

Drainage Philosophy

18T1690-Evistones Cottages, Rochester, Northumberland



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1. Executive Summary / Project Background

- 1.1. This Drainage Philosophy has been prepared to supplement the Proposed Drainage Scheme for planning for a new cottage and multi-use garage on a brownfield site that is currently used for agricultural purposes in Rochester, Northumberland. See Appendix A for the site location.
- 1.2. A hierarchy for the appropriate disposal of surface water is included within Building Regulations Part H3 which states the following:
 - "Rainwater from a system provided ... shall discharge to one of the following, listed in order of priority:
 - 1) An adequate soakaway or some other adequate infiltration system; or, where this is not reasonably practicable,
 - 2) A watercourse; or, where that is not reasonably practicable,
 - 3) A sewer."
- 1.3. The following Drainage Philosophy addresses each element of the above hierarchy and details how the surface water and foul water will be discharged from site.
- 1.4. BGP have prepared this report based on the current information available. This report is subject to change should the information change or new information be presented.

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2. Existing Site & Drainage

2.1. Site Location

- 2.1.1 Site Name: Evistones Cottages
- 2.1.2 Site Address: Evistones Cottages, Rochester, Northumberland.
- 2.1.3 OS Grid Reference: 383323, 596658
- 2.1.4 National Grid Reference: NT789005

2.2. Site Description

- 2.2.1 Site Area: 0.2250Ha
- 2.2.2 Existing Land Use: Residential (cottage), Agricultural Buildings and Garages
- 2.2.3 Proposed Land Use: Residential (cottage) and Garages
- 2.2.4 Local Planning Authority: Northumberland County Council (NCC)
- 2.2.5 Sewer Undertaker: Northumbrian Water (NWL)
- 2.2.6 The site is located approximately 2km west of Otterburn Camp on a Brownfield parcel of land which is currently used for residential and agricultural uses. The site is bounded by farmland in all directions and a watercourse/beck to the south.

2.3. Site Levels

- 2.3.1 A topographical survey was sourced by Michael Hall Associates in November 2017 and can be viewed in Appendix C.
- 2.3.2 From the topographical it can be noted that the site falls from north to south from 203.0m to 198.0m AOD however local to the development is relatively flat at 203.0m AOD.

2.4. Existing Watercourses

- 2.4.1. The nearest named watercourse is the River Rede, which is located approximately 0.8km northeast of the site. The watercourse runs from Northwest to Southeast through the surrounding landscape.
- 2.4.2. There is an unnamed beck to the south approx. 80m from site which the current development discharges to.

2.5 Existing Public and Private Drainage

2.5.1 No public sewers are located within the nearby vicinity of the site.

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3. Proposed Site Details

3.1. Development Proposals

- 3.1.1. The proposals are the construction of a new cottage and multi-use garage in Rochester, Northumberland. See Appendix A for the Site Location plan.
- 3.1.2. The proposed site layout within Appendix B indicates that the proposals will be constructed in the location of the (to be) demolished existing cottage and out buildings.
- 3.1.3. The proposed site layout within Appendix B indicates the construction of a new area of courtyard and turning area to the rear of the existing courtyard. Works to the existing tarmac will be required to enable the tie in detail of new to existing.
- 3.1.4. The development is to remain private and is developed on private property.

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4. Surface Water Drainage Proposals

4.1. Existing Drainage Regime

- 4.1.1 A topographical survey was sourced by Michael Hall Associates in November 2017 (Appendix C) and shows chambers located to the existing property perimeter.
- 4.1.2 The existing drainage network to the property has been investigated and can be confirmed that the surface and foul water are drained in separate systems.
- 4.1.3 The surface water system to the property and outbuildings drains via gravity throughout a network within the courtyard and outfalls to an existing beck approx. 80m south of the site.
- 4.1.4 The foul water from the existing main house drains to a treatment works.
- 4.1.5 The foul water from the existing cottage drains to a septic tank.
- 4.1.6 No public drainage was identified within the site.

4.2. Current Guidelines

4.2.1. In accordance with Building Regulations and NPPF the disposal of surface water has been considered in the following order of priority; discharge to ground, where not reasonably practicable, a watercourse, or where not reasonably practicable a sewer.

4.3. Discharge to Ground

- 4.3.1. Discharge of the surface water to ground via infiltration is suited to sites which have ground conditions made up of gravel, sand or a mixture of the two. Sands and gravels permit rapid dispersion and infiltration of surface water which is necessary to ensure that overland flooding does not occur during intense rainfall periods.
- 4.3.2. It is deemed impractical to discharge to ground when an existing connection is available from another source.

4.4. Discharge to a Watercourse

- 4.4.1. The nearest named watercourse is the River Rede, which is located approximately 0.8km northeast of the site. The watercourse runs northwest to southeast throughout the surrounding landscape.
- 4.4.2. An existing unnamed watercourse is located onsite and an existing connection from the property already discharges to this location.
- 4.4.3. Due to the existing connection, it is deemed acceptable to connect into the watercourse.
- 4.4.4. Therefore, as per the hierarchy within Building Regulations Part H3, it is deemed necessary to discharge the surface water to a nearby watercourse.

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4.5. Discharge to a Sewer

4.5.1. The surface water currently discharges to an existing beck. No public sewer in located within close vicinity of the site.

4.6. Surface Water Proposals

- 4.6.1. See Appendix D for Proposed Drainage Plan.
- 4.6.2. Surface water flows from the new buildings will be discharged at a rate as per the existing buildings arrangement into the new surface water system to the buildings perimeter. This will be provided in the new systems and is to discharge to the beck to mimic the existing arrangement.
- 4.6.3. It is recommended that silt traps are included in all manholes immediately prior to entering the final outfall sewer to avoid silt deposits in the beck.

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5. Foul Water Drainage Proposals

- 5.1. See Appendix D for the 'Proposed Drainage Plan'.
- 5.2. The foul drainage within site is to remain private and adjusted in line with current legislation.
- 5.3. The proposed foul drainage outfall location is into a new treatment plant to the rear of the garage which following treatment will drain via gravity into the proposed surface water network which ultimately discharges to the beck. The existing treatment works will remain status quo.
- 5.4. The existing septic tank within the woods will become redundant.

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6. Conclusion

- 6.1. Based on the report, we can conclude:
- 6.2. It is not possible or practicable to discharge the surface water to ground.
- 6.3. The existing site discharges to the nearby beck and the proposed development should mimic this arrangement.
- 6.4. Therefore not practicable to discharge the surface water to a sewer.
- 6.5. The proposals are the construction of a new cottage and garages on a brownfield site that is currently used for residential and agricultural purposes. See Appendix A for site location plan.
- 6.6. A proposed drainage scheme has been recommended within Appendix D.
- 6.7. We conclude that the proposals will not increase flood risk elsewhere and are in keeping with current guidelines.
- 6.8. This statement has been prepared with reference to the information available at the time of writing. The details of the report may be revised upon receipt of additional or further information.

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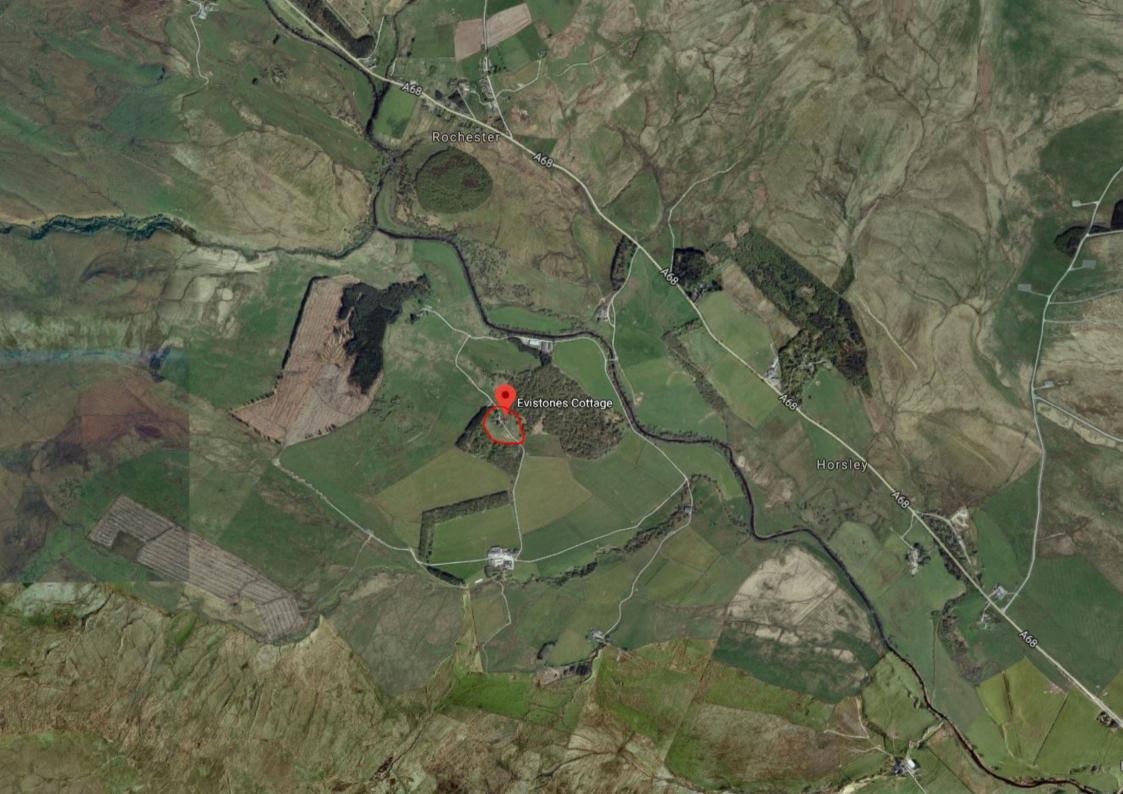
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Appendix A

Site Location Plan

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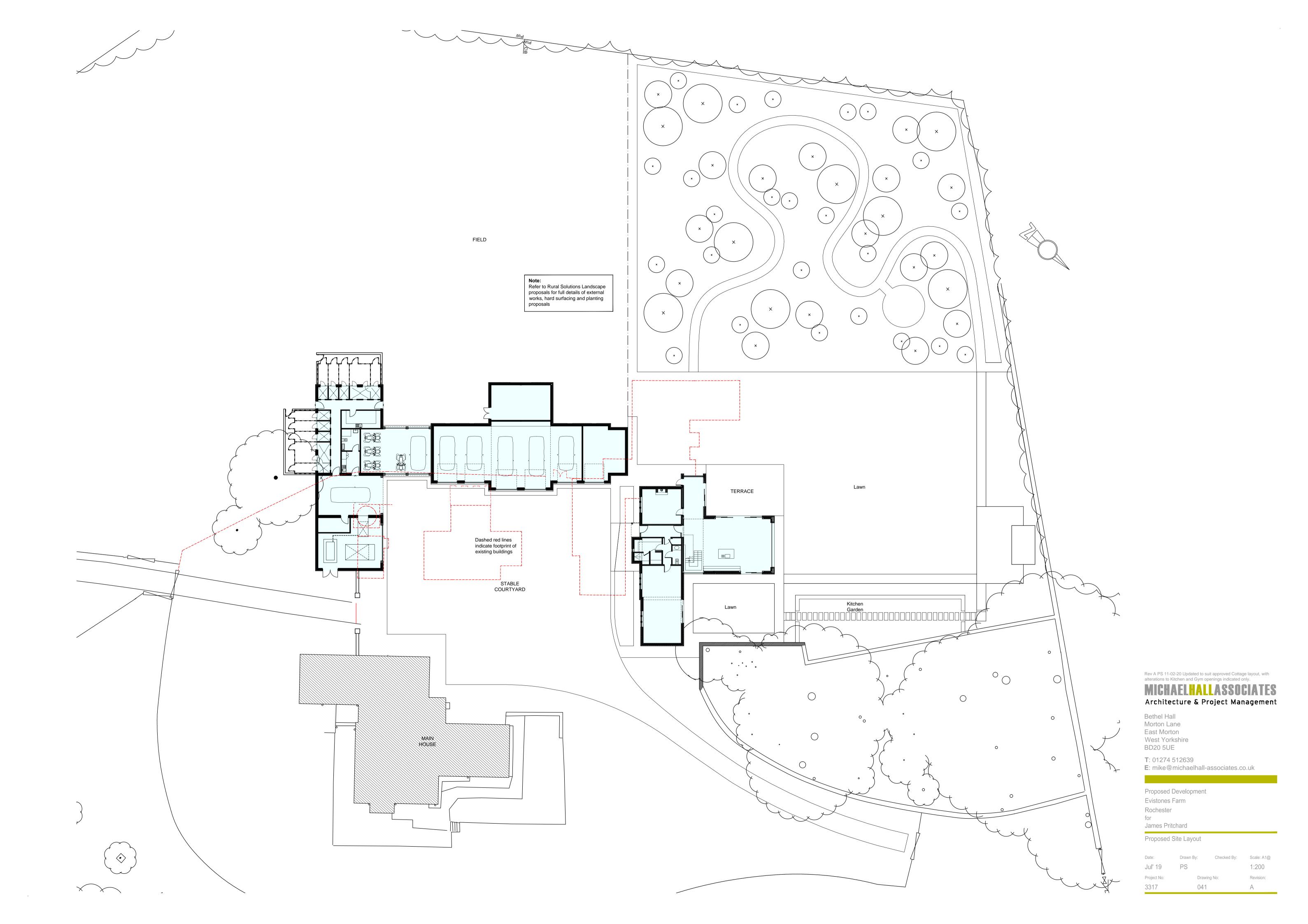




Appendix B

Proposed Site Layout

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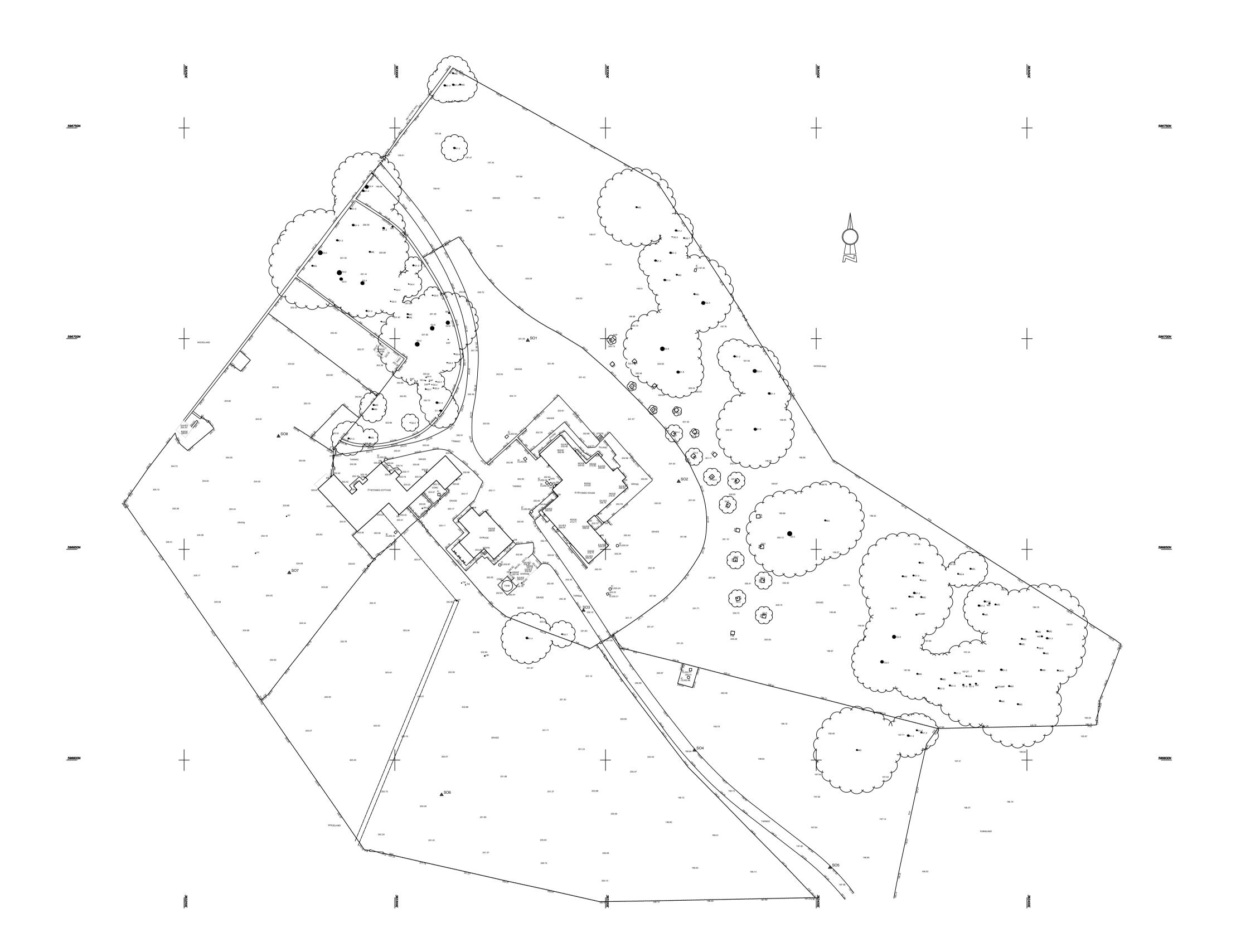




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Topographical Survey

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Appendix D

Proposed Drainage Plan

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