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REPORT ON BIODIVERSITY, LANDSCAPE AND WILDLIFE.

Site.
40 High Street Earl Shilton Leicestershire

Introduction
A Biodiversity, landscape and wildlife report has been undertaken on the above site to support a notice for Demolition. The inspection took place on Thursday 1st September 2011 at approx 1500hrs and 4th September between 1930 and 2130hrs.

Location
The site is located on the northern edge of Earl Shilton on the western side of High Street.

Description
See Plan.
The site is roughly 'L' in shape, with the long sides running in an east west configuration.

The site is level and rises up from the High street by approx 1m. The front office buildings are two storey and the factory units at the rear are generally single storey.

To the south is residential development of various ages from 1930's to the current time.

To the north the boundary is shared with mid 70's terraced properties and a factory complex which is now a used car sales lot and service area.

The Eastern boundary is High street and the Western boundary is residential separated by an access track.

The site can be split easily into parcels A and B, Parcel B lies on the northern boundary is completely fenced off from the main demolition site.
Parcel A is the main Demolition site.

Parcel A.
This parcel is laid mainly to concrete and tarmac car park and access areas. The only evidence of Flora is the perennial weeds that are breaking through the unused access ways and car parks, on the boundaries on the site side there is evidence of Buddleja, nettle (Urticacea), Bramble (Rubus), dandelions (Taraxacum), ragwort (Senecio), and broadleaf grasses.

On the boundaries to the residential properties on the other side of the fence various trees have been planted, typically Cypresses (Cupressus) to try and hide the Factory building. There are also Maples (Acer) on the other side of the boundary fence line in the residential garden areas abutting this boundary.

The walled boundary to 54 and 52 High Street has Ivy covering it and evidence of a dead tree as shown on the plan and the photographs.

Upon closer examination there are Grasshoppers within the longer grasses and weeds adjacent the southern boundary. At the time of the visit 1500hrs there was no evidence of Butterflies of any description.

On the boundary with the enclosed parcel B there are two self set Maple (Acer) trees.

There are no open ponds, ditches or waterways. There is also no evidence of ponding water at this visit or on the other occasions the site has been visited.

There is no evidence of birds nesting on or in the buildings to be demolished, although a pair of Pigeons was spotted in the car park area to the southern boundary. The windows to the buildings are all intact and there is no evidence of birds finding a roost in the buildings.

An observation for the presence of Bats leaving the building was undertaken on 4th September 2011 between the hours of 1930 and 2130. There was no visual evidence of Bats leaving the building at that time.

Parcel B

This area was securely fenced and access could not be gained, however the ground is covered in long broadleaf grasses, and roughly in the centre of the enclosure is a dead tree.

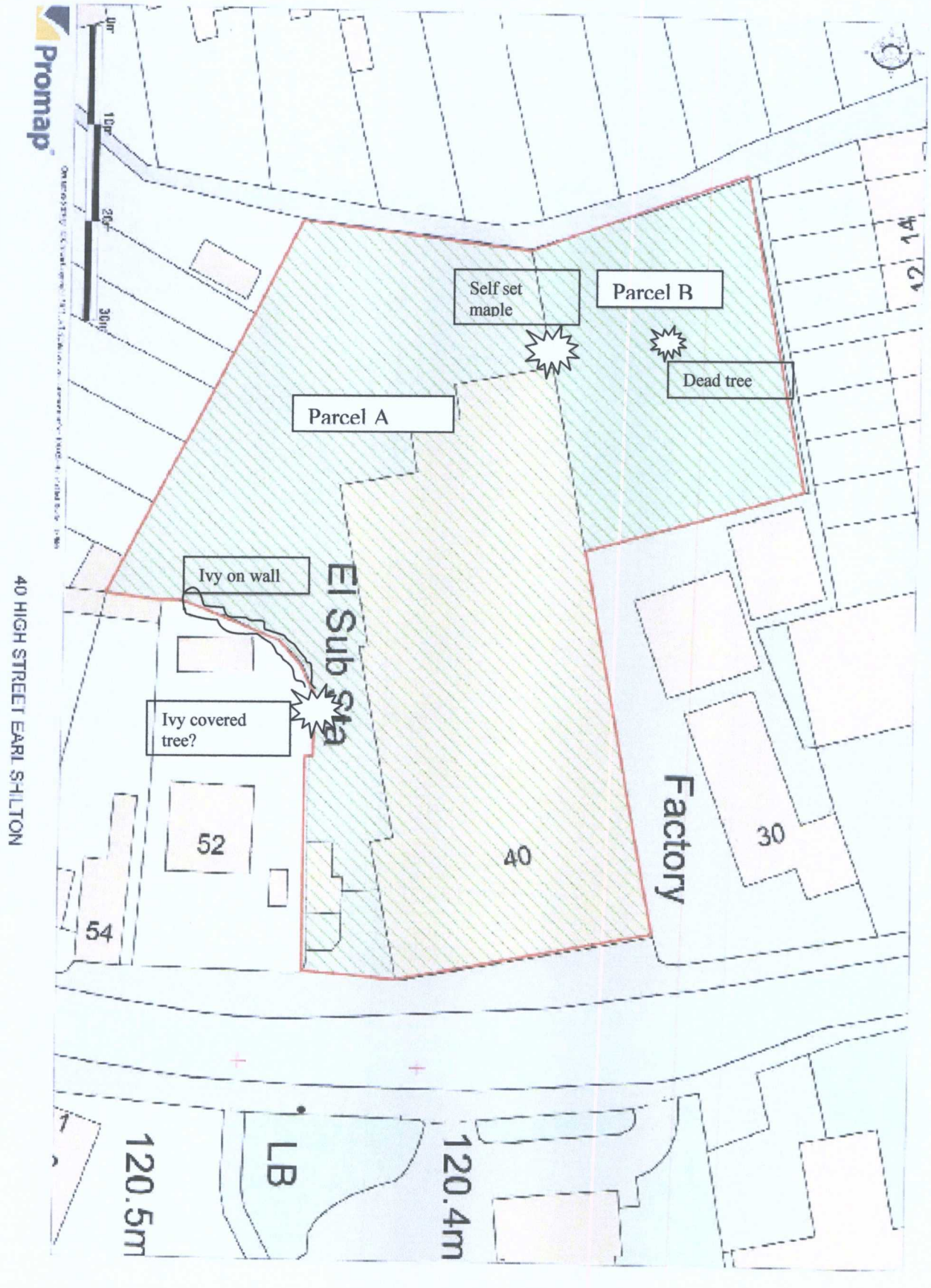
Grasshoppers could be heard in the enclosed area and it probably supports other wildlife such as mice and voles.

There are no apparent open ponds, ditches or water courses with in this enclosure.

Results.

In Landscape, Biodiversity and Wildlife terms the site has no interesting species, or redeeming features being mainly laid to concrete and Tarmac.

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Promap
Self set maple
Parcel B
Dead tree
Parcel A
Ivy on wall
Ivy covered tree?
El Sub Sta
Factory
52
40
30
54
120.5m
LB
120.4m
40 HIGH STREET EARL SHILTON
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Front of Building.



Side entrance and car park area.



Rear carpark area showing dead tree (arrowed) and looking North over parcel B.



View showing Ivy covered tree and wall looking eastwards.



View showing Tree lined boundary looking south.



Another view of tree lined western boundary looking north.



Self set Maples adjacent to building on boundary with Parcel B.