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# Cultural Heritage Desk-Based Assessment



The site from the north-east

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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The site is situated adjacent to the southern edge of Banbury and the north-western edge of Bodicote, Oxfordshire (centred on NGR: SP 456 383). The site covers an area of *c*.18ha and is presently used as arable land, with a plot of allotments in the south-west corner and a plot of managed open grassland in the east of the site, part of which is fenced off to provide an access easement to Bodicote Cricket Club in the south. A small plot of scrubland is located on the north boundary of the site.

A 1km buffer zone around the site was studied to assess the potential and significance of impacts upon heritage assets.

This assessment has identified that there is a moderate to high potential for previously unknown archaeological remains to be present on site. Prehistoric activity such as a Neolithic causewayed enclosure and Bronze Age round barrow monuments has been identified in close proximity to the site boundary. Also, Iron Age settlements have been identified to the west and east of the site. A Roman Road has been identified along the southern boundary of the site. There is little evidence for medieval and post-medieval activity beyond ridge-and-furrow.

There are a number of heritage assets within the study area identified with regional or national importance that could be impacted by development of the site. The full extent of the causewayed enclosure to the west of the site is as yet unknown and could extend within the site boundary. It is also possible that the Roman Road to the south of the site extends within the site boundary or, since it is currently an accessible carriageway, could be damaged by increased road traffic.

The setting of Bodicote Conservation Area, one Grade II\* Listed Building and five Grade II Listed Buildings could be impacted upon by development. It has also been noted that the settings of two Grade I Listed Buildings and associated protected views from without the study area could be impacted upon by development.

Two extents of the hedgerows within the site qualify as 'historically important' under the terms of the *Hedgerows Regulations 1997*.

Ground conditions on the site have not been assessed so the level of survival of archaeological remains across the site is currently unknown. However, at other archaeological sites within the study area, the survival of archaeological remains has been shown to be good and the depth of these remains has been shown to be between 0.30m and 0.50m. It is recommended that a phased scheme of archaeological works be undertaken, initially comprising a geophysical survey.



#### 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Background

In November 2013 Archaeological Research Services Ltd (ARS Ltd) was commissioned by Gladman Developments Ltd to undertake a cultural heritage desk-based assessment of the land to south-west of Salt Way, Banbury, Oxfordshire (Figure 1). The work was carried out as contextual information as part of the process in obtaining outline planning consent for housing development on the potential site.

## 1.2 Site Description

The site is situated adjacent to the southern edge of Banbury and the north-western edge of Bodicote, Oxfordshire (centred on NGR: SP 456 383) (Figure 2). The site covers an area of c.18ha, bounded on the north the Salt Way (an unmetalled track), on the west by an arable plot, on the south by Wykham Lane, on the south-east by Bodicote Cricket Club and on the east by White Post Road. The site is presently used as arable land (Figure 6), with a plot of allotments in the south-west corner and a plot of managed open grassland in the east of the site (Figure 7), part of which is fenced off to provide an access easement to Bodicote Cricket Club in the south. A small plot of scrubland (Figure 8) is located on the north boundary of the site.

## 1.3 Geology

The solid geology of the east and west parts of the development area consists of ferruginous limestone and ironstone of the Marlstone Rock Formation. The solid geology of the south and centre parts of the development area consists of siltstone and mudstone of the Dyrham Formation (British Geological Survey, 2013).

#### 2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

This desk-based assessment is intended to provide contextual information as part of the process to obtain outline planning consent. The project aims are as follows.

- ♦ To collate and assess existing information about the archaeology and built environment within the site and to determine as fully as possible from the available evidence the nature, survival, quality, extent and importance of any archaeological remains and upstanding buildings/structures.
- ♦ To assess the potential state of preservation for any archaeological deposits that may exist on the site.
- To assess the extent of any ground disturbance associated with any previous intrusive development and the potential archaeological implications of any potential development proposal.



To identify potential sensitive receptors in the form of heritage assets in the vicinity of the site, where their setting may be impacted upon by any potential development proposal.

#### 3 METHODOLOGY

The assessment was undertaken in accordance with the guidelines set out in The Institute for Archaeologists' *Standards and Guidance for Historic Environment Desk Based Assessment* (IfA 2012).

## 3.1 Study Area

The study area is defined as the site, as identified in Figure 2, and a 1km buffer zone around the site, where there is the potential for impacts to the setting of nearby heritage assets (see Figure 3). All heritage assets identified in this assessment have been allocated a unique number (e.g. ARSO1) and a complete gazetteer is shown in Appendix 1.

## 3.2 Information Sources

The following information sources were consulted as part of this assessment and a site walkover survey was conducted by Paul Clarke of ARS Ltd on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

- English Heritage Archives, Swindon (NRHE)
- Oxfordshire Historic Environment Record (HER)
- Oxfordshire History Centre
- Centre for Banburyshire Studies
- Archaeological Research Services Library

#### Websites:

•	National Heritage List for England	http://www.english-heritage.org.uk
•	Cherwell District Council	http://www.cherwell.gov.uk
•	Open Domesday	domesdaymap.co.uk
<b>♦</b>	British Geological Survey	www.bgs.ac.uk

#### 4 BASELINE CONDITIONS

## 4.1 Archaeological and Historical Background

#### 4.1.1 Prehistoric and Romano-British

The earliest recorded remains in the study area date to the Neolithic period. A Neolithic causewayed enclosure (ARS11) has been identified in aerial photographs to the west of the site at Wykham Farm. Two pits (ARS08) were also identified in a watching brief within 100m of the enclosure. The earlier pit, from the Early Neolithic period, is believed to have been contemporary with the enclosure, while the later pit dated to the Late Neolithic period. This



may be indicative of continued or seasonal occupation of the enclosure throughout the Neolithic period.

To the west and beyond the concentration of Neolithic activity, a potential Bronze Age curvilinear enclosure (ARS01) has been identified in aerial photographs. Also from aerial photographs, two round barrows (ARS13) have been identified within 60m of the western edge of the development site, although the crop marks could also represent earlier hengiform monuments or causewayed ring enclosures. Round barrows are often associated with burials, both cremations and inhumations, both contemporary with the barrows in date.

Iron Age activity has been identified in small settlements located to the west (ARSO2 and ARSO7) and east (ARS63) of the site. These settlements had an agricultural basis and probably continued in use into the Romano-British period. The dominance of mid to late Iron Age activity may be a result of increased flooding of rivers valleys at this time (Lang 2010), with abandonment of lower-lying land in favour of more elevated land, such as in the study area.

Romano-British activity within the wider study area is dominated by the presence of Roman Roads, one (ARS17; Figure 9) along the southern edge of the site – approximately along the alignment of Wykham Lane and Weeping Cross – and the other oriented south-west to north-east to the north of the site (ARS10). Beyond this, Romano-British activity is sparse with a ditch and gully (ARS68) recorded 700m to the east of the site and a findspot (ARS15) in the Sor Brook valley to the south of the site, although the nature of this findspot is uncertain. Beyond the wider study area, a probable villa has been identified 1300m to the west of the site, to the south of Wykham Lane (Oxford Archaeological Unit 2001). The pattern for settlement in Roman North and West Oxfordshire is generally of larger, affluent villas, probably with large estates in their hinterland. Also, they often date to earlier periods than elsewhere in the county (Booth 2010).

#### 4.1.2 Medieval

The earliest records of Bodicote are from the early medieval period and indicate that it was a small settlement within the parish of Adderbury. The etymology of Bodicote (Old English meaning 'Boda's shelter') indicates that the settlement originated at this time. Indeed, most place names in the vicinity have an Anglo-Saxon origin (e.g. Banbury, Adderbury, Bloxham). The earliest medieval activity within the wider study area is attested by coarse late Saxon pottery (MOX4444) found 225m to the south of the site and this represents the only known early medieval activity. There is some suggestion that Bodicote was an offshoot of the larger settlements of Adderbury by freemen, as evidenced by differences in their respective organisation (Lobel and Crossley 1969). It has been shown that early medieval boundaries often used, as reference points, barrows from prehistory (Ford 1984) such as those 60m to the west of the site (MOX12183).

Bodicote is mentioned in the Domesday Book (1086) as having three manors tenanted by Walter Giffard, Robert of Tosny and the Count of Evreux (domesdaymap.co.uk). The manors were worth a total of £5, which was a rise of ten shillings on their value in 1066. Twelve households are recorded in the settlement, including two households of villagers, eight



households of smallholders and two households of slaves. The estates were reckoned to have land available for 4.5 plough teams, although only three plough teams were extant, suggesting that the land was under-cultivated. Traces of extensive ridge and furrow farming have been located at College Fields, 300m to the east of the site (Archaeological Services WYAS 2005; ARS64), and in the land between Wykham Farm and the Salt Way, immediately to the west of the site (Cotswold Archaeological Trust 2012; ARS02; Cotswold Archaeology 2013; ARS07).

The overlordship of Bodicote belonged to William Marshal from 1190 as part of his inheritance from the de Clare family and in 1245 passed to the Earldom of Oxford until 1632. It was tenanted by the Holcot family from 1242 until the early 18<sup>th</sup> century. In a 1327 assessment, it was recorded that half of the tax contributors for that year paid 2-5 shillings, which gives an impression of a reasonably wealthy community, possibly benefiting from its location 3km from the market town of Banbury and from the rural market at Adderbury (granted in 1218). A sizeable, probably late medieval, building has been suggested 800m to the south-west of the site (CBA South Midlands Group 1998; ARS06).

The Black Death would have arrived in Oxfordshire in 1349 and here caused higher than usual casualties – five per cent of Oxfordshire's settlements were abandoned compared with an English average of 1.5 per cent (Mileson 2010). The resulting drop in population created the opportunity for estate owners to start enclosing their land for the rearing of animals. By 1495, much of Adderbury parish had been turned over to pastoral use. However, the population of Bodicote actually expanded during the 14<sup>th</sup> century (Lobel and Crossley 1969) and so may have bucked the parish trend for enclosure.

The settlement of Bodicote did not possess its own burial ground throughout the medieval period and bodies were taken to Adderbury for burial instead of to the medieval chapel in Bodicote, components of which are still extant at the Church of St. John the Baptist (ARS32). It is believed that pier-bearers at funerals would stop at the Weeping Cross (ARS66), which stood at the junction of the main roads to Oxford and Buckingham and takes its name from the Old English for way (*weg*) but this monument has not been extant since the 19<sup>th</sup> century (Gepp 1924). The site is also adjacent to the Salt Way (Figure 10) along its northern boundary, which is believed to have been the man carriageway for the salt trade between Droitwich and London. The efficacy of this information is uncertain, however, as the designation of this route appears to owe its existence to the Third Edition of the Ordnance Survey (OS) in 1880.

#### 4.1.3 Post-medieval – modern

The area around the site, from Cropredy in the north (north of Banbury) to Adderbury just south of Bodicote, was strategically important throughout the First English Civil War as it was the location of several crossings of the River Cherwell. During 1643, Adderbury parish was occupied by cavalry under the command of the Earl of Northampton, who raised the siege of the Royalist garrison in Banbury that year. By the autumn of 1644, it had become occupied by Parliamentarian troops who had begun to besiege Banbury again (Lobel and Crossley 1969).



In 1675, Ogilby's map of the road from Oxford to Ashby-de-la-Zouche showed the land around Bodicote to be 'arrable' (*sic*). However, the development of the weaving industry in Banbury and the plush industry in nearby Shutford would have encouraged the enclosure of land for pastoral use. This occurred in 1768 after the Duke of Argyll had purchased much of the land in the area. Prior to this, Bodicote had been the location of plentiful common pasture (Lobel and Crossley 1969). Also, the opening of the Oxford Canal (1100m to the north-east of the site) in 1790 encouraged the diversification of industry and the export of goods. By 1841, at least 15 families in Bodicote were involved in cloth production industries (Lobel and Crossley 1969). There is also evidence for some degree of mechanisation within the parish as Luddites are recorded as having come from Banbury to smash machinery. Indeed, Bodicote Mill (MOX4396) on the Sor Brook to the south of the site was constructed in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.

The enclosure of the fields also had the effect of significantly moving the alignment of the main roads around the village. The Oxford Road had been turnpiked in 1755, which allowed it to maintain its significance whilst the Salt Way continued as a track way. A toll house was located on the Oxford Road (MOX4438). The earliest map available of any detail is Davies' New Map of the County of Oxford from 1797 (Figure 5). This shows the Salt Way, White Post Road and Wykham Lane (none named on the map), as well as 'Wickham Farm' and the extent of Bodicote – narrower east to west than present but forming a linear settlement along the Main Road. It also shows a distinction between extant hedgerow boundaries along the northern (ARS21) and eastern (ARS19) boundaries of the site, and non-hedgerow boundaries, although it is unlikely that all field boundaries are shown.

The village of Bodicote experienced a 35% population increase between 1801 and 1831, from 574 to 779 people (Lobel and Crossley 1969). This is represented in the study area by the preponderance of post-medieval buildings in the village and beyond that are built of local stone and give the village its character.

The First Edition OS map of 1882 (see Appendix 3 for OS maps) shows the site with hedgerows on all sides, with three hedged internal boundaries. The middle plot of the present site is shown with its current boundaries and contains two small buildings in its north-east corner, whilst the eastern plot is shown containing open woodland and a tank on its northern boundary. The vicarage is shown just beyond the northern site boundary, with four auxiliary buildings and ordered gardens to the rear. The western plot was divided into larger southern and smaller northern plots. The site was surrounded at this time by agricultural fields in all directions, whilst White Post Road and Wykham Lane are shown as being retained roads and the Salt Way is shown as a track way.

The Second Edition OS map of 1900 shows the northern portion of the eastern plot partitioned. The western fields had been united into one large plot and it is shown that they were used as allotments, with a pump located towards the centre of the field. A small building (ARS18) is also shown in the western field. The Third Edition OS map of 1923 noted the Salt Way by name for the first time. A record of field names from 1955 shows the central field named as the 'White Post Ground', whilst the western field was named as 'The Long Ground' in the north and 'Gold Hill' in the south. The fact that the western field had two names suggests that the names date to before the combination of those fields, in other



words before 1900. Whilst The Long Ground is named after the shape of the field and the White Post Ground is named after a post-medieval or modern feature, it is not clear what Gold Hill refers to.

The 1966 Edition OS map showed that the allotments currently in the south-west corner of the site were extant by this time. Part of the western field had also been subsumed into the central field. Two of the auxiliary buildings around the vicarage had been demolished. The housing estate to the north of the site had been built to within 100m of the site boundary and was completed by 1984, as shown by the OS map of that year. Also, land to the east and south-east of the site was developed for a school, housing and a recreation ground.

By 1989, all buildings on the site had been demolished and by 1993 the current boundary between the central and western fields was reinstated. Bodicote Cricket Club was founded in 2002 on land to the south-east of the site and access to the club was provided by an asphalt track along the southern boundary of the eastern plot, within the site boundary. An iron fence was constructed to delineate this land.

## 4.2 Heritage Assets within the Site

#### 4.2.1 Designated Heritage Assets within the Site

There are no designated heritage assets within the site and it does not lie within a designated conservation area.

#### 4.2.2 Non-designated Heritage Assets within the Site

The English Heritage NRHE and Oxfordshire HER record no non-designated assets within the site. However, the Roman Road (ARS17) along the southern boundary of the site is to be considered as within the site boundary due to the uncertainty of its exact position and the potential that development could impact directly and physically to short distances beyond its boundary.

The analysis of historic mapping and documentation identified the existence of a pump (ARS20), and three small structures (ARS18) within the site boundary. None of these features were extant at the time of the site walkover survey although the location of the structure in the western field has been ascertained by the presence of concrete, stone and brick rubble, and it is marked with old agricultural machinery (Figure 11). Hedgerows dating to the 18<sup>th</sup> century have also been identified along the northern (ARS21) and eastern (ARS19) boundaries of the site.

## 4.3 Heritage Assets within the Wider Study Area

#### 4.3.1 Designated Heritage Assets within the Study Area

There are 39 Listed Buildings and one designated Conservation Area within the wider 1km study area. There are no Scheduled Monuments within the wider 1km study area.

The Conservation Area of Bodicote (Figure 12) lies to the south-east of the development site. At its closest, it lies 130m south from the south-eastern corner of the proposed development site along White Post Road.



There is a total of 39 Listed Buildings in the study area. The Church of St. John the Baptist (ARS32) is Grade II\* Listed. This building is partially visible from the southern boundary of the site (Figure 13). Also partially visible from this area of the site, although outside of the study area, are the Churches of St. Mary in Adderbury and Bloxham (Figure 14), both of which are Grade I Listed.

The other 35 Listed Buildings that lie within the Bodicote Conservation Area are Grade II Listed. Of the Grade II Listed buildings one, Wykham Farmhouse (ARS09; Figure 15), is clearly visible from the western half of the site and five others are partially visible from the southern or eastern boundaries of the site: Old Barn House (ARS24), Old Barn Cottage (ARS25), The Paddocks and curtilage (ARS27 and ARS28) and the Lodge to Bodicote House (ARS51).

#### 4.3.2 Non-Designated Heritage Assets within the Study Area

The English Heritage NRHE and the Oxfordshire HER record a total of 17 non-designated heritage assets and events within the arbitrary 1km wider study area. Three of these records relate to post-medieval buildings in the study area that are of historical or architectural interest, but are not listed.

The non-designated assets also include two probable Roman Roads. All records can be found in the gazetteer of sites provided as Appendix I of this report.

## **5** STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

#### 5.1 Significance of Heritage Assets within the Site

The site walkover survey and archival research identified two stretches of hedgerow (ARS19 and ARS21) that are protected under the Hedgerow Regulations 1997 and thus are afforded national significance.

The Neolithic causewayed enclosure (ARSO8) identified to the west of the site has potential to continue inside the site boundary. It has been made clear by an Oxfordshire County Council Planning Archaeologist that they consider this monument to have national significance (pers. comm. Richard Oram December 2013).

In light of the lack of knowledge regarding the buried remains of the Roman Road on the southern site boundary (ARS17), it is deemed to be afforded regional to national importance.

All other non-designated assets are to be afforded local importance.

#### 5.2 Significance of Heritage Assets within the Wider Study Area

The Roman Road identified to the north of the site (ARS10) should be afforded national importance owing to the fact that it has been located running from Yorkshire to Somerset and that it has potential to have a pre-Roman date.

The two round barrows (ARS13) identified immediately to the west of the site, while undesignated, should be afforded a regional importance owing to their rarity and monumental nature.



The Church of St. John the Baptist is a Grade II\* Listed building. This Listing identifies a building as being of 'national importance and more than special interest' (<a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/listing/listed-buildings">http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/listing/listed-buildings</a>). The 38 Grade II Listed buildings are identified as being of 'national importance and special interest.'

The Churches of St. Mary in Adderbury and Bloxham, are Grade I Listed (of exceptional interest and potentially of international importance) and possess protected views towards the site, as set out in the Cherwell District Council Conservation Area appraisals.

All other non-designated assets are to be afforded local importance.

#### **6** STATEMENT OF POTENTIAL

## 6.1 Potential Impacts upon Heritage Assets within the Site

Any development proposals involving groundworks have the potential to directly impact upon buried archaeological remains.

Within the site, previous impacts are restricted to three small buildings (ARS18), agricultural activity such as ploughing and, potentially, quarry pits, such as have been observed within the study area (ARS07).

The potential for the presence of Palaeolithic and Mesolithic activity on the site is deemed to be low due to the lack of any remains of these dates from within the study area. Any activity would be likely to be represented by isolated findspots.

The potential for the presence of Neolithic activity on the site is deemed to be high due to the presence of a causewayed enclosure (ARSO8), the full extent of which is unknown, in close proximity to the western boundary of the site. Any activity could include a portion of the enclosure and would be likely to include features such as pits that are associated with this monument.

The potential for the presence of Bronze Age activity on the site is deemed to be moderate due to the presence of two round barrows (ARS13) in close proximity to the western boundary of the site. Any activity may include further similar monuments or features such as burning pits that would be associated with the ritual landscape exhibited here.

The potential for the presence of Iron Age activity on the site is deemed to be moderate due to the presence of a late Iron Age settlement to the west of the site (ARSO2; ARSO7) and a late Iron Age or early Romano-British settlement to the east (ARS63). Any activity would be likely to be represented by field systems such as gullies and enclosure ditches.

The potential for the presence of Romano-British activity on the site is deemed to be low to moderate due to the location of the Roman Road (ARS17) along the southern boundary of the site but very little other evidence. Any activity would be likely to be represented by findspots associated with the road and agricultural activity such as gullies.

The potential for medieval and post-medieval activity on the site is deemed to be low despite its proximity to the medieval village of Bodicote. Any activity is most likely to be



represented by ridge-and-furrow in the overburden, as has been noted near to the site (ARS02; ARS07; ARS64).

Ground conditions on the site have not been assessed so the level of survival of archaeological remains across the site is currently unknown. However, at other archaeological sites within the study area, the survival of archaeological remains has been shown to be good and the depth of these remains has been shown to be between 0.30m and 0.50m (Cotswold Archaeology 2013; John Moore Heritage Services 2005). It is recommended that a phased scheme of archaeological works be undertaken, initially comprising a geophysical survey. The results of this survey can then be used to identify what, if any, further works are required, pre- or post-determination of the planning application. Such works could comprise trial trenching, a watching brief during construction, or a combination of such techniques.

## 6.2 Potential Impacts upon Heritage Assets within the Wider Study Area

Any development proposal involving the construction of new buildings has the potential to impact, positively or negatively, upon the setting of heritage assets in the surrounding area.

This most notably applies to the Conservation Area and Listed Buildings in Bodicote (Figure 4), which possess national significance. This is visible in part from the southernmost part of the site by Wykham Lane and it is likely that there would a change in setting for the Conservation Area and four of the Listed Buildings: Old Barn House (ARS24), Old Barn Cottage (ARS25) and The Paddocks and curtilage (ARS27 and ARS28). There is also potential for a change in setting of the Church of St. John the Baptist (ARS32), although only the top of this building could be observed from the site.

The Grade I Listed churches in Adderbury and Bloxham are also visible from the southern part of the site. Whilst the view to Adderbury Church is largely obscured by foliage, the view to Bloxham Church is clear and largely unrestricted. Therefore, Bloxham Church and its associated protected views are likely to be impacted by development in this area of the site.

Wykham Farmhouse (ARS09) is clearly visible from much of the southern part of the western field, although it is obscured in places by the extant hedgerow. It is likely that the setting of this building would be impacted upon by any development in this area.

The Planning Archaeologist and/or Local Authority Conservation Officer may request that the setting impacts of any proposed development are investigated further prior to granting consent for any development within the site.

#### **7** CONCLUSION

This assessment has identified that there is a moderate to high potential for previously unknown archaeological remains to be present on site. Prehistoric activity such as a Neolithic causewayed enclosure and Bronze Age round barrow monuments has been identified in close proximity to the site boundary. Also, Iron Age settlements have been identified to the west and east of the site. A Roman Road has been identified along the southern boundary of the site. There is little evidence for medieval and post-medieval activity beyond ridge-and-furrow.



There are a number of heritage assets within the study area identified with regional or national importance that could be impacted by development of the site. The full extent of the causewayed enclosure to the west of the site is as yet unknown and could extend within the site boundary. This has been suggested to be of national importance by the Oxfordshire County Council Planning Archaeologist and would be best left *in situ*. It is also possible that the Roman Road to the south of the site extends within the site boundary or, since it is currently an accessible carriageway, could be damaged by increased road traffic. It is suggested that the efficacy of the remains of the road be tested to preclude any further mitigation.

The setting of the Bodicote Conservation Area, including a Grade II\* Listed Building and four Grade II Listed Buildings, could be impacted upon by development of the southern area of the site, adjacent to Wykham Lane. Development of this area could also potentially impact upon the setting of the Grade I Listed Church of St. Mary in Bloxham and the protected view from it towards the site. The setting of Grade II Listed Wykham Farmhouse to the west of the site would be impacted by any development in the south-west part of the site.

Two extents of the hedgerows within the site qualify as 'historically important' under the terms of the *Hedgerows Regulations 1997*, and it is recommended that any changes to these assets should be avoided or minimised. However, should it be necessary to remove any of these hedgerows as part of the development proposals, then there would be a requirement to submit a Hedgerow Removal Notice to the Local Authority, accompanied by a 1:2500 plan depicting the extent of the hedgerow that it is proposed to remove.

It is recommended that a phased scheme of archaeological works be undertaken, initially comprising a geophysical survey. The results of this survey can then be used to identify what, if any, further works are required, pre- or post-determination of the planning application. Such works could comprise trial trenching, a watching brief during construction, or a combination of such techniques.

It may also be necessary following discussion with the Local Authority Conservation Officer to undertake a heritage statement focussing in greater detail on the setting of built heritage.

#### 8 STATEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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# APPENDIX 1: GAZETTEER

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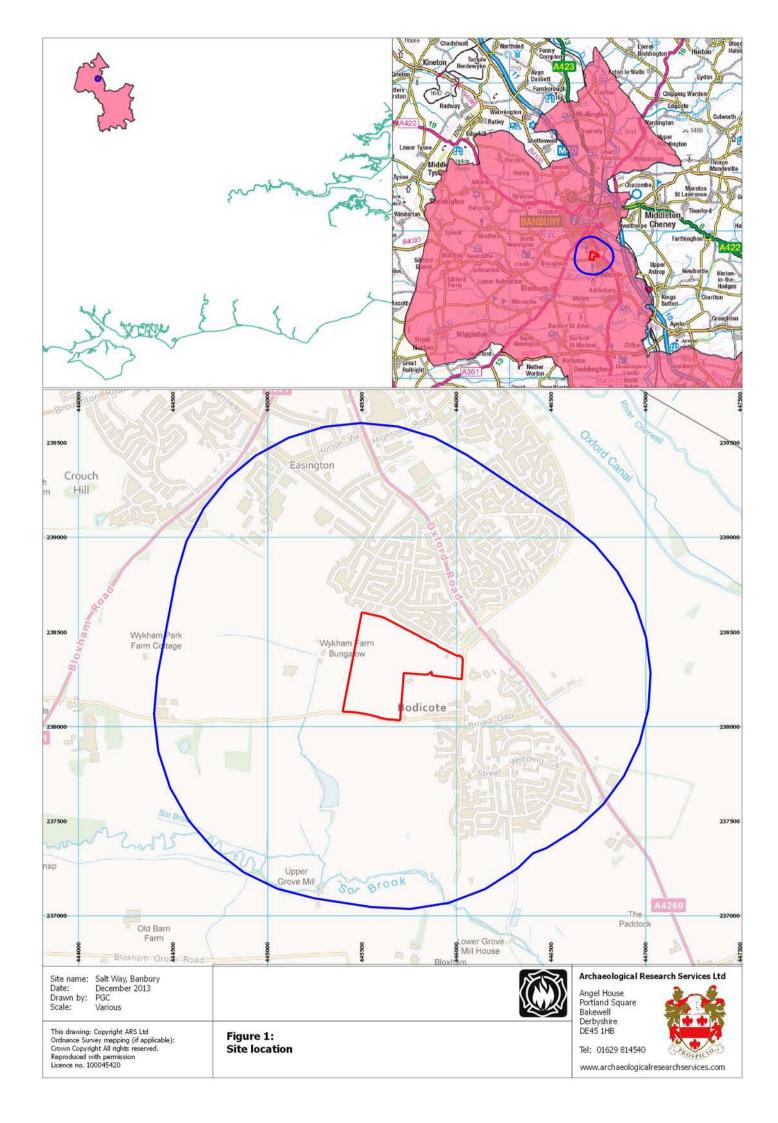


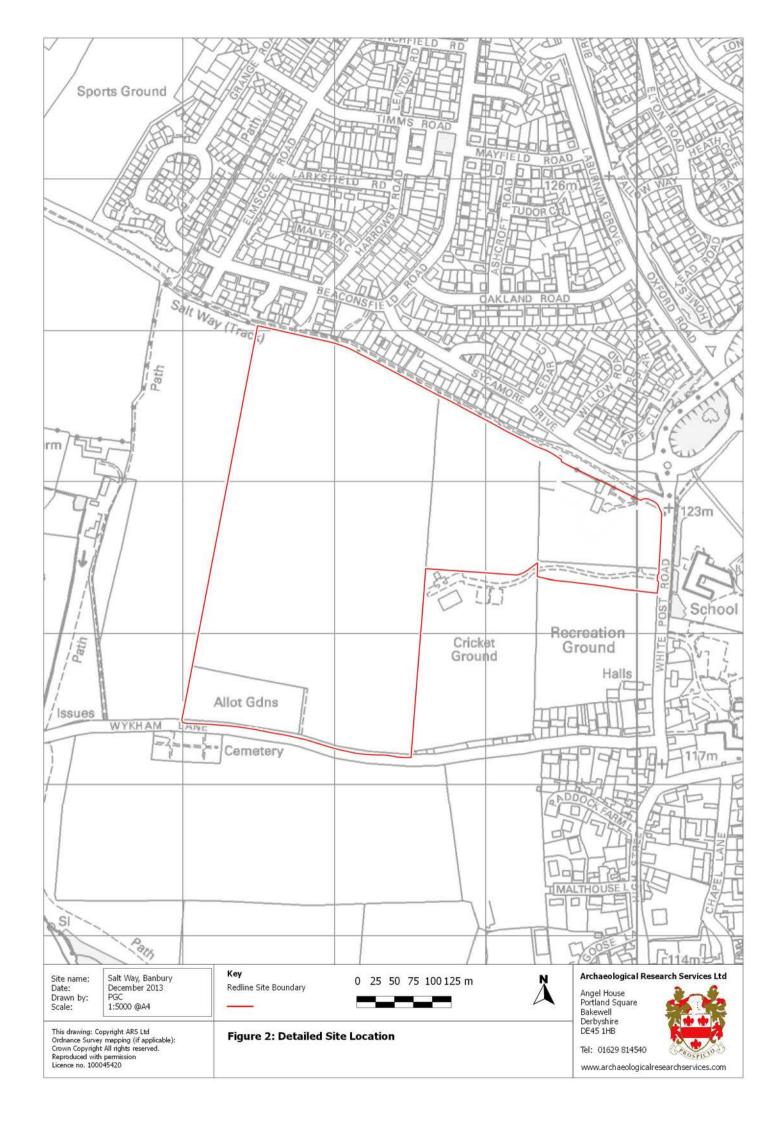
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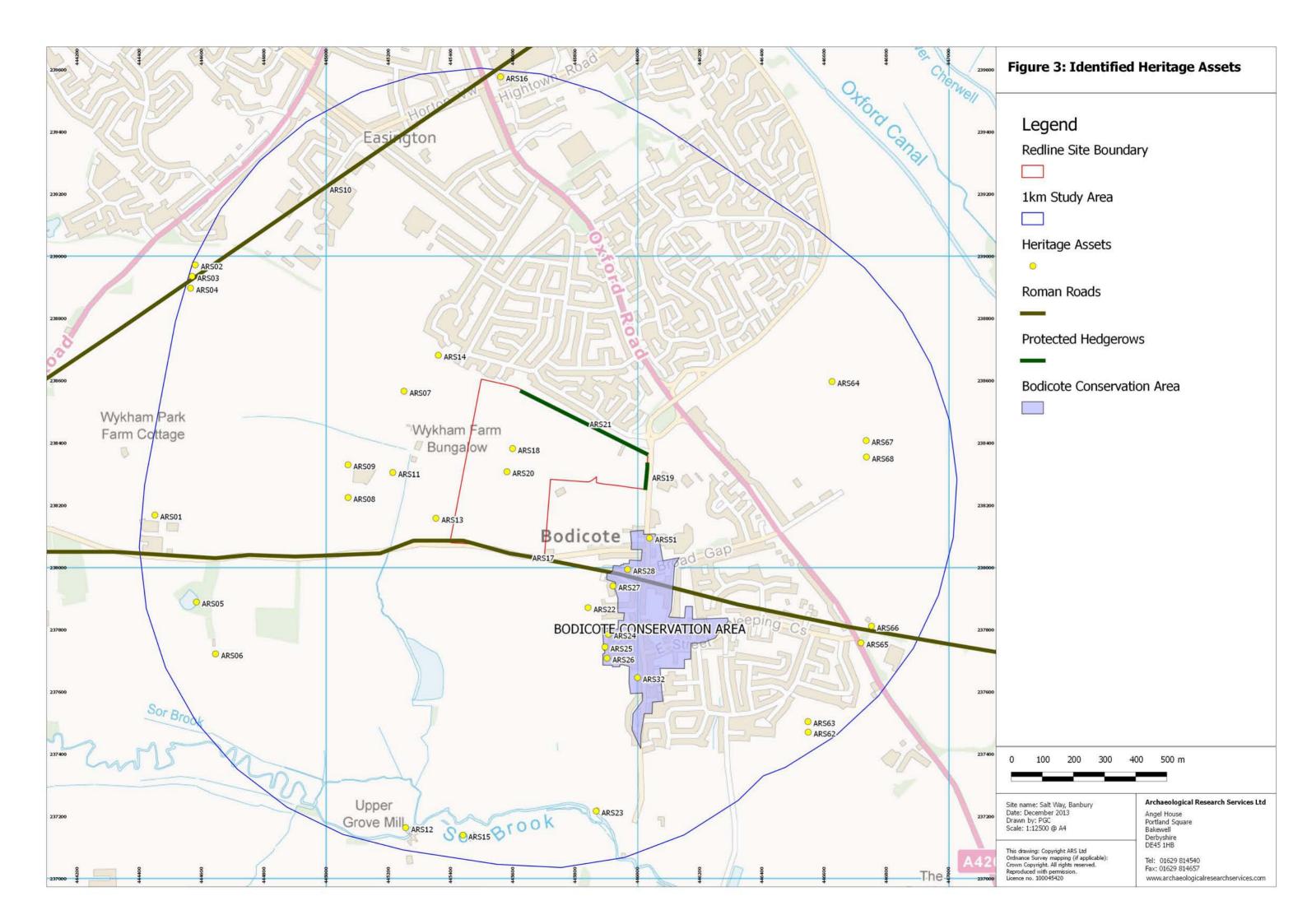
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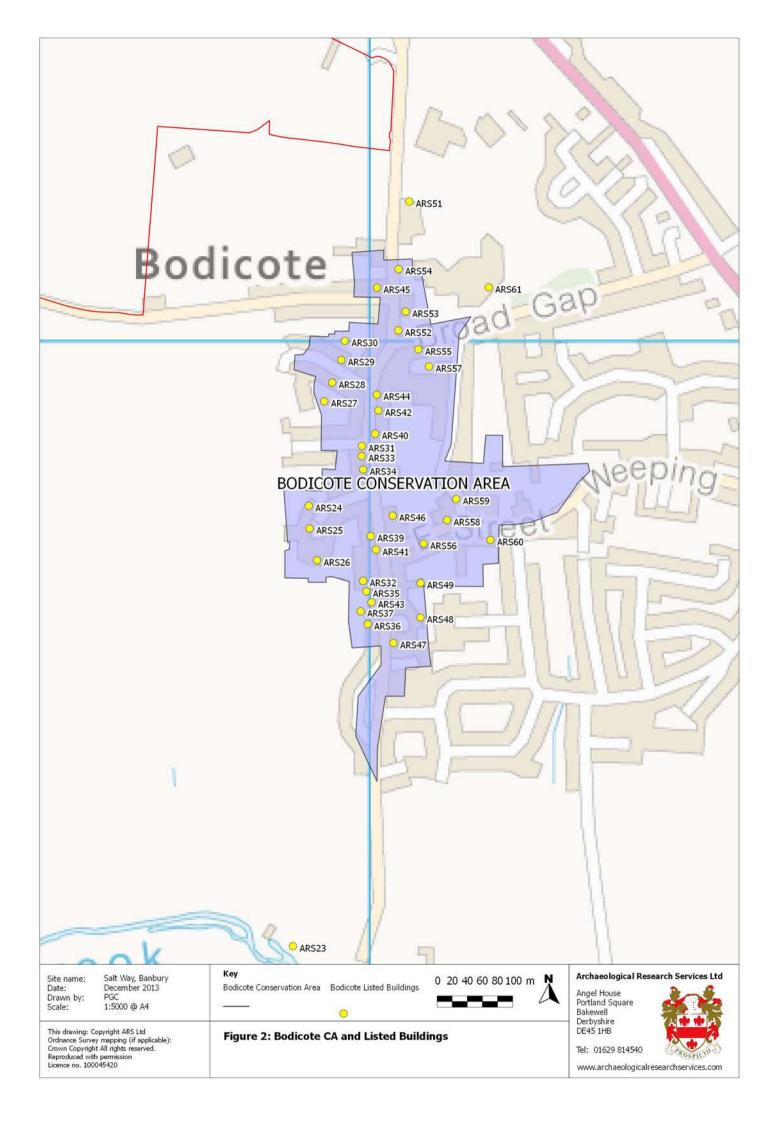
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Figure 5: Davies. 1797. A New Map of the County of Oxford from an Actual Survey

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FIGURE 6: VIEW ACROSS THE SITE FROM THE SOUTH-WEST



FIGURE 7: SCRUBLAND IN THE NORTH PART OF THE SITE, FROM THE WEST



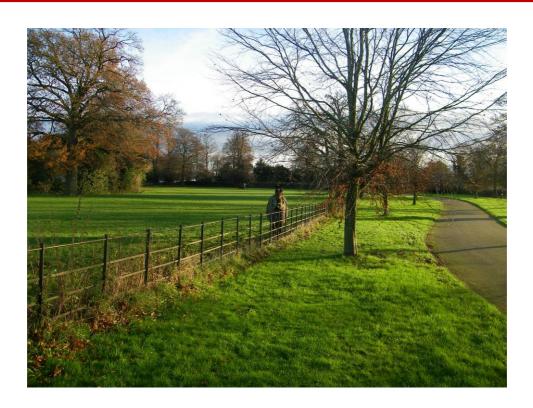


FIGURE 8: THE EASTERN PLOT FROM THE SOUTH-WEST



FIGURE 9: WYKHAM LANE (FORMER ROMAN ROAD), FROM THE EAST



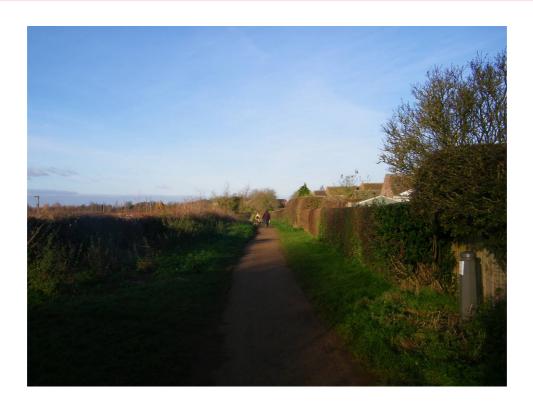


FIGURE 10: THE SALT WAY TRACK FROM THE EAST



FIGURE 11: THE REMAINS OF THE FORMER BUILDING IN THE WESTERN FIELD





FIGURE 12: VIEW FROM THE SOUTH OF THE SITE TOWARDS BODICOTE CONSERVATION AREA, FROM THE WEST



FIGURE 13: VIEW TOWARDS THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, BODICOTE (GRADE II\* LISTED), FROM THE NORTH-WEST





FIGURE 14: VIEW TOWARDS THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BLOXHAM (GRADE I LISTED), FROM THE NORTH-EAST



FIGURE 15: VIEW TOWARDS WYKHAM FARMHOUSE (GRADE II LISTED) FROM THE EAST



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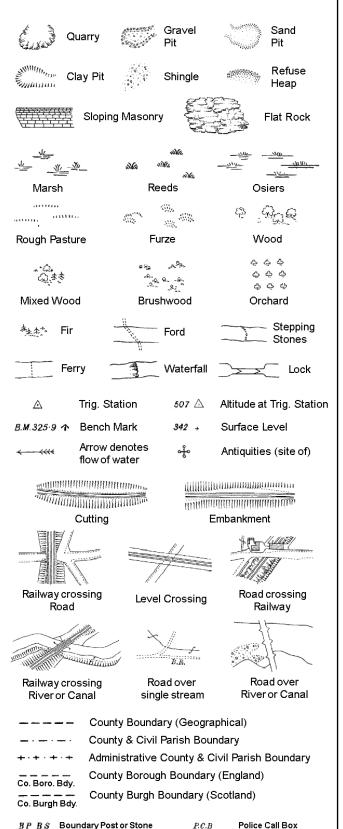
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# **Historical Mapping Legends**

#### **Ordnance Survey County Series and** Ordnance Survey Plan 1:2,500



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Sluice

Spring

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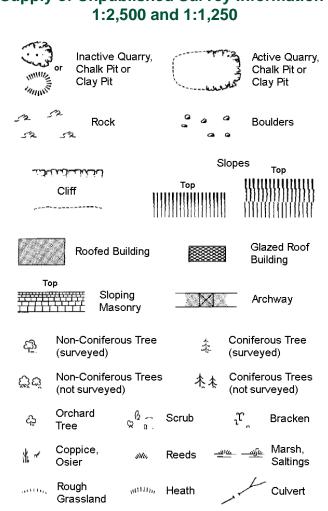
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Ordnance Survey Plan, Additional SIMs and Large-Scale National Grid Data 1:2,500 and **Supply of Unpublished Survey Information** 



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Cn, C	Capstan, Crane	PC	Public Convenience
Chy	Chimney	PH	Public House
D Fn	Drinking Fountain	Pp	Pump
EIP	Electricity Pillar or Post	SB, S Br	Signal Box or Bridge
FAP	Fire Alarm Pillar	SP, SL	Signal Post or Light
FB	Foot Bridge	Spr	Spring
GP	Guide Post	Tk	Tank or Track
Н	Hydrant or Hydraulic	TCB	Telephone Call Box
LC	Level Crossing	TCP	Telephone Call Post
MH	Manhole	Tr	Trough
MP	Mile Post or Mooring Post	WrPt,WrT	Water Point, Water Tap
MS	Mile Stone	W	Well
NTL	Normal Tidal Limit	Wd Pp	Wind Pump

GVC

GP

Gas Governer

Mile Post or Mile Stone

**Guide Post** 

Manhole

Wd Pp

Wind Pump

Wr Pt. Wr T Water Point, Water Tap

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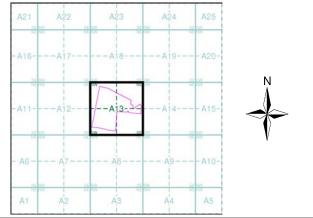
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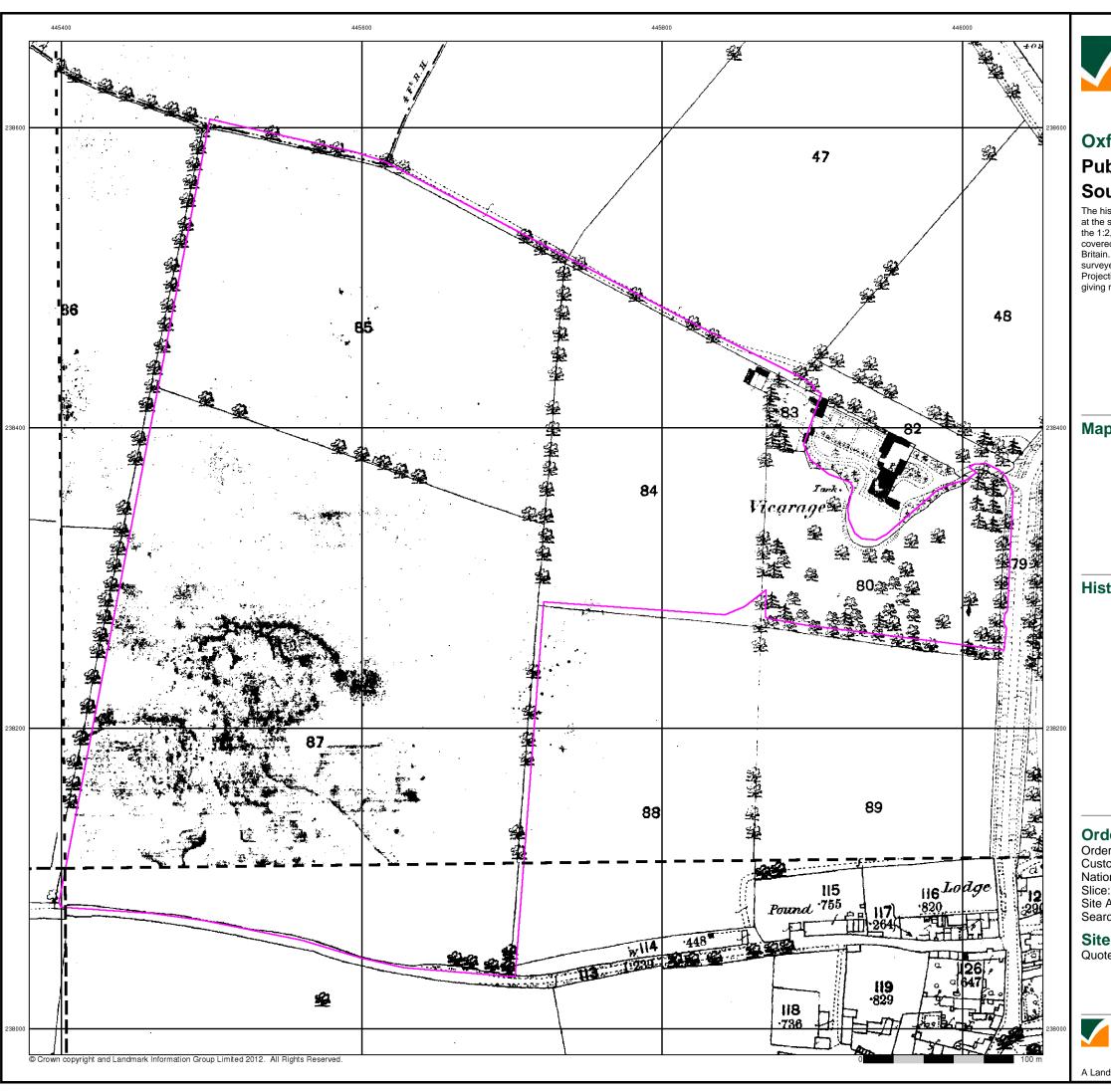
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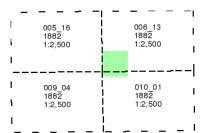
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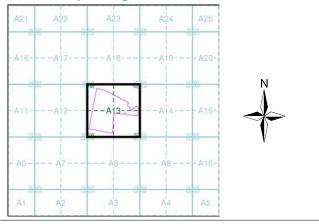
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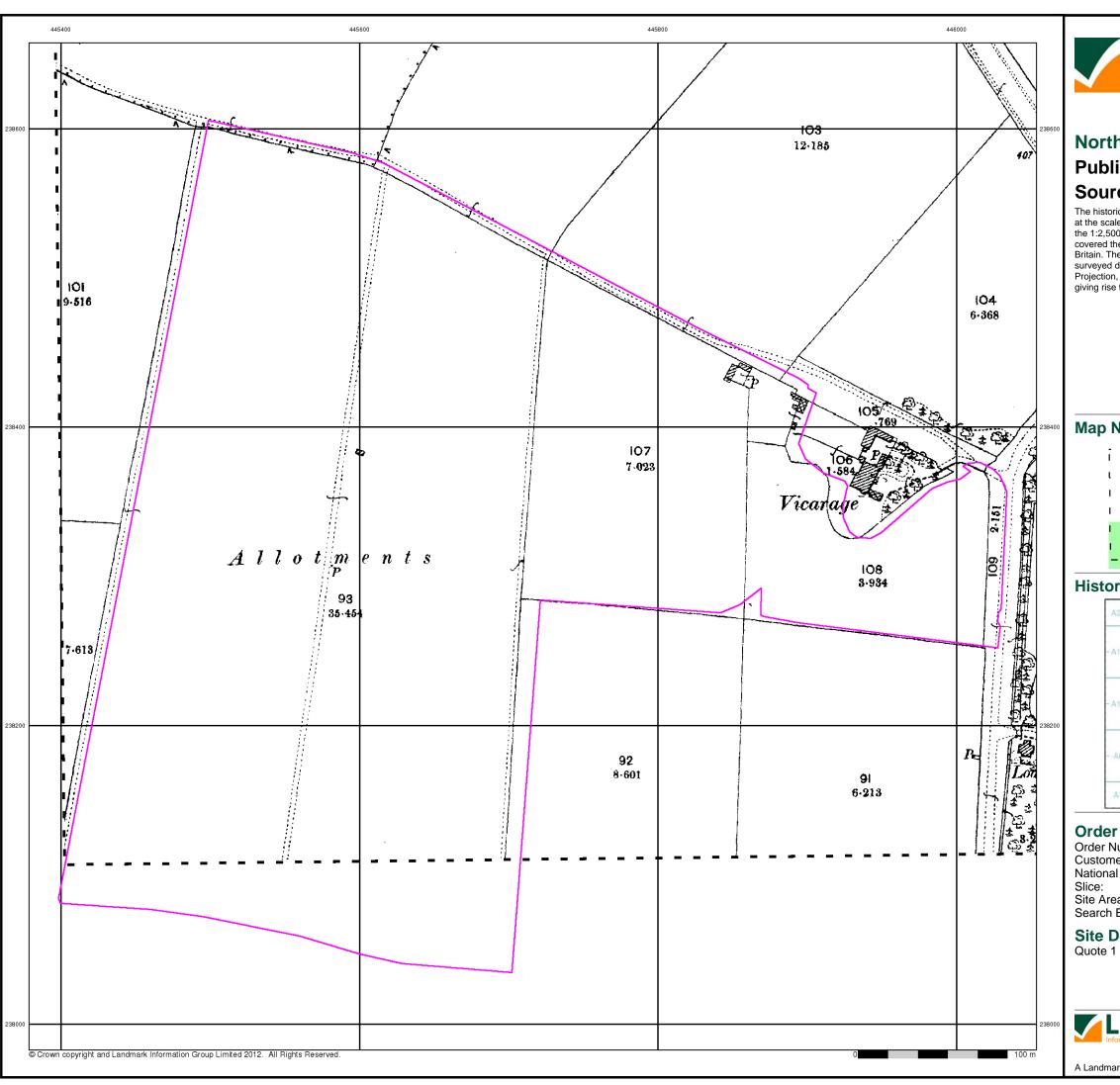
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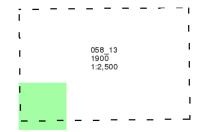


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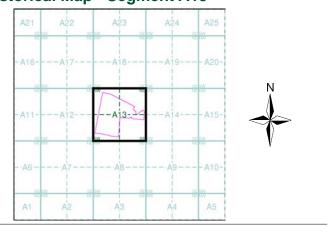
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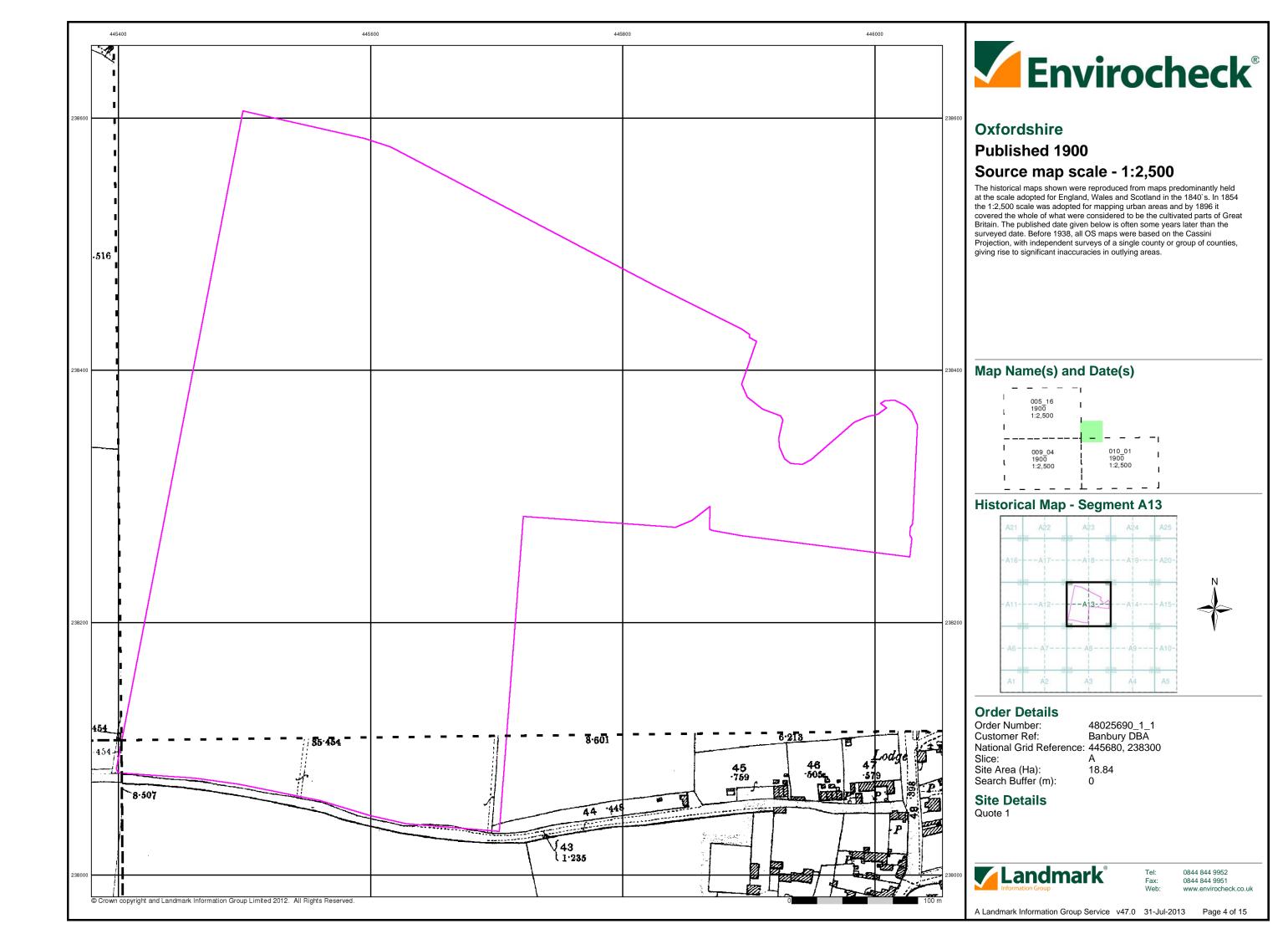
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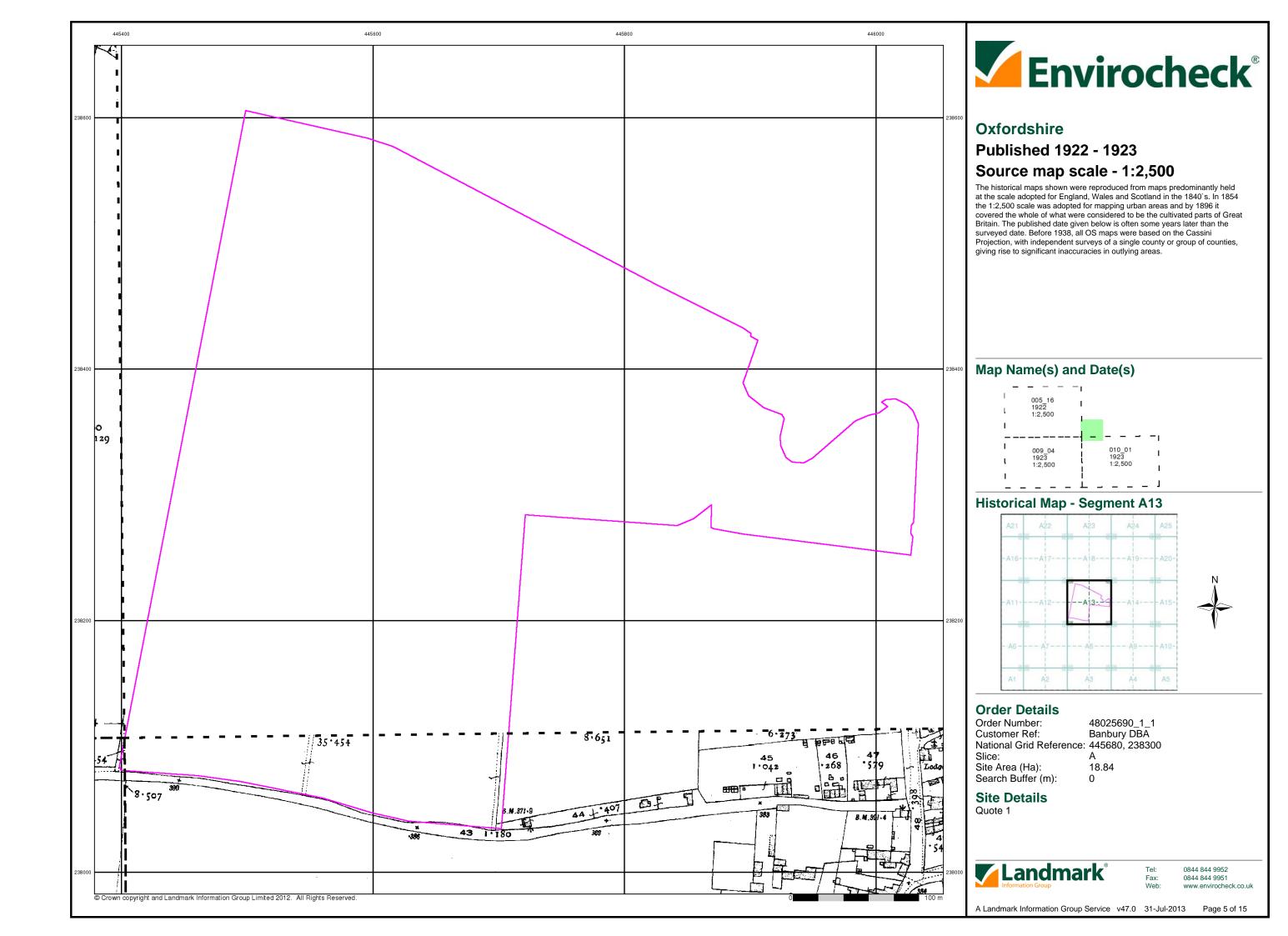
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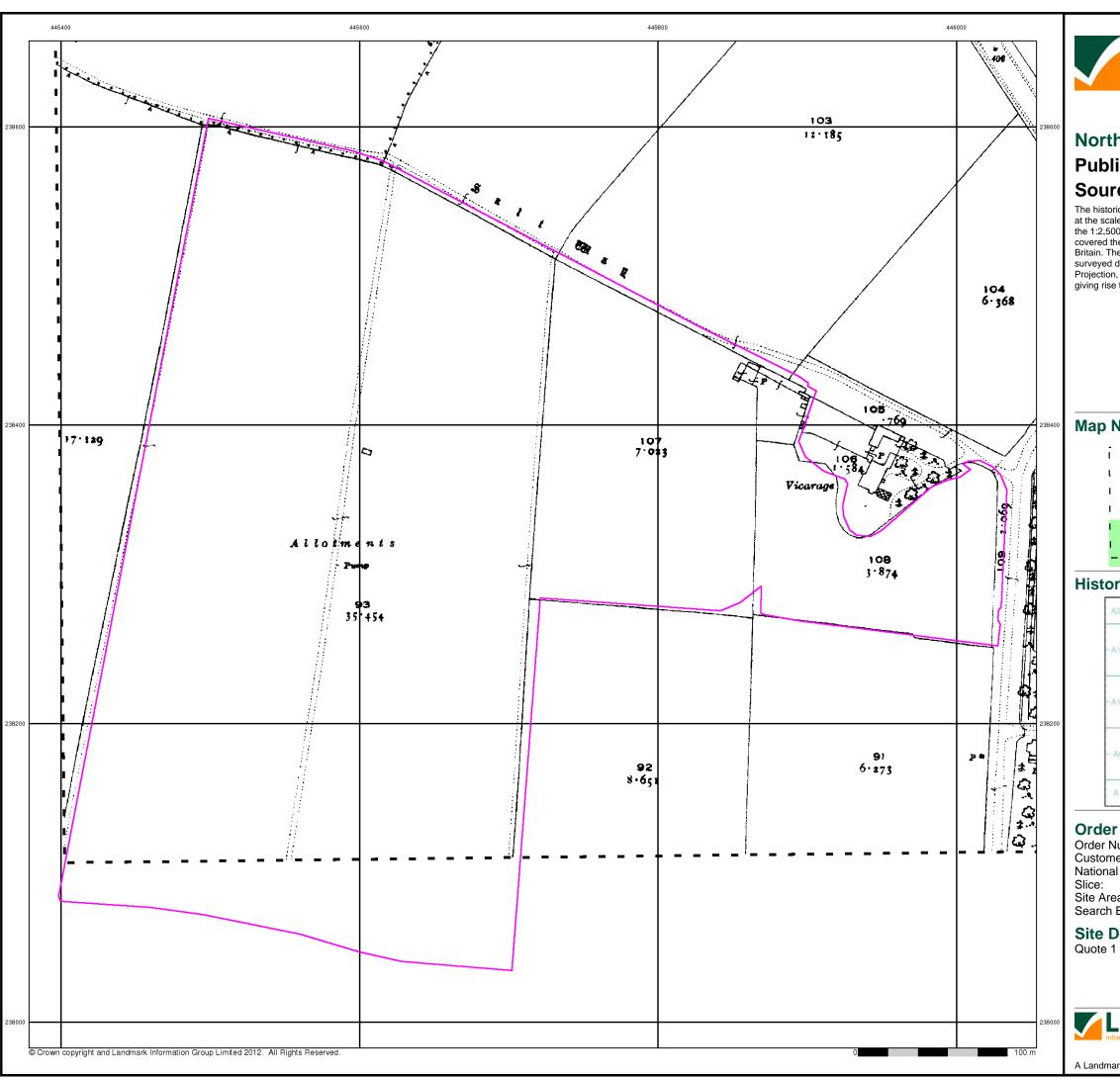


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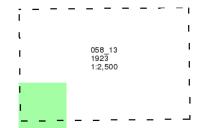
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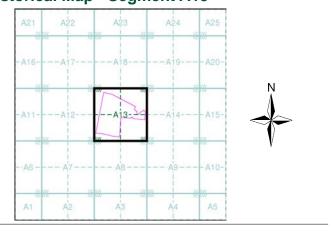
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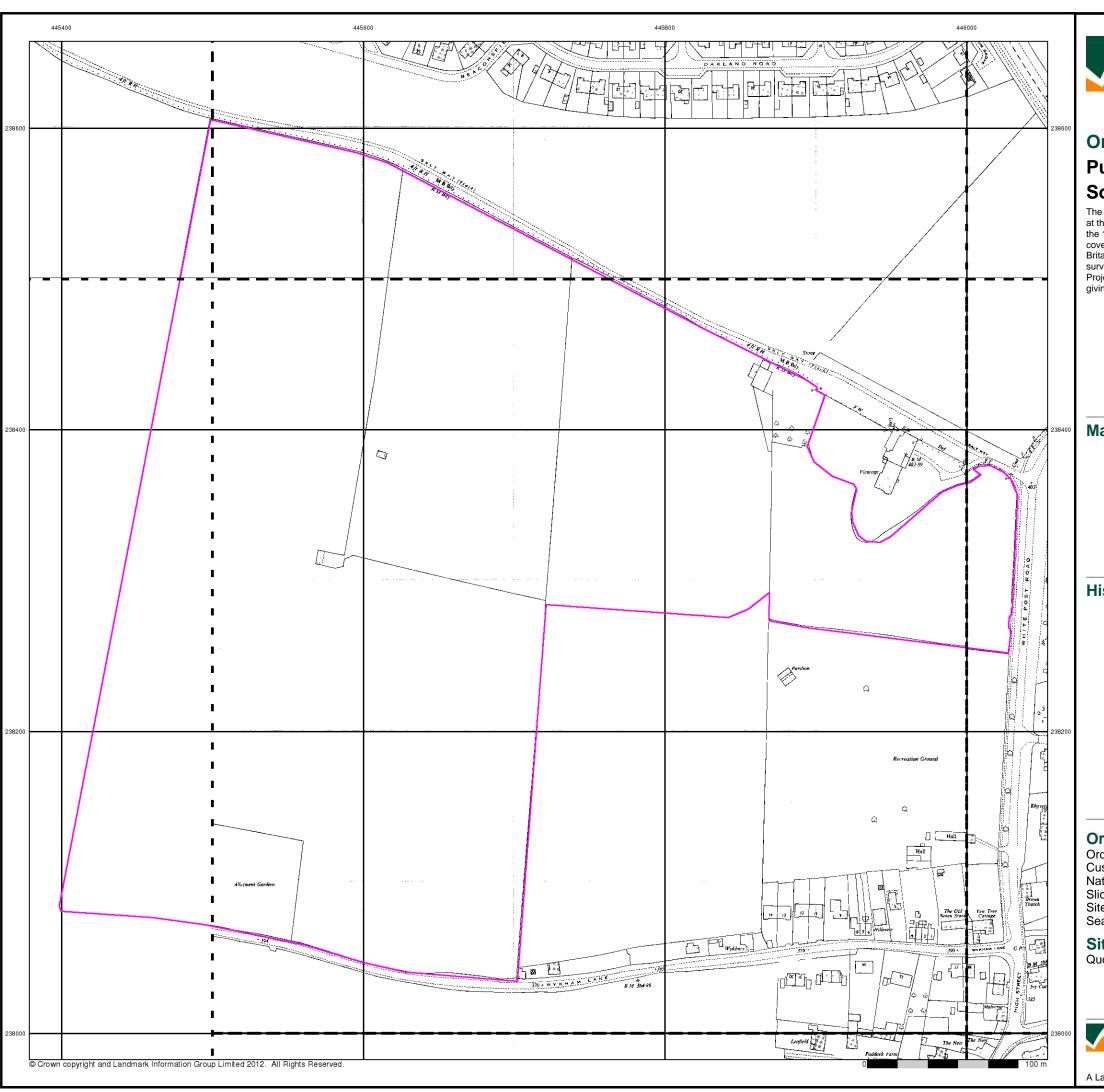
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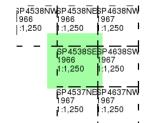


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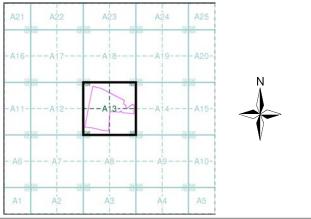
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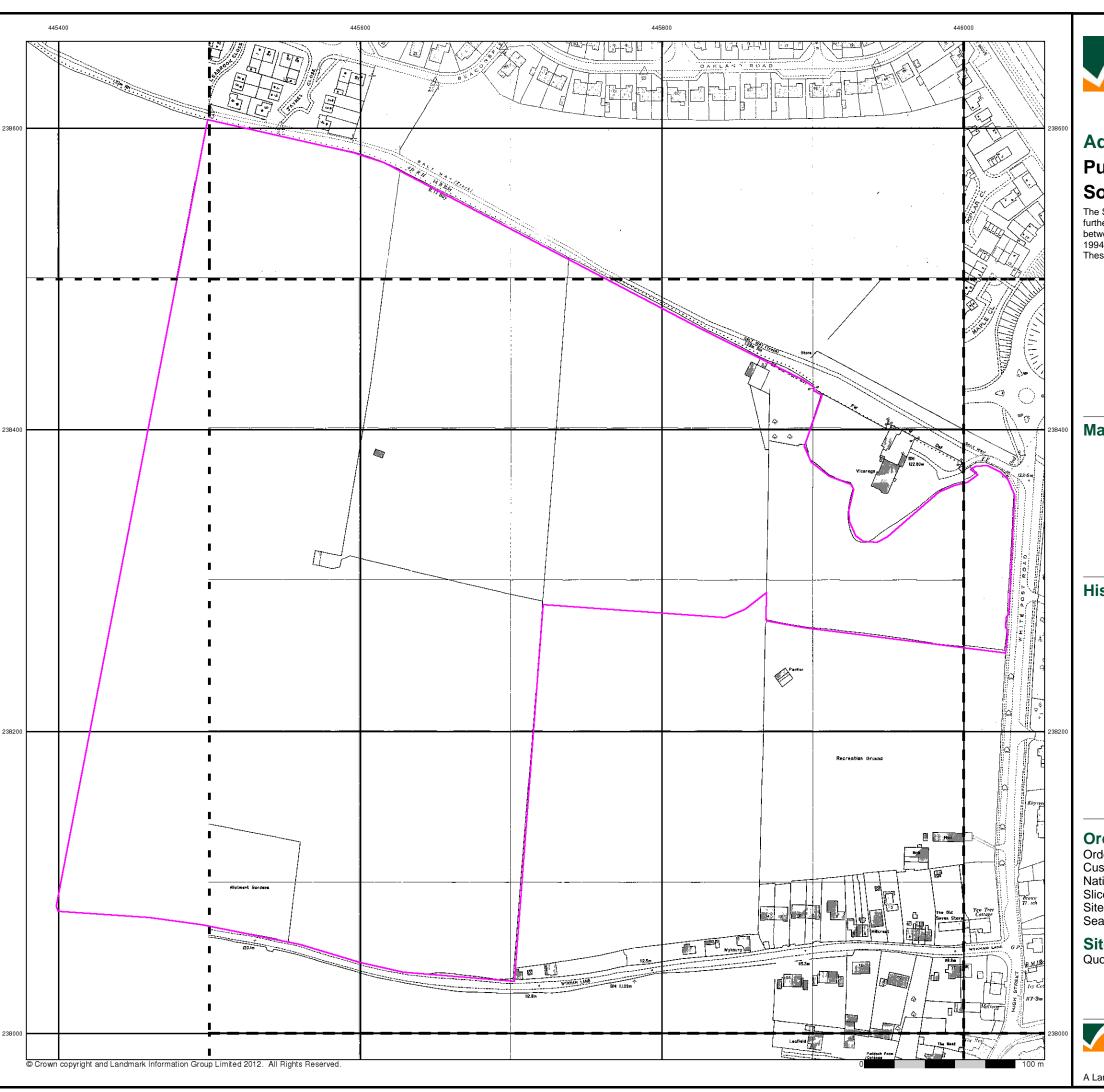
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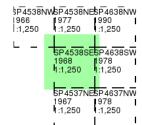


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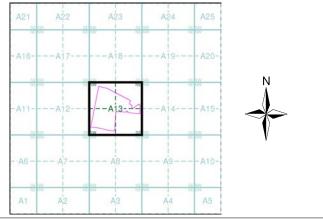
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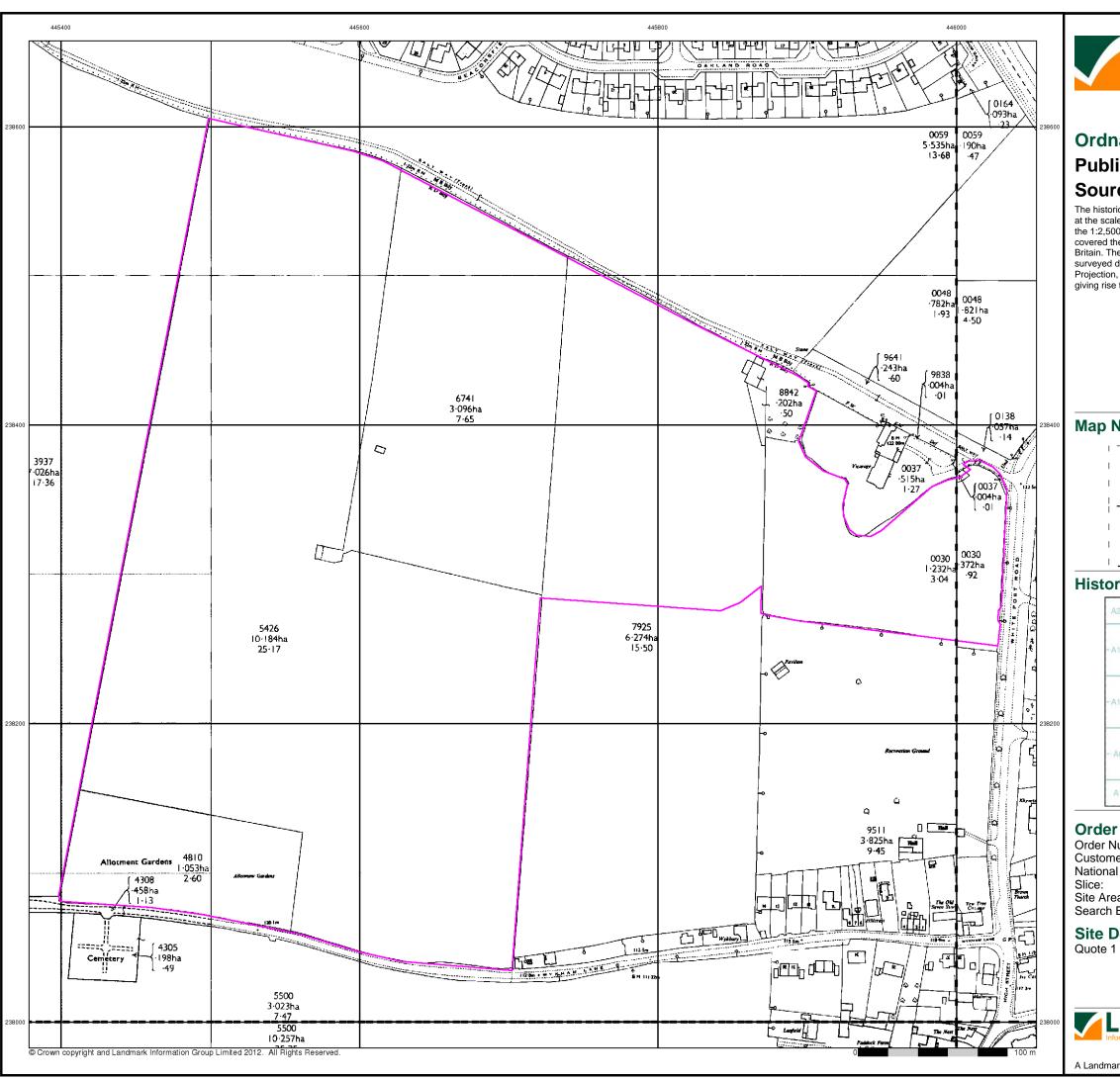
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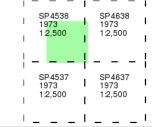




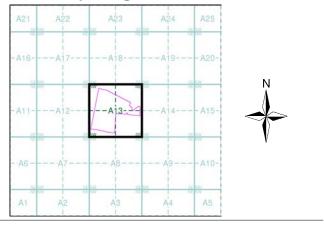
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The historical maps shown were reproduced from maps predominantly held at the scale adopted for England, Wales and Scotland in the 1840's. In 1854 the 1:2,500 scale was adopted for mapping urban areas and by 1896 it covered the whole of what were considered to be the cultivated parts of Great Britain. The published date given below is often some years later than the surveyed date. Before 1938, all OS maps were based on the Cassini Projection, with independent surveys of a single county or group of counties, giving rise to significant inaccuracies in outlying areas.

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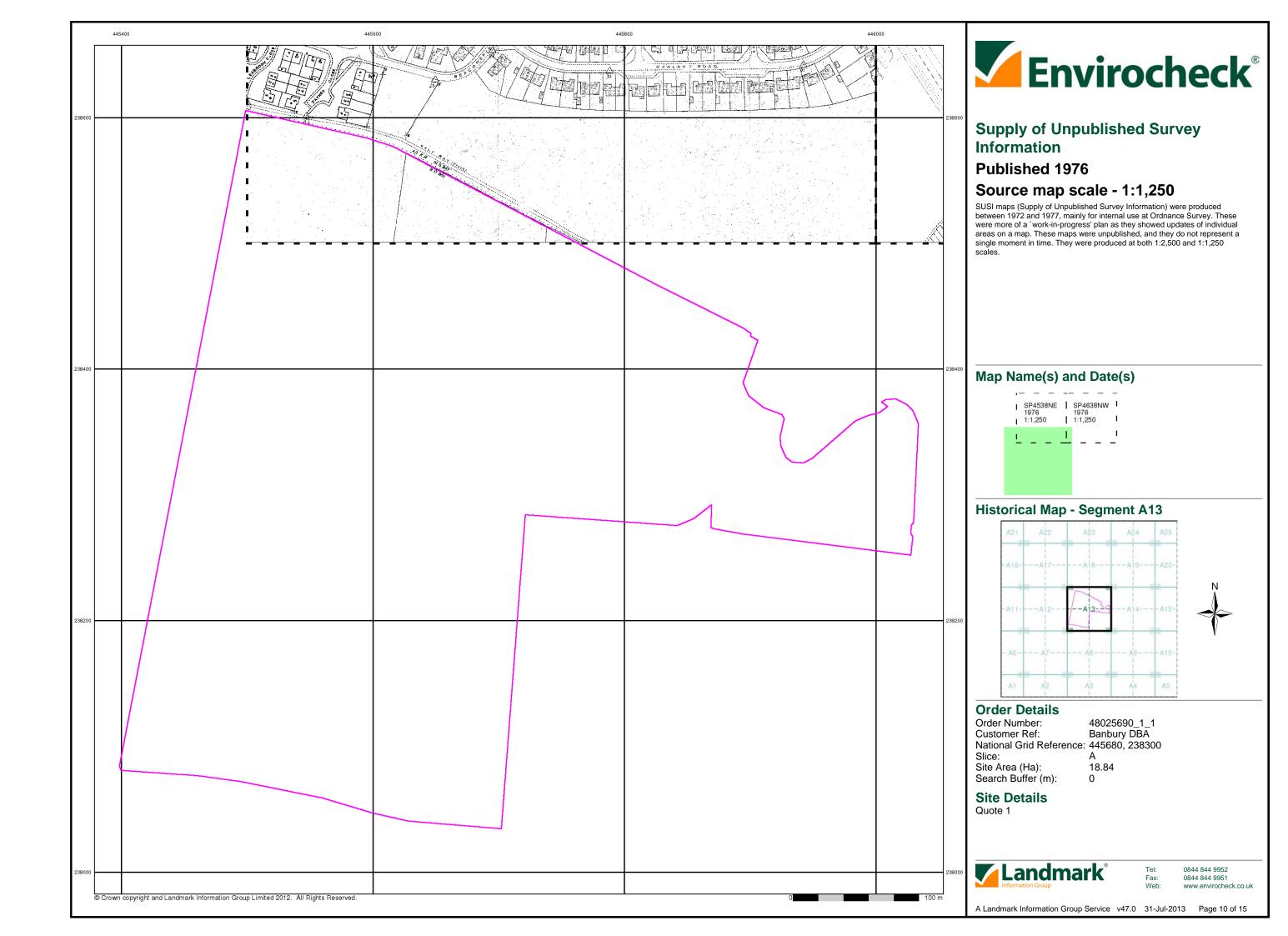
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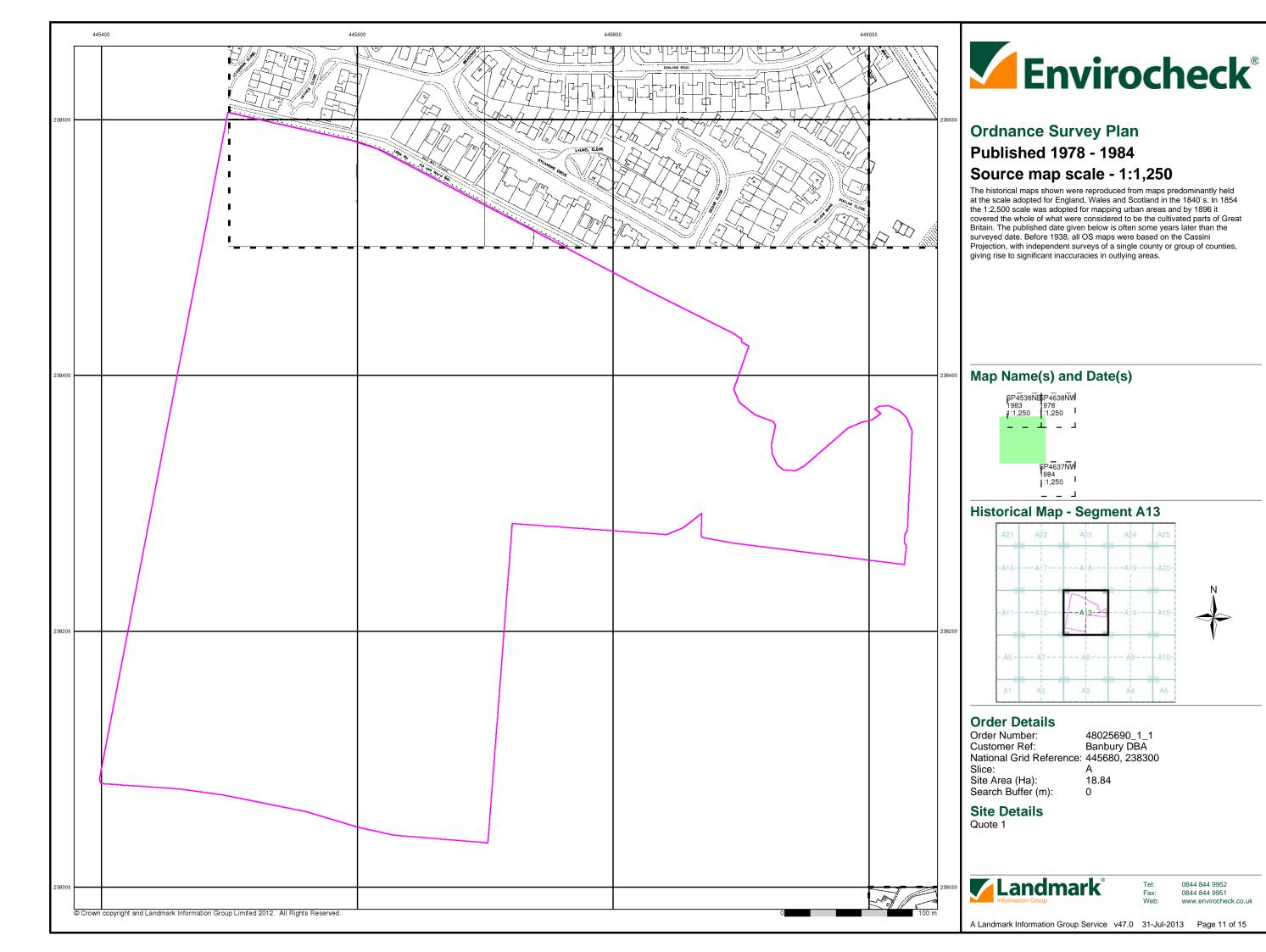
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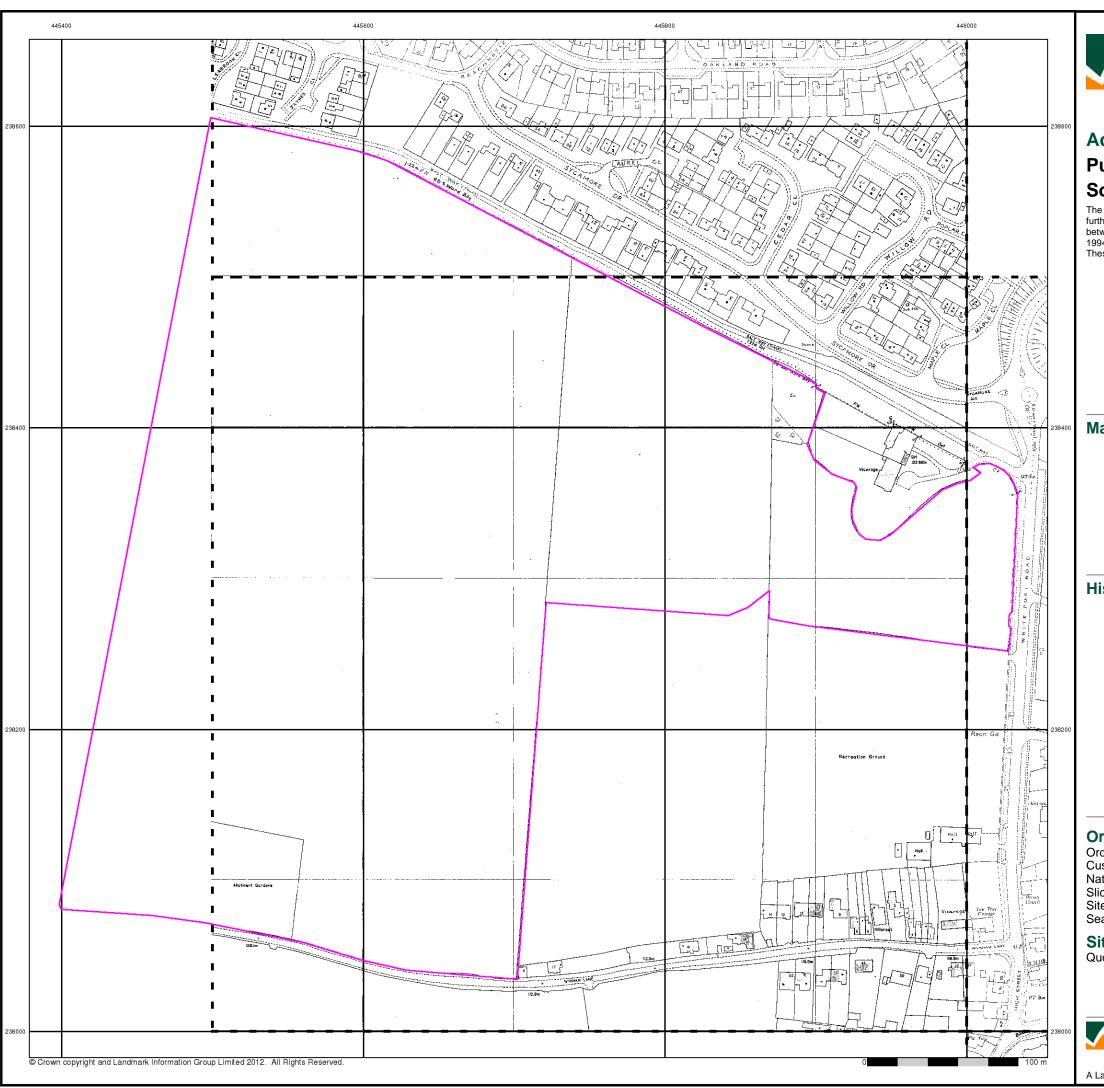


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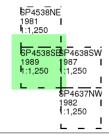


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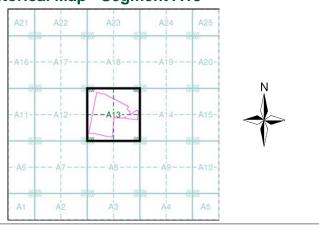
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#### Map Name(s) and Date(s)



#### **Historical Map - Segment A13**



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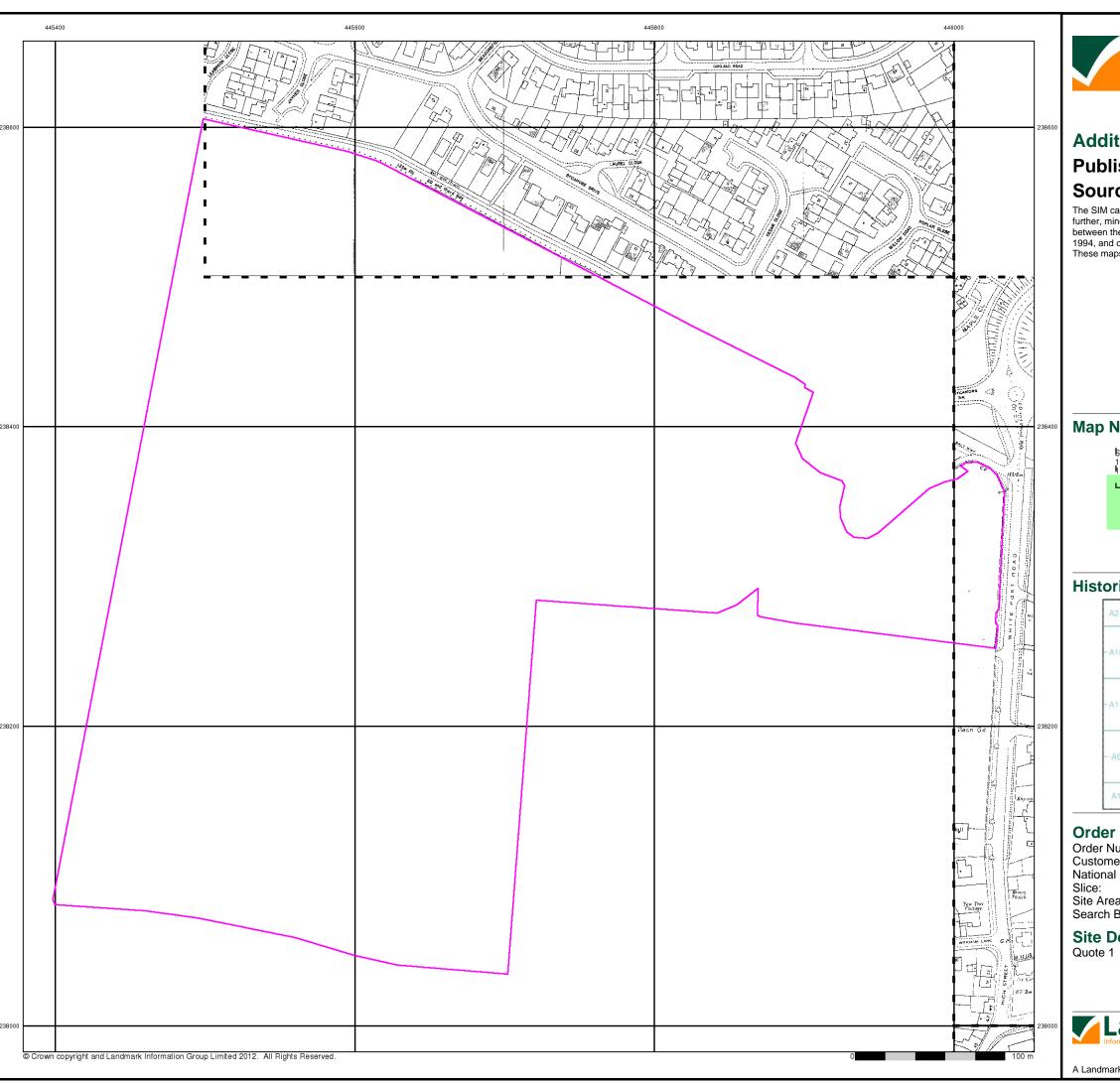
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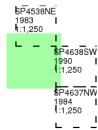


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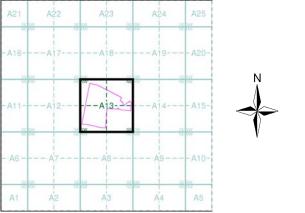
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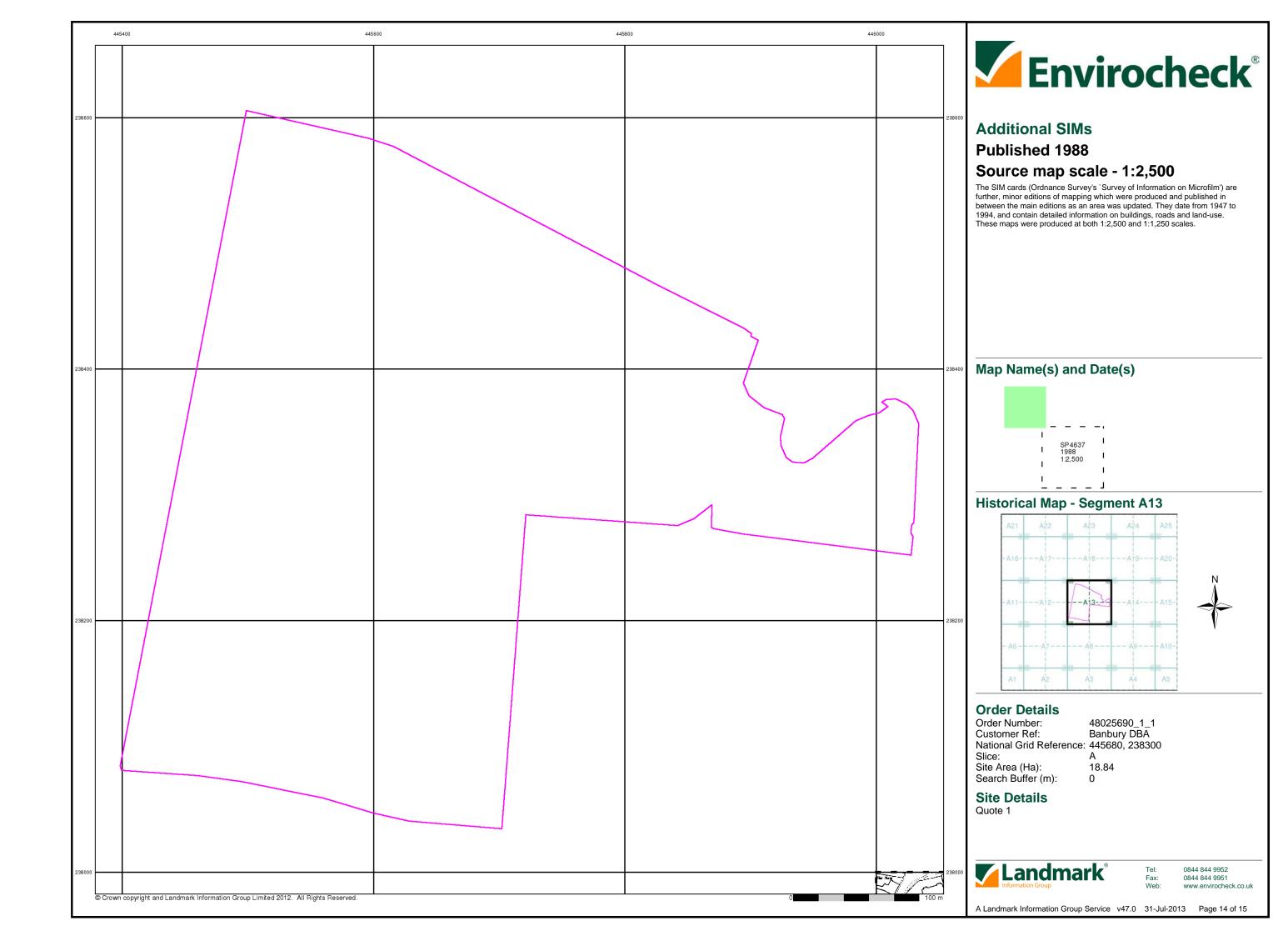
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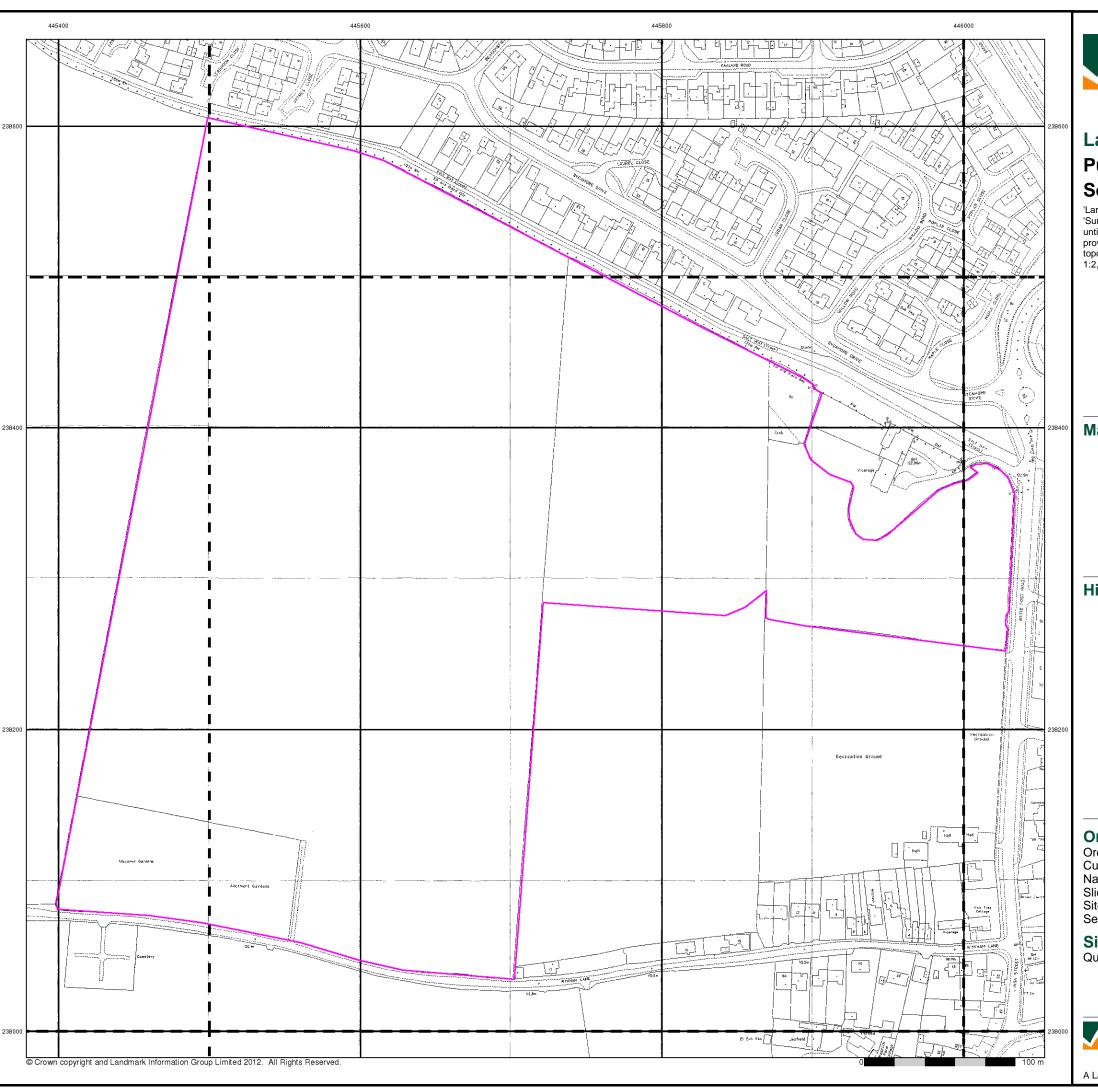
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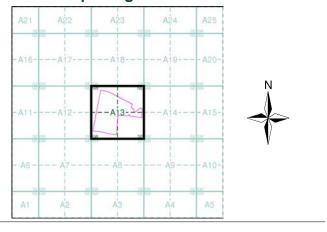
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'Large Scale National Grid Data' superseded SIM cards (Ordnance Survey's 'Survey of Information on Microfilm') in 1992, and continued to be produced until 1999. These maps were the fore-runners of digital mapping and so provide detailed information on houses and roads, but tend to show less topographic features such as vegetation. These maps were produced at both 1:2,500 and 1:1,250 scales.

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