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28 August 2026

Our Reference: STG-RBL-RIB-206

Dear Nicola,

Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme Works in the Ribble Valley Borough Council under Planning Permission 3/2021/0661 - Proposed Phasing Plan submitted to Discharge Condition 2.

The Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP) is a regionally significant infrastructure programme which benefits from policy support and planning permission, and for which there is an established urgent need. United Utilities have appointed Cascade Infrastructure Ltd to fund, design, construct and maintain the HARP programme of works, and Cascade have in turn appointed STRABAG to carry out the design and construction.

HARP is a proposal to replace six existing underground tunnel sections of the 110km Haweswater Aqueduct. The aqueduct takes raw water from the Haweswater Reservoir along a 16km section to a water treatment works (WTW) near Kendal for treatment. From this WTW the aqueduct conveys treated water southward to a WTW in the borough of Bury. Along its length there are a number of water mains that branch off the aqueduct supplying treated water to customers in Cumbria, Lancashire and Greater Manchester.



A series of HARP works are proposed in the Ribble Valley Borough Council authority area, including works for a replacement section of aqueduct and associated temporary and permanent works and infrastructure.

Full planning permission (Council Ref: 3/2021/0661) was granted on 19 January 2024, subject to a series of planning conditions and s106 obligations.

Scope of this Application

This application is to discharge Condition 2 of the above permission states:

"Condition 2 - Phasing Plan

Prior to the commencement of the development a phasing plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The plan shall detail the proposed phasing of the development hereby approved, including the:

- *Initial 9-month construction period' (the details shall include the dates for the initial 9-month construction period) and other*
- *'Main Project Stage' (the details shall include the dates for the Main Project Stage).*

The development thereafter shall be undertaken in accordance with the approved phasing plan.

For the purposes of this planning permission, all references to a Phases or Sub-Phase shall be to a Phase or Sub-Phase as shown on the approved plan."

In accordance with the condition, a detailed Phasing Plan has been prepared and is submitted for approval. The plan sets out the proposed sequencing of the development, including both the *Initial 9-Month Construction Period* (see Appendix A) and the subsequent *Main Project Stages* (see Appendix B). For each stage, the plan identifies the relevant compounds and anticipated commencement dates.

Additionally, for the *Initial 9-Month Construction Period* works the following additional information has been provided:

- a list of the works for each sub-phase (see Appendix A).
- a drawing showing extents of the works for River Ribble Crossing and Haul Road

An updated phasing plan, with similar additional information, will be submitted to the LPA prior to commencement of works on the *Main Project Stage*. A drawing showing the extent of the works for the Braddup and Bonstone Compounds can be found in Appendix B of this Phasing Plan.



Notwithstanding this, the current phasing plan submission includes all details required to fully discharge this Condition 2 of application ref: 3/2021/0661.

The programme dates are based on the development programme at the time of submission. Dates are shown by quarter (e.g. Q3 2026), within which the works are expected to commence.

If the start of a phase changes significantly, a revised Phasing Plan would be submitted for approval. However, a change of up to one quarter earlier or later would not require the Phasing Plan to be resubmitted

The following drawings and documents are submitted alongside this application, which, together with this covering letter comprise the application submitted for approval.

Table 1 - Drawings and documents accompanying this application

Drawing/Document Title (Number)	For Approval/For Information
Covering Letter 80061155-STB-HARRX-DS-CO-T-00087 Rev P02	For Approval
Phasing Plans 783.HCHE_STR_Z1_01_DR_CN_002011 Rev IFT_A 80061155-STB-HARN2-NA-DR-T-00001 Rev P01 80061155-STB-HAHS2-NA-DR-T-00001 Rev P01	For Approval

Summary

This application is to discharge Condition 2 which has been developed and submitted in accordance with planning permission reference 3/2021/0661. We would be very grateful for a timely determination within the statutory decision-making timeframes, in order to assist the HARP in maintaining its programme.

I trust this is helpful. If you have any queries relating to this application, please don't hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]



Yours Sincerely,



Tim Snell

Town Planning Lead, Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme, STRABAG UK
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APPENDIX A - Initial 9-month construction phase

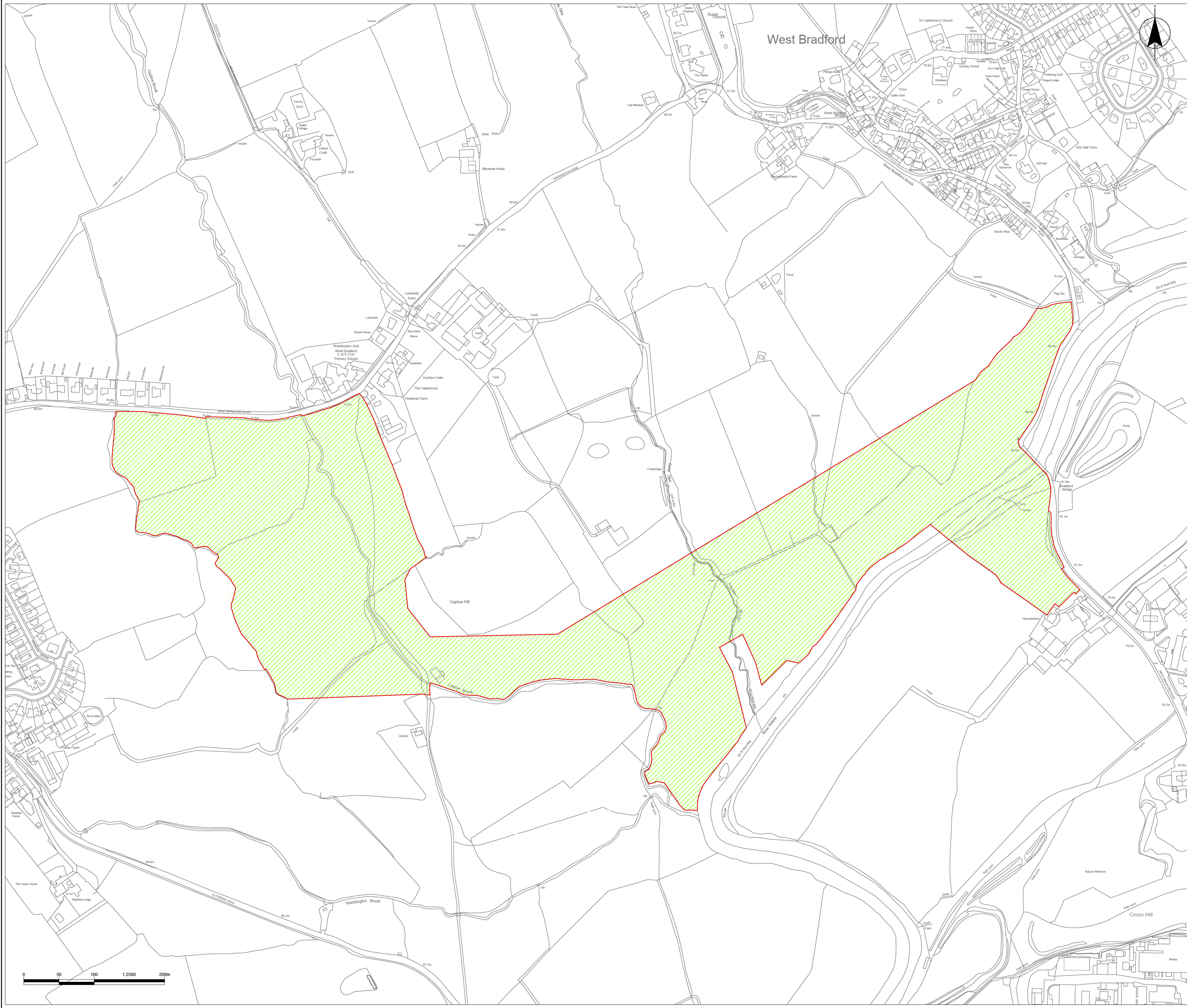
1. Highway Improvement Works, River Ribble Crossing and Haul Road

Construction Sub-Phase	Works ¹
Phase 0 - Pre-enabling works Anticipated start of works - Q4 2026	• Vegetation Clearance • Archaeological investigations
Phase 1 – Enabling and site establishment works Anticipated start of works – Q1 2027	• Highways Pre-commencement Works (including site accesses and the required off-site highways works (that are currently defined and may include further works) which are to be delivered under the signed s278 agreements with the Highways Authority) • Establish temporary site access(es), under the signed S278 agreement with the Highway Authority, where works are on the public highway. • Topsoil removal • Construction of temporary site access haul road • Export / Import of fill material, compaction and asphalt works • Installation of temporary bridge crossing over the River Ribble • Construction of temporary drainage to manage surface water • Erection of temporary fencing (e.g., heras, livestock fencing, hoarding) • Installation of temporary security related infrastructure (barriers, ANPR systems, CCTV etc) • Construction of temporary internal site roads • Installation of site welfare offices and utility connections • Establish site workshops • Establish temporary site drainage systems for water management • Installation of tree/vegetation protection measures • Public Rights of Way Diversions



Phase 2 - Commencement of substantive excavation works	<i>Not applicable for Ribble Crossing.</i>
Phase 3 – Tunnelling Works	<i>Not applicable for Ribble Crossing.</i>
Phase 4 - Connection Works	<i>Not applicable for Ribble Crossing.</i>
Phase 5 – Site reinstatement Anticipated start of works – Q3 2032	• Surface permanent works (e.g. boundary treatment) • Site re-landscaping works • Reinstatement of the temporary road modification works • Construction site equipment and facilities demobilisation • Topsoil replacement • Vegetation plantation for reinstating

¹ The works listed are not exhaustive.



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LEGEND:

-  Phase 0, 1 and 5
-  Planning Application Red Line Boundary

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HAWESWATER AQUEDUCT RESILIENCE PROGRAMME

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RIVER RIBBLE CROSSING
CONSTRUCTION PHASE PLAN

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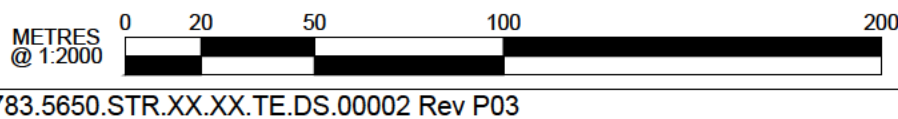
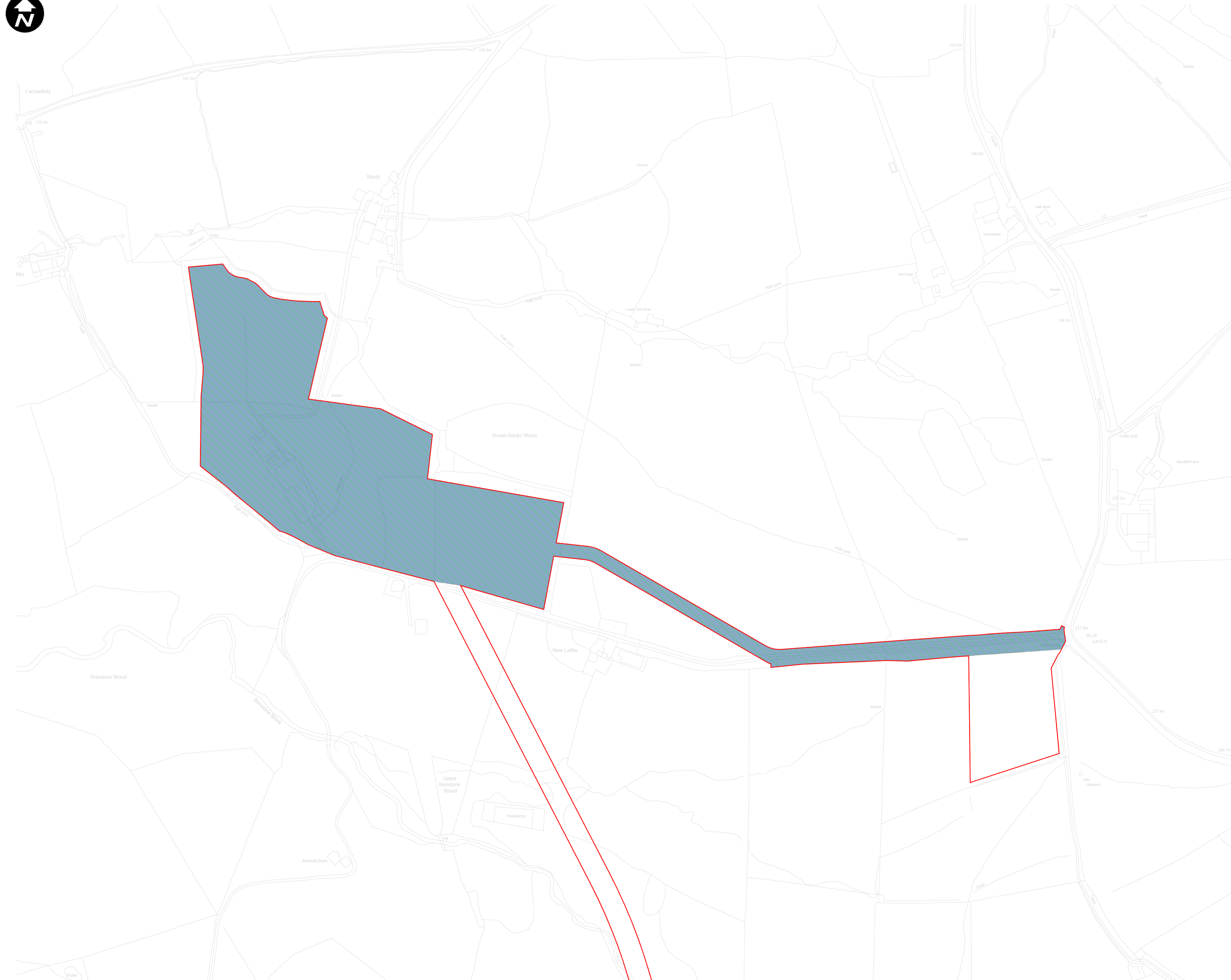
APPENDIX B – Main Project Stages

1. Main Construction Compound¹

Phase	Anticipated start of works
Bonstone Compound	Phase 0 Q1 2027 - Pre-enabling works (prior to the commencement of development) Phase 1 Q1 2028 - - Enabling and site establishment works Phase 2 Q1 2028 - Commencement of substantive excavation works Phase 3 Q2 2028 - Tunnelling Works Phase 4 Q2 2030 - Connection Works Phase 5 Q1 2031 - Site reinstatement
Braddup Compound	Phase 0 Q1 2027 - Pre-enabling works (prior to the commencement of development) Phase 1 Q4 2029 - - Enabling and site establishment works Phase 2 Q4 2029 - Commencement of substantive excavation works Phase 3 Q4 2029 - Tunnelling Works Phase 4 Q2 2030 - Connection Works Phase 5 Q2 2030 - Site reinstatement

¹Further additional details, including the works within each construction phase, will be submitted to the local planning authority when this information is developed prior to commencement of works at each main construction compound.

Should there be any substantive updates to compounds required, an updated phasing plan will be submitted to the LPA prior to commencement of works at each main construction compound.



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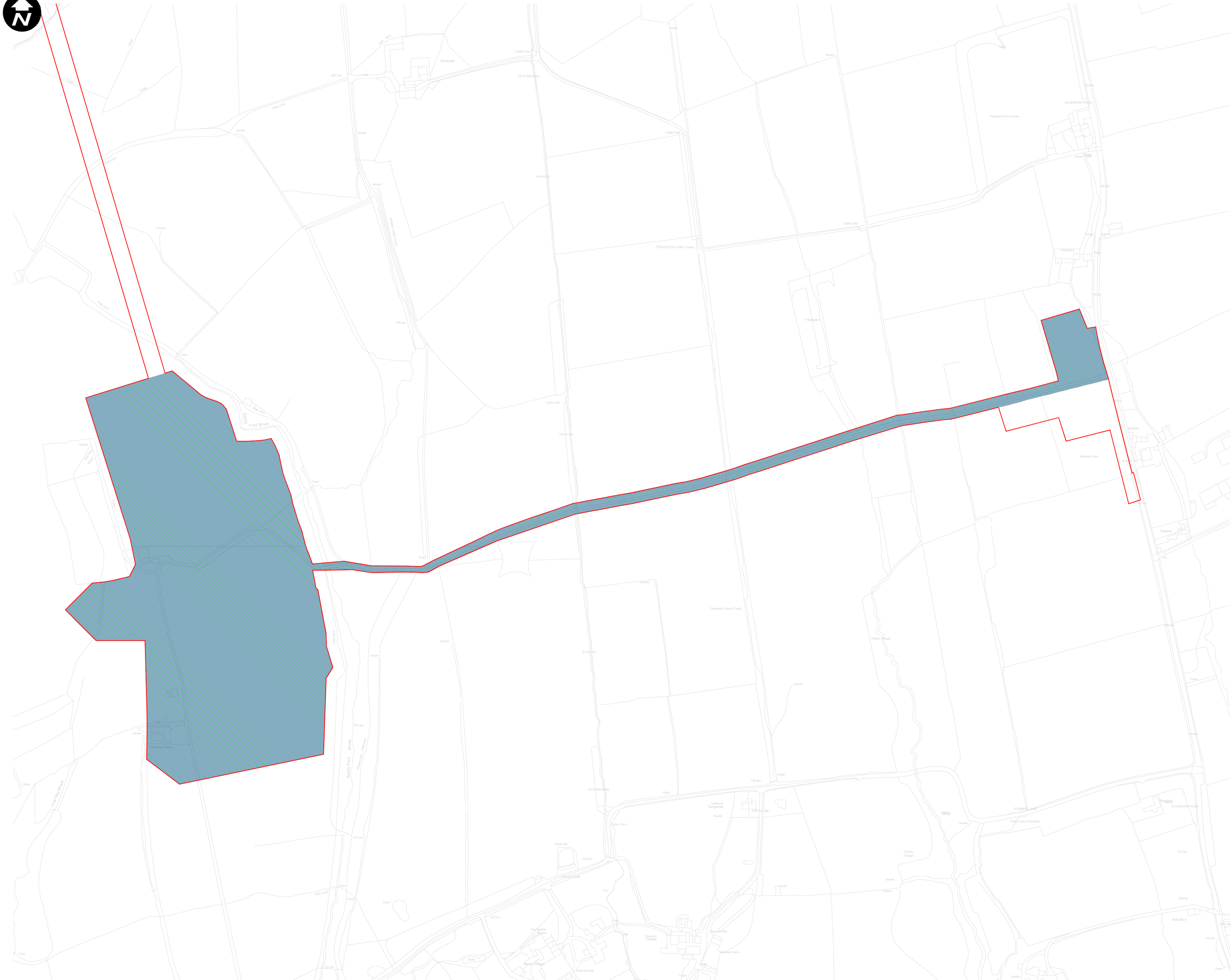
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BONSTONE COMPOUND
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