

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 5
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Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Services	
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EMERGENCY STOPPING PLACES

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM : Councillor Peter Hiller, Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Services	Deadline date : n/a
For Cabinet to consider the recommendations of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Services to trial three Emergency Stopping Places for Gypsy/Traveller use in locations at Paston, Eye and Thorney and East wards.	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet following an in depth review of potential Emergency Stopping Places (ESP) developed by a cross party advisory group under the request of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Services.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the recommendation of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing Services and agree to trial three locations as suitable sites to use as Emergency Stopping Places for visiting Gypsy/Travellers.
- 2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.3 'to take a leading role in promoting the economic, environmental and social well-being of the area'.

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	
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4. Background

- 4.1 Over the last several years, Peterborough has regularly experienced high numbers of unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller encampments. During the last two years, there have been over 100 separate unauthorised encampments in Peterborough on council owned land, costing an estimated £80-£100,000 per year.
- 4.2 Gypsies and Travellers are ethnic minorities recognised by the Race Relations Amendment Act. Under the terms of the Act they have a right to a nomadic lifestyle and equal access to services such as education, health and accommodation and protection from discrimination and harassment.
- 4.3 However, Gypsies and Travellers do not have a right to occupy vacant land without agreement from the land owner. Where the council receives notification that a

Gypsy/Traveller encampment is on council land, the council can use its powers under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act to seek eviction.

5. Council processes for dealing with unauthorised sites

- 5.1 Each unauthorised encampment is considered on its own merits. In some circumstances, the council may be prepared to tolerate occupation for a few days if the location is unlikely to cause disruption to local residents or businesses.
- 5.2 However, where a location is judged unsuitable, the council will commence eviction. This involves undertaking a health and welfare assessment to ascertain the needs of the Gypsies/Travellers and whether there are any underlying issues which could be exacerbated through eviction. This assessment is a legal requirement and covers issues such as health needs, welfare issues and safety concerns.
- 5.3 If the assessment does not show any reason why an eviction cannot be carried out, then a formal notice is served upon the Travellers with a specified date on which they must leave the encampment. Should the Travellers not vacate by this date, the council requests a court hearing to seek agreement to evict the Travellers.
- 5.4 If the court grants permission, a further notice is served upon the Travellers again with a clearly identified date by which time they must leave. If, after this notice has elapsed, the encampment is still on the site, the council instructs bailiffs to carry out the eviction on its behalf.
- 5.5 In many circumstances, Travellers stay for a few days and move on with little or no impact to local communities. However, there are other occasions where Travellers stay for longer periods in unsuitable locations which can lead to friction between the Travellers, local residents and businesses. This can result in increased costs for the council in managing evictions and dealing with post occupation issues. Costs incurred can be for the court to serve legal notice to depart, bailiff costs for when Travellers do not leave voluntarily, clean-up costs of rubbish and costs to repair or install defensive measures to prevent future occupation. In addition, there is significant officer time required to manage each unauthorised encampment.
- 5.6 Many areas in the city are now defended from Traveller encampments. Whilst it is important that we protect vulnerable areas from unauthorised encampments, the result of this has forced some encampments deeper into residential areas such as the Hamptons and Werrington, causing distress amongst communities and businesses. This in turn has led to further costs as the council seeks to defend additional areas.

6. Emergency Stopping Places

- 6.1 The root cause of these continued unauthorised encampments is that visiting Traveller families do not have any legitimate areas where they can stay for a short period. The advisory group and council officers have met with the National Lead Government Advisor for Traveller Issues Richard Bennett and the Chair of the National Association of Gypsy and Traveller Local Authority Officers Bill Forrester to review best practice from across the country in dealing with unauthorised encampments.
- 6.2 In many towns and cities, some form of temporary transit provision is provided by councils that Travellers are permitted to use for a short time. These sites are shown to reduce unauthorised encampments and their overall impact to the community.
- 6.3 Typically, these sites consist of one family making up around six caravans (but often less) and can be used for up to 28 days in a 12 month period. No permanent infrastructure is provided; instead drinking water (via a temporary water bowser), toilet facilities (in the form of a portable toilet) and rubbish/waste facilities will be made available. It is this model that is being proposed for Peterborough, in the form of Emergency Stopping Places (ESPs).

- 6.4 An ESP provision enables a council to immediately move Travellers on from the location at which they first set up camp, whilst at the same time providing the police and the local authority with the opportunity to capture the personal and vehicle details of the Travellers. The Travellers will be permitted to stop for a limited time at the ESP without impacting on the city or surrounding areas. Eviction procedures (set out in paragraphs 4.4-4.7) will continue to be actioned even after the Travellers have moved to the ESP location in the event that Travellers are reluctant to move on.
- 6.5 ESP provision can therefore be used for high risk locations such as schools, play areas, sheltered housing schemes and residential areas.
- 6.6 The establishment of ESPs also allows the police to use their wider powers to remove Travellers from unauthorised sites without the need for the council to obtain the court's permission which take time to invoke as set out above. Currently, Cambridgeshire Constabulary is unable to direct Travellers to move from an unauthorised area unless there is a significant problem with anti-social behaviour which impacts local residents, but with ESP's they will be able to use their powers to effect immediate removal.

7. How will ESPs work in Peterborough?

- 7.1 Where the council is notified of an unauthorised encampment on council land consideration will be given to re-direct the Travellers to an ESP site. As an ESP is a temporary site and can only be used for a maximum of 28 days in a 12 month period; it is unlikely that there will be capacity to cater for every unauthorised encampment.
- 7.2 Unauthorised encampments which are most likely to cause friction between Travellers and local residents due to their location would be a high priority for ESP use.
- 7.3 Travellers moved to the ESP will be required to sign up to minimum behaviour and conduct standards via an occupancy agreement, and will be charged a small daily rate to remain at the ESP location. This is in line with national best practice and operated in a number of towns and cities.
- 7.4 ESPs would have temporary toilet facilities, temporary clean water and temporary waste facilities with the aim of reducing subsequent clean-up costs.
- 7.5 Sites will have enough space for one family to occupy it at any one time; likely to be no more than 6 caravans.
- 7.6 Currently the police can only assist with an eviction if there is a breach of the peace. However once an ESP is set up the police have agreed to assist in moving travellers to the ESP and from the city once the agreed time limit has elapsed.

8. Identifying potential ESP sites

- 8.1 In 2012, Councillor Peter Hiller, then Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning, asked for a cross-party advisory group "To make recommendations to the Executive via Cllr Peter Hiller in order to establish Emergency Stopping Place provision for Travellers in Peterborough, including identifying land, agreeing relevant protocols, and identifying necessary support mechanisms in order to manage provision effectively."
- 8.2 It has taken some time for the group to be in a position to report back its findings to the cabinet member because there has been an in-depth review that the advisory group has undertaken – see sections 8.4 to 8.7 below.
- 8.3 A cross-party advisory group (consisting of councillors John Fox, Irene Walsh and then latterly Nigel North, John Shearman and Asif Shaheed) has undertaken a thorough review of all council owned land to identify sites that could potentially act as an ESP. The advisory group has been supported by the following officers:

- Adrian Chapman – Assistant Director Communities and Targeted Services
- Ian Phillips – Social Inclusion Manager
- Louise Williamson – Community Cohesion Officer
- Ray Hooke – Performance Information Analyst
- Ian Tobin – Neighbourhood Environment Enforcement Officer
- Roy Clark – Neighbourhood Environment Enforcement Officer
- Paul Hamshere – Traveller Liaison Officer
- David Searle – Citizens Advice Bureau
- Insp. Iain Clarke – Cambridgeshire Constabulary
- Tracey Burton – Traveller representative

8.4 A desk based exercise was initially undertaken to identify all areas of land owned by Peterborough City Council. The working group sifted the results to remove sites that would be clearly unsuitable, (for example school sites or sites that had other existing use) leaving 75 sites which appears to have the potential to be suitable for ESP use. Details of all 75 sites considered can be found at **Annex A**.

8.5 Each of these 75 sites has been visited and assessed by the neighbourhood environment enforcement officers. The assessment took into account a number of factors such as:

- Proximity to housing, playgrounds or other recreational sites
- Road safety considerations such as parking, turning, ingress and egress
- The impact of keeping animals on land
- The impact to other neighbouring users such as local businesses
- Environmental concerns such as flooding.

An example of the assessment criteria can be found at **Annex B**.

8.6 Following this initial inspection, each site was graded based upon the findings of the neighbourhood environment enforcement officers. The majority of the locations (66) were found to be totally unsuitable for a variety of reasons; most commonly:

- Close proximity to housing
- Site too small for ESP use
- Unsuitable land – i.e. liable to flooding or poor access
- Recreational land which if used for an ESP would impact negatively on the local community

8.7 The remaining sites were further assessed and graded to identify which areas are most likely to be suitable for use as an ESP. This involved a further site visit by the advisory group at each location and more detailed examination. Each site has been scored and ranked according to a number of criteria. The assessment and scoring is outlined at **Annex C**.

The advisory group considers that the remaining nine sites are potentially suitable to act as an ESP. They are as follows:

	Location	Advisory group comments	Score	Ward	Councillors
1	Disused road at rear of Dogsthorpe Triangle	Good sized site, isolated and secluded. Good location and unlikely to cause impact to any local residents.	82%	Paston	Cllr Sue Day Cllr John Knowles Cllr Francis Fox
2	Land near Household Recycling	Good location, remote and secluded. Low impact on community.	74%	Eye and Thorney	Cllr Richard Brown Cllr David

	Centre, Dogsthorpe				Sanders
3	Land at Corporation Farm (near Greyhound Stadium), First Drove	Away from residential area, good site and location, although some potential impact to local businesses. Good access to site and self-contained.	74%	East	Cllr Jo Johnson Cllr Nabil Shabbir Cllr Azher Iqbal
4	Hartwell Way / Saville Road Industrial Estate	Former Stage 2 factory area car park. Good site and a good location on an industrial area. Site would only be suitable if no other existing use, so maybe a short term ESP until the building is let.	66%	Ravensthorpe	Cllr Ed Murphy Cllr Gul Nawaz
5	Pleasure Fair Meadow car park	Good sized location, although a separate area would need screening off for ESP use. Well located, but high visibility for local residents and users of the car park.	56%	Fletton and Woodston	Cllr Matthew Lee Cllr Lucia Serluca Cllr Nick Thulbourn
6	Olympia Farm / Powder Blue Farm, Newborough	Good location with patches of hard standing. Hard standing will be used at various times of the year by the farmer, so will be seasonal dependant.	52%	Newborough	Cllr David Harrington
7	Willow Drove, Newborough (Bull Bridge)	Good, enclosed area well placed and located. Site has reasonable access with fencing all around. Likely to be an impact to immediate properties but limited wider community impact.	44%	Newborough	Cllr David Harrington
8	Land at Coneygree Road, Stanground	Area at the back of a number of houses and close to well used allotments. Hard standing in place and a good sized area.	40%	Stanground Central	Cllr Marco Cereste Cllr Brian Rush Cllr Irene Walsh
9	America Farm, East	Good location, but land liable to flooding or becoming water logged. The site will require infrastructure such as hardstanding which may require planning approval.	38%	East	Cllr Jo Johnson Cllr Nabil Shabbir Cllr Azher Iqbal

Locations maps and site photographs are included at **Annex D**.

- 8.8 Although each of these sites has the potential to be used as an ESP, it is proposed that the concept is trialled on a limited basis at the first three locations (the disused road at the rear of Dogsthorpe triangle, land near the Household Recycling Centre and land in First Drove) only. This will allow the council to evaluate the success of ESPs and their impact on residents and businesses. If the scheme is successful, then further sites could be introduced in the city.
- 8.9 The advisory group will report progress to the Cabinet Member of the impact of the three ESPs and make recommendations about the suitability of extending ESPs to additional locations.

9. CONSULTATION

- 9.1 Given the sensitive nature of ESPs and their locations, consultation has been limited. However, a detailed briefing has been provided to relevant ward members, MPs and media outlets. Subject to the Cabinet's approval of ESP locations, further briefings will take place with affected community groups and other local stakeholders.

10. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 10.1 On acceptance of this report's recommendations, ESPs will be opened as swiftly as possible in order to mitigate the impact and disruption caused by unauthorised encampments across Peterborough.
- 10.2 Usage of the sites will be closely monitored by the advisory group who will review the impact, success and challenges. Findings of the advisory group will be reported back to the cabinet for future consideration.

11. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 The introduction of ESPs in Peterborough will provide better management of short term Gypsy/Traveller encampments in the city. By providing dedicated places to stay, we will reduce the impact caused by unauthorised encampments to local communities and reduce costs to the city council associated with evictions costs, clean-up costs and officer time. ESPs or similar solutions are in place in many towns and cities across the country and are generally accepted to be the most appropriate method of managing unauthorised encampments.

12. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 12.1 Continue to manage unauthorised encampments as at present: This was rejected due to the ongoing cost and impact to the community. Encampments are increasingly being established in high profile or densely populated areas and although significantly improved, the current legal procedures that the council has to follow do not provide a swift enough response to enable the local authority or police to move the Travellers on.
- 12.2 Provide formal transit pitches: The experience in Peterborough suggests that this can cause significant community tensions. Additionally, there is a risk that transit pitches over time become permanent as they tend to be occupied for significantly longer periods than that proposed for our ESP provision.

13. IMPLICATIONS

13.1 Financial

It is anticipated that an initial small investment will be required at each ESP site to tidy the locations and provide temporary barriers to prevent unauthorised occupation.. There will also be ongoing revenue costs to provide water, waste and temporary toilet facilities when the ESP is in use, although this will be offset by a charge to the Travellers.

It is anticipated that ESPs will reduce costs elsewhere in the council, for example through reduced bailiff, enforcement action and clean up costs.

13.2 Legal None

13.3 Property

The land proposed for ESP sites is owned by the council. Planning permission is not required as we intend to utilise this ESP provision for no more than 28 days in a 12 month period to minimise the impact and disruption to any one community. There will be no permanent infrastructure or redevelopment requirements, with any services provided being made available via temporary measures.

14. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
None

All Sites Considered by Cross Party Advisory Group

No	Name	Street	Locality	Recommended (y/n)	Comments	Ward	Councillors
1	Disused Road at rear of	Dogsthorpe Triangle	Dogsthorpe	Y	Good sized site, isolated and secluded. Location is unlikely to cause impact to any local residents.	Paston	Cllr Sue Day Cllr John Knowles Cllr Francis Fox
2	Land behind	Household Recycling Centre	Dogsthorpe	Y	Good location, remote and secluded. Low impact on community.	Eye and Thorney	Cllr Richard Brown Cllr David Sanders
3	Land at Corporation Farm	First Drove	East	Y	Away from residential area, good site and location, although some potential impact to local businesses. Good access to site and self-contained.	East	Cllr Jo Johnson Cllr Nabil Shabbir Cllr Azher Iqbal
4	Land at Saville Road Industrial Estate – Former Stage 2 factory	Hartwell Way	Ravensthorpe	Y	Former Stage 2 factory area car park. Good site and a good location on an industrial area. Site would only be suitable if no other existing use, so maybe a short term ESP until the building is let.	Ravensthorpe	Cllr Ed Murphy Cllr Gul Nawaz
5	Pleasure Fairmeadow car park	Oundle Road	Woodston	Y	Good sized location, although a separate area would need screening off for ESP use. Well located, but high visibility for local residents and users of the car park.	Fletton and Woodston	Cllr Matthew Lee Cllr Lucia Serluca Cllr Nick Thulbourn
6	Olympia Farm / Powder Blue Farm	Crowland Road	Newborough	Y	Good location with patches of hard standing. Hard standing will be used at various times of the year by the farmer, so will be seasonal dependant.	Newborough	Cllr David Harrington

7	Land at	Willow Drove	Newborough	Y	Good, enclosed area well placed and located. Site has good access with fencing all around. Some potential impact to two immediate properties but limited wider community impact.	Newborough	Cllr David Harrington
8	Land at	Coneygree Road	Stanground	Y	Area at the back of a number of houses and close to well used allotments. Hard standing in place and a good sized area.	Stanground Central	Cllr Marco Cereste Cllr Brian Rush Cllr Irene Walsh
9	America Farm	Oxney Road	East	Y	Good location, but land liable to flooding or becoming water logged. The site will require infrastructure such as hardstanding which may require planning approval.	East	Cllr Jo Johnson Cllr Nabil Shabbir Cllr Azher Iqbal

No	Name	Street	Locality	Recommended (y/n)	Comments	Ward	Councillors
10	Land	Newport Way	Ufford	N	Site is a play area and park which is also close to housing.	Barnack	Councillor David Over
11	Bretton Park	Flaxland	Bretton	N	Site is a play area and park well used by the community.	Bretton North	Councillor Roger Herdman Councillor Stuart Martin Councillor Ann Sylvester
12	Land at New Park Farm	King Henry Chase	Bretton	N	Site is too small and not suitable for ESP use.	Bretton North	Councillor Roger Herdman Councillor Stuart Martin Councillor Ann Sylvester

13	Allotments	Stirling Way	Bretton	N	Existing use as allotments.	Bretton North	Councillor Roger Herdman Councillor Stuart Martin Councillor Ann Sylvester
14	Artindale/ Tirrington/ Manton	Artindale	Bretton	N	Residential area (including sheltered housing) and existing play area	Bretton South	Councillor Michael Fletcher
15	x3 Parcels of land	Tirrington	Bretton	N	Residential area (including sheltered housing) and existing play area.	Bretton South	Councillor Michael Fletcher
16	Land at	Huntsmans Gate	Bretton	N	Land is small grass area in centre of housing estate, narrow access with uneven and sloping grass, no hard standing.	Bretton South	Councillor Michael Fletcher
17	South Bretton Recreation Ground	Bretton Way	Bretton	N	Land is used for recreation and public open space.	Bretton South	Councillor Michael Fletcher
18	Bretton Allotments	Sprignall	Bretton	N	Land is used as existing allotment.	Bretton South	Councillor Michael Fletcher
19	Land at	Longthorpe Mews	Longthorpe	N	Poor access via footpath only. Land liable to be waterlogged with no hard standing areas. Housing backs on to length of site.	Bretton South	Councillor Michael Fletcher
20	Land at	Milton Way	Bretton	N	No vehicular access, access from residential area via footpath/cyclepath.	Bretton South	Councillor Michael Fletcher

21	Car park	Teanby Court	Bretton	N	Site is used for parking for recreational and open space in Bretton. Car park is also overlooked by housing.	Bretton South	Councillor Michael Fletcher
22	Land at	Newark Avenue	Newark	N	Dense residential area, cemetery and school close by, community centre use. Issues with access to site which would impact the community centre.	Dogsthorpe	Councillor Chris Ash Councillor Adrian Miners Councillor Bella Saltmarsh
23	Land at Newark	Eastfield Road	Newark	N	Dense residential area, cemetery and school close by, community centre use. Issues with access to site which would impact the community centre.	Dogsthorpe	Councillor Chris Ash Councillor Adrian Miners Councillor Bella Saltmarsh
24	Welland Road cul de sac, tip side	Dogsthorpe	Dogsthorpe	N	Within a housing estate, area used for residential parking and would cause high impact on local community.	Dogsthorpe	Councillor Chris Ash Councillor Adrian Miners Councillor Bella Saltmarsh
25	Land at	Fengate	Fengate	N	Site is a bank with dykes, no access. Unsuitable vehicle use.	East	Councillor Jo Johnson Councillor Nabil Shabbir Councillor Azher Iqbal
26	Wirrina car park by swimming pool	Bishops Road	East	N	Existing well used car park, close to school and sheltered housing opposite.	East	Councillor Jo Johnson Councillor Nabil Shabbir Councillor Azher Iqbal
27	Land at Peterborough Rugby Club	Second Drove	Fengate	N	Well used Rugby club. ESP use would be highly disruptive to players and spectators visiting the club.	East	Councillor Jo Johnson Councillor Nabil Shabbir Councillor Azher Iqbal
28	Land at	Fourth Drove	Fengate	N	Site is no longer vacant and now has insufficient space to act as an ESP.	East	Councillor Jo Johnson Councillor Nabil Shabbir Councillor Azher Iqbal

29	Caravan Park	Oxney Road	East	N	No available space for an ESP. Adjacent land is not PCC owned.	East	Councillor Jo Johnson Councillor Nabil Shabbir Councillor Azher Iqbal
30	Farms (Morris Fen)	Off Black Drove	Thorney	N	Farmland currently in use, poor drainage and liable to flooding. No hard standing areas.	Eye and Thorney	Councillor Richard Brown Councillor David Sanders
31	Land	Gas Lane	Thorney	N	Large open and uneven field, land is liable to flood / waterlogged. No hard standing and poor vehicular access. In addition housing backs on to field.	Eye and Thorney	Councillor Richard Brown Councillor David Sanders
32	Land	Sandpit Road	Thorney	N	Existing recreational use within a residential area. Poor road access which would cause difficulty for caravan use.	Eye and Thorney	Councillor Richard Brown Councillor David Sanders
33	Land at Thorney Road A47	Thorney	Thorney	N	Large open field next to A47, potential road safety concerns with children/animals able to access carriageway. Requires hard standing as land prone to flooding.	Eye and Thorney	Councillor Richard Brown Councillor David Sanders
34	Eye Village Triangle	Eye	Eye	N	Only vehicular access is via farm, land is not suitable due to flooding.	Eye and Thorney	Councillor Richard Brown Councillor David Sanders
35	Land at	Crowland Road	Eye	N	Poor access and road safety concerns for vehicles pulling off the site onto the main road.	Eye and Thorney	Councillor Richard Brown Councillor David Sanders

36	Land at	London Road	Fletton	N	Existing allotments (The Green Backyard), difficulties with access for caravans.	Fletton and Woodston	Councillor Matthew Lee Councillor Lucia Serluca Councillor Nick Thulbourn
37	Recreation Ground	Oundle Road	Woodston	N	Overlooked by housing, no vehicular access, open public play area.	Fletton and Woodston	Councillor Matthew Lee Councillor Lucia Serluca Councillor Nick Thulbourn
38	Land at	Oundle Road	Woodston	N	Existing allotments surrounded by housing with no hard standing.	Fletton and Woodston	Councillor Matthew Lee Councillor Lucia Serluca Councillor Nick Thulbourn
39	Boleyn Avenue Allotments	Boleyn Avenue	Woodston	N	Existing allotments which are accessed through housing estate. Site likely to cause large impact for residents and allotment users.	Fletton and Woodston	Councillor Matthew Lee Councillor Lucia Serluca Councillor Nick Thulbourn
40	Land	Church Road	Wittering	N	Existing allotments, close to housing and school, location likely to cause an impact to residents.	Glington and Wittering	Councillor John Holdich Councillor Diane Lamb
41	Land Near Sewerage Farm off	Hall Lane	Wittering	N	Rural area, next to sewerage farm and unsuitable for habitation.	Glington and Wittering	Councillor John Holdich Councillor Diane Lamb
42	Land Near Sewerage Farm off	Hall Lane	Wittering	N	Rural area, next to sewerage farm and unsuitable for habitation.	Glington and Wittering	Councillor John Holdich Councillor Diane Lamb
43	Land Near Sewerage Farm off	Hall Lane	Wittering	N	Rural area, next to sewerage farm and unsuitable for habitation.	Glington and Wittering	Councillor John Holdich Councillor Diane Lamb

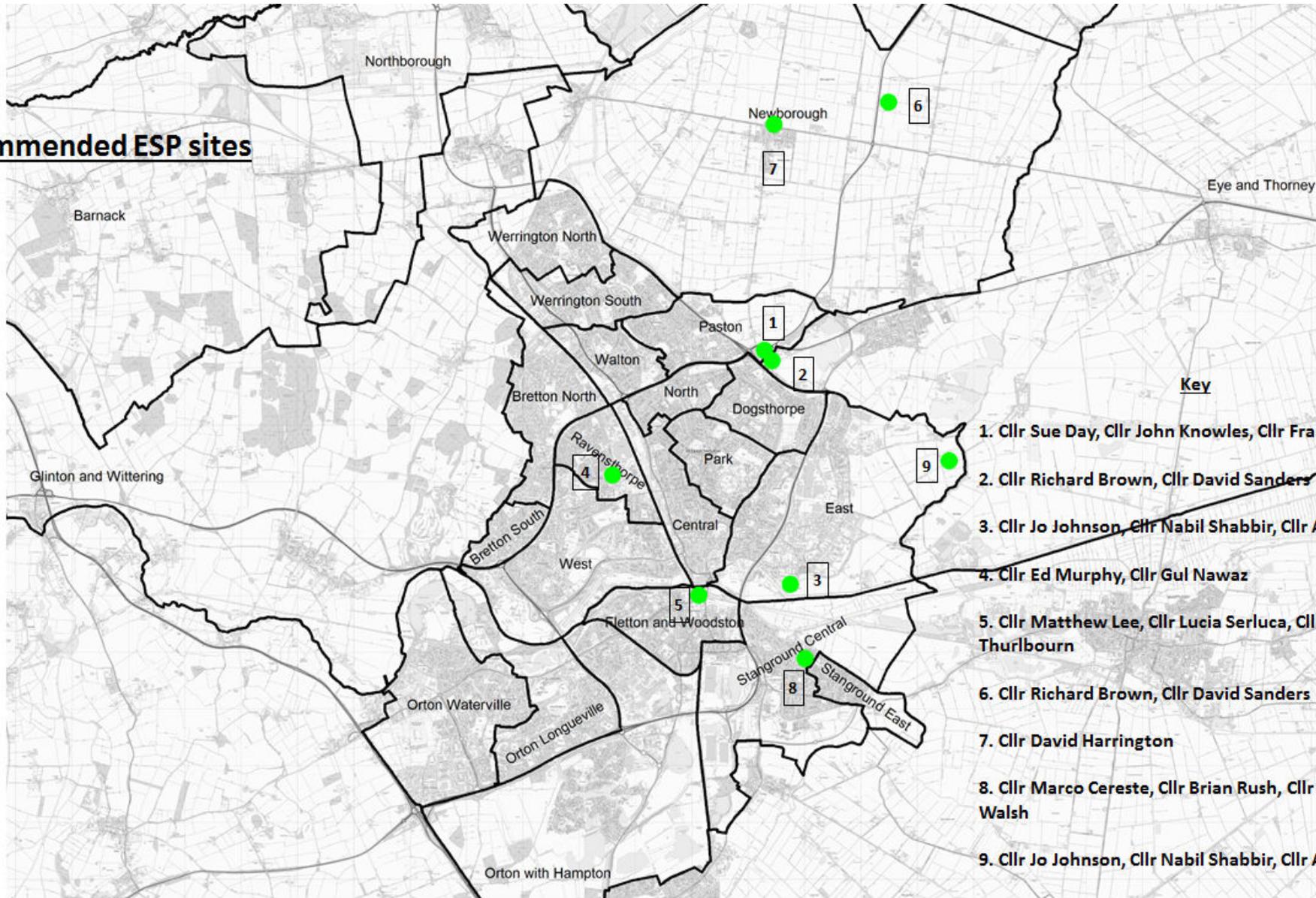
44	Parcel of land at Splash Lane	Splash Lane	Castor	N	Access difficult due to road being waterlogged and prone to flooding. Some of the land is leisure centre which would cause an impact to community.	Glington and Wittering	Councillor John Holdich Councillor Diane Lamb
45	Woodcroft Road	Marholm	Marholm	N	Area has been occupied by travellers in the past prompting numerous complaints from local residents.	Glington and Wittering	Councillor John Holdich Councillor Diane Lamb
46	Land at	Wansford Triangle	Wansford	N	Subsequently found not owned by PCC	Glington and Wittering	Councillor John Holdich Councillor Diane Lamb
47	A16 Eye bypass (underpass off Middle Road, Newborough)	Newborough	Newborough	N	Public right of way, Road safety concerns with vehicles pulling out on to main carriageway.	Newborough	Councillor David Harrington
48	Land at Baxters Bridge	Thorney Road	Newborough	N	Site not fit for purpose due to access and lack of hard standing. Land is liable to be waterlogged.	Newborough	Councillor David Harrington
49	Land at	Bluebell Avenue	Dogsthorpe	N	Existing allotments and playpark area, large open space backed onto by housing, well used by community.	North	Councillor Keith Sharp Councillor Charles Swift
50	Allotments	Everingham	Orton Brimbles	N	Existing allotment use which would require hard standing and other infrastructure.	Orton Waterville	Councillor Sue Allen Councillor Gavin Elsey Councillor June Stokes

51	Allotment Land	Maxwell Road	Woodston	N	Existing use as allotment land	Ortons and Hampton	Councillor Nigel North Councillor Shelia Scott Councillor David Seaton
52	Caravan Park	Norwood Lane	Paston	N	Existing and permanent Gypsy/Traveller site. A transit site has been tried at this location previously and was not successful.	Paston	Cllr Sue Day Cllr John Knowles Cllr Francis Fox
53	Saville Road Turning Circle	Westwood	Westwood	N	Area used by businesses for lorries as turning circle, site too small for ESP use.	Ravensthorpe	Councillor Ed Murphy Councillor Gul Nawaz
54	Allotment land at	Coneygree Road	Stanground	N	Existing allotment land, no hard standing.	Stanground Central	Councillor Marco Cereste Councillor Brian Rush Councillor Irene Walsh
55	Land at	Kings Road	Fletton	N	Backs onto Hope House which would impact residents. Potential access issues off Fletton High Street.	Stanground Central	Councillor Marco Cereste Councillor Brian Rush Councillor Irene Walsh
56	Land at Tenter Hill	Thistle Drive	Stanground	N	Open recreational space, liable to flooding.	Stanground Central	Councillor Marco Cereste Councillor Brian Rush Councillor Irene Walsh
57	Buntings Lane, Stanground	Stanground	Stanground	N	Residential area (housing estate / cul-de-sac).	Stanground Central	Councillor Marco Cereste Councillor Brian Rush Councillor Irene Walsh
58	Land at	Lincoln Road	Werrington	N	Access road leading to factories.	Walton	Councillor Nick Sandford Councillor Asif Shaheed
59	Land at	Churchfield Court	Walton	N	Site would be accessed through a housing estate. Site backs onto several houses and well used public space.	Walton	Councillor Nick Sandford Councillor Asif Shaheed

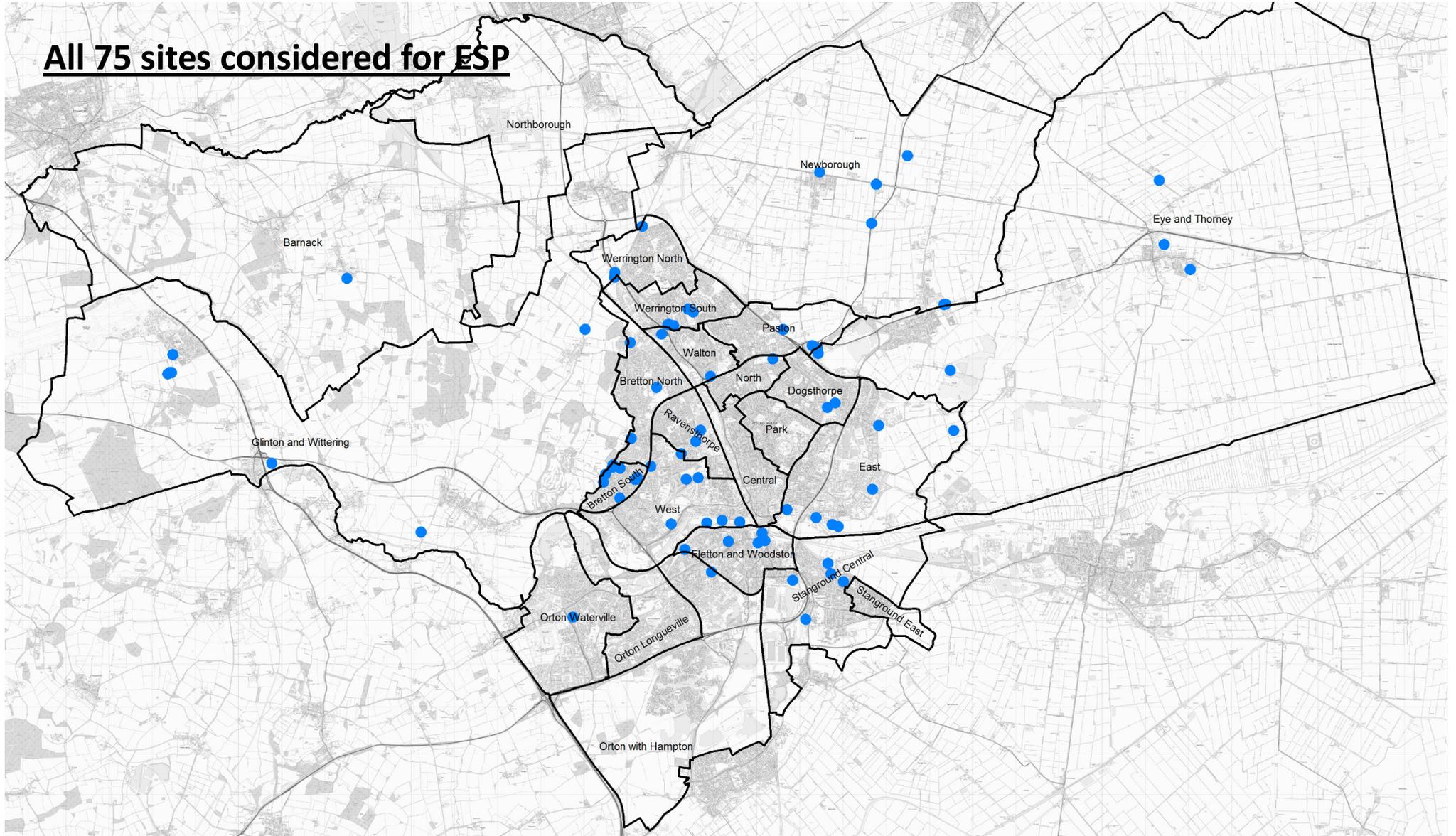
60	Land at	Foxcovert Road	Werrington	N	Woodland area, no vehicular access. Site not large enough for ESP.	Werrington North	Councillor Judy Fox Councillor John Fox Councillor Stephen Lane
61	Land at	Hurn Road (Farm access)	Werrington	N	Access for farm use, no turning circle and insufficient space.	Werrington North	Councillor Judy Fox Councillor John Fox Councillor Stephen Lane
62	Hurn Road (Underpass)	Werrington	Werrington	N	Insufficient space, single track road.	Werrington North	Councillor Judy Fox Councillor John Fox Councillor Stephen Lane
63	Land at	Fulbridge Road	Werrington	N	Existing allotment site, close to housing, access to area is tight and could be hazardous for caravans and other users.	Werrington South	Councillor Julia Davidson Councillor Darren Fower Councillor Paula Thacker
64	Land	Fulbridge Road	Werrington	N	Land is a small grass verge in housing estate. Too small for ESP use.	Werrington South	Councillor Julia Davidson Councillor Darren Fower Councillor Paula Thacker
65	Land	Lincoln Road	Werrington	N	Play area, close to housing with no vehicular access.	Werrington South	Councillor Julia Davidson Councillor Darren Fower Councillor Paula Thacker
66	Land	Lincoln Road	Werrington	N	Play area, close to housing with no vehicular access.	Werrington South	Councillor Julia Davidson Councillor Darren Fower Councillor Paula Thacker
67	Land	Lincoln Road	Werrington	N	Play area, close to housing with no vehicular access.	Werrington South	Councillor Julia Davidson Councillor Darren Fower Councillor Paula Thacker
68	Land at	Buckland Close	Westwood	N	Next to playpark directly opposite housing, no vehicular access.	West	Councillor Nick Arculus Councillor Yasmeen Maqbool Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald

69	Westwood Grange Estate	Grange Road	Westwood	N	Recreational land (football pitches and allotments), access through housing estate and land liable to be waterlogged.	West	Councillor Nick Arculus Councillor Yasmeen Maqbool Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald
70	Land at Larklands	Larklands	Longthorpe	N	No vehicular access only via footpath through Hollywell ponds.	West	Councillor Nick Arculus Councillor Yasmeen Maqbool Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald
71	Recreation Ground	Thorpe Meadows	Longthorpe	N	Large open public and recreational space, playing fields with housing backing on to site.	West	Councillor Nick Arculus Councillor Yasmeen Maqbool Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald
72	Playing Field	Thorpe Lea Road	West Town	N	Large open public and recreational space, playing fields with housing backing on to site.	West	Councillor Nick Arculus Councillor Yasmeen Maqbool Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald
73	Playing Field & Electricity Sub Station	Thorpe Lea Road	West Town	N	Large open public and recreational space, playing fields with housing backing on to site.	West	Councillor Nick Arculus Councillor Yasmeen Maqbool Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald
74	Molecatcher Piece	Thorpe Park Road	West Town	N	Large open public and recreational space, playing fields with housing backing on to site.	West	Councillor Nick Arculus Councillor Yasmeen Maqbool Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald
75	Land at	Cranford Drive	Netherton	N	Existing open space and recreational area. Previously used as an unauthorised site which attracted numerous public complaints.	West	Councillor Nick Arculus Councillor Yasmeen Maqbool Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald

Recommended ESP sites



All 75 sites considered for ESP



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Annex B – checklist for potential ESP site

	Description	Y/N	Comments
(i)	Is this site a recreational facility like a sports pitch, playground or picnic site or required for another use?		
(ii)	Is this site a reasonable distance from housing?		
(iii)	Does the site require special protection to wildlife, landscaping etc?		
(iv)	Does the site by its nature give rise to risks of health and safety (e.g. through pollution or road safety) to campers?		
(v)	Does the site cause problems of traffic and access and any vehicle parked should not cause an inconvenience or adverse effect on the safety of users of the land?		
(vi)	Is there likely to be any anti-social behaviour impact to neighbouring properties or other users of the site?		
(vii)	Have there been any complaints from members of the public from previous occupations?		
(viii)	Any there issues of flytipping at this location?		
(ix)	Any animal related issues? Any animals should be tethered accordingly and not cause a nuisance especially dogs and horses.		
(x)	Has there been any damage to property from previous Traveller encampments?		
(xi)	Has the site been recently occupied by travellers?		
(x)	Is the site large enough to accommodate approximately six caravans?		
(xii)	Does the site obstruct any footpath, Cycleway or other Public Right of Way?		

Signed

Date

Print name

Annex C

ESP Weighted Scoring Criteria

	Community and Business Perception	Gypsy and Traveller Suitability	Crime and Disorder	Logistics	
Proposed ESP location					
Disused road at Dogsthorpe Triangle	5	3	5	4	86%
Land near Household Recycling Centre, Dogsthorpe	4	3	4	4	74%
Land at Corporation Farm (near Greyhound Stadium) First Drove	3	5	3	4	74%
Hartwell Way / Saville Road Industrial Estate	3	4	2	5	66%
Pleasure Fairground car park	2	3	3	5	56%
Olympia Farm / Powder Blue Farm, Newborough	2	2	4	4	52%
Willow Drove, Newborough (Bull Bridge)	1	3	4	1	44%
Land at Coneygree Road, Stanground	1	4	1	2	40%
America Farm, East	1	2	4	1	38%

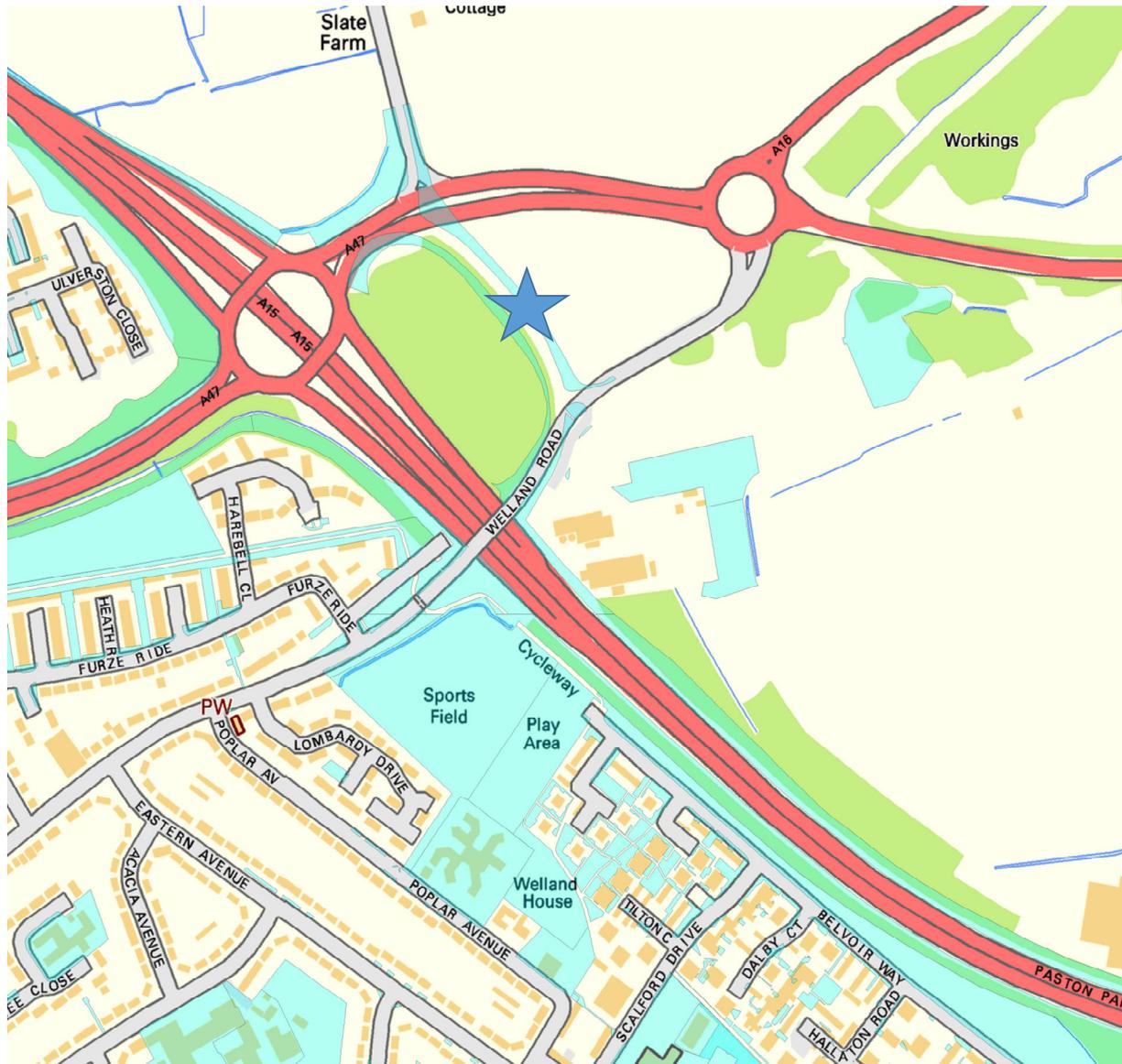
(Adverse visual impact, local tensions, historical issues, proximity to other Traveller sites) 40% (Transport, education, health, facilities, safety and desire) 30% (Possibility of anti-social behaviour, call outs, cohesion etc) 20% (Any additional works required to make the site suitable) 10%

These scores are weighted to ensure that more importance is placed upon potential community impacts

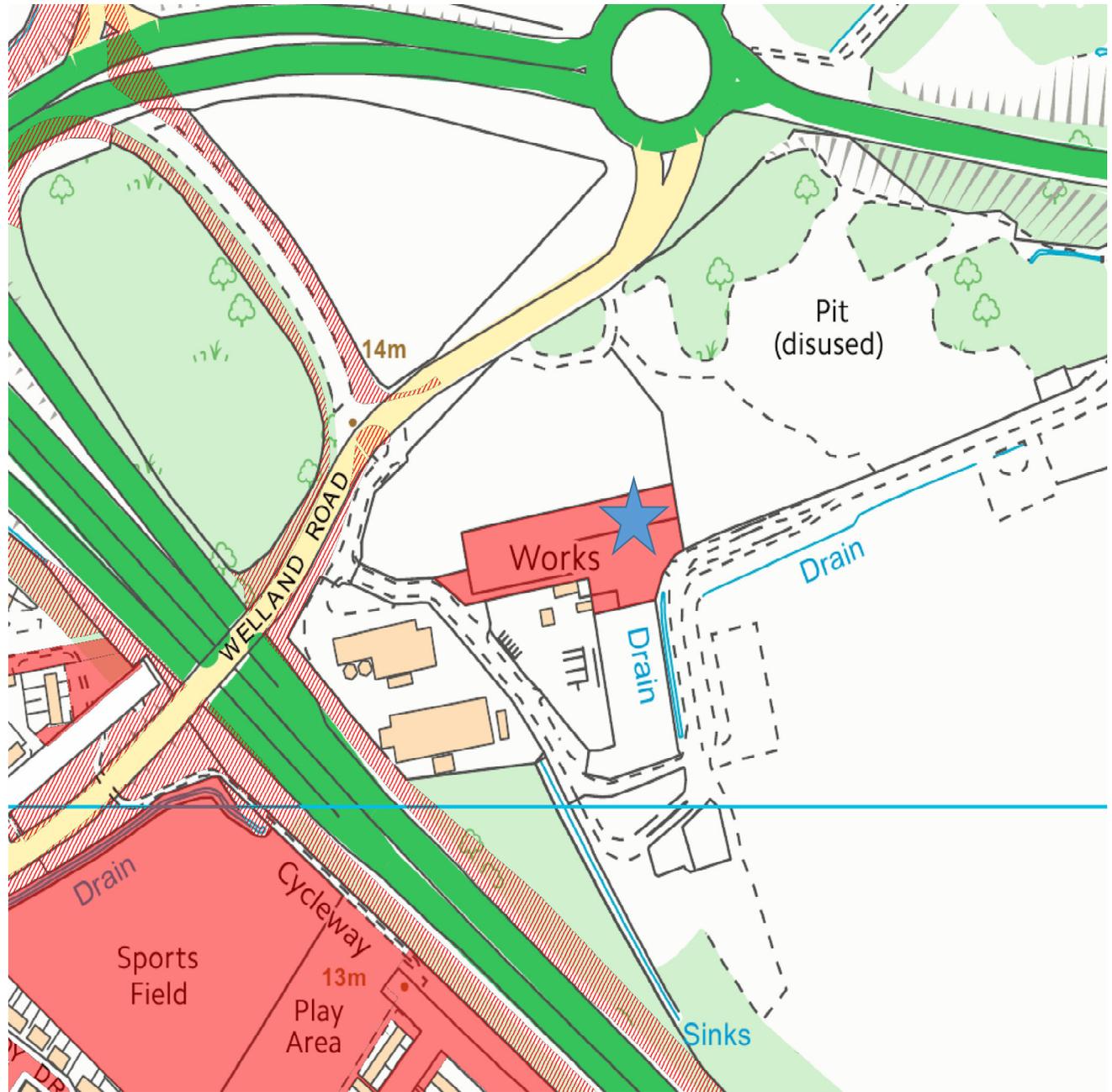
Annex D -Proposed Emergency Stopping Places

Site Locations

1. Disused road at rear of Dogsthorpe Triangle



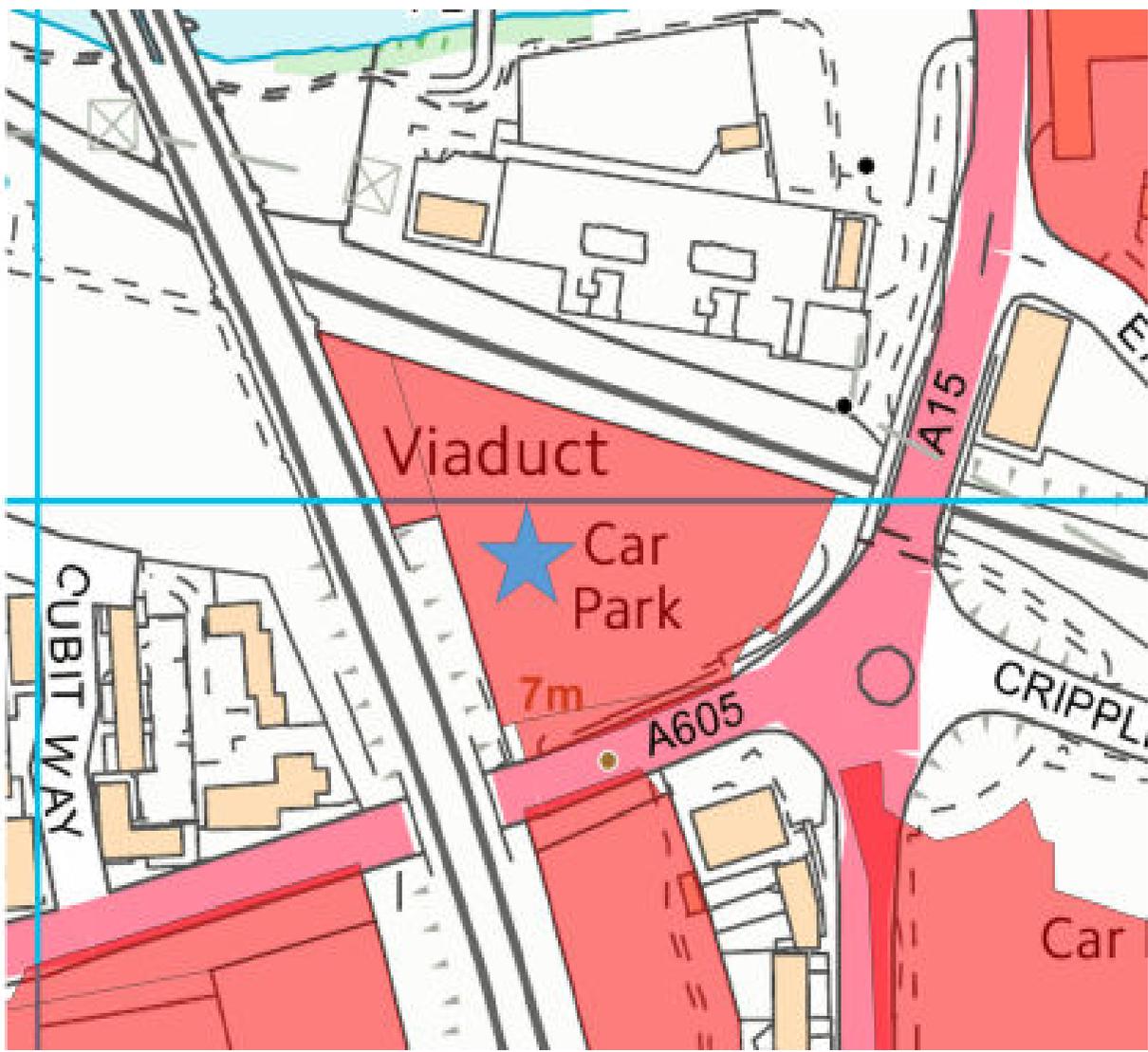
2. Land near Household Recycling Centre, Dogsthorpe



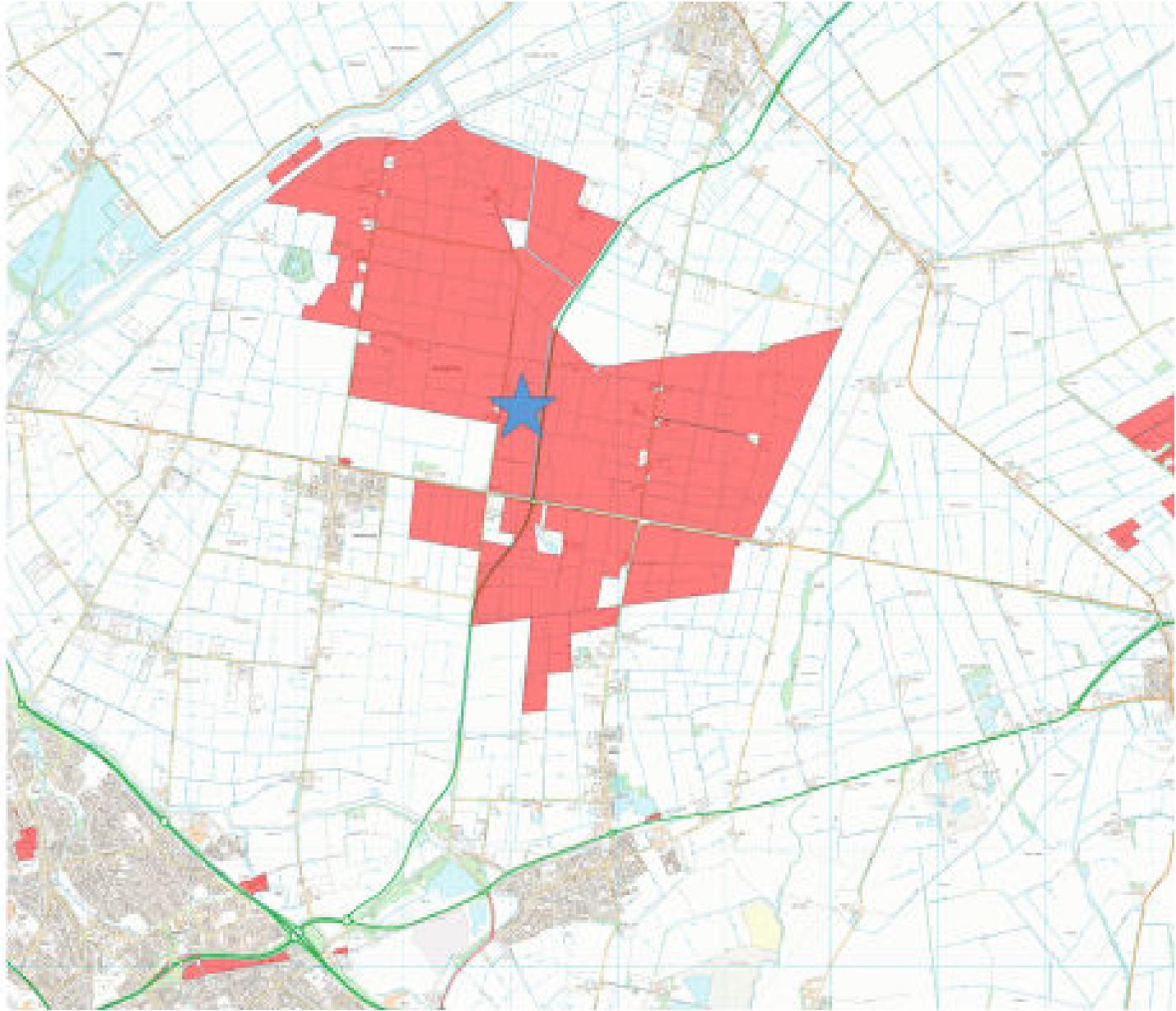
3. Land at Corporation Farm (near Greyhound Stadium) First Drive



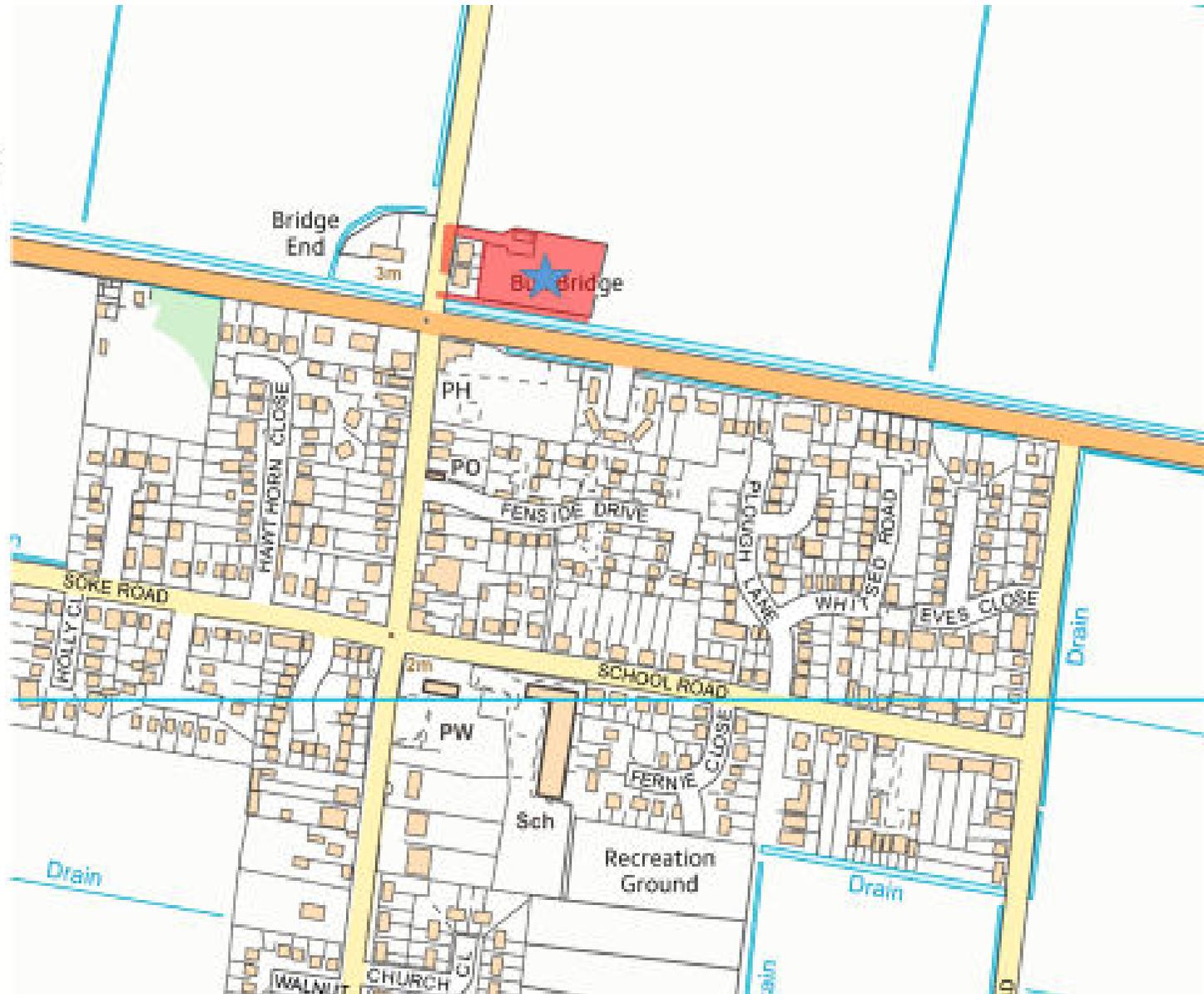
5. Pleasure
Fairmeadow
Car Park



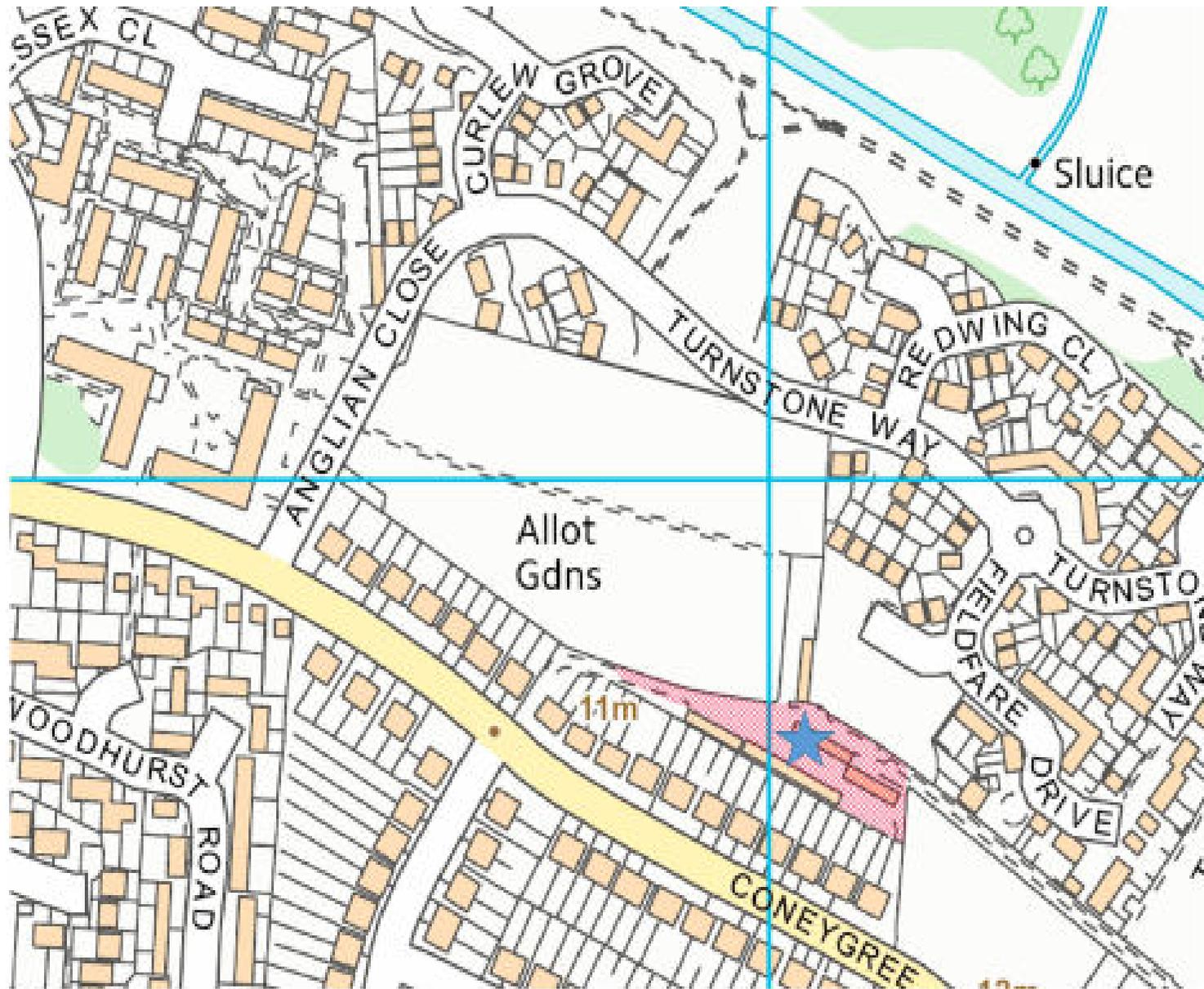
**6. Olympia
Farm /
Powder Blue
Farm,
Newborough**



**7. Willow
Drove,
Newborough
(Bull Bridge)**



8. Land at
Coneygree
Road,
Stanground



**9. America Farm,
East**

