

ARBORICULTURAL SURVEY REPORT

Steeple Renewables Project

May 2024

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Site Name:	Steeple Renewables Project		
Project reference:	5343		
Site Address:	Fenton Lane, Fenton, Sturton le Ste	eeple	
Nearest Postcode:	DN22 9HF		
Central Grid reference:	<u>SK 79739 83342</u>		
Local Planning Authority:	Bassetlaw District Council		
Relevant planning policies:	Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038, Bassetlaw District Local Development Framework November 2010		
Statutory Controls:	Tree Preservation Order	Conservation Area	
	<u>TBC</u> - awaiting LPA response.	None	
Soil Type: (Source: BGS online soils	Superficial/Drift Bedrock		
map © NERC 2024)	Holme Pierrepont Sand and Gravel Member - Sand and gravel	Mercia Mudstone Group - Mudstone	
Topographical Survey:	220847_ All Areas_2D		
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1. INSTRUCTION

- 1.1. Barton Hyett Associates Ltd has been instructed by RES to survey trees located on land at Fenton Lane, Fenton, Sturton le Steeple ('the Site') in accordance with the recommendations of British Standard 5837:2012 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - recommendations'.
- 1.2. The scope of the instruction was to inspect trees relevant to a Proposed Development comprising of a solar farm and associated infrastructure. The instruction also requires Barton Hyett Associates to provide written advice on arboriculture matters in order to inform design options for the Proposed Development..
- 1.3. Due the scale of the Proposed Development a submission will be made to the Secretary of State for the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in order to gain permission via a Development Consent Order. The Examining Authority (EA) is The Planning Inspectorate (PI).

2. SITE DESCRIPTION

- 2.1. The Site lies approximately 6km south west of Gainsborough , between Lincoln and Doncaster, and is made up of agricultural land with field boundaries defined by a mixture of hedgerows and ditches.
- 2.2. The survey area is predominantly used for arable crop production and measures approximately 8 km by 3.4 km. The Site is broadly flat but undulates gently throughout.
- 2.3. There are various named and unnamed side roads running through the Site with private roads providing access to various existing farmyards.
- 2.4. Access to the Site is possible from these private roads and on foot via several Public Rights of Way (PRoW) which cross the Site.
- 2.5. The surrounding area is agricultural land with occasional farmyards, plantations, copses and outlying dwellings. The village of Sturton le Steeple is located at the centre of the Site.

TREE SURVEY FINDINGS 3.

- 3.1. The survey recorded 1045 arboricultural features. These are summarised in terms of quality in accordance with the recommendations of BS 5837:2012 in Table 1 and shown in more detail on the Tree Survey and Constraints Plan (Section 2) and within the Tree Survey Schedule (Section 3).
- 3.2. The trees and features recorded as Out Of Scope (OOS) refer to either a dead-standing or failed tree; a stump; ruderal species or minor shrubs; where trees are inaccessible or located off-site and unlikely to be affected by the development or, it is found that the trees are undersized according to BS 5837:2012, which stipulates a minimum recordable stem diameter of 75mm.

	Total	A - High quality trees whose retention is most desirable.	B - Moderate quality trees whose retention is desirable.	C - Low quality trees which could be retained but should not significantly constrain the proposal.	U - Very poor quality trees that should be removed unless they have high conservation value.
Trees	496	36	215	243	2
Groups	116	6	60	50	-
Woodland	3	-	3	-	-
Hedgerows	430	-	317	111	2
Total	1045	42	595	404	4

Table 1: arboricultural features by type and quality cated

KEY ARBORICULTURAL FEATURES 4.

- 4.1. No Ancient Semi-Natural Woodlands (ASNW) are associated with the Site (source: DEFRA online mapping resource 'MAGIC Maps' Ancient Woodland inventory).
- 4.2. Thirty-six individual trees and six groups of trees have been recorded as high-quality (BS 5837:2012 Category A) features. The species of trees break down as twenty oak, one crab apple, four maple, six willow, one hawthorn, three ash, one lime and groups of oak, ash, lime, willow and sycamore. These trees are particularly good examples of their species which are prominent within the landscape, of excellent form and condition, with a long life expectancy and a limited number of defects noted.
- 4.3. To the west of the Site, bounding the River Trent, is a large area of wetland habitat that is home to many mature willow trees including crack willow, white willow, goat willow and osier willow. This whole area of tree cover was recorded as a BS 5837:2012 Category A tree group with the subcategory '3' due to the conservation and ecological value of this habitat and also the trees within.
- 4.4. One off-site oak (T493) has been recorded as a 'veteran' tree. However, it could also be considered to be 'ancient' due to its exceptionally large stem diameter. This tree is located outside of the Site redline boundary but the applied 30m buffer extends into the bounds of the eastern most portion of the site.
- 4.5. As is typical for many agricultural settings, the vast majority of the sites mature trees are to be found within the field boundary hedgerows. On this Site many of the hedgerows often have deep and well-maintained drainage ditches that run parallel on one or both sides of the hedgerows.



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CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES 5.

- The Root Protection Areas (RPAs) of high and moderate-quality trees and tree groups should be respected 5.1. and avoided by any development, including ground-level changes, access roads, foundations, hard surfacing and underground cable runs. The same is true of the buffer associated to the single veteran/ancient tree (T493).
- 5.2. Due to the agricultural usage of the site, the vast majority of the recorded arboricultural resource is located along the field boundaries. The nature of the Proposed Development means that retaining the majority of trees will be possible. Utilising existing field gateways and access routes for locating construction/ maintenance tracks and cables is advisable.
- 5.3. Detrimental impacts from development might include, but are not limited to, damage to roots and understorey, damage to or compaction of soil around the tree roots and changes to the water table or drainage within the soil around a tree.
- 5.4. It is also important to consider the future growth potential of the trees at the site in order to allow for the potential for shading and encroachment from tree canopies and how this may impact the site in the future. The aim is to avoid the post-development need to carry out unnecessary pruning or felling of retained trees.
- 5.5. In relation to the installation of underground cables across the site, generic guidance relating to the installation of underground cabling in close proximity to tree roots has been compiled in volume 4 of the National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG) guidance.
- 5.6. For the installation of utilities (including cables) refer to Section 4 'How To Avoid Damage To Trees' which details acceptable working methods relating to 'excavations or other works occurring within the Prohibited Zone or Precautionary Zone'. To summarise, the preferred approach is to avoid RPAs through the realignment of the proposed trench and cable. NJUG Volume 4 states: 'Whenever possible apparatus should always be diverted or re-aligned outside the Prohibited or Precautionary Zones. Under no circumstances can machinery be used to excavate open trenches within the Prohibited Zone'.
- 5.7. There is a good opportunity to improve the long-term tree cover through appropriate new trees or woodland planting. Suitable planting alongside existing features, new boundary or infrastructure features (e.g. attenuation ponds) and establishing new wildlife corridors to link existing ponds or woodland would help with improving biodiversity and connectivity.
- 5.8. There is also an opportunity to enhance the existing, low and moderate-quality hedgerows with supplementary planting to fill in gaps. Re-stocking existing hedgerows where gaps are appearing, redefining existing boundaries and establishing some new sections of hedgerow will ensure better connectivity in terms of wildlife corridors.
- 5.9. Please see **Section 5** for further advice and guidance on designing new developments near trees.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS 6.

- 6.1. site, in order to minimise negative arboricultural impacts.
- 6.2. The RPAs of recorded arboricultural features should be considered sacrosanct and the Proposed Development (e.g. infrastructure for the short to long-term construction) should be planned to avoid these areas wherever possible.
- relatively free from arboricultural constraints. On this basis, the development of the Site to include a solar farm is feasible from an arboricultural perspective.
- 6.4. There is ample opportunity across the site to establish new trees or enhance hedgerows and the existing gateways and access track should be used wherever feasible.
- 6.5. As the design of the Proposed Development progresses the Works Plans and other associated plans/ drawings should be reviewed by the project arboriculturist to assist in proactively designing out arboricultural impacts.



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The information contained within this report should be used in the preparation of design proposals for the

6.3. The developable area of the Site is focused within the interior of existing agricultural fields and is therefore

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IMAGE 1:Veteran/ancient English oak tree. Located just outside of the bounds of the site.



IMAGE 2: Wetland habitat adjacent to the River Trent containing many mature willow trees.

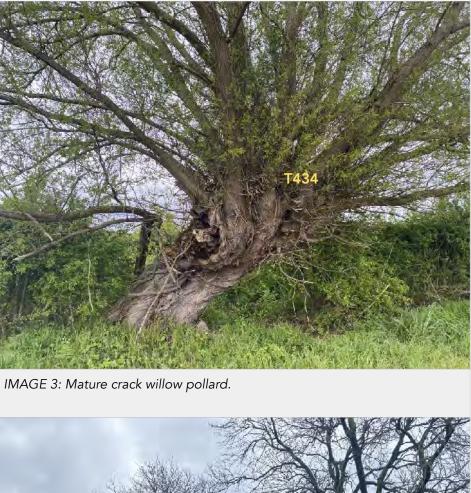


IMAGE 4: Category A English oak located within the hedgerow with an existing farm access track adjacent.



IMAGE 5: Typical dense and mature native mixed species hedgerow parallel IMAGE 6: Mature and prominent common ash trees G15 (Category A3). to an existing farm access track.





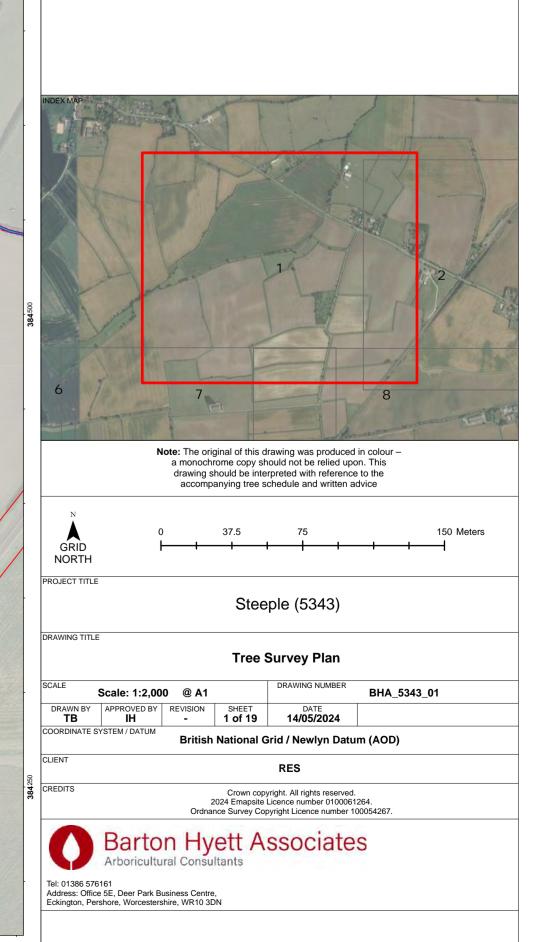




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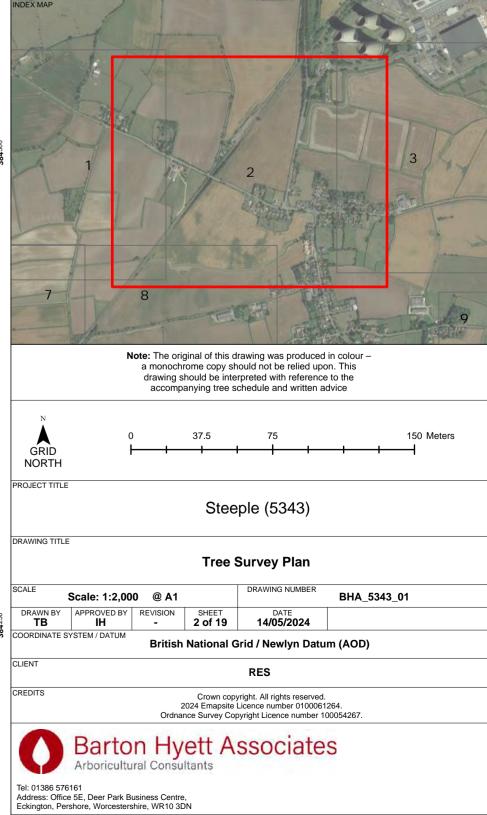




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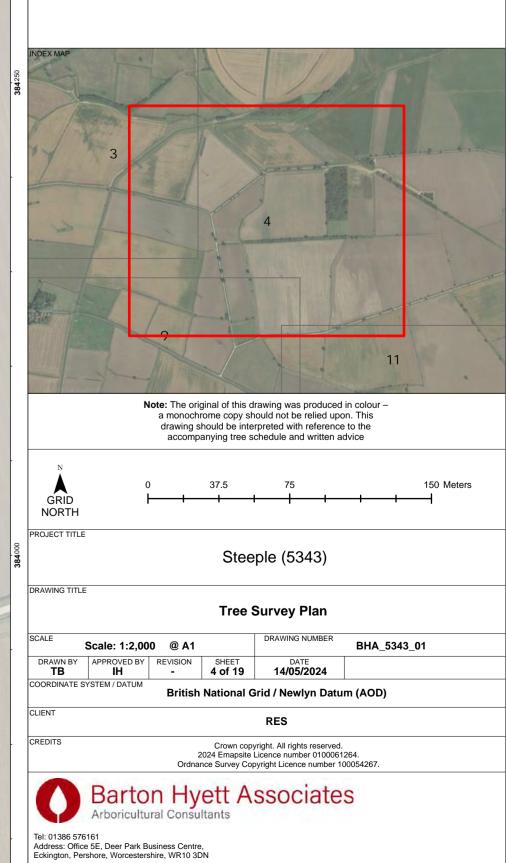
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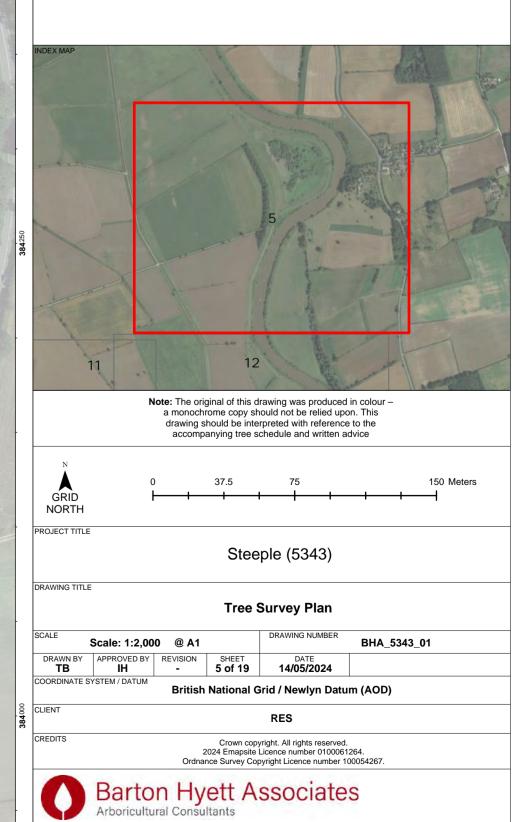
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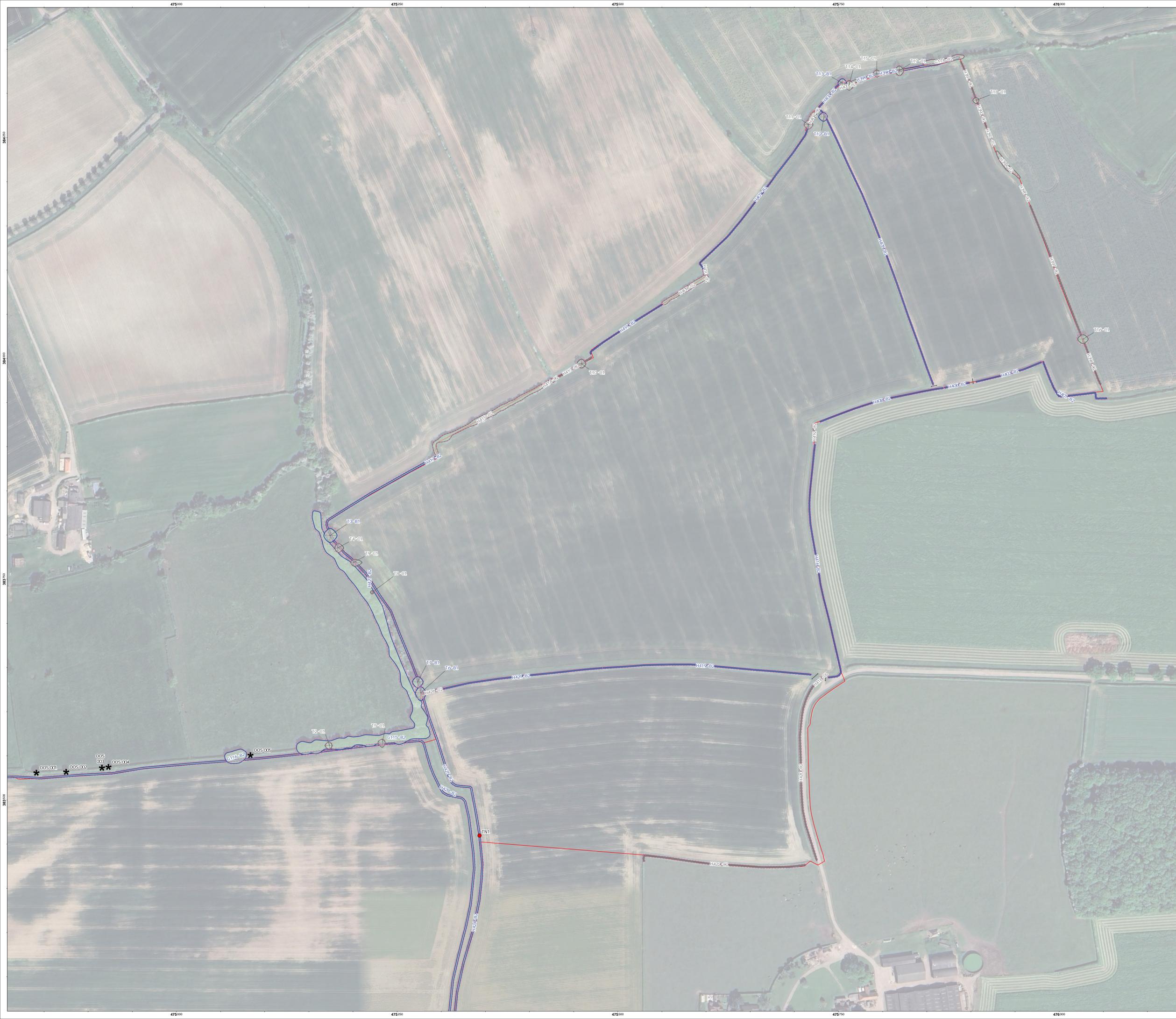
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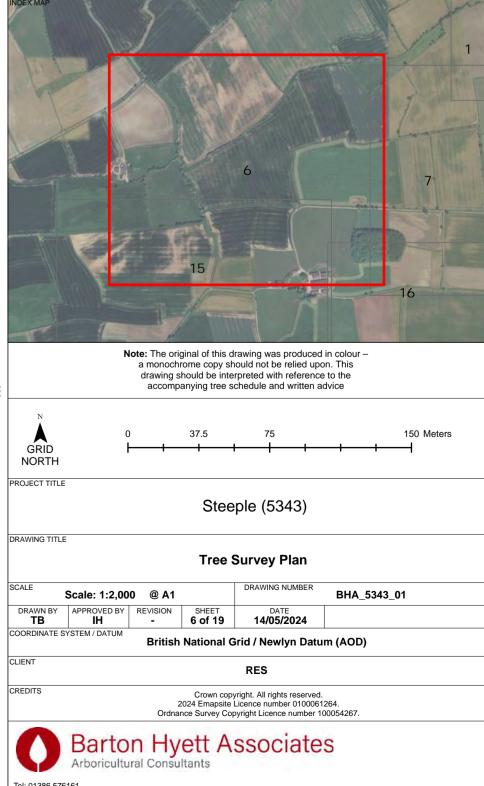
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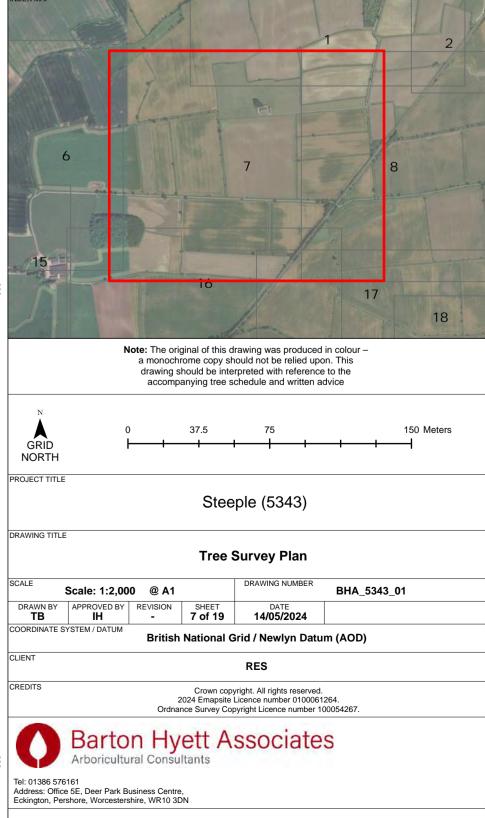
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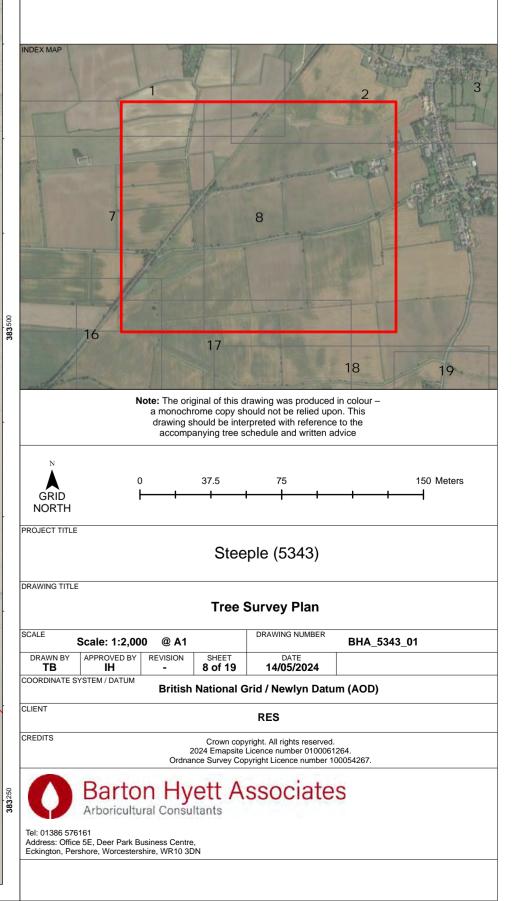
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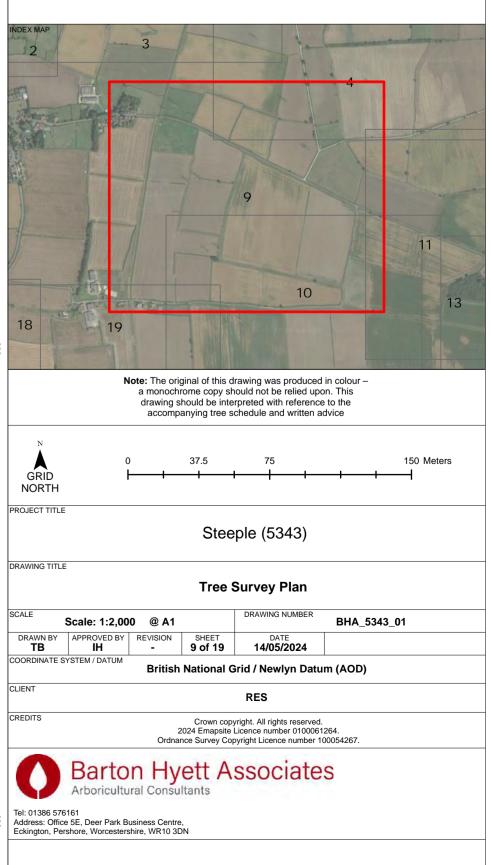
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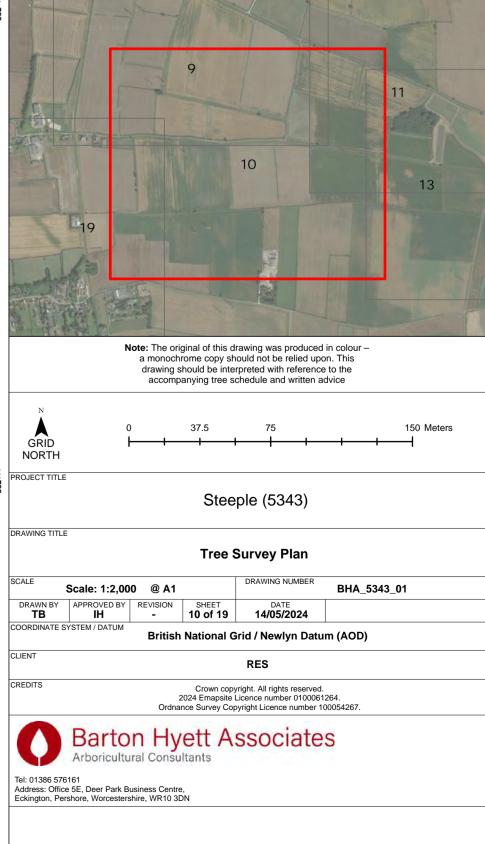
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ARBORICULTURAL SURVEY REPORT

Steeple Renewables Project

May 2024

	Summary table		
Site Name:	Steeple Renewables Project		
Project reference:	5343		
Site Address:	Fenton Lane, Fenton, Sturton le Ste	eeple	
Nearest Postcode:	DN22 9HF		
Central Grid reference:	<u>SK 79739 83342</u>		
Local Planning Authority:	Bassetlaw District Council		
Relevant planning policies:	Bassetlaw Local Plan 2020-2038, Bassetlaw District Local Development Framework November 2010		
Statutory Controls:	Tree Preservation Order	Conservation Area	
	<u>TBC</u> - awaiting LPA response.	None	
Soil Type: (Source: BGS online soils	Superficial/Drift Bedrock		
map © NERC 2024)	Holme Pierrepont Sand and Gravel Member - Sand and gravel	Mercia Mudstone Group - Mudstone	
Topographical Survey:	220847_ All Areas_2D		
Report author:	Ian Howell BA (Hons), Dip Arb L4 (ABC), TechArborA		
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ADVICE

1. INSTRUCTION

- 1.1. Barton Hyett Associates Ltd has been instructed by RES to survey trees located on land at Fenton Lane, Fenton, Sturton le Steeple ('the Site') in accordance with the recommendations of British Standard 5837:2012 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - recommendations'.
- 1.2. The scope of the instruction was to inspect trees relevant to a Proposed Development comprising of a solar farm and associated infrastructure. The instruction also requires Barton Hyett Associates to provide written advice on arboriculture matters in order to inform design options for the Proposed Development..
- 1.3. Due the scale of the Proposed Development a submission will be made to the Secretary of State for the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in order to gain permission via a Development Consent Order. The Examining Authority (EA) is The Planning Inspectorate (PI).

2. SITE DESCRIPTION

- 2.1. The Site lies approximately 6km south west of Gainsborough , between Lincoln and Doncaster, and is made up of agricultural land with field boundaries defined by a mixture of hedgerows and ditches.
- 2.2. The survey area is predominantly used for arable crop production and measures approximately 8 km by 3.4 km. The Site is broadly flat but undulates gently throughout.
- 2.3. There are various named and unnamed side roads running through the Site with private roads providing access to various existing farmyards.
- 2.4. Access to the Site is possible from these private roads and on foot via several Public Rights of Way (PRoW) which cross the Site.
- 2.5. The surrounding area is agricultural land with occasional farmyards, plantations, copses and outlying dwellings. The village of Sturton le Steeple is located at the centre of the Site.

TREE SURVEY FINDINGS 3.

- 3.1. The survey recorded 1045 arboricultural features. These are summarised in terms of quality in accordance with the recommendations of BS 5837:2012 in Table 1 and shown in more detail on the Tree Survey and Constraints Plan (Section 2) and within the Tree Survey Schedule (Section 3).
- 3.2. The trees and features recorded as Out Of Scope (OOS) refer to either a dead-standing or failed tree; a stump; ruderal species or minor shrubs; where trees are inaccessible or located off-site and unlikely to be affected by the development or, it is found that the trees are undersized according to BS 5837:2012, which stipulates a minimum recordable stem diameter of 75mm.

	Total	A - High quality trees whose retention is most desirable.	B - Moderate quality trees whose retention is desirable.	C - Low quality trees which could be retained but should not significantly constrain the proposal.	U - Very poor quality trees that should be removed unless they have high conservation value.
Trees	496	36	215	243	2
Groups	116	6	60	50	-
Woodland	3	-	3	-	-
Hedgerows	430	-	317	111	2
Total	1045	42	595	404	4

Table 1: arboricultural features by type and quality cated

KEY ARBORICULTURAL FEATURES 4.

- 4.1. No Ancient Semi-Natural Woodlands (ASNW) are associated with the Site (source: DEFRA online mapping resource 'MAGIC Maps' Ancient Woodland inventory).
- 4.2. Thirty-six individual trees and six groups of trees have been recorded as high-quality (BS 5837:2012 Category A) features. The species of trees break down as twenty oak, one crab apple, four maple, six willow, one hawthorn, three ash, one lime and groups of oak, ash, lime, willow and sycamore. These trees are particularly good examples of their species which are prominent within the landscape, of excellent form and condition, with a long life expectancy and a limited number of defects noted.
- 4.3. To the west of the Site, bounding the River Trent, is a large area of wetland habitat that is home to many mature willow trees including crack willow, white willow, goat willow and osier willow. This whole area of tree cover was recorded as a BS 5837:2012 Category A tree group with the subcategory '3' due to the conservation and ecological value of this habitat and also the trees within.
- 4.4. One off-site oak (T493) has been recorded as a 'veteran' tree. However, it could also be considered to be 'ancient' due to its exceptionally large stem diameter. This tree is located outside of the Site redline boundary but the applied 30m buffer extends into the bounds of the eastern most portion of the site.
- 4.5. As is typical for many agricultural settings, the vast majority of the sites mature trees are to be found within the field boundary hedgerows. On this Site many of the hedgerows often have deep and well-maintained drainage ditches that run parallel on one or both sides of the hedgerows.



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CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES 5.

- The Root Protection Areas (RPAs) of high and moderate-quality trees and tree groups should be respected 5.1. and avoided by any development, including ground-level changes, access roads, foundations, hard surfacing and underground cable runs. The same is true of the buffer associated to the single veteran/ancient tree (T493).
- 5.2. Due to the agricultural usage of the site, the vast majority of the recorded arboricultural resource is located along the field boundaries. The nature of the Proposed Development means that retaining the majority of trees will be possible. Utilising existing field gateways and access routes for locating construction/ maintenance tracks and cables is advisable.
- 5.3. Detrimental impacts from development might include, but are not limited to, damage to roots and understorey, damage to or compaction of soil around the tree roots and changes to the water table or drainage within the soil around a tree.
- 5.4. It is also important to consider the future growth potential of the trees at the site in order to allow for the potential for shading and encroachment from tree canopies and how this may impact the site in the future. The aim is to avoid the post-development need to carry out unnecessary pruning or felling of retained trees.
- 5.5. In relation to the installation of underground cables across the site, generic guidance relating to the installation of underground cabling in close proximity to tree roots has been compiled in volume 4 of the National Joint Utilities Group (NJUG) guidance.
- 5.6. For the installation of utilities (including cables) refer to Section 4 'How To Avoid Damage To Trees' which details acceptable working methods relating to 'excavations or other works occurring within the Prohibited Zone or Precautionary Zone'. To summarise, the preferred approach is to avoid RPAs through the realignment of the proposed trench and cable. NJUG Volume 4 states: 'Whenever possible apparatus should always be diverted or re-aligned outside the Prohibited or Precautionary Zones. Under no circumstances can machinery be used to excavate open trenches within the Prohibited Zone'.
- 5.7. There is a good opportunity to improve the long-term tree cover through appropriate new trees or woodland planting. Suitable planting alongside existing features, new boundary or infrastructure features (e.g. attenuation ponds) and establishing new wildlife corridors to link existing ponds or woodland would help with improving biodiversity and connectivity.
- 5.8. There is also an opportunity to enhance the existing, low and moderate-quality hedgerows with supplementary planting to fill in gaps. Re-stocking existing hedgerows where gaps are appearing, redefining existing boundaries and establishing some new sections of hedgerow will ensure better connectivity in terms of wildlife corridors.
- 5.9. Please see **Section 5** for further advice and guidance on designing new developments near trees.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS 6.

- 6.1. site, in order to minimise negative arboricultural impacts.
- 6.2. The RPAs of recorded arboricultural features should be considered sacrosanct and the Proposed Development (e.g. infrastructure for the short to long-term construction) should be planned to avoid these areas wherever possible.
- relatively free from arboricultural constraints. On this basis, the development of the Site to include a solar farm is feasible from an arboricultural perspective.
- 6.4. There is ample opportunity across the site to establish new trees or enhance hedgerows and the existing gateways and access track should be used wherever feasible.
- 6.5. As the design of the Proposed Development progresses the Works Plans and other associated plans/ drawings should be reviewed by the project arboriculturist to assist in proactively designing out arboricultural impacts.



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The information contained within this report should be used in the preparation of design proposals for the

6.3. The developable area of the Site is focused within the interior of existing agricultural fields and is therefore

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IMAGE 1:Veteran/ancient English oak tree. Located just outside of the bounds of the site.



IMAGE 2: Wetland habitat adjacent to the River Trent containing many mature willow trees.

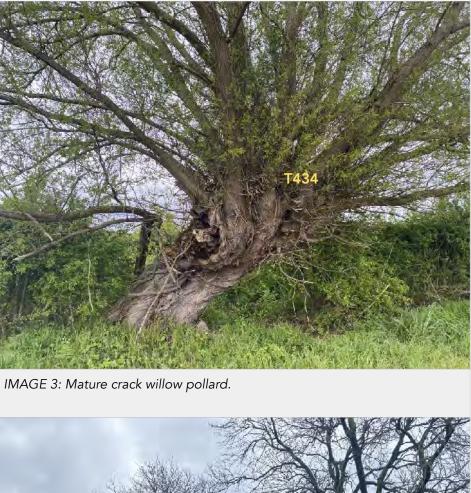


IMAGE 4: Category A English oak located within the hedgerow with an existing farm access track adjacent.



IMAGE 5: Typical dense and mature native mixed species hedgerow parallel IMAGE 6: Mature and prominent common ash trees G15 (Category A3). to an existing farm access track.





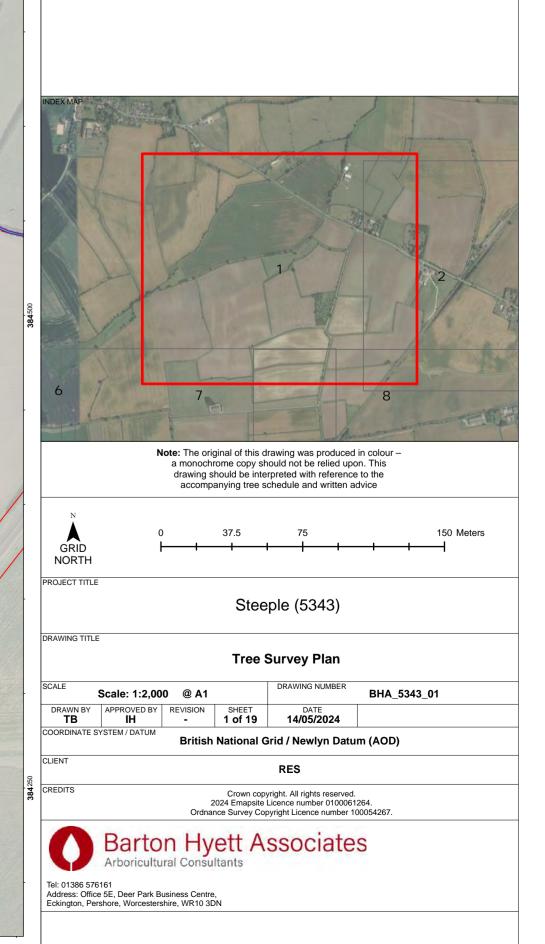




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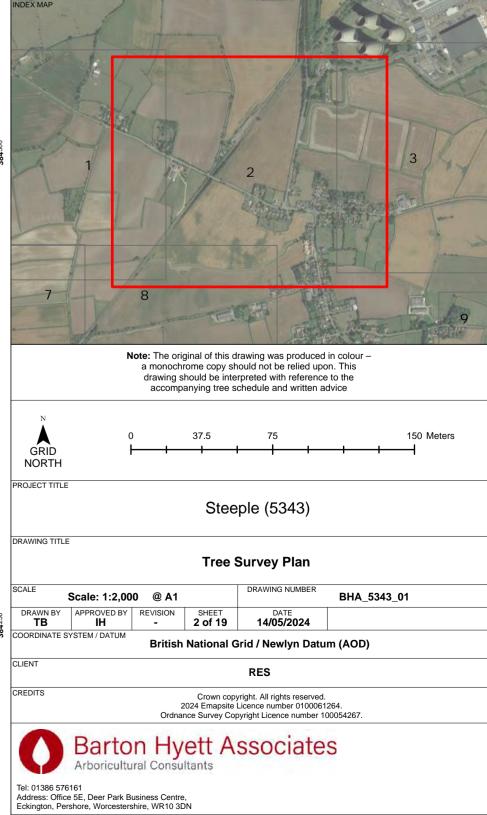




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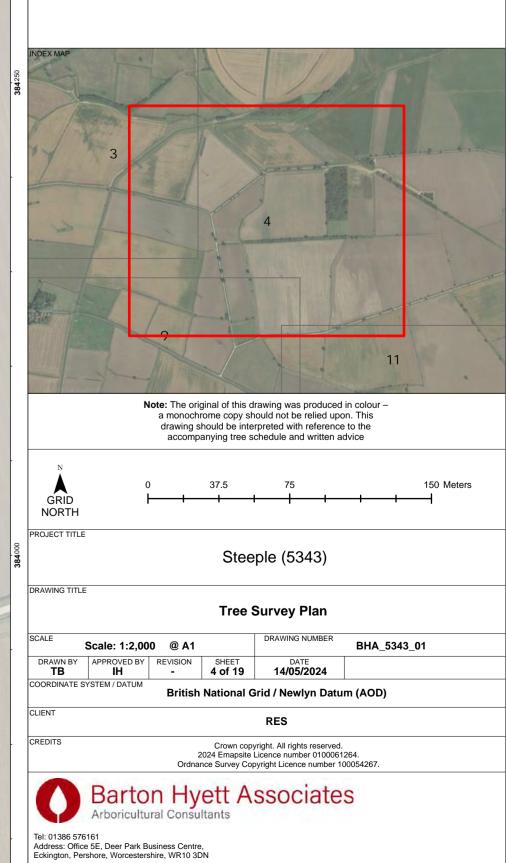
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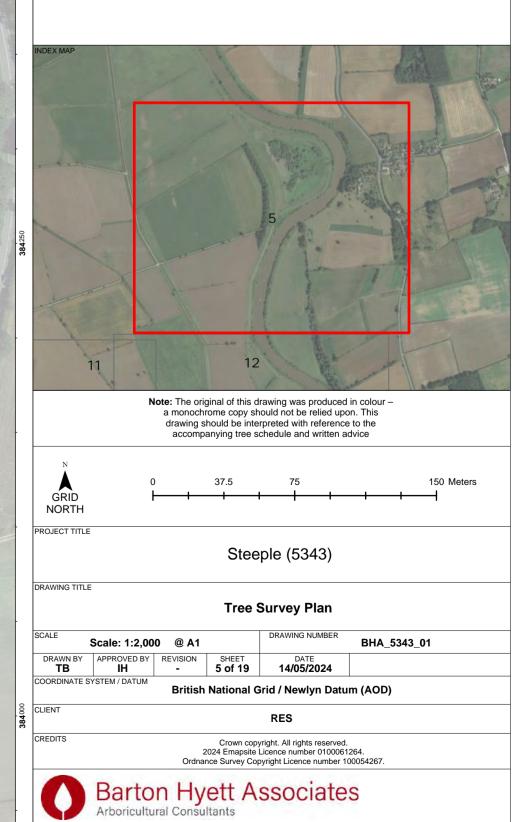
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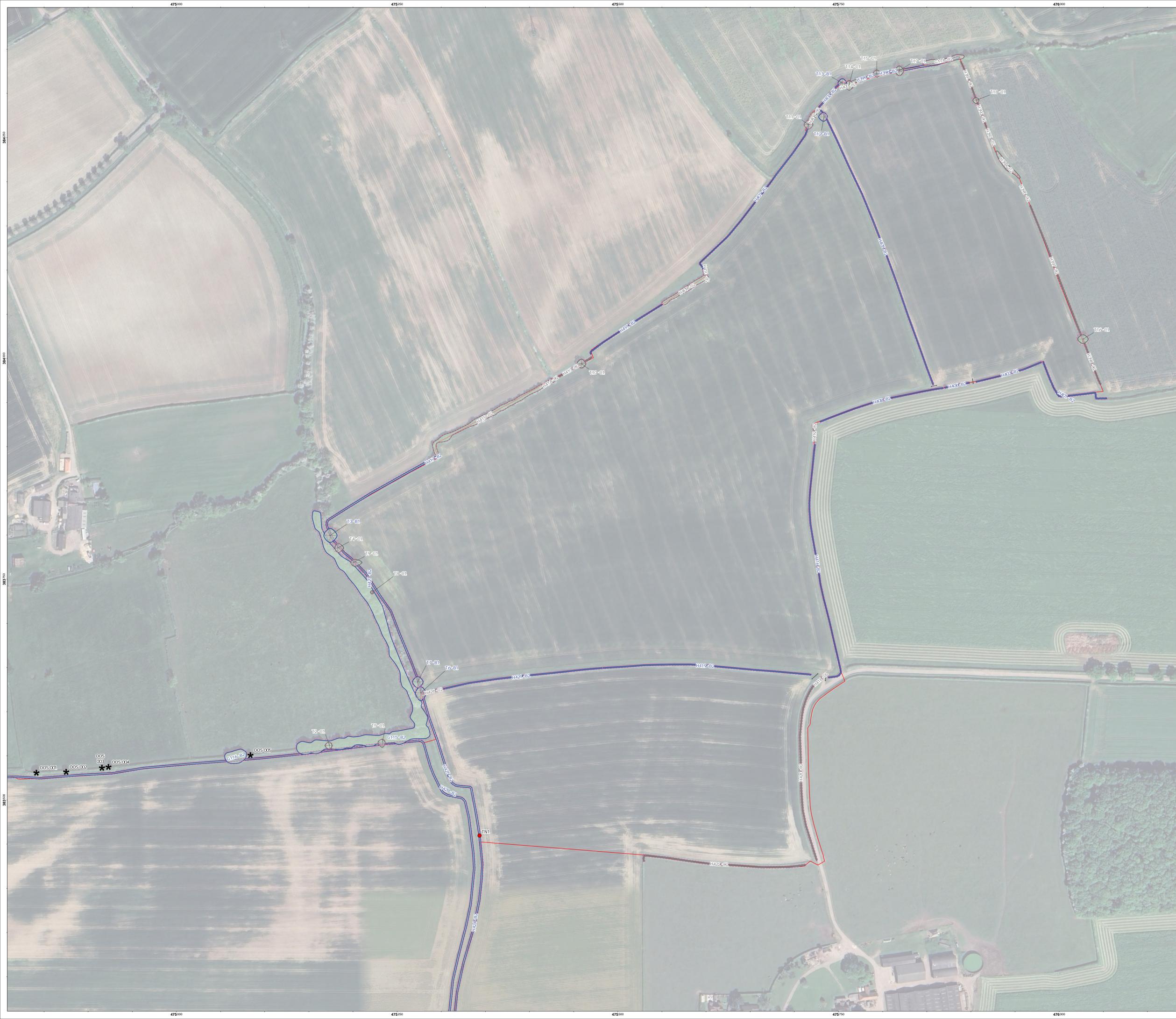
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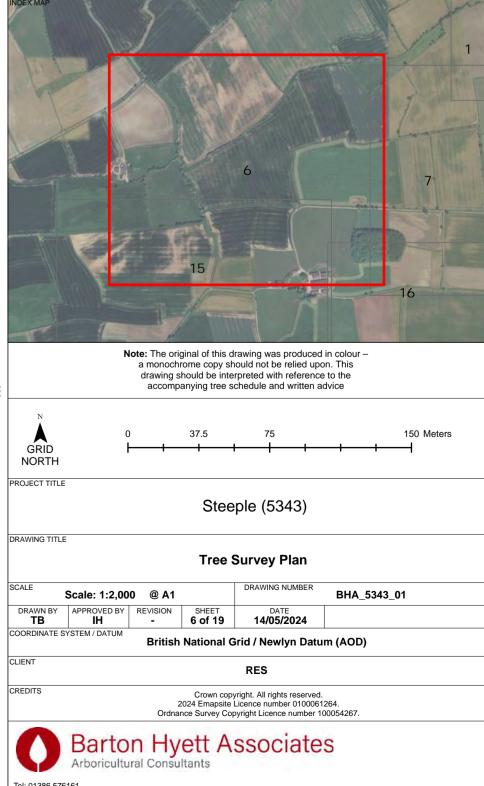
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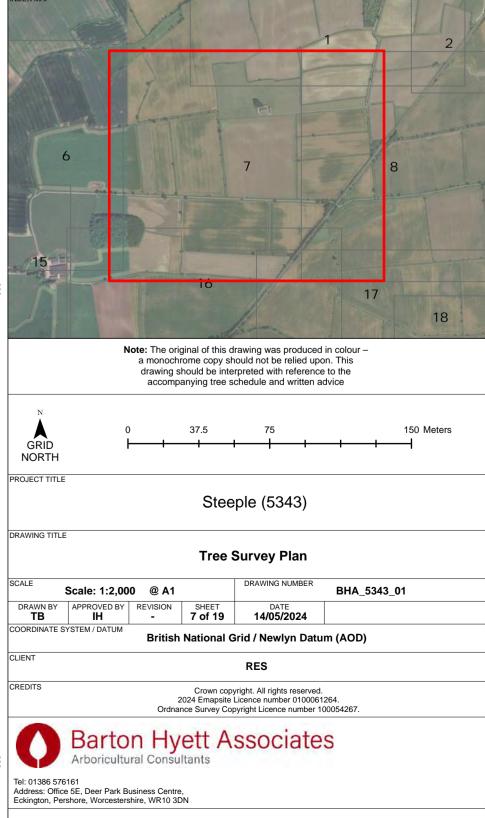
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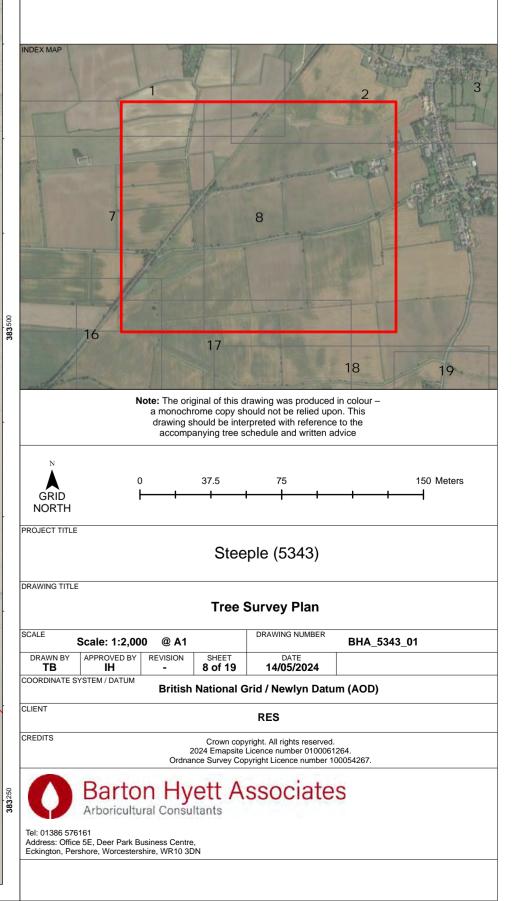
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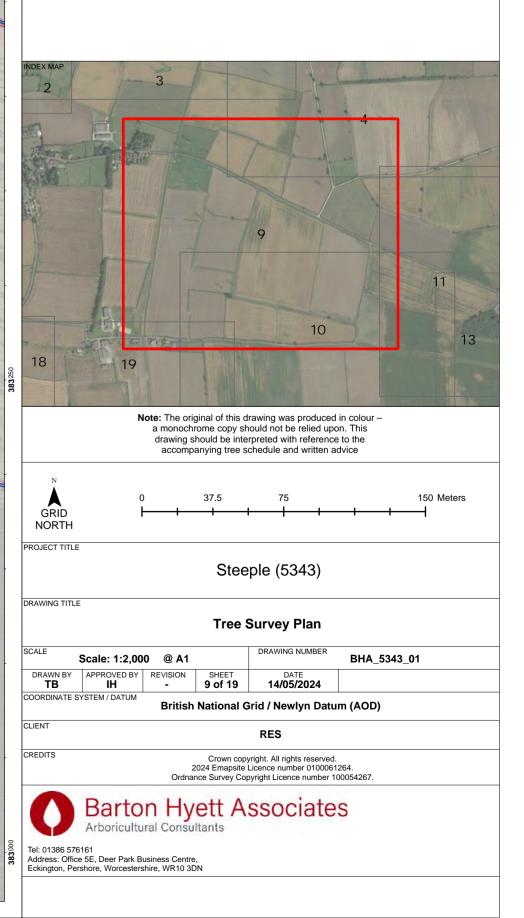
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