

**THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL  
(SCHOOL STREETS ZONE)  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2026**

The Highland Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Sections 9 & 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended (which Act as so amended is hereinafter referred to as “the 1984 Act”), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf and after consultation with the Chief Constable in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to 1984 Act hereby make this Order.

1. This Order may be cited as ‘The Highland Council (School Streets Zone) (Prohibition of Driving) Experimental Traffic Regulation Order 2026’ and shall come into force at 08:15 hours on 20/04/2026 and shall remain in effect until 15:15 hours on 20/10/2027.
2. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

**In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:-**

“Bus” has the same meaning as in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016;

“Carers and Support Workers” means any carer employed or contracted by The Highland Council or by a person residing at a property the postal address of which is in a Restricted Road, who requires access as part of their duties;

“Council” means The Highland Council incorporated under the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994;

“Disabled Person’s Badge” has the same meaning as in the Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Regulations 2002;

“Healthcare Worker” means: a) such persons as have been identified by NHS Highland as being a GP, doctor, registered nurse or any other nominated medical persons carrying out domiciliary visits to patients residing at a property, the postal address of which is in a Restricted Road; or b) such persons as are GPs, doctors or registered nurses carrying out domiciliary visits to patients residing at a property, the postal address of which is in a Restricted Road;

“Local Authority” means a council constituted under Section 2 of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994;

“Permit Holder” means a person to whom a School Streets Zone Permit has been issued in terms of this Order;

“Resident” means a person whose usual residence is a property, the postal address of which is in any road or part of a road which is a Restricted Road;

“Restricted Roads” means the lengths of road specified in the Schedule;

“School Day” means any day during the period from Monday to Friday, both days inclusive, during Council school terms;

“Taxi” has the meaning assigned to it by Section 23 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 as amended;

“Private Hire Car” has the meaning assigned to it by Section 23 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 as amended;

“School Streets Zone Permit” and “permit” means a written or virtual permit issued in terms of Articles 7, 8 & 9 of this Order;

“universal postal service” has the same meaning as in Part 3 of the Postal Services Act 2011;

“Vehicle” unless the context otherwise requires, means a vehicle of any description and includes a machine or implement of any kind drawn or propelled along roads whether or not by mechanical power;

“electronic communications apparatus” shall have the meaning assigned to that phrase by paragraph 5 of Schedule 3A of the Communications Act 2003;

“Schedule” means the Schedule of two parts to this Order.

3. Save as provided in Articles 4,5,6,7,8 and 9 of this Order no person shall, except upon direction of a police constable in uniform, drive or cause or permit to be driven any Vehicle in or upon any of the Restricted Roads between the following times:

**U2098 Culloden Park, Inverness**

08:30-9:15am and 14:15-15:15pm.

**C1092 St Mary’s Road, Inverness**

08:30-9:15am and 2.45 – 3.45pm from Monday to Thursday, and Fridays 08:30-9:15am and 11.45 – 12.30pm.

**U4301 Trostan Road, Thurso**

08:15 - 9:15am and 2.15 – 3.30pm from Monday to Thursday, and Fridays, 08:15-9:15am and 12.15 – 13.00pm.

4. Nothing in Article 3 of this Order shall apply to:-

- a) a Vehicle being used in connection with any building operation or demolition; the removal of any obstruction to traffic; the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the Restricted Roads or part thereof; the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or adjacent to any Restricted Road or part thereof of any sewer or any main, pipe, or apparatus for the supply of gas, water, electricity, or of any electronic communications apparatus; or the placing, maintenance or removal of any traffic sign;
- b) an individual, or organisation authorised by the Council;
- c) a Vehicle being used for police, fire brigade, coastguard or ambulance service emergency purposes or in the service of a Local Authority and being used in pursuance of statutory powers and duties;
- d) a Vehicle displaying a Disabled Person's Badge, being driven by, or carrying a Disabled Person's Badge holder to uplift or set down passengers or wait at premises located on the Restricted Roads;
- e) a Vehicle displaying in the manner specified in Article 6 of this Order a valid School Streets Zone Permit issued in respect of the use of that Vehicle on the Restricted Roads;
- f) a Taxi or Bus or private hire car contracted by the local education authority for the purpose of dropping off or picking up school children from a school specified in the Schedule to this Order;
- g) a Vehicle being used in connection with funeral operations;
- h) a Vehicle being used by Healthcare Workers or Carers and Support Workers to visit premises situated on the Restricted Roads.
- i) a Vehicle being used by Universal Postal Services or being used by a delivery firm in the course of their business delivering or collecting parcels to/from premises on the Restricted Roads;

Provided in all cases that it is reasonably necessary for the Vehicle to be driven on the Restricted Roads or part thereof.


5. A written School Streets Zone Permit shall be displayed in a transparent licence holder on the nearside side of the front windscreen or dashboard of the vehicle in such a position that all details of the permit are clearly visible from the front or nearside of the Vehicle.
6. (i) Each address on the Restricted Roads is entitled to be issued with a maximum of 3 School Streets Zone Permits. Applications forms and guidance for permits are obtainable from the Council for completion by Residents.
- (ii) The Council may at any time require an applicant for a School Streets Zone permit to produce to an officer of the Council or authorised agent such evidence:

- in respect of an application as they may reasonably require to verify any particulars or information given to them, or
  - in respect of any permit issued by them as they may reasonably require to verify that the permit is valid.
7. The Council's Education Service may apply to the Council's Traffic Management and Control Service for the issue of School Streets Zone Permit to a nominated person who requires access to and from a school on the Restricted Roads.
  8. Upon receipt of an application duly made under the provisions of this Order, the Council's Traffic Management and Control Service, upon being satisfied that the applicant is a Resident or that the applicant is nominated by the Education Service for a school specified in the Schedule, may at their discretion issue to that applicant a School Streets Zone Permit or Permits provided the number of permits issued in respect of each address that is not a school does not exceed 3.
  9. A Permit Holder may surrender a School Streets Zone Permit to the Council at any time and shall so surrender it on the occurrence of any of the circumstances set out in Article 13.
  10. The Council may, by notice in writing served on a Permit Holder at the address provided by the Permit Holder on the application for the School Streets Zone Permit or at any other address believed to be that person's residence, withdraw a School Streets Zone Permit if it appears to the Council that any of the surrender events set out in Article 13 hereof has occurred; in that event the Permit Holder shall surrender the School Streets Zone Permit to the Council within forty eight hours of receipt of the said notice.
  11. A School Streets Zone Permit shall cease to be valid on the occurrence of any of the surrender events set out in Article 13.
  12. The surrender events referred to in the foregoing provisions of this Order are:-
    - a. the Permit Holder ceasing to be a Resident;
    - b. the Permit Holder ceasing to be the owner of the Vehicle in respect of which the School Streets Zone Permit was issued;
    - c. the Education Service advising the Council's Traffic Management and Control Service that a School Streets Zone Permit is no longer required for that Permit Holder;
    - d. the issue of a duplicate School Streets Zone Permit by the Council in terms of Article 14 or Article 15 of this Order;
    - e. the Council or their authorised representative becoming reasonably satisfied that false information has been deliberately provided by a Permit Holder when applying for a School Streets Zone Permit in terms of Article 7 of this Order.
    - f. details on the School Streets Zone Permit have been altered or defaced or cannot be easily read from outside the Vehicle.
  13. If a School Streets Zone Permit is mutilated or defaced or the figures or other particulars on it have become illegible or the colour of the Schools Street Zone Permit has altered by fading or otherwise, the Permit Holder shall surrender it to

the Council and may then apply to the Council for the issue of a duplicate School Streets Zone Permit.

14. If a School Streets Zone Permit is lost or destroyed, the Permit Holder may apply to the Council for the issue to the Permit Holder of a duplicate School Streets Zone Permit.
15. The Permit Holder may apply to the Council for the issue of a replacement School Streets Zone Permit due to a change of Vehicle, within the current life of the permit, free of charge on surrender of the previous permit.
16. On application under the provisions of this Order, the Council, being satisfied as to the circumstances as indicated, and on payment of any fee as the Council may from time to time determine, shall issue a replacement or duplicate permit so marked and upon such issue the original permit shall become invalid.
17. The provisions of this Order shall apply to a replacement or duplicate School Streets Zone Permit to the same extent as they applied to the original permit.
18. A School Streets Zone Permit may be in writing or virtual and if in writing shall include the following particulars:-
  - (i) the registration mark of the vehicle in respect of which the permit has been issued. Provided that in exceptional circumstances at the absolute discretion of the Council the vehicle registration mark may be omitted;
  - (ii) the period during which, subject to the provisions pertaining to surrender or withdrawal, the permit shall remain valid;
  - (iii) an indication that the permit has been issued by the Council; and
  - (iv) a code or identification indicating the Restricted Roads for which the permit is valid.
19. A permit shall cease to be valid on the expiration of the period specified thereon or on the occurrence of any of the surrender events, whichever is the earlier.

Sealed with the Common Seal of the Highland Council and subscribed for them and on their behalf in terms of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994 by Emma Linn, Solicitor and Proper Officer, at Inverness on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026.

  
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**This is the Schedule referred to in the foregoing The Highland Council (School Streets Zone (Prohibition of Driving) Experimental Traffic Regulation Order 2026**

**PART 1**

**EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC RESTRICTION ORDER**

**Duncan Forbes Primary School, Inverness -**

**U2098 Culloden Park, Inverness,**

From a point 70 metres or thereby from its junction with the U1855 Keppoch Road and extending in a south-easterly direction to the point where it terminates, a distance of 101 metres or thereby.

**U2098 Culloden Park, Inverness**

From a point 116 metres or thereby from the road's junction with the U1855 Keppoch Road and extending in a north-easterly direction to the point where it terminates in a turning circle, a distance of 183 metres or thereby.

**Kirkhill Primary School, Inverness -**

**C1092 St Mary's Road, Inverness**

From a point 102m northeast of its junction with the U1564 Wardlaw Road, extending in a northeasterly direction for 442m or thereby.

**Pennyland Primary School, Thurso -**

**U4301 Trostan Road, Thurso**

For its entire length.

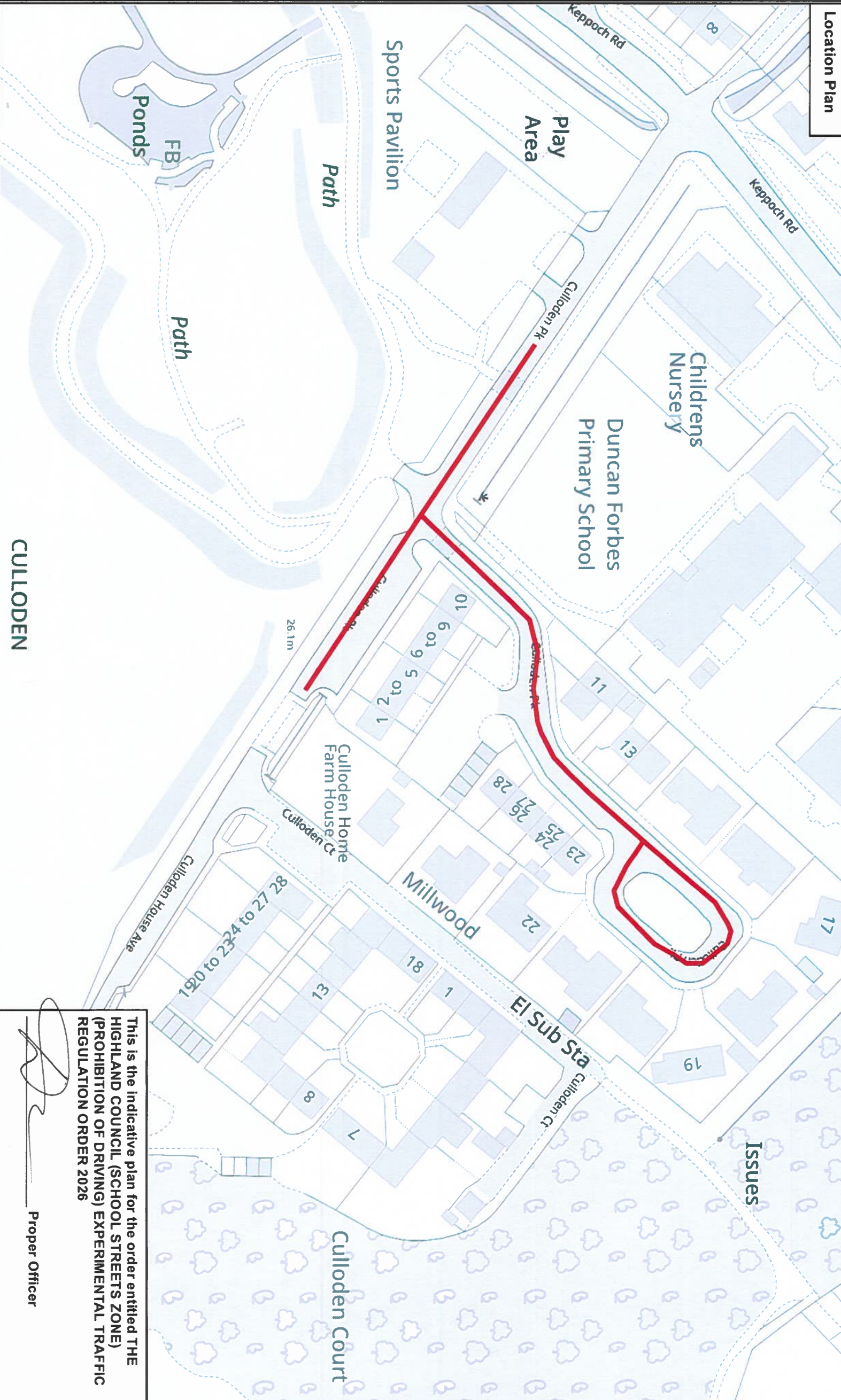
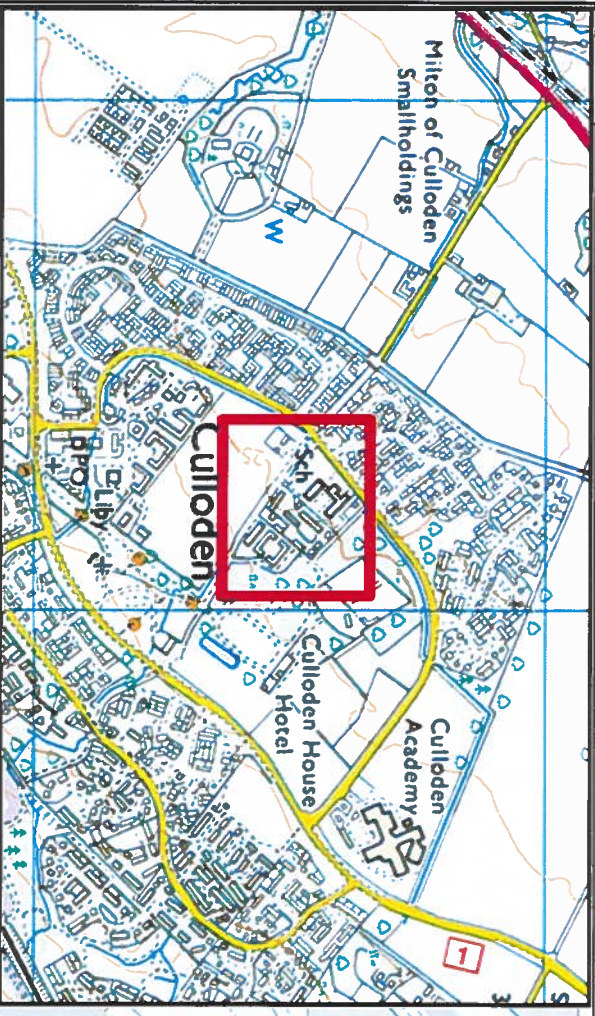
**PART 2**

**PLANS**

Duncan Forbes School Streets Zone  
Kirkhill School Streets Zone  
Pennyland School Streets Zone

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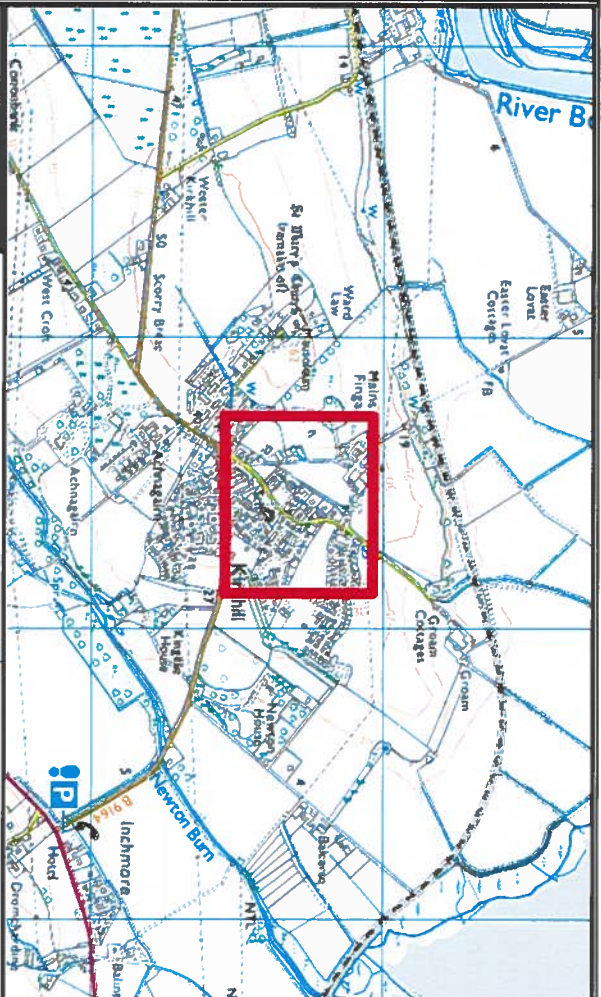
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