LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

The Swale Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order No. 1 2026

Made 27 October 2026

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Swale Borough Council ("the Council"), in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 ("the 2007 Act"), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated 30 September 2026:

The council determined to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient:

The Council, in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that section:

The Council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86, 98(3), 98(4), 98(6) and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

Citation and commencement

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Swale Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order No. 1 2026.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) below, this Order comes into force on 1 April 2027.

(3) For the purposes of:

(a) this article, and

(b) proceedings preliminary or relating to the election of parish councillors to Faversham Town Council to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027;

this Order shall come into force on the day after that on which it is made.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"borough" means the borough of Swale;

"existing" means existing on the date this Order is made;
"map" means the maps contained in Schedule 1 to this Order and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act and any reference to a numbered map is a reference to the map bearing that number;

"ordinary day of election of councillors" has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983; and

"registration officer" means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Effect of Order

3. This Order has effect subject to any agreement under section 99 (agreements about incidental matters) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 relevant to any provision of this Order.

Area affected by the Order

4. The areas affected by this Order are shown on the Maps in Schedule 1.

Parish Electoral Arrangements

5. Parish wards of Faversham Town Council

(1) The parish ward of Faversham Town Council known as Priory Ward shall be represented by three councillors rather than two.

(2) The parish ward of Faversham Town Council known as Watling Ward shall cease to exist.

(3) Two parish wards of Faversham Town Council shall be constituted, to be known respectively as East Watling Ward and West Watling Ward.

(4) East Watling Ward shall be represented by three councillors.

(5) West Watling Ward shall be represented by three councillors.

(6) The boundaries of the parish wards referred to in this article are shown on Map A in Schedule 1.

Alteration of Parish Boundaries

6. The parish boundaries shall be altered as follows:

Transfer from Graveney with Goodnestone Parish to Faversham Town Council

(1) The parish boundary between Faversham Town Council and Graveney with Goodnestone Parish shall be altered as shown on Map B in Schedule 1.

(2) Any area brought within the revised boundary of Faversham Town Council by paragraph (1) shall form part of that parish from the order date.

Transfer from Faversham Town Council to Sheldwich Parish Council

(3) The parish boundary between Faversham Town Council and Sheldwich Parish Council shall be altered as shown on Map C in Schedule 1.

(4) Any area brought within the revised boundary of Sheldwich Parish Council by paragraph (3) shall form part of that parish from the order date.

Transfer from Boughton under Blean Parish to Faversham Town Council

(5) The parish boundary between Boughton under Blean Parish Council and Faversham Town Council shall be altered as shown on Map D in Schedule 1.

(6) Any area brought within the revised boundary of Faversham Town Council by paragraph (5) shall form part of that parish from the order date.

Transfer from Selling Parish to Faversham Town Council

(7) The parish boundary between Selling Parish Council and Faversham Town Council shall be altered as shown on Map D in Schedule 1.

(8) Any area brought within the revised boundary of Faversham Town Council by paragraph (7) shall form part of that parish from the order date.

Transfer from Ospringe Parish to Faversham Town Council

(9) The parish boundary between Ospringe Parish Council and Faversham Town Council shall be altered as shown on Map E in Schedule 1.

(10) Any area brought within the revised boundary of Faversham Town Council by paragraph (9) shall form part of that parish from the order date.

Electoral register

7. The registration officer for the borough shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

Order date

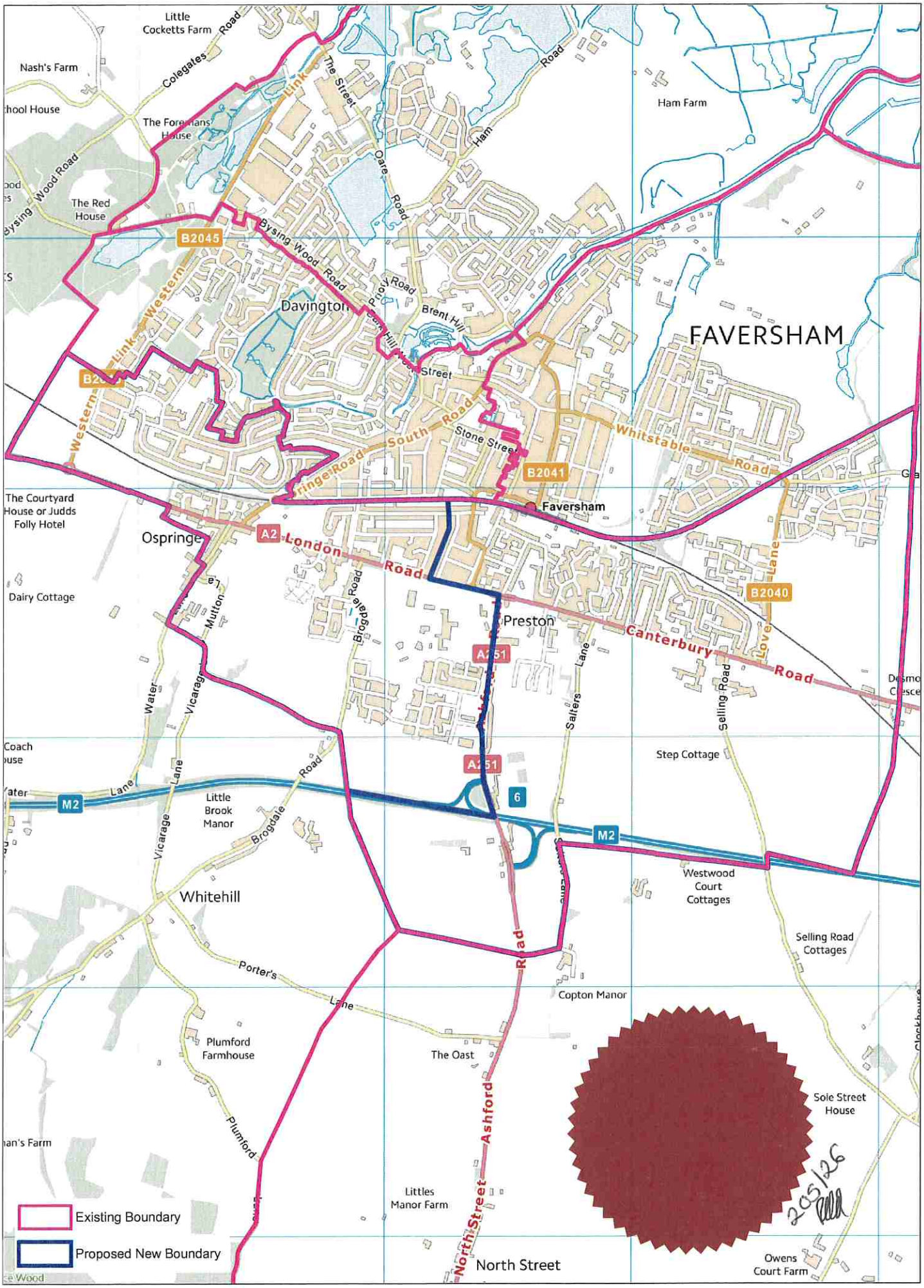
8. 1 April 2027 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

Sealed with the seal of the council on the 27 day of OCTOBER 2026

Authorised Signatory

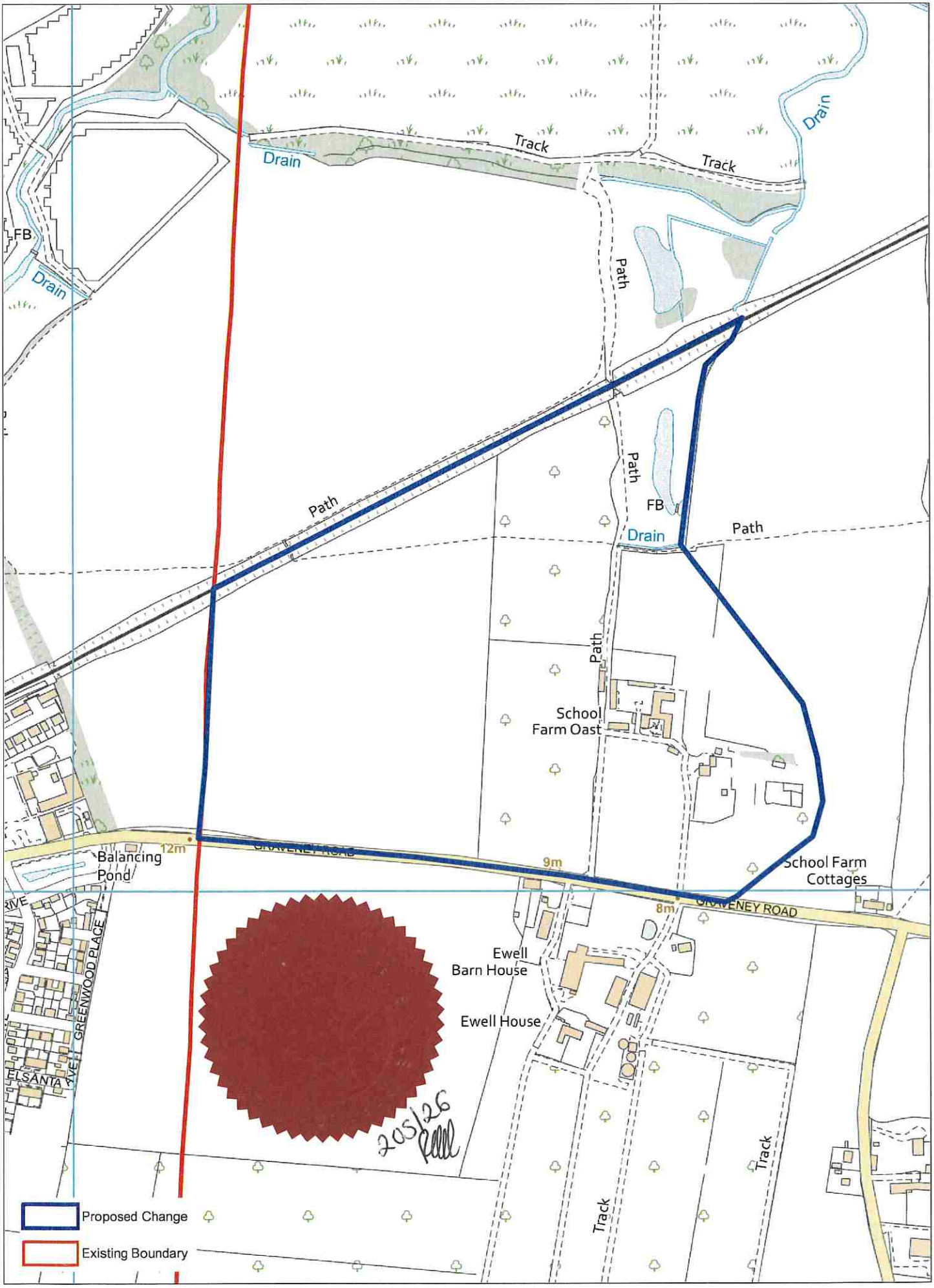


SCHEDULE 1
MAPS REFERRED TO IN THE SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL (REORGANISATION OF COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE) ORDER NO. 1 2026



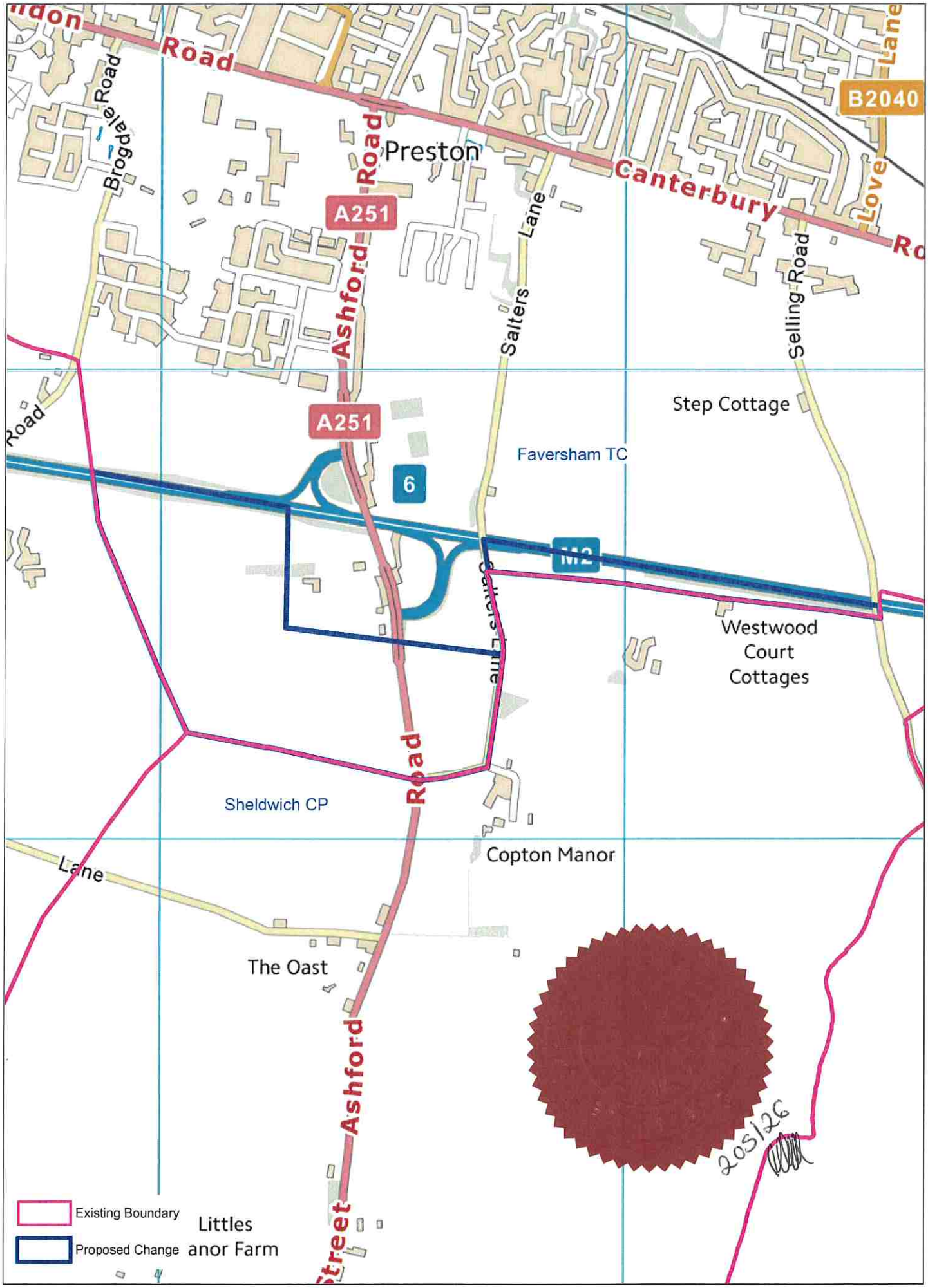
MAP A

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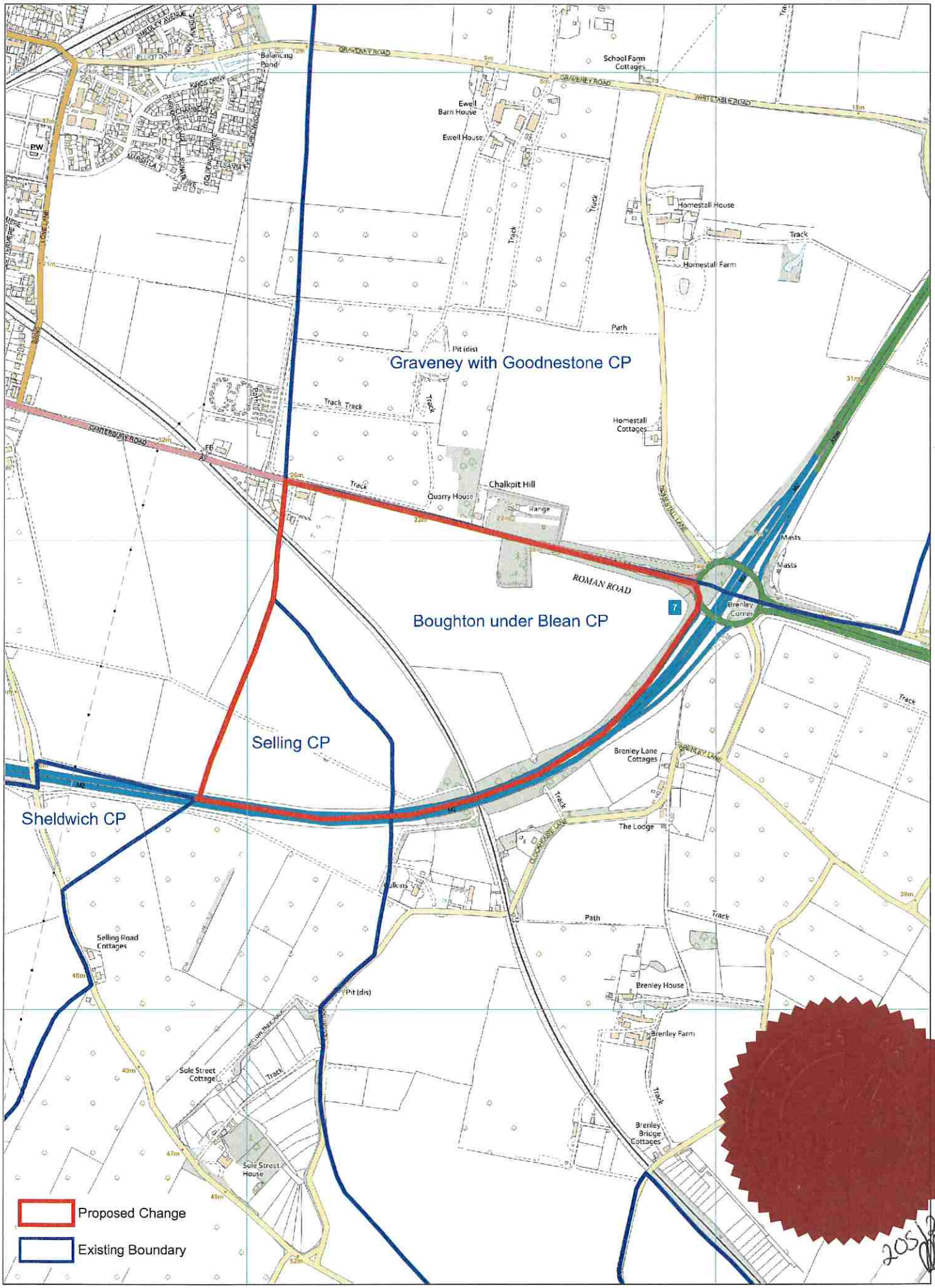
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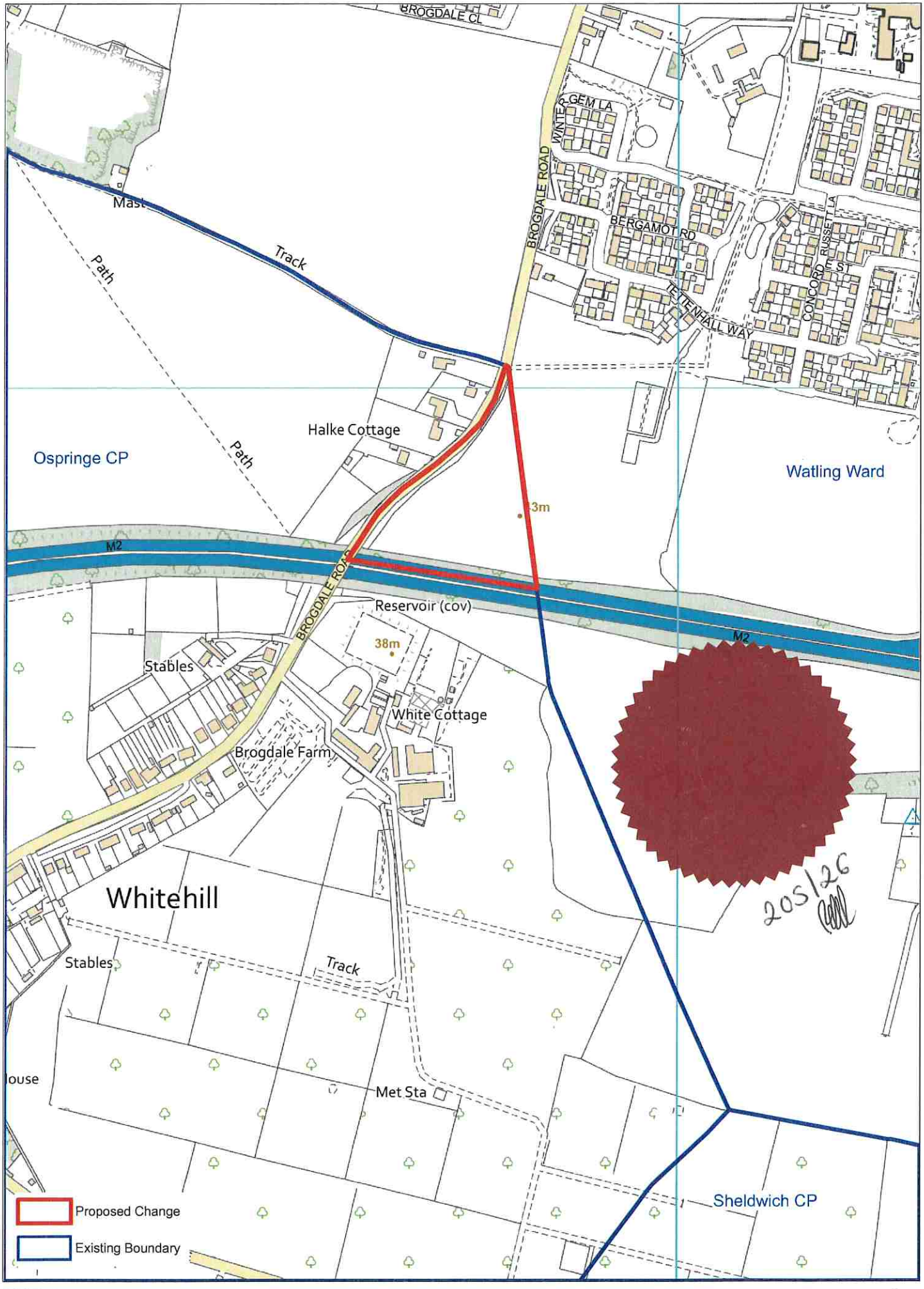
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MAP D

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MAP E

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