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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 This Report constitutes a Change Application which has been prepared in accordance with PINS Change Guidance (Ref 1), along with accompanying documents listed in Section 7 below, proposing changes to/within the Order Limits of the Application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for Light Valley Solar (the 'Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2 The Proposed Development comprises the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating facility and energy storage facility with a total capacity exceeding 100 megawatts (MW) and export connection to the National Grid.
- 1.1.3 The Proposed Development is described in full in **ES Chapter 2: The Proposed Development [REP2-027]**.
- 1.1.4 The Application for the Proposed Development was submitted by Light Valley Solar Limited (the Applicant) to the Planning Inspectorate on 10 February 2026. The application was accepted for Examination on 9 March 2026 and Examination commenced on 28 July 2026.
- 1.1.5 The Applicant has endeavoured to undertake open and meaningful engagement with stakeholders before and during the Examination. In response to this engagement, the Applicant is now seeking to make changes to the Proposed Development design.
- 1.1.6 Notification of the Applicant's intention to submit a change request was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 25 September 2026.
- 1.1.7 The Proposed Changes and their rationale are set out in more detail in Section 3, below. Briefly, they comprise:
 - a) Change 1: Alternative Access Routes for Access CA2
 - b) Change 2: Abnormal Indivisible Loads Access to CA19 via Harry Moor Lane
 - c) Change 3: Field 6.9 – Solar Development Site 6 Reduction
 - d) Change 4: Visibility Splays for Accesses 1 and 3 of Solar Development Site 4
 - e) Change 5: Extension of 275 kV On-Site Substation Compound in Solar Development Site 1
 - f) Change 6: Cable Route Corridor East of Garman Carr Lane
 - g) Change 7: Solar Development 6 Bird Habitat Area
 - h) Change 8: National Grid Monk Fryston Substation Accesses
 - i) Change 9: Abnormal Indivisible Loads Access to Access 3 of Solar Development Site 4

1.2 Structure of this Report

- Section 2 of this Report sets out the legislative and regulatory framework relevant to the examination of a DCO Change Application.
- Section 3 describes the detail of the Proposed Changes and why they are required.
- Section 4 describes the engagement carried out prior to this Change Application being submitted.
- Section 5 sets out the proposed Examination timetable.
- Section 6 sets out the supporting environmental information.
- Section 7 lists the documents submitted as part of the Change Application.
- Section 8 concludes this Change Application.

2 Legislative Context

2.1 Examination Guidance and PINS Change Guidance

- 2.1.1 The Examination Guidance (Ref 2) states, at paragraph 4.20 that “there may be occasions when applicants wish to or need to make changes to their application after it has been accepted for examination...this is expected to be the exception rather than routine practice”.
- 2.1.2 The changes being proposed are the result of a detailed post-submission review of the Proposed Development 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 (para 4.22) that the “*in deciding whether to accept an applicants proposed changes to an application, the Examining Authority will consider a number of factors including whether the changes would mean the project is fundamentally different from the original application* “ and that there is sufficient engagement on the application and any other procedural requirements can be 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 3.4 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 location of the information accompanying this application is set out in Table 2-1.

Table 2-1: Requirements in Step 4 of 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 7 of this report lists the documents that accompany this Change Application. The Guide to the Application [EN0110012/APP/LVS/01.03] [Change Application] 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 Proposed Development.
5. Revised draft DCO and Explanatory Memorandum	Draft Development Consent Order [EN0110012/APP/LVS/03.01] [Change Application] and Explanatory Memorandum [EN0110012/APP/LVS/03.02] [Change Application]

Requirement	Location
6. Compulsory Acquisition documents (Book of Reference, Land Plan, Statement of Reasons, Funding Statement)	Book of Reference [EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.03] [Change Application] Land, Crown Land and Special Category Land Plans [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.02] [Change Application] Statement of Reasons [EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.01] [Change Application] (Note: No changes to the Statement of Reasons are proposed as part of the Change Application but for completeness is included because it is relied on in support of the Change Application). Funding Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.02] [Change Application]
7. Supplemental land rights tracker	Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker [EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.04] [Change Application]
8. Description of how CA Regulations procedures can be accommodated	Section 5 of this report
9. Assessment of changes to significant environmental effects	Supporting Environmental Information Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.43]
10. 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 (Ref 3). In respect of some of the Changes sought through this Change Application, this would include the land to be added to the Order Limits and an 'upgrade' in powers sought from temporary possession to compulsory acquisition of permanent rights. Therefore, the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (the 'CA Regulations') (Ref 4) 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 5 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') (Ref 5) requires that applications for orders for development consent must be accompanied by an Environmental

Statement (ES) that meets the requirements of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 ('EIA Regulations') (Ref 5).

2.3.2 Supporting environmental information is reported in the **Supporting Environmental Information Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.43]**. The topics reported within the ES have considered the conclusions of the **ES ([APP-038 to APP-056 updated by REP2-027 to REP2-048])** in relation to the Proposed Changes, and in particular whether there are any changes to potential significant effects compared to those reported in the ES for the Proposed Development. The assessment 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, the Applicant considers that further consultation would not be proportionate. All land interests affected by the CA Regulations-invoked changes will be consulted pursuant to the CA regulations prior to and post the submission of the change Application. The Applicant has updated all land interests affected by every change of its proposals prior to submitting this Change Application. Confirmation in writing to each will be submitted once the Change Application is submitted.

3 Description of Changes

3.1 Introduction

- 3.1.1 This Change Application considers nine changes proposed to be made to the submitted Proposed Development. The locations and anticipated extents of the changes are shown in Annex A: Plan of Proposed Changes.
- 3.1.2 The changes that form part of this Change Application are being proposed as the result of a detailed post-submission review of the Proposed Development by the Applicant and in response to comments from stakeholders following the submission of the DCO Application.
- 3.1.3 The Applicant notes that Changes 2, 4 and 9 engage the procedure for “additional land” set out in the CA Regulations) (Ref 4) as they involve either the proposed provision of land not currently within the Order limits where powers of compulsory acquisition of rights would be sought (Changes 2 and 4), or involve the ‘upgrade’ of powers within the Order limits from temporary possession to compulsory acquisition of rights (Change 9).

3.2 Changes to the Order Limits

Change 1: Alternative Access Routes for Access CA2

- 3.2.1 Change 1 allows for the alteration to the construction access route to access the land within the Cable Route Corridor to the south of Solar Development Site 1. Alternative construction access routes have been considered due to concerns raised by Mrs Tomlinson in respect of impacts to the Field House Farm business from the CA2 access point included within the Application.
- 3.2.2 Two of the potential routes outlined within the **Change Notification [CR1-001]** were Route options 1 and 3 included within Appendix A: Technical Note on Access to Cable Route Corridor in the Vicinity of Field House Farm within the **Written Summary of Applicant’s Oral Submissions (Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1) [REP1-005]** which was submitted at Deadline 1. Given the matters raised in that submission in respect of these options, the Applicant has undertaken relevant ecological surveys, discussed traffic considerations with NYC and engaged with Escrick Park Estate (the landowners with whom the Applicant has agreed an option within relation to Solar Development Site 1), to inform if one of these alternative solutions is able to be taken forward.
- 3.2.3 A further alternative route outlined in the **Change Notification [CR1-001]** was to utilise construction route access CA1 (as shown on **Figure 14.4 [APP-113]**). This approach would require the addition of a temporary open span bridge over Dam Dike. This option would not require any additions to the Order limits. The Applicant has undertaken specific engagement with the Environment Agency (EA) and the Ouse and Derwent Internal Drainage Board (IDB) to ascertain their views as to whether this approach could be supported.

- 3.2.4 Section 6.2 of this Report sets out an environmental assessment of the three additional route access options, in addition to Route 2 which is already assessed within the Application. The assessment has determined that construction access Route 2 is acceptable, with the mitigation already secured in the Application. For the avoidance of doubt, Route 2 does not require any additional land and there are no other changes relating to Route 2 proposed in this Change Application. The appraisal has also confirmed that the use of access CA1 and new Route 3 are to be taken forward as additional route options within this Change Application for the reasons summarised below.
- 3.2.5 Using access CA1 is technically feasible but cannot be confirmed until post-consent at the detailed design stage. Use of CA1 to access the Cable Route Corridor south of Dam Dike is also dependent on the EA's approval of a full-span crossing at Dam Dike. While the EA has agreed in-principle through pre-submission engagement that a full-span crossing should be prioritised over culverting, the Applicant will need to be submit the detailed design of the crossing to the EA for approval. The Applicant is conscious that the earliest construction work could start is 2028 and there is no guarantee that the EA would adopt this position at that point in time. It is noted that the use of CA1 does not constitute a change to the Order Limits and does not require any additional land.
- 3.2.6 The Applicant has included Route 3 as an alternative option in this Change Application in the event that the Secretary of State considers that any harm caused to receptors as a result of Route 2 would be unacceptable, and where CA1 cannot be progressed. If Route 3 is preferred, the maximum area of the land to be added to the Order Limits is 1.73 hectares (ha). However, the CA Regulations are not invoked because the additional land is needed for temporary rights only, and temporary possession of land does not fall within the definition of 'additional land' in the CA Regulations. This approach is well-established, such as in the Medworth Energy from Waste Combined Heat and Power Facility DCO Change Application (Ref 7).

Change 2: Abnormal Indivisible Loads Access to CA19 via Harry Moor Lane

- 3.2.7 The Applicant engaged with Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (NRIL) during the pre-application period to understand suitability of the use of CA19 (shown on Sheet 10 of the **Access to Works Plans [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.05] (Change Application)**) and specifically the level crossing at Harry Moor Lane, however resource constraints due to illness within NRIL meant that a site visit was delayed many months. As a result, the site visit took place post-submission of the DCO Application. Further, detailed assessment could only be undertaken after the NRIL engagement initiated through the site visit. This identified that an over sail of Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AILs) beyond the Order Limits would be required at Harry Moor Lane.

3.2.8 Change 2 is therefore proposed to extend the Order Limits in this location to ensure that ALL deliveries can be taken during construction, operation and decommissioning. This change will invoke the CA Regulations as it involves land outside of the Order limits in which compulsory acquisition of rights powers would be required (as it involves land outside of the highway boundary, or involves land adjacent to existing rights plots).

3.2.9 The area of the land to be added to the Order Limits is approximately 0.03 ha.

Change 3: Field 6.9 – Solar Development Site 6 Reduction

3.2.10 Change 3 comprises a reduction in the Order Limits within the northern section of Solar Development Site 6 in Field 6.9 (as identified in **[APP-061]**). The area of land required within Field 6.9 has been reduced following on-going discussions with the landowner as to the usage and layout of this site.

3.2.11 The area of the land to be removed from the Order Limits is approximately 0.24 ha.

Change 4: Visibility Splays for Accesses 1 and 3 of Solar Development Site 4

3.2.12 Change 4 comprises a change to the Order Limits to include additional land required to provide and maintain the sightlines to ensure strict DMRB CD109 and 123 compliance at access points 1 and 3 of Solar Development Site 4 (as shown on **Figure 14.4 [APP-133]** and Sheets 12 and 18 of the **Access to Works Plans [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.05] (Change Application)** (labelled as access points 10 and 8 respectively).

3.2.13 On review of the access arrangements, it was considered appropriate to adopt a more precautionary approach when defining the Order Limits in relation to the visibility splay on these accesses. It has been identified that additional land is required to be able to maintain the necessary visibility and provide sufficient control over any vegetation, boundary features or other potential obstructions that could affect visibility at the access locations during construction, operation and decommissioning. This is important not only to enable the visibility splay to be provided initially, but also to ensure that it can be maintained throughout the period for which the access is required.

3.2.14 This change invokes the Change Regulations as it involves land outside of the Order limits in which compulsory acquisition of permanent rights will be required to enable access into SDS 4 for the lifetime of the Proposed Development.

3.2.15 The area of the land to be added to the Order Limits is approximately 0.11 ha.

3.2.16 Drawing EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.14.B.V004_1 in Annex B of the **Transport Assessment [REP2-077]** (see pdf page 156) identifies the extent of the visibility splay at Access Point 1 at Solar Development Site 4 associated with the desirable minimum stopping sight distance of 160 m. The northern extent of the splay lies within the area to the north of Roe Lane Bridge identified for the proposed

extension to the Order Limits, demonstrating the relationship between the land sought and the visibility requirements associated with Access Point 1.

3.3 Changes within the Order Limits

Change 5: Extension of 275 kV On-Site Substation Compound in Solar Development Site 1

- 3.3.1 The Applicant's parent company, Island Green Power UK Limited is currently preparing to commence construction of another solar scheme that was granted consent in 2025 and continues to review, and where necessary, apply any relevant learnings from this process into other projects being developed. As such the Applicant has identified that an additional 0.2 ha for the 275KV Onsite Substation at SDS1 would allow an optimum layout to be developed. The Applicant can confirm that this change is **not** needed to ensure that its various environmental drainage and safety commitments at the substation can be met.
- 3.3.2 No change to the Order Limits is required to facilitate this change. Change 5 simply comprises a change to the limits of deviation at this location.

Change 6: Cable Route Corridor East of Garman Carr Lane

- 3.3.3 As set out within the Applicant Technical Note Plot Size **[REP2-115]**, this section on the Cable Route Corridor is constrained by an Internal Drainage Board Ditch (IDB) ditch (refer to ES Volume 2, **Figure 15.1 Surface Water Features [APP-115]**) which the Applicant has committed to cross using a trenchless solution (refer to ES Volume 2, **Figure 2.5 - Avoidance Areas [APP-062]**). The breadth of the Cable Route Corridor in this location allows for micro siting of the cable and trenchless works during the detailed engineering design work. The Order Limits also captures an existing culverted crossing in the west of the Cable Route Corridor which would be used for access where practicable, rather than introducing new temporary culverts.
- 3.3.4 Subsequent analysis has identified that full width of the Cable Route Corridor north of the IDB ditch is not required for laying of Interconnecting Cables, but this area is still required to facilitate construction vehicle access. Change 7 therefore comprises a reduction in the Works No.5 area and an increase in Works No.8a to reflect this, whilst also facilitating a reduction in the amount of permanent rights required (and thus downgrading to temporary possession only powers to be sought).
- 3.3.5 No change to the Order Limits is required to facilitate this change.

Change 7: Solar Development Site 6, Bird Habitat Area

- 3.3.6 Change 7 comprises the removal of an area of solar PV at Solar Development Site 6 from the Works Plans to the south of Milford Lodge and Milford Lodge Cottage to create a "Bird Habitat Area". Change 7 has been proposed to address

NYC concerns with regard to ground nesting birds (skylark), following engagement with NYC in relation to the data corruption issue presented and detailed in the **Technical Note Updated Ground Nesting Bird Baseline [REP2-114]**. NYC has agreed with the reassessment and conclusions in the **Technical Note [REP2-114]** (see **Statement of Common Ground [REP3-027]**), but maintain concerns due to the location and scale of the land available for nesting skylark specifically.

- 3.3.7 In response to the **Rule 17 [PD-010]**, the Applicant confirms that the change to include the “Bird Habitat Area” within Solar Development Site 6 will not alter the extent, management objectives or intended function of the BMA at Solar Development Site 1. Even following on from a change in baseline conditions identified and addressed through the re-evaluation of data, the Bird Habitat Area provided for ground nesting birds mitigates for the Proposed Development’s non-significant residual effects pursuant to the assessment in **Chapter 12: Ornithology [REP2-037]**. The additional Bird Habitat Area for skylark management within Solar Development Site 6 is to proactively respond to NYC’s concerns [REP2-114] rather than a necessary mitigation for the purposes of policy compliance.
- 3.3.8 The Bird Habitat Area will comprise of grassland managed for ground nesting birds to be developed in accordance with the existing **Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP2-095]**. No updates to the Outline LEMP are required for the purposes of Change 7, and no change to the Order Limits is required to facilitate this change.
- 3.3.9 Solar Development Site 4, where the highest densities of skylark were recorded, was considered when identifying potential mitigation areas for both breeding and non-breeding birds during the pre-application phase as stated in **[REP2-114]**. However, the distribution of overhead lines (OHLs) and hedgerows constrains the extent of continuous, open habitat available following the application of appropriate offsets. Provision of a suitable mitigation area would also require extensive hedgerow removal.
- 3.3.10 The Bird Habitat Area within Solar Development Site 6 is free of OHLs and comprises a large, regularly shaped parcel. Unlike the narrower eastern extent, its configuration allows 50 m offsets to be accommodated while retaining a substantial, continuous area of suitable habitat. No skylark were recorded within Solar Development Site 6 during the baseline surveys **[AS-032]**. The proposed management therefore offers an opportunity to establish suitable breeding habitat in an area with no recorded territories.
- 3.3.11 Throughout the pre-application and examination period, the Applicant engaged with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, the Royal Society for Protection of Birds (RSPB) and North Yorkshire Council, where all but the RPSB stated that they would be submitting Relevant Representations as it was satisfied with the overall conclusions and their concerns were largely around non-breeding birds only. Following identification of the data corruption, the Applicant contacted all three parties to re-present the breeding bird baseline data and the ES assessment

conclusions, which was welcomed by NYC and the YWT. The RSPB did not follow up and YWT have not engaged since.

- 3.3.12 Following engagement since the **Change Notification [CR1-001]**, NYC has welcomed the Applicant's efforts to address residual impacts on ground nesting birds through Change 7 and has requested additional information. The Applicant is considering this request and will provide an update in due course.
- 3.3.13 Natural England (NE) reviewed Change 7 and was invited to provide comment. In response, Natural England advised by email of 9 October 2026 that the matters raised do not relate to notified features of a designated site and has therefore deferred consideration of these matters to NYC. Natural England also stated that the changes did does not make a material difference to Natural England's conclusions on the Proposed Development.
- 3.3.14 In addition, engagement has been ongoing with Sherburn Aero Club alongside consideration of their Relevant and Written Representations. There is agreement that the removal of solar PV panels adjacent to the proposed emergency landing strip in Solar Development Site 6 could provide additional space for emergency landings from runway 19 as required.
- 3.3.15 The updated photomontages for Viewpoint 46 as a result of Change 7 are included in Annex A of the **Supporting Environmental Information Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.43]**.

Change 8: National Grid Monk Fryston Substation Accesses

- 3.3.16 Change 8 comprises the addition of the rights to use the two existing access points from Rawfield Lane into the Monk Fryston Substation. This follows receipt of NGET's Representation **[RR-1037]**, suggesting use of their access and on-going discussions with NGET in respect of connection works at the substation. This is to ensure that access to the Site can be taken while navigating the existing and proposed substation infrastructure within the National Grid Monk Fryston Substation, regardless of where the 275 kV feeder bay is ultimately located, along with associated works to connect the Grid Connection Cables for the Proposed Development. The access points are pre-existing access points for the operational substation and no changes are proposed to the access points themselves. It is noted that once agreement in respect of the bespoke Protective Provisions with NGET is reached, the Protective Provisions would enable the Applicant to seek to use such accesses. Access arrangements would form part of the Applicant's method statement which is subject to NGET's written approval.
- 3.3.17 No change to the Order Limits is required to facilitate this change.

Change 9: Abnormal Indivisible Loads Access to Access 3 of Development Site Solar 4

- 3.3.18 Change 9 ensures that, following swept path analysis, AILs delivering transformers would be able to access SDS4 at the location of Access 3 (as shown

on **Figure 14.4 [APP-113]** and labelled as point 9 on the **Access to Works Plans [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.05] (Change Application)**.

- 3.3.19 The change is necessary to achieve access by AILs transporting transformers to Access 3 (part of proposed Change 9) to ensure that transformers can be transported over Roe Lane Drain (an IDB drain) which runs to the south and east of the Solar Development Site 4. Apart from Roe Lane, there are no existing crossings of Roe Lane Drain that could be used. If access is taken from CA43 a new temporary culvert would need to be installed or /transformers would need to be lifted by crane over Roe Lane Drain in order to avoid works to the existing culvert at Access 3. A new temporary culvert would require greater works than what is proposed. Lifting the transformers would be a major engineering operation, requiring extensive temporary enabling works to build a pad of the size and strength needed for a crane. The transformer weight and set back to the sub-station location would necessitate a very large crane. The location is further constrained by a 400kV existing overhead line to the south. Once lifting is complete the field would need to be reinstated and the operation repeated for any transformer replacements. Therefore, localised works to the culvert at Access 3 are proposed to be brought into the Proposed Development.
- 3.3.20 Access CA43 would still be required for AIL deliveries of cable drums to facilitate the grid connection cable construction works.
- 3.3.21 As transformers may need to be replaced during the lifetime of the Proposed Development, such access needs to be supported by permanent rights. This Change therefore invokes the CA Regulations, as it will require an 'upgrade' of powers sought from, temporary possession, to compulsory acquisition of permanent rights, to facilitate this. For the avoidance of doubt, there are no changes required to the spatial extent of the Order Limits for this change.
- 3.3.22 The Applicant notes that to facilitate AIL access at this location, the existing culvert over Roe Lane Drain will need be widened during the construction period to allow for transformers to be delivered to Site. The culvert would be returned to its current dimension following construction and this process may then need to be repeated at any replacement stage and decommissioning.
- 3.3.23 Swept Path Analysis of drawings to demonstrate safe and suitable access can be achieved is provided at Annex B of the **Supplementary Environmental Information Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.43]**.

3.4 Materiality

- 3.4.1 There is no statutory definition of a 'material' change to a DCO application, although the term is referenced in the Examination Guidance. The determination as to whether this Change Application constitutes a material change is therefore a matter for the Examining Authority. The changes proposed in this Change Application comprise refinements to the Proposed Development layout and design only. These refinements have resulted in updates to the assessment of potential environmental impacts, which are reported in the **Supplementary Environmental Information Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.43]**. This

confirms that the Proposed Changes will not result in any new or different significant effects compared to those reported in the **ES ([APP-038 to APP-056 updated by REP2-027 to REP2-048])** submitted with the DCO Application.

- 3.4.2 The PINS Guidance notes that a proposed change may, in some cases, be sufficiently substantial to constitute a ‘materially different project’. However, the Guidance also confirms that there is no statutory definition of what constitutes a “material” or “non-material” change to a DCO application.
- 3.4.3 The Proposed Changes relate to minor refinements to the Proposed Development layout and design. They do not involve any material increase or extension of the Order Limits with only minor additions to the Order Limits.

4 Consultation

4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 The proposed changes outlined in Section 3 have been identified as a result of the Applicant's review of the design of the Proposed Development, together with feedback received through engagement with landowners, stakeholders and Interested Parties following the DCO Application.
- 4.1.2 The Applicant has considered the appropriate approach to pre-application consultation of the Proposed Changes, having regard to the nature, scale and likely effects of the Changes, as well as to provide the opportunity for the Changes to be examined within the remaining Examination timetable.
- 4.1.3 The Applicant considered that full pre-application consultation with all prescribed consultees was not proportionate prior to submission of the Change Application. This is because the Proposed Changes are limited in scope, do not alter the nature or overall scale of the Proposed Development, and, as set out in Section 6, do not change the conclusions reported in the ES in respect of likely significant environmental effects. Changes 1, 2 and 4 involve additions to the Order Limits; Change 3 involves a reduction in the Order Limits; and Changes 5 to 9 relate to refinements within the existing Order Limits.
- 4.1.4 In addition, the Proposed Changes have been informed by the Applicant's ongoing consideration of stakeholder feedback and technical design review. This includes, for example, consideration of alternative access arrangements in the vicinity of Field House Farm in response to concerns raised by Mrs Tomlinson, the reduction of land within Field 6.9 following discussions with the landowner, and the provision of a Bird Habitat Area within Solar Development Site 6 following discussions with North Yorkshire Council (NYC). Engagement with Sherburn Aero Club has also informed the removal of solar PV panels adjacent to the proposed emergency landing strip.
- 4.1.5 As set out in the **Change Notification [CR1-001]**, Changes 2, 4 and 9 engage the procedure for additional land under the CA Regulations. The Applicant has not managed to obtain consent of all relevant land interests before submission of this Change Application. Accordingly, the Applicant proposes to follow the procedure under the CA Regulations, including publication and consultation *after* submission of the Change Application.
- 4.1.6 The Applicant considers that there is no benefit in undertaking overlapping consultation exercises before and after submission of the Change Application. Formal consultation on all of the Proposed Changes is therefore proposed to take place after submission. In respect of Change 1, the Applicant has completed its assessment of the alternative access arrangements. The assessment and the views of relevant stakeholders are presented in the Change Application, enabling the relevant parties to provide informed comments. In respect of Change 7, this will also allow Mr and Mrs Billingham to comment on the detailed proposals for the land to the south of Milford Lodge and Milford Lodge Cottage.

- 4.1.7 Notwithstanding this approach, the Applicant has engaged with relevant parties considered most likely to be affected by, or have an interest in, the Proposed Changes through ongoing targeted engagement. This includes relevant land interests, North Yorkshire Council as the host authority, Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET), the Environment Agency, relevant Internal Drainage Boards and Sherburn Aero Club. The engagement identified in the **Change Notification [CR1-001]** in relation to Change 9 also includes Natural England. Further details are provided in the following subsections. The Applicant also notes that, should the Change Application be accepted by the Examining Authority, there will be further opportunity for consultation and comment through the statutory procedures associated with the Change Application, including the notice requirements under the CA Regulations. While that statutory process is required in respect of Changes 2, 4 and 9, the Applicant has proposed that the notification and publicity will address all aspects of the Change Application. The Applicant submitted this Change Application on 13 October 2026. Consultation on all of the Proposed Changes will take place from 27 October to 2 December 2026. Representations must be submitted directly to the Planning Inspectorate through the Relevant Representation process. The proposed examination timetable is set out in Section 5.
- 4.1.8 The Applicant notified all land interests affected by the Proposed Changes of its intention to submit a Change Application by letter dated 9 October 2026, providing information on the Proposed Changes and the forthcoming consultation.
- 4.1.9 In addition to notifying all land interests of the Proposed Changes, the Applicant has conducted targeted pre-Change Application engagement with relevant land interests, the host local planning authority, statutory bodies and other organisations with an interest in the Proposed Changes. This engagement has informed the development and assessment of the proposals and is distinct from the formal consultation that will be carried out in compliance with the CA Regulations following submission of the Change Application.
- 4.1.10 Table 4-1 identifies the parties relevant to pre-submission of the Change Application and the targeted engagement and notification in respect of the Proposed Changes, together with the reason for their interest. The table identifies the parties notified and/or engaged prior to submission of the Change Application, and does not imply that a separate consultation on the Change Application has already been undertaken. Records of engagement with statutory bodies and other organisations are set out in Table 4-2, records of engagement with affected persons are set out in Table 4-3.
- 4.1.11 Land interests affected by the Proposed Changes, together with details of engagement undertaken with those parties, are recorded in the **Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker [Change Application] [EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.04]**.

Table 4-1: Parties identified for pre-submission engagement and notification

Category	Party	Interest
Local Planning Authorities	North Yorkshire Council	Host authority for all changes
Statutory Bodies	Environment Agency	All changes
Statutory Bodies	Historic England	Change 1; Change 3; Change 4; Change 5; Change 6; Change 7; Change 9
Statutory Bodies	National Highways	Change 1; Change 2; Change 8; Change 9
Statutory Bodies	Natural England	All changes
Statutory Bodies	Ouse and Derwent Internal Drainage Board	Change 1; Change 5
Statutory Bodies	Selby Internal Drainage Board	Change 2; Change 3; Change 6; Change 7; Change 8; Change 9
Other organisations and individuals	Sherburn Aero Club	Located close to Change 7
Other organisations and individuals	Nick and Louise Billingham	Located close to Changes 3 and 7
Other organisations and individuals	Tony Spencer	Located close to Change 7
Other organisations and individuals	Wendy Tomlinson	Located close to Change 1
Land interests	Land interests affected by the Proposed Changes, together with details of engagement undertaken with those parties, are recorded in the Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker [EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.04] [Change Application]	

4.1.12 For post-submission consultation, the following additional stakeholders will be directly notified and consulted on regarding the proposed changes:

- Skipwith Parish Council
- Escrick Parish Council
- Thorganby Parish Council
- Thorpe Willoughby Parish Council
- Brayton Parish Council
- Wistow Parish Council
- Hillam Parish Council
- Hambleton Parish Council
- South Milford Parish Council
- Sherburn-in-Elmet Town Council
- Monk Fryston Parish Council
- Birkin Parish Council

- West Haddlesey Parish Council
- Chapel Haddlesey Parish Council
- Riccall Parish Council
- Cawood Parish Council
- Selby Town Council
- Fairburn Parish Council
- Burton Salmon Parish Council
- Ryther cum Ossendyke Parish Council
- Kelfield Parish Council

4.1.13 All stakeholders listed will receive a letter and notice of consultation from the Applicant, setting out the details of the consultation, and how they can respond.

4.2 Engagement with Local Planning Authorities

4.2.1 NYC is the host local planning authority for the Proposed Changes. The Applicant has undertaken ongoing engagement with NYC in respect of the Proposed Development, including matters which have informed the Proposed Changes. A record of engagement with NYC is set out in Table 4-2, alongside statutory bodies.

4.3 Engagement with Other Statutory Bodies Identified by the Applicant

4.3.1 The statutory bodies identified for consultation are listed in Table 4-1. The Applicant contacted the Environment Agency and Ouse and Derwent Internal Drainage Board on 16 September 2026 regarding a potential temporary culvert over Dam Dike associated with an alternative access arrangement under Change 1. The Applicant also contacted the Environment Agency and Selby Area Internal Drainage Board regarding the proposed temporary widening of the culvert over Roe Lane Drain under Change 9. The correspondence and responses are summarised in Table 4-2. The Environment Agency provided qualified comments on flood risk, biodiversity and fisheries, including requests for further evidence and design considerations. The IDBs confirmed the applicable requirements for works to their maintained watercourses. The **Change Notification [CR1-001]** also identified engagement with Natural England in relation to Change 9 and the Applicant has engaged with Natural England via email since the notification was issued. Ongoing discussions with Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and National Grid Electricity Transmission plc have informed Changes 2 and 8 respectively. Engagement with Sherburn Aero Club has also informed Change 7, including agreement that removing solar PV panels adjacent to the proposed emergency landing strip would be beneficial for emergency landings.

Table 4-2: Engagement with Statutory Bodies and other organisations

Statutory body / organisation	Change number	Record of Engagement
North Yorkshire Council	All changes	The Applicant informed the North Yorkshire Council steering group at a meeting on 24 September 2026 that a Change Notification would be submitted, explaining what the changes entailed and highlighting those where they related to specific feedback from NYC officers. At a subsequent steering group meeting on 30 September 2026, following submission, the distribution of a link to the Change Notification was discussed. These meetings provided a mechanism for information to be cascaded to the Council's technical teams. All nine Proposed Changes were presented to the Council's highways officers at a meeting on 25 September 2026. Engagement with highways officers is ongoing through weekly meetings. The Applicant discussed Change 7, concerning the proposed bird habitat area, with the Council's ecology officers and provided information on 2 October 2026. On 7 October 2026, ecology officers requested further information to enable them to assess the proposal. The Applicant is considering the information required and arrangements for further engagement. The Change Notification has also been referenced in the Statement of Common Ground where the changes would address relevant issues. The Statement of Common Ground has been reviewed by Council officers and signed by the Council.
Environment Agency	1; 9	The Applicant contacted the Environment Agency (EA) by email on 16 September 2026 regarding a potential temporary culvert over Dam Dike for an alternative construction access route south of Solar Development Site 1 (Change 1), and temporary widening of the existing culvert over Roe Lane Drain to accommodate Abnormal Indivisible Loads at Solar Development Site 4 (Change 9). The email described the proposed works and invited comments. In response to the EA's request, the Applicant provided indicative location sketches and grid references on the same day. The Applicant followed up on 29 September 2026, providing a link to the Change Notification and requesting feedback to inform the access option selection and Change Application.

Statutory body / organisation	Change number	Record of Engagement
		The EA responded on 29 September 2026. From a flood-risk perspective, it was broadly happy with the proposals, but expected the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) [REP2-089] to be updated to reflect the additional crossing and include a commitment to a culvert soffit height of at least 600 mm above the 1 in 100 year flood event. From a biodiversity perspective, the EA reiterated its opposition to culverting because of habitat fragmentation and effects on wildlife movement. Where necessary, it recommended keeping culverts as short as possible, considering riparian habitat connectivity and incorporating mammal ledges and ramps where possible. It recommended pre-construction otter surveys at least three months before works, mitigation for any newly identified holts or resting places, and consideration of habitat restoration or improvement following removal of the temporary culvert. From a fisheries perspective, the EA advised prioritising a full-span crossing at Dam Dike and replacing the existing Roe Lane Drain culvert with a full-span crossing. It identified potential European eel presence based on downstream records. If culvert designs were retained, it required evidence to justify the design decisions, including aquatic habitat surveys and fish surveys where habitat was present, or evidence of dry conditions. The EA stated that its comments were precautionary and based only on the email correspondence: it had not been provided with an ecological baseline or habitat assessment and had not reviewed the Change Notification. It reserved the opportunity to provide further comments if the change request was accepted.
Ouse and Derwent Internal Drainage Board	1	The Applicant contacted the Ouse and Derwent Internal Drainage Board (IDB) by email on 16 September 2026 regarding a potential temporary culvert over Dam Dike to serve an alternative construction access route into the Cable Route Corridor south of Solar Development Site 1. The Applicant explained that the culvert would provide access over one or two construction seasons, with a maximum period of two years, and asked whether the requirements discussed at the meeting on 16

Statutory body / organisation	Change number	Record of Engagement
		December 2025 would also apply to this Board-maintained watercourse. The IDB replied on 16 September 2026, confirming that the same requirements would apply and referring to the December meeting and its follow-up email. The supplied follow-up correspondence recorded acceptance in principle of temporary culverts and requested a standard design drawing showing the culvert and headwall, advance notification of locations to agree suitable culvert sizes, a schedule of agreed sizes, overpumping information and location-specific consent documentation. The IDB also provided example headwall, overpumping, consent and timber-piling documents. This correspondence confirms the applicable requirements; it does not constitute consent for the proposed Dam Dike crossing.
Selby Area Internal Drainage Board	9	The Applicant contacted the Selby Area Internal Drainage Board (IDB) by email on 16 September 2026 regarding the proposed temporary widening of the existing culvert over Roe Lane Drain to allow Abnormal Indivisible Loads to enter Solar Development Site 4 from Roe Lane. The Applicant asked whether the requirements discussed at a meeting in December 2025 would apply and offered a call to discuss the proposal. The IDB responded on 18 September 2026, confirming that the temporary works would require the Board's consent, as for other works to IDB-maintained watercourses. The response did not grant consent or confirm approval of the design.
Natural England	All changes – Change Notification	The Applicant has undertaken ongoing engagement with Natural England during the Examination, including through preparation of the Statement of Common Ground. In an email dated 30 September 2026, Natural England confirmed that it had noted the submission of a document setting out proposed changes to the Application and would review it to determine whether any comments were required. This correspondence confirms Natural England's awareness of the proposed changes and its intention to review them. It does not provide substantive comments

Statutory body / organisation	Change number	Record of Engagement
		on, or confirm agreement to, any individual Proposed Change. On 9 October 2026, Natural England reviewed and provided comment on Change 7. In response, Natural England advised that the matters raised do not relate to notified features of a designated site and has therefore deferred consideration of these matters to NYC. Natural England also stated that the changes do not make a material difference to Natural England's conclusions on the Proposed Development.

4.4 Engagement with Land interests and affected persons

- 4.4.1 The Applicant has undertaken ongoing discussions with the relevant landowners concerning alternative access arrangements under Change 1 and the reduction in land required within Field 6.9 under Change 3.

Affected persons

- 4.4.2 A limited number of members of the public have been notified prior to the submission of the Change Application due to their proximity to relevant Proposed Changes, and their ongoing engagement with the Proposed Development.
- 4.4.3 Change 1 responds to Wendy Tomlinson's concerns regarding Field House Farm, with her position set out within **[REP1-054]**.
- 4.4.4 Change 3 relates to land being removed from Field 6.9 in Solar Development Site 6, which is of interest to Tony Spencer, as shown in **[RR-1401]**.
- 4.4.5 Change 7 would move solar panels further away from Milford Lodge Cottage, which has been the subject of submissions by Nick and Louise Billingham.
- 4.4.6 On 28 September 2026, the Applicant wrote directly to Wendy Tomlinson, and to Nick and Louise Billingham, to explain the relevant Proposed Changes and advise them of the intended post-submission consultation. The Applicant also contacted via phone Tony Spencer on 30 September to notify him of the relevant proposed changes. These records of engagement are summarised in Table 4-3.
- 4.4.7 Copies of the correspondence issued to Wendy Tomlinson and Nick and Louise Billingham are provided at Annex B as evidence of this engagement.

Landowners

- 4.4.8 As a result of diligent enquiry to date, the Applicant has identified only one additional affected party beyond those previously identified and engaged in

relation to the Project. The remaining 94 parties with an interest in land affected by the Proposed Changes had already been identified through earlier stages of the land referencing process and have been the subject of ongoing consultation and engagement as part of the wider Proposed Development.

- 4.4.9 The Applicant will continue diligent inquiry to identify all interests in land affected by the Proposed Changes. As committed to in the Change Notification [CR1-001], all affected land interests have been updated before submission and will be written to following submission, including those affected by Changes which do not engage the CA Regulations.
- 4.4.10 A copy of the letter to land interests can be found in Annex B of this document. A record of engagement with affected land interests is also provided at Annex B.
- 4.4.11 Land interests affected by the Proposed Changes, together with details of engagement undertaken with those parties, are recorded in the Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker [Change Application] [EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.04].
- 4.4.12 A record of engagement with affected land interests is also provided at Annex B.

Table 4-3: Engagement with Landowners and affected persons

Landowner / affected person	Change number	Record of Engagement
Wendy Tomlinson	1	Wendy Tomlinson provided feedback relevant to Change 1 through her Relevant Representation [RR-1444] and Written Representations [REP1-053; REP1-054], including concerns about construction access and impacts on Field House Farm. The Applicant wrote to her by email on 28 September 2026 to notify her of the proposed Change Application and explain Change 1, concerning alternative access routes to the Cable Route Corridor near Field House Farm. The correspondence acknowledged her engagement during the Examination and explained that routes to the north or south of Field House Farm were being considered, either of which would require a change to the Order Limits. A plan indicating the alternative routes was attached. The Applicant explained that the alternatives remained under assessment at that time and that engagement with relevant stakeholders, including North Yorkshire Council, had commenced. No change of route was confirmed. The correspondence advised that the Change Application, intended for submission in mid-October, would set out the analysis of the route or routes that could be taken forward. It also advised that consultation was intended to begin at the end of October and run throughout November, and that she

		would receive further notification explaining how to submit representations.
Nick and Louise Billingham	7	The Applicant wrote to Nick and Louise Billingham by email on 28 September 2026 to notify them of the proposed Change Application and explain Change 3 at Solar Development Site 6. The correspondence acknowledged their engagement during the Examination, including their Relevant Representations [RR-1051 and RR-0853] and subsequent Examination submissions. The Applicant explained the proposed removal of solar panels south of Milford Lodge to create a Bird Habitat Area. The Works Plans would be amended to remove Work No. 1 from that area, and the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan and Outline Environmental Masterplan would be updated to reflect its proposed management and encourage breeding bird use. A plan showing the proposed panel removal was attached. The Applicant confirmed that this change would not alter the Order Limits. The correspondence also advised that consultation was intended to begin at the end of October and run throughout November, and that Nick and Louise Billingham would receive further notification explaining how to provide feedback. Upon subsequent review of the oLEMP against the OEM updates it is considered that no updates are required at this stage to the oLEMP. The area will be treated as meadow which will apply the same management as already stipulated in the oLEMP. As such no changes have been required at this time.
Tony Spencer	3	The Applicant telephoned Tony Spencer on 30 September 2026 to notify him of the proposed Change Application and explain Change 3 at Solar Development Site 6. This followed his engagement with the Proposed Development, including through his Relevant Representation [RR-1401]. The Applicant explained that, following discussions with the relevant landowner, a strip of land immediately north of Mr Spencer's property was proposed to be removed from the Order Limits. The Applicant

		confirmed that an application incorporating this proposed change was intended to be submitted in October 2026. The Applicant also explained that consultation on the Proposed Change was expected to begin at the end of October 2026 and that Mr Spencer would be formally notified and provided with information on how to respond. The telephone call was made in advance of that formal notification as a courtesy, given the proximity of the Proposed Change to his property.
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5 Proposed Examination Timetable

- 5.1.1 The Applicant submitted a **Change Notification [CR1-001]** to the ExA in accordance with the Change Guidance on 25 September 2026. This included details of the intended changes and set out a proposed timetable for examining the Change Application.
- 5.1.2 The ExA provided a response **[PD-010]** to the **Change Notification [CR1-001]** on 05 October 2026 and the Applicant responded to the Rule 17 on 8 October 2026 **[AS-043]**.
- 5.1.3 With regard to the ExA's concerns, the Applicant has proposed the timetable for the examination of the Change Application as set out in Table 5-1 below.

Table 5-1: Proposed Timetable

Stage	Proposed Date and Commentary	Source
Submission of Change Notification	25 September 2026	Planning Inspectorate Change Guidance
Submission of Change Application	13 October 2026 This allows the ExA at least two weeks to make a Procedural Decision in respect of the Changes Notification and gives time for the Applicant to complete the assessment and engagements referred to above, whilst also being three weeks prior to the November hearings.	CA Reg 5
Acceptance by ExA of Change Application	23 October 2026 The Applicant acknowledges that the CA Regulations allow 28 days for acceptance of a CA Regulations request, but in light of the small nature of the changes and the remaining Examination timetable, this proposed date allows for a decision by 23 October to be made and newspaper bookings to be confirmed for the dates given below. As part of the Procedural Decision in respect of accepting the Change Application, the ExA could also indicate that in responding to the Applicant's consultation, respondents should submit a full representation that could be both a relevant and also a written representation (such timing of which is allowed for by Regulation 13(2)). This could then be appropriately reflected in the Applicant's notices.	CA Regs 6 and 13

Stage	Proposed Date and Commentary	Source
First press notice / Start of consultation period	27 October 2026	CA Regs 7 and 8
Second press notice	3 November 2026	CA Reg 8
Closing date for consultation on Change Application. Submission of CA Regulations Relevant and Written Representations and representations on Change Application more broadly.	2 December 2026	CA Regs 7 and 8
Submission of Certificate of Compliance	3 December 2026	CA Regs 9
ExA issues notices of hearings, deadline to request to speak and Initial Assessment of Principle Issues	11 December 2026. The Applicant acknowledges this period is less than allowed for by the CA Regulations, but respectfully suggests this, to enable the full process to be carried out within the statutory Examination timescales.	CA Regs 11, 14, 15 and 16
Comments on responses, Relevant Representations and Written Representations on Change Application	15 December – this aligns with Deadline 5, and gives Interested Parties/Affected Persons good time to consider submissions before Christmas and before further hearings.	CA Regs 12
Hearings (if required)	12-14 January 2027 The Applicant suggests this week as it would allow any Hearings required to take account of non-Change Application matters, taking account of documentation submitted at Deadlines 5 and 6 (7 January) and Christmas.	CA Regs 14, 15 and 16
Post-Hearing Submissions	22 January 2027 The Applicant appreciates that this date goes beyond the current Examination timetable, but this date would still allow the Examination to complete within the 6-month statutory timeframe.	CA Regs 12 and 13

6 Supporting Environmental Information

6.1 Overview

- 6.1.1 The likely environmental impacts and effects resulting from the Proposed Development during construction, operation and decommissioning are reported in the ES (**[APP-038 to APP-056 updated by REP2-027 to REP2-048]**) submitted as part of the DCO application for the Proposed Development and updated where required during the Examination.
- 6.1.2 The Supporting Environmental Information Report **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.42]** has been produced to assess the Proposed Changes and document any alterations to the content of the ES (**[APP-038 to APP-056 updated by REP2-027 to REP2-048]**) and associated documents as submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 10 February 2026 or as since amended.
- 6.1.3 The **Supporting Environmental Information Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.42]** concludes that for all assessment topics, there are no materially different environmental effects, apart from the visual effects experienced by residents of Milford Lodge and Milford Lodge Cottage and people travelling along Common Lane (sequential views, assessed with reference to Viewpoint 43 (see ES Volume 2, **Figure 10.5: Viewpoints Plan [REP2-051]**) where effects are assessed as reducing from Moderate adverse (significant) to Minor adverse (not significant) during year 1 of operation as a result of the proposed Change 7, which is a positive change.
- 6.1.4 The assessment also concludes that there are no materially different cumulative effects in relation to those cumulative developments identified in the short list in **Chapter 17: Cumulative and In-combination effects [REP2-047]**, or, in the additional 11 developments identified as falling within the cumulative assessment study area, that have come forward since the original submission.

6.2 Change 1 Supplementary Environmental Review

- 6.2.1 As outlined within the **Change Notification [CR1-001]** the Applicant has now undertaken an environmental appraisal of three access options in further detail and this is provided in Table 6-2 below. These comprise Routes 1 and 3 from **Appendix A: Technical Note on Access to Cable Route Corridor in the Vicinity of Field House Farm** within the **Written Summary of Applicant's Oral Submissions (Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1) [REP1-005]**, and a new alternative access route via access CA1. The appraisal has included the route within the current development proposals (Route 2 within **[REP1-005]**). All access options provide a construction access route to access the land within the Cable Route Corridor to the south of Solar Development Site 1. An environmental appraisal of the three options, together with the Route 2 which is as submitted within the Application, is set out below. Non environmental matters remain as outlined within **[REP1-005]**.

6.2.2 Each option has been scored using a risk-based approach using the criteria shown below in Table 6-1.

Table 6-1: Risk Scoring Criteria

Scoring	Scoring Definition
Black	Significant effects are highly likely (directly or indirectly), e.g. due to clear impact pathways existing to high value features. Mitigation and avoidance are not possible and would present a significant planning/ consenting risk.
Red	Significant effects are likely (directly or indirectly), e.g. due to the presence of high value features and the existence of likely impact pathways. It is considered that mitigating or avoiding these impacts may be difficult or not possible.
Amber	Whilst significant effects may be possible (directly or indirectly), e.g. due to a presence of high or moderate value features and potential impact pathways, it is considered that it should be possible to avoid or mitigate such impacts, for example through micro-siting and/or provision of other readily available mitigating measures.
Green	Significant effects are considered unlikely to arise either directly or indirectly. This may be due to low value features being present or limited impact pathways.

Table 6-2: Route Appraisal

ES Chapter	Route 1 – new access off Skipwith Road	Route 2 - CA2 from Skipwith Road via an existing access track (as submitted within the DCO application).	Route 3 – use of existing farm access track, adjacent to and south of Field House Farm	Alternative access route via access CA1
Description	Access would be taken along an existing farm track from Skipwith Road, immediately south of and adjacent to a tree line, west of the woodland, across an existing culvert over a drainage channel, and into the Order Limits and the Cable Route Corridor Section. The route would be approximately 604m. The route is entirely outside the Order Limits. A change in the Order Limits would therefore be required.	Route 2 is the access route included in the DCO Application. Route 2 uses an existing access track from Skipwith Road (CA2) which includes an existing concrete apron where it meets the highway. The access for Route 2 is therefore more formalised than the other routes. The existing access track from Skipwith Road is well established for approximately 310m, with an existing, but less well-established track for 460m before entering the Cable Route Corridor Section. The route would be approximately 770m. The route is entirely within the Order Limits and no changes to the Order Limits are required.	Access would be taken along the existing farm access track, adjacent to and south of Field House Farm, between hedgerows and trees, across open fields for approximately 900m. The route then enters the Order Limits for approximately 500m, and continues over open fields across an existing culvert into the Cable Route Corridor Section. The route would be approximately 1.4km, with 900m outside of the Order Limits. A change in the Order Limits would therefore be required.	Access uses the proposed access at CA1 and follows haul road through the Cable Route Corridor and crosses Dam Dike via a temporary open span bridge. The route would be approximately 470m. The route is entirely within the Order Limits and no changes to the Order Limits are required.
Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils	Route 1 would utilise up to 400m of existing farm access track and would require disturbance to the agricultural land and soil resources along an additional approximate 200m. The land is mapped as having sandy soils which are of low sensitivity and is likely to be Best and Most Versatile (BMV) quality in Grade 2 or 3a. At 3.5m wide, a new track would use around 0.07ha of land at field edges.	Route 2 would utilise around 500m of existing access tracks in variable condition. The land is mapped as having sandy soils which are of low sensitivity. There will be no discernible loss of agricultural land use.	Route 3 would utilise around 500m of existing access tracks and would require disturbance to the agricultural land and soil resources along an additional approximate 900m. The land is mapped as having sandy soils which are of low sensitivity and is classified as BMV quality in Subgrade 3a. At 3.5m wide, a new track would use around 0.3ha of land traversing across fields, which will result in severance of two field parcels, however there is no additional effect on agricultural land quality or soil resources to that assessed within the ES.	Use of the CA1 access point and the installation of a temporary open span bridge over Dam Dike will have no material effect on agricultural land and soils. This option would require an associated access track that would traverse approximately 420m of agricultural land classified as Subgrade 3a and confirmed to have sandy soils, which are of low sensitivity however this access track would be required for the wider Application and is already assessed in the submitted ES as part of the Proposed Development within Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils [REP2-031] . A 3.5m wide track would use around 0.15ha and would result in severance of the field parcel, however there is no additional effect on agricultural land quality or soil resources to that assessed within the ES beyond the small area of land required for the open span bridge and its abutments.
Chapter 6: Biodiversity	<i>Designated sites:</i> This route does not pass in proximity to any designated sites, therefore no potential impacts are anticipated. <i>Habitats:</i> Route 1 largely extends over modified grassland and cropland, following existing crossing points in	<i>Designated sites:</i> This route does not pass in proximity to any designated sites, therefore no potential impacts are anticipated. <i>Habitats:</i> This access largely extends over a hardstanding track and modified grassland/cropland track using existing	<i>Designated sites:</i> This route would require increased passage of construction traffic within the 15 m buffer zone of Common Wood SINC. This being said, this route is separated from the SINC by Dam Dike, passing on the opposite ditch bank, which would act to reduce potential impacts to the root protection area of the ancient woodland	<i>Designated sites:</i> Common Wood SINC is present to the west of the route. It is anticipated the route will not pass within the 15 m buffer of the SINC. However, the route will cross Dam Dike, which connects to Common Wood SINC. As such, this may form an impact pathway to the SINC as a result of water pollution during the construction of the ditch

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	hedges and ditches, so impacts will be minimal. There is however a section of arable field margin included in the route, but this habitat would be reinstated post development. As a worst-case scenario, this route also required the removal of 12 trees, which would be mitigated via tree planting post-development. The route also includes sections of hedgerows, treelines and woodland, with precautionary working methods and pollution control required to protect these habitats. <i>Species:</i> A badger survey was completed within and [REDACTED] A badger sett comprising three partially active entrances was located adjacent to [REDACTED] woodland. As a worst-case scenario, if excavation is required in the 30 m buffer surrounding this sett, then the sett would require closure. If the route could avoid this 30 m buffer and extend into the adjacent field, the route would require construction under precautionary working methods (PWMs) for badger and potentially ecological supervision where the route passes the sett. The trees requiring removal were assessed for their potential to support roosting bats in September 2026. One tree was assessed as FAR (Further Assessment Required) due to the identification of Potential Roosting Features (PRF) from ground level including multiple torn off limbs. As such, further climbed or emergence surveys would be required to confirm the roosting potential of the tree, and whether any bats are currently roosting within the tree. Due to the seasonal constraints afforded to these further bat surveys, they cannot be undertaken at this time. As such, in lieu of further bat survey results, a worst-case assessment has been completed.	ditch/hedgerow crossing points so impacts will be minimal. The route passes adjacent to a woodland copse and it is known that 2-3 trees within the woodland will require removal as detailed in the AIA. <i>Species:</i> None of the trees to be removed have bat roosting potential. The ditch to be crossed at the existing crossing point was dry at the time of survey, therefore there will be negligible impacts on otter and water vole. No badger setts have been recorded within the route or within 30 m of route. <i>Aquatic Ecology:</i> This route would not require any additional watercourse crossings. Any indirect effects on the aquatic environment, such as pollution entering watercourses via overland flow pathways, would be mitigated by the measures set out and secured by the oCEMP [REP2-089]. See additional assessment in the Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk row below.	within the SINC. A CEMP would also be in place to reduce potential impacts on the SINC as a result of pollution within the 15 m buffer from runoff and dust. <i>Habitats:</i> Route 3 largely extends over modified grassland and cropland, so impacts will be minimal. Some hedgerow removal and the removal of one small tree would be required, however any required habitat removal would be reinstated post development. In addition, the small tree to be lost was assessed as providing no bat roosting potential. <i>Species:</i> Following the arboricultural assessment, there is also the potential for one additional tree to require removal, however this cannot be confirmed at this stage. The tree was assessed as FAR (Further Assessment Required) during the GLTA (Ground Level Tree Assessment) due to the identification of Potential Roosting Features (PRF) such as linear cracks, deadwood and flaking bark from ground level. As such, further climbed or emergence surveys would be required to confirm the roosting potential of the tree, and whether any bats are currently roosting within the tree. Due to the seasonal constraints afforded to these further bat surveys, they cannot be undertaken at this time. As such, in lieu of further bat survey results, a worst-case assessment has been completed. While highly unlikely, the worst-case scenario would be for a maternity roost of various species to be damaged/destroyed during the removal of the tree. However, further surveys will be completed prior to the removal of the tree (should it require removal) to confirm the suitability of the PRFs from aerial, and whether bats use the trees to roost. If a roost is confirmed in the tree and it required removal, a NE bat licence will be required before the tree can be felled. Due to the size of the Solar Development Sites, and as only one tree	crossing. However, standard pollution prevention methods are included in the oCEMP [REP2-089], which will act to reduce any potential water pollution and therefore protect the SINC. The crossing will also be an open span crossing, with no culvert proposed. This will have a lesser impact on the channel and therefore a reduction in potential pollution related impacts. The open span bridge will only be required during the construction phase of the surrounding section of cable route, and as such any potential impacts will be temporary and sufficiently mitigated. <i>Habitats:</i> As discussed above, the route will cross Dam Dike. This ditch comprises an approximate 2 m wide channel, which is 8 m wide at the top of the bank, with grassy banks >45% (which have very recently been trimmed), and a water depth of 25 cm – 10 cm. Impacts to the ditch will be temporary as the new crossing will only be required during the construction phase of the surrounding section of cable route. The crossing will also be open span, with no culvert proposed, reducing impacts on the channel. Construction will also be controlled via a CEMP to protect the ditch habitats. Any areas of habitat that require removal for the construction of the crossing, including a small area of mixed scrub, hedgerow and modified grassland will be reinstated post development. <i>Species:</i> An otter and water vole survey was completed in September 2026 at the proposed crossing point over Dam Dike, and 200 m either side of the crossing point. The ditch, as described above, was generally suitable for water vole, however no definitive evidence of the species was recorded. There were however numerous probable rat runs recorded along the bank edge, and also numerous bank/field vole holes and feeding evidence down to the water line. No evidence of otter was recorded either, however the species may use the ditch to commute. As such, no specific mitigation is required in relation to these

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	While highly unlikely, the worst-case scenario would be for a maternity roost of various species to be damaged/destroyed during the removal of the tree. However, further surveys will be completed prior to the removal of the tree to confirm the suitability of the PRFs from aerial, and whether bats use the trees to roost. If a roost is confirmed in the tree and it requires removal, a NE bat licence will be required before the tree can be felled. Due to the size of the Solar Development Sites, and as only one tree requires further survey, it is anticipated that any required mitigation for the loss of bat roosts, even considering the worst-case scenario, could be easily accommodated within the Proposed Development, such as the installation of bat boxes. <i>Aquatic Ecology:</i> This route would not require any additional watercourse crossings. Any indirect effects on the aquatic environment, such as pollution entering watercourses via overland flow pathways, would be mitigated by the measures set out and secured by the oCEMP [REP2-089]. See additional assessment in the Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk row below.		requires further survey, it is anticipated that any required mitigation for the loss of bat roosts, even considering the worst-case scenario, could be easily accommodated within the Proposed Development, such as the installation of bat boxes. The route passes within the 10 m buffer of Dam Dike. An otter and water vole survey of Dam Dike adjacent to this route was completed in September 2026. The ditch was generally suitable for water vole however no definitive evidence of the species was recorded. No evidence of otter was recorded either, however the species may use the ditch to commute. As such, no specific mitigation is required in relation to these species for this route. However, updated surveys for both species will be required in the suitable season prior to the start of works to confirm the current spread of the species and any specific mitigation. PWMs to be outlined in the detailed CEMP will also help to protect commuting otter, and other mammals, during construction. <i>Aquatic Ecology:</i> This route would not require any additional watercourse crossings. Any indirect effects on the aquatic environment, such as pollution entering watercourses via overland flow pathways, would be mitigated by the measures set out and secured by the oCEMP [REP2-089]. See additional assessment in the Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk row below.	species at this proposed crossing point currently. However, updated surveys for both species will be required in the suitable season prior to the start of works to confirm the current spread of the species and any specific mitigation. The open span crossing will also be designed cognisant of commuting mammals, such as otter, to ensure they are not dissuaded from using the ditch during the construction phase. PWMs to be outlined in the detailed CEMP will also help to protect the species, and other mammals, during construction. <i>Aquatic Ecology:</i> This route would require the addition of a temporary clear span bridge over Dam Dike. This approach avoids in-channel works and associated effects and limits effects to temporary shading of Dam Dike, the effects of which are considered reversible. Any temporary effects, such as pollution entering the watercourse, would be mitigated by standard measures, which are set out in, and secured by, the oCEMP [REP2-089].
Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage	There are no designated heritage assets or other known heritage assets within the footprint of, or adjacent to proposed Route 1. Two historic ponds are recorded on the NYHER. Neither asset is currently extant but construction works could interact with or remove remains, which are considered to be of low value.	There are no designated heritage assets or other known heritage assets within the footprint of, or adjacent to proposed Route 2. There is a historic pond recorded from first edition OS mapping c. 60m from the route. This asset is recorded on the NYHER but is no longer extant. The asset would not experience any impacts from the proposed works.	There are no designated heritage assets or other known heritage assets within the footprint of, or adjacent to proposed Route 3. There is a historic pond recorded on the NYHER. The asset is not currently extant but construction works could interact with or remove remains. associated with this low value feature, if present.	The NYHER records a possible Iron Age field system (MNY37043) intersecting with this route. Geophysical survey did not identify remains associated with this feature, but recorded linear dipolar trends associated with service pipes. This area was not subject to trial trenching so the presence of Iron Age remains cannot be ruled out which could be impacted by any groundworks. Such remains would be of low to medium value if present,

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	No geophysical survey has been undertaken in this area so the presence of unknown archaeological features cannot be discounted however, impacts would be limited due to the scale of the proposed works. No additional effects are identified in addition to those within the ES (which concluded the possibility for significant effects on buried archaeological remains within the Order Limits), however consultation should be undertaken with NYC on the final design to determine if additional monitoring is required within this area, in line with the Archaeological Mitigation Strategy [REP2-101].	No geophysical survey has been undertaken in this area so the presence of unknown archaeological features cannot be discounted however, impacts would be limited due to the scale of the proposed works. No additional effects are identified in addition to those within the ES (which concluded the possibility for significant effects on buried archaeological remains within the Order Limits), however consultation should be undertaken with NYC on the final design to determine if additional monitoring is required within this area, in line with the Archaeological Mitigation Strategy [REP2-101].	Geophysical survey has not been undertaken across the full extent of the route so the presence of unknown archaeological features cannot be discounted however, impacts would be limited due to the scale of the proposed works. No additional effects are identified in addition to those within the ES (which concluded the possibility for significant effects on buried archaeological remains within the Order Limits), however consultation should be undertaken with NYC on the final design to determine if additional monitoring is required within this area, in line with the Archaeological Mitigation Strategy [REP2-101].	depending on their extent and condition. Any impacts would be limited due to the scale of the proposed works. Whilst no additional effects are identified in addition to those within the ES (which concluded the possibility for significant effects on buried archaeological remains within the Order Limits), consultation should be undertaken with NYC on the final design to determine if additional monitoring is required within this area, in line with the Archaeological Mitigation Strategy [REP2-101].
Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual	The works would require management and potential removal (depending on the route alignment) of approximately ten mature trees and a small section of woodland. Removal of trees have the potential to result in landscape impacts. There are no residential receptors adjacent but three residential receptors within 100m on Skipwith Road, who would experience temporary visual effects in proximity to this route. The effects are expected to be mitigated by the measures set out and secured by the oCEMP [REP2-089].	Temporary visual effects may be introduced to the residential receptors at Field House Farm and adjacent Caravan Site, both directly on the proposed route. The effects are expected to be mitigated with the measures included in the oCEMP [REP2-089]. As the existing track is more suitable for access, there is less risk of negative impacts to landscape fabric. The effects are expected to be mitigated by the measures set out and secured by the oCEMP [REP2-089].	The works would require the vegetation management of 350m of hedgerow (on one side of the route) and four mature trees to enable construction traffic and AILs to pass. Removal of trees or hedgerow have the potential to result in landscape impacts. The closest visual receptors are residents of Field House Farm and the Caravan Site and these are located approximately 100m to the north and would potentially have views of vehicles accessing Route 3. The effects are expected to be mitigated by the measures set out and secured by the oCEMP [REP2-089].	The works won't require any additional removal of vegetation for access, therefore adverse landscape impacts are not likely. The closest visual receptors are resident of Whinchat Hall approximately 350m away and people driving along Skipwith Road. These receptors are likely to have views of vehicles accessing this route but significant effects are not considered likely. The effects are expected to be mitigated by the measures set out and secured by the oCEMP [REP2-089].
Chapter 11: Noise and Vibration	There are no noise sensitive receptors within 50m of the proposed Route 1. The closest receptor, Wake House, is located approximately 70m south of the route, adjacent to Skipwith Road. One Public Right of Way (PRoW) (bridleway 35.58/1/1) is located approximately 60m to the north. With the implementation of the mitigation measures set out in the oCEMP [REP2-089] and Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (oCTMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12] [Change Application], potential noise	There is one residential receptor adjacent to the proposed Route 2 (Field House Farm) and one non-residential receptor (Caravan Site). One PRoW (reference UUR35.51/U1605/30) is located to the north of the Order Limits associated with this access road. With the implementation of the mitigation measures set out in the oCEMP [REP2-089] and oCTMP [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12] [Change Application], potential noise impacts associated with this route option are expected to be effectively controlled.	There are no noise sensitive receptors within 50m of the proposed Route 3. The closest receptors, Field House Farm and the Caravan Site, are located approximately 100m to the north [DG41.1]. With the implementation of the mitigation measures set out in the oCEMP [REP2-089] and oCTMP [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12] [Change Application], potential noise impacts associated with this route option are expected to be effectively controlled.	There are no noise sensitive receptors within 50m of the proposed CA2 alternate access route. The closest receptors are located approximately 250m to the north by Skipwith Road. With the implementation of the mitigation measures set out in the oCEMP [REP2-089] and oCTMP [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12] [Change Application], potential noise impacts associated with this route option are expected to be effectively controlled. The temporary increases in construction traffic flows for this option are not of a sufficient magnitude to result in adverse impacts.

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	impacts associated with this route option are expected to be effectively controlled.			
Chapter 12: Ornithology	Designated sites: No impacts anticipated. Should any trees or hedgerows require coppicing or removal as part of route widening works, pre-construction surveys will be required if works are undertaken during the breeding bird season (March to August inclusive) to avoid impacts on nesting birds as secured in the oCEMP [REP2-089]. With regard to non-breeding birds, the Bird Mitigation Area will be established during this period and, therefore, any impacts would be appropriately mitigated. Disturbance associated with the works would be temporary in nature, however ECoW oversight and screening are secured in the oCEMP [REP2-089] to prevent disturbance to any large aggregates of bird species should this be required. Furthermore, as the route follows the site boundary, non-breeding and breeding birds are unlikely to make significant use of areas immediately adjacent to these boundary features.	Designated sites: No impacts anticipated. The access route will utilise an existing track. Should any trees or hedgerows require coppicing or removal as part of route widening works, pre-construction surveys will be required if works are undertaken during the breeding bird season (March to August inclusive) to avoid impacts on nesting birds as secured in the oCEMP [REP2-089]. With regard to non-breeding birds, the Bird Mitigation Area will be established during this period and, therefore, any impacts would be appropriately mitigated. Disturbance associated with the works would be temporary in nature however ECoW oversight and screening are secured in the oCEMP [REP2-089] to prevent disturbance to any large aggregates of bird species should this be required. Furthermore, as the route follows the site boundary, non-breeding and breeding birds are unlikely to make significant use of areas immediately adjacent to these boundary features.	Designated sites: No impacts anticipated. Should any trees or hedgerows require coppicing or removal as part of route widening works, pre-construction surveys will be required if works are undertaken during the breeding bird season (March to August inclusive) to avoid impacts on nesting birds as secured in the oCEMP [REP2-089]. With regard to non-breeding birds, the Bird Mitigation Area will be established during this period and, therefore, any impacts would be appropriately mitigated. Disturbance associated with the works would be temporary in nature, however ECoW oversight and screening are secured in the oCEMP [REP2-089] to prevent disturbance to any large aggregates of bird species should this be required. Furthermore, as the route follows the site boundary, non-breeding birds and breeding birds are unlikely to make significant use of areas immediately adjacent to these boundary features.	Designated sites: No impacts anticipated. Should any trees or hedgerows require coppicing or removal as part of route widening works, pre-construction surveys will be required if works are undertaken during the breeding bird season (March to August inclusive) to avoid impacts on nesting birds as secured in the oCEMP [REP2-089]. With regard to non-breeding birds, the Bird Mitigation Area will be established during this period and, therefore, any impacts would be appropriately mitigated, and the BMA is largely visually screened and has been fully assessed and surveyed. The route would also utilise the existing CA1 access from Skipwith Road. Disturbance associated with the works would be within the immediate area and temporary in nature, however ECoW oversight and screening are secured in the oCEMP [REP2-089] to prevent disturbance to any large aggregates of bird species should this be required.
Chapter 13: Socioeconomics	There are no residential or non-residential receptors within 50m of the proposed route. The closest receptor, Wake House, is located approximately 70m south of the route, adjacent to Skipwith Road. One PRoW (bridleway 35.58/1/1) is located approximately 60m to the north.	Route 2 would not introduce any new socioeconomic receptors but takes the access route directly next to Field House Farm. As a result, due to the sensitive nature of this receptor as a tourism asset, it could experience a medium impact from the work. These impacts could be mitigated to lead to a low impact, and no further significant effects. One PRoW (reference UUR35.51/U1605/30) is located approximate 130m north of Route 2	Route 3 abuts the southern boundary of Field House Farm for approximately 70m, although arial imagery suggests this likely to be approximately 100m from the areas used as a caravan site and 180m from the residents.	There are no socioeconomic receptors within 100m of the proposed CA2 alternate access route. The closest receptors are located about 300m to the west. With the implementation of the mitigation measures set out in the oCEMP [REP2-089], oCTMP [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12] [Change Application], and Outline Public Right of Way management Plan (oPRoWMP) [APP-199], potential socioeconomic and PRoW impacts associated with this route option are expected to be effectively controlled.
Chapter 14: Traffic and Movement	The access to Route 1 is on a relatively tight bend of Skipwith Road. Careful management of traffic travelling south would be required for safe access to the site, e.g. by providing a temporary speed limit reduction, signage to warn road users of slow-moving traffic, banksman	The access to Route 2 via CA2 is on a relatively straight portion of Skipwith Road. The existing access is relatively well used for the caravan site at Fieldhouse Farm and so traffic using this access represents a smaller change to users of the road network as they will be accustomed to larger vehicles turning	The access to Route 3 is opposite Narrow Lane leading to a farm and on a slight bend of Skipwith Road. Safe access to the site would therefore need vegetation management for visibility splays as well as additional measures to manage traffic	The route would utilise the existing CA1 access from Skipwith Road and would provide access to the Cable Route Corridor via an open-span bridge across Dam Dike. The route would reduce the extent of construction traffic travelling on Skipwith Road compared with the other route options. The route is considered

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	and/or traffic lights (with measures to be developed in consultation with North Yorkshire Council). Additional vegetation management and removal for visibility splays would also be required. In addition, management of traffic which may then interact Narrow Lane and other properties to the north may also be required. Overall, this access is constrained from a safety and traffic management perspective.	in and out of the access. Safe access to the Proposed Development would require minimal additional vegetation management for visibility splays and minimal traffic management.	interacting with users of Narrow Lane may be required.	feasible from a transport perspective and would not materially alter the wider construction traffic routing or forecast traffic flows. Significant transport effects are therefore considered unlikely.
Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk	Utilises existing access track with culvert over drainage (Unnamed Drain 38) therefore no new watercourse crossings required. Assume embedded mitigation of a minimum offset of 10 m from bank top for all watercourses adhered to. Approximately half of route in Flood zone 2. Groundwater source protection zone 1 (SPZ1) located approximately 800 m to northeast, associated with private licensed groundwater abstraction. No licensed or unlicensed abstractions from surface water or groundwater within 50 m of the route. Nearest is approximately 300 m to the north. No groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems (GWDTE) within 1 km. Given distance to high value receptors, significant effects are considered unlikely to arise either directly or indirectly given length of impact pathway.	Utilises existing access track with culvert over drainage (Unnamed Drain 38) therefore no new watercourse crossings required. Assume embedded mitigation of a minimum offset of 10 m from bank top for all watercourses adhered to. Route 2 enters Flood Zone 2 approximately 30m before entering the Cable Route Corridor Section and crosses one existing culvert of an unnamed drain, i.e. the greatest length of access outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3. SPZ1 located approximately 950 m to northeast, associated with private licensed groundwater abstraction. No licensed or unlicensed abstractions from surface water or groundwater within 50 m of the route. Nearest is approximately 550 m to the north. No groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems (GWDTE) within 1 km. Given distance to high value receptors, significant effects are considered unlikely to arise either directly or indirectly given length of impact pathway.	Utilises existing access track with culvert over drainage (Unnamed Drain 37) so no new watercourse crossings required. Assume embedded mitigation of a minimum offset of 10 m from bank top for all watercourses adhered to. Minimal area of Flood zone 2 immediately adjacent to cable route. No SPZs within 1 km. No licensed or unlicensed abstractions from surface water or groundwater within 50 m of the route. Nearest is approximately 860 m to the north northeast. No groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems (GWDTE) within 1 km. Given distance to high value receptors, significant effects are considered unlikely to arise either directly or indirectly given length of impact pathway.	New temporary watercourse crossing required over Dam Dike, a high value watercourse, in the Ouse and Derwent IDB area. This is confirmed to be in the form of a temporary open-span bridge. Assume appropriate embedded mitigations will be adhered to, including minimum offset of 10 m from bank top except to facilitate the crossing itself. The route is entirely within Flood Zone 2 and 3, consistent with the Order Limits in this location, which are also within Flood Zone 2 and 3. Detailed crossing design will be such that it does not increase flood risk within the Order Limits or to areas downstream and will be subject to IDB consent for works to watercourses which will be dealt with through the Protective Provisions. No SPZs within 1 km. No licensed or unlicensed abstractions from surface water or groundwater within 50 m of the route. Nearest is approximately 420 m to the east. No groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems (GWDTE) within 1 km. Dam Dike forms part of the main WER river line for the 'Riccall Dam Catchment (tributary of the Ouse)' and therefore is classified as a high value watercourse in relation to WER compliance. The provision of a temporary open span bridge is therefore anticipated to result in a minor localised adverse impact on the watercourse due to shading. However, this

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				would not be expected to result to a change to current status at the WER water body scale. Significant effects for Water Resources and Flood Risk are therefore considered unlikely.
Chapter 16: Other Environmental Matters	Depending on route alignment, the works would require the removal of two mature trees (1 Category A and 1 Category B) and 9 early mature trees (7 Category C and 2 category U). There may be additional impacts on a small section of Category B plantation woodland belt and a hedgerow line containing a Category A and Category B tree; however, these impacts would likely be limited to pruning only. Additional arboricultural impacts, including tree and hedge removals, may result from vegetation management for appropriate highway visibility splays.	A worst case assumption is that the works would require the removal of one category C tree, 1 category C tree group and up to 3 trees from the southern end of a category B woodland. Three category C trees, 1 category U tree and a length of approximately 15 m of a category C hedge may need to be removed to facilitate the visibility splays. These impacts are detailed in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment (ES Volume 3, Appendix 16.2 [APP-184]) appended to ES Volume 1 Chapter 16: Other Environmental Matters [APP-054] .	The works would require the removal of 1 category C tree and between 5 and 7 category C hedges of short length, including short lengths of hedge along the boundary with neighbouring land at Field House farm. The route would pass beneath the crowns and over the RPAs of 7 Category A mature oak trees. Impacts to these trees would be mitigated by the installation of suitable ground protection over the proposed track and minor crown pruning to achieve suitable clearance for AILs. In the worst-case scenario one Category A tree may need to be removed. Minor additional arboricultural impacts, including tree and hedge pruning, may result from vegetation management for appropriate highway visibility splays.	The works would require the removal of trees/hedgerow along Dam Dike. The trees identified along this extent include two Category C groups of small hawthorn at the western end, 4 x Category C ash in the centre and Category C hawthorn (x5), common hazel (x3) and sycamore at the eastern end. As a most likely case, to facilitate the bridge construction, would be the removal of the two Category C groups of small hawthorn at Dam Dike in addition to the roadside trees and hedge lengths already identified for removal to facilitate the CA1 access detailed in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment (ES Volume 3, Appendix 16.2 [APP-184]) appended to ES Volume 1 Chapter 16: Other Environmental Matters [APP-054] .

- 6.2.3 The access route from CA2 (Route 2) included in the original DCO Application is retained as the preferred option. With appropriate mitigation already included in the ES and **oCEMP [REP2-089]**, the Applicant considers this to be a suitable construction access route, having been the preferred option when all options were considered previously.
- 6.2.4 Route 1 is discounted and is not being progressed as part of this Change Application due to road safety concerns and biodiversity impacts, in line with previous concerns. A badger sett comprising three partially active entrances was located [REDACTED] As a worst-case scenario, if excavation is required [REDACTED] [REDACTED] may also require additional tree felling.
- 6.2.5 Based on the outcome of the appraisal, the Applicant has decided to include CA1 and Route 3 as additional route options within this Change Application. Of the additional options, if access via CA2 is not used, 'Alternative access route via access CA1' is the preferred option for an alternative access route subject to detailed design and the approval of the EA. The use of this route does not constitute a change in the Application, however, for completion the addition of an open span bridge over Dam Dike and additional traffic using CA1 has been assessed below in section 6.3. Utilising an open span bridge requires EA approval.
- 6.2.6 Route 3 is also being progressed as an alternative option for the Secretary of State to consent in the event that the Secretary of State considers Route 2 would result in an unacceptable level of harm to receptors. Route 3 would require the removal of 1 category C tree and between 5 and 7 category C hedges of short length, vegetation management and a slightly increased temporary loss of BMV land. The more detailed appraisal carried out by the Applicant confirms the concerns which resulted in it being discounted previously, but the Applicant has now been able to identify mitigation measures that can be employed. The access to Route 3 is opposite Narrow Lane leading to a farm and on a slight bend of Skipwith Road. Safe access to the site would therefore need vegetation management for visibility splays as well as additional measures to manage traffic interacting with users of Narrow Lane may be required. Route 3 would also result in more construction traffic being routed past Common Wood SINC over a culvert of an unnamed drain, as well as specific measures to avoid impacts on trees.

Conclusion

- 6.2.7 The Applicant reiterates the findings of the ES that Route 2 remains a suitable access route and the Applicant's preferred construction access route. However, following appraisal of additional access routes, the Applicant has identified that CA1 and Route 3 are alternative options. If Route 2 is not used, the alternative access route via CA1 – while technically feasible - cannot be confirmed until detailed design and is subject to the EA's approval of a clear span bridge. Route

3 is included as an alternative only if the Secretary of State considers that the harm presented by Route 2 is unacceptable to receptors.

- 6.2.8 The **Supporting Environmental Information Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.42]** therefore includes the assessment of both Route 3 and the alternative access route via CA1.

7 Schedule of Application Documents

- 7.1.1 An updated version of the **Guide to the Application [EN0110012/APP/LVS/01.03] [Change Application]** 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.
- 7.1.2 The new documents being submitted for this Change Application are listed in Table 7-1 below.
- 7.1.3 The document for which revised versions are being submitted are listed in Table 7-2.

Table 7-1: New documents submitted with this Change Application

Document Reference	Document Title
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.41	Cover Letter - Change Application
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.42	Change Application and Consultation Report
EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.43	Supplementary Environmental Information Report

Table 7-2: Updated documents submitted with this Change Application

Document Reference	Document Title	Reason for Change to Document
EN0110012/APP/LVS/01.03	Guide to the Application [Change Application]	Updates to the list of documents
EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.01	Location Plan [Change Application]	Updates to the Order Limits
EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.02	Land, Crown Land and Special Category Land Plans [Change Application]	Updates in relation to changes 1, 2, 4, 7, 8 and 9
EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.03	Works Plans [Change Application]	Updates in relation to changes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9
EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.04	Public Rights of Way Plans [Change Application]	Updates in relation to changes 1, 2, 3 and 4
EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.05	Access to Works Plans [Change Application]	Updates in relation to changes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8

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EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.06	Streets Plans [Change Application]	Updates in relation to changes 1, 2, 3 and 4
EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.10	Tree Preservation Order and Hedgerow Plans [Change Application]	Updates in relation to changes 1, 2, 3 and 4
EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12	Outline Environmental Masterplan Site 1 Sheet 1 [Change Application]	Updates in relation to change 5
EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12	Outline Environmental Masterplan Site 1 Sheet 2 [Change Application]	Updates in relation to change 5
EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12	Outline Environmental Masterplan Site 4 Sheet 1 [Change Application]	Updates in relation to change 4
EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12	Outline Environmental Masterplan Site 4 Sheet 2 [Change Application]	Updates in relation to change 4
EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12	Outline Environmental Masterplan Site 6 & 7 [Change Application]	Updates in relation to changes 3, 6 and 7
[EN0110012/APP/LVS/03.01]	Draft Development Consent Order [Change Application]	Updates in relation to Changes 1, 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9
EN0110012/APP/LVS/03.01.01	Schedule of Changes on the DCO [Change Application]	Updates to align with amendments to the draft DCO.
[EN0110012/APP/LVS/03.02]	Explanatory Memorandum [Change Application]	Updates to align with amendments to the draft DCO.
EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.04	Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker [Change Application]	Updates in relation to all Changes Updates to Status of Negotiations and in relation to Changes 1, 2, 4, 6 and 9.
EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.03	Book of Reference [Change Application]	Updates in relation to all Changes.
<u>EN0110012/APP/LVS/08.09</u>	Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference [Change Application]	Updates to align with amendments to

Document Reference	Document Title	Reason for Change to Document
		the Book of Reference.
[EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.01]	Statement of Reasons [Change Application]	Updates in relation to all Changes.
[EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.02] [Change Application]	Funding Statement [Change Application]	Updates in relation to all Changes.
EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12	Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [Change Application]	Updates to reflect Changes 1 and 8

8 Conclusion

- 8.1.1 The Applicant requests that the Examining Authority accepts this Change Application for consideration as part of the Light Valley Solar Examination. The proposed changes would not constitute a materially different application. Each of the changes proposed is the result of a detailed post-submission review of the Proposed Development by the Applicant or a response to comments from stakeholders following the submission of the DCO application.
- 8.1.2 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.
- 8.1.3 The Applicant is grateful to the Examining Authority for confirming its willingness to consider the acceptance of this Change Application.

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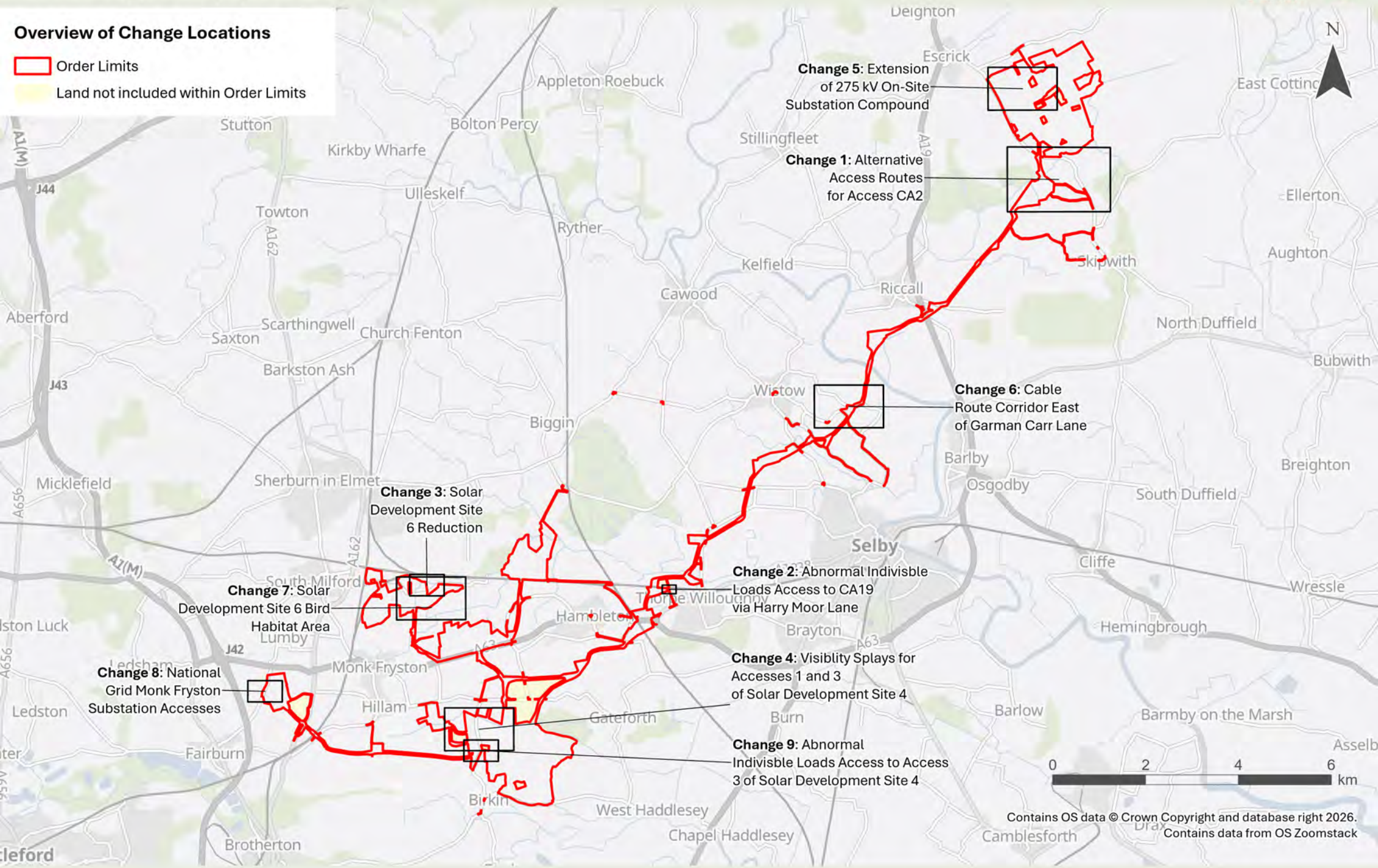
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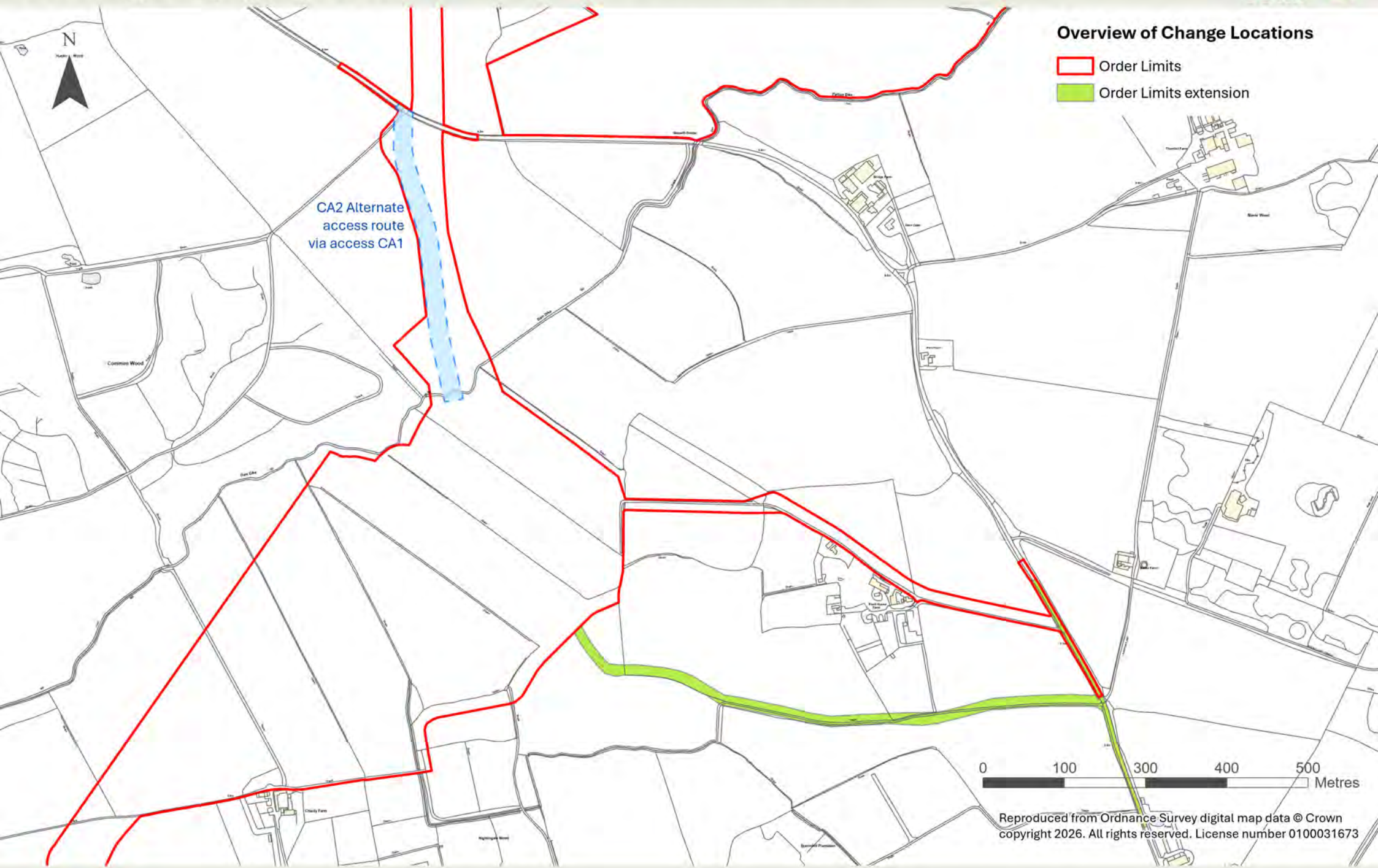
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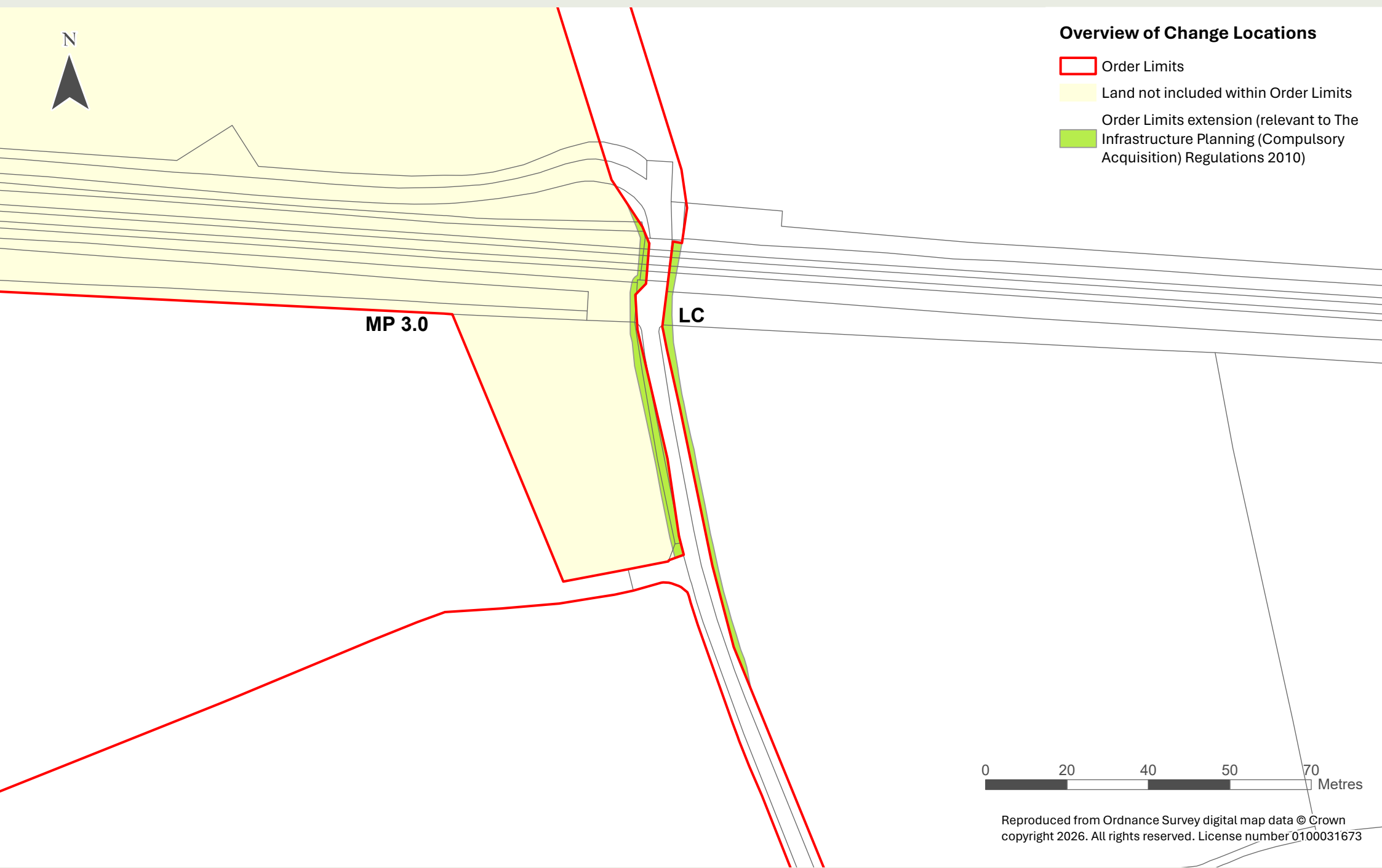
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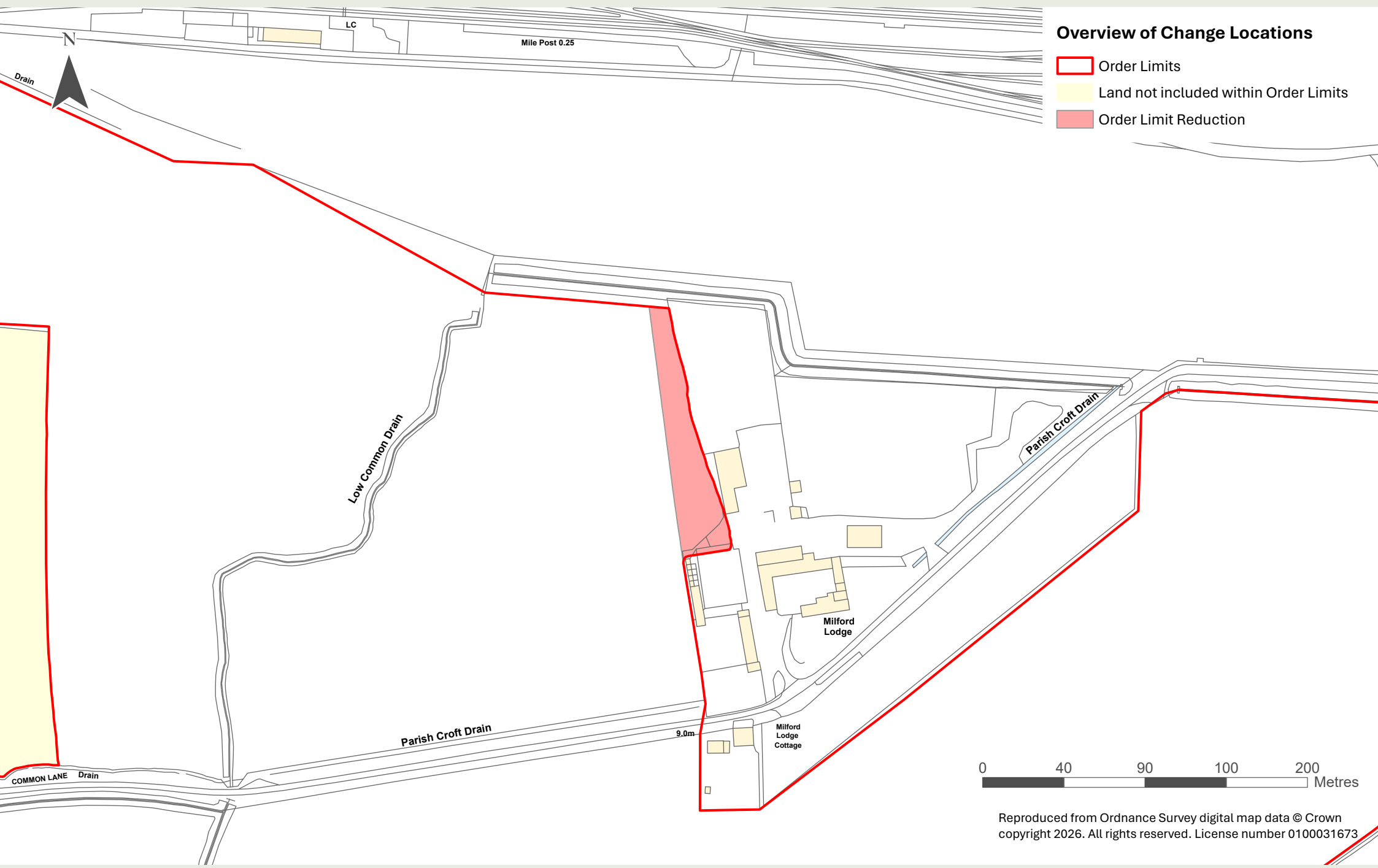
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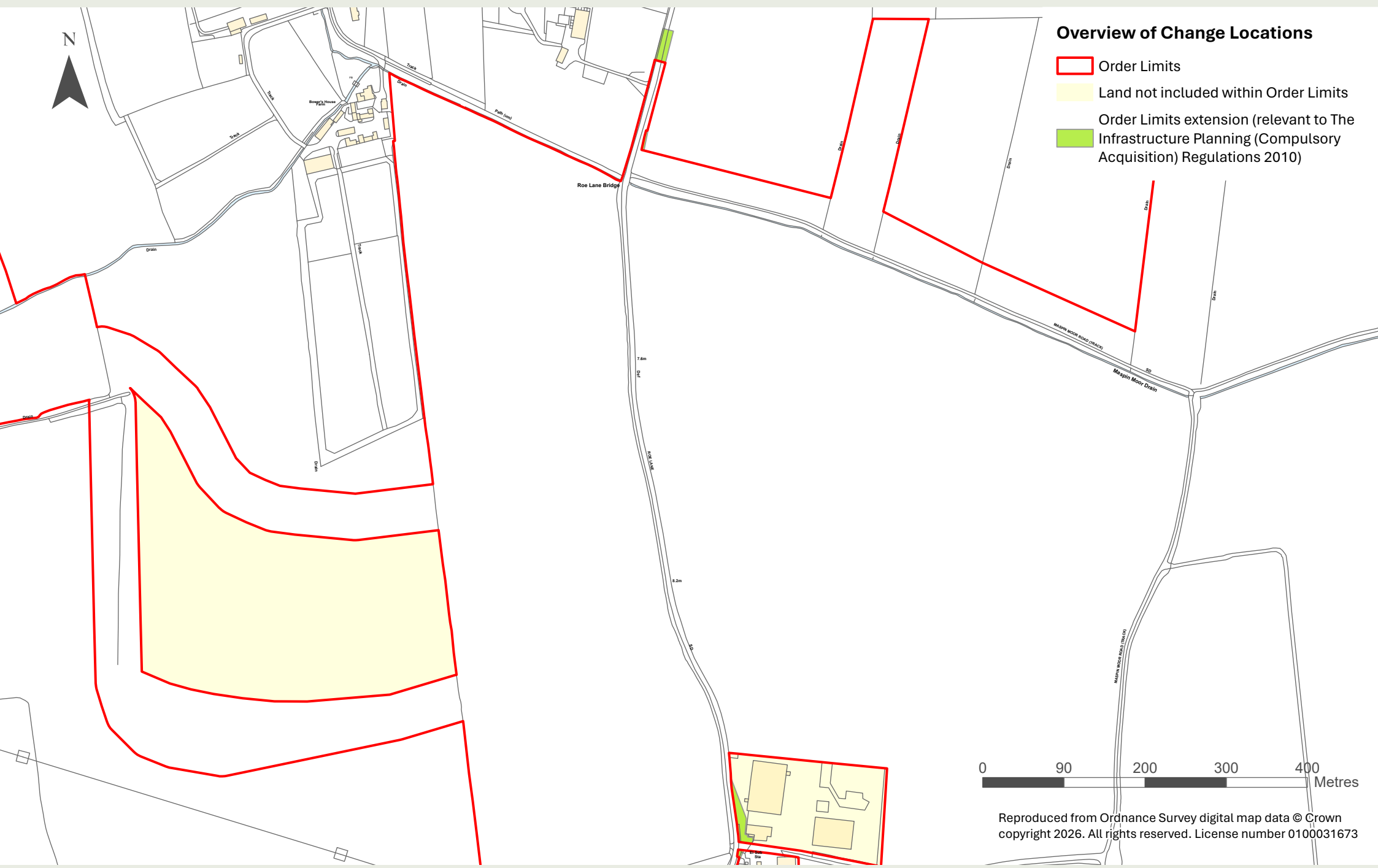


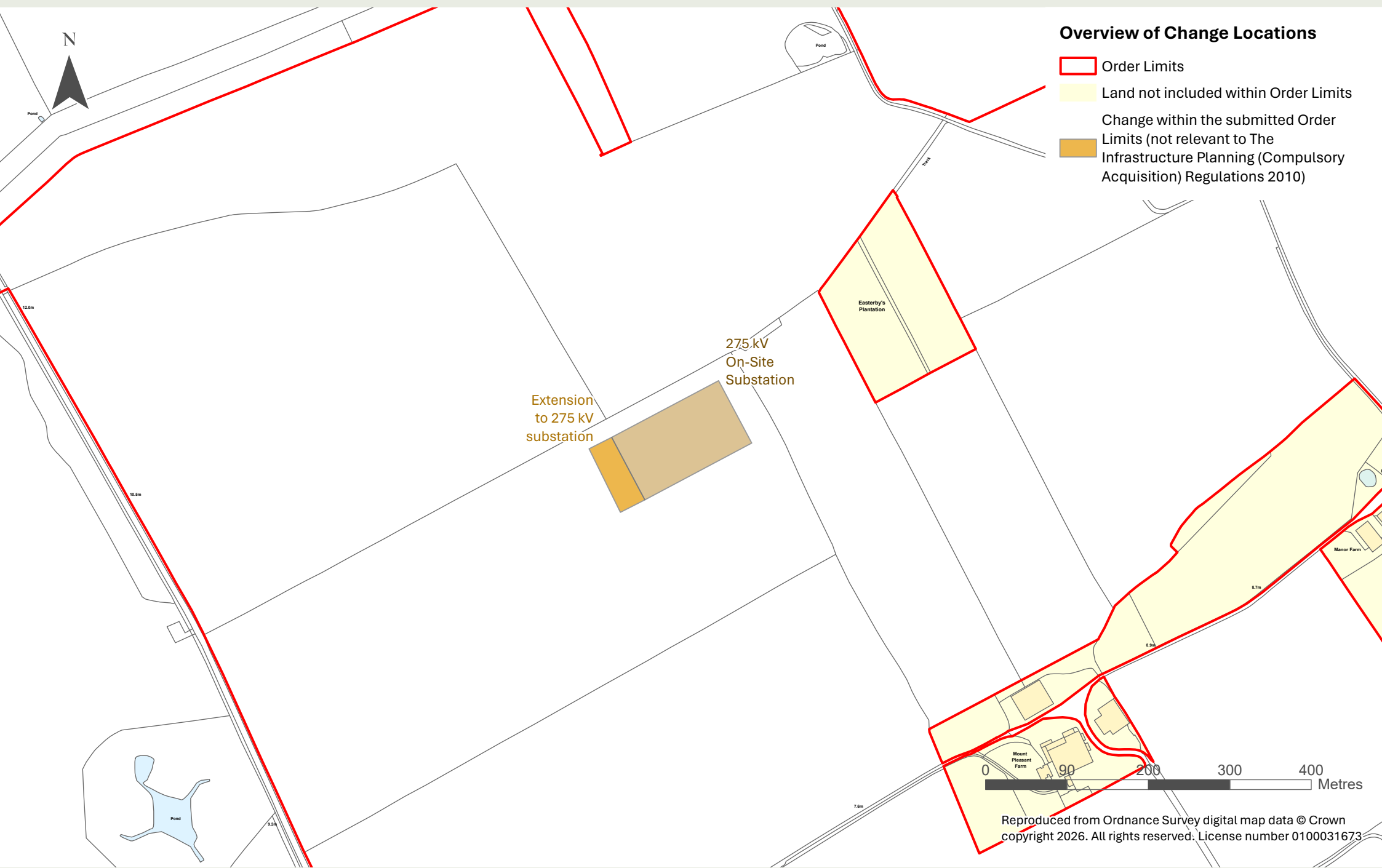


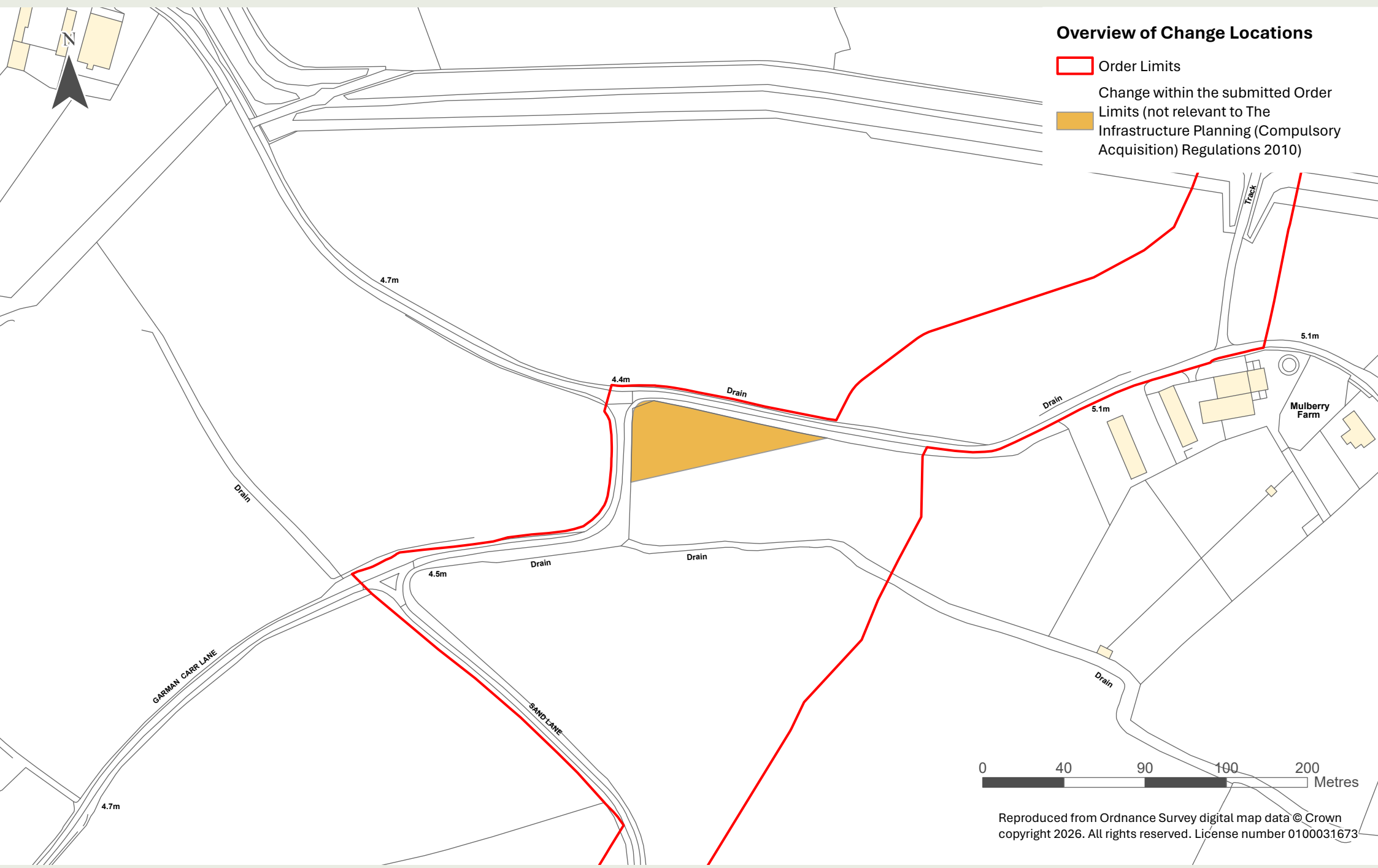


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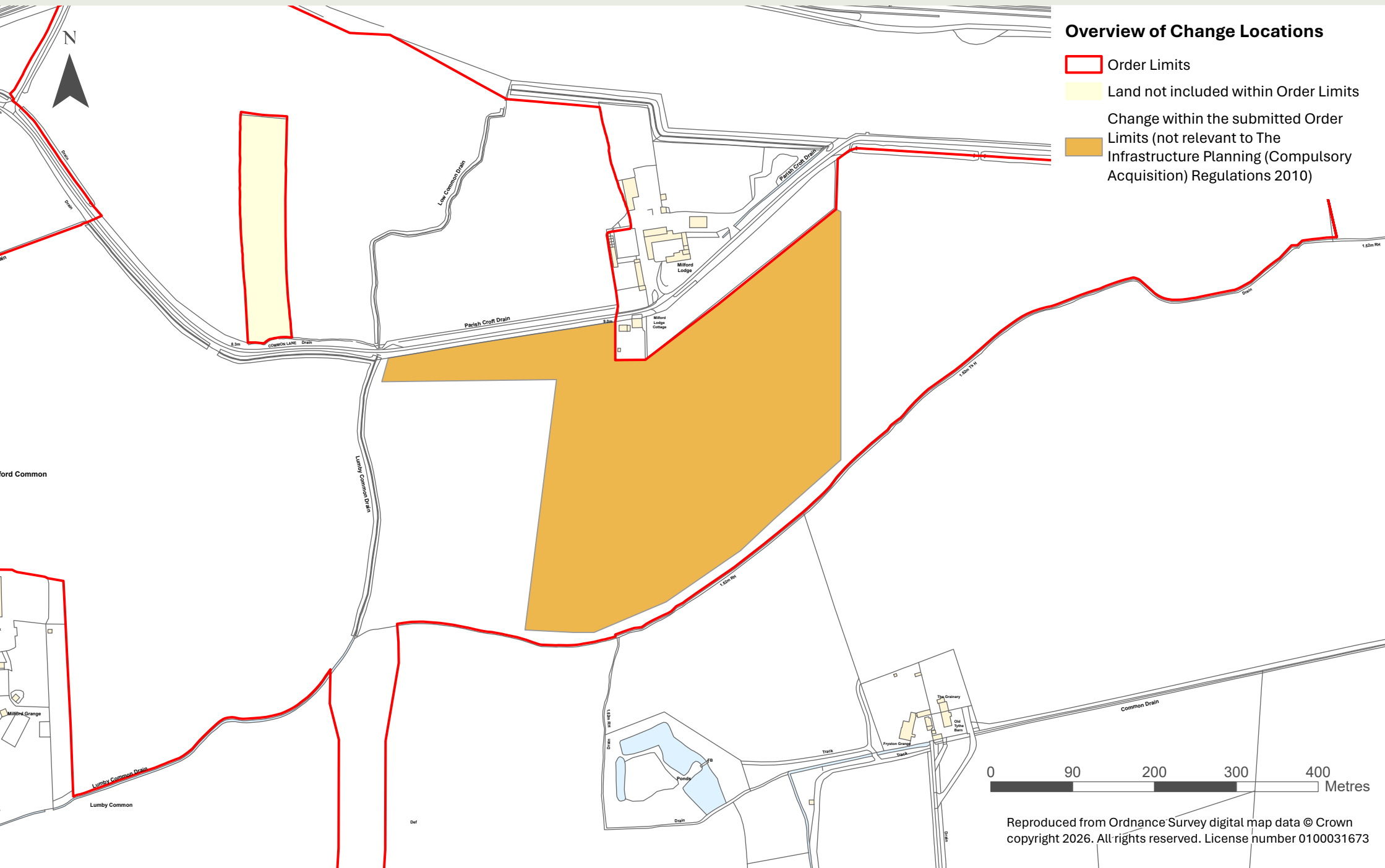
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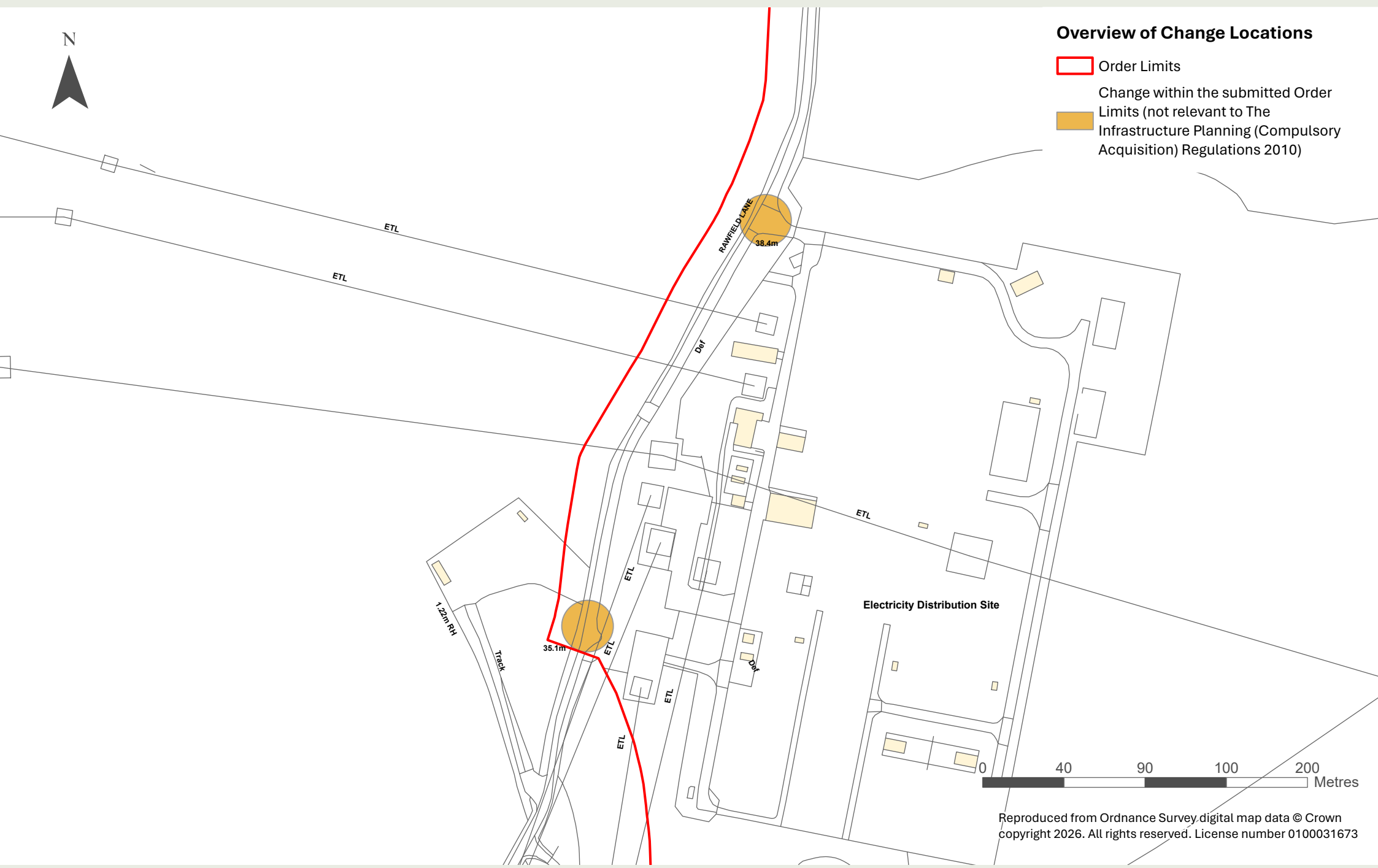


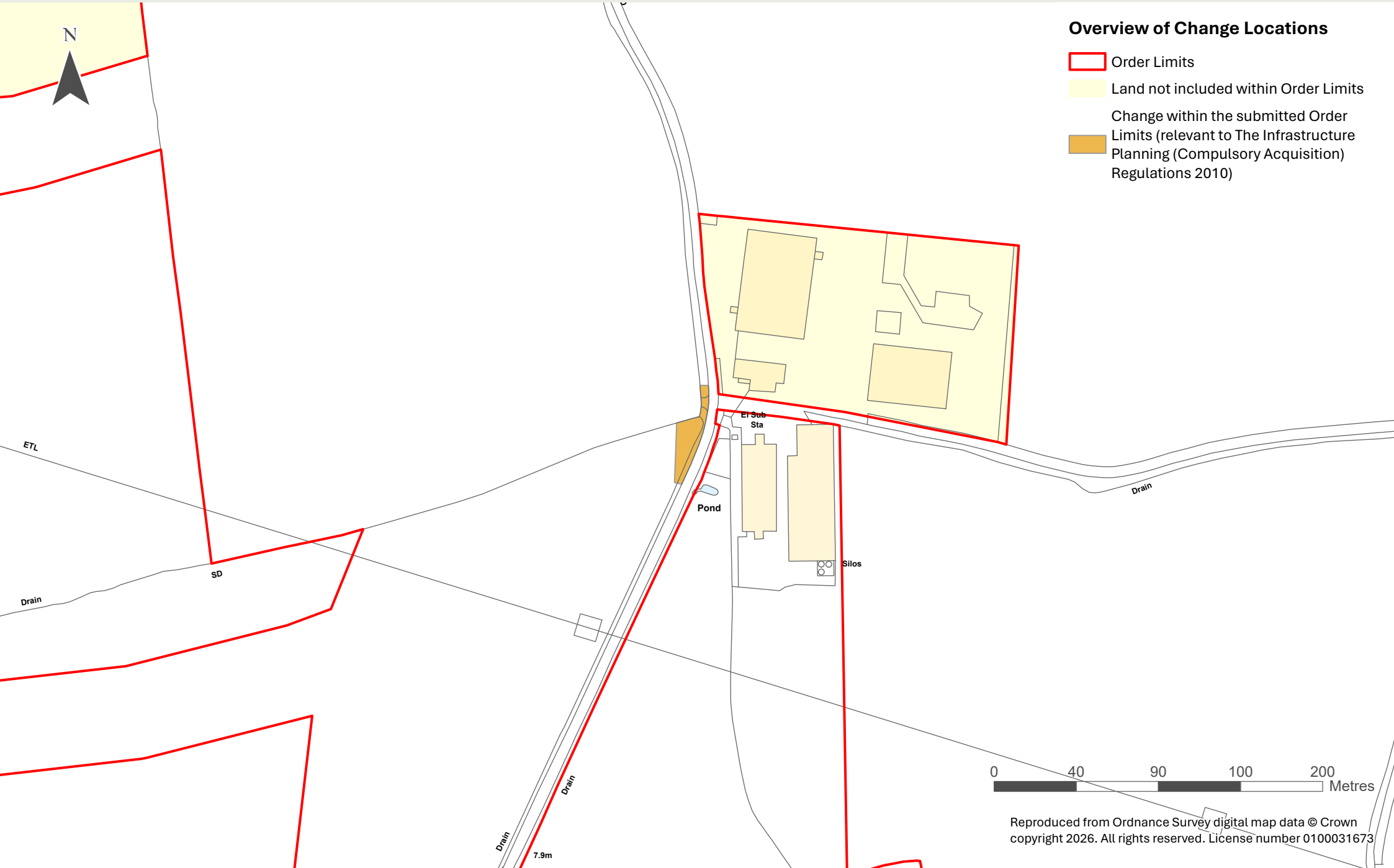




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Overview of Change Locations

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Annex B Record of Engagement

Record of Engagement with Affected Land Interests

Landowner / affected person	Change number	Record of Engagement
National Gas Transmission PLC	4	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
James Edward Clark	6	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
North Yorkshire Council	1, 2, 4, 9, 3, 8	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
OCU Group Ltd	3	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Michael Donald Parkin	4	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Charles David Forbes Adam	5, 1	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Richard Stephen Atkinson	4	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Joanne Atkinson	4	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes.

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		The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Hartley Farming (Yorkshire) Limited	4	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC	3, 4, 9, 8	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
The York Diocesan Board of Finance Limited	2, 4	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Yorkshire Water Services Limited	5, 1, 6, 4, 9, 8	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Antony Hebden Walter Parkin	4	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Barbara Wilson	2	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Brian Anthony Richardson	9	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.

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Clifford Ian Roy Watson	2	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Crispin Beilby Forbes Adam	1	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Elaine Caroline Richardson	9	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Emma Vaughn Clark	6	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
George Keith Sanderson	4	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Gillian Heather Walmsley	2	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
James Edward Hartley	4, 9	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
James William Askew	6	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a

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		Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
June Harris	4	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Melanie Jane Brown	2	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Michael Edwin Wilson	2	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Rachel Elizabeth Wilson	2	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Rosalind Cecilia Forbes Adam	5, 1	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Shelley Cleave	6	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Kathleen Valerie Richardson	9	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Andrew William Headley	5, 1	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes.

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		The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Escrick Park Home Farm	5	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Mining Remediation Authority	8	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Richard James Worsley Hardy	1	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Andrew James Cawood	7	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
David Sharpley	1	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Pauline Angela Sharpley	1	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Daniel James Liddell	1	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.

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Pamela Elizabeth Robertson	1	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
The Executor of the Estate of the Late Donald Parkin	4	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Christine Tracy Whyke	7	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Christopher David Whyke	7	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Patricia Anne Bramley	3	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
HD777FRY Ltd	8	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Stephen Michael Thompson	2	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a

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		Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Mark Stuart Thompson	2	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
H Hey & Sons	4	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Selby Area Internal Drainage Board	2, 7, 3, 9	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Martin James Bramley	3	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Lumen Technologies UK Limited	2	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party is a new addition to the Project's consultation and engagement records and, as such, had not previously received a section 42 consultation notice or a section 56 notice prior to being notified of the Proposed Changes.
Alison Victoria Laskey	4	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Sarah Joanne Thompson	4	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.

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Richard Mark Headley	5, 1	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Jane Coates	8	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Sara Fox	2	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Raymond Eastwood	2	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Jennifer Dawn Eastwood	2	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Helen Upton	1	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Jennifer Ann Bartram	1	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a

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		Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Hobson Farming	5	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Carl Verity	5	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Escrick Park Estate	5	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Christopher Jackson	5	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Sarah Jackson	5	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Roger Wilson	5	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Dave Swinglehurst	5	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Jack Bedford	5	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes.

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		The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
The Executor of the Estate of the Late Rosemary Wendy Parkin	4	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Quickline Communications Limited	1	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
The Executor of the Estate of the Late David Coates	8	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Constantine Energy Storage	8	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Hannah Preston	1	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. As the Party was identified during the initial examination stage, the Party had not previously received a section 42 consultation notice or section 56 notice. The Party was subsequently served with a section 102A notice before being notified of the Proposed Changes
Stuart Preston	1	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. As the Party was identified during the initial examination stage, the Party had not previously received a section 42 consultation notice or section 56 notice. The Party was subsequently served with a section 102A notice before being notified of the Proposed Changes
Enso Green Holdings X Limited	8	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. The Applicant confirms that the Party had previously received both a Section 42 consultation notice and a

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		Section 56 notice prior to the issue of the letter setting out the Proposed Changes.
Rosie Allsopp	2	The Applicant wrote to the Party on 9 October 2026, providing details of the Proposed Changes. As the Party was identified during the initial examination stage, the Party had not previously received a section 42 consultation notice or section 56 notice. The Party was subsequently served with a section 102A notice before being notified of the Proposed Changes

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09 October 2026

Dear «Salutation»

Light Valley Solar – Proposed Change Application

On behalf of Light Valley Solar Limited and Island Green Power, I am writing to inform you of our intention to submit a Change Application to make nine changes to the Development Consent Order (DCO) application for Light Valley Solar. The changes follow further engagement with stakeholders and a review of the project's design and access requirements.

We are contacting you because our records indicate that you may own, occupy or have another interest in land affected by one or more of the proposed changes. We are therefore providing you with information about this proposed change before you have the opportunity to comment following the submission of the Change Application.

What is Light Valley Solar?

Light Valley Solar is a proposed solar development and battery energy storage project on approximately 1,020 hectares of land between Escrick, Monk Fryston, Hambleton, Chapel Haddlesey and South Milford. If consented, it would have the ability to provide up to 500 megawatts (MW) of electricity, connecting to the National Grid through the existing Monk Fryston substation. The DCO application was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 10 February 2026 and is currently being examined. The Secretary of State will ultimately decide whether to grant development consent.

What changes are proposed?

The Change Notification, submitted on 25 September 2026, identifies the following nine changes. **A map of the change locations is appended to this letter.** The Change Application will provide further detail and supporting environmental information.

Change 1: Alternative Access Routes for Access CA2 south of Solar Development Site 1

Change 6: Cable Route Corridor East of Garman Carr Lane

Change 2: Abnormal Indivisible Loads Access to CA19 via Harry Moor Lane

Change 7: Solar Development Site 6 Bird Habitat Area

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Change 3: Field 6.9 – Solar Development Site 6 Reduction

Change 4: Visibility Splays for Accesses 1 and 3 of Solar Development Site 4

Change 5: Extension of 275 kV On-Site Substation Compound in Solar Development Site 1

Change 8: National Grid Monk Fryston Substation Accesses

Change 9: Abnormal Indivisible Loads Access to Access 3 of Solar Development Site 4

The proposed changes are intended to make limited refinements to the project's layout and design. The Applicant's assessment in the draft Change Application concludes that they would not result in new or different likely significant environmental effects compared with those reported in the Environmental Statement. The supporting environmental information will be submitted with the Change Application for consideration by the Examining Authority.

Consultation and how to respond

We intend to submit the Light Valley Solar Change Application on **13 October 2026**. Of the nine changes, Changes 2, 4 and 9 engage the provisions of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (the CA Regulations) and as such, consultation will comply with the CA Regulations. Subject to acceptance by the Examining Authority, consultation will run from **Tuesday 27 October to Wednesday 2 December 2026**.

The Change Application and supporting documents will be available in the Light Valley Solar examination document library on the Planning Inspectorate's website. During consultation, please submit your feedback **directly to the Planning Inspectorate through the Relevant Representation process**. Details of how to respond will be provided when consultation opens.

For questions about Light Valley Solar or help accessing the documents, please contact the project team:

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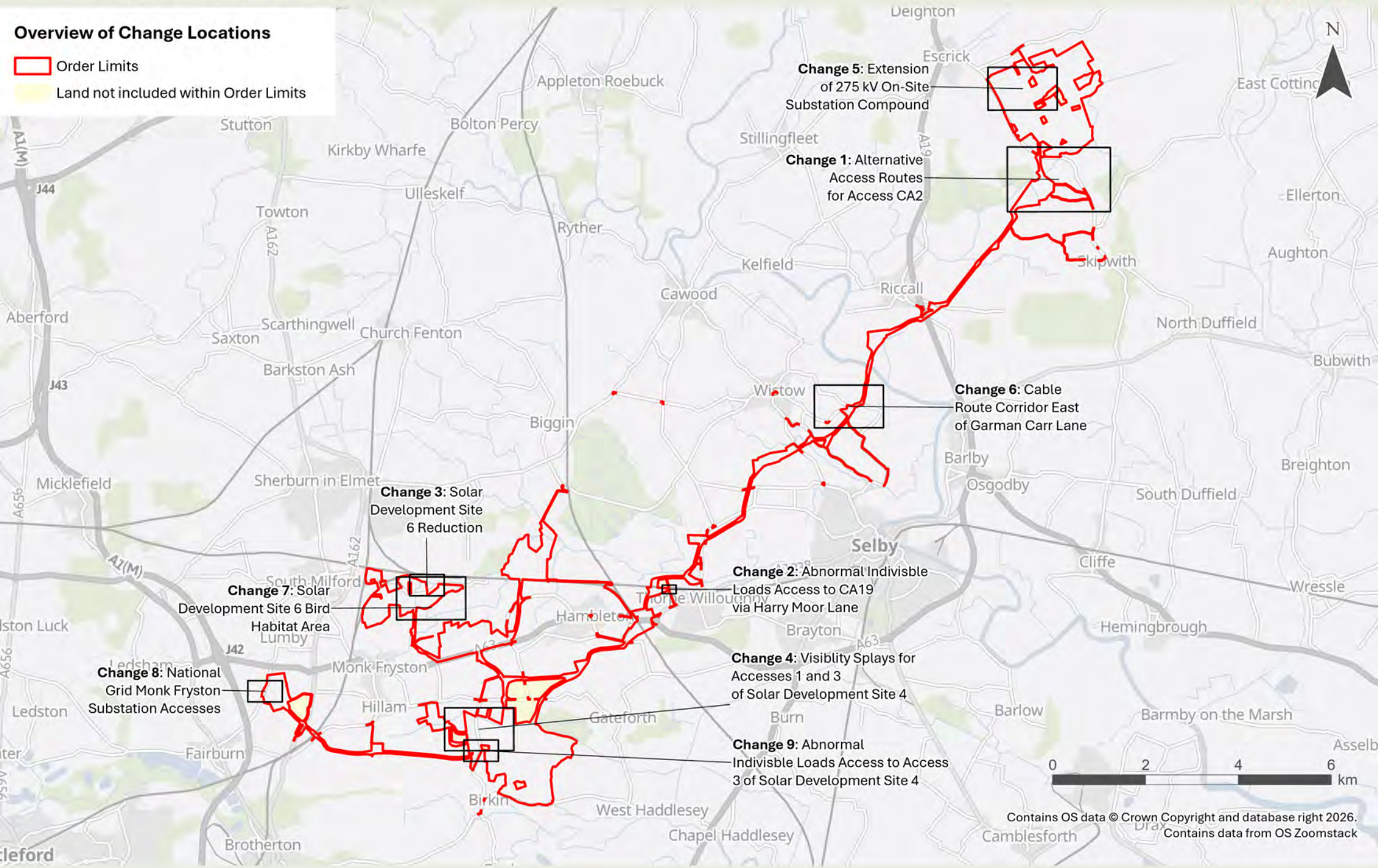


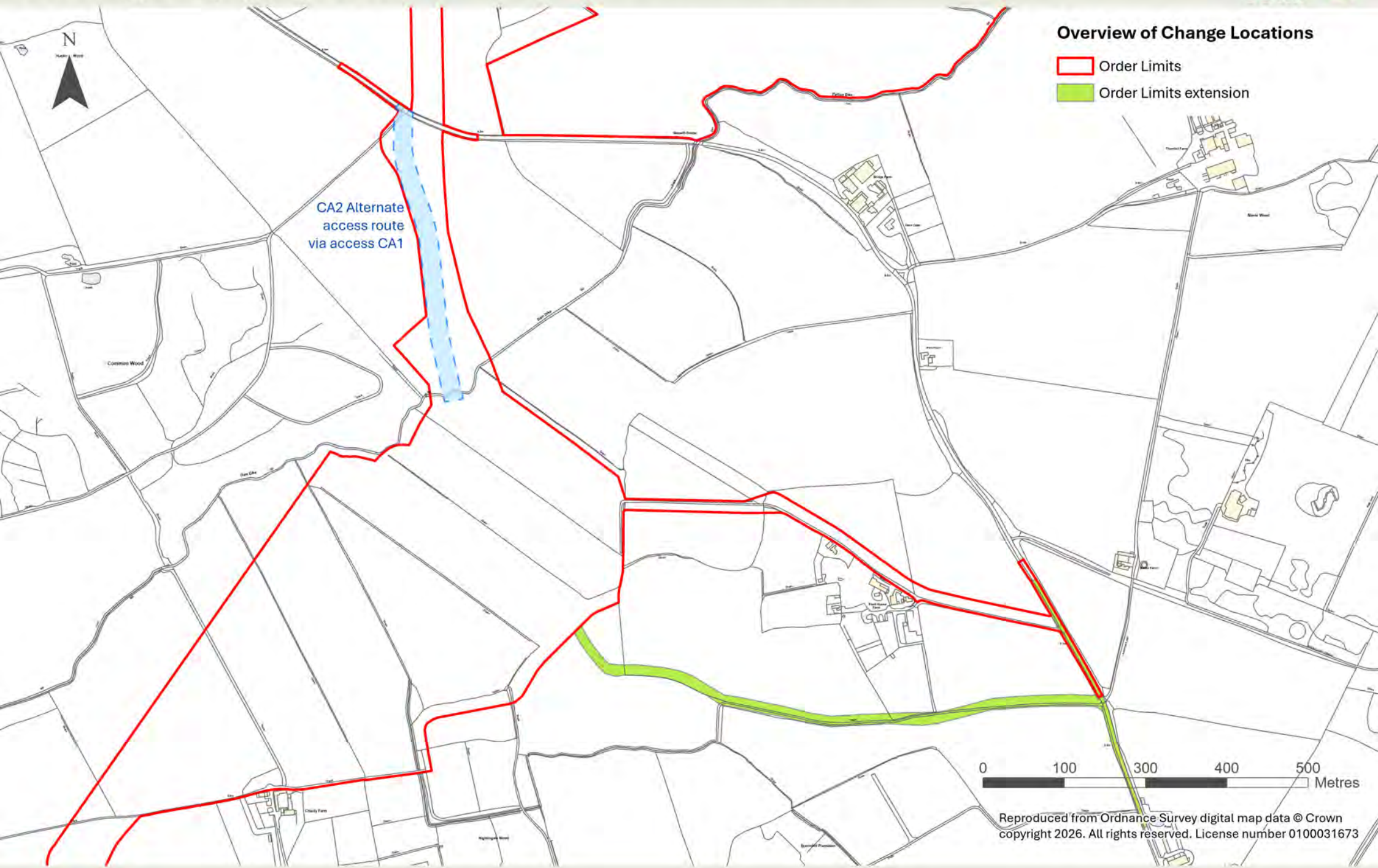
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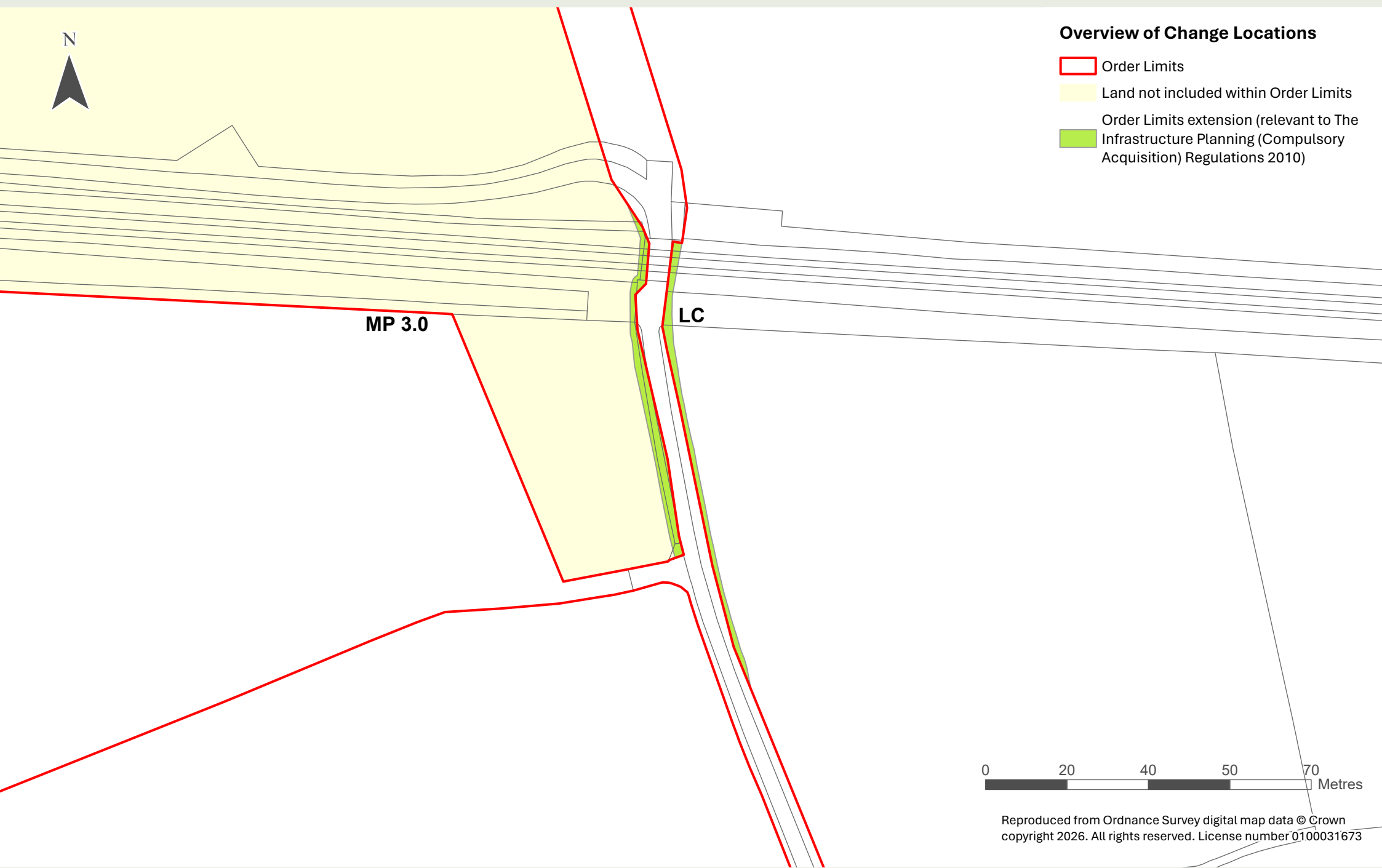
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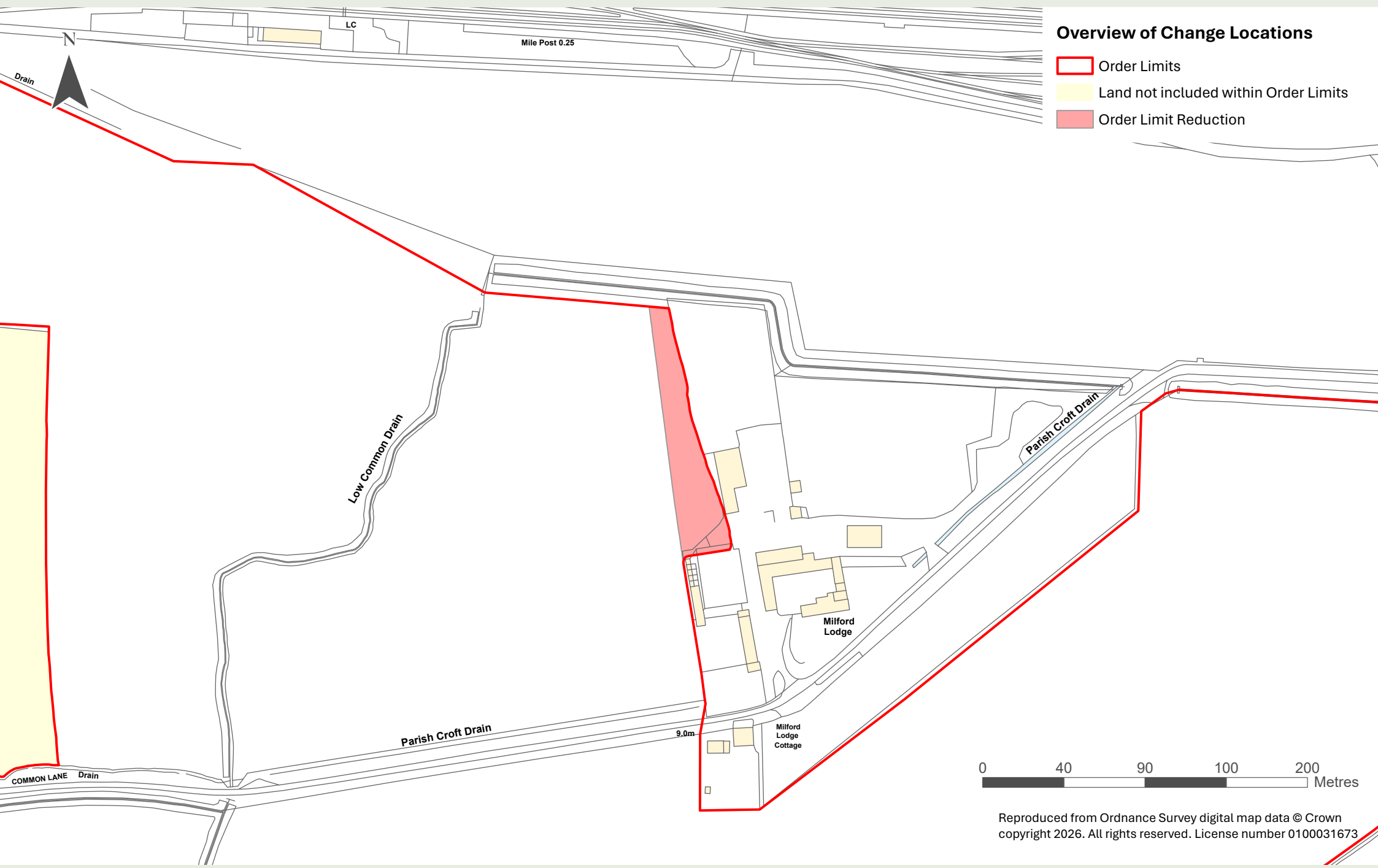
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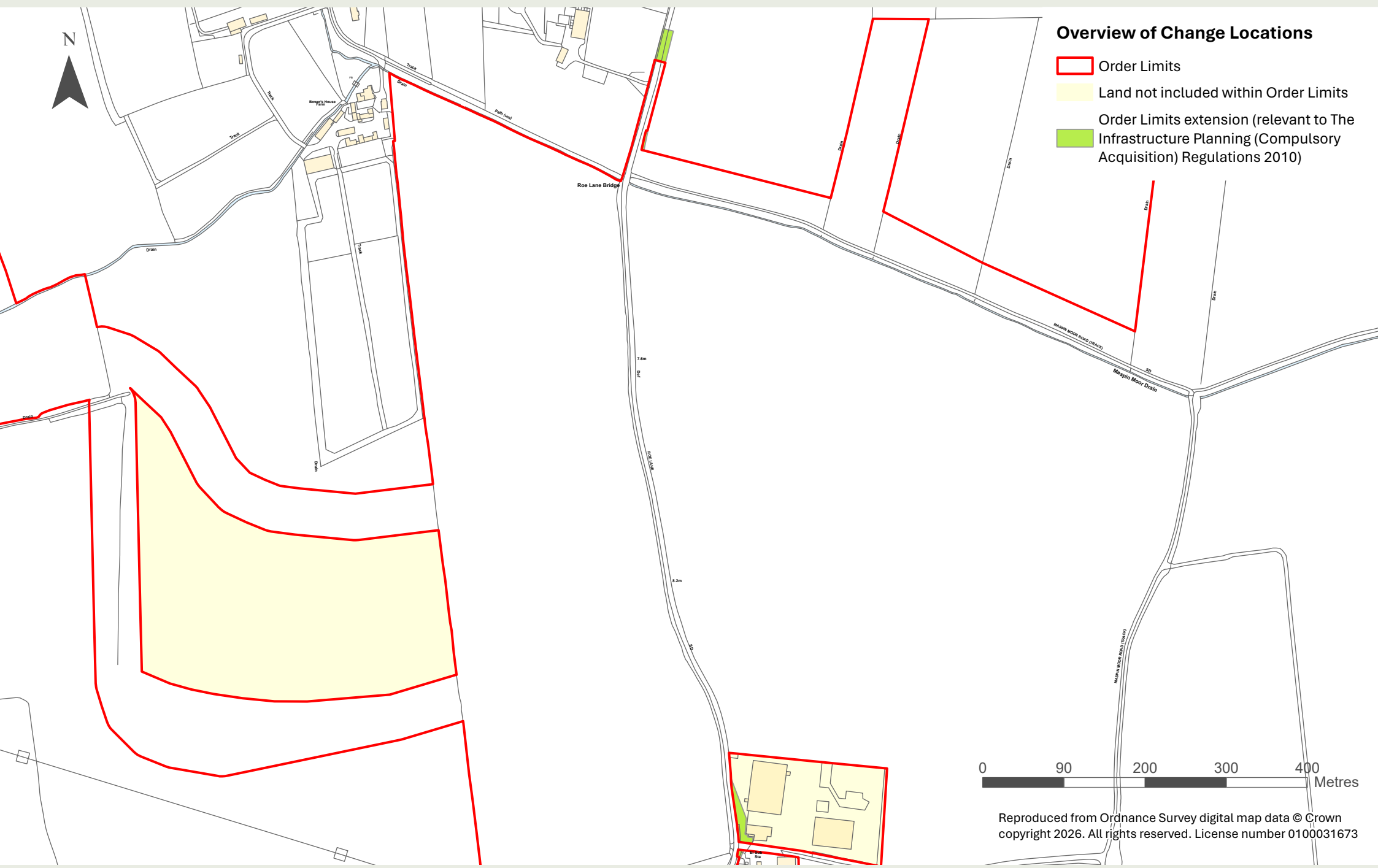
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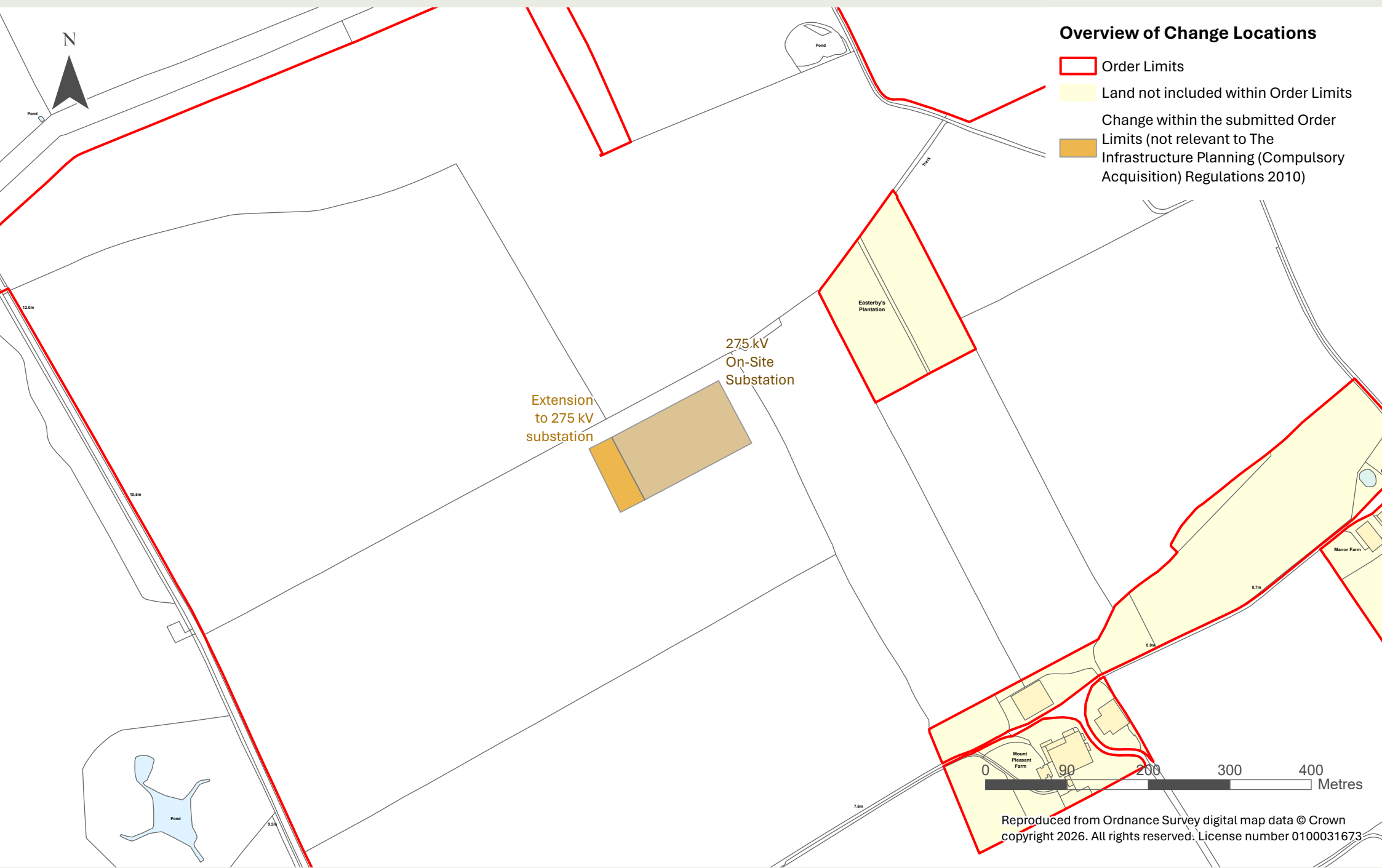


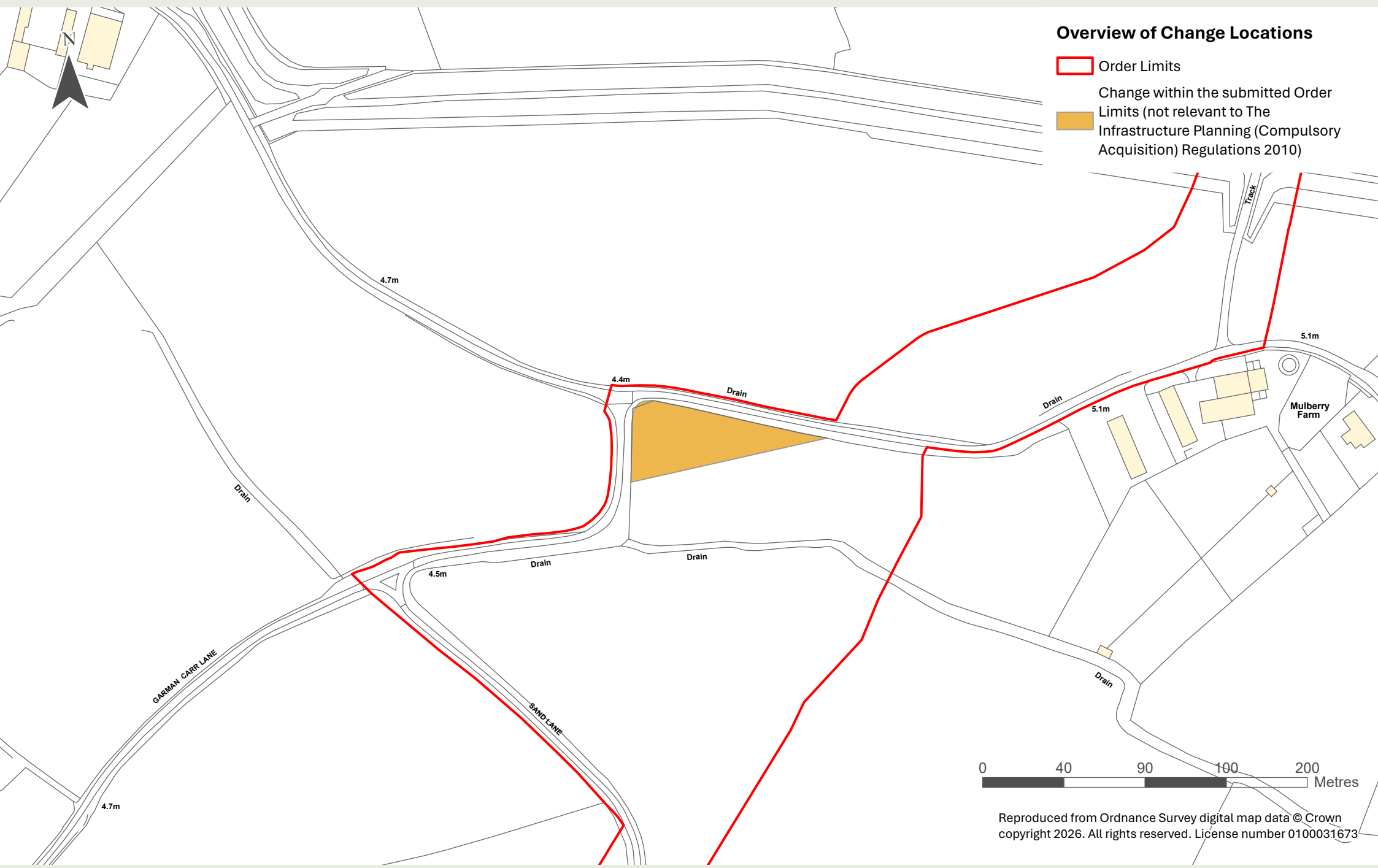










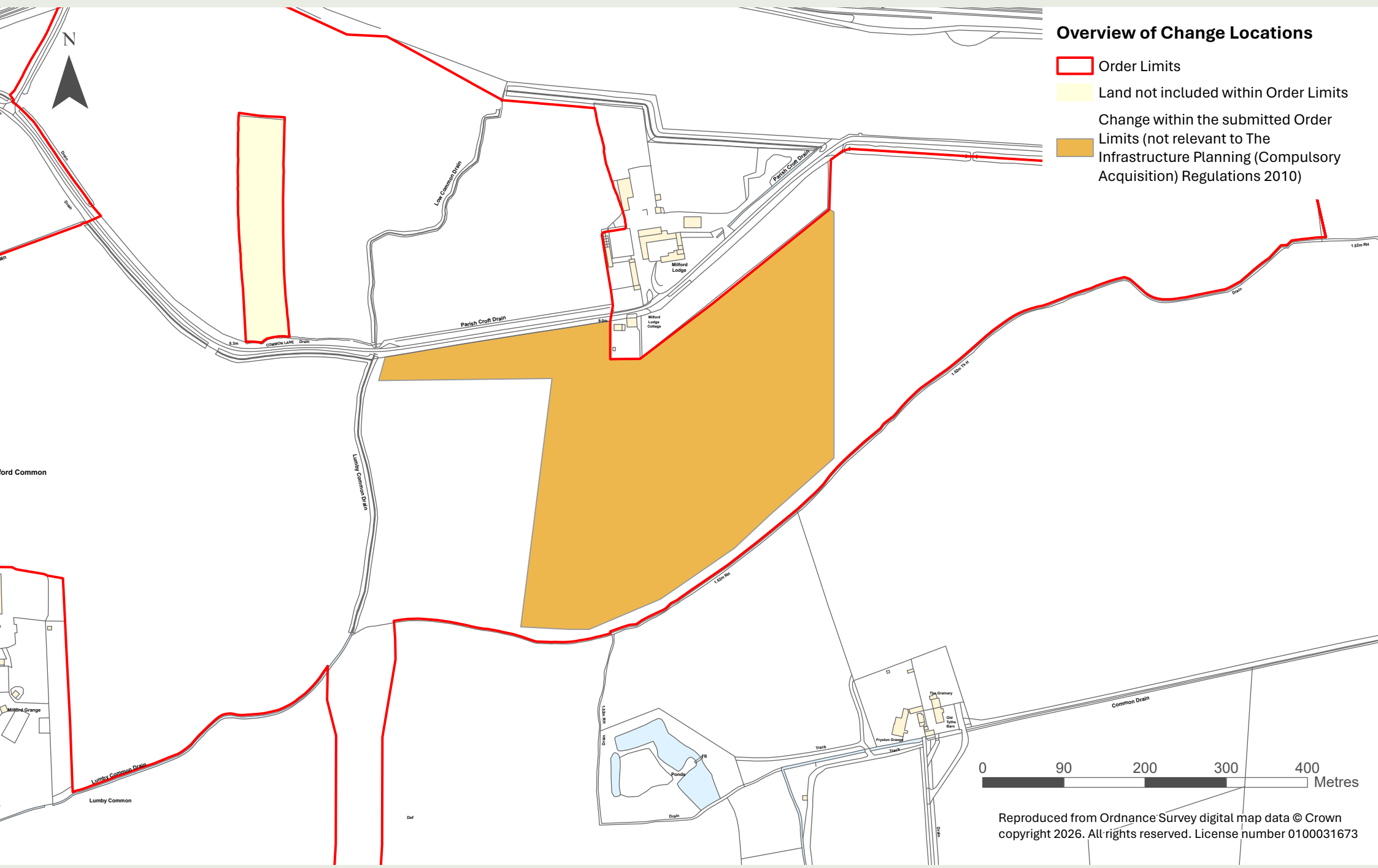


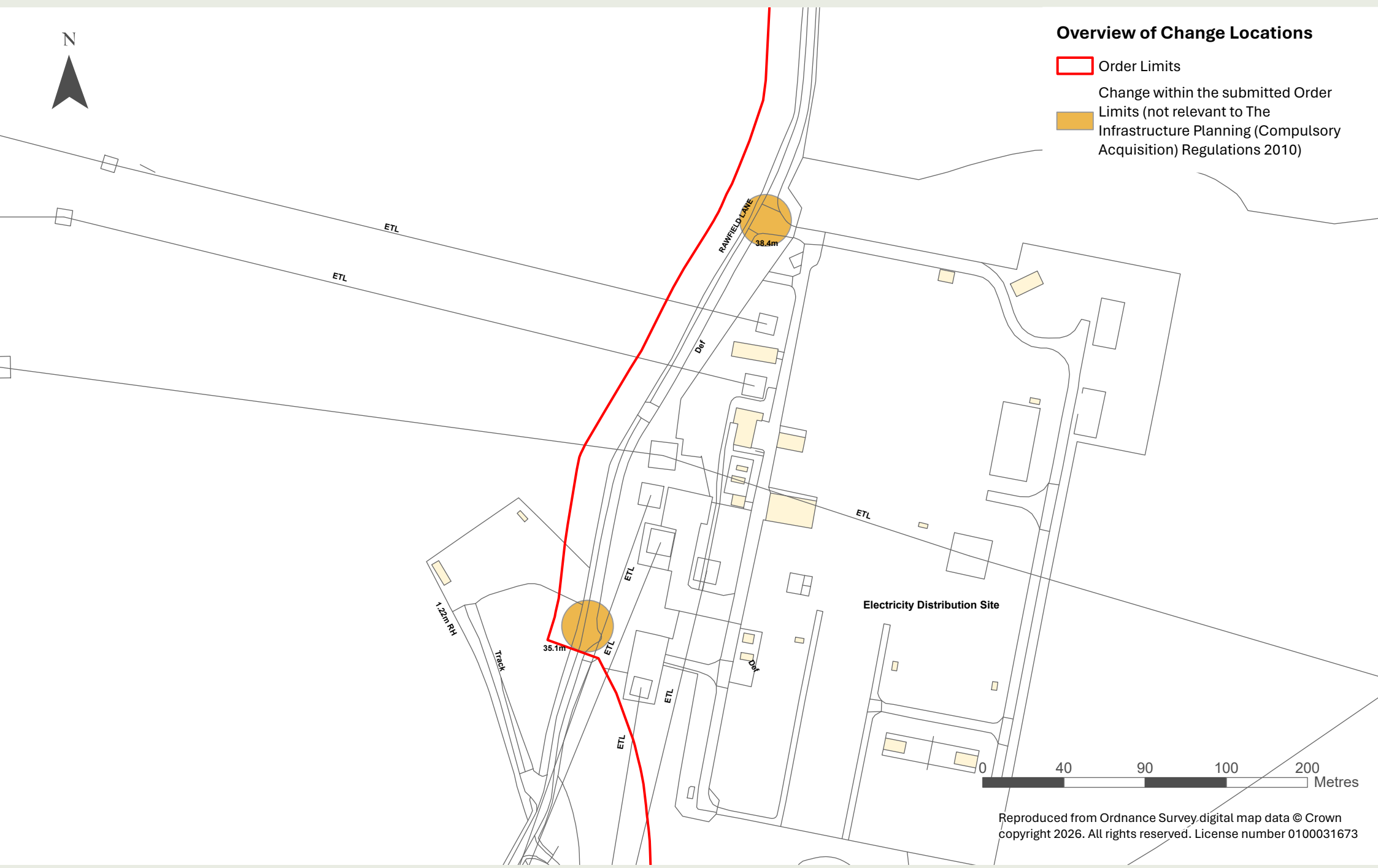
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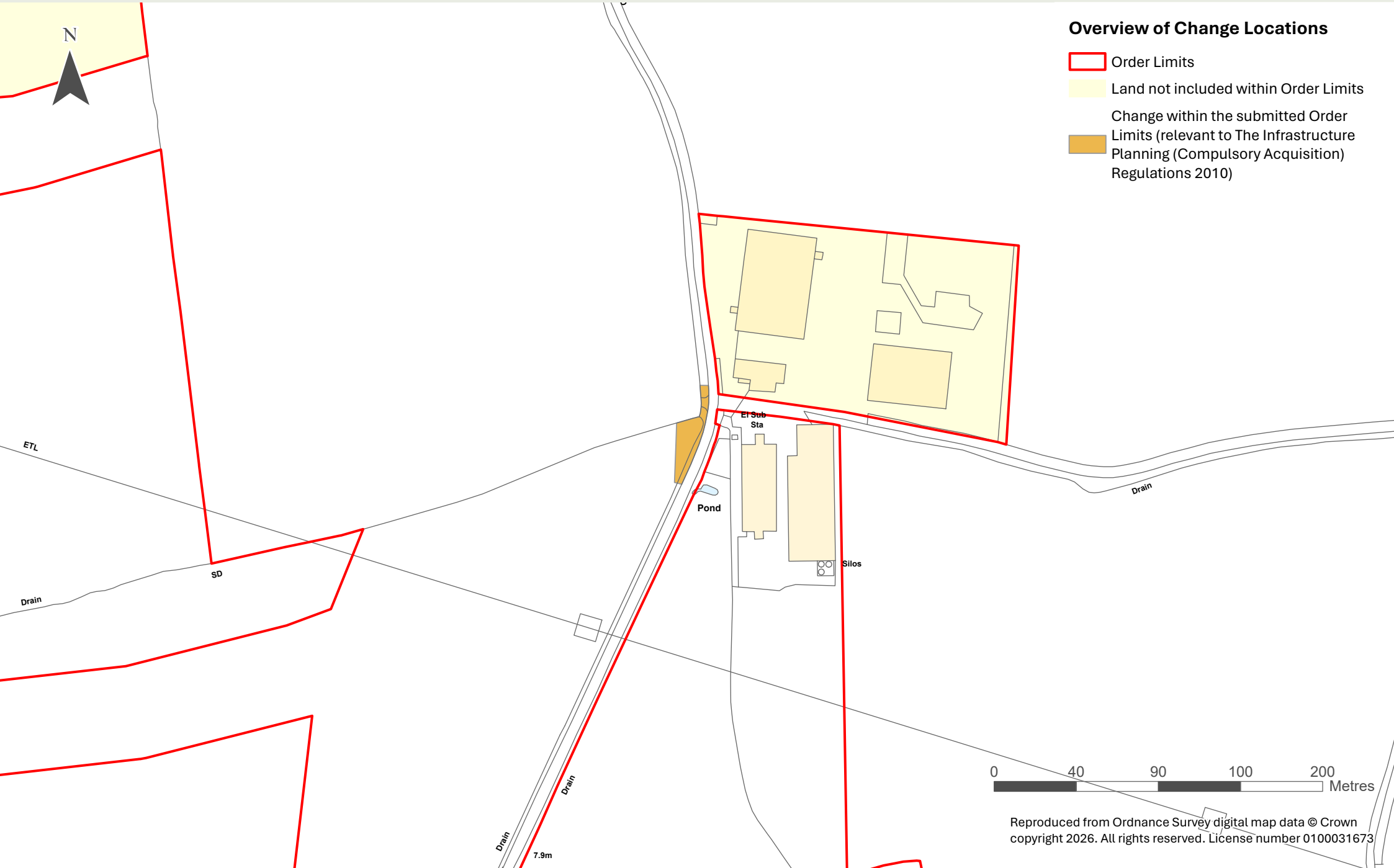
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- Order Limits
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Subject Update regarding upcoming Change Application

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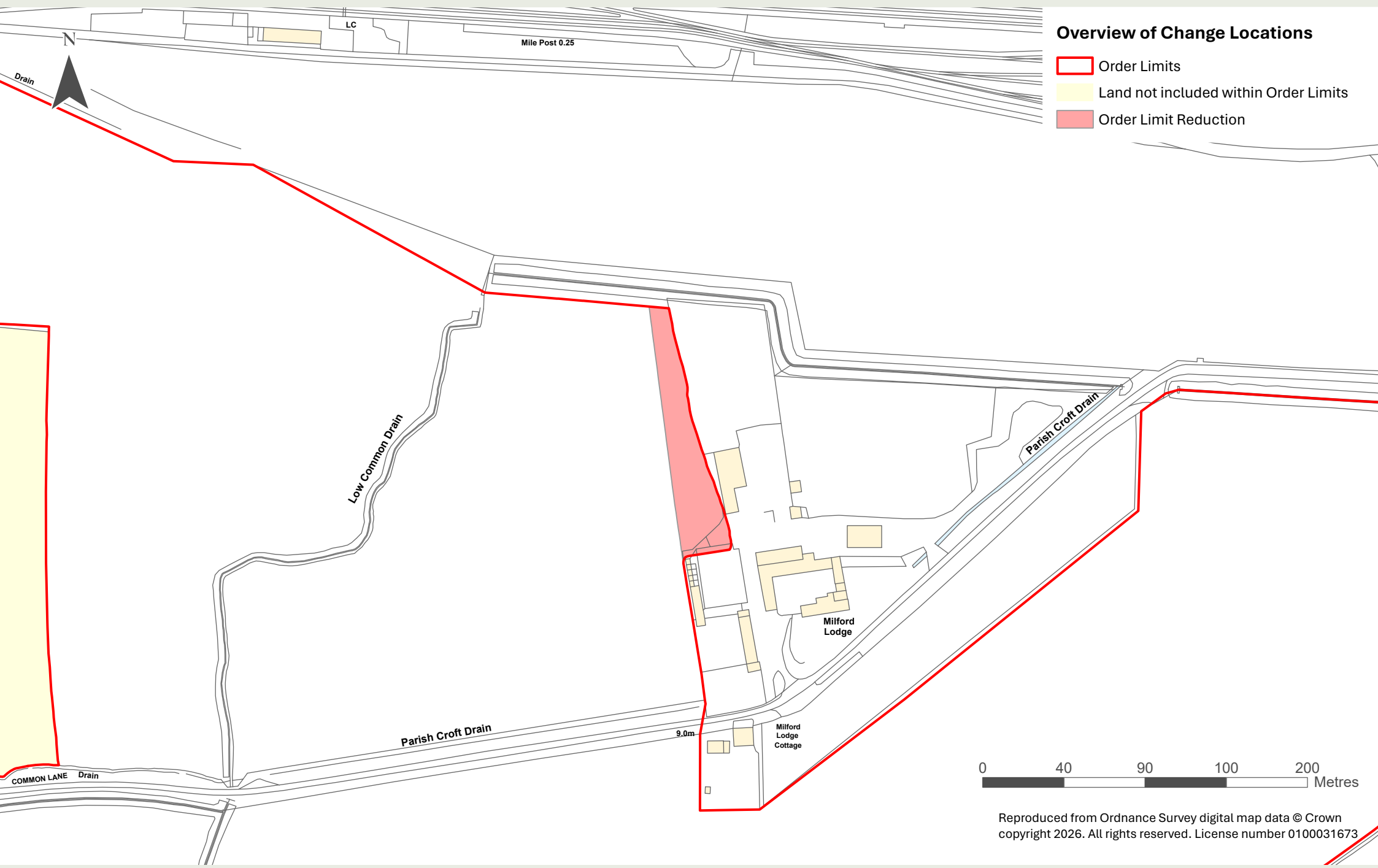
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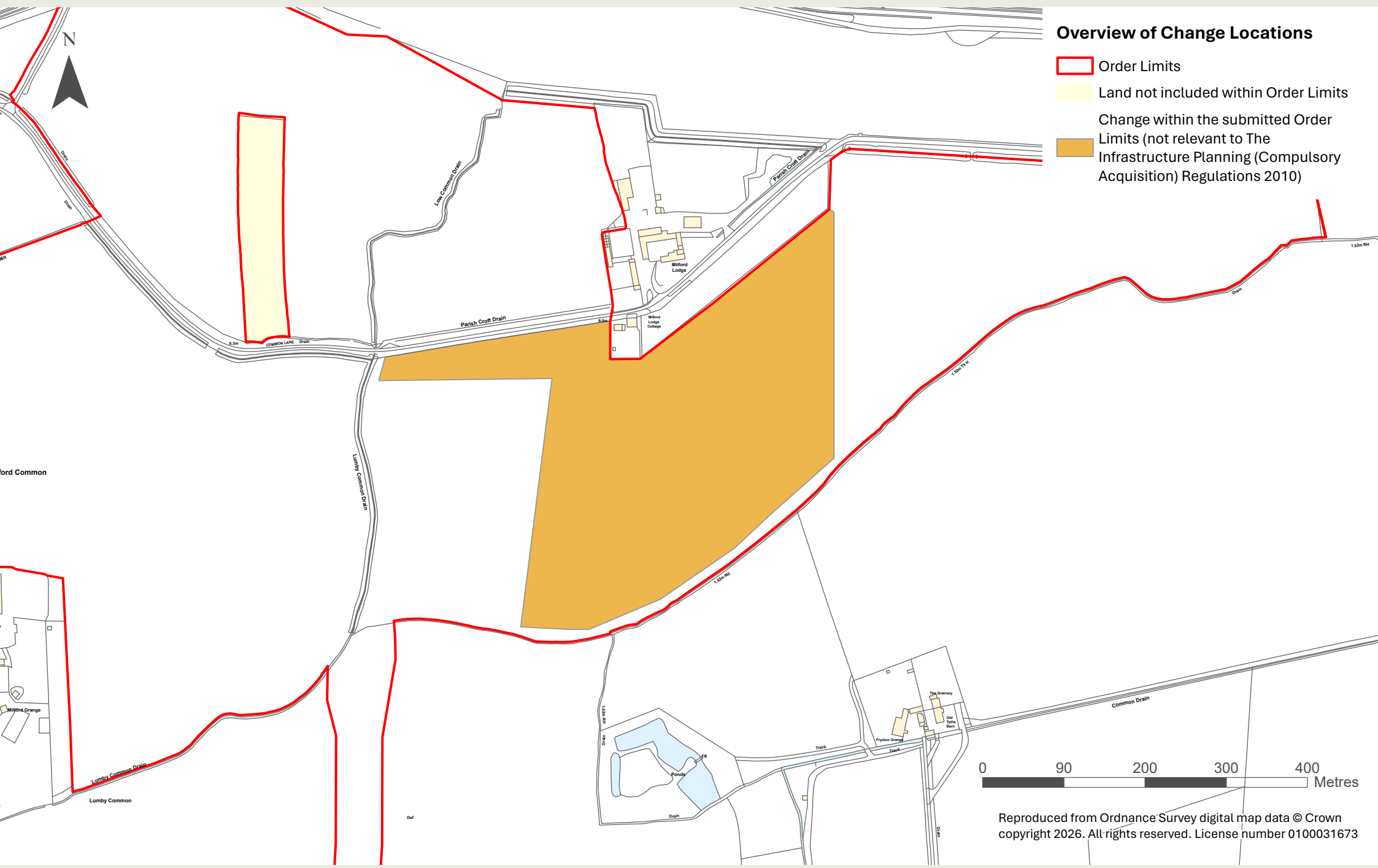
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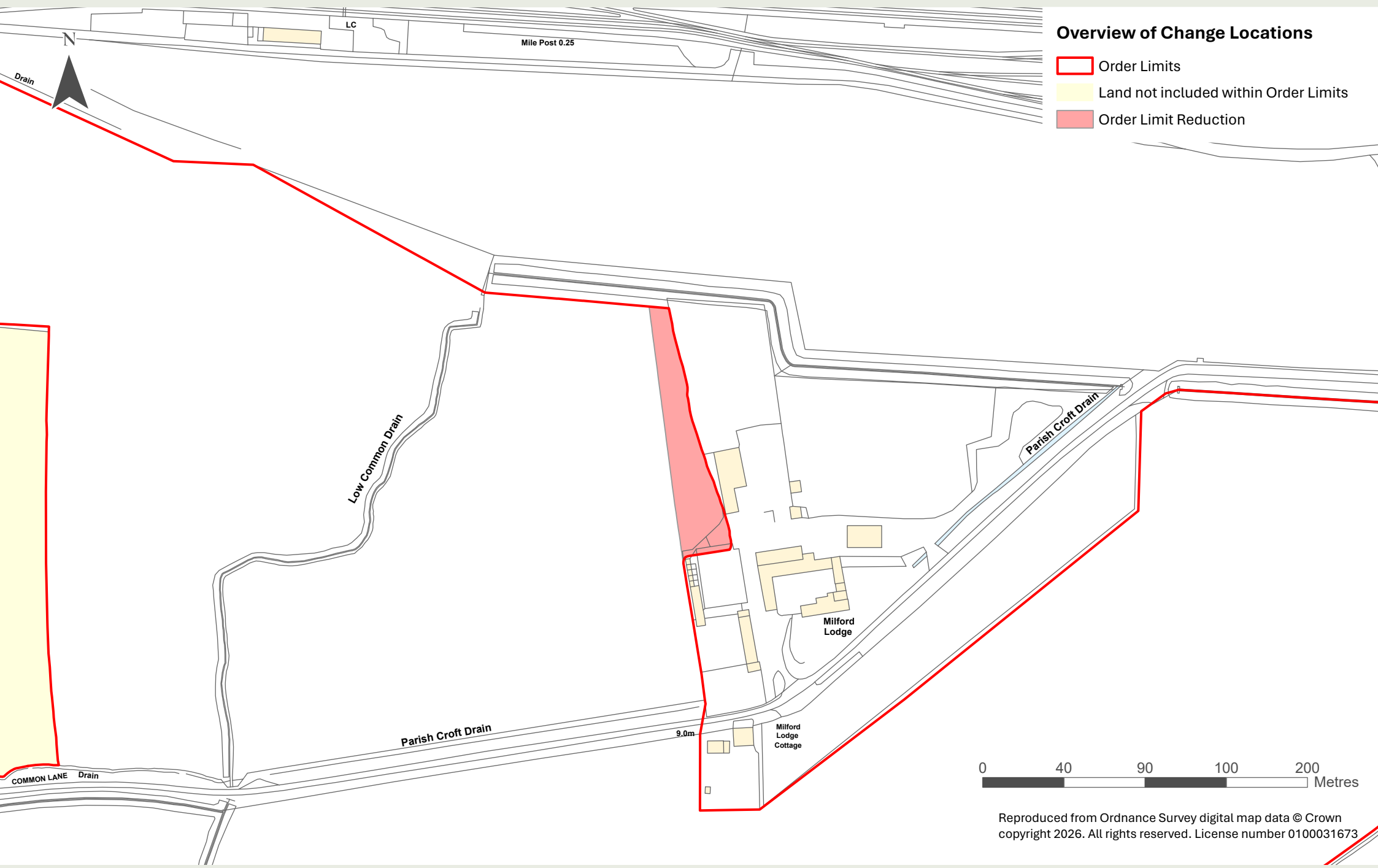
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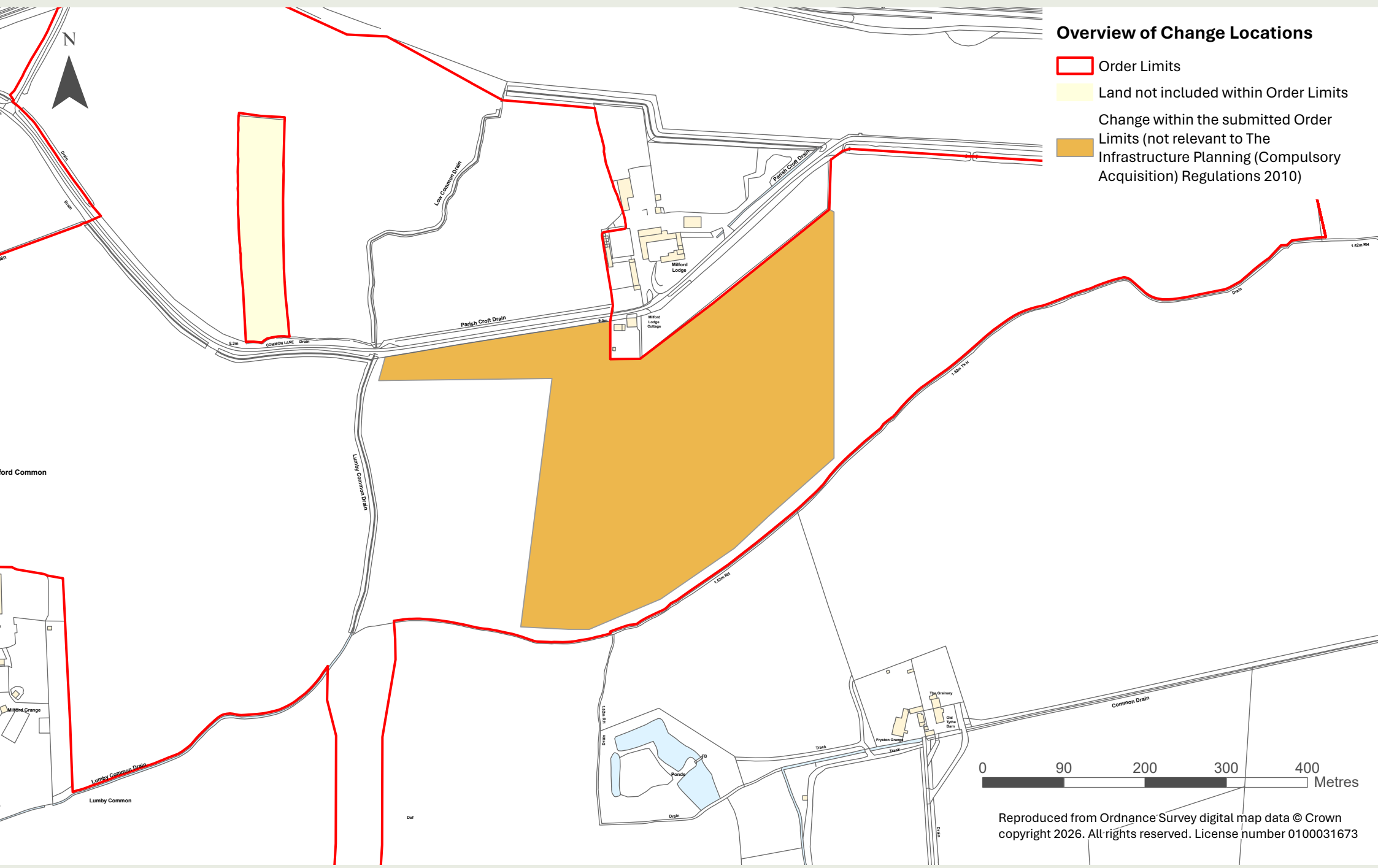
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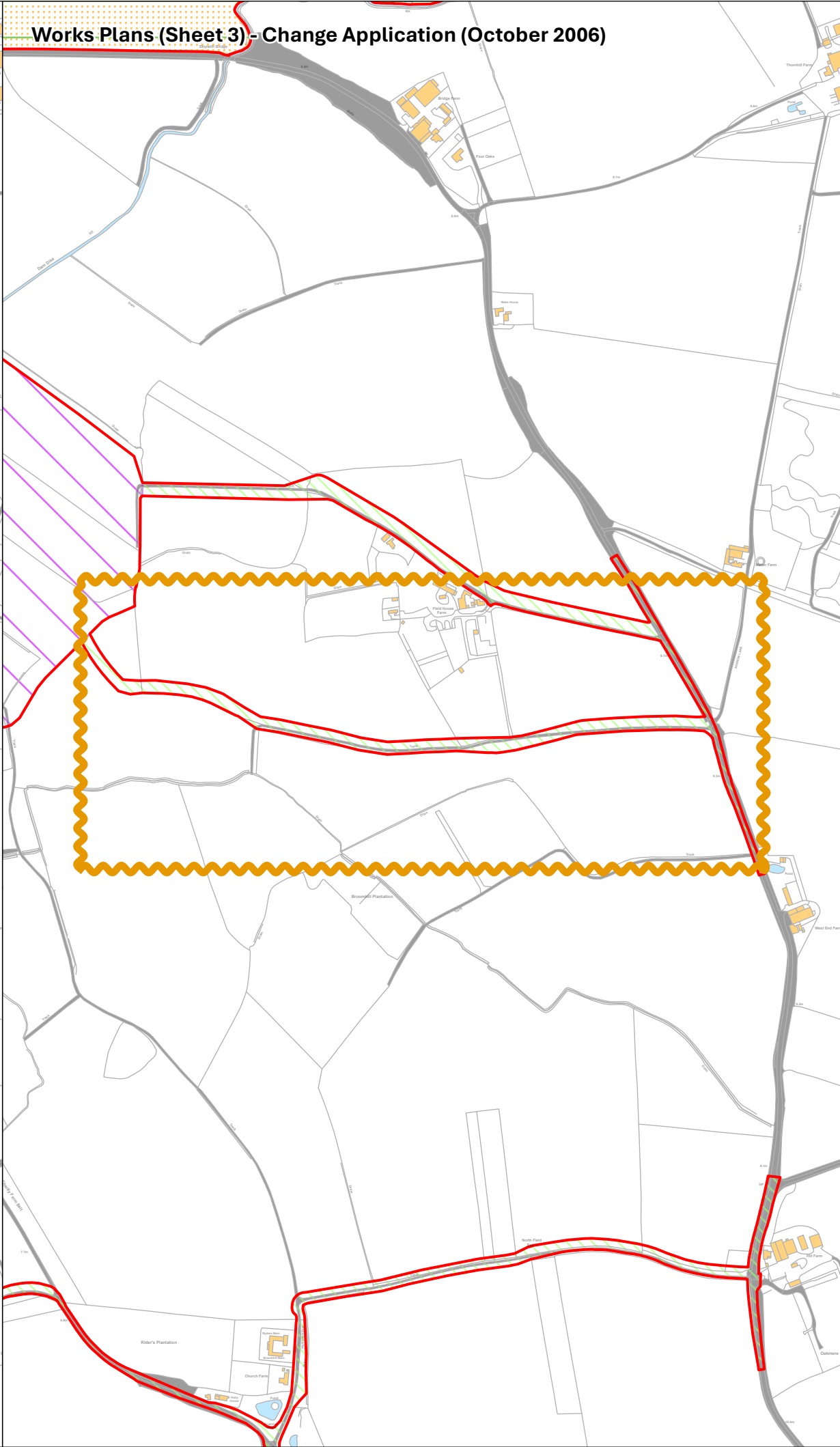
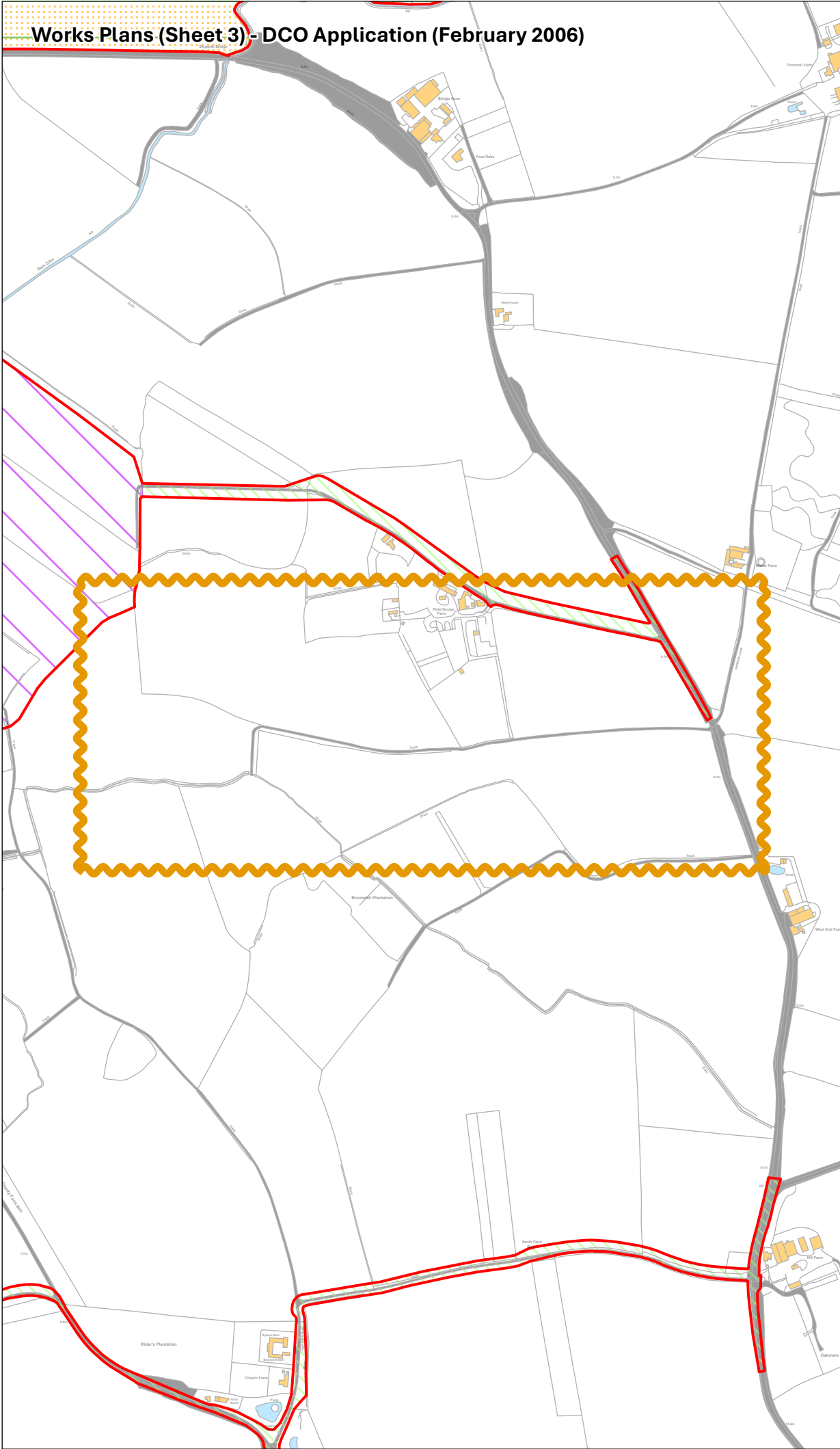
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- Order Limits
- Land not included within Order Limits
- Order Limit Reduction





Annex C Comparison figures showing the proposed changes





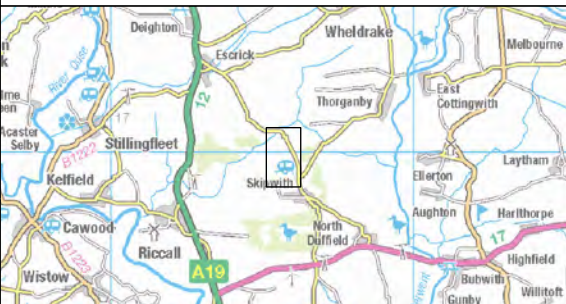
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-  Order Limits
- Works Number**
-  5 - Electrical cables
-  6 - General works including fencing, landscaping, accesses and drainage
-  8A - Temporary construction, maintenance and decommissioning access
-  9B - Habitat management area
- Changes to Application**
-  Change 1: Alternative Access Routes for Access CA2

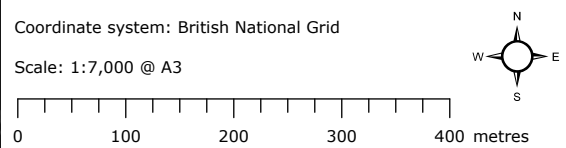
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Works Plans (Sheet 10) - DCO Application (February 2006)

Works Plans (Sheet 10) - Change Application (October 2006)

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Works Plans Comparison
- Change 2

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- Legend:
-  Order Limits
 - Works Number**
 -  8A - Temporary construction, maintenance and decommissioning access
 - Changes to Application**
 -  Change 2: Abnormal Indivisible Loads Access to CA19 via Harry Moor Lane

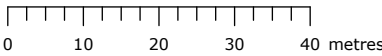
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- Order Limits
 - Works Number**
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 - 1(d) - Solar PV cabling
 - 6 - General works including fencing, landscaping, accesses and drainage
 - Changes to Application**
 - Change 3: Solar Development Site 6 Reduction

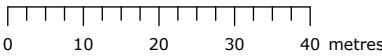
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Works Plans Comparison
- Change 4A

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- Works Number**
- 1 - Solar PV generating station
- 1(d) - Solar PV cabling
- 5 - Electrical cables
- 6 - General works including fencing, landscaping, accesses and drainage
- 8B - Permanent access
- Changes to Application**
- Change 4: Visibility Splays for
Accesses 1 and 3 of Solar
Development Site 4

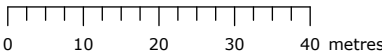
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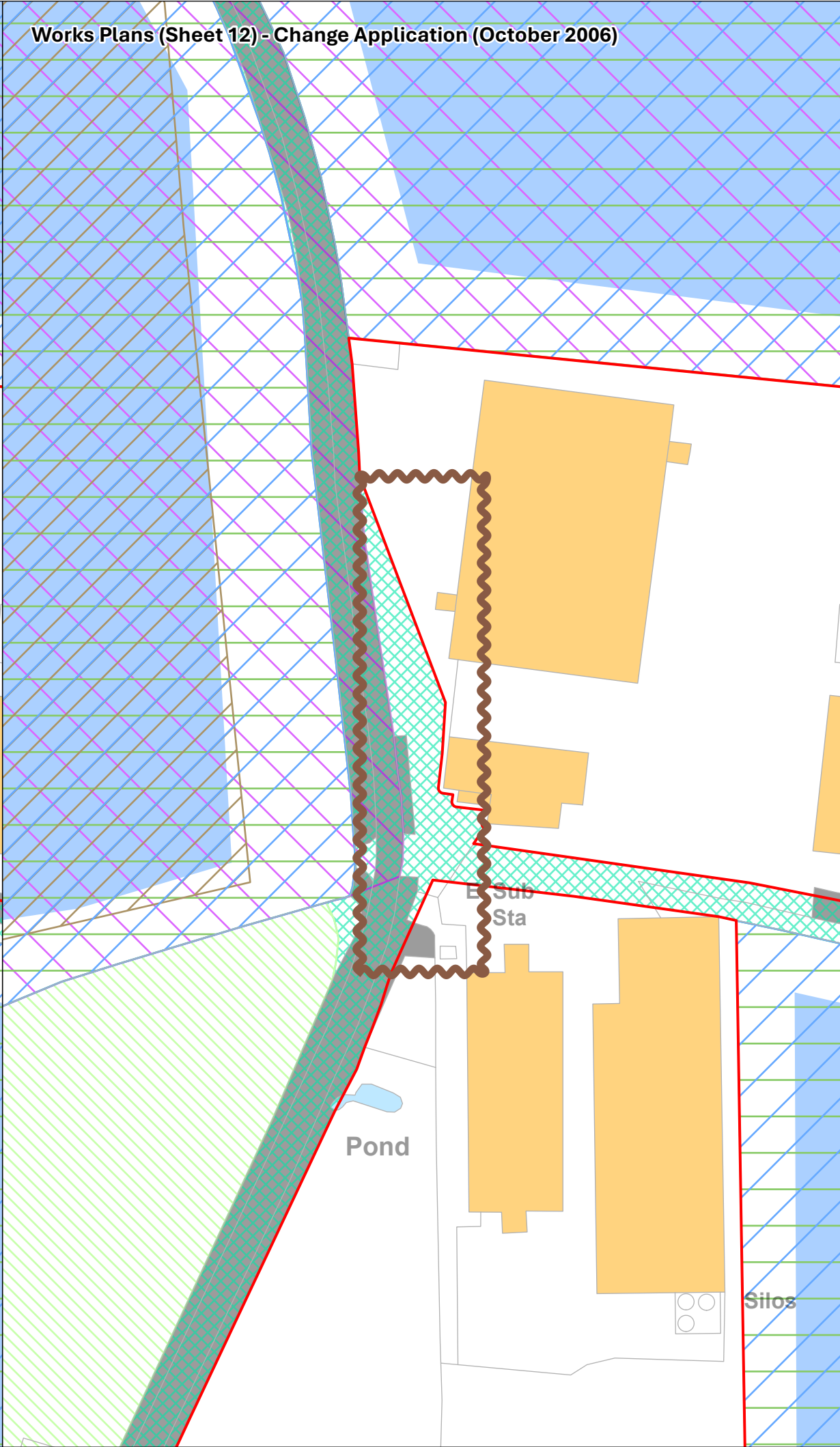
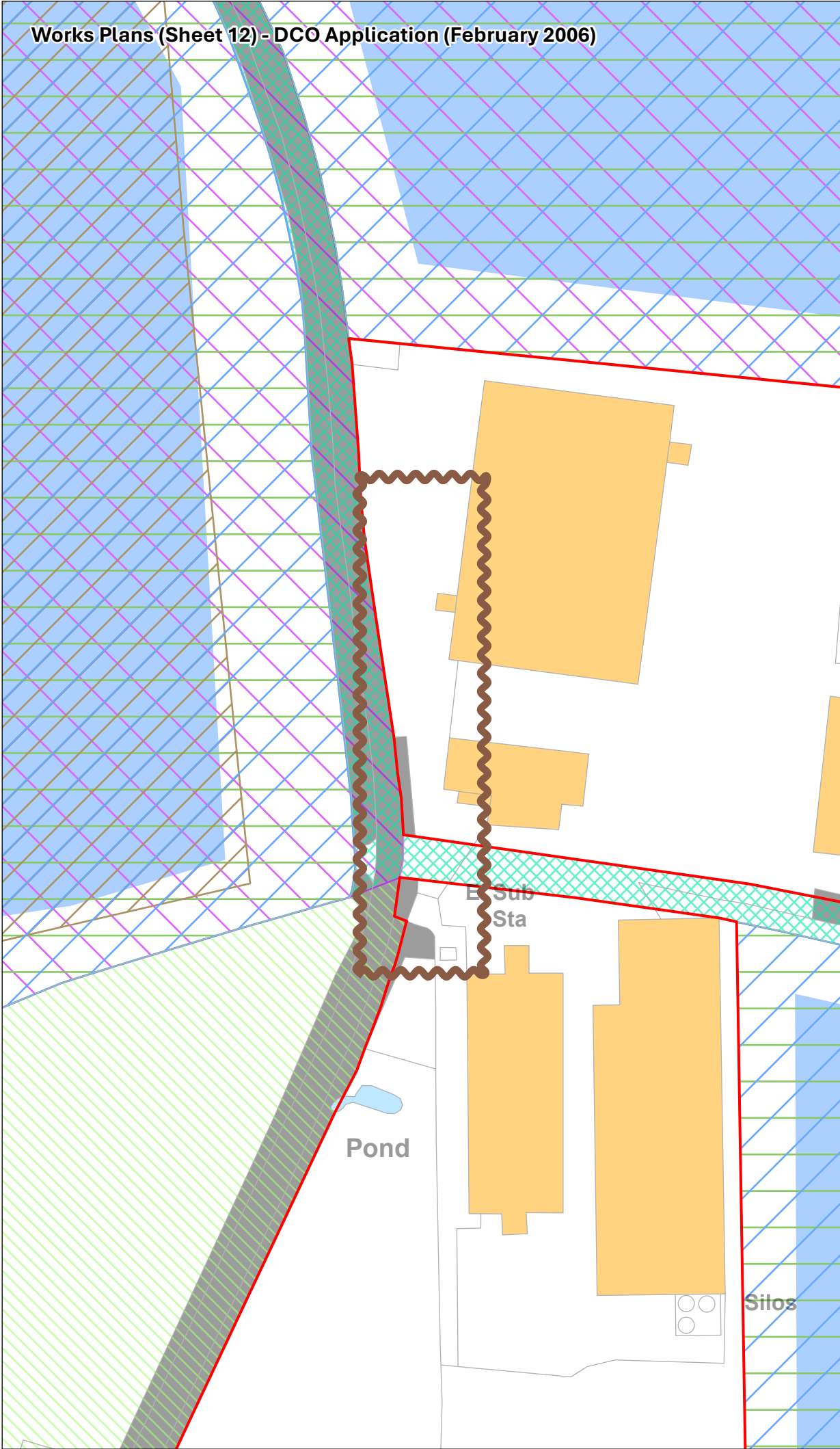


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Works Plans Comparison
- Change 4B

Document:

Change Application

Legend:

Order Limits

Works Number

1 - Solar PV generating station

1(d) - Solar PV cabling

5 - Electrical cables

6 - General works including fencing, landscaping, accesses and drainage

7 - Solar PV temporary construction and decommissioning laydown areas

8A - Temporary construction, maintenance and decommissioning access

8B - Permanent access

Changes to Application



Change 4: Visibility Splays for
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Works Plans Comparison
- Change 5

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Change Application

- Legend:
- Order Limits
 - Works Number**
 - 1 - Solar PV generating station
 - 1(d) - Solar PV cabling
 - 3 - Substation
 - 5 - Electrical cables
 - 6 - General works including fencing, landscaping, accesses and drainage
 - Changes to Application**
 - Change 5: Extension of 275 kV On-Site Substation Compound

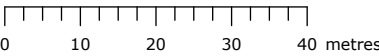
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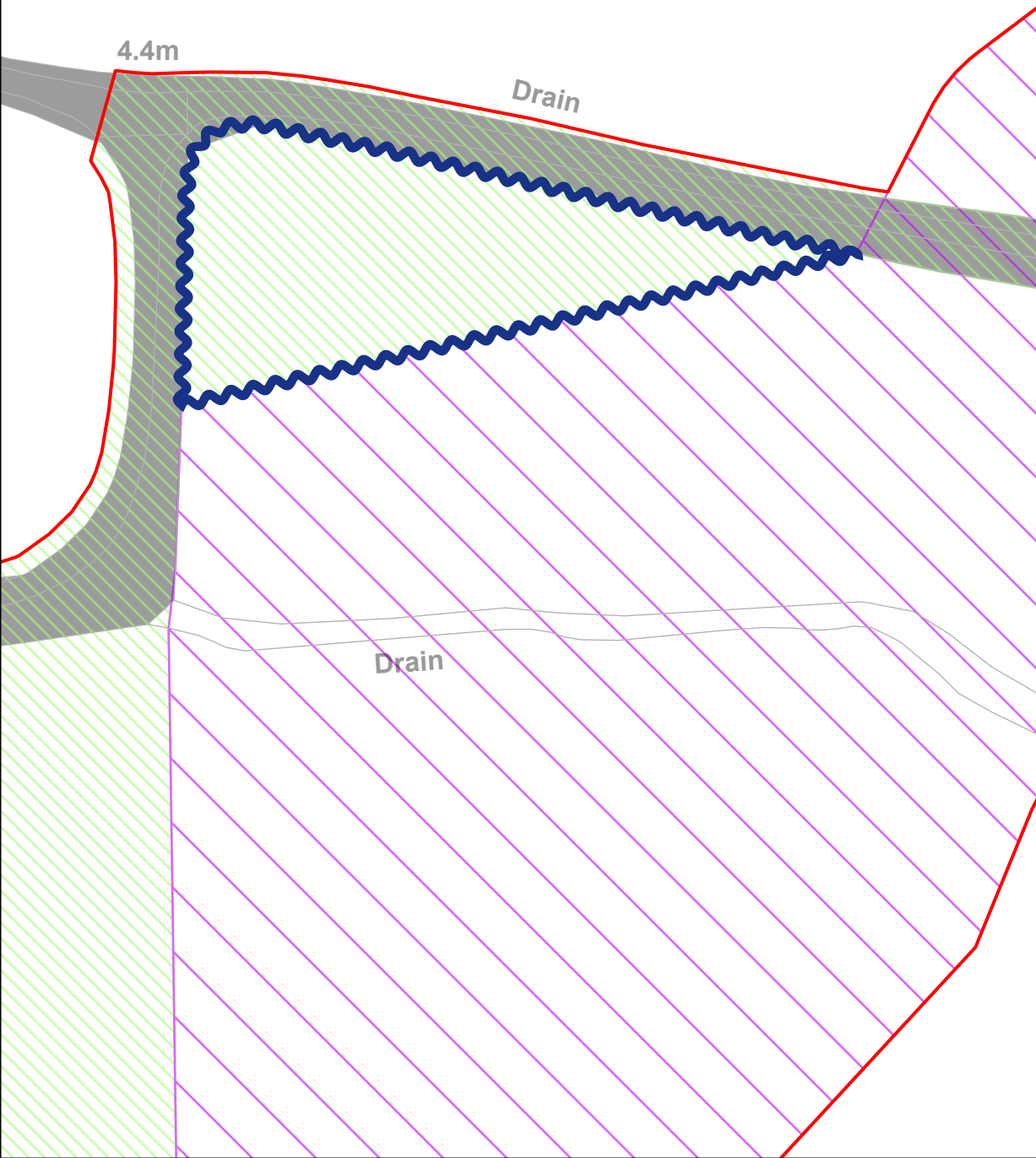
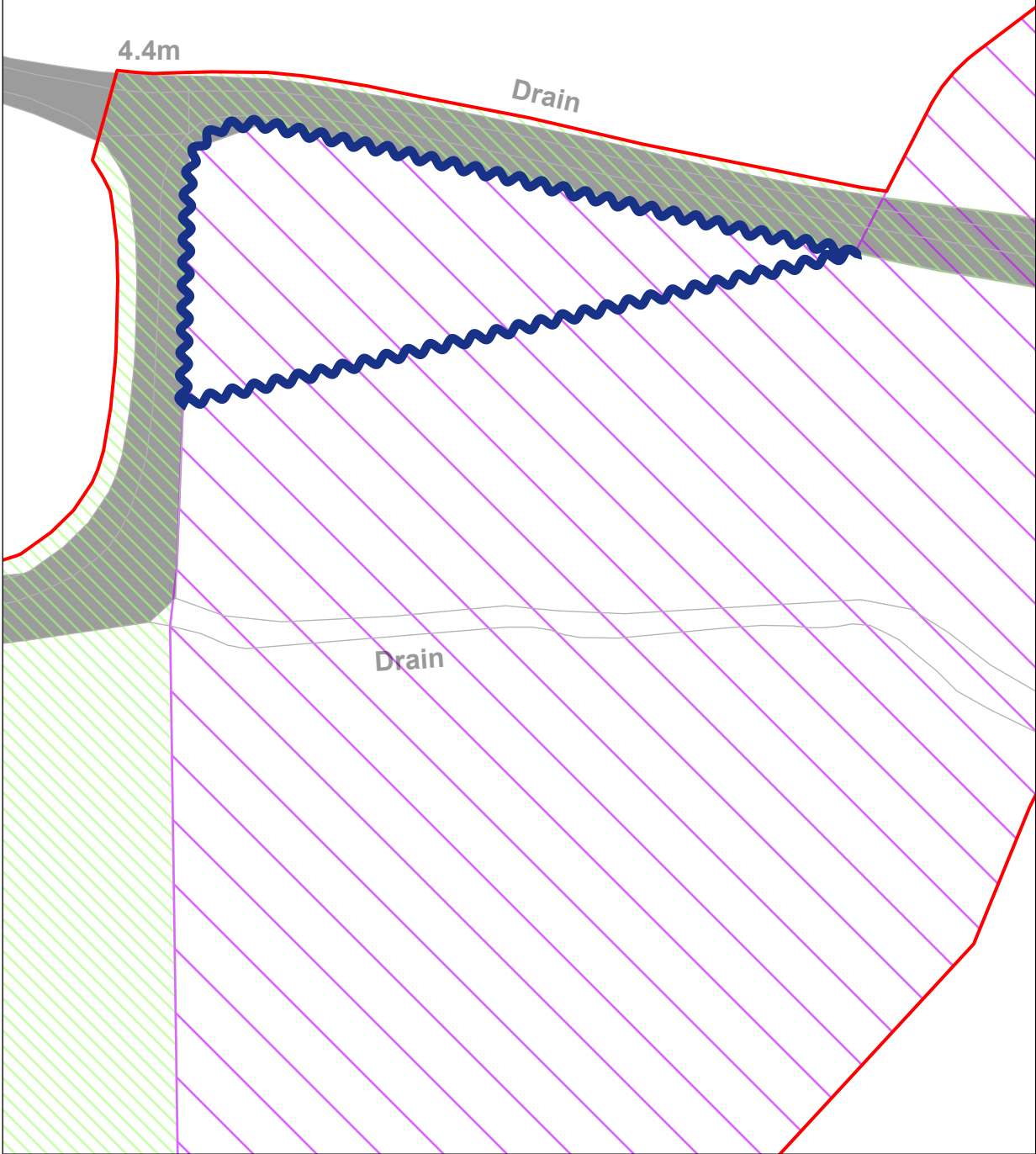


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- Change 6

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Change Application

- Legend:
-  Order Limits
 - Works Number**
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 - Changes to Application**
 -  Change 6: Cable Route Corridor East of Garman Carr Lane



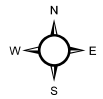
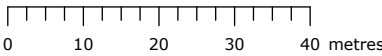
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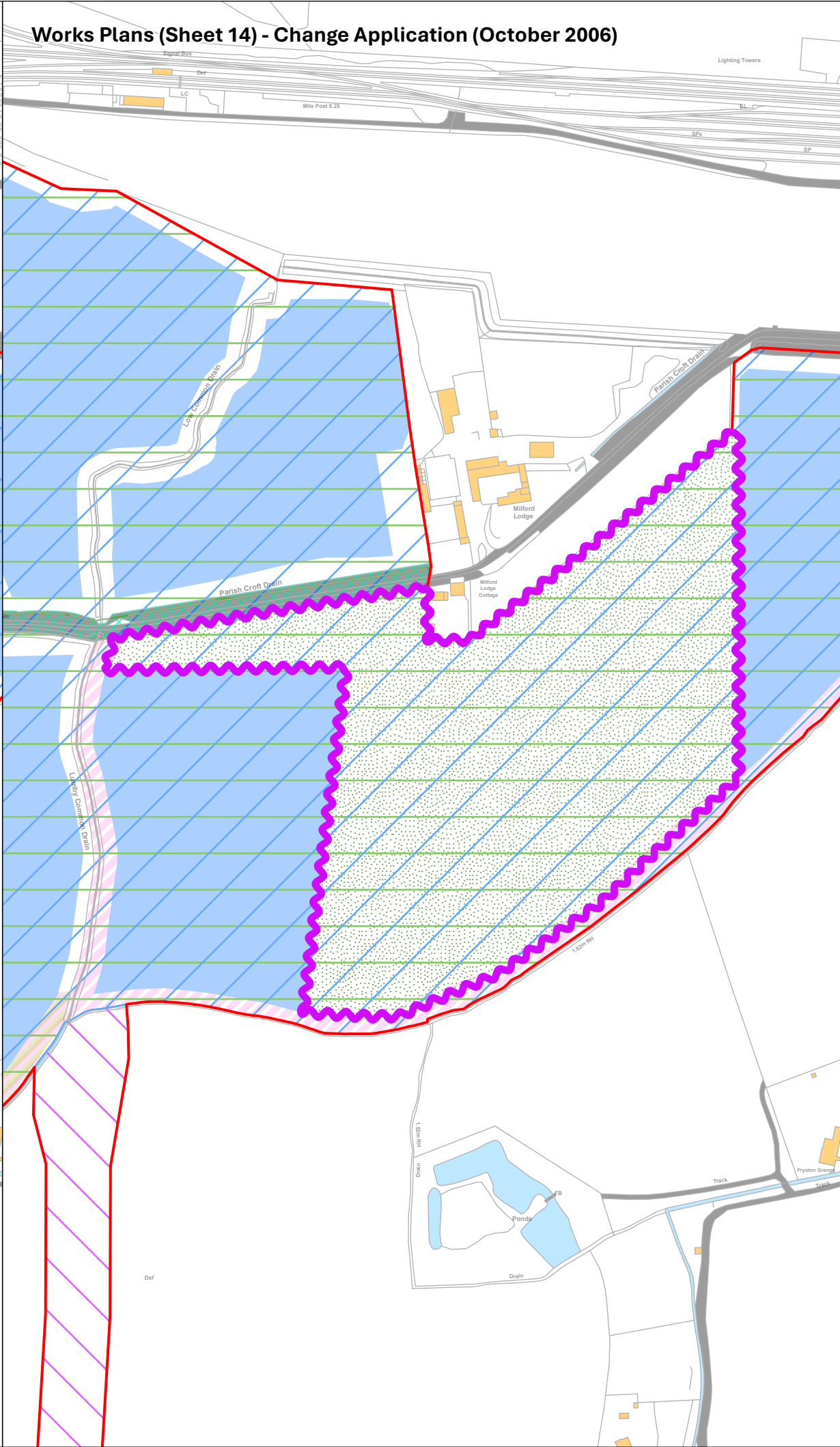
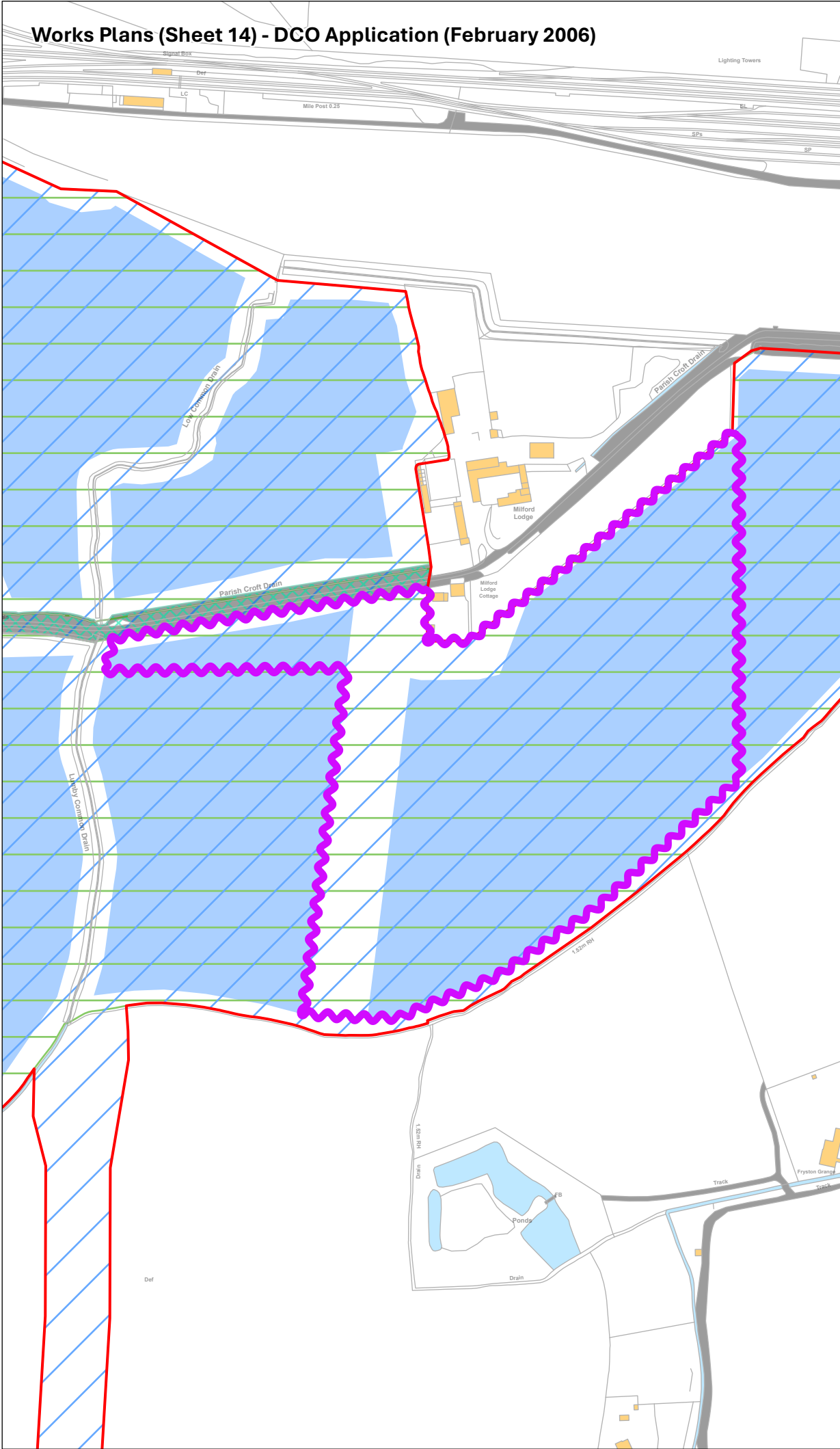


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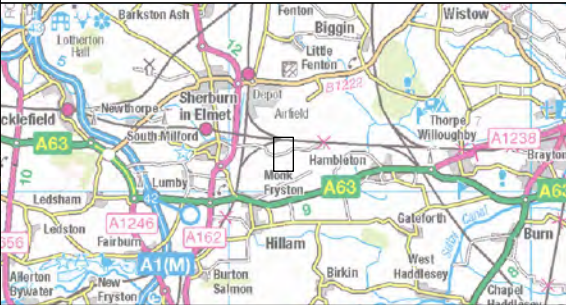


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- Change 7

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 - 8B - Permanent access
 - Changes to Application**
 - Change 7: Solar Development Site 6 Bird Habitat Area

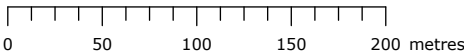
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- Change 9

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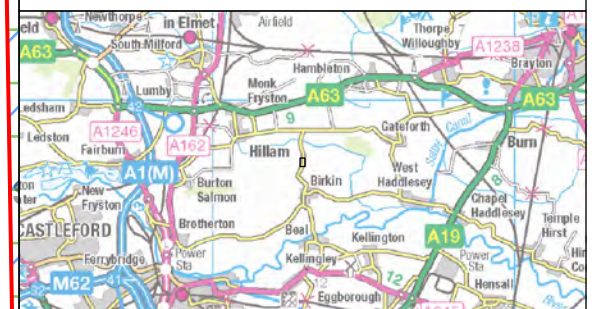
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Changes to Application

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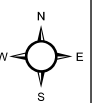
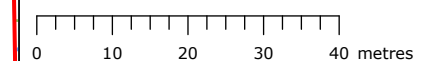
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