

Land at Three Daggers, Edington

Biodiversity Net Gain Statement

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1 Introduction

1.1 Terms of Reference

1. Providence Ecological Ltd, was commissioned by Three Daggers Operating Ltd (The Client) to undertake a Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Assessment & BNG Statement in relation to the proposed works at The Three Daggers, Edington (hereafter referred to as the Site).

1.2 Scope of the Statement

2. This BNG Statement presents:
 - a. Key Information;
 - b. The BNG Strategy
 - c. Baseline and Proposed UKHab & BNG Habitat Plans

1.3 Surveyor & Assessor Competencies

3. This BNG Statement has been undertaken with reference to current good practice guidance^{1,2,3}
4. Baseline habitat surveys were completed by Providence Ecological Ltd on 28th Feb 2025 (UKHab).
5. The survey and assessment were led and completed by Alex Sams who has 14 years of experience within ecological consultancy. This BNG Statement was written by Isobel Lakin, who has three years of experience within ecological consultancy. Both Alex and Isobel are at least “*capable*” in line with the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) competency framework⁴.

¹ UKHab Ltd (2023) *UK Habitat Classification Version 2.0* (accessed at: <https://www.ukhab.org>)

² DEFRA (2024) *The Statutory Biodiversity Metric: User Guide (updated 3 July 2025)* (accessed at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/689c5ee17b2e384441636196/The_Statutory_Biodiversity_Metric_-_User_Guide_-_July_2025.pdf)

³ BNG Form 03: Somerset Council BNG Statement Template (accessed at <https://ssdc.somerset.gov.uk/civica/Resource/Civica/Handler.ashx/Doc/pagestream?cd=inline&pdf=true&docno=12972440>)

⁴ <https://www.cieem.net/competency-framework>

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2 The Site & Proposed Scheme

2.1 The Site

6. The Site is located within the village of Edington, Wiltshire at Ordnance Survey national grid reference ST 93174 53291 and comprises of modified grassland, native hedgerows, mature trees, tall ruderal vegetation, bramble scrub, artificial unsealed surfaces, sealed surfaces and a structure (farm shop). As well as scattered play equipment, ornamental scrub, fencing and public foot paths.
7. **Figure 1** below shows a drone orthomosaic of the Site with indicative Red Line Boundary of affected areas overlaid.



Figure 1: Site Area plan showing drone orthomosaic with red line boundary of affected areas.

2.2 The Proposed Scheme

8. The Proposed Scheme (drawing “Proposed site plan; Drawing 2476-25-02”) includes the creation of reinforced grass access and parking, hardstanding a multi-use games area, native hedgerows, ornamental hedgerows and individual standard trees.
9. The Proposed Scheme (drawing “Farm Shop as Proposed; Drawing 2476-25-04”) includes the creation of a café extension to northern elevation of The Three Daggers Farm Shop as well as a new wood fire oven flue adjacent to the structure’s western elevation.
10. The proposals include the loss of improved/modified grassland and partial loss of a hazel hedgerow. Enhancements will be made to areas of the retained modified grassland as well as enhancing the western hedgerow (H3).

3 Biodiversity Net Gain Statement

3.1 Key Information

Table 1 – BNG Key Information

Item / Query	Detail
Is the application subject to BNG?	Yes
Metric version used	The Statutory Metric 4.0
Pre-development baseline on-site biodiversity value	Area Habitat: 3.44 Hedgerow: 0.84 Watercourse: 0
Unauthorised habitat degradation	No
On-site irreplaceable habitat	No

3.2 BNG Strategy

Table 2 – BNG Strategy Details

Item / Query	Detail
Minimising biodiversity impacts	No long-term negative effects are predicted from the proposed plans, the creation of a native hedgerow and standard trees along with enhancing areas of existing modified grassland will result in a significant improvement to the overall ecological value of the Site. To ensure the ecological and biodiversity benefits are both realised and maximised in the long term, monitoring of the habitats will be undertaken in years 1, 5 and 10 post-development. Should the LPA consider additional future checks be completed then these should be detailed and conditioned.
Proposed strategy	The works include the loss of modified grassland and hard standing. This enables the creation of hardstanding, new native hedgerows, ornamental beech hedgerow, other neutral grassland (grid reinforced grass parking and track) and new standard trees. The existing retained areas of modified grassland will be enhanced by reseeded with a wildflower rich other neutral grassland mixture while an existing hedgerow will be enhanced with new species planting to fill gaps and increase species diversity.
On-site units balance (net)	Area Habitat: +2.36 Hedgerow: +1307.34 Watercourse: 0

3.3 On-site Proposals

Table 3 – On-site Proposals

Item / Query	Detail
On-site approach	The creation of new native hedgerows, other neutral grassland, enhancement of modified grassland and the planting of individual standard trees will exceed the minimum 10% BNG unit uplift and create an overall enhancement to the site.
Justification for on-site approach	No long-term negative effects are predicted from the proposed plans, and all avoidance opportunities were taken. Creation of new habitat and enhancement of existing habitats was proposed to strategically enhance the Site.
Proposed on-site BNG units	Post-development on-site area habitat units: +5.80 Post-development on-site hedgerow units: +1308.18 Post-development on-site watercourse units: 0

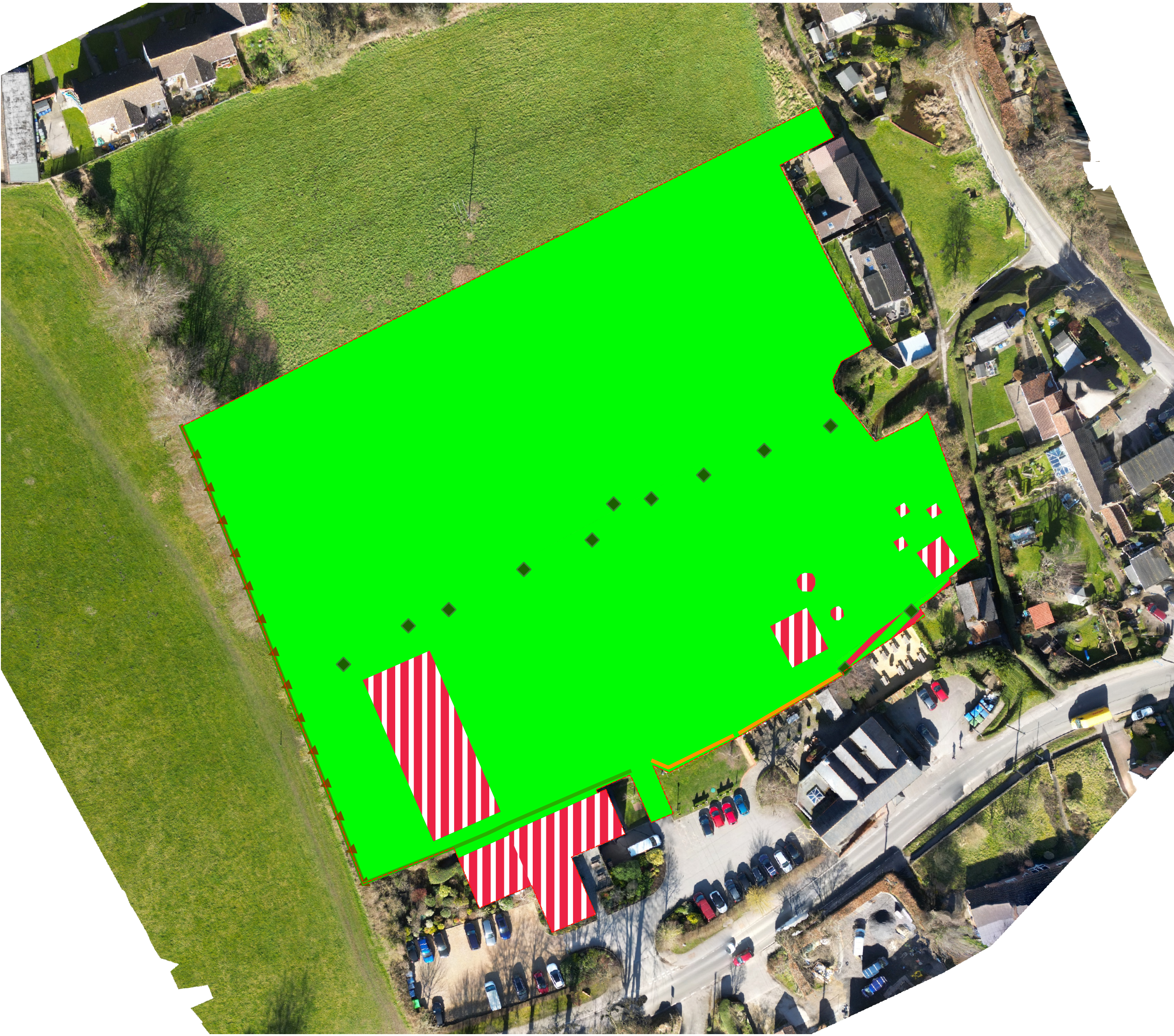
Significant on-site enhancements	Significant lengths of new species-rich native hedgerows and new ornamental (beech) hedgerows are proposed throughout the Site. New overflow car parking area will be made as a grid reinforced wildflower-rich other neutral grassland. Existing modified grassland will be reseeded with a wildflower other neutral grassland seed mix. Extensive tree planting will be undertaken throughout the site.
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3.4 Additional Notes

11. Table 4 below details items which are not applicable to this application.

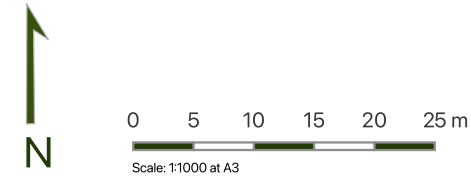
Table 4 – Not applicable items

Item / Query	Detail
Off-site proposals	No off-site habitat creation is required.
Statutory credits proposals	No statutory credits are required.
Phased development approach	The development is not a phased development.
Irreplaceable habitats approach	No irreplaceable habitats are present.
Habitat regulations assessment relationship	No relationship with HRA requirements are applicable.



Legend

- Red Line Boundary
- individual trees
- Existing UKHab Linear
 - h2a5.11 - native hedgerow w/ trees
 - h2a - native hedgerow (species-poor)
 - h2b - non-native & ornamental hedgerow
- Existing UKHab Area
 - g4 - modified grassland
 - u1b - developed land.sealed surface
 - u1.828 - vegetated garden



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Title: UKHab Existing

Client: Three Dagers Operating Ltd

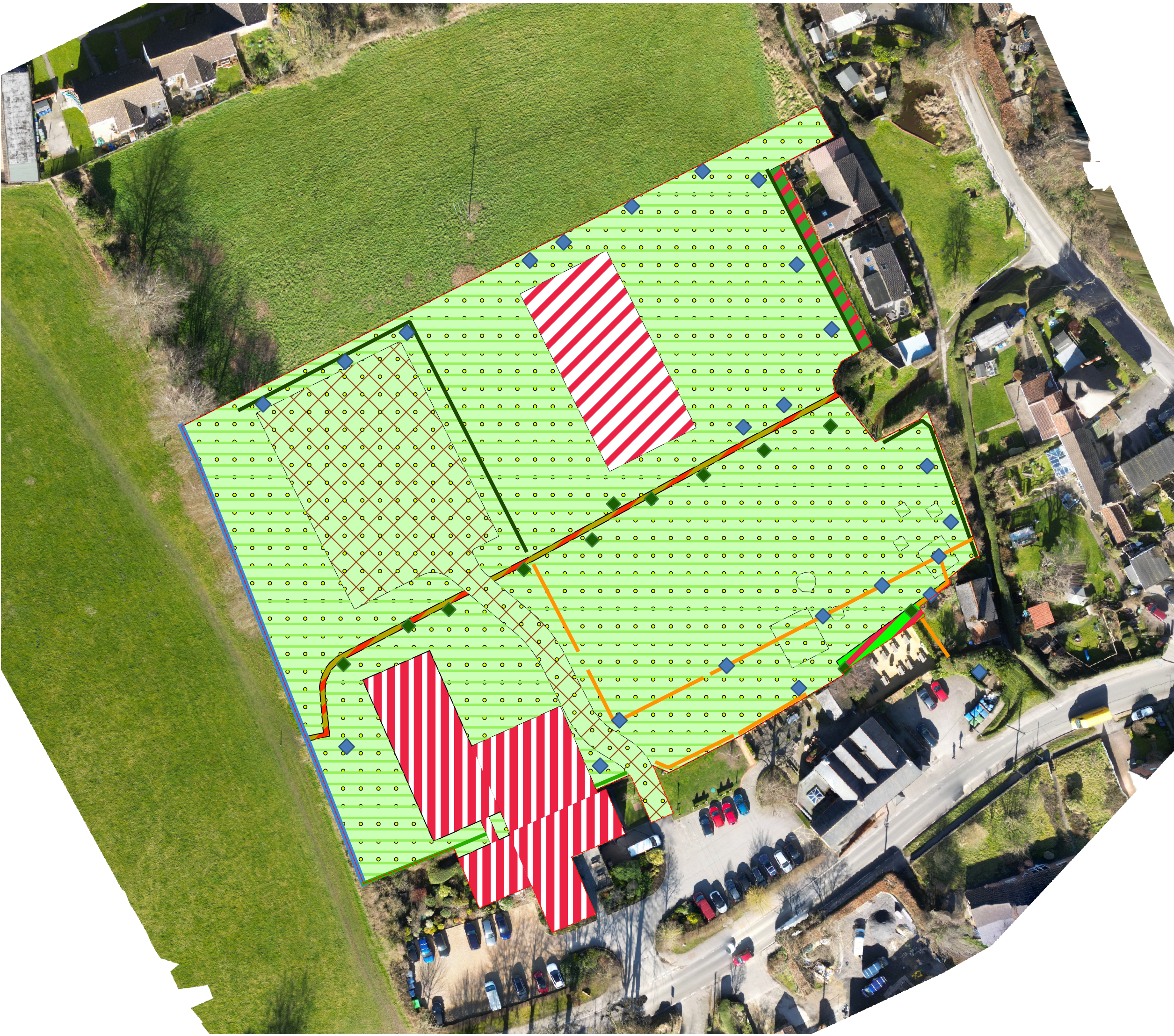
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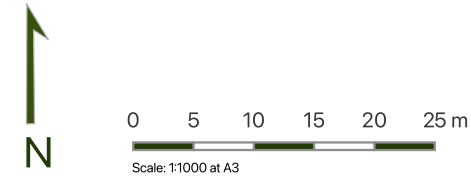
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Legend

- Red Line Boundary
- Standard Trees - Ornamental
- Proposed Trees
- h2a5 - species-rich native hedgerow
- h2a - native hedgerow
- h2b - non-native & ornamental hedge (beech)
- h2a5.11 - species-rich native hedgerow with trees (enhanced)
- u1.828 - vegetated garden
- g4.839 - modified grassland - track
- u1b - developed land.sealed surface
- u1.827 - garden (given over to neighbouring properties)
- g4.108 - frequently mown other neutral grassland
- u1b.821 - artificial sports pitch
- g3c.804 - ONG seeded grid reinforced parking



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