

East Thames Housing / Epping Forest District Council  
Housing Delivery Programme

Feasibility Report

**Site: 1-24 (Garages) Hornbeam Close, Buckhurst Hill IG9 6JS  
(Site A)**

**Rev: A**

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## 1.0 Introduction and Confirmation of Brief

- 1.1. Pellings LLP are appointed as part of East Thames Group Technical Team in respect of delivery of Development Agent services to Epping Forest District Council for a six year housing delivery programme.
- 1.2. Following initial appraisal by EFDC, 59 sites have been identified as having possible development potential, with a further number of sites in reserve.
- 1.3. Pellings LLP have been instructed to progress feasibility studies to all 59 sites and which will assist in establishing the extent and timing of the overall programme.
- 1.4. Our instructions are in accordance with our fee tender of 13 August 2012, against the previously prepared tender documentation, and email confirmation of 9 April 2013.

## 2.0 Existing Site and Surroundings

- 2.1. The site is located on the eastern side of Buckhurst Hill in a residential area comprising houses and flats approximately 500m south of Buckhurst Hill station.
- 2.2. The site consists of 24 garages and hardstanding and it is accessed by way of a 7m wide entrance at the end of Hornbeam Close. The site adjoins residential plots (semi-detached dwellings with rear gardens) to the north and west. Cascade Close to the north consists of semi-detached and detached two storey houses with gardens and 2-40 Hornbeam Close to the south is a five storey block of flats with communal amenity space. To the east is open space.
- 2.3. There is a mature tree to the right hand side as you enter the site.
- 2.4. Please refer to Appendix B, Photographs of the existing site, locations cross referenced to Appendix A.

## 3.0 Proposals

- 3.1. Read in conjunction with drawings 612.023.P2-1A attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2. The proposals are :
  - 1 x 3 bed house, 2 storey
  - 2 x 2 bed houses, 2 storey
  - Provision of 7 parking spaces and garden/landscaped areas

## 4.0 Planning Issues and Risks

### *Relevant Planning Policies/Considerations*

- 4.1. The adopted Development Plan for Epping Forest District Council is the Combined Local Plan 1998 and Local Plan Alterations 2006.
- 4.2. The site is not located in a Conservation Area it is not designated for any particular purposes in the Epping Forest District Council Combined Local Plan 1998 and Local Plan Alterations 2006. The site does not lie in a Flood Zone on the Environment Agency Flood Map.

- 4.3. There are no specific policies which prevent the loss of existing garages although policy ST4 (Road Safety) states that planning permission will only be granted where there will be no adverse effects on the highway, traffic congestion or harm to the character or appearance of the area. Parking spaces to meet with the Council's standards are proposed for the new dwellings.
- 4.4. It will be necessary to undertake a Parking Survey and to prepare a Transport Statement to demonstrate that the loss of the garages and proposed development would not cause any parking shortfalls or harm to highway conditions or the amenities of the area.
- 4.5. The site is located in the settlement of Buckhurst Hill and the proposal would be consistent with policy CP7 which encourages the efficient use of existing built-up areas by the 'recycling of vacant, derelict, degraded and under-used land to accommodate the development' and the 're-use of urban sites, which are no longer appropriate to their existing or proposed use in the foreseeable future, for alternative land uses'.
- 4.6. The proposal would comply with policy H4A which states the need for a range of dwellings, including an appropriate proportion of smaller dwellings, to meet identified housing need on a site-by-site basis.
- 4.7. The development of small family homes with rear gardens and private and communal parking would be in keeping with the character and appearance of the area and may comply with Epping Forest's design policies and guidance.
- 4.8. There is a potential Right of Way running East to West across the site.
- 4.9. Adjacent development is somewhat raised relevant to the site, and could potentially increase the risk of overlooking issues.

## 5.0 **Impact/Implications of Statutory Services**

- 5.1. We have undertaken statutory services enquiries to the following:
- Southern Gas
  - Cable and Wireless
  - Virgin Media
  - Thames Water
  - BT
  - National Grid
  - Scottish and Southern Energy
  - Environment Agency
  - UK Power Networks
- 5.2. Responses received to date are from the Environment Agency, National Grid, UK Power Networks, Virgin Media and Thames Water.
- 5.3. The Environment Agency do not note any significant constraints but recommend measures to achieve water efficiency and the use of Sustainable Urban Drainage systems.
- 5.3.1. National Grid: No apparatus appears to cross the site
- 5.3.2. UK Power Networks: No apparatus appears to cross the site

- 5.3.3. Virgin Media: No apparatus appears to cross the site
- 5.4. Thames Water: No apparatus appears to cross the site. A sewer runs below the northern boundary of the site.
- 5.5. It should be noted there are a number of responses to enquiries that, at time of preparation of this report, have not yet been received.

## 6.0 **Site Access and Buildability Issues**

- 6.1. The site is accessed from existing site roads and there would not appear to be any particular difficulties for the normal level and size of construction traffic associated with a development of this nature.
- 6.2. Areas should be available for contractor's site set up and accommodation.
- 6.3. The site is within a primarily residential area, and accordingly, any appointed contractor should use all best endeavours to act in a considerate manner and within normal working hours.
- 6.4. Further to initial enquiries made to EFDC, some potential contamination issues have been highlighted with use of the domestic garages, and also a former horticultural nursery. Possible contaminants in respect of the former use as a nursery are summarised and indicated within the note produced by EFDC Planning and Economic Development Directorate at Appendix E.
- 6.5. Possible contaminants in respect of the previous use of the garage site may include asbestos, ash and clinker, hydro-carbons from vehicle maintenance and the like.
- 6.6. Accordingly, suitable site investigation will need to be undertaken ahead of any proposals to take this site forward and specific recommendations made to deal with any contamination found, whether by capping or removal from site.

## 7.0 **Neighbourly Matters and Party Walls**

- 7.1. As above, the proposed development site is within a primarily residential area and the appointed contractor should act in a considerate manner. It is proposed that restrictions on working hours, noise levels, requirement for resident liaison and similar matters will be included within contract documentation.
- 7.2. From proposals on Drawing 612.023.P2-1A, Party Wall matters will be relevant to development, particularly adjacent to No. 6 Cascade Close.
- 7.3. Confirmation of ownership will be required in due course.
- 7.4. Such Party Wall matters may be undertaken ahead of the build contract by direct appointment by EFDC, or included as a requirement for the contractor to deal with within the build contract. This later approach, however, would carry increased risk to programme and cost.

## 8.0 **Proposed Procurement Route**

- 8.1. It is understood that development works will be procured by way of the East Thames Housing Group existing contractor framework arrangements.

- 8.2. It is proposed that works shall be procured on a Design and Build basis with the contractors taking forward RIBA Stage D planning consent drawings into detailed design and construction delivery on site.
- 8.3. Schemes shall be designed to a set of Employer's Requirements to be subsequently confirmed but which substantially shall be formed from existing East Thames Housing Group Design Standards and Employer's Requirement documentation.
- 8.4. It is proposed that all site preparation works will be included within individual contract packages including any required demolitions, adjustment of statutory services, highways works and boundary maintenance/reinstatement/provision.
- 8.5. On completion of the feasibility studies for the whole programme, further recommendations will be made in terms of how works are packaged to ensure size of work packages are optimised for ensuring maximum economies for East Thames Housing Group and EFDC.
- 8.6. It is considered, at this stage, that this may be by way of a mix of different sized contractors dependent upon the numbers and geographical location of individual works packages.
- 8.7. Works will be administered by Pellings LLP as Employer's Agent acting in accordance with East Thames Housing Group terms of appointment and the overarching requirements of the Development Agency agreement.

## 9.0 **Impact on Parking**

- 9.1. The Council's currently adopted parking standards are contained within Essex County Council's Parking Standards Design and Good Practice Guide – September 2009. These revised standards were adopted by the Council as statutory planning guidance in February 2012.
- 9.2. Flats and houses have the same parking standard as follows:
- 1 bedroom accommodation – 1 space per dwelling
  - 2 bedroom accommodation and above – 2 spaces per dwelling
  - Visitor parking – 0.25 spaces per dwelling (rounded up to the nearest whole number)

9.3. The proposals would appear to more than meet the Council's parking standards for new development.

9.4. However, should the site move forward to planning application stages, it is recommended that a Transport Statement be undertaken, including parking surveys, to demonstrate that the loss of the garages will not give rise to any planning or highway problems.

## 10.0 **Legals**

10.1. We have been provided with a Summary Report of legal matters from EFDC Solicitors. The report makes reference to the suggested appropriation of land for planning purposes which would extinguish any prior rights of way.

10.2. The report makes reference to possible rights of light risk. A blanket policy against such risk might be considered.

10.3. There is reference to an existing footpath within the Housing Management Report. However, this is unaffected by proposals.


11.0 **Costs**

11.1. It is considered that a budget of £543,120.00 should be allowed for this scheme, inclusive of contractor design fees, but exclusive of professional fees and VAT. Please refer to Appendix F.

12.0 **Recommendations and Conclusions**

12.1. Subject to an overall lifetime cost appraisal, we conclude that the site appears to have economic development opportunities and we recommend is considered for taking forward to planning application stage, with a view to incorporating into the overall programme.

Signed:

  
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**Pellings LLP**

Date:

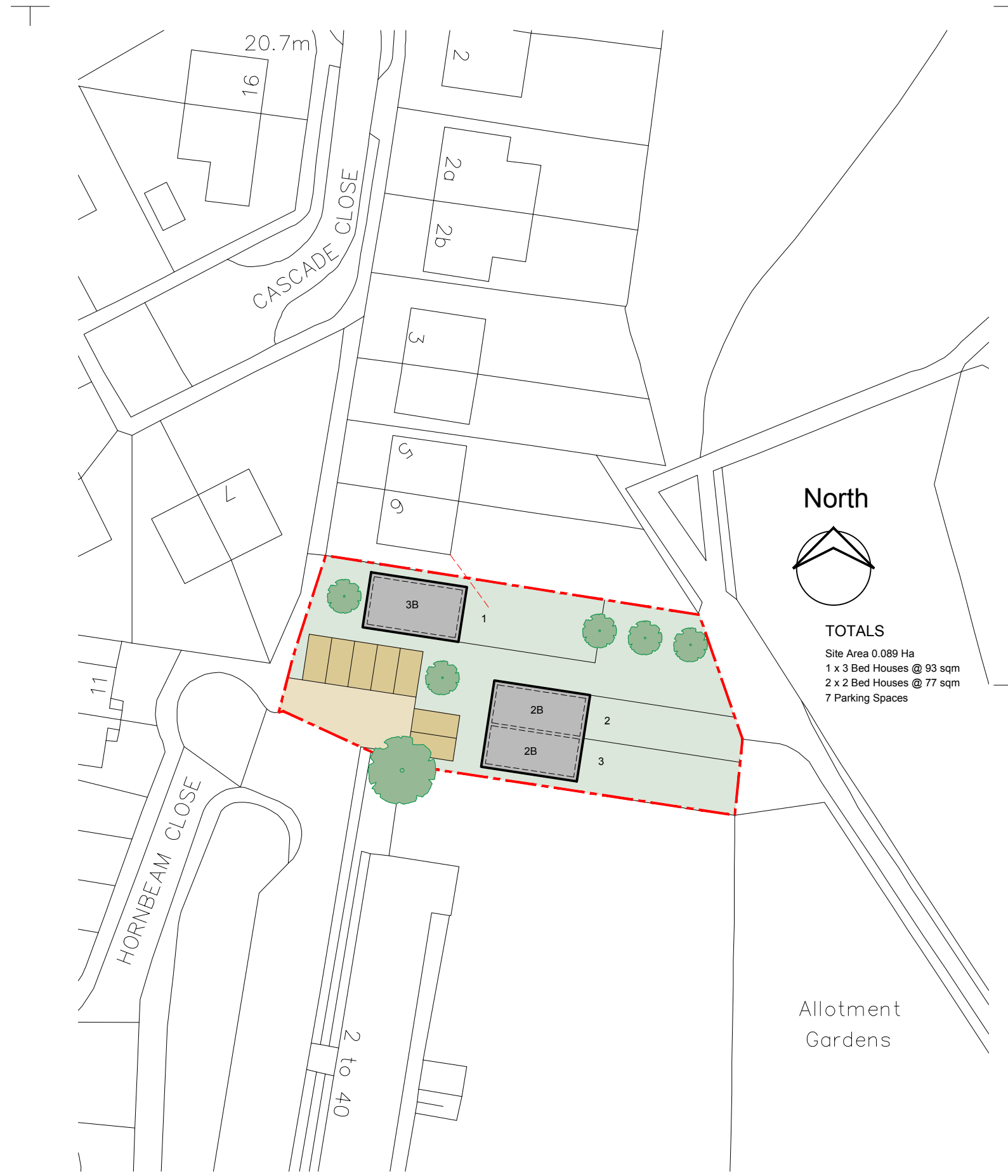
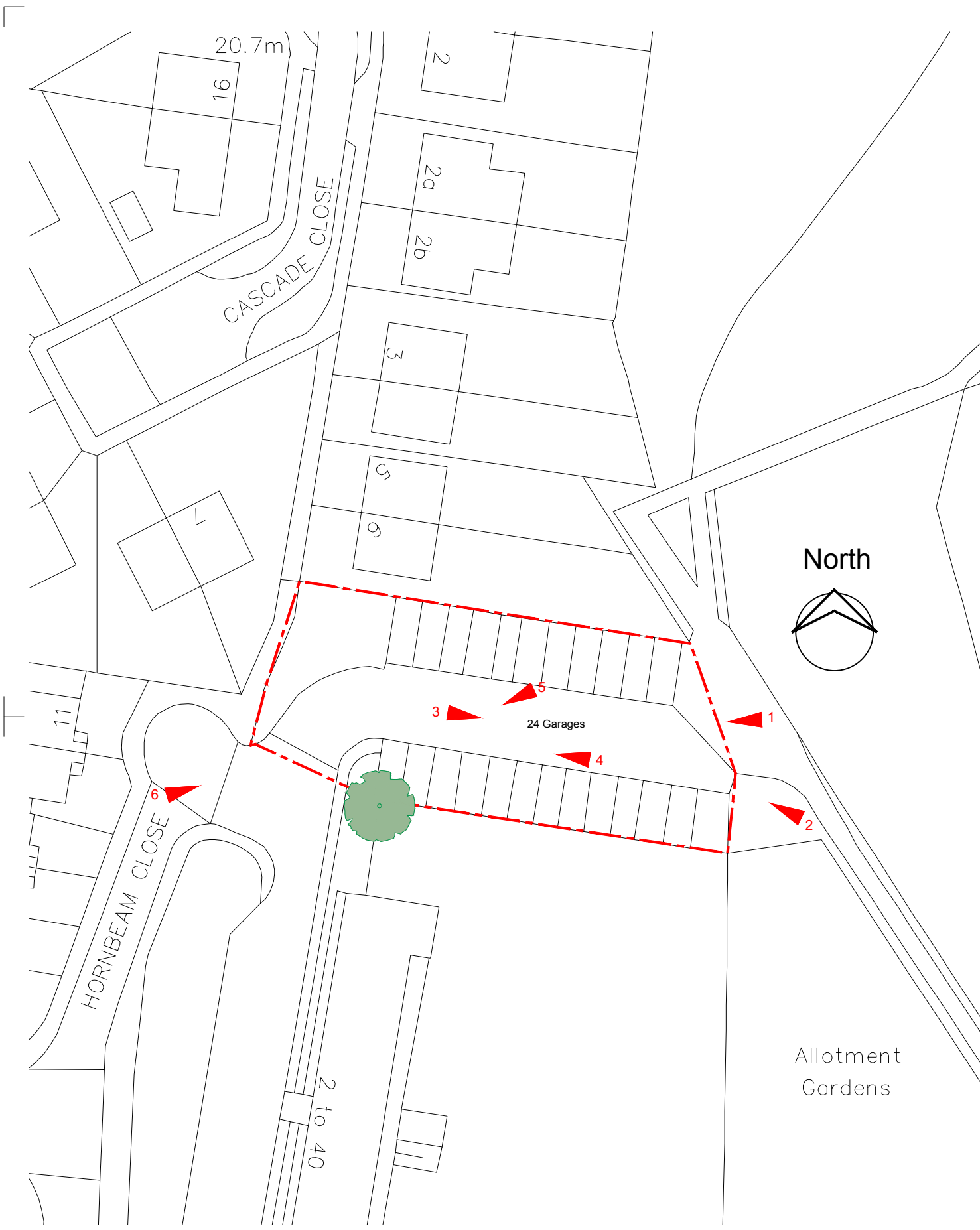
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# Appendix A

Development Proposals

Drawings 612.023.P2-1A





**TOTALS**  
 Site Area 0.089 Ha  
 1 x 3 Bed Houses @ 93 sqm  
 2 x 2 Bed Houses @ 77 sqm  
 7 Parking Spaces

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## Appendix B

### Site Photographs

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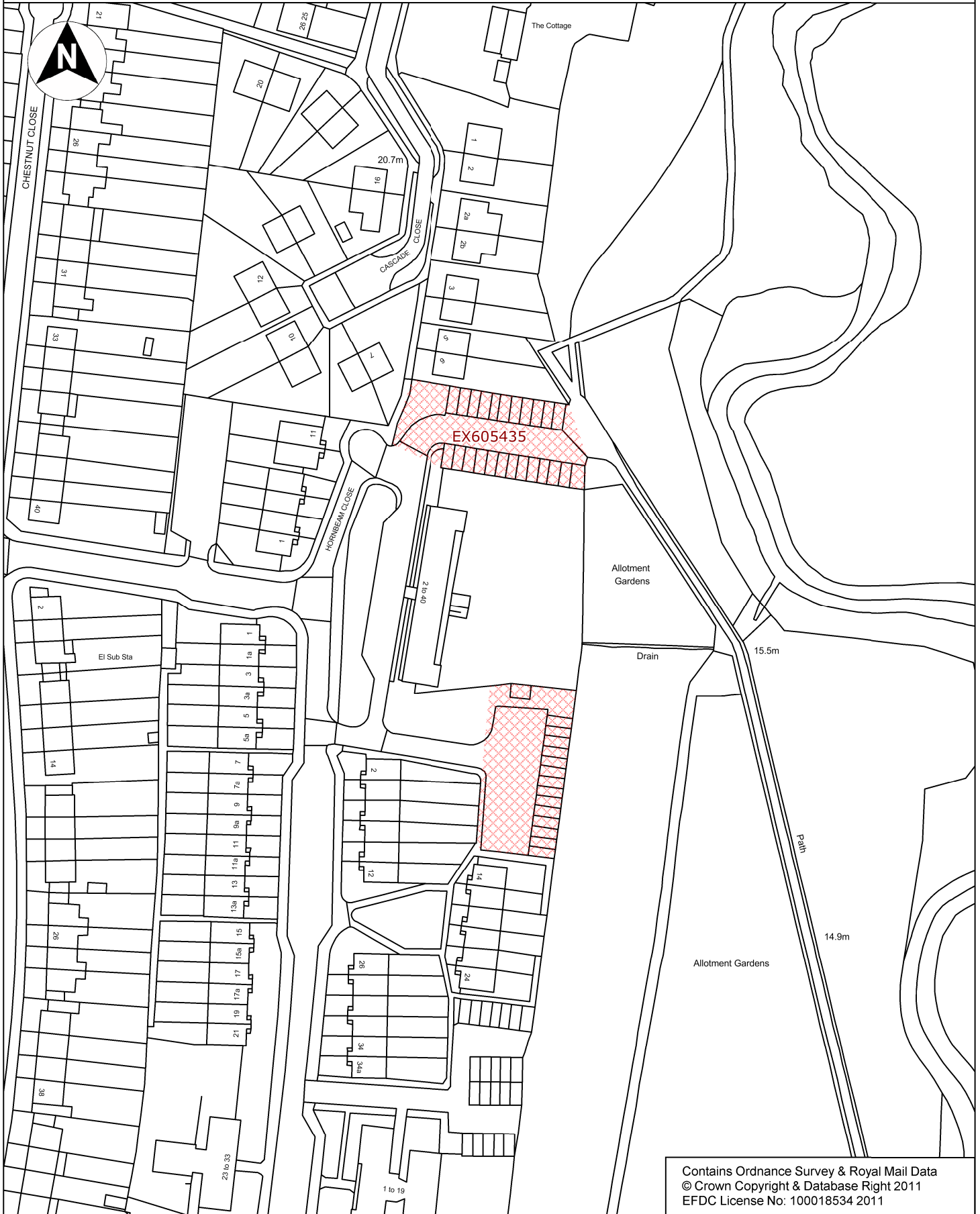


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## Appendix C

Existing Site Plan



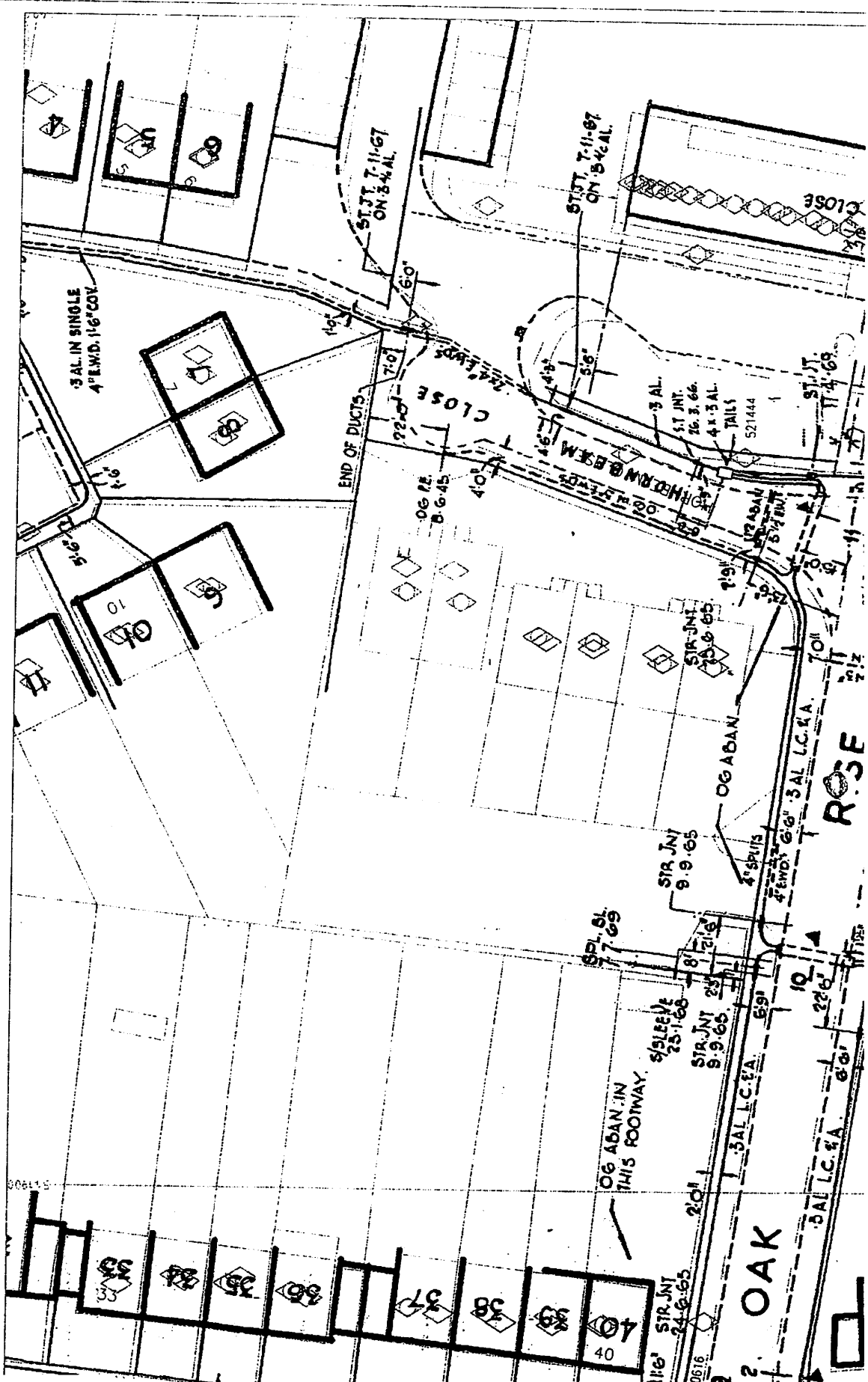
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## Appendix D

### Statutory Services Information





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ON 3" AL.

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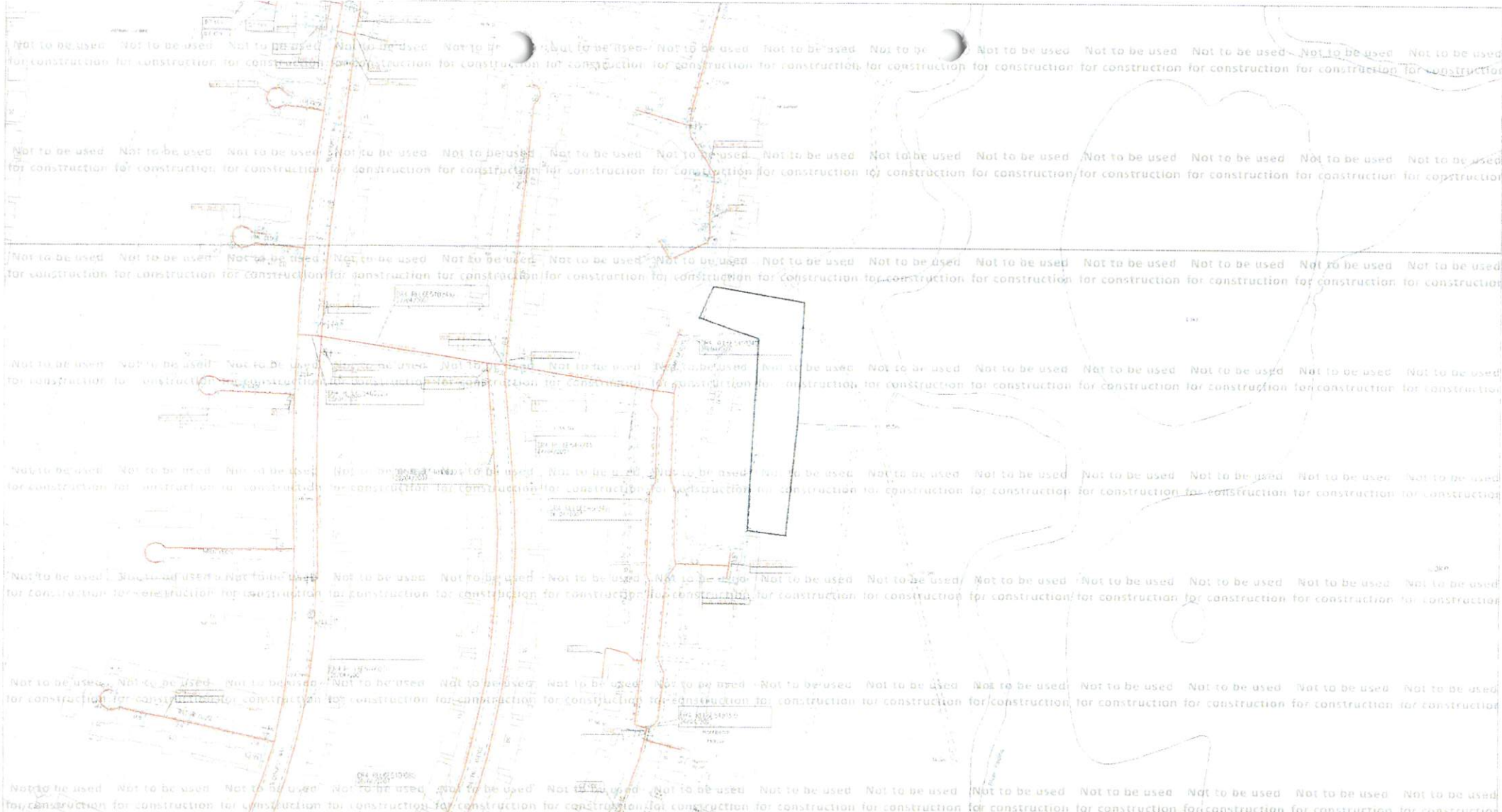
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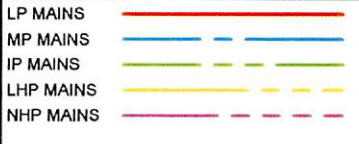
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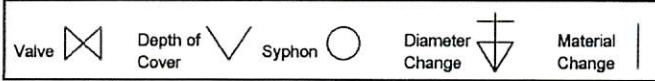
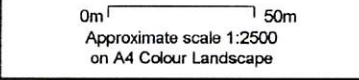
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Map 1 of 1 (GAS)

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## Adam Greenhalgh

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**From:** SPHatfield <SPHatfield@environment-agency.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 23 October 2013 17:49  
**To:** Adam Greenhalgh  
**Subject:** RE: Epping Forest DC - potential development sites

Dear Adam,

Further to your letters dated 16 October (your ref: AG/dh/612.023/05), we have the following comments to make on the specific sites listed below (please note that comments on three sites – Rear of shops, Loughton Way, Buckhurst Hill; Pentlow Way, Buckhurst Hill and Site B, Marlescroft Way, Loughton – will follow on or before 7 November due to additional site constraints).

**Sites:** Burton Road, Debden  
White Hills, Loughton  
Thatchers Close, Loughton  
Site A, Pyries (**note:** should be 'Pyrles') Lane, Loughton  
Site B, Pyries (**note:** should be 'Pyrles') Lane, Loughton  
Site A, Chequers Road, Loughton  
Site B, Chequers Road, Loughton  
Site A, Langley Meadow, Loughton  
Site B, Langley Meadow, Loughton  
Hornbeam Close, Buckhurst Hill  
Hornbeam House, Hornbeam Road, Buckhurst Hill  
Bourne House, Hornbeam Road, Buckhurst Hill  
Bushfields, Loughton  
Etheridge Road, Loughton  
Lower Alderton Hall Lane, Loughton  
Ladyfields, Loughton  
Kirby Close, Loughton  
Chester Road, Loughton  
Hillyfields, Loughton

### Comments

As we are in an area of serious water stress, we endorse the efficient use of water resources. Residential developments such as your proposal should take advantage of water efficient technologies. This is in line with Epping Forest's local policy CP5 which states that the efficient use of water is encouraged through water efficient appliances and rainwater harvesting for example.

Every opportunity should be taken to maximise Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) such as green roofs, ponds, swales and permeable pavements, to alleviate surface water runoff. I have attached a copy of our SuDS guidance, which contains the SuDS hierarchy, to help you with your designs. The methods at the top of the hierarchy are preferred because they are beneficial in terms of sustainability and biodiversity. The hierarchy should be used in descending order. Tanks should only be used as a last resort. Epping Forest's local policy U3B on sustainable drainage systems advocates this approach.

As the sites are all under a hectare in Flood Zone 1, they fall within cell F5 of our Flood Risk Standing Advice consultation matrix. Epping Forest Local Planning Authority will therefore be responsible for assessing flood risk at these sites.


Kind regards,

**Clark Gordon**  
**Sustainable Places Planning Advisor**  
**Environment Agency**  
**North East Thames Area - Hatfield Team**  
01707 632308



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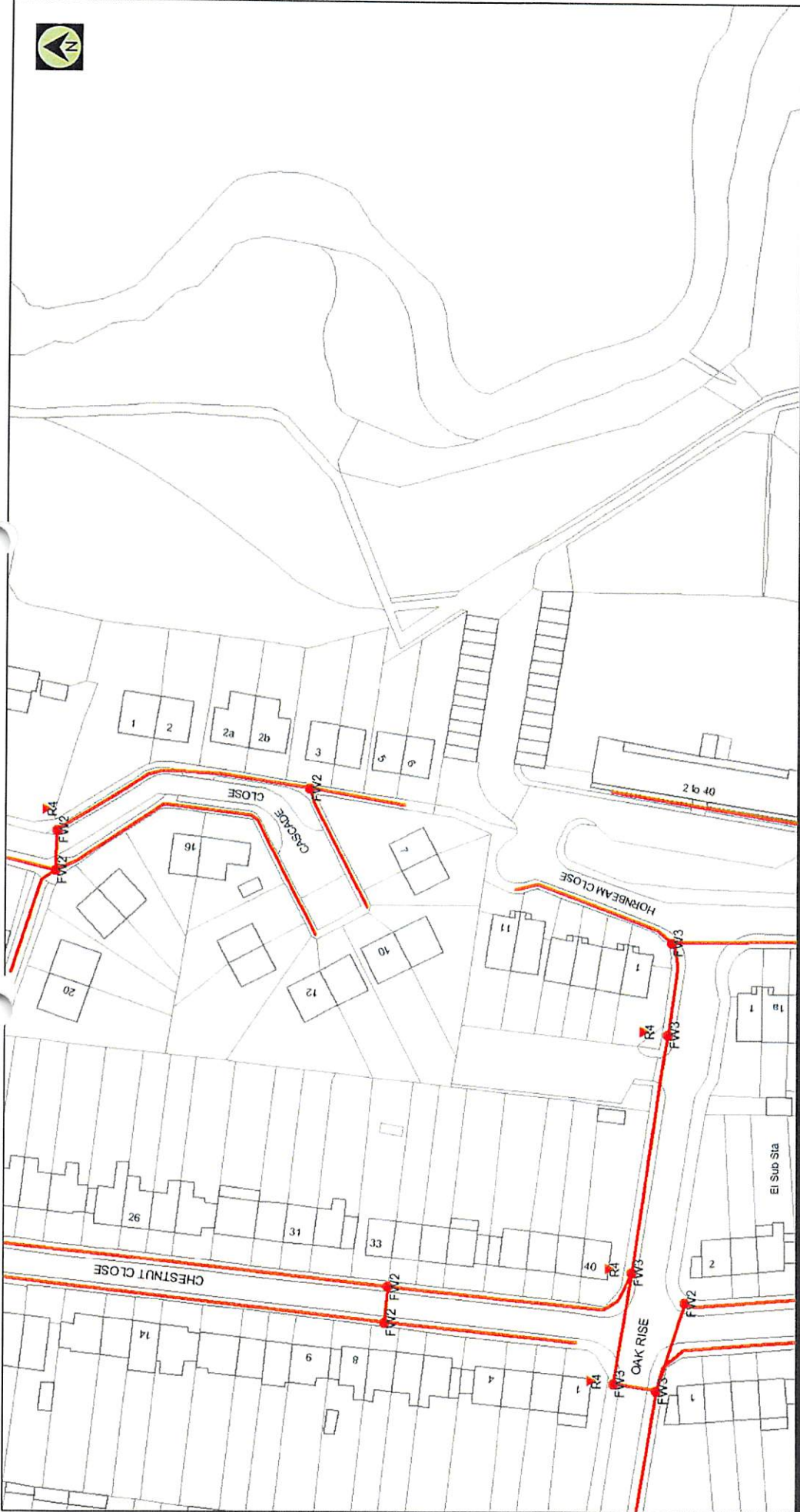
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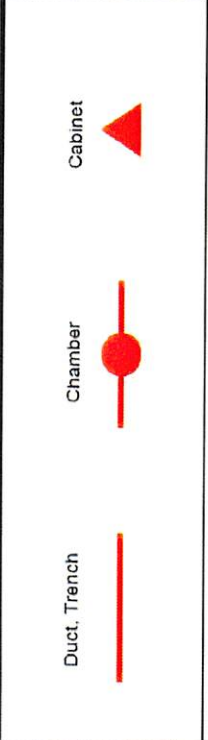
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Water Main		Meter	
Private Water		Valve	
Proposed Water		Hydrant	
Abandoned Asset		End Item	

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	Foul Manhole
	Surface Manhole
	Combined Manhole
	Abandoned Manhole
	Other Manhole
	End Item
	S104 Boundary

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## Appendix E

### **Information on Possible Contamination**

Information on possible contamination has been forwarded by Epping Forest District Council by way of email of 22nd May 2013, giving information on potential contamination across all the primary sites.

This clarifies possible ground contamination derived from asbestos, made ground, hydrocarbons, petroleum hydrocarbons and the like.

It is likely that any Planning Consent will carry a Condition that all contamination issues are to be remediated.

Accordingly, we recommend that initial site investigation is undertaken for all sites that move forward to Planning Applications.



## Appendix F

Cost Build-up

Gross Internal floor area	m2	ft2
Affordable Flat Units	0	0
Allowance for communal space @ 20%	0	0
Affordable House Units	247	2,659
<b>TOTAL GIA</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>2,659</b>

Item	Element	Qty	Unit	Rate £/unit	Total £
<b>1.0 Demolition</b>					
1.1	Demolition	400	m <sup>2</sup>	50	19,999
2.2	Site clearance	498	m <sup>2</sup>	10	4,977
1.2	Allowance for removal of asbestos	24	No	800	19,200
	<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>say</b>	<b>44,000</b>
<b>2.0 Affordable Flat units (xx nr. units)</b>					
2.1	Flats Private areas	0	m <sup>2</sup>	1,350	0
2.2	Flats communal areas (20% allowed)	0	m <sup>2</sup>	900	0
	<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>say</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>3.0 Affordable House units (03 nr. units)</b>					
3.1	House areas	247	m <sup>2</sup>	1,250	309,000
	<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>say</b>	<b>310,000</b>
<b>4.0 Abnormals / E/o and External Works</b>					
4.1	Private gardens (incl. fencing)	284	m <sup>2</sup>	40	11,000
4.2	Communal Gardens	311	m <sup>2</sup>	30	9,000
4.3	Access road, parking and turning	152	m <sup>2</sup>	65	10,000
4.4	Pedestrian paving	0	m <sup>2</sup>	50	Incl.
4.5	Cross over / highways adaptations	2	item	2,000	4,000
4.6	Allowance for contaminated ground	0	item		Excl.
4.7	Boundary treatment (fencing/walls)	113	m	160	18,000
4.8	Allowance for achieving CfSh Level 3	3	nr	4,500	14,000
	<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>say</b>	<b>70,000</b>
			£/m2	£/ft2	
<b>INDICATIVE CONSTRUCTION COST</b>					<b>424,000</b>
CONTINGENCY @ 5%					20,000
CONTRACTORS DESIGN FEES @ 8%					35,520
PRELIMS AND OVERHEADS AT 15%					63,600
<b>TOTAL INDICATIVE CONSTRUCTION COST</b>					<b>543,120</b>

**Clarifications and Assumptions**

Estimate based on Pellings Feasibility drawings and standard ETG specifications  
 GIA is approximate due to early stage of design  
 Costs are based on a Q3 2014 start on site  
 Costs are based on a Single Stage Competitive D&B procurement route  
 Costs are based on a Contractor 'best programme' contract period  
 All units assumed to achieve Code for sustainable Homes Level 3  
 It is assumed that a traditional construction (concrete strip foundations, brick/block walls, timber floor structure, sloped tiled roofs) will be used  
 Contractors design fees are based upon appointment with planning consent under JCT D&B contract  
 Assumed no Party Wall or Rights of Lights issues

**Exclusions**

Clients professional fees (including statutory fees)  
 VAT  
 Hazardous material removal  
 Excludes any off-site works  
 Provision of loose fittings and furnishings  
 Costs of compliance of any conditions imposed by TFL or other statutory bodies  
 Costs of Section 106, S108, S278 Agreement(s) or Community Infrastructure Levy charges