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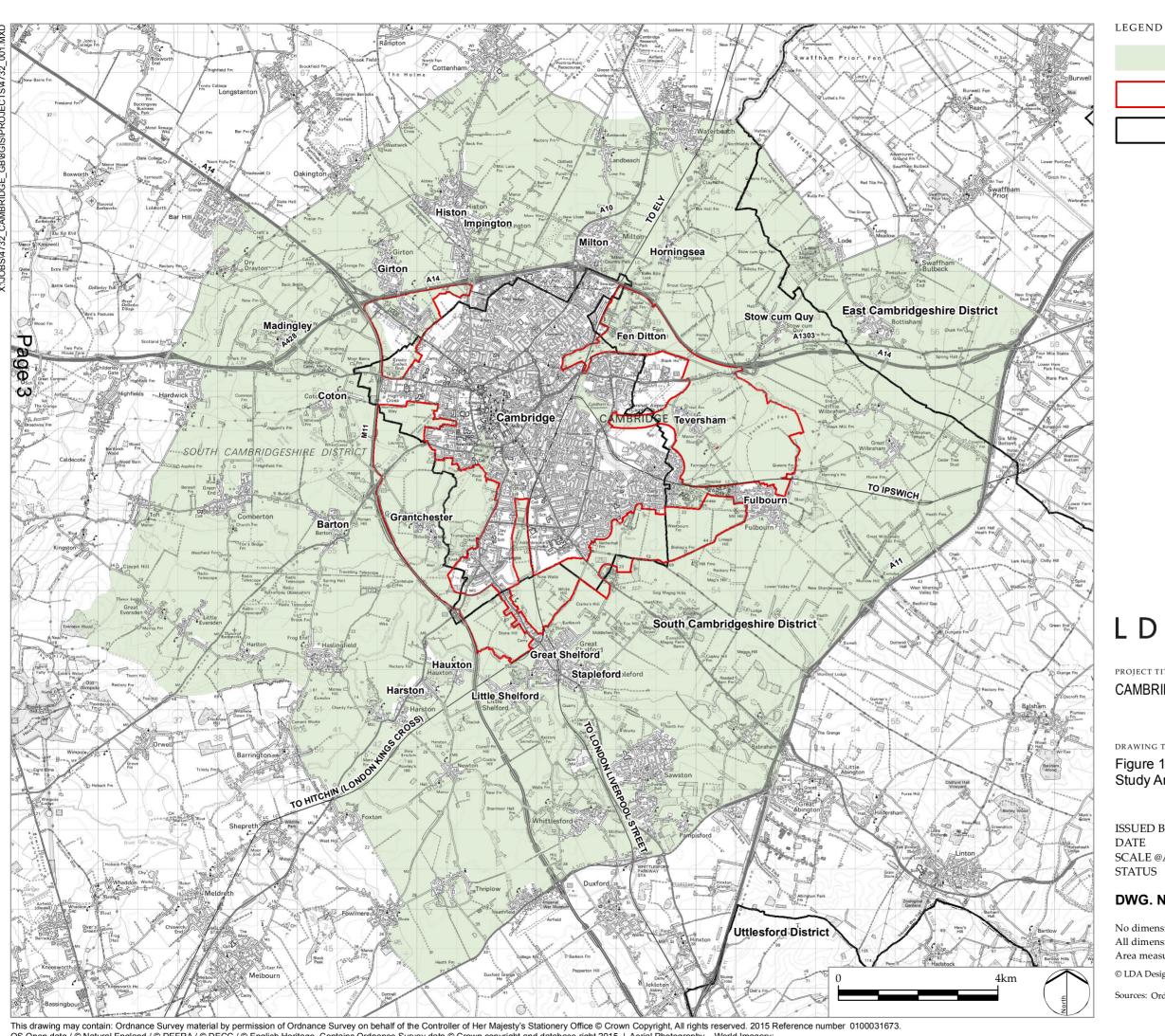
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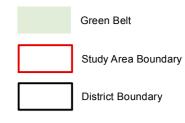
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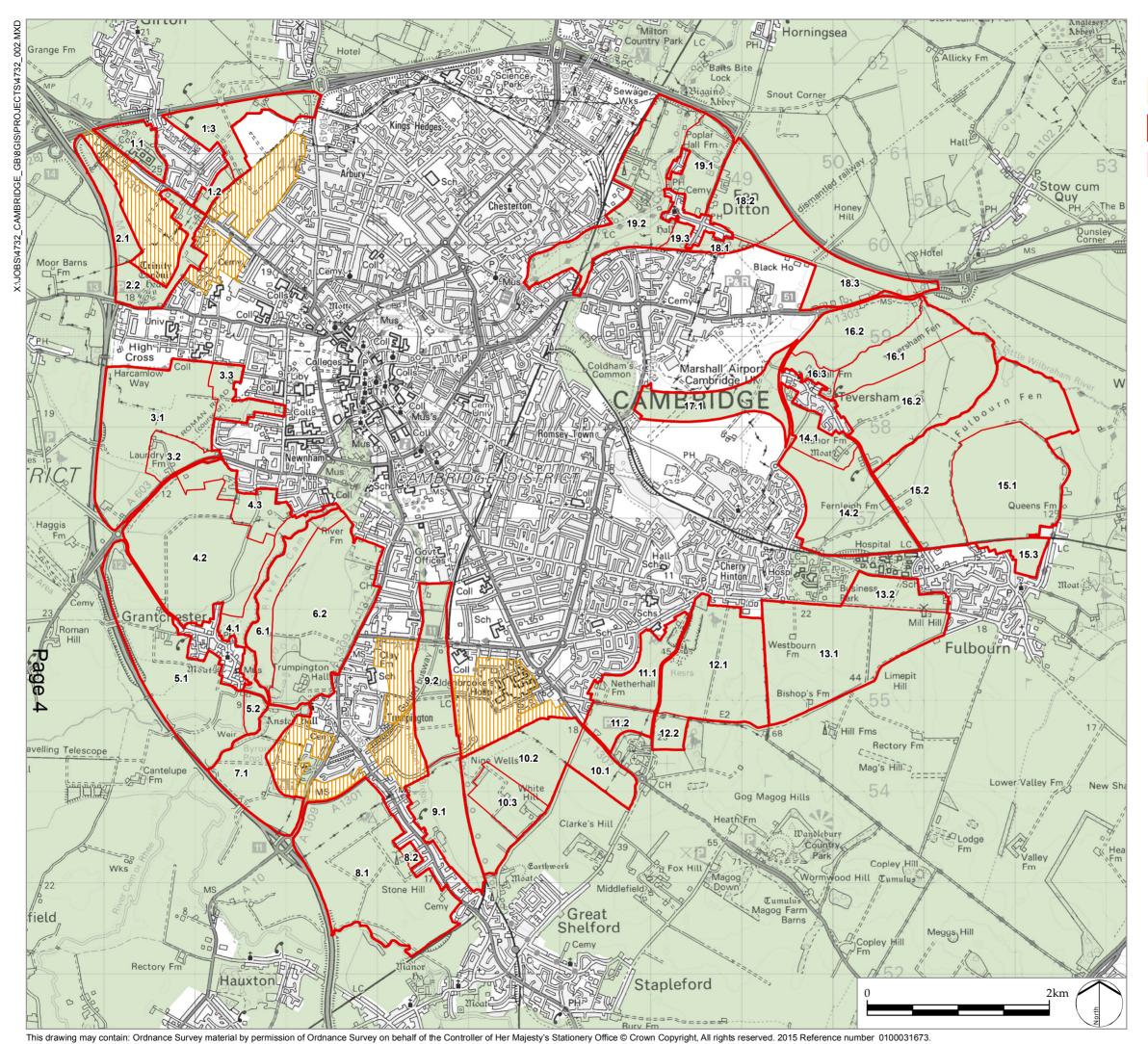
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Assessment Sub Areas

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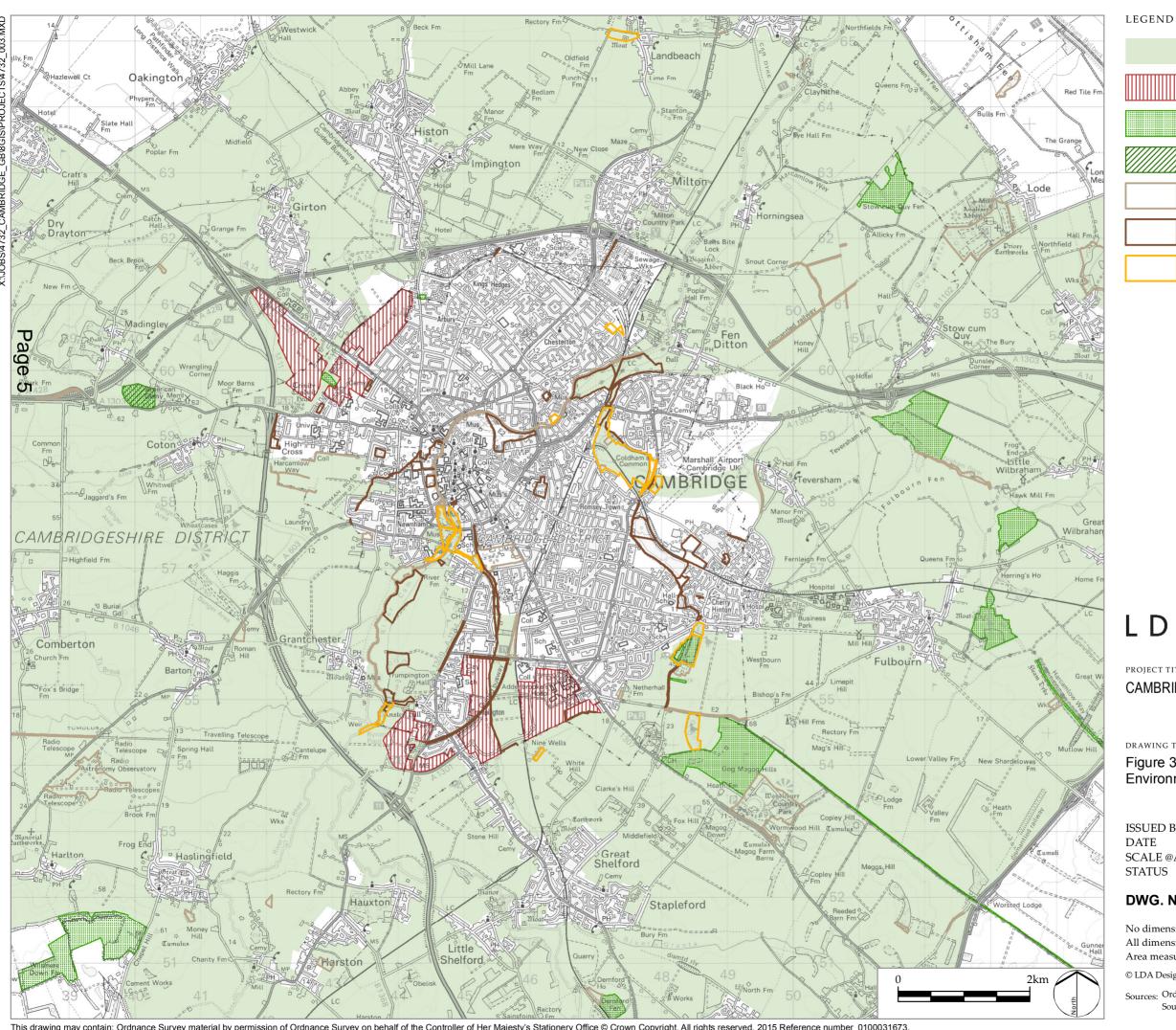
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Green Belt

Developments under construction/permitted

Site of Special Scientific Interest

Ancient Woodland

County Wildlife Site

Local Nature Reserve

City Wildlife Site

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**Environmental Designations** 

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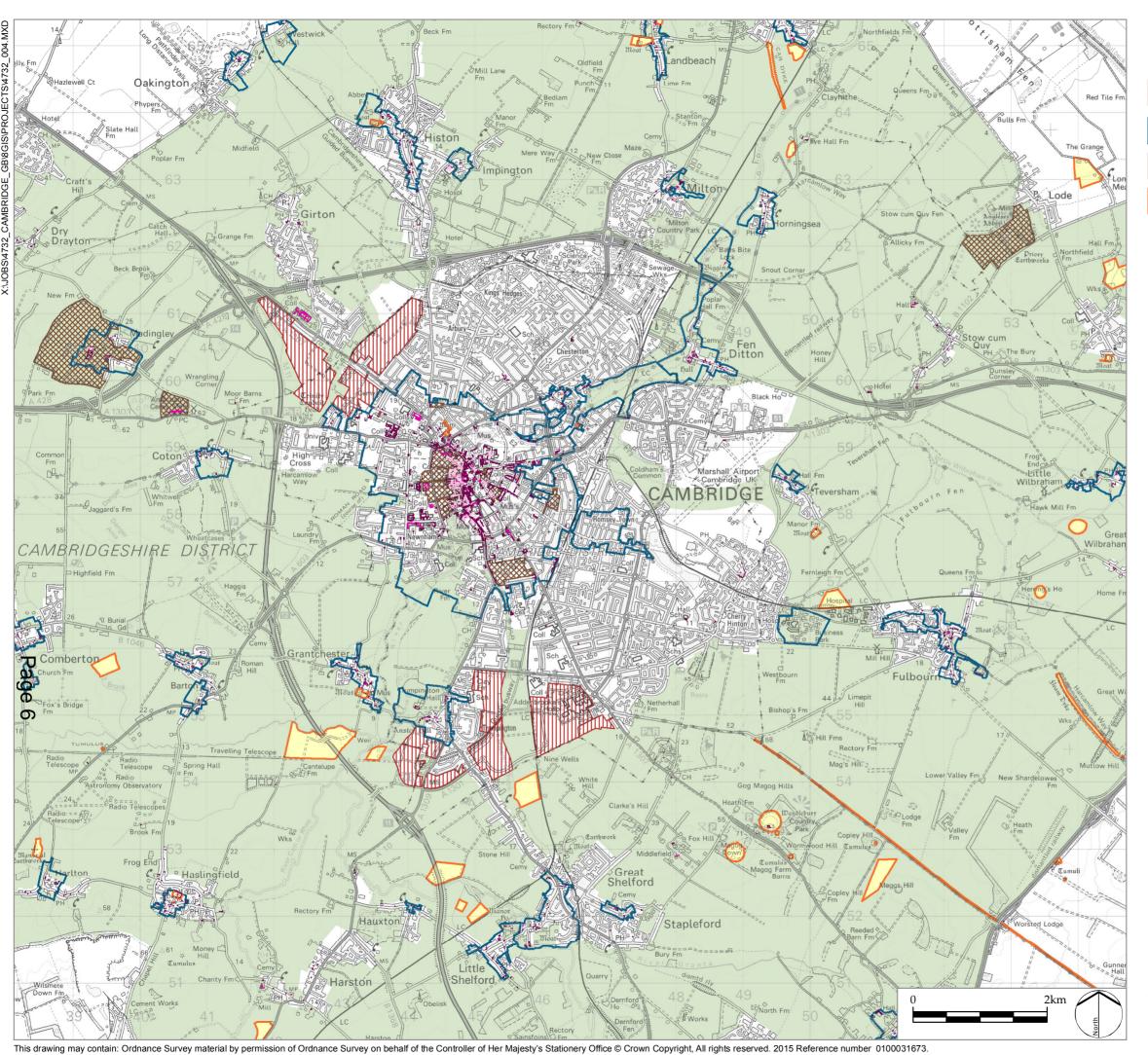
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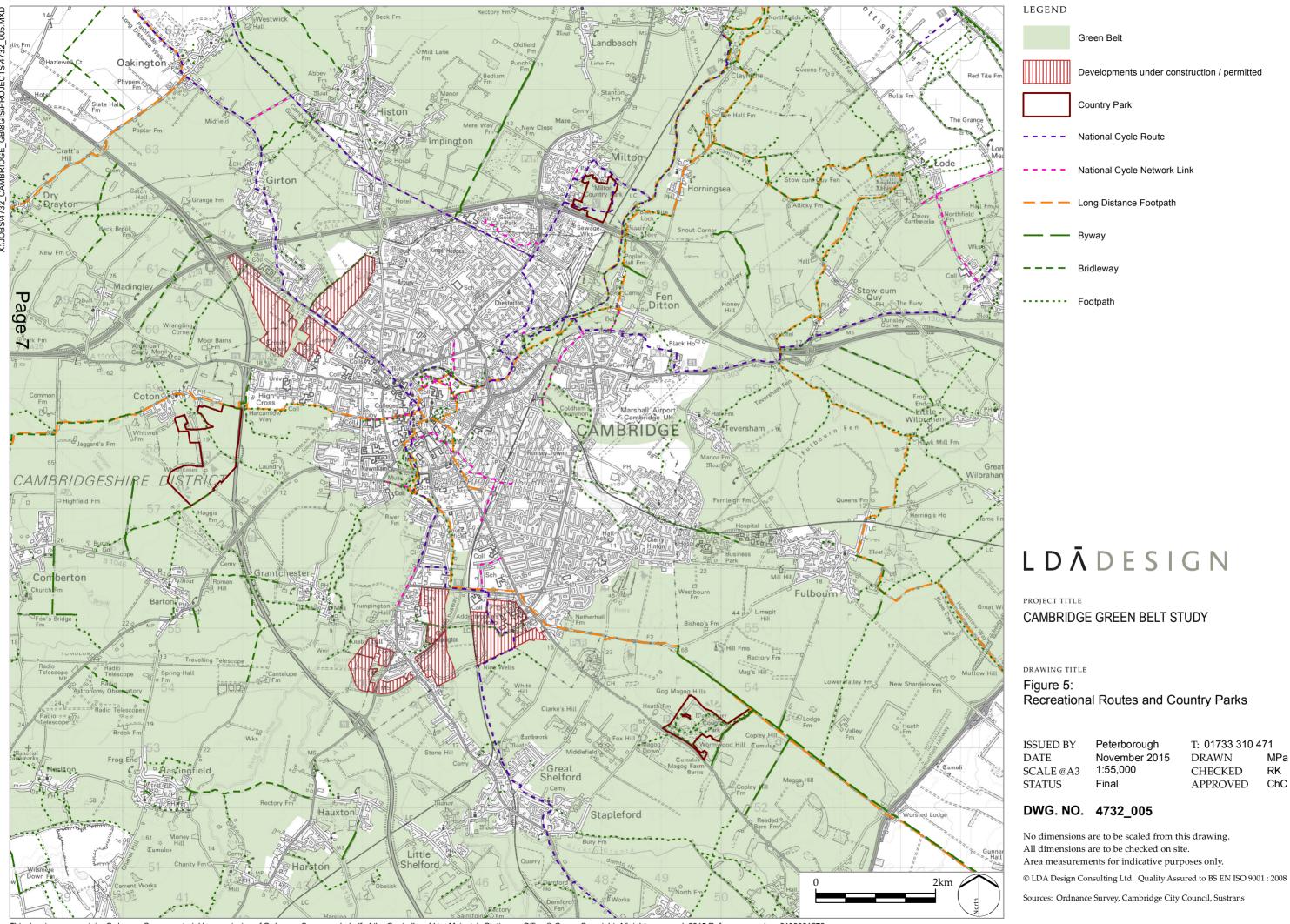
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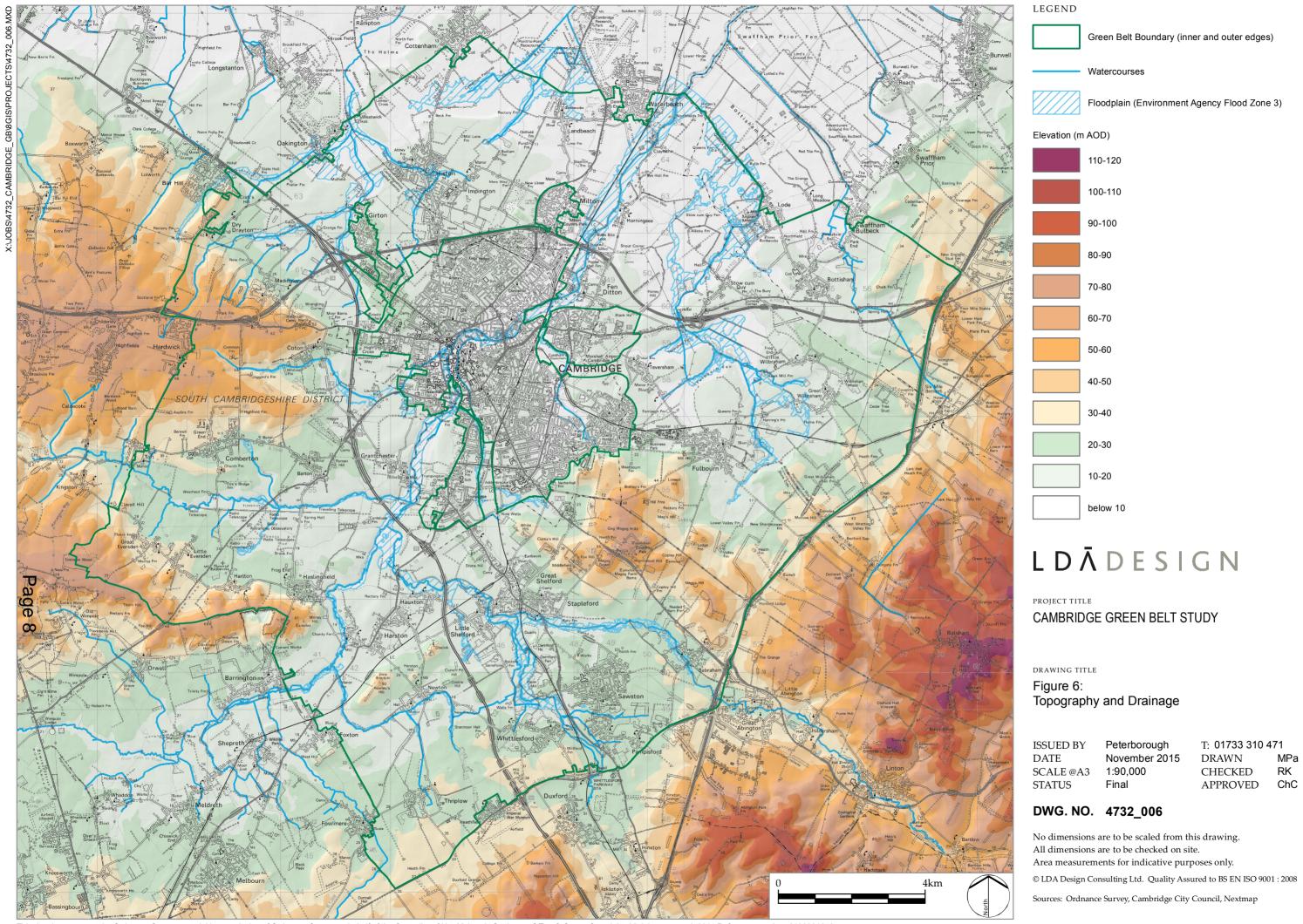
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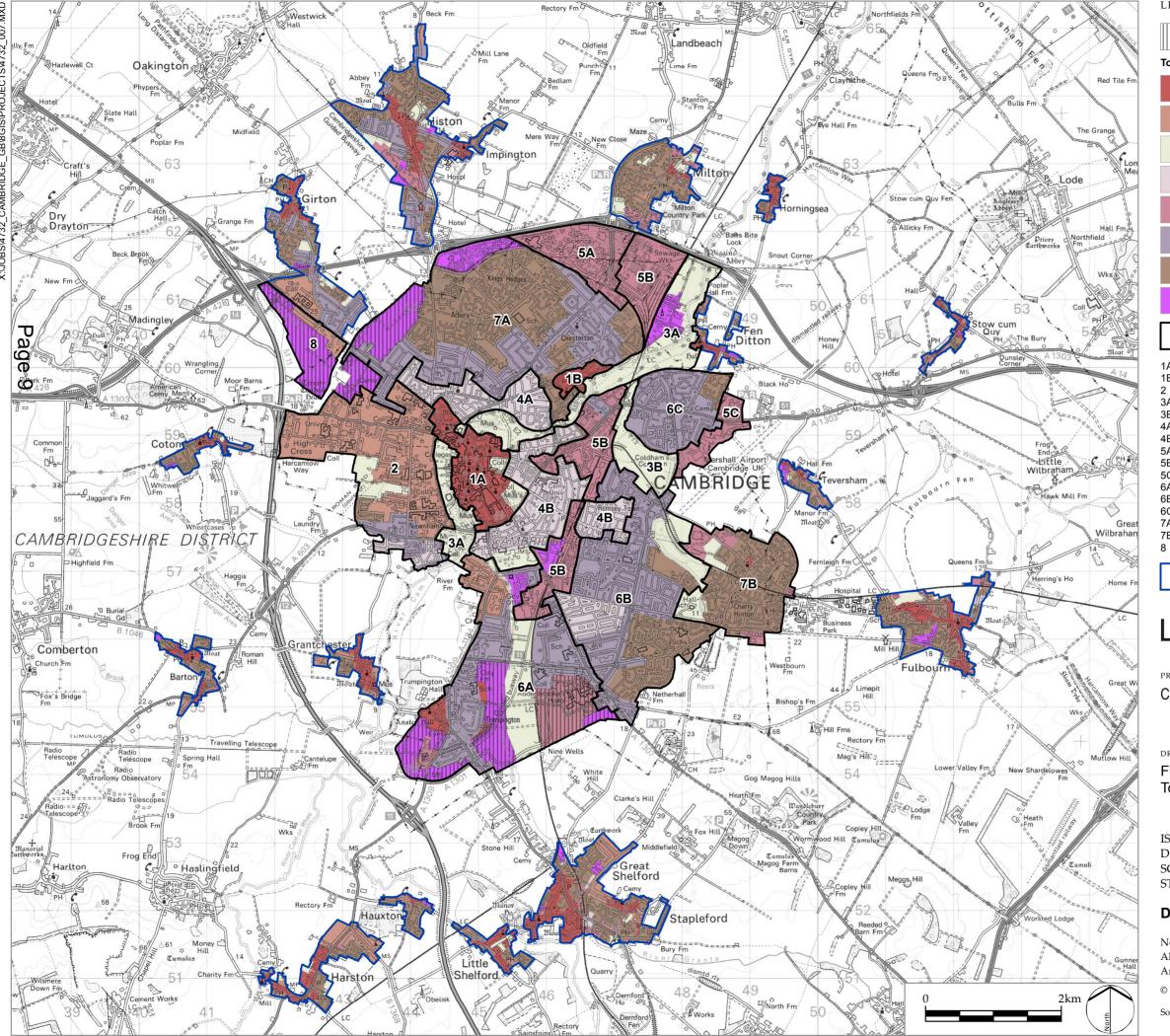
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- 1A Cambridge Historic Core
- 1B Chesterton Village
- 2 West Cambridge
- 3A River Cam Corridor
- 3B Coldham's Common
- 4A New Chesterton
- 4B Newtown, Mill Road, Barnwell and Romsey Town
- 5A Cambridge Science Park and St Johns Innovation Park
- 5B Railway Corridor
- 5C Cambridge Airport 6A Trumpington and Hills Road
- 6B South-eastern Suburban Estates 6C Newmarket Road Suburban Estates
- 7A Northern Suburban Estates
- 7B Cherry Hinton
- 8 North West Cambridge



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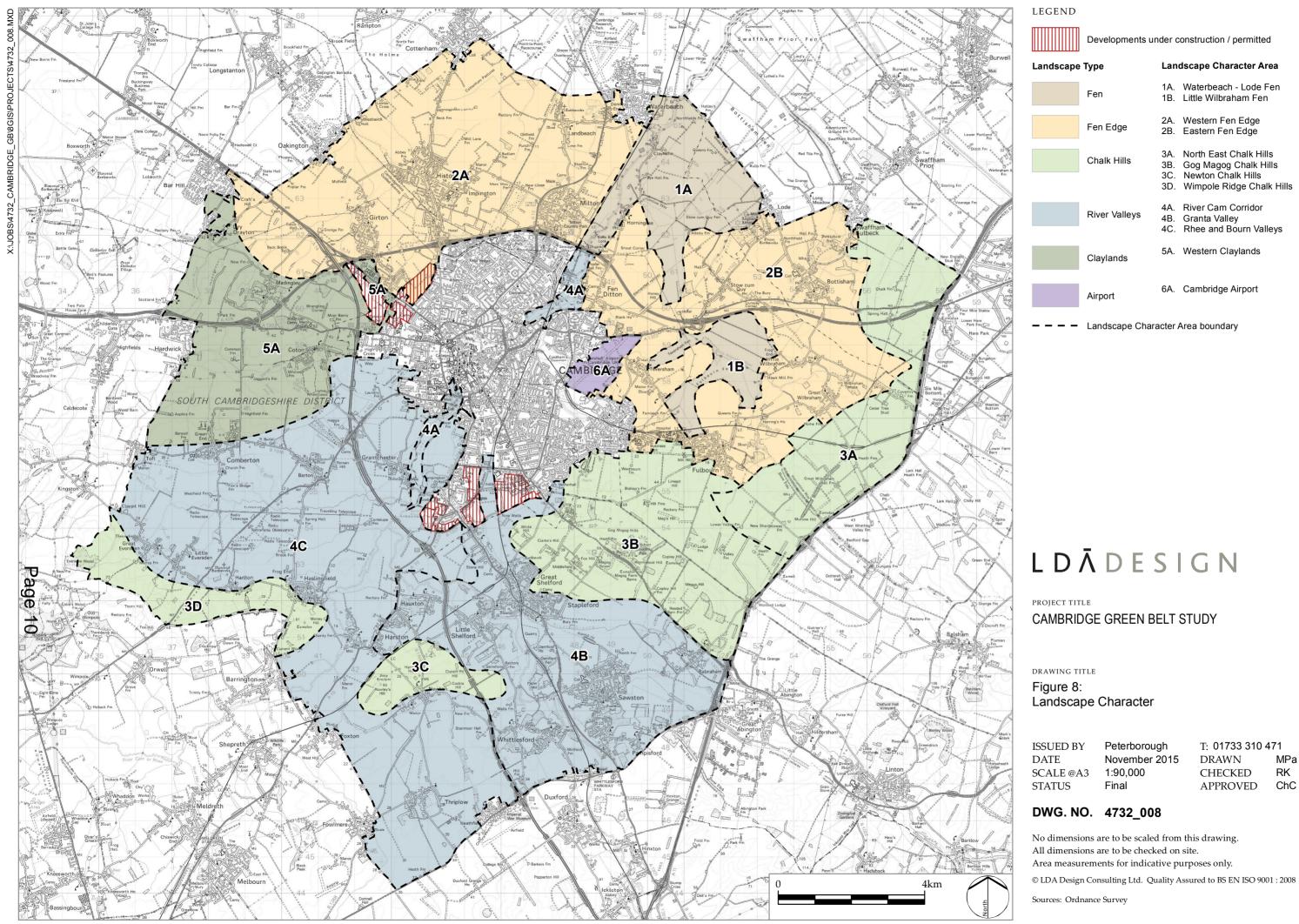
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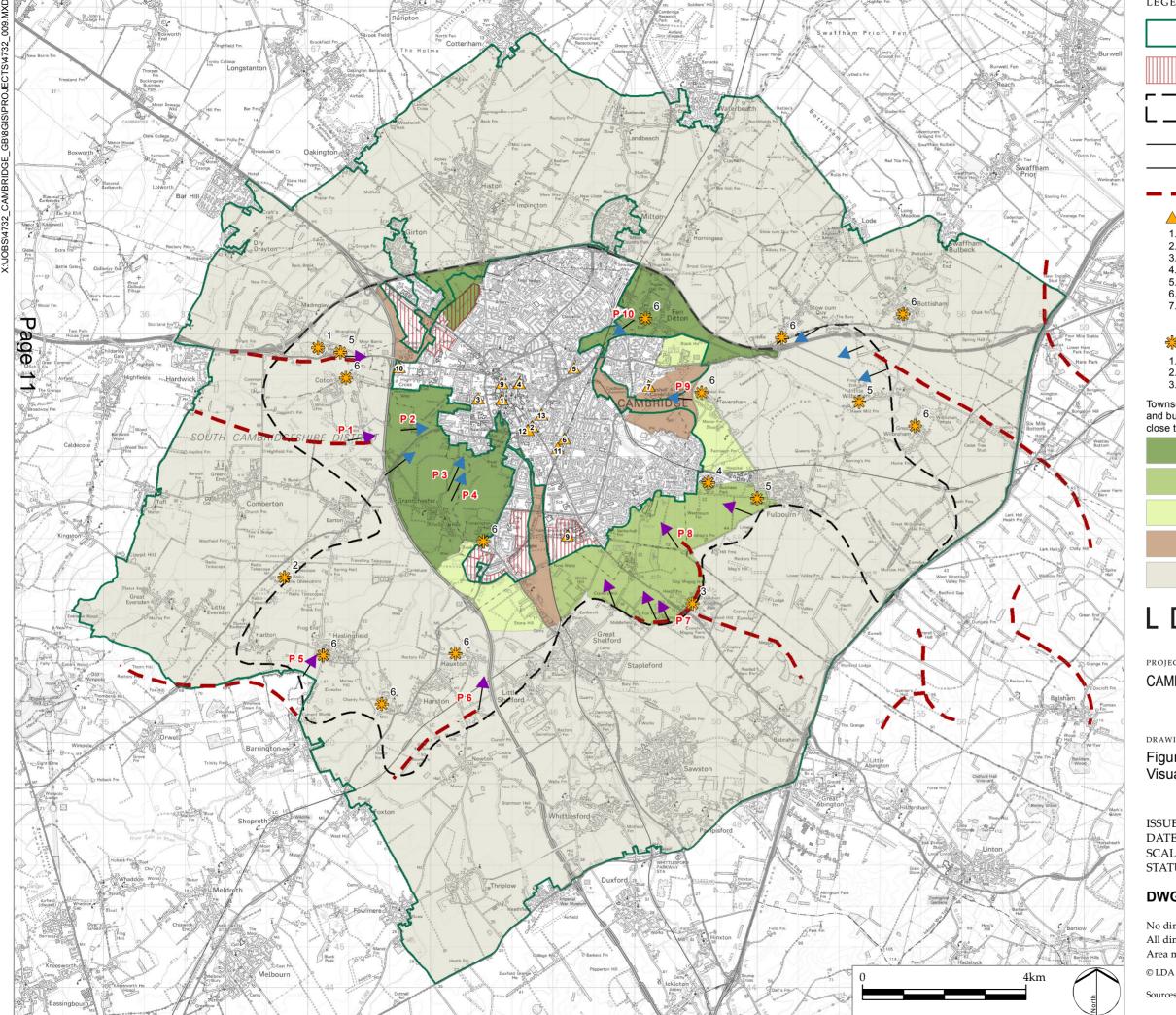
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### LEGEND Green Belt Boundary (inner and outer edges) Developments under construction / permitted Approximate area of Green Belt from which Cambridge may be seen Key elevated view Key low level view Ridgeline Key Cambridge landmarks visible from the setting 1. King's College Chapel 8. Addenbrooke's Hospital 2. Roman Catholic Church spire 9. St John's College 10. Schlumberger Building 11. Foster Mill 3. University Library 4. All Saints Jesus Lane 5. Museum of Technology Chimney 12. Cambridge University Chemistry Building 6. Carter Bridge 13. Parkside Place 7. Cambridge Airport Hangars

Distinctive / memorable features in the setting of Cambridge

4. Fulbourn Hospital 1. American Cemetery 2. Radio Astronomy Observatory

5. Windmills 3. Wandlebury woodland on hill top 6. Village churches

Townscape / countryside interface - elevation, foreground character and built edge character as seen in immediate views from routes close to Cambridge

Level views, countryside foreground, generally soft

Elevated views, countryside foreground, mixed urban edge

Level views, countryside foreground, mixed urban edge

Level views, mixed foreground, mixed urban edge

Rural setting with scattered villages

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Visual Assessment

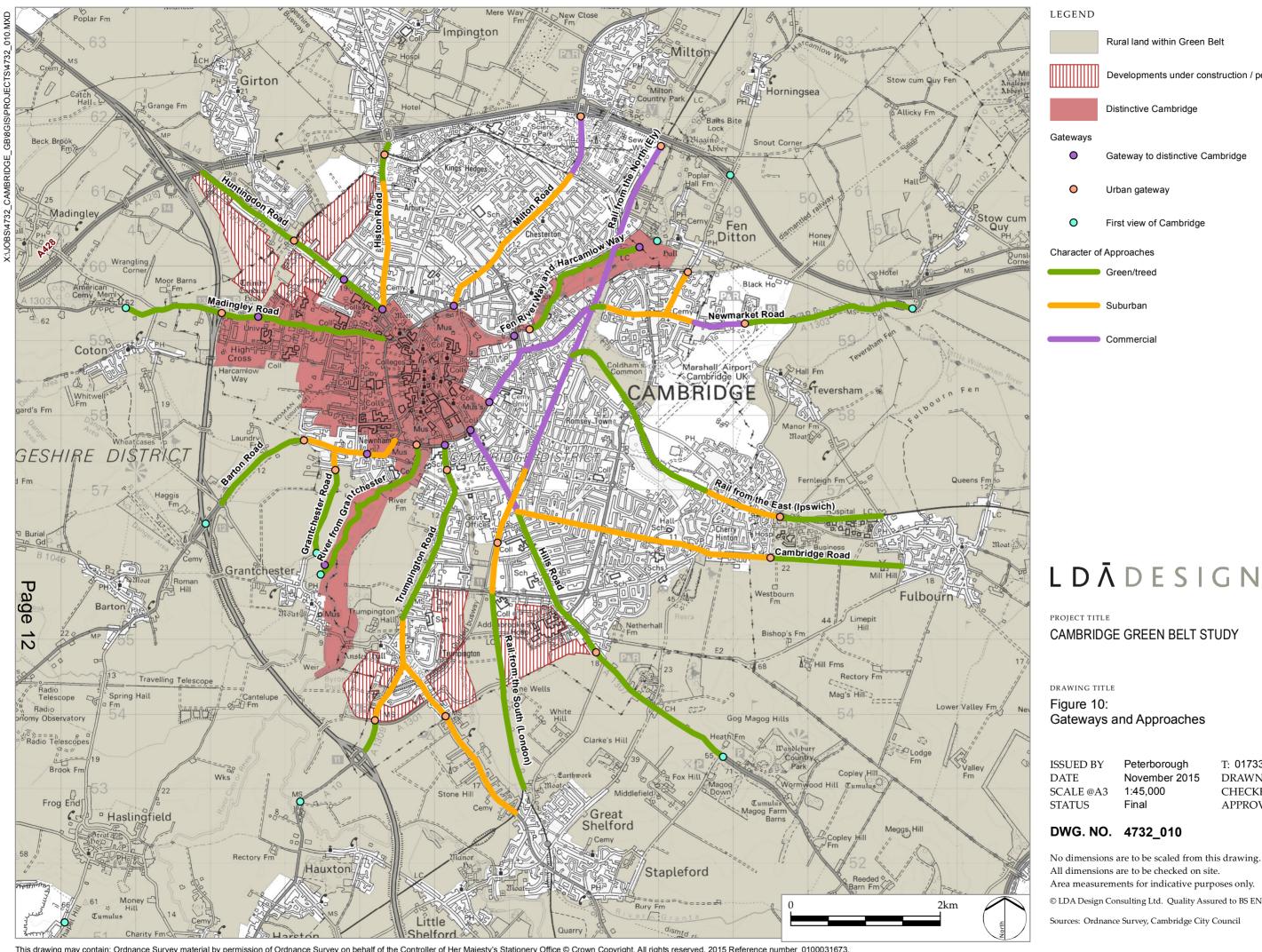
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Rural land within Green Belt

Distinctive Cambridge

Urban gateway

Green/treed

Suburban

Commercial

First view of Cambridge

Gateway to distinctive Cambridge

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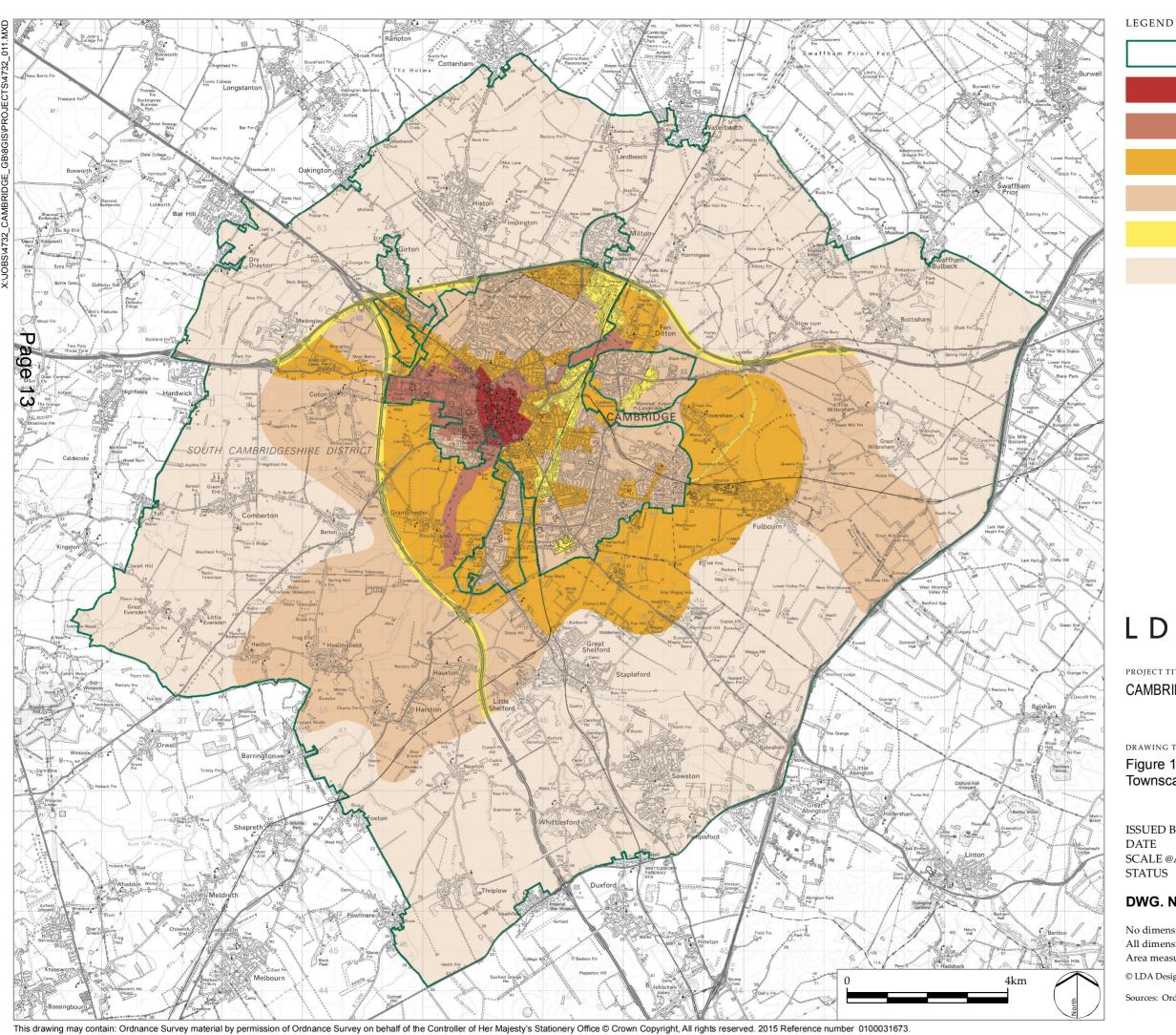
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# Green Belt Boundary (inner and outer edges) Visually cohesive Historic Core Distinctive townscape/landscape Supportive townscape/landscape Connective townscape/landscape Visually detracting townscape/landscape Outer rural areas of the Green Belt

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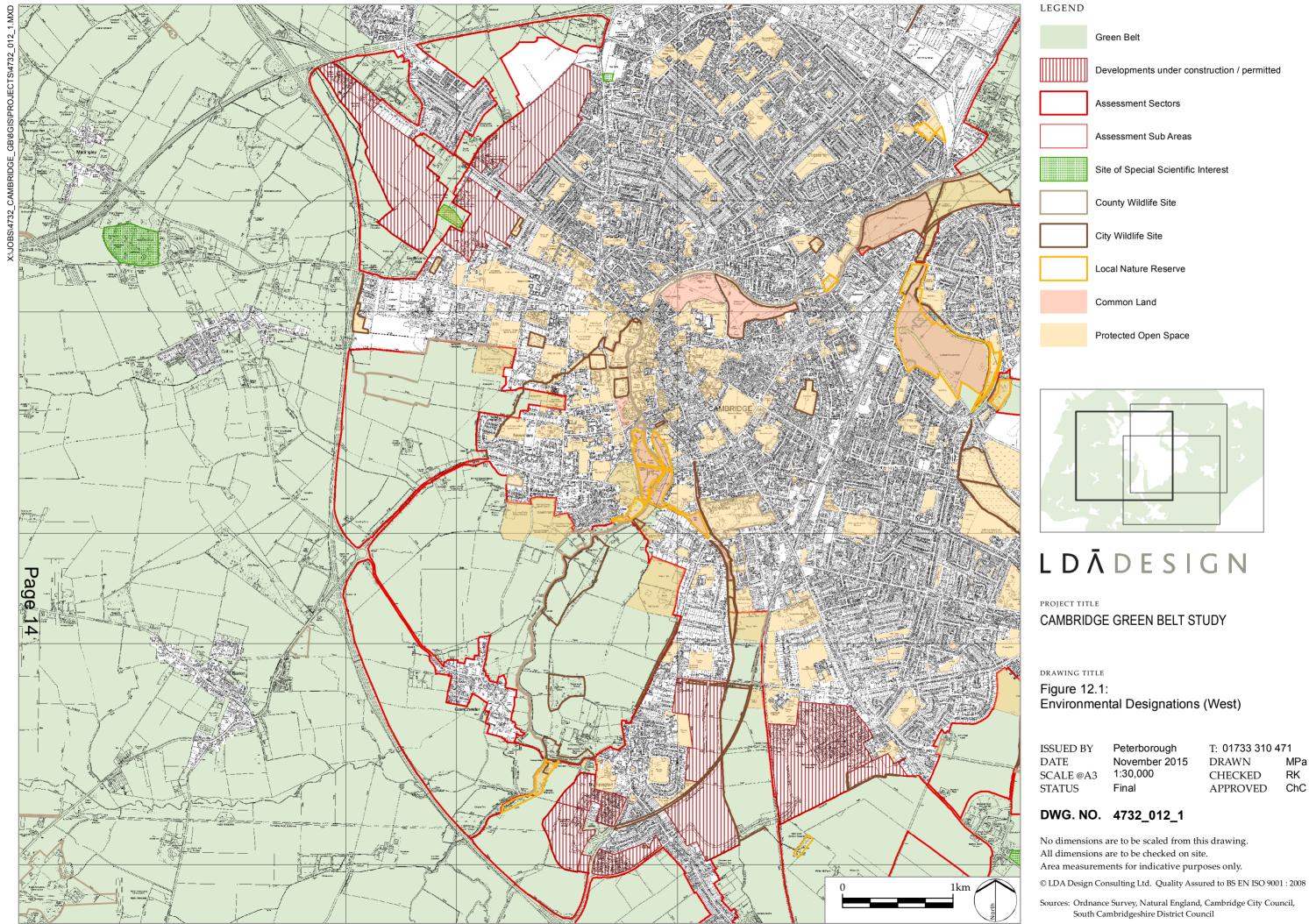
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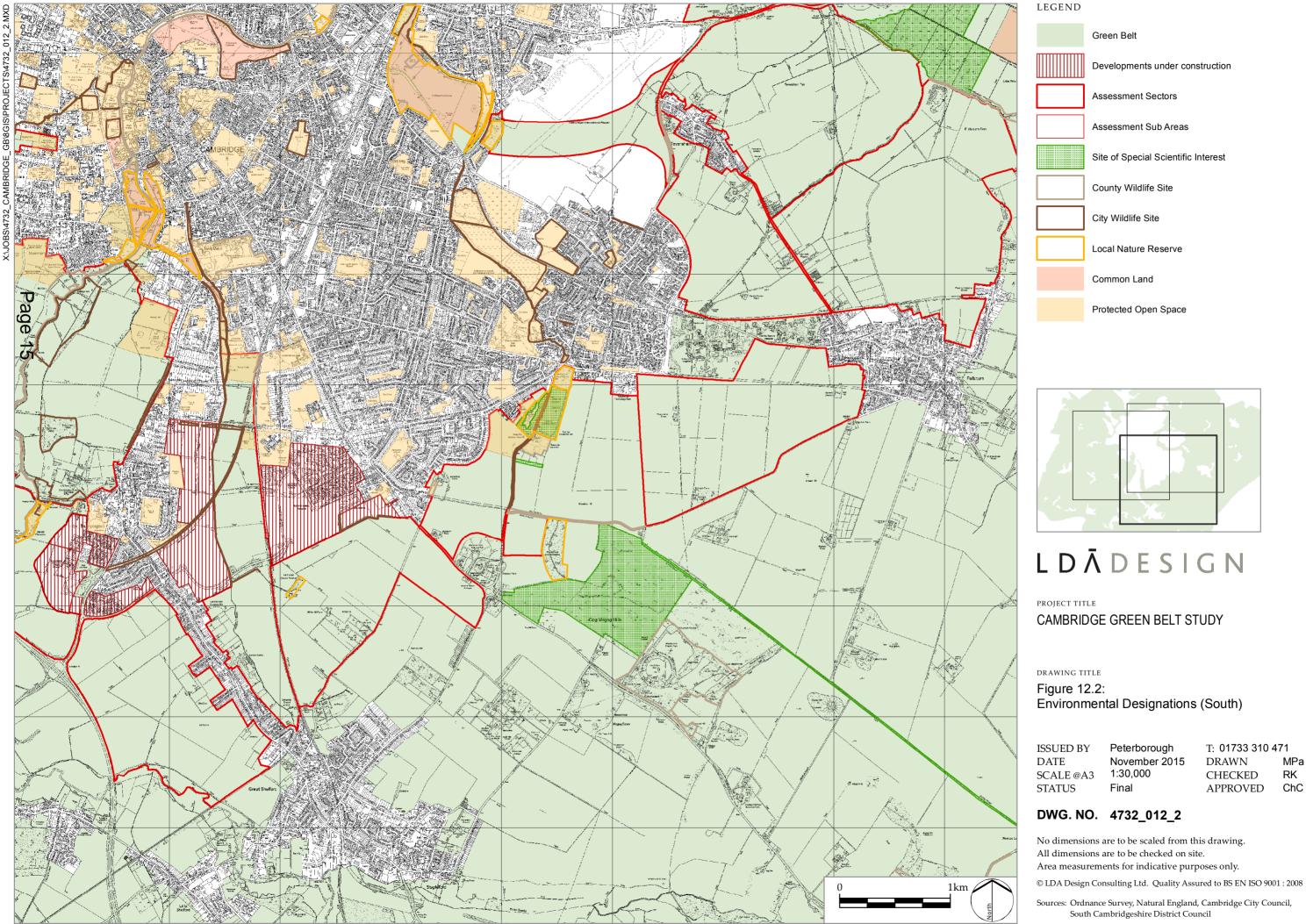
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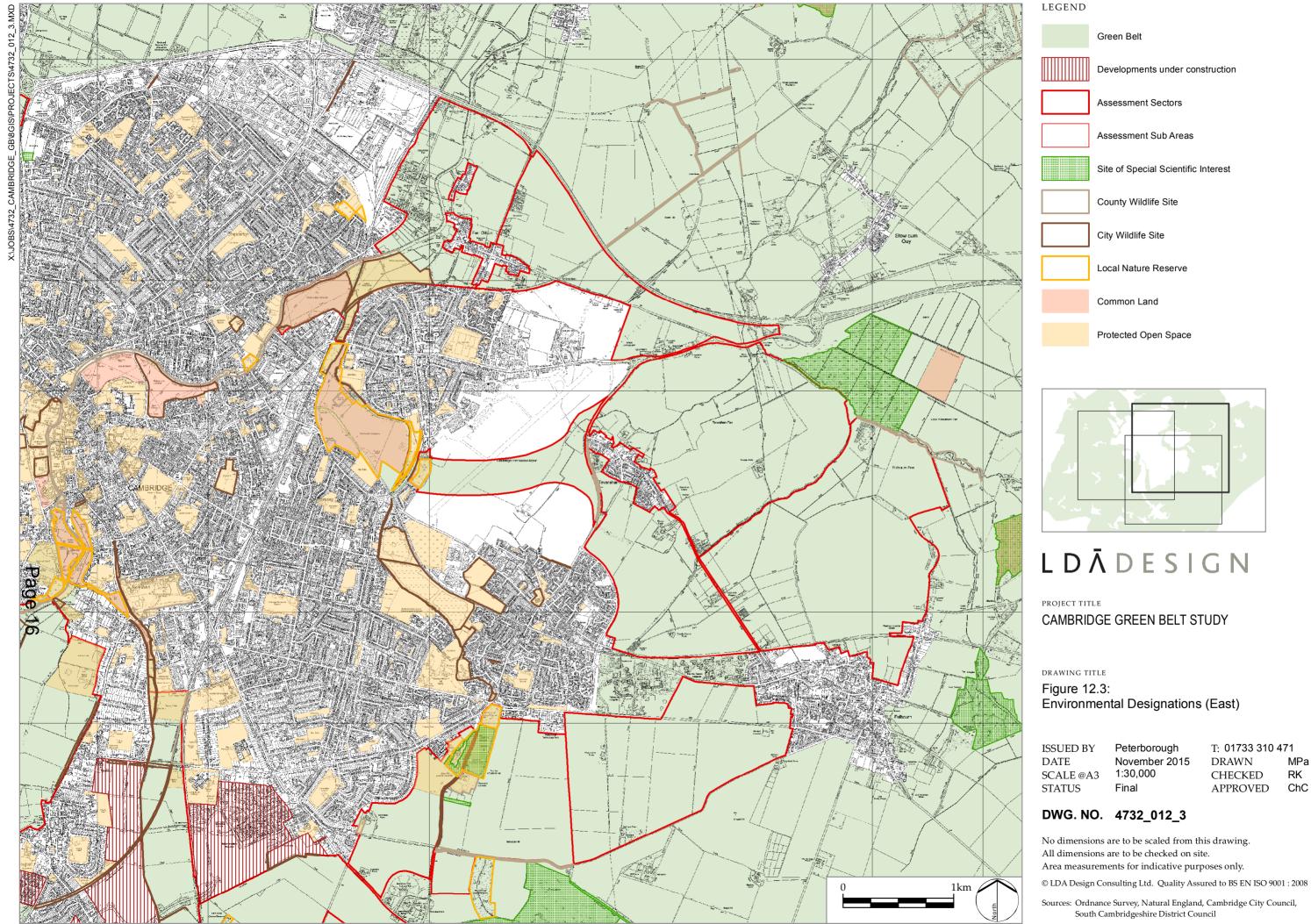
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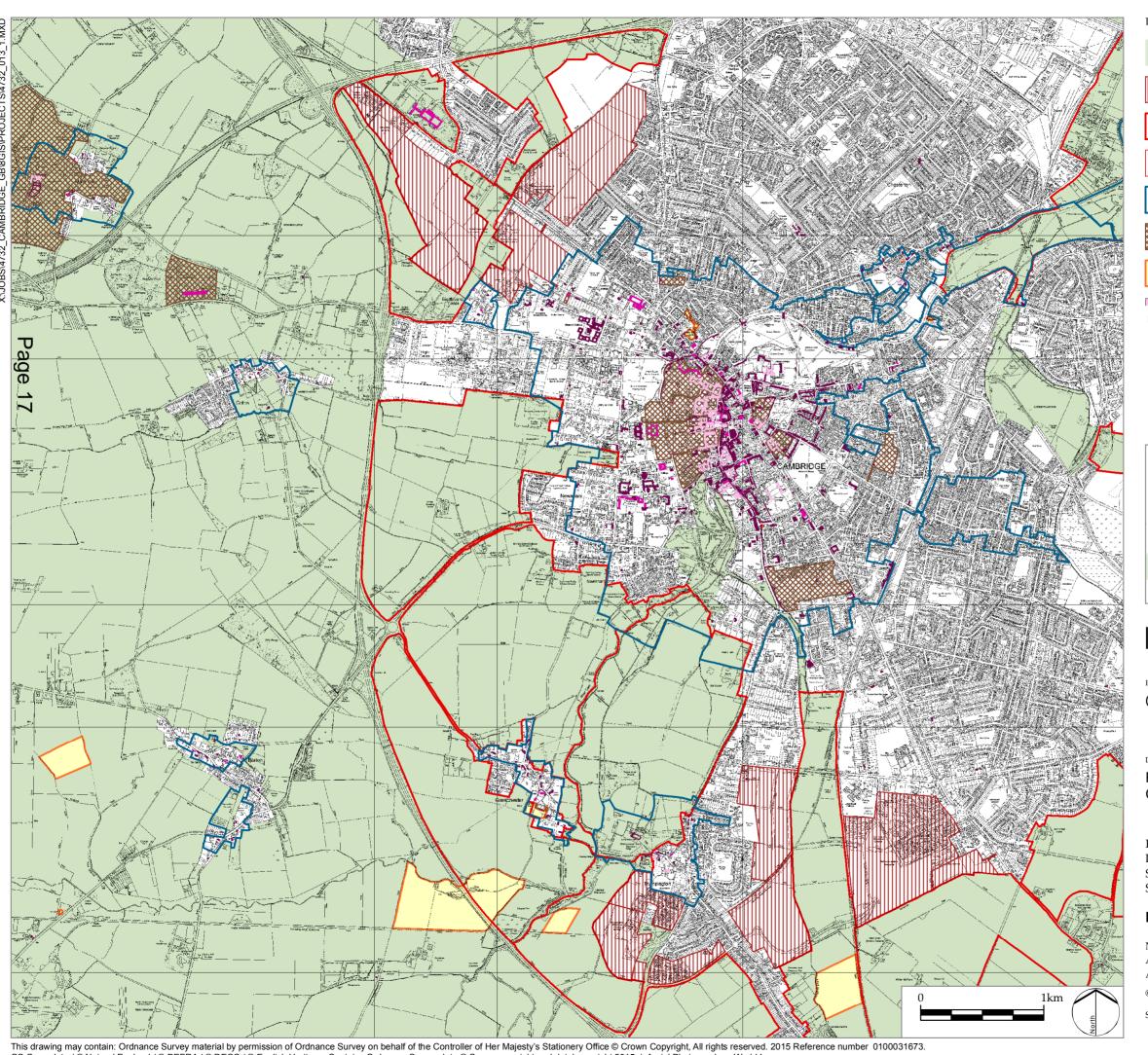
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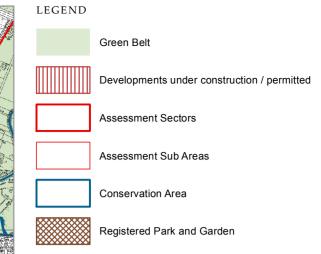
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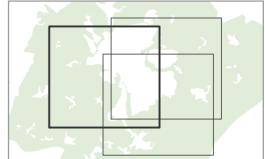
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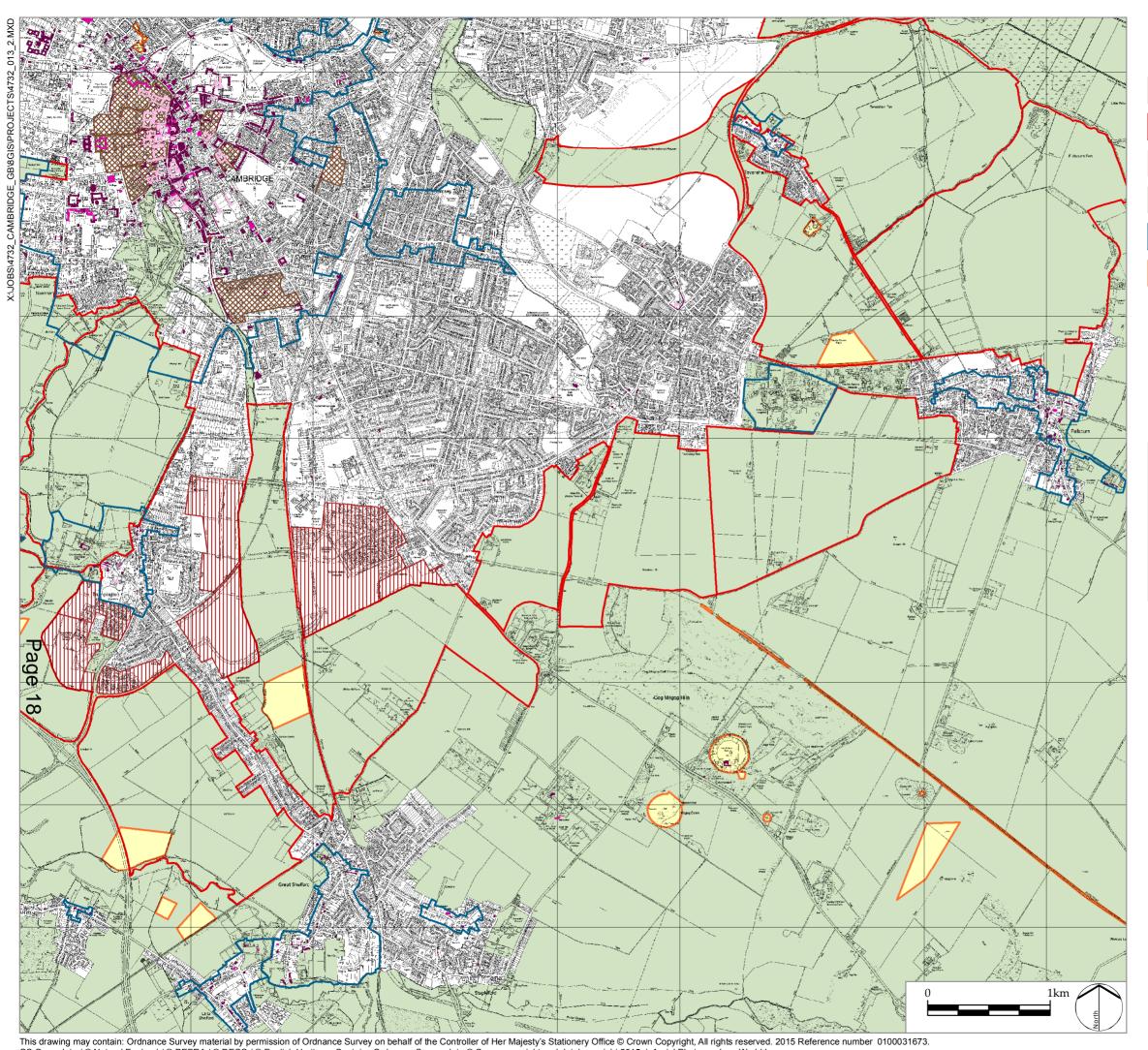
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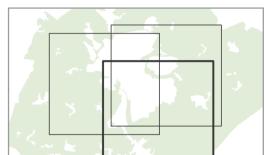


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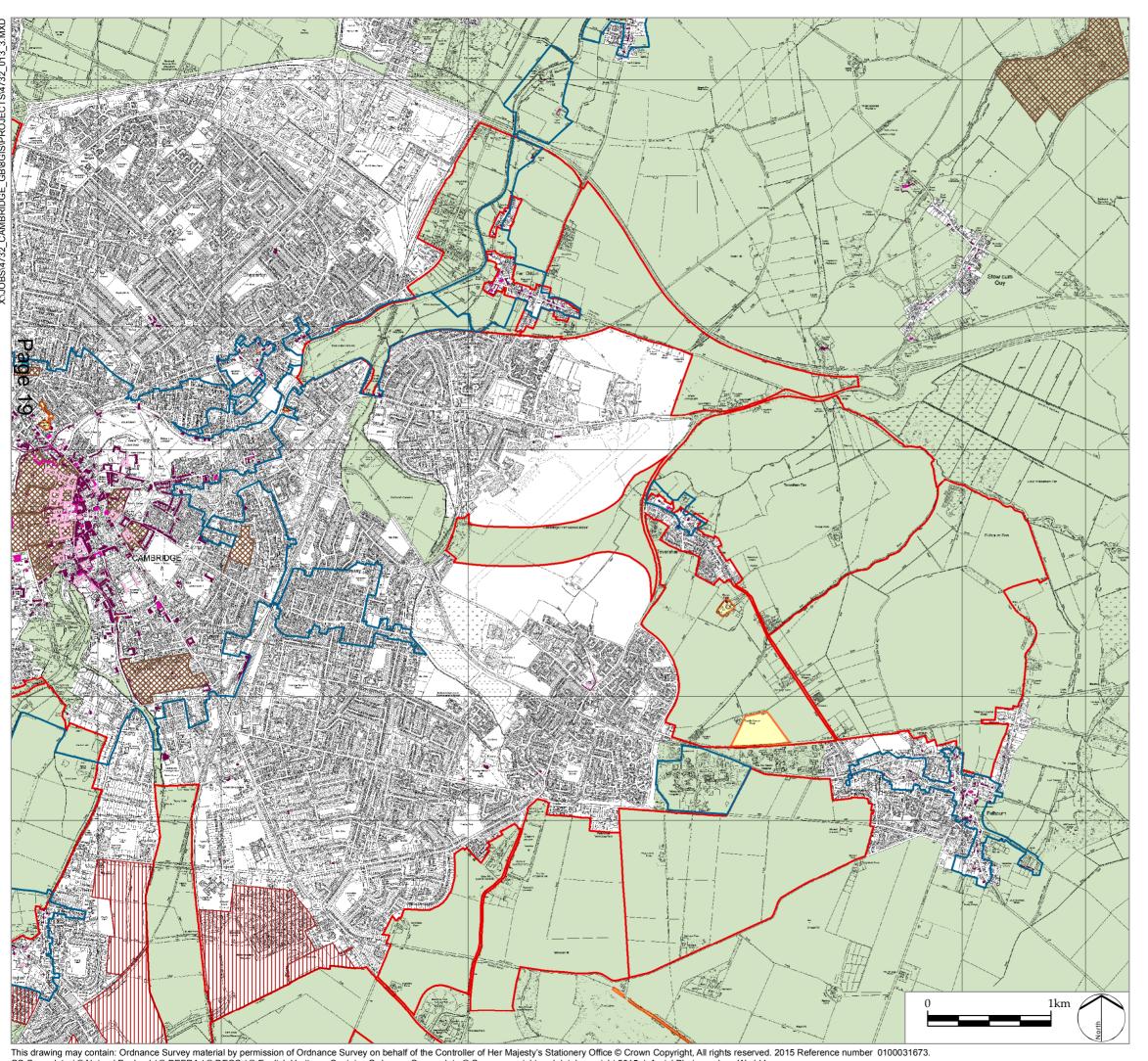
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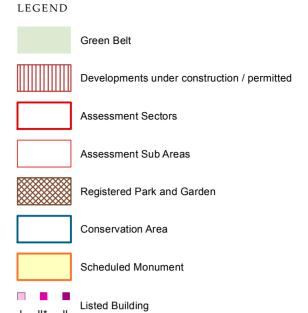
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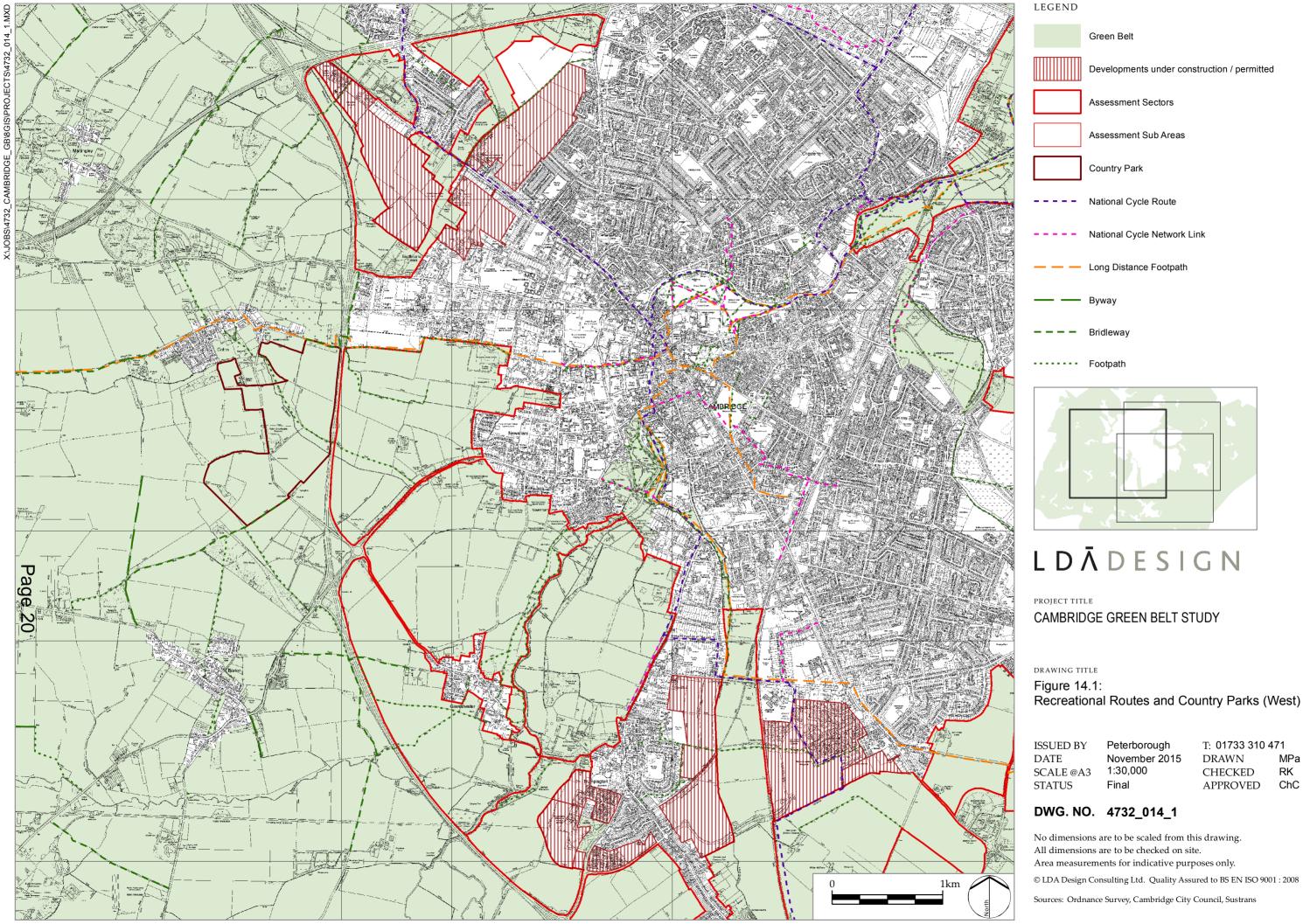
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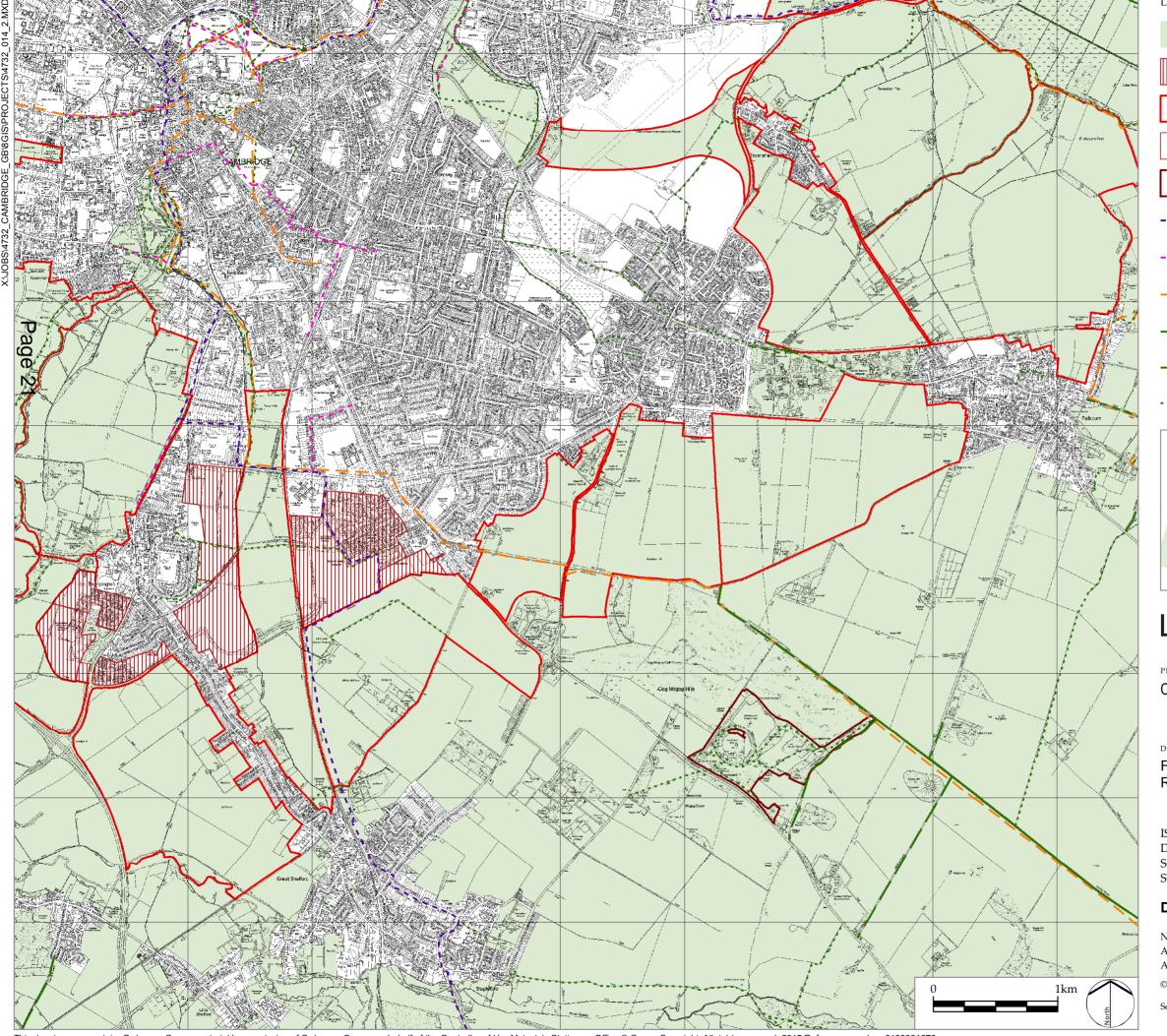
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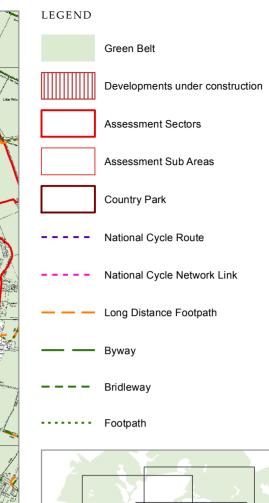
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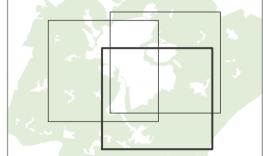
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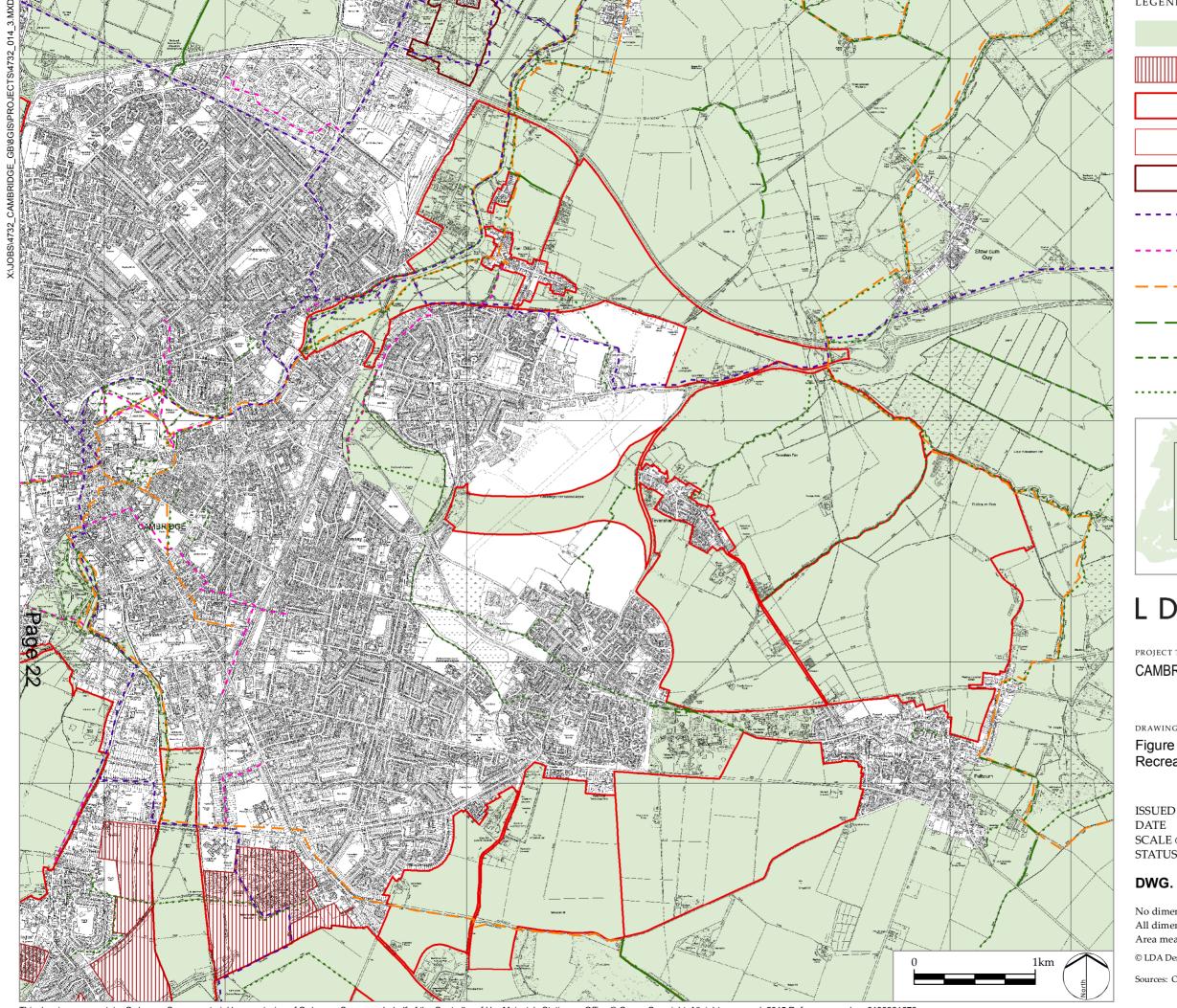
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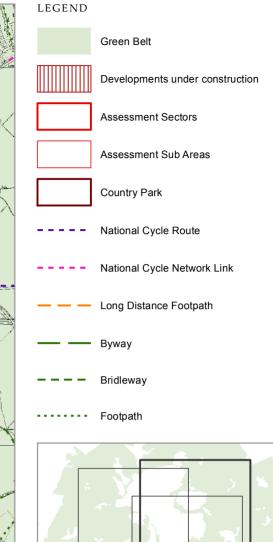
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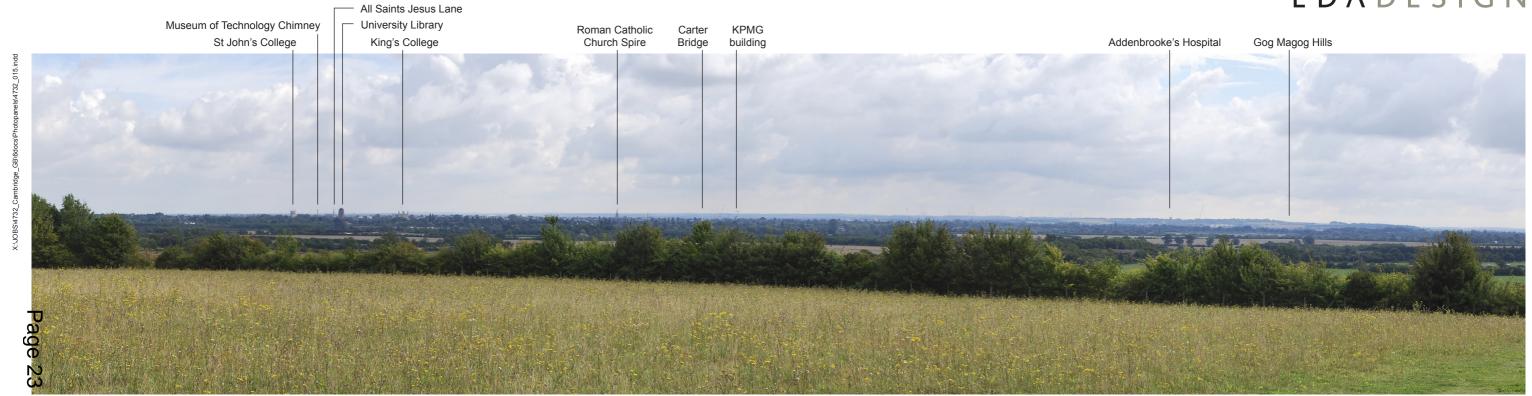
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Photograph 1: Red Meadow Hill, Coton Country Park

This viewpoint allows elevated views across much of Cambridge, from higher ground on the edge of the Western Claylands. It demonstrates the compactness of the historic core of the city, with landmarks such as King's College and the University Library breaking the vegetated skyline and identifying the city centre. The green edge to the city is also clearly visible, with little of the built form of Cambridge seen through the vegetation and the rural foreground to the city (principally Sectors 3 and 4) seen in front of the vegetation. Higher ground to the south east and south of the city can also be seen in the distance, including the Gog Magog Hills.



Photograph 2: Arable land of Sector 3 west of the historic core

This viewpoint gives low level views of several key landmarks within the historic core, as well as views of the newer West Cambridge site. It demonstrates the soft green edge of Cambridge as seen from the western side of the city and highlights the proximity of the historic core to surrounding countryside. The view is across the rural foreground to the city, with Distinctive Cambridge, formed by Fellows' houses, Colleges and University buildings west of the historic core, immediately beyond.

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Figure 15: Photographs 1 and 2



Photograph 3: Arable land in Sector 4 north of Grantchester

This view is from a field entrance on Grantchester Road and provides the first view of landmarks within Cambridge just after leaving Grantchester. The well vegetated rural landscape, which is important to the setting of both Cambridge and Grantchester, is clearly apparent.



Photograph 4: Grantchester Meadows along the River Corridor

Views from Grantchester Meadows allow glimpses of the landmarks in the historic core of Cambridge, such as the Roman Catholic Church spire. The flood meadows form part of the River Cam corridor and are both a key feature of the setting of Cambridge and an important green approach to the city by foot, bicycle or river. This viewpoint highlights the rural character of the land which runs into Cambridge along the river corridor.

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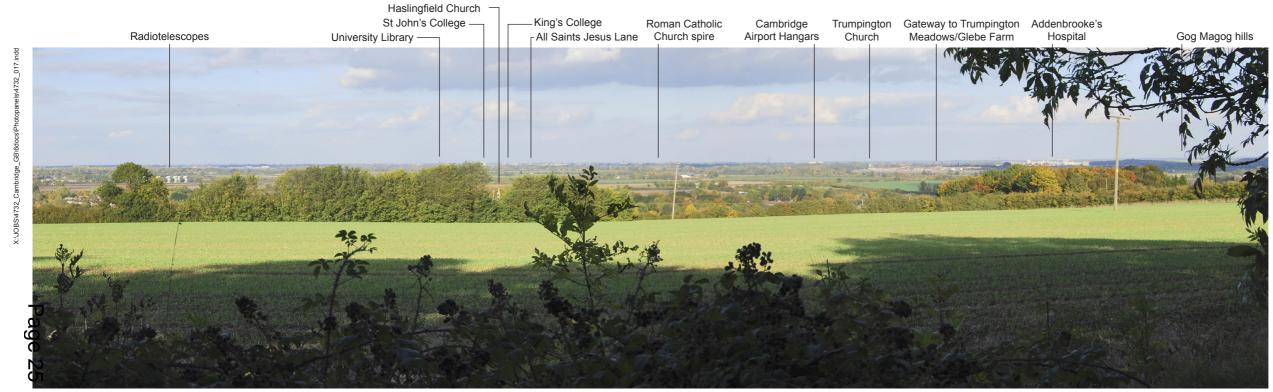
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Figure 16: Photographs 3 and 4



Photograph 5: Chapel Hill

The elevated view from the public footpath west of Chapel Hill, on the Wimpole Ridge Chalk Hills, demonstrates the strong rural foreground to views of Cambridge from the south west. It also illustrates the location of the city in a bowl landform, enclosed by the Chalk Hills to the south and the Claylands to the west. The visibility of landmark features in the historic core demonstrate the compactness of this area of the city, with the soft green edge preventing views of much of the built areas of Cambridge.



Photograph 6: St Margaret's Mount (Rowley's Hill)

This slightly elevated viewpoint, from the public footpath to the Gregory Wale Obelisk on St Margaret's Mount, also known as Rowley's Hill, allows views towards the south western edge of Cambridge. It shows the vegetated route of the M11, with the soft edge to Cambridge beyond. Church spires within the historic core of Cambridge are occasionally visible above the vegetation, with new development at Trumpington Meadows, Glebe Farm and Addenbrooke's Hospital also breaking the vegetation line.

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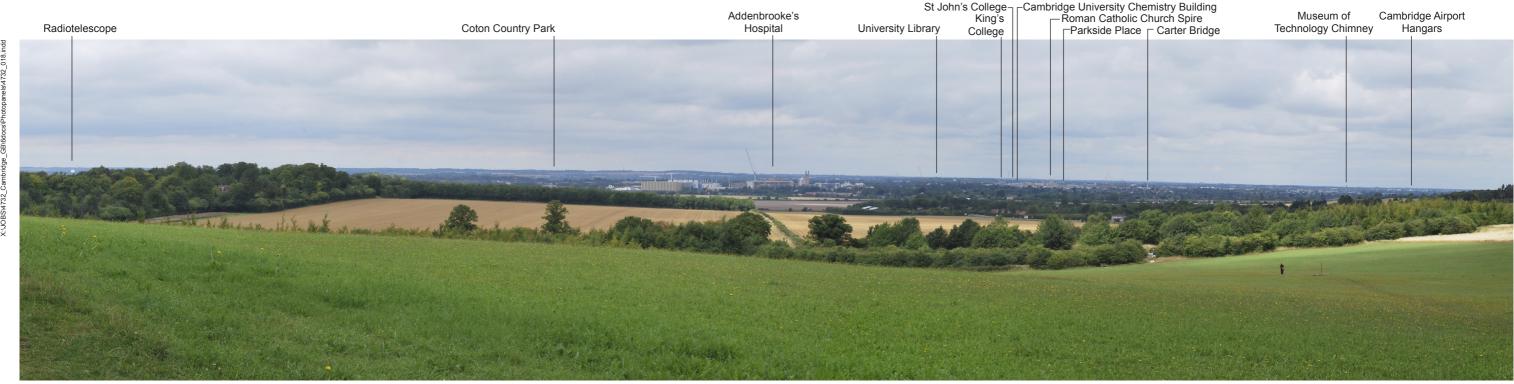


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Figure 17: Photographs 5 and 6





Photograph 7: Magog Down

This elevated viewpoint on the edge of the Gog Magog Hills allows views across much of Cambridge. It demonstrates Cambridge's location within a bowl landform, surrounded by the Western Claylands and the Gog Magog Hills to the south. The soft green nature of the city is readily apparent from this location, with landmark features in the historic core rising above the vegetation. The reduced green edge at Addenbrooke's Hospital, as a result of ongoing development, seen across the rural landscape of Sector 10, is also noticeable from this viewpoint.



Photograph 8: Worts' Causeway

This viewpoint allows elevated views over Cambridge from the Gog Magog Hills. It shows the more sprawling expansion that has occurred to the east and south east of Cambridge, but also demonstrates, through the visibility of landmark features within the historic core, the compactness of the city centre. The lower slopes of the Gog Magog Hills form the rural foreground, with the undulating landform in Sectors 11 and 12 readily apparent.

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Figure 18: Photographs 7 and 8



Photograph 9: Airport Way

This viewpoint allows level views across Cambridge Airport, including Sector 17, towards the eastern edge of Cambridge. It demonstrates the rural foreground to views from this side of the city, and illustrates that although this edge of Cambridge is not as vegetated as the western edge, it is still largely green. Landmark features within the historic core are occasionally visible above the vegetation, although the airport hangars are a much more prominent feature.



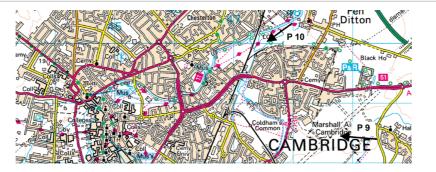
Photograph 10: Ditton Meadows (Sector 19)

This viewpoint allows views along the green corridor of the River Cam towards the centre of Cambridge. This corridor is a key element of the setting to Cambridge, which passes through the historic core. It is an important green approach into Cambridge for river users and those walking and cycling along the corridor. This view also demonstrates the green edge to Cambridge.

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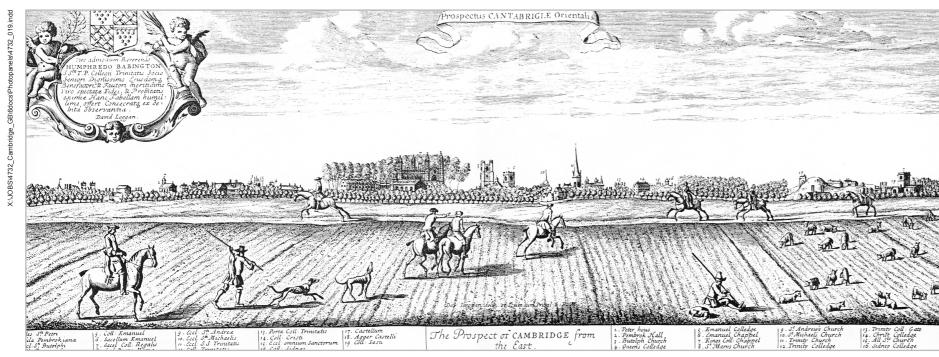


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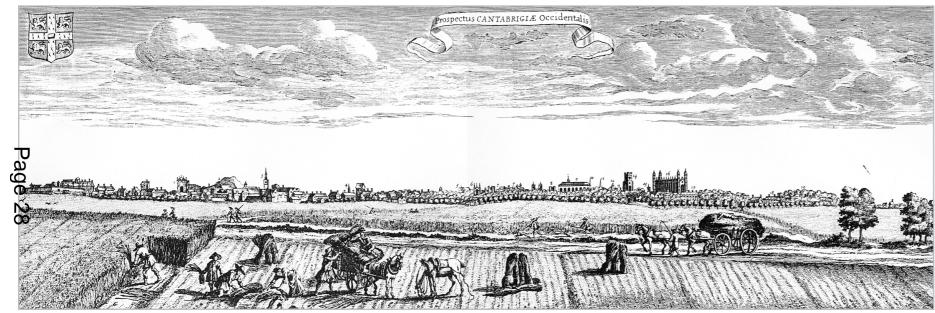
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Figure 19: Photographs 9 and 10

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Prospect of Cambridge from the East, 1688 (Cambridgeshire Collection, Cambridge City Library)



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Figure 20: Historic Views