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Executive Summary

- ES1 The objective of the hedgerow survey was to determine whether targeted hedgerows on Site (where Scheme impacts were known or predicted) are classed as 'Important', under the Hedgerows Regulations 1997 (as amended) (Ref. 1), when assessed against the Wildlife and Landscape Criteria.
- ES2 Hedgerow surveys were carried out between 16 August and 1 October 2023 by an experienced ecologist, in accordance with the Wildlife and Landscape Criteria described in the Hedgerows Regulations 1997 and the methods within the Hedgerow Survey Handbook (Ref. 2). Each hedgerow surveyed was assigned a unique identifier number.
- ES3 A total of 47.9% of the hedgerows that were surveyed are classified as 'Important' hedgerows in terms of the Landscape and Wildlife Criteria stated in the Hedgerows Regulations 1997 (as amended) (Ref. 1).
- ES4 The hedgerows that were targeted for survey across the Site are overall species-poor (average of 3.75 qualifying woody species per 30 m section of hedgerow surveyed). However, many of the hedgerows present have enough qualifying Associated Features to be classified as 'Important' under the Hedgerows Regulations 1997 (as amended). Of particular note, is that nearly half of the hedgerows qualifying as 'Important' do so based upon their recorded average number of qualifying Woody Species and Associated Features being elevated above the threshold of 'Importance' because they are located adjacent to a Public Right of Way.
- ES5 Many of the hedgerows assessed include large and/or frequent gaps, whilst others are species-poor, or comprise a limited species-diversity. Therefore, it is considered that there is significant scope to enhance the retained sections of hedgerows present across the Site, through additional planting increasing species-richness, through the filling-in of hedgerow gaps, and through the adoption of more sympathetic hedgerow management in certain instances, particularly in regard to management of associated hedgerow ground flora and leaving margins adjacent to hedgerows.

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 Hedgerow surveys were completed for East Yorkshire Solar Farm (hereafter referred to as the 'Scheme') where Scheme impacts were known or predicted – 121 hedgerows were targeted for survey.
- 1.1.2 The Scheme will comprise: the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) generating panels (the 'Solar PV Site'), associated grid connection (comprising the 'Interconnecting Cable Corridor' and 'Grid Connection Corridor'), access points ('Site Accesses') and 'Ecology Mitigation Area' – collectively referred to as the 'Site'. The boundary of the Site is referred to as the 'Order limits'.
- 1.1.3 Further information on the Scheme and Site is provided in **Chapter 2: The Scheme, ES Volume 1 [EN010143/APP/6.1]**.
- 1.1.4 In areas around the solar PV arrays and within Ecology Mitigation Areas 1g and 1h, opportunities for landscaping, biodiversity enhancements and habitat management have been explored.
- 1.1.5 The landscape features within the Site consist predominately of agricultural fields with areas of woodland, grassland and boundary features including hedgerows, tree lines and watercourses/ditches. There are several woodlands located adjacent to the Site and surrounding area, including deciduous woodland priority habitat.

1.2 Aims and Objectives

- 1.2.0 The objective of the hedgerow survey was to determine whether targeted hedgerows within the Site (where Scheme impacts were known or predicted) are classed as 'Important', under the Hedgerows Regulations 1997 (as amended) (Ref. 1) (hereafter referred to as the '1997 Regulations'), when assessed against the 1997 Regulations Wildlife and Landscape Criteria.
- 1.2.1 This report contains the following information:
- Relevant legislation;
 - Methods for desk and field based assessments;
 - Limitations to the survey undertaken and any assumptions made as a result of incomplete data;
 - Survey results; and
 - Conclusions
- 1.2.2 This report is a technical appendix to accompany **Chapter 8: Ecology, ES Volume 1 [EN010143/APP/6.1]**.

1.3 Legislation

- 1.3.0 A hedgerow is defined by Defra (Ref. 2) as: *"Any boundary line of trees or shrubs over 20 m [metres] long and less than 5 m wide, provided that at one time the trees or shrubs were more or less continuous. It includes an earth bank or wall only where such a feature occurs in association with a line of trees or shrubs."*

- 1.3.1 The 1997 Regulations (Ref. 1), made under the Environment Act 1995 (Ref. 3), were introduced in England and Wales in 1997 in order to protect this characteristic element of the countryside.
- 1.3.2 The 1997 Regulations prevent the removal of most countryside hedgerows without first submitting a hedgerow removal notice to the local planning authority. This is not required if the removal is part of a planning application, but consideration and adoption of the 1997 Regulations can still be beneficial for the purposes of consistent assessment.
- 1.3.3 Under the 1997 Regulations, criteria are established that are to be used by the local planning authority to determine which hedgerows are 'Important'. The criteria relate to the value of the hedgerows from an archaeological, historical, landscape or ecological perspective.
- 1.3.4 The 1997 Regulations (Ref. 1) provide a series of comprehensive assessments to identify 'Important' hedgerows. Note that a hedgerow is not protected if it is in, or marks the boundary of, a private garden. To qualify as 'Important' under the 1997 Regulations, the hedgerow must comply with the following list of criteria:
- a. It must have a continuous length of or exceeding 20m;
 - b. Have a continuous length of less than 20m, but meet another hedgerow (by intersection or junction) at each end; and
 - c. It must be more than 30 years old.
- 1.3.5 In addition to the above criteria, to be deemed 'Important', a hedgerow must meet one or more of the following criteria (refer also to **Annex A**):
- a. The hedgerow contains a species of bird, animal or plant listed on Part 1 of Schedule 1, Schedule 5 or Schedule 8 within the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) (Ref. 4);
 - b. The hedgerow is adjacent to a Public Right of Way (PRoW), such as a bridleway, footpath, road used by a public path, or a byway open to all traffic, and contains at least four woody species (as defined in Schedule 3 of the 1997 Regulations, on average, in a 30m length, plus at least two Associated Features within Part II Criteria;
 - c. The hedgerow includes one or more of the following:
 - i. At least seven woody species, on average, in a 30m length;
 - ii. At least six woody species, on average, in a 30m length, plus at least three Associated Features within Part II Criteria;
 - iii. At least six woody species including a black poplar (*Populus nigra* subsp. *Betulifolia*); large-leaved lime (*Tilia platyphyllos*), small-leaved lime (*Tilia cordata*) or wild service tree (*Sorbus torminalis*);
or
 - iv. At least five woody species¹, on average, in a 30m length and at least four Associated Features within Part II Criteria.

¹ The number of woody species is reduced by one in northern English counties, including the East Riding of Yorkshire. The list of 56 qualifying woody species comprises mainly shrubs and trees. It generally excludes climbers, such as clematis (*Clematis vitalba*), honeysuckle

1.4 Local Biodiversity Action Plan

- 1.4.0 Hedgerows are listed as an East Riding of Yorkshire Biodiversity Action Plan (ERYBAP) habitat (Ref. 5) but are described as being widespread.
- 1.4.1 Ancient and/or species-rich hedgerows are included in the Selby Biodiversity Action Plan (SBAP) (Ref. 6).

2. Methodology

- 2.1.1 Hedgerow surveys were carried out between 16 August and 1 October 2023 by an experienced ecologist, in accordance with the Wildlife and Landscape Criteria described in the 1997 Regulations and the methods within the Hedgerow Survey Handbook (Ref. 2).
- 2.1.2 Each hedgerow was assigned a unique identifier number and the relevant hedgerows (i.e., those where potential impacts were identified) were surveyed and assessed against the Wildlife and Landscape Criteria, detailed in the 1997 Regulations. Hedgerows assessed as historically Important under the 1997 Regulations are shown on **Figure 8-4-1 (Annex C)** in addition to those assessed as 'Important' against the Wildlife and Landscape Criteria.
- 2.1.3 Any hedgerows within the Site that are not included within this report were scoped out of requiring any further assessment due to the lack of potential impacts from the Scheme.
- 2.1.4 Whilst the primary aim of the survey work undertaken was to determine the presence and distribution of 'Important' hedgerows, the survey data collected can also be used to evaluate hedgerows as being species-rich or species-poor. In addition, the data can be used to assess whether the hedgerows surveyed qualify as Priority Habitats under Section 41 of The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (NERC) 2007 (Ref. 7), which encompasses all predominantly (>80%) native hedgerows regardless of their 'Importance' or Species-richness.
- 2.1.5 Species-rich hedgerows are those that have an average of four or more qualifying woody species per 30m survey section (in the north of England). Species-poor hedgerows are those with an average of less than four qualifying woody species per 30m survey section.
- 2.1.6 Each 30m sections were sampled in accordance with Schedule 1 Part II Wildlife and Landscape 7(3) of the 1997 Regulations, where:
 - a. The length of the hedgerow does not exceed 30 m, count the number of woody species present in the hedgerow;
 - b. The length of the hedgerow exceeds 30m, but does not exceed 100m, count the number of woody species present in the central stretch of 30m;
 - c. The length of the hedgerow exceeds 100m, but does not exceed 200m, count the number of woody species present in the central stretch of 30m within each half of the hedgerow and divide the aggregate by two; or

(*Lonicera periclymenum*) and bramble (*Rubus fruticosus agg.*) but includes wild roses (*Rosa sp.*) – see **Annex A**

- d. The length of the hedgerow exceeds 200m, count the number of woody species present in the central stretch of 30m within each third of the hedgerow and divide the aggregate by three.

2.2 Assumptions and Limitations

- 2.2.1 The majority of the 121 hedgerows that were targeted for survey (HR1 – HR121) could be fully surveyed, with both sides of each hedgerow surveyed, with the exception of some land access restrictions. In such circumstances hedgerows were assessed to the full extent possible within the permitted access restrictions (e.g., from the road-side only for the majority of the hedgerows present around National Grid Drax Substation). Twenty-eight hedgerows could be surveyed from one-side only, namely: HR1, HR2, HR41, HR42, HR43, HR47, HR48, HR52, HR53, HR55, HR76, HR77, HR78, HR80, HR92, HR93, HR94, HR95, HR96, HR97, HR105, HR107, HR111, HR112, HR113, HR114, HR117, and HR119.
- 2.2.2 Eleven other hedgerows could be partially surveyed, namely: HR14, HR22, HR49, HR75, HR104, HR106, HR110, HR115, HR116, HR120 and HR121. Eight of these eleven hedgerows could be fully surveyed from one-side and partially surveyed from the other side. However, the remaining three hedgerows were subject to <50% survey overall due to access restrictions on one or both sides, namely HR75, HR120 and HR121. The main driver to a survey a hedgerow from both sides is to assess qualifying ground flora. However, given that none of the fully assessed hedgerows across the wider site recorded the necessary three qualifying woodland flora species, then the restrictions on access are considered highly unlikely to have affected the overall assessment of these hedgerows 'Importance'. The exception to this are HR75, HR120 and HR121, where access restrictions were significant and hence the results of these three hedgerows (all currently classified as 'Not Important') should be seen as preliminary results, with more detailed surveys recommended of these features if they are to be impacted and sufficient access can be obtained. Of these three, only HR120 is now likely to be affected due to design updates for construction accesses.
- 2.2.3 Hedgerows HR35 and HR58 were not fully surveyed against the 1997 Regulations. These hedgerows could potentially be subject to minor impacts (e.g., limited, targeted tree removal in one area), such that the areas subject to impact with at least 50m buffer zones either of the side of the impact zones were assessed. Should sections of hedgerow which have not been subject to a hedgerow survey be identified as requiring removal (e.g. temporarily to facilitate cable installation), then a pre-construction survey will be undertaken in accordance with the 1997 Regulations. Should the survey determine the hedgerow to be 'Important' then impacts to the hedgerow will be avoided if possible. This may involve adjusting the cable route, or installing cabling beneath the hedgerow by tunnelling using an auger on a 360 machine/excavator to avoid direct impact.
- 2.2.4 The main limitation of the hedgerow assessment completed was the timing of the surveys that were undertaken (16 August 2023 to 1 October 2023). Part of a 1997 Regulations assessment requires survey for the presence or absence of 57 qualifying ground flora species located within 1m of the hedgerow, with presence of three such species representing a qualifying Associated Feature. These species are largely early flowering species, which

- ideally require survey during May or early June. However, it should be highlighted that the ground flora is largely species-poor across the wider Site regardless of whether the hedgerow in question borders an arable field (majority of the hedgerows) or a field utilised for pasture (minority of the hedgerows). Furthermore, in a number of instances the ground flora has been completely removed or largely removed, with only a small strip of vegetation present adjacent to the hedgerow being surveyed, which in most instances is dominated by common coarse grasses and ruderal species.
- 2.2.5 A more interesting and species-rich ground flora is present along some of the hedgerow roadside verges. However, no more than two qualifying ground flora species were recorded at any one assessed hedgerow, such that none of the hedgerows surveyed had this variable as a qualifying Associated Feature (see **Annex B**). It should be noted that only six of the hedgerows assessed as 'Not Important' (HR16, HR51, HR58, HR102, HR120 and HR121) could potentially become re-classified as 'Important' hedgerows should three qualifying woodland species actually be recorded following an optimally timed survey. However, this is considered highly unlikely regarding hedgerows HR16, HR51 and HR58 given the ground flora species recorded during the current survey work (no qualifying species recorded at any of these three hedgerows) and given their locations within the wider landscape. It is also considered unlikely regarding hedgerows HR102 (one qualifying ground flora species recorded), HR120 and HR121 (no qualifying ground flora species recorded), but neither of these two hedgerows could be fully surveyed due to access restrictions and both border broadleaved woodland at their eastern extents, which increases the potential of qualifying woodland ground flora species to be present). As such, the timing of the hedgerows surveys is still considered largely robust.
- 2.2.6 Given the large number of hedgerow trees requiring survey, the DBH ('diameter at breast height') of each tree present was estimated rather than measured to assess whether it qualified as a 'Standard' tree using the 1997 Regulations stated guidance (i.e., multi-stem trees at least 2 x 15 centimetre (cm) stems present, single stemmed tree 1 x 20cm stem present). A precautionary approach was adopted, and hence trees were included as qualifying standards where there was any doubt regarding their DBH being sufficiently large enough.
- 2.2.7 Where the age of a hedgerow was not known, a precautionary approach was taken based upon professional judgement. All hedgerows assessed were assumed to be at least 30 years old as there was no evidence or knowledge that would cast doubt on this assumption (see **Annex B**).
- 2.2.8 Where non-native lookalikes (species and races of non-British origin) had been planted or had self-sown in hedgerows these were not recorded. An example is non-native calycine hawthorn (*Crataegus rhipidophylla*) which can be mistaken for native common hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*). To include this species for the purposes of applying the 1997 Regulations would undermine the process of identifying 'Important' hedgerows, which should be based upon the diversity of the qualifying native tree and shrub species present.

3. Results

- 3.1.1 Frequently recorded qualifying woody species include common hawthorn, blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*), dog rose (*Rosa canina*), ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*) and Oak (*Quercus robur*). There is occasional elder (*Sambucus nigra*), field rose (*Rosa arvensis*), field maple (*Acer campestre*), hazel (*Corylus avellana*), sessile oak (*Quercus petraea*), and crab apple (*Malus sylvestris*), and very occasional alder (*Alnus glutinosa*), common dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*), wych elm (*Ulmus glabra*), English elm (*Ulmus procera*), guelder rose (*Viburnum opulus*), silver birch (*Betula pendula*), rowan (*Sorbus subg. Sorbus*), grey poplar (*Populus x canescens*), beech (*Fagus sylvatica*), wild cherry (*Prunus avium*), holly (*Ilex aquifolium*), wayfaring tree (*Viburnum lantana*), pine sp. (*Pinus sp.*) and gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) present at the Site.
- 3.1.2 A total of 47.9% of the hedgerows that were surveyed are classified as 'Important' hedgerows in terms of the Landscape and Wildlife Criteria stated in the 1997 Regulations. Nevertheless, it should be noted that nearly half of these hedgerows just make the minimum threshold to qualify as 'Important' (i.e. Criterion 8 of the 1997 Regulations) and would not have qualified if not located adjacent to a PRoW given their recorded number of qualifying woody species and Associated Features.
- 3.1.3 Two of the hedgerows qualified as 'Important' hedgerows² because they supported a known Schedule 1 bird species. It should be noted that neither of these two hedgerows would have qualified as 'Important' based upon their recorded number of qualifying woody species and/or Associated Features.
- 3.1.4 The majority of assessed hedgerows across the Site contain standard trees, including mature, veteran oak and ash. Of the 121 hedgerows assessed against the Wildlife and Landscape Criteria of the 1997 Regulations, 52 were recorded as supporting sufficient qualifying Standards to count as a qualifying 'Associated Feature' (see **Annex B**).
- 3.1.5 A summary of the Hedgerow Regulations survey results is presented in **Table 1**. Full results of the Hedgerow Regulations surveys are presented in **Annex B** with the locations of the 121 hedgerows surveyed presented in **Figure 8-4-1** in **Annex C**.
- 3.1.6 Although not required as part of the assessment of the hedgerows against the 1997 Regulations, it is worth highlighting that when the assessed hedgerows species-richness are averaged over the entire Site then on average the wider Site is considered species-poor (average number of qualifying woody species per 30m surveyed section = 3.75). Nevertheless, it should be noted that there is significant variance in hedgerow species-richness across different sections of the Site. Of the 121 hedgerows surveyed, 65 were assessed as being species-rich (i.e. comprise 4 or more qualifying native woody species on average). Also worth noting but not a requirement of the assessment against the 1997 Regulations is that all 121 hedgerows were assessed as Priority Habitats under the NREC Act (Ref. 8) given that they comprise >80% native woody species.

² These are identified in the confidential version of this report for statutory consultees only.

Table 1. Summary of Hedgerow Survey Results

Hedgerow reference (shown on Figure 8-4-1, Annex C)	Length (m)	Average number of woody species per 30 m section (Sch 1, Part II 7 (1))	Number of associated features (Sch 1, Part II 7 (4))	PRoW running parallel? (Sch 1, Part II 8)	Species-rich/poor? (average of four or more qualifying woody species in 30m section)	Hedgerow classified as 'Important' under the 1997 Regulations? ³
HR1	228	1.67	1	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR2	59	3	3	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR3	119	2.5	3	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR4	282	4.33	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR5	440	4	2	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR6	148	3	2	No	Species-poor	No
HR7	370	2.33	1	No	Species-poor	Yes
HR8	449	2.67	2	No	Species-poor	No
HR9	244	3.33	4	No	Species-poor	No
HR10	652	3.67	3	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR11	753	3	4	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR12	390	4	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR13	422	3	1	No	Species-poor	No
HR14	356	3.33	3	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR15	954	3.67	2	Yes	Species-poor	Yes
HR16	318	5.33	2	No	Species-rich	No
HR17	295	4.33	4	No	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR18	721	3.67	3	No	Species-poor	No

³ Where 'Criterion 8' is listed, this refers to Criterion 8 of the 1997 Regulations in relation to proximity to PRoW

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HR19	547	3	2	No	Species-poor	No
HR20	406	3.33	1	No	Species-poor	No
HR21	175	4.5	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR22	830	5	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR23	245	3.67	2	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR24	224	4	2	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR25	127	4	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR26	392	4.33	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR27	157	4.5	2	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR28	302	4.67	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR29	18	5	3	Yes	Species-rich	No (Special criteria as hedgerow is <20m in length and only connected to other hedgerows at one end)
HR30	195	3.5	5	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR31	264	5	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR32	454	6.33	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR33	232	3.67	3	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR34	297	2.67	2	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR35	400 (actual 620)	3	2	No	Species-poor	No

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HR36	183	1	0	No	Species-poor	No
HR37	688	2	1	No	Species-poor	No
HR38	907	3.67	3	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR39	340	4	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR40	799	4.67	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR41	147	2.5	2	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR42	36	1	3	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR43	129	1.5	2	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR44	412	3	1	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR45	644	3	3	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR46	189	2.5	3	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR47	140	3.5	2	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR48	41	3	1	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR49	322	6	2	No	Species-rich	Yes
HR50	428	3.33	3	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR51	84	4	1	Yes	Species-rich	No
HR52	467	3.67	3	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR53	130	2.5	2	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR54	251	5.33	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR55	284	4.67	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR56	253	4.33	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes

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HR57	453	4.33	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR58	195m surveyed (actual 785)	4.5	3	No	Species-rich	No
HR59	734	4.67	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR60	301	4.67	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR61	332	4	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR62	467	3.33	3	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR63	306	4	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR64	728	2.67	1	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR65	668	4.33	4	No	Species-rich	Yes
HR66	190	3.5	3	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR67	308	4.33	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR68	1211	2.67	2	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR69	1689	4	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR70	244	2.33	1	No	Species-poor	No
HR71	1023	4.33	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR72	600	5.33	2	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR73	301	2.33	1	No	Species-poor	No
HR74	308	4	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR75	122	3.5	4	Yes	Species-poor	No

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HR76	806	4.33	5	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR77	674	6.67	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR78	360	3.33	2	No	Species-poor	No
HR79	50	3	2	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR80	334	7	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR81	404	5	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR82	795	5.67	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR83	272	4.33	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR84	840	4.33	5	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR85	821	4	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR86	67	4	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR87	610	6	2	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR88	694	4	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR89	72	5	5	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR90	251	4.33	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR91	300	4.33	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR92	665	4	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR93	13	1	2	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR94	168	1.5	2	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR95	32	1	2	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR96	20	3	0	Yes	Species-poor	No

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HR97	183	3.5	1	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR98	821	4.33	1	No	Species-rich	No
HR99	657	4.33	2	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR100	44	3	3	No	Species-poor	No
HR101	622	4.33	1	No	Species-rich	No
HR102	562	4	1	Yes	Species-rich	No
HR103	1011	4	2	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Schedule 5 listed animal species - great crested newt (<i>Triturus cristatus</i>)) Yes (Criterion 8)
HR104	340	3	1	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR105	73	2	2	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR106	336	3	1	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR107	313	2.67	3	No	Species-poor	No
HR108	462	1.33	2	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR109	404	4	2	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR110	454	2.33	1	No	Species-poor	No
HR111	39	4	2	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR112	900	5	3	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR113	420	5	2	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)

Hedgerow reference (shown on Figure 8-4-1, Annex C)	Length (m)	Average number of woody species per 30 m section (Sch 1, Part II 7 (1))	Number of associated features (Sch 1, Part II 7 (4))	PRoW running parallel? (Sch 1, Part II 8)	Species-rich/poor? (average of four or more qualifying woody species in 30m section)	Hedgerow classified as 'Important' under the 1997 Regulations? ³
HR114	111	5	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR115	220	4.67	5	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR116	393	3.33	2	Yes	Species-poor	No
HR117	531	5.33	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR118	297	4	2	Yes	Species-rich	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR119	329	4	4	Yes	Species-rich	Yes
HR120	75	5	2	No	Species-rich	No (However, only partial assessment undertaken from road due to access restrictions)
HR121	150	4	3	No (>50% is not by PRoW)	Species-rich	No (However, only partial assessment undertaken from road due to access restrictions)

4. Conclusion and Recommendations

- 4.1.1 A total of 47.9% of the hedgerows that were surveyed are classified as 'Important' hedgerows in terms of the Landscape and Wildlife Criteria stated in the 1997 Regulations. Nevertheless, it should be noted that nearly half of these hedgerows just make the minimum threshold to qualify as 'Important' (i.e., Criterion 8) and would not have qualified if not located adjacent to a PRow given their recorded number of qualifying woody species and Associated Features. Furthermore, it should be noted that there is significant variance in hedgerow species-richness across the wider Site, with an overall average of 3.75 qualifying woody species per 30m section of hedgerow surveyed (i.e., overall species-poor), yet 65 of the 121 hedgerows surveyed qualify as species-rich. This means there is significant scope to improve certain hedgerows present within the Site, with such hedgerows often clustered in particular sections of the Site (see **Table 1** and **Figure 8-4-1** in **Annex C**).
- 4.1.2 Many of the hedgerows assessed include large and/or frequent gaps, whilst others are species-poor, or comprise a limited species-diversity with only a small number of stands (or in certain instances), a single stand of a qualifying woody species being present, which has created an elevated perception of species-richness in some instances. Therefore, it is considered that there is significant scope to enhance the retained sections of hedgerows present across the Site, through additional planting increasing species-richness, through the filling-in of hedgerow gaps, and through the adoption of more sympathetic hedgerow management in certain instances (particularly in regard to management of associated hedgerow ground flora and leaving margins adjacent to hedgerows).
- 4.1.3 All of the 121 hedgerows surveyed qualify as Priority Habitat under Section 41 of NERC Act 2007. Together the hedgerows within and adjacent to the Site form a network that helps link other wooded habitats in the surrounding landscape. Each hedgerow contributes to an ecological network of greater biodiversity importance than as an individual component hedgerow. Nevertheless, regardless of their importance under the 1997 Regulations, the hedgerows present are only likely to be of greater than District importance if they are an integral part of a valuable ecological network or are critical for the survival of populations of flora or fauna that are themselves of above District value.
- 4.1.4 Although only specific hedgerows have been surveyed (i.e. the 121 hedgerows targeted for survey are where impacts were known or predicted and at least partial access available), those surveyed are typical of the hedgerows present across the Site. As such, it is considered that the hedgerow network present within the Site is likely to be of up to County level importance. This evaluation takes into account the number of hedgerows covering a large area of landscape, the hedgerow species composition, species-richness and qualifying Associated Features present, as well as the presence of mature or notable tree species, protected species of flora, or protected faunal species within these hedgerows, including potential bat roosts and barn owl (*Tyto alba*) presence.

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Abbreviations

Abbreviation/Term	Definition
BAP	Biodiversity Action Plan
ERYBAP	East Riding of Yorkshire Biodiversity Action Plan
NERC	Natural Environment and Rural Communities
PRoW	Public Rights of Way
PV	Photovoltaic

Glossary of Frequently Used Terms

Term	Definition
Associated Features	Features/criteria listed under the 1997 Regulations that if met can contribute to a hedgerow being classed as Important under the 1997 Regulations

Annex A – Hedgerow Regulations and Schedules

The Hedgerow Regulations (1997) apply to any hedgerow growing in, or adjacent to, any common land, protected land, or land used for agriculture, forestry or the breeding or keeping of horses, ponies or donkeys, if—

- (a) it has a continuous length of, or exceeding, 20 metres; or
- (b) it has a continuous length of less than 20 metres and, at each end, meets (whether by intersection or junction) another hedgerow.

For the purposes of section 97 (hedgerows) of the Environment Act 1995 and these Regulations, a hedgerow is “important” if it, or the hedgerow of which it is a stretch,

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- (a) has existed for 30 years or more; and
- (b) satisfies at least one of the criteria listed in Part II of Schedule 1.’

Schedule 1 Part 11 Criteria: Wildlife and landscape

‘6. (1) The hedgerow—

- (a) contains species listed or categorised as mentioned in sub-paragraph (3); or
- (b) is referred to in a record held immediately before the relevant date by a biological record centre maintained by, or on behalf of, a local authority within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1972(10), and in a form recognised by the Nature Conservancy Council for England, the Countryside Council for Wales(11) or the Joint Nature Conservation Committee(12), as having contained any such species—

(i) in the case of animals and birds, subject to sub-paragraph (2), within the period of five years immediately before the relevant date.

(ii) in the case of plants, subject to sub-paragraph (2), within the period of ten years immediately before the relevant date;

(2) Where more than one record referable to the period of five or, as the case may be, ten years before the relevant date is held by a particular biological record centre, and the more (or most) recent record does not satisfy the criterion specified in sub-paragraph (1)(b), the criterion is not satisfied (notwithstanding that an earlier record satisfies it).

(3) The species referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are those—

(a) listed in Part I (protection at all times) of Schedule 1 (birds which are protected by special penalties), Schedule 5 (animals which are protected) or Schedule 8 (plants which are protected) to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(13);

(b) categorised as a declining breeder (category 3) in “Red Data Birds in Britain” Batten LA, Bibby CJ, Clement P, Elliott GD and Porter RF (Eds.), published in 1990 for the Nature Conservancy Council and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (ISBN 0 85661 056 9); or

(c) categorised as “endangered”, “extinct”, “rare” or “vulnerable” in Britain in a document mentioned in sub-paragraph (4).

(4) The documents referred to in sub-paragraph (3)(c) are—

a) of the books known as the British Red Data Books:

1. “Vascular Plants” Perring FH and Farrell L, 2nd Edition, published in 1983 for the Royal Society for Nature Conservation (ISBN 0 902484 04 4);
2. “Insects” Shire DB (Ed.), published in 1987 for the Nature Conservancy Council (ISBN 0 86139 380 5); and
3. “Invertebrates other than insects” Bratton JH (Ed.), published in 1991 for the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (ISBN 1 873701 00 4); and
4. “Stoneworts” Stewart NF and Church JM, published in 1992 for the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (ISBN 1 873701 24 1).

7. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the hedgerow includes—

(a) at least 7 woody species;

(b) at least 6 woody species, and has associated with it at least 3 of the features specified in sub-paragraph (4);

(c) at least 6 woody species, including one of the following:

- black-poplar tree (*Populus nigra ssp betulifolia*);
- large-leaved lime (*Tilia platyphyllos*);
- small-leaved lime (*Tilia cordata*);
- wild service-tree (*Sorbus torminalis*); or

(d) at least 5 woody species, and has associated with it at least 4 of the features specified in sub-paragraph (4), and the number of woody species in a hedgerow shall be ascertained in accordance with sub-paragraph (3).

(2) Where the hedgerow in question is situated wholly or partly in the county (as constituted on 1st April 1997) of the City of Kingston upon Hull, Cumbria, Darlington, Durham, East Riding of Yorkshire, Hartlepool, Lancashire, Middlesbrough, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire, Northumberland, North Yorkshire, Redcar and Cleveland, Stockton-on-Tees, Tyne and Wear, West Yorkshire or York(14), the number of woody species mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) of sub-paragraph (1) is to be treated as reduced by one.

(3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) (and those of paragraph 8(b))—

(a) where the length of the hedgerow does not exceed 30 metres, count the number of woody species present in the hedgerow;

(b) where the length of the hedgerow exceeds 30 metres, but does not exceed 100 metres, count the number of woody species present in the central stretch of 30 metres;

(c) where the length of the hedgerow exceeds 100 metres, but does not exceed 200 metres, count the number of woody species present in the central stretch of 30 metres within each half of the hedgerow and divide the aggregate by two;

(d) where the length of the hedgerow exceeds 200 metres, count the number of woody species present in the central stretch of 30 metres within each third of the hedgerow and divide the aggregate by three.

(4) The features referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(b) and (d) (which include those referred to in paragraph 8(b)) are—

(a) a bank or wall which supports the hedgerow along at least one half of its length;

(b) gaps which in aggregate do not exceed 10% of the length of the hedgerow;

(c) where the length of the hedgerow does not exceed 50 metres, at least one standard tree;

(d) where the length of the hedgerow exceeds 50 metres but does not exceed 100 metres, at least 2 standard trees;

(e) where the length of the hedgerow exceeds 100 metres, such number of standard trees (within any part of its length) as would when averaged over its total length amount to at least one for each 50 metres;

(f) at least 3 woodland species (of the qualifying Schedule 2 listed 57 woodland species) within one metre, in any direction, of the outermost edges of the hedgerow;

(g) a ditch along at least one half of the length of the hedgerow;

(h) connections scoring 4 points or more in accordance with sub-paragraph (5);

(i) a parallel hedge within 15 metres of the hedgerow.

(5) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (4)(h) a connection with another hedgerow scores one point and a connection with a pond or a woodland in which the majority of trees are broad-leaved trees scores 2 points; and a hedgerow is connected with something not only if it meets it but also if it has a point within 10 metres of it and would meet it if the line of the hedgerow continued.

8. The hedgerow—

(a) is adjacent to a bridleway or footpath, within the meaning of the Highways Act 1980(15), a road used as a public path, within the meaning of section 54 (duty to reclassify roads used as public paths) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(16), or a byway open to all traffic, within the meaning of Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(17), and

(b) includes at least 4 woody species, ascertained in accordance with paragraph 7(3) and at least 2 of the features specified in paragraph 7(4)(a) to (g).'

Schedule 3 Woody Species

Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*)

Apple, crab (*Malus sylvestris*)

Ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*)

Aspen (*Populus tremula*)
Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*)
Birch, downy (*Betula pubescens*)
Birch, silver (*Betula pendula*)
Black-poplar (*Populus nigra sub-species betulifolia*)
Blackthorn (*Prunus spinosa*)
Box (*Buxus sempervirens*)
Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*)
Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*)
Buckthorn, alder (*Frangula alnus*)
Butcher's-broom (*Ruscus aculeatus*)
Cherry, bird (*Prunus padus*)
Cherry, wild (*Prunus avium*)
Cotoneaster, wild (*Cotoneaster integerrimus*)
Currant, downy (*Ribes spicatum*)
Currant, mountain (*Ribes alpinum*)
Dogwood (*Cornus sanguinea*)
Elder (*Sambucus nigra*)
Elm (*Ulmus species*)
Gooseberry (*Ribes uva-crispa*)
Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*)
Gorse, dwarf (*Ulex minor*)
Gorse, western (*Ulex gallii*)
Guelder rose (*Viburnum opulus*)
Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*)
Hawthorn, midland (*Crataegus laevigata*)
Hazel (*Corylus avellana*)
Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*)
Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*)
Juniper, common (*Juniperus communis*)
Lime, large-leaved (*Tilia platyphyllos*)
Lime, small-leaved (*Tilia cordata*)

Maple, field (*Acer campestre*)
Mezereon (*Daphne mezereum*)
Oak, pedunculate (*Quercus robur*)
Oak, sessile (*Quercus petraea*)
Osier (*Salix viminalis*)
Pear, Plymouth (*Pyrus cordata*)
Pear, wild (*Pyrus pyraster*)
Poplar, grey (*Populus x canescens*)
Poplar, white (*Populus alba*)
Privet, wild (*Ligustrum vulgare*)
Rose (*Rosa species*)
Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*)
Sea-buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*)
Service-tree, wild (*Sorbus torminalis*)
Spindle (*Euonymus europaeus*)
Spurge-laurel (*Daphne laureola*)
Walnut (*Juglans regia*)
Wayfaring-tree (*Viburnum lantana*)
Whitebeam (*Sorbus species*)
Willow (*Salix species*)
Yew (*Taxus baccata*)

Annex B – Hedgerow Survey Results

Table B-1. Hedgerow Survey Results

Hedgerow Reference (as shown on Figure 8-4-1, Annex C)	Length (metres)	>30 years old?	Mean number of qualifying species	Standard tree for every 50m?	Three woodland herbs within 1m of hedge margin?	Gaps <10% of hedge?	Bank or wall along at least half of the hedge?	Ditch at least half the length?	Connections scoring 4 or more points?	Parallel hedge within 15m?	Protected species (as defined by the Regs?)	PRoW running parallel? (>50% of hedgerow)	Species-rich? (Average of four or more qualifying woody species in 30m section)	Important hedgerow? ⁴
HR1	228	Likely to be >30 years old	1.67	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
HR2	59	Likely to be >30 years old	3	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No
HR3	119	Likely to be >30 years old	2.5	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR4	282	Likely to be >30 years old	4.33	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR5	440	Likely to be >30 years old	4	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR6	148	Likely to be >30 years old	3	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
HR7	370	Likely to be >30 years old	2.33	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
HR8	449	Likely to be >30 years old	2.67	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
HR9	244	Likely to be >30 years old	3.33	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
HR10	652	Likely to be >30 years old	3.67	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR11	753	Likely to be >30 years old	3	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No

⁴ Where 'Criterion 8' is listed, this refers to Criterion 8 of the 1997 Regulations in relation to proximity to PRoW

Hedgerow Reference (as shown on Figure 8-4-1, Annex C)	Length (metres)	>30 years old?	Mean number of qualifying species	Standard tree for every 50m?	Three woodland herbs within 1m of hedge margin?	Gaps <10% of hedge?	Bank or wall along at least half of the hedge?	Ditch at least half the length?	Connections scoring 4 or more points?	Parallel hedge within 15m?	Protected species (as defined by the Regs?)	PRoW running parallel? (>50% of hedgerow)	Species-rich? (Average of four or more qualifying woody species in 30m section)	Important hedgerow? ⁴
HR12	390	Likely to be >30 years old	4	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR13	422	Likely to be >30 years old	3	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
HR14	356	Likely to be >30 years old	3.33	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR15	954	Likely to be >30 years old	3.67	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
HR16	318	Likely to be >30 years old	5.33	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
HR17	295	Likely to be >30 years old	4.33	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR18	721	Likely to be >30 years old	3.67	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
HR19	547	Likely to be >30 years old	3	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
HR20	406	Likely to be >30 years old	3.33	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
HR21	175	Likely to be >30 years old	4.5	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR22	830	Likely to be >30 years old	5	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR23	245	Likely to be >30 years old	3.67	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR24	224	Likely to be >30 years old	4	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR25	127	Likely to be >30 years old	4	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Hedgerow Reference (as shown on Figure 8-4-1, Annex C)	Length (metres)	>30 years old?	Mean number of qualifying species	Standard tree for every 50m?	Three woodland herbs within 1m of hedge margin?	Gaps <10% of hedge?	Bank or wall along at least half of the hedge?	Ditch at least half the length?	Connections scoring 4 or more points?	Parallel hedge within 15m?	Protected species (as defined by the Regs?)	PRoW running parallel? (>50% of hedgerow)	Species-rich? (Average of four or more qualifying woody species in 30m section)	Important hedgerow? ⁴
HR26	392	Likely to be >30 years old	4.33	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR27	157	Likely to be >30 years old	4.5	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR28	302	Likely to be >30 years old	4.67	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR29	18	Likely to be >30 years old	5	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No (Special criteria as hedgerow is <20m in length and only connected to other hedgerows at one end)
HR30	195	Likely to be >30 years old	3.5	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR31	264	Likely to be >30 years old	5	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR32	454	Likely to be >30 years old	6.33	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR33	232	Likely to be >30 years old	3.67	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR34	297	Likely to be >30 years old	2.67	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR35	400 surveyed (actual 620m)	Likely to be >30 years old	3	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
HR36	183	Likely to be >30 years old	1	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

Hedgerow Reference (as shown on Figure 8-4-1, Annex C)	Length (metres)	>30 years old?	Mean number of qualifying species	Standard tree for every 50m?	Three woodland herbs within 1m of hedge margin?	Gaps <10% of hedge?	Bank or wall along at least half of the hedge?	Ditch at least half the length?	Connections scoring 4 or more points?	Parallel hedge within 15m?	Protected species (as defined by the Regs?)	PRoW running parallel? (>50% of hedgerow)	Species-rich? (Average of four or more qualifying woody species in 30m section)	Important hedgerow? ⁴
HR37	688	Likely to be >30 years old	2	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
HR38	907	Likely to be >30 years old	3.67	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR39	340	Likely to be >30 years old	4	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR40	799	Likely to be >30 years old	4.67	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR41	147	Likely to be >30 years old	2.5	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR42	36	Likely to be >30 years old	1	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR43	129	Likely to be >30 years old	1.5	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR44	412	Likely to be >30 years old	3	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR45	644	Likely to be >30 years old	3	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR46	189	Likely to be >30 years old	2.5	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR47	140	Likely to be >30 years old	3.5	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR48	41	Likely to be >30 years old	3	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR49	322	Likely to be >30 years old	6	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
HR50	428	Likely to be >30 years old	3.33	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No

Hedgerow Reference (as shown on Figure 8-4-1, Annex C)	Length (metres)	>30 years old?	Mean number of qualifying species	Standard tree for every 50m?	Three woodland herbs within 1m of hedge margin?	Gaps <10% of hedge?	Bank or wall along at least half of the hedge?	Ditch at least half the length?	Connections scoring 4 or more points?	Parallel hedge within 15m?	Protected species (as defined by the Regs?)	PRoW running parallel? (>50% of hedgerow)	Species-rich? (Average of four or more qualifying woody species in 30m section)	Important hedgerow? ⁴
HR51	84	Likely to be >30 years old	4	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
HR52	467	Likely to be >30 years old	3.67	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR53	130	Likely to be >30 years old	2.5	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
HR54	251	Likely to be >30 years old	5.33	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR55	284	Likely to be >30 years old	4.67	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR56	253	Likely to be >30 years old	4.33	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR57	453	Likely to be >30 years old	4.33	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR58	195	Likely to be >30 years old	4.5	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
HR59	734	Likely to be >30 years old	4.67	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR60	301	Likely to be >30 years old	4.67	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR61	332	Likely to be >30 years old	4	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR62	467	Likely to be >30 years old	3.33	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR63	306	Likely to be >30 years old	4	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR64	728	Likely to be >30 years old	2.67	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No

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HR65	668	Likely to be >30 years old	4.33	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
HR66	190	Likely to be >30 years old	3.5	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR67	308	Likely to be >30 years old	4.33	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR68	1211	Likely to be >30 years old	2.67	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR69	1689	Likely to be >30 years old	4	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR70	244	Likely to be >30 years old	2.33	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
HR71	1023	Likely to be >30 years old	4.33	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR72	600	Likely to be >30 years old	5.33	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR73	301	Likely to be >30 years old	2.33	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
HR74	308	Likely to be >30 years old	4	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR75	122	Likely to be >30 years old	3.5	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR76	806	Likely to be >30 years old	4.33	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR77	674	Likely to be >30 years old	6.67	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
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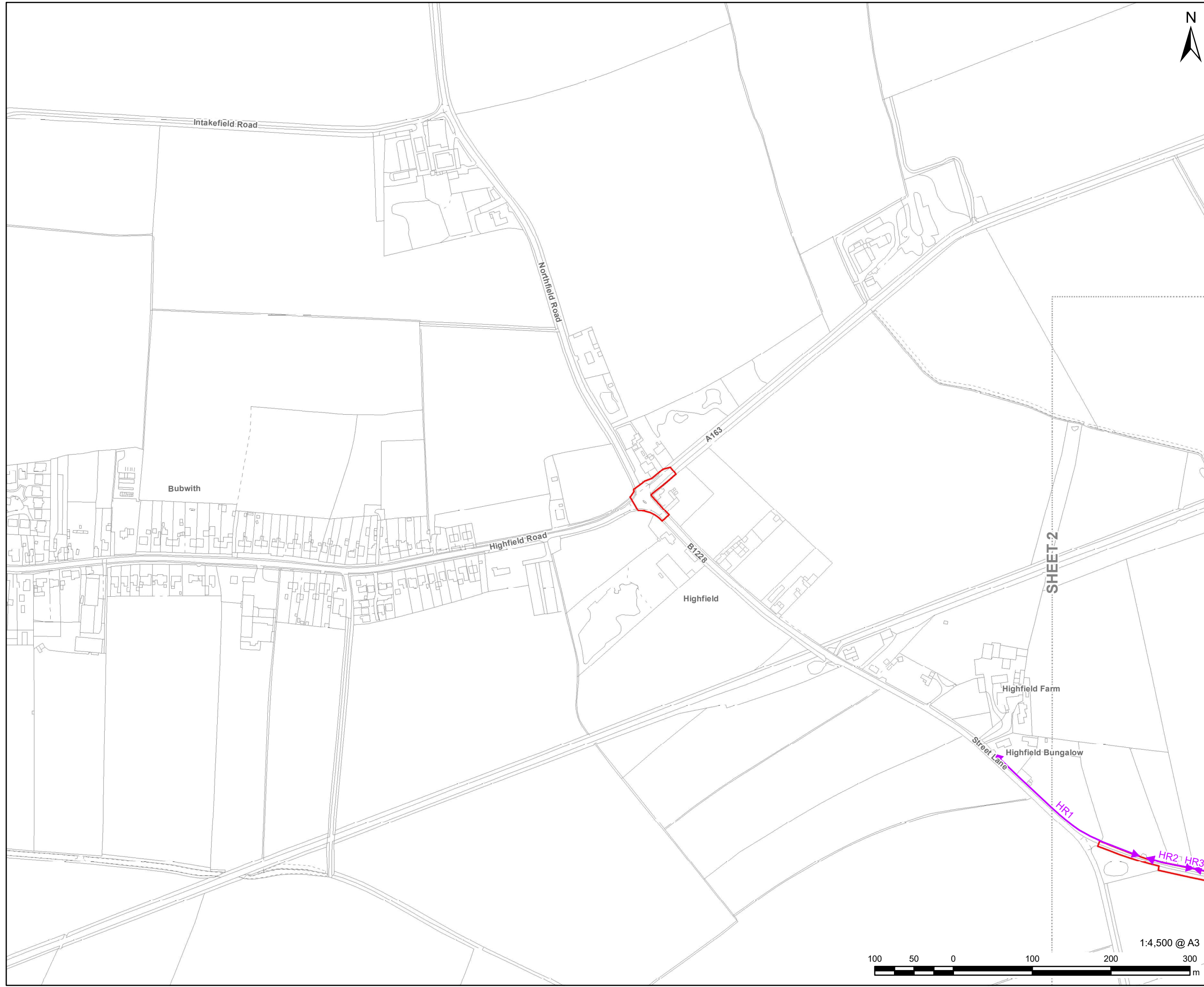
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HR79	50	Likely to be >30 years old	3	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HR80	334	Likely to be >30 years old	7	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR81	404	Likely to be >30 years old	5	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR82	795	Likely to be >30 years old	5.67	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR83	272	Likely to be >30 years old	4.33	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR84	840	Likely to be >30 years old	4.33	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR85	821	Likely to be >30 years old	4	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR86	67	Likely to be >30 years old	4	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR87	610	Likely to be >30 years old	6	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR88	694	Likely to be >30 years old	4	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR89	72	Likely to be >30 years old	5	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR90	251	Likely to be >30 years old	4.33	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR91	300	Likely to be >30 years old	4.33	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR92	665	Likely to be >30 years old	4	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)

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HR94	168	Likely to be >30 years old	1.5	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
HR95	32	Likely to be >30 years old	1	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
HR96	20	Likely to be >30 years old	3	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
HR97	183	Likely to be >30 years old	3.5	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
HR98	821	Likely to be >30 years old	4.33	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
HR99	657	Likely to be >30 years old	4.33	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR100	44	Likely to be >30 years old	3	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
HR101	622	Likely to be >30 years old	4.33	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
HR102	562	Likely to be >30 years old	4	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No
HR103	1011	Likely to be >30 years old	4	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (Schedule 5 listed animal species – great crested newt)
HR104	340	Likely to be >30 years old	3	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
HR105	73	Likely to be >30 years old	2	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No

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HR106	336	Likely to be >30 years old	3	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
HR107	313	Likely to be >30 years old	2.67	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
HR108	462	Likely to be >30 years old	1.33	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No
HR109	404	Likely to be >30 years old	4	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR110	454	Likely to be >30 years old	2.33	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
HR111	39	Likely to be >30 years old	4	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR112	900	Likely to be >30 years old	5	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR113	420	Likely to be >30 years old	5	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
HR114	111	Likely to be >30 years old	5	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR115	220	Likely to be >30 years old	4.67	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
HR116	393	Likely to be >30 years old	3.33	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
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HR118	297	Likely to be >30 years old	4	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes (Criterion 8)
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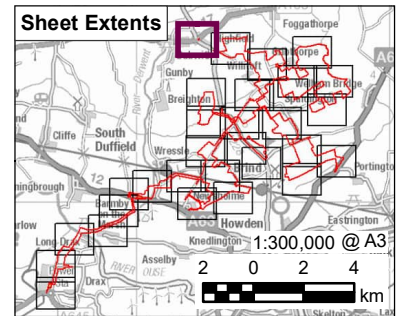
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HR120	75	Likely to be >30 years old	5	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No (However, only partial assessment undertaken from road due to access restrictions)
HR121	150	Likely to be >30 years old	4	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No (>50% is not by PRoW)	Yes	No (However, only partial assessment undertaken from road due to access restrictions)

Annex C – Figure



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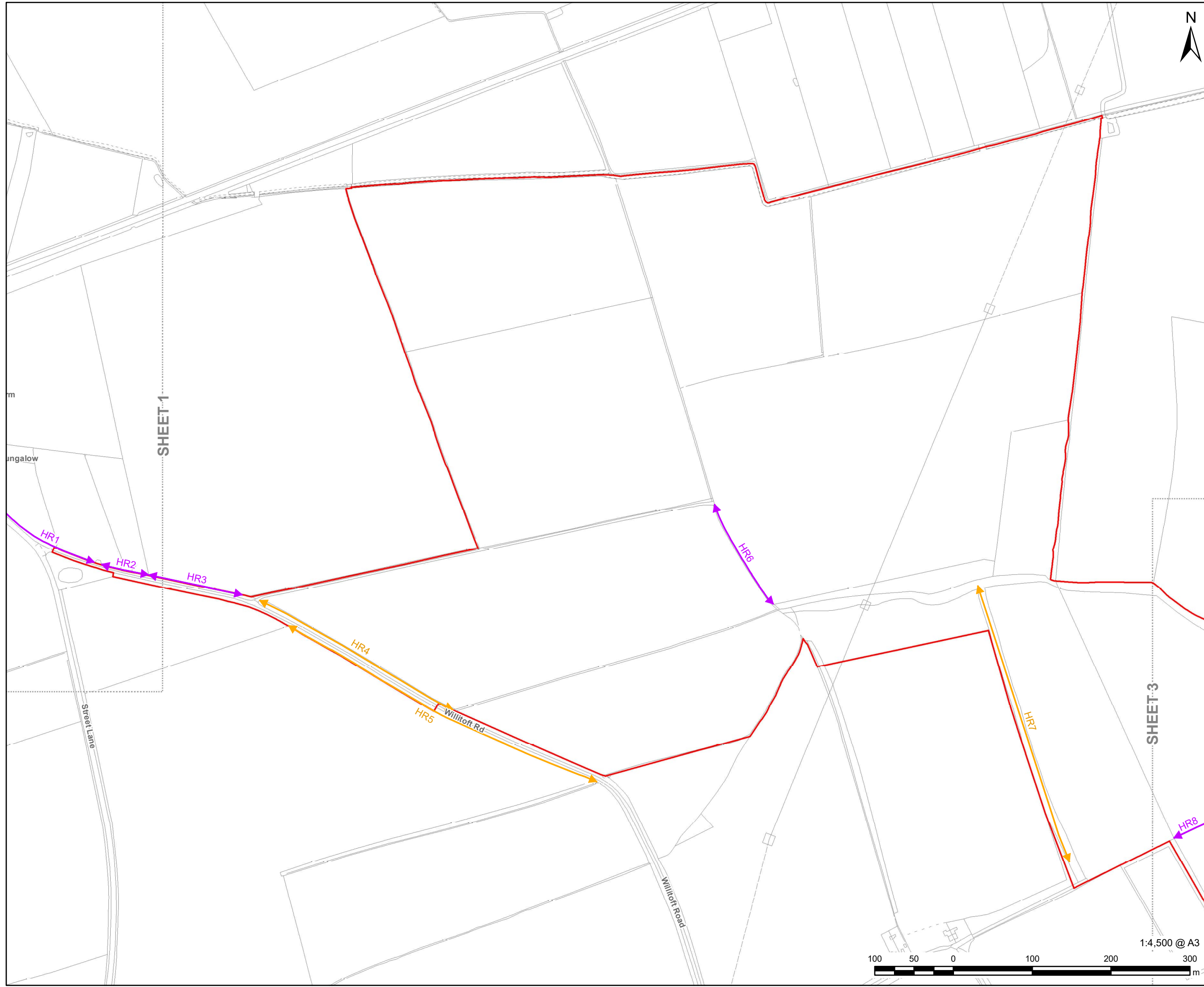
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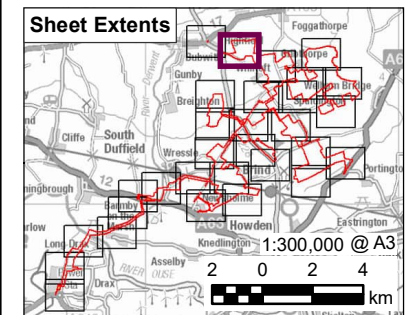


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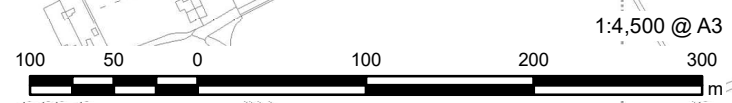
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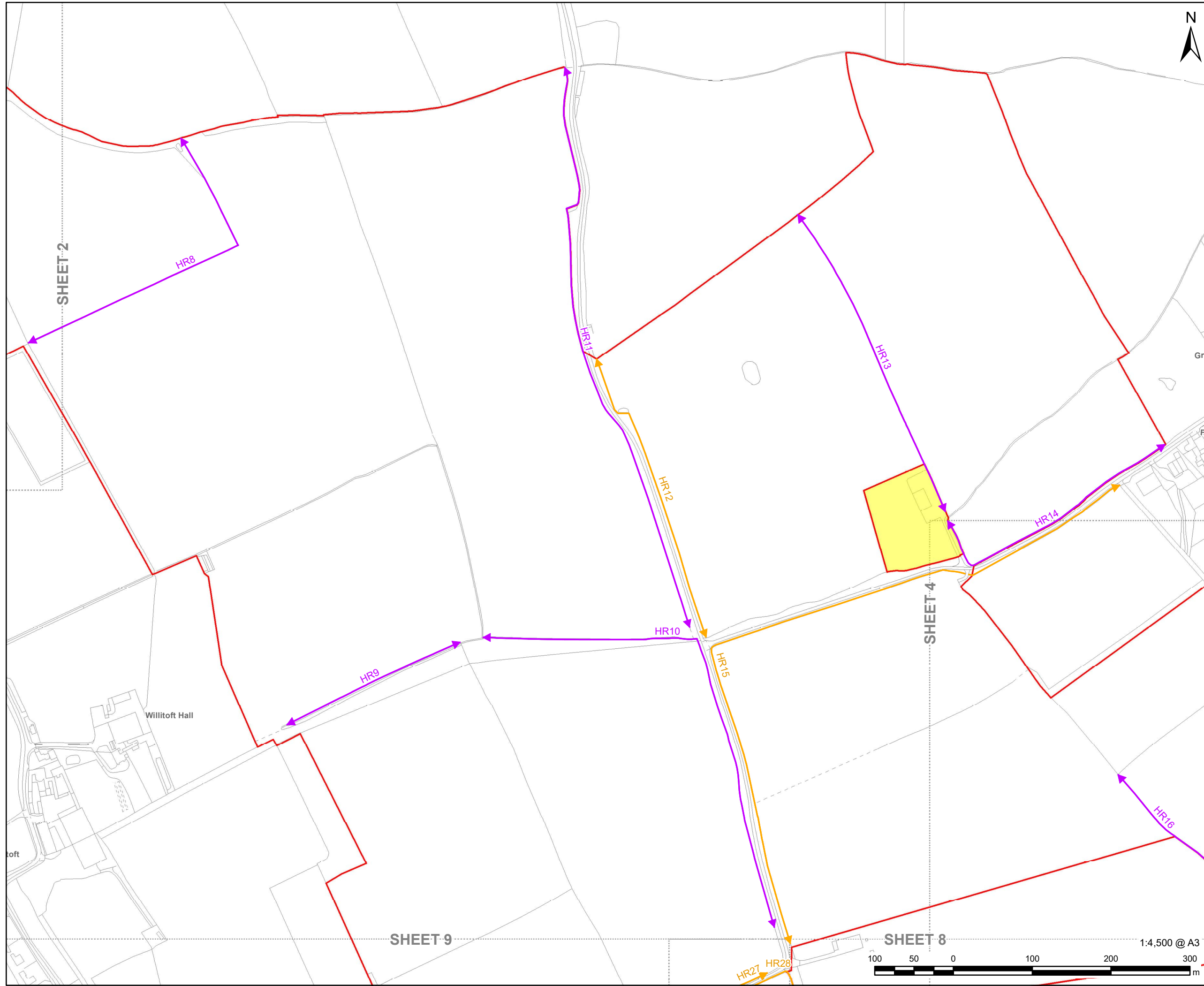
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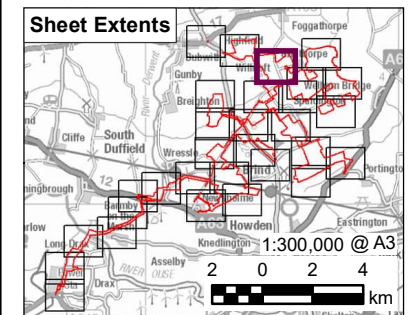


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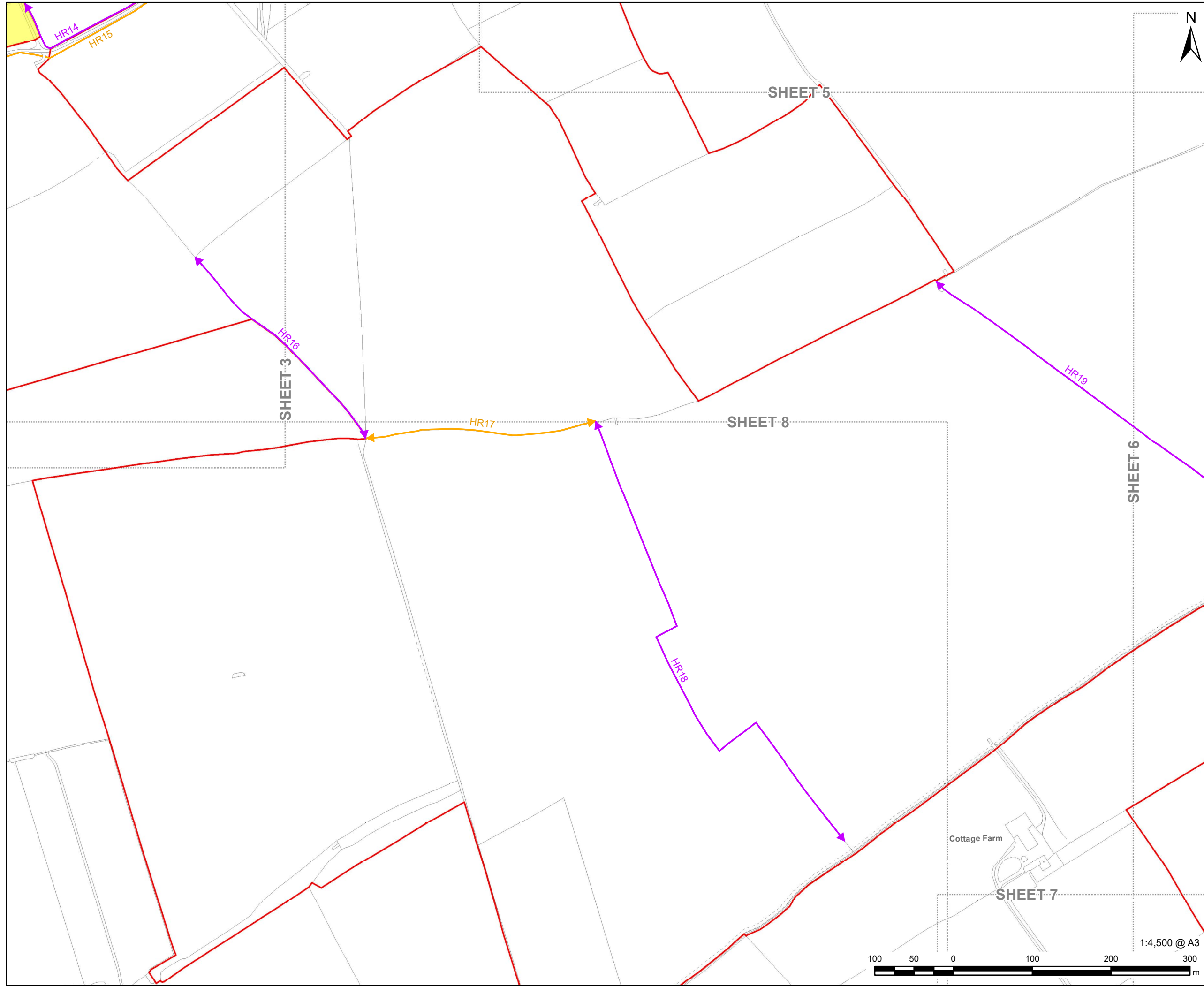
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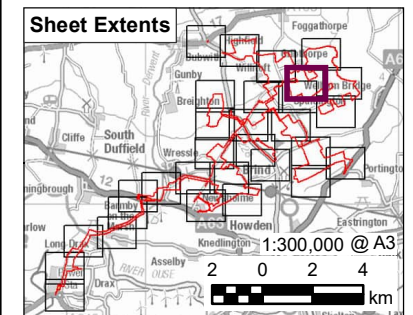


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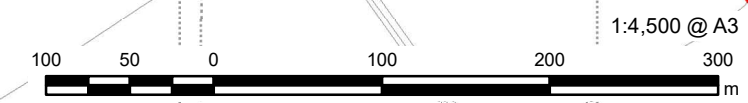
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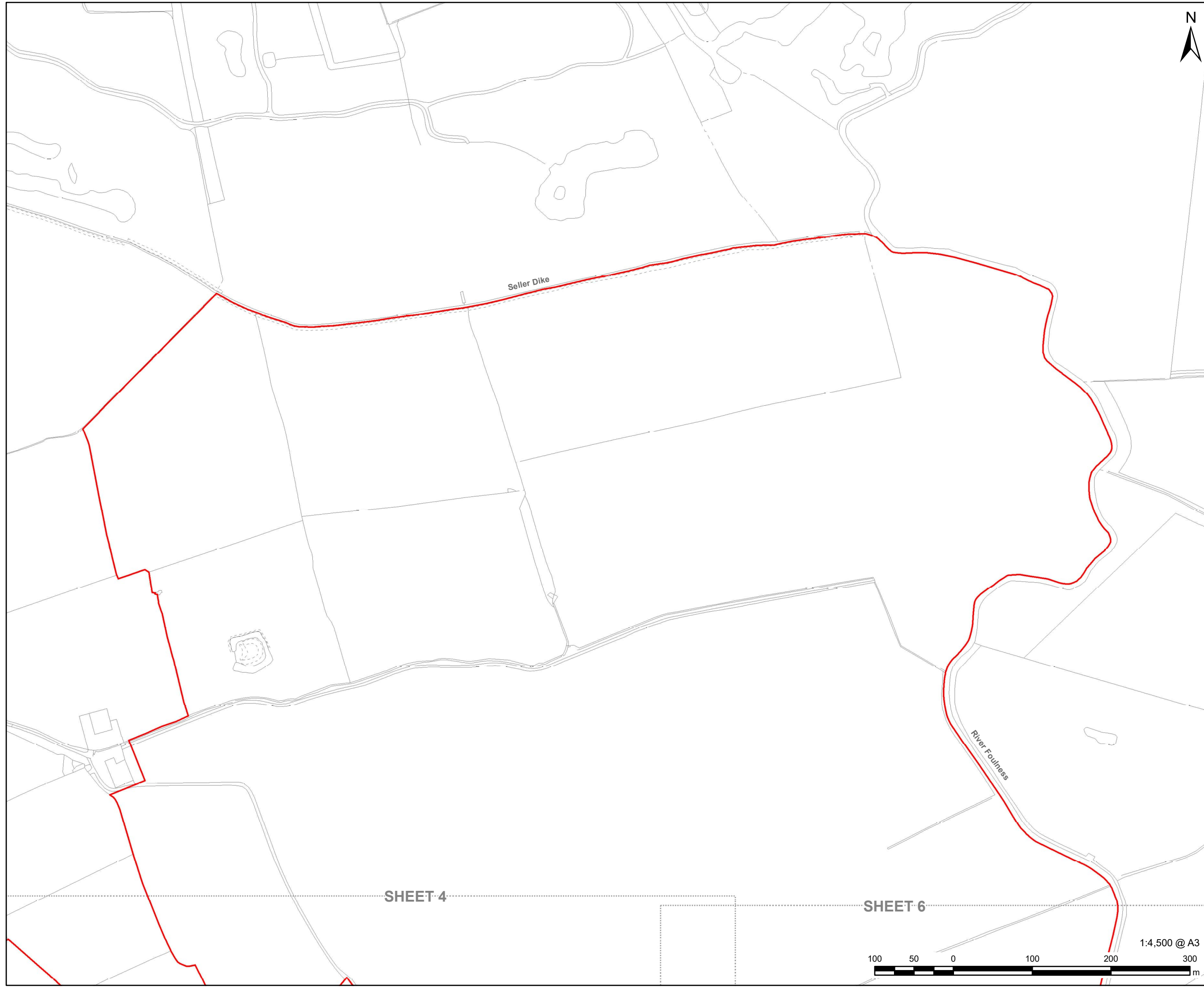
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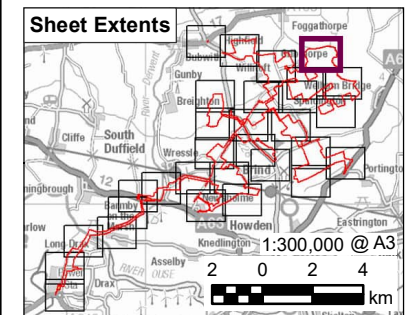


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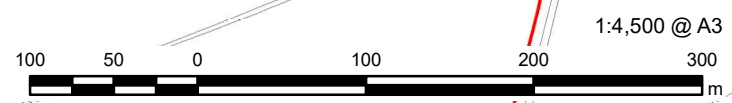
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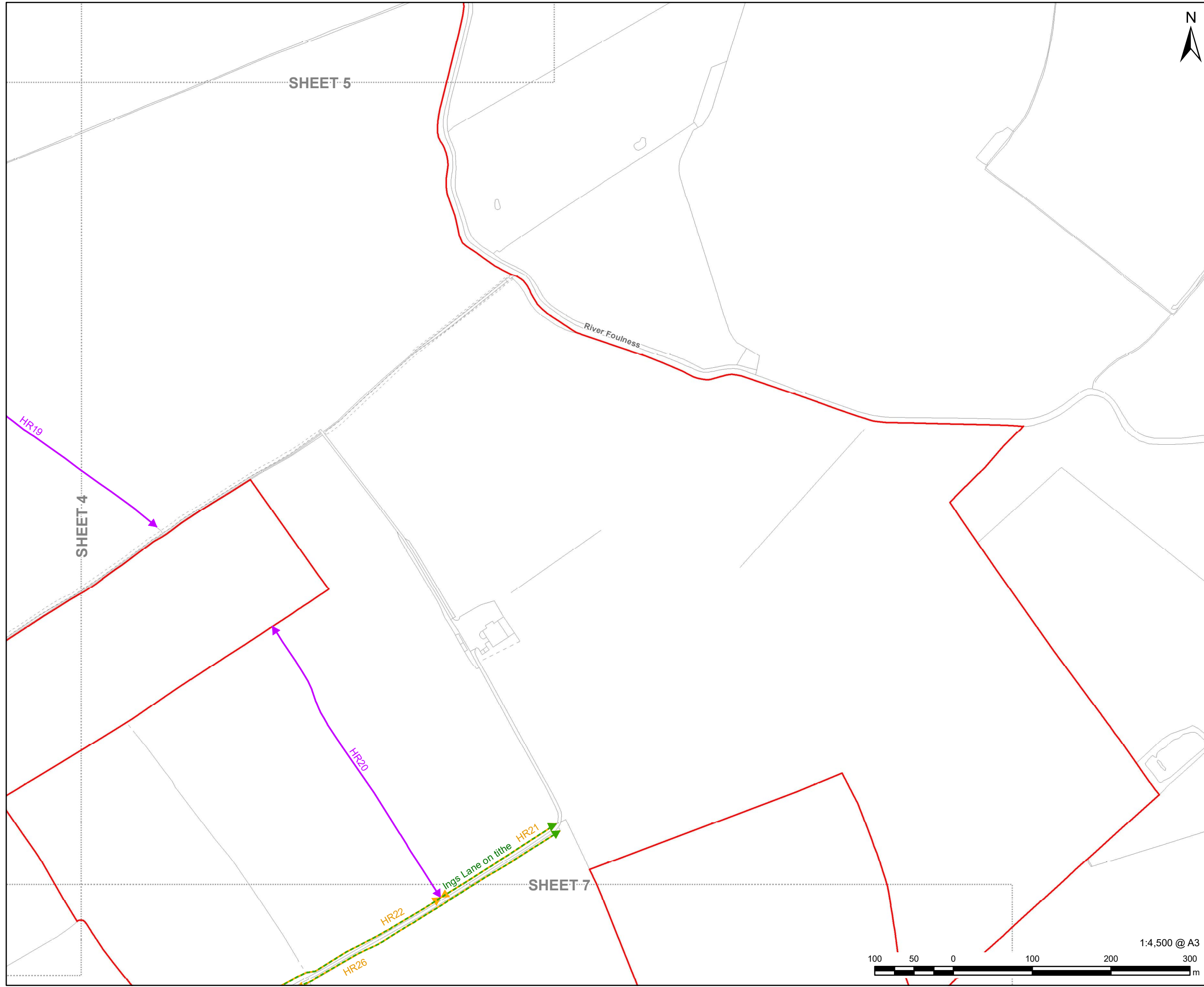
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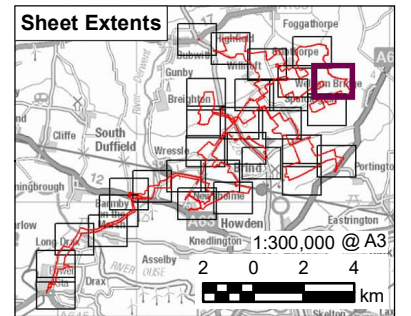


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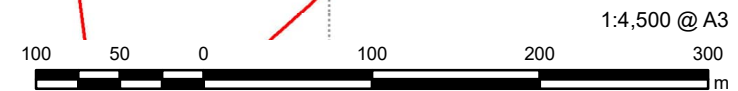
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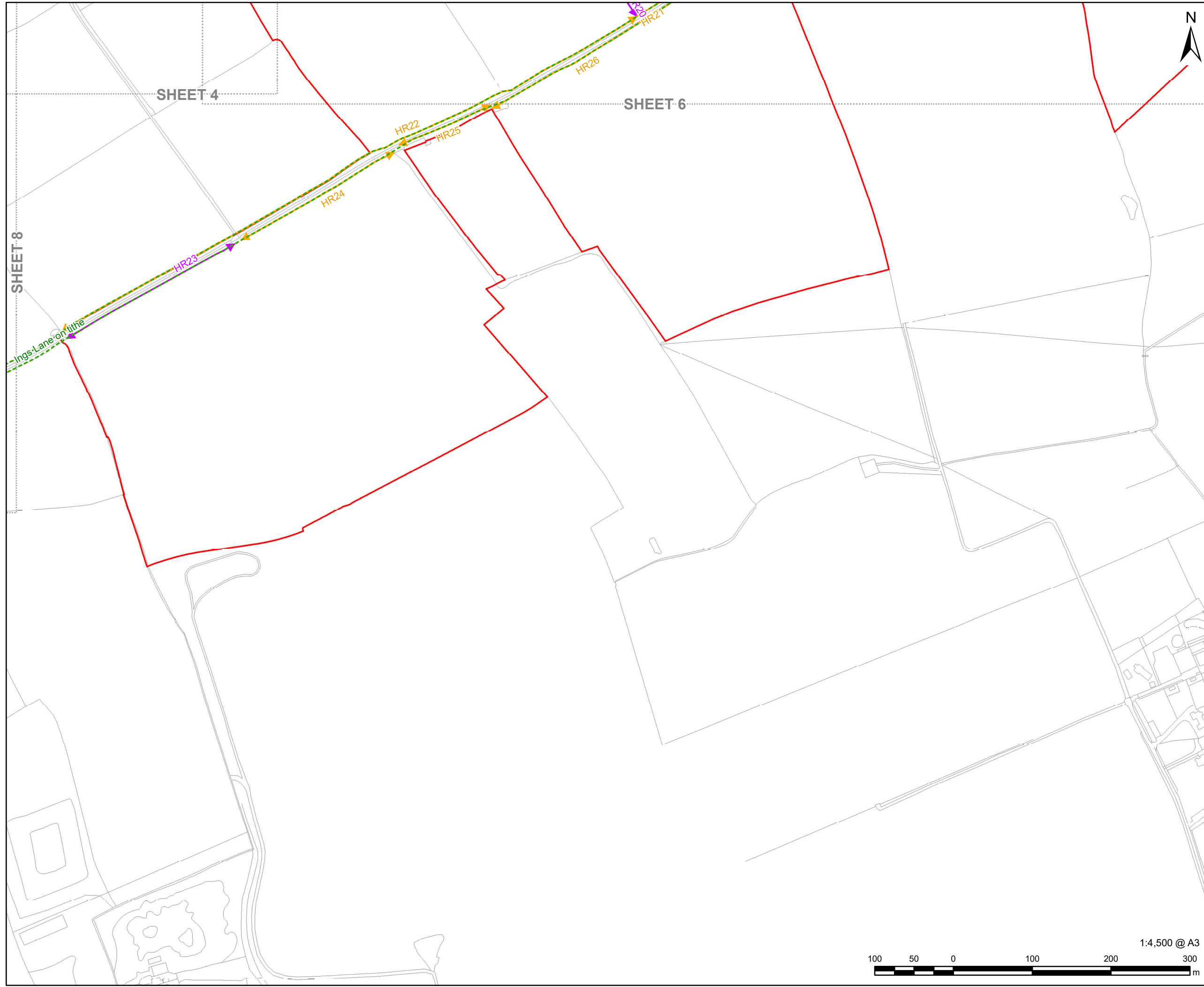
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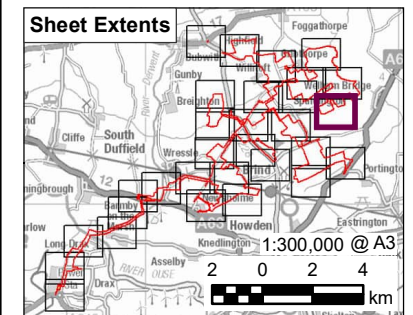


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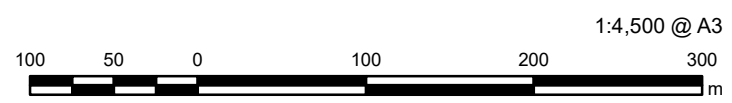
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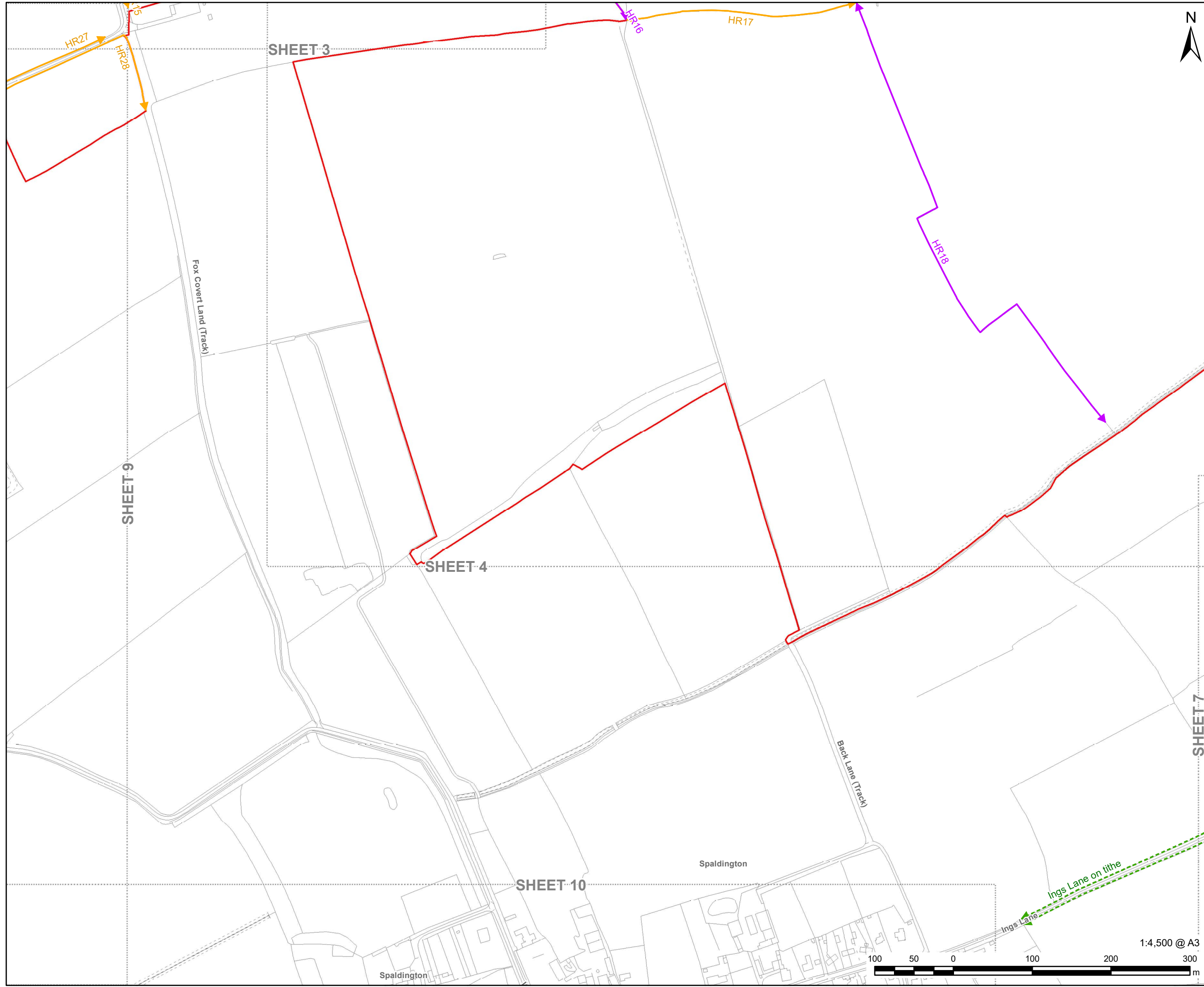
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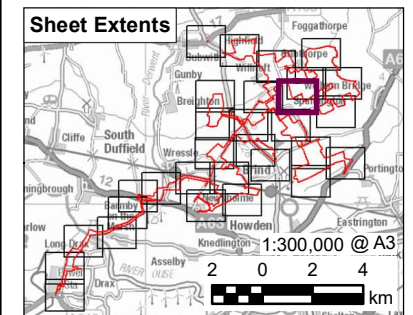


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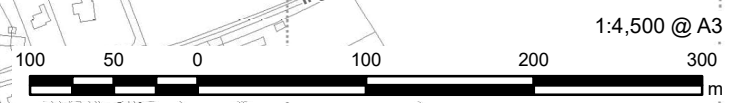
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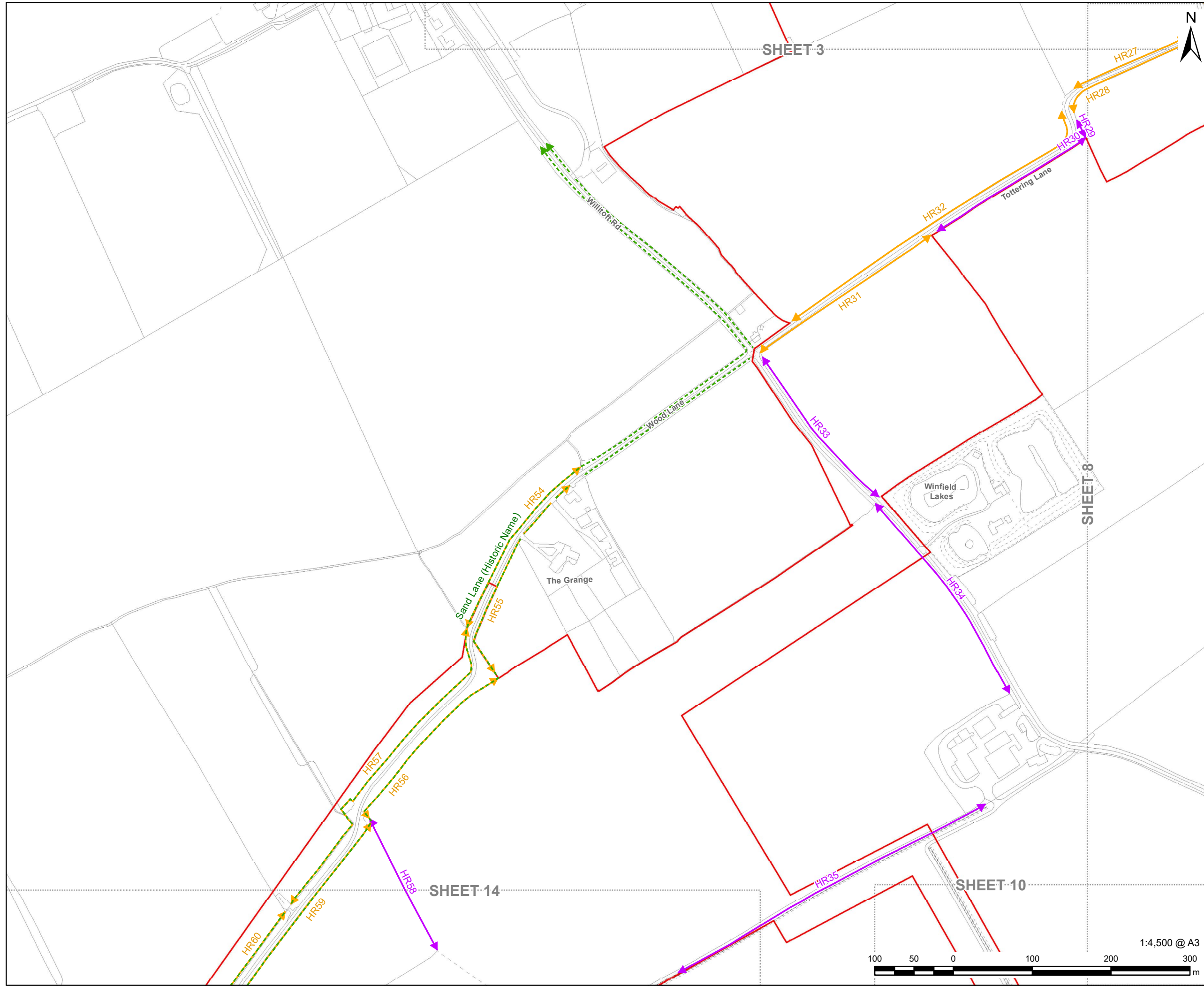
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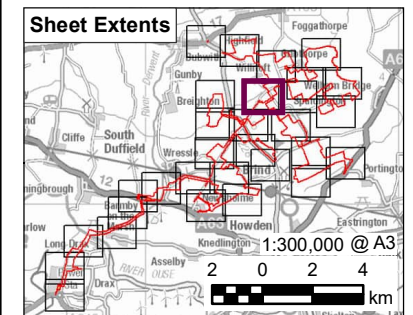


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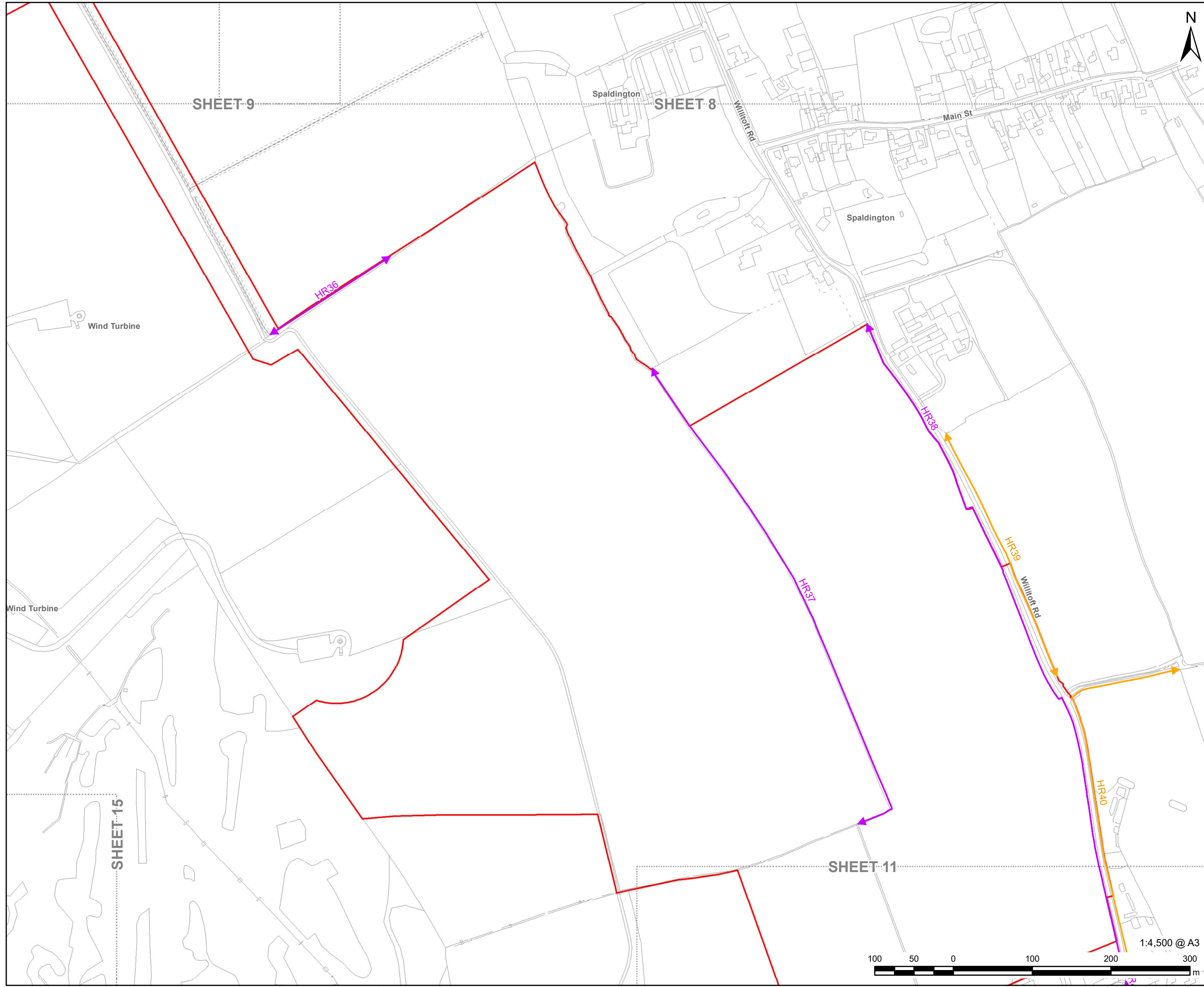
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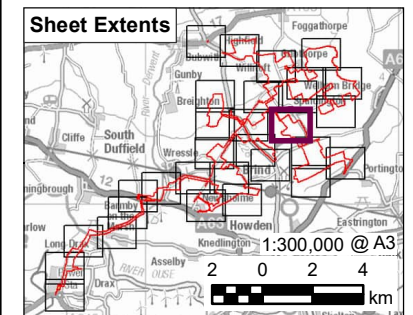


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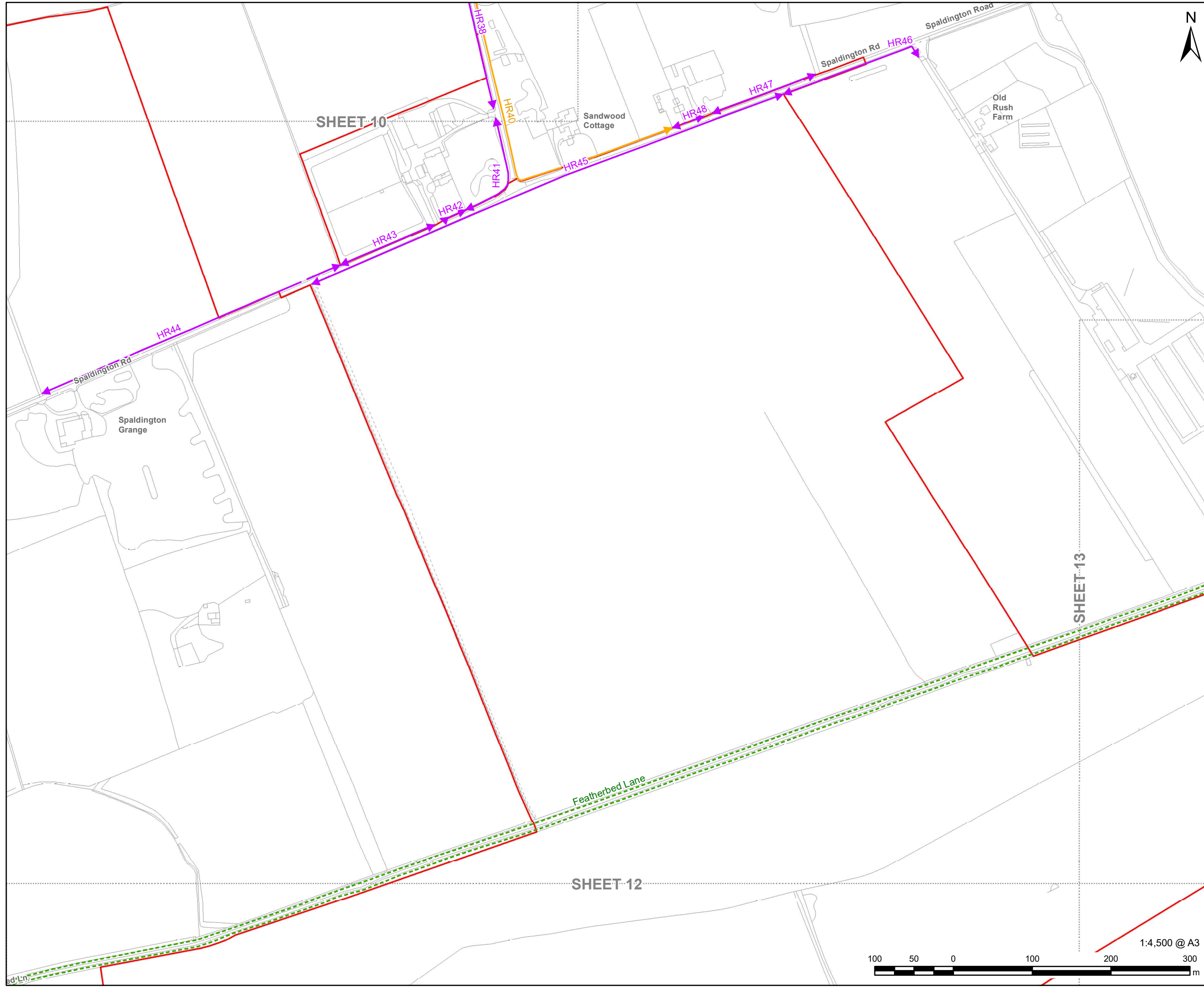
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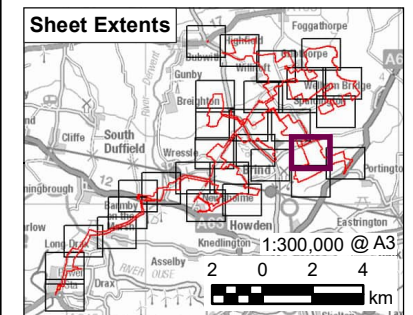


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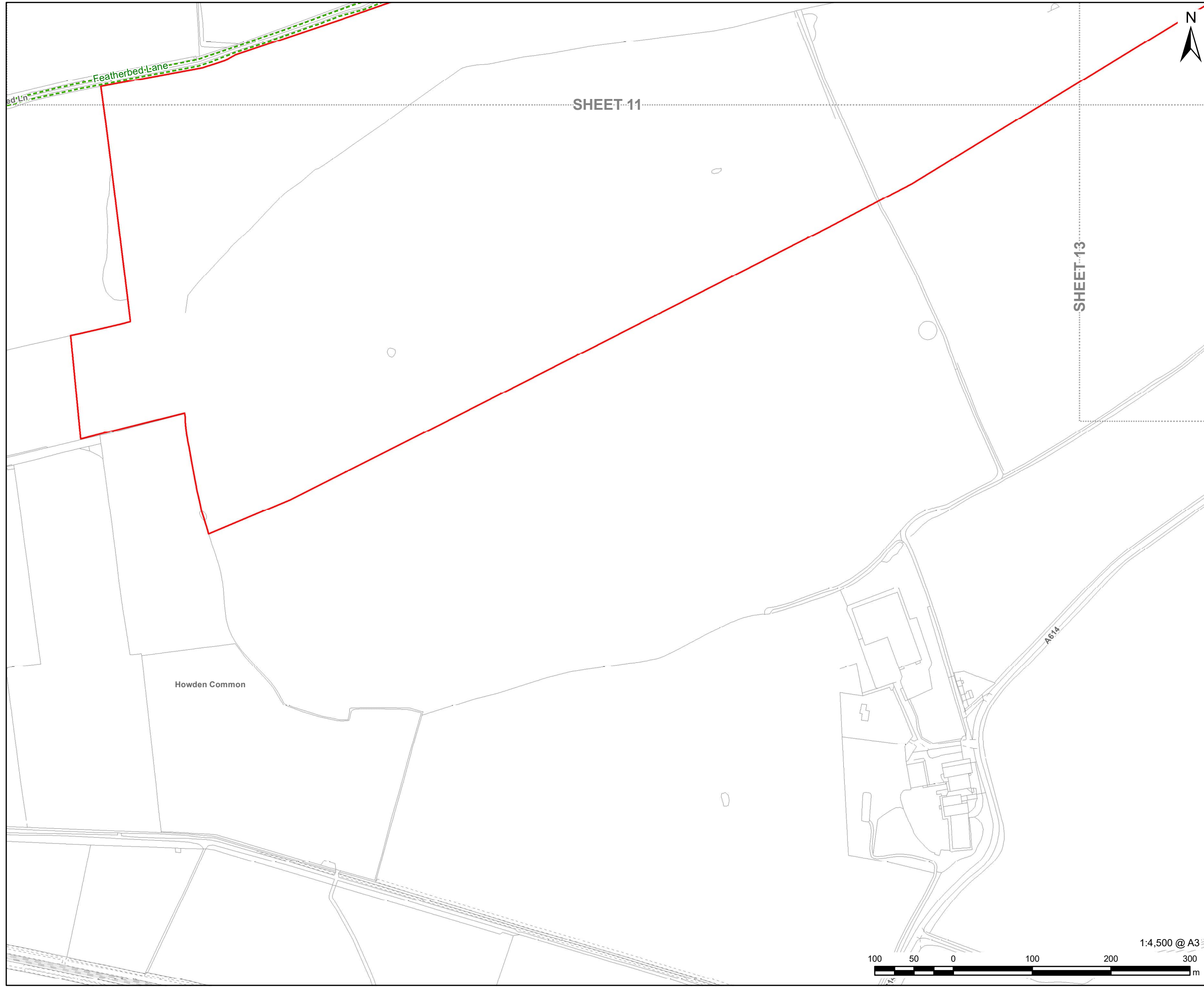
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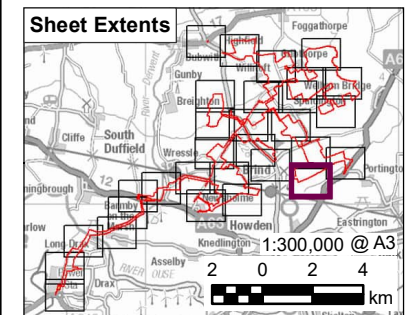


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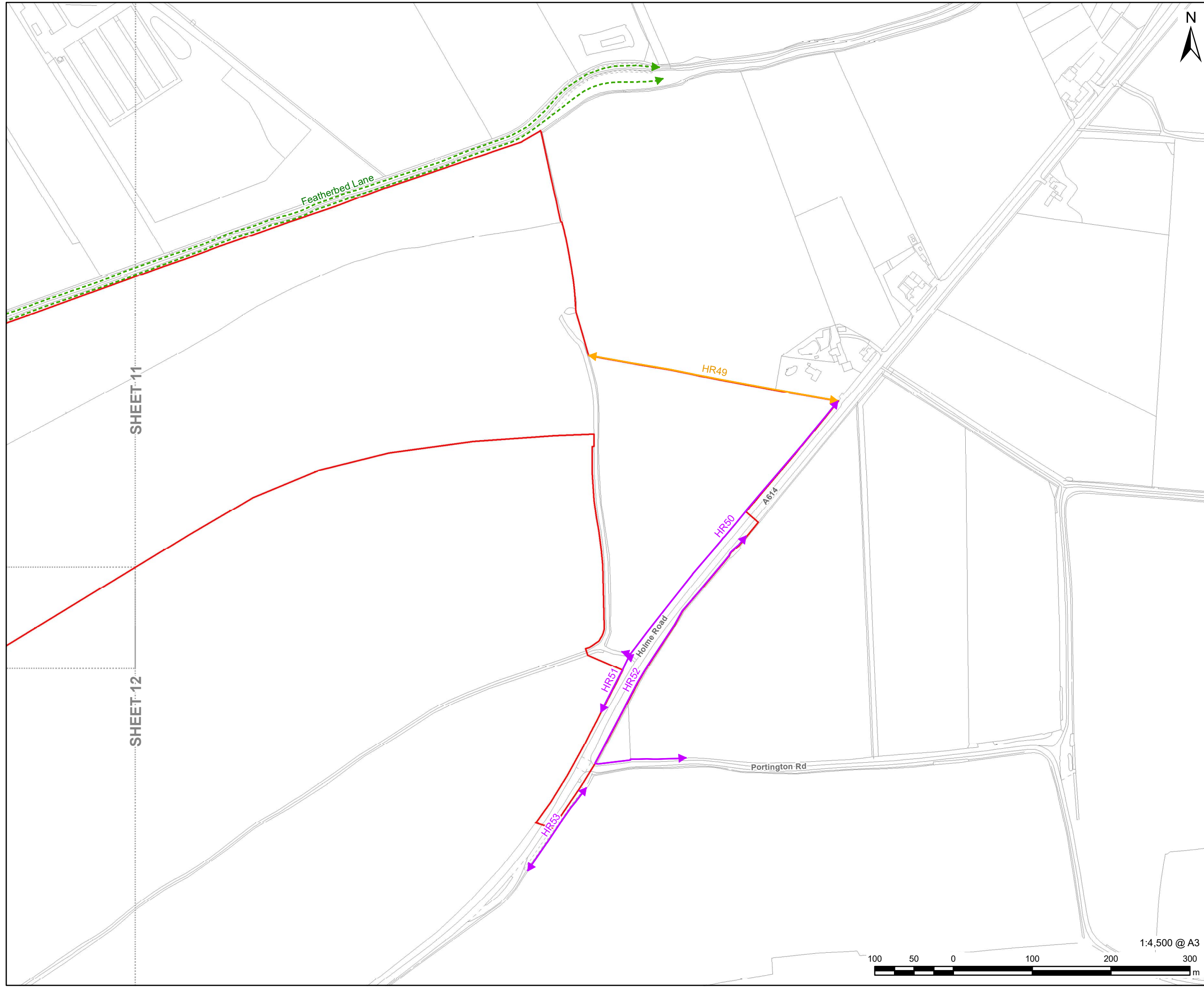
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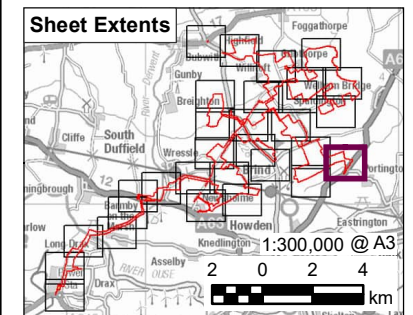


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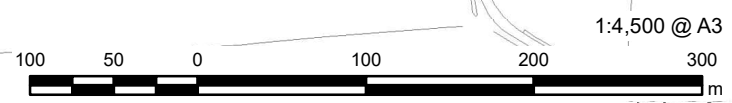
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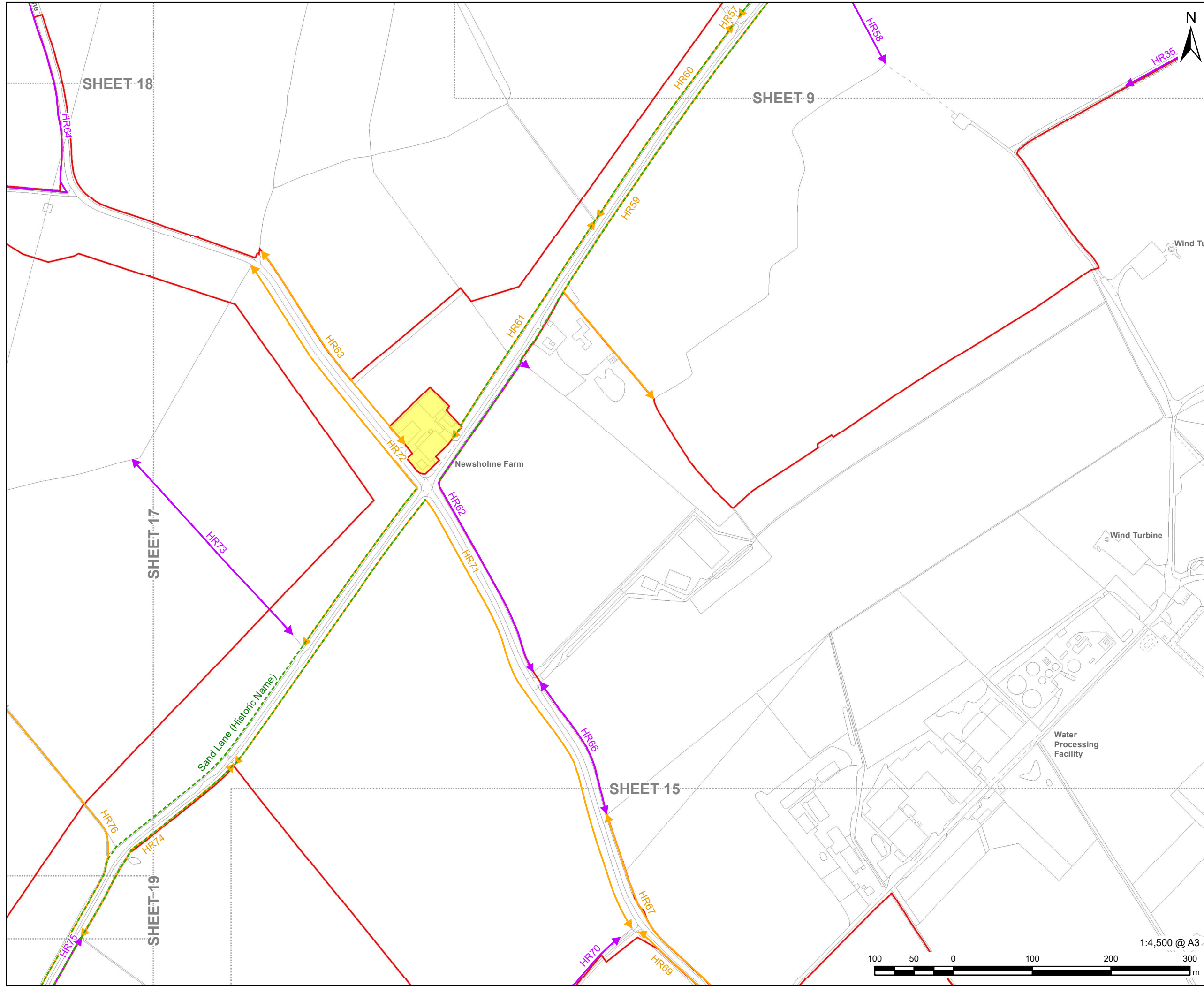
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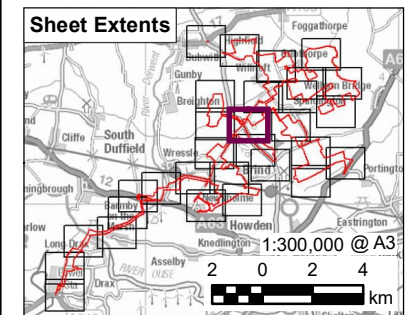


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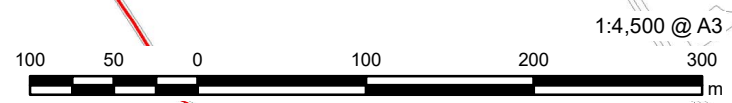
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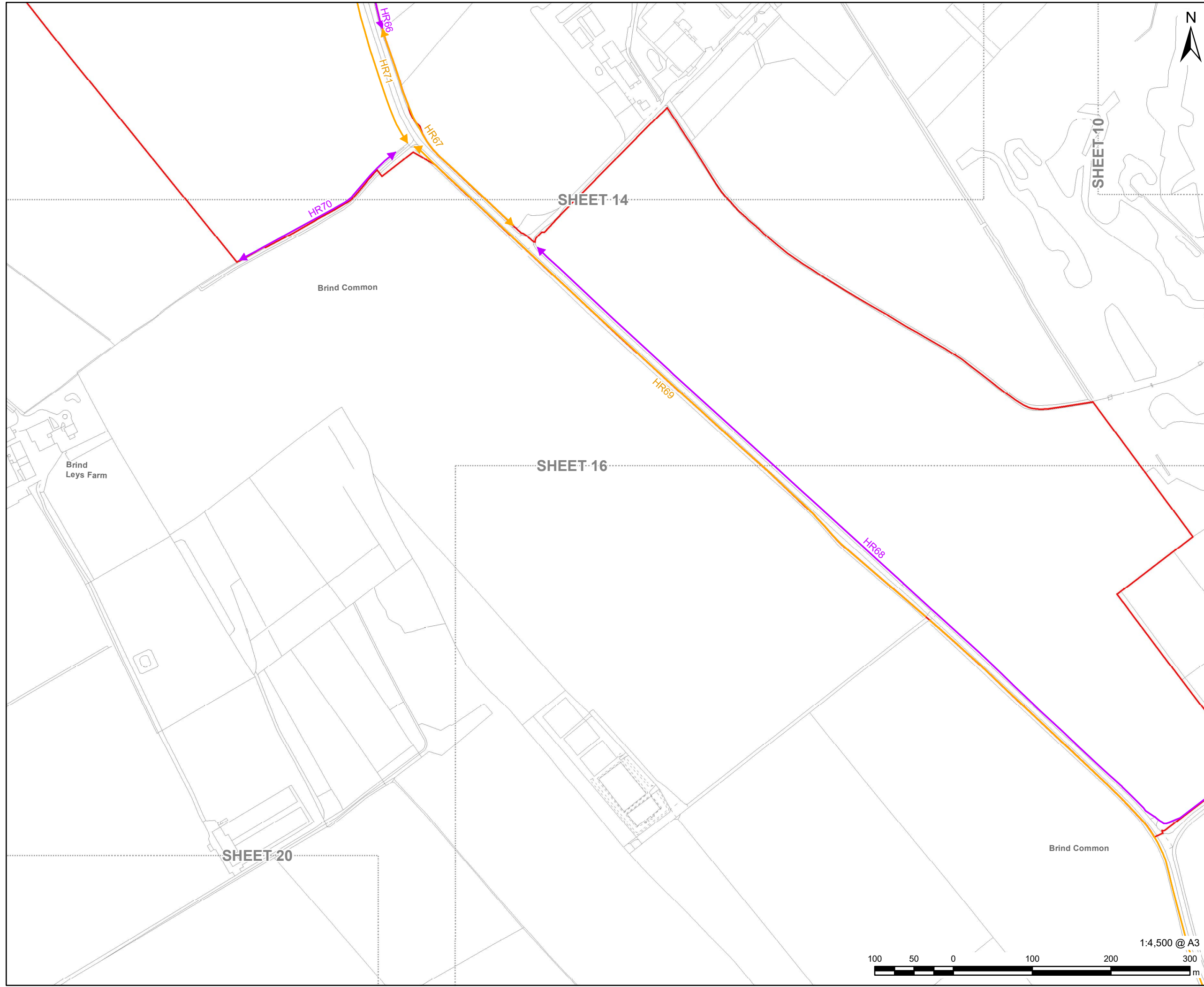
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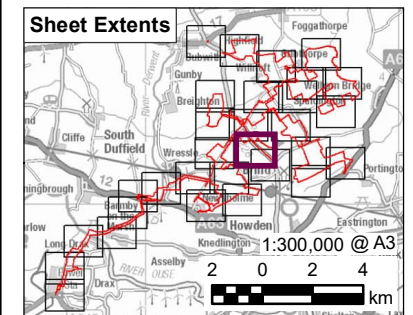


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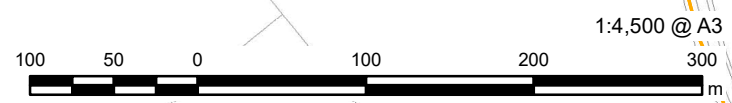
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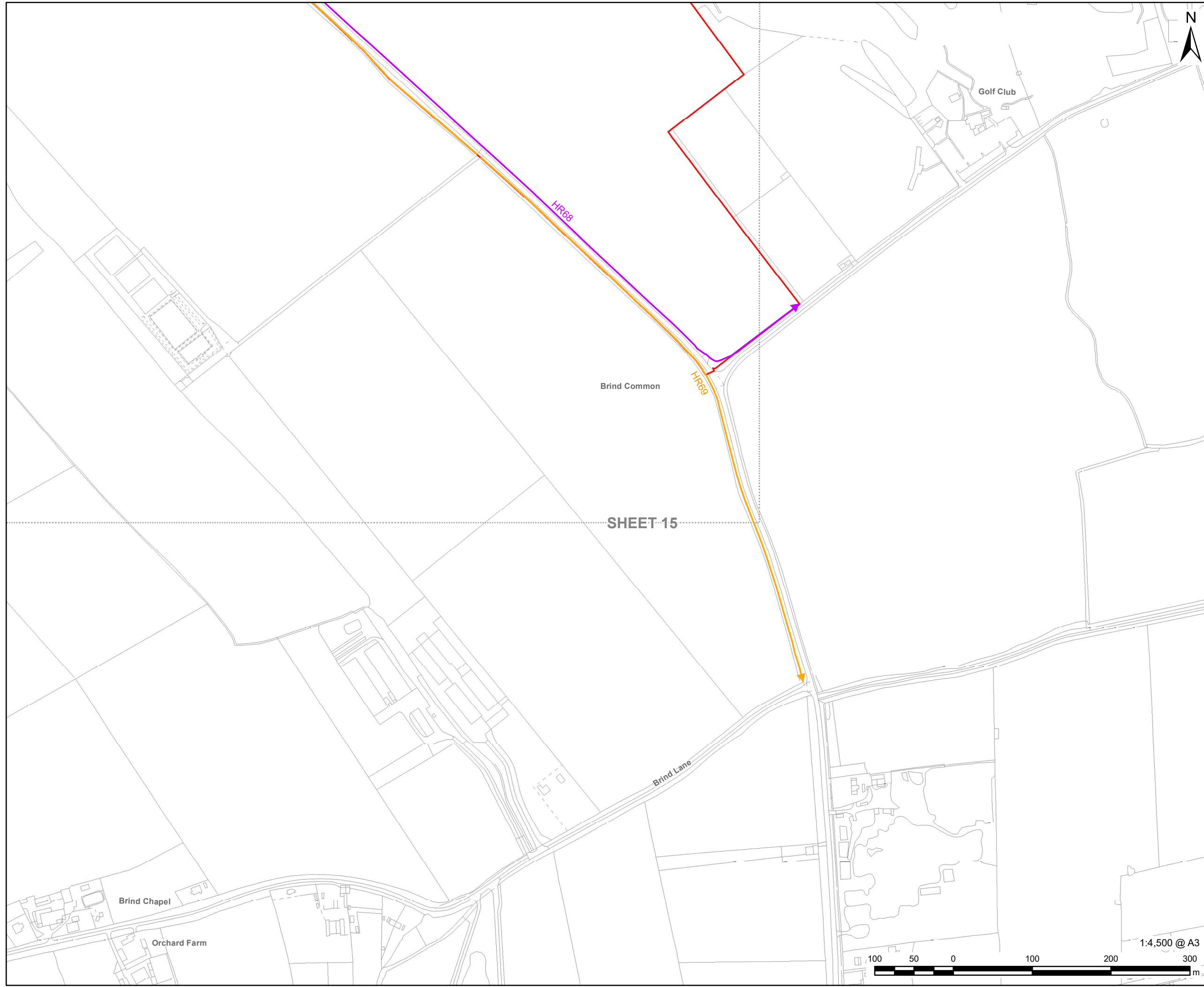
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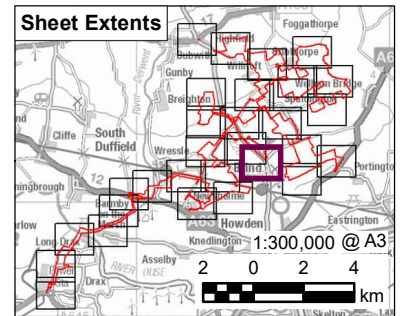


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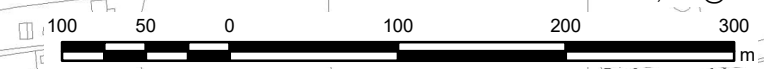
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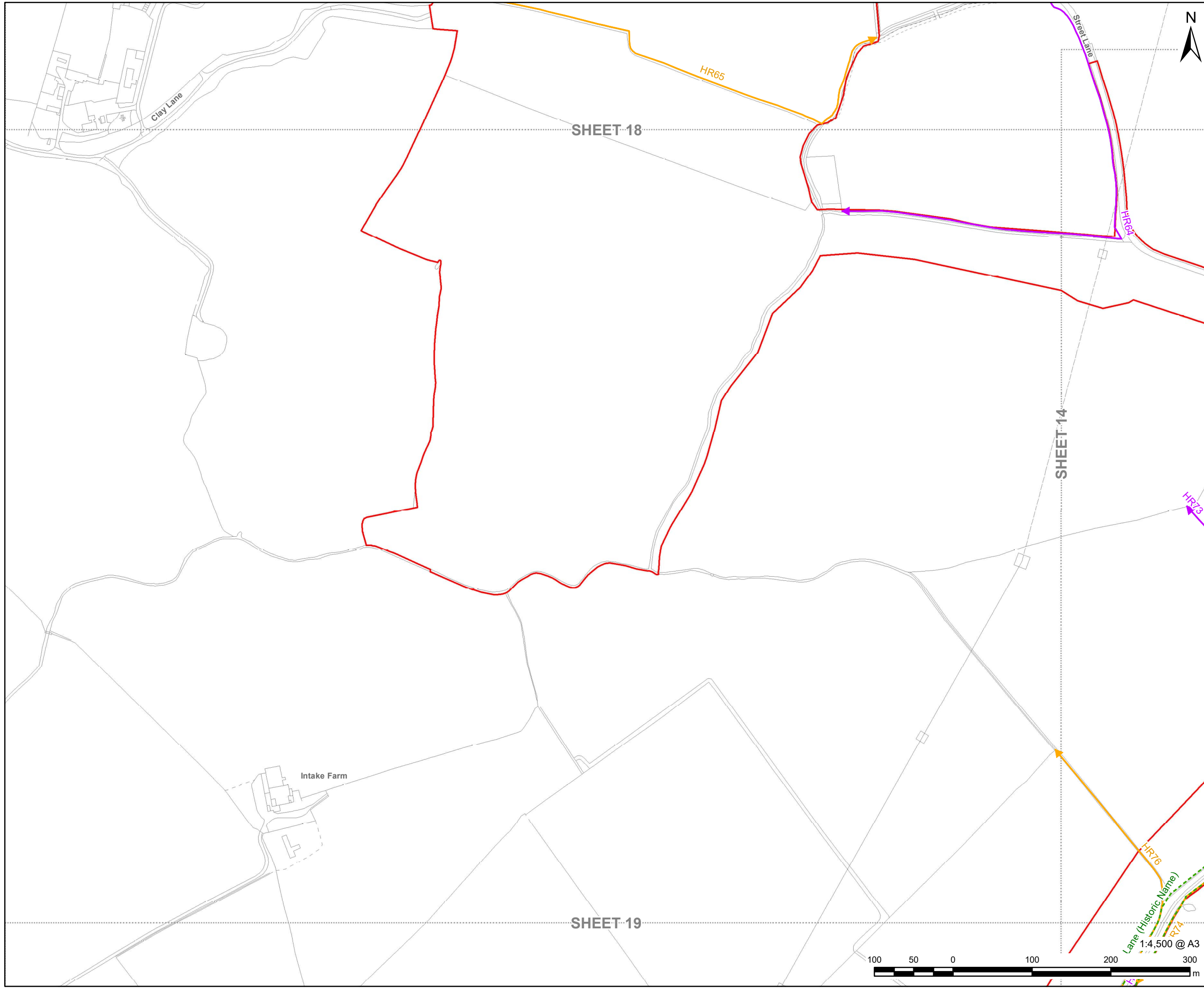
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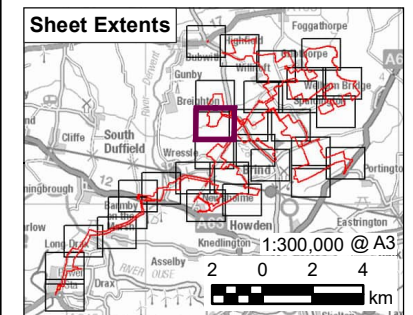
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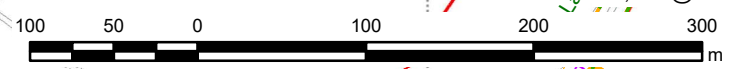
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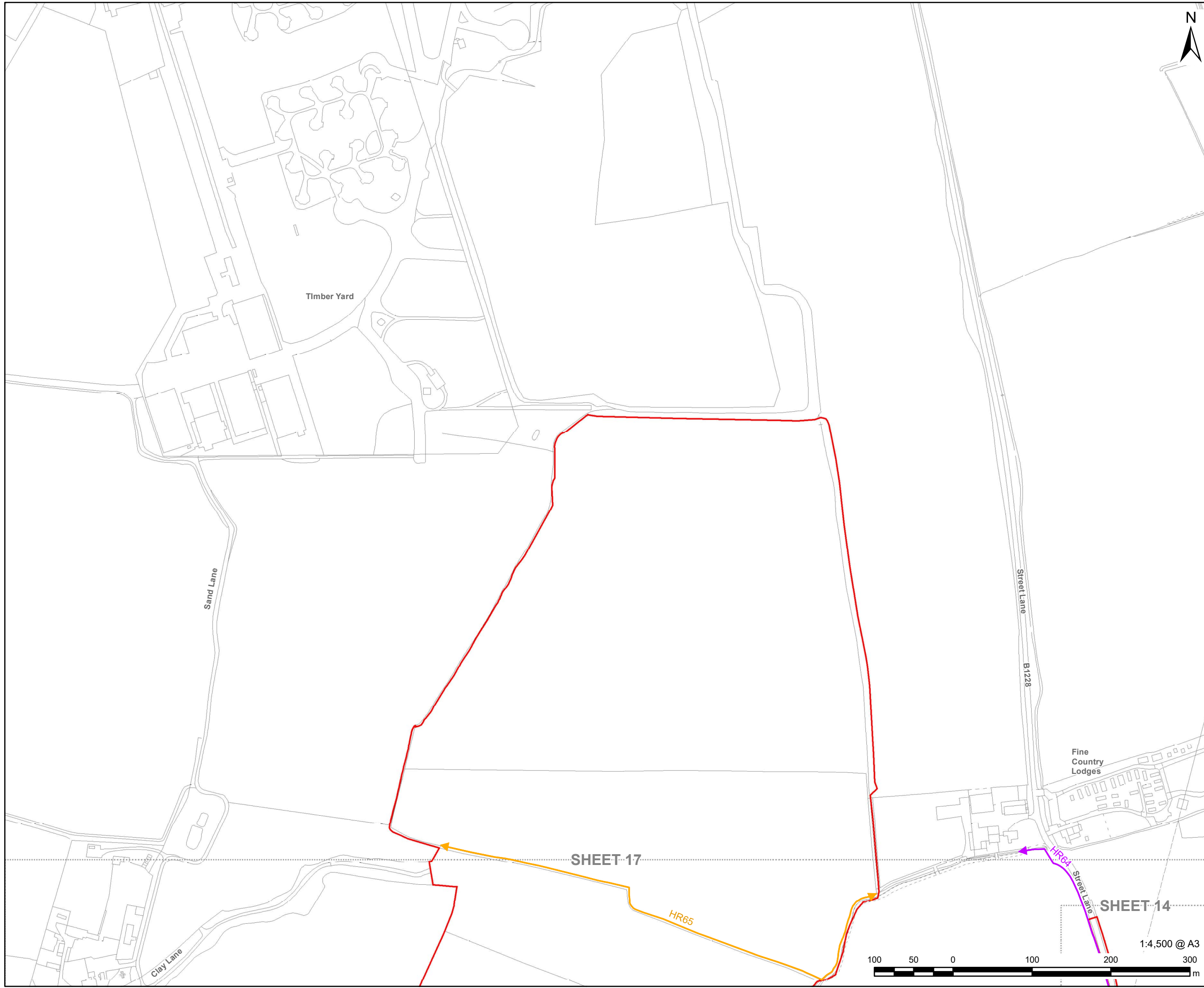
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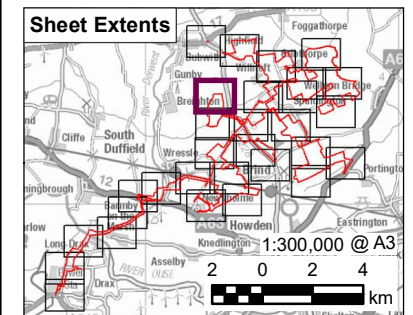


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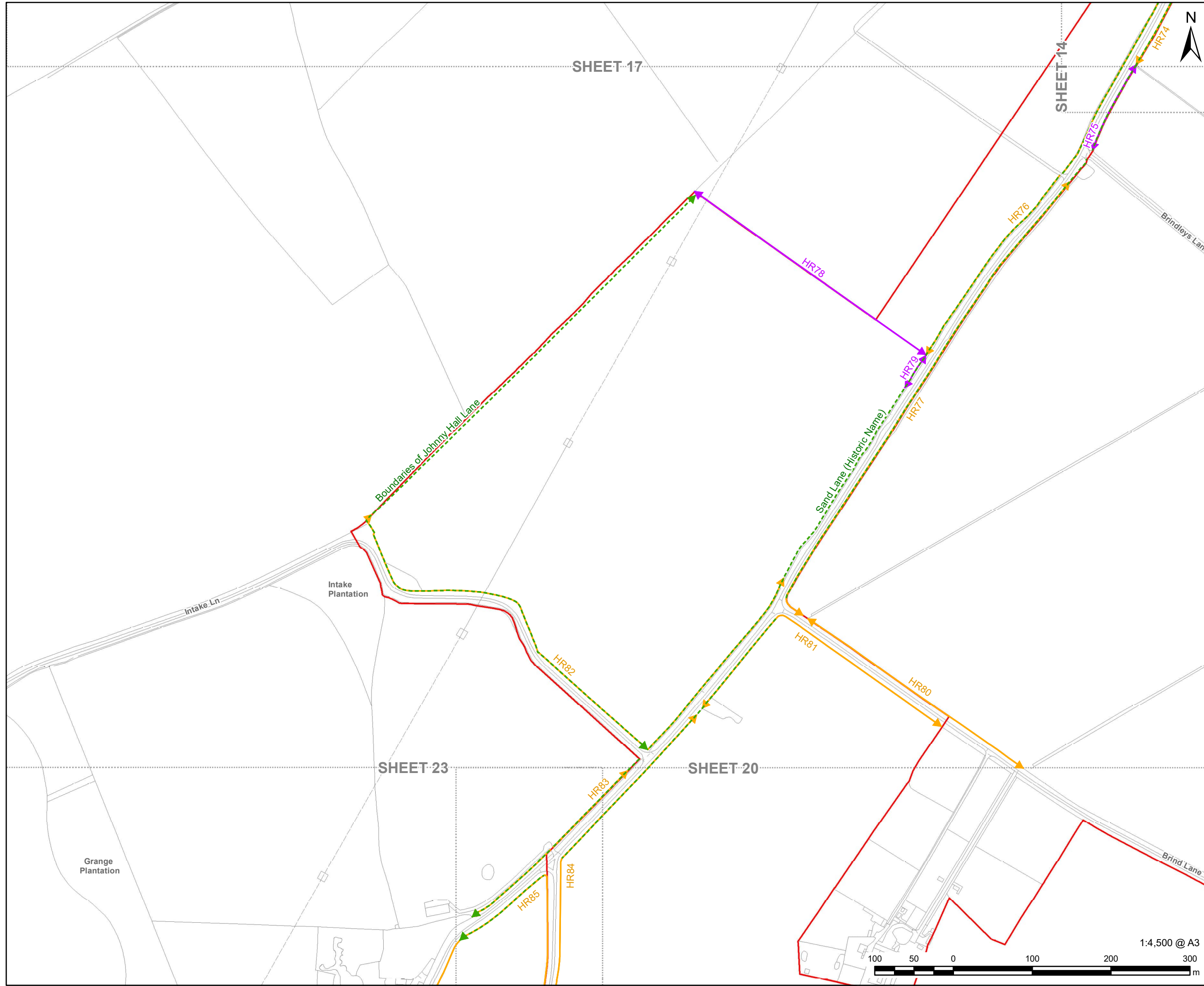
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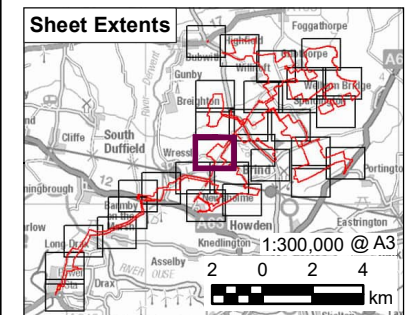
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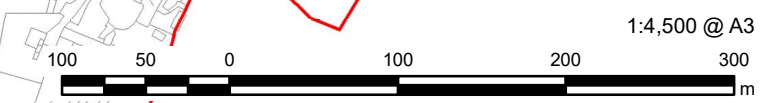
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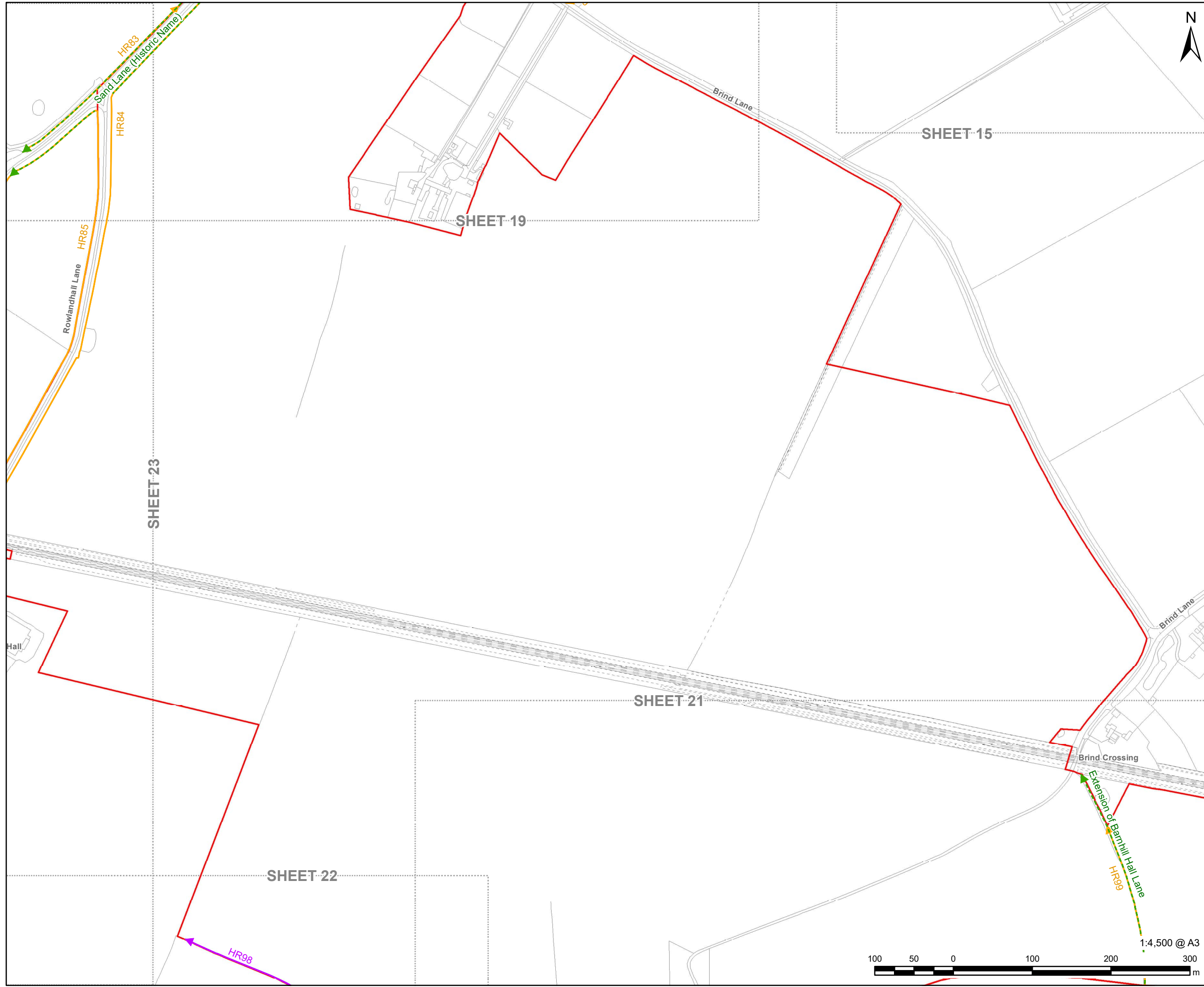
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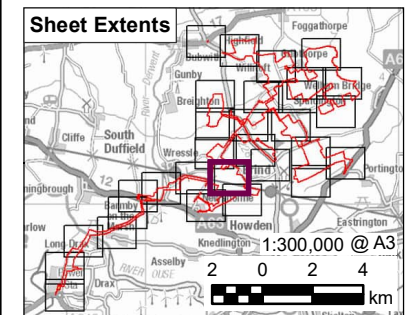
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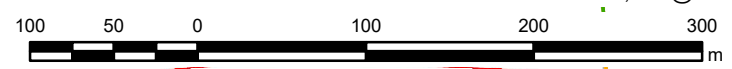
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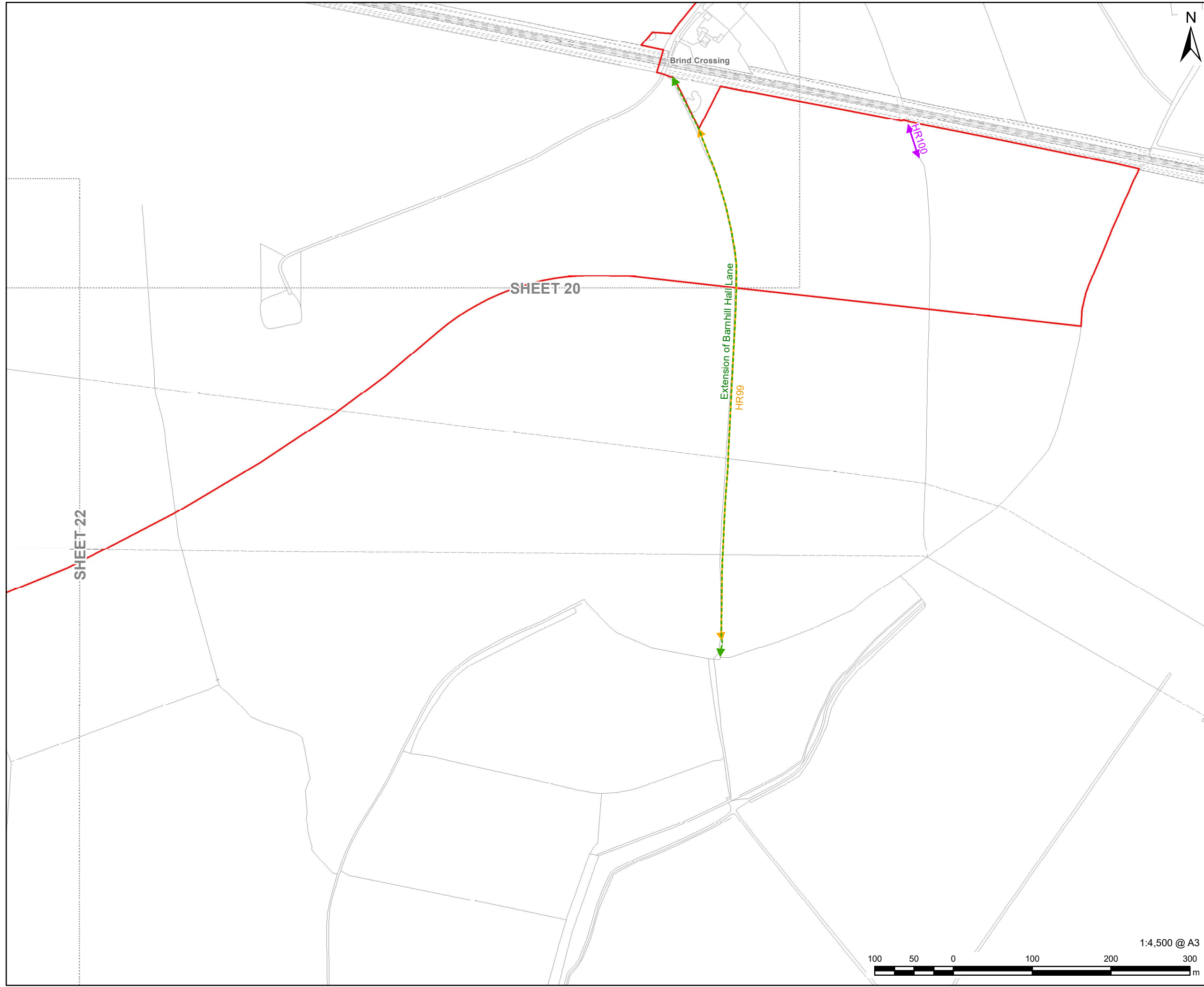
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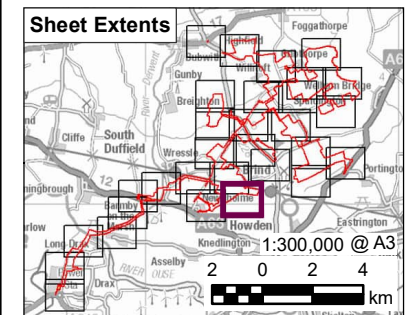


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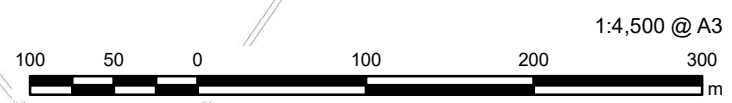
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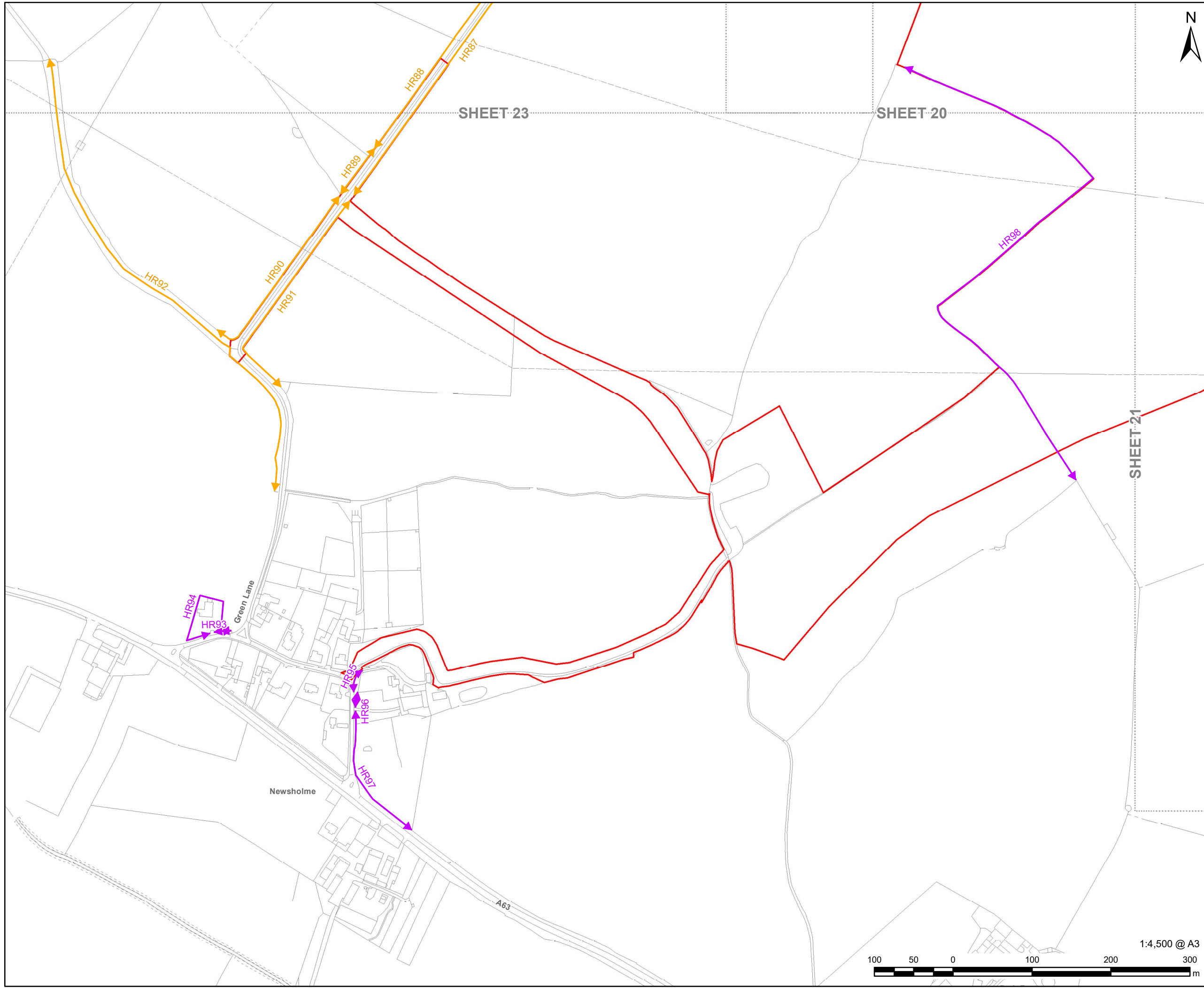
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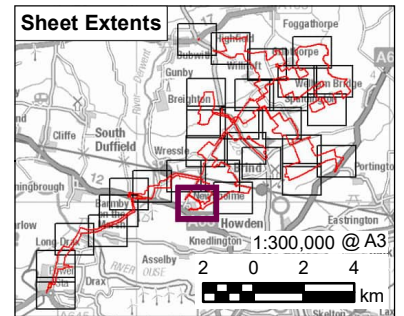


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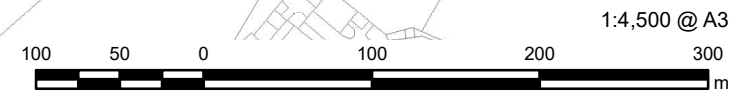
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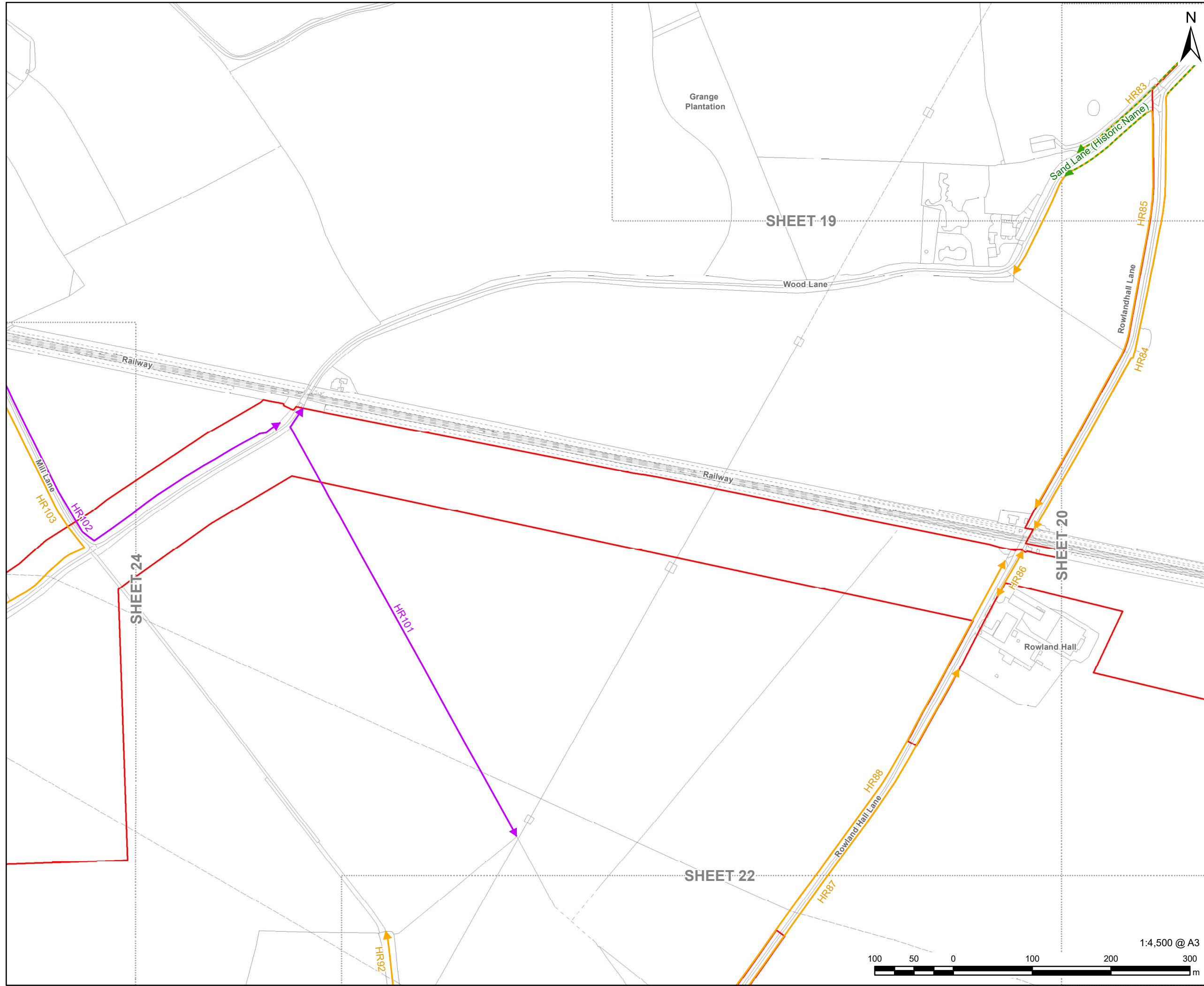
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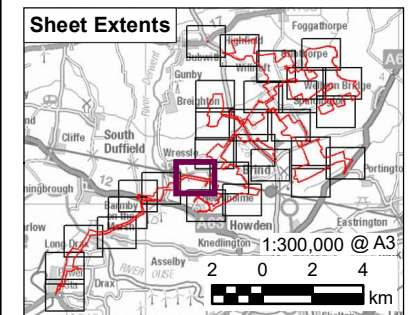


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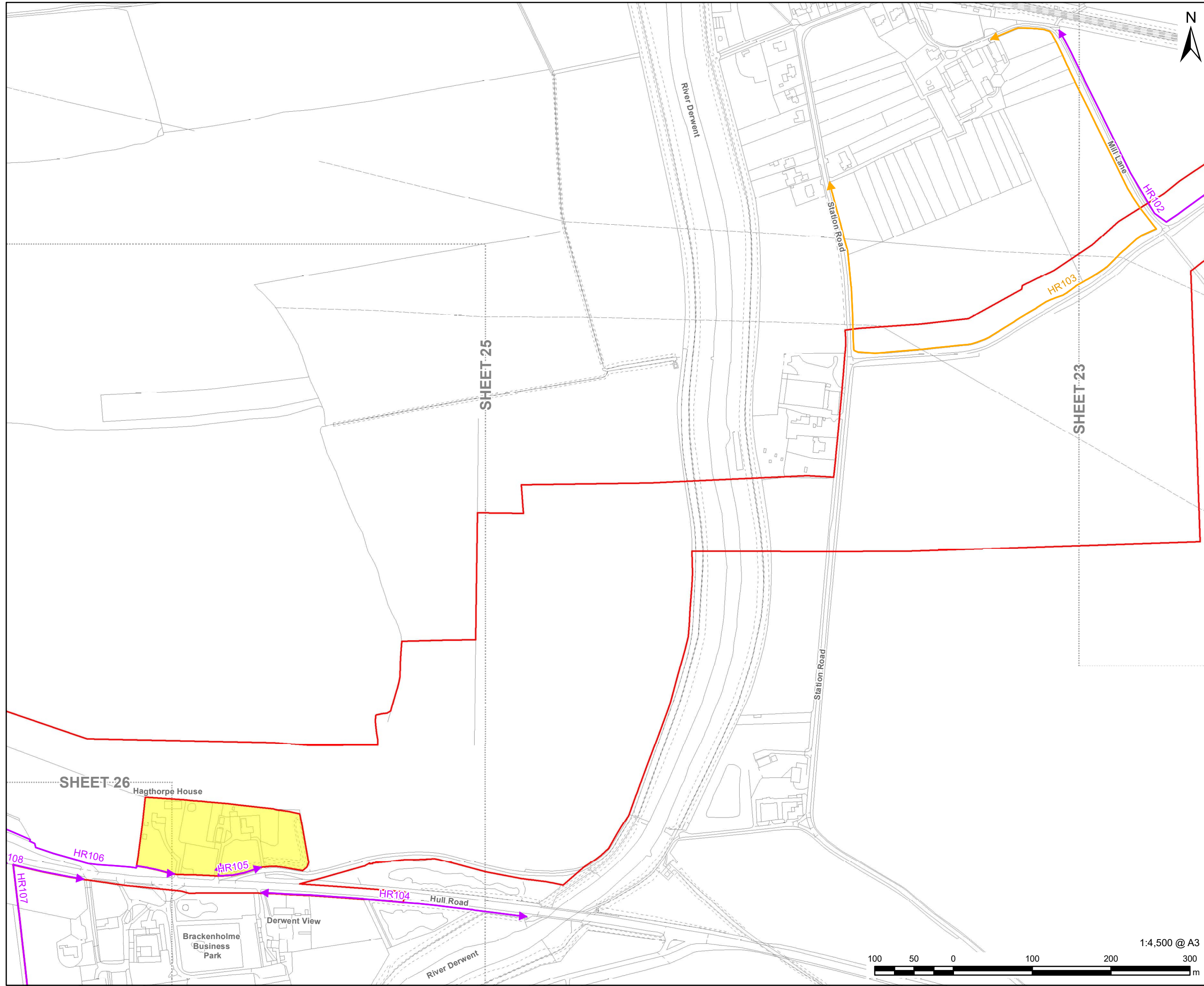
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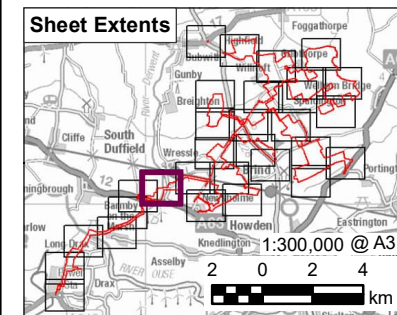
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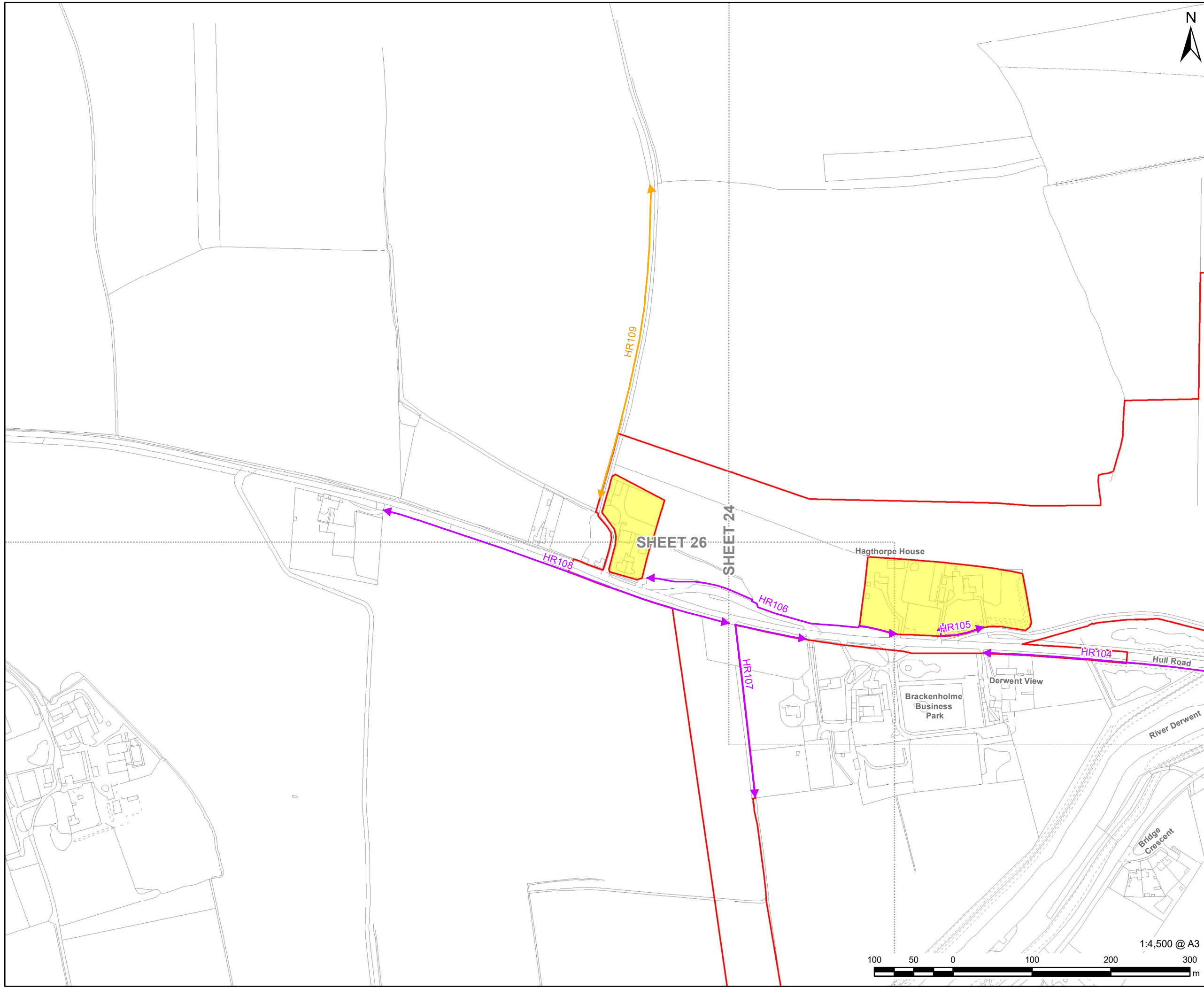
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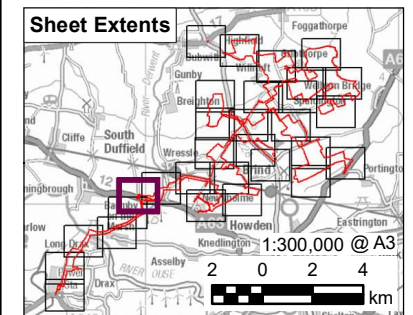
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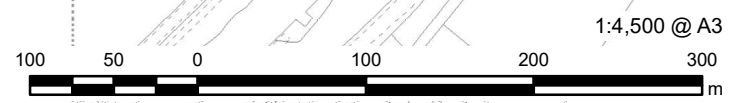
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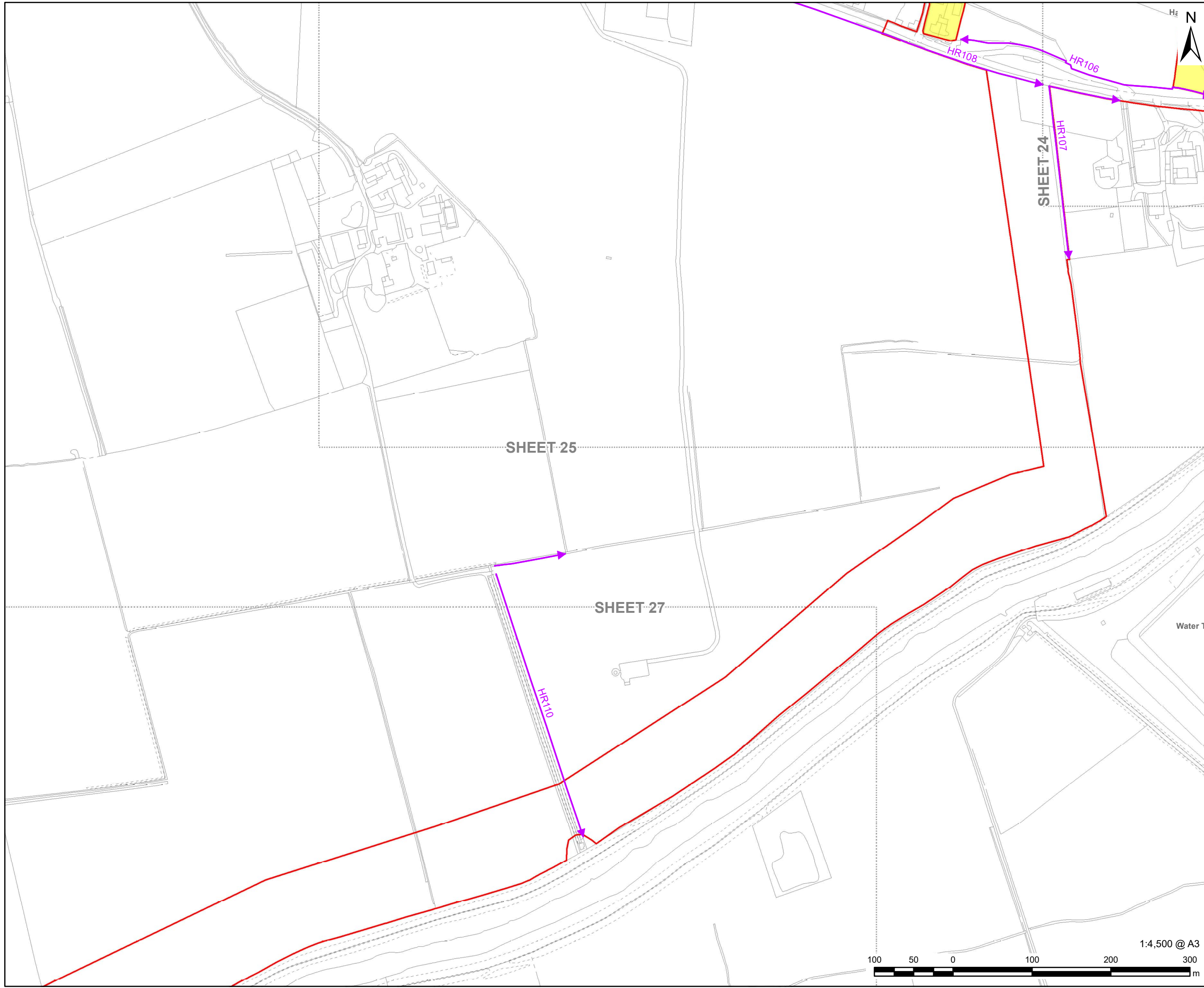
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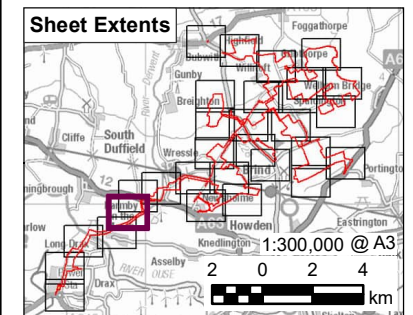


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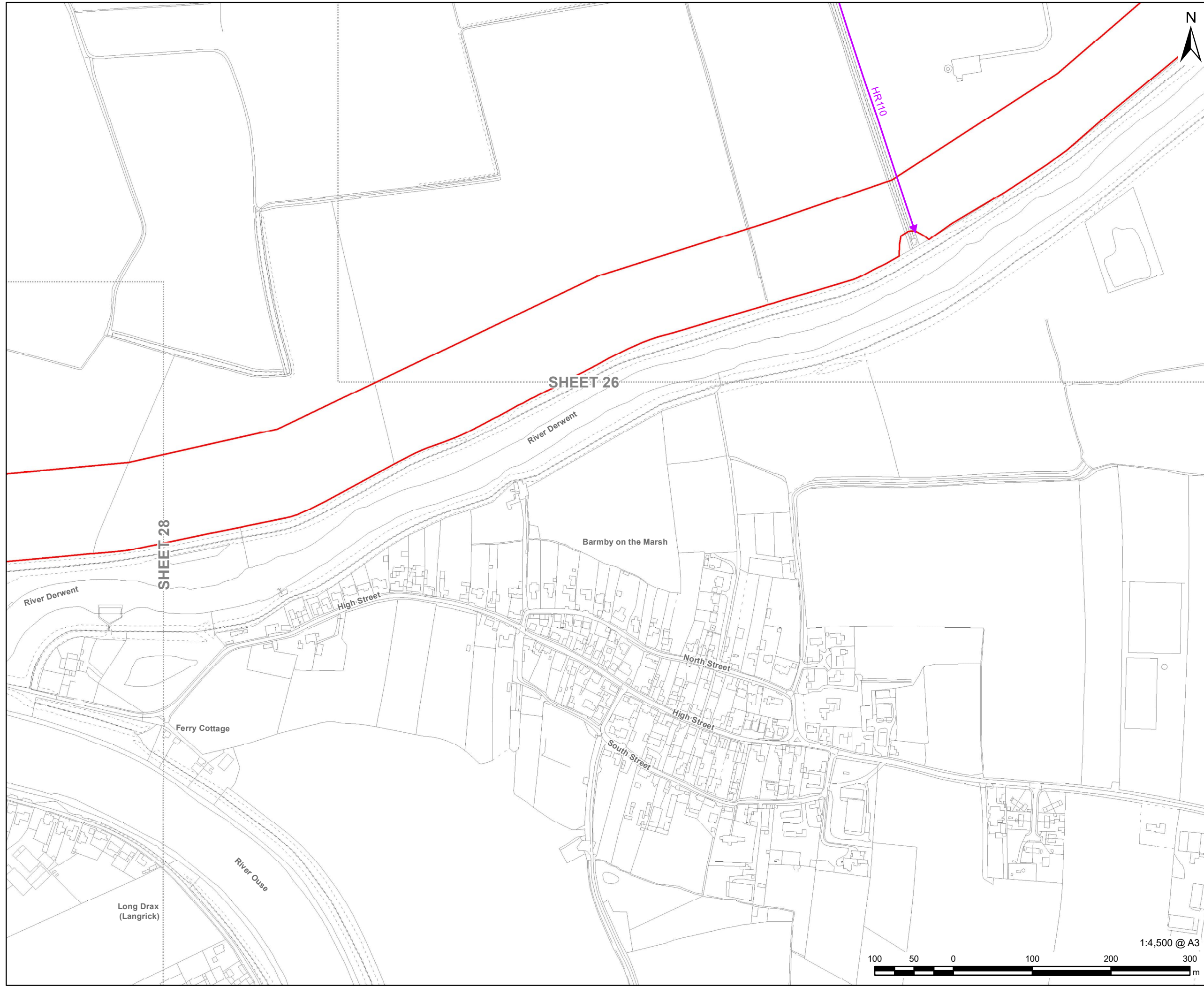
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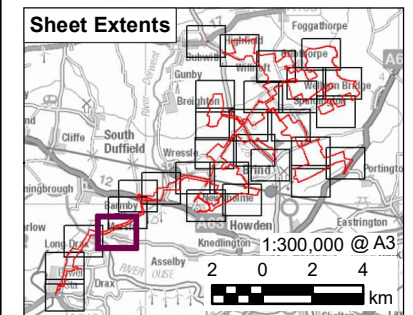


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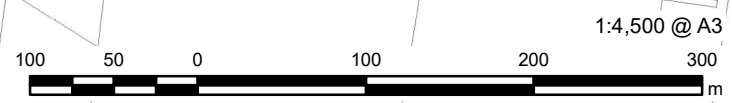
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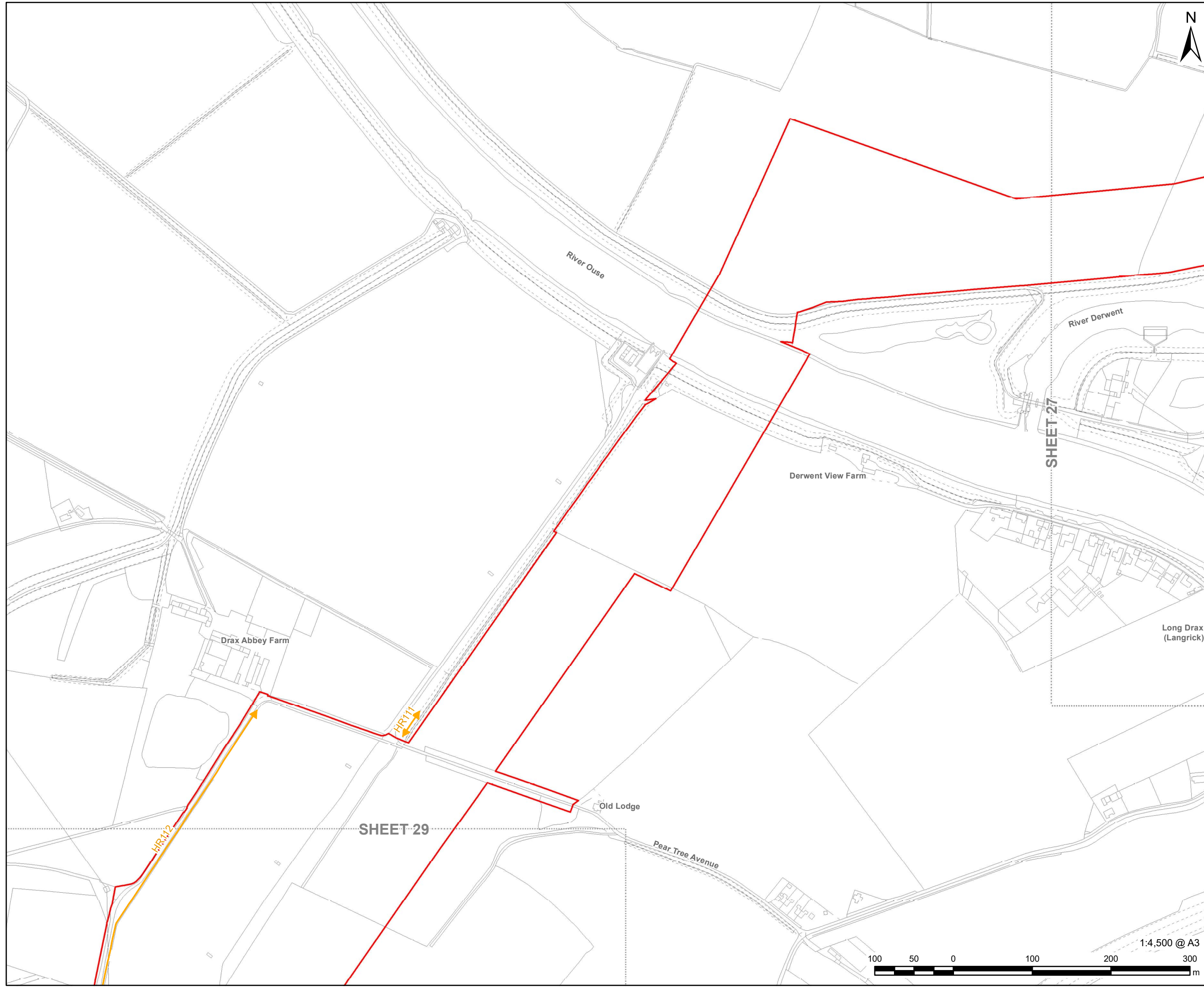
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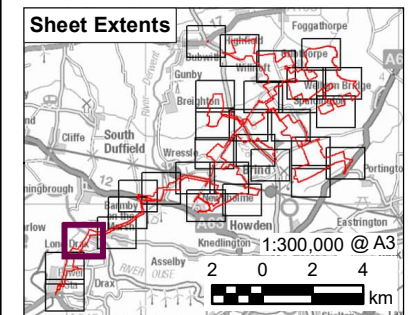
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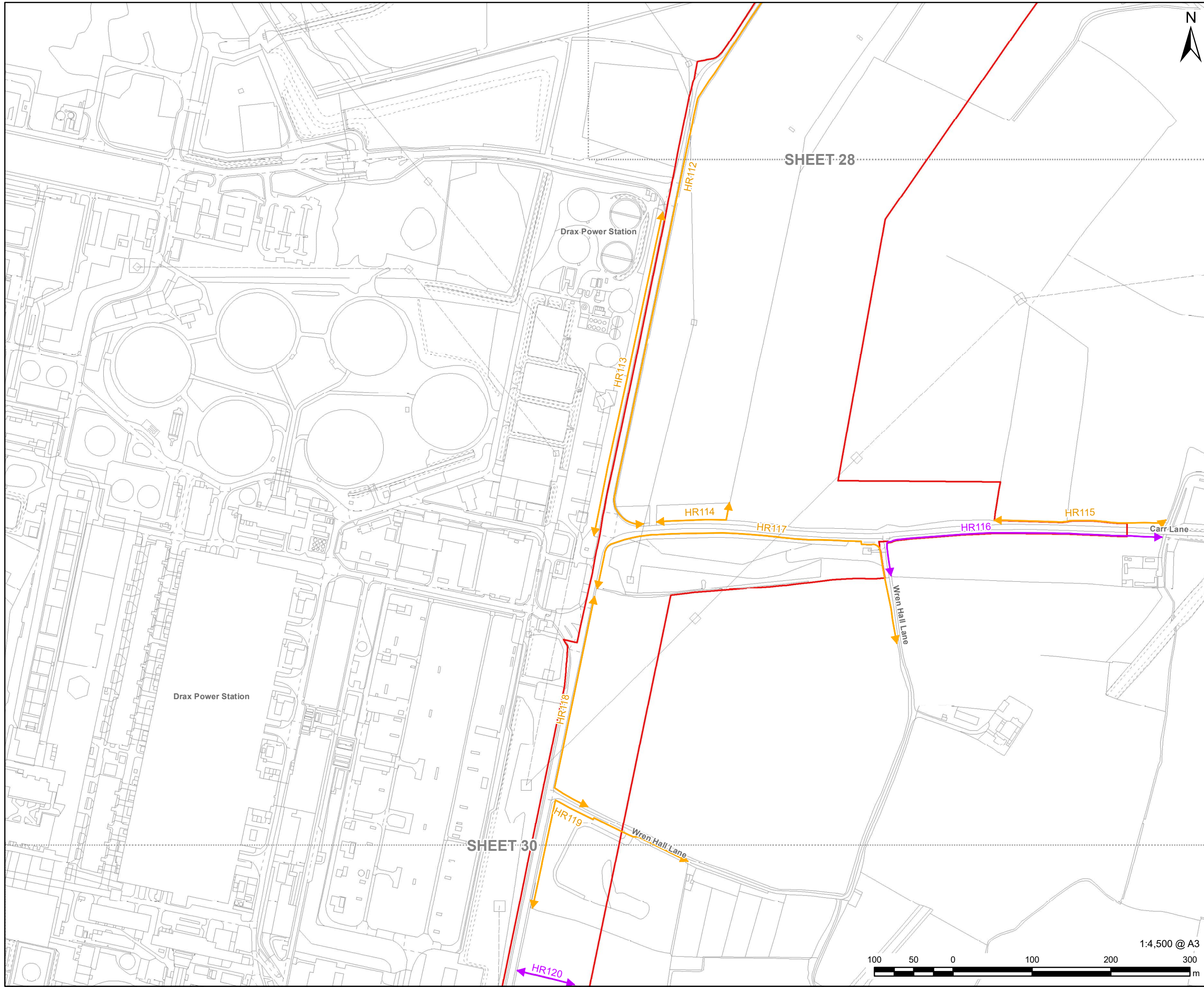
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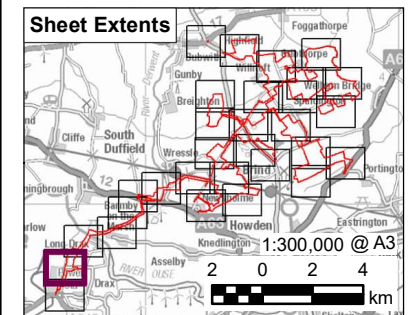


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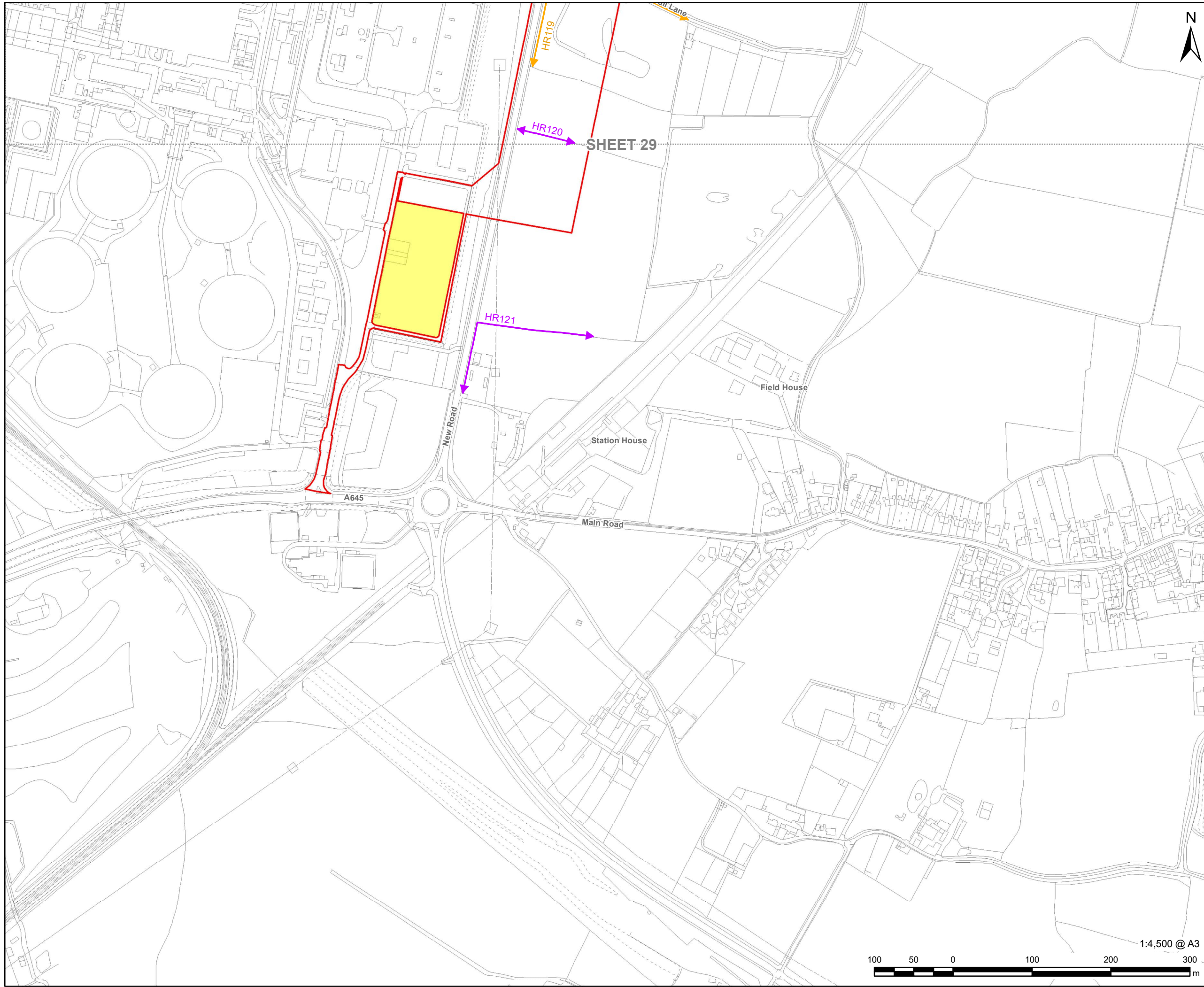
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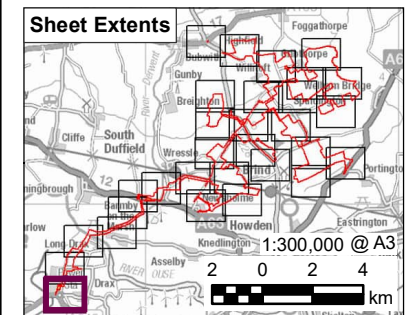


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