

Highway Grass Verges, to include:
Area 1
Pound Lane, Boughton Road (starting at the Moulton sign to the junction with the Pitsford Road, including triangle junctions to Carey Close and Arnsby Crescent), Carey Close (Kerbside verges only), Jeyes Close, Arnsby Crescent (Any untended areas as necessary), Pitsford Road (up to 30mph speed sign), Stewart Close, The Hollies, Morning Star Lane and Forester Road.
Area 2
Lunchfield Lane and Lunchfield Gardens verges.
Area 3
Cross Street, Parade Bank, The Grove (from the Moulton sign to junction with Alibone Close, in Chater Street). Mowing to be up to the wall on both sides of the road to include narrow verge into Church View alongside of Busby's Meadow), Church View, Oakley Drive, Pytchley View, The Crescent. To include triangles at junctions with Pytchley View, Oakley Drive and The Crescent.
Area 4
Ashley Lane (any verges as necessary including junction with Kettering Road), Overstone Road (to the junction with the A43). The wide verge adjacent to Tarrant Way and junctions to Tarrant Way and Tarrant Close. The wide verges at the entrance to Park View including around the Total garage, Wantage Close, Tarrant Way, Tarrant Close, Top of Sandy Hill Road, Park View (all verges on both sides of the road to the end of the houses of the old A43 cul-de-sac).
Area 5
Northampton Lane North, Moorbridge Road , the corner verges at March Springs, Ryland Road, Greenwood Close, Harvey Lane, Fuller Road, Manor Road (including the two areas area in front of elderly people's bungalows), Brunting Road and Whiting Court.
Area 6
Northampton Lane North (From the junction with Cross Street to the Moulton sign including triangles at junctions with Brunting Road, Fuller Road, Manning Road and Ryland Road.
Area 7
The Avenue (verges from the junction of the A43 until after the last house – No 5 Oakview).
Area 8
Grass verges either side of Barlow Lane, leading up to the top car park and the small area at the back of the Hall.
Area 9
Thorpeville Verges

Specification and Guidance for Parish Contractor Undertaking Urban Highway Grass Mowing

1. Specification

Location		Frequency of cuts
Urban (speed limit 40mph and less)	Vision splays and other busy areas where visibility is required for safety	3 cuts/year
	All other grass areas adjoining carriageways, footways and cycleways	

For the purposes of grass cutting the boundaries of the village/s are the **speed restriction signs**.

2. Guidance

a. Metalled Link Footways and Rights of Way

The cutting of grass on metalled link footpaths and metalled rights of way in urban areas has been included where appropriate. The specification for this work requires grass and other vegetation to be cut to ensure paths are cleared up to 2 metres in width or to the boundaries of the adjacent land, whichever is the lesser. (Metalled is defined as bound or unbound hard surface i.e. any surface other than earth, gravel or grass)

b. Overhanging Vegetation

The Parish / Town Council are not required to cut back overhanging vegetation growing from outside the footway boundary; this is the responsibility of the landowner. If this is a problem we would ask the Parish Council to approach the landowner in the first instance. If this is not possible or no action is forthcoming the County Council (Highway Authority) may issue an enforcement notice if details of the landowner are known.

3. Grassed areas of highway verge in Urban locations as follows:-

- a. It is recommended that the grass to be cut as minimum to the following requirements.
 - All grass on fully developed frontages.
 - The full area of roundabouts and splitter islands except where planted or maintained by others.
 - A minimum 2.4 metre wide strip on undeveloped frontages, where possible, immediately adjacent to the carriageway, except where there is a road junction where the full width should be cut for 100 metres either side of the centre point of any road junction on the same side as the junction.
 - Planted areas such as daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs shall not be mown on the first cycle unless located within a visibility splay.
 - Where a visibility splay at a junction extends outside the urban area the full visibility splay shall be cut to the urban frequency.
 - The Parish Council should also include any sub-parishes, hamlets etc. which come under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council.

An urban boundary is defined as the speed limit sign of 40mph or less. Area of grass to be mowed will be agreed prior to commencement of season. No further changes will be made during the year.

4. Cutting of Grass Verges

- a. The whole area shall be cut leaving no areas uncut between the highway boundary and carriageway edge. Where earthen grip drains cross the verge the grass mowing shall follow the profile of the drain.
- b. Grass adjacent to walls and around street furniture, safety fencing, statutory undertakers and other body apparatus (e.g. Markers, phone boxes, grit bins etc.) shall be cut using hand strimmers or similar.
- c. Cuttings shall be removed from metalled surfaces such as footways and carriageways. The removal of cuttings from metalled surfaces shall be done immediately following the mowing of a particular area.

Requirements for Parish / Town Council and Contractor Undertaking Urban Highway Grass Mowing

1. Insurance

A public liability insurance of **£5 million pounds** for any one incident has to be taken out by those undertaking the mowing.

2. Traffic Management

Should not normally be needed but should comply with Chapter 8 of the Department of Transport's Traffic Manual, i.e., any mowing outside a 30mph limit is signed. Ride on mowers/vehicles must be fitted with rotating amber beacons and must be switched on when the vehicle is in use. Operatives will wear high visibility clothing. Mowers will travel with the flow of traffic when cutting from the road. Operators should be aware of pedestrians and not impinge progress.

3. Health and Safety

Personal protective clothing must be worn, i.e., steel toe cap and mid sole safety boots, safety goggles, gloves and overalls. All mowers must comply with safety standards.

4. Noise at Work

Ear protection to be worn.

5. First Aid

First Aid kits to be available on site.

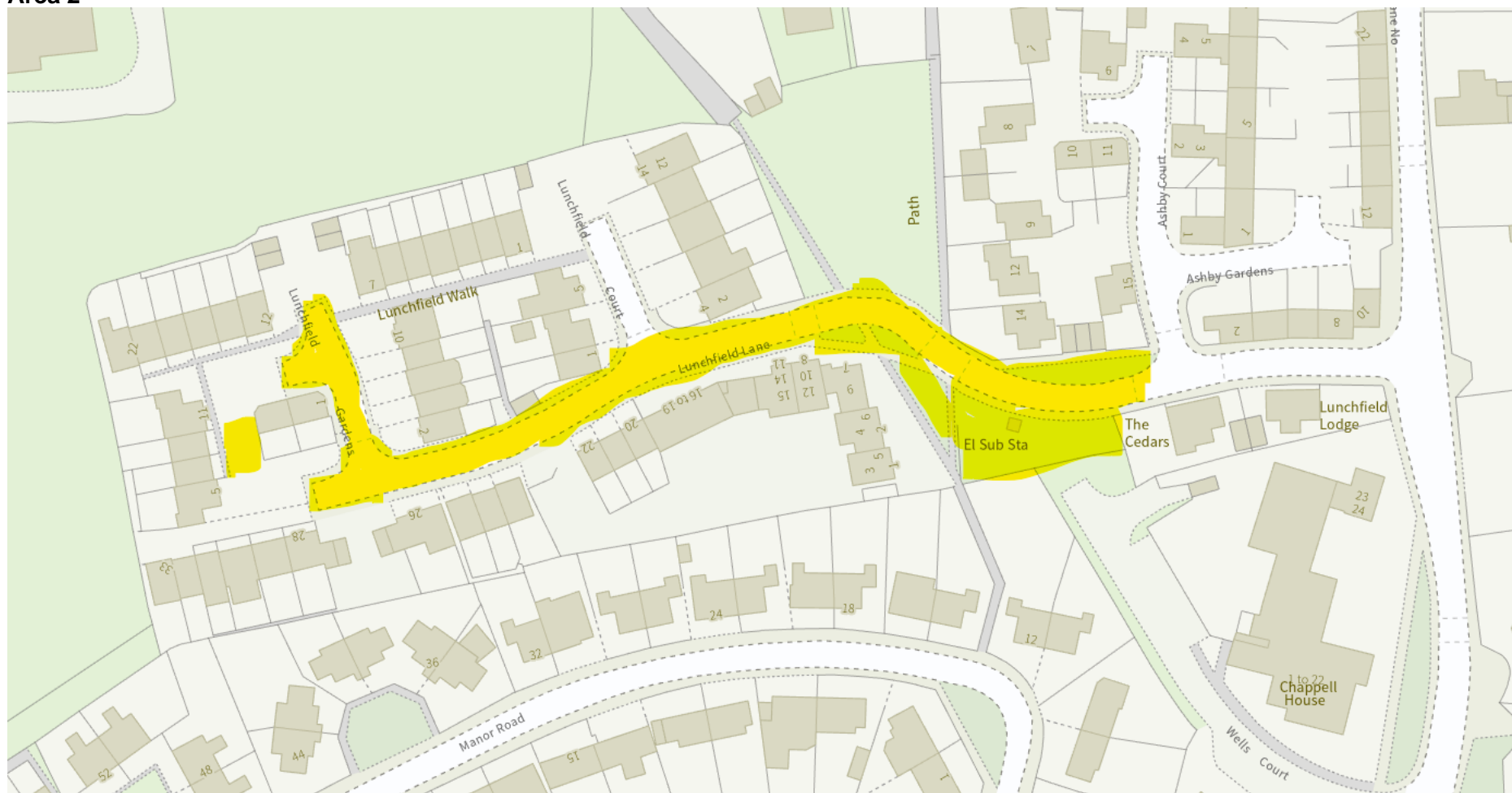
6. Duty of Care

Parish Councils' should be aware that, as the 'employer', the Parish Council has a 'duty of care', as defined under the Health and Safety at Work Act and must ensure this is complied with.

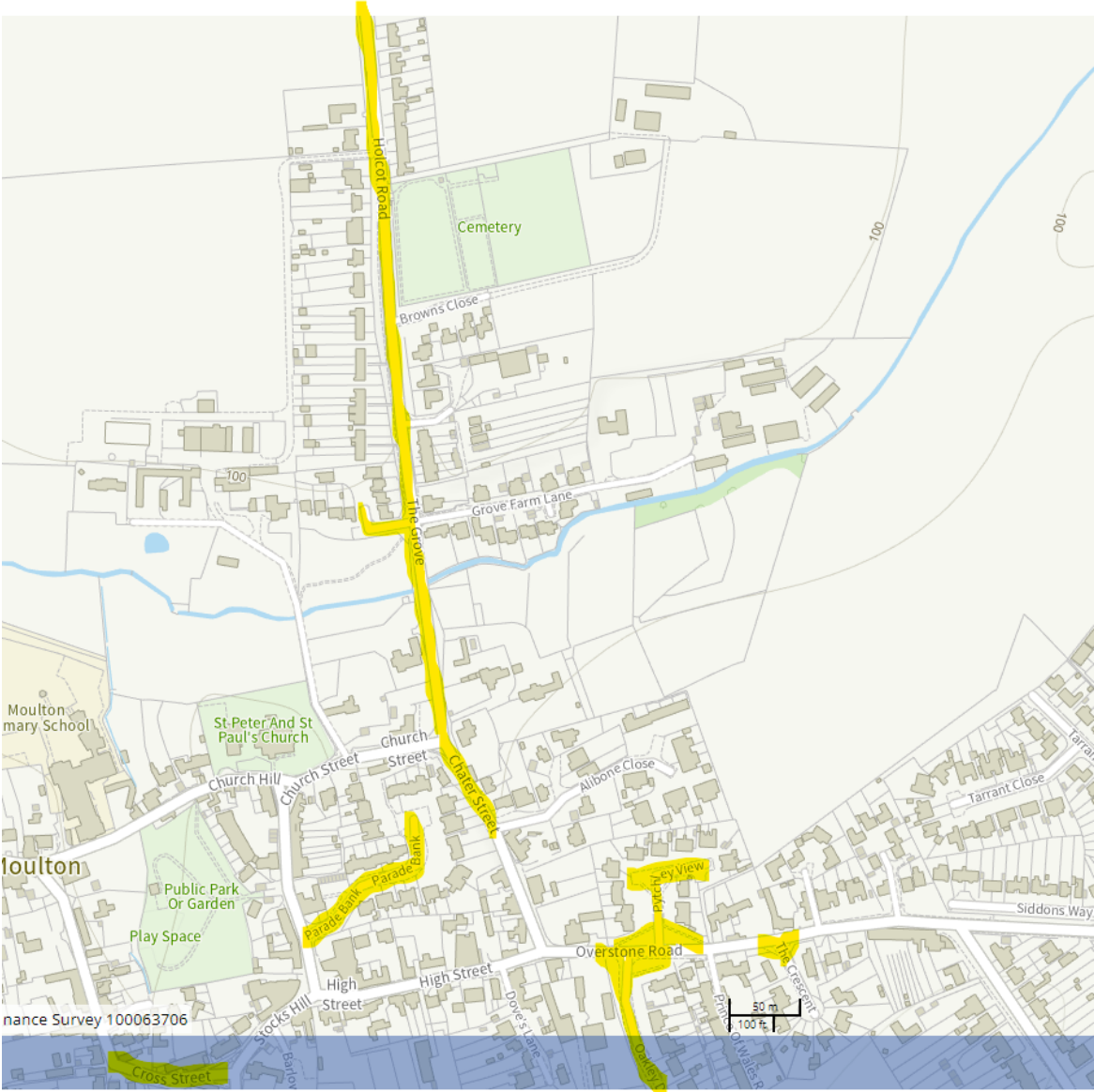
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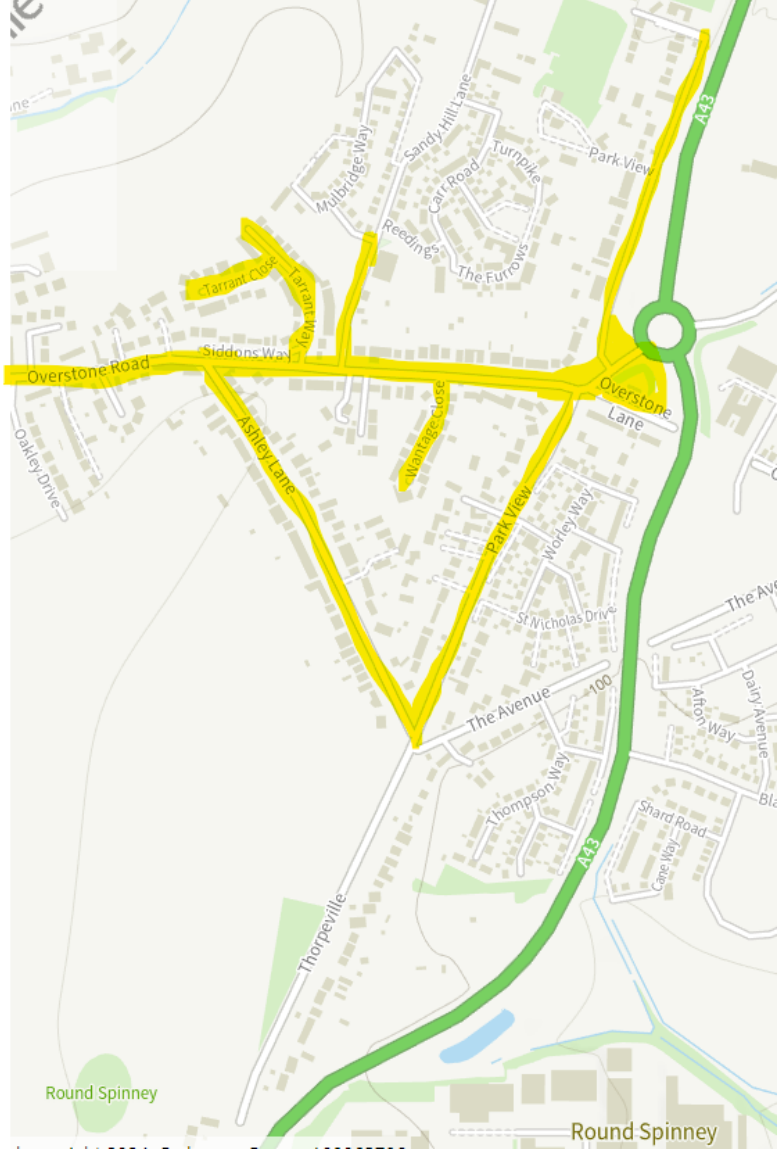
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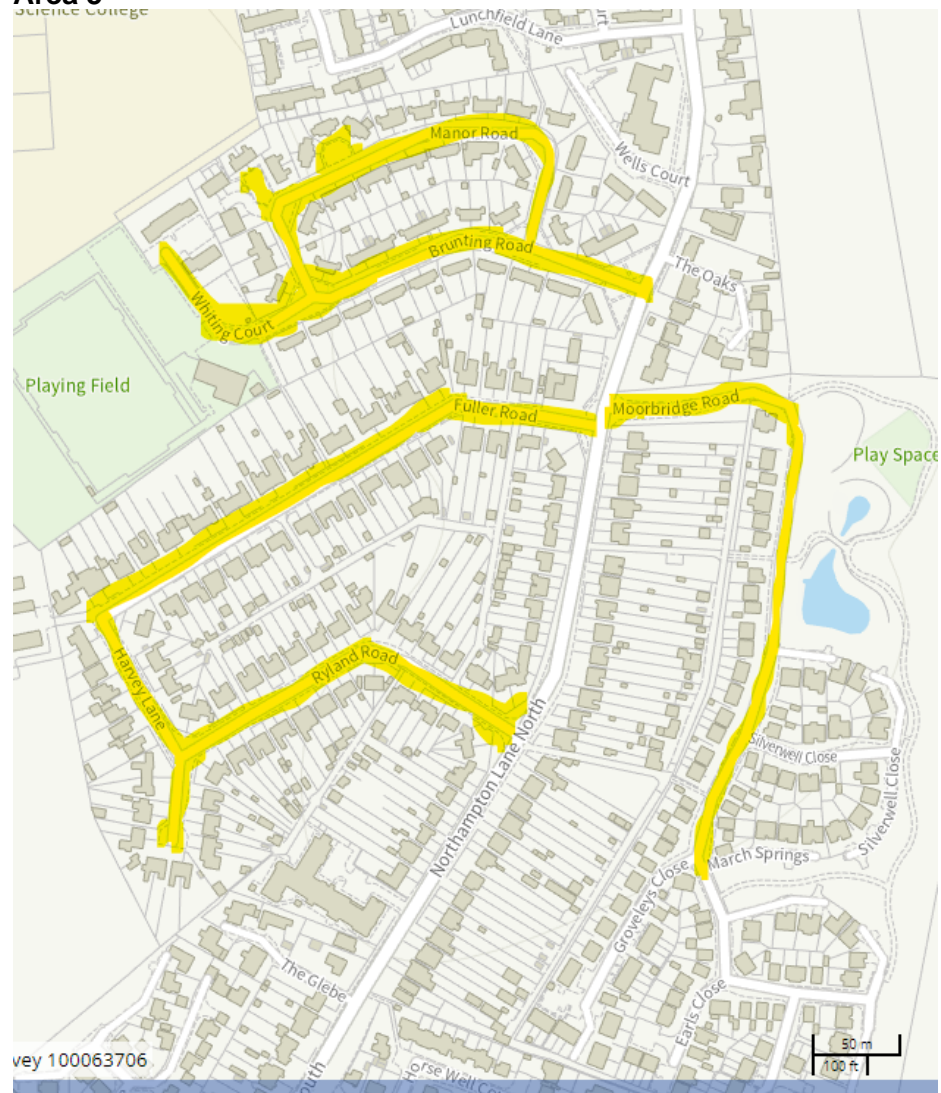
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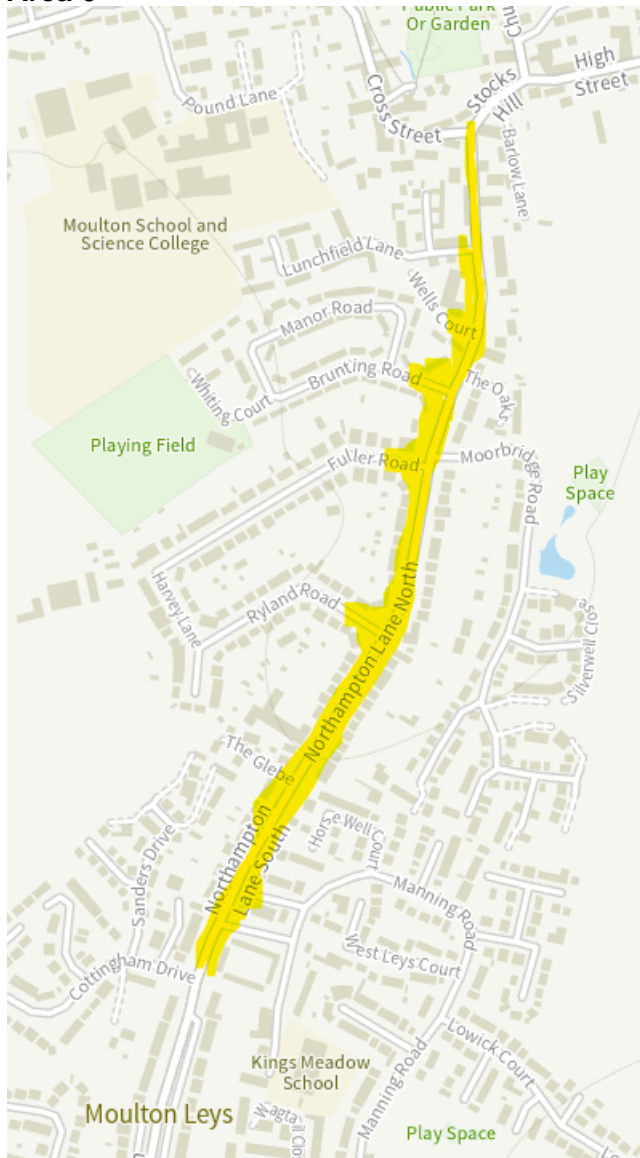


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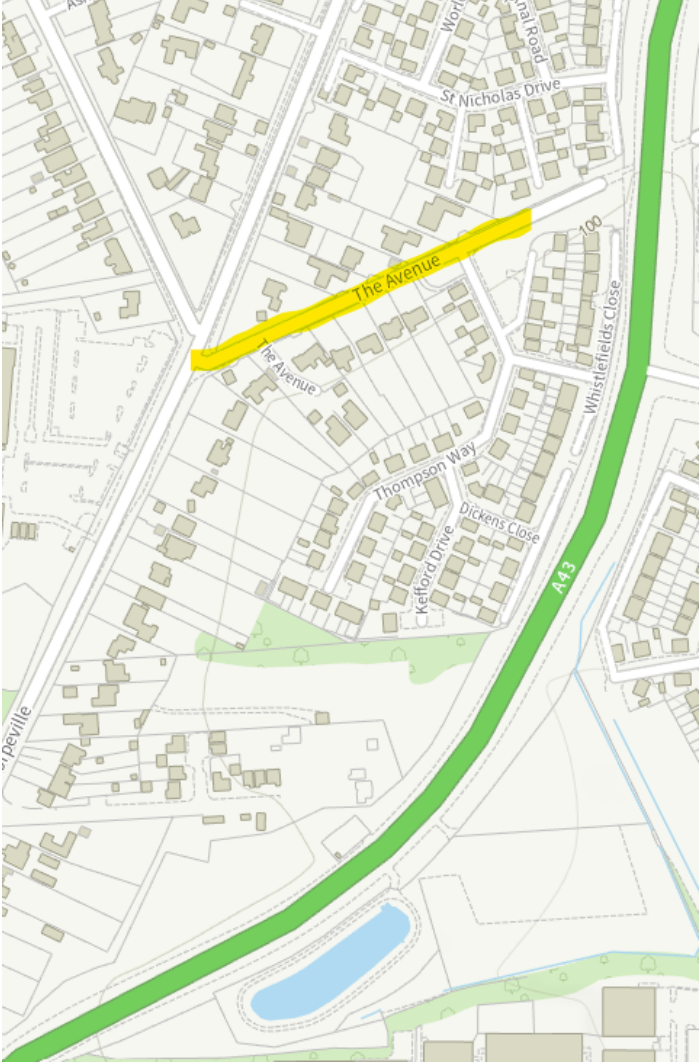


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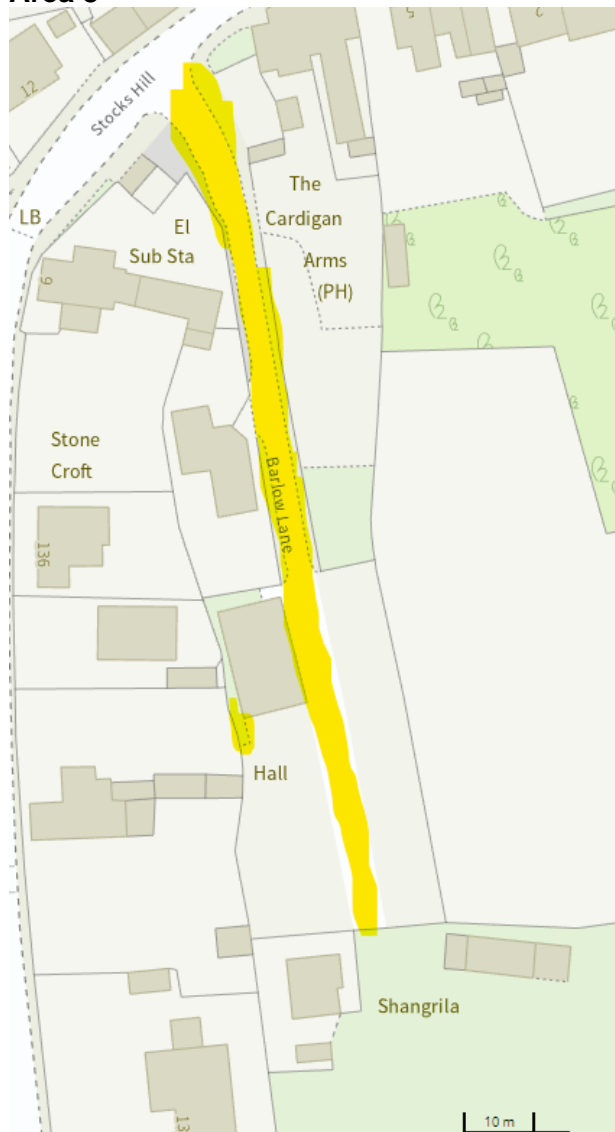
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