Action 19.4: Appendix 3 – WML Consulting Preliminary Land Stability Assessment Clod Lane, Haslingden (Appendices 1 to 3)



APPENDIX 01

Correspondence

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Report No. 6813/G/01



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This matter is being dealt with by: Forward Planning team Telephone: 01706 252418 .Email: forwardplanning@rossendalebc.gov.uk

Our reference: Land Owner

Date: 12th August 2015

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Proposed Allocation - Draft Rossendale Local Plan Part 2, Lives and Landscapes.

Site Name: Clod Lane, Haslingden

Site Reference: H32

Rossendale Borough Council is currently consulting on a Draft Version of the Local Plan Part 2 for Rossendale, also known as the Site Allocations and Development Management Development Plan Document. The adopted Core Strategy is Part 1 of the Local Plan and this sets out how much land needs to be provided to meet Rossendale's housing and employment land in the period to 2026.

We have identified land in your ownership for a proposed land use allocation, and the site boundary is shown on the attached map. This means that should your land be taken forward into the adopted version of the Local Plan Part 2, then in principle this land would be available for the land use identified (generally housing or employment uses), subject to obtaining planning permission.

We are writing to ask if you support or object to this proposed allocation and would be grateful for your response as soon as possible (ideally before 7th September 2015). Please contact us if this timescale will cause a problem.

The Site Name and Reference Number are shown at the top of this letter. Site reference numbers which start with H (eg H1) are being proposed for new housing, reference numbers preceded with E (eg E1) are proposed for employment and sites reference numbers beginning M (eg M1) are being proposed for mixed use developments.

The full documentation is available on the website at www.rossendale.gov.uk/land and a paper copy is available at all the Borough's libraries and also at the Council's offices at the One Stop Shop, Futures Park, Bacup.

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The documents we are consulting on include:

- The Written Statement all the planning policies to be used in determining planning applications. Design Guidelines have also been drafted for every proposed allocation too. Please refer to the reference number at the start of this letter as you may wish to comment on the Design Guidelines for your land
- The Policies Map this shows all the proposed allocations and designations (land for protection from development). Maps are also available on a ward basis too, to make it easier to identify individual sites.
- **Sustainability Appraisal** this has been undertaken by independent consultants who have assessed the sustainability of each allocation (based on economic, social and environmental considerations).

The Evidence Base is available on the website (www.rossendale.gov.uk/land) and at the libraries and the One Stop Shop and comprises reports on issues including:

- Landscape assessments
- Viability of the allocations
- Flood Risk issues

The Comments Form is available on the website (there is a word version you can download and e-mail back to you – unfortunately you are not able to fill the form in on-line). Paper copies are also available at the libraries and the One Stop Shop.

I should stress that this is a consultation. Ultimately the Council's preferred document will be examined in public by an independently appointed Planning Inspector and will then need to be formally adopted by the Council.

Further information on Local Plans can be obtained from the Government's planning portal at http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/planningsystem/localplans. You may also wish to consider appointing an independent planning consultant to discuss the implications of your land being included as a proposed allocation in Rossendale's Local Plan Part 2. A directory of planning consultants is available on the Royal Town Planning Institute's website at https://www.rtpiconsultants.co.uk.

If you have any specific queries please do not hesitate to contact one of the members of the Forward Planning team.

Yours faithfully



Stephen Stray

Planning Manager

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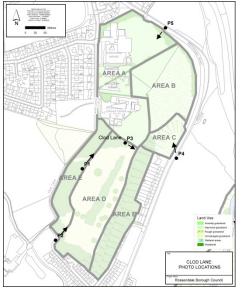
PROPOSED USE -	HOUSING			1200			
Site Ref	H32	Site Address	Clod Lane (South)	Vision Area	Haslingden, Rising Bridge		
Ward	Greenfield	Housing Tier	Tier 2	No. of houses (approx.)	56		
Ownership	Private Unknown	Previously Developed Land	No	Current Use	Grassland and Woodland		
Gross Area (ha)	2.8	Density (dph)	20	Expected Delivery	Phase 2 (6- 10 years)		
	K III BI O		Current F	Policy Designa			
ROSSCHOLE BOROUGH OUT - Green Belt							
				Key Considerations			
Rossendale Solly of Council			 Site is designated as Green Belt Planning history associated with this site Ecology: Green infrastructure and Woodland Stepping Stone on the 				
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		VELOPMENT GUIDE	LINES				
Design and Layou	on-s loca	on-site affordable housing and open space. Development to be located in central band with appropriate woodland buffer					
Landscape	• Dev						
Access		Subject to LCC Highways approval, access could be from Clod Lane, Hilltop Drive or London Park Road					
Infrastructure		Likely contribution expected to school places, highway improvements and on-site open space.					
Green Infrastructu	and	and adjacent habitats.					

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Aerial photo (above)

Photo locations (below)



SITE NAME:	Clod Lane			
SHLAA SITE ID:	OTHER SITE REF: n/a	GRID REFERENCE: 7	95215	
SURVEY DATE:29.9.14	SURVEY BY P Bennett	WEATHER: Cloudy and dry	SITE AREA HA 12.9	
SITE OWNERSHIP	TBC			
LANDSCAPE CHARACTER TYPE(s):	Settled Valley,			
LANDSCAPE CHARACTER AREA	8b Irwell,			
SITE DESIGNATIONS:	Green Belt			
SITE LOCATION:	The site lies between Manchesto south to Tor View School in the	er Rd Haslingden and Clod Lane, exte north	nding from Hillside Drive in the	
LOCAL DESIGNATIONS:	The site lies adjacent to an 'Important Wildlife Area' on the opposite side of Clod Lane, a small area lies within the wetland / heath and woodland corridor on the Lancashire Ecological Network			
PLANNING HISTORY:	Planning permission in the past for housing but this was not built out due to ground stability issues			
SITE ANALYSIS				
Current land use:	North of site occupied by Tor View Special School and Ewood Day Centre, southern part of site has been unused for some decades and nature has taken over. Sheep grazing on rough grassland below Ewood centre above Manchester Road			
Topography:	Flat plateau adjacent to Clod Lai	ne, dropping steeply to Manchester F	Rd at the southern end of the site.	
Landscape Features:	Amenity grassland and trees and shrubs around school and day centre, southern section of site young naturally regenerating woodland and open grassland glades with occasional wet flushes, spine of mature trees runs down centre of site, relict hedge along Clod Lane			
Historic Landscape / Townscape Features	Two thirds classified as Ancient Enclosure, one thirds classified as Modern Settlement, location of Clod Farm until sometime early in 20 th C, also Haslingden sewage settling tanks around same period.			
Public Access:	No formal public access, but net	work of informal path crosses site fro	om Hillside Drive and Clod Lane	
Boundary Treatment:	West: Hedge to woodland area, fencing to school and day centre North, north east: Dry stone walls to boundary with Manchester Rd South and East: Assorted boundaries to rear of properties on Hillside Drive and Manchester Road			
Site description	The site lies in a prominent position on the west side of the Irwell Valley, overlooking Manchester Rd. To the north are two well maintained modern institutional buildings and a residential property. Interwar properties lie on the eastern edge, on Manchester Road, more recent housing abuts the southern edge at Hillside Drive. The small area of rough grassland is recorded on the Ecological Network as part of the wildlife corridor. The southern section of the site consists of unmanaged regenerating woodland, predominantly goat willow, birch and ash, but with climax trees like oak establishing. It has a secluded and tranquil feel, full of wildlife and birdsong. Clod Lane has a very rural feel beyond the Ewood Centre.			



Clod Lane Haslingden





P1 View within site looking north west



View from the Irwell Valley Way looking northwest

Landscape Assessment

Site	Significance
Clod Lane Area A	Slight adverse impact
Clod Lane Area B	Slight – moderate adverse impact
Clod Lane Area C	Moderate – substantial adverse impact
Clod Lane Area D	Moderate – substantial adverse impact
Clod Lane Area E	Moderate – substantial adverse impact

Part of the northern section of this site is already developed, and the undeveloped area, Area A comprises amenity grassland and some planting. The existing boundary planting and some of the planting within the Areas A and B is important in retaining some enclosure within the site. The existing buildings are largely single story, and are not conspicuous within the locality. Area C is steep rough grassland which visually relates most closely to the fields on the south side of Manchester Road, although it appears to part of land associated with Bent Gate House. Although only a small area, this land reinforces the rural identity of this section of Manchester Road between Ewood Bridge and the Bent Gate area of Haslingden.

The landscape of much of the southern part of the site, Areas D and E has appeared naturally since the demise of Clod Farm, though the area was still open grassland in the 1960's. Aside from a spine of mature trees through the centre of the site, the rest of the area is young woodland that has colonised the site. Colonisation appears oldest along the Clod Lane boundary with large goat willows now being succeeded by young oaks and ashes. Much of the centre of the site is still open grassland, with many ash saplings colonising. There are many wet flushes probably associated with pockets of poor drainage. The area appears to be rich in birdlife and supports a range of native plants, however it has not been noted on any of the Lancashire Ecological Networks, and additional ecological survey is recommended. The area is well used by local people for dog walking and is crisscrossed by a number of informal paths, it is tranquil and secluded. There is some evidence of fly tipping along Clod Lane with efforts made to control this.



Lives and Landscape Assessment for Rossendale BC



P2 View north from top of Hilltop Drive



P3 View west across valley



P4 View west from Manchester Road

Visual Assessment

Key Visual Receptors	Significance					
*Varies, worst case shown	Area A	Area B	Ar	rea C	Area D	Area E
Travellers on Clod Lane	Moderate impact	Moderate – slig impact	ht	Moderate – slight impact	Moderate adverse impact	Major moderate adverse impact
Travellers on Bury Road on opposite side of valley	Moderate-slight adverse impact	Moderate-slight adverse impact		Moderate adverse impact	Moderate adverse impact	Moderate adverse impact
Travellers on Manchester Rd	Moderate adverse impact	Moderate-slight adverse impact		Moderate adverse impact	Moderate- slight adverse impact	Moderate adverse impact
Users of Irwell Valley Way	Slight adverse impact	Moderate-slight adverse impact		Moderate adverse impact	Moderate adverse impact	Moderate adverse impact

Key Residential Receptors			Significance		
Varies, worst case shown	Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D	Area E
Residents on Clod Lane	Major- moderate impact*	Moderate impact*	Moderate-slight impact*	Moderate – slight impact*	Moderate impact*
Residents on Manchester Road	Major – moderate impact*	Moderate impact*	Major moderate impact*	Moderate- slight impact*	Major impact*
Residents on Hilltop Drive and Lindon Park Rd	Nil	Nil	Nil	Major impact	Major impact

This site is widely visible from a number of locations around the valley. The woodland in areas D and E is conspicuous as a backdrop to properties Manchester Road from the opposite side of the valley, and the Irwell Valley Way and the East Lancashire Railway in the valley bottom and its loss would be highly noticeable. Areas A, B and C are also visible from locations like Bury Road, although screening vegetation along Manchester Road, limits views into Area B locally. There are also long views across to the site from the north and south.





P5 View southwest into Area A from Manchester Road

Recommendations

Areas A and B area already developed and providing sensitive mitigation was put in place these sites could be developed further. These areas are visible from the opposite side of the valley, and the existing buildings are seen within a largely rural backdrop, which is appropriate as they are on the edge of the built up area. Sensitive screening which ties into the existing woodland framework will be very important. Area C is highly visible and development should be avoided here. Area D within the area of regenerating woodland, could be developed at very low density, and a suitable scheme could be discretely located within the existing woodland framework. However this would be subject to an ecological survey of the area to establish the value of the existing habitat.

Area E should be retained as a buffer to any development that may take place in Area D and should not be developed. It would be highly conspicuous from a number of sites, to the east and the attractive rural character of the southern section of Clod Lane should be protected.

Clod Lane	Outcome of assessment
Clod Lane Area A	Site suitable for development with mitigation
Clod Lane Area B	Site suitable for development with mitigation
Clod Lane Area C	Not suitable for development on landscape grounds
Clod Lane Area D	Site suitable for development with mitigation
Clod Lane Area E	Not suitable for development on landscape grounds



Mitigation

Key areas of mitigation are shown on the plan for Areas A, B and D. These would include:

- All development plans should include a tree impact plan and tree constraints plan prepared by a qualified arboriculturalist, which clearly identifies root protection areas (RPA's) for trees on the site;
- Protection and retention of existing trees bounding the site, ensuring robust tree protection measures are used during site works;

Areas A and B

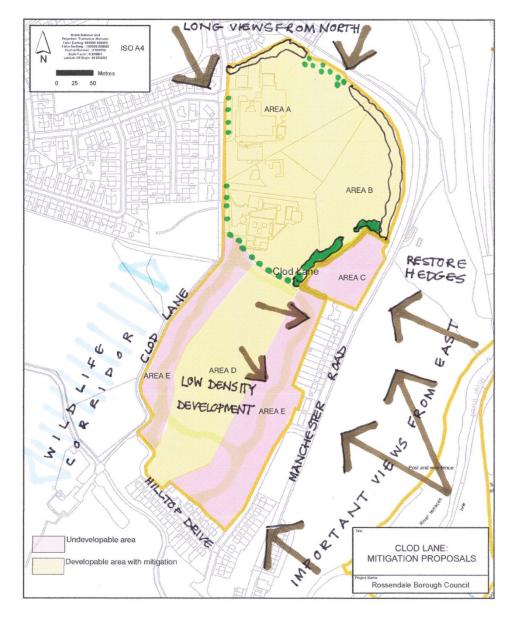
- The existing screening to on the boundary to Manchester road should be protected and enhanced;
- The remnant hedge between areas B and C should be restored
- Access into Area C would need to be retained to allow grazing to continue.
- A strong framework to planting should be established within the site to reduce its impact on long views;

Area D

- A low density layout for area D should incorporate management proposals for the long term protection of the habitat including woodland areas in Area E which is to be retained as a buffer;
- A network of paths to allow informal public access to Area E should be created;
- Planting proposals should take account of the new woodland area on the opposite side of Clod Lane, within the site identified as an Important Wildlife Area.









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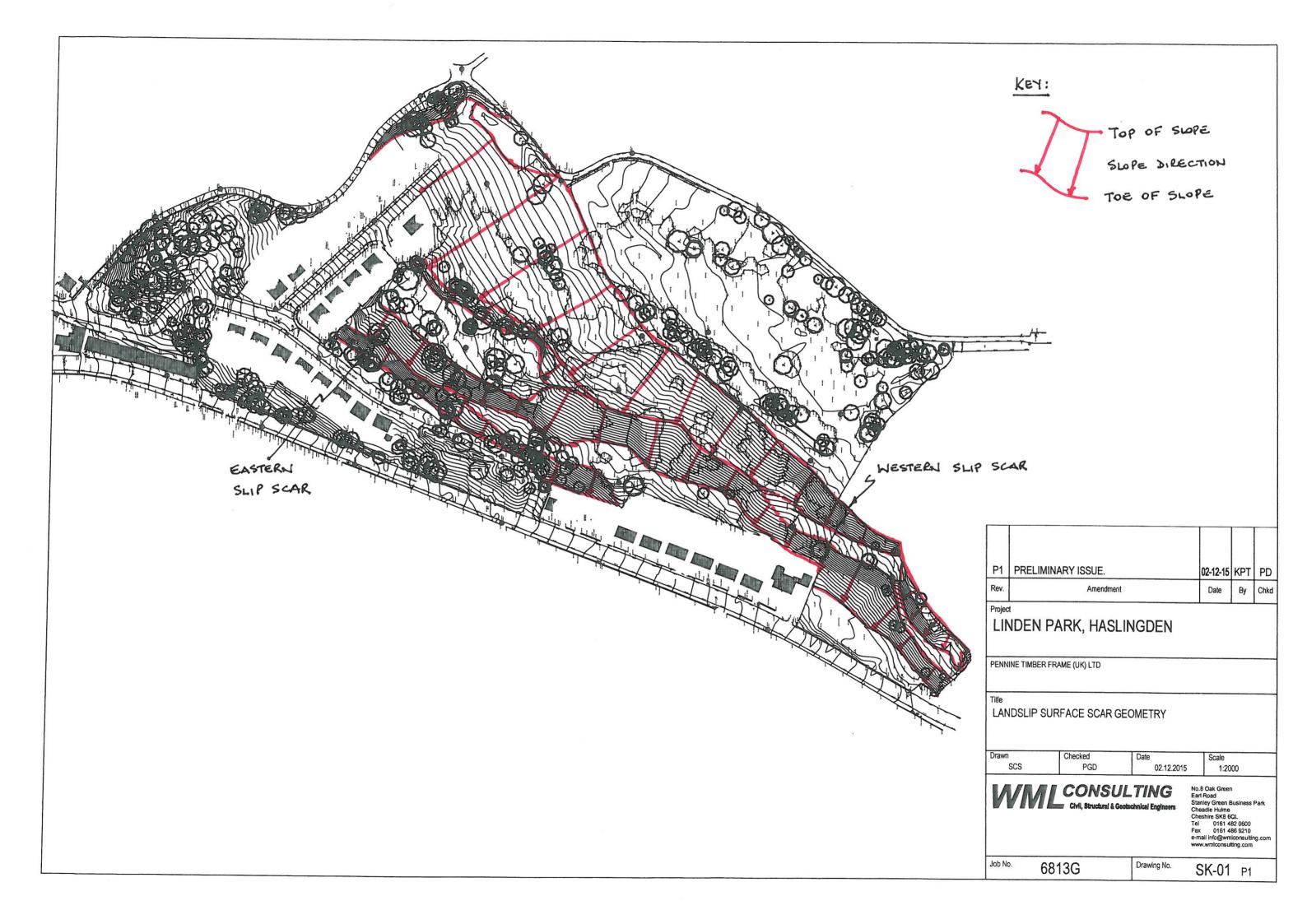
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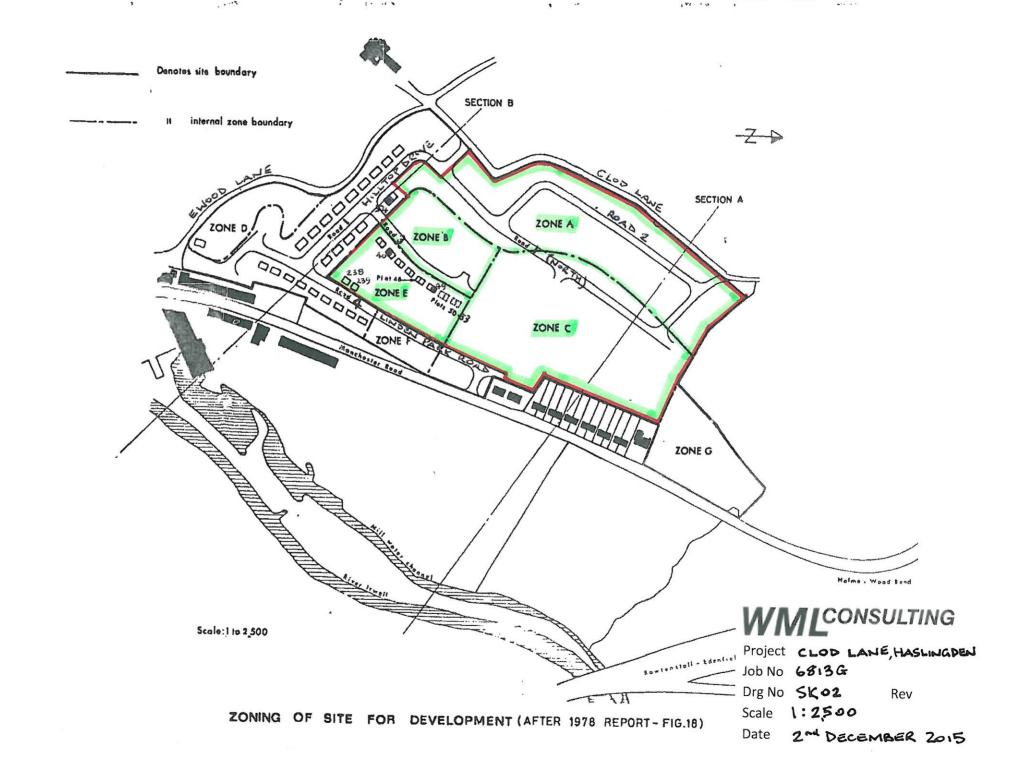


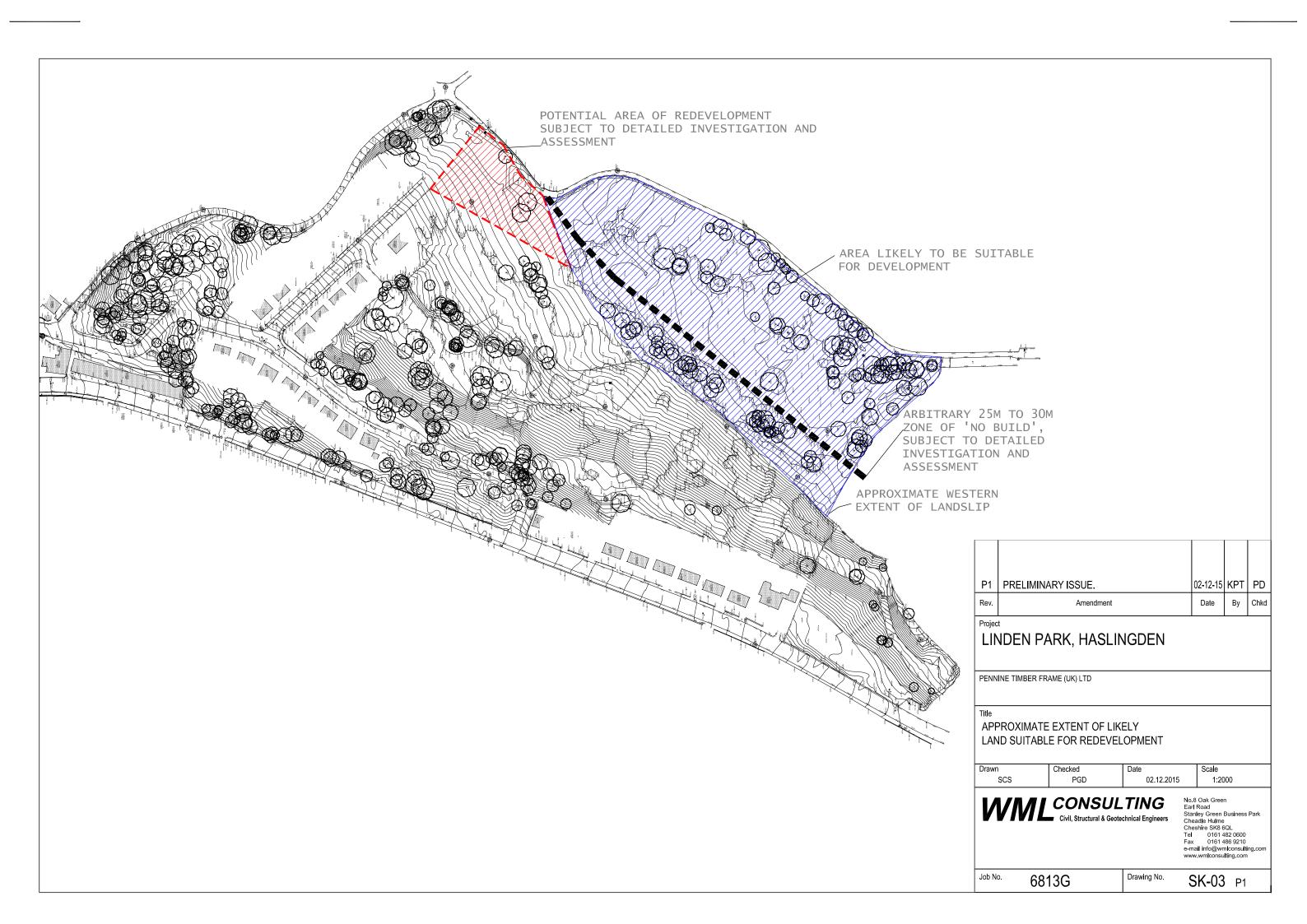
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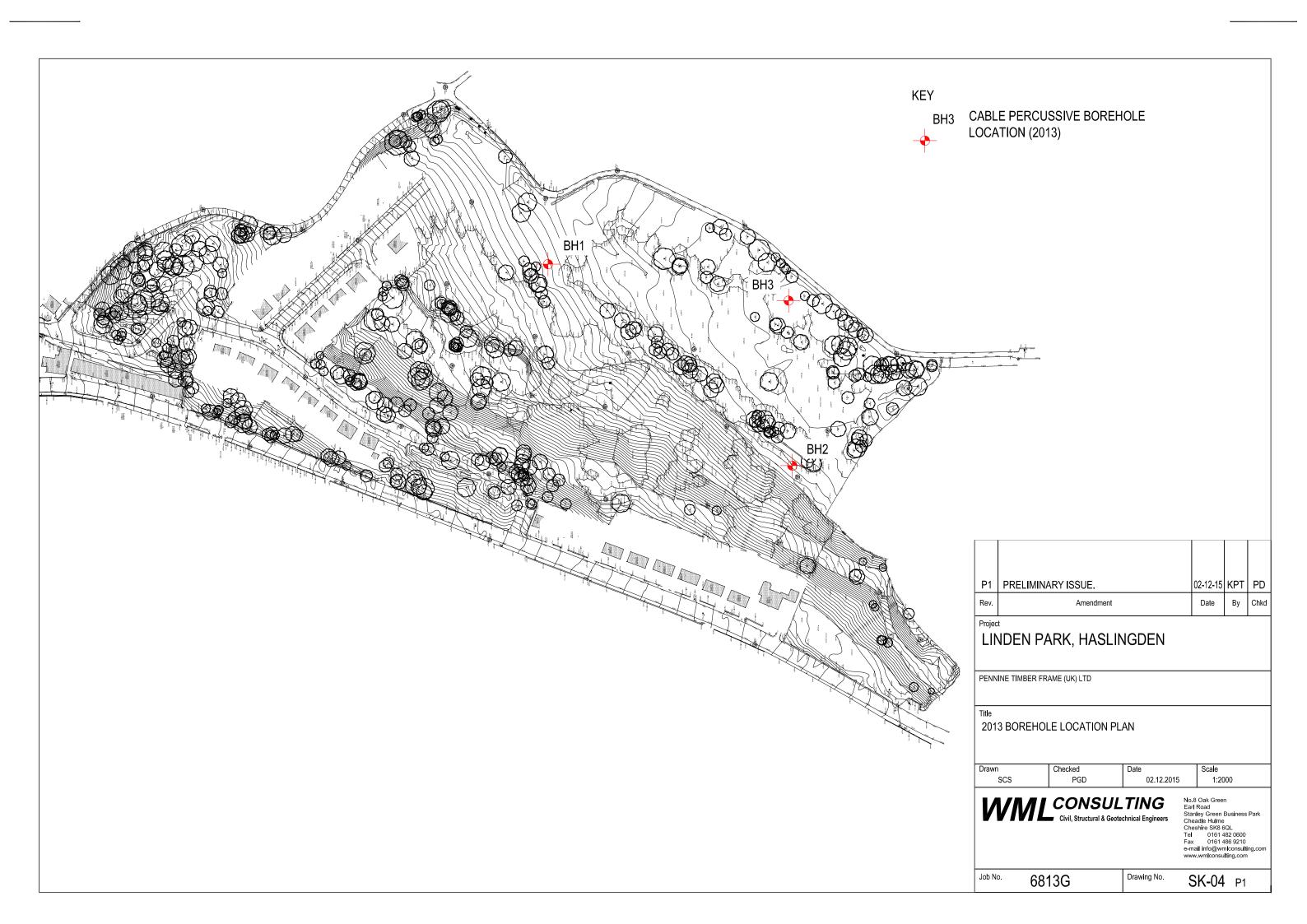
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Photographs

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Photograph 1 Western area of site looking southwards



Photograph 2 Western area of site looking westwards





Photograph 3 Northern area of site looking eastwards



Photograph 4
Western slip scar looking northwards from northern boundary





Photograph 5
Crest of western slip scar at northern boundary



Photograph 6
Looking southwards along western slip scar in northern area of site





Photograph 7
Southern portion of western area looking southwards



Photograph 8
Abandoned curb line looking southwards along western slip crest





Photograph 9 Relict drainage gully at western slip crest



Photograph 10 Southwestern site area looking northwards





Photograph 11 Southwestern site area looking southwards



Photograph 12
Base of western slip scar in central area of site looking northwards





Photograph 13 Central area looking northwards



Photograph 14
Springold pond in the southern area of the site





Photograph 15
Southern area of site looking south along line of old Estate Road 3



Photograph 16 Southern area of site with demolished structure close to the centre of the photograph





Photograph 17
Steep slope in the southeastern area of the site



Photograph 18
Steep slope in southern area of site looking southwards to a property on Hillside Drive





Photograph 19
Demolition debris in the old sewage settlement tanks in the northern site area



Photograph 20 Eastern sip scar looking south from the northern boundary





Photograph 21
Steep slope in southern area of site looking southwards to property on Hillside Drive



Photograph 22
Damage and repair to road surface to the north of the site on Manchester Road





Photograph 23 View of southern site area from east side of Irwell Valley



Photograph 24
View of northern site area from east side of Irwell Valley





Photograph 25
Uneven ground to the east of Manchester Road indicating landslip toe