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RESERVED MATTERS 1 - BAT AND BIRD BOX SCHEME

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Illustrative Masterplan (21351_P0602[S])
Figure 8.14 Bat Tree Location Plan
G7367.046A Bat and Bird Box Plan

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 TEP have been commissioned by Tritax Symmetry Merseyside 1 Ltd to prepare a Bat and Bird Box Scheme for the Reserved Matters application for Units 02 and 03 of the Symmetry Park Merseyside development proposals as shown in the Location Plan (21351_P0601[B]) and Illustrative Masterplan (21351_P0602[S]) (see Drawings).
- 1.2 The Ecology Chapter of the Environmental Statement sets out the mitigation and enhancement requirements with respect to style and number of bat and bird boxes for the entire Symmetry Park Merseyside proposed development site; 41 bat boxes and 42 bird boxes.
- 1.3 This document provides specific information on the bat and bird box requirement for The Reserved Matters application site only and provides details on the designs/specifications of the boxes, as well as suitable locations for the installation of the boxes. Nine bat boxes and 22 bird boxes were installed as part of the Phase 1 works (TEP Report: 7367.018). It is proposed that 13 bat boxes and 20 bird boxes will be installed to provide mitigation and enhancement for the Reserved Matters application for bats and birds.
- 1.4 The specification of bat and bird boxes for the mitigation scheme have been chosen with consideration given to the species assemblages present at the site following survey work completed as well as the planning layout.
 - 10 x 2F Schwegler Bat Boxes
 - 3 x 1FD Schwegler Bat Boxes
 - 7 x Bilbao nest box
 - 10 x Barcelona nest box
 - 1 x Phoenix pine woodpecker nest box

2.0 Bat Box Specifications

- 2.1 Bat boxes have been chosen to suit the species identified within the desk study and which have been recorded on the site during bat roost and activity surveys undertaken by TEP in 2019 and 2020 and detailed in the Ecology Chapter of the Environmental Statement, Appendix 8.1 Desk Study and Appendix 8.3 Bat Survey.
- 2.2 Four trees with low roost suitability (trees T9-T12) (Figure 8.14 Bat Tree Location Plan of the Environmental Statement (see Drawings)) will be removed as a result of site clearance for the Reserved Matters application. Replacement roost boxes for the loss of these trees are detailed in Table 1 and will comprise eight 2F Schwegler Bat Boxes. These boxes will be installed on suitable retained trees within the country park and development zone, prior to site clearance commencing, near habitat features which provide suitable flight lines, such as woodland or scrub edge habitats and away from direct lighting.

Table 1 Bat box specifications for trees with roost potential which will be removed

Tree to be removed	Bat Roost Habitat Suitability Categorisation	Bat box specifications
9	Low	x2 2F Schwegler Bat Box (general purpose)
10	Low	x2 2F Schwegler Bat Box (general purpose)
11	Low	x2 2F Schwegler Bat Box (general purpose)
12	Low	x2 2F Schwegler Bat Box (general purpose)

- 2.3 Additional roost boxes (two 2F Schwegler Bat Boxes and three 1FD Schwegler Bat Boxes) will be incorporated to provide an enhancement to the bat roost resource within the site and increase the variety of designs to support a range of species and roost types.
- 2.4 In summary, the total number of bat boxes to be provided is:
- 10 x 2F Schwegler Bat Boxes; and
 - 3 x 1FD Schwegler Bat Boxes.

Table 2: Bat box specifications

<u>Bat box models and details</u>	
SCHWEGLER 2F UNIVERSAL BAT BOX	
An excellent general-purpose bat box, the Schwegler 2F-DFP Bat Box is suitable for summer use by a wide variety of species (and particularly liked by pipistrelles). It's the ideal 'starter' box to see if there are crevice loving bats in your area. The 2F-DFP is the same shape as the 2F but the front panel is fitted with a second inner wooden grooved panel, creating a space for crevice inhabiting bats. The front panel can be removed for inspection/cleaning. Being made of woodcrete the box will last for years and provide a stable environment inside. Number required: 10 Dimensions: 33 x 16 x 16 cm	
SCHWEGLER 1FD TRIPLE FRONT PANEL BAT BOX	
This Schwegler 1FD Bat box has been developed specifically as a maternity roost for smaller bats such as Pipistrelles. The interior and the type and size of the entrance hole match the requirements of smaller species. It features a special layout inside the domed roof, and increased interior height, and two grooved internal wooden front panels with precise spacing between them. Number required: 3 Dimensions: 36 x 16 x 16 cm	

3.0 Bird Box Specifications

- 3.1 Bird boxes have been chosen to suit the notable species and local BAP species of birds identified as present within the desk study undertaken by TEP in 2019 and in the breeding bird surveys undertaken by TEP in 2020 and 2019 as detailed in the Ecology Chapter of the Environmental Statement, Appendix 8.1 Desk Study and Appendix 8.6 Breeding Bird Survey.
- 3.2 In order to mitigate for the temporary reduction of nesting habitat for tree and scrub nesting bird species (i.e. prior to new planting establishing), bird nest boxes appropriate for such species will be affixed to retained trees distributed across the site prior to site clearance of the Reserved Matters application site commencing. Nest boxes will comprise seven small holed boxes suitable for blue tit, great tit and nuthatch, 10 open fronted boxes suitable for song thrush, blackbird, robin and wren and one large box suitable for great spotted woodpecker. They are to be mainly in proximity to suitable foraging habitat such as woodland or green spaces.
- 3.3 In summary, the bird box specification is as follows, with details provided in Table 3:
- 7 x Bilbao nest box;
 - 10 x Barcelona nest box; and
 - 1 x Phoenix pine woodpecker next box.

Table 3: Bird Box Specification

<u>Bird box models and details</u>	
BILBAO NEST BOX (28mm and 32mm)	
General purpose nest box with a removable front panel and made from a mixture of wood and stone. Suitable for blue tits, coal tits, great tits and tree sparrows. The 32mm entrance nest box will also attract house sparrows, nuthatches and pied flycatchers. Number required: 4x 28mm, 3x 32mm Dimensions: 20.5 x 31 x 20cm	
BARCELONA OPEN NEST BOX	
General purpose, open fronted nest box. Suitable for robins and wrens (if well hidden), spotted flycatchers, pied and grey wagtails, song thrushes and blackbirds. Made from woodstone. Number required: 10 Dimensions: 19 x 24 x 17.5 cm	
PHOENIX PINE WOODPECKER NEST BOX	

Bird box models and details

The Phoenix Pine Woodpecker Nest Box offers them the opportunity to excavate their own entrance hole and create their own home.

The nest box is supplied with a small drilled hole to encourage the Woodpeckers to expand this as they would in the wild. The Woodpeckers will then enlarge the hole to a size that is suitable to them.

Number required: 1

Dimensions: 19 x 17 x 31.8cm



4.0 Siting, Installation and Maintenance of Bat and Bird Boxes

Siting of Bat and Bird Boxes

- 4.1 The bat and bird boxes should be sited in accordance with Drawing G7367.046A. The specific locations will be confirmed during a pre-installation site visit.
- 4.2 As a general rule, bird boxes should be sited with the hole facing between north and east and bat boxes should face between south and west. Proximity to suitable commuting and foraging habitat for bats and birds has also been considered during the siting process. The proximity of boxes to artificial light has additionally been considered for bats. Failure to install bat and bird boxes in suitable locations may result in boxes being sited in sub-optimal positions that could lead to a lower up-take by bats and birds.
- 4.3 It is recommended that new bat and bird boxes are installed during autumn and winter to ensure they are ready for use the following breeding season.

Bat Boxes

- 4.4 Bat boxes must be installed at heights of between 3 to 6 metres on mature retained trees.
- 4.5 It must be ensured that there is unobstructed access for bats entering and leaving the bat box.
- 4.6 Bat boxes (for summer roosting) should be sited on south and west faces of trees where no direct artificial light will shine on the box.

Bird Boxes

- 4.7 The Bilbao and Barcelona bird boxes must be installed 1.5 metres or higher (up to 3 metres) above ground level. The Phoenix Pine Woodpecker Nest Box must be installed at a height of 3 to 5 metres. Boxes may be positioned higher in areas where there is a high cat population.
- 4.8 It must be ensured that there is unobstructed access for birds entering and leaving the bird box.
- 4.9 Bird boxes should ideally be placed on north and east faces of trees. In order to avoid the prevailing wind, no bird boxes should be sited on the west facing sides of trees.

Installation of Bat and Bird Boxes

- 4.10 All bat and bird boxes must be installed prior to commencement of site clearance.
- 4.11 All bat and bird boxes must be installed in line with the manufacturer's specifications to ensure no hazard is posed to occupants of the building or members of the public.

Maintenance

Bat boxes

- 4.12 The bat boxes will last for at least 20-25 years. The boxes are therefore suitable for long term mitigation projects.
- 4.13 The 2F and 1FD Schwegler bat boxes will require cleaning if the box has been occupied by birds, or if bat droppings have built up within the box. The bat boxes have a removable front panel to allow easy cleaning and inspection. To clean, remove droppings or bird nest remains. Do not wash the bat box. Please note that if the box is occupied by a bat roost, the roost may only be disturbed by a licenced bat worker. If, on inspection, bats are found within the box, replace the cover carefully and do not disturb again without a licence to do so.

Bird Boxes

- 4.14 Bilbao and Barcelona nest boxes are manufactured from long-lasting woodstone and will last for at least 20-25 years and have a removable front panel to allow easy cleaning and inspection. The Phoenix box is constructed from high quality FSC certified pine and has a birch front. This box can be opened for cleaning and emptying.
- 4.15 The boxes should be cleaned annually in the winter to remove the remains of the nest from the previous season. It is not usually necessary to wash the nest box. If parasites have invaded, wash with water only.

Substitutions

- 4.16 Should the recommended bird/bat boxes not be available, similar products are likely to be available from alternative suppliers. Any substitutions should be agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

DRAWINGS

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Figure 8.14 Bat Tree Location Plan
G7367.046A Bat and Bird Box Plan

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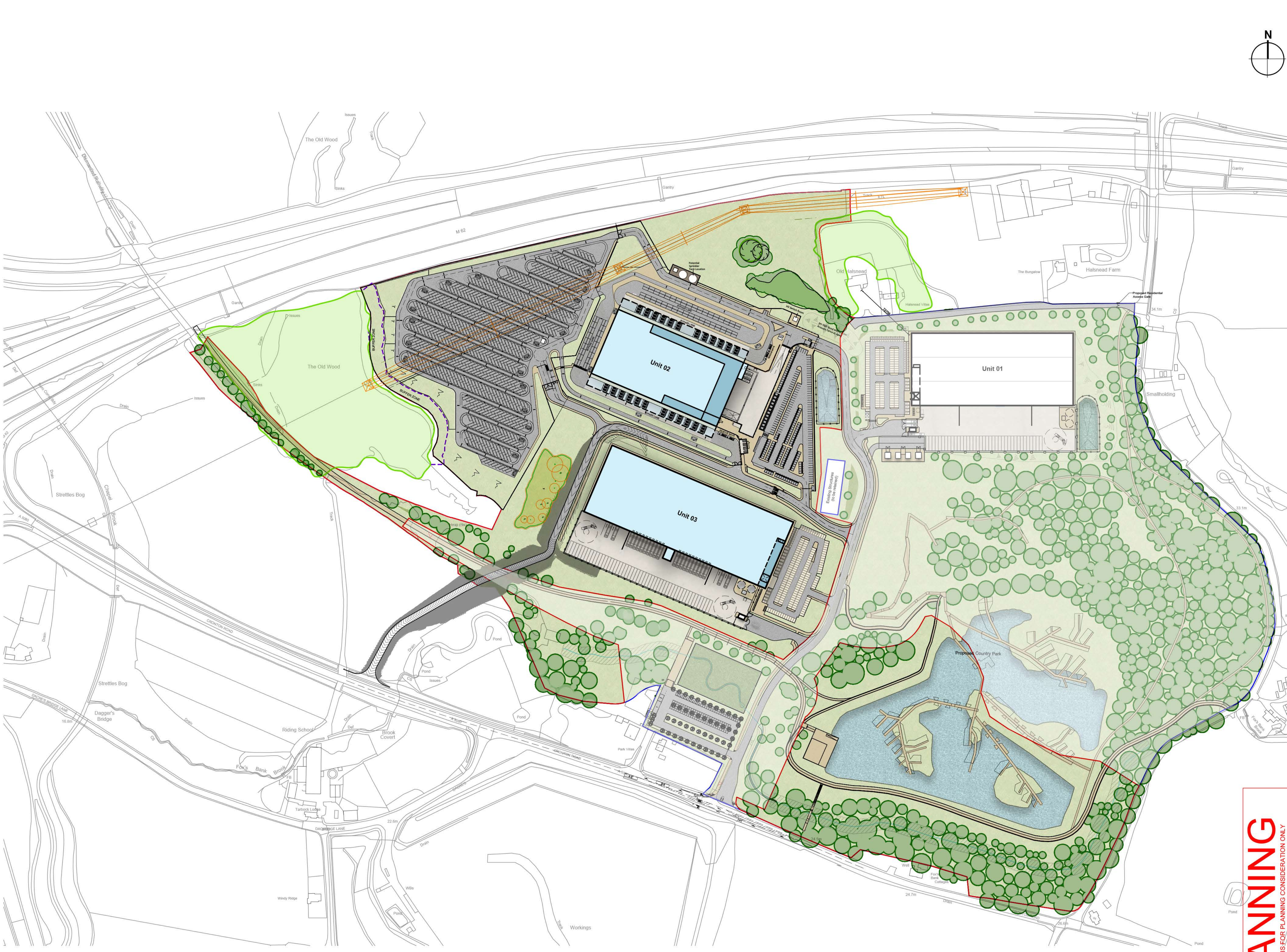
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SCHEDULE OF ACCOMMODATION (Gross Internal Area unless otherwise stated)

Unit 01		
Warehouse Area	-	153,100 sq ft (14,223m ²)
Office (2 storey)	-	8,500 sq ft (790m ²)
Gatehouse	-	300 sq ft (28m ²)
Total Area	-	161,900 sq ft (15,041m²)
Net Site Area	-	7.93 Acres (3.209 Hectares)
Unit 02		
Warehouse Area	-	185,880 sq ft (17,269m ²)
Ground Floor Core	-	1,033 sq ft (96m ²)
FF Office (Incl.Void)	-	5,274 sq ft (490m ²)
SF Office (Excl.Void)	-	5,500 sq ft (511m ²)
Transport Office (2 St.)	-	2,500 sq ft (232m ²)
Gatehouse	-	300 sq ft (28m ²)
Total Area	-	200,487 sq ft (18,626m²)
Net Site Area	-	9.86 Acres (3.99 Hectares)
Car Parking	-	189 (Inc.15 No. Acc + 9 No.EV + 9 No.F/E)
Motorcycle Parking	-	10
Unit 03		
GF GIA Area	-	124,172 sq ft (11,536m ²)
FF GIA Area	-	28,040 sq ft (2,605m ²)
Total GIA Area	-	152,212 sq ft (14,141m²)
Net Site Area	-	24.85 Acres (10.0567Hectares)
Loading Docks	-	9
Level Access	-	14
Van Dock Doors	-	2
Compactor and Baler	-	1
Car Parking	-	244 (Inc.2 No. Acc+122 No. EV) (EV 24 No. Active/ 98 No. Passive)
Motorcycle Parking	-	12
Masterplan Grand Total -	-	514,599 sq ft (47,808m²)

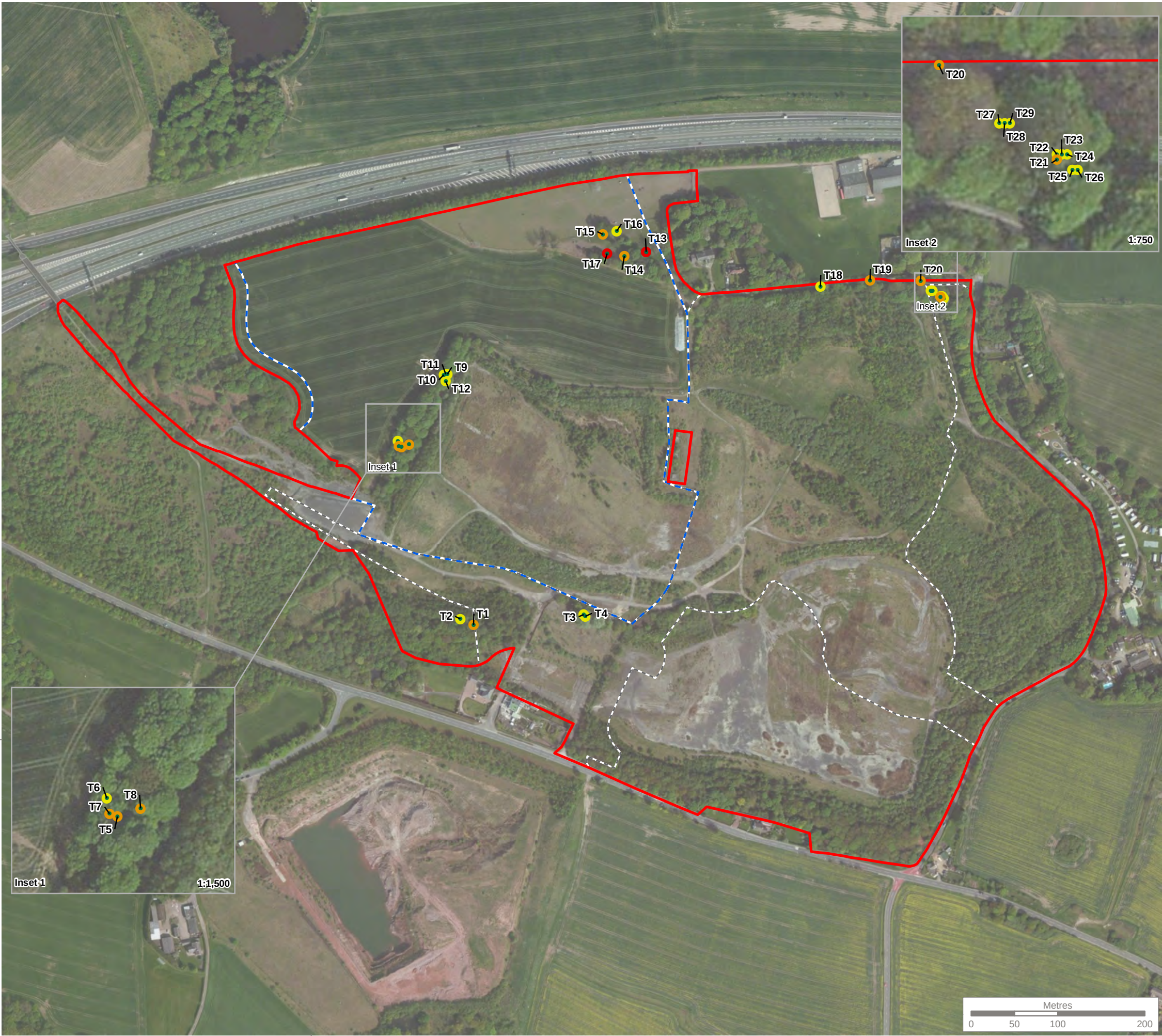
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- Existing Overhead Power Lines
- Application Boundary
- 15m Wood Offset Zone
- TPO Woodland
- Woodland Retention

Illustrative Masterplan

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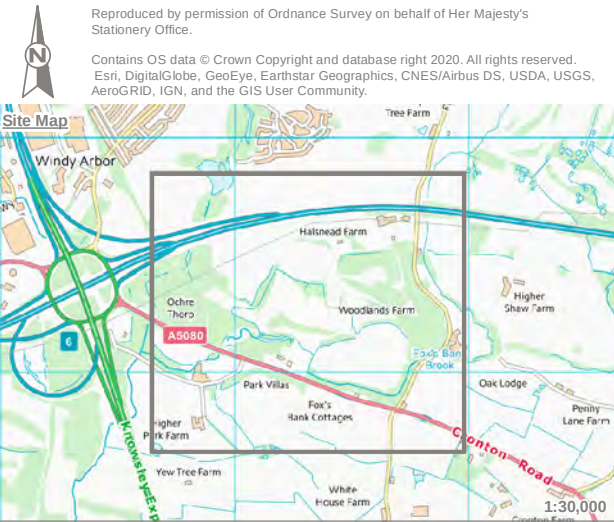


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- Application boundary
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- Full application boundary

Tree Roost Suitability

- Broad-leaved tree with low bat potential
- Broad-leaved tree with moderate bat potential
- Broad-leaved tree with high bat potential



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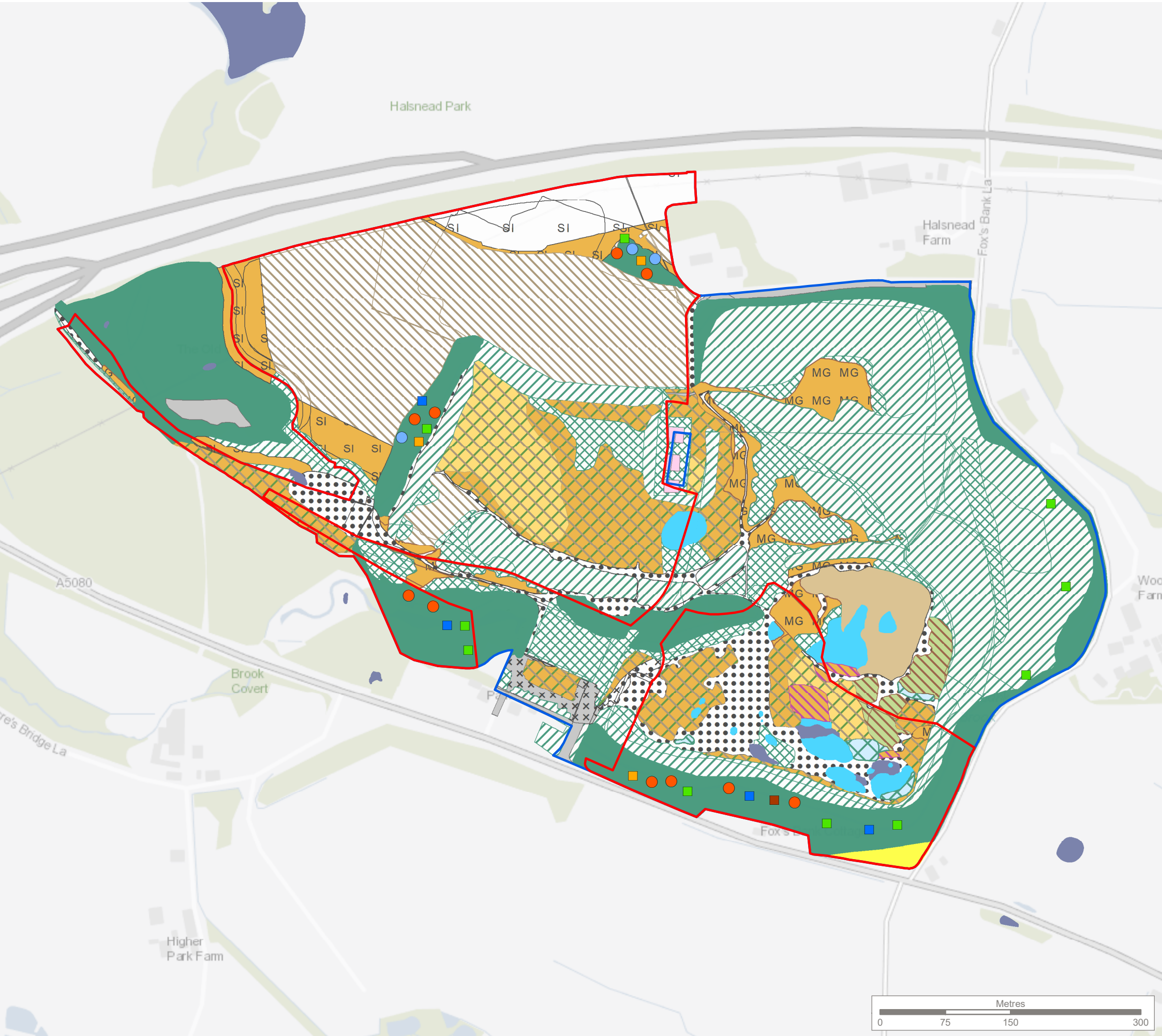
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Figure 8.14 Bat Tree Location Plan

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Application boundary

Masterplan boundary

Bat Boxes

Schwegler 1FD triple front panel

Schwegler 2F universal

Bird Boxes

Barcelona open nest box

Bilbao nest box 28mm

Bilbao nest box 32mm

Pine woodpecker nest box

Phase 1 Habitat Areas

Mosaic (A) of tree/scrub regen with a mix of reed and modified neutral grassland and marshy grassland

Semi-natural broad-leaved woodland

Plantation broad-leaved woodland

Dense/continuous scrub

Mosaic (B) of tree/scrub regen with reed, modified neutral grassland and some marshy grassland

Semi-improved neutral grassland

MG

MG

Modified neutral grassland

Marsh/marshy grassland

SI

SI

Poor semi-improved grassland

A

A

Amenity grassland**Note:**

The locations of habitats, habitat features and bat/bird boxes are indicative.

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Site Map

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