

Tackling Tarmac at Panshanger

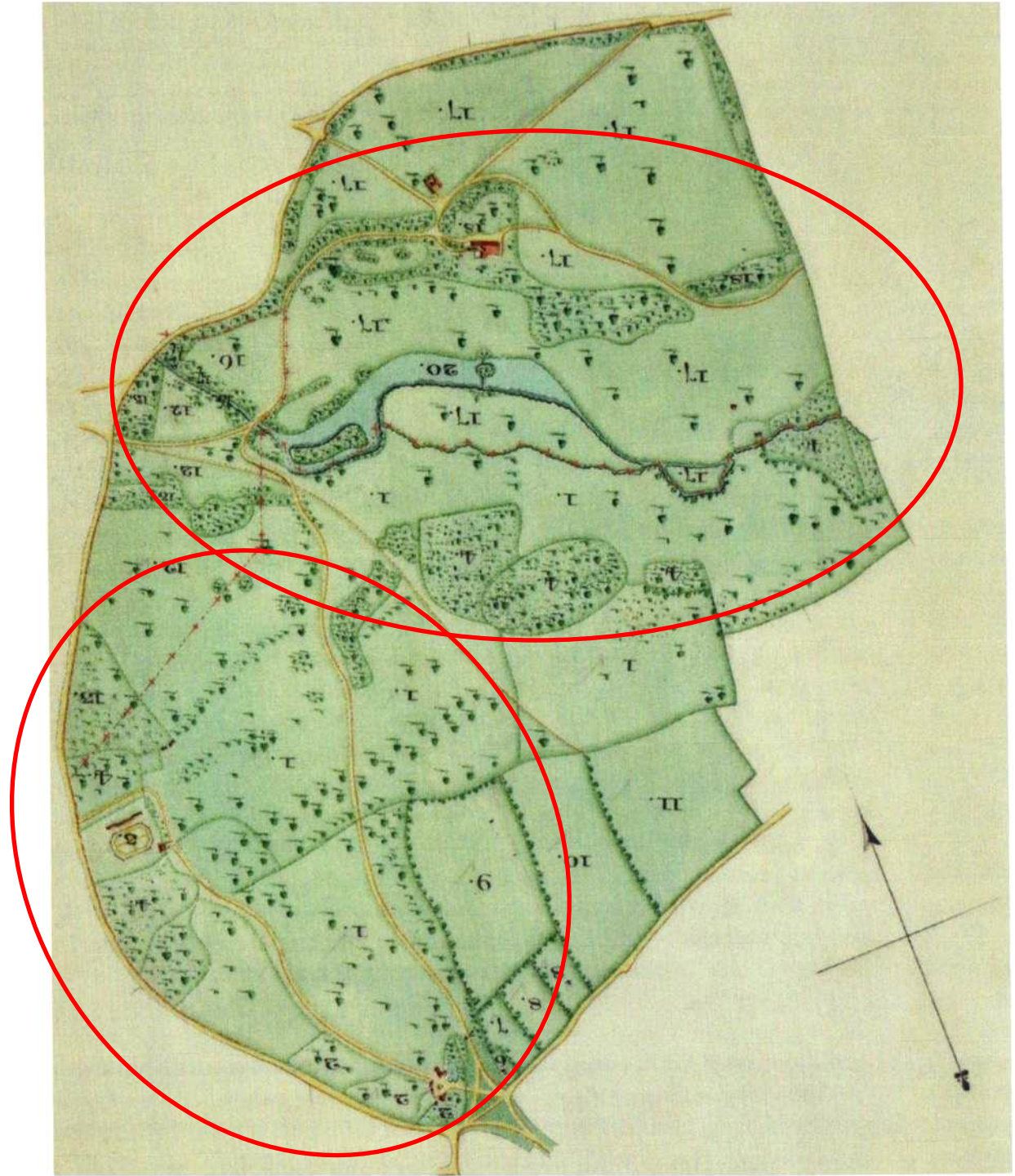


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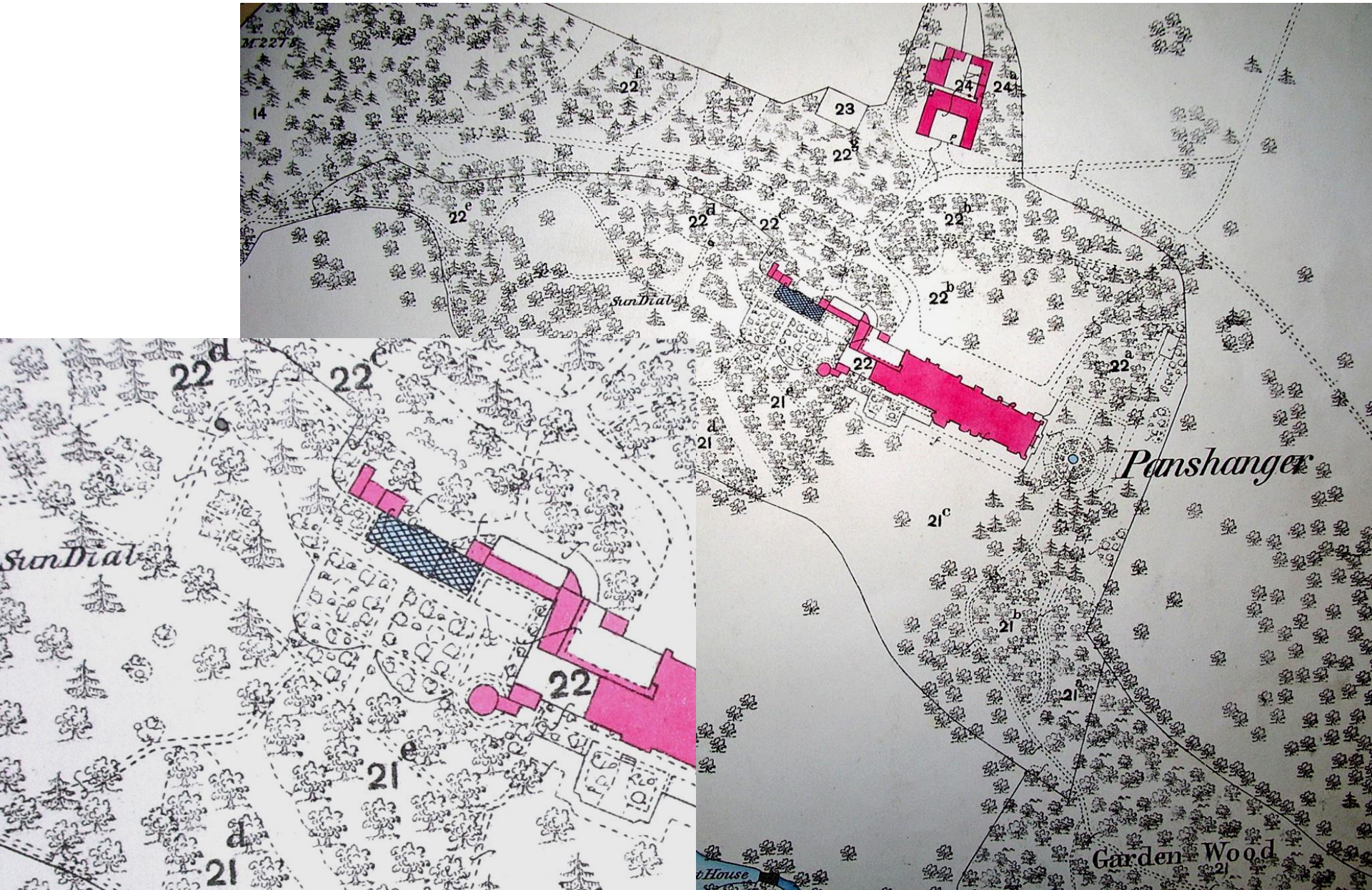


View from the sites C. and D - looking across the Valley towards Colegreen to show the effect of the Water of Parks.

Estate Map of 1810



Ordnance Survey 25":1 mile Sheet XXIX. 1880















Viewpoint 2 - BEFORE



Viewpoint 2 - AFTER



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Friends of Panshanger Park

Viewpoint 6 - BEFORE



Viewpoint 6 – AFTER



Remodelled by LaFarge Tarmac



FRIENDS OF PANSHANGER PARK (OCTOBER 2013) – VISION OF PUBLIC ACCESS



— Proposed Bridleways
- - - Proposed Footpaths
- - - Heritage Trail (House & Great Oak)

Key:

- Listed Building
- Country Park
- Nature Reserve
- English Heritage Registered Park & Garden Grade 2 Star

NOTES: Bridleways and Footpaths subject to landowner and rights of way approvals and required consultations. No fencing in of pathways. OPEN ACCESS is unrestricted public access throughout Park. Restricted only by defined public safety requirement or defined wildlife sensitivity.

FRIENDS OF PANSHANGER PARK (OCTOBER 2013) – VISION OF LANDSCAPE, VIEWS AND FACILITIES

General:

- Nature Reserve and Country Park to overlap (as original Plan).
- Country Park to be Warden patrolled.
- Free and open access for all throughout the Country Park (hatched areas on original Master Plan and adjacent woodland), including the Nature Reserve and river paths/bridges.
- No fences/barbed wire to restrict access (as mini charrette output).
- Access to Nature Reserve only restricted when proven to be essential. Co-existence/coalescence otherwise.
- Adequate toilets at Visitor Centre/café and car park locations.
- Appropriate picnic areas located throughout the Park.
- All shooting activity to be prohibited.
- Access to be free for walkers/cyclists; payment only for parking (reasonable charges to attract visitors). Disabled concessions.
- Introduction of livestock for grazing within selected areas.

Restoration/Preservation of Historic Site

- Restore Box Garden adjacent to historic Tennis Lawn (eastern end of house site).
- Form broad Terrace Walk with classic balustrading to define previous location of historic house.
- Restore Dairy Garden (western end), with outdoor Visitor seating. (Access from Terrace.)
- Transform Orangery / Conservatory into traditional Tea Room / Café / Visitor Centre.
- Panshanger Oak to be made a focal point with information boards, area maintained, etc.
- Signed Heritage Walk around House site, Orangery and Great Oak (incorporating the Historic Walk (as mentioned in 18th Century)) to be created.

Historic Flora

- Specific woodland management to area of historic bulbs, Snowdrops, etc.

Signage

- Quality local signage required to direct visitors to the Country Park, at all access points.
- Comprehensive information boards and waymarkers throughout.
- Signage around the Country Park to be less 'corporate'.

Walkways / Cycle Paths

- Previous historic drives and tracks to be re-formed as surface tracks, suitable for disabled access.
- Pathways to give access along the length of the River Mimram within the Country Park.
- Robust Footpaths / Cycle Paths to be established in 3 categories: surface tracks, wide tracks and minor tracks.
- 19th Century pedestrian bridges to be conserved, and views to/from opened up.
- Permanent orienteering course to be established (like Stanborough and Verulam parks).
- Introduction of 'Agility Course' 1-1.5 miles long, with 'stop-offs' with wooden excisers, etc.
- Benches to be provided throughout the Park at strategic locations.
- Good waymarking to the surrounding area.
- Suggested walks to be downloadable from Panshanger Park website or by phone.
- Dog agility area to be considered (as at Lea Valley Park).
- Sufficient number and style of litter/dog waste bins throughout the Park.

Stables Buildings

- Current Offices converted into Community or Education Centre / wet weather area, etc.
- Buildings to be screened from approach road (shrubby etc.) as this was historically an ancillary building and would not have been in view.

Alternative North Car Park

- Car Park both sides of entrance (appropriate historic landscape surface and landscaping).
- Suitable screening to be designed.
- Appropriate gates/entrance way to be developed.

North Lawn

- Disabled Parking and Cycle Park at North Lawn.

Historic Tennis Lawn

- Historic Tennis Lawn used as a Picnic Area (in lieu of the currently proposed Car Park)

Cycle Path

- Complete Cycle Path around perimeter.
- Preferable for this to follow estate boundary (dashed arrow) and through the proposed car parks (B1000 not suitable for families).

Riverside Cottage (pre-dated by Capability Brown cottages)

- Possibly occupied by Ranger/Estate Manager.
- Area to be cleared of all unsightly cages, sheds, and unofficial car park removed.
- Site enhanced to create eye-catching building.

Thieves Lane Car Park

- Thieves Lane to be resurfaced and improved.
- Overall parking strategy to be completely reviewed.

Landscape / Woodland

- Focus to be made on landscape restoration (as mini-charrette output).
- Woodland Management strategy to be developed for whole Country Park.
- To include protection to field trees within arable areas.
- Allocated areas not to be 'over-managed', with trees allowed to fall to decay naturally (as currently), but with full H&S considerations for visitors.
- 'Tree Trail' to be developed.

Lakes

- Separate lakes to be opened to enable coarse and fly fishing (Day Tickets), and other recreation (boating/swimming, etc.).
- Disabled fishing access provision required.
- Bird watching hide/s to be provided.

Historic Views (marked →)

- Views (delineated) to be kept open and managed with period appropriate planning (clumps/grassland).
- Planting to be 'appropriate'; 'clumps' in view and trees to the far side to be managed, particularly along the water line (ensuring definition).
- Retain views and restrict river development.
- Manage woods to prevent too much scrub.

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SOUTH

strip of gravel that
Tarmac plans to remove

Tarmac's lagoon

Repton's
Lower Broadwater

island &
weir

Repton's Upper
Broadwater

NORTH



Quarrying threat to historic park lake provokes outrage

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Protest has erupted over plans to radically reshape Panshanger Park, threatening its historic design and possibly wildlife.

Quarrying company Tarmac, which owns the park where it has worked for many years, has recently revealed that it wants to dig for gravel immediately south of the lake known as The Broadwater.

The effect would be a permanent enlargement of The Broadwater by linking it to an existing artificial lagoon.

Critics say the scheme, which can be implemented under existing planning permission, would destroy the design of the famous landscape architect Humphry Repton.

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Hertingfordbry Parish Council.

Repton created The Broadwater by widening the River Mimram in the early 18th century for the 5th Earl Cowper in a project praised by the famous architectural guru Nikolaus Pevsner.

So far only statutory consultees have been notified, but the plan has already provoked objections by the county wildlife trust and Hertingfordbry Parish Council.

Council chairman Gary O'Leary

told the *WHT*: “The Broadwater has been maintained as it is ever since it was built in the early 1800s.

“It is the key feature of the Repton design.”

Regular park user George Ralph, who lives in Uplands, WGC, said: “Only a few months ago they said they had finished gravel extraction.

“Now they say they want to do even more.

“Nikolaus Pevsner described the Panshanger landscaping project around the Mimram as ‘superb, one of Repton’s most perfect schemes’.”

An online petition started by 12-year-old Jack Emsley has attracted nearly 300 signatures.

The Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, which has helped Tarmac open the park to the public, commented: “Should this progress

further we will expect Tarmac to not simply meet the legal process but to take into account the implications for the lower Broadwater and the wider park and to seek a net gain for wildlife.”

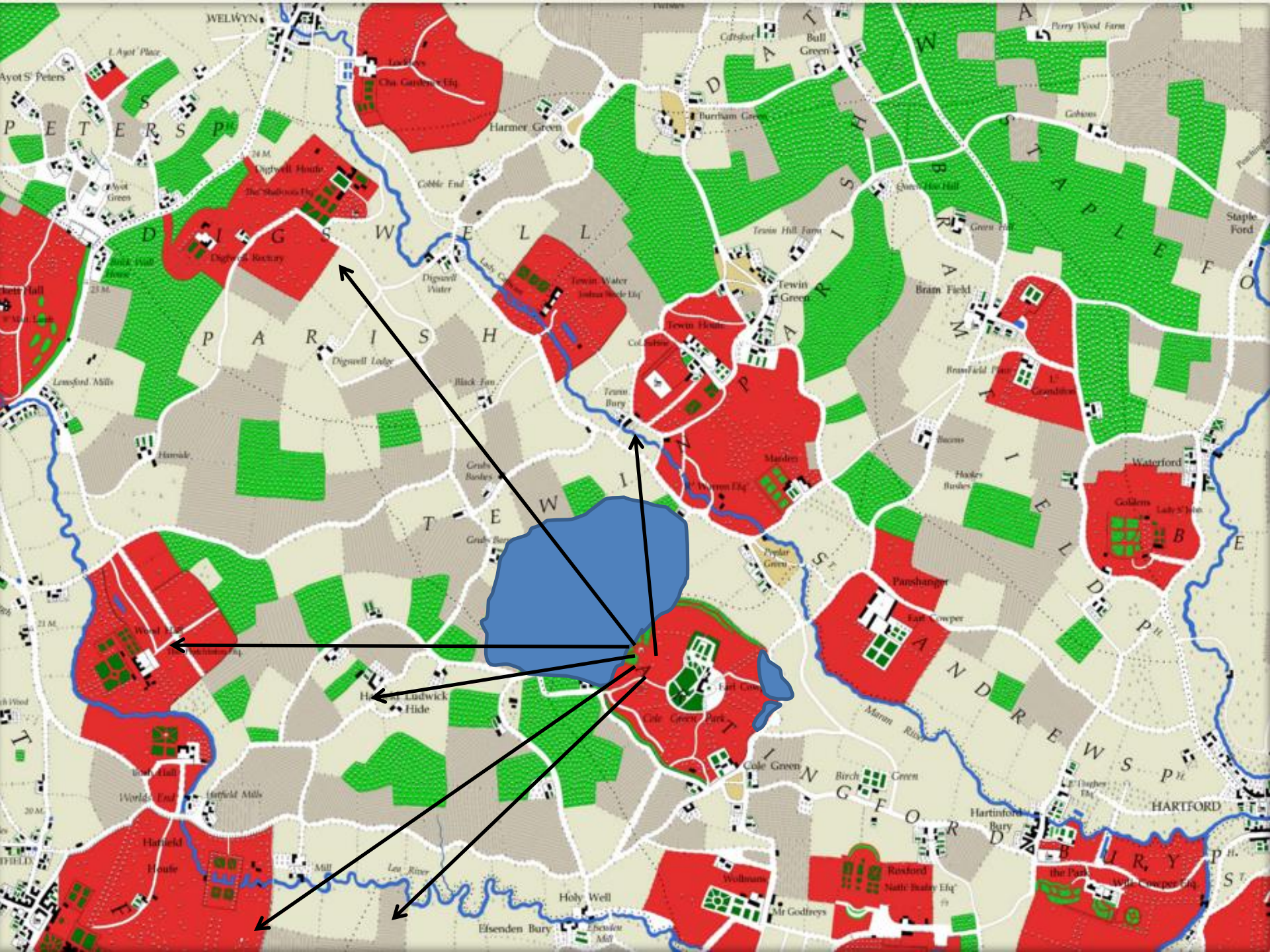
A Tarmac spokeswoman said: “This is one of last phases of extraction at the park, and is in accordance with the current permitted quarrying and restoration schemes.

“In light of the feedback we have received, preparatory works have been suspended pending meetings with the county council and other statutory consultees, including Historic England and the Gardens Trust.”

■ People can give the company their views by calling 0800 1218-218 or emailing enquiries@tarmac.com

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