

APPENDIX A.1

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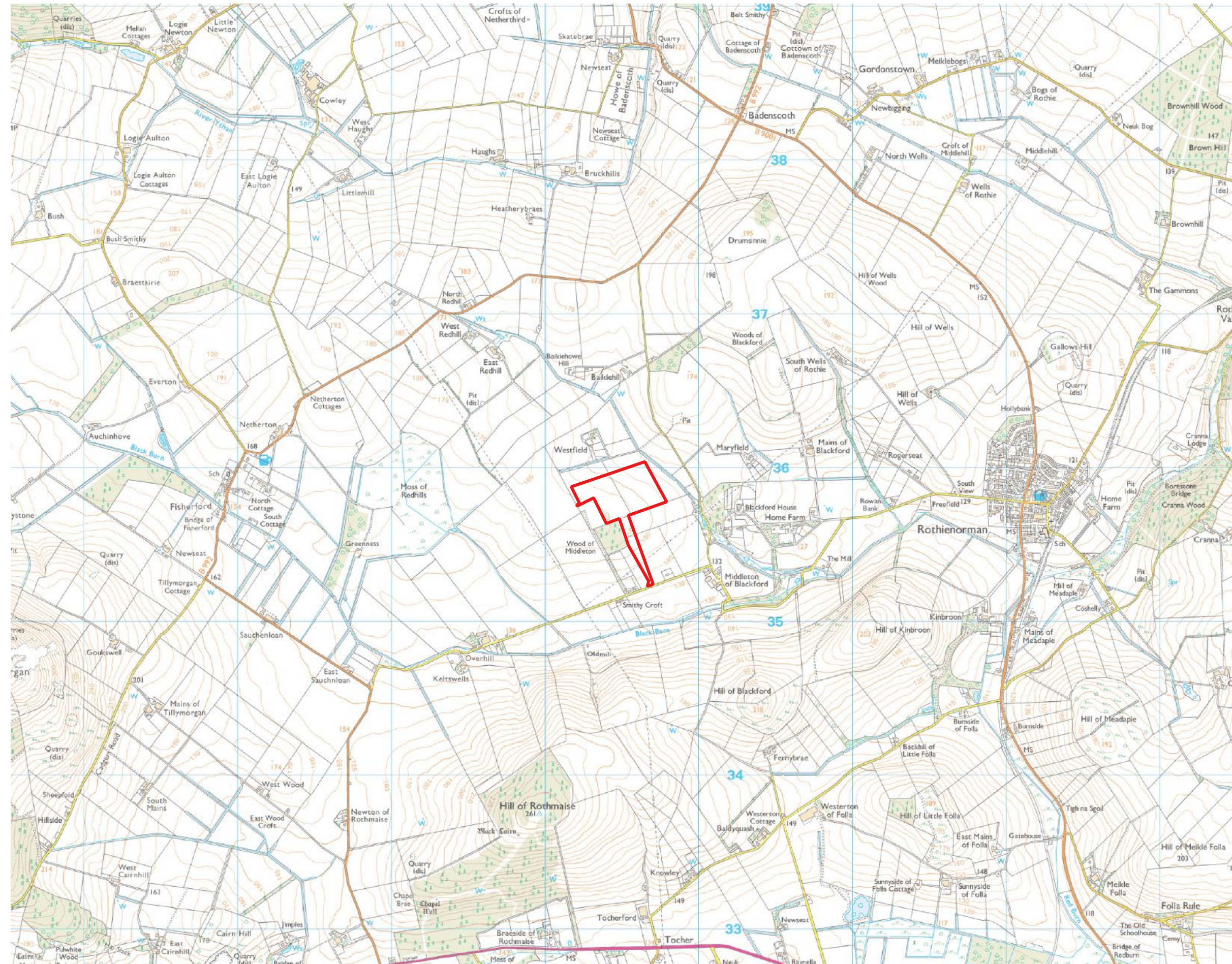
Figure 1: Site Location

Figure 2: Environmental and Cultural Context with Public Rights of Way

Figure 3: Published Landscape Character Assessments

Figure 4: Historic Maps

Figure 5: ZTV



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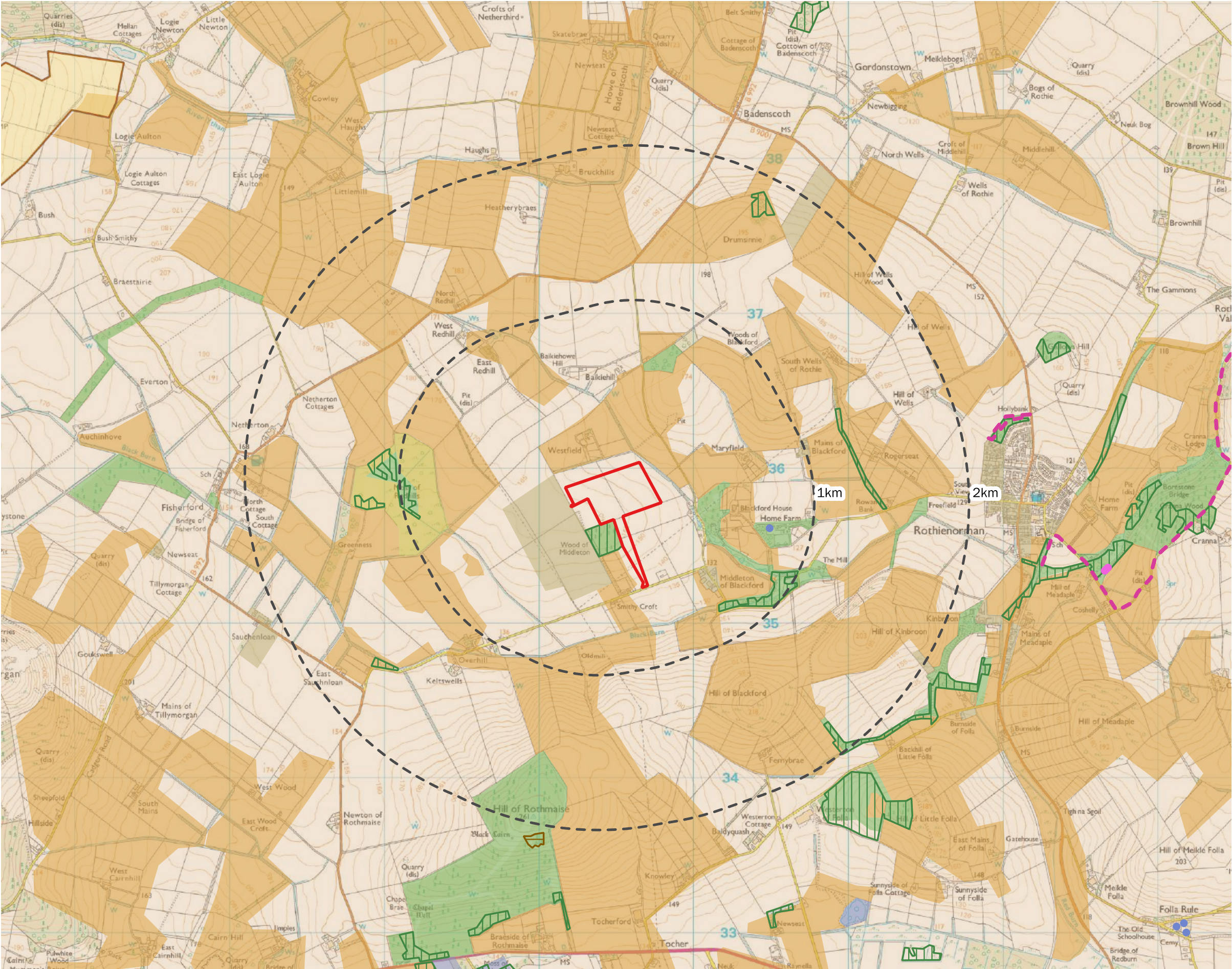


Site Boundary



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- Site Boundary
- Study Area
- Heritage Designations

Scheduled Monuments

Grade B Listed Building

Grade C Listed Building

- Woodland Designations

Native Woodland

Nearly Native Woodland

- Habitat Mosaic EUNIS Land Cover Scotland

C - Surface standing and running waters

E2 - Mesic grassland

E3 - Seasonally wet and wet grasslands

G1 - Broadleaved deciduous woodland

H3 - Inland cliffs, rock pavements and outcrops

O - Bare field

Note: The Scotland Catalogue of Rights of Way (CROW) only shows a selection of Core Paths. Many Core Paths are not mapped as they are known only to local people.

- Core Paths

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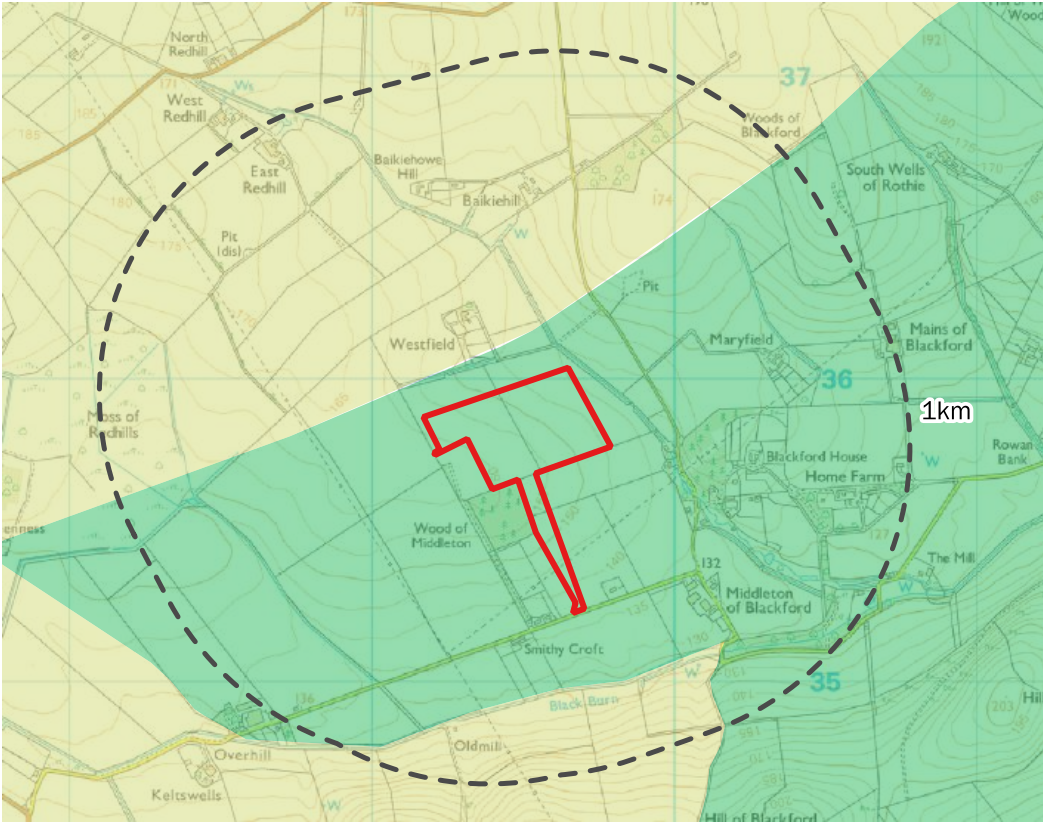
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National Character Area Profile

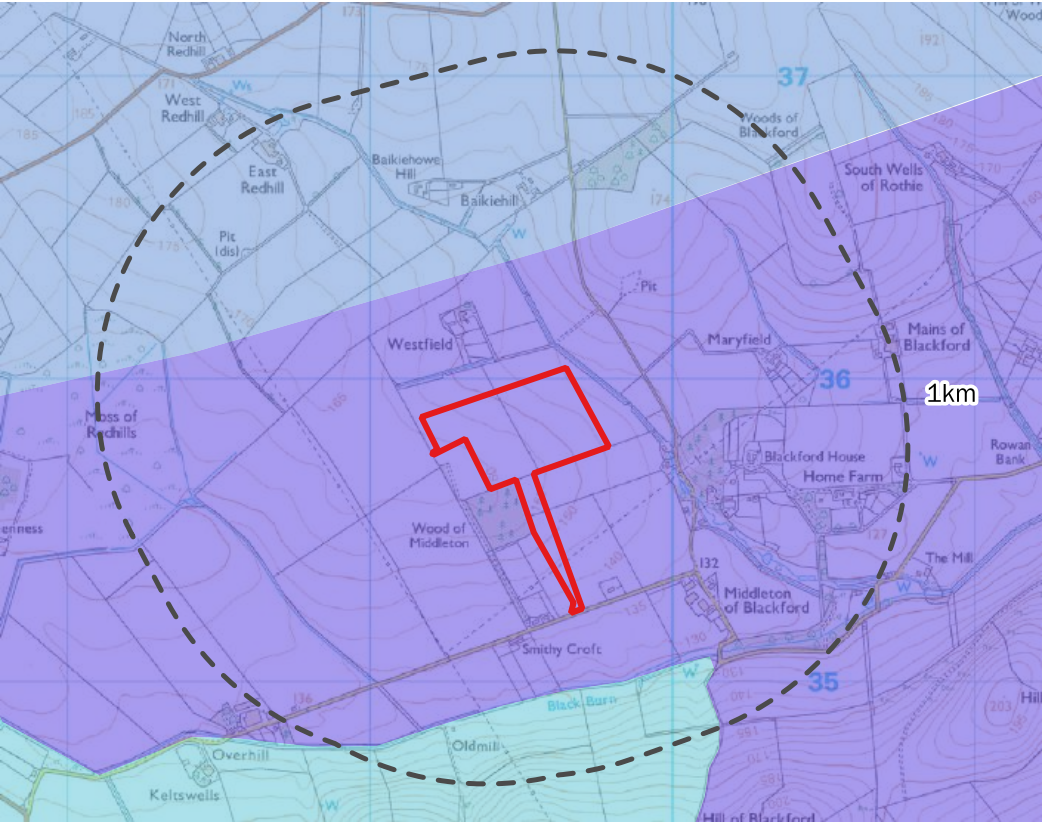
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Scottish Natural Heritage Landscape Character Assessment

- LCT 19: Farmed Rolling Ridges and Hills
- LCT 32: Farmed and Wooded River Valleys



Regional Landscape Character Assessment

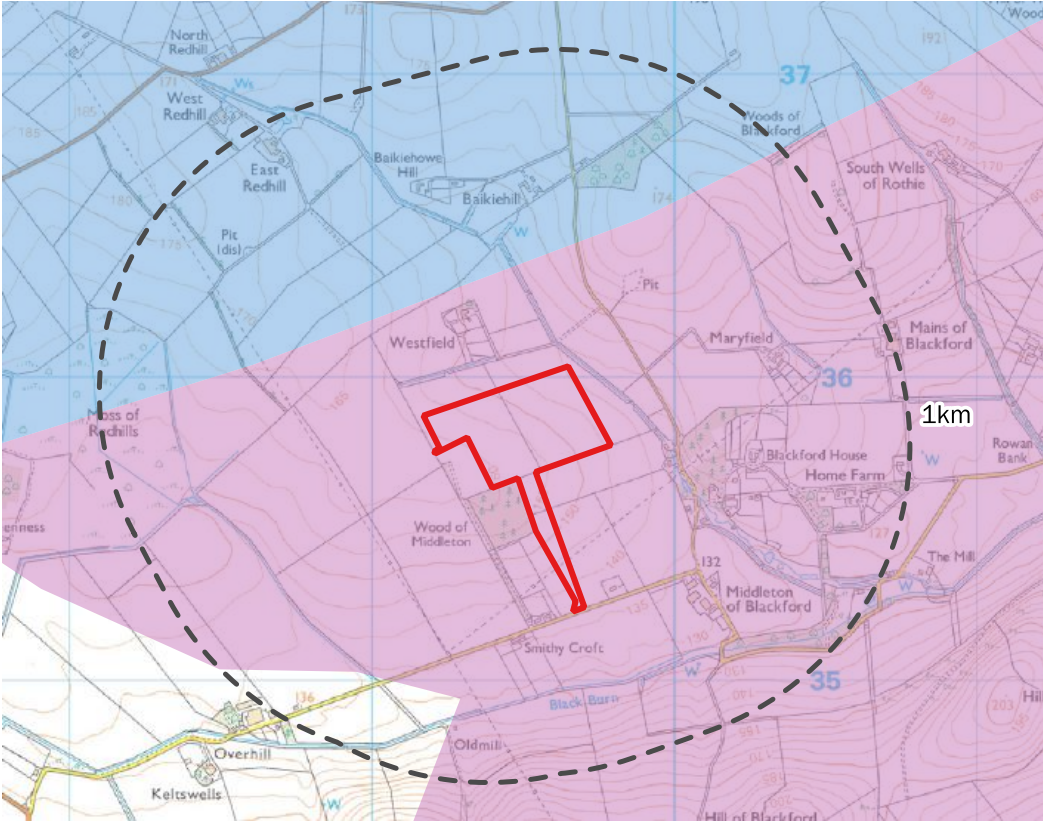
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Aberdeenshire Strategic Landscape Capacity Assessment for Wind Energy

- 1 (iv) Upland Ridges South of the Deveron
- 1 (v) Northern Rolling Lowlands
- 24 (i) Deveron and Upper Ythan Valleys



County Landscape Character Assessment

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Banff & Buchan Landscape Character Assessment

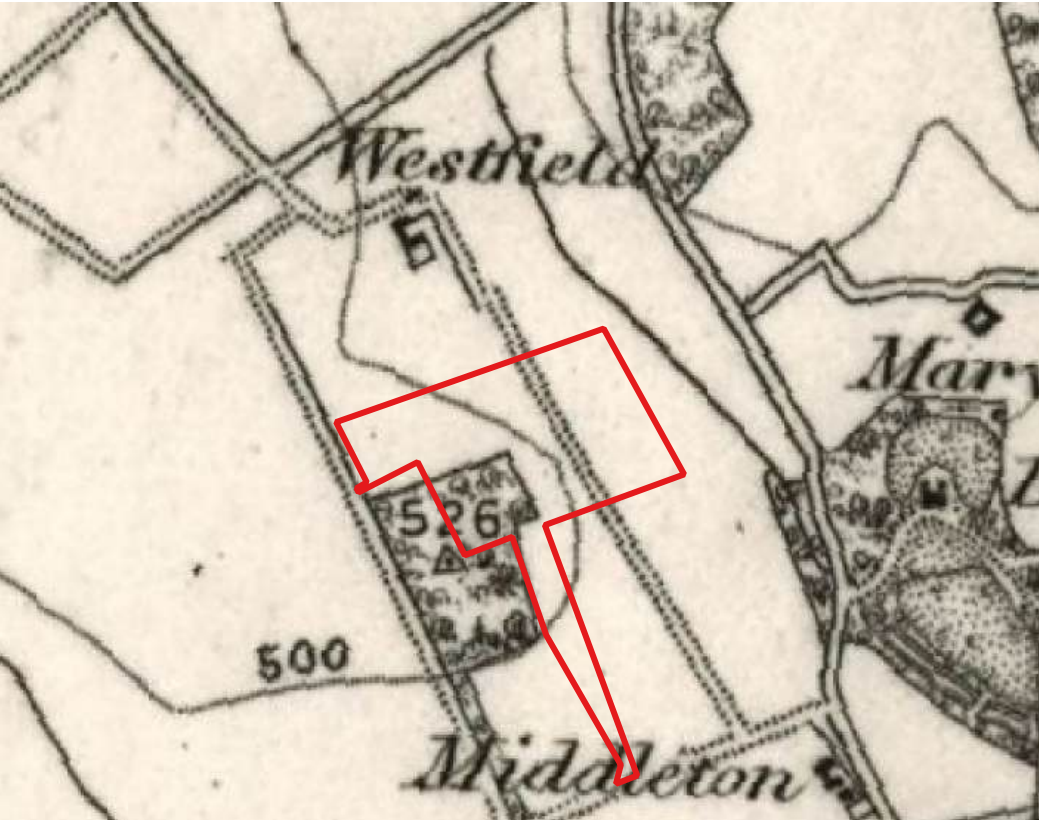
Scottish Natural Heritage No 37

- The Agricultural Heartland - Area 9: Upland Ridges South Of The Deveron
- The River Valleys - Area 12: Deveron & Upper Ythan Valley

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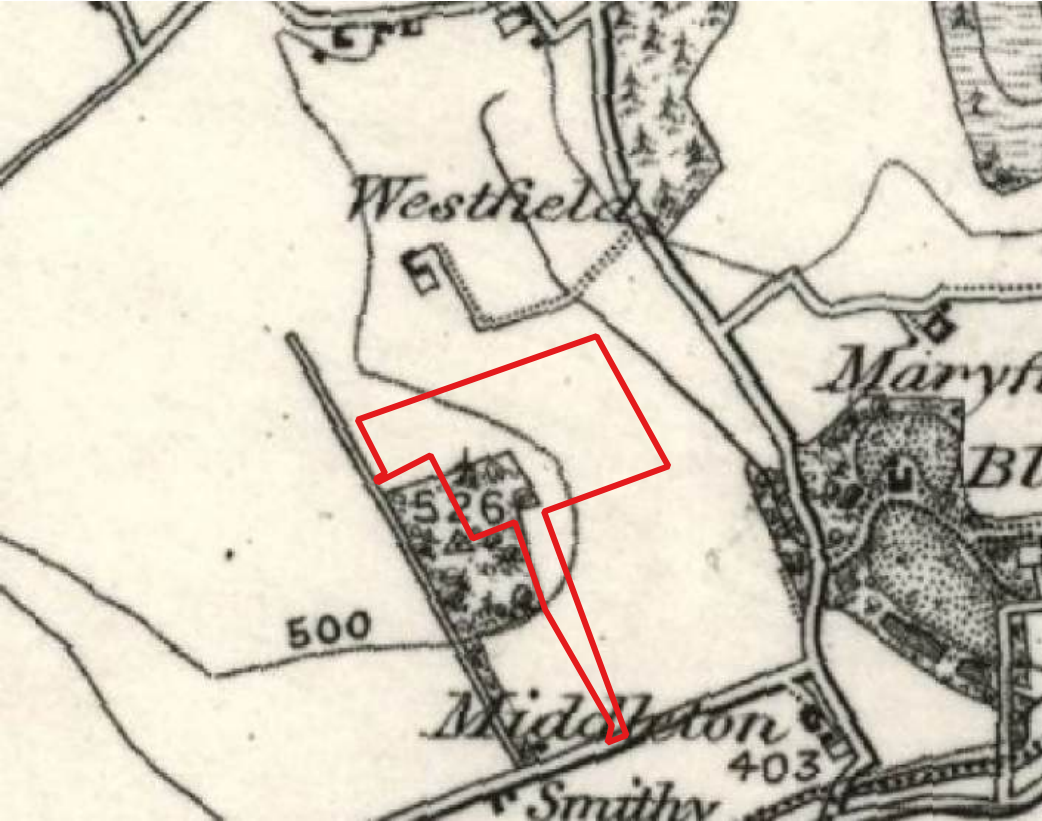
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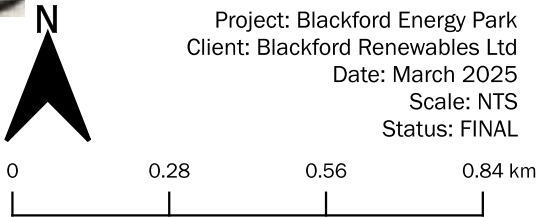
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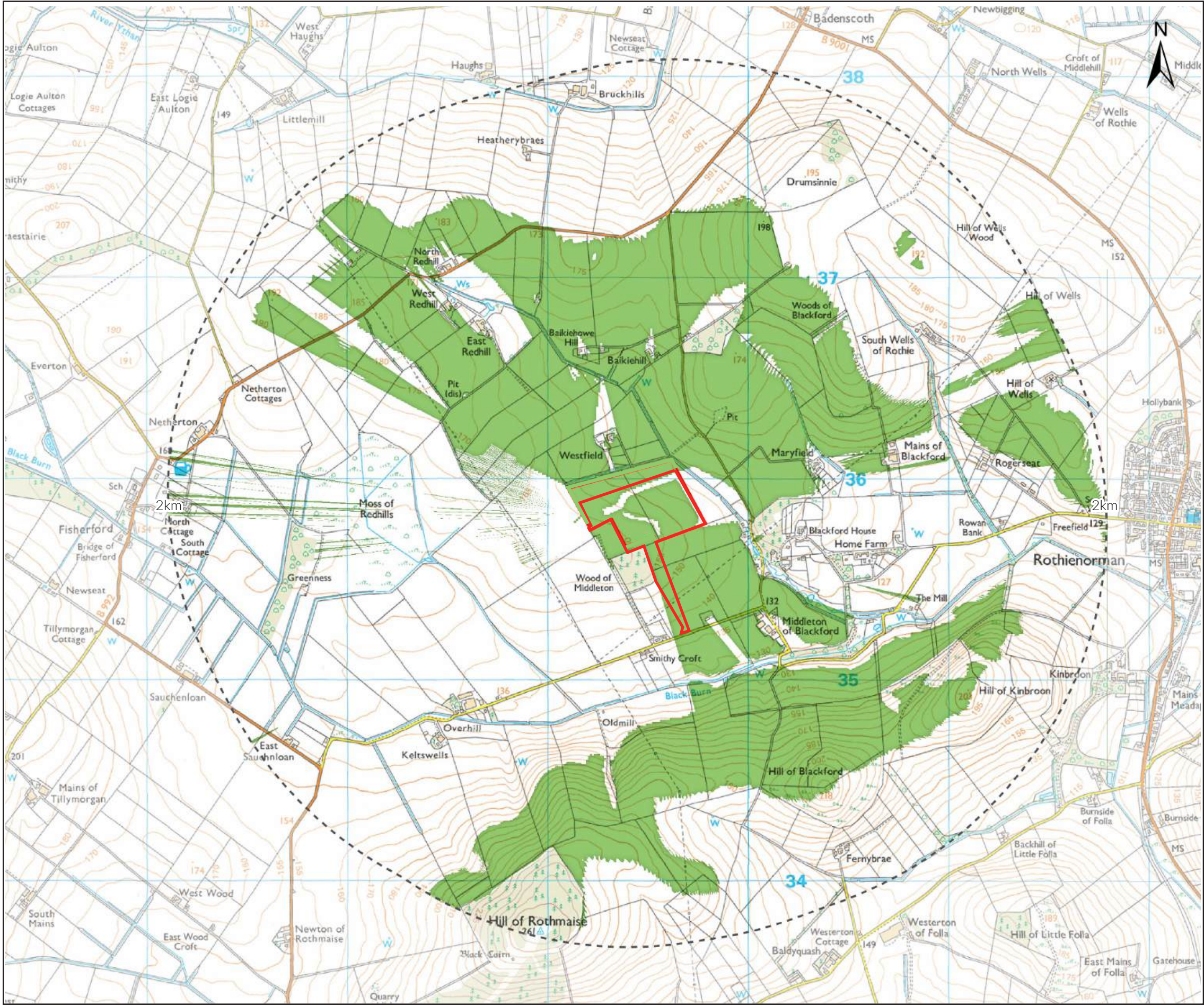


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- Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV)

The ZTV is generated from a receptor height of 1.6m (human eye level) and receiver heights of up to 2.9m for battery / inverter units, 2m for solar panels and 12.5m for supergrid transformer / AIS busbars (maximum development height). Proposed terracing of various heights ranging from 144.5m to 157.8m AOD were created based on Site Layout (drwg #NPL-RNT-LA-13-01). Proposed landscape berms were also added at 8m and 5m. Multiple targets were placed within the site to best represent points that may be visible.

The ZTV is based on OS Terrain 5 DTM (Digital Terrain Model). 'Exclusion zones' with an average height of 12m have been added to the terrain to represent existing woodland features and 8.5m high for representing existing buildings that reduce views into the site, however, other existing surface features such as hedgerows and individual trees are not included which may reduce the viewshed further. Some changes within the landscape may have occurred since the DTM data and ZTV was created. This ZTV also includes Earth's curvature.

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