

THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL –DOG CONTROL AND DOG FOULING PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER

The Flintshire County Council in exercise of its powers under sections 60 and 61 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (the “**Act**”) and under all other enabling powers and having undertaken the consultation, publicity and notification required by section 72 of the Act:

AND BEING SATISFIED on reasonable grounds that extending the period for which the Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order has effect is necessary to prevent the occurrence or recurrence of the activities identified in that Order, or an increase in their frequency or seriousness after the date on which that Order would otherwise expire, being 29th October 2026;

AND HAVING CONSIDERED the proposed variation to the existing restrictions relating to dogs at Mold Memorial Park (also known as Mold Ornamental or Flower Park), Maes Bodlonfa, Mold, and being satisfied that restrictions imposed by the Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order as varied are reasonable and justified having regard to the statutory requirements;

ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Interpretation:

1.1. In this instrument, the following words and expressions have the following meanings:

The “**Existing Order**” means the Flintshire County Council –Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order, dated 30th October 2023, a copy of which is annexed at Schedule 1.

The “**Act**” means the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

The “**Council**” means Flintshire County Council.

1.2. Unless the context otherwise requires, words, and expressions defined in the Existing Order shall have the same meanings in this instrument, except where expressly defined otherwise in this Article.

1.3. References to Articles are references to the Articles of the Existing Order unless otherwise stated.

2. Extension of the Existing Order

2.1. Pursuant to section 60 of the Act, the Council hereby extends the period for which the Existing Order has effect for a further period of three years.

2.2. The Existing Order shall continue in force until 29th October 2029, unless extended further or otherwise varied in accordance with the Act.

3. Variation of Article 4(iii) of The Existing Order - Dogs Excluded from Specified Locations

3.1. Pursuant to section 61 of the Act, Schedule 3 of the Existing Order, as referred to in Article 4(iii), is varied by deleting the entry relating to Mold Memorial Park (also known as Mold Ornamental or Flower Park), Maes Bodlonfa, Mold (“**Mold Memorial Park**”), together with the associated Plan 3.

3.2. The exclusion of dogs imposed by Article 4(iii) shall accordingly cease to apply to Mold Memorial Park.

- 3.3. The remaining locations identified in Schedule 3 shall continue to be subject to the exclusion imposed by Article 4(iii).
- 3.4. Accordingly, Article 4(iii) of the Existing Order is varied by removing Mold Memorial Park from the locations at which dogs are prohibited.
- 3.5. Save for the amendment specified above, the remaining prohibitions and requirements relating to the exclusion of dogs from specified locations shall continue unchanged.

4. Variation – Dogs on Leads in Specified Locations

- 4.1. Pursuant to section 61 of the Act, the Existing Order is further varied by inserting the following new provision as Article 4(vi):

“Dogs on Leads in Specified Locations

A person in charge of a dog shall not, without reasonable excuse or the consent of the owner, occupier or other person having control of that land, fail to keep that dog on a lead whilst within the public space specified in Schedule 6.”

- 4.2. The Existing Order is further varied by inserting a new Schedule 6 in the terms set out in Schedule 2 to this instrument.
- 4.3. The plan annexed to Schedule 2 to this instrument, marked Plan 3, shall form part of the new Schedule 6 to the Existing Order.

“SCHEDULE 6 – DOGS ON LEADS IN SPECIFIED LOCATIONS

Mold Memorial Park as identified in the plan attached to this Schedule and marked Plan 3”.

- 4.4. The plan identifying Mold Memorial Gardens shall form part of Schedule 6 to the Existing Order as varied.

5. Variation of Articles 5 and 6- Offences and Fixed Penalty Notices

- 5.1. Pursuant to section 61 of the Act, Article 5(i) and 6 (concerning fixed penalty notices) of the Existing Order are deleted and substituted with the following:

“Offences and Fixed Penalty Notices

5(i) A person who, without reasonable excuse, does anything prohibited by this Order or fails to comply with a requirement imposed by this Order commits an offence under section 67(1) of the Act and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

5(ii) Where a constable or authorised person has reason to believe that a person has committed an offence under section 67(1) of the Act in relation to this Order, a fixed penalty notice may be issued to that person pursuant to section 68 of the Act.

The amount of any fixed penalty shall be determined in accordance with section 68 of the Act, subject to the statutory maximum applicable at the time the notice is issued”.

6. Continuing Effect

- 6.1. All provisions of the Existing Order shall remain unchanged and continue in full force and effect including Article 4(iii) and the remaining locations identified in Schedule 3, save as expressly amended by this instrument.
- 6.2. Nothing in this instrument shall be construed as making a new Public Spaces Protection Order under section 59 of the Act.

7. Commencement

- 7.1. The extension and variations specified in this instrument shall take effect on 29th October 2026 immediately following the expiry of the Existing Order.
- 7.2. The extension provided for in Article 2 of this instrument shall take effect so as to continue the Existing Order without interruption from its existing expiry date.

Dated this day of

.....2026

THE COMMON SEAL OF FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Was hereto affixed in the presence of:

Chair

Legal Services Manager/
Chief Officer (Governance)

SCHEDULE 1

Existing Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order

The Existing Order is extended and varied in accordance with the operative provisions of this instrument.

Public Spaces Protection Order

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

Flintshire County Council Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order 2023

Notice is hereby given that Flintshire County Council (“the Council”) in exercise of its powers under Sections 59 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (“the Act”) and under all other enabling powers, makes the following Order known as:

The Flintshire County Council Dog Control and Dog Fouling Public Spaces Protection Order 2023

1. This Order applies to the public places described in the Schedules to this Order and shown edged in red on the plans attached – (“the restricted areas”).
2. The Council is satisfied that the two conditions below have been met, in that:-
 - (i) activities carried on in the restricted areas as described below have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or it is likely that these activities will be carried on in the public place and they will have such an effect;
 - (ii) the effect, or likely effect, of the activities is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature, is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed by the Order.
3. This Order will come into force on the 30th **October 2023** and ends on 29th **October 2026** unless extended by further Orders under the Council’s statutory powers.

BY THIS ORDER

4. The effect of the Order is to impose the following prohibitions and/or requirements in the restricted areas at all times:

(i) Fouling of Land by Dogs

a) If a dog defecates at any time on land in the restricted area detailed in Schedule 1 of this Order and the person who is in charge of the dog at the time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless –

- (i) That person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (ii) The owner/occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so; or
- (iii) That person is subject to the exemptions listed in Schedule 1

b) For the purpose of this article:-

- (i) A person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

(ii) Means to pick up dog faeces

a) A person in charge of a dog on land in the restricted area detailed in Schedule 2 must have with them appropriate means to pick up dog faeces deposited by that dog unless-

- (i) That person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (ii) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person doing so; or
- (iii) That person is subject to the exemptions listed in Schedule 2

b) The obligation in Article 4 (ii) (a) is complied with if, after a request from a constable or authorised officer, the person in charge of the dog produces an appropriate means to pick up dog faeces.

c) In this article, “an authorised officer” means a person who is authorised in writing by the Council for the purpose of giving directions under this article.

(iii) Dogs Excluded

a) A person in charge of a dog is prohibited from taking that dog onto, or permitting the dog to enter or to remain on land within the restricted areas referred to in Schedule 3 of this Order unless –

- (i) That person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (ii) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person doing so; or
- (iii) That person is subject to the exemptions listed in Schedule 3

b) For the purpose of this article:-

- (i) A person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

(iv) Dogs on lead by direction

- a) Any person in charge of a dog, at any time, must put and keep the dog on a lead when directed to do so in the restricted area detailed in Schedule 4, unless –
 - (i) That person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
 - (ii) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so; or
- b) For the purpose of this article:-
 - (i) A person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
 - (ii) A constable or authorised officer of the Council may only give a direction under this article to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person or the worrying or disturbance of any other animal or bird on any land to which this article applies.
 - (iii) In this article, “an authorised officer of the Council” means a person who is authorised in writing by the Council for the purpose of giving directions under this article.

(v) Dogs on leads in cemeteries

- a) Any person in charge of a dog, at any time, must put and keep the dog on a lead in the restricted area detailed in Schedule 5, unless –
 - (i) That person has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
 - (ii) The owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to that person failing to do so;
- b) For the purposes of this article:-
 - (i) a person who habitually has a dog in their possession is taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog.

5. PENALTY

- i) Any person who fails without reasonable excuse to comply with any of the requirements or prohibitions at Articles 4(i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) in this Order shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 (currently £1000) on the standard scale.

6. Fixed Penalty

A constable or authorised person of the Council may issue a fixed penalty notice to anyone he or she believes has committed an offence. A person committing an offence will have 14 days to pay the fixed penalty of £75, failing which they may be prosecuted.

7. Appeals

Any challenge to this Order must be made at the High Court by an interested person within 6 weeks of it being made. An interested person is someone who lives in, regularly works in or visits the restricted area. This means that only those who are directly affected by the restrictions have the power to challenge. The right to challenge also exists where an order is varied by the Council.

Interested persons can challenge the validity of the Order on two grounds: that the Council did not have the power to make the Order or to include particular prohibitions or requirements; or that one of the requirements of the legislation, for instance consultation, has not been complied with.

When an application is made, the High court can decide to suspend the operation of the Order pending the Court's decision, in part or in totality. The High Court has the ability to uphold the Order, quash it, or vary it.

Dated this day of2023

THE COMMON SEAL OF FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Was hereto affixed in the presence of:

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RESTRICTED AREAS

SCHEDULE 1

- 1) All public places within the whole area of Flintshire County as shown in Plan 1.

“Public place” in this order, means any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission;

- 2) Exemptions

Nothing in this Schedule applies to a person who:-

- a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
- b) has a disability which affects that person’s mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which that person relies for assistance.

- 3) Each of the following is a “prescribed charity”:-

- i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454);
- ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281);
- iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680)
- iv) Canine Dogs (registered charity number 803630)
- v) Dog Aid (registered charity number 1098169)
- vi) Dogs for Good (registered charity 10929620)
- vii) Guide Dogs (registered charity 209617)
- viii) Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity 293358)
- ix) Medical Detection Dogs (registered charity 1124533)
- x) Support Dogs (registered charity 1088281)
- xi) The Seeing Dogs Alliance (registered charity 1156790)

SCHEDULE 2

- 4) All public places within the whole area of Flintshire County as shown in Plan 1.

“Public place” in this order, means any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission;

- 5) Exemptions

Nothing in this Schedule applies to a person who:-

- c) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
- d) has a disability which affects that person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which that person relies for assistance.

6) Each of the following is a "prescribed charity":-

- i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454);
- ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281);
- iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680)
- iv) Canine Dogs (registered charity number 803630)
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- ix) Medical Detection Dogs (registered charity 1124533)
- x) Support Dogs (registered charity 1088281)
- xi) The Seeing Dogs Alliance (registered charity 1156790)

SCHEDULE 3

1) All public places within the whole area of Flintshire County as shown in Plan 1 relating to:

- (i) Equipped children's play areas
- (ii) The playing areas of marked sports pitches
- (iii) The playing areas of formal recreation areas including but not exclusively bowling greens and tennis courts
- (iv) All areas within school grounds

2) Mold Memorial Park, Maes Bodlonfa, Mold as shown in Plan 3

3) The tarmacked footpath within the fenced off area either side of The Rosie, Wepre Park, Connahs Quay as shown in Plan 4

"public place" in this Order means, any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission;

4) Exemptions

Nothing in this Schedule applies to a person who:-

- (a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or

- (b) is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which that person relies for assistance (dogs must be clearly marked as assistants) ; or
- (c) has a disability which affects that person's mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which that person relies for assistance (dogs must be clearly marked as assistants).
- (d) is keeping their dog under control on a formal right of way while crossing an exclusion zone.

5) Each of the following is a "prescribed charity":-

- (i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454);
- (ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281);
- (iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680)
- (iv) Canine Dogs (registered charity number 803630)
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- (viii) Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity 293358)
- (ix) Medical Detection Dogs (registered charity 1124533)
- (x) Support Dogs (registered charity 1088281)
- (xi) The Seeing Dogs Alliance (registered charity 1156790)

SCHEDULE 4

- 1) All public places within the whole area of Flintshire County as shown in Plan 1

"public place" in this Order means any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission;

- 2) Exemptions

None

SCHEDULE 5

- 1) All Flintshire County Council cemeteries specified below and shown in Plan 2:

Alexandra Road Cemetery, Mold

Bagillt Cemetery, Bagillt

Bryn Y Grog, Hope & Hope Old Cemetery, Hope

Bryn Road Cemetery, Connah's Quay

Buckley Cemetery, Buckley

Cilcain Cemetery, Cilcain

Flint Old London Road, Flint & Northop Road Cemetery, Flint

Greenfield No1 & No2 Cemeteries, Greenfield

Hawarden No1 & No2 Cemeteries, Hawarden

Holywell Cemetery, Holywell

Kelsterton Cemetery, Kelsterton

Rhydymwyn Cemetery, Rhydymwyn

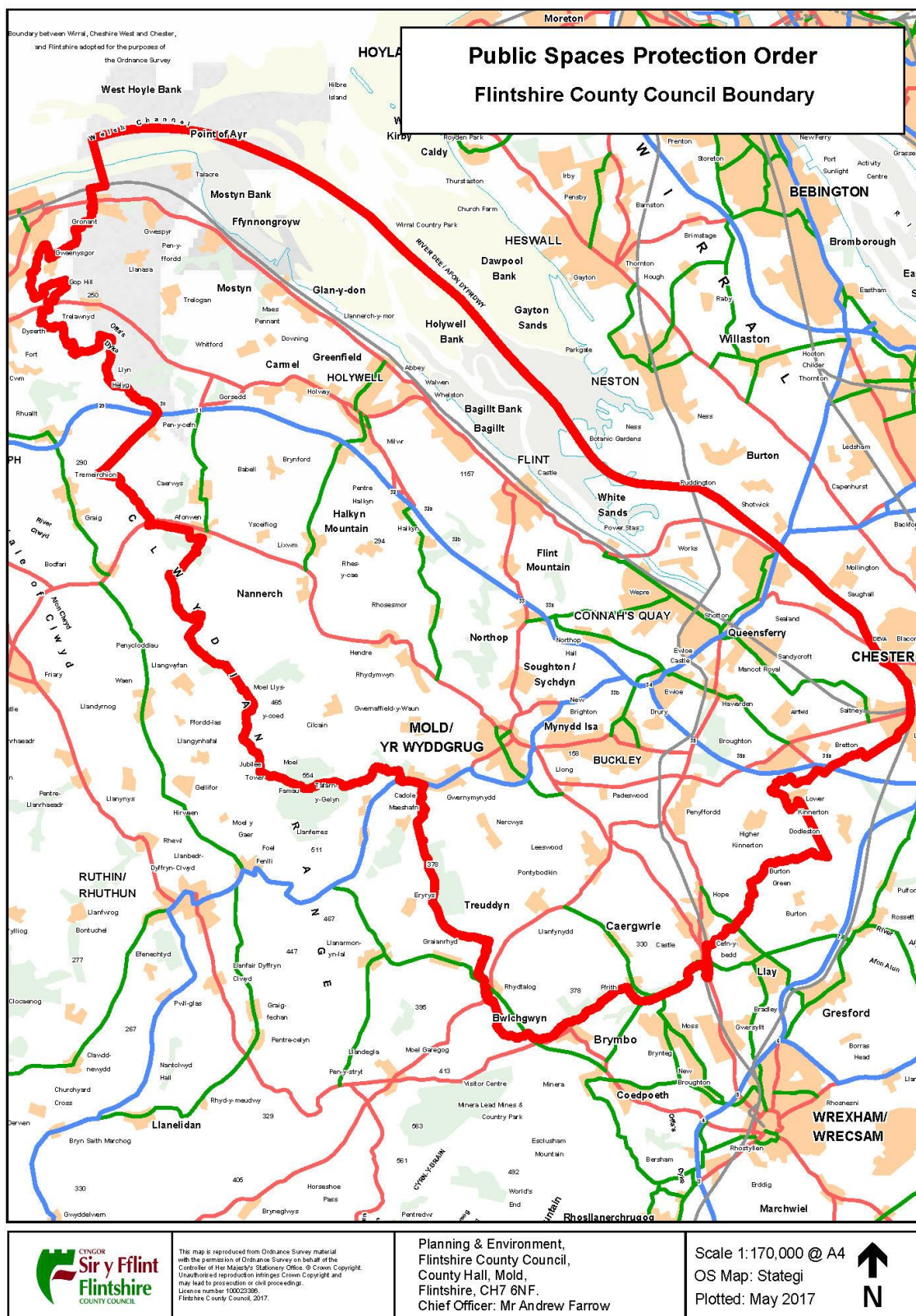
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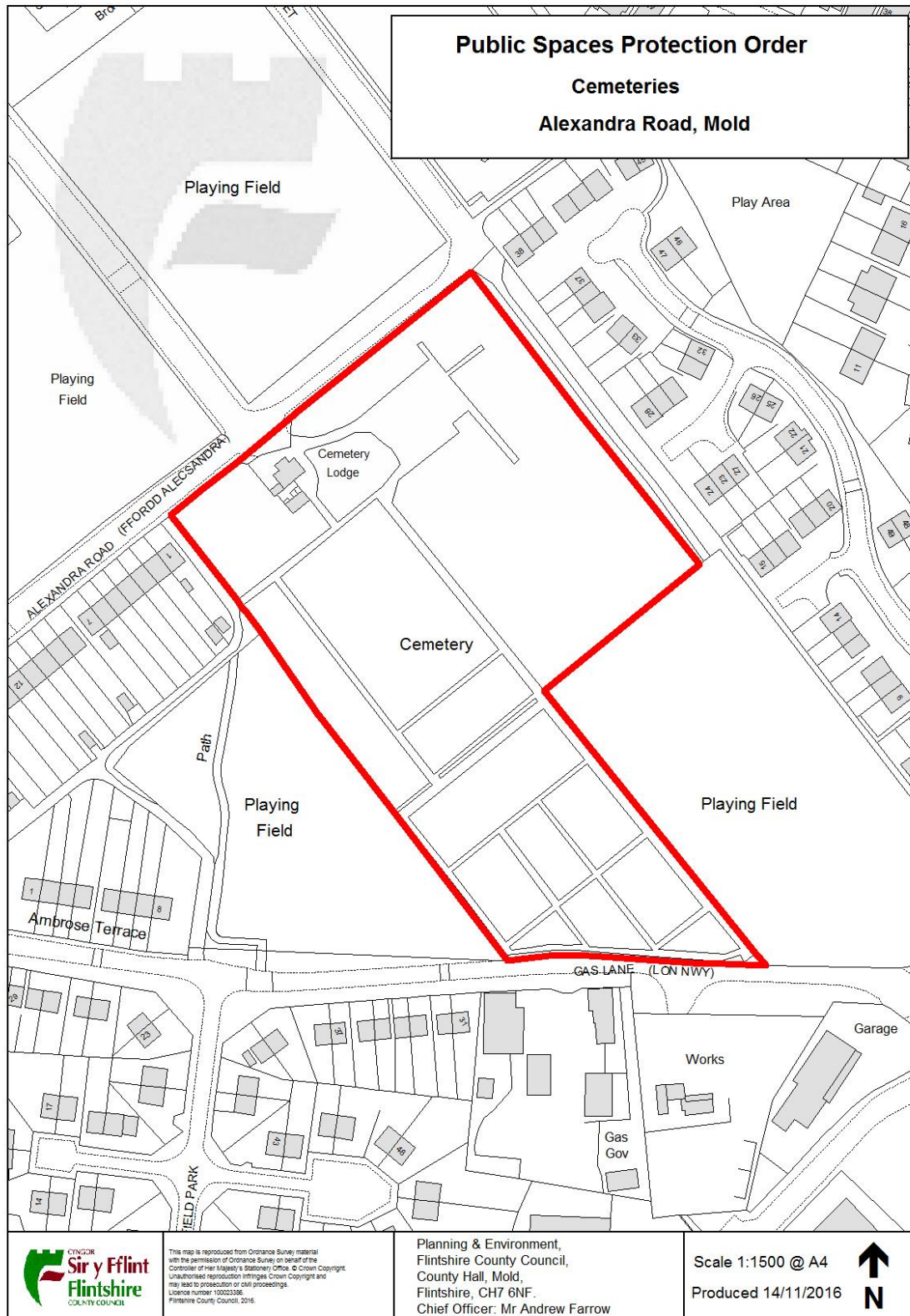
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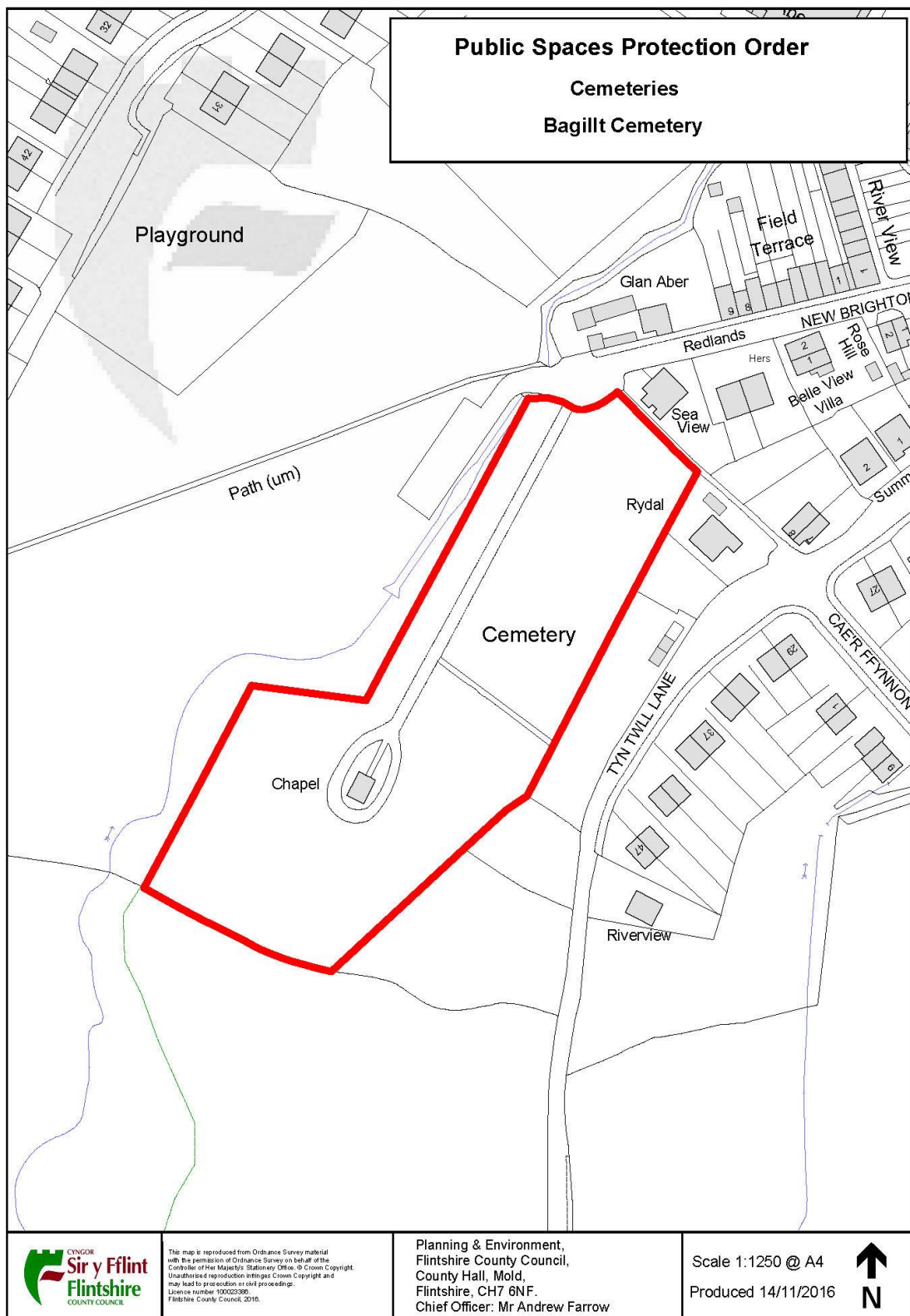
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PLAN 1



PLAN 2





Public Spaces Protection Order

Cemeteries

Bryn y Grog, Hope and Hope Old Cemeteries



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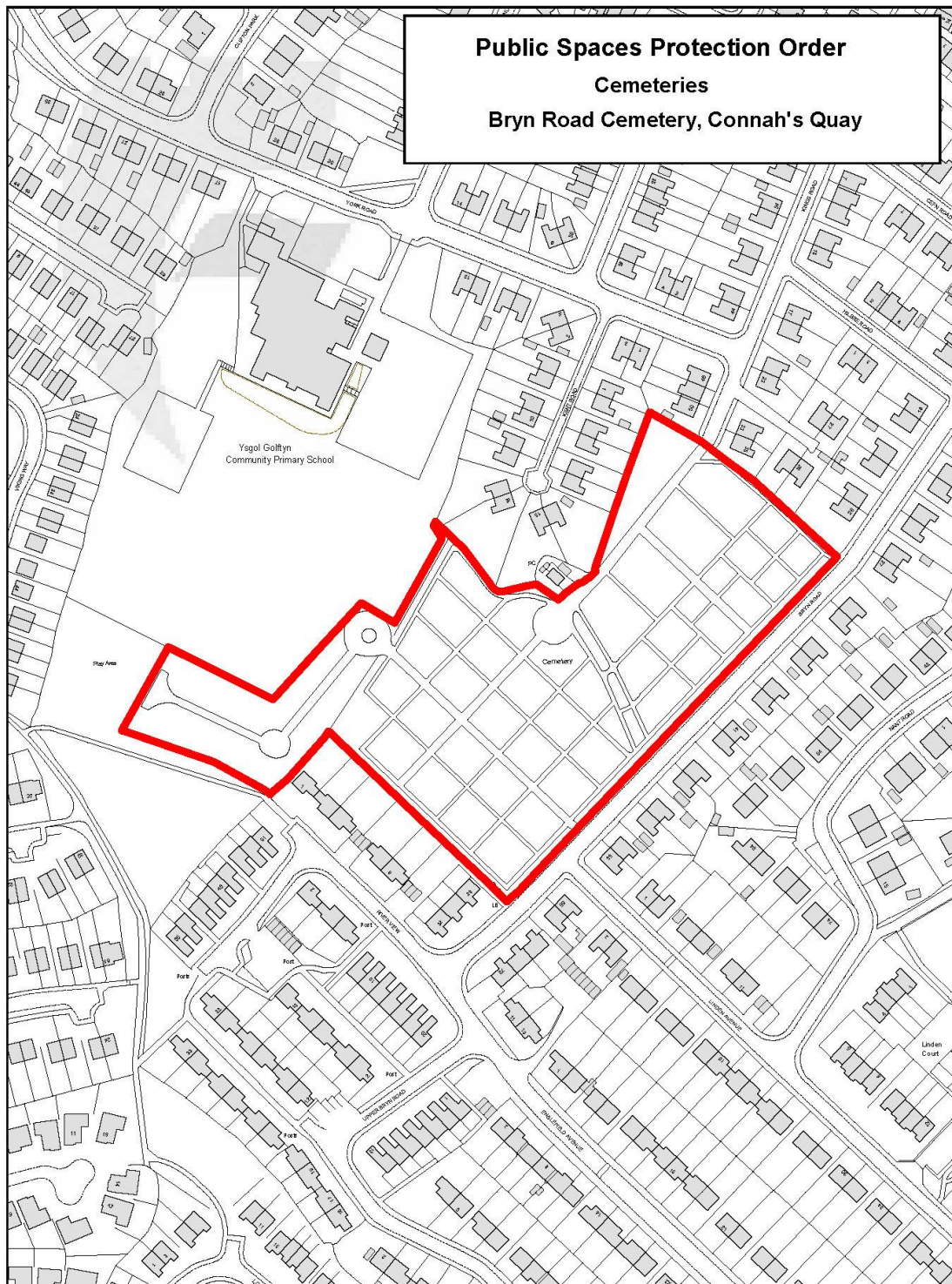
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Cemeteries

Bryn Road Cemetery, Connah's Quay



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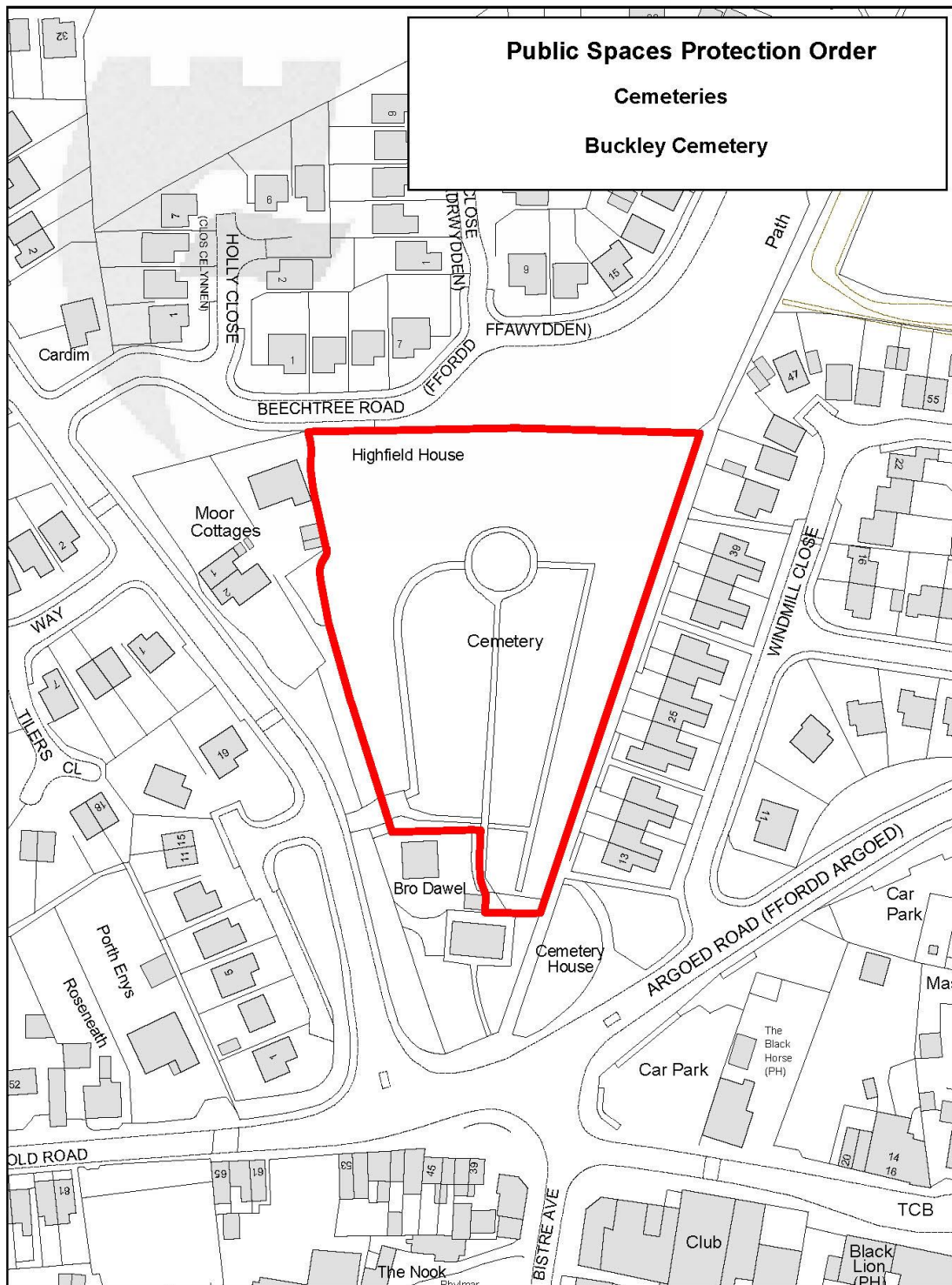
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Cemeteries

Buckley Cemetery



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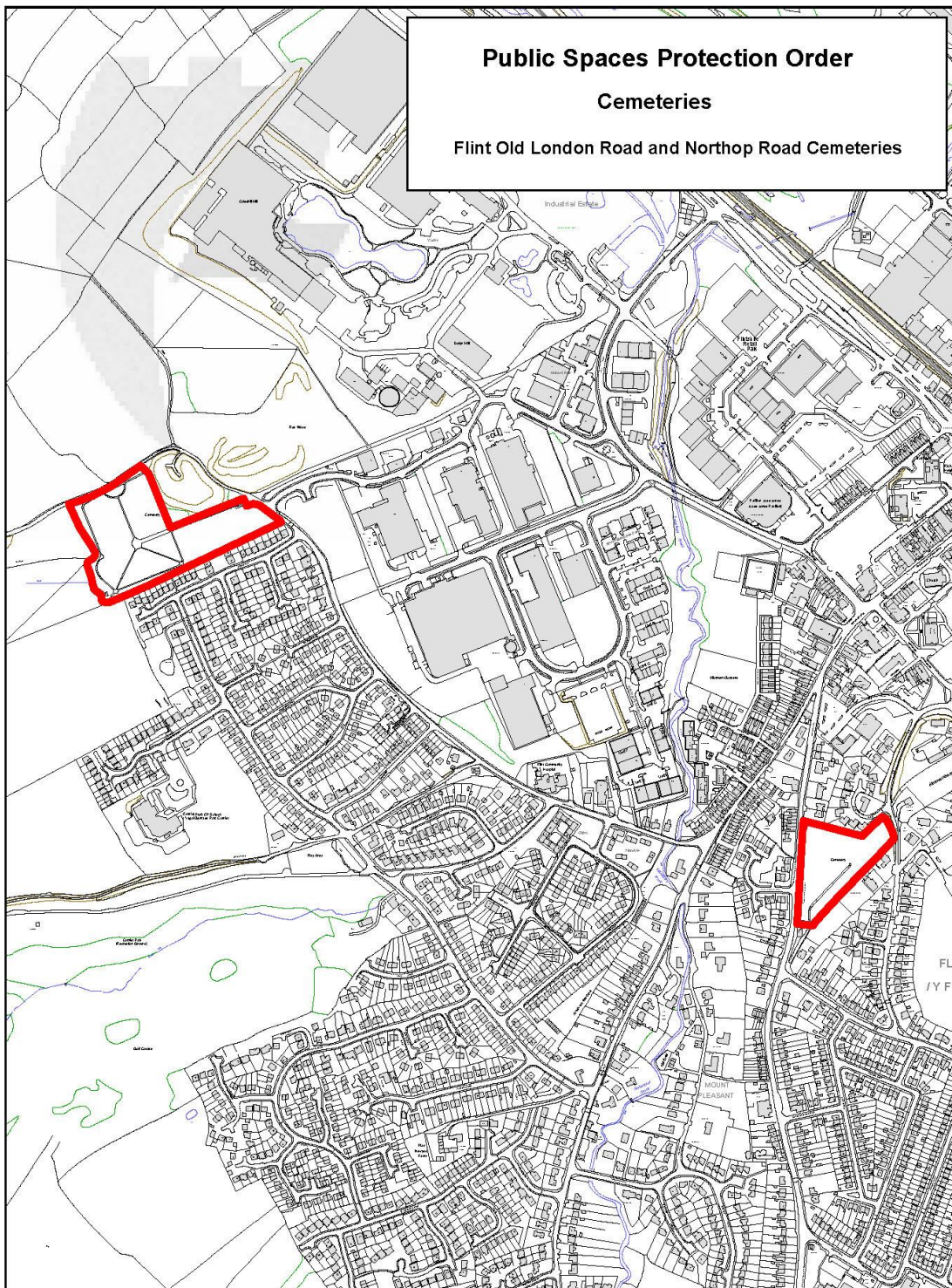
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Cemeteries

Flint Old London Road and Northop Road Cemeteries



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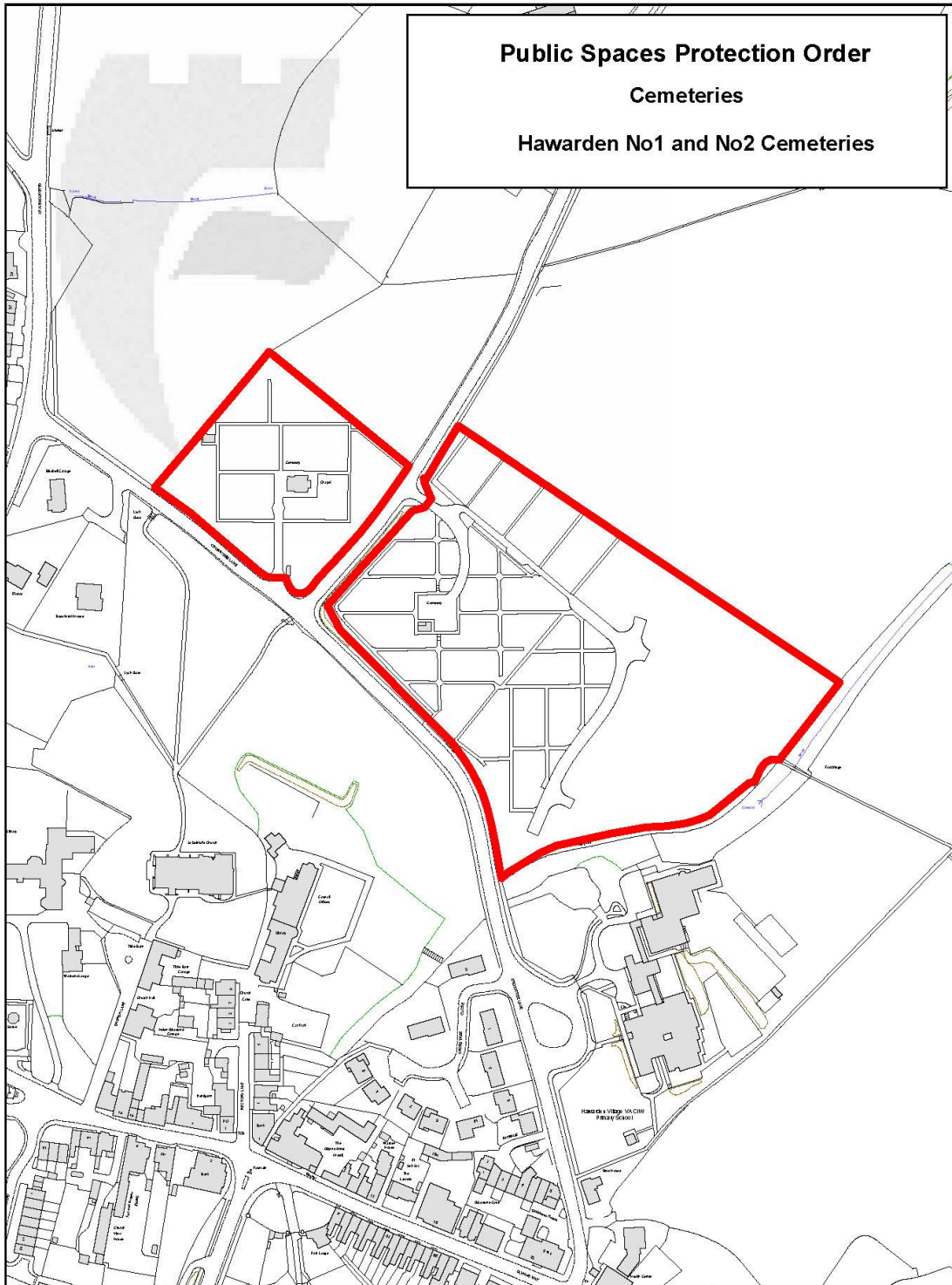
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Cemeteries
Hawarden No1 and No2 Cemeteries



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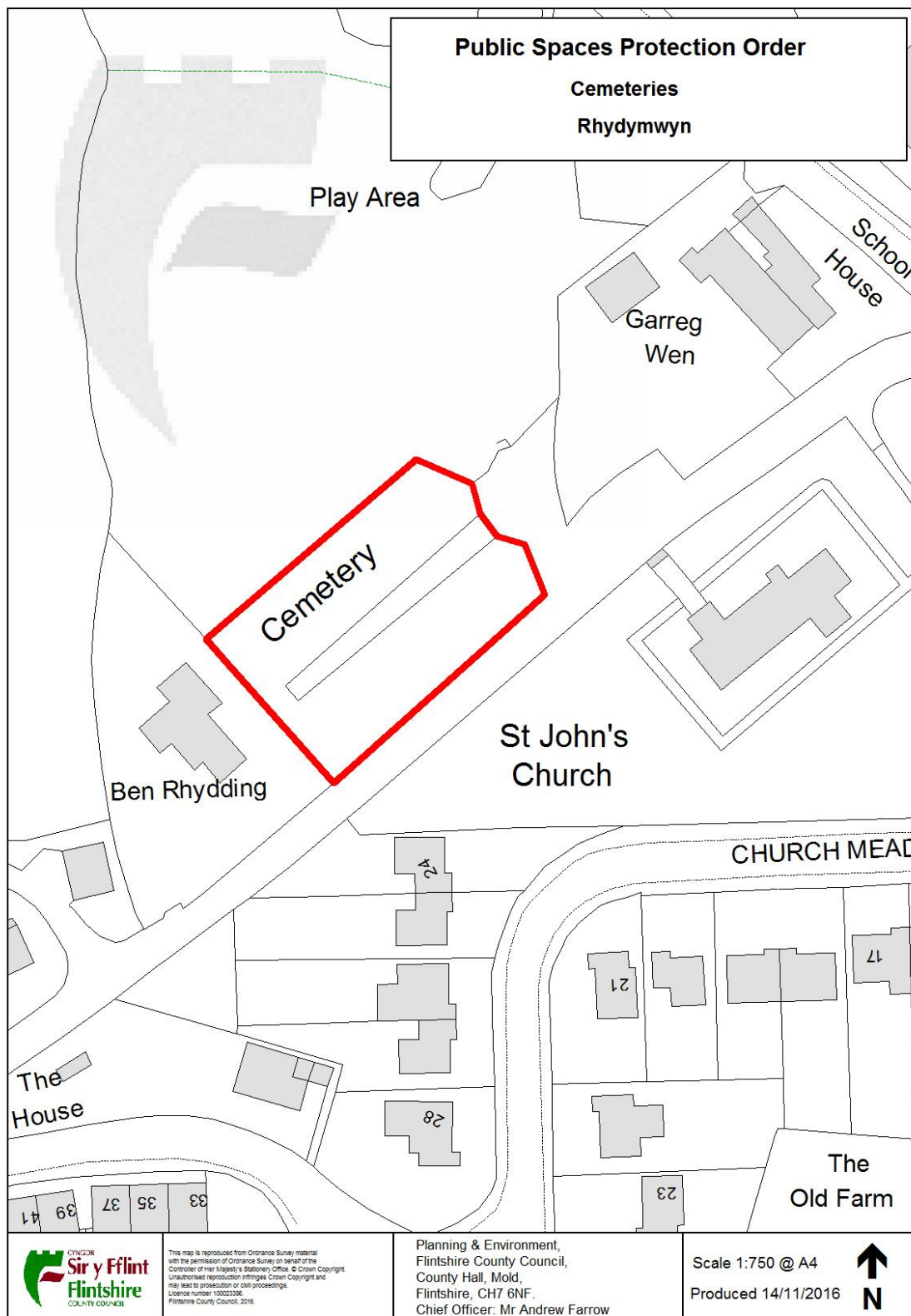


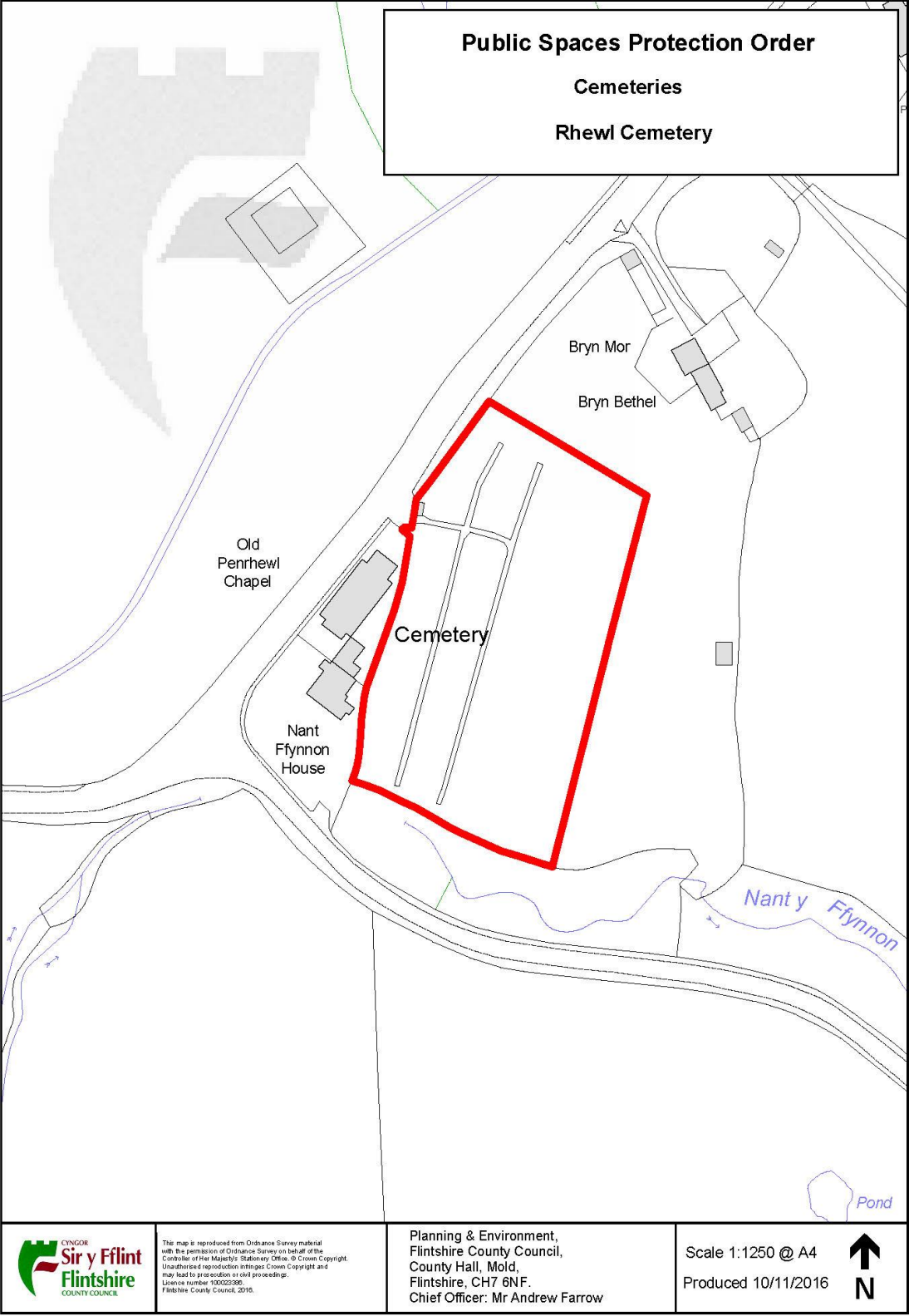
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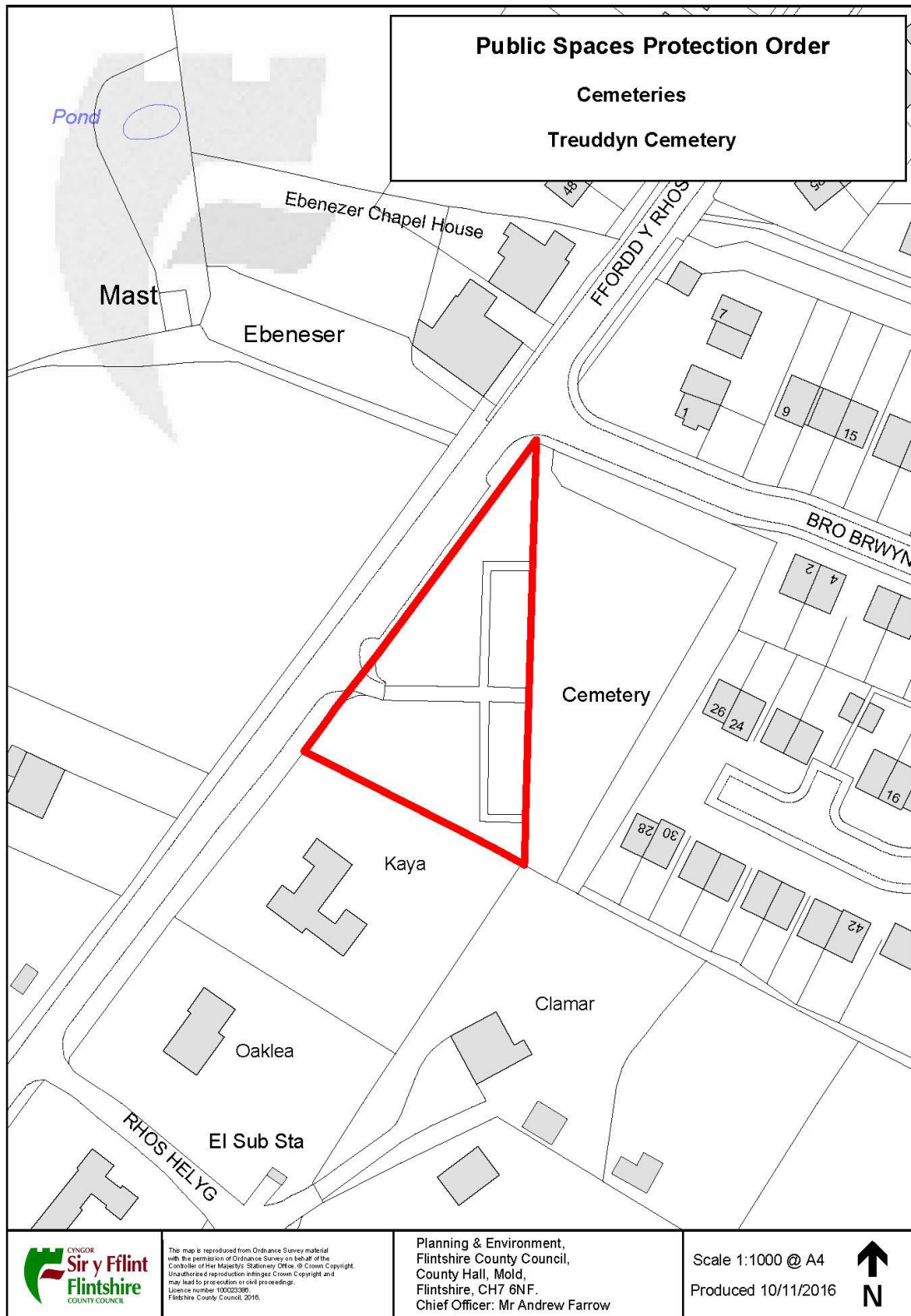


Kelsterton Cemetery





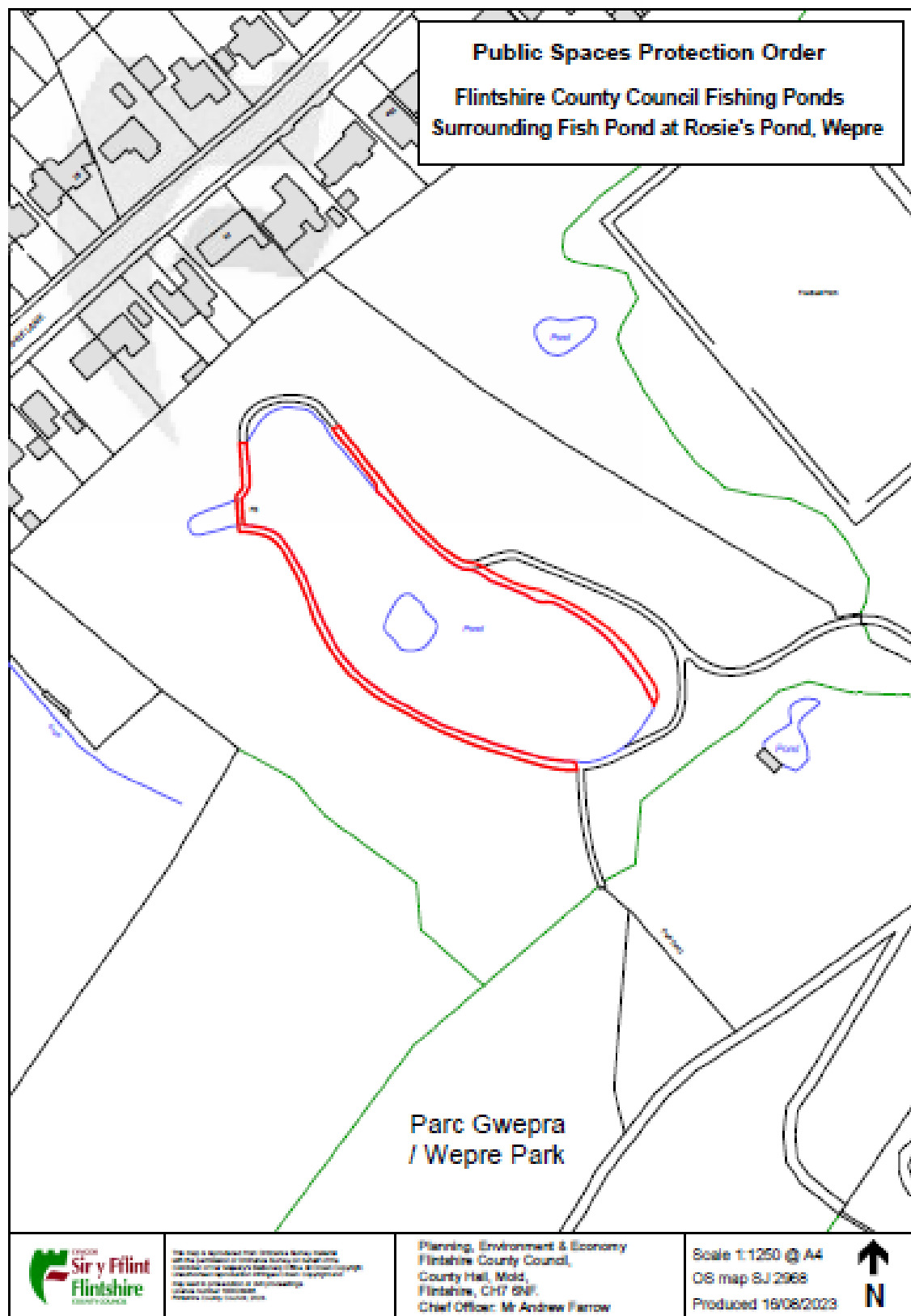




Plan 3 Mold Memorial Gardens



Plan 4 The Rosie, Wepre Park



SCHEDULE 2

New Schedule 6 to the Existing Order

Schedule 6 – Dogs on Leads in Specified Locations

Mold Memorial Park as identified in the plan attached to this Schedule and marked Plan 3.

PLAN 3

Mold Memorial Park (also known as Mold Ornamental or Flower Park), Maes Bodlonfa, Mold)

This Plan 3 relates to New Schedule 6 to the Existing Order - Dogs on Leads in Specified Locations

