Green Belt and Green Wedge Map Book

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Introduction

Green wedges are areas of land that define and enhance the City's urban structure, maintain the identity of the different residential neighbourhoods, provide an uninterrupted link to the countryside, form part of the wider Green Infrastructure network, as well as playing a key role in climate change adaptation.

Derby City Council (the Council) is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of its Local Plan, with the existing Local Plan now being partly out of date, due to changes in the way that housing needs are calculated. Whilst Green Wedge principles were first established during the 1980s, the Council has carried this concept through successive Local Plans to the present day.

The Council commissioned Land Use Consultants (LUC) to assess the functionality of Derby's green wedges, and the impact of releasing land from these wedges for future built development. The 2025 Derby Green Wedge Review replaces the 2012 Green Wedge Review which was prepared to inform the Derby City Local Plan Part 1 (DCLP1 adopted 2017).

Part 1 - Derby Green Wedge Review - Final Report - September 2025

Part 2 - Derby Green Wedge Review - Final Report - September 2025

This document has been created in response to the findings of the 2025 Derby Green Wedge Review and presents each of the Green Wedges proposed to be retained in the emerging Local Plan, identifying their location within the city and proposed boundaries.

Reflecting the findings of the 2025 Green Wedge Review, several boundary amendments are proposed, including the deletion of the Lees Brook Valley Green Wedge and the re-designation of the Littleover / Mickleover Green Wedge to a 'Green Gap'.

As proposed, in addition to the new Green Gap, there will be eleven Green Wedges in the emerging plan, including:

- Upper Derwent Valley
- Chaddesden and Derwent Industrial Area
- North Oakwood
- Spondon and Chaddesden
- Lower Derwent Valley
- Boulton Moor
- Allenton and Sinfin Industrial Area
- Sinfin and Sinfin Industrial Area
- Littleover and Sunnyhill
- Mickleover and Mackworth

- Allestree, Mackworth and Markeaton

Additionally, this document identifies the proposed boundaries of areas of Green Belt land within the administrative area of the city. The Green Belt designations seek to ensure that land remains permanently open, to prevent urban sprawl.

The National Planning Policy Framework outlines five main purposes of Green Belts:

- To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas
- To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another
- To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment
- To preserve the setting and special characteristics of historic towns and
- To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land

The Council commissioned LUC to also undertake a review of areas of Green Belt land within the city to assess contribution to the five main purposes identified in the NPPF, indicate whether land should be considered to be 'Grey Belt' and provide commentary on the potential impacts of releasing promoted areas for development.

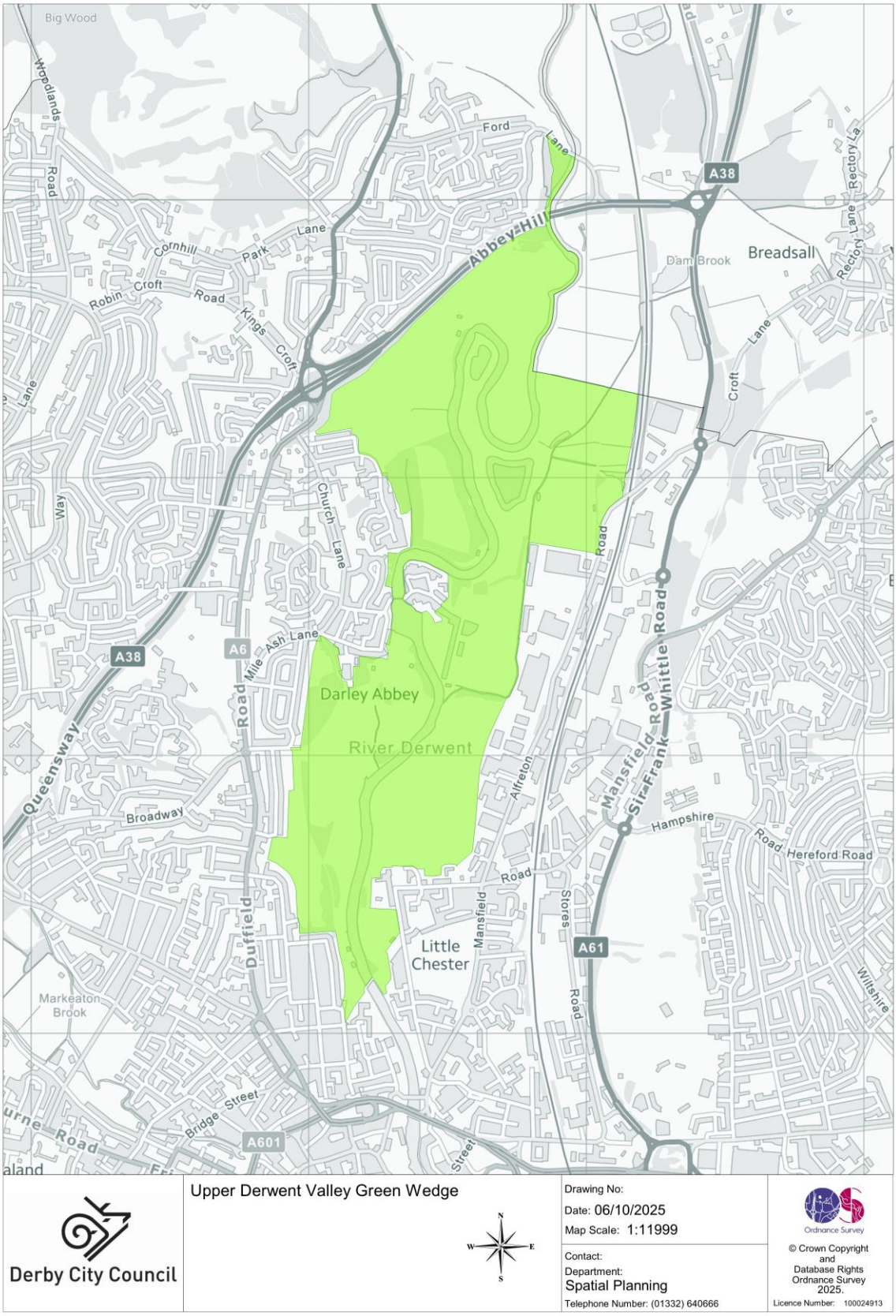
Derby Green Belt Assessment – September 2025

Reflecting the findings of the Green Belt Review, six areas of Green Belt land are proposed to be identified in the emerging plan, including:

- Allestree Green Belt
- Chellaston Brick Works Green Belt
- East of Alvaston Green Belt
- East of Spondon Green Belt
- North of Spondon Green Belt
- South of Spondon Green Belt

The emerging plan proposes to remove one parcel of land from the Green Belt as currently defined, at Stoney Lane, Spondon. This reflects the findings of the Green Belt Review which concludes that the promoted site meets the definition of 'Grey Belt'.

Upper Derwent Valley Green Wedge



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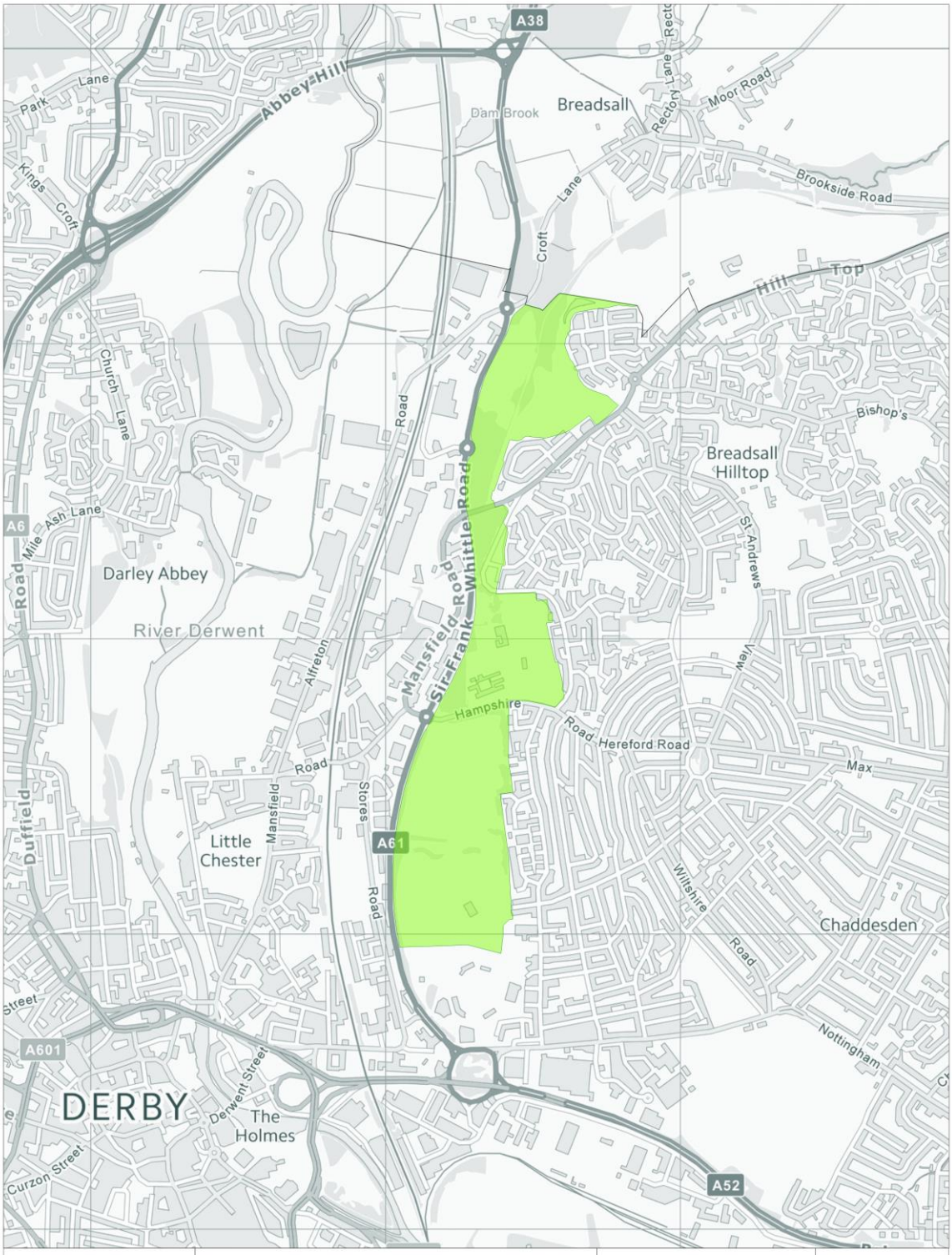

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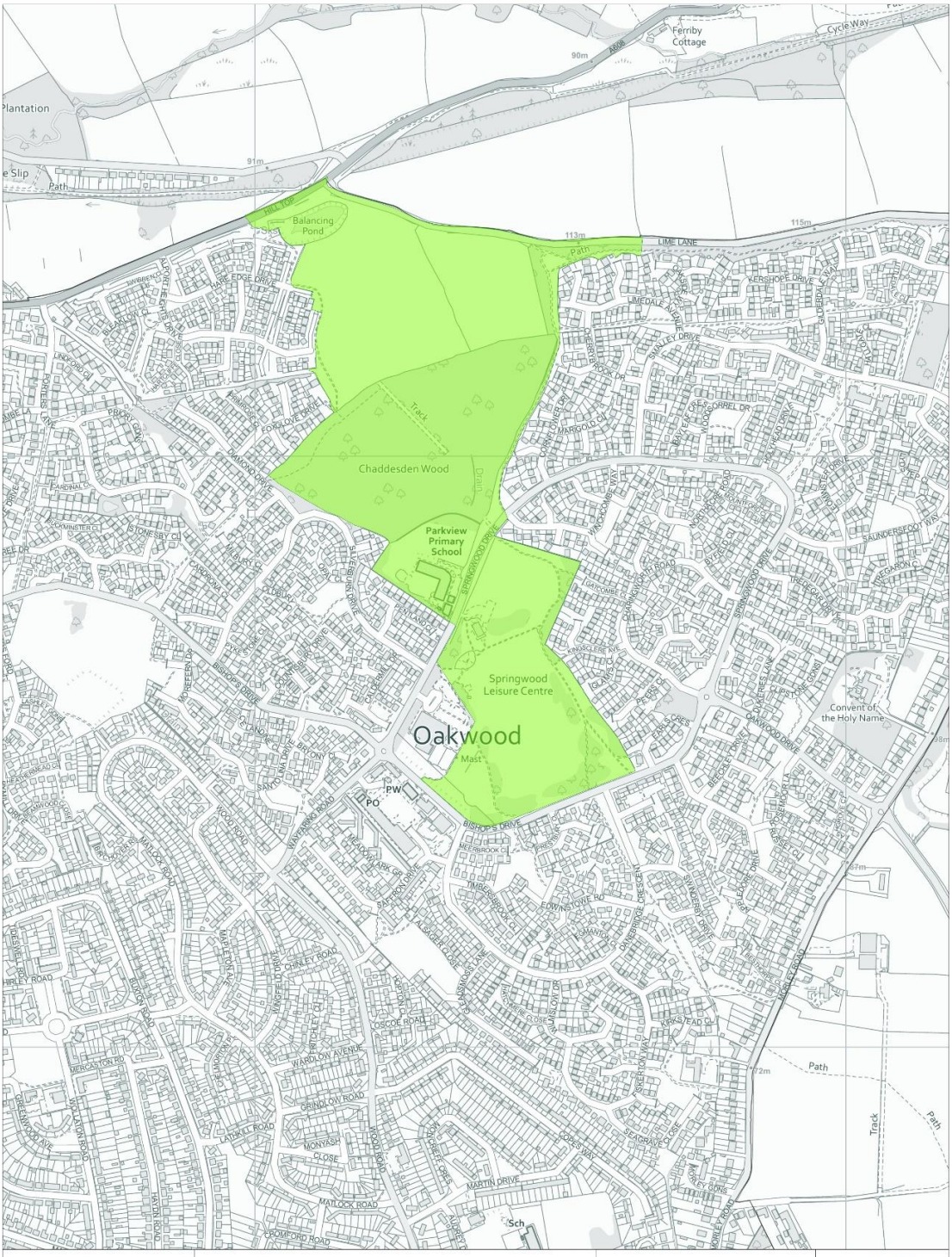

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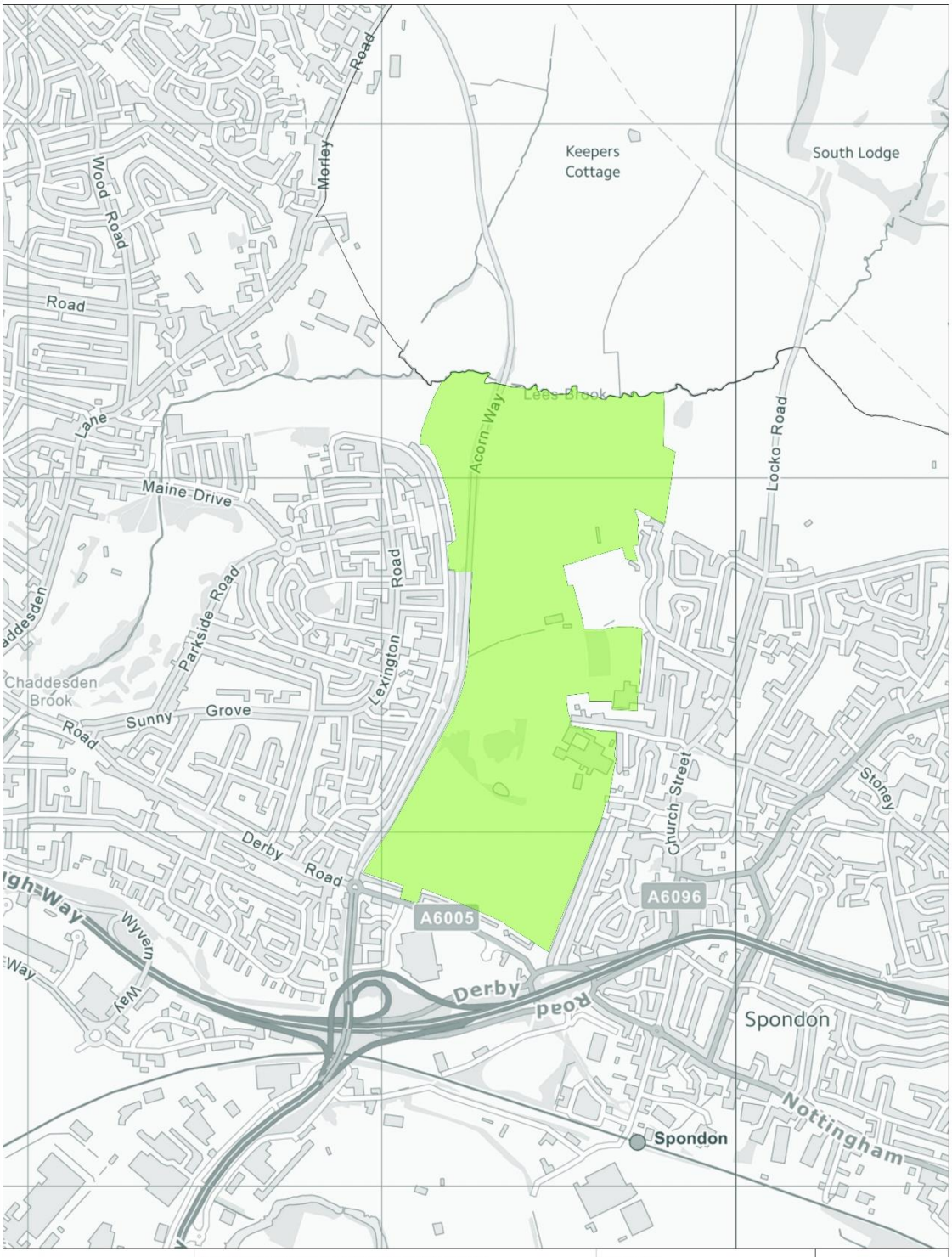

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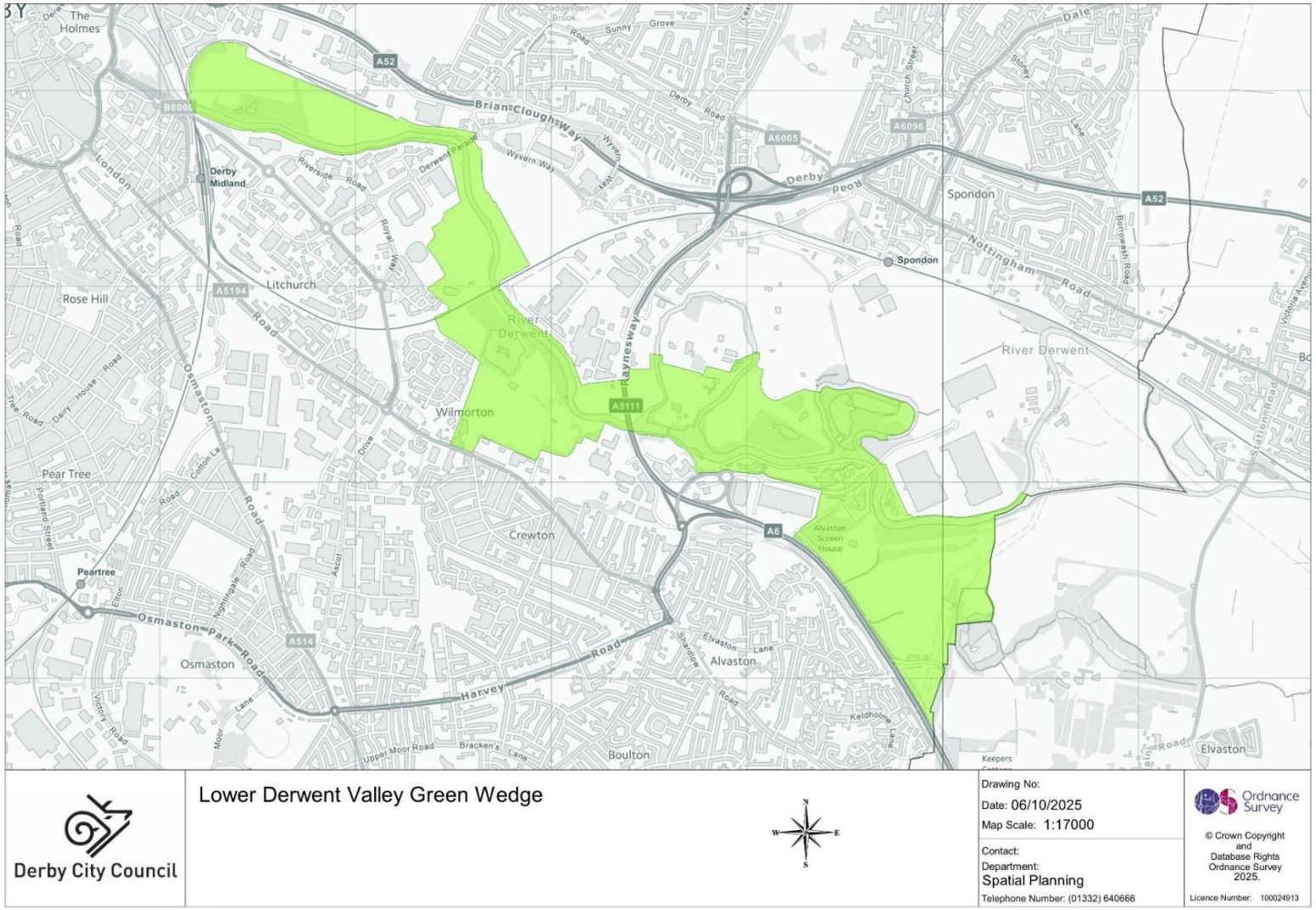

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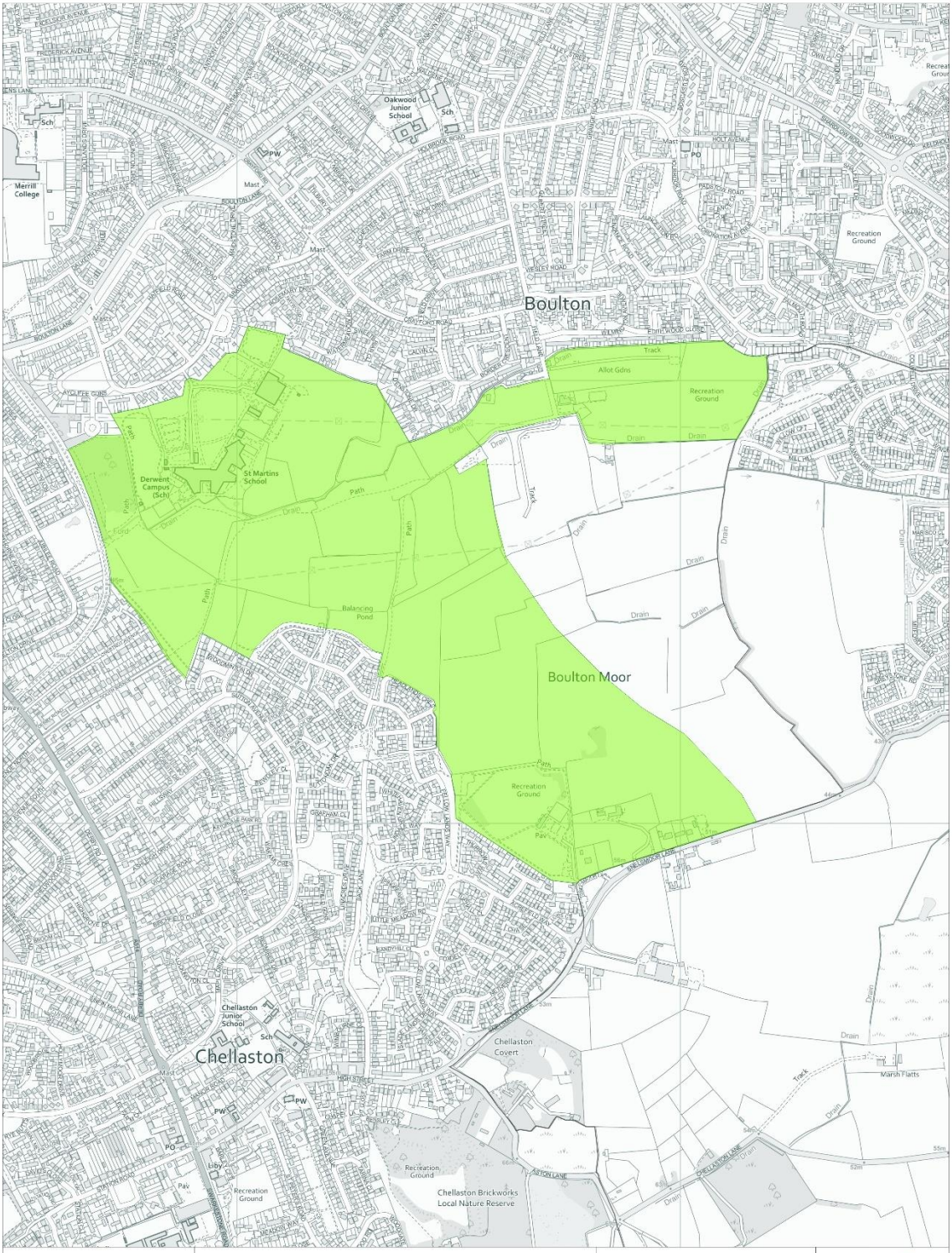

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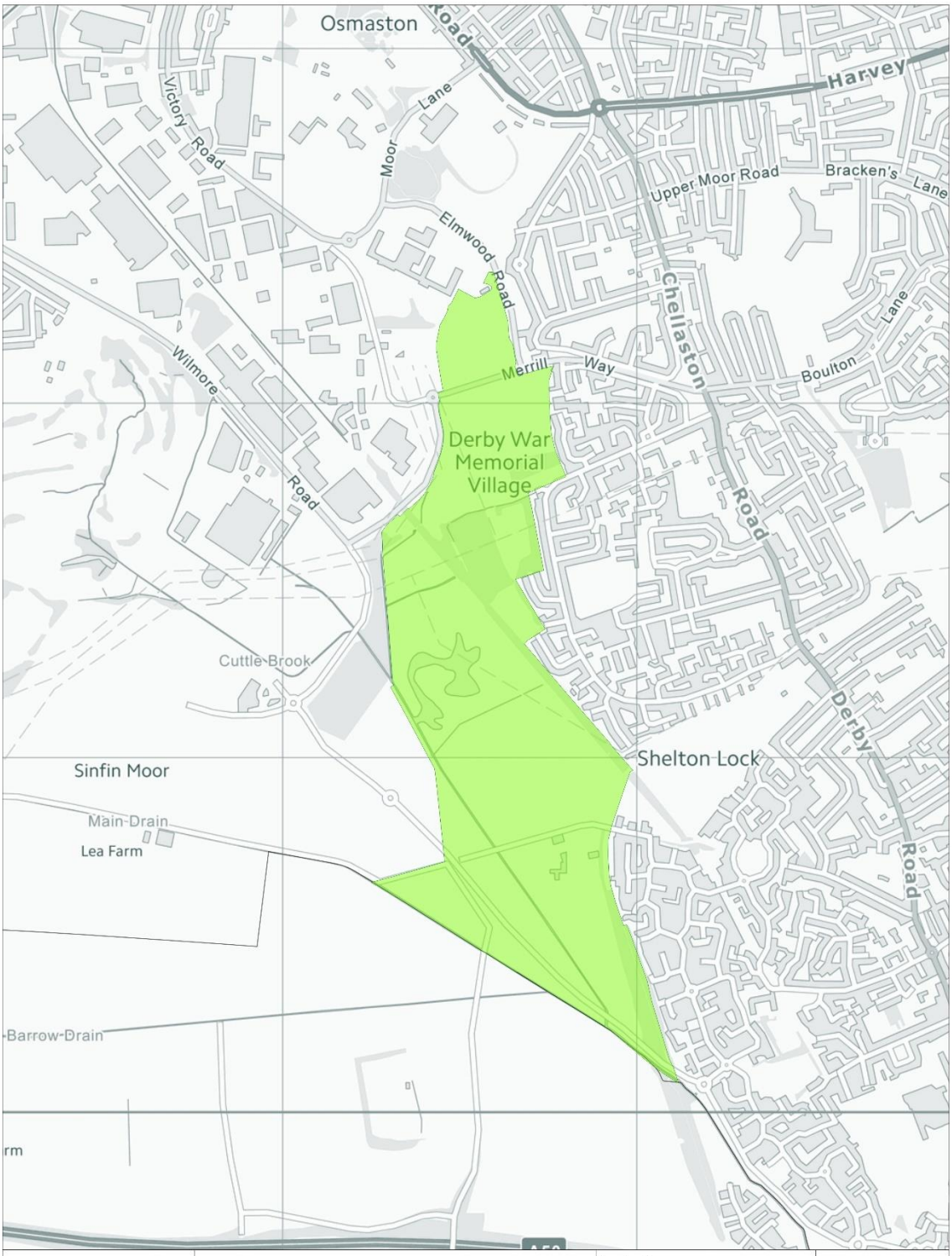

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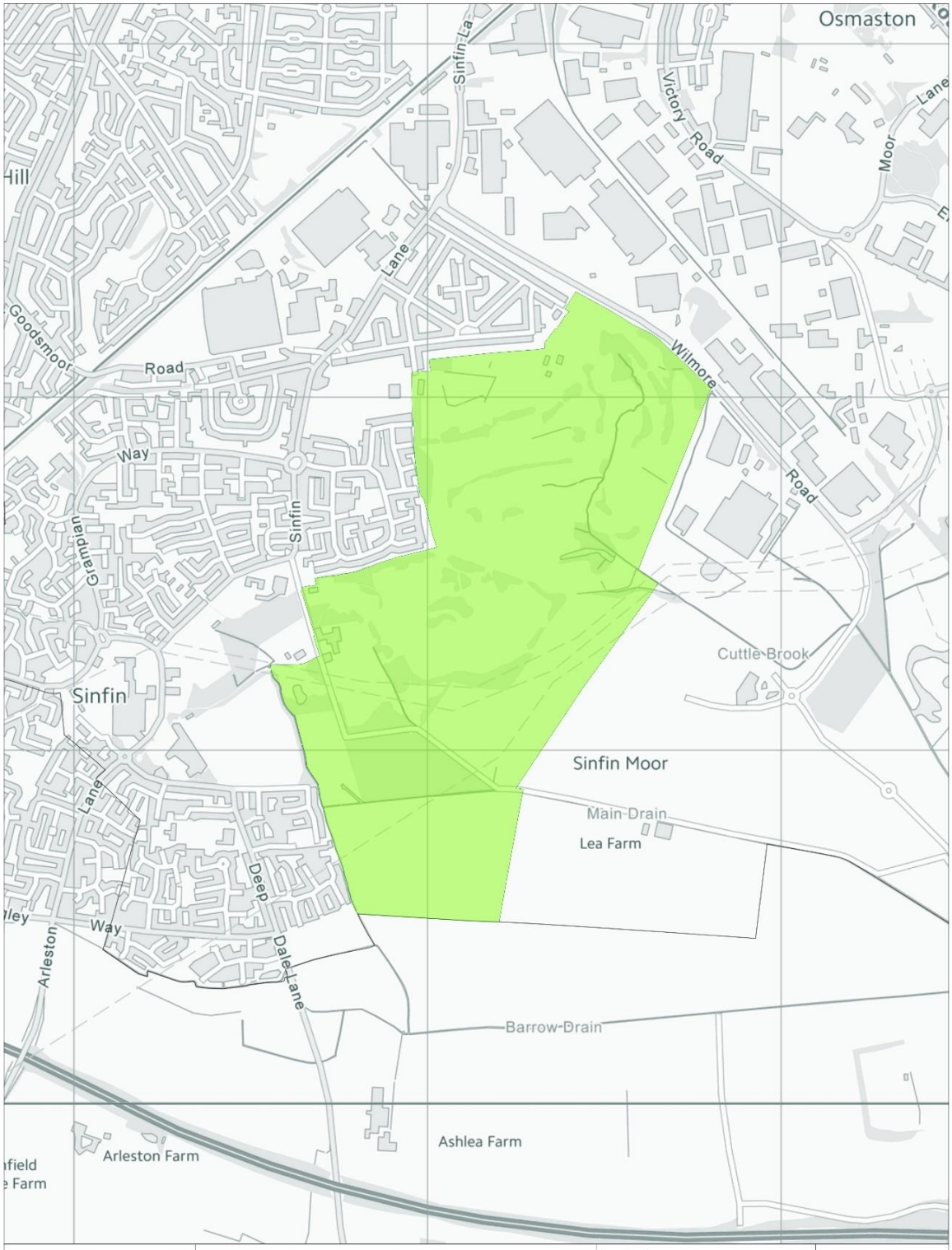

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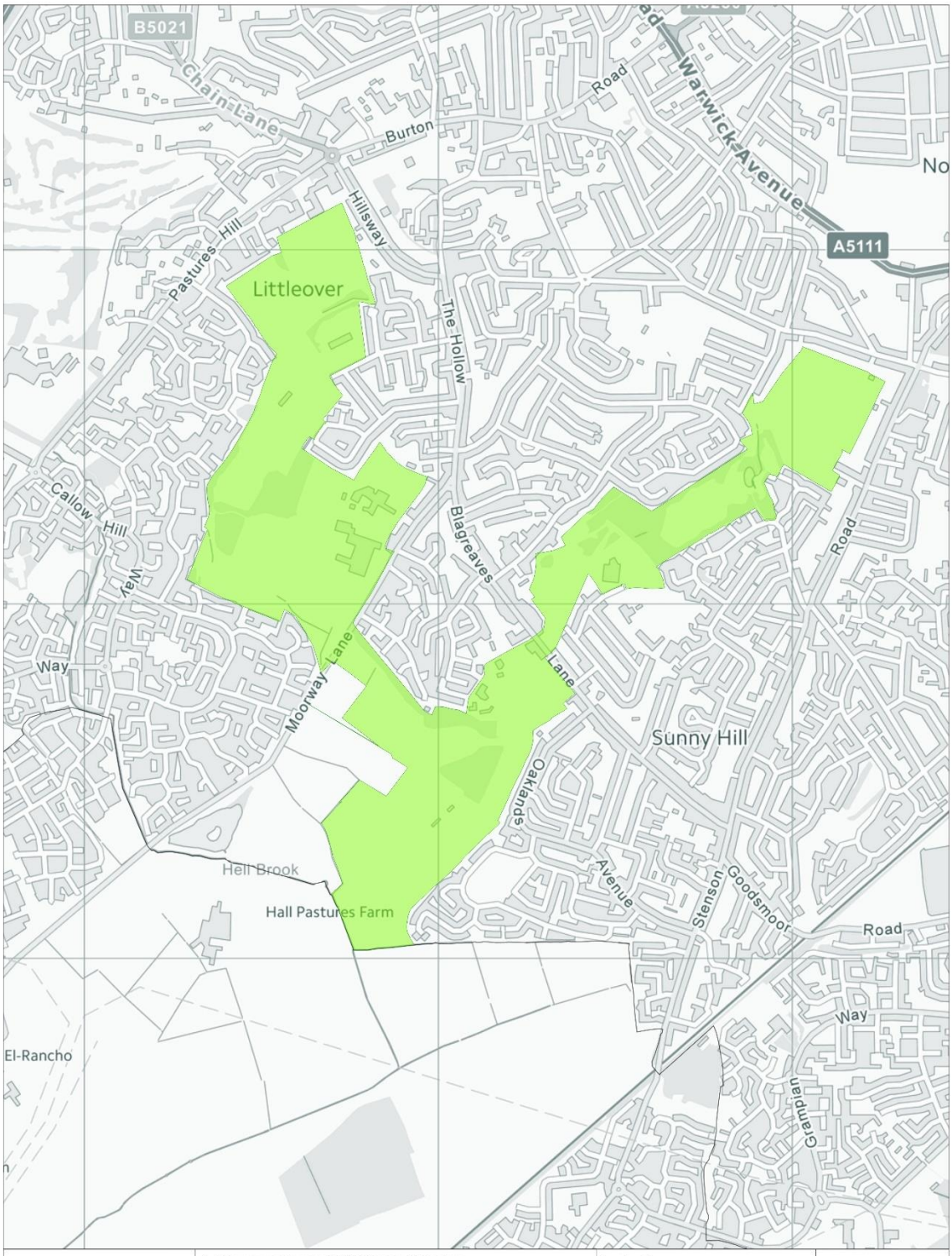

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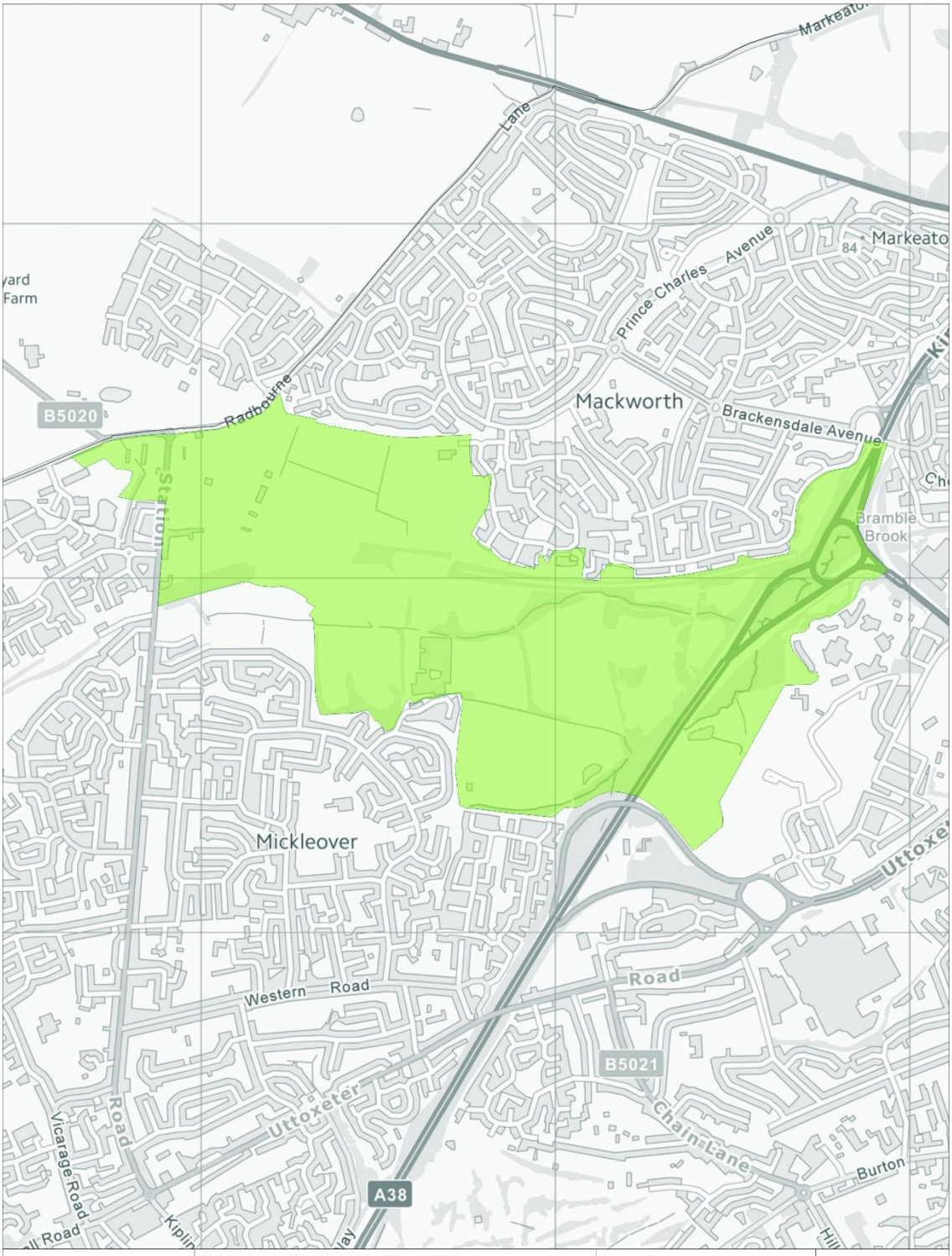

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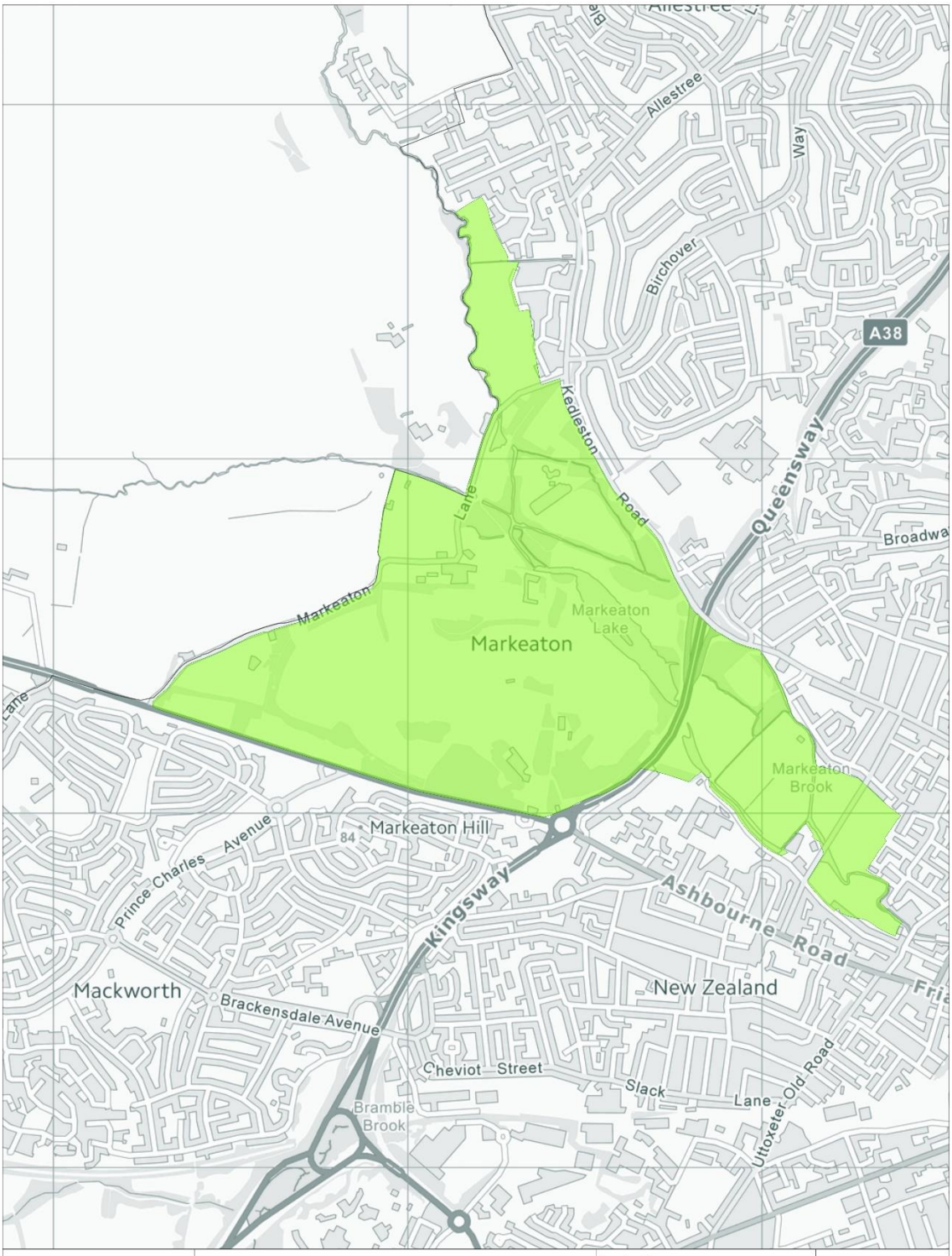

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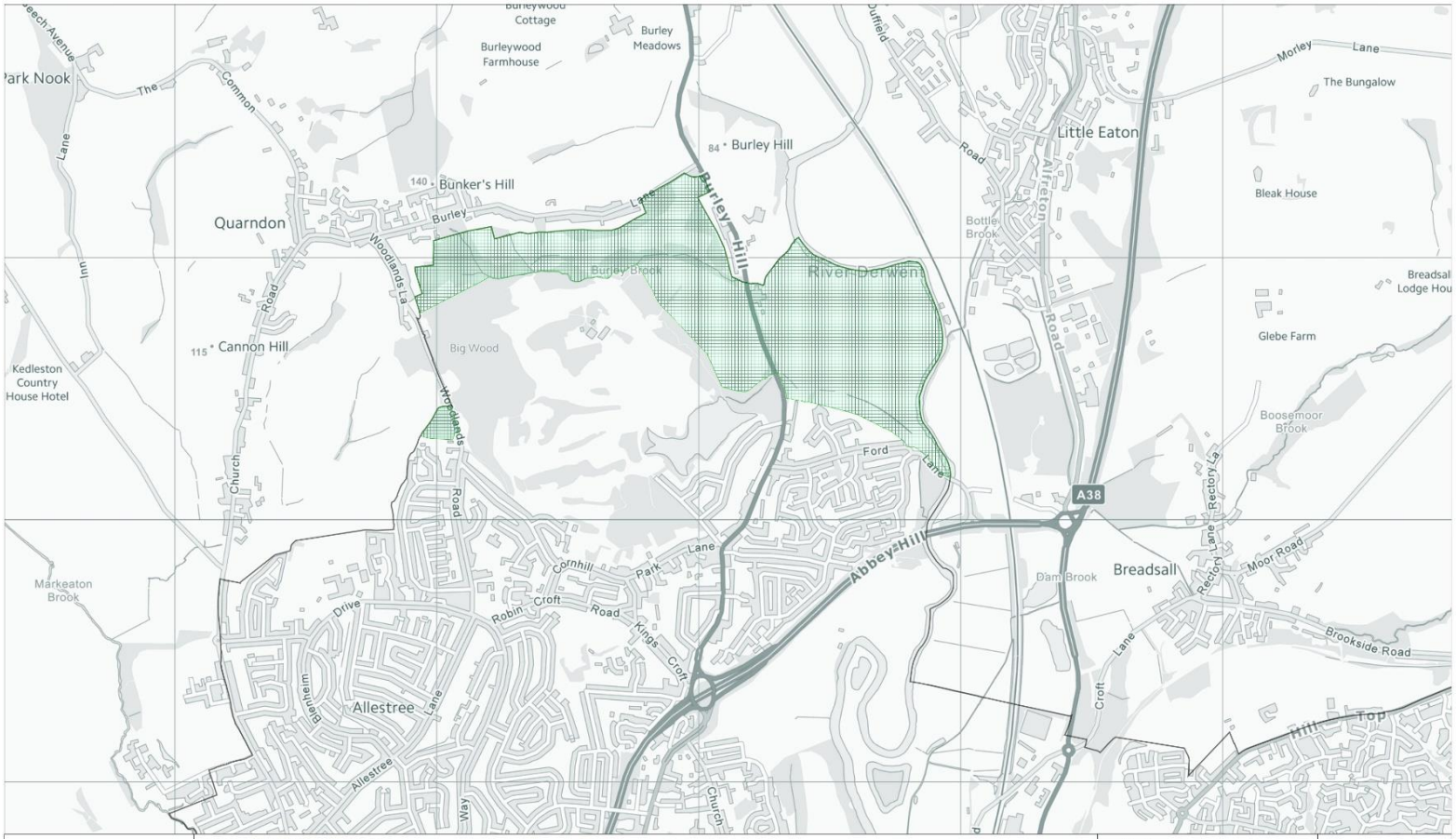

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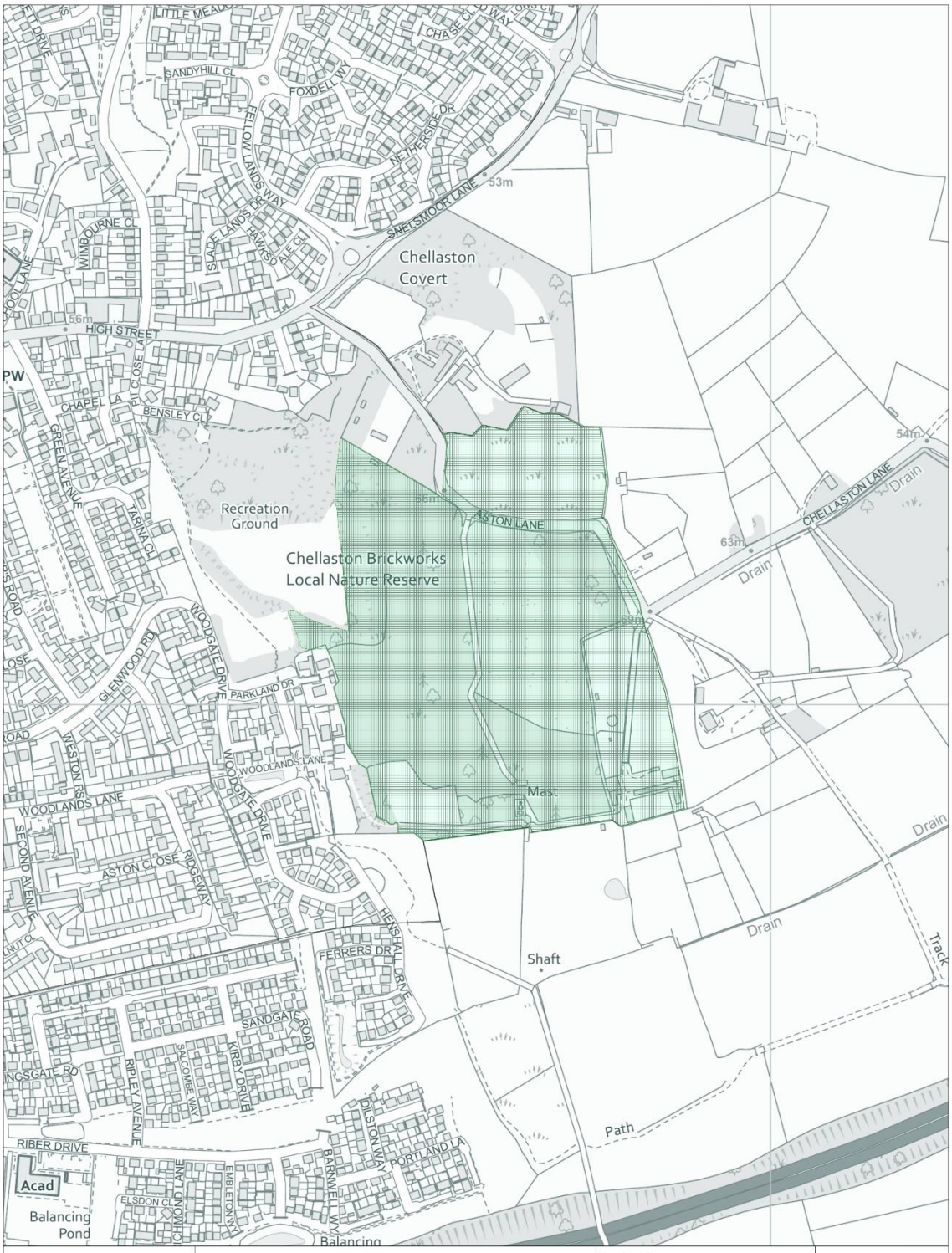

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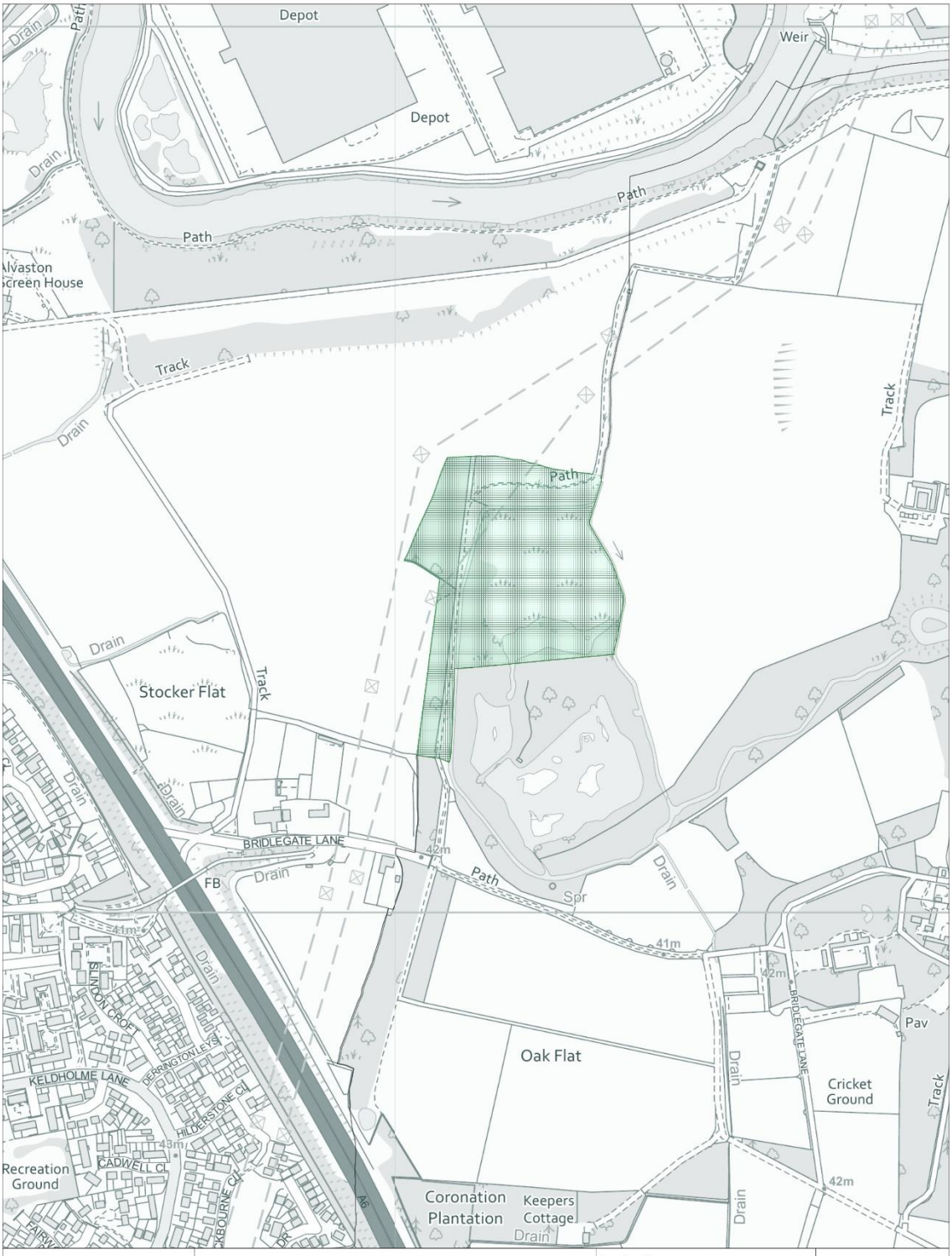

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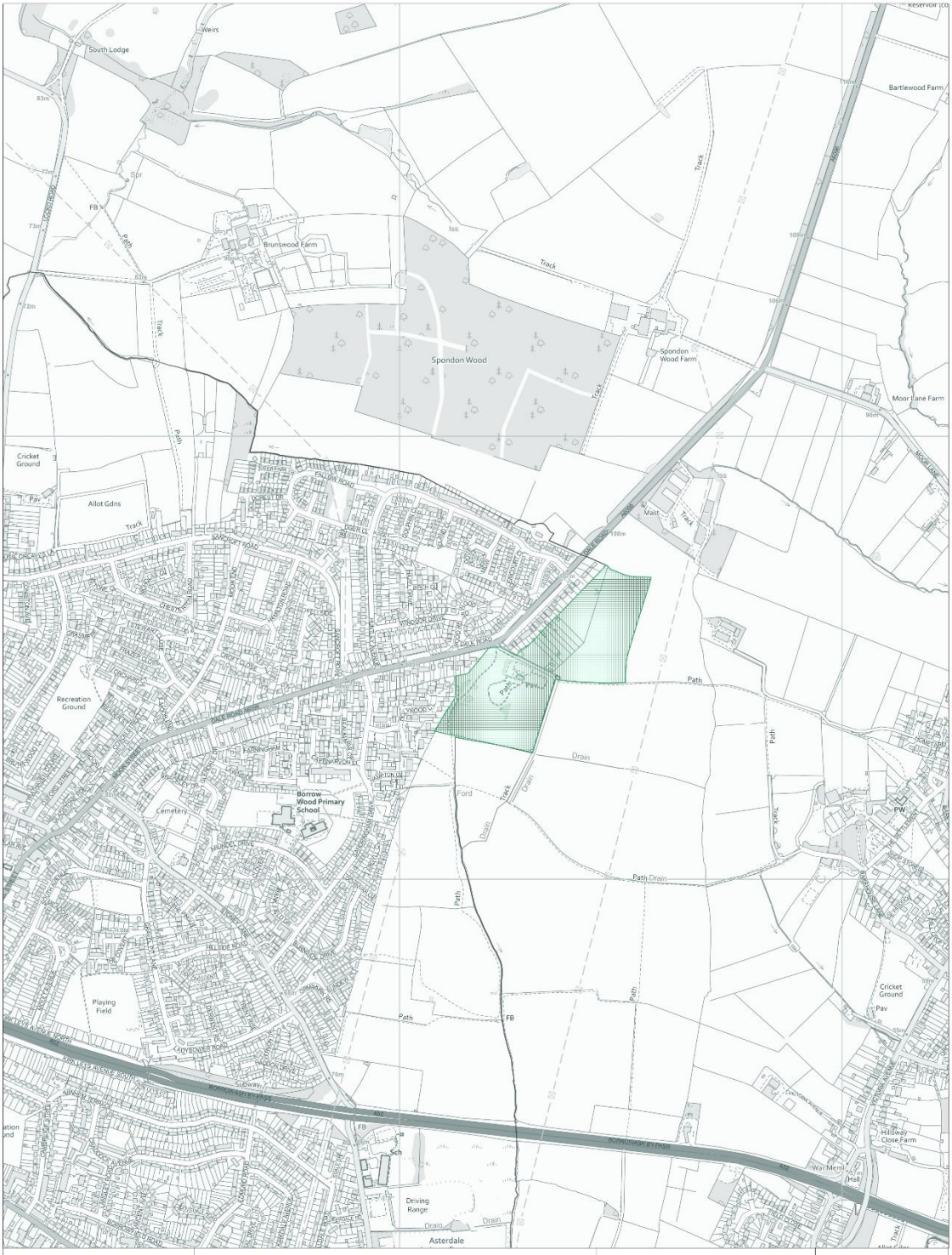

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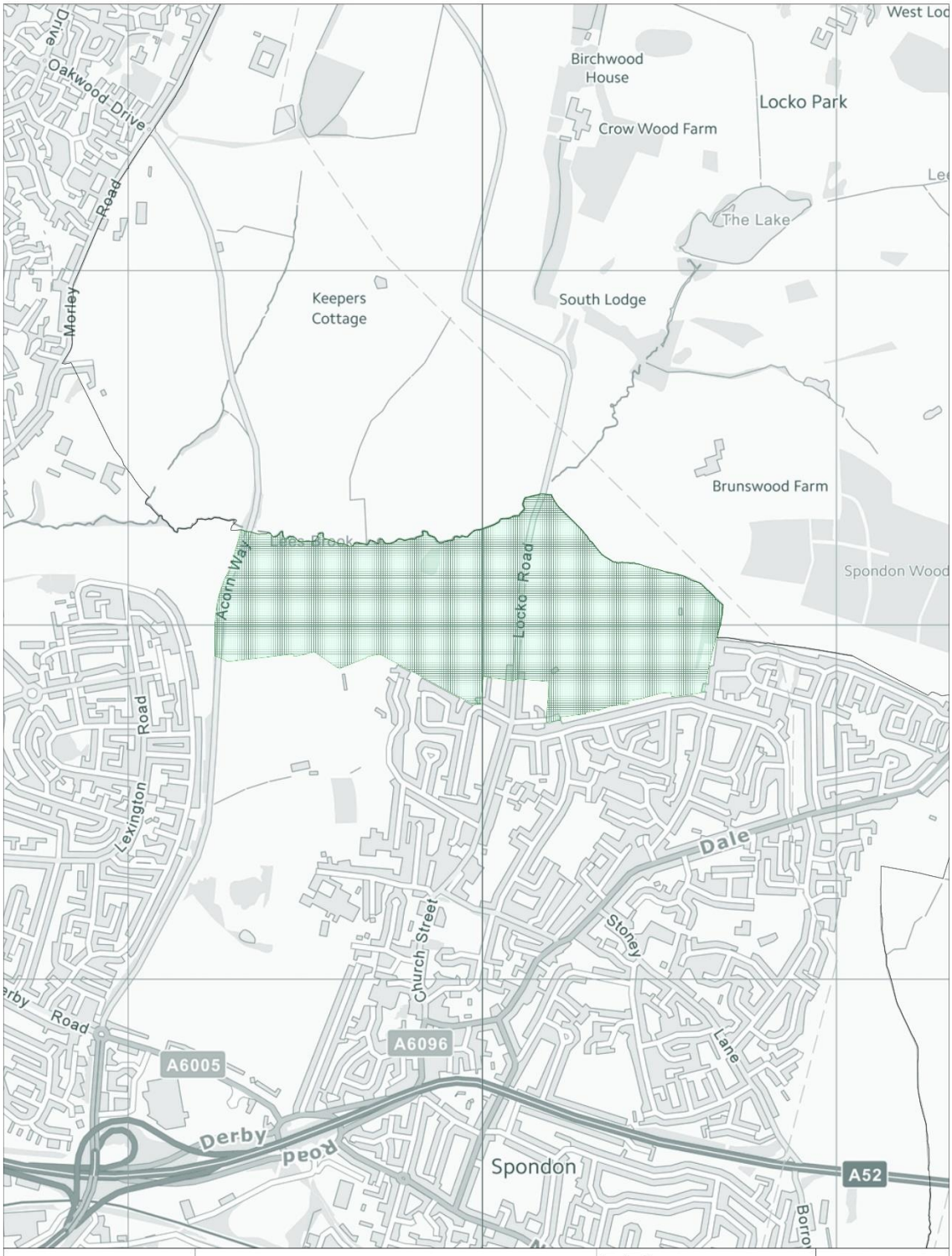

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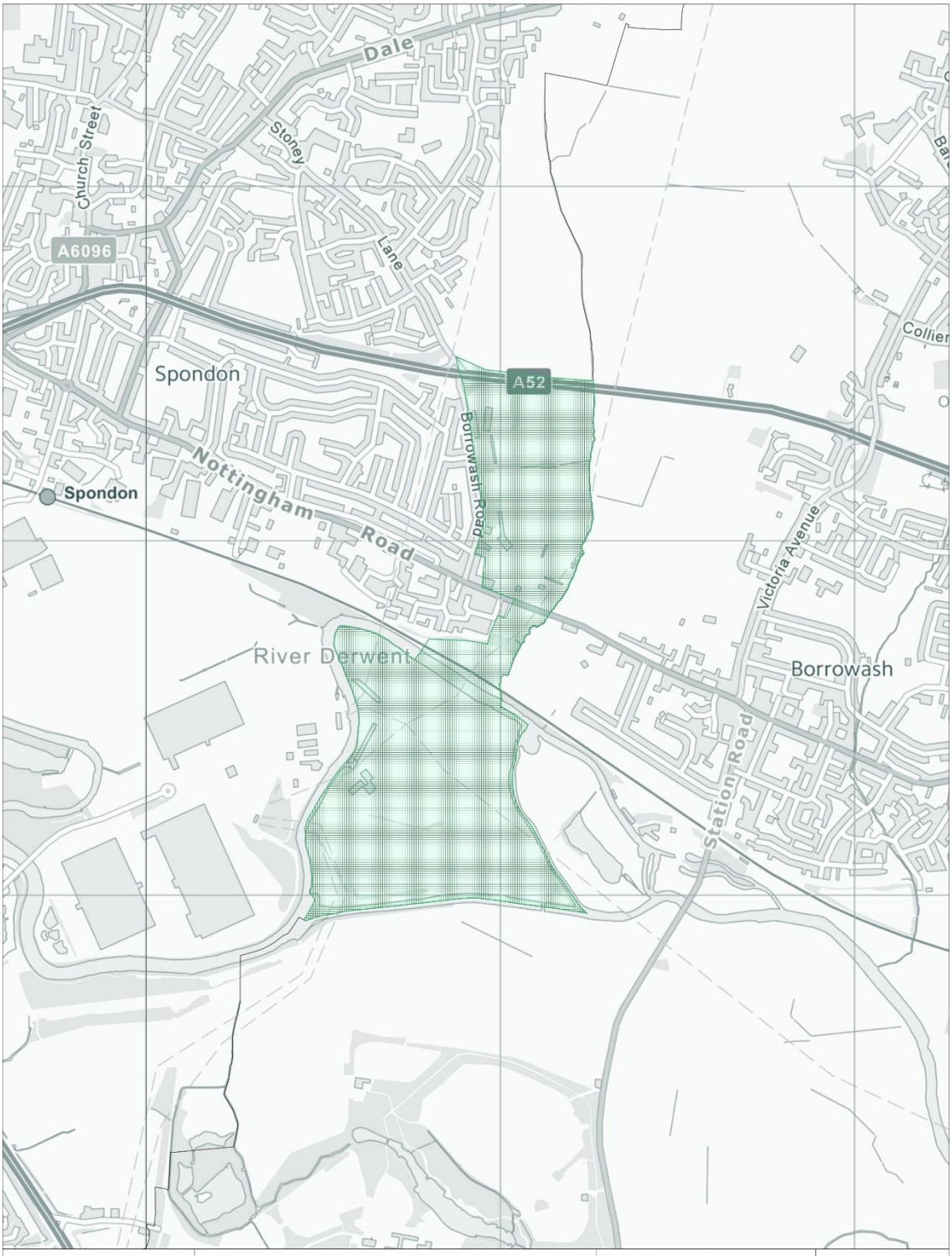

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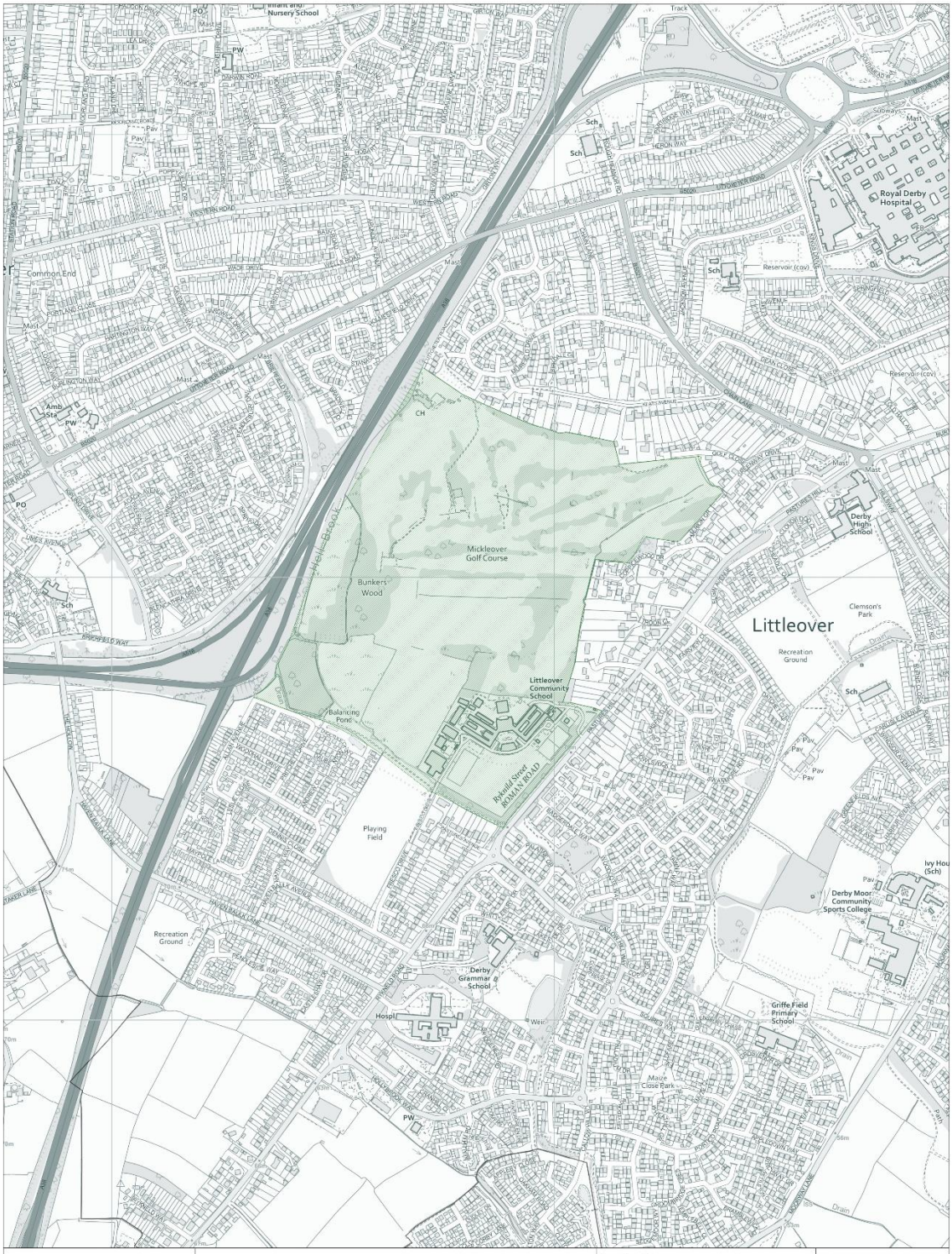

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