the United Utilities sewers located in Kirkhill Avenue and Moorland Rise respectively. Consultation will be required with United Utilities in order to establish the capacity of the public surface water sewer network to accept run-off from the site. At this stage, a pre-development enquiry has been submitted to United Utilities to confirm acceptable surface water pass forward flow rates into the public sewer network and RPS are currently awaiting a response.

The Lead Local Flood Authority is likely to require the use of SuDS attenuation techniques within the site in order to restrict surface water run-off. In addition to providing attenuation, the use of SuDS will provide ecological, amenity and visual benefits within the site. Based on the gradients across the site and taking into accounts is long, relatively narrow shape, it is likely that SuDS may be limited to shallow swale /pond features along contours which can be utilised for both attenuation and conveyance purposes. The use of swales should be considered within green corridors through the site. It should be noted that based on the gradients across

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the site, additional area for attenuation is likely to be required over that of a flat site. This should be considered early in the master planning process.

Where such features are not feasible due to engineering constraints it is likely that hard engineered solutions (such as tanks or oversized pipes) will be required.



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## Appendix A

# Topographic Survey





## Appendix B

# United Utilities Asset Location Plans

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Date: 11/10/2013

Dear Sirs

**Location: LAND AT KIRKHILL AVENUE & MOORLAND HASLINGDEN BB4 5NN**

I acknowledge with thanks your request dated 10/10/13 for information on the location of our services.

Please find enclosed plans showing the approximate position of our apparatus known to be in the vicinity of this site.

I attach General Condition Information sheets, which details contact numbers for additional services (i.e. new supplies, connections, diversions) which we are unable to deal with at this office. In addition you should ensure they are made available to anyone carrying out any works which may affect our apparatus.

I trust the above meets with you requirements and look forward to hearing from you should you need anything further.

If you have any queries regarding this matter please telephone us on 0870 7510101.

Yours Faithfully,



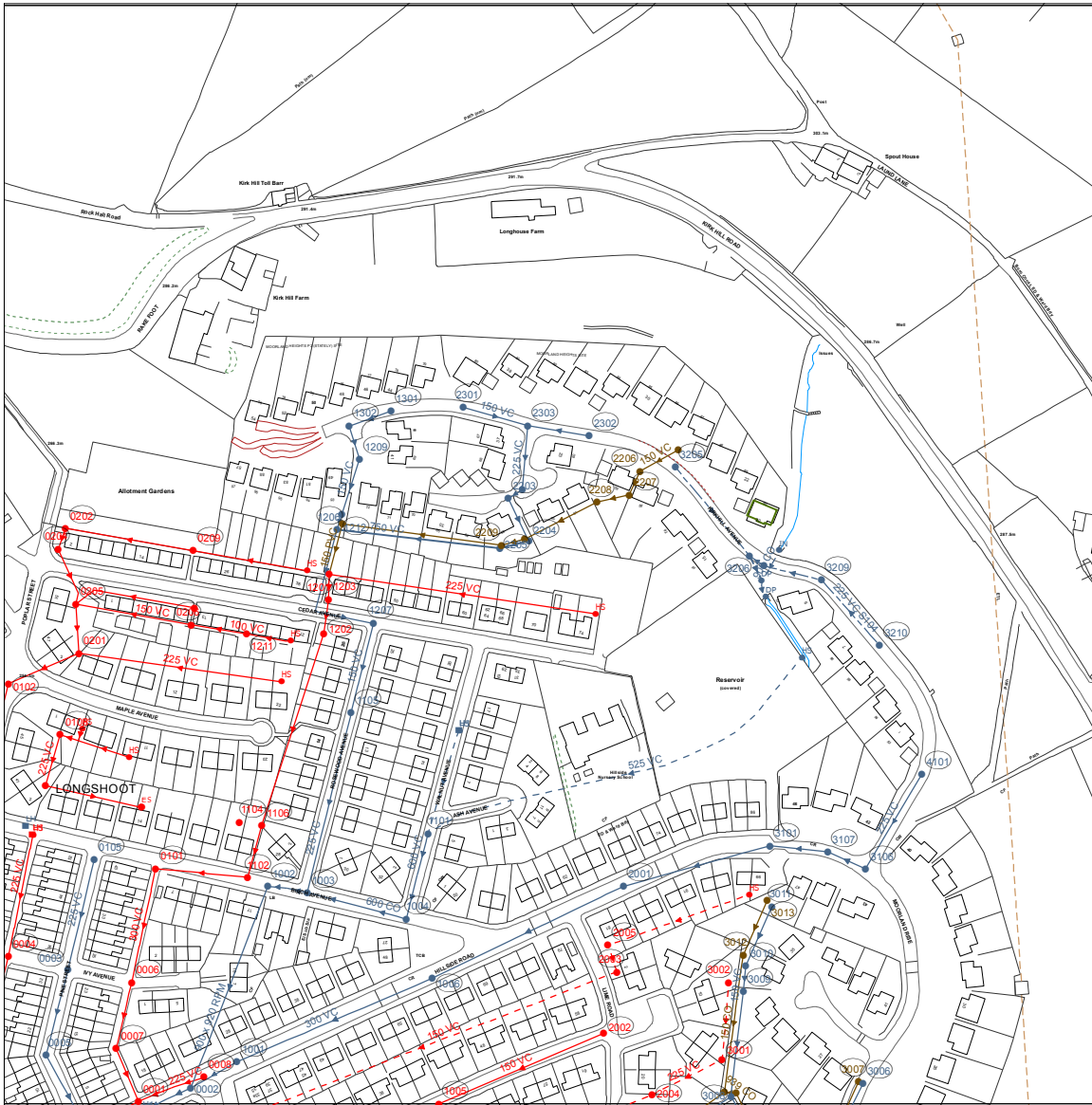
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### WASTE WATER SYMBOLOLOGY


### LEGEND

<b>MANHOLE FUNCTION</b>	FO Foul	SW Surface Water	CO Combined	OV Overflow
<b>SEWER SHAPE</b>	CI Circular	EG Egg	OV Oval	FT Flat Top
<b>SEWER MATERIAL</b>	AC Asbestos Cement	BR Brick	PE Polyethylene	RP Reinforced Plastic Matrix
CO Concrete	CSU Concrete Segment Bolted	CC Concrete Box Culvert	PSC Plastic/Steel Composite	GRC Glass Reinforced Concrete
GRP Glass Reinforced Plastic	DI Ductile Iron	PVC Polyvinyl Chloride	CI Cast Iron	SI Spun Iron
ST Steel	VC Vitroil Clay	PP Polypropylene	FF Fitch Fibre	MAC Masonry, Coursed
MAR Masonry, Random	U Unspecified			

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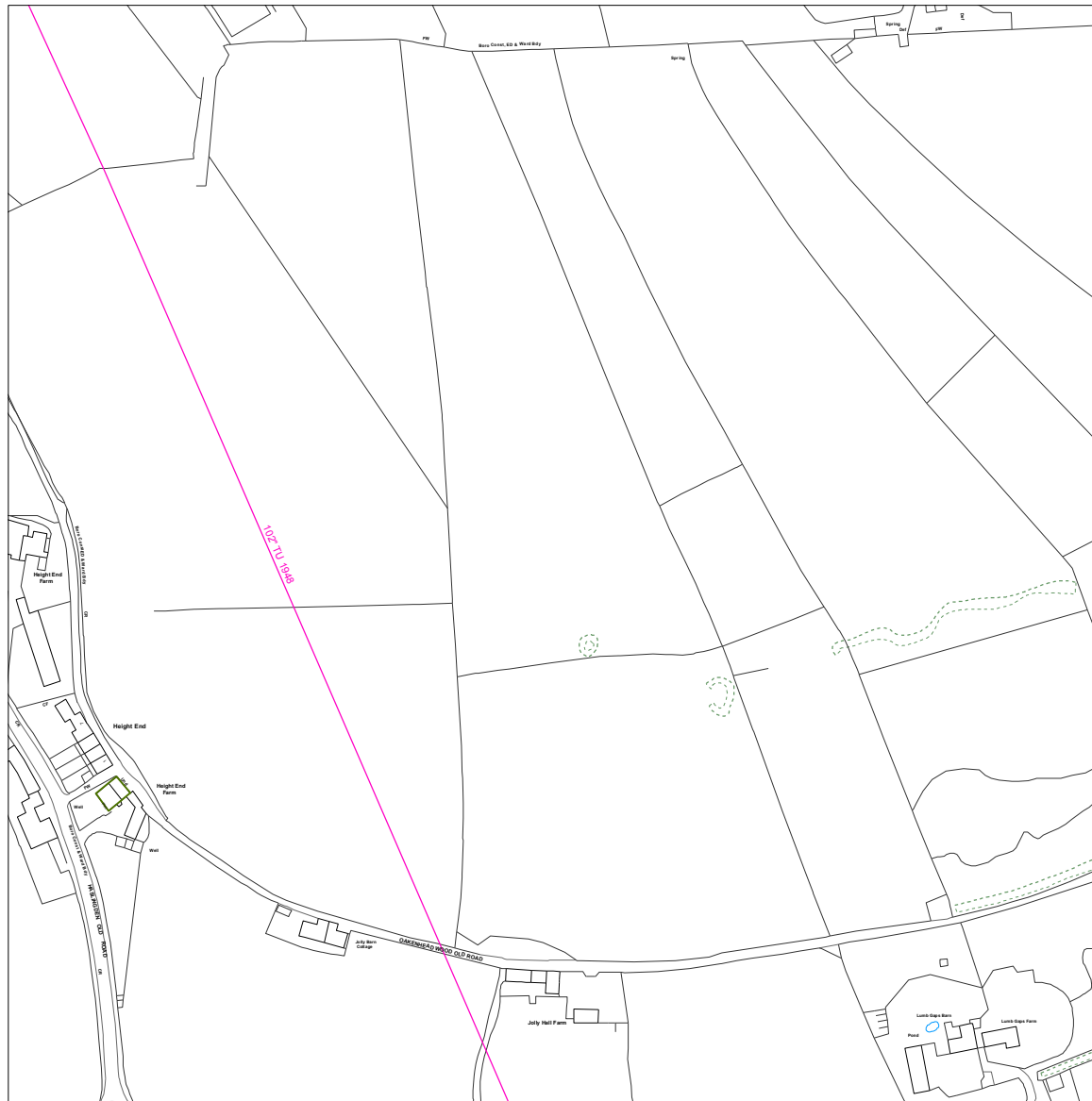
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SEWER RECORDS



**LEGEND**

<b>PIPE WORK</b>		<b>ABANDONED PIPE</b>	
Live	Proposed	Trunk Main	Raw Water Aqueduct
Trunk Main - Pressurised/Main	Raw Water Aqueduct - Pressurised/Main	LDTM Raw Water Distribution	LDTM Treated Water Distribution
Raw Water Aqueduct - Gravity/Main	LDTM Raw Water Distribution - Gravity/Main	Private Pipe	Distribution Main
LDTM Raw Water Distribution - Pressurised/Main	LDTM Treated Water Distribution - Pressurised/Main	Comms Pipe	Concessionary Service
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Private Pipe - Lateral/Line	Distribution Main - Pressurised/Main		
Distribution Main - Pressurised/Main	Comms Pipe - Lateral/Line		
Comms Pipe - Lateral/Line	Concessionary Service - Lateral/Line		
Concessionary Service - Lateral/Line			

<b>NODES/ FURNITURE</b>		<b>PROPERTY TYPES</b>	
Live	Proposed	Live	Proposed
End Cap	CC Valve	Condition Report	Pipe Bridges
AC Valve	Air Valve	Tunnels (non carrier)	Pumping Station
Sluice Valve	Non Return Valve	Water Treatment Works	Private Treatment Works
Pressure Management Valve	Change of Characteristic	Valve House	Water Tower
Anode	Chlorination Point	Service Reservoir	Supply Reservoir
De Chlorination Point	Bore Hole	Abstraction Point	Domestic meter
Inlet Point	Bulk Supply Point	Commercial meter	Telemetry Outstation
Fire Hydrant	Hydrant		
Private Fire Hydrant	Pump		
Site Termination	Service Start		
Service End	Process Meter		
Monitor Location	Stop Tap		
Strainer Point	Access Point		
Hatch Box	IP Point		
Route Marker	Sampling Station		
Logger Box			

<b>MATERIAL TYPES</b>		OT OTHERS
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CU COPPER	CO CONCRETE	SI SPUN IRON
DI DUCTILE IRON	GI GALVANISED IRON	UN UNKNOWN
GR GREY IRON	PE POLYETHYLENE	

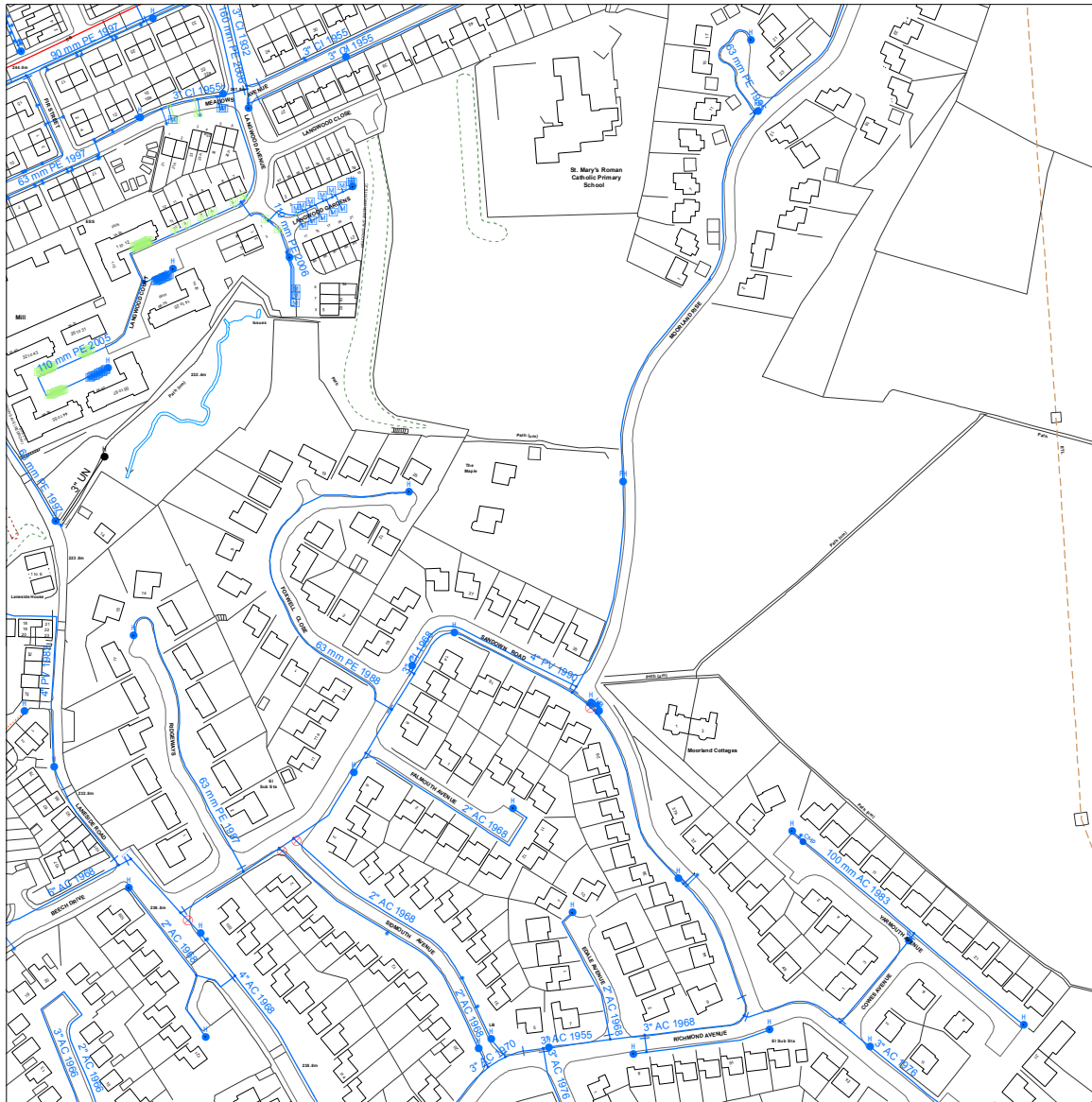
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CL CEMENT LINING	TB TAR OR BITUMEN	

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**LEGEND**

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LDTM Treated Water Distribution - Pressurised/Main	LDTM Treated Water Distribution - Gravity/Main	Comms Pipe	Concessionary Service
Private Pipe - Lateral/Line	Distribution Main - Pressurised/Main		
Comms Pipe - Lateral/Line	Concessionary Service - Lateral/Line		
<b>NODES/ FURNITURE</b>		<b>PROPERTY TYPES</b>	
Live	Proposed	Live	Proposed
End Cap	CC Valve	Condition Report	Pipe Bridges
AC Valve	Air Valve	Tunnels (non carrier)	Pumping Station
Sluice Valve	Non Return Valve	Water Treatment Works	Private Treatment Works
Pressure Management Valve	Change of Characteristic	Valve House	Water Tower
Anode	Chlorination Point	Service Reservoir	Supply Reservoir
De Chlorination Point	Bore Hole	Abstraction Point	Domestic meter
Inlet Point	Bulk Supply Point	Commercial meter	Telemetry Outstation
Fire Hydrant	Hydrant		
Private Fire Hydrant	Pump		
Site Termination	Service Start		
Service End	Process Meter		
Stop Tap	Monitor Location		
Strainer Point	Access Point		
Hatch Box	IP Point		
Route Marker	Sampling Station		
Logger Box			

**MATERIAL TYPES**

AC ASBESTOS CEMENT	CI CAST IRON	CU COPPER	CO CONCRETE	DI DUCTILE IRON	GI GALVANISED IRON	GR GREY IRON	OT OTHERS	PB LEAD	PV uPVC	SI SPUN IRON	ST STEEL	UN UNKNOWN	PE POLYETHYLENE
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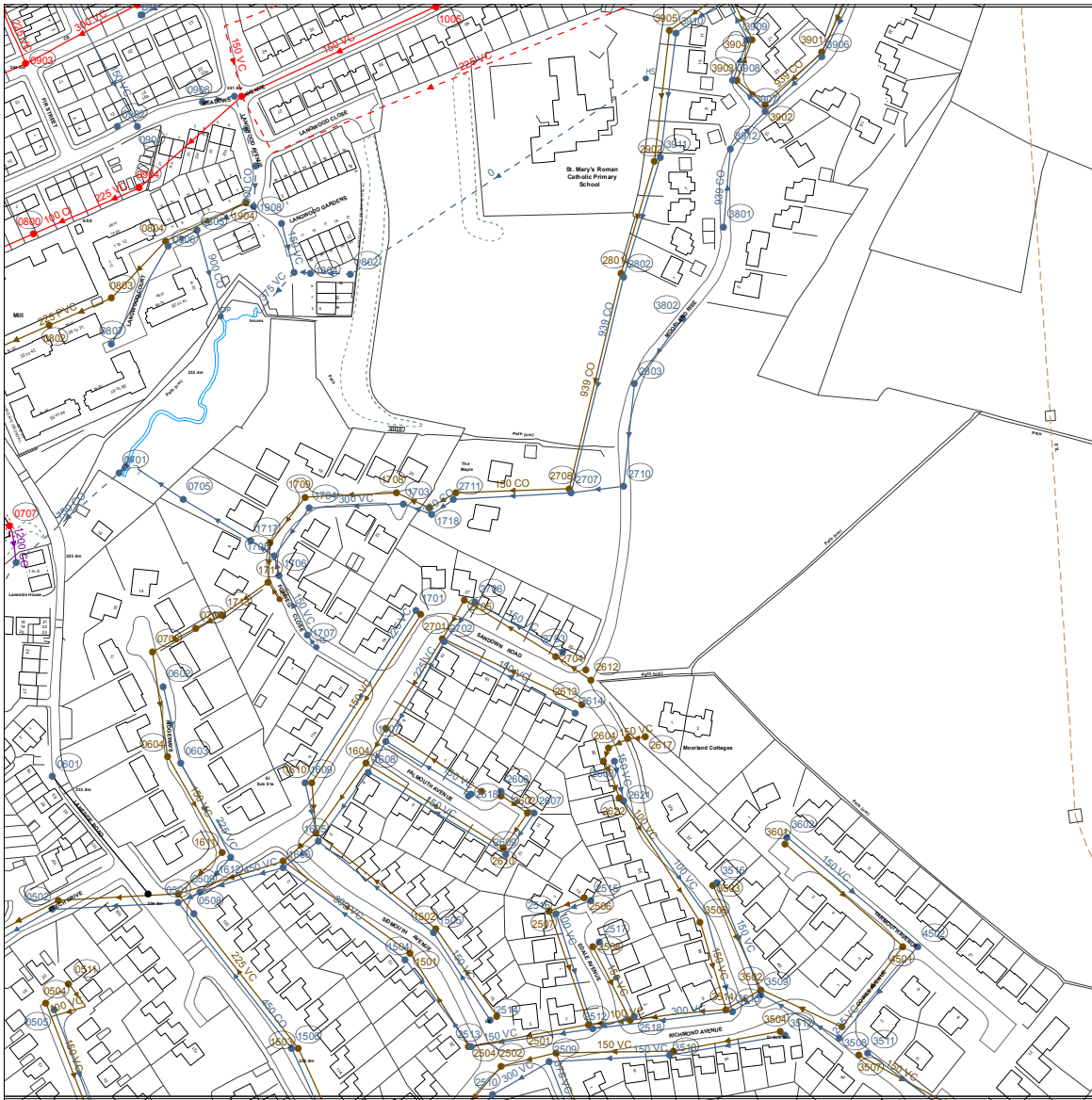
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WATER MAIN RECORDS



**WASTE WATER SYMBOLOGY**

●	Foul	○	Surface	○	Combined	○	Overflow	○	Manhole	○	Manhole, Side Entry		
○	MainSewer	○	Rising Main, Public	○	Rising Main, Private	○	Highway Drain, Private	○	WW Site Termination	○	Sludge Main, Public	○	Sludge Main, Private
○	Sludge Main, Public	○	Sludge Main, Private	○	Sludge Main, SSO	○	Sludge Main, SSO	○	Sludge Main, SSO	○	Sludge Main, SSO	○	Sludge Main, SSO

**ABANDONED PIPE**

○	MainSewer	○	Rising Main	○	Highway Drain	○	Sludge Main
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**LEGEND**

**MANHOLE FUNCTION**

○	Foul
○	Surface Water
○	Combined
○	Overflow

**SEWER SHAPE**

○	Circular
○	Egg
○	Oval
○	Flat Top
○	Rectangular
○	Square
○	TR Trapezoidal
○	AR Arch
○	BA Barrel
○	HO Horse/ Shoe
○	LN Unspecified

**SEWER MATERIAL**

○	Asbestos Cement
○	Brick
○	Polyethylene
○	Reinforced Plastic Matrix
○	Concrete
○	Concrete Segment Bolted
○	Concrete Segment Unbolted
○	Concrete Box Culvert
○	Plastic/Steel Composite
○	Glass Reinforced Concrete
○	Glass Reinforced Plastic
○	Ductile Iron
○	Polyvinyl Chloride
○	Cast Iron
○	Spun Iron
○	Steel
○	Wittified Clay
○	Polypropylene
○	Fitch Fibre
○	Masonry, Coursed
○	Masonry, Random
○	Unspecified

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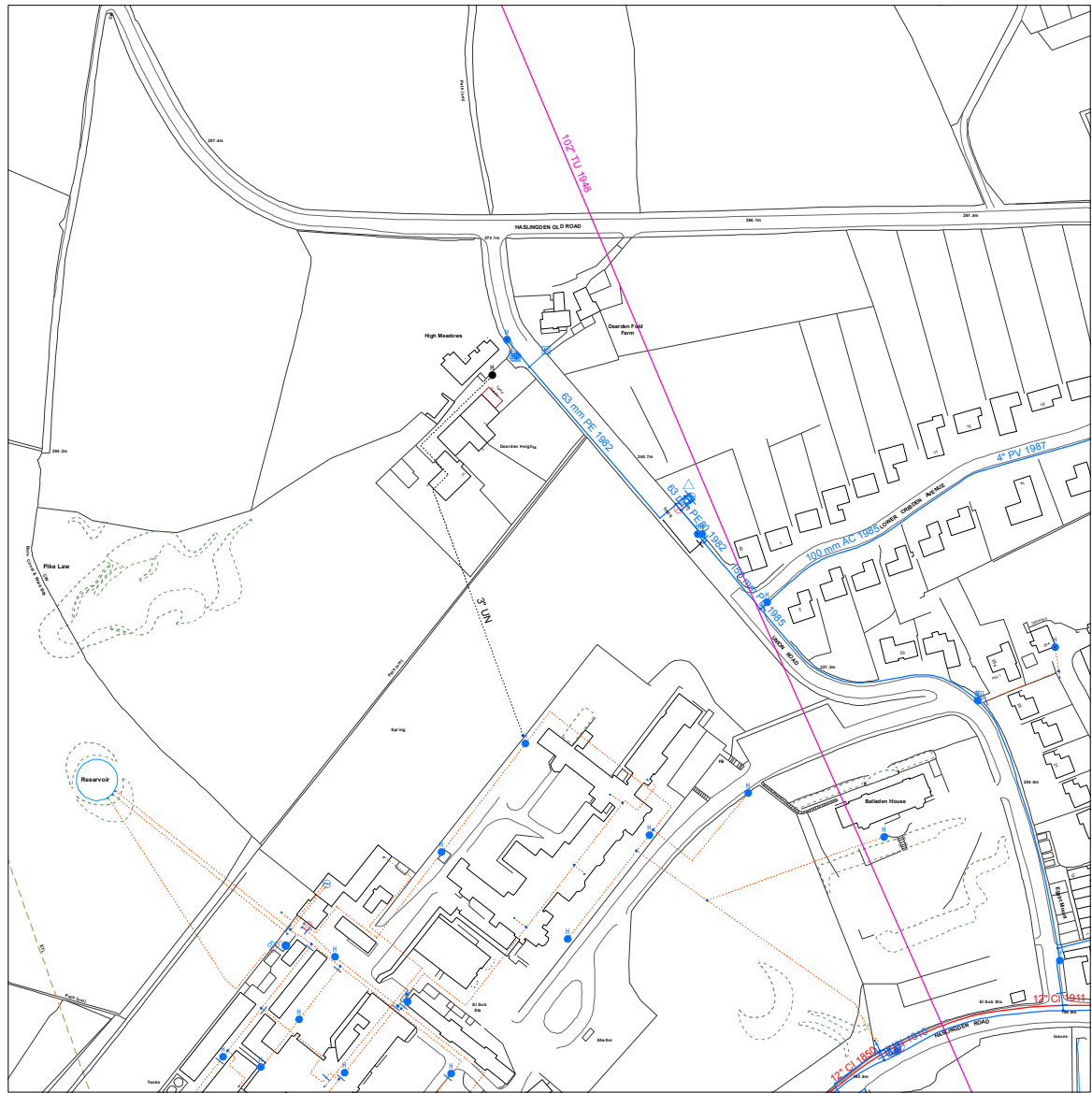
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LEGEND	
<b>PIPE WORK</b>	
Live	Proposed
Trunk Main - Pressurised/Main	Raw Water Aqueduct - Pressurised/Main
Raw Water Aqueduct - Gravity/Main	LDTM Raw Water Distribution - Pressurised/Main
LDTM Raw Water Distribution - Gravity/Main	LDTM Treated Water Distribution - Pressurised/Main
LDTM Treated Water Distribution - Gravity/Main	Private Pipe - Lateral/Line
Distribution Main - Pressurised/Main	Comms Pipe - Lateral/Line
Concessionary Service - Lateral/Line	
<b>ABANDONED PIPE</b>	
Trunk Main	Raw Water Aqueduct
LDTM Raw Water Distribution	LDTM Treated Water Distribution
Private Pipe	Distribution Main
Comms Pipe	Concessionary Service
<b>NODES/ FURNITURE</b>	
Live	Proposed
End Cap	CC Valve
AC Valve	Air Valve
Sluice Valve	Non Return Valve
Pressure Management Valve	Change of Characteristic
Anode	Chlorination Point
De Chlorination Point	Bore Hole
Inlet Point	Bulk Supply Point
Fire Hydrant	Hydrant
Private Fire Hydrant	Pump
Site Termination	Service Start
Service End	Process Meter
Stop Tap	Monitor Location
Strainer Point	Access Point
Hatch Box	IP Point
Route Marker	Sampling Station
Logger Box	
<b>PROPERTY TYPES</b>	
Condition Report	Pipe Bridges
Tunnels (non carrier)	Pumping Station
Water Treatment Works	Private Treatment Works
Valve House	Water Tower
Service Reservoir	Supply Reservoir
Abstraction Point	Domestic meter
Commercial meter	Telemetry Outstation
<b>MATERIAL TYPES</b>	
AC ASBESTOS CEMENT	OT OTHERS
CI CAST IRON	PB LEAD
CU COPPER	PV uPVC
CO CONCRETE	SI SPUN IRON
DI DUCTILE IRON	ST STEEL
GI GALVANISED IRON	UN UNKNOWN
GR GREY IRON	PE POLYETHYLENE
<b>LINING TYPES</b>	
CL CEMENT LINING	ERL EPOXY RESIN
TB TAR OR BITUMEN	
<b>INSERTION TYPES</b>	
DD DIE DRAWN	MO MOLING
DR DIRECTIONAL DRILLING	PI PIPELINE
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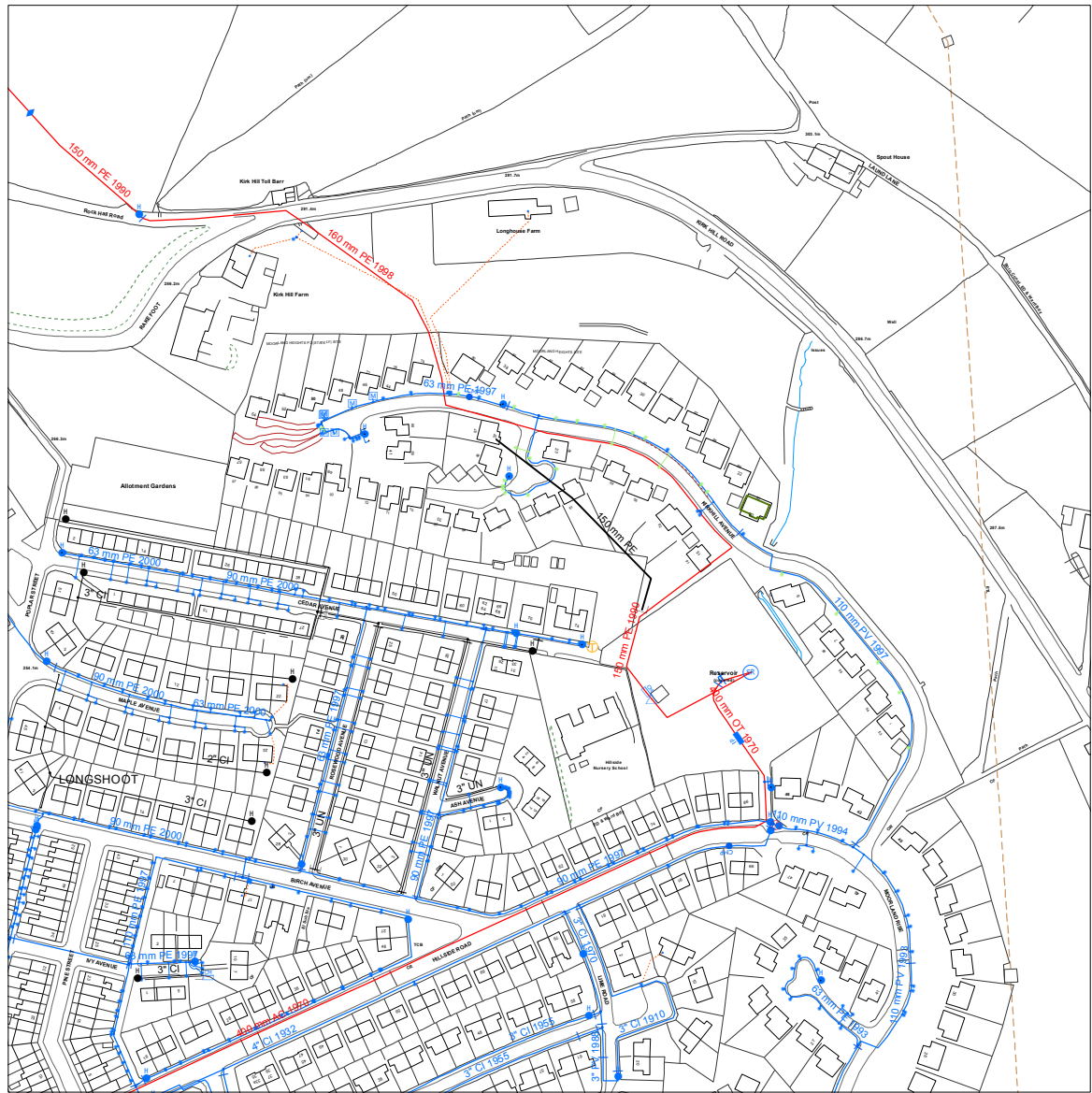
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LEGEND		PIPE WORK		ABANDONED PIPE	
Live	Proposed	Trunk Main - Pressurised/Main	Raw Water Aqueduct - Pressurised/Main	Raw Water Aqueduct	LDTM Raw Water Distribution
Raw Water Aqueduct - Gravity/Main	LDTM Raw Water Distribution - Pressurised/Main	LDTM Raw Water Distribution - Gravity/Main	LDTM Treated Water Distribution - Pressurised/Main	LDTM Treated Water Distribution - Gravity/Main	Private Pipe
Private Pipe - Lateral/Line	Distribution Main - Pressurised/Main	Comms Pipe - Lateral/Line	Concessionary Service - Lateral/Line	Distribution Main	Comms Pipe
Concessionary Service					
NODES/ FURNITURE		PROPERTY TYPES			
Live	Proposed	Condition Report	Pipe Bridges		
Tunnels (non carrier)	Pumping Station	Water Treatment Works	Private Treatment Works		
Valve House	Water Tower	Service Reservoir	Supply Reservoir		
Abstraction Point	Domestic meter	Commercial meter	Telemetry Outstation		
MATERIAL TYPES		AC ASBESTOS CEMENT	OT OTHERS		
CI CAST IRON	PB LEAD	CU COPPER	PV uPVC		
CO CONCRETE	SI SPUN IRON	DI DUCTILE IRON	ST STEEL		
GI GALVANISED IRON	UN UNKNOWN	GR GREY IRON	PE POLYETHYLENE		
LINING TYPES		CL CEMENT LINING	ERL EPOXY RESIN		
TB TAR OR BITUMEN					
INSERTION TYPES		DD DIE DRAWN	MO MOLING		
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### WASTE WATER SYMBOLOGY

Foul	Surface	Combined	Overflow	
				Manhole
				Manhole, Side Entry
				MainSewer, Public
				MainSewer, Private
				MainSewer, S104
				Rising Main, Public
				Rising Main, Private
				Rising Main, S104
				Highway Drain, Private

				WW Site Termination
				Air Valve
				Cascade
				Non Return Valve
				Extent of Survey
				Flow Meter
				Gulley
				Hatch Box
				Head of System
				Hydrobrake / Vortex
				Inlet
				Inspection Chamber
				Bifurcation
				Catchpit
				Contaminated Surface Water
				WW Pumping Station
				Sludge Pumping Station
				Sewer Overflow
				T Junction/Saddle
				LampHole
				OilInterceptor
				Penstock
				Pump
				RoddingEye
				Soakaway
				Valve
				Valve Chamber
				Washout Chamber
				DropShaft
				WW Treatment Works
				Septic Tank
				Vent Column
				Network Storage Tank
				Orifice Plate
				Vortex Chamber
				Penstock Chamber
				Blind Manhole
				Screen Chamber
				Discharge Point
				Outfall

### ABANDONED PIPE

- MainSewer
- Rising Main
- Highway Drain
- Sludge Main

### LEGEND

**MANHOLE FUNCTION**

- FO Foul
- SW Surface Water
- CO Combined
- OV Overflow

**SEWER SHAPE**

- CI Circular
- EG Egg
- OV Oval
- FT Flat Top
- RE Rectangular
- SQ Square
- TR Trapezoidal
- AR Arch
- BA Barrel
- HO HorseShoe
- UN Unspecified

**SEWER MATERIAL**

AC Asbestos Cement	DI Ductile Iron
BR Brick	PVC Polyvinyl Chloride
PE Polyethylene	CI Cast Iron
RP Reinforced Plastic Matrix	SI Spun Iron
CO Concrete	ST Steel
CSB Concrete Segment Bolted	VC Vitrified Clay
CSU Concrete Segment Unbolted	PP Polypropylene
CC Concrete Box Culverted	PF Pitch Fibre
PSC Plastic/Steel Composite	MAC Masonry, Coursed
GRC Glass Reinforced Concrete	MAR Masonry, Random
GRP Glass Reinforced Plastic	U Unspecified

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## These general conditions and precautions apply to the wastewater network of United Utilities.

### Please ensure that a copy of these conditions is passed to your representative and contractor on site.

1. United Utilities provides the approximate locations of its sewers according to its records. These records are not necessarily accurate or complete nor do they normally show the positions of every sewer culvert or drain, private connections from properties to the public sewers or the particulars of any private system. No person or company shall be relieved from liability for any damage caused by reason of the actual positions and/or depths being different from those indicated. The records do indicate the position of the nearest known public sewer from which the likely length of private connections can be estimated together with the need for any off site drainage rights or easements.

2. Special requirements relative to our sewers may be indicated. United Utilities employees or its contractors will visit any site at reasonable notice to assist in the location of its underground sewers and advise any precautions that may be required to obviate any damage. To arrange a visit or for further information regarding new supplies, connections, diversions, costing, or any notification required under these General Conditions, please call us on **0845 746 2200**.

3. Where public sewers are within a site which is to be developed and do not take any drainage from outside the area, they are from an operational viewpoint redundant. The developer must identify all redundant sewers affected by the development and apply to United Utilities in writing for these sewers to be formally closed. The developer shall bear all related costs of the physical abandonment work.

4. Public sewers within the site that are still live outside the area will be subject to a "Restricted Building zone". This would normally be a surface area equivalent to the depth of the sewer measured from the centre line of the sewer on either side. No construction will be permitted within that zone. The developer should also note that deep and wide rooted trees must not be planted in close proximity to live sewers. Access to public sewers must be maintained at all times and no interference to manholes will be permitted during construction work.

5. Where there is a public sewer along the line of a proposed development/building, arrangements shall be made by the developer at his cost to divert the sewer around the development. Where this is not possible and as a last resort, a "Building Over Agreement" will need to be completed under section 18 of the Building Act 1984. The developer shall design building foundations to ensure that no additional loading is transferred to the sewer and submit such details both to the Local Authority's Building Control Officer and to United Utilities for approval/acceptance. United Utilities on a rechargeable basis would normally undertake all aspects of design work associated with the diversion of any part of the operational wastewater network. For further advice please call asset protection on **01925 678 306**

6. Where there is a non-main river watercourse/culvert passing through the site, the landowner has the responsibility of a riparian owner for the watercourse/culvert and is responsible for the maintenance of the fabric of the culvert and for all works involved in maintaining the unrestricted flow through it. Building over the watercourse/culvert is not recommended. The developer must contact the local authority before any works are carried out on the watercourse/culvert. Where it is necessary to discharge surface water from the site into the watercourse/culvert the developer shall make an assessment of the available capacity of the watercourse/culvert (based on a 1 in 50 year event) and ensure that the additional flow to be discharged into the watercourse/culvert will not cause any flooding. In appropriate cases, flooding may be prevented by on-site storage. The developer shall submit the relevant details required to substantiate his development proposals. Details of any outfall proposed shall also be submitted to the Environment Agency, PO Box 12, Richard Fairclough House, Knutsford Road, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 1HT for their approval.

7. Where there is a main river watercourse/culvert passing through the site, the developer shall submit all proposals affecting the river to the Environment Agency at the address stated in paragraph 6 for approval/acceptance.

8. Your attention is drawn also to the following:

• **Private drains or sewers which may be within the site.**

On 1 October 2011 all privately owned sewers and lateral drains which communicate with (that is drain to) an existing public sewer as at 1 July 2011 will become the responsibility of the sewerage undertaker. This includes private sewers upstream of pumping stations that have yet to transfer, but excludes lengths of sewer or drain that are the subject of an on-going appeal or which have been excluded from transfer as a result of an appeal or which are on or under land opted-out by a Crown body. The transfer specifically excludes sewers and lateral drains owned by a railway undertaker. Sewers upstream of such assets, however, are transferred. Such assets may not be recorded on the public sewer record currently as it was not a requirement to keep records of previously private sewers and drains.

• **Applications to make connections to the public sewer.**

The developer must write to United Utilities requesting an application form that must be duly completed and returned. No works on the public sewer shall be carried out until a letter of consent is received from United Utilities.

• **Sewers for adoption.**

If an agreement for the adoption of sewers under Section 104 of the Water Industry Act 1991 is being contemplated, a submission in accordance with "Sewers for Adoption", Seventh Edition, published by the Water Research Centre (2001) Plc, Henley Road, Medmenham, PO Box 16, Marlow, Buckinghamshire, SL7 2HD will be required, taking into consideration any departures from the general guide stipulated by United Utilities.

• **Further consultation with United Utilities.**

Developers wishing to seek advice or clarification regarding sewer record information provided should contact United Utilities to arrange an appointment. A consultation fee may be charged, details of which will be made available at the time of making an appointment.

9. Combined sewers, foul sewers, surface water sewers, and pumped mains. These are shown separately in a range of colours or markings to distinguish them on our drawings, which are extracts from the statutory regional sewer map. A legend and key is provided on each extract for general use, although not all types of sewer will be shown on every extract.

**Combined sewers shown coloured red** carries both surface water and foul sewage, especially in areas where there is no separate surface water sewerage system.

**Foul sewers coloured brown** may also carry surface water and there may be no separate surface water system indicated in the immediate area. Both combined and foul sewers carry wastewater to our treatment works before it can safely be returned to the environment.

**Surface water sewers coloured blue** on our drawings are intended only to carry uncontaminated surface water (e.g. rainfall from roofs, etc) and they usually discharge into local watercourses. It is important for the protection of the environment and water quality that only uncontaminated surface water is connected to the surface water sewers. Improper connections to surface water sewers from sink wastes, washing machines and other domestic use of water can cause significant pollution of watercourses.

**Pumped mains, rising mains and sludge mains** will all be subject to pumping pressures and are neither suitable nor available for making new connections.

**Highway drains, when included, show as blue and black dashed lines.** Highway drains are not assets belonging to United Utilities and are the responsibility of local authorities.

10. For information regarding future proposals for construction of company apparatus please write to United Utilities, PO Box 453, Warrington, WA5 3QN.

11. For information regarding easements, deeds, grants or wayleaves please write to United Utilities Property Solutions, Coniston Buildings, Lingley Mere Business Park, Lingley Green Avenue, Great Sankey, Warrington WA5 3UU (Tel: 01925 731 365).

## These general conditions and precautions apply to the water distribution system of United Utilities.

**Please ensure that a copy of these conditions is passed to your representative and contractor on site.**

1. United Utilities provides approximate locations of its water mains or apparatus according to its records. These records are not necessarily accurate or complete nor do they normally show the positions of private service pipes from the mains to properties. Where service pipes are shown, a blue broken line indicates their approximate position. No person or company shall be relieved from liability for any damage caused by reason of the actual positions and/or depths being different from those indicated.

2. Special requirements relative to our apparatus may be indicated. United Utilities employees will visit any site at reasonable notice to assist in the location of its underground water apparatus and advise any precautions that may be required to obviate any damage. To arrange a visit or for further information regarding new supplies, connections, diversions, costing, future proposals for construction of company apparatus or any notification required under these General Conditions, please telephone us on **0845 746 2200** or write to United Utilities, PO Box 453, Warrington, WA5 3QN.

3. In order to achieve safe working conditions adjacent to any water apparatus the following should be observed;

(a) All water apparatus should be located by hand digging prior to the use of mechanical excavation.

(b) During construction work where heavy plant may have to cross the line of a water main, and the main is not under a carriageway of adequate standard of construction, crossing points should be suitably reinforced with sleepers, steel plates or a specially constructed reinforced concrete raft as necessary. These crossing points should be clearly indicated and crossing the line of the water main at other places should be prevented. United Utilities employees will advise on the type of reinforcement necessary. This is particularly important on agricultural or open land, where tilling or erosion may have significantly reduced the original cover.

(c) No explosive should be used within 32 metres of any United Utilities apparatus without prior consultation with United Utilities.

(d) Where it is proposed to carry out piling within 15 metres of any water main United Utilities should be consulted so that the affected main may be surveyed.

4. During any excavation, it is important that measures should be taken to ensure continued support for any water main:

(a) Where excavation of trenches adjacent to any water main is likely to affect its support, the main must be supported to the satisfaction of United Utilities.

(b) Where a trench is excavated crossing or parallel to the line of a water main, the backfill should be adequately compacted to prevent any settlement which could subsequently cause damage to the main. In special cases it may be necessary to provide permanent support to a main which has been exposed over the length of the excavation before back-filling and reinstatement is carried out. No back-filled concrete should contact the main.

5. No other apparatus should be laid over and along the line of a water main irrespective of clearance. A minimum clearance of 450 millimetres should be allowed between any plant being installed and an existing main, to facilitate maintenance and repair, whether the adjacent plant is parallel to or crossing the main. No manhole, chamber, or other obstruction should be built over or around a water main.

6. Where a water main is coated with special wrapping and the wrapping is damaged, even to a minor extent, United Utilities must be notified, and the excavation must be left open for ready access so that repairs can be made. In case of any material damage to the main itself causing leakage, or weakening of the mechanical strength of the pipe, the person or body responsible should immediately notify United Utilities in order that the necessary remedial work can be carried out. The full cost of the necessary remedial work will be charged to the person or body responsible for the damage.

7. If you propose to change existing levels over water mains you will need to inform us. We will need specific locations to be identified together with precise details as to the scale of the proposed changes to existing ground levels. Changes to existing levels may require the diversion of our apparatus at your cost. However, in certain circumstances we may wish to leave our apparatus where it is. On these occasions you will usually be required to protect our apparatus by means of a concrete raft and either raise or lower any surface boxes affected.

8. Under no circumstances should our surface boxes be either buried or left in a situation where they are raised above finished ground levels. You should re-use and re-set any surface boxes affected by your works into the new surface so that they align over the water apparatus below. You will be responsible for the cost of repairing any damage to our apparatus as a result of your works.

9. Where proposals involve resurfacing, you must notify United Utilities if your excavation will be greater than 750mm in the highway and 300mm in a footpath, verge or other location.

10. For information regarding easements, deeds, grants, licences or wayleaves, please write to United Utilities Property Solutions, Coniston Buildings, Lingley Mere Business Park, Lingley Green Avenue, Great Sankey, Warrington WA5 3UU (Tel 01925 731 365).

### Tree planting restrictions over water mains

a) Poplar and willow trees have extensive root systems and should not be planted within 10 metres of any water main.

b) The following trees and those of a similar size, whether they are deciduous or evergreen, should not be planted within six metres of any water main:

- Ash, beech, birch, elm, horse chestnut, lime, oak, sycamore;
- Apple trees and pear trees;
- Most conifers.

c) United Utilities requires access to the route of its mains at all times to inspect for leaks and carry out surveys.

We recommend that no shrubs or bushes which might obstruct or interfere with our access should be planted within one metre of the centre line of any water main.

d) There may be instances when both United Utilities and the landowner will wish to plant shrubs or bushes close to the water main for screening or other purposes. The following shallow rooting shrubs would be suitable for this purpose:

- Blackthorn, broom, cotoneaster, elder;
- Hazel, laurel, privet, quickthorn, snowberry;
- Most ornamental flowering shrubs.

e) In areas where soft fruit is grown, blackcurrant, raspberries and gooseberries may be planted close to the main, provided that a path is left clear for inspection access and surveys. United Utilities can give additional advice where required in particular circumstances.

**Appendix D: Kirkhill Avenue Landscape  
Appraisal**



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING  
MASTERPLANNING  
URBAN DESIGN

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Diagram 2      Considerations contributing to establishing the sensitivity and magnitude of change of visual receptors

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Figure 1.1 Site Location and Study Area

Figure 1.2 Planning Designation

Figure 1.3 Emerging Local Plan Designations

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Figure 1.4 Public rights of way and features within the Study Area

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Figure 1.5 Site Features Plan

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Figure 1.6 Site Photographs

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Figure 1.7 Viewpoint Location Plan

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Figure 1.8 – 1.11 Photographic Survey

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# 1. Introduction

- 1.1. Randall Thorp LLP has been commissioned by Turley, on behalf of Peel Holdings (Land & Property) Ltd, to produce a Landscape Appraisal as part of Peel Holdings engagement in the Rossendale Local Development Framework. The proposals include for the change in Urban Boundaries of an area of Land at Kirkhill Ave, Haslingden. For the purposes of this Landscape Appraisal, this land will be referred to as “the site”.
- 1.2. The Landscape Appraisal has been prepared for Peel Holdings in support of work being undertaken to assess the development potential of Land at Kirkhill Ave, Haslingden to meet the housing needs of the Borough.
- 1.3. The Appraisal provides some essential landscape baseline information about the site and a basic assessment of the landscape and visual impacts on the site and the surroundings were the land to be developed.
- 1.4. The Landscape Appraisal also responds to the evidence base for the emerging local plan – Landscape Study 2015 prepared by a landscape consultant on behalf of Rossendale Borough Council.

## 2. Methodology

### Guidance

- 2.1. The Landscape Appraisal has been prepared in accordance with 'Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment' (GLVIA), Third Edition, 2013; Landscape Institute and the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment. These guidelines explain that it is necessary to tailor LVIA's and Landscape Appraisals to the specific nature of the proposals, and that a prescriptive approach should not be applied.

### Approach

- 2.2. The principle objectives of the Landscape Appraisal are:
- To describe and evaluate the existing landscape character and components likely to be affected by the proposals (baseline description);
  - To identify visual receptors with views of the proposals (baseline description);
  - To identify and describe the sensitivity of these receptors and identify any potential effects of the proposals;

### Baseline Studies

- 2.3. The baseline study identifies the landscape character and components of the site and surrounding landscape, and receptors with potential views of the development within the study area shown on Figure 1.1. The study area covers the extent of land where the site could either be partially or fully seen based on topography. Vegetation and built elements will prevent views of the site from a number of locations within the study area.

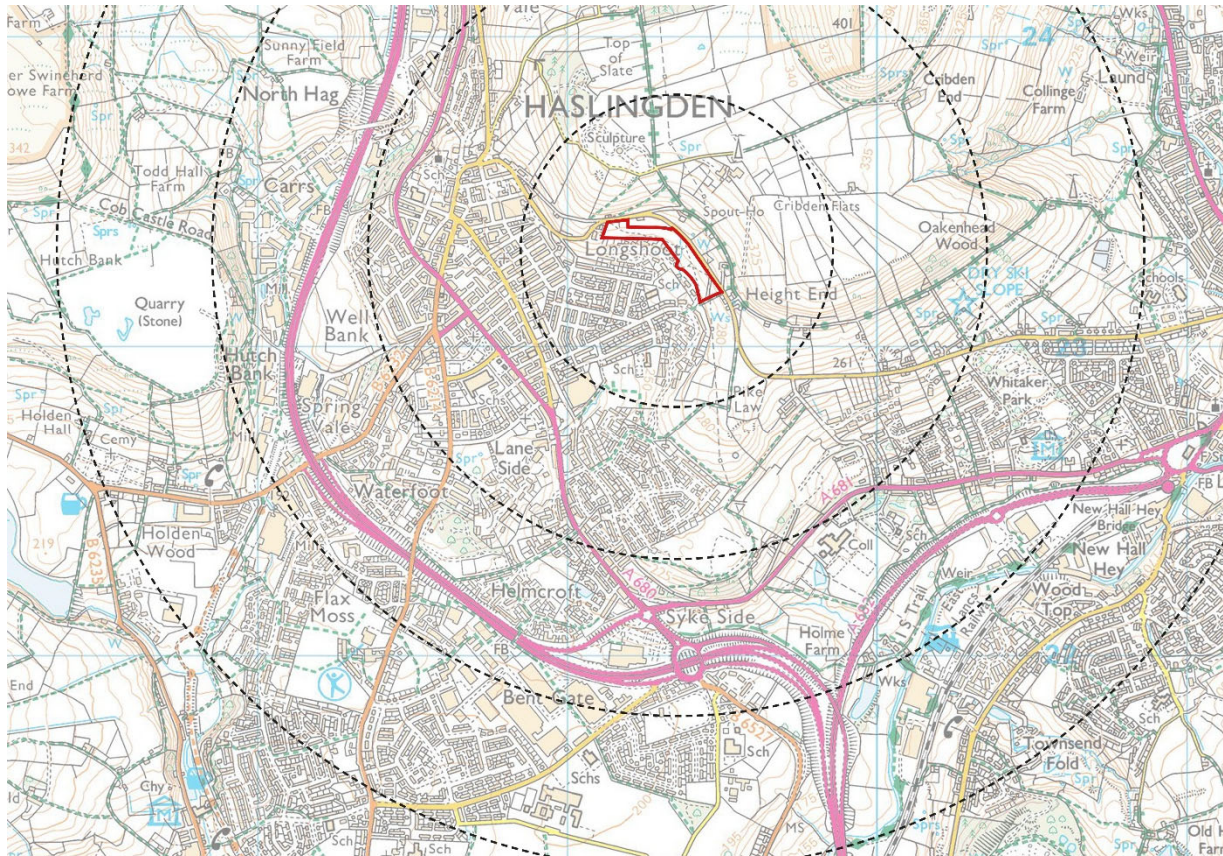


Figure 1.1

- 2.4. Baseline information of the landscape has been gathered through a combination of desk studies and field surveys.
- 2.5. The following documents have been reviewed as part of the desk study:
- National Planning Policy Framework (February 2019)
  - Core Strategy DPD The Way Forward (Adopted November 2011)
  - Local Plan Proposals Map (Adopted April 1995, updated November 2011)
  - Emerging Local Plan Submission version (March 2019)
  - National Landscape Character Area 36: South Pennines (2014)
  - Lancashire Landscape Character Assessment (December 2000)
- 2.6. Field work was undertaken in August 2015 to gain a first-hand understanding of the landscape within and around the site, its component parts and subdivisions, as well as the contribution currently made by different areas in terms of landscape quality and character, value, green infrastructure functions and accessibility. The field work also established the visual baseline to identify the range of views of the site, and whether there are any public viewpoints which are important in terms of appreciating the character of the site. The site was revisited in August 2019 to ensure there were no significant changes to the baseline condition.
- 2.7. Viewpoints considered representative of potentially sensitive receptors situated within the

study area at varying distances and directions have been identified. Views from public viewpoints, such as Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and roads in the vicinity, as well as private viewpoints at residential properties have been considered.

### **Photography Methodology**

- 2.8. Photographs have been taken from publicly accessible locations with a digital SLR type camera (Olympus E420) with a 25mm pancake fixed lens. This produces individual photographs with an approximate horizontal field of view of 40 degrees which are similar to those taken with a standard 35mm film camera and a 50mm fixed focal length lens. Individual photographs are then joined as panoramas to obtain fields of view which are as representative as possible of the views obtained from the particular viewpoint. Technical Guidance set out within the Landscape Institute Advice Note 01/11 (2011) - Photography and photomontage in landscape and visual impact assessment, has been followed, although tripod mounting and levelling to horizontal and vertical axes has not been employed, and any grid references (where given), are approximate.

### **Scheme Description**

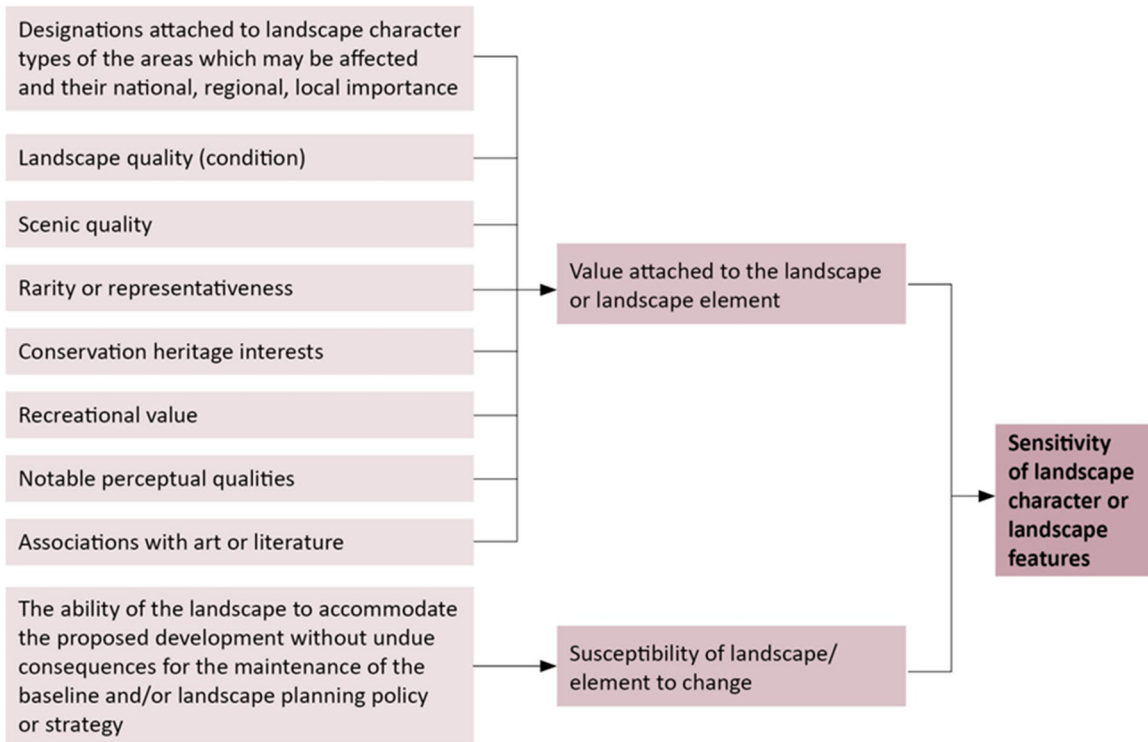
- 2.9. The principle elements of the scheme are described in section 6.

### **Assessment of Effects**

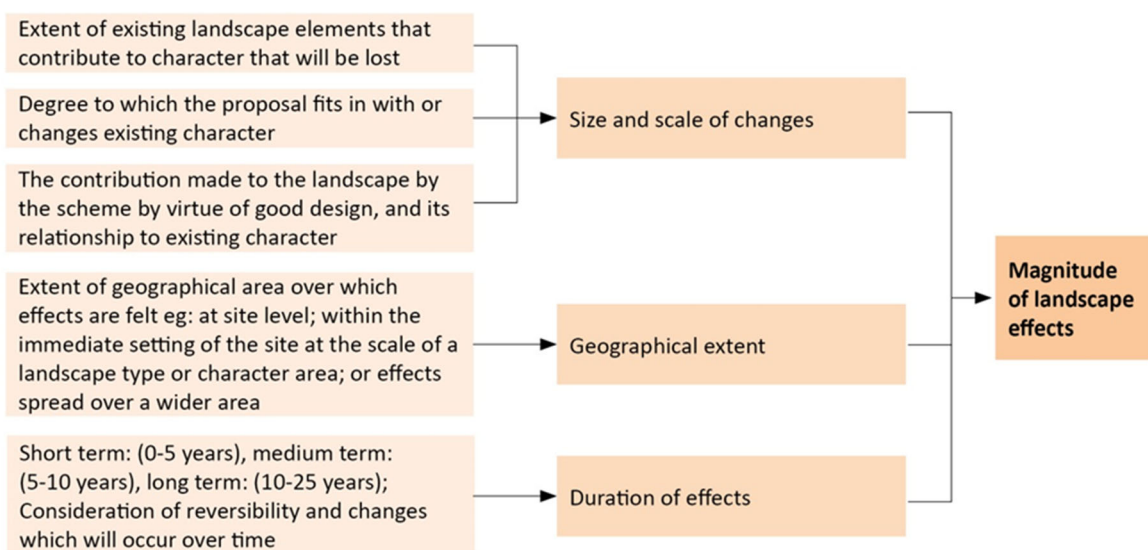
- 2.10. In line with published guidance, the assessment is based on consideration of the sensitivity of landscape character, landscape features, and views/viewers to the type of development being proposed, (i.e. – residential development) and on the magnitude of change likely to occur. The sensitivity and magnitude are then considered together, and conclusions drawn on the likely effects on the landscape or on people’s visual amenity.
- 2.11. The assessment primarily considers daytime effects because the site is located adjacent to existing settlement and principle viewpoints are from PRoW’s used in the daylight hours.
- 2.12. For each landscape and visual receptor a wide range of considerations are drawn together as indicated by Tables 1 and 2 below.



**Diagram 1: Considerations contributing to establishing the significance of landscape effects.**



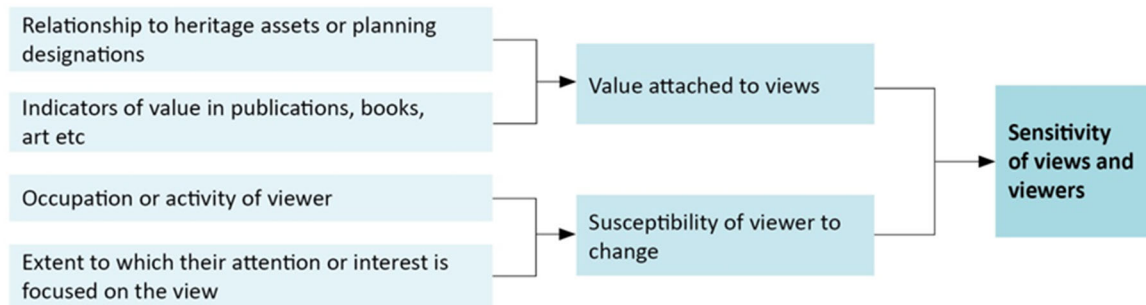
**A** Overall Judgement in respect of sensitivity: Combines all of these considerations and is explained in text. It will be described as *High, Medium, Low or Negligible* depending on the combination of circumstances



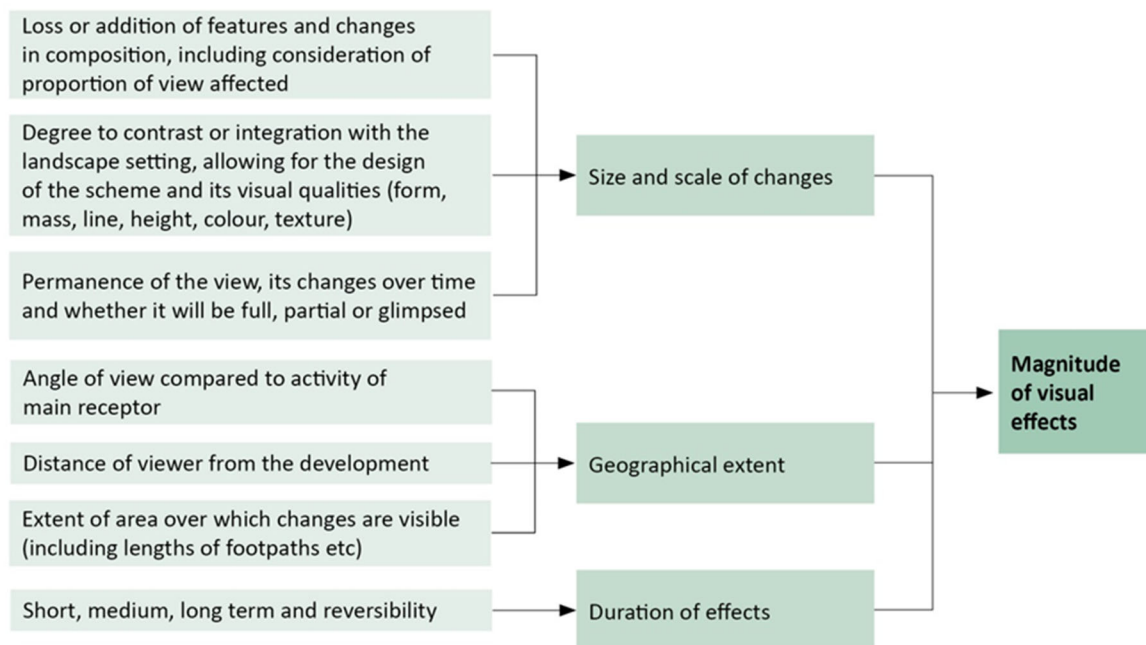
**B** Overall judgement in respect of magnitude of landscape effects: Combines all of these considerations and is explained in text. It will be described as *High, Medium, Low or Negligible* depending on the combination of circumstances

**A + B = C** Judgement of effects: Combines sensitivity and magnitude in a considered way and will be described as *Major, Moderate, Minor, Negligible, and as Beneficial, Adverse or Neutral* depending on the circumstances

**Diagram 2: Considerations contributing to establishing the significance of visual effects.**



**A** Overall Judgement in respect of sensitivity: Combines these considerations which are explained in the text. It will be described as *High, Medium or Low* depending on the combination of circumstances



**B** Overall judgement in respect of magnitude of visual effects: combines these considerations which are explained in text. It will be described as *High, Medium, Low or Negligible* depending on the combination of circumstances

**A + B = C** Judgement of effects: Combines sensitivity and magnitude in a considered way taking into account the pleasantness of the existing and resultant view, and will be described as *Major, Moderate, Minor or Negligible*, and as either *Beneficial, Adverse or Neutral* depending on the circumstances

**Mitigation**

- 2.13. Landscape mitigation is most effective if considered as an integral part of the site layout and design in order to avoid, reduce or offset any adverse effects on the landscape or wider environment. Landscape mitigation is part of an iterative process of project planning.
- 2.14. Avoidance of impact through site planning and design has been the preferred and primary mitigation strategy for the avoidance of adverse landscape and visual effects.
- 2.15. Where landscape features cannot be avoided and will be lost, compensation in the form of replacement or creation of other appropriate substitute features are proposed as deemed appropriate.

**Assumptions and Limitations**

- 2.16. For the purpose of this landscape and visual assessment, the assessment has been based on the assumption that the site would be developed for housing.
- 2.17. A computer generated Zone of Theoretical Visibility has not been undertaken. The visibility of the site has been determined by a study of the existing topographical baseline and field work, with site observations taking into account the existing terrain, vegetation and intervening development. The prediction of visibility of the development is based on a maximum of 2.5/3.0 storey house judged against the heights of existing buildings in the landscape.

### 3. Legislative, Planning and Policy Framework

- 3.1. The review below highlights the key elements of policy which provide the landscape and design framework for the proposed development and which have provided the context for the Landscape Appraisal.

#### **National planning policy**

- a. The National Planning Policy Framework (February 2019) promotes a presumption in favour of sustainable development for both plan-making and decision-taking (Paragraph 11).
- b. Section 12 of the NPPF, Achieving Well-Designed Places, states (paragraph 124) that *“good design is a key aspect of sustainable development, creates better places to live and work and helps make development acceptable to communities”*. Paragraph 127 states, *“Planning policies and decisions should ensure that developments:*
- a. *will function well and add to the overall quality of the area, not just for the short term but over the lifetime of the development;*
  - b. *are visually attractive as a result of good architecture, layout and appropriate and effective landscaping;*
  - c. *are sympathetic to local character and history, including the surrounding built environment and landscape setting, while not preventing or discouraging appropriate innovation or change (such as increased densities)*
  - d. *establish or maintain a strong sense of place, using the arrangements of streets, spaces, building types and materials to create attractive, welcoming and distinctive places to live, work and visit;”*
- c. Section 15 of the NPPF, Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment, (paragraph 170) sets out how planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:
- d. *Protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, sites of biodiversity or geological value and soils (in a manner commensurate with their statutory status or identified quality in the development plan);*
  - e. *Recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside, and the wider benefits from natural capital and ecosystem services – including the economic and other benefits of best and most versatile agricultural land, and of trees and woodland;*

#### **National designations**

- 3.2. There are no national statutory landscape designations within the site boundary or immediate landscape setting.

#### **Planning Practice Guidance**

- 3.3. The Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) was published on 6th March 2014 to supplement the

NPPF. The PPG reiterates the sentiment that ‘good design is indivisible from good planning’ and that design qualities, amongst other things, play a fundamental role in delivering successful developments. Local character and landscape setting is recognised within the guidance as one of the many issues to consider when assessing the impact of new design on the physical environment.

### **Local Planning Policy**

- 3.4. The Current Local Plan comprises the Core Strategy, Proposals Map and Saved Policies. The Rossendale Core Strategy Development Plan Document was adopted in November 2011 and sets out the current policies relating development and land uses.
- 3.5. On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Rossendale Borough Council took the decision to withdraw the Site Allocation and Development Management Policies Plan - Lives and Landscapes. Although this document is no longer part of the evidence base to inform planning decisions this appraisal has considered the receptors and conclusions made in this assessment as the evidence to the Emerging Local Plan.

### **Core Strategy DPD The Way Forward, (Adopted November 2011)**

- 3.6. Policy 1: General Development Locations and Principles states that: *“Proposals outside the urban boundary will be determined in accordance with the relevant national and local planning guidance.”* and *“A review of the existing Green Belt boundaries will be undertaken as part of the Site Allocation DPD. The review will be limited to small scale changes and cartographic corrections that do not adversely impact on the proposed Green Belt”*.
- 3.7. Figure 1.2 shows the site in the context of the Core Strategy DPD planning policies and designations.

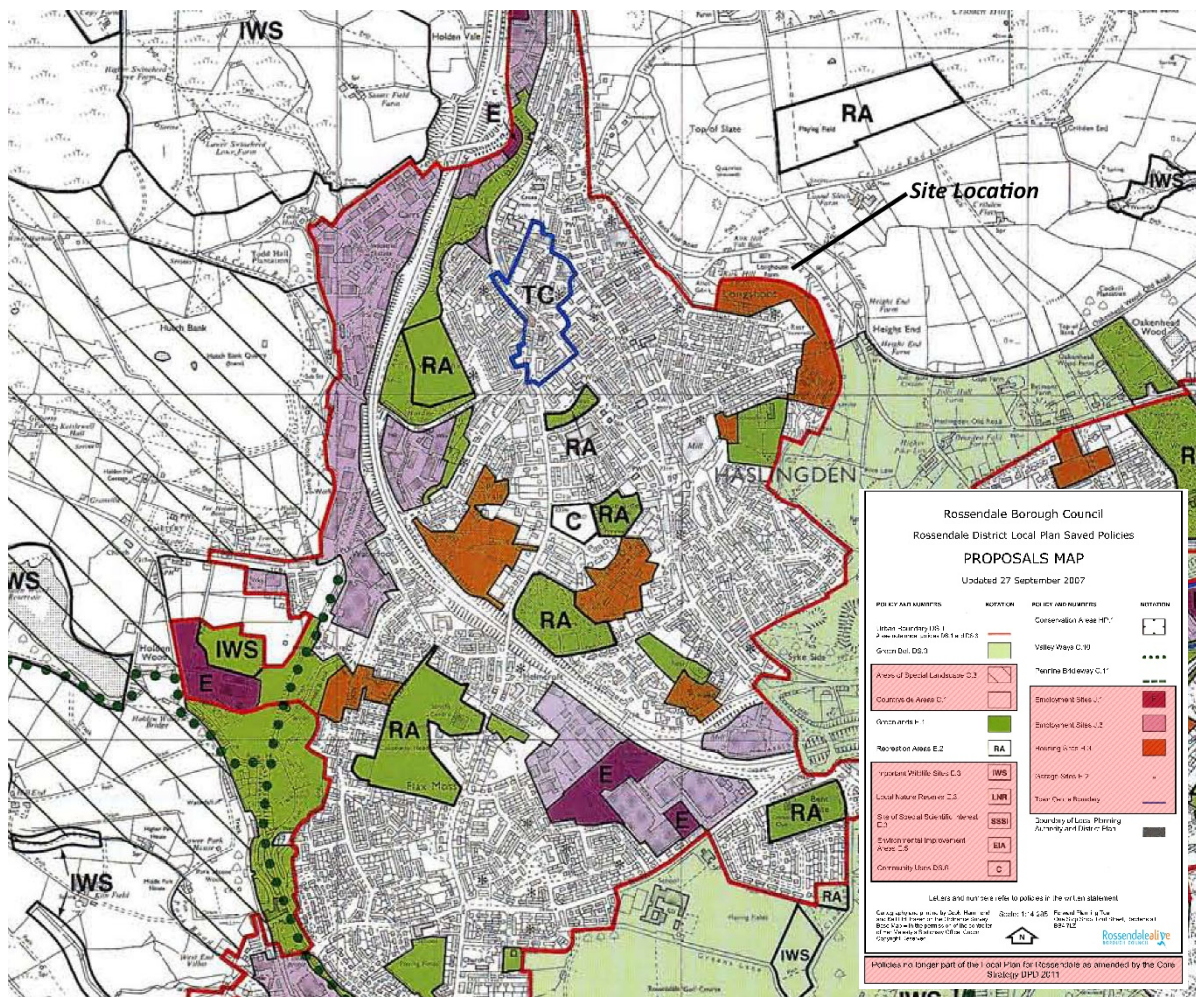


Figure 1.2

3.8. The site is designated as Open Countryside under Policy 1, however this policy has since been withdrawn.

*“The Council will seek to enhance the quality and sustainability of places and individual developments by taking into account the following criteria when preparing LDF and considering individual planning applications:*

- Make best use of under-used, vacant and derelict land and buildings
- Complement and enhance the surrounding area(s) of development through the use of inclusive design and locally distinctive materials which enhances the character and heritage of Rossendale
- Minimise negative impacts upon existing infrastructure capacities by considering its capacity levels and plans for future upgrades and expansion
- Taking a precautionary approach to flood risk
- The need to ensure that mineral resources are not needlessly sterilised by new development
- Maximise energy efficiency and demonstrate effective use of low carbon technologies
- Maximise access by public transport, walking and cycling in a manner that promotes safe

inclusive communities and promote co location of services and facilities

- Enhance and protect the countryside, geodiversity and biodiversity resources including habitats and species
- Wherever possible, improve the amount of, links to and the quality of the local network of open spaces and green infrastructure
- Contributes to maintaining and creating sustainable and inclusive communities

3.9. Other policies of relevance to the proposals include:

3.10. Policy 2 – Meeting Rossendale’s Housing Requirement: Achieving the net housing requirements.

3.11. Policy 17 – Rossendale’s Green Infrastructure: *promote the protection, enhancement and where appropriate the expansion of the Green Infrastructure network.*

3.12. Policy 18 – Biodiversity, Geodiversity and Landscape Conservation: *avoid any harmful impacts of development on all aspects of Rossendale’s natural environment.*

3.13. Policy 23 – Promoting High Quality Designed Spaces: ensure Rossendale’s places and buildings are attractive, safe and easy to use.

### **Emerging Local Plan**

3.14. A new Emerging Local Plan has been drafted and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

3.15. Rossendale Borough Council submitted the Emerging Local Plan for examination in March 2019. The Emerging Local Plan will provide a statutory planning framework to 2034. It will contain an overall strategy for development and policies on the scale and distribution of development. It will allocate sites needed to accommodate new development and areas to be protected or enhanced.

### **Emerging Local Plan Policies Map Submission Version**

3.16. An extract from the Policies Map is shown in Figure 1.3. The site is designated as Housing Site Allocation, H74. The site has no landscape designations.

### **Emerging Local Plan Submission Version (March 2019)**

3.17. Policy HS2: Housing Site Allocations states that:

*“The following sites, shown on the adopted Policies Map, have been allocated for housing development. Applicants will be expected to prepare Masterplans for the sites of 50 dwellings or over in order to provide a comprehensive approach to development.”*

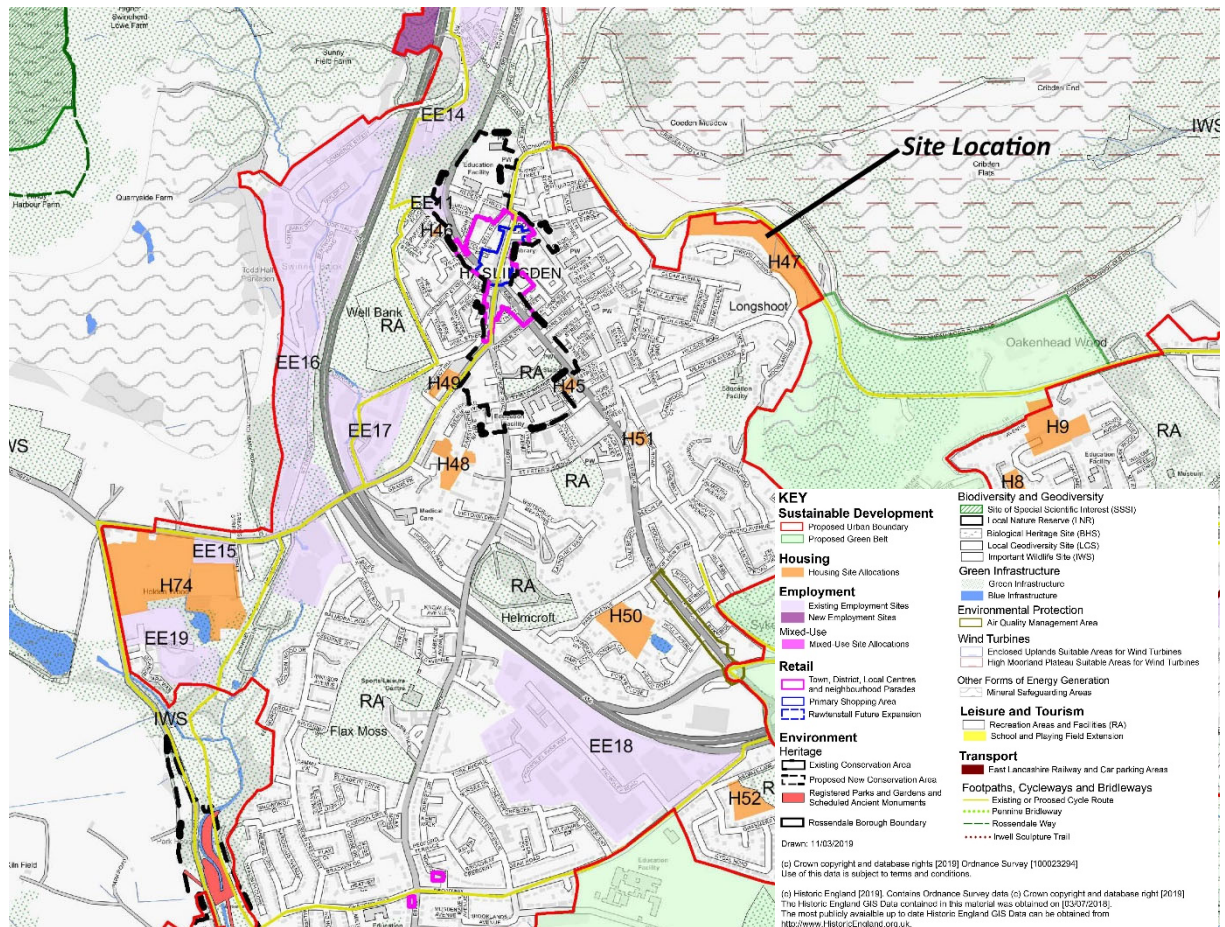


Figure 1.3



## 4. Baseline Landscape Conditions

### Landscape Character Context

#### National Landscape Character Context

- 4.1. The vicinity of the site is identified by Natural England as falling within National Landscape Character Area 36 – South Pennines. Its pertinent key characteristics are identified as comprising:
- *Large-scale, open, sweeping landscape with high flat-topped hills providing extensive views, cut into by narrow valleys with wooded sides;*
  - *Mosaics of moorland vegetation on the plateaux, including blanket bog and heathland, supporting internationally important habitats and assemblages of upland birds, invertebrates and breeding waders;*
  - *Enclosed upland pastures and hay meadows enclosed by dry stone walls on the hillsides, and narrow valleys with dense grit stone settlements in the valleys with steep slopes often densely wooded, providing strong contrast with open moorlands;*
  - *Many reservoirs on the moors, supplying drinking water to the adjacent towns, wintering and breeding habitats for birds and high quality recreation experiences;*
  - *Medieval villages and small holdings on higher shelves of land above the valleys, with small fields and a dense network of lanes and paths;*
  - *Local stone buildings, with stone flags on roofs, bring a high degree of homogeneity to the towns, villages, hamlets and farmsteads;*
  - *Rich time depth, from prehistoric features such as carved rocks, to medieval boundary stones, old mineral extraction sites and more recently, mills, factories, and non-conformist chapels;*
  - *Historic packhorse routes traversing the moorlands, with more recent road, rail and canal routes located along valleys;*
  - *Prominent feature, including Stoodley Pike, Darwen Jubilee Tower, Rivington Pike, wind farms and communication masts, visible from afar;*
- 4.2. The National Character Areas provide a general overview of character and is not detailed enough to provide an accurate description of the character of the landscape within the context of the site.

### Local Landscape Character Context

#### Lancashire Landscape Character Assessment (2000)

- 4.3. The Lancashire Landscape Character Assessment (2000) has divided the National Landscape Character Types within the Lancashire area into geographically smaller Landscape Character Areas. The site is identified as lying within Landscape Character Area 8 – Settled Valley.

4.4. The character area is described as “*the narrow, high sided valleys of the river Irwell and it’s tributary streams*”, its key characteristics are:

- *Along the valley floor the urban settlements between Rawtenstall and Bacup, which originated at river crossing points; have now merged to form a dense ribbon of urban and industrial development;*
- *The textile mills, with their distinctive chimneys, dominate the urban skyline and are a hall mark of this South Pennine landscape;*
- *Grit stone terraces form characteristic features of the hillsides and valley floor;*
- *North facing slopes usually remain free of development and there are frequently views towards woodlands, the patchwork of in-bye pastures and moorland edge;*
- *Broadleaved woodlands cling to the steep slopes and fill the steep valley side cloughs, reinforcing the sense of enclosure within the valleys, although the Irwell Valley has relatively little woodland;*
- *The settled valley contains a remarkable legacy relating to our industrial heritage, which itself marks remnants of pre-industrial settlement and land use;*
- *Urban areas, which were confined by topography tended to grow along the bottoms of the valleys and have tight knit urban centres. They are dominated by large textile mill buildings with terraces of stone cottages with their characteristic contrasting stonework and pointing running along the lower valley sides;*

4.5. The Lancashire Landscape Character Assessment describes the area along the valley floor as urban settlement. The surrounding housing and industry within the vicinity of the site is in keeping with the description of the character area. A lack of existing landscape features means the site has a low value within the wider landscape character area.

### **Description of the Site and its Surroundings**

4.6. Figure 1.4 shows the site in its landscape context and surrounding public rights of way. Figure 1.5 shows the site features and Figure 1.6 includes photographs A-C which illustrate the character and features within the site.

### **Site Location and Boundaries**

4.7. The site consists of one broadly crescent shaped area of grassland and mature vegetation. The boundaries are currently defined by Kirk Hill Road to the north and east, and Kirkhill Avenue and residential properties to the south and west. A mixture of mature trees and timber fencing forms the boundaries to the site adjacent to the residential areas.

4.8. The site comprises an area of managed public open space, crossed by numerous paths and board walks. The site is fairly enclosed in the north section by native tree planting.

### **Landform and Drainage**

4.9. The site slopes steeply up to Kirk Hill Road from the rear of the properties on Kirk Hill Ave, rising over 10m to form a steep embankment.

### Vegetation

- 4.10. The site is heavily planted in the north west section with clusters of native young trees.

### Public Rights of Way

- 4.11. There are no Public Rights of Way (PRoW) within the site although a network of informal footpath traverses the site in all directions. PRoW's within the surroundings of the site are shown on Figure 1.4 and are described below.
- 4.12. PRoW FP133, FP136, FP137 & FP139 are located to the north east of the site and generally run in an east to west direction. These routes are generally flanked by dry stone walls and isolated trees and provide an elevated view across the surrounding landscape. PRoW 139 forms part of a longer route known as the Shoe Trail.
- 4.13. PRoW FP140 is located to the east along the south eastern boundary of the site and provides a connection from PRoW FP139 down the hill to the residential area of Kirk Hill Ave. The route is flanked by intermittent tree and woodland planting as well as post and wire fencing.
- 4.14. PRoW FP320 and 323 run in a north to south direction and provide long distance views from the wider landscape to the east of the site. PRoW FP323 follows an access track from Kirk Hill Road, which is flanked by a dry stone wall up to the top of Pike Law. PRoW FP320 follows a vegetated field boundary from Kirk Hill Road up to the Shoe Trail and PRoW FP139.
- 4.15. PRoW 328a runs in a north to south direction from Helmshore up to Beetle Hill and Holcombe Moor beyond. Travelling north from Beetle Hill down the PRoW the footpath is flanked on both sides by dry stone wall. The PRoW descends steeply and provides long distance views across the Valley towards Haslingden.

### Views, Visibility and Visual Character

#### Visual Context and Views from the Site

- 4.16. Photographs of the site are included on Figure 1.6 and the photograph locations are shown on Figure 1.5.
- 4.17. Due to the topography of the land and the clusters of trees within the site there are limited long distance views to north from within the site. Gaps in the vegetation along Kirk Hill Road allow filtered views towards the agricultural land and adjacent farm buildings, however this land is on a steep incline and there are few views beyond this.
- 4.18. To the west, views are screened somewhat by the vegetation within the site and along the west boundary. Gaps in the vegetation along PRoW FP140 allow filtered views towards Pike Law and the adjacent side of the valley.
- 4.19. To the east the topography of the land and dense vegetation limits the views out of the site. There are short range views possible to Kirk Hill Farm and the agricultural land beyond.

- 4.20. To the south, views are foreshortened and dominated by the properties on Kirkhill Ave which have clear views of the site. The town of Haslingden can be viewed in the distance when looking south from the upper northern boundary of the site, again in places these views are screened by the clusters of native young trees scattered throughout the site.

#### Visual Receptors and Views of the Site

- 4.21. Figure 1.6 identifies the photographic survey viewpoints and visual receptors which are the publicly accessible areas and private dwellings from which there are views of the site. The photographs are grouped into sequences of views from linear receptors (footpaths and roads) to provide an overall impression of the character and visibility of the receptor.
- 4.22. Figures 1.8 – 1.13 provide a photographic study of the site and its context.
- 4.23. The main visual receptors are:
1. **Users of PRow FP133, FP136, FP137 & FP139 to the north of the site.** There are no views of the main body of the site from these routes due to the existing topography and the intervening vegetation and tree clusters within the site. However, there are views of the eastern part of the site that is exposed on higher ground beneath the overhead electricity lines. As the route moves east there are glimpses through the existing vegetation towards the site if developed, although the land within the site is not visible. (Photos 1 - 4)
  2. **Users of PRow FP140 to the south east boundary of the site.** There are glimpsed views of the site from this south east boundary through the intervening vegetation and mature tree clusters. As the route continues south west the land falls steeply towards Kirkhill Ave preventing any views of the site from this part of the route. (Photo 5)
  3. **Users of PRow FP323 & FP320 to the south east of the site.** The site is generally not visible from the PRow FP320 due to the topography of the land, the steep incline to this footpath and the ridge of the adjacent hill prevent the viewer being about to see into the site. However the roofscape of the properties to the south of the site along Kirkhill Ave are visible over the brow of the hill. The site is generally well screened from the PRow FP323 to the south east of the site. The footpath is flanked on this western side with a dry stone wall as the path rises up to Pike Law preventing any clear views. Further north towards Kirk Hill Road the footpath is flank by a post and wire fence a large proportion of the site is screened from the east by intervening mature vegetation and the tree clusters; however a gap in the vegetation allows views into the west section of the site. (Photos 6, 7)
  4. **Users of PRow FP328a the far south west of the site.** There are views from this elevated footpath on the far side of the valley to the south west of the site. Existing properties, industrial units and a mast dominant the view, the eastern part of the site that is exposed on higher ground beneath the overhead electricity lines is visible. The footpath descends steeply towards Haslingden and this view is experienced for a short section of a longer

route. (Photos 8)

5. **Motorists using Kirk Hill Road to the north of the site.** The intervening mature trees and vegetation along the northern boundary of the site are a dominant feature on this road and views into the site are generally screened. Motorists travelling on this road may experience some glimpse views of the site, although due to the average speeds along this stretch of road, any view would be fleeting and not the primary focus of the user.
  6. **Motorists using Cribden End Lane to the north of the site.** Users of Cribden End Lane travelling west will have views of the site due to the elevated position of the road in comparison to the landscape to the south. These views are framed by the undulating landform within the existing fields, and the existing properties along Kirkhill Ave.
  7. **Private residents of 2 storey properties on Kirkhill Ave to the south of the site.** Due to the elevated position of the site to the north of these properties there are views of the site from the upper and lower storeys.
  8. **Private residents of the 2 storey properties Oakenhead Wood Old Road and Union Road to the east of the site.** The private residents of some properties to the east have views of the site from their upper storeys. These views are partially filtered by the existing landform and vegetation within the agricultural landscape.
- 4.24. Potential views from properties would generally be from upper floors and representative images are therefore generally not possible.

## 5. Key Issues and Potential Landscape Effects

5.1. A review of the baseline descriptions suggests that issues of most importance or relevance for the development will include:

- Effects on landscape features and character of the landscape;
- Effects on views from the public footpaths around the site;
- Effects on views from the roads that surround the site;
- Effects on views from private properties which surround the site;

5.2. Purely private views are of relevance when judging the land use impact of a proposal. However there is no 'right to a view', and thus the change to a view is not of itself of concern to the planning system unless there is a material impact upon residential amenity as a result of the proposed development.

## 6. Description of the Scheme and Mitigation

- 6.1. The scheme proposes a development of around 50 houses with access from Kirkhill Ave.
- 6.2. The proposals include the strengthening and enhancement of existing field boundaries, screen planting the northern boundary adjacent to Kirk Hill Road and screen planting to the southern boundary at the rear of the properties that front on to Kirkhill Ave. Native species are proposed to be planted inside the fenceline along the boundaries. This would improve biodiversity and the ecological value of the site as well as mitigating the visual effect.
- 6.3. The properties would vary in size and type and be designed to be in keeping with local architectural style and be sinuous with the surroundings. The development and associated infrastructure would be designed as such to follow the existing topography of the land and take advantage of views across Haslingden.
- 6.4. The development would be a natural extension of the built form up to Kirk Hill Road and is influenced by adjacent urbanising features such as housing and electricity pylons.
- 6.5. Areas of public open space of the appropriate size would be positioned under the overhead power lines to ensure efficient use of the undevelopable space.

## 7. Preliminary Assessment of Potential Landscape Effects

### Landscape Features

#### Conclusions in respect of sensitivity of landscape features

- 7.1. The site is dominated by young native clusters of trees and a wetland habitat. The site is currently used as a public open space but has no formal designation as such. There are no landscape features of outstanding national or regional value. The overall condition of the site appears to be medium; there is an area of board walks and numerous paths throughout the site.
- 7.2. The site would be able to accommodate the development with some changes to the landscape baseline and existing woodland tree clusters, the overall sensitivity of the landscape features on the site is therefore considered to be medium.

#### Conclusions in respect of magnitude of change and preliminary assessment of potential effects on the landscape features

- 7.3. There are no important landscape features within the site, and proposed tree planting along the site boundaries as part of the mitigation strategy would compensate for any trees lost within the site.
- 7.4. The effects of the loss of tree clusters would be moderate but there would be an overall increase in vegetation and biodiversity of the site with the proposed planting in the gardens of the development. Effects on landscape features would be moderate - minor.

### Landscape character

#### Conclusions in respect of sensitivity of landscape character

- 7.5. The landscape is consistent with the 'Settled Valley' character area and development would not result in a change from the baseline with appropriate mitigation.
- 7.6. The value of the site itself is considered to be medium due to the landscape features creating a landscape of medium quality; it has some recreational value but very little value in terms of scenic quality or rarity.
- 7.7. The overall sensitivity of the wider landscape character area to change is considered to be medium due to the presence of a variety of landscape features and PRoW's which give the wider landscape some recreational value and scenic quality. However, the landscape features within the site are not considered to be rare. The site is able to accommodate the proposed development without any change to the landscape baseline, "Settled Valley", and therefore the landscape character of the site has a low sensitivity.



**Conclusions in respect of magnitude of change and preliminary assessment of the potential effects on the landscape character**

- 7.8. There would be no loss of landscape elements that contribute to the character of the landscape, and the nature of the scheme would be in keeping with the existing residential development and built form to the south of the site. The residential development would change the appearance within the site due to the nature of the built form, which would be felt at the local level. In addition to trees and garden planting within the development the introduction of mitigation planting along the site boundaries would enhance the landscape and have a beneficial effect.

## 8. Preliminary Assessment of Potential Visual Effects

### Conclusions in respect of sensitivity of the views

- 8.1. The landscape of the site is viewed by users of the public footpath network for whom the appreciation of the landscape may be their focus. The users of PRoW's are therefore considered to be of high sensitivity.
- 8.2. The transient views for motorists, cyclists and users of highways footpaths using local roads, including Kirk Hill Road and Cribden End Lane are considered to have medium sensitivity to change as the views may be considered important to maintain general visual amenity.
- 8.3. Residents of private dwellings who currently have an open view of the site will be expected to have a high level of sensitivity to any changes within the site. However, since Landscape Appraisal is not primarily concerned with private views (which are assessed in terms of residential amenity), the assessment of changes to these viewpoints will be of less significance than any changes to public views.

### Preliminary assessment of the potential effects on the visual receptors

- 8.4. The site is visible from parts of a number of PRoW's within the study area from varying distances and elevations. The surrounding PRoW network has the highest sensitivity to change. The proposed development on the site would be expected to result in some notable visual changes for these visual receptors.
- 8.5. Users of the PRoW FP133, FP136, FP137 & FP139 would experience a change in view, the existing roofline of the properties along Kirkhill Ave are visible above the mature vegetation; development of the site would change the roof line and bring this closer to the viewer. However the view would remain that of an urban edge and would not be discordant with the wider panorama. The magnitude of change is considered to be minor and potential effects of the proposed development would be of limited importance. Mitigation planting is proposed and on maturity of this vegetation the effects will reduce.
- 8.6. Users of PRoW FP140 would experience the biggest change in the view due to its close proximity to the site; however the view would be screened by the existing vegetation along the west boundary of this PRoW. The north eastern corner of the site is also proposed to be an area of public open space and so any proposed development would be set back from this footpath. To the south of the site is the residential area of Haslingden and the properties that front onto Kirkhill Ave, views gained from the PRoW would be experienced in the context of this urban boundary and edge. The magnitude of change is considered to be moderate - and potential effects of the proposed development would be of limited importance.
- 8.7. Users of PRoW's FP320 & FP323 would experience a change in the view due to the location on higher ground and the close proximity to the site. The views would be screened by the

existing vegetation along the south west boundary of the site however gaps in the planting along this boundary would allow glimpses through to the site. The north eastern corner of the site is proposed to be an area of public open space and so the built form will be set back from this boundary closer to the existing properties along Kirkhill Ave. The magnitude of change is considered to be minor.

- 8.8. From PRow FP328a the view is from a distance of over 4km away and is of a complex nature, including the existing built form of Haslingden and associated industrial buildings. The magnitude of change is considered to be minor - negligible and would only be experienced for a short section of a much longer route along the footpath that falls steeply down into the valley. These visual effects would be further reduced upon maturity of the proposed vegetation within the site.
- 8.9. Short sections of Kirk Hill Road would have open views towards the site. However due to the meandering nature of the road, the landscape is not the primary focus of the user. Views are possible from Cribden End Lane towards the site; however the elevated position of this road means the view will change to that of roofs to houses which is not discordant with the existing view experienced. The north east corner of the site is also exposed but the proposals include for an area of Public Open Space here. Views from Kirkhill Ave and Union Road would be glimpses and fleeting. The magnitude of change is considered to be minor and potential effects of the proposed development would be of limited importance. Mitigation planting is proposed to the southern and southern boundary of the site and on maturity of this vegetation the effects will reduce.
- 8.10. The residents of Kirkhill Ave have clear views of the site, but this is not discordant with the surrounding locality of these properties and the town of Haslingden beyond. The magnitude of change is considered to be moderate to minor. The proposed planting along the site boundaries would reduce the effects particularly from the ground floor once they reach maturity. Residents at Oakenhead Wood Road and Union Road may experience filtered views towards the site, the magnitude of change is considered to be minor – negligible and would reduce over time as the boundary vegetation matures.

## 9. Response to the Evidence Base

- 9.1. The landscape character is an urban edge and wraps around the existing settlement area and urban boundary of Haslingden. As such inclusion of the site within the urban boundary would not have a significant adverse effect on the landscape character. Mature trees and Kirk Hill Road form the northern boundary of the site providing a logical new Green Belt boundary.
- 9.2. In response to the evidence base (Landscape Study 2015) it is considered that with appropriate mitigation the site could be considered suitable for development and as such has been designated for housing allocation in the emerging local plan. Although the site rises up the valley, the northern boundary and Kirk Hill Road is a logical extension of the urban edge and would round off the built form of Haslingden.
- 9.3. The assessment considers that this section of the site is not typical of the “Settled Valley” and is more appropriately described as “Enclosed Upland” however this is not correct. The site has a strong association with the adjacent housing development and largely influenced by urbanising features such as the overhead power lines, pylons and masts within the local vicinity. Within the site itself the possible long range views are that of dense housing development and Haslingden beyond, this would be discordant with the characteristics experienced within the “Enclosed Upland” character type.

## 10. Summary of Conclusions

### Potential Landscape Effects

- 10.1. The Landscape Appraisal considers that the effects on landscape features or landscape character as a result of the proposed development are not significant, with a beneficial effect on landscape features through the introduction of trees, garden planting and mitigation planting along the site boundaries. Although some clusters of native trees will be removed this loss can be compensated for with proposed tree and shrub planting within the site and as part of screen planting to the site boundaries.

### Potential Visual Effects:

- 10.2. The Landscape Appraisal concludes that:
- The potential effects on views from the PRoW network within the study area are not significant in the context of the surrounding landscape and would be reduced upon maturity of the mitigation planting;
  - The potential effects on views from the users travelling along Cribden End Lane are not significant in the context of the overall landscape and would be reduced upon maturity of the mitigation planting;
  - The potential effects on views from Kill Hill Road are not significant and are of limited importance;
  - The potential effects on views from private properties on Kirkhill Ave are the biggest change as a result of the proposals and are considered to be moderate. Although the effects on views from the ground floor of this receptor would be reduced upon maturity of the proposed screen planting;
  - The potential effects on views from private properties to the east of the site are not significant and would be reduced upon maturity of the boundary planting;

### Potential new long term defensible Green Belt:

- 10.3. The site is not designated as Green Belt. The landscape is urban edge that hugs the existing housing development of Haslingden and is strongly influenced by the surrounding features. As such inclusion of the whole site within housing allocation would not have a significantly adverse effect on character.
- 10.4. Kirk Hill Road and vegetation to the northern boundary of the site would provide a physical boundary to the Open Countryside, and would result in a rounding off of the urban edge in line with the requirements set out in NPPF.

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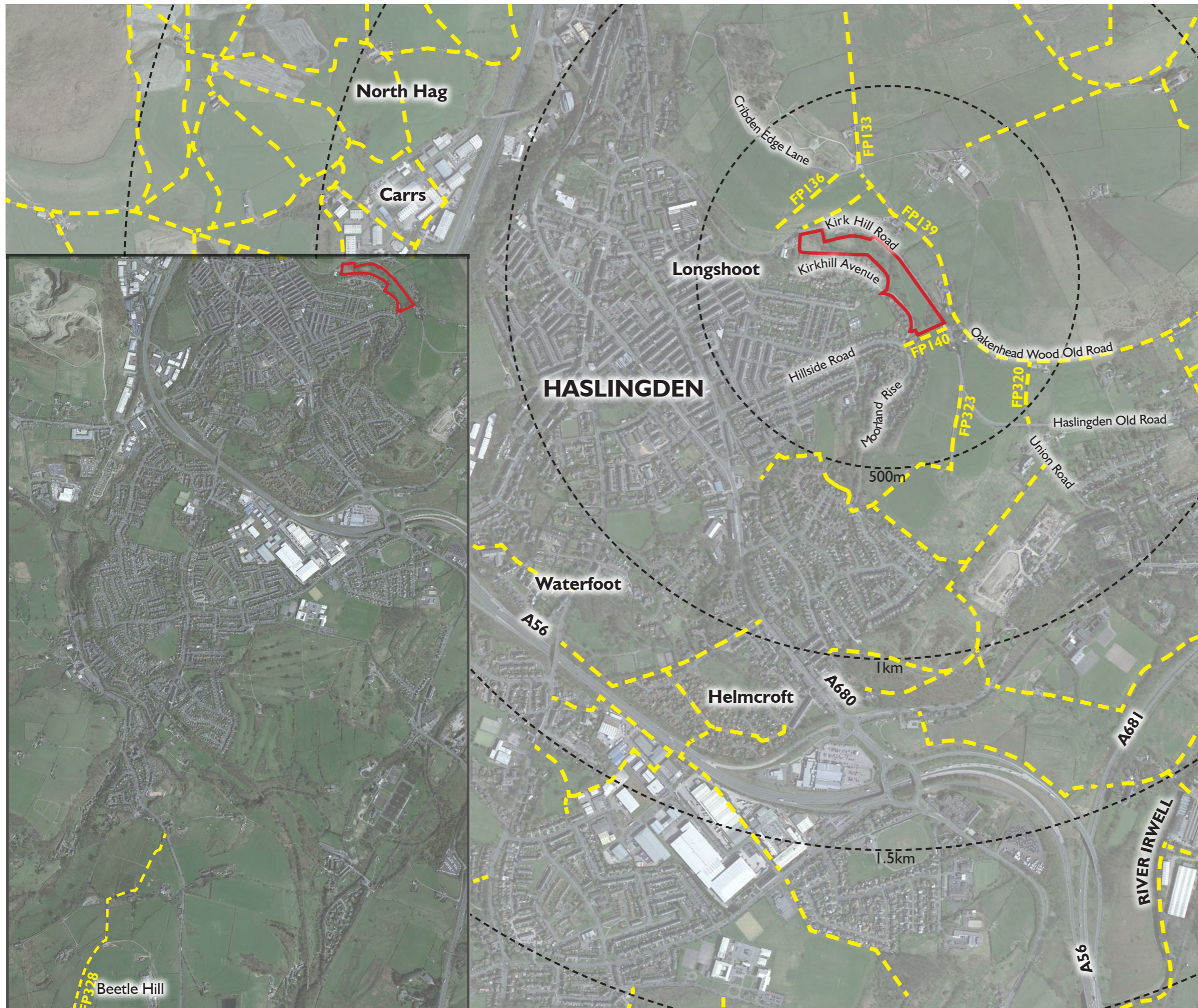
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Figure 1.4

*PROW and features within the Study Area*

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Site Features Plan

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North



Informal footpath through the site

Property located to the north of Kirkhill Road on FP139

The site



**Viewpoint A** - View from Kirkhill Ave, looking north

Property fronting onto Kirkhill Ave

The site

Kirkhill Ave



**Viewpoint B** - View from Kirkhill Ave, looking east

Kirk Hill Road

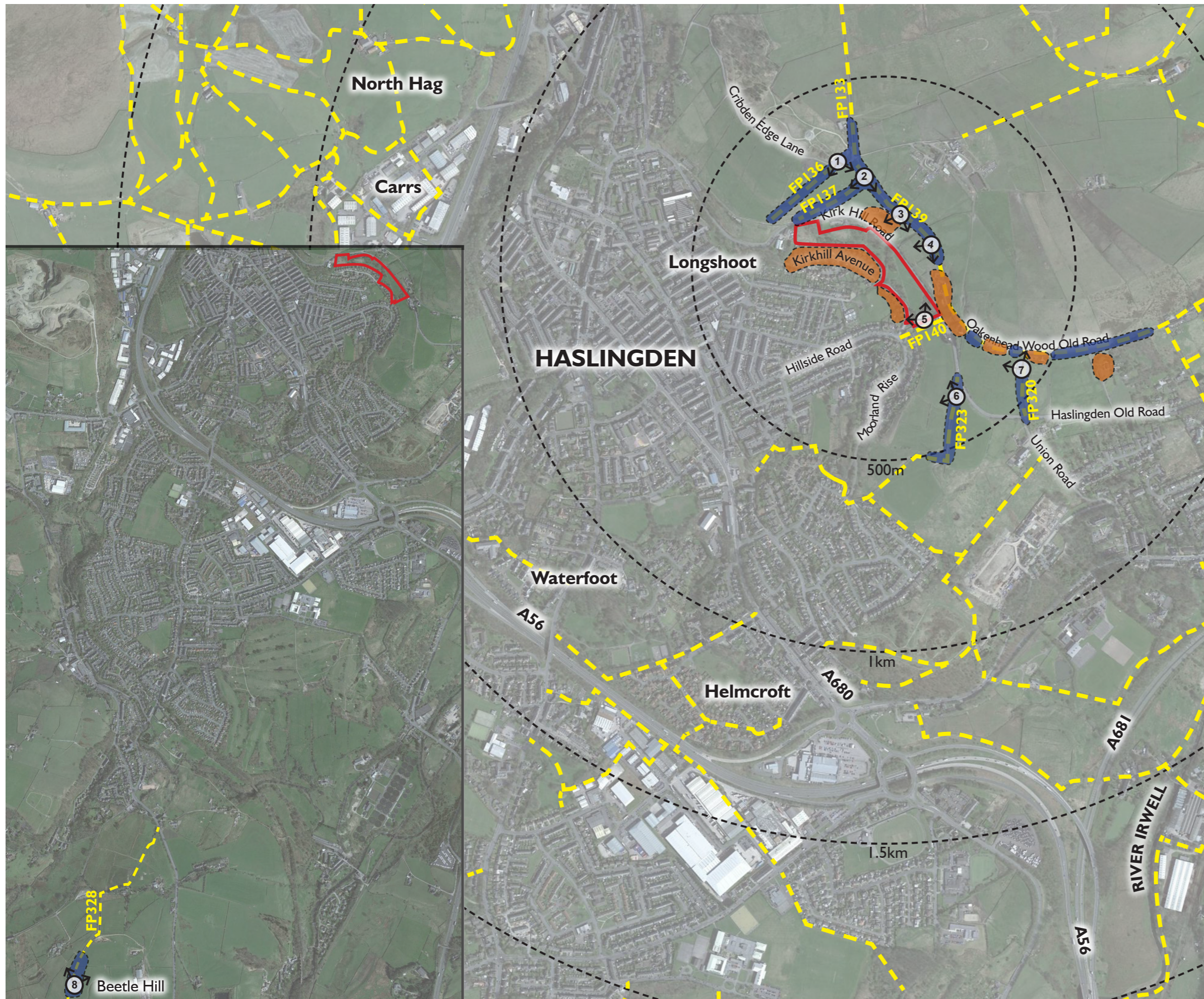
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Haslingden



**Viewpoint C** - View from the PRoW FP133 to the north of the site, looking south east towards the site & Pike Law



**KEY:**

-  Site Boundary
-  Photograph Location
-  Public Right of Way
-  Public Visual Receptor
-  Private Visual Receptor

**Public Visual Receptors:**

1. PRoW FP133, FP136, FP137, FP139 (Photos 1-4)
2. PRoW FP140 (Photo 5)
3. PRoW FP320 & FP323 (Photo 6 & 7)
4. PRoW FP328a (Photo 8)
5. Kirk Hill Road
6. Cribden End Lane

**Private Visual Receptors:**

7. 2 storey properties on Kirkhill Avenue.
8. 2 storey properties on Oakenhead Wood Old Road, & Union Road.



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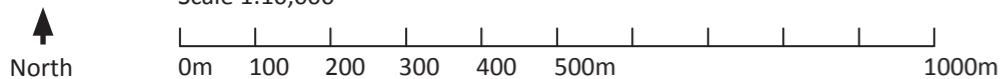
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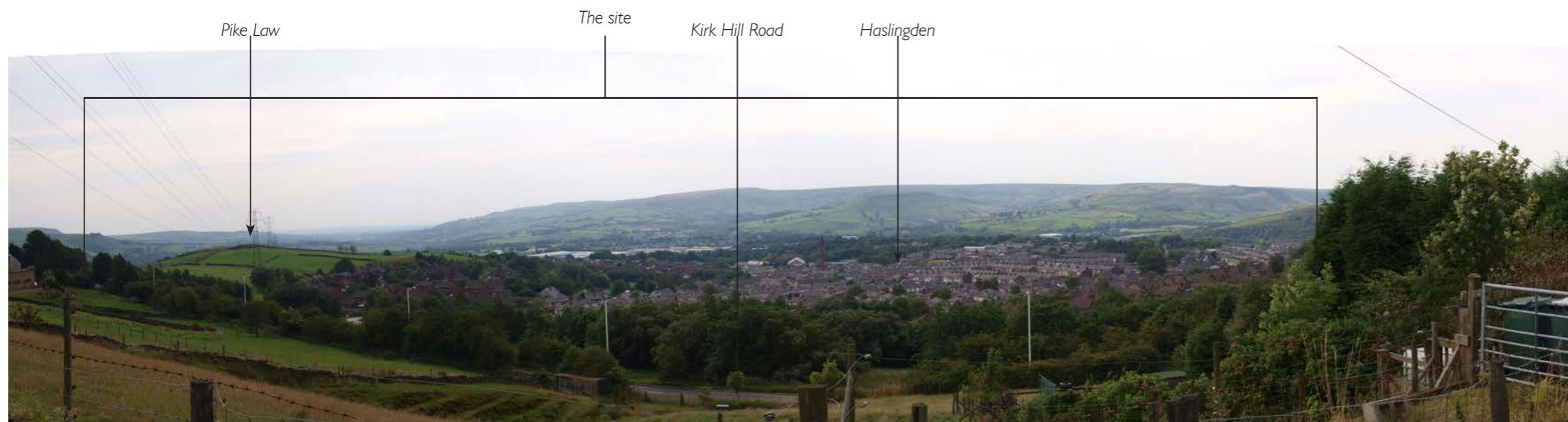




**Photo 1** - View from PRoW FP133 & 136, looking east towards the site



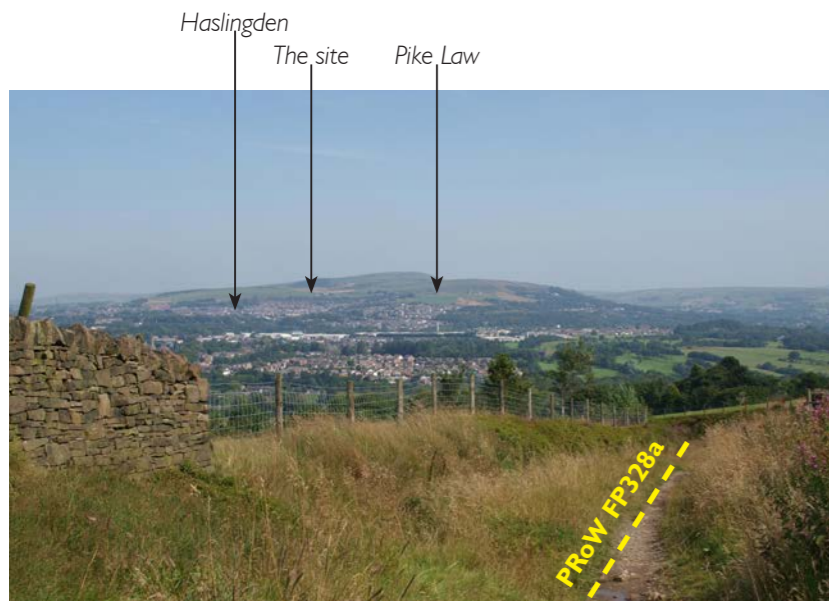
**Photo 2** - View from PRoW FP139 & 137, looking south east towards the site



**Photo 3** - View from PRoW 139 north of the site, looking south towards the site & Haslingden



**Photo 7** - View from PRoW PF320 looking south east towards Pike Law & the site



**Photo 8** - View from PRoW FP328a, looking north towards the site