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An archaeological photographic survey of
boundary walls at Towles Pastures
Castle Donington, Leicestershire



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TOWLES PASTURES, CASTLE DONINGTON

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PROJECT DETAILS		
Project name	Towles Pastures, Castle Donington, Leicestershire	
Short description	In July 2010, Northamptonshire Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation and assessment of stone boundary walls on a plot of land at Towles Pastures, Castle Donington, Leicestershire. The date of the wall is uncertain but it probably dates to the 19th century with numerous later patches and repairs. Subsequently a photographic record was made of the wall presented as a photo-montage to aid consolidation or other conservation of the structure.	
Project type	Photographic survey	
Site status	None	
Previous work	None	
Current land use	Rough grassland/grazing	
Future work	Unknown	
Monument type/ period	18th or 19th century wall	
Significant finds	-	
PROJECT LOCATION		
County	Leicestershire	
Site address	Castle Donington	
OS Easting & Northing	4443 3272	
Area	0.5ha	
Height OD	70m	
PROJECT CREATORS		
Organisation	Northamptonshire Archaeology (NA)	
Project brief originator	-	
Project Design originator	Mike Dawson (CgMs Consulting)	
Director/Supervisor	Iain Soden	
Project Manager	Steve Parry	
Sponsor or funding body	CgMs Consulting	
PROJECT DATE		
Start date	March 2012	
End date	April 2012	
ARCHIVES	Location	Content (eg pottery, animal bone etc)
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Physical		
Paper		
Digital		Digital photographs, digital report copies
BIBLIOGRAPHY		
	Journal/monograph, published or forthcoming, or unpublished client report (NA report)	
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Abstract

In July 2010, Northamptonshire Archaeology carried out an archaeological evaluation and assessment of stone boundary walls on a plot of land at Towles Pastures, Castle Donington, Leicestershire. The date of the wall is uncertain but it probably dates to the 19th century with numerous later patches and repairs. Subsequently, a photographic record was made of the wall presented as a photo-montage to aid consolidation or other conservation of the structure.

1 BACKGROUND

In July 2010, Northamptonshire Archaeology (NA) carried out an archaeological evaluation of a stone boundary wall dividing two plots of land at Towles Pastures, Castle Donington, Leicestershire (site centred on NGR: SK 443 272; Fig 1). The work was commissioned by CgMs Consulting (CgMs), acting on behalf of David Wilson Homes, who have advanced proposals for the residential development of the land. The work was carried out in accordance with an agreed specification (Dawson 2010c)

A desk-based assessment and an accompanying supporting statement specific to the wall was prepared by CgMs (Dawson 2010a and b), which suggested that the dividing wall dated to the 19th century at the earliest. However, subsequent discussions with the Leicestershire County Council Historic and Natural Environment Team (LCCHNET) led to the suggestion that the wall, or at least its foundations, may be earlier as the boundary is shown on an 18th-century Inclosure Award map. It has been suggested that the wall may date back to the medieval period.

Despite the archaeological evaluation on the site (Wolframm-Murray and Carlyle 2010), the date of the original construction of the stone wall remains uncertain as there was no artefactual dating evidence in its foundation trench and the deposits on either side of the wall had been disturbed by the roots of vegetation and other activity. Finds recovered from those deposits in the vicinity of a former building largely dated to the 19th or 20th centuries, although two sherds of 18th-century pottery were also recovered. Where encountered, the foundation trench cut the subsoil, suggesting a relatively late, probably 19th-century date for the wall.

The evaluation showed that the stone wall had been patched and repaired on many occasions since it was first constructed and that part of it had been demolished and partly robbed.

Evidence of a former building on the north side of the wall, as shown on Ordnance Survey maps up until the 1960s, was limited to straight joints in the wall fabric and, where excavated, the remains of possible floor surfaces containing 19th-century artefacts.

2 PHOTOGRAPHIC SURVEY

The accompanying photographic survey was undertaken using digital photographs taken at regular intervals and overlapped. These were then 'sewn' together in a photo-montage to provide a stone-for-stone image of both sides of the wall, so far as it is visible through existing vegetation and some piled timber on one side. This is to facilitate decisions to be made as to how to best conserve or consolidate the structure, for which no certain decisions had previously been made.

Each side of the wall is presented in short sections, depicted at a scale sufficient for each stone or block to be noted individually. The location of each photo-section is also noted in inset.

The survey makes neither distinction between the relative importance of blocks, nor does it seek to distinguish, other than photographically, any differences in geology or material, nor is there any implication as to the age of each block or the sequence of its insertion into the wall.

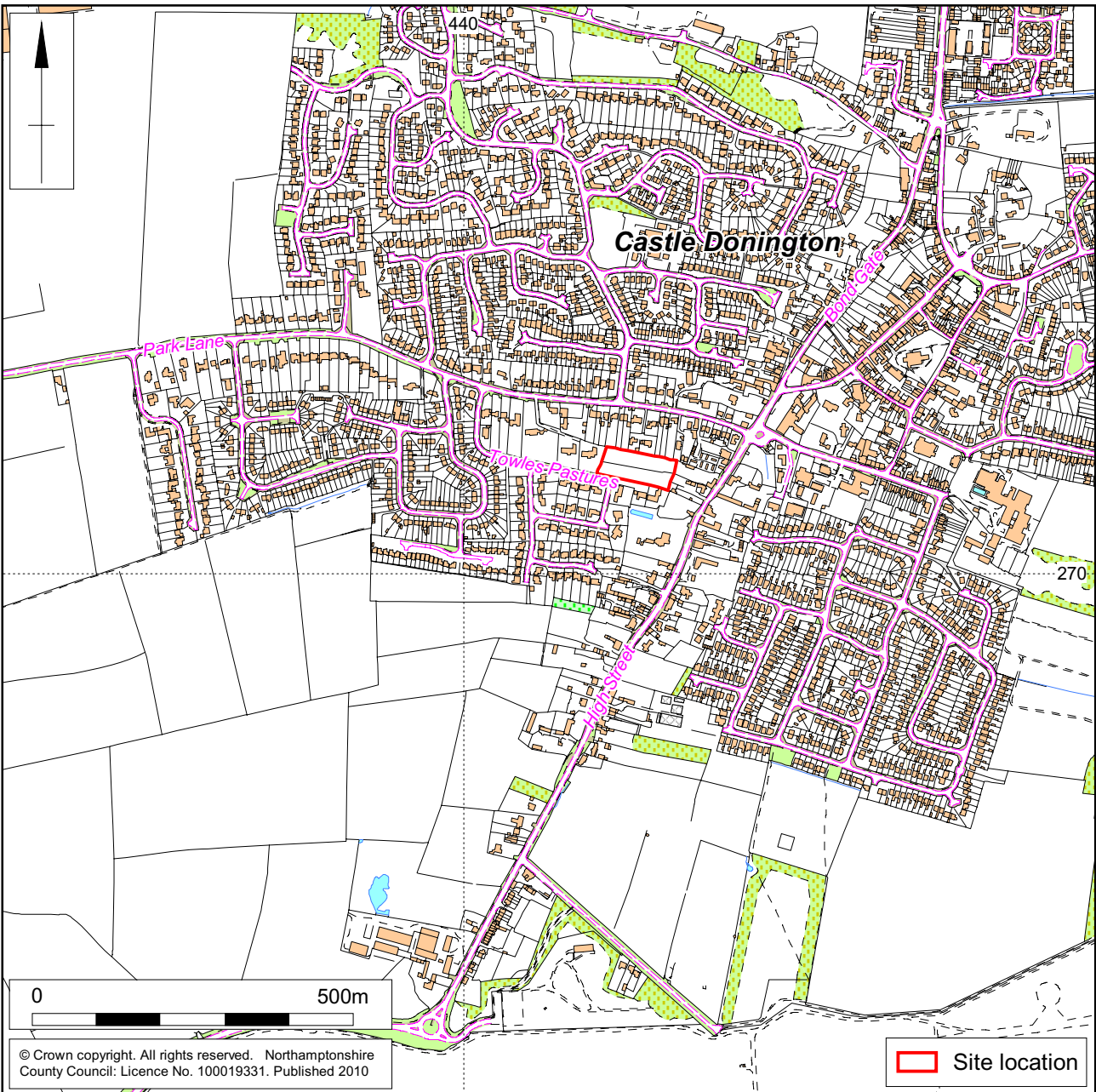
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Scale 1:10,000

Site location Fig 1

Ai West

East Aii



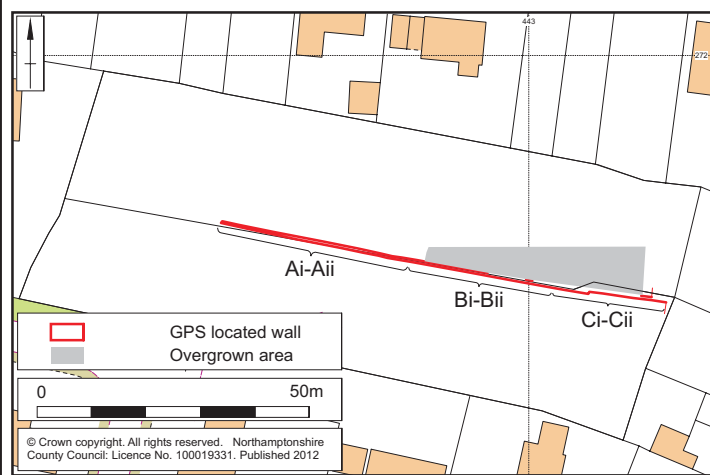
Bi West

East Bii



Ci West

East Cii



South side of wall, looking north, (Scale 1m) Fig 2



1m 2m 3m 4m 5m 6m 7m 8m 9m 10m 11m 12m 13m



13m 14m 15m 16m 17m 18m 19m 20m 21m 22m 23m 24m



24m 25m 26m 27m 28m

Not to scale

South side of the wall, looking north, Ai - Aii, (Scale 1m) Fig 3



28m 29m 30m 31m 32m 33m 34m 35m 36m 37m 38m 39m



39m 40m 41m 42m 43m 44m 45m 46m 47m 48m 49m



49m 50m 51m 52m

Not to scale

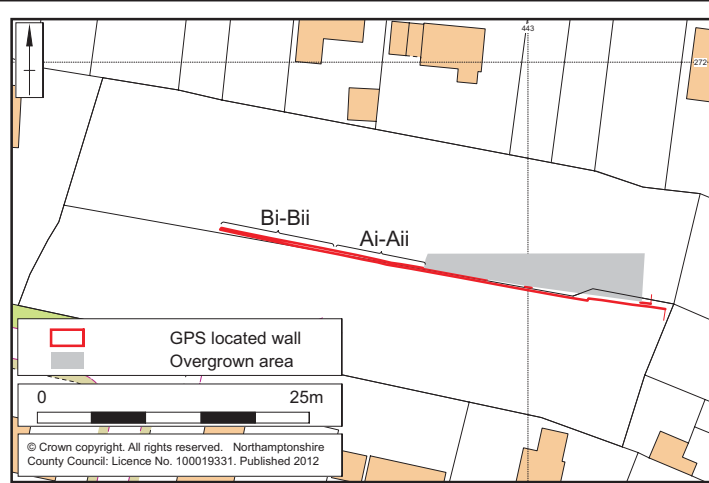
South side of the wall, looking north, Bi - Bii, (Scale 1m) Fig 4



52m 53m 54m 55m 56m 57m 58m 59m 60m 61m 62m 63m 64m



64m 65m 66m 67m 68m 69m 70m 71m 72m 73m 74m



Ai East

West Aii



Bi East

West Bii





0m 1m 2m 3m 4m 5m



5m 6m 7m 8m 9m 10m



10m 11m 12m 12.75m 13m

Not to scale

North side of the wall, looking south, Ai - Aii (Scale 1m) Fig 7



12.75m 13m 14m 15m 16m 17m 18m 19m



19m 20m 21m 22m 23m 24m

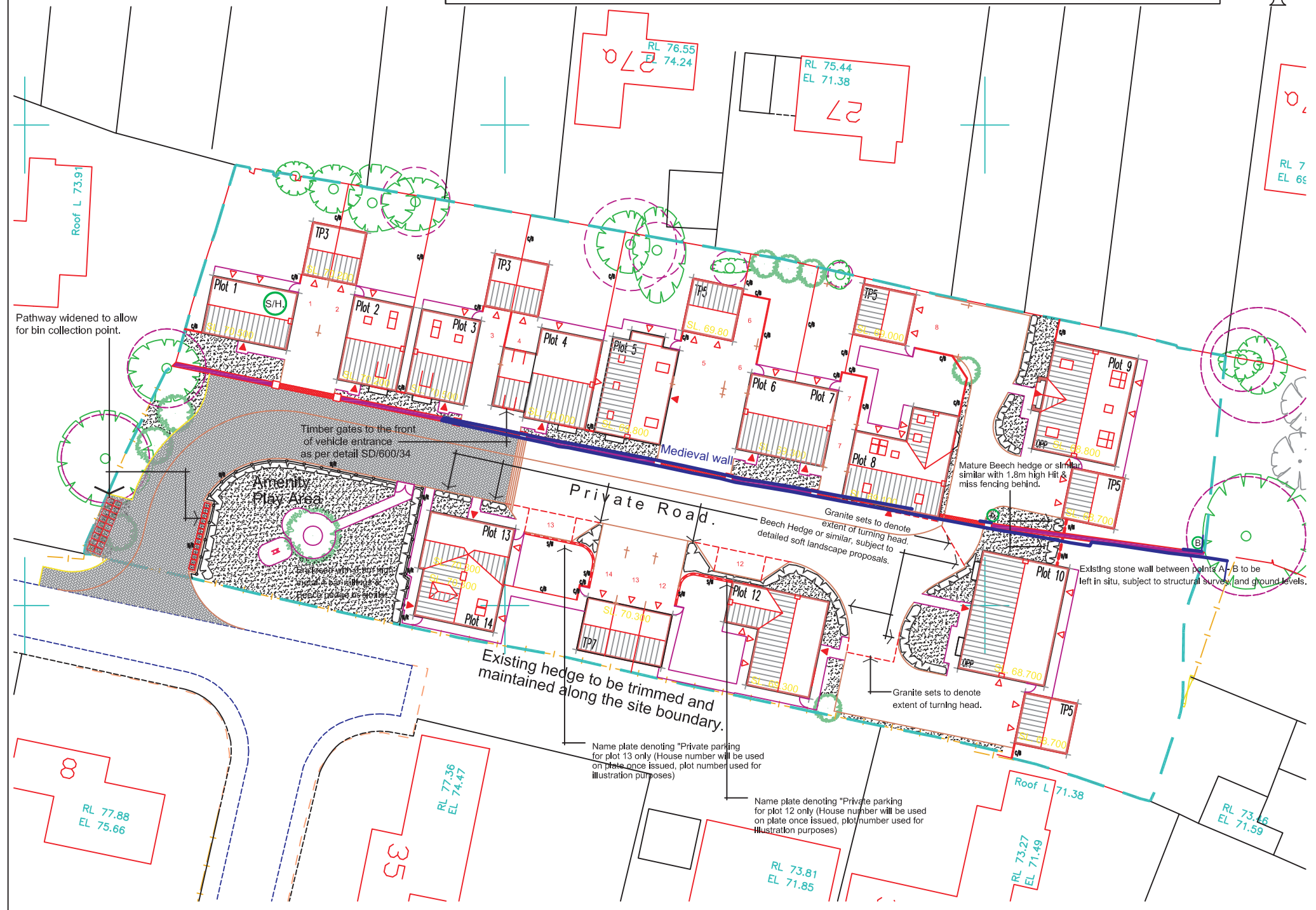
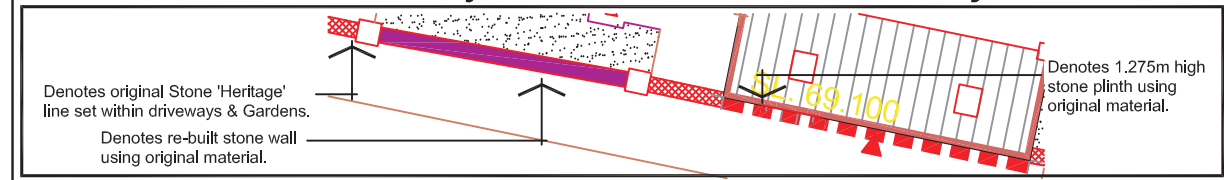


24m 25m 26m 27m

Not to scale

North side of the wall, looking south, Bi - Bii (Scale 1m) Fig 8

All Proposed Trees & Hedges are indicative. This Layout is to be read in Conjunction with the soft landscaping Layout.



House Type Schedule:

Plot No.	Description	No.
Plots 6,7	2 Bed Semi Detached House Type.	2No
Plots 13,14	3 Bed Semi Detached Town House Type.	2No
Plot 1	3 Bed Detached House Type.	1No
Plots 2,3,4,8,12	4 Bed Detached House Type.	5No
Plots 5,8,9,10	5 Bed Detached House Type.	3No
Total		13No

- Legend:
- Existing trees / Hedges to be retained.
 - Existing trees / Hedges to be removed.
 - Denotes Extent of the Root Protection Area.
 - Indicative Tree / Hedge Planting. Refer to Approved Soft Landscaping plan for details.
 - 1.2m High screen wall (Detail No: SD/600/02)
 - 1.2m High close boarded fence (Detail No: SD/600/13)
 - 0.9m 4 Bar Metal Railing (Detail No: SD/600/21) Gate to match main railing.
 - 1.2m High H&M fence (Detail No: SD/600/14)
 - Indicative Grass Planting. Refer to Approved Soft Landscaping plan for details.

No.	Description	Date
1	Plot 6's garage repositioned from front to rear.	08/03/17
2	Plot 6's garage changed from 12.5 to 12.5m.	28/02/17
3	Bin collection point added to entrance of development. Stone wall repositioned in front of plots 5 & 6. Enclosure details added following discussions with Local Authority.	13/10/11
4	Substitution of house types to plots 6 & 7. Plot 54 repositioned. Please refer to the appendix along with hedge planting indicated to frontages. Existing wall (heritage line) added to rear.	14/09/11
5	Substitution of house types to plots 8 & 10. Plot 11 removed. Please refer to the appendix along with hedge planting indicated to frontages. Existing wall (heritage line) added to rear.	21/04/11
6	Plot 8 repositioned onto the line of the existing stone wall.	17/12/10
7	Layout redrawn following comments from Local Authority and L.C.C.	23/09/10
8	Plot 13 substitution following directors comments. New stone wall added to rear of plot 13.	28/09/10
9	Layout redrawn following comments from Local Authority and L.C.C.	23/09/10
10	Plot 12 amended to retain additional tree in rear garden. Private road widened to 5m & radii adjusted. Additional footway added to Towles Pastures following L.C.C.'s highway comments.	08/05/10
11	Turning head to private road enlarged. radii added at road entrance. Road added to plot off-ways following L.C.C.'s comments.	28/04/10
12	Existing tree survey information added. Plots 1 & 2 repositioned to suit Plot 3 houses.	05/03/10

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Planning Layout

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— GPS located boundary wall