

Application for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Decision

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Sequential number:

Date application received:

Section 1 – Business details

Business name

Business address

Postcode

Contact name

Telephone number

Mobile number

Email

Main Location Code (MLC)

Business Reference Number (BRN)

Do I need to complete this form?

A: For projects that involve the use of uncultivated land* or semi-natural areas* for more intensive agricultural purposes:

You should complete **sections 1, 2, 3a, 4, 5, and 7** of this form.

B: For projects that involve restructuring of rural land holdings on agricultural land:

You should complete **sections 1, 2, 3b, 4, 5 and 7** of this form if you are planning any of the following work on agricultural land in Scotland;

Activity	Outside a sensitive area	Within a sensitive area **
Add or remove any field boundary (e.g. fences etc)	6 km or more	Always
Removing hedge or drystone dyke	0.5 km	Always
Move earth, rock or any other material	5,000 m ³	Always
Restructuring an area greater than	200 ha	Always

Please note that the thresholds apply to the total area of land where the work is to take place even if it is undertaken bit-by-bit over one or several seasons, or if it involves different types of work. A project may involve more than one type of restructuring referred to in the table above. If any of the elements of the restructuring is above the threshold, the entire project is subject to the screening procedures, and all elements should be included in this application.

C: For projects that involve new Irrigation and/or new Drainage:

For Irrigation

- **If you are extracting water to irrigate crops with mobile equipment** you should contact SEPA to obtain an extraction licence and don't need to complete this form.
- **If you are proposing to build fixed infrastructure** for example a water storage lagoon with fixed permanent pumps and pipes, you should first find out if you need planning permission from the Local Authority. If you do, then you do not need to complete this form - apply to the Local Authority for Planning permission and SEPA for an abstraction licence. If your proposals don't require planning permission from the local authority and include fixed equipment/water storage site, then you do need to complete **section 1, 2, 3c, 4, 5 and 7** of this form in addition to contacting SEPA for an abstraction licence.

For Drainage

- Maintenance of existing drainage on improved/ intensively managed land does not require this form to be submitted. If the land is reverting to an unimproved/seminatural* state fill in **section 1, 2, 3c, 4, 5 and 7** of this form. If you propose to carry out new drainage in a sensitive** area you need to fill in **section 1, 2, 3c, 4, 5 and 7** of this form.
- If you propose to carry out new drainage outside a sensitive** area above 1 ha, you need to fill in **section 1, 2, 3c, 4, 5** of this form.

*SGRPID consider land that has not been improved (e.g. spraying, liming, ploughing, draining, and reseeded such areas) or intensively farmed for around 15 years to fall into this category, contact us for more guidance if you're unsure.

**Sensitive areas are: - Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA), National Scenic Area (NSA) or land with a Nature Conservation order.

Commented [M13]: National park?

Section 2 – Project description and potential impacts

Please provide a description of your whole project, and a map. To ensure these include all the necessary information a check list has been provided below, please ensure that each section has been included in your report on page 4, otherwise your application risks being rejected.

Project Description;

- An overview of the project ☐
- A description of the environmental sensitivity of the geographic area of the project ☐
- Is the proposed work on common land? ☐
- A detailed map of the project and surrounding area ☐
- Is there any other information relevant to this application (e.g. access rights, core paths etc) ☐

Likely environmental effect of the proposed changes covering;

- Soil ☐
- Land ☐
- Water ☐
- Biodiversity/habitats ☐
- Historical, cultural and/or archaeological considerations ☐
- Include any significant features listed above on your project map (e.g. badger sett, scheduled ancient monuments etc) ☐

If applicable, the report can include measures which are being put in place to avoid or prevent any likely significant adverse effects from the project.

Project description and potential impacts

Description of Work

We are carrying out a Shed development at [REDACTED]. We have obtained planning permission to do so. Please find the shed location in Map C. With this project there will be rock/soil to be extracted from the site.

We aim to use this "Fill" and raise the level of field NX/71064/51592 in the north West of it. This is indicated as A on Map A. We have already raised this level by around 0.5m and aim to raise it again by 0.5m.

We will also raise the level of field NX/71196/51905 in the South West of it. We have already raised this level by 2m and aim to raise it again by another 1m. This is marked zone B.

We have also renewed a field drain from the North of field NX/71196/51905 to the Brockloch. This is shown in Map B. There is a small area of the drain out with the infill area which is marked zone F on Map A.

In field NX/71239/51985 we will aim to use a proportion of the rock in within the area to cover a field drain. This is marked zone C on Map A. We are doing this as the rock from the shed site isn't good enough for water perpetration. When we strip the soil off the area we are planning on moving the soil to enhance the biodiversity of the area where the drain needs covered out with the marked zones. The soil is woodland rich soil and will promote natural flowers and plants within the area.

We are also hoping to Infill in field NX/71242/51806. This field is already cultivated land but we aim to use the "Fill" to take away a dangerous gradient. There are two areas zone D and E.

Map A will also show the total area we wish to work within.

Map D will show all fields involved in the works and the land parcel identifiers.

Environmental Sensitivity

The soil covering of the land will be replaced as it was or enhanced in areas of particularly shallow soils.

There is no known habitats in this small area.

We are not aware of any historic or archaeological considerations on the site or any ancient monuments.

The site is not on common land.

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary

Section 3a – Semi-natural areas - site details and proposed operations:

<p>Site description. (Please describe the main features of the land, including watercourses and drainage systems, vegetation, wildlife and habitats)</p> <p>The site is a low lying area of the farm which has been cut yearly. There is an old stone drain through the area which was 70% efficient but needed replaced.</p> <p>There is also an area of Gorse. We have cut some back to help promote natural regenerating of the habitat and also kept some to preserve wildlife currently present.</p>	<p>If different from Main Location Name of Farm:</p> <p>Location code:</p> <p>For example: <i>The field was previously improved grassland but has reverted to native grasses and rushes. Enclosed by dykes and wire fence. It has a failing drainage system. Gorse / scrub is found at corners.</i></p>
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Please complete the table below.

Land Parcel Identifier	Letter of proposed works on map	Area of proposed work (ha)	Description of the proposed work (mark exact area of project on map referred to in section 3a).
NX/71064/51592	A	0.101ha	Strip back the soil and fill in the area with 1m of rock then replace the soil back on top. We will monitor the PH levels and bring them up to 6.7ph. We will reseed with Spring Barley
NX/71196/51905	B	0.66ha	Strip back the soil and fill in the area with 3m of rock then replace the soil back on top. We will monitor the PH levels and bring them up to 6.7ph. We will reseed with Spring Barley.
NX/71239/51985	C	0.2ha	We have removed Gorse in February and then stripped the soil back and preserve. We aim to excavate 3m of rock to use on top of a field drain. We will then replace the soil with soil from our shed site and monitor the ph levels and bring them up to 6.7ph. We will reseed with Spring Barley.

NX/71196/51905	F	0.0405ha	This area has had a drain replaced within it. We aim to cover the field drain with rock from area C and then lay the preserved topsoil also from area C. The Topsoil is naturally rich in woodland seeds due to being below the Gorse. This will help promote the habitat in the areas around the infilled area.
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* Please note that 1 hectare = 2.471 acres; and 1 acre = 0.405 ha

If necessary, please tick this box and continue on a separate sheet ☐

Section 3b – Restructuring - site details and proposed operations:

Site description. (Please describe the main features of the land, including watercourses and drainage systems, vegetation, wildlife and habitats)	If different from Main Location Name of Farm:
	Location code:
	For example: <i>The site covers 12 fields of improved grassland pasture, with some drystone dykes but mostly wire fence. It has maintained tile drains. Gorse / scrub is found at corners.</i>

Please complete the table below.

Land Parcel Identifier	Letter of proposed works on map	Length, width, and depth (as applicable) of proposed work (m)	Volume of material to be distributed (m³) (if applicable)	Description of the proposed work (mark exact area of project on map referred to in section 3a).
NX/71242/51806	D	30m x 80m x 1m	2400 m³	We aim to strip back the soil and fill in with 1m of rock from the shed site. This will take away the dangerous working slope which we currently have. We will then replace the topsoil and reseed with Spring Barley.
NX/71242/51806	E	30m x 80m x 1m	2400 m³	We aim to strip back the soil and fill in with 1m of rock from the shed site. This will take away the dangerous working slope which we currently have. We will then replace the topsoil and reseed with Spring Barley.

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If necessary, please tick this box and continue on a separate sheet xxx ☐

Section 3c – Drainage and irrigation - Site details and proposed operations:

Site description. <i>(Please describe the main features of the land, including watercourses and drainage systems, vegetation, wildlife and habitats)</i>	If different from Main Location Name of Farm:
	Location code:
	For example: <i>The site is part of an existing arable field, cropped annually.</i>

Please complete the table below.

Land Parcel Identifier	Letter of proposed works on map	Area to be drained / irrigated (ha)	Description of the proposed work (mark exact area of project on map referred to in section 3a).
NX/71064/51592 And NX/71196/51905	On Map B	0.81ha	We have replaced an old existing field drain on Map B. The pipe is a 150mm perforated pipe. The drain is 450m long from A to B. There is one spur connected off the pipe which is 80mm and tying in an old original tile drain.

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If necessary, please tick this box and continue on a separate sheet ☐

Section 4 – Changes to Management

Complete this section if you are proposing to change how you manage this land. Please provide information about how all the land in question has been managed in the past. You should cover the last 15 years if possible and provide information for **ALL** fields affected by your proposed project.

LPID	Past management	Proposed management
NX/71064/51592	This area has been grazed by livestock. It has also been cut and bailed in the last 5 years.	This area of the field will be put into Spring Barley to help stabilise the soil. It then will be a <i>Silage field</i> , cut 3 times per year. <i>Intensive slurry and compound fertiliser</i> . Field will be limed and reseeded every 5 years.
NX/71196/51905	<p>This area to the South marked zone B on Map A has been cut once per year and grazed the rest of the year.</p> <p>The area mapped F on Map A has been grazed by livestock and sheep at the end of the silage season.</p>	<p>This area of the field will be put into Spring Barley to help stabilise the soil. It then will be a <i>Silage field</i>, cut 3 times per year. <i>Intensive slurry and compound fertiliser</i>. Field will be limed and reseeded every 5 years.</p> <p><i>Zone F will be not be put into Spring Barley. We will be leaving this area to regenerate and allow cattle and sheep on here to help the natural cycle</i></p>
NX/71196/51905	The area mapped F on Map A has been grazed by livestock and sheep at the end of the silage season.	<i>We will be leaving this area to naturally regenerate and we will allow cattle and sheep on here to help the natural cycle.</i>

NX/71239/51985	This area was mainly in Gorse and has been grazed by cattle and sheep.	This area of the field will be put into Spring Barley to help stabilise the soil. It then will be a <i>Silage field, cut 3 times per year. Intensive slurry and compound fertiliser. Field will be limed and reseeded every 5 years.</i>
NX/71242/51806	<i>Silage field, cut 3 times per year. Intensive slurry and compound fertiliser. Field will be limed and reseeded every 5 years.</i>	This are of the field will be put into Spring Barley to help stabilise the soil. It then will be a <i>Silage field, cut 3 times per year. Intensive slurry and compound fertiliser. Field will be limed and reseeded every 5 years.</i>

Section 5 – How we use your information



How we use your information: We will use the information provided on the application form, including your contact details, for the purpose of delivering and/or improving our administration of the Schemes and services we offer. This may include sending you voluntary customer satisfaction surveys from time to time to see how we are doing. We take our responsibilities for the way we store, secure and use your personal information seriously, and always seek to respect your privacy and to meet our legal obligations. These obligations include the General Data Protection Regulation, the UK Data Protection Act, and other regulations and legislation relating to privacy and communications. To see details on how we use your information and who we share your information with, please see our privacy policy located at: [https:// www.ruralpayments.org/privacy-policy/](https://www.ruralpayments.org/privacy-policy/) or available in paper form from your area office. Our Privacy Policy explains the purposes for which we use personal data and the legal basis for that use. It explains our responsibilities for collecting data and what happens if you fail to provide data we need or provide incorrect data. We set out the categories of data we collect and how we acquire it, especially in those cases where it may come from another party. The Privacy Policy also sets out our approach to sharing data and gives information about the organisations with whom we share data and why we do so. Finally, we advise you of your various rights and how to exercise them. If you are providing information to us on behalf of someone else (for example, as an agent representing a beneficiary), you are advised to draw this section of the Guidance and the Privacy Policy to the attention of any individual whose data is being processed. This is in order to help you fulfil your obligations under data protection legislation towards your clients or those whom you represent.

Section 6 – Declaration

Applicants should note that it is an offence to provide false information (knowingly or recklessly) to obtain a screening decision.

- I understand that I will be legally obliged to comply with any decision granted in respect of this application and conditions attached to it.
- I have read the guidance on The Agriculture, Land Drainage and Irrigation Projects (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 available on [Rural Payments and Services](#).
- I declare that the information given in my application is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a screening decision in accordance with these particulars.

APPLICANT

Signature

Name
(Block Capitals)

Status of person
signing

(For example, Director, company secretary, or other duly authorised officer)

Agent ID number
(if applicable)

Date

07 / 04 / 2025

IMPORTANT – CHECK LIST

- ☐ Answered all the questions.
- ☐ If necessary, attached any separate sheet(s) required.

If we consider that you have not supplied sufficient information to make a screening decision, we will request the additional information in writing. If you do not supply the required information then the application will be rejected.

MAP A

area 2

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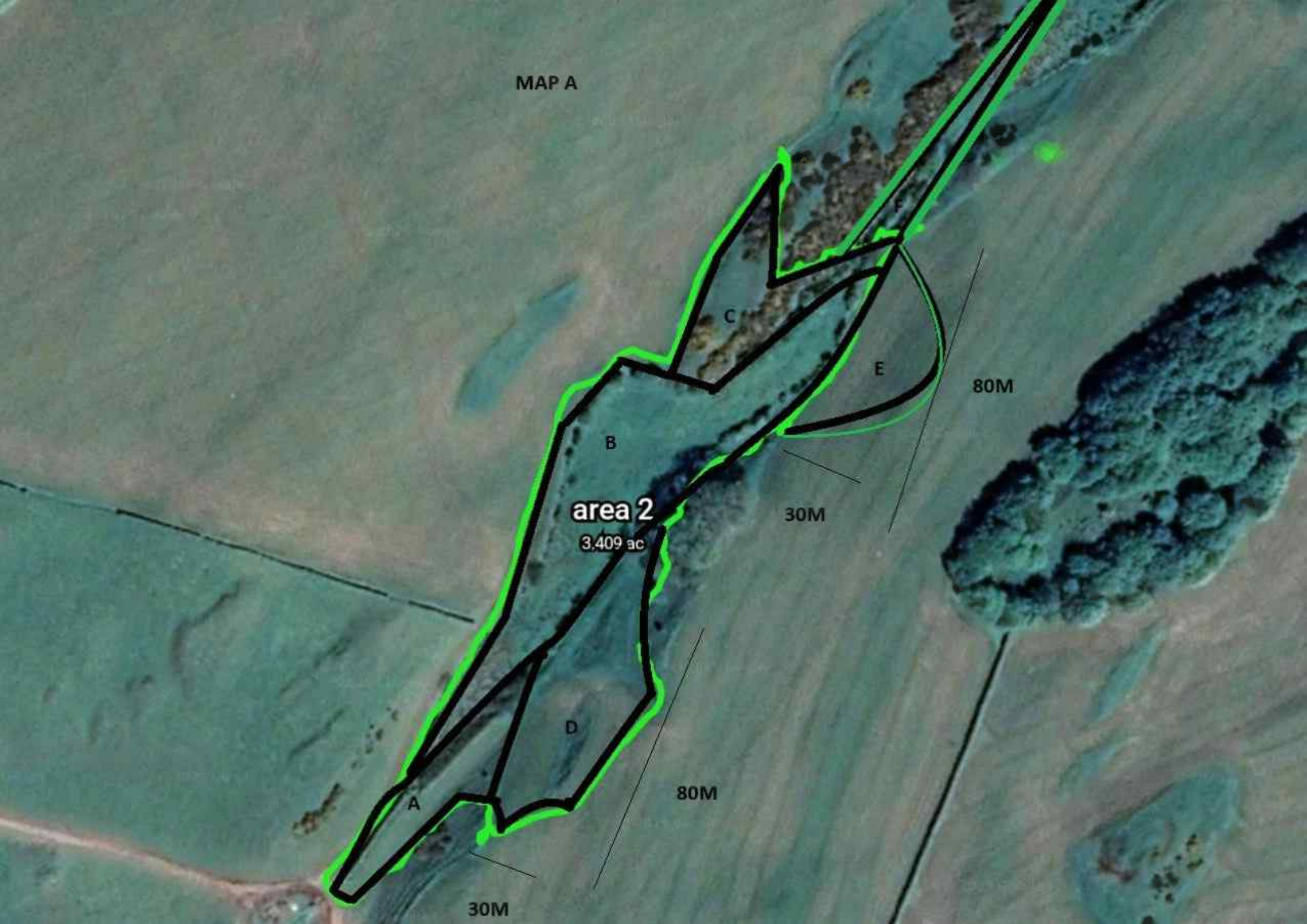
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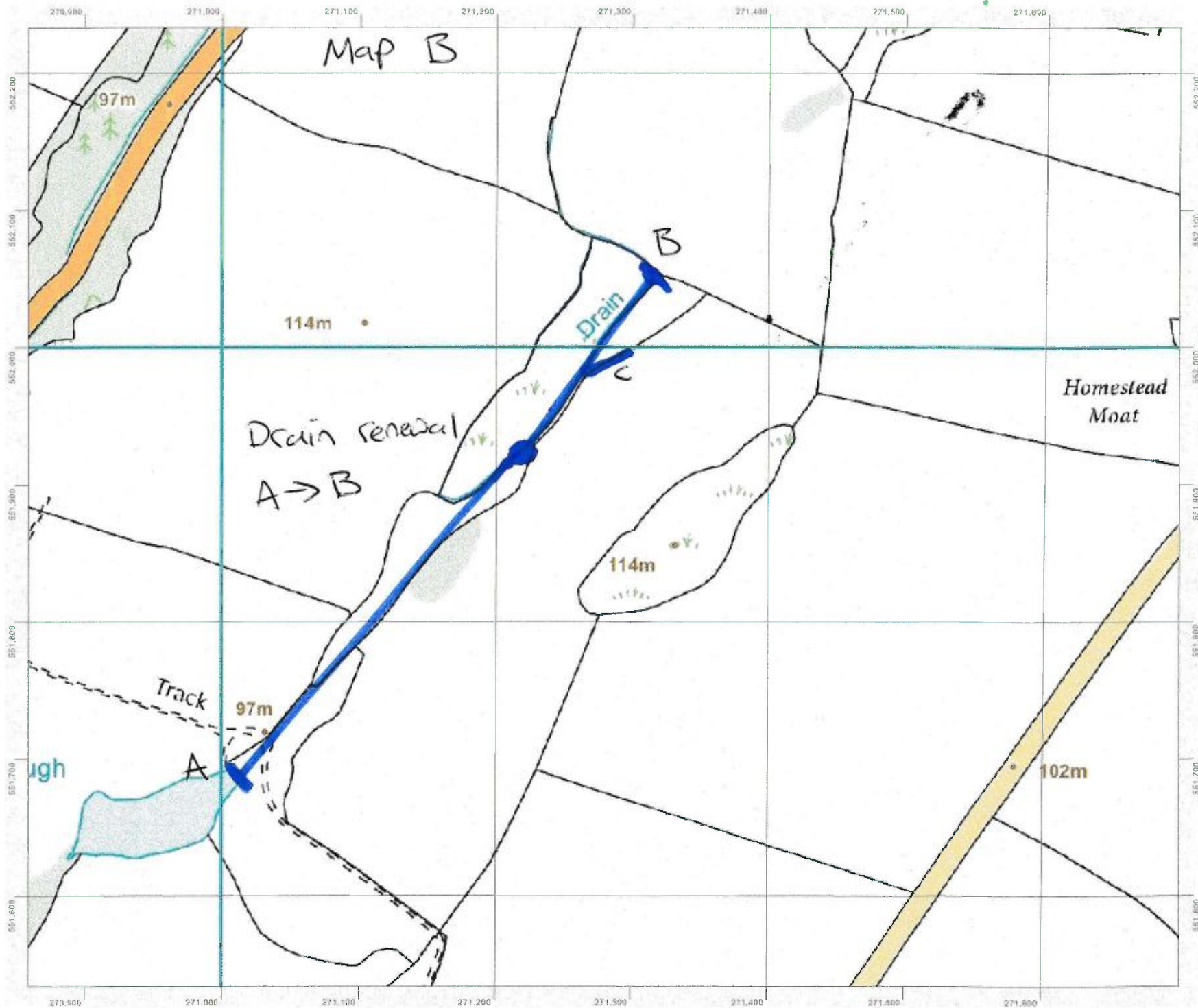


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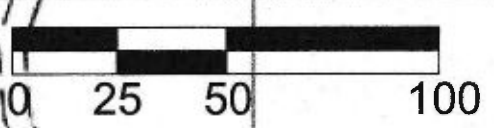
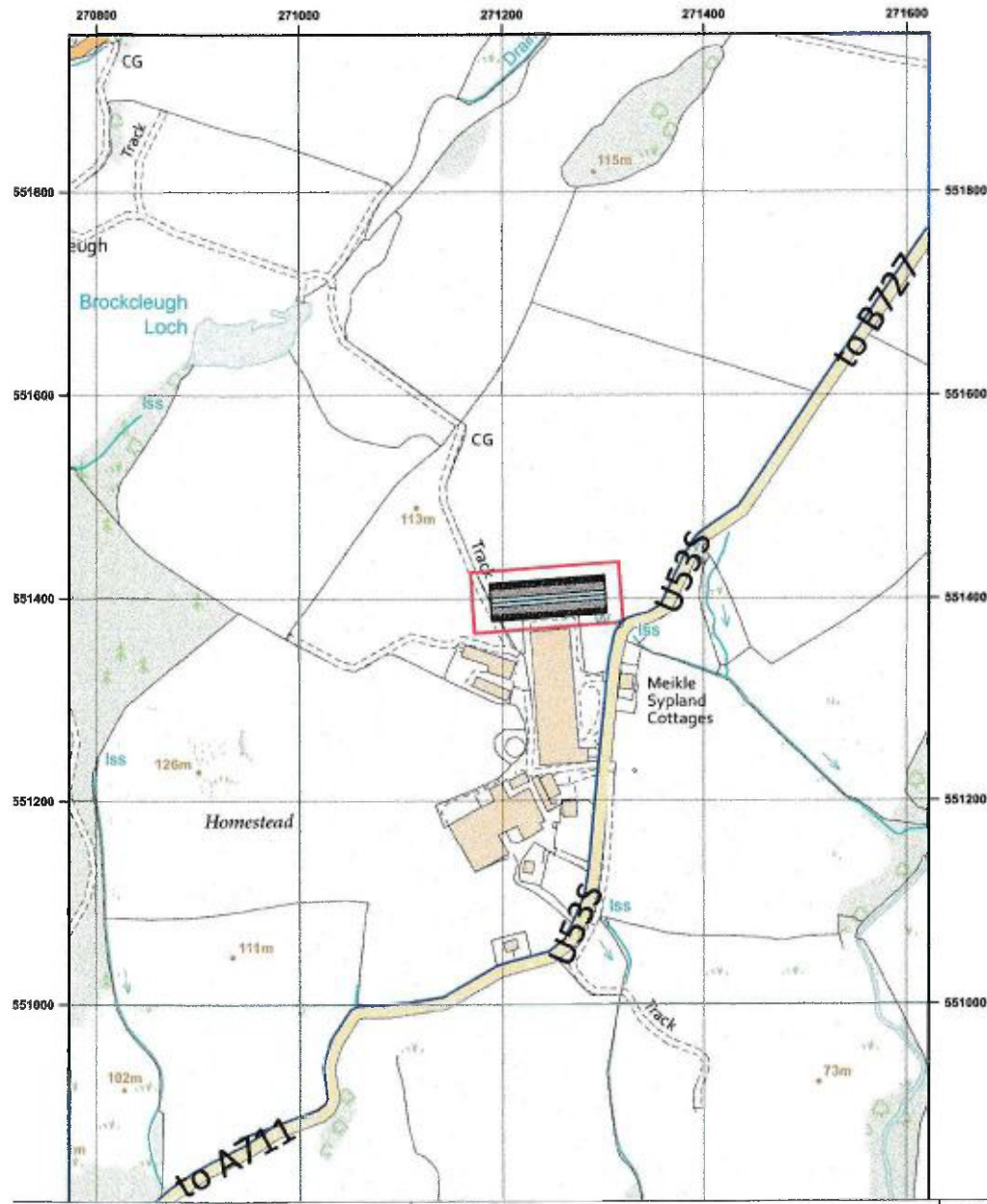
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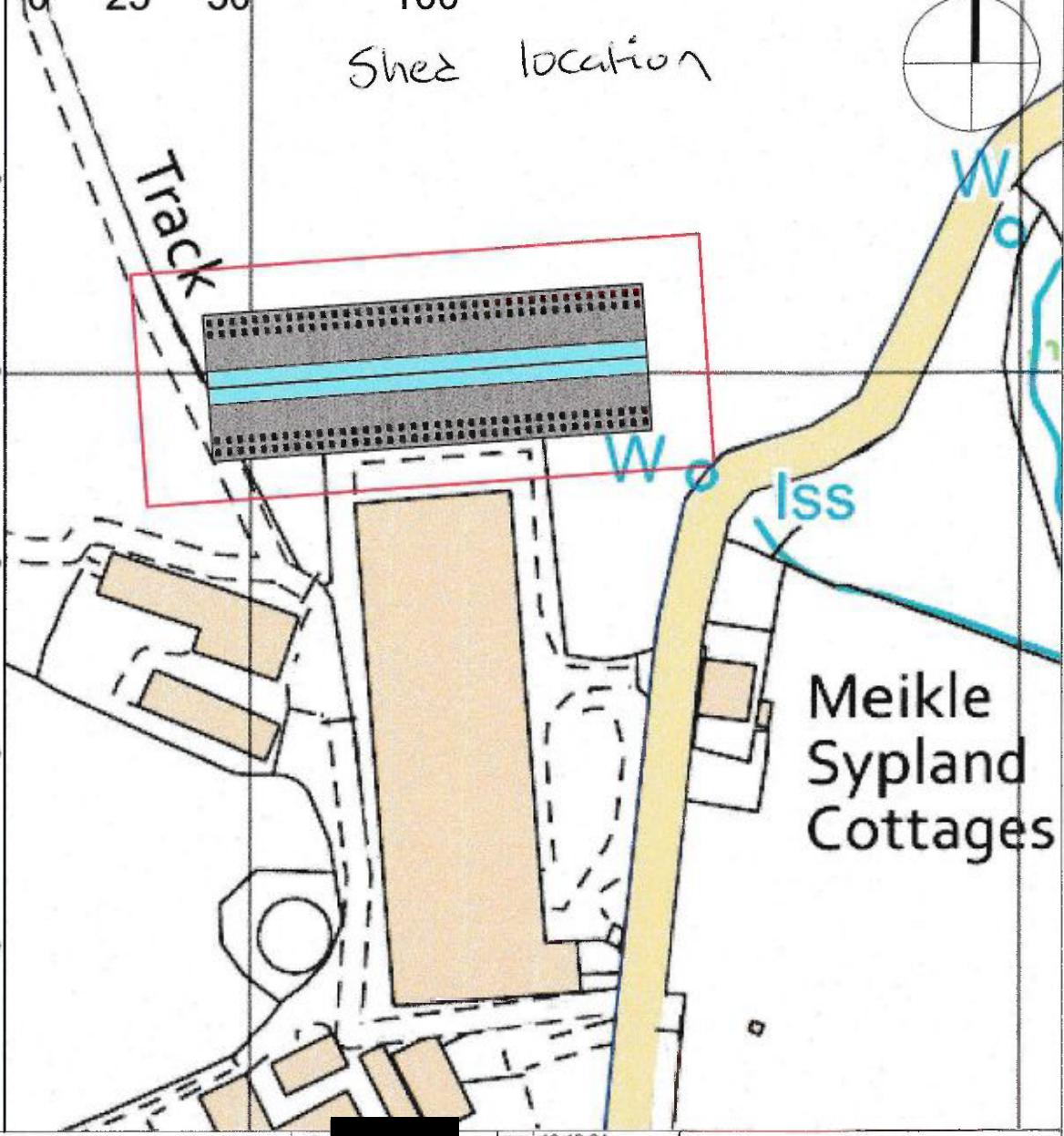
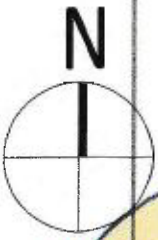


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Map C



Shee location



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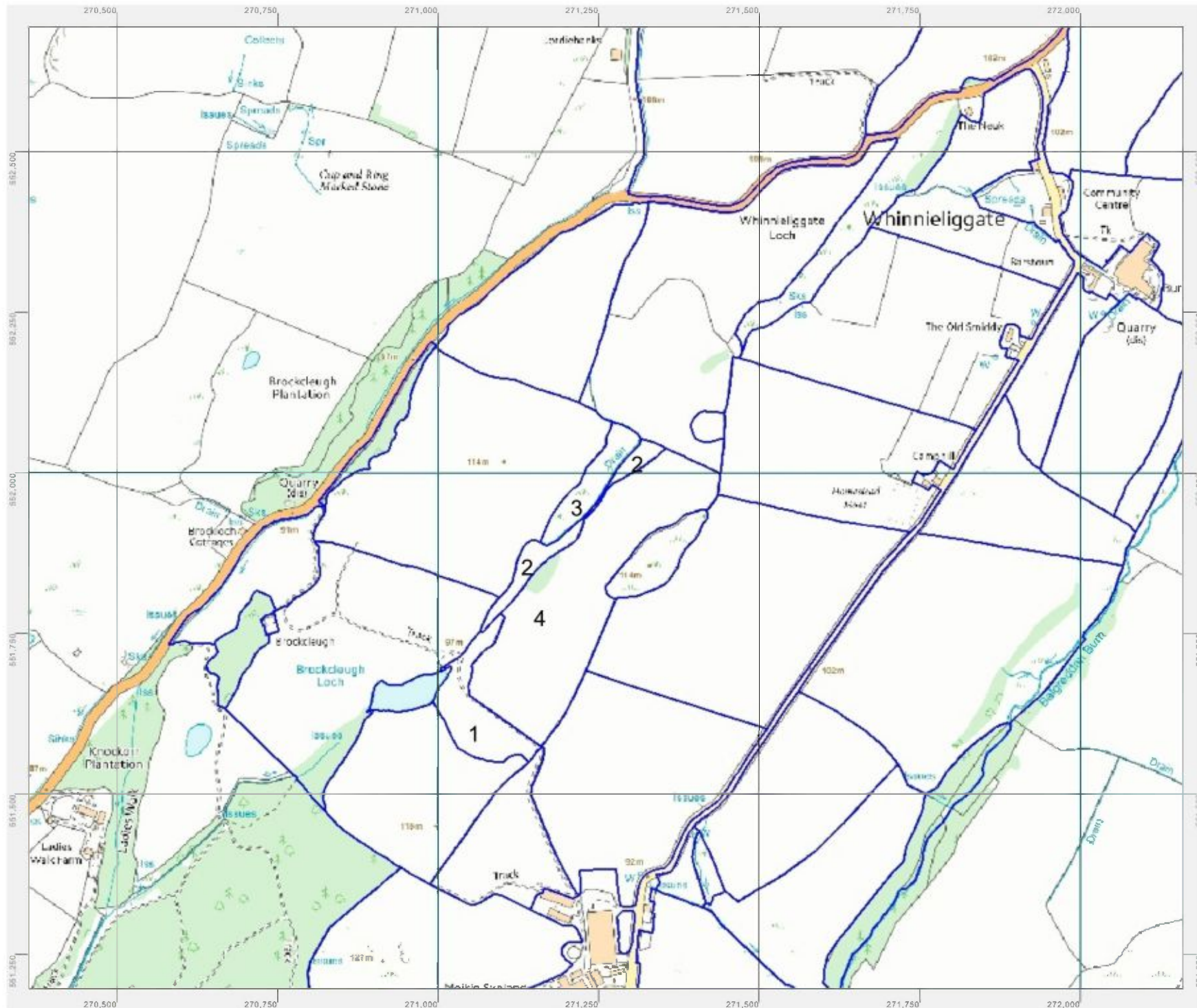
MAP D

1- NX/71064/51592

2- NX/71196/51905

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4- NX/71242/51806



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