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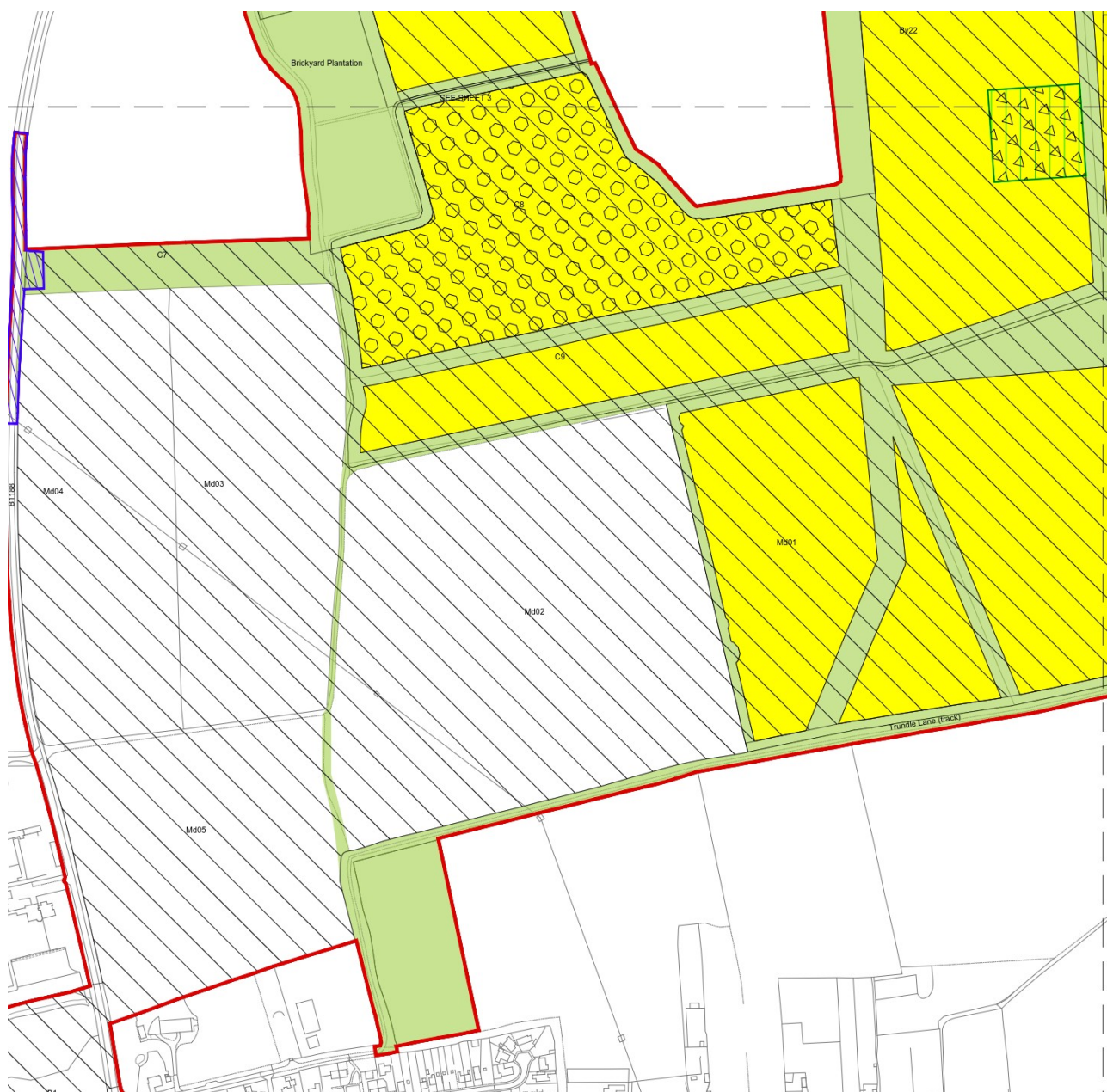
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Once you pass these fields you arrive at fields C9 and C8 on your right and access route C7 on your left. Field C9 is designated for solar panels and is very close to the footpath which will detrimentally affect the visual impact on that area. Field C8 is designated as a construction compound, it is marked temporary on the plans but text included in the application suggests construction compounds will be in use for at least 4 years. The access to the construction site for HGV, LGV and staff accessing the compound facilities is from the B1188 following highway works no 8 to make access to the field C7 where the currently is no access. The B1188 road is to the West of the footpath and the planned construction compound to the East meaning all the construction traffic mentioned will have to cross the footpath twice (on entry and exit of the site). Springwell's own estimate of this traffic is that it will be 160 HGV and 500 LGV movements per day... all crossing one of the major public footpaths in the area. This will be a significant safety hazard to users of the footpath as well as a major detriment to the aesthetics of the area spoiling the enjoyment of the surrounding countryside and having a detrimental impact of mental health.

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