

## **NORTH PARK COMMUNITY LIAISON MEETING**

### **NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON**

**WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 @ 6.00 pm**

**Attendees:**

A Balfour	QOG
A White	GVA
E Sherlock	Bletchingley Parish Council
D Stone	Godstone Parish Council
S Elson	Surrey County Council
S Murphy	Surrey County Council (Teams)
N Allman	Sibelco
L Williams	Sibelco
D Walton	Sibelco

The meeting was chaired by E. Sherlock (ES).

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from B. Davies (Godstone Parish Council), G. Black (Tandridge), C. Farr (Surrey County Council), D. Balfour (QOG) and M Davies (Sibelco).

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (15<sup>th</sup> September 2021)**

Dust – A Balfour (AB) indicated that the report in 2021 said no exceedances but the SCC officers report for Brewer Street said, for period of 9 months, there had been 104 exceedances. LW explained that, as set out in the officer report, the dust monitor was recording moisture rather than dust and this is the reason for the odd recordings. Monitor has been fixed and is now working properly.

Accepted.

**3. Matters Arising**

A White (AW) raised that the PROW plans Sibelco had offered to circulate to the group had not been provided. LW noted this and said Sibelco will send around.

AB raised that they used to get the dust reports and would like to receive them again. DW confirmed that a new consultant is being appointed to undertake the dust reports and the contract will be awarded at the end of November 2022. We will then start providing the reports again via the new consultant.

#### **4. Quarry Operational Update**

N Allman (NA) provided an update via PowerPoint.

##### Restoration

NA described the Big Pickle restoration works to resolve the issues with the land slip. Material had been taken out, backfilled and then grass seeded. The PowerPoint photo detailed the completed works and the grass seeded bank. Sibelco need to now undertake the planting scheme.

AB when will the horseshoe go into aftercare. NA identified it will probably be complete by September 2023 for SCC to review.

NA detailed the restoration works to the southern face of North Park Quarry and the southern access road. This has been graded and will be seeded in the coming week. Over the next year it should be able to go into formal restoration/aftercare.

NA detailed the digging out of the silt lagoon adjacent the site offices. Sibelco will be getting an amphibious excavator next year to be able to reach the middle section of the lagoon and fully clear the silts for drying and then use as a restoration material.

##### Pendell Quarry

NA detailed remaining sand areas and the need to undertake works to get into Brewer Street. Identified area of groundwater that has risen into Pendell. AB asked why this was and did the digging of sand release pressure to allow groundwater in. LW explained that this is not the case. The issue is groundwater level rise in the area from the period 2019–2022 which saw a 4–5 metre rise in groundwater levels. Sibelco have commissioned a detailed study across the area to understand the reasons for groundwater level rise. Sutton and East Surrey Water confirmed they hadn't pumped the aquifer for 18 months from 2020 which contributed to the rise. It was also acknowledged that other activities in the area, such as Biffa reducing their dewatering efforts, contributed to the groundwater level context.

NA provided an overview of some of the sand donation made by Sibelco into the local area.

- Merstham Football Club – provided sand for their pitch
- Hurst Green School – play area at School
- Orpheus Centre – provided sand for play area

#### **5. Planning and Environmental Update**

LW provided an update via PowerPoint.

##### **Brewer Street Planning**

LW identified the schemes that need to be discharged by SCC to implement the development:

- Dust Management Plan.
- Arboricultural Method Statement.

- Surface Water Management.
- Pendell Brook Diversion Modelling.
- and Groundwater Management Plan.

Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for archaeology discharged.

LW identified that we wish to start soil stripping to get into the site during mid 2023, subject to SCC discharging planning conditions.

AB raised concern with proposed monitoring of dust gauges at Brewer Street. AB queries whether the monitor was going to be between the bunds and the height of the bunds. LW confirmed the bunds are around 2 metres to 2.5 metres high.

AB raised that dust flow gauges should be located in open areas (i.e. not behind bunds). This is recommended by the manufacturer. LW identified that SCC would review and determine whether the locations proposed are appropriate. AB feels they should be as close to receptors as possible. AB identified on a plan suggested locations.

AB raised Place Farm OSIRIS monitor and that logically it should be moved. LW highlighted that Sibelco were looking at options but the key is being able to power it. NA said we want to solar power the monitor but it just ensuring we can protect it from vandalism depending on the alternative location.

AB glad to see we are monitoring water at the farm pits and now also sampling for water quality. LW and NA detailed on an aerial the locations for the two new piezos that are being installed to enable the monitoring.

Discussion ensued with the group regarding archaeology and the Mesolithic finds at Pendell from the recent archaeology work undertaken.

LW detailed the ecology licenses required for Brewer Street and confirmed Sibelco had made submissions to Natural England.

AB asked when doing archaeology how long is the area exposed and stripped while archaeology is ongoing. Recently there were large amounts of wind blown dust coming off the Pendell Quarry area while the Mesolithic investigation was being undertaken.

LW confirmed that, from the archaeology work undertaken on Brewer Street, there isn't as much archaeological interest and thus there won't be large areas of land stripped for investigation.

LW detailed the footpath diversion application which has gone through consultation and should be sealed shortly.

AB asked whether Sibelco were going to deliver the bridleway diversions and footpath diversions in the next 12 months? LW confirmed that is our intention.

LW detailed site restoration works that have been undertaken and are scheduled for 2023.

LW confirmed that SES water have finally repaired the leak on the top of the slip near the Horseshoe area.

LW identified the set up of the restoration steering group. SE confirmed that there are considerable reporting requirements for Sibelco. LW confirmed it would be set up in early 2023 and involves Sibelco, SCC and tenants of the land (currently Surrey Wildlife Trust).

LW went through the environmental data, noise and dust. LW identified an exceedance in the noise monitoring figures at the Hawthorns school (56dB with limit being 55dB). The noise report from our consultancy put this down to the method of survey. LW made reference to the conclusions of the noise report which stated, *"As noise sources were located below the line of sight of The Hawthorns School, it is reasonable to conclude that realistic noise level at the properties would have been even lower for the duration of current operations in the quarry."*

LW identified the dust monitoring results for the site with no exceedances. AB raised that residents want to see the dust reports provided. She asked whether SCC would provide reports in the public domain. SM commented that it would need to be confirmed where that would sit within SCC. SE made comparison with Biffa who post this information online on their own website so residents can access it.

LW confirmed Sibelco will look at how they can make it accessible to residents.

LW confirmed the OSIRIS monitoring results for Pendell and Place Farm with no exceedances recorded.

SE asked about progress with condition 9 and submissions in relation to Spynes Mere and Mercers West for 28 December 2022.

LW confirmed Mercers West will be submitted. Need to meet with SE to discuss Spynes Mere. SE said we need action rather than discussion.

AB asked what happens if conditions are not met? SM identified that the draconian approach would be serving notice on Sibelco of breach of condition. However, doesn't feel this would be appropriate and the onus is to work with Sibelco to make a submission.

SE confirmed condition 62 requirement for restoration scheme by 28 December 2022. LW confirmed that we were on track with the submission.

AB asked about restrictions on Whitehill Lane crossing. AB questioned vehicles associated with filming at Pendell using the access. Is this allowed? LW confirmed that Permitted Development Rights often apply to filming. NA confirmed Netflix came in for 1 day of filming with the site being used by them for 4 days in the summer. This was a one off event.

SE identified that use of drone survey and aerials help get the points across well.

## **6. Council Matters**

### **Surrey County Council**

ES raised the Surrey Minerals and Waste Plan and the sites Sibelco are putting forward. LW identified that we've put forward a number of sites for consideration in the Plan.

### **Godstone Parish Council**

No issues.

### **Bletchingley Parish Council**

No issues.

## **7. Any Other Business**

NA raised application for 140 houses on the SES site. Group discussed the basic merits of the scheme and the local issues generated.

AB raised the travellers camp planning application at the Pendell site. AB asked whether we still get travellers horses being left on our land. NA said not recently but we generally leave it if they are looking after it. If not then we put signage up saying it will be taken away after 7 days. This process seems to have worked well and avoids antagonising the community.

AB wants additional members from QOG to attend the meetings and people affected by Brewer Street and other proposals we have.

Sibelco to find and review the Terms of Reference for the liaison group and seek to refresh the membership list and add new members. Identified that it would be better to have a consistent person who will deal with specific issues and feedback.

- Ian Chard (Brewer Street resident)
- Fiona Craig (Warwick Wold resident)

SE asked if they are representing the community or specific issues? AB said they are quite tight knit communities with Whatsapp groups. SE keen that correct information is disseminated to the community before issues are raised.

SE raised how helpful NA is with dealing with local issues. For example recent illegal tipping north of M25. SE raised sand martin bank at Spynes Mere which was revamped in Winter 2021/2022. The bank has unfortunately been damaged beyond repair. The remaining bank is intact and has been good for solitary bees.

L Sherlock asked why there is only one viewing point at Spynes Mere. NA explained how the first one came to fruition. SE mentioned the issues with trespass and the hedges preventing access. SE identified that north side is probably best for another viewing point.

SE added that conservation volunteers have been in Spynes Mere clearing reedbeds. Taskforce coming into Mercers West in December to work the willow coppice area created many years ago. Wider Restore project is going well and work being undertaken. NA raised

that Kitchen Copse is going well. AB raised ash dieback impacting the local area. SE identified there is still an exemplar ash in Kitchen Copse that seems alive which brings hope they will grow back.

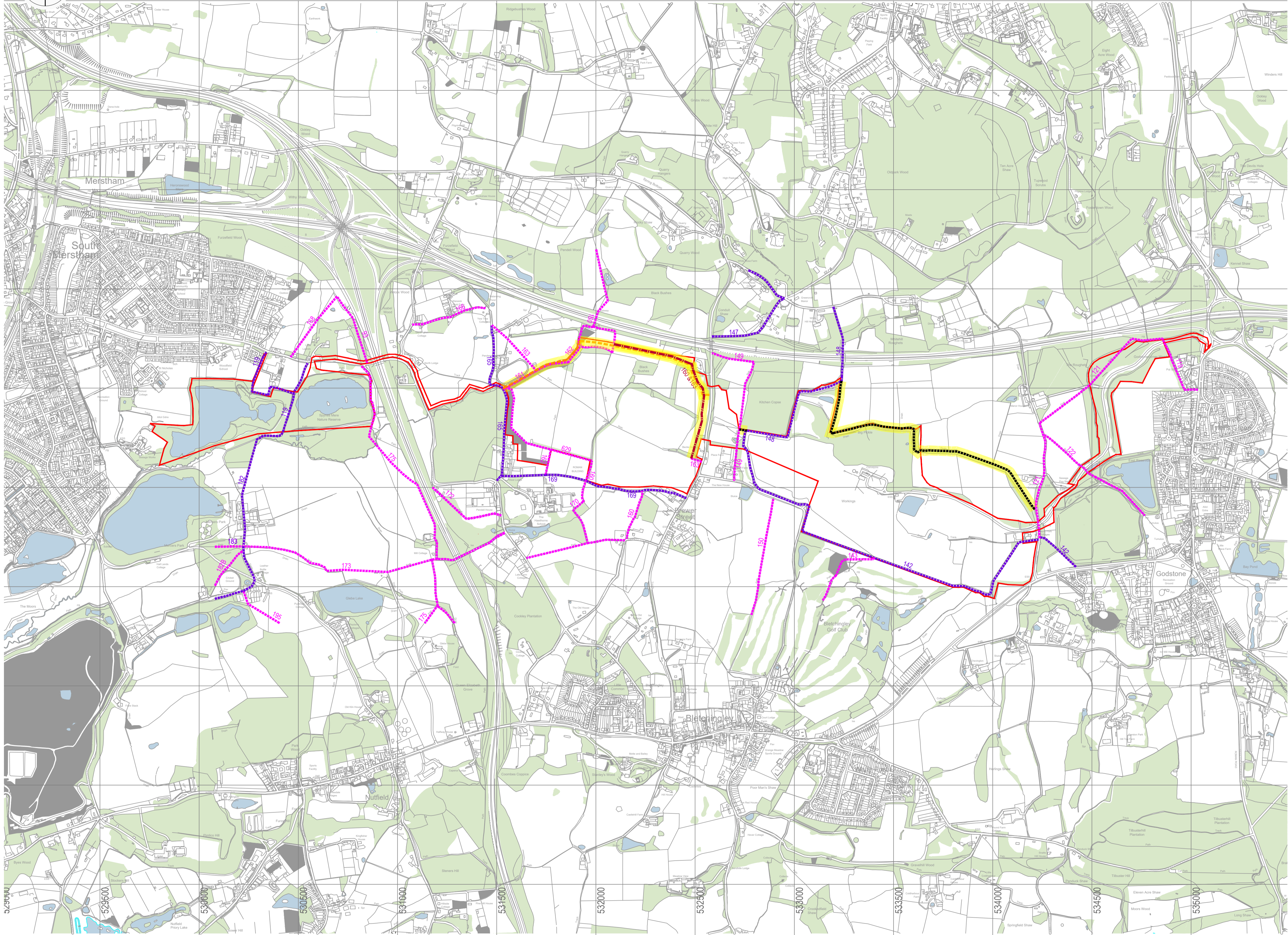
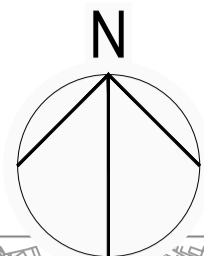
SE highlighted that the previous minutes state that a planting day would happen. Didn't happen but volunteers did do planting with Sibelco staff.

AB raised issue with footpaths and hedgerow corridors blocking views. SE raised that this is something that can be looked at.

NA added if you Google 'Sibelco North Park Quarry', you will get pictures NA has taken of the sunrise in the morning.

#### **8. Date of Next Meeting**

17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 5.30 pm at the quarry offices, commencing with a site tour.



- KEY**
- APPLICATION BOUNDARY
  - DEFINITIVE FOOTPATH
  - DEFINITIVE BRIDLEWAY
  - PROPOSED TEMPORARY FOOTPATH DIVERSION  
(Final alignment to be decided and agreed through the formal Diversion Order process)
  - PERMISSIVE FOOTPATH (Delivered during operation rather than upon restoration)
  - DEDICATED BRIDLEWAY (Delivered during operation rather than upon restoration)
  - ADDITIONAL MITIGATION MEASURE

C	Additional footpath	EL	GDA	10/01/21
B	Additional footpath	AG	GDA	06/12/21
A	Linework adjustments	AG	GDA	16/08/21
Rev	Description	Drawn	Approved	Date



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**North Park Quarry**

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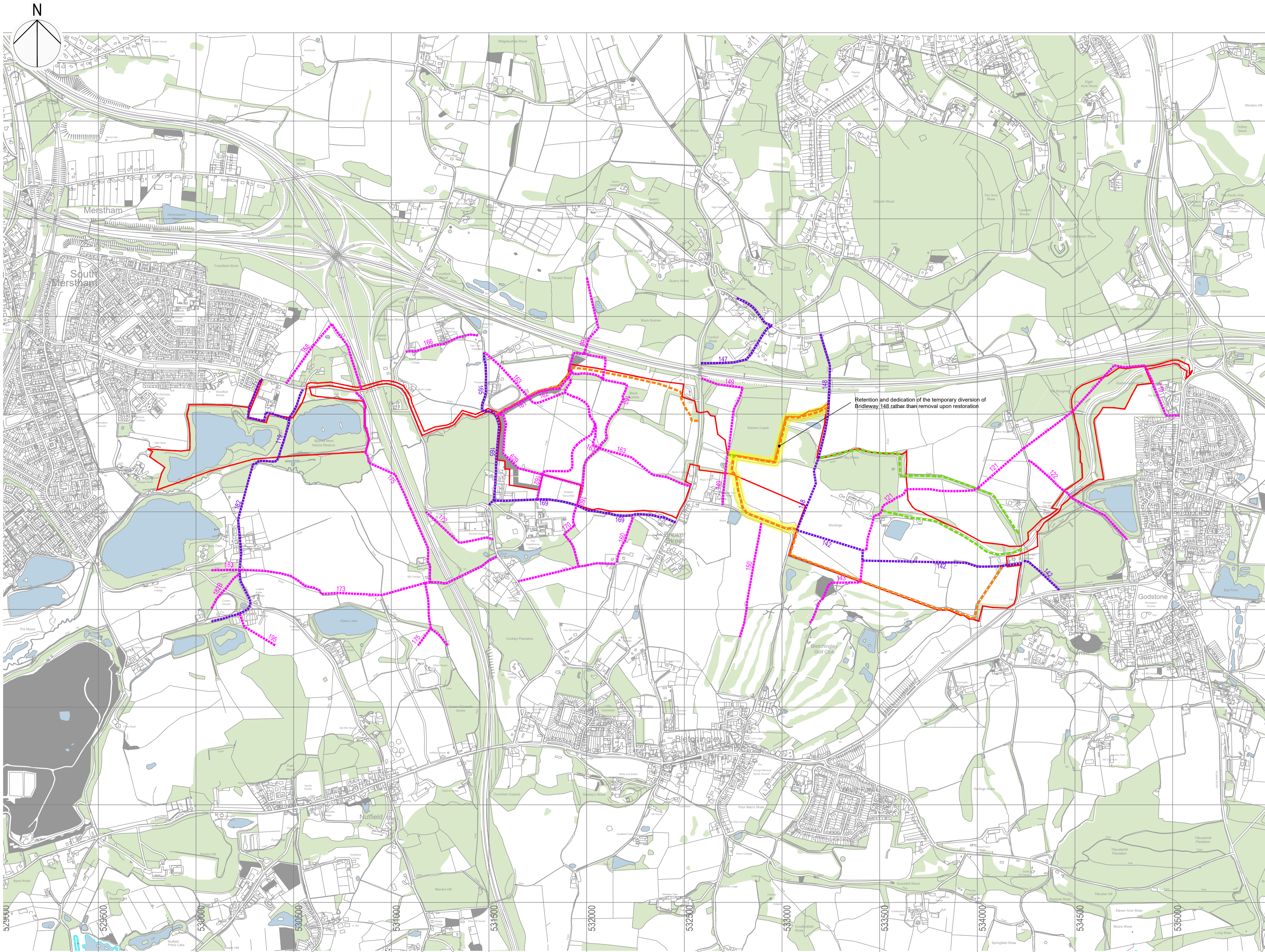
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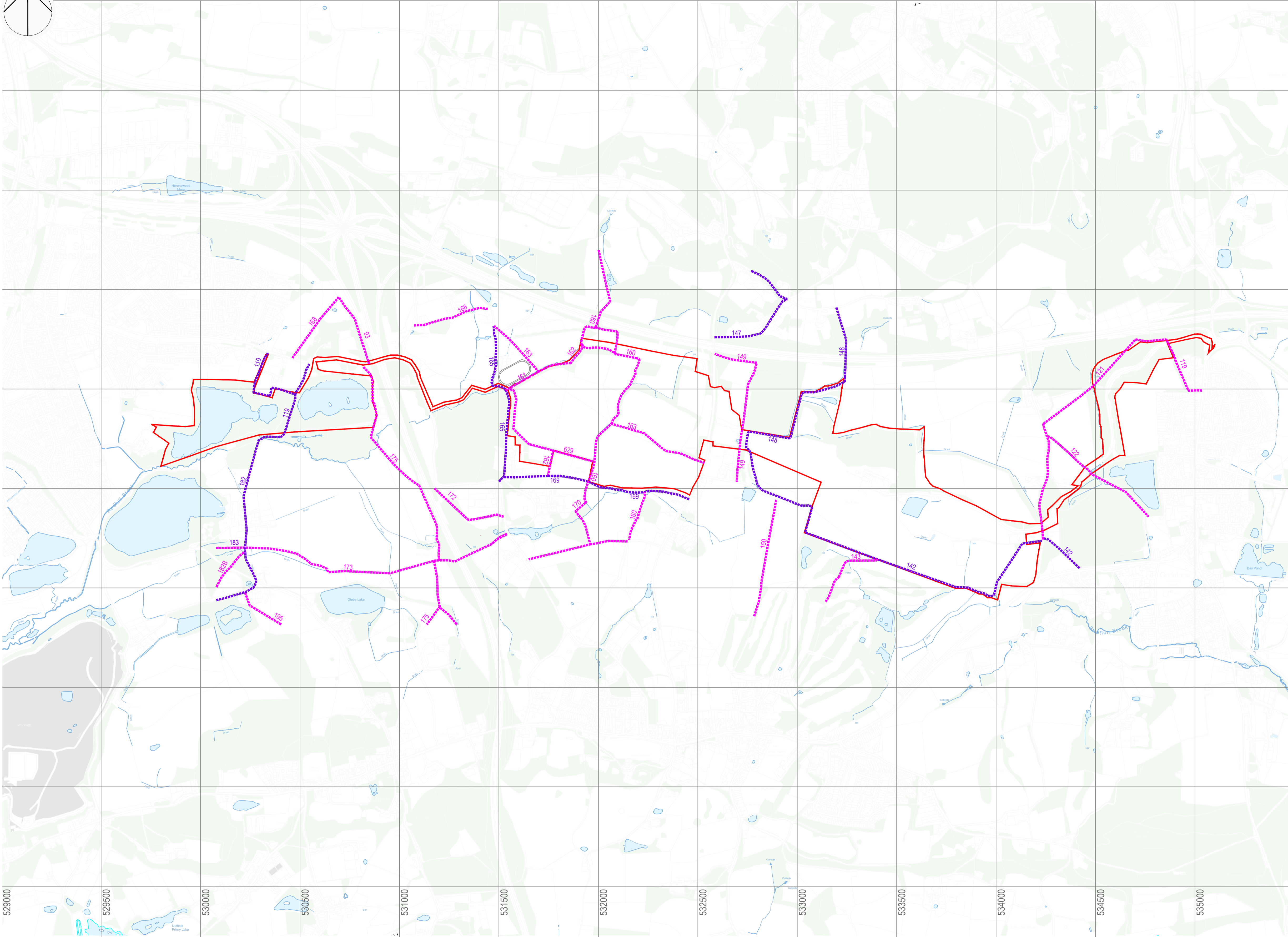
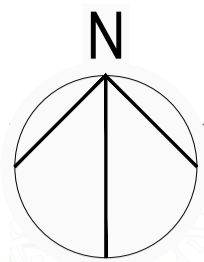
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