

# **Green Hill Solar Farm**

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of this Report

- 1.1.1 This report constitutes a Change Application which has been prepared in accordance with PINS Change Guidance (Ref. 6), along with accompanying documents listed in Section 6 below, proposing changes to the Order Limits of the Application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for Green Hill Solar Farm (the 'Scheme').
- 1.1.2 The Scheme comprises the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating facility and energy storage facility with a total capacity exceeding 50 megawatts (MW) and export connection to the National Grid.
- 1.1.3 The Scheme comprises a number of fields (the 'Site' or 'Sites') described as Green Hill A, Green Hill A.2, Green Hill B, Green Hill C, Green Hill D, Green Hill E, Green Hill F, Green Hill G, and Green Hill BESS for the solar arrays, grid connection infrastructure and energy storage; and the Cable Route Corridors. The Sites are located to the northeast and southeast of Northampton, and the west and south of Wellingborough. See the Site Location Plan **[EN010170/CR1/GH2.1\_B]** for the site locations.
- 1.1.4 The Scheme is described in full in ES Chapter 4: Scheme Description **[APP-037 to APP-064]** supporting the application.
- 1.1.5 The application for the Scheme was submitted by the Applicant to the Planning Inspectorate on 23 May 2025. The application was accepted for Examination on 19 June 2025 and Examination commenced on 22 October 2025.
- 1.1.6 The Scheme is being developed by Green Hill Solar Farm Limited (the Applicant).
- 1.1.7 The Applicant has endeavoured to undertake open and meaningful engagement with stakeholders before and during the Examination. As a result of this, the Applicant is now seeking to make nine changes to the Order Limits of the Scheme.
- 1.1.8 The proposed changes and their rationale are set out in more detail in Section 3, below. Briefly, they comprise:
- Change 1. An extension to the Order Limits at Green Hill A to allow a proposed permissive path to connect with the public highway;
- Change 2. A change to the compulsory acquisition status of the area of land within Green Hill A.2 on which a communications tower is located;
- Change 3. An extension of the Order Limits and a change to the compulsory acquisition status of land at Green Hill A.2 to allow a proposed permissive path to connect with an existing public bridleway;
- Change 4. A change to the compulsory acquisition status of access tracks and land around a substation within Green Hill C;
- Change 5. A change to the compulsory acquisition status of a Cadent gas distribution site within Green Hill E;



Change 6. An extension to the Order Limits at Green Hill E to allow a proposed permissive path to connect with a byway open to all traffic;

Change 7. An extension of the Order Limits of the Cable Route between Green Hill E and Green Hill BESS at the crossing of the A45 to allow greater flexibility in the detailed design of the cable alignment to the north and south of Grendon Road;

Change 8. A removal from the Order Limits of a parcel of land separated from the remainder of Green Hill F by a watercourse on the northern boundary of Green Hill F;

Change 9. A removal from the Order Limits and a change to the compulsory acquisition status of land at Green Hill F to provide a greater buffer from the adjoining ancient woodland.

1.1.9 The locations of the Order Limits changes are shown in **Appendix A**.

1.1.10 The Applicant notes that only Changes 1, 3, 6, 7 and 9 engage the procedure for “additional land” set out in the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010.

## **1.2 Structure of this Report**

1.2.1 Section 2 of this Report sets out the legislative and regulatory framework relevant to the examination of a DCO Change Application.

1.2.2 Section 3 describes the detail of the proposed changes and why they are required.

1.2.3 Section 4 describes the engagement carried out prior to this Change Application being submitted.

1.2.4 Section 5 proposes a timetable for the examination of the Change Application.

1.2.5 Section 6 lists the documents submitted as part of the Change Application.

1.2.6 Section 7 concludes this Change Application.





## 2 Legislative Context

### 2.1 Examination Guidance and PINS Change Guidance

- 2.1.1 The Examination Guidance (Ref.7) states, at paragraph 018 that *“there are occasions when applicants may wish to make changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination, but this should not be the routine practice”*.
- 2.1.2 The changes being proposed are the result of a detailed post-submission review of the Scheme by the Applicant and of representations made by Interested Parties and landowners since submission of the DCO Application.
- 2.1.3 The PINS Guidance states that the Examining Authority (ExA) may accept an application for a material change provided that the changed project would not “constitute a materially different project”, that there is sufficient time to examine the change and that other procedural requirements are met.
- 2.1.4 The assessment by the Applicant as to whether the change would constitute a materially different project is set out in Section 3.11 below. The proposed timetable for meeting the procedural requirements is provided in Section 5 below.
- 2.1.5 The Examination Guidance recommends that the Applicant discusses changes with the relevant statutory consultees. Details of pre-application engagement conducted by the Applicant are provided in Section 4, below.
- 2.1.6 The PINS Change Guidance includes a list of information required for a change application at Figure 2b. The location of the information accompanying this application is set out in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1: Requirements in Step 4 of PINS Change Guidance**

Requirement	Location
1. Description of the proposed change	Section 3 of this Report
2. Reasons and need	Section 3 of this Report
3. Schedule of application documents and plans	Section 6 of this Report lists the documents that accompany this Application. The revised GH1.3_C Guide to the Application <b>[EN010170/CR1/GH1.3_C]</b> provides a full list of all submitted documents.
4. Impact on securing any consents or licences	The Applicant has not identified any impacts of the proposed changes on the securing of consents and licences for the Scheme.
4. Revised draft DCO and Explanatory Memorandum	GH3.1_B Draft Development Consent Order <b>[EN010170/CR1/GH3.1_B]</b> GH3.2_B Explanatory Memorandum <b>[EN0101370/CR1/GH3.2_B]</b>
5. Compulsory Acquisition	GH4.3_B Book of Reference <b>[EN010170/CR1/GH4.3_C]</b>



documents (Book of Reference, Land Plan, Statement of Reasons, Funding Statement)	GH2.2_B Land Plan <b>[EN010170/CR1/GH2.2_C]</b> GH4.1_B Statement of Reasons <b>[EN010170/CR1/GH4.1_B]</b> GH4.2_A Funding Statement <b>[EN010170/CR1/GH4.2_A]</b>
7. Supplemental land rights tracker	GH4.4_A Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker <b>[EN010170/CR1/GH4.4_B]</b>
8. Description of how CA Regulations procedures can be accommodated	Section 5 of this Report
6. Assessment of changes to significant environmental effects	GH9.3 Supporting Environmental Information Report <b>[EN010170/CR1/GH9.3]</b>
7. Consultation Report	Section 4 of this Report

## 2.2 Compulsory Acquisition Regulations

2.2.1 The Applicant is seeking a Development Consent Order which includes powers authorising the compulsory acquisition of land under Section 123 of the Planning Act 2008. This would include the land to be added to the Order Limits through this Change Application. Therefore, the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (the 'CA Regulations') are considered to apply to this Change Application.

2.2.2 Regulations 5 to 18 of the CA Regulations set out the procedure for consulting on and examining an application for the compulsory acquisition of land. The proposed timetable in Section 6 below sets out how this Change Application can be examined in accordance with the CA Regulations.

## 2.3 The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

2.3.1 Section 5(2)(a) of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ('APFP') requires that applications for orders for development consent must be accompanied by an environmental statement that meets the requirements of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ('EIA Regulations').

2.3.2 This Change Application is accompanied by a Supporting Environmental Information Report ('SEIR') **[EN010170/CR1/GH9.3]** that considers the conclusions of the Environmental Statement (**[APP-037 to APP-064]**) in relation to the proposed changes, and in particular whether there are any changes to



potential significant effects compared to those reported in the Environmental Statement for the Scheme. The SEIR concludes that there are no new or different likely significant environmental effects.

- 2.3.3 The PINS Change Guidance notes that there is no statutory requirement to consult on the environmental information. Given the nature and scale of the changes, the targeted consultation already carried out as well as the consultation required with local authorities and prescribed consultees pursuant to the CA Regulations, the Applicant considers that further consultation would not be proportionate. However, if the ExA considers that further consultation is required, the Applicant would suggest that this can be carried out in parallel with the CA Regulations consultation.





### 3 Description of Changes and Rationale

#### 3.1 Introduction

- 3.1.1 The changes that form part of this Change Application are being proposed as the result of a detailed post-submission review of the Scheme by the Applicant and in response to comments from stakeholders following the submission of the DCO application.

#### 3.2 Change 1: Extension of Permissive Path at Green Hill A

- 3.2.1 Change 1 comprises an extension to the Order Limits from the southern end of the proposed new permissive path and Field AF29 within Green Hill A to the public highway named Newland Road approximately 700m to the north of the village of Walgrave. A detailed post-submission review by the Applicant of the proposed permissive paths within the Scheme indicated that the proposed permissive path within Green Hill A did not adjoin a publicly accessible route. This change will allow members of the public to reach the proposed new permissive path from the public highway without having to cross private land. The area of the land to be added to the Order Limits is approximately 0.4ha. This land will be subject to compulsory acquisition of the freehold and shown in pink on the updated Land Plan **[EN010170/CR1/GH2.2\_C]**, forming Plot 01-011-b, save where the land forms part of the public highway where temporary possession powers are required, labelled as Plot 01-011-c. This ensures that any works to improve the access to the permissive path where it meets the highway can be carried out. This land provides access to land to the southeast and to land to the northeast. The Applicant is in negotiations with the respective landowners to ensure that rights of access across this land are preserved.

- 3.2.2 ES Figure 4.10 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation Plan A **[EN010170/CR1/GH6.4.4.10\_A]** has been updated to reflect this change.

#### 3.3 Change 2: Change to Compulsory Acquisition Status within Green Hill A.2

- 3.3.1 Change 2 comprises a change to the compulsory acquisition status of plot 03-030 within Green Hill A.2. This plot extends to approximately 0.4ha and contains a telecommunications tower. A post-submission review by the Applicant of land requirements indicated that permanent new rights for this plot are not required, but that temporary access for surveys, such as those related to ecology assessments, may be required. Therefore, the compulsory acquisition status of the land is to be changed from the permanent acquisition of rights (blue) on the Land Plan submitted at Deadline 1 **[EN010170/EX1/GH2.2\_B]** to temporary possession powers (yellow) on the updated Land Plan **[EN010170/APP/GH2.2\_C]**. In consequence of this change, the area is to be removed from Work No. 1(d) and from Work No. 5B to reflect that electrical and communications cabling work is not required in this area, as shown in the Works Plan **[EN010170/CR1/GH2.4\_C]**.



### 3.4 Change 3: Extension of Permissive Path at Green Hill A.2

- 3.4.1 Change 3 comprises a) a small extension of the Order Limits and b) a change to the compulsory acquisition status of part of plot 03-031 at the southern boundary of Green Hill A.2 to allow a proposed permissive path to connect with an existing public bridleway.
- 3.4.2 The Scheme currently proposes the creation of a new permissive path around the western, northern and eastern edges of Green Hill A.2. A public bridleway runs outside the Order Limits along the southern boundary of Green Hill A.2, before crossing the Order Limits within the cable route corridor. A detailed post-submission review by the Applicant of access rights has indicated that there is no connection between the proposed permissive path and the bridleway at the southeastern extent of Green Hill A.2. The compulsory acquisition status of plot 03-031, being the acquisition of rights only, is also insufficient to provide the land interest necessary to enable the Applicant to grant the general public a permissive right of access. The power to compulsorily acquire the freehold of this land is sought as part of this change. The Applicant is also seeking agreement with the landowners to acquire the rights required to link the permissive path with the bridleway in the southeast and southwest corners of the Site to create a loop.
- 3.4.3 In the southeast corner, the Order Limits will be extended to overlap with the bridleway. The area of land required forms plot 02-029-b on the updated Land Plan **[EN010170/CR1/GH2.2\_C]** and extends to approximately 0.3ha. A short length of hedgerow will be removed to create a gap for users to pass.
- 3.4.4 In the southwest corner, plot 03-031 on the Land Plan submitted at Deadline 1 **[EN010170/EX1/GH2.2\_B]** has been subdivided. New plot 03-031-a through which the bridleway runs will be changed from new rights (blue) to freehold (pink) on the updated Land Plan **[EN010170/CR1/GH2.2\_C]** to enable the permissive path to link to the bridleway. This area extends to approximately 0.8ha.
- 3.4.5 The Works Plan **[EN010170/CR1/GH2.4\_C]** has been updated to reflect these changes.

### 3.5 Change 4: Change to Compulsory Acquisition Status within Green Hill C

- 3.5.1 Change 4 comprises a change to the compulsory acquisition status of access tracks and land around a substation within Green Hill C from freehold acquisition (pink) on the Land Plan submitted at Deadline 1 **[EN010170/EX1/GH2.2\_B]** to the acquisition of rights only (blue) on the updated Land Plan **[EN010170/CR1/GH2.2\_C]**. These changes relate to approximately 0.58ha of land. Plots 07-069, 07-070, 07-072 have been split. The new plots subject to the change in status are 07-069-c, 07-070-b, 07-072-b, 07-072-c and 07-072-d. A post-submission review by the Applicant of land requirements indicated that permanent freehold acquisition for these areas is not required. These tracks provide access to the solar farm located immediately to the north of Green Hill C and the substation serves the same solar farm.



### **3.6 Change 5: Change to Compulsory Acquisition Status within Green Hill E**

- 3.6.1 Change 5 comprises a change to the compulsory acquisition status of the compound of a Cadent gas distribution site. This change affects plot 08-088 only and extends to approximately 0.35ha within Green Hill E. A post-submission review by the Applicant indicated that permanent new rights for this area are not required and that no cabling work is required in this area. Therefore, the compulsory acquisition status of the land is to be changed from the acquisition of rights only (blue) on the Land Plan submitted at Deadline 1 [EN010170/EX1/GH2.2\_B] to temporary possession powers (yellow) on the updated Land Plan [EN010170/CR1/GH2.2\_C]. In consequence of this change, the area is to be removed from Work No. 1(d) and from Work No. 5B to reflect that electrical and communications cabling work is not required in this area, as shown in the Works Plan [EN010170/CR1/GH2.4\_C].

### **3.7 Change 6: Extension of Permissive Path at Green Hill E**

- 3.7.1 Change 6 comprises an extension to the Order Limits on the western side of Green Hill E. A detailed post-submission review by the Applicant of the proposed permissive paths within the Scheme indicated that the proposed permissive path within Green Hill E did not adjoin a publicly accessible route. This change is proposed to connect the permissive path to Byway Open to All Traffic, reference TN/010, allowing members of the public to reach the new permissive path from the public highway without having to cross private land. The area of the land to be added to the Order Limits is approximately 0.03ha. This land, forming new plot 08-089-b, will be subject to compulsory acquisition of the freehold and shown in pink on the updated Land Plan [EN010170/CR1/GH2.2\_C].

### **3.8 Change 7: Extension of Order Limits at A45 Crossing**

- 3.8.1 Change 7 comprises an extension to the Order Limits of the Cable Route between Green Hill E and Green Hill BESS at the crossing of the A45.
- 3.8.2 A detailed post-submission review by the Applicant of the Cable Route indicated that the available alignments of the cable could limit future development potential of the land between Grendon Road (immediately to the south of the A45) and the River Nene. Taking into account restrictions on the radii of bends in cables, in order to allow the Cable Route to follow an alignment towards the eastern edge of the field to the south of Grendon Road, the crossing of the A45 must be moved to the east. It is therefore proposed that an area of approximately 0.12ha be added to the Order Limits. The total length of the Cable Route will not change. This land will be subject to compulsory acquisition of rights only and shown in blue on the updated Land Plan [EN010170/CR1/GH2.2\_C]. Plots 12-126-b, 12-128-b, 12-129-b, 12-130-b and 12-131-d have been added to the Order Limits.

### **3.9 Change 8: Removal of Area from Order Limits within Green Hill F**

- 3.9.1 Change 8 comprises a change to the Order Limits of a small parcel of land located to the north of the watercourse that forms the northern boundary of Green Hill F.



- 3.9.2 A post-submission review by the Applicant of the land plans along this watercourse indicated that a small area of land within plot 14-194 extending to approximately 0.03ha was separated from Green Hill F by the watercourse and therefore could not viably be incorporated into the Scheme. It is therefore proposed that this area of land be removed from the Order Limits, as shown in the updated Land Plan **[EN010170/CR1/GH2.2\_C]** and Works Plan **[EN010170/CR1/GH2.4\_C]**.

### **3.10 Change 9: Removal of Area from Order Limits and Change to Compulsory Acquisition Status within Green Hill F in proximity to Horn Wood**

- 3.10.1 Change 9 comprises a change to the Order Limits and a change to the compulsory acquisition status to land in proximity to Horn Wood within Green Hill F.
- 3.10.2 The proposed construction and operational access for Green Hill F follows the route of an existing farm track from the A509 to the solar panel area. Part of this track is adjacent to Horn Wood ancient woodland and local wildlife site. A detailed post-submission review by the Applicant against page 14 of ES Chapter 27: Commitments Register **[APP-064]** indicates that the works required to reinforce the track for construction, replacement and decommissioning activities would be required within the buffer around ancient woodland and therefore had the potential to cause harm to the trees of the ancient woodland. Realigning the track to create a larger buffer from the woodland would reduce or eliminate this harm. Two changes are therefore proposed.
- 3.10.3 Firstly, it is proposed that the compulsory acquisition status of an area to the east Horn Wood is increased from temporary possession powers (yellow) to permanent acquisition of rights only (blue) on the Land Plan by reducing the size of plot 16-210-a and by creating a new plot 16-210-c in the updated Land Plan **[EN010170/CR1/GH2.2\_C]**. This area will also be included within Work No 8B on the Works Plan **[EN010170/CR1/GH2.4\_C]**. This will allow for the creation outside of the buffer area of an access for use during the construction, replacement and decommissioning phases. The indicative route of this access is shown on the updated ES Figure 4.19 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation Plan F Sheet 3 **[EN010170/CR1/GH6.4.4.19\_B]**. The affected area extends to approximately 1.07ha.
- 3.10.4 Secondly, it is proposed that a section of the existing farm track immediately adjacent to Horn Wood to the southwest, with an area of approximately 0.25ha, be removed from the Order Limits by removing part of plot 15-207 to ensure that the track is not used in relation to the Scheme, as shown in the updated Land Plan **[EN010170/CR1/GH2.2\_C]** and Works Plan **[EN010170/CR1/GH2.4\_C]**.

### **3.11 Materiality**

- 3.11.1 There is no statutory definition of a 'material' change to a DCO application, although the term is used in the Examination Guidance. The judgment as to whether this Application constitutes a material change is therefore one for the Examining Authority to make. The changes proposed in this Change Application



include the addition and removal of land which has resulted in changes in the assessment of potential environmental impacts, which are reported in the SEIR **[EN010170/CR1/GH9.3]**. The Applicant has prepared this Application on the basis that the proposed changes are material.

- 3.11.2 The Applicant considers that the proposed changes, set out above, are not so substantial as to constitute a materially different project. Changes 1, 3 and 6 add small areas of land to the Order Limits solely to allow proposed permissive paths to connect to existing public rights of way. Change 2, 4 and 5 reduce required land rights. Changes 7 adds land to the Order limits to allow minor changes to the alignment of the cable. Change 9 increases land rights to allow a minor change to the alignment of a construction, replacement and decommissioning access. Changes 8 and 9 remove small areas of land from the Order Limits that are not required for the Scheme. No changes are proposed to the principal elements of the Scheme.



## 4 Consultation

### 4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 The Applicant has conducted targeted pre-application engagement with parties likely to be affected by the proposed changes to the Order Limits and changes to compulsory acquisition status. The list of parties, along with the reason for their interest, is provided in Table 4.1. Further details of the engagement are given in the following subsections.

**Table 4.1: Parties subject to pre-application targeted engagement**

Party	Interest
National Highways	Land interests in the area of the existing and proposed Order Limits at and around the A45 highway in respect of Change 7
Land Interests	Land within the areas proposed for inclusion within the Order Limits or for an increase in land rights in respect of Changes 1, 3, 6, 7 and 9
North Northamptonshire Council	Host Authority for Changes 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9
West Northamptonshire Council	Host Authority for Changes 1, 2 and 3

### 4.2 Section 42 of Planning Act 2008

- 4.2.1 The Applicant has engaged with the relevant statutory stakeholders in accordance with Section 42(1)(a) of the Planning Act 2008.
- 4.2.2 The proposed changes would not affect any of the areas specified in Section 42(2) of the Planning Act 2008. Consultation under Section 42(1)(aa) of the Planning Act with the Marine Management Organisation is therefore not required.
- 4.2.3 In relation to Section 42(1)(b) of the Planning Act 2008, the Applicant has engaged with the host authorities only.
- 4.2.4 The land is outside the Greater London area and consultation with the Greater London Authority is not required under Section 42(1)(c).
- 4.2.5 The consultation carried out with parties with land interests under Section 42(1)(d) is detailed below.
- 4.2.6 The Applicant considers that the pre-application consultation carried out and described in this section is proportionate in view of the limited nature of the proposed changes to the Order Limits and to the available time for the changes to be examined, which includes publicity requirements, a period of statutory consultation and opportunities for the submission of comments.





- 4.2.7 The Applicant notes that the Regulation 7 of the CA Regulations requires the Applicant to send a notice of the Change Application to each local authority (as defined in Section 43 of the Planning Act 2008), the prescribed consultees listed in Schedule 3 of the CA Regulations and all persons within the categories set out in Section 57 of the Planning Act 2008 (i.e. persons with an interest in land or who would or might be entitled to make a relevant claim).

### 4.3 Consultation with National Highways

#### Change 7

- 4.3.1 In relation to Change 7, the Applicant wrote to National Highways via email, summarising the change and inviting further discussion. No comments or concerns have been raised by the National Highways with the Applicant.

### 4.4 Consultation with additional affected persons

- 4.4.1 The Applicant has provided an updated Book of Reference [EN010170/CR1/GH4.3\_C] alongside the Change Application, which identifies the affected persons of additional land.
- 4.4.2 The Applicant has carried out pre-application engagement with the relevant landowners of the additional land, and other affected persons as set out in **Table 4.2** below.

**Table 4.2: Engagement with landowners**

Plot and Change No.	Landowner	Record of Engagement
01-011-b Change 1	Unknown	While two parties have been identified as having potential interests in this plot, the owner of the plot has not been confirmed. The Applicant has made diligent enquiries to identify parties with a claim to ownership, including through the provision of site notices.
01-011-b Change 1	Painesend Farm LLP	<p>The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.</p> <p>The Applicant has emailed the Landowner to query if they have any claim to ownership over this unregistered land and whether they have any objections for Green Hill Solar to access and inviting further discussion by phone.</p>
01-011-b Change 1	John Arnold Knight	The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.



Plot and Change No.	Landowner	Record of Engagement
		<p>The Applicant has discussed the unregistered land with the landowner via email in August and September 2025. The landowner's use of the track was confirmed and consent given for its inclusion in the Scheme.</p> <p>The Applicant has an existing option agreement with the landowner for Green Hill A.</p>
01-011-c Change 1	West Northamptonshire Council	<p>The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.</p> <p>The Applicant sent emails to West Northamptonshire Council on 22 October 2025 and on 31 October 2025 setting out the proposed changes and inviting further discussion by phone. No response has been received prior to the date of the submission of this Change Application.</p>
01-011-c Change 1	J A Knight & Son (Farmers) Limited	<p>The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.</p> <p>The Applicant has discussed the unregistered land with the landowner via email in August and September 2025. The landowner's use of the track was confirmed and consent given for its inclusion in the Scheme.</p> <p>The Applicant has an existing option agreement with the landowner for Green Hill A.</p>
03-030 Change 2	Julian Lindsay Care Timothy Adrian Care	<p>The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.</p> <p>The Applicant has an existing option agreement with the landowner for Green Hill A.2.</p>
03-030 Change 2	On Tower UK 1 Ltd	<p>The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.</p>



Plot and Change No.	Landowner	Record of Engagement
		The Applicant has attempted to make contact with the Landowner via suitable methods of contact where possible.
02-029-b Change 3	Acan Developments Limited	The Applicant has approached the Landowner through the allocated agent and discussions are ongoing.
03-031-a Change 3	Brian Richard Knight David Anthony Knight Jennifer Rosemary Knight	The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.  The Applicant is in discussions with the landowner's Agent to include a connection from the permissive path to the existing Bridleway on their land.
07-069-c 07-070-b Change 4	William John Pitts Catherine Elizabeth Pitts Catherine Elizabeth Pitts	The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.  The Applicant has an existing option agreement with the landowner for Green Hill C.
07-072-b 07-072-c 07-072-d Change 4	William John Pitts	The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.  The Applicant has an existing option agreement with the landowner for Green Hill C.
07-069-c 07-070-b 07-072-b 07-072-c 07-072-d Change 4	Sywell Solar Limited	The Applicant has been in discussions with the owner of Sywell Road Solar Farm about the shared access track and cable crossings since September 2024. An email was sent on 20 October 2025 confirming the change of compulsory acquisition powers and inviting further discussion by Teams call.
08-088 Change 5	Cadent Gas Limited	The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.  The Applicant has made contact with Cadent Gas Ltd to confirm the change of compulsory



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		acquisition powers and inviting further discussion by Teams call.
08-089-a Change 6	TOF Corporate Trustee Limited	<p>The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.</p> <p>The landowner has agreed with the inclusion of the additional land. The Applicant has an existing option agreement with the landowner for Green Hill E.</p>
12-126-b Change 7	Lavinia Mary De-Vere Padbury	The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.
12-128-b Change 7	National Highways Limited	<p>The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.</p> <p>The Applicant has made contact with National Highways to confirm the change in scope of compulsory acquisition powers and inviting further discussion by Teams call.</p>
12-128-b 12-129-b 12-130-b Change 7	West Northamptonshire Council	<p>The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.</p> <p>The Applicant is in discussions with both North Northamptonshire Council and West Northamptonshire Councils as the Title is being transferred between the two parties.</p>
12-131-d Change 7	North Northamptonshire Council	<p>The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.</p> <p>The Applicant is in discussions with both North Northamptonshire Council and West Northamptonshire Councils as the Title is being transferred between the two parties.</p>



Plot and Change No.	Landowner	Record of Engagement
14-194 Change 8	Compton Family Trust Corporation Limited	<p>The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.</p> <p>The changes have been agreed in consultation with the Landowner through emails and meetings between August and October 2025.</p> <p>The Applicant has an existing option agreement with the landowner for Green Hill F.</p>
15-207 16-210-c Change 9	Compton Family Trust Corporation Limited	<p>The Applicant has previously consulted with the Affected Party as they are a landowner within the Order Limits. The Affected Party has therefore been in receipt of s.48 and s.56 notices.</p> <p>The changes have been agreed in consultation with the Landowner through emails and meetings between August and October 2025.</p> <p>The Applicant has an existing option agreement with the landowner for Green Hill F.</p>

## 4.5 Consultation with Local Planning Authorities

### Changes 1-9

- 4.5.1 In relation to Changes 1-9, the Applicant wrote to the host local authorities, West Northamptonshire Council and North Northamptonshire Council, via email on 22 October 2025 and on 31 October 2025, summarising the changes and inviting further discussion. No response has been received prior to the date of the submission of this Change Application.



## 5 Proposed Examination Timetable

### 5.1 Introduction

- 5.1.1 The Applicant submitted a Change Notification to the ExA in accordance with PINS Change Guidance on 22 October 2025 **[AS-016]**. This included details of the intended changes and set out a proposed timetable for examining the Change Application.
- 5.1.2 The ExA responded to the Change Notification within Annex B (pages B4-B5) of the Rule 8 Letter dated 28 October 2025 **[PD-006]**. This response stated that 'The ExA is satisfied by the applicant's proposed approach to consultation, as set out in section 3 of **[AS-016]**'. The ExA indicated that, should the Change Application be submitted at Deadline 1, 'there would be sufficient time remaining within the examination to potentially accommodate the change application'. The ExA made comments on the timetable which have been incorporated into the proposed timetable in Table 5.1 below.
- 5.1.3 The Rule 8 Letter **[PD-006]** stated that 'the ExA would request that for clarity the applicant submits the change application and supporting documents separately from any other submissions'. This Change Application is being submitted separately on the working day following Deadline 1.
- 5.1.4 Following publication of the Rule 8 Letter **[PD-006]**, the ExA has indicated informally to the Applicant that a decision on acceptance can potentially be made in the week commencing 17 November 2025, and that any hearings will take place during the week commencing 9 March 2026.
- 5.1.5 With regard to these considerations, the Applicant is proposing the timetable for the examination set out in Table 5.1 below.

**Table 5.1: Proposed Timetable**

Stage	Proposed Date	Source
Submission of Change Notification	22 October 2025	PINS Change Guidance
Submission of Change Application	10 November 2025	CA Reg 5
Acceptance by ExA of Change Application, ExA issues timetable	week commencing 17 November 2025	CA Regs 6 and 12
First press notice / Start of consultation period (local newspaper publishes on a Thursday only)	4 December 2025	CA Regs 7 and 8
Second press notice (local newspaper publishes on a Thursday only)	11 December 2025	CA Reg 8
CA Regs Deadline 1 – Closing date for consultation - Submission of Relevant Representations and Written Representations on Change Application	14 January 2026	CA Regs 7, 8, 12 and 13





Stage	Proposed Date	Source
Submission of Certificate of Compliance	16 January 2026	CA Reg 9
CA Regs Deadline 2 - Deadline for requests to speak at OFH, ISH and CAH	20 January 2026	CA Regs 14, 15 and 16
ExA issues notices of hearings and Initial Assessment of Principal Issues	27 January 2026	CA Regs 11, 14, 15 and 16
Deadline 5 (as per Rule 8 letter) - Comments on submissions received at CA Regs Deadline 1	12 February 2026	CA Regs 12 and 13
Additional hearings (OFH, ISH, CAH), if required	week commencing 9 March 2026	CA Regs 14, 15 and 16
Deadline 6 (as per Rule 8 letter) – Comments on submissions received at Deadline 5 and written summary of oral submissions at hearings (if required)	17 March 2026	CA Regs 12 and 13



## 6 Schedule of Application Documents

- 6.1.1 An updated version of the Guide to the Application **[EN010170/CR1/GH1.3\_B]** provides a full schedule of the application documents and plan, indicating which would be revised because of the Change Application and which do not change.
- 6.1.2 The new documents being submitted for this Change Application are listed in Table 6.1.
- 6.1.3 The documents for which revised versions are being submitted are listed in Table 6.2.

**Table 6.1: New documents submitted with this Change Application**

Ref	Title
CR1/GH9.2	Change Application
CR1/GH9.3	Supporting Environmental Information Report

**Table 6.2: Revised documents submitted with this Change Application**

Ref	Title	Reason for change
CR1/GH1.3_B	Guide to the Application (Revision B) (Change Application)	Updates to list of documents and to introductory text
CR1/GH2.1_A	Location Plan / Order Limits (Revision A) (Change Application)	Update to the Order Limits
CR1/GH2.2_C	Land Plan (Revision C) (Change Application)	Updates in relation to Changes 1, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9
CR1/GH2.3_C	Works Plan (Revision C) (Change Application)	Updates in relation to Changes 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 8 and 9
CR1/GH2.5_B	Streets Plan (Revision B) (Change Application)	Updates in relation to Changes 1, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9
CR1/GH2.4_B	Public Rights of Way Plan (Revision B) (Change Application)	Updates in relation to Changes 1, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9
CR1/GH2.11_A	Hedgerow and Tree Protection Order Plan (Revision A) (Change Application)	Updates in relation to Changes 1, 3, 6, 8 and 9
CR1/GH3.1_B	Draft Development Consent Order (Revision B) (Change Application)	



CR1GHC3.2_B	Draft Explanatory Memorandum (Revision B) (Change Application)	Updates to align with amendments to the draft DCO
CR1/GH4.1_B	Statement of Reasons (Revision B) (Change Application)	Updates in relation to all Changes. Updates to Status of Negotiations.
CR1/GH4.2_A	Funding Statement (Revision A) (Change Application)	Updates in relation to all Changes
CR1/GH4.3_C	Book of Reference (Revision C) (Change Application)	Updates in relation to all Changes
CR1/GH4.4_B	Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker (Revision B) (Change Application)	Updates in relation to all Changes
CR1/GH6.4.4.10_A	ES Figure 4.10 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation Plan A	Updates in relation to Change 1
CR1/GH6.4.4.11_A	ES Figure 4.11 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation Plan A.2	Update in relation to Change 3
CR1/GH6.4.4.14_A	ES Figure 4.14 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation Plan E Sheet 1	Update in relation to Change 6
CR1/GH6.4.4.15_A	ES Figure 4.15 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation Plan E Sheet 2	Update in relation to Change 6
CR1/GH6.4.4.17_A	ES Figure 4.17 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation Plan F Sheet 1	Update in relation to Change 8
CR1/GH6.4.4.19_B	ES Figure 4.19 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation Plan F Sheet 3	Update in relation to Change 9



## **7 Conclusions**

- 7.1.1 The Applicant requests that the Examining Authority accepts this Change Application for consideration as part of the Green Hill Solar Farm Examination.
- 7.1.2 The proposed changes would not constitute a materially different application.
- 7.1.3 Each of the changes proposed is the result of a detailed post-submission review of the Scheme by the Applicant or a response to comments from stakeholders following the submission of the DCO application.
- 7.1.4 Changes 1, 3 and 6 add small areas of land to the Order Limits solely to allow proposed permissive paths to connect to existing public rights of way. Changes 2, 4 and 5 reduce required land rights. Changes 7 adds land to the Order limits to allow minor changes to the alignment of the cable. Change 9 increases land rights to allow minor changes to the alignment of a construction access track. Changes 8 and 9 remove small areas of land from the Order Limits that are not required for the Scheme.
- 7.1.5 The Applicant has conducted targeted and proportionate engagement with relevant stakeholders and interested parties. The remaining time within the Examination will allow adequate time for further consultation with interested parties and with the public.
- 7.1.6 The Applicant is grateful to the Examining Authority for confirming its willingness to consider the acceptance of this Change Application.



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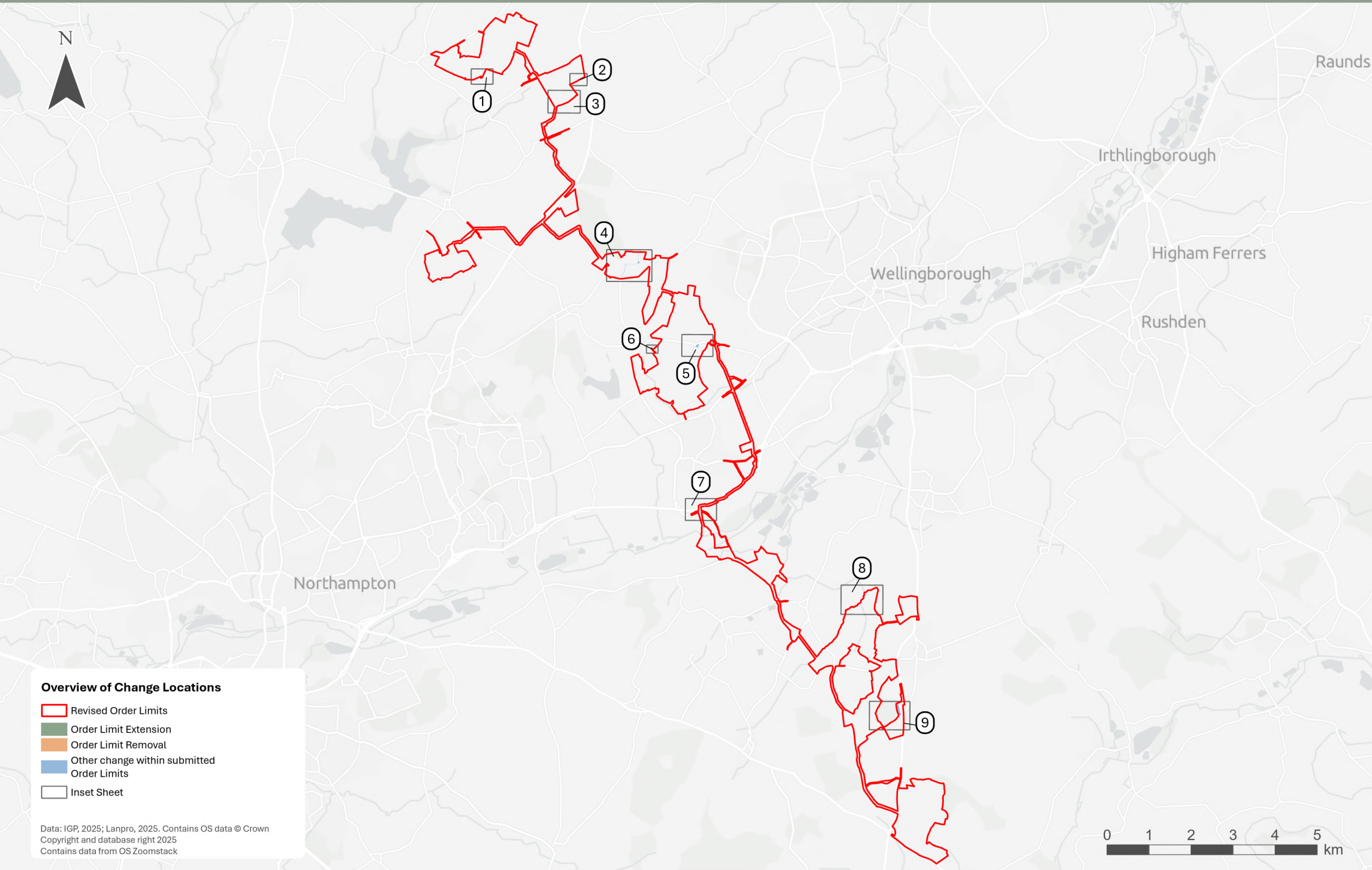
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## Appendix A: Plan of Requested Changes





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## Change Number 1

-  Revised Order Limits
-  Order Limit Extension

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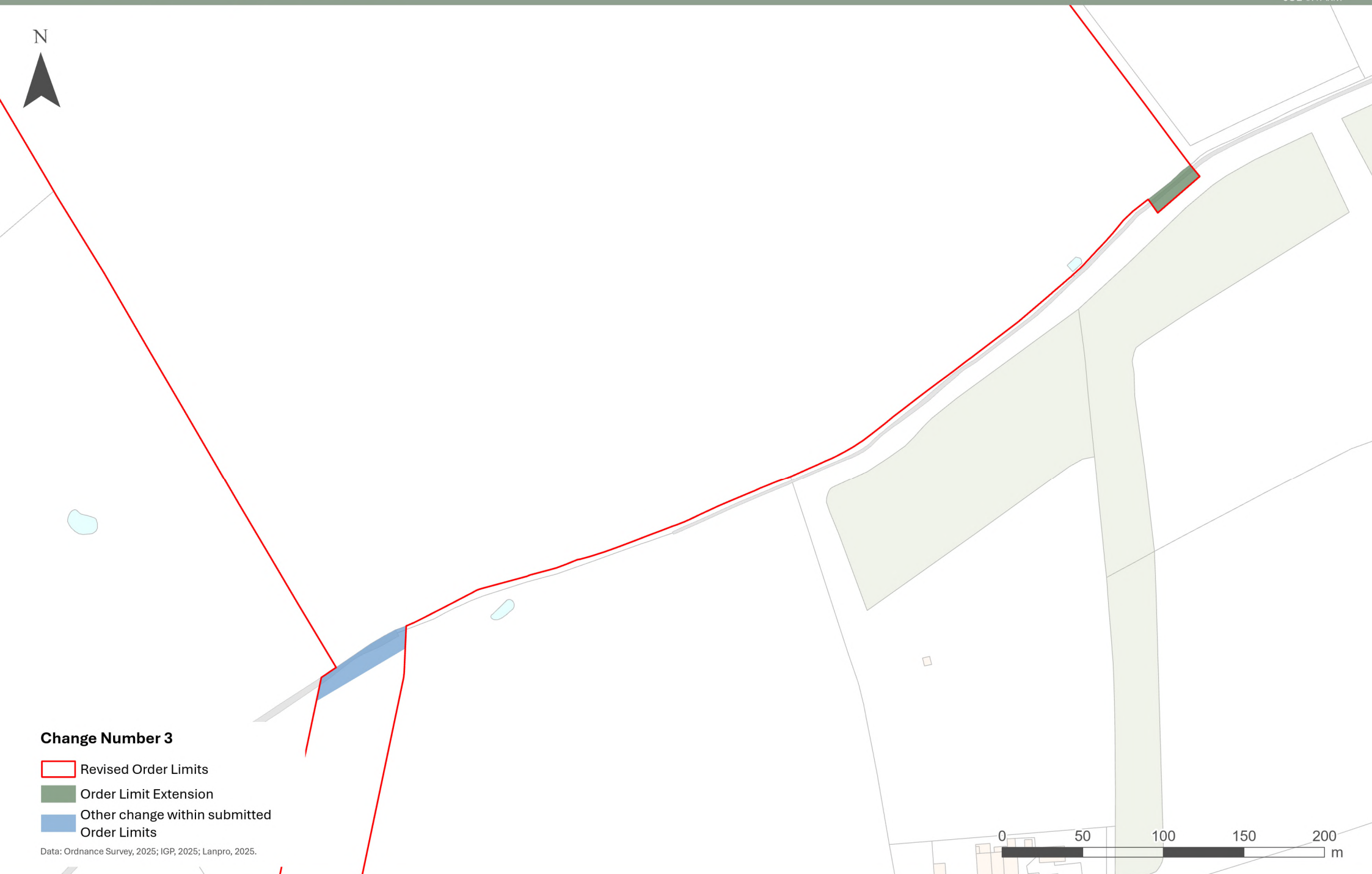
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-  Revised Order Limits
-  Other change within submitted Order Limits

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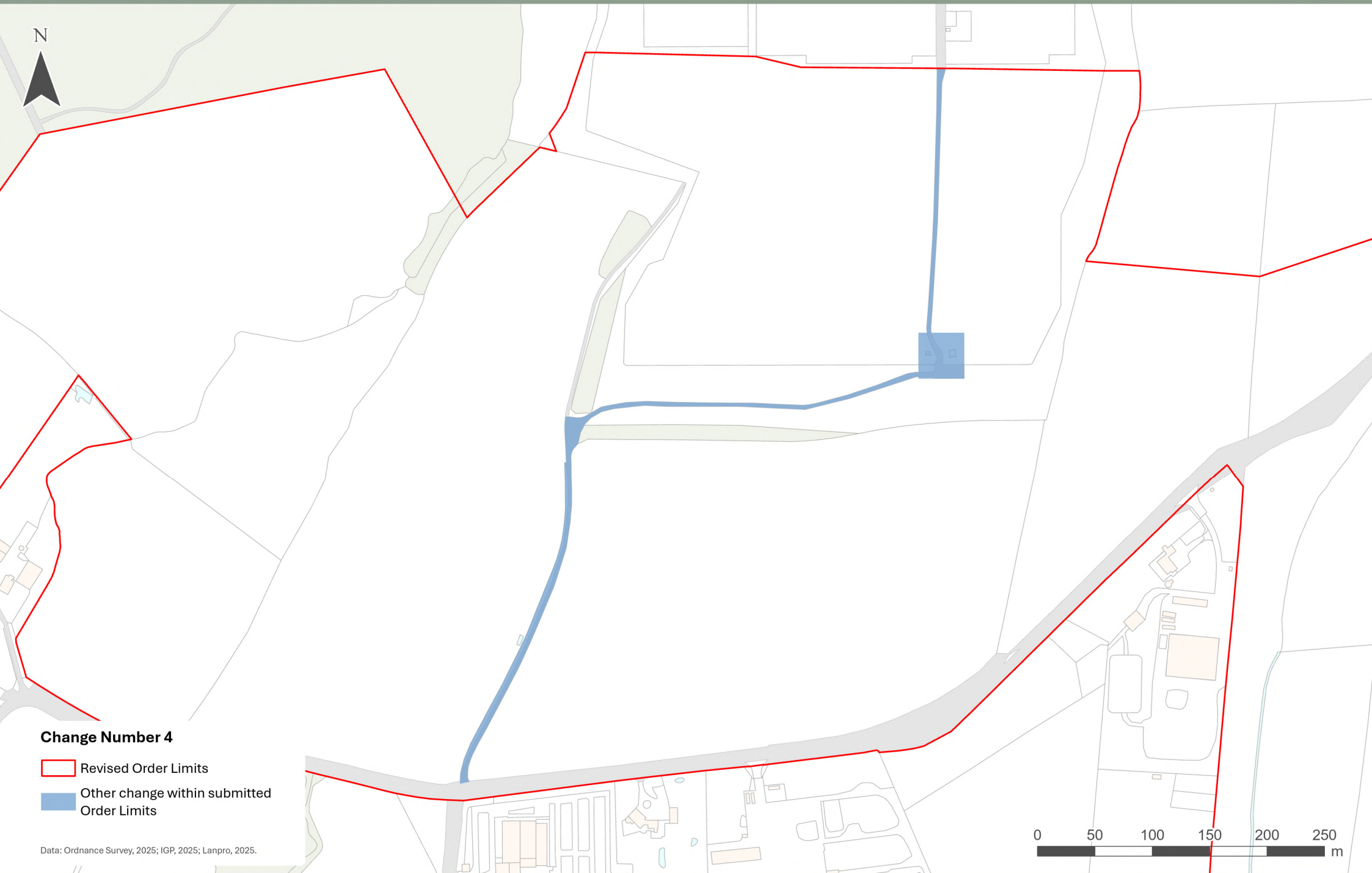


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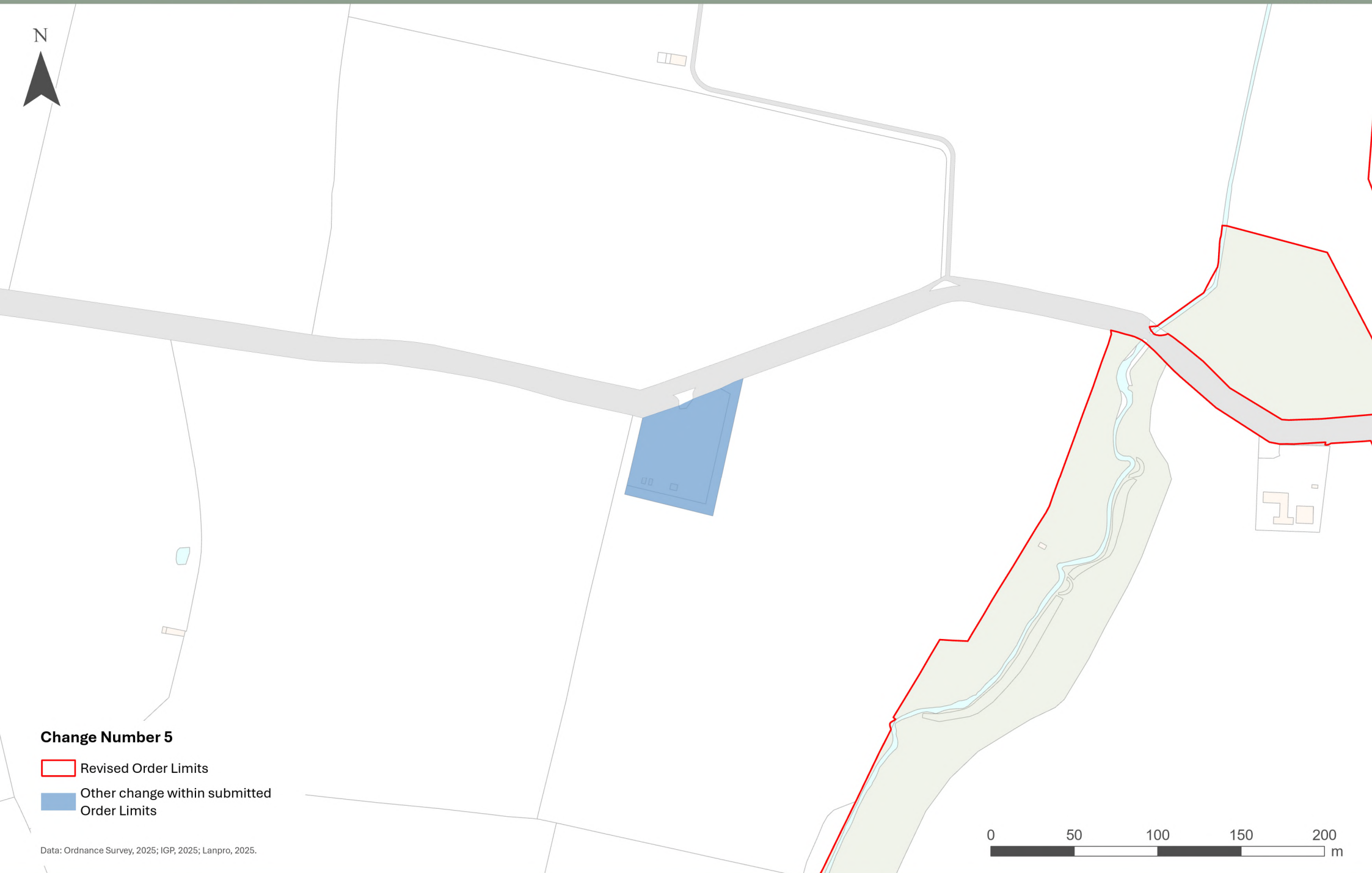




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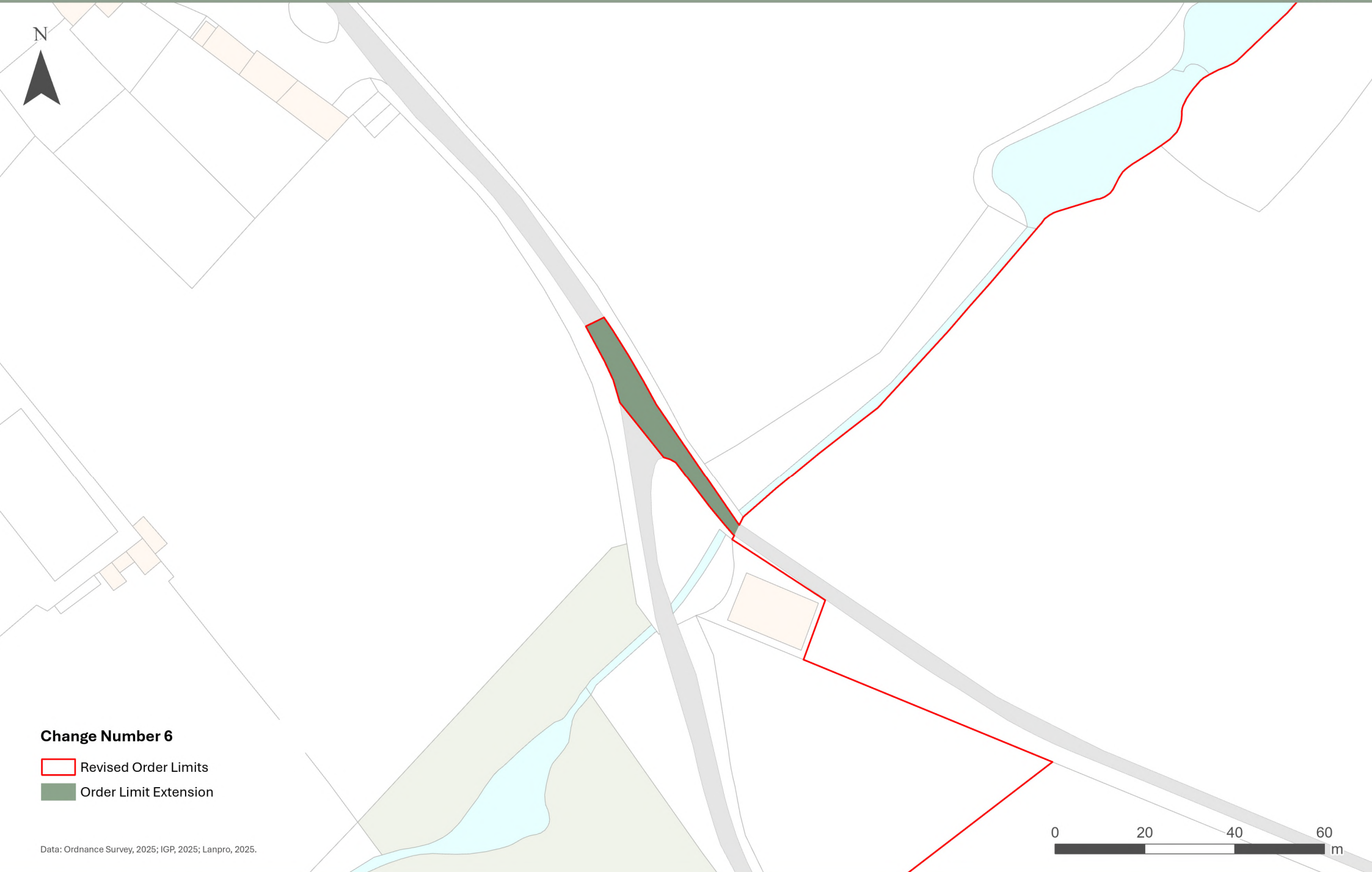


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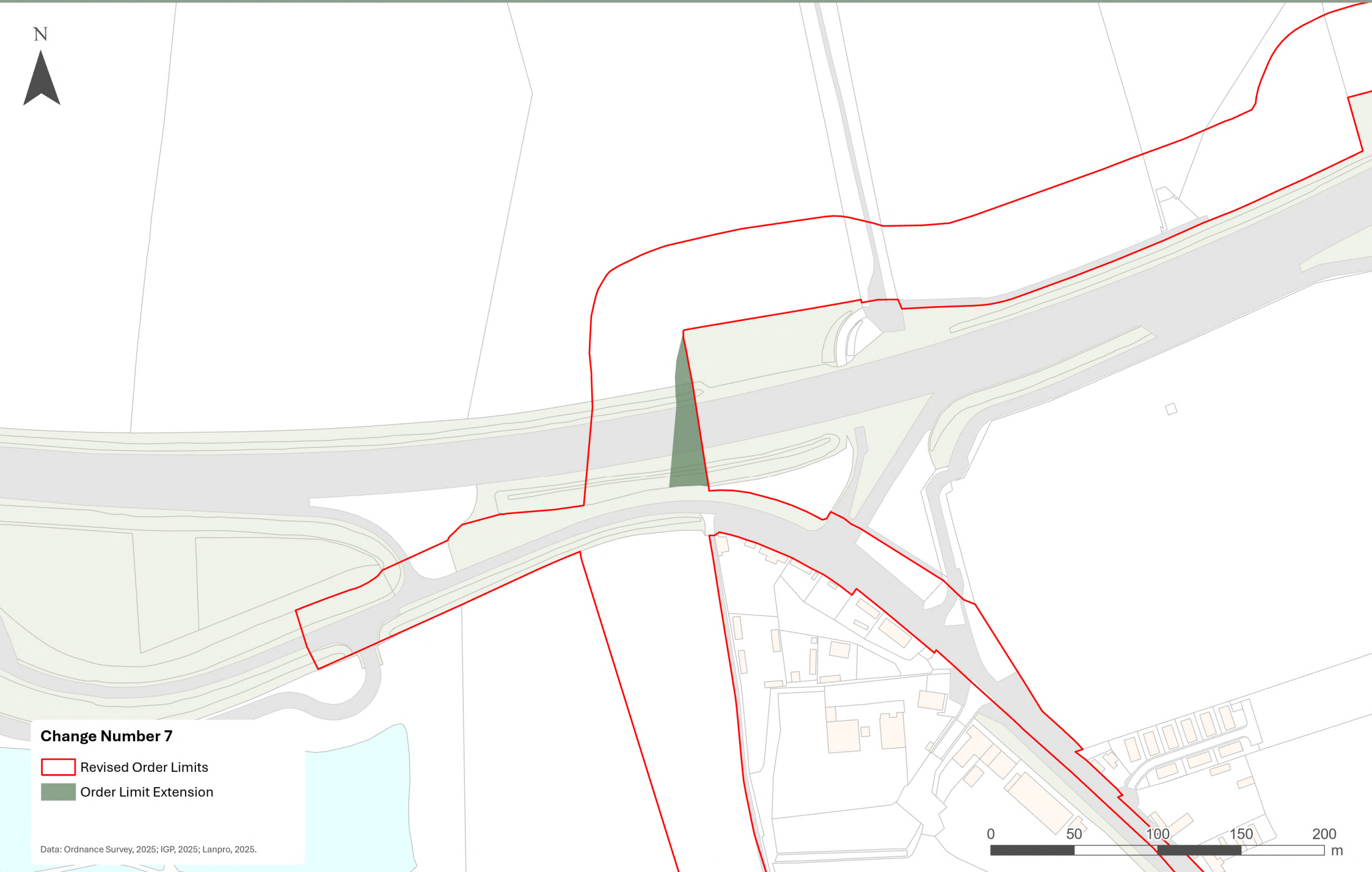






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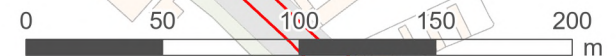
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## Change Number 7

-  Revised Order Limits
-  Order Limit Extension

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