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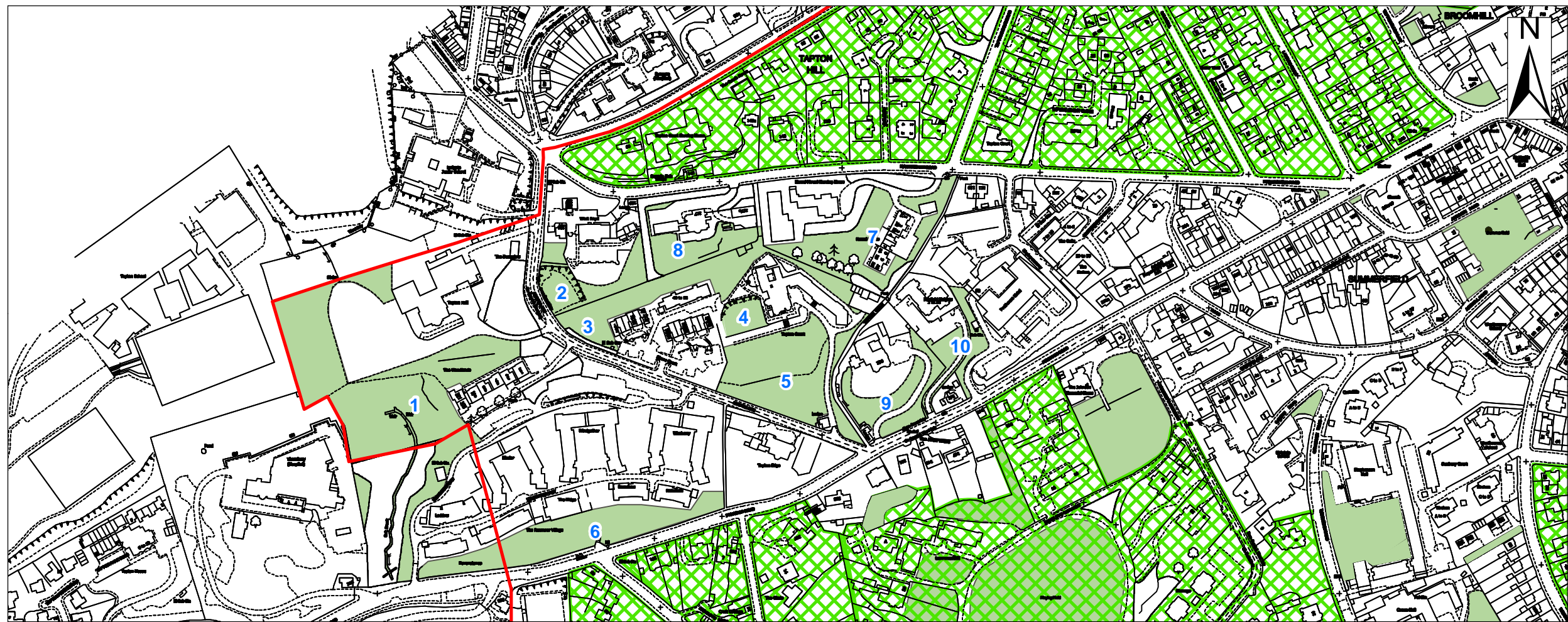
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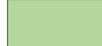


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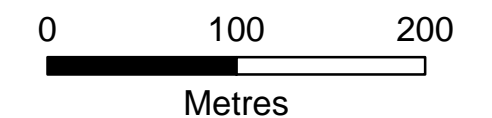
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1. Tapton Masonic Hall and private flats - Area of broadleaved woodland with many semi-mature/mature trees with up to low BRP. Bat boxes present on some trees. Culverted stream flows beneath car park, then follows a more natural course through a small, relatively steep-sided valley in southern section of woodland. Stream is shallow and < 1 m wide. Understorey of woodland is open with little vegetation, several wood piles present. Many mature conifers, such as *Leylandii*, planted along entrance to Hall with associated borders of amenity grassland. Sizeable block of amenity grassland present to rear of flats with associated well maintained ornamental planting. Several bird species and many squirrels noted in area at time of survey. This area supports a good diversity of habitats and habitat structure of benefit to urban wildlife and is directly linked to further green spaces beyond the BBEST boundary.
2. Area not easily accessible from public access. Several mature trees and tall shrubs noted along border.
3. Ranmoor Village, northern flats - Areas of amenity grassland with unmanaged dense bramble scrub present along northern border. Dense shrubs with several semi-mature/mature mixed trees with up to low BRP present along other borders. Limited amounts of ornamental planting present around the car park. The largely unmanaged vegetation in this area provides good cover and foraging opportunities for many species.
4. Unmanaged area of amenity grassland with scattered scrub vegetation dominated by early colonising species. Several mammal trails in area with well worn paths alongside derelict building and leading towards a fenced off vegetated spoil heap. Several mammal holes present within spoil heap, consistent with rabbit, considered likely to have been used recently or in current use.
5. Fenced off demolition site - A sizeable green space dominated by amenity grassland. Borders are planted with dense shrub and some ornamental planting, with dense bramble scrub and a stand of mature broadleaved trees of up to low BRP also present. Several trees are fitted with bird boxes. This site provides numerous habitats for urban wildlife but its ecological value is limited by the dominance of the grassland. Site could not be fully assessed given the lack of access, particularly to the rear of the vacant building.
6. Ranmoor Village - Small pockets of green space distributed across the village, largely dominated by amenity grassland and ornamental planting, with occasional scattered sapling to mature mixed trees. Such small, isolated pockets of green space are of limited value to local wildlife but may provide stepping stones to other more sizeable areas. Strip of amenity grassland present along southern section of village with many mainly semi-mature broadleaved trees with up to low/moderate BRP, some of which are fitted with bird and bat boxes. Remnants of felled trees remain in-situ forming log piles with several mammal paths and holes noted in the vicinity. Understorey infrequently managed and dominated by bramble scrub. Sparrowhawk observed in this area at time of survey.
7. The Laurels Limes Care Home & Kersal Lawns - Regularly maintained area of amenity grassland with mature mixed trees, of up to low BRP, and dense tall shrubs located along the borders to the north, south and west. Occasional patches of ornamental planting comprising many plant species. Well worn mammal trails present leading towards an area less frequently managed with some brash piles present. Several bird species noted along treeline at time of survey. High recreational value and good habitat structure.
8. Victoria House and private residences - Densely vegetated borders comprising of tall shrubs and many mature mixed trees of up to low/moderate BRP located along driveway. Appear to be largely unmanaged. Large amenity grassland dominated garden present at rear of properties with scattered mature mixed trees of up to low BRP and occasional areas of ornamental planting. Borders also vegetated by dense shrubs and mature trees. A sizeable area of green space directly connected to further green spaces to the south and west, with the highest ecological value provided by the shrubs and mature trees.
9. Blind Veterans UK - Secluded garden area dominated by amenity grassland with densely vegetated borders along driveway containing multiple mature mixed trees with up to low BRP and tall shrubs, particularly Rhodedendron. Several mature to veteran mainly broadleaved trees scattered among grounds with up to moderate BRP with occasional small areas of associated ornamental planting. Anecdotal sightings from staff member include hedgehogs, foxes and many birds.
10. Fairfield Heights flats - Small greenspace comprising small patches of amenity grassland with scattered mature, mainly coniferous, trees and shrubs along borders. Some ornamental planting surrounding the building. Patches of green space largely disconnected from each other by intervening areas of hardstanding. Abandoned high rise to east has sparsely vegetated borders of small shrubs and occasional semi-mature to mature mixed trees with patch of unmanaged and outgrown amenity grassland to rear.

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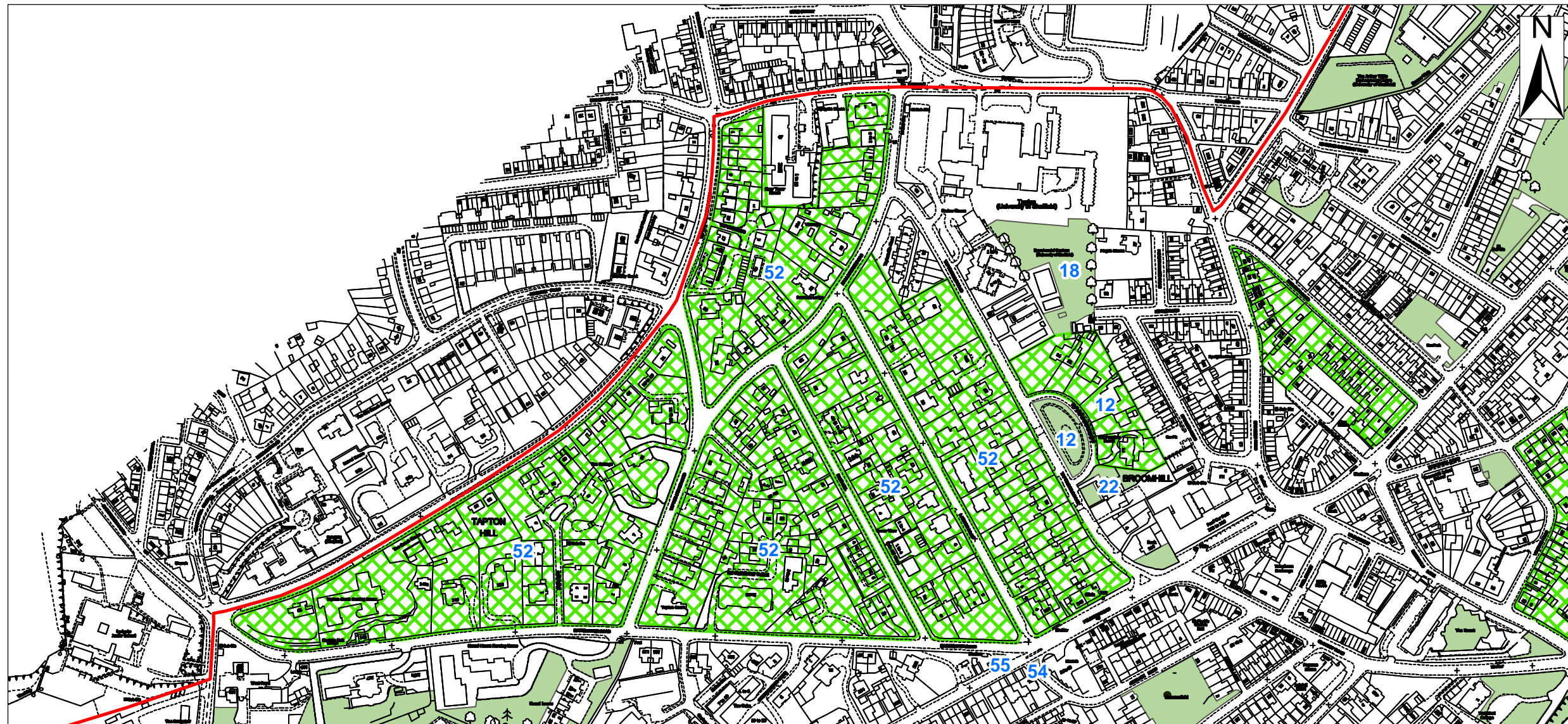
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12. Taptonville Crescent and surrounding gardens - Amenity grassland dominated area of shared garden space. Several features of ecological value including many mature/veteran mixed trees with up to moderate BRP. Several well worn mammal trails present along boundary of central crescent with two collapsed mammal holes, consistent with rabbit. Brash and log piles present providing habitat for invertebrates and small mammals. Adjacent gardens generally large and well regularly managed, comprised of ornamental planting, hardstanding and amenity grassland. Together form an interconnected and ecologically valuable area of urban greenspace.

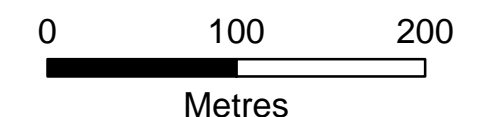
18. Former Botanical Research Centre - now derelict. No access but appears densely vegetated with many mature mixed trees and dense shrubs. Provides a valuable area of high quality shelter and foraging habitat for a range of invertebrates, birds and mammals.

22. Broomhill Library - Amenity grassland lawn at front with areas of outgrown ornamental planting and bark piles, bordered by shrub hedges. Two mature broadleaved trees with up to low BRP. Avenue of mature mixed trees of up to low BRP and densely vegetated shrub borders leading to rear garden. Unmanaged and overgrown garden at rear, densely vegetated with many self-set sapling trees, tall shrubs and a veteran conifer of negligible BRP. Area likely to provide cover and foraging opportunities for many bird species, as well as badger and fox. Garden connected to neighbouring green spaces which together form a continuous block.

52. Blocks of residential properties, flats, care homes and businesses with rear and front gardens. Individual gardens of varying sizes but due to spatial arrangement together form fairly coherent blocks of urban green space. Individual gardens generally dominated by amenity grassland but functional greenspaces as a whole comprised of a mosaic of habitats including ornamental planting, scrub vegetation, shrub borders, water features, hedgerows, allotment areas, hardstanding, rockery features, leaf, brash and log piles and mixed trees of all ages with up to low/moderate BRP. Management of gardens ranges from grown out and unmanaged to regularly maintained providing a range of habitats for many species. Several gardens fitted with bird feeders, bat boxes and hedgehog dens to encourage local wildlife. Most connected green spaces formed when gardens are arranged back to back as on Lawson Road. Gardens however difficult to fully assess given lack of access and high walls obscuring views from public access.

54. Bedding planters forming a roadblock, of limited ecological value.

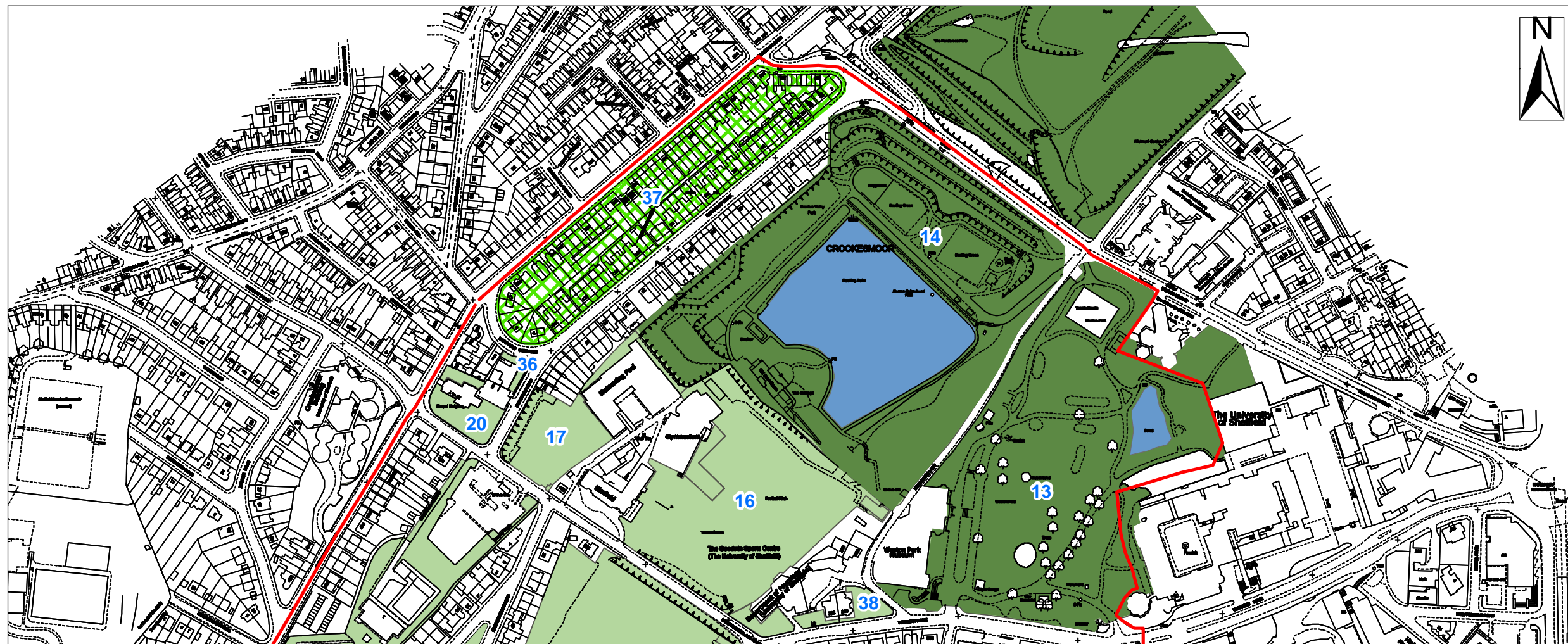
55. Roadside seating area. Small patch of greenspace comprised of an overgrown area of planted shrubs and self-set scrub. Of limited ecological value.







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13. Weston Park - A large 5 hectare public park featuring a mosaic of habitats including a duck pond supporting several nesting waterfowl species and aquatic vegetation. Whilst there are large open areas dominated by amenity grassland, extensive areas of ornamental planting, large vegetated borders of regularly managed herbs and shrubs, bark piles and scattered mature mixed trees provide good habitat structure and diversity. Trees have low/moderate BRP. Connected to other large greenspaces in the form of Crookes Valley Park to the north and Ponderosa Park to the north-east, outwith the BBEST boundary. Well used park with high ecological and recreational value.

14. Crookes Valley Park - Recreational public park dominated by a former reservoir 'The Old Great Dam'. Vegetated island present on lake home to several species of nesting waterfowl. Remainder of park comprised of regularly managed amenity grassland, ornamental planting, bowling greens, a playground and associated hardstanding. Wooded bank present along southern and western boundary with many mature largely broadleaved trees of up to low/moderate BRP, several old birds nests noted. Several scattered mature mixed trees of up to low BRP also present along northern and eastern boundaries. Several large mammal trails present among trees along western boundary, Ecus surveyor has previously seen badger and fox in this area. A large greenspace of ecological value, with strong connections to other similarly valuable large parks including Weston Park to south and Ponderosa Park to east, outwith the BBEST boundary.

16. Goodwin Sports Centre Pitches - Area dominated by fenced synthetic sports pitches bordered by strips of amenity grassland with several scattered mainly broadleaved immature trees of negligible BRP. Key features of value are limited to the sloping bank of mature trees present along western boundary and at front of Elmfield building, and the block of mature mixed trees and dense tall shrubs also present along southern border. Trees in these areas have up to low BRP but this may be reduced due to light spill from floodlighting. Several large mammal trails noted amongst shrubs. Connected to woodland block in Crookes Valley park adjacent.

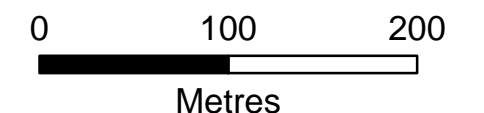
17. Harcourt Hole - Unoccupied and unmanaged brownfield plot comprising a large bare ground depression, now quite densely vegetated. Dominated by self-set pioneer/colonising scrub vegetation (with many non-native species) and self-set sapling broadleaved trees. Scattered semi-mature to mature trees located along boundaries, many of which are difficult to assess for BRP given dense ivy coverage and lack of access to site. May be of interest to invertebrates and foraging badger and fox.

20. Chapel Heights Flats - Sloping bank dominated by amenity grassland with multiple mature mixed trees of up to low BRP, although some potential features obscured by dense ivy cover. Tall shrubs also form part of vegetated borders with some brash piles also present. Some ornamental planting located by eastern side of building. Several bird species observed foraging within grounds at time of survey.

36. Harcourt Crescent - Small patch of amenity grassland planted with tall shrubs and several semi-mature to mature broadleaved trees with few features of interest to roosting bats but full view obscured by dense ivy cover. Bordered by a gappy hedge.

37. Crookesmoor Road - Back to back residential gardens forming a continuous block of greenspace. Largely dominated by amenity grassland with ornamental planting and scattered mature trees. Some hedgerows of potential value to nesting birds. Range of management from unmanaged and outgrown to regularly maintained. Adjacent to Crookes Valley Park. Difficult to fully assess given lack of access.

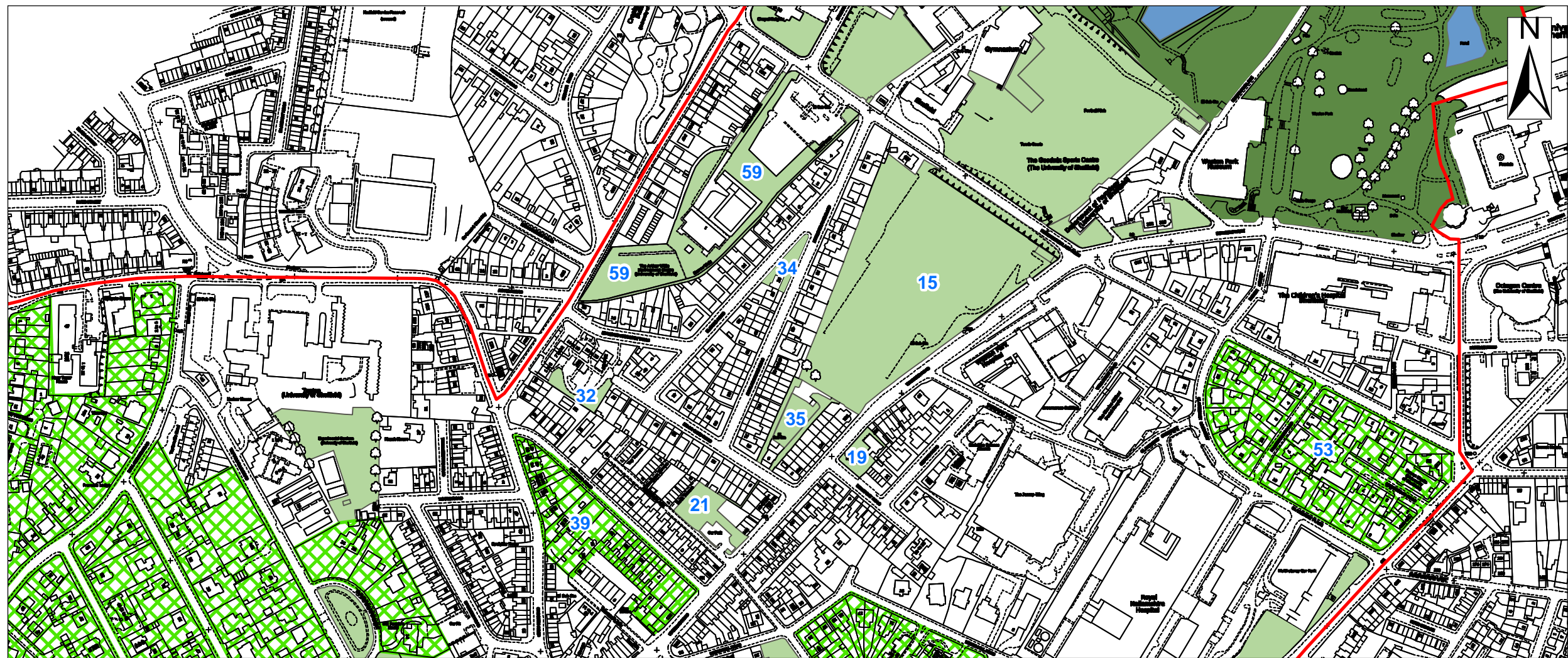
38. Psychology building - Amenity grassland dominated garden with occasional patches of ornamental and shrub planting. Several scattered mature mixed trees but appear to be negligible in terms of BRP. Connected to wooded bank on southern border of sports pitches and therefore more widely to Crookes Valley and Weston park.







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15. Whitham Road Synthetic Sports Pitches - Large open area dominated by fenced synthetic sports pitches with the ecological value limited to small areas of amenity grassland and scattered pockets of planted shrubs. Pitches bordered by windbreak of mature Leylandii extending along much of southern boundary, with several semi-mature broadleaved trees, of negligible BRP, also present towards the south-western corner. Western boundary comprises a dense, unmanaged thicket of mixed semi-mature trees and tall shrubs, providing cover and foraging opportunities for several species. Northern boundary dominated by tall shrubs and many mixed young to veteran trees. Understorey fairly open with some scrub vegetation and several apparently active mammal holes present, consistent with rabbit. Many birds observed foraging at time of survey. Directly connected to a row of reasonably sized back gardens, together forming a continuous block of greenspace, and also connecting to site 35 to the west and the large corridor including Goodwin Sports Centre, Weston, Crookes Valley and Ponderosa Parks to the north-east.

19. Whitham Road Spiritualist Church - Small, largely isolated, greenspace dominated by amenity grassland with occasional scattered semi-mature broadleaved trees of negligible BRP and shrubs. Limited ecological value, mainly of interest to nesting and foraging birds and possibly foraging badger and fox in conjunction with neighbouring residential gardens.

21. Parker's Lane Car Park - Small park and seating area dominated by amenity grassland with outgrown bedding plants and small ornamental shrubs along borders. Several mature trees of negligible BRP. Well worn mammal trail along eastern boundary towards adjacent gardens.

32. Chevin Housing Association flats - Densely vegetated borders comprising tall shrubs and several semi-mature/mature mixed tree of up to low BRP. Does not appear to be regularly maintained with areas of overgrown scrub providing good cover for nesting and foraging birds, as evidenced at time of survey. Small areas of amenity grassland with associated pockets of ornamental planting present surrounding car park.

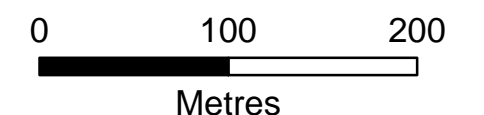
34. Elmore Kindergarten - Small area of amenity grassland with several ivy-covered pollarded trees and a single mature conifer. Difficult to assess given lack of access and high boundary wall.

35. Densely vegetated and unmanaged plot dominated by low lying scrub vegetation with multiple sapling to mature mixed trees of negligible BRP, although some potential features obscured by dense ivy cover. Fly tipping noted at time of survey. Connected to Whitham Road Pitches and of interest to nesting and foraging birds and possibly foraging badger and fox.

39. Parker's Road - Row of several large residential gardens forming a connected linear corridor of greenspace comprised of a mosaic of amenity grassland, ornamental planting, tall shrubs, hardstanding and rockery features with occasional mature trees of up to low BRP.

53. Palmerston Road - Groups of residential gardens forming fragmented areas of greenspace. Largely comprised of often infrequently managed amenity grassland with associated ornamental planting and several mature trees with a maximum of low BRP. Largely isolated greenspace more widely surrounded by dense infrastructure and a large construction site.

59. Arthur Willis Environment Centre - Sizeable area of land with numerous mature trees surrounding the research centre. Mature broadleaved trees present of up to low BRP. Where present, the understorey is dominated by bramble scrub and dense ivy cover. Small pockets of amenity grassland and ornamental planting present among car park and Centre and fenced off experimental plots present at rear of Centre. Centre itself has a green roof. Part of the green corridor leading to Ponderosa Park in the east.



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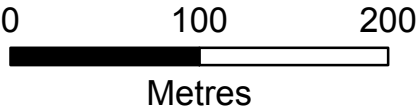
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23. Natwest bank - Sloping garden area dominated by managed amenity grassland with pockets of ornamental planting, bare earth, tall shrubs and scattered mixed semi-mature trees all with negligible BRP. Some trees pollarded.
24. Royal Hallamshire Hospital grounds - Belt of amenity grassland with scattered semi-mature/mature mixed trees with a maximum of low BRP, although most display negligible BRP. Occasional tall shrubs also present. Mainly of interest to nesting and foraging birds.
25. St Mark's Church - Walled area of amenity grassland bordered by a number of mature trees with up to moderate BRP with features including knot holes, lifted bark and tear outs. Several veteran trees present also. Bordered also by a gappy shrub boundary. Church grounds comprise hardstanding, amenity grassland, ornamental planting and scattered trees. Provides foraging opportunities for several species such as bats which may roost in the church building, which is of moderate BRP. More widely set in a fragmented patchwork of green spaces including pockets of amenity grassland and ornamental planting in surrounding yards/gardens. Small pond present within grounds of adjacent Rutland Hotel.
26. King Edward VII School - School grounds dominated by amenity grassland and hardstanding. Several young trees present within field along southern boundary with some mature trees of up to low BRP scattered among grounds. Grown out and infrequently managed amenity grassland also present in north with occasional shrubs and semi-mature to mature trees of up to low BRP, but most are negligible. Row of mature broadleaved street trees of up to low BRP present to south of site with old birds nests present.
27. Sheffield High School Sixth Form - Large open area of amenity grassland planted with large shrubs along the boundaries. Scattered mature trees of several species with up to low BRP. Several old bird nests noted within trees. Good habitat structure and diversity and quiet road to south with a high wall dividing greenspace from a busy road to east.
28. Sheffield High School - Strip of amenity grassland with dense shrub planting. Scattered mature trees of negligible BRP although one covered in ivy and could not be fully assessed. Well used mammal paths noted within shrubs. Scat also noted in area, considered likely to be fox.
29. Sheffield High School - Amenity grassland dominated green space with scattered mature trees, some of up to low BRP. Limited amount of shrub planting. Connected to residential gardens to south and west. Garden adjacent to northern section is fenced off with a recently excavated wet ditch and has cleared vegetation with brash piles remaining in situ, providing cover for several mammal species.
30. Broomhill Infant School - Grounds maintained as a wildlife garden and feature many semi-mature mixed trees, which could not be fully assessed given lack of access, a pond, bird feeders and a bird hide, minibeast hotels, brash piles, species-rich shrub borders and amenity grassland. A valuable and regularly used outdoor teaching resource. Connected to block of residential gardens to south.
31. Newbould Lane – Northern area comprises amenity grassland located on top of a car park. Southern section is a hardstanding car park bordered by a small number of mature trees. The wider building complex has occasional isolated pockets of ornamental planting and some scattered semi-mature to mature trees. All trees could not be fully assessed given lack of access but no features of interest to roosting bats were recorded.
33. Summerfield Homes - Central area dominated by amenity grassland with multiple mixed mature trees of negligible BRP, with borders of of dense, tall shrubs along northern and southern boundary. Old birds nests noted. Many grey squirrels noted foraging within this small area (20+).
40. Lynne's Pantry Garden cafe - Small, somewhat isolated, patch of amenity grassland with several cherry trees of negligible BRP and some largely non-native ornamental planting around borders. Sparse scrub vegetation bordering path to west.
45. Sheffield High School Junior and Infants - Amenity grassland dominated green space with scattered mature trees of up to low BRP and regularly managed shrub borders. Pond/water garden also present.
46. Broomfield Road - Back to back residential gardens forming a large continuous block of green space. Comprised mainly of amenity grassland with pockets of hardstanding, ornamental planting and shrubs and scattered mature mixed trees of up to low BRP.

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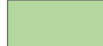


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41. Crewe flats/police station - A large green space dominated by amenity grassland with densely vegetated borders along the driveway mainly comprised of tall shrubs and mature coniferous trees with several scattered broadleaved trees also present. Other habitats include dense shrub hedges, ornamental planting and an allotment area. Regularly maintained with brash and log piles remaining in situ. Several trees fitted with bird boxes and many bird species noted within tree borders at time of survey. Area of high recreational and ecological value and located close to Botanical Gardens outwith the BBEST boundary.

47. Stephenson Hall - Amenity grassland dominated green space bordered by densely vegetated borders of tall shrubs and scrub. Multiple mature broadleaved and coniferous trees scattered among grounds, with some up to low BRP. Established grounds with good habitat structure.

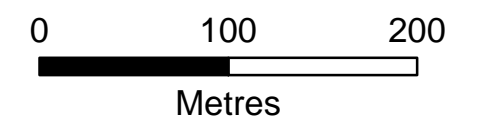
48. Birkdale School - Small green space dominated by low shrubs with several mature broadleaved trees. Isolated pockets of green space among wider school grounds largely in the form of ornamental planting beds and shrub borders.

50. Southbourne and Westbourne Roads - Connected block of reasonably sized residential gardens. Management varies from regularly maintained to largely unmanaged and overgrown. Generally dominated by amenity grassland with smaller areas of ornamental planting. Large mature mixed trees, with most having negligible or low BRP. Together form a mosaic of habitats located close to other large green spaces such as the Botanical Gardens, outwith the BBEST boundary.

51. Westbourne Road - Hedgerow with occasional semi-mature mixed trees of negligible BRP.

56. Johnson building, Birkdale School - Greenspace dominated by amenity grassland with a row of semi-mature/mature coniferous trees present along boundaries, of negligible BRP. Bordered by shrub hedges in front of boundary fence which provide cover for many birds as multiple small passerine species noted at the time of survey. Borders within boundary fence largely sparsely vegetated with the exception of the western border where dense planted shrubs are present. Mature broadleaved trees of up to low/moderate BRP and patches of ornamental planting also scattered among grounds. Connected to expanse areas of greenspace in the form of Endcliffe Village.

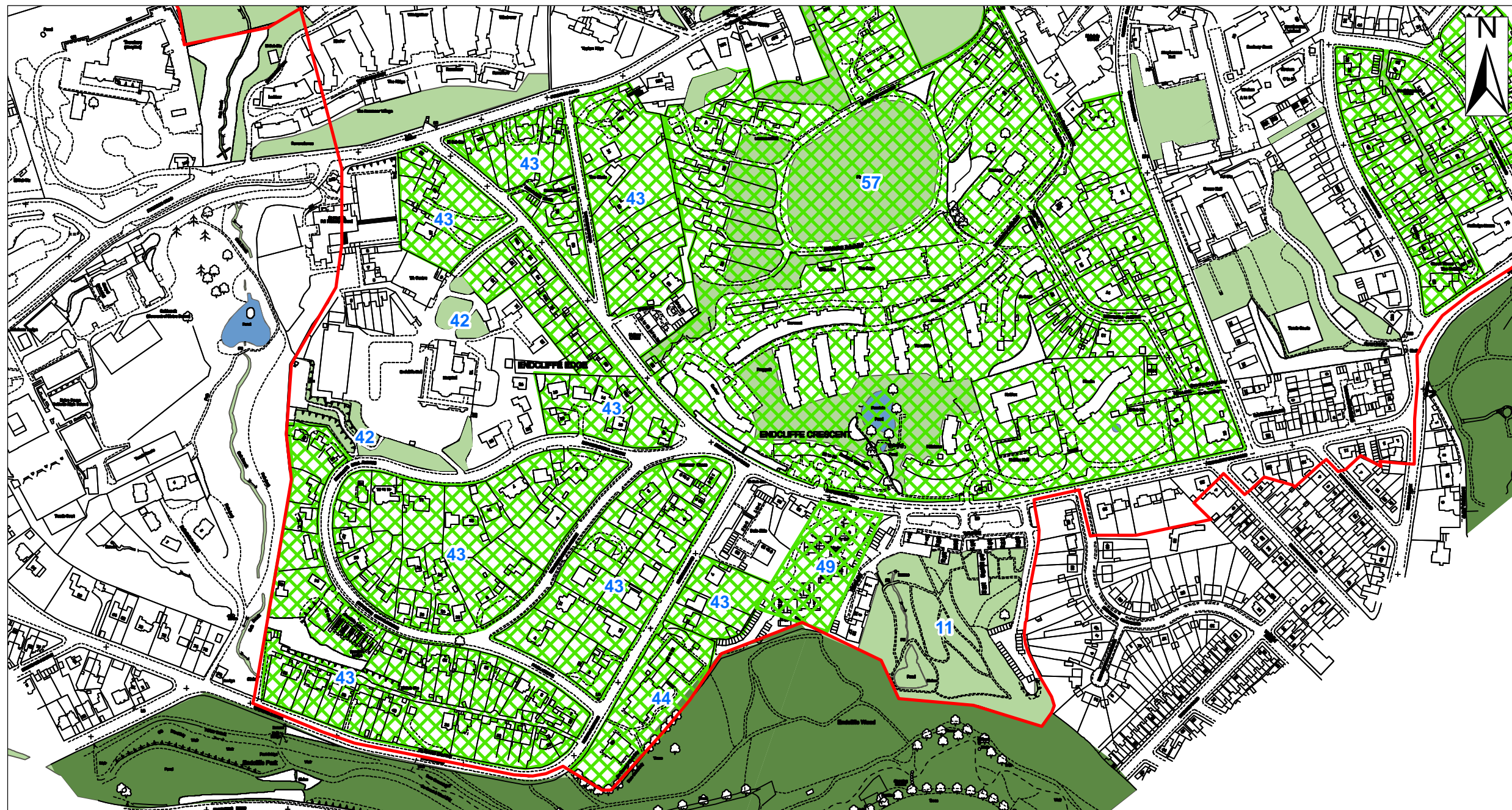
58. Crescent flats - Small disconnected patches of amenity grassland with areas of mainly non-native ornamental planting and scattered semi-mature to mature mixed trees of up to low/moderate BRP. Dense shrub borders dominated by *Rhododendron* are largely grown out and unmanaged providing good cover and foraging opportunities. Wooded bank present to north with unmanaged bramble scrub understorey and mature mixed trees of up to low BRP. Several old mammal trails also present in this area. Small pond also present at rear of former office building. Large greenspace to west dominated by dense unmanaged scrub and shrub vegetation. Multiple mature largely broadleaved trees present of up to low BRP, some fitted with bird boxes. Scattered log and brash piles provide cover for hibernating small mammals. Several mammal burrows also present in this area. Connected to residential gardens to the north and more widely to the expansive greenspaces of Endcliffe Village. The unmanaged dense scrub is particularly valuable from an ecological perspective.







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11. The Glen Flats - Regularly maintained lawns comprised of amenity grassland with occasional areas of amenity grassland to rear of flats. Network of trails lead to a private area of broadleaved woodland with many semi-mature/mature trees with up to low BRP. Woodland likely to be managed given the open understorey with few shrubs, the absence of deadwood and the presence of several tree stumps. Rubble and log piles present. Large pond, mainly clearwater but with some aquatic vegetation in northern section. Two herons seen within trees at time of survey. A sizeable area which supports a diversity of habitats and vegetational structures of benefit to urban wildlife with woodland directly connected to Endcliffe Park wood to south.

42. Endcliffe Hall Military Base - Steep, densely vegetated bank to south dominated by mature broadleaved trees and tall shrubs. BRP difficult to assess given dense ivy coverage of most trees. Several mammal burrows noted beneath tree roots, inspection not possible. Many birds noted at time of survey. Three pockets of greenspace to east not accessible as within military base grounds.

43. Sizeable residential gardens forming an interconnected block of urban green space containing a mosaic of habitats including amenity grassland, ornamental planting, shrub borders, ponds and scattered young to veteran mixed trees with up to low/moderate BRP. Other features which encourage wildlife include bird feeders, brash and log piles, nest boxes and areas left purposefully unmanaged. Gardens generally regularly maintained. As a whole this green space is ecologically valuable, but individual gardens vary in their contribution to this value. Blocks of gardens dissected by quiet residential roads which do not necessarily form a barrier to free movement for many species. Bordered by extensive areas of broadleaved woodland and parkland to the south and west.

44. Parkside gated apartments - Small pockets of landscaped amenity grassland and ornamental planting with scattered mature broadleaved trees of negligible BRP. Adjacent to Endcliffe Park.

49. The Glade - Small area dominated by amenity grassland with some ornamental planting and scattered mature broadleaved trees of up to low BRP.

57. Endcliffe Village - an expansive area of many individual connected green spaces predominantly comprised of amenity grassland with associated areas of ornamental planting and shrub borders and many scattered mature mixed trees. Trees are largely negligible in terms of BRP but some classified as up to low/moderate. Large pond present to south with a smaller ornamental pond also present in grounds of Halifax Hall. Green spaces generally regularly maintained but some areas of self-set scrub vegetation also present. More widely set within a residential area with many reasonably sized gardens nearby together forming an extensive functional green space.

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Metres

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Figure 1G
Survey Findings

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