

Petersfield Hangers Hampshire County Councillor Update October

Dear All

The most significant county-wide development was the Government's decision to withdraw its local government reorganisation proposals for Hampshire and the Solent. There have also been important updates on Hampshire's finances, the condition of our roads, major motorway works and the new Combined County Authority.

Locally, I have continued to chase pothole roadworks and planning applications – as always I would ask residents to please make me aware of issues with pothole submission numbers so I can follow these up.

Highways Information

Making the case for fairer highways funding

Hampshire has around 5,500 miles of roads to maintain—one of the largest local highway networks in the country—but we do not receive enough stable, long-term funding to keep that network in the condition we all want to see. The estimated maintenance backlog is now between £550 million and £600 million.

The County Council's Cabinet has agreed to strengthen our case to Government for a fairer share of Vehicle Excise Duty to be invested back into local roads, together with greater freedom to target highways funding where it will make the biggest difference.

We are not waiting for Government action. Since April, highways teams in Hampshire have delivered 42 resurfacing schemes, with 101 planned during 2026/27, completed 122 preventative surface treatments and 154 planned patching schemes covering more than 32,000 square metres. Between April and July, teams also repaired 17,590 reactive defects, including potholes.

The long-term answer is to move increasingly from reacting to potholes to planned, preventative maintenance. Hampshire's highway assets are valued at around £17 billion, and looking after them properly is basic asset management as well as being important to residents and businesses.

Original update: [facebook.com/nickadamsking](https://www.facebook.com/nickadamsking)

Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/flooding>

Pavement problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/paving>

Broken or missing signs: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/brokensigns>

Faulty street lights: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/streetlight>

Faded or missing road markings: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/road-markings>

Problems with rights of way:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number. If you would like me to follow this up, do please forward that message to me and I will chase it for you.

Local Government Reorganisation

Government withdraws its Hampshire decision

On 7 September, the Government withdrew its decision on local government reorganisation in Hampshire and the Solent and ordered a review. This was the best possible outcome at this stage and gives councils the opportunity to start again with proper time, evidence and financial analysis.

Hampshire County Council had launched Judicial Review proceedings because the Government had not provided satisfactory answers about the evidence behind the decision or the financial sustainability of the proposed new councils. The earlier proposals also risked splitting established communities, including the New Forest, and transferring major areas of growth and business-rate income between authorities.

This does not mean that nothing should change. It means that whatever comes next must be properly costed, financially sustainable and command much broader support.

Who pays for the abandoned process?

Councils across Hampshire were required to work to Government deadlines, incurring legal, consultancy and implementation costs and diverting many hours of senior officer time from service improvement and financial sustainability work.

HCC have asked the County Council to establish the full cost of the process to Hampshire and to call on Government to reimburse councils. Every pound unnecessarily spent on a process that has now been withdrawn is a pound that cannot be spent on services residents rely upon.

Hampshire County Council's Finances

During September, the Government confirmed more than £90 million of in-year Exceptional Financial Support for councils facing serious financial pressures, including £6 million for the Isle of Wight and £5 million for West Berkshire.

Hampshire has not had to make a similar request because the County Council acted early. Over the past year, we delivered £95 million in savings, with a further £40 million of efficiencies built into this year's budget. That work enabled us to set a lawful, balanced £3.3 billion budget and manage this year's pressures without seeking exceptional permission to borrow or use capital resources for day-to-day costs.

That does not mean everything is fine. This year's budget relies on £108.5 million from reserves—almost twice the amount used last year—and those reserves can only be spent once. School transport costs, particularly for children with special educational needs and disabilities, have risen from £43 million to £83 million in four years, while demand for adult social care continues to increase.

In 2025/26 Hampshire received £91 per resident in general Government funding, compared with an English average of £205. The new funding formula reduces support by £10.9 million this year and by £42.9 million annually by 2028/29. HCC will continue pressing for a fair, long-term settlement that protects essential services without exhausting reserves or placing an ever-greater burden on us the local taxpayers.

General Updates from HCC

Back-to-school support

Hampshire's back-to-school resources bring together advice on preparing for the first day, walking, wheeling, cycling and school transport, before- and after-school childcare, SEND support, vaccination, mental wellbeing, attendance and free school meals.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school lunch. Families receiving certain benefits may also qualify for income-based free school meals beyond those years. A successful application can unlock extra support for a child and additional funding for their school.

Family information and support: [Connect to Support Hampshire](#)

Hampshire's young jazz musicians recognised

Hampshire Music Education Hub has been shortlisted at the Parliamentary Jazz Awards 2026 for its contribution to jazz education. Its inclusive programme supports more than 110 young musicians and introduces over 1,400 primary-school pupils to jazz each year.

This is wonderful recognition for the young performers, tutors, schools and partners who make Hampshire's jazz programme so welcoming and successful. Congratulations to everyone involved.

No tricks, just three choices: apply for a secondary school place by Halloween

Parents and carers in Hampshire are being reminded not to let the secondary school application deadline give them a fright this Halloween

[No tricks, just three choices: apply for a secondary school place by Halloween | Hampshire County Council](#)

Hampshire County Council Leader responds on Government announcement to review Local Government Reorganisation for Hampshire and the Solent area

Hampshire County Council's Leader has commented following an announcement today by Government to withdraw and review its previous decision on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Hampshire and the wider Solent area

[Hampshire County Council Leader responds on Government announcement to review Local Government Reorganisation for Hampshire and the Solent area | Hampshire County Council](#)

Hampshire parkruns help raise awareness of World Suicide Prevention Day

Residents across Hampshire are being encouraged to learn more about suicide prevention, access support when they need it, and start conversations about mental wellbeing, ahead of World Suicide Prevention Day on 10 September 2026

[Hampshire parkruns help raise awareness of World Suicide Prevention Day | Hampshire County Council](#)

Three secondary schools to benefit from £9.8 million investment in building improvements

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Hampshire partnership powers growth, skills and opportunity across the county

Thousands of Hampshire residents and businesses are benefiting from programmes that are boosting skills, creating jobs and driving economic growth, according to the latest annual report on the work of the Hampshire Prosperity Partnership Board. By bringing together leaders from business, education and local government, the partnership is unlocking opportunities, attracting investment and building a more prosperous future for communities across the county

[Hampshire partnership powers growth, skills and opportunity across the county | Hampshire County Council](#)

Green light for new primary school in Whitehill and Bordon

A new primary school for Whitehill and Bordon, providing places for up to 430 pupils including specialist facilities for children with special educational needs, has been given the go-ahead after Hampshire County Council's Regulatory Committee approved a planning application for the development

[Green light for new primary school in Whitehill and Bordon | Hampshire County Council](#)

£220,000 boost for successful Live Longer Better Hampshire programme

Older residents across Hampshire will benefit from a £220,000 investment to expand the successful Live Longer Better Hampshire programme, helping more people stay active, healthy and independent for longer

[£220,000 boost for successful Live Longer Better Hampshire programme | Hampshire County Council](#)

Accessible scales to help disabled residents monitor their health

A new £30,000 grant scheme will help make routine weight checks easier, safer and more dignified for disabled people across Hampshire

[Accessible scales to help disabled residents monitor their health | Hampshire County Council](#)

Everyday actions helping Hampshire tackle a changing climate

From reducing energy use in schools to developing skills needed for jobs in renewable power, helping wildlife thrive, and making sure communities are prepared for the future, Hampshire County Council's latest climate change report highlights the practical steps being taken to cut emissions and ensure Hampshire is prepared for the effects of a changing climate

[Everyday actions helping Hampshire tackle a changing climate | Hampshire County Council](#)

Smoking rates fall as Hampshire builds a healthier future

Smoking rates have fallen across Hampshire, more than 40,000 NHS health checks have been completed, and residents have been supported to improve their health through physical activity, family support and recovery services, according to new public health data from Hampshire County Council

[Smoking rates fall as Hampshire builds a healthier future | Hampshire County Council](#)

New support pathway to help Hampshire residents with complex care needs get home sooner after hospital stays

Older people, disabled residents and others who need ongoing care after a hospital stay could return home sooner and receive more coordinated support under a new approach approved by Hampshire County Council

[New support pathway to help Hampshire residents with complex care needs get home sooner after hospital stays | Hampshire County Council](#)

Hampshire County Council calls for fairer share of Vehicle Excise Duty to plug highways funding gap

Hampshire County Council is stepping up its call for a fairer share of national transport funding, urging Government to provide long-term, sustainable investment in local roads and give greater flexibility over how funding is spent

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Receipts for Month 6				Nominal Ledger Analysis				
<u>Receipt Ref</u>	<u>Name of Payer</u>	<u>£ Amnt Received</u>	<u>£ Debtors</u>	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
Balance Brought Fwd :		96,850.09					96,850.09	
Banked 07/09/2026		5,060.00						
East Hants District Council		5,060.00			1999	100	5,060.00	EHDC - MUGA Appeal Fees Reimb.
					359		5,060.00	EHDC - MUGA Appeal Fees Reimb.
					6001	100	-5,060.00	EHDC - MUGA Appeal Fees Reimb.
Banked 08/09/2026		1,634.89						
CCLA		1,634.89			1081	100	1,634.89	Dividends - August
Banked 09/09/2026		49.33						
Lloyds Bank		49.33			1080	100	49.33	Bank Interest
Banked 28/09/2026		93,333.00						
East Hants District Council		93,333.00			1076	100	93,333.00	Precept Payment 2
Banked 29/09/2026		20,000.00						
Correction	Treasurers Acc. 00110939	20,000.00			200		20,000.00	Correction
Total Receipts for Month		120,077.22	0.00	0.00			120,077.22	
Cashbook Totals		216,927.31	0.00	0.00			216,927.31	

Payments for Month 6				Nominal Ledger				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>£ Total Amnt</u>	<u>£ Creditors</u>	<u>£ VAT</u>	<u>A/c</u>	<u>Centre</u>	<u>£ Amount</u> <u>Transaction Detail</u>
29/09/2026	Treasurers Acc. 00110939	Top Up	20,000.00			200		20,000.00 Top Up
29/09/2026	Treasurers Acc. 00110939	Top Up	20,000.00			200		20,000.00 Top Up
Total Payments for Month			40,000.00	0.00	0.00			40,000.00
Balance Carried Fwd			176,927.31					
Cashbook Totals			216,927.31	0.00	0.00			216,927.31

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Balance Brought Fwd :		21,905.83					21,905.83
Banked 29/09/2026		20,000.00					
Top Up BUS Instant 07410075		20,000.00			205		20,000.00 Top Up
Banked 29/09/2026		20,000.00					
Top Up BUS Instant 07410075		20,000.00			205		20,000.00 Top Up
Total Receipts for Month		40,000.00	0.00	0.00			40,000.00
Cashbook Totals		61,905.83	0.00	0.00			61,905.83

Date: 01/10/2026

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07/09/2026	Cloudy IT	DD	72.00		12.00	4080	150	60.00	Rialtas Cloud License - Sept.
07/09/2026	Asda	BACS	60.10		10.02	4215	200	50.08	Fuel
07/09/2026	PBA Consulting Solutions	BACS	66.00		11.00	4246	200	55.00	HB & ASC Treat - Late July RW
07/09/2026	Winchester Garden Machinery Lt	BACS	496.65		82.77	4205	200	413.88	New water pump plus parts
07/09/2026	RBS Rialtas	BACS	1,314.00		219.00	4080	150	1,095.00	Year End
07/09/2026	Charities	BACS	2,310.00			6160	700	2,310.00	NC MUGU Fees. Reimb. to NC
						359	0	-2,310.00	NC MUGU Fees. Reimb. to NC
						6000	700	2,310.00	NC MUGU Fees. Reimb. to NC
08/09/2026	Tesco	DEBIT CARD	1.69			4055	150	1.69	Milk & Handwash
14/09/2026	Amazon	DEBIT CARD	6.26		1.04	4245	200	5.22	Tubing End Caps
15/09/2026	Landall	DD	52.71		8.79	4100	150	43.92	Copier & Printing
15/09/2026	Lloyds Bank	FPO	10.00			4009	150	10.00	Service Charges
17/09/2026	Tesco	DEBIT CARD	4.60			4055	150	4.60	Milk & Teabags
17/09/2026	Sage	DD	27.60		4.60	4080	150	23.00	Payroll Software - Sept.
17/09/2026	PBA Consulting Solutions	BACS	66.00		11.00	4246	200	55.00	HB & ASC Treat. Aug - RW
17/09/2026	Liss Mens Shed	BACS	1,187.50			6150	700	1,187.50	Allotment Plot Signs
						363	0	-1,187.50	Allotment Plot Signs
						6000	700	1,187.50	Allotment Plot Signs
17/09/2026	COUNTY SUPPLIES (HCC)	BACS	20.88		3.48	4090	150	17.40	Paper
28/09/2026	Veolia ES (UK) Limited	DD	136.49		22.75	4250	200	113.74	Waste Collection - NC
29/09/2026	BUS Instant 07410075	Correction	20,000.00			205		20,000.00	Correction
29/09/2026	Tesco	DEBIT CARD	1.20			4055	150	1.20	Milk for Office
30/09/2026	Salaries	BACS	10,526.49			4000	150	10,526.49	September Salaries
30/09/2026	Salaries	BACS	3,853.23			4000	150	3,853.23	Salaries Sept. HMRC
30/09/2026	Salaries	BACS	3,183.47			4005	150	3,183.47	Pensions September
Total Payments for Month			43,396.87	0.00	386.45			43,010.42	
Balance Carried Fwd			18,508.96						
Cashbook Totals			61,905.83	0.00	386.45			61,519.38	

LPC CIL RECEIVED

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL TO DATE</u>
18-19	6,281.18	6,281.18
19-20	5,033.48	11,314.66
20-21	162,171.53	173,486.19
21-22	193,604.68	367,090.87
22-23	50,914.98	418,005.85
23-24	10,744.42	428,750.27
24-25	0.00	428,750.27
25-26(1)	4,387.28	433,137.55
25-26(2)	39,037.78	472,175.33
26-27(1)	28,770.53	500,945.86

TOTAL RECEIVED:	£500,945.86
TOTAL ALLOCATED:	£453,125.71
<u>TOTAL REMAINING:</u>	<u>£47,820.15</u>

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>AMOUNT ALLOCATED</u>	<u>AMOUNT SPENT</u>	<u>DATE SPENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REMAINING</u>	<u>RESOLUTION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
New Liss Pavilion - Construction Costs (Groundworks - Contractor progress Payment 2)	4135.72	4135.72	Sep-18	0.00	99/18	Approved and spent.
New Liss Pavilion - Internal Fit Out Costs (Chairs)	987.98	987.98	Apr-19	0.00	164/18	Approved and spent.
New Liss Pavilion - Internal Fit Out Costs (Chairs)	1157.49	1157.49	Apr-19	0.00	74/19	Approved and spent.
Path to new Petanque Terrain, Liss Forest Recreation Ground	2970	2970	Apr-21	0.00	09/PR21	Approved and spent.
Install of free equipment, Mill Road Community Garden	1595	1595	Oct-21	0.00	09/PR21	Approved and spent.
Install of watering system in village centre for hanging baskets	445	445	Jun-21	0.00	39/21	Approved and spent.
Village Hall Building Maintenance (Repainting and repair external windows)	5033.48	5033.48	Jun-21	0.00	77/20	Approved and spent.
Mill Road Community Garden	5000	5000	Oct-21	0.00	61/21	Approved and spent.
New public noticeboard, village centre	610	610	Jul-21	0.00	82/21	Approved and spent.
Two sets of moveable goal posts, WL & NC	3775.77	3775.77	Jan-22	0.00	137/21	Approved and spent.
West Liss Play Area	15000	15000	Jul-22	0.00	157/22	Approved and spent.
Sports Wall at Newman Collard	5584.98	5584.98	Jun-22	0.00	157/22	Approved and spent.
Fees associated with floodlight installation, Newman Collard	1151	1151	Mar-23	0.00	157/22	Approved and spent. Resolution approved up to £2,500 but full amount not required.
West Liss Play Area	10000	10000	Jul-22	0.00	201/22	Approved and spent.
Crossover youth project	5206	5206	Oct-23	0.00	241/22 144/23 89/24	Approved and spent. Resolution approved up to £7,500 but full amount not required.
Pump track at West Liss EMR 351	56,747.54	56747.54	Various	0.00	257/22 21/23 107/23 175/23	Approved and spent. Original allocation was £106,831.01. National Lottery award of £53,000 (and £47,613.47 & £2,470 returned to general CIL pot).
Install of free outdoor gym equipment at West Liss.	950	950.00	Dec-23	0.00	176/23	Approved and spent.
Table tennis at West Liss Recreation Ground	5550	5550.00	Jul-24	0.00	52/24	Approved and spent.
Additional outward facing bench at Mill Road Community Garden	815.56	815.56	Aug-24	0.00	89/24	Approved and spent.

New Speed Indicator Device	4,000	4000.00	Oct-24	0.00	103/24	Approved and spent.
Highways improvements					57/24 & 154/24	The £50,000 was subsequently reallocated to Village Centre Feasibility EMR.
Ecological appraisal of LPC sites	3,227	3226.90	Dec-24	0.00	55/24	Spent. Originally allocated up to £3,300. Invoice for £3,226.90 leaving £73.10 which was returned to unallocated CIL EMR 339.
Triangle Community Centre - paving works	5,040	5040.00	Feb-25	0.00	89/24	Approved and spent.
Riverside Walk Gate EMR 382	595	595.00	Sep-25	0.00	92/25	Spent. Gate complete (£595). Remainder of £2,000 sum allocated returned to unallocated CIL pot.
Riverside Walk Water Supply EMR 381	4,287	4287.17	Aug-25	0.00	92/25	Spent. Up to £4,300 allocated. £3, 287.17 spent in August 2025 for water pipe works. £1,000 paid to HR in November 2025. £12.83 returned to unallocated CIL pot.
Riverside Walk Path Improvements EMR 377	2,000	2000.00	Mar-25	0.00	155/24	March 25 & January 2026.
Pavilion Solar - EMR 385	1,150	1150.00	Feb-26	0.00	14/16	Approved and spent.
Wildlife Boxes EMR 383	500	500.00	May-26	0.00	109/25	Approved and spent.
Table Tennis - LF & NC EMR 384	10,355.14	10355.14	Jun-26	0.00	109/25	Approved and spent.
Table Tennis - LF & NC EMR 384	4,587.86	4587.86	Jun-26	0.00	50/26	Approved and spent.
Triangle LED Lights - EMR 386	3,284	3284.00	Jun-26	0.00	14/16	Approved and spent. £700 underspend of total allocated returned to unallocated pot.
Village Hall Windows - EMR 387	12,384	12384.12		0.00	14/16	Approved and spent. Up to £13,000. £615.88 underspend returned to unallocated pot.
TOTAL SPENT:		178125.71				
MUGA at Newman Collard (NCPFT lead) EMR 359	50000	5300.00	4/24 & 12/25	44700.00	32/24	Release of funds as follows: £3,000 for Design and Planning in April 24, £2,300 for Noise Assessment fee in February 25 and £2,750 for Planning Appeal Fee in December 2025. The last sum of £2,750 was reimbursed and returned to the pot in September 2026.

Village Centre Improvement Project - Match Funding EMR 358	50000	37571.50	Various	12428.50	227/22 & 143/23 & 154/24	£50,000 of the sum allocated for platform extension (2/6/22), £12,500 of which is allocated to fund a feasibility study. £12,428.50 spent on Network Rail feasibility study 03/24.
Liss Forest Recreation Ground play & leisure enhancements EMR 362	40000	34426.66		5573.34	33/23, 32/24, 103/24	Moveable football goals: £1,991.66 (20/3/23). Multi play unit: £25,085 (23/6/23 & 8/9/23). Drainage: £2,500 ditch digging (8/9/23) & £740 - of the £5,000 of the sum allocated for phase 1 of drainage works (55/23 a & b). £4,110 new fencing (22/5/24). £15,573.34 remaining: SDNPA CIL of £40,000 was awarded for remainder of works required in fenced play area so £10,000 of the original allocation of £50,000 was returned to the unallocated pot (Resolution 103/24).
Green space projects/ Environmental improvements EMR 367	5000	1655.83		3344.17	33/23	Additional environmental aspects to the Mill Road Community Garden. Other sums have also been sought for green space projects - to return to Facilities at a later date. £2,000 committed for water supply to orchard (Res. 85/23). £1,320 spent on connection (8/6/23).
Village Centre Feasibility and Preliminary Design Work EMR 380	130,000	80364.24	Mar-26	49635.76	154/24	Plus £10,000 from budget 24/25 to provide a total of £140,000 in EMR 380. HCC invoice for £80,364.24 (18/3/26).
SPENT OF PARTIALLY COMPLETED PROJECTS:		159318.23				

TOTAL CIL SPENT

337443.94

TOTAL ALLOCATED

£ 453,125.71



Re-establishing Cricket at The Glebe request for Grant Aid

Cricket has been played in Liss since **1880**, and The Glebe has been at the heart of that tradition for generations. The appointment of new trustees provides an opportunity to restore cricket to its historic home and ensure that this important part of the village's sporting heritage continues for future generations. A new club has been formed Liss Village Cricket Club, it has a full committee, a constitution, and a bank account.

Our aim is to create a thriving, inclusive and sustainable community cricket club where people of all ages can enjoy the game. We want The Glebe once again to become a welcoming place for players, volunteers, families and supporters, playing a positive role in the sporting and social life of Liss.

At the same time, we will at Liss Athletic Football Club's request be providing a nine aside football pitch and club house facilities allowing both sports to flourish.

The priority is to make the ground fit for cricket once more by restoring the cricket square/outfield and renovating the long-neglected clubhouse.

Our immediate cricketing ambition is to establish boys and girl's teams, youth teams and a thriving ladies' section, with the longer-term aim of fielding an adult Liss men's team. We also aim to provide an artificial wicket which will help facilitate disabled cricket.

Funds are available to help make these improvements, however they all come with a match funding caveat and so we are in the process of raising funds, we have created a Go Fund It page and have begun seeking donations. We also have immediate expenditure, such as EHDC rates, insurances and utilities payments, which are considerable.

We are currently in the process of becoming a CASK (Community Amateur Sports Club).

To help address these financial challenges we would ask Liss Parish Council to for a £3k to grant towards establishing this whole village community project and we would also like to apply for £5K CIL Grant specifically to contribute towards the renovation of the club house.

With thanks

The Glebe Trustees & Liss Village Cricket Club Committee

Sarah Smith
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Village Hall
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Liss
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GU33 7LA

Via email: clerk@lissparishcouncil.gov.uk

Enquiries to: Community Development Team

Email: community@easthants.gov.uk

My reference: EHDC / CAT

Date: Friday 25th September 2026

Subject - Community Asset Transfer - opportunities for your community

Dear Sarah Smith,

Following Cabinet's approval on the 10th September of East Hampshire District Council's first area-based Community Asset Transfer (CAT) agreement with Whitehill Town Council, I wanted to ensure all town and parish councils are aware of the opportunities CAT may offer their councils and communities.

The Whitehill & Bordon agreement will transfer nine community assets into local ownership, and we have also seen the benefits of community stewardship through the transfer of Woodlands Hall in Headley Down to Y+. Both demonstrate what can be achieved where there is local ambition and capacity to take greater responsibility for community assets.

CAT is more than the transfer of land and buildings. It forms part of our wider approach to community development, helping shift the Council's role from delivering services for communities to enabling and supporting communities to take action themselves. Local stewardship can bring decision-making closer to residents, support more responsive management, and create opportunities for investment, funding and increased community use.

This will not be right for every council or every asset, but I am keen that every town and parish council has the opportunity to consider whether EHDC-owned assets in its area could be more effectively stewarded locally.

As a starting point, EHDC-owned land and property can be viewed through the Council's [iShare mapping system](#). This provides an indication of Council ownership, with Property colleagues able to confirm ownership details where there is interest in a particular site. Not all assets will be suitable for transfer, but each opportunity will be assessed on its individual merits in line with the CAT Policy.

If your council would like to explore an asset, or simply discuss what opportunities may exist locally, please contact your local [Community Development Officer](#) or [District Ward Councillor](#) in the first instance. They can help you consider the opportunity before any formal Expression of Interest is submitted.

I encourage councils across East Hampshire to consider whether greater local ownership or stewardship could unlock new opportunities within their communities. There is no expectation that

every council will pursue a transfer, but every community should have the opportunity to explore what may be possible.

Yours sincerely,

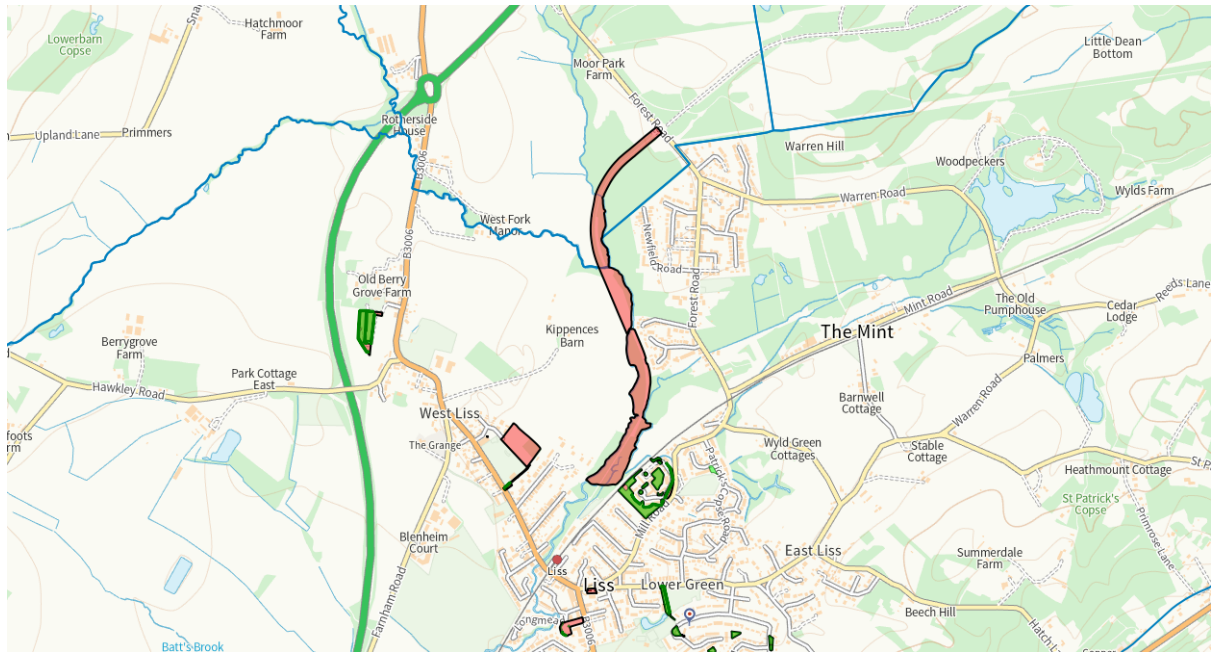
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Leader of East Hampshire District Council

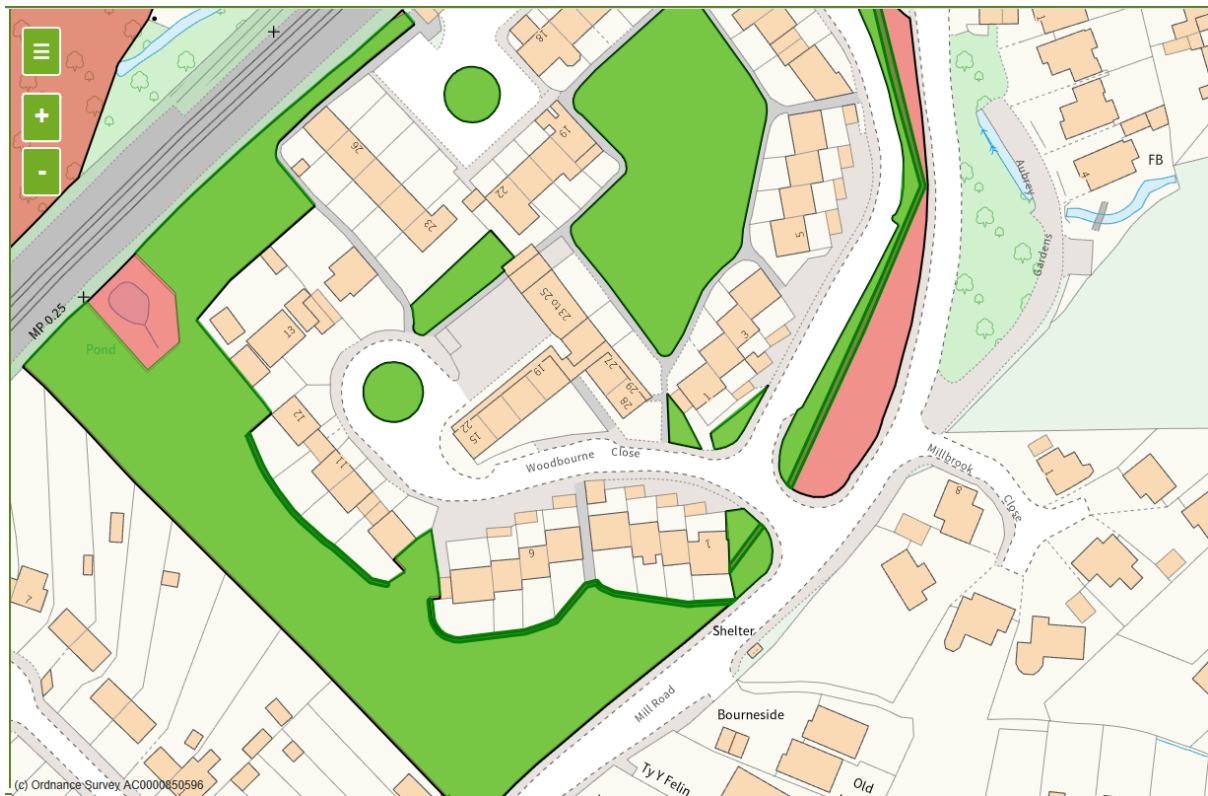
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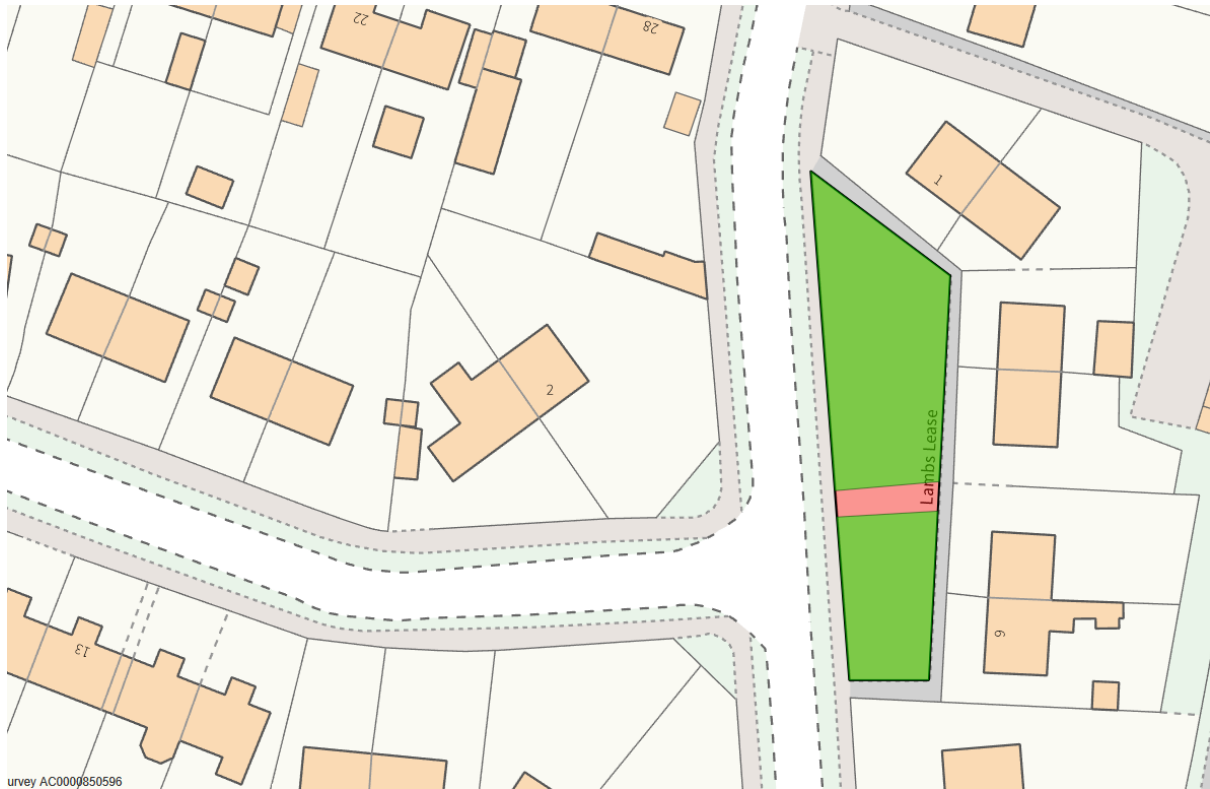
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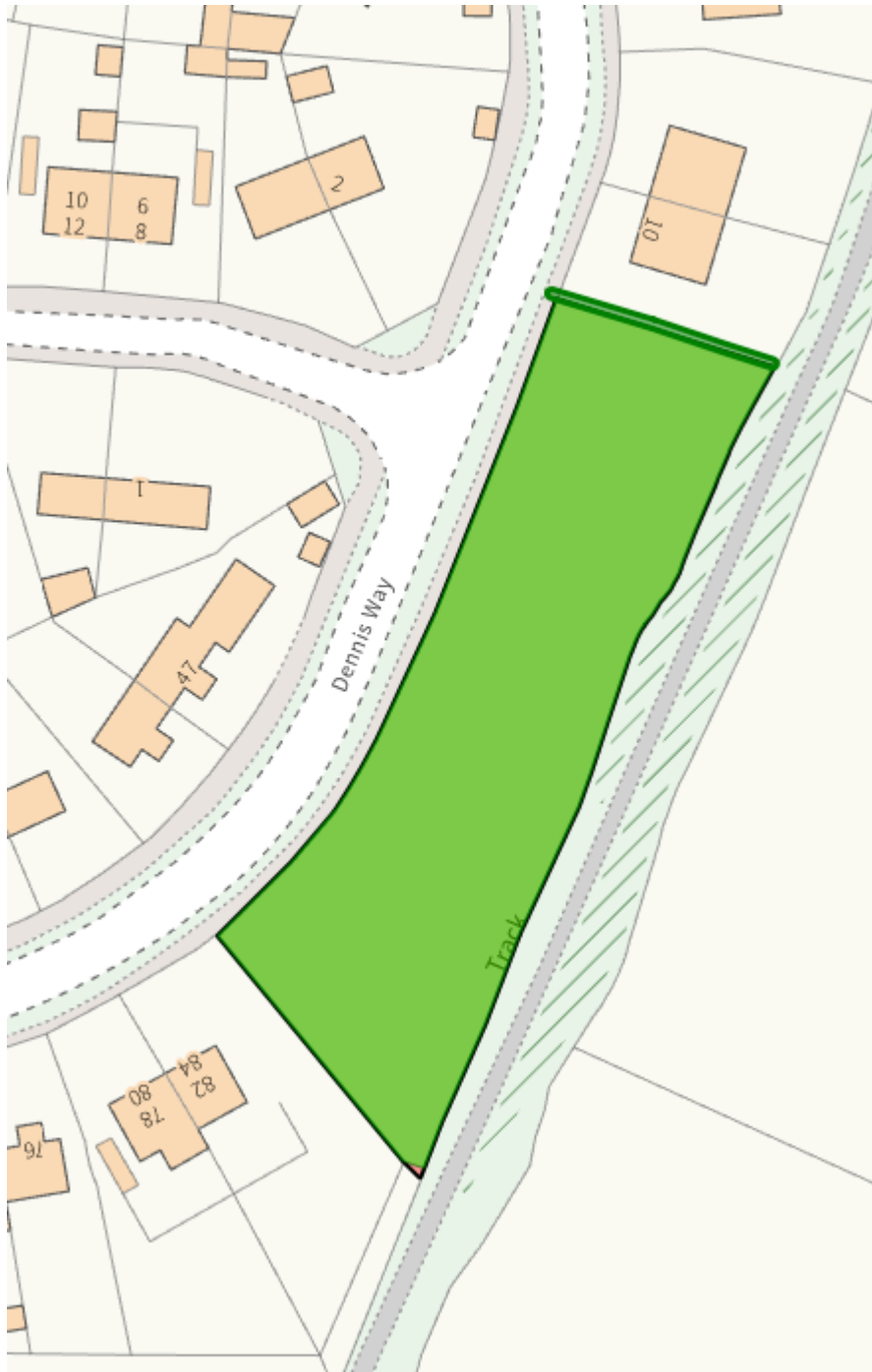
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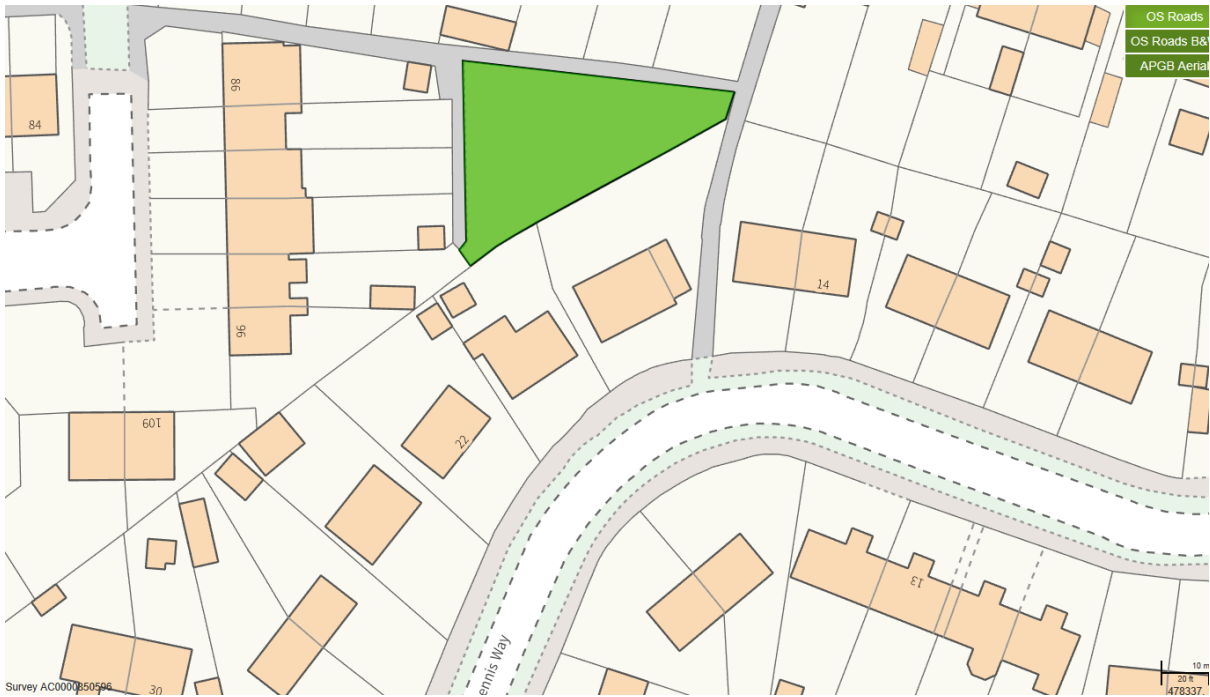
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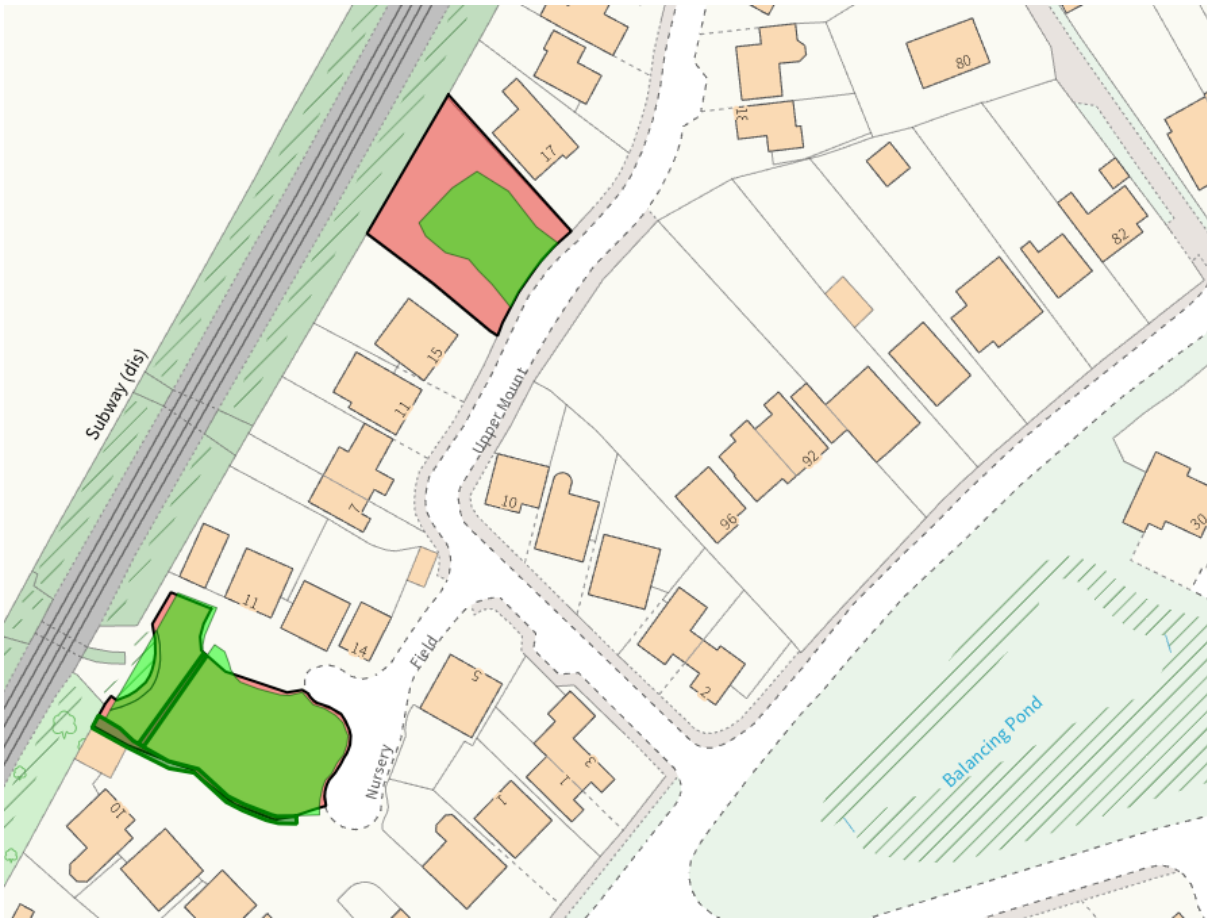
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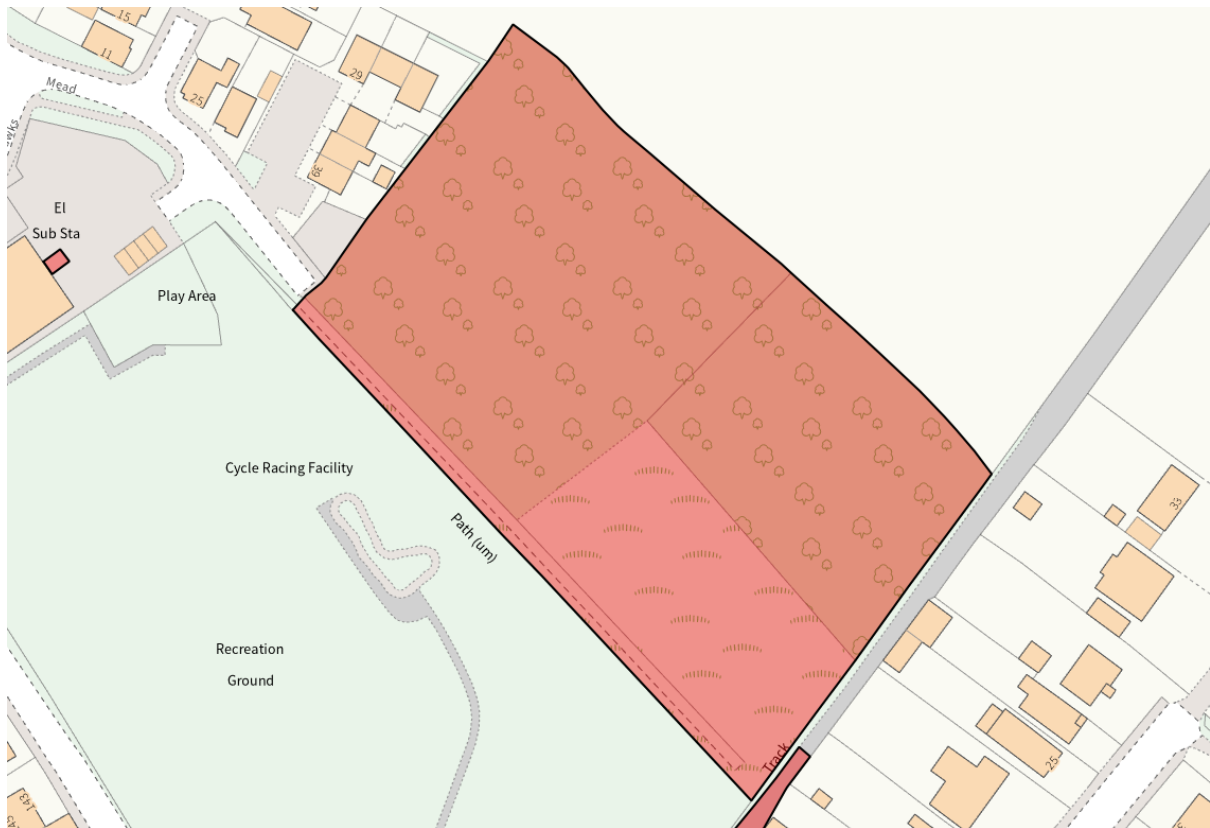
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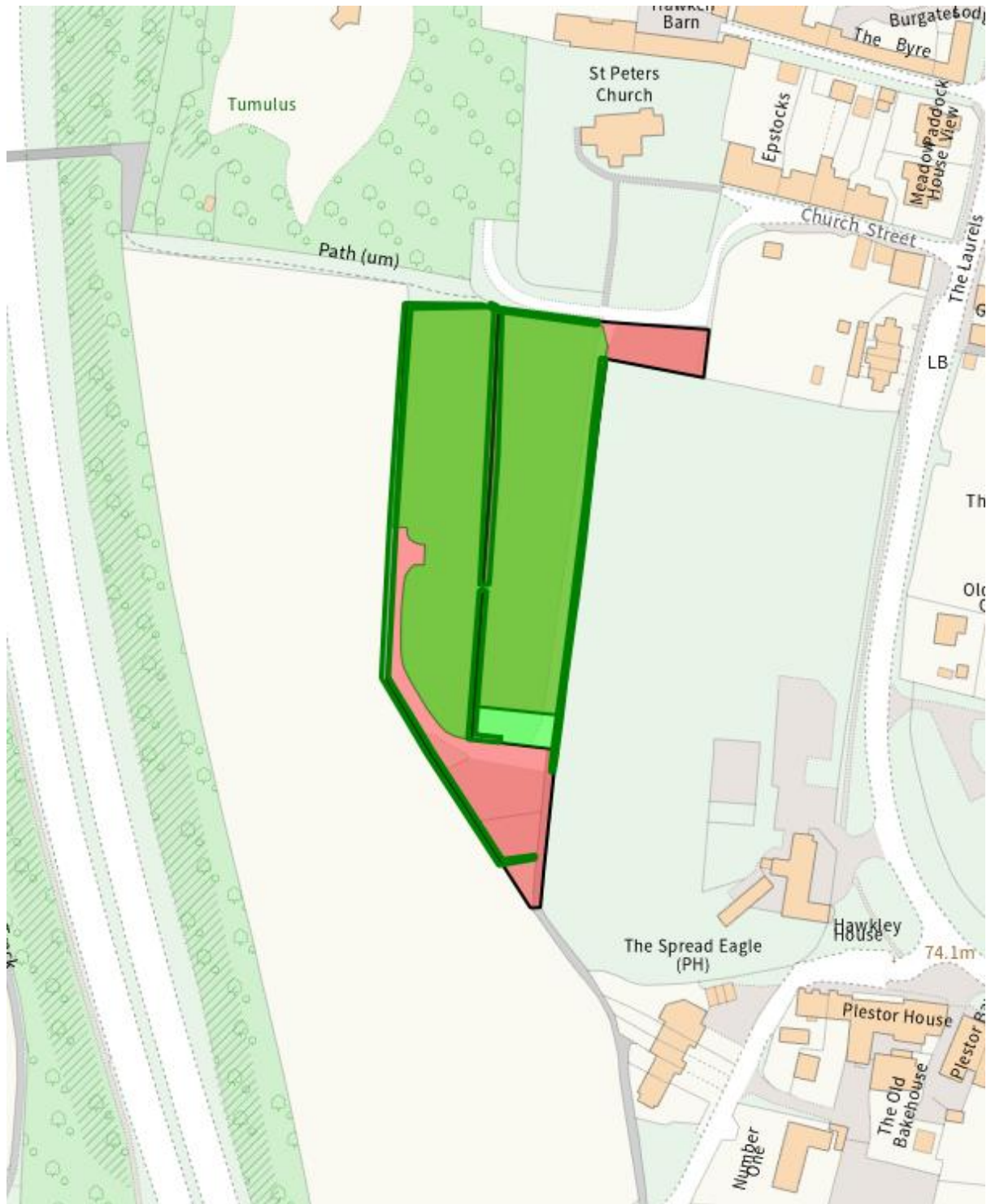
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