STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014 THE BOROUGH OF STAFFORD

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2023

The Stafford Borough Council ("the Council"), in exercise of its powers under Section 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ("the Act"), hereby makes the following Order:-

- 1. This Order shall come into operation on the 7th day of December 2023 and shall have effect for a period of three years from the date thereof (unless it is extended pursuant to Section 60 of the Act).
- 2. This Order applies to the areas within the Borough of Stafford as specified in the Schedule to this Order and shown marked on the attached plans at Appendices 1 and 2, being public open spaces in the Council's area to which the Act applies ("the Restricted Areas").

BY THIS ORDER

3. The effect of this Order is to impose the following prohibitions and/or requirements in the Restricted Areas at all times:-

(a) Alcohol

- Any person is prohibited from having an open alcohol container in their possession.
- Any person is required to surrender any open alcohol container or which is reasonably believed to contain alcohol in their possession when required to do so by an Authorised Officer of the Council.

(b) Dog Fouling

• Any person is required to remove the faeces of a dog they are in control of, immediately after the dog has defecated.

(c) Dogs on Leads

• Any person who is in control of a dog in a "no dogs off lead" restricted area is required to keep the dog on a lead at all times, and such lead must not exceed a length of two metres.

(d) Dogs on Leads by Direction

 Any person who is in control of a dog is required to put and keep the dog on a lead, if given a direction to do so by an Authorised Officer of the Council.

(e) Dog Exclusion Areas

 Any person is prohibited from allowing a dog they are in control of to enter the designated play areas as specified in the Schedule to this Order and indicated in the attached plans at Appendix 2.

(f) Dog Walking

• Any person is prohibited from walking more than 4 dogs at any one time.

(g) Motor Vehicles

• All motor vehicles are prohibited from travelling or parking along the pedestrianised areas of Stafford and Stone town centres (as indicated in the attached plans at Appendix 1), save for those vehicles that are exempt by virtue of paragraph 4(iv) of this Order.

(h) Bicycles, Scooters, Skateboards and Roller Skates

 Any person is prohibited from riding on a bicycle, scooter, skateboard or roller skates (including roller blades) along the pedestrianised areas of Stafford and Stone town centres (as indicated on the attached plans at Appendix 1).

(i) Loitering

 Any person is prohibited from loitering or otherwise gathering in groups of five or more within the pedestrianised areas of Stafford and Stone town centres (as indicated on the attached plans at Appendix 1).

(j) Tents

 Any person is prohibited from erecting, sleeping in, or otherwise being in a tent (or like structure) within the pedestrianised areas of Stafford and Stone town centres (as indicated on the attached plans at Appendix 1).

(k) Canvassing

Any person is prohibited from canvassing for the sale of services by means
of direct debit, or for the purpose of obtaining an individual's bank account
details, within the pedestrianised areas of Stafford and Stone town centres
(as indicated on the attached plans at Appendix 1).

(I) Busking

• Any person is prohibited from busking with an amplifier within the pedestrianised areas of Stafford and Stone town centres (as indicated on the attached plans at Appendix 1).

(m) Feeding Of Birds

 Any person is prohibited from feeding birds in public open spaces across the Borough of Stafford.

(n) BBQ's or equivalent

• Any person is prohibited from using a BBQ or equivalent on a public open space across the Borough of Stafford.

(For the purposes of 3 (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) above, a person who habitually has a dog in their possession shall be taken to be in control of the dog at any particular time, unless at that time some other person is in control of the dog).

4. Exemptions

- (i) Nothing in Paragraph 3(a) of this Order shall apply to a person who is in possession of an open alcohol container within the curtilage of any licensed premises located within a restricted area, or any premises licensed under Section 11 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the supply of alcohol or premises permitting the sale of alcohol by Section 100 of said Act (Temporary Event Notice), or by Section 115E of the Highways Act 1980.
- (ii) Nothing in Paragraph 3(b) to 3(f) of this Order shall apply to a person with a disability who is accompanied by an assistance dog. A person with a disability is defined under Section 6(1) Equality Act 2010 (as amended) as a person with -
 - (a) A physical or mental impairment, and
 - (b) The impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on the person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.
- (iii) An assistance dog is defined under Section 173(1) of the Equality Act 2010 (as amended) as
 - (a) A dog which has been trained to guide a blind person.
 - **(b)** A dog which has been trained to assist a deaf person.

- (c) A dog which has been trained by a prescribed charity to assist a disabled person who has a disability that consists of epilepsy or otherwise affects the person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects;
- (d) A dog of a prescribed category which has been trained to assist a disabled person who has a disability (other than one falling within paragraph (c) of a prescribed kind).
- (iv) Nothing in Paragraph 3(g) of this Order shall apply to emergency, cashin-transit or Royal Mail vehicles, or to vehicles of any kind being used solely for the purposes of loading and unloading on any day between the hours of 4:00pm and 10:00am only.
- **5.** An "Authorised Officer of the Council" means an employee of Stafford Borough Council, a Police Officer or Police Community Support Officer, or any other person who is authorised in writing by the Council for the purposes of giving directions under this Order.
- 6. The Council is satisfied that the conditions set out in Sections 59, 64 and 72 of the Act have been satisfied. The Council is in all the circumstances expedient to make this Order for the purposes of reducing anti-social behaviour in the restricted areas. The Council makes the Order because anti-social behaviour in the restricted areas has had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. The effect or likely effect of this is of a persistent or continuing nature such as to make it unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed in this Order.

7. Offences

- i. It is an offence for any person, without reasonable excuse, to engage in any activity which is prohibited by this Order.
- ii. A person commits an offence if they fails to give their name and address when required to do so by an Authorised Officer of the Council, or gives a false or inaccurate name or address when an Authorised Officer proposes to give a person a Fixed Penalty Notice for engaging in any activity which is prohibited by this Order.
- iii. Any person who is found to be in breach of any provisions of this Order shall be liable on summary conviction to a maximum penalty of Level 3 on the Standard Scale, or if in receipt of a Fixed Penalty Notice, to a financial penalty of up to £100.00.

8. Revocation

This Order hereby revokes the Borough of Stafford Public Spaces Protection Order 2017 made on 25 November 2020.

DATED this 22 day of November 2023

The Common Seal of **STAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL** was hereunto affixed in the presence of:-

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Authorised Officer

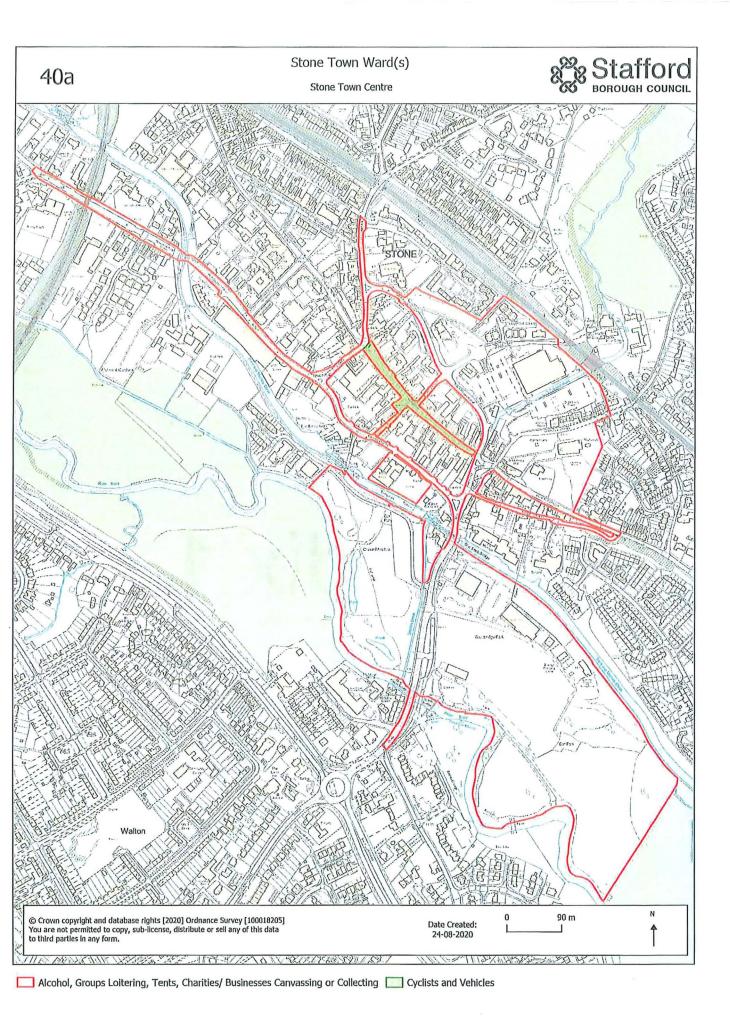
SCHEDULE OF THE RESTRICTED AREAS

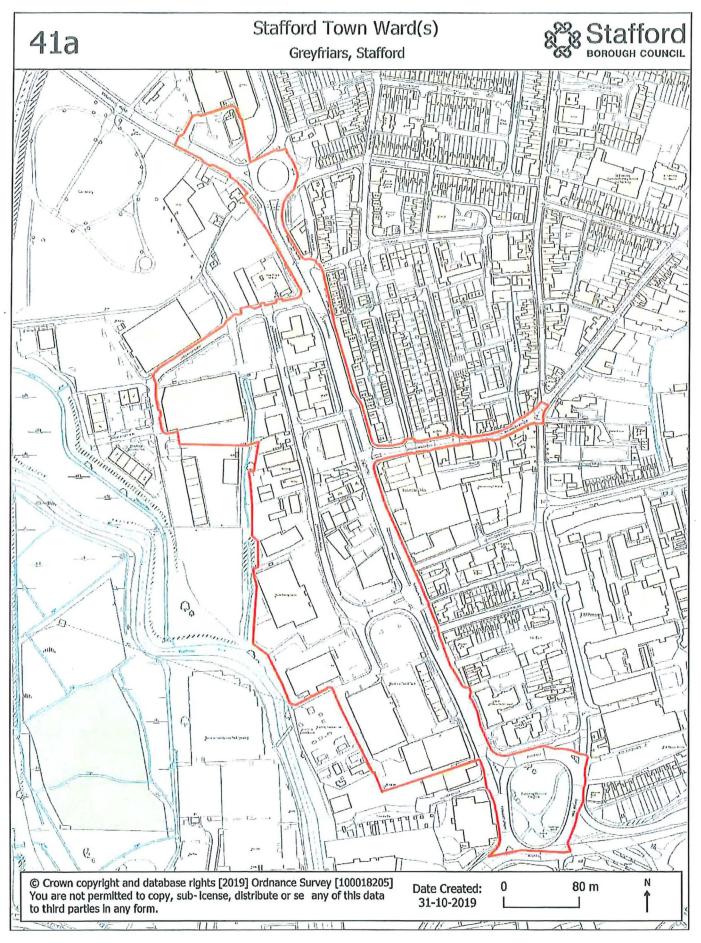
Location	Nature of Prohibition/Requirement	Map Number/Ref
The whole of the Borough of Stafford (any place to which the public have access)	 The removal of dog faeces immediately after the dog has defecated. Dogs on leads by direction. Dog walking – maximum of 4 dogs at any one time. (see 3(b), 3(c), 3(d), 3(e) & 3(f) of this Order). 	N/A
		Appendix 1
Stone Town Centre & Stafford Town Centre (pedestrianised areas)	Restrictions in relation to the use of motor vehicles, bicycles, scooters, skateboards and roller skates (see 3(g) and 3(h) of this Order).	Maps 40a & 43a
Stone Town Centre, Greyfriars, Stafford, Stafford Town Centre, Stafford Train Station, St. Georges Mansions	Restrictions in relation to alcohol, loitering, tents, canvassing and busking with amplifiers (see 3(a), 3(i), 3(j), 3(k), 3(l) of this Order).	·
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Victoria Park North & Play Area	Dog exclusion & no dogs off lead (see 3(c) and 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 1а
Victoria Park & Bowling Green	Dog exclusion & no dogs off lead (see 3(c) and 3(e) of this Order)	Map 1b
Rowley Park, Stafford	Dog exclusion & no dogs off lead (see 3(c) and 3(e) of this Order)	Map 2a
Stonefield Park, Stone	Dog exclusion & no dogs off lead (see 3(c) and 3(e) of this Order)	Мар За
Littleworth Park	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 4а
Lancing Avenue, Stafford	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 5а
Meadow View, Adbaston	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 6а

Location	Nature of Prohibition/Requirement	Map Number/Ref
All Ways Close, Milwich	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 7а
Bell Close, Stafford	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 8а
Beton Way, Stafford	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 9а
Danta Way, Stafford	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 10а
Ferndown Drive South	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 11а
Heathfield Avenue, Walton, Stone	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 13а
Holmcroft Road, Stafford	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Map 14a
Lawnsfield Walk, Stafford	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 15а
Melbourne Crescent, Stafford	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 16а
New Street, Norton Bridge	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 17а
St. Georges Road, Stafford	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 18а
The Lindens, Stone	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 19а
Wayfield Drive, Stafford	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Map 20a
Whitemill Lane, Walton, Stone	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 21а
Wootton Drive, Stafford	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 22а
The Green, Yarnfield	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 23а

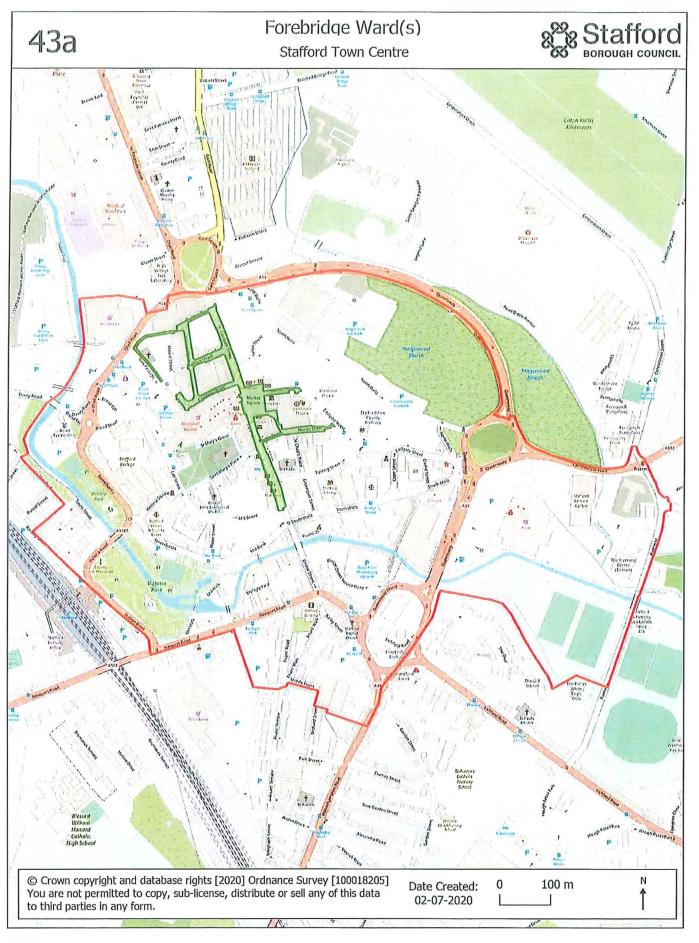
Location	Nature of Prohibition/Requirement	Map Number/Ref
Christ Church, Stone	No dogs off lead (see 3(c) of this Order)	Map 24a
Stafford Crematorium, Eccleshall Road	No dogs off lead (see 3(c) of this Order)	Map 25a
Stafford Crematorium, Tixall Road	No dogs off lead (see 3(c) of this Order)	Map 26a
St. Chads Church, Stafford	No dogs off lead (see 3(c) of this Order)	Map 27a
St. Lawrence's Church, Gnosall	No dogs off lead (see 3(c) of this Order)	Map 28a
St. Mary's Church, Stafford	No dogs off lead (see 3(c) of this Order)	Map 29a
St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Colwich	No dogs off lead (see 3(c) of this Order)	Мар 30а
St. Michael's Church, Stone	No dogs off lead (see 3(c) of this Order)	Мар 31а
Stone Cemetery	No dogs off lead (see 3(c) of this Order)	Мар 32а
Two Waters Way, Stafford	No dogs off lead (see 3(c) of this Order)	Мар 33а
Riverway Bowling Green, Stafford	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Map 34a
Wildwood Park	Dog exclusion & no dogs off lead (see 3(c) and 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 35а
Castle Church (St. Mary's), Stafford	No dogs off lead (see 3(c) of this Order)	Мар 36а
Stowe-by-Chartley Playing Field	Dog Exclusion (see 3(e) of this Order)	Мар 37а
Charnley Road Play Area	Dog Exclusion & no dogs off lead (see 3(c) and 3(e) of this Order)	Map 42a

Appendix 1

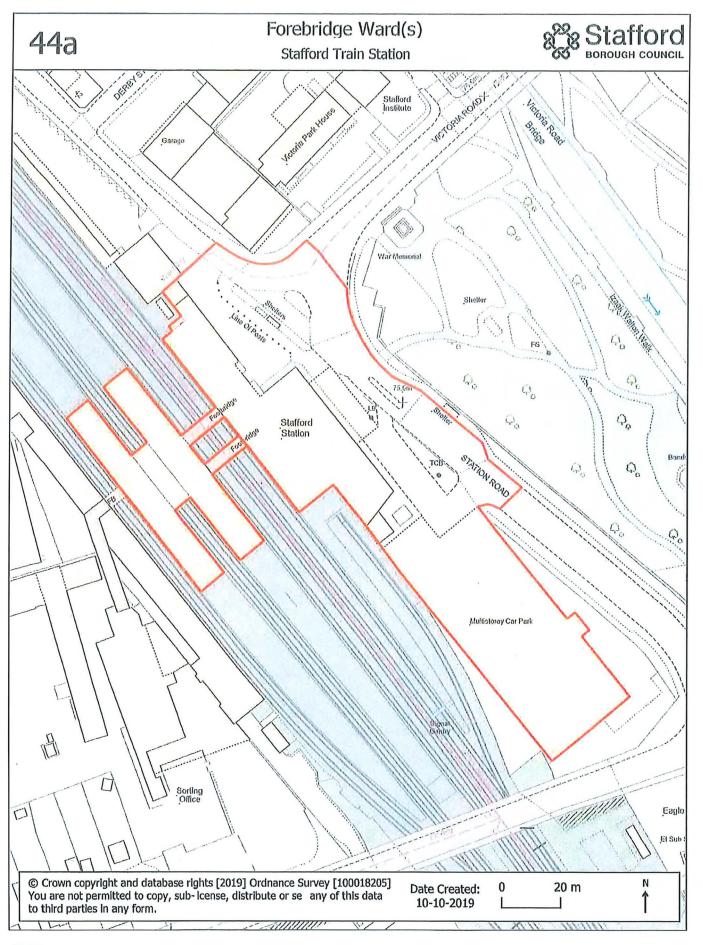




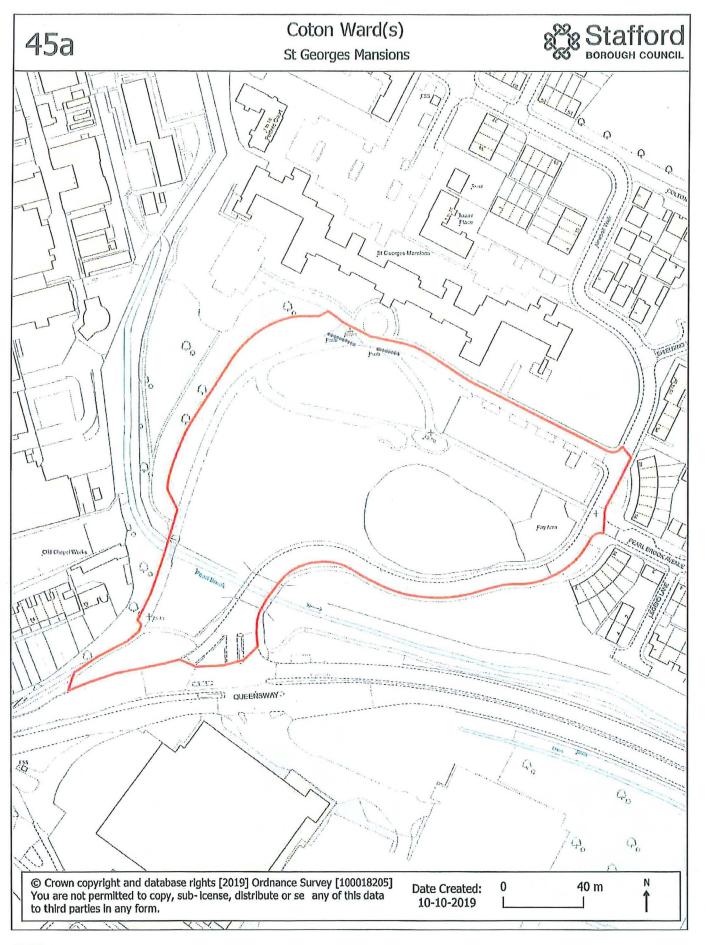
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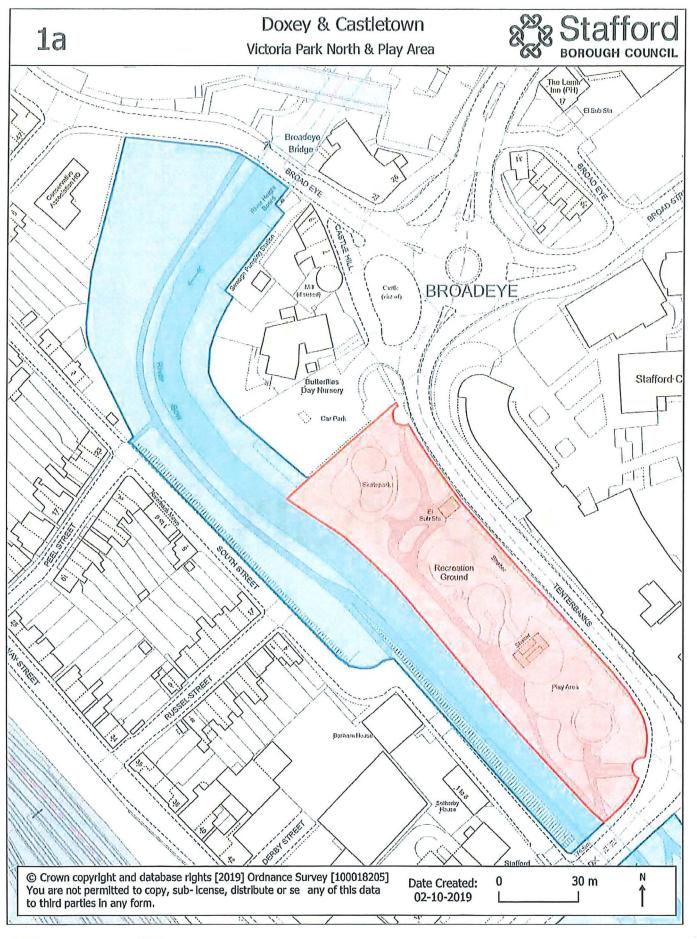


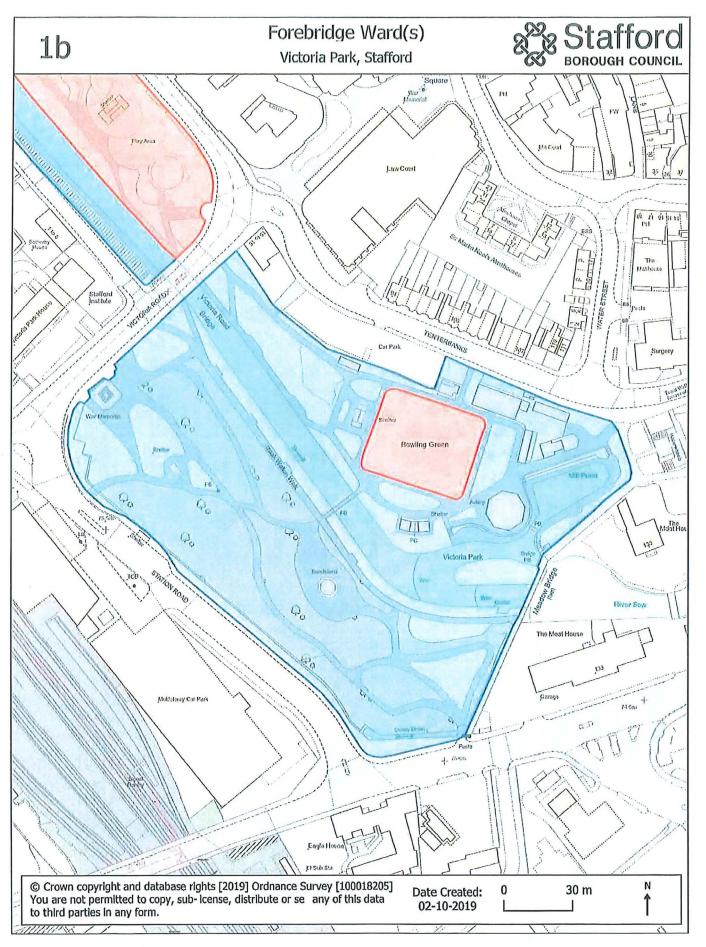
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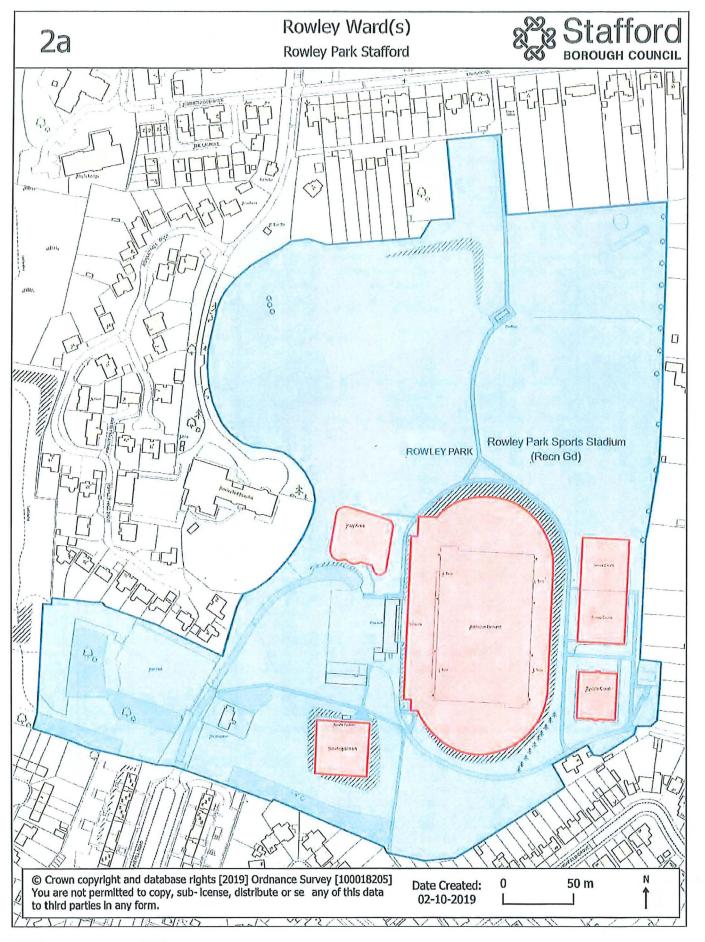


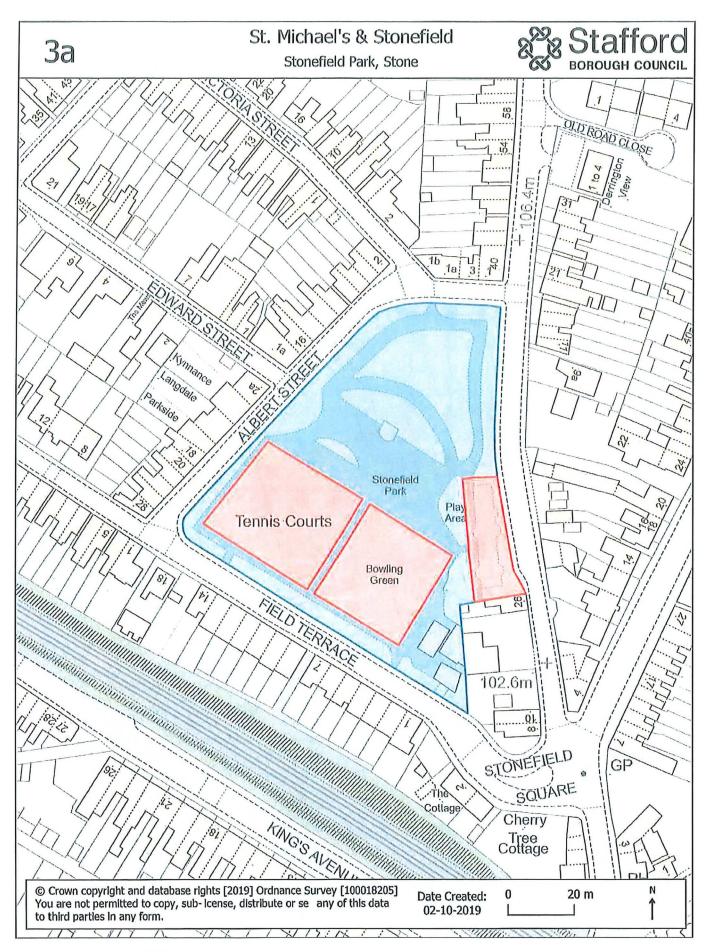
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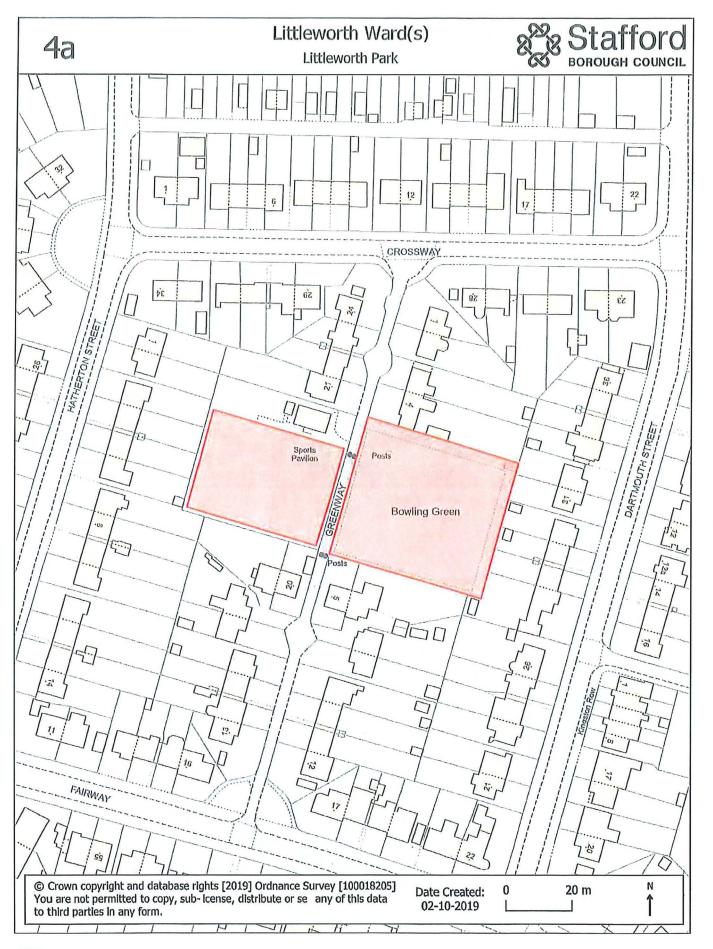
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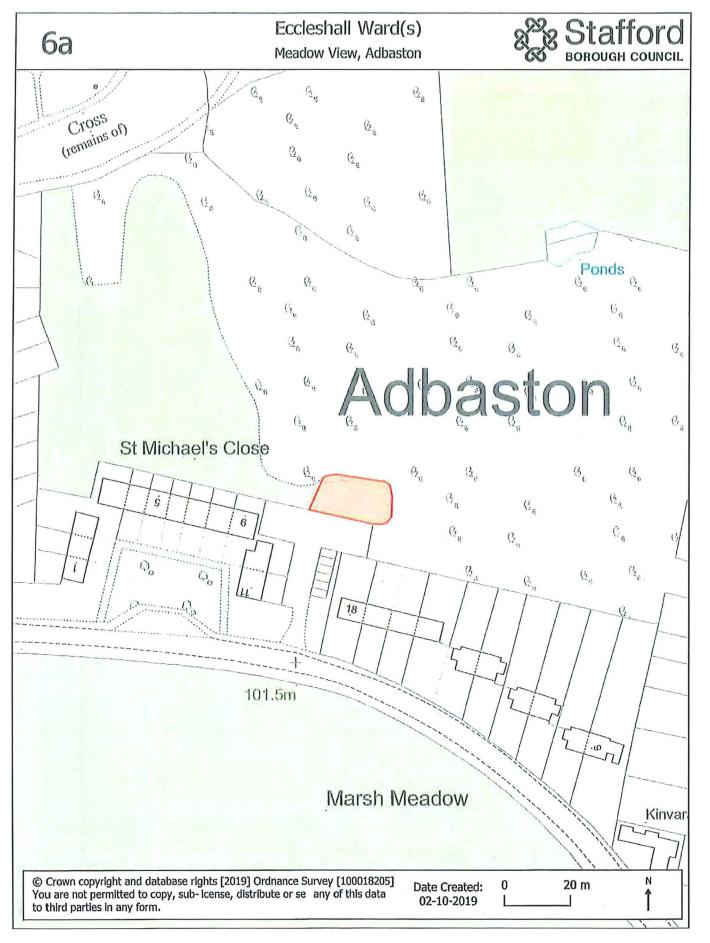


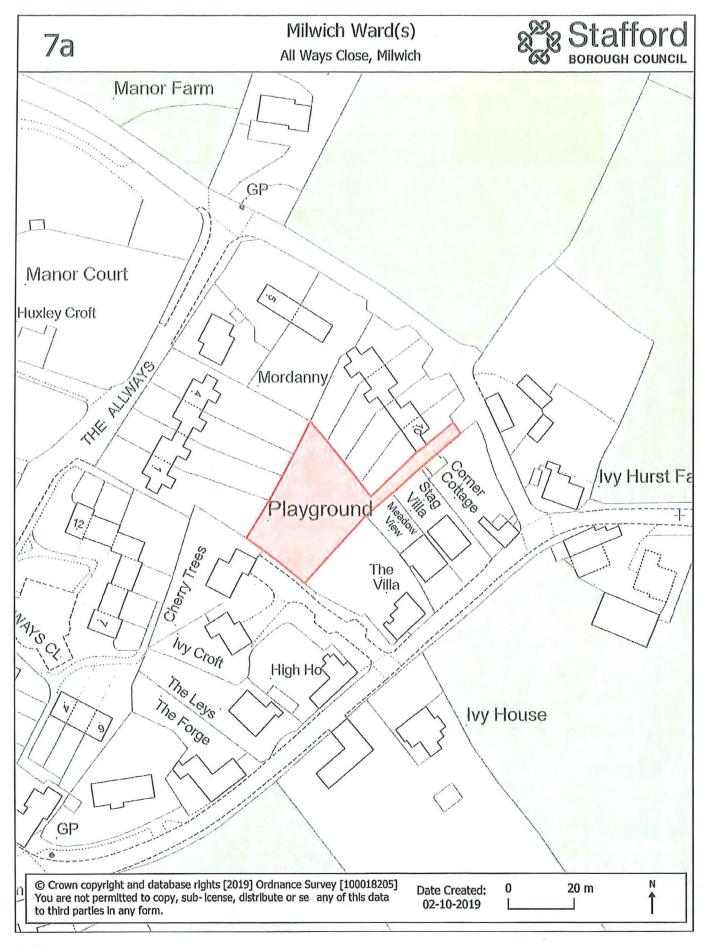


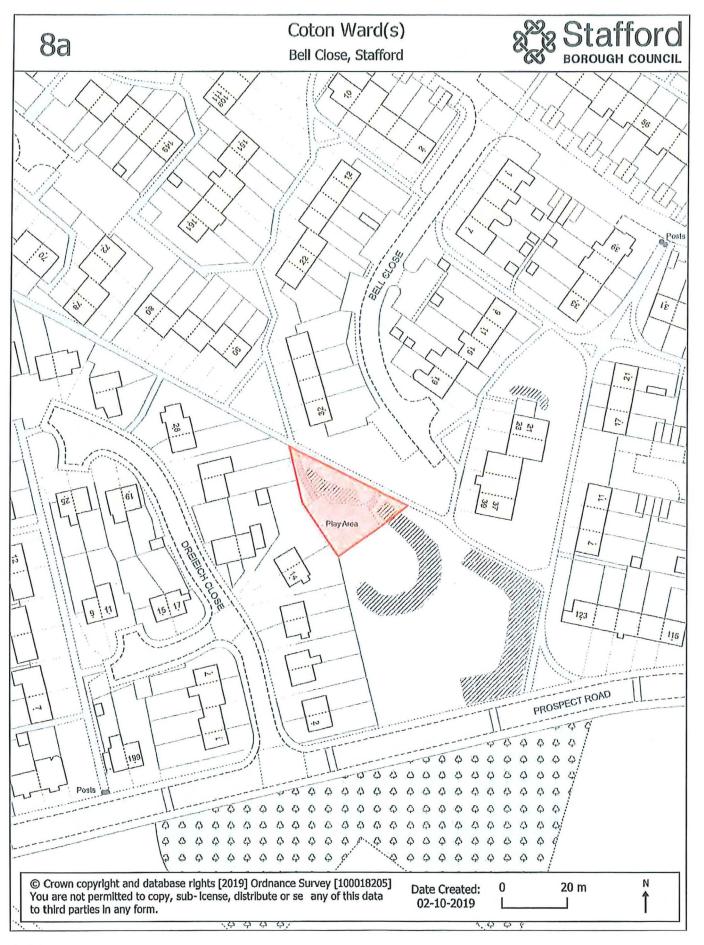






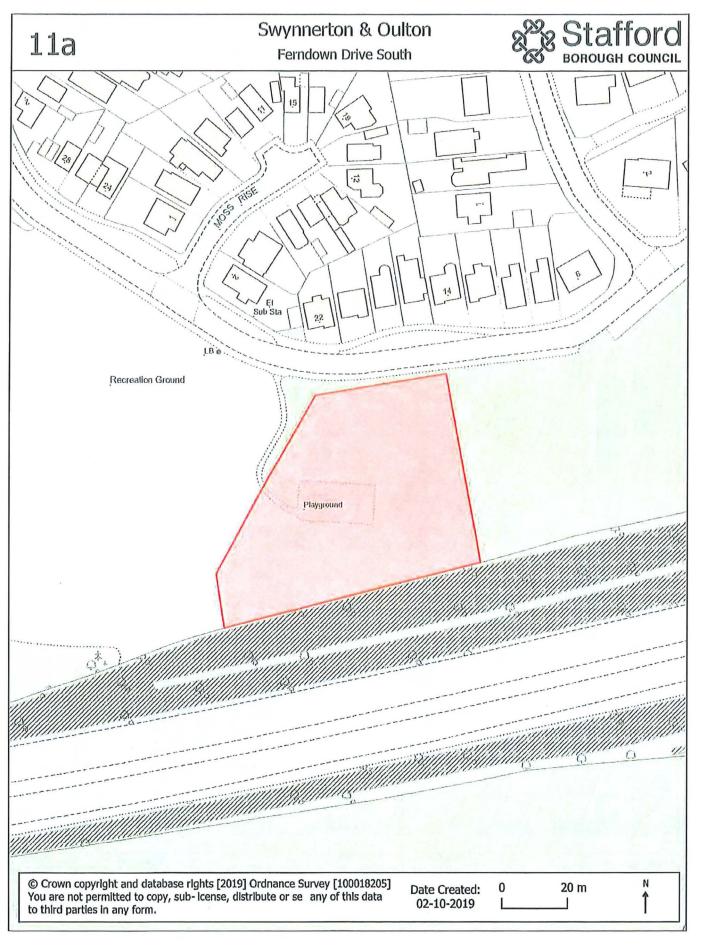




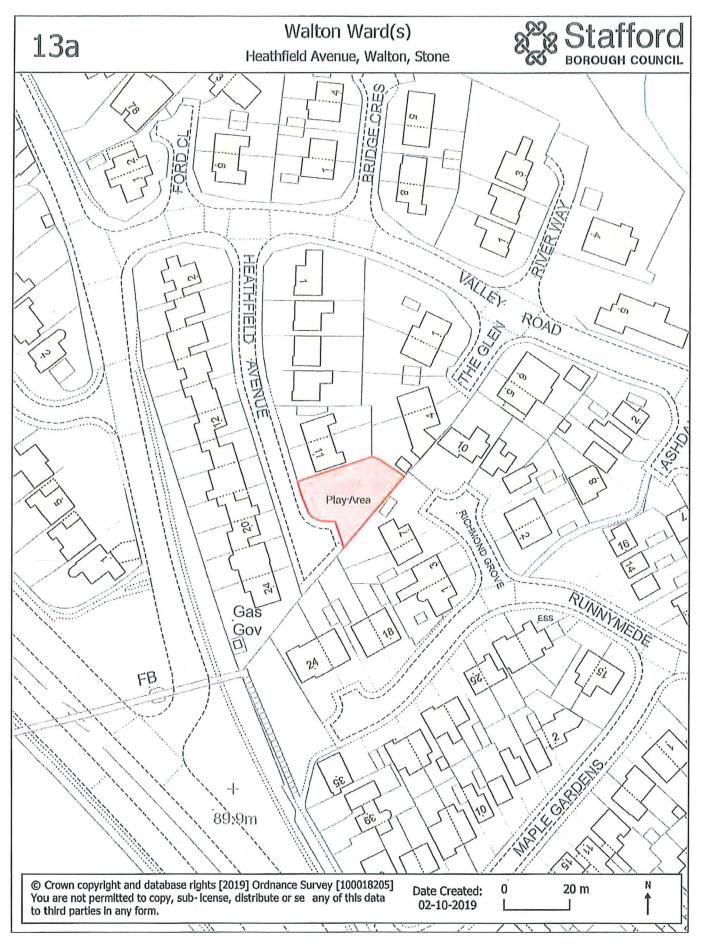


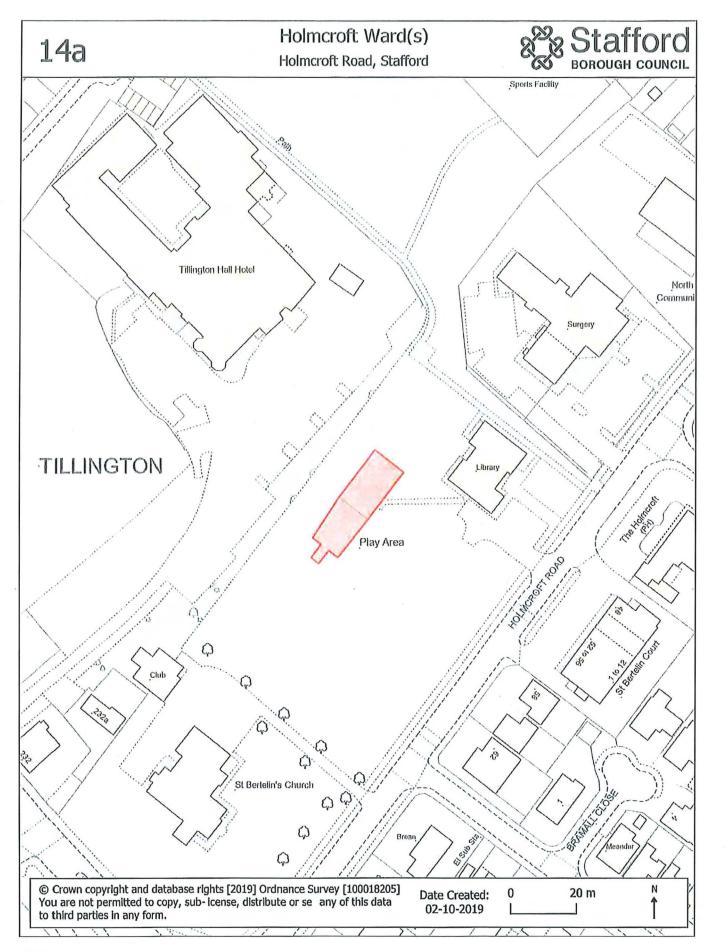


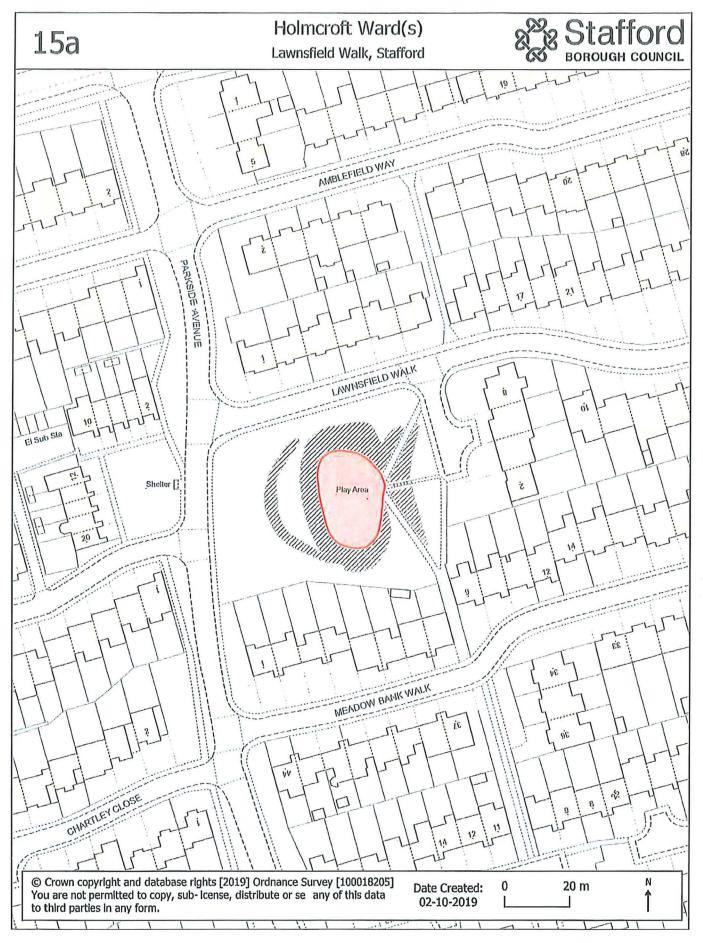
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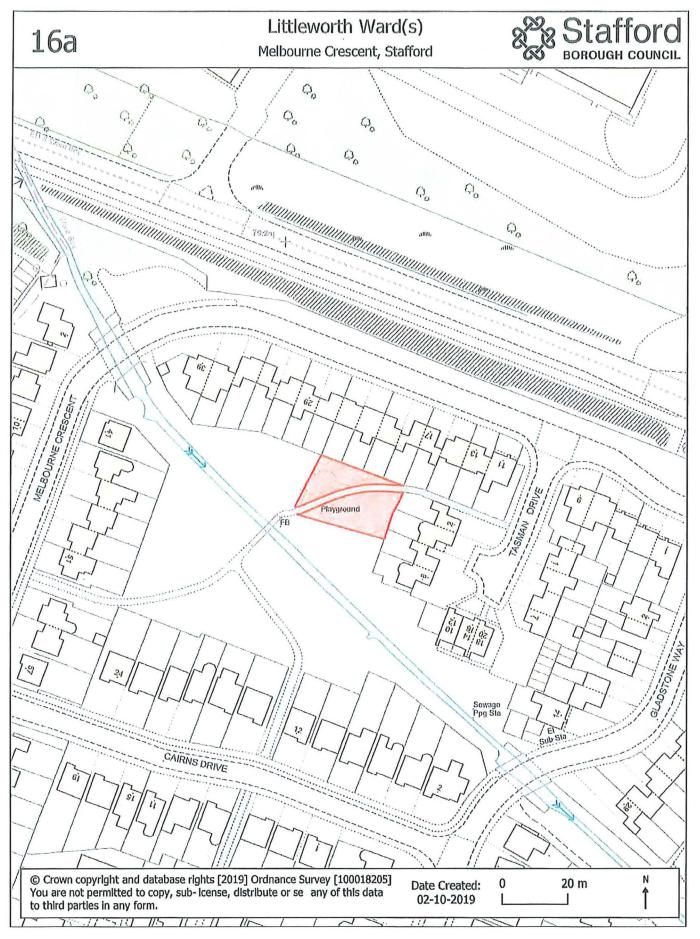












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Eccleshall Ward(s)
New Street, Norton Bridge



Norton Bridge

Railway Inn (PH)

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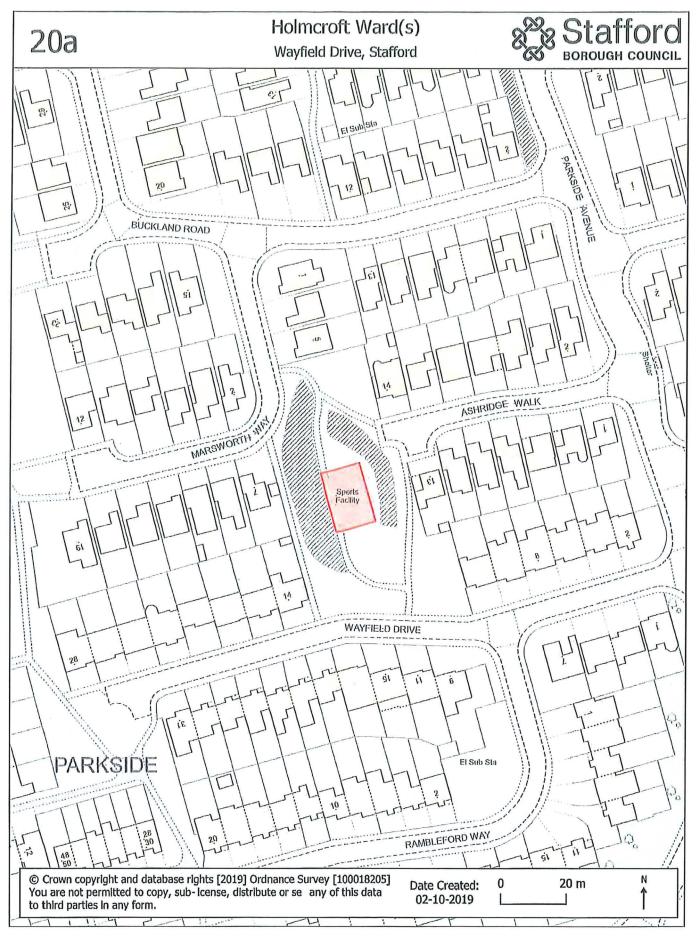
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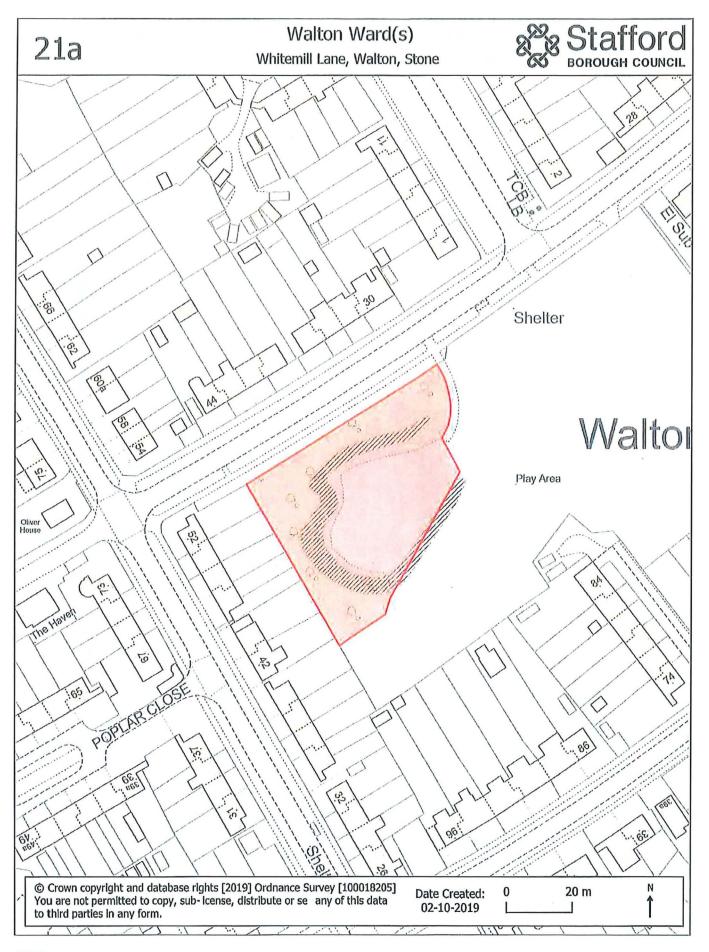
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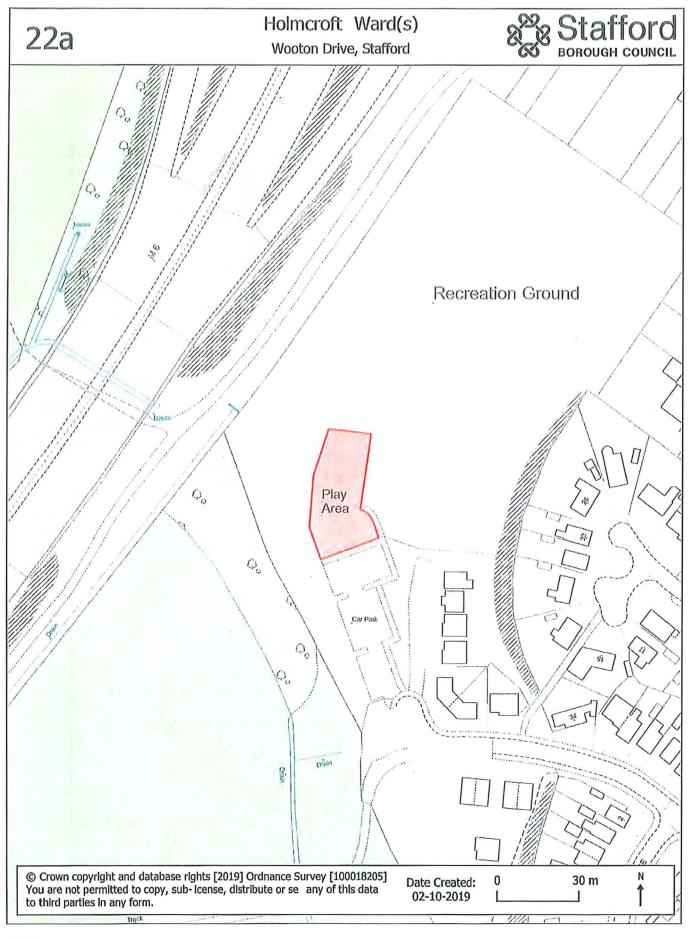
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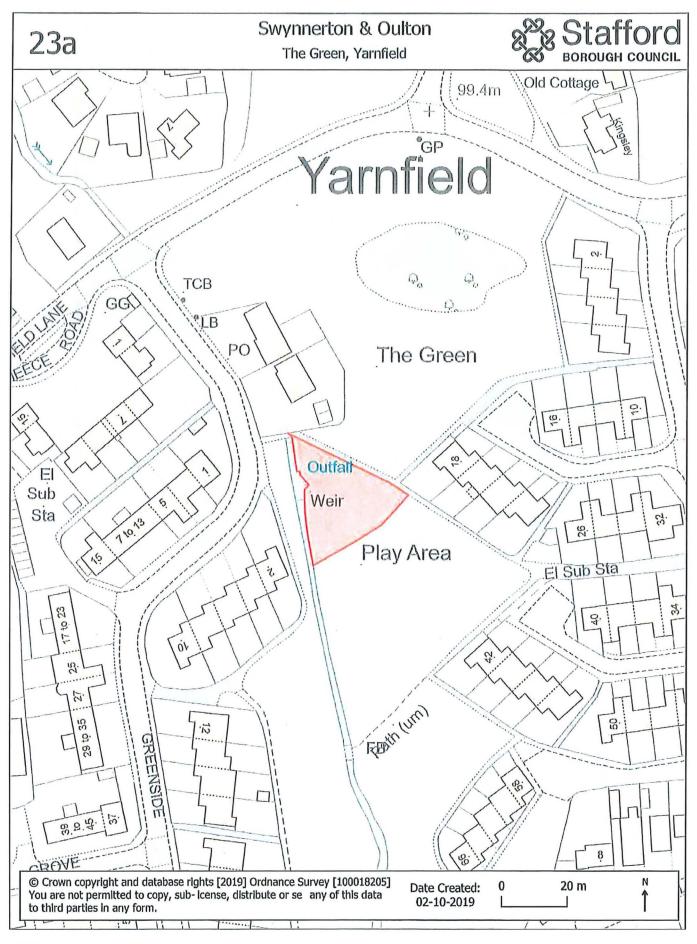


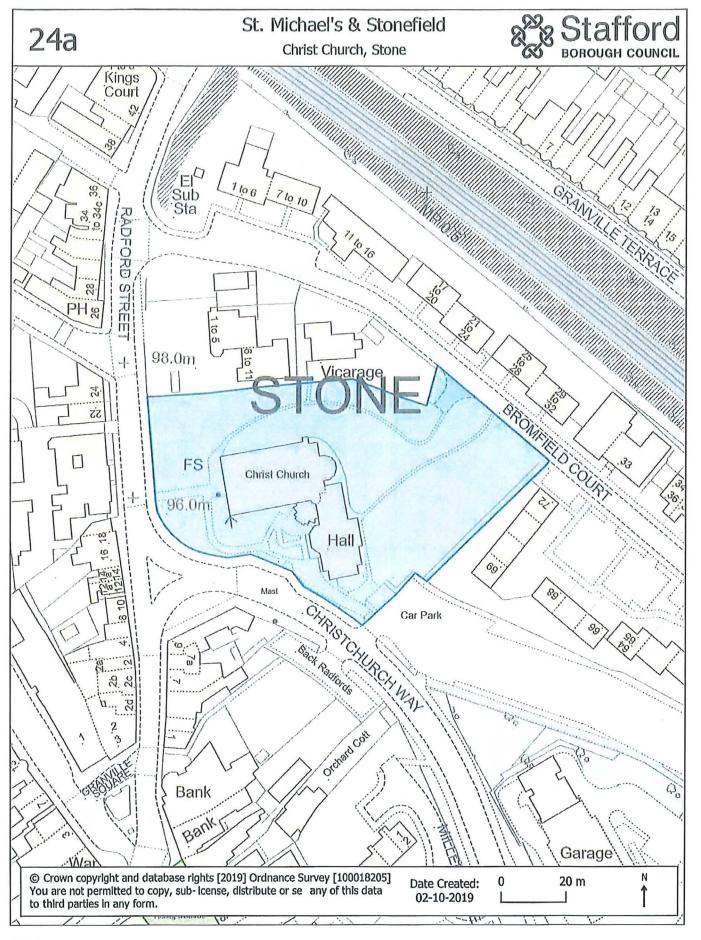


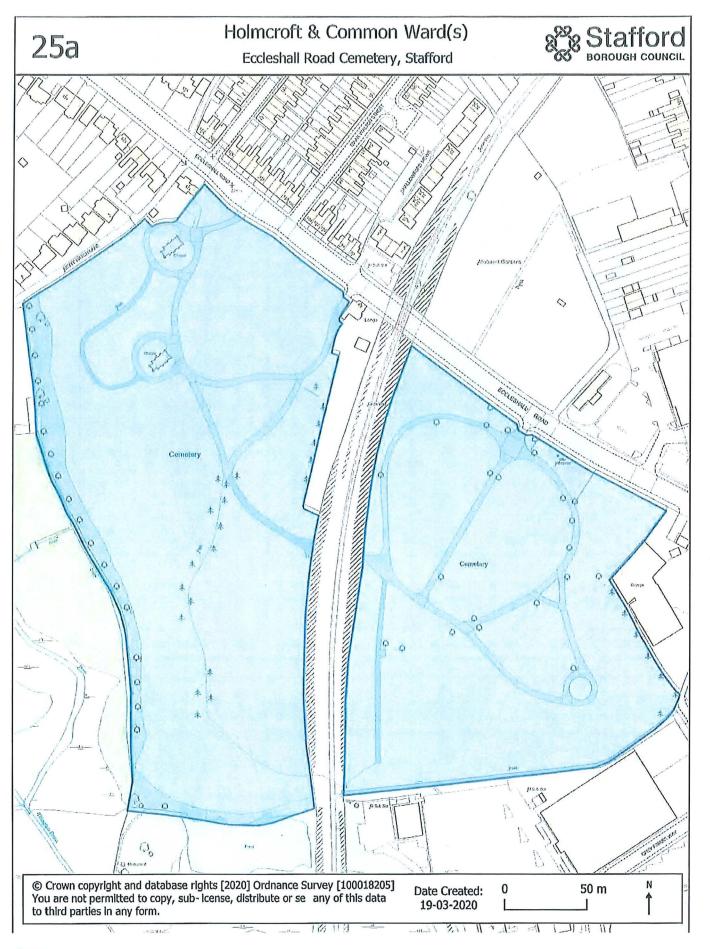


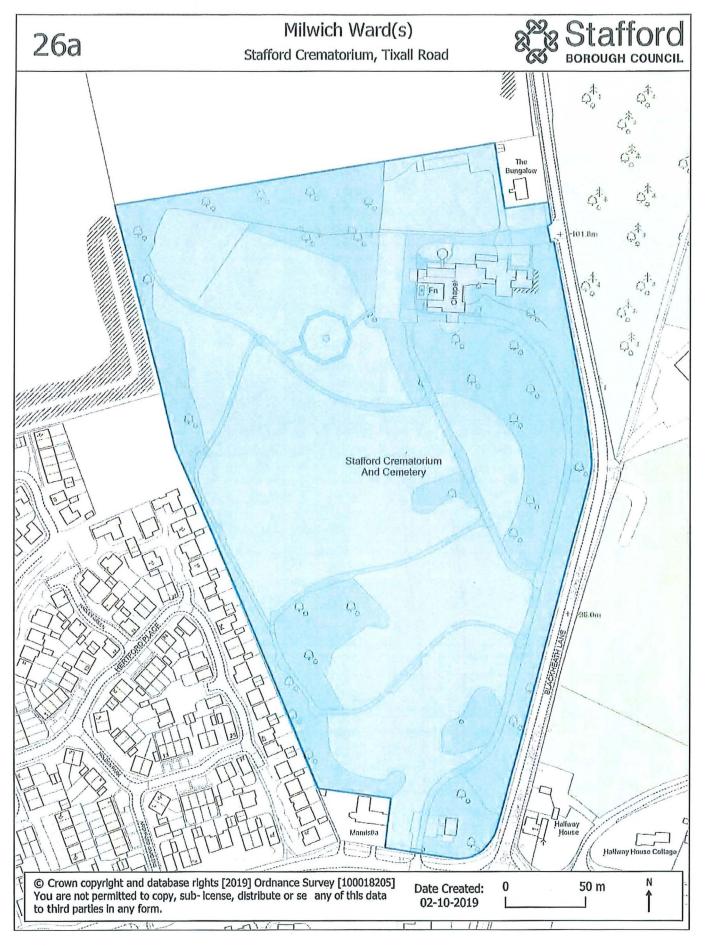


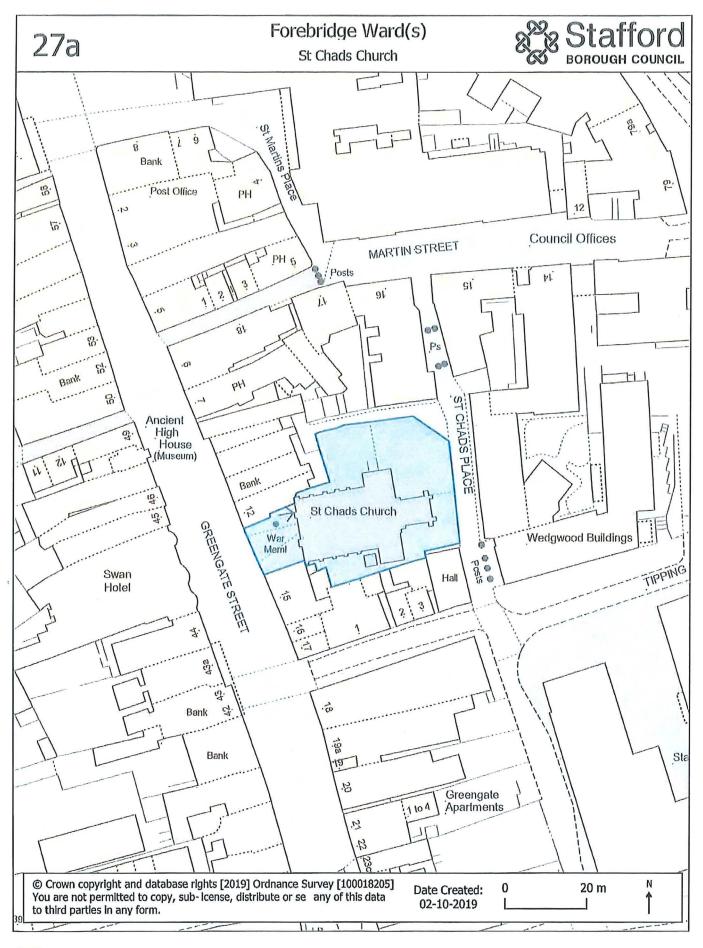


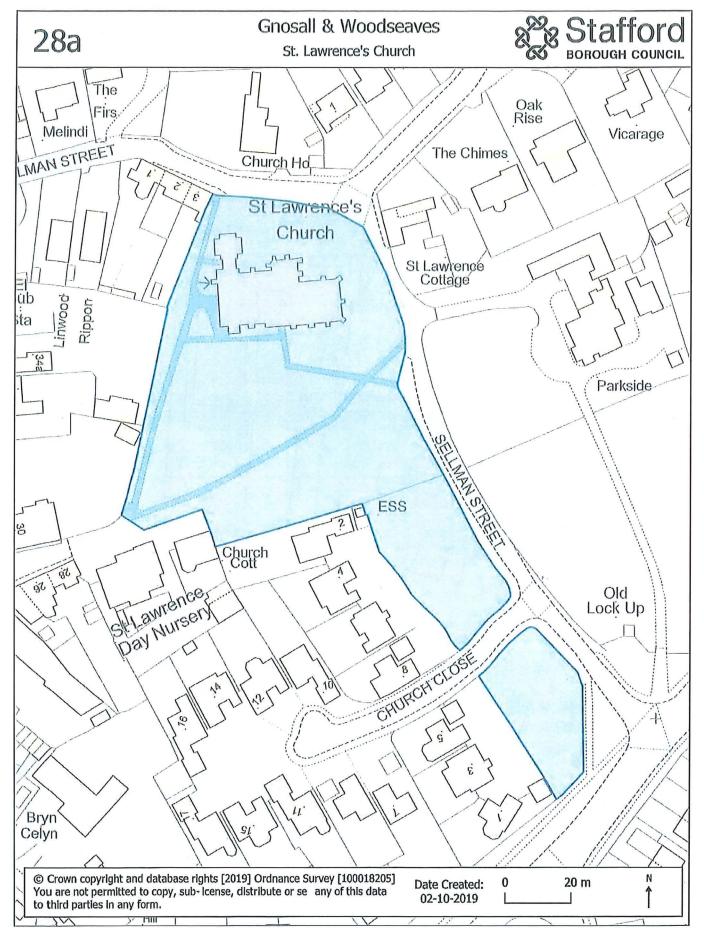


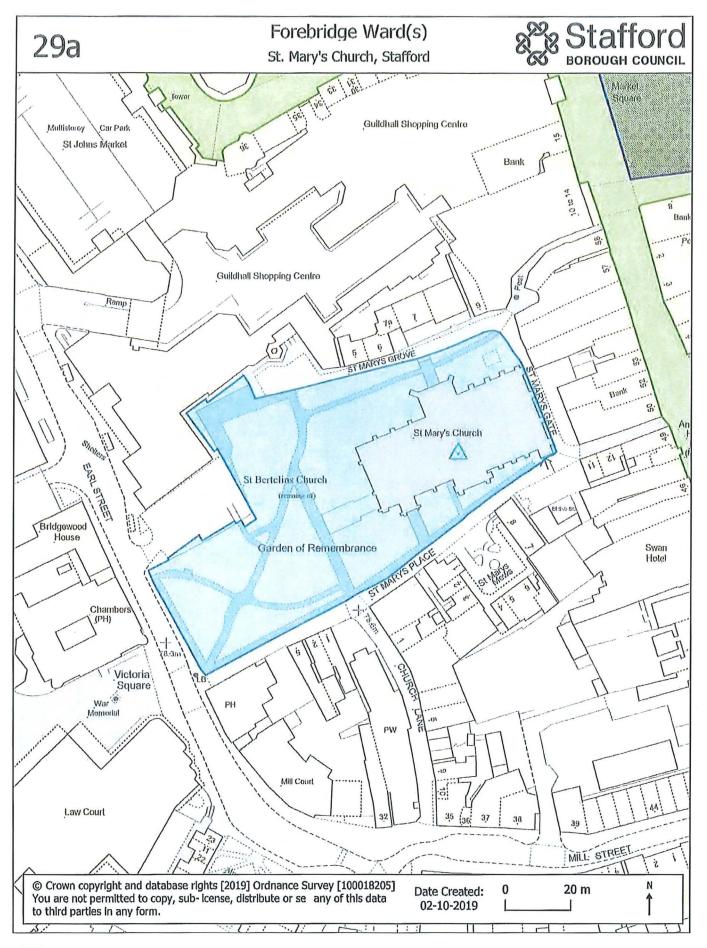


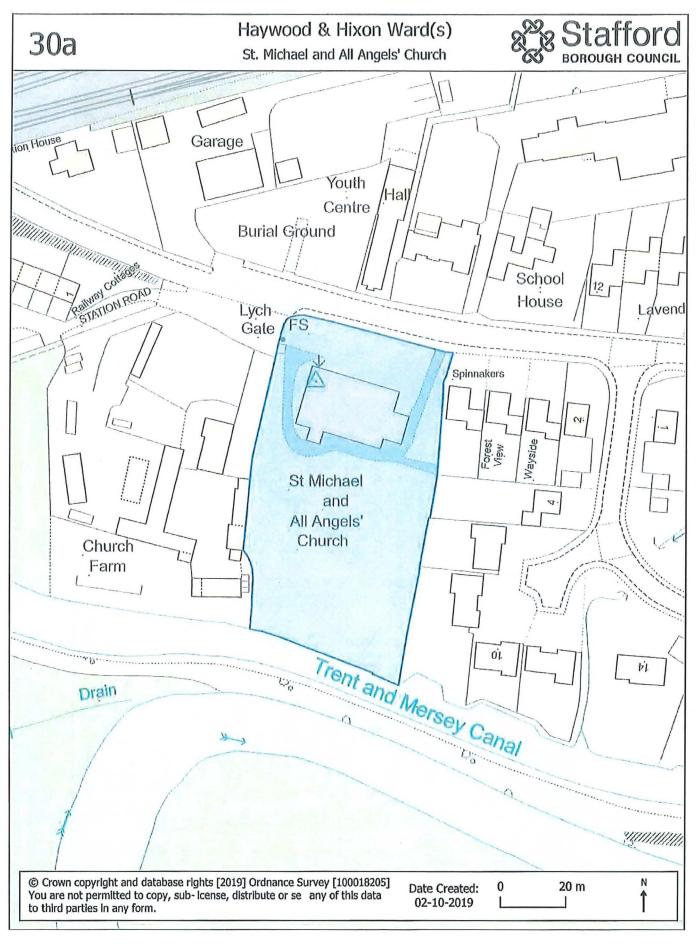


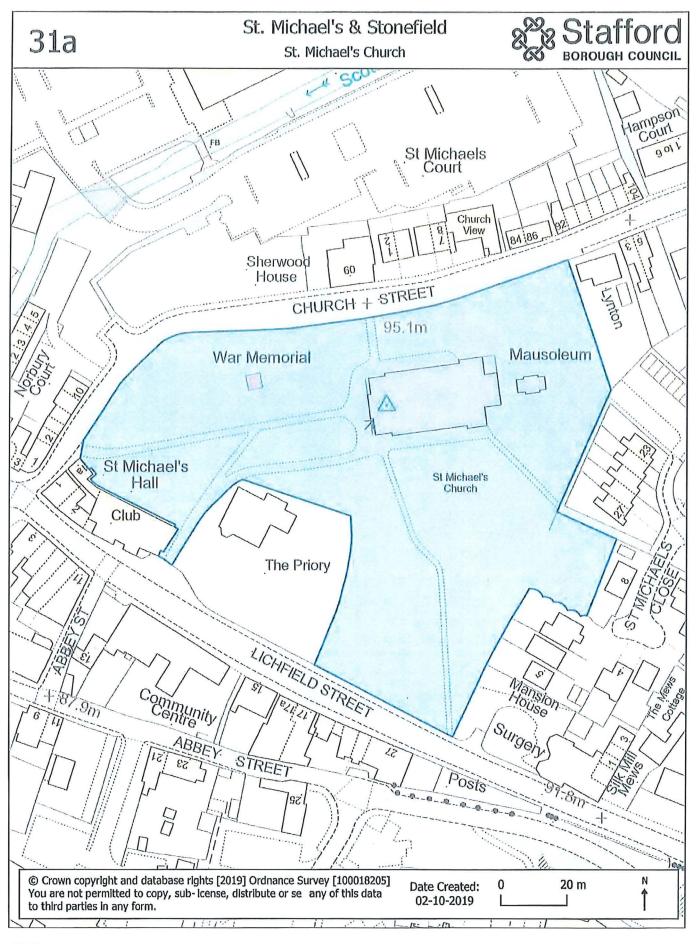


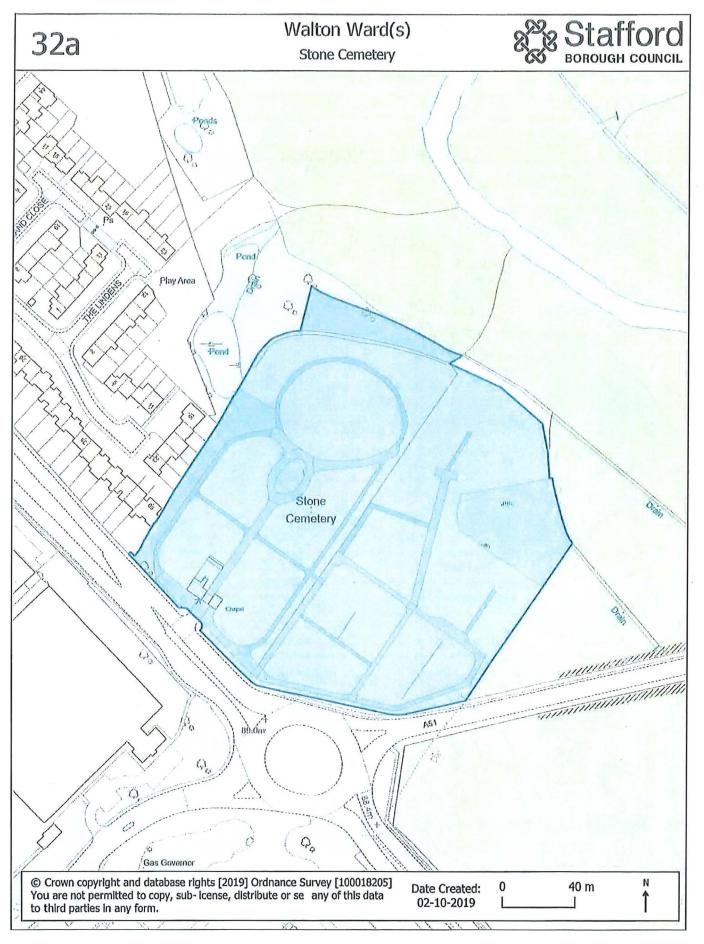


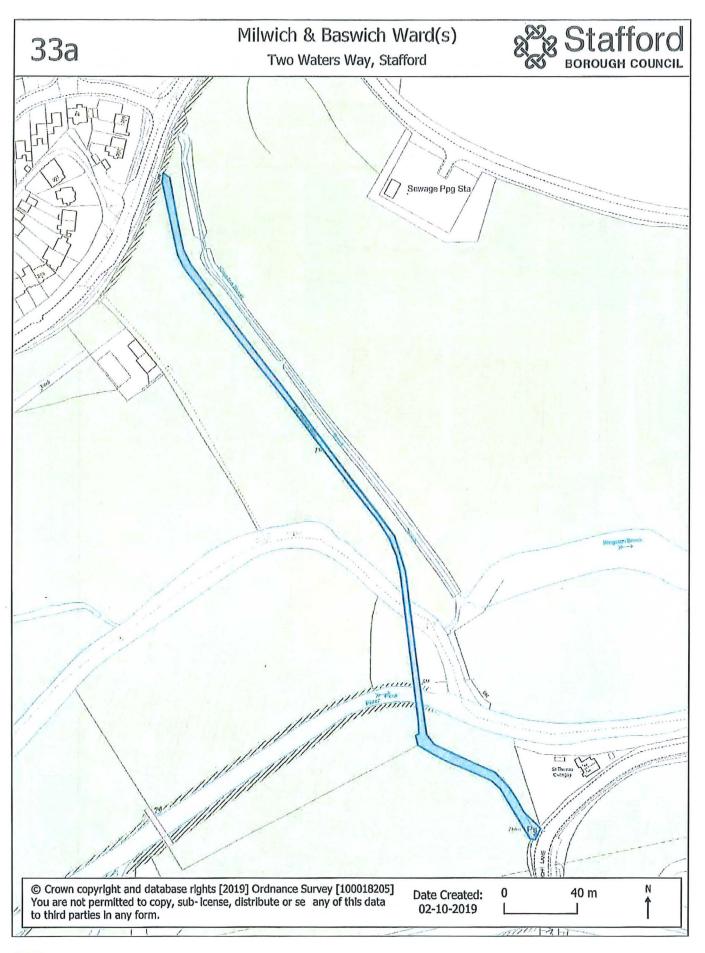


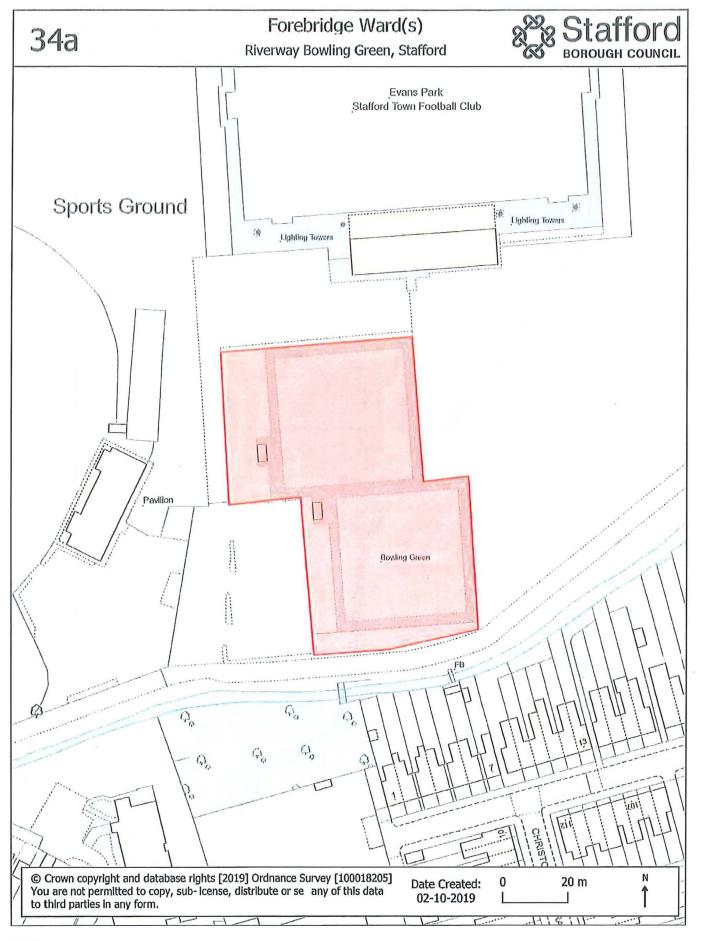














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