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## Response to Northampton Local Plan Part 2

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# Response to Northampton Local Plan Part 2

Having looked at the Policies Map, I am concerned at the arbitrary way the green areas appear to have been classified in West Hunsbury.

Hunsbury Hill Country Park is correctly classified as a park, but the children's' play area is no longer where it is marked. It is now at the west end of the park between the track and the Green Lane, and should be classified as Teenager Facility and Children's Play area. This would perhaps suggest that those people responsible for the production of the map did not visit the site beforehand.

Wootton Brook Open Space & Ladybridge Open Space ( as defined by NBC). I have always wondered why this area has two separate names, as they are in fact considered as one combined area by the residents who can walk from one end to the other of the combined area without crossing any road, as there is an underpass by the brook. This is in contrast to Abington Park which has a road bisecting it but is considered one park. What is even more puzzling is that this combined area has three classifications, Amenity, Natural and Unclassified. How this can be, I am not sure. What I think the classification should be Parkland as it attracts residents, not just West Hunsbury but also from further afield to enjoy the play area and the wild life found on the lake. It also attracts dog walkers in the same way. The Unclassified area is fully utilized as football pitches at weekends during the season by Wellend Valley FC and at other times by residents.

Hunsbury Hill Spinney ( Nature Reserve ) This area seems to have two classifications. One clearly wrong. Natural would be the correct one but the major part of it is classified as Amenity. This may be an error as the adjoining area Hunslet Public Open Space is woodland but is accessible to the public and is used by dog walkers.

Danehill / Southcrest ( Hunsbury ) Public Open Space. Southcrest part is defined as Natural while the other half is defined as Amenity. It should be defined as Natural as it is not easily accessible, with just the Shelfleys Spinney ( Spinney and walkway going between Hunsbury Hill Road and Ladybridge Drive ), being classified as Amenity.

## Development Land

There two new areas which have been designated for housing. The one near to the crematorium is shown butting up to the Wootton Brook. I would like to see at least a green strip between the brook and the developed area with the existing path extended. There is also the issue of housing being close to the crematorium. If the planners are serious about development of the site north of Milton Ham for housing why was planning given to Milton Ham for a tall warehouse with earthworks hiding it. It would make more sense for the whole area to be allocated for housing. This would also allowed both areas to be connected with access to Towcester Road and A43, if appropriate.

I would have more confidence in the plan for West Hunsbury if it could be reassessed as there are other minor anomalies which should be corrected.

Richard Matthews

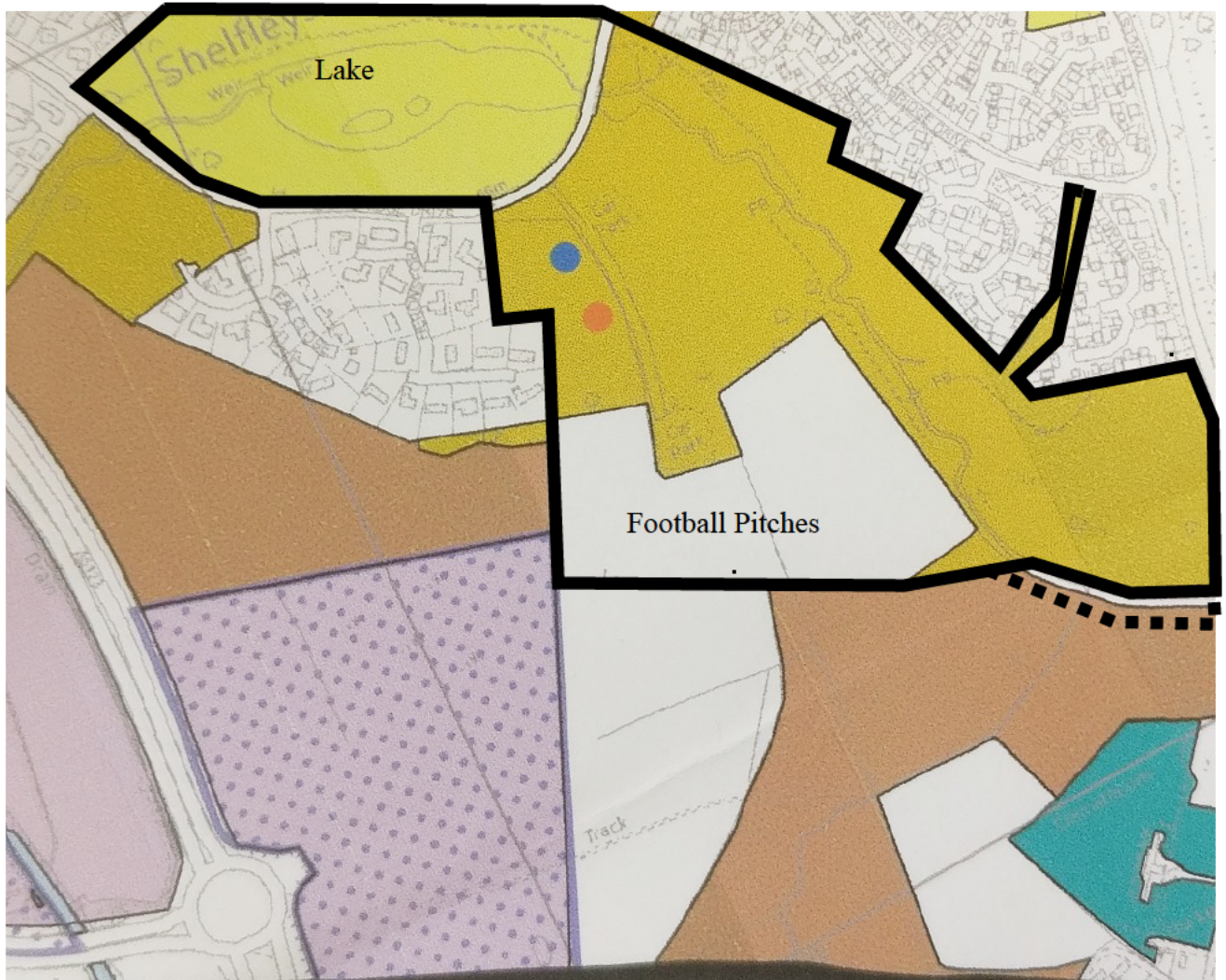
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# ***Wootton Brook Open Space & Ladybridge Open Space***

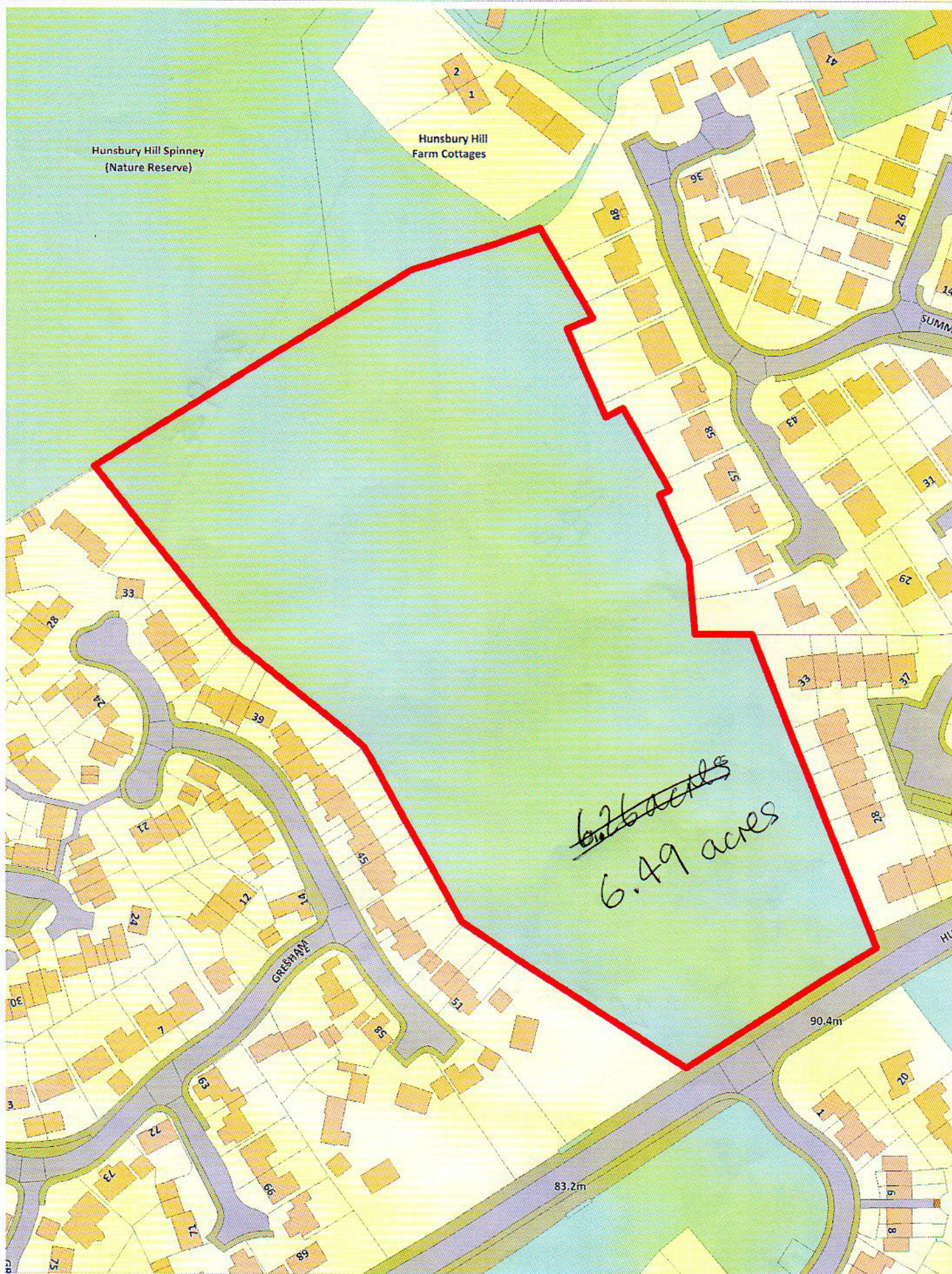


Use as a Park similar to Abington Park and Hunsbury Hill Country Park



Extra land required here to be included in park and path extended when houses are built.





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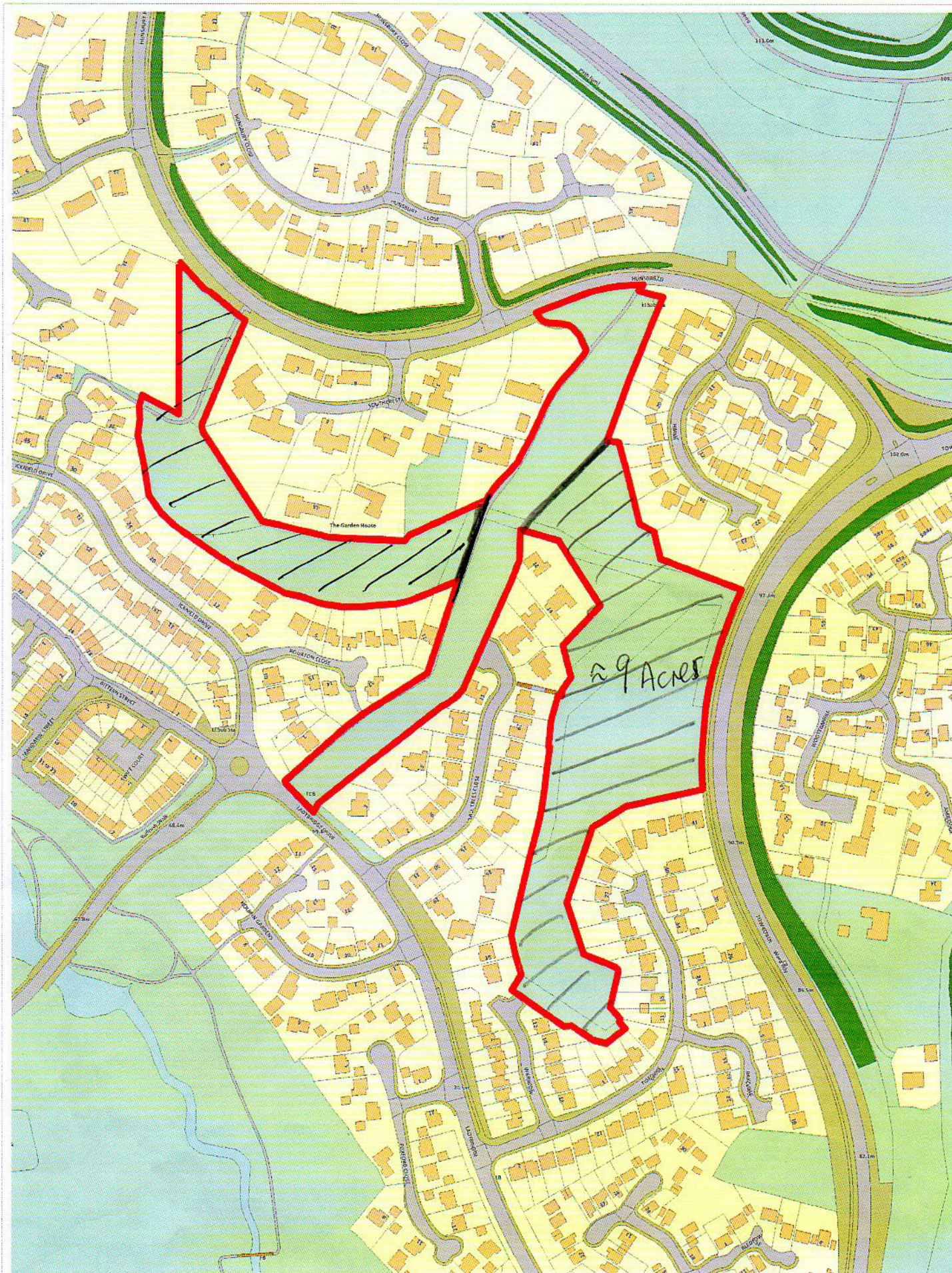
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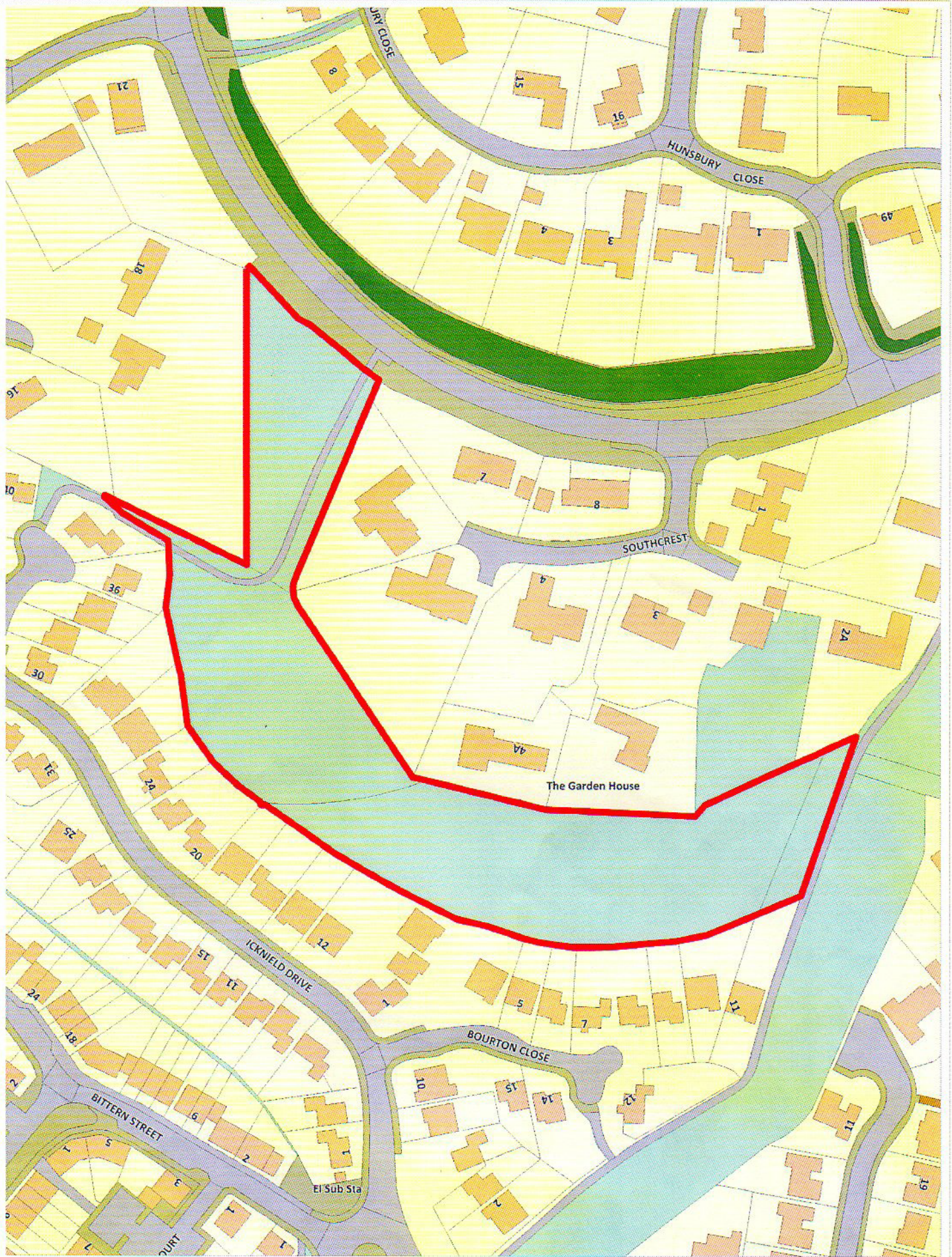
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