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NOTICE OF PLANNING PERMISSION

Planning No: 8/98/01047/CMA

Geocode _____

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL having considered an Application

by or on behalf of High Range Ventures UK Ltd

to Drill a new exploration well to test for hydrocarbon accumulations in one primary and two secondary zones

on/at Land north of A52 (Grantham Road), Nr Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire

as shown on the plans submitted with the application, which application and plans and any relevant correspondence are hereinafter referred to as "the application" hereby in pursuance of their powers under the above mentioned Act

GRANT PERMISSION

for the development in accordance with the application, subject to compliance with the Conditions imposed and for the reasons set out below.

ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE NOTES PRINTED OVERLEAF

Conditions:

1. Development is hereby permitted to drill a new exploration well to test for hydrocarbon accumulations at the Land north of the A52 as identified on map number 3 Working Plan for the purposes of petroleum exploration only.

2. The development hereby permitted shall be begun within 12 months from the date of this permission.

3. The date of commencement shall be notified in writing to the MPA at least seven days prior to this permission being implemented.

4. This permission shall only be for a period of 60 days commencing from the start of drilling operations. After that period, the site shall be cleared and the land restored to its former condition.

5. Site preparation, work over rig movement, and site reinstatement work shall only take place between the hours of 0700 and 1800, Mondays to Fridays and 0700 to 1300 on Saturdays and not at all on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

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6. The drilling rig and other plant shall be fitted with effective silencers for the duration of operations on site.

7. The LAeq (5 mins) at the facade of 3 Saxondale Drive from noise generated by site activities/plant shall not exceed by more than 5dB(A) the existing L90 measured over the same period subject to a maximum permitted level of 40 dB LAeq (5 mins) between the hours of 22.00 and 07.00 hours.

8. Noise monitoring shall be carried out at the facade of 3 Saxondale Drive, at the request of the MPA. Should the results indicate that the provisions of condition (g) are not being complied with, steps shall be taken to ensure future compliance in accordance with details to be agreed in writing by the MPA.

9. Best practicable means shall be used to ensure that no vehicles shall leave the site in a condition whereby mud, clay or other deleterious materials are carried onto the public highway. These shall include where necessary the provision and use of brush and vacuum facilities for cleaning the adjacent public highway.

10. Any facilities for the storage of oils, fuels or chemicals shall be sites in impervious bases and surrounded by impervious bund walls. The volume of the bunded compound shall be at least equivalent to the capacity of the tank plus 10%. If there is multiple tank leakage, the compound shall be at least equivalent to the capacity of the largest tank, vessel or the combined capacity of interconnected tanks or vessels plus 10%. All filing points, associated pipework, vents, gauges and sight glasses must be located within the bund or have separate secondary containment. The drainage system of the bund shall be sealed with no discharge to any watercourse, land or underground strata. Associated pipework shall be located above ground and protected from accidental damage. All filling points and tank/vessels overflow pipe outlets shall be detailed to discharge downwards into the bund.

11. There shall be no discharge of foul or contaminated drainage from the site into either groundwater or any surface waters, whether direct or via soakaways.

12. Throughout the period of working, restoration and aftercare, the operator shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that drainage from areas adjoining the site is not impaired or rendered less efficient by the permitted operations.

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The operator shall take all reasonable steps, including the provision of any necessary works, to prevent damage by erosion, silting or flooding and to make proper provision for the disposal of all water entering, arising on or leaving the site during the permitted operations.

13. The site shall be kept free from weeds. All necessary steps shall be taken to destroy weeds at an early stage of growth to prevent seeding

14. Soil stripping and replacement operations shall not commence until at least seven working days after the MPA have been notified of such operations in writing.

15. Before drilling operations commence on any part of the site, all available topsoil and subsoil shall be separately stripped and shall be stored in continued separation or used immediately for the restoration of the area forming the subject of this application.

16. No plant or vehicles shall cross any area of unstripped or replaced topsoil except where such trafficking is essential and unavoidable for purposes of undertaking soil handling operations.

17. Prior to the stripping of soil from any part of the site, the locations and design of all soil storage mounds shall be agreed with the MPA.

18. No movement of soil shall take place except when the full depth of soil to be stripped or otherwise transported is in a suitably dry soil moisture condition i.e. the soil is in a non-plastic state such that damage to its structure shall be avoided. Conditions shall be sufficiently dry for the topsoil to be separated from the subsoil without difficulty. Soil handling and movement shall not be carried out between the months of October to March inclusive unless otherwise agreed in writing by the MPA.

19. Stocks of topsoil shall not exceed 4m in height and stocks of subsoil shall not exceed 5m in height.

20. The operator shall maintain and make stockproof, until restoration is completed, all the existing site perimeter hedges and fences and protect the same from damage. Undisturbed hedgerows within or bounding the site shall be carefully maintained, cut and trimmed at the proper season throughout the period of working and restoration, or as may otherwise be agreed with the MPA.

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21. On completion of the drilling of the borehole, the rig and associated plant, tanks, machinery and staff facilities will be dismantled and removed from the site within the time limits set out in Condition (4) above.

22. Following the removal of all structures, plant and machinery including the borehole cap, the site shall be restored to its original agricultural use according to a scheme including timescales, which shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the MPA prior to completion of drilling at the site.

23. Prior to the replacement of soils, an aftercare scheme providing for such steps as may be necessary to bring the land up to the required standard for agricultural use within a 5 year aftercare period shall be submitted to, for approval by the MPA.

24. Aftercare shall be carried out over a 5 year period in accordance with the approved details required under condition (23).

Reasons:

1. For the avoidance of doubt.

2,3 To comply with the requirements of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

4. The operations are of a temporary nature, in the interests of amenity.

5,6 To safeguard the amenities of local residents.

7. To prevent nuisance to nearby properties.

8. To enable the effects of the development to be adequately monitored during the course of the operations.

9. In the interests of highway safety

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To prevent pollution of the water environment.

13. To protect agricultural interests in the area and the visual amenity of existing hedgerows.

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14-22 To ensure that the site is restored to a condition capable of beneficial use at an early date and in the interests of the amenity of the local area.

23,24 To comply with the requirements of Schedule 5 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and to ensure that the restored site is correctly husbanded to bring the land to the standard required for agriculture.

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Attention is drawn to the Notices overleaf

(1) If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the local planning authority to refuse permission or approval for the proposed development, or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, he may appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment, in accordance with section 78 of the Town and Country Planning act 1990, within six months of receipt of this notice. (Appeals must be made on a form which is obtainable from the Secretary of State for the Environment, Tollgate House, Houlton Street, Bristol BS2 9DJ. The Secretary of State has power to allow a longer period for the giving of a notice of appeal but he will not normally be prepared to exercise this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal. The Secretary of State is not required to entertain an appeal if it appears to him that permission for proposed development could not have been granted by the local planning authority, or could not have been so granted otherwise than subject to the conditions imposed by them, having regard to the statutory requirements (*) to the provisions of the development order, and to any directions given under the order. He does not in practice refuse to entertain appeals solely because the decision of the local planning authority was based on a direction given by him.

(*) **The statutory requirements are those set out in section 79(6) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, namely sections 70(1)-(3) and 72(1) of the Act.**

(2) If permission to develop land is refused, or granted subject to conditions, whether by the local planning authority or by the Secretary of State for the Environment and the owner of the land claims that the land has become incapable of reasonably beneficial use in its existing state and cannot be rendered capable of reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted, he may serve on the Common Council, or on the Council of the County Borough, London Borough or Country District in which the land is situated, as the case may be, a purchase notice requiring that council to purchase his interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

(3) In certain circumstances, a claim may be made against the local planning authority for compensation, where permission is refused or granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on a reference of the application to him. The circumstances in which such compensation is payable are set out in section 114 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

NOTE: THIS PERMISSION REFERS ONLY TO THAT REQUIRED UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS AND DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY CONSENT OR APPROVAL UNDER ANY OTHER ENACTMENT, BYELAW, ORDER OR REGULATION.

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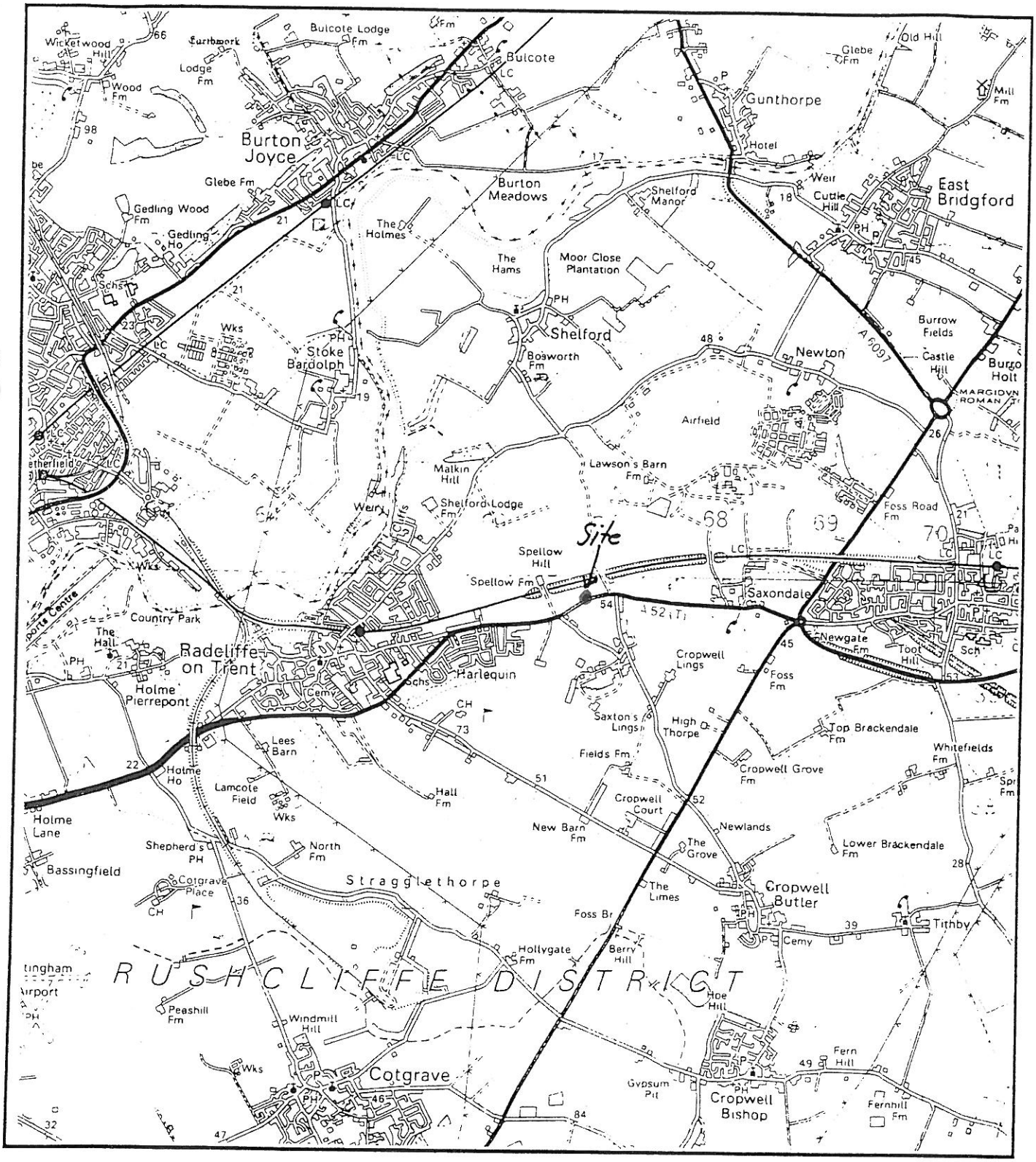

HIGH RANGE VENTURES UK LTD — **MAP NO. 1 LOCATION PLAN**

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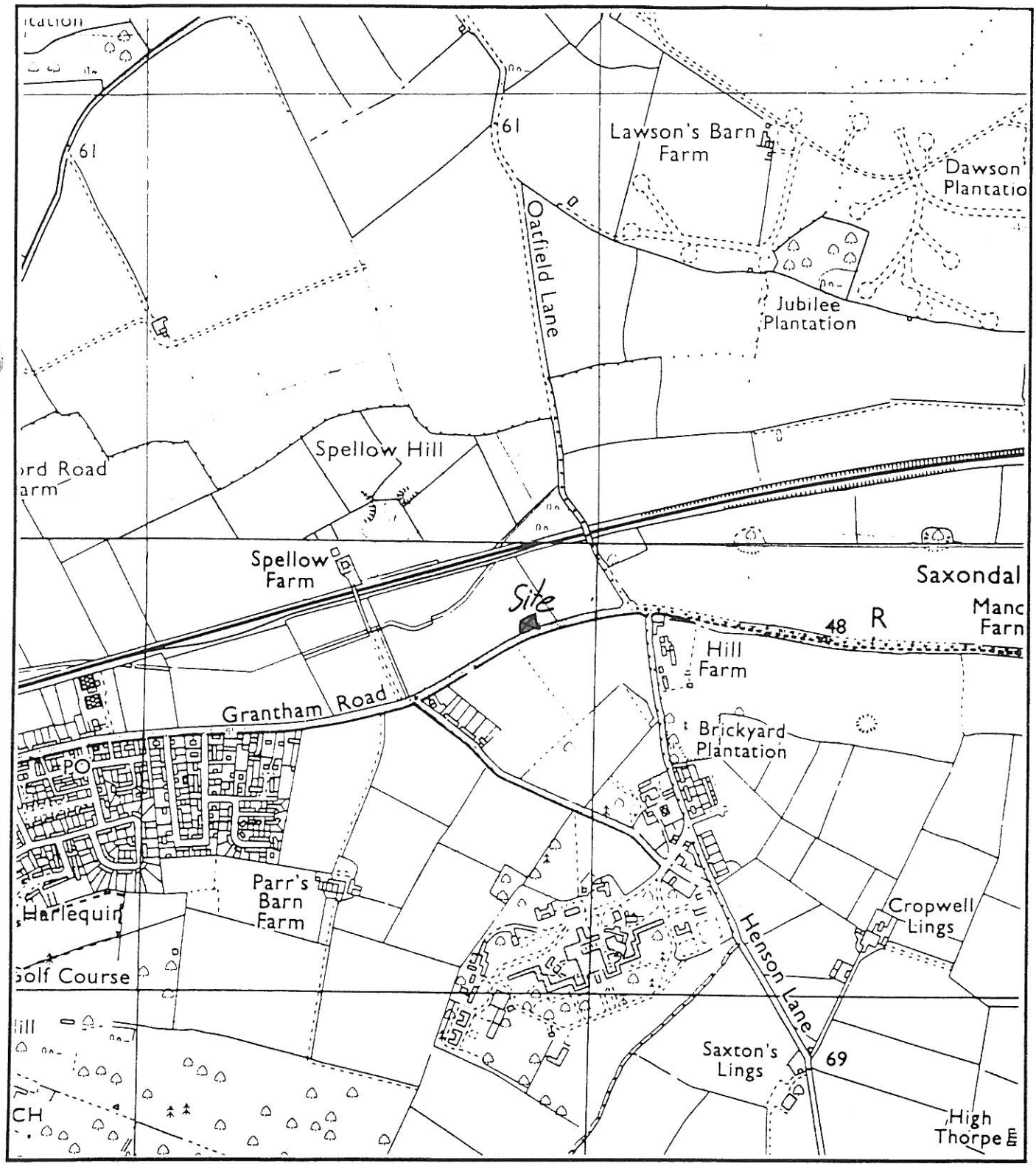

HIGH RANGE VENTURES UK LTD **MAP NO. 2 SITE PLAN**

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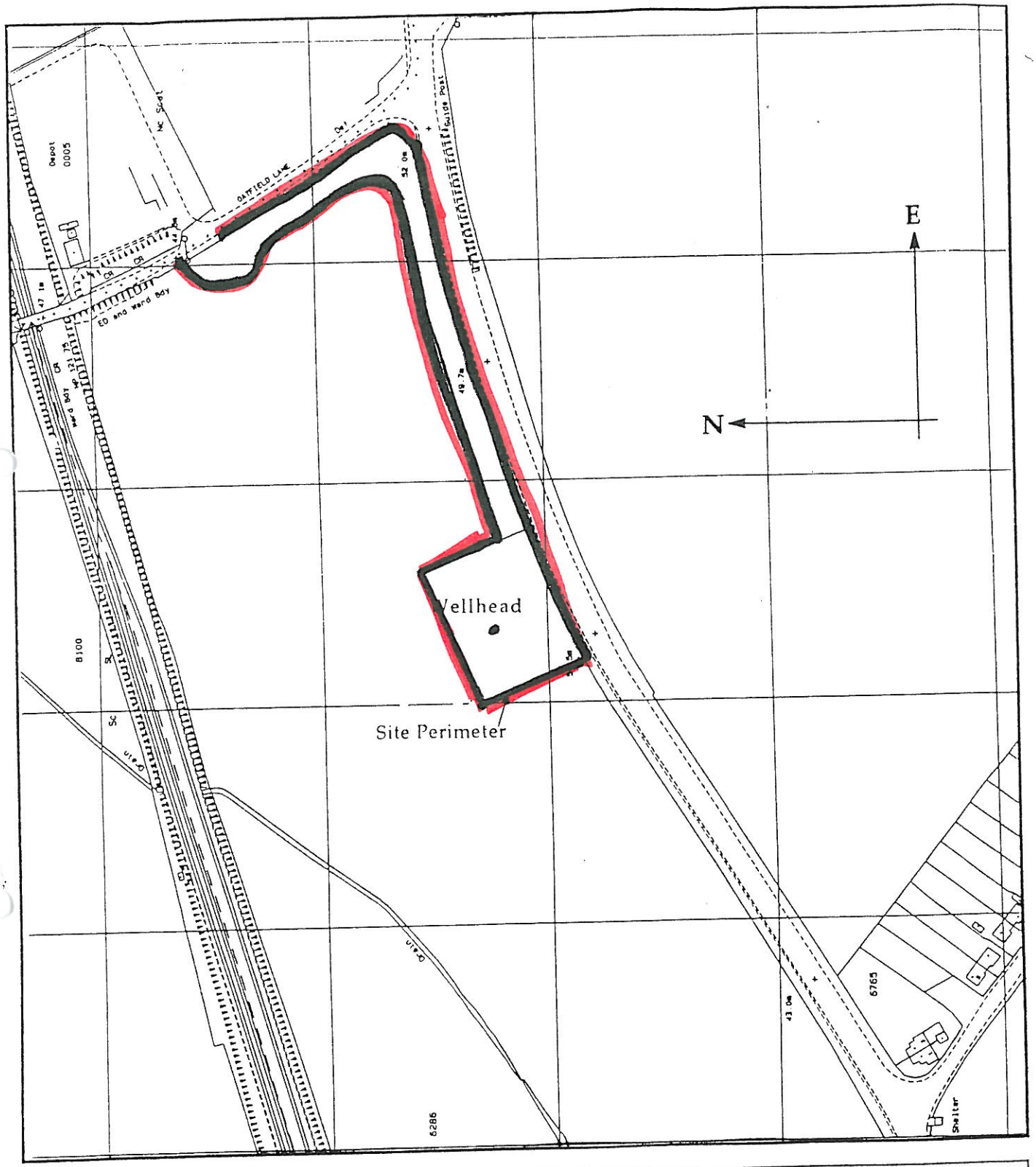

HIGH RANGE VENTURES UK LTD MAP NO. 3 WORKING PLAN

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