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Environmental Statement

**Chapter 7:** Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment  
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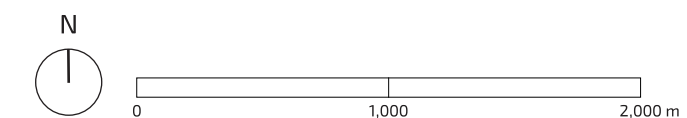
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Public Rights of Way

Bridleway

Footpath

Restricted Byway

(Source: ArcGIS Hub Public Rights of Way England)

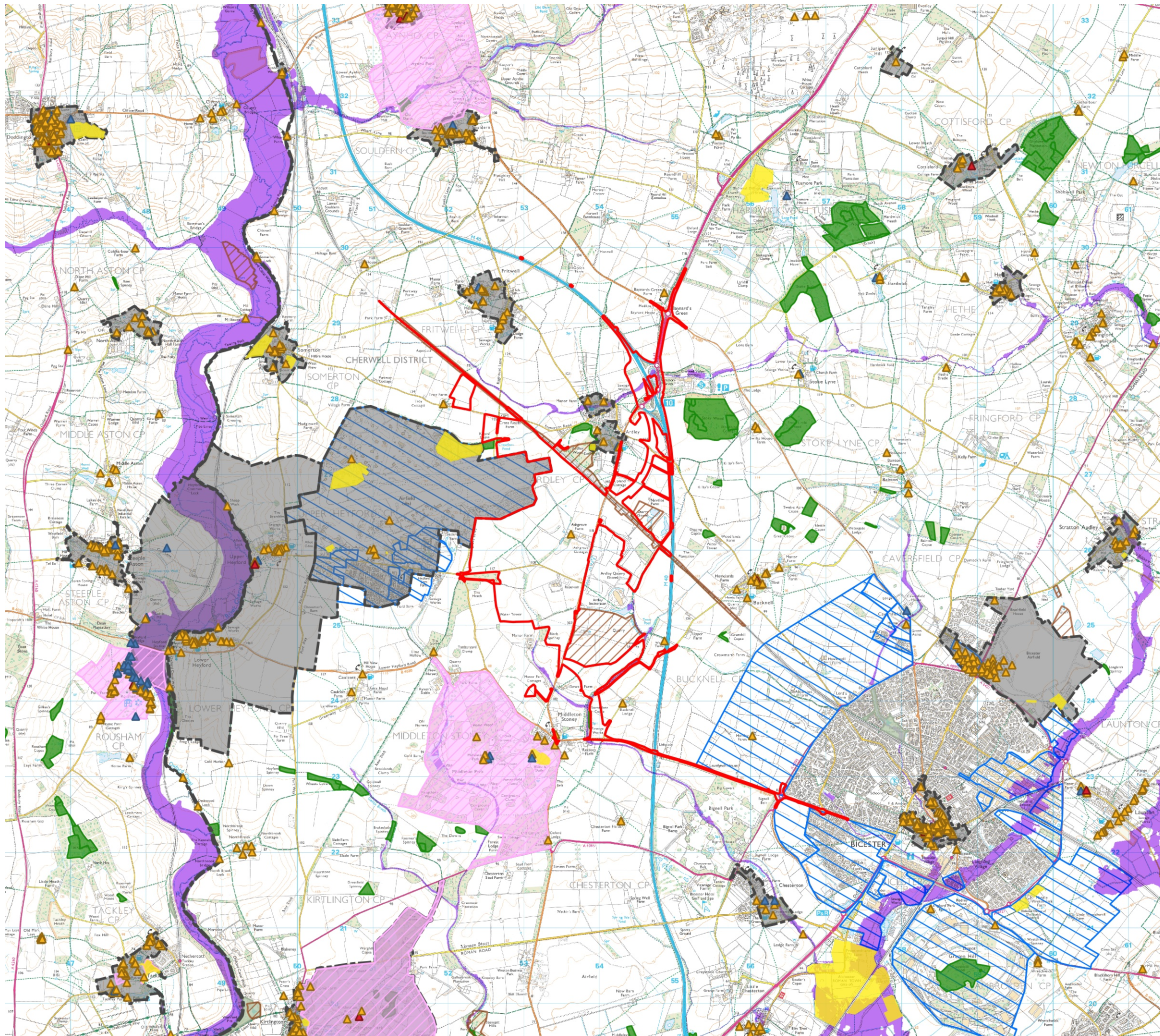
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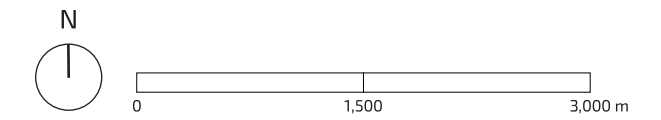
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- Ancient Woodland
- Local Nature Reserves
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest
- Conservation Areas
- Parks and Gardens
- Scheduled Monuments
- Flood Zone 3
- Cherwell Local Plan Allocations & Potential Development Sites

Listed Buildings

- Grade I
- Grade II
- Grade II\*

(Sources: Environment Agency; Historic England; Natural England; Adopted Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031)

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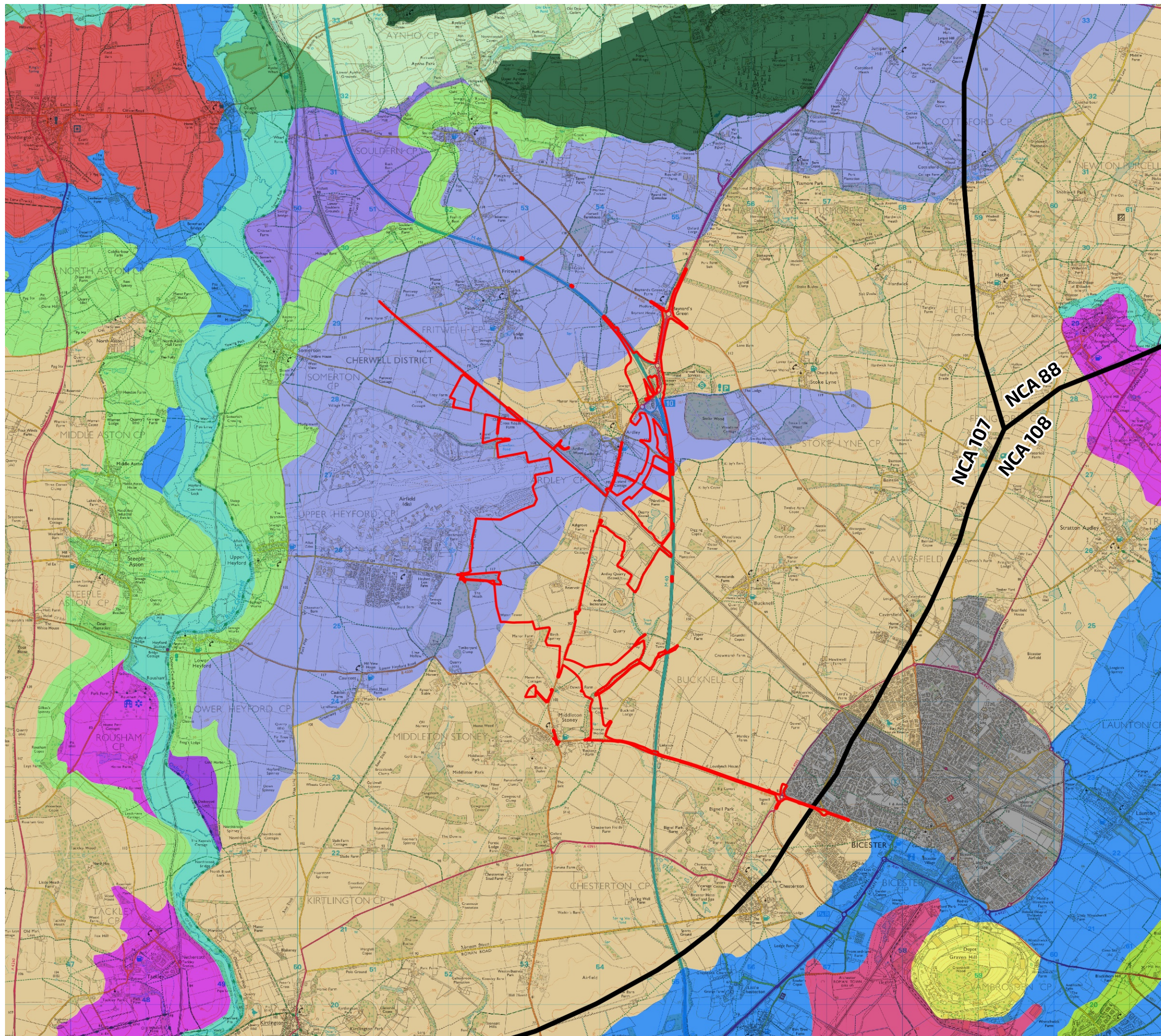
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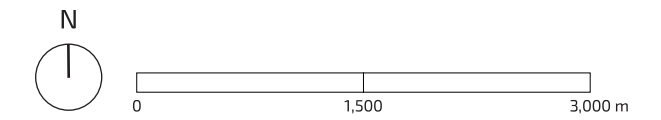
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- National Character Areas
  - NCA 88: Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Claylands
  - NCA 107: Cotswolds
  - NCA 108: Upper Clay Thames Vales

**Northamptonshire Landscape Character Assessment, 2010**

- LCA 10a: Croughton, Aynho and Farthinghoe Plateau
- LCA 13a: Middleton Cheyney and Woodford Halse
- LCA 17a: River Cherwell Floodplain

**Oxfordshire Wildlife and Landscape Study, 2004**

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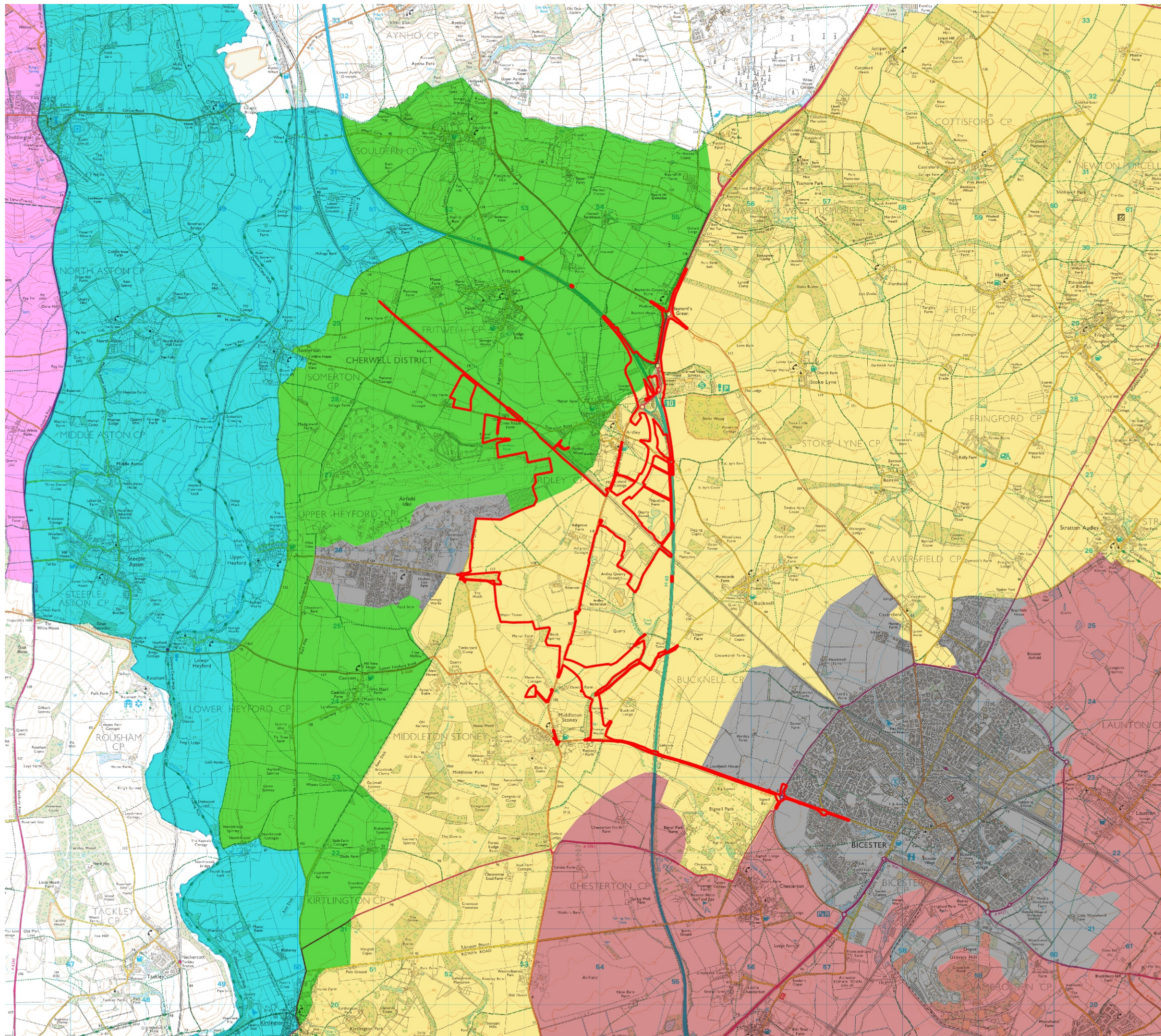
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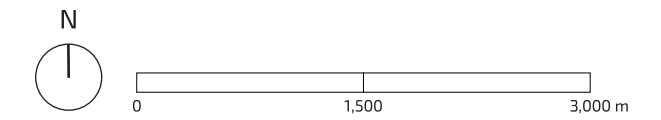
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**Landscape Character Assessment for Cherwell District, September 2024**

-  Urban Areas
-  Cherwell Valley
-  Ironstone Hills and Valleys
-  Otmoor Lowlands
-  Oxfordshire Estate Farmlands
-  Upper Heyford Plateau

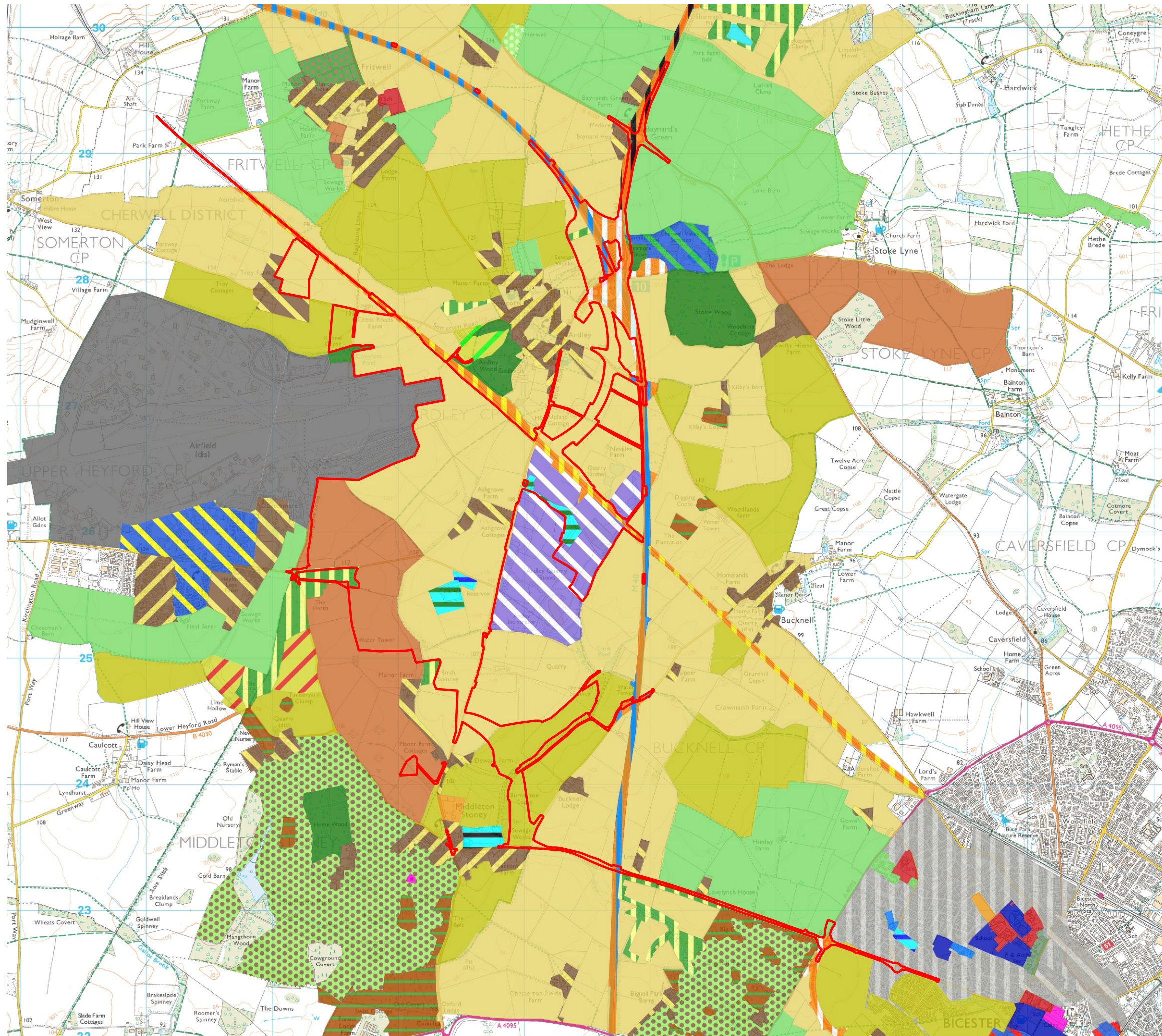
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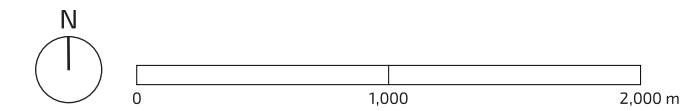
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**Oxfordshire Historic Landscape Characterisation**

- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Assarted Enclosure                          | Communication Rail transport sites |
| Enclosure Reclaimed land                    | Industry Extractive Works          |
| Planned Enclosure                           | Military Military Airfield         |
| Piecemeal Enclosure                         | Orchard and Hort Allotment         |
| Prairie / Amalgamated Enclosure             | Orn Domestic Garden                |
| Reorganised Enclosures                      | Orn Parkland / Designed Landscape  |
| Civic Amenities Reservoir                   | Recreation Community Centre        |
| Civic Amenities Sewerage Treatment Works    | Recreation Sports Facilities       |
| Civic Amenities Waste Disposal              | Rural Country House                |
| Civil Provision Educational Facility        | Rural Village                      |
| Civil Provision Gov Office and Civic Centre | Rural Farmstead                    |
| Civil Provision Religious and Funerary      | Urban Historic Urban Core          |
| Commercial Business Park                    | Urban Town                         |
| Commercial Retail park                      | Water Fresh Water Body             |
| Commercial Road Side Service Centre         | Woodland Ancient Woodland          |
| Communication Main Road                     | Woodland Plantation                |
| Communication Major Road Junction           | Woodland Secondary Woodland        |
| Communication Motorways                     | Woodland Woodland Pasture          |

(Source: Oxfordshire County Council HLC)

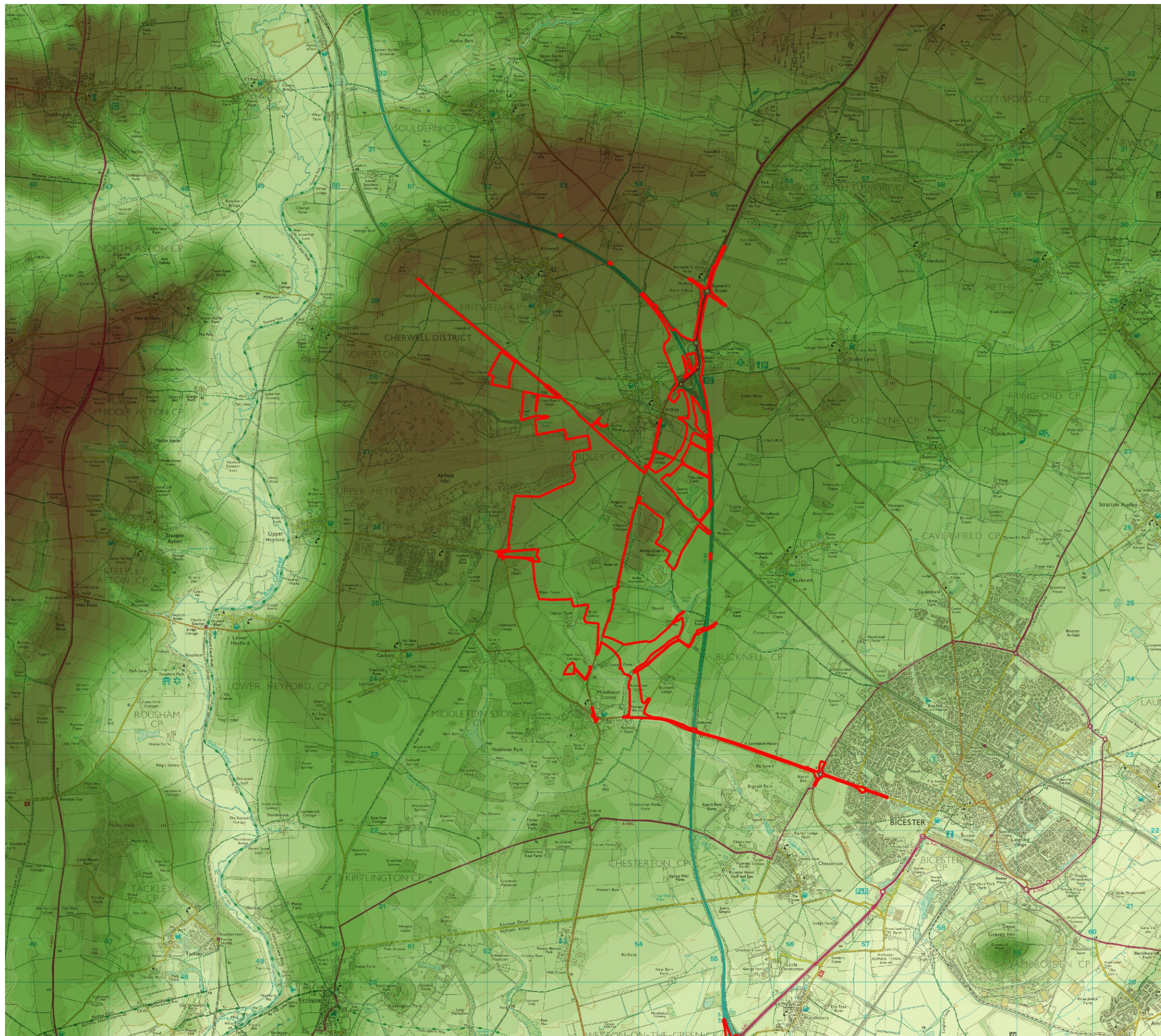
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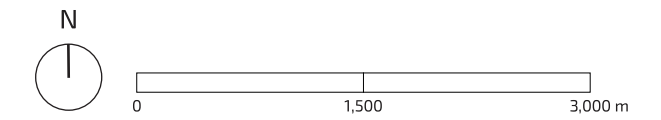
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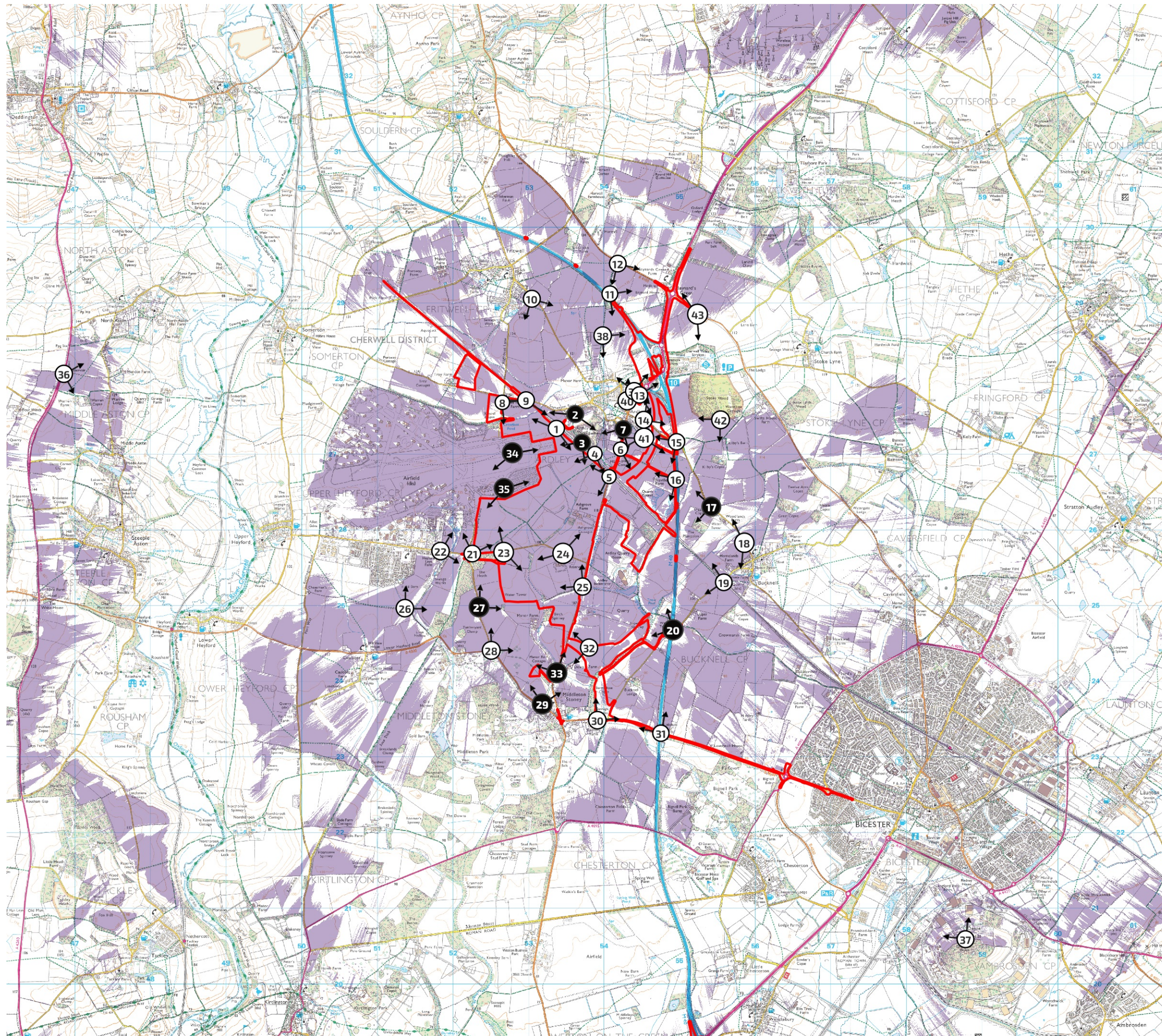
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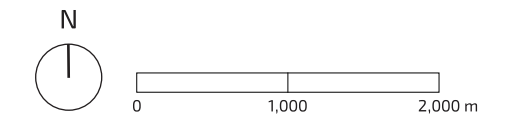
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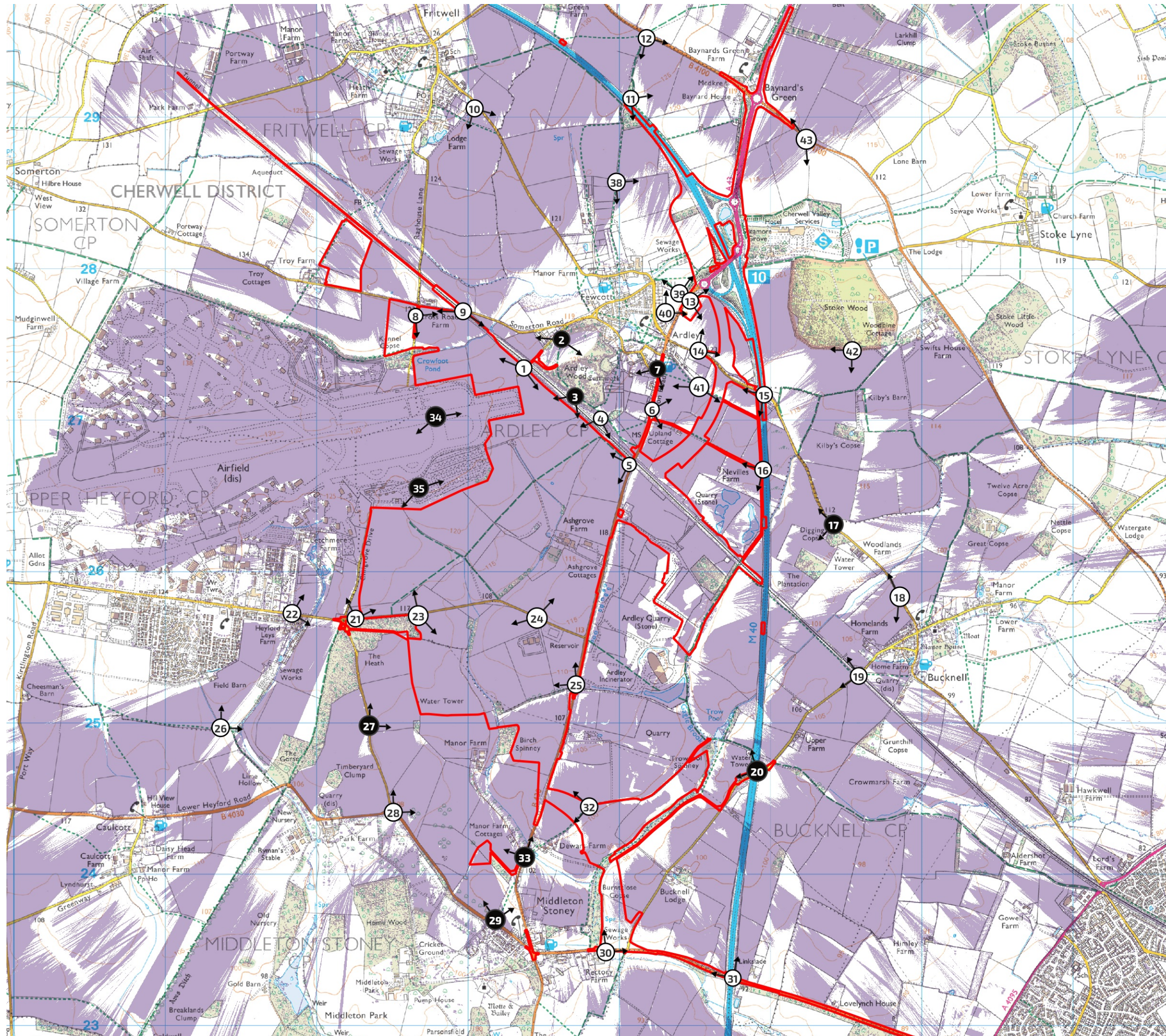
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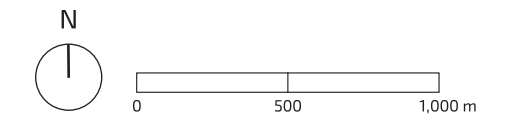
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**FIGURE 7.8(b)**

