

Flood Risk Assessment Report

For

The proposed "Change of Use" of the former McNulty site into the Port's Operation Area

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) has been produced in accordance with the Environment Agency Guidance Notes which support the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).
- 1.2 The purpose of this FRA is to assess the risk of flooding from all sources now and in the future, taking into account climate change, for the former McNulty site that is to become part of the Port of Tyne's Operation Area.
- 1.3 This FRA will accompany the Port of Tyne's Planning Application for a "Change of Use" for this site.
- 1.4 DTA Consulting Engineers have been commissioned by the Port of Tyne to produce this FRA.

2.0 THE SITE

- 2.1 The site layout plan presented in Appendix A indicates the extent of the site and its proximity to the River Tyne. The two more detailed plans of the North and South yards of the site are presented in appendix B and indicate some of the site features.
- 2.2 The original McNulty yard consisted of three areas, the two main areas of the yard, North and South are located between the River Tyne and Corstorphine Town/West Holborn which are to the East. The car park and stockyard is located between Corstorphine Town and Garwood Street and South of Smith Street, but will not form part of the site considered for the "change of use".
- 2.3 The centre of the site is located at map reference NZ 355 661 with a post code of NE33 1RZ.

3.0 SITE TOPOGRAPHY

- 3.1 The site is generally flat with a slight fall towards the river. The adjacent land outside rises the farther to the North, such that a retaining wall of increasing height is required to the East side of the site with ramps required for the two access points off West Holborn.
- 3.2 The site falls towards the river at about 1 in 100 and site levels vary between 4.0 and 4.6m AOD.

4.0 HISTORY OF THE SITE

- 4.1 The Envirocheck historical record maps for the site are presented in appendix C and provide a profile of the site's development over the last 150 years.
- 4.2 The 1820 map shows the river line generally as it is today, with a number of small graving docks on the South yard and some on the North yard. A number of these graving docks are located at the end of the fabrication shop. At this time the area seemed to be in use for the construction of wooden ships.
- 4.3 In circa 1880, the South yard was purchased by John Redhead. From this point in time it was progressively developed and became known as Redheads Yard. It was eventually taken over by British Shipbuilders in the 1970's with the last ship being constructed in 1977, after which the yard was closed.
- 4.4 The South yard developed from the 1880's eventually consisting of three slipways at one time, but the central one was replaced by an elevated crane in the early 1960's.
- 4.5 The South yard was bought by the McNulty Brothers in the mid 1980's from the then British Shipbuilders and the slipways either side of the elevated crane track were in-filled.
- 4.6 The current North yard consisted of two areas, the Southern area had two large dry docks constructed in 1897 and the 1910's and known as West Docks.

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4.7 The Northern area has had a variety of uses such as a coal depot and staithes with a railway line, saw mill and other industrial uses such as an iron foundry as well as a glassworks.

A power station was also constructed in circa 1910 and substantially demolished in the mid 1960's, with the remaining buildings being demolished in the 1980's.

5.0 EXISTING DRAINAGE

- 5.1 The Northumbrian Water Limited plan presented in Appendix D indicates the adopted sewers in and around the site.
- 5.2 Three adopted sewers currently traverse the site and discharge into the River Tyne:
 - A 840 x 1100 Brick Egg Culvert to the South.
 - A 620 x 480 Brick Egg Culvert centrally.
 - A 2300mm concrete pipe to the North.

As would be expected, these sewers were previously part of the combined discharge from the surrounding areas into the river. Since then the construction of an interceptor sewer, several CSO's and adopted pumping stations has re-directed foul flows to a suitable treatment facility. However, all three of these adopted sewers are still in operation and discharge the surface water and diluted effluent to the river.

- 5.3 The current status and full extent of any wayleave on any of these sewers remains unknown at this time.
- 5.4 Within the site the foul drainage from the buildings is either connected directly to the public sewer within Corstorphine Town road or, where levels do not allow, a small private pumping station has been constructed adjacent the Fabrication Shed which re-directs gravity flows back to the same public sewer.
- 5.5 All on-site surface water discharge is directed towards the River Tyne via private drains and channels, or simply soaks into the predominantly granular hardstandings.

6.0 PROPOSED SITE

- 6.1 The proposed "Change of Use" for the site will see the site incorporated into the Port of Tyne's "operation area".
- 6.2 This will not constitute any physical changes to the site except for the improvements to the quay frontage that are currently underway as part of essential and critical repair work.

7.0 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The main two considerations with regard to flood risk for this site are:
 - From the River Tyne
 - Overland flow

After consulting the Environment Agency website and examining the various flood zone maps, clearly the biggest threat of flooding to the site is from the River Tyne, which is not only influenced by the surface water entering the river, but also the influence of the tides and the sea.

7.2 The Port of Tyne drawing presented in Appendix E indicates a detailed contour map of the flooding the site would suffer during a 1 in 1000 year storm with high tides. The contour has been set at 4.63 AOD and, as can be seen, covers most of the site with the exception of the South East boundary. This high spot is where the two inhabitable buildings on the site reside.

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- 7.3 The proximity of the River Tyne to the site and the general topography of the site provides a low lying flood plain that is susceptible to flooding in extreme circumstances and is classified as a zone 1 or low risk area according to the Environment Agency flood maps.
- 7.4 The proposed "change of use" for the site will initially improve the quay frontage making it serviceable for loading and unloading cargo.
- 7.5 The remainder of the site will remain semi-permeable hardstanding for storing cargo as part of the Port of Tyne's ongoing operations.
- 7.6 Loading or unloading will not be permitted during a 1 in 1000 year event and all material stored in the flood zone will be vetted such that it is not affected by rising flood waters.
- 7.7 The risk of flooding from surface water run-off is almost non-existent. The general fall across the site to the river and the granular makeup of the hardstandings reduce the effects of surface water run-off to a couple of isolated puddles. The Environment Agency map confirms this and also indicates that, although the rear of the site rises, the residential developments adjacent do not contribute to any external surface water run-off entering the site.

8.0 NORTHUMBRIAN WATER LIMITED

8.1 The Northumbrian Water apparatus presented in Appendix D indicates three separate adopted public sewers that cross the site to the River Tyne.

The existing surface water run-off drains either into the ground or directly to the river, and the foul water discharges to the public sewers within Corstorphine Town road.

It is understood that this "Change of Use" proposed by the Port of Tyne will not change any of these existing drainage parameters.

Any further improvements or amendments to the site will be the subject of further consultation within Northumbrian Water Limited to ensure their existing public sewers crossing the site are accessible or diverted under a Section 102 Agreement.

Although no wayleaves are indicated for these sewers on Northumbrian Water Limited records, the Port of Tyne understands that access for maintenance is required and will consult with Northumbrian Water Limited should site developments impair or impede this access in the future.

9.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 9.1 According to the Environment Agency Flood Risk Plans this site is categorised as a "low risk" for both surface water run-off and flooding from the River Tyne.
- 9.2 The area of the site that will be flooded in a 1 in 1000 year storm event is indicated in Appendix E and covers a large proportion of the site, although both the occupied buildings remain above the limit of the flood. All flooded areas of the site are hardstanding or disused/derelict workshops due for demolition.
- 9.3 The proposed "Change of Use" for the site will bring the site into the Port's Operation Area allowing the Port of Tyne to utilise the site's river frontage as part of their commercial operations.
- 9.4 This change of use will have no effect on the existing drainage or surface water discharges from the site which drain either to the ground or flow overland to the tidal river.
- 9.5 Existing Northumbrian Water Limited apparatus through the site will remain intact and Northumbrian Water Limited will be consulted should future developments of the site influence or impact on these public sewers.

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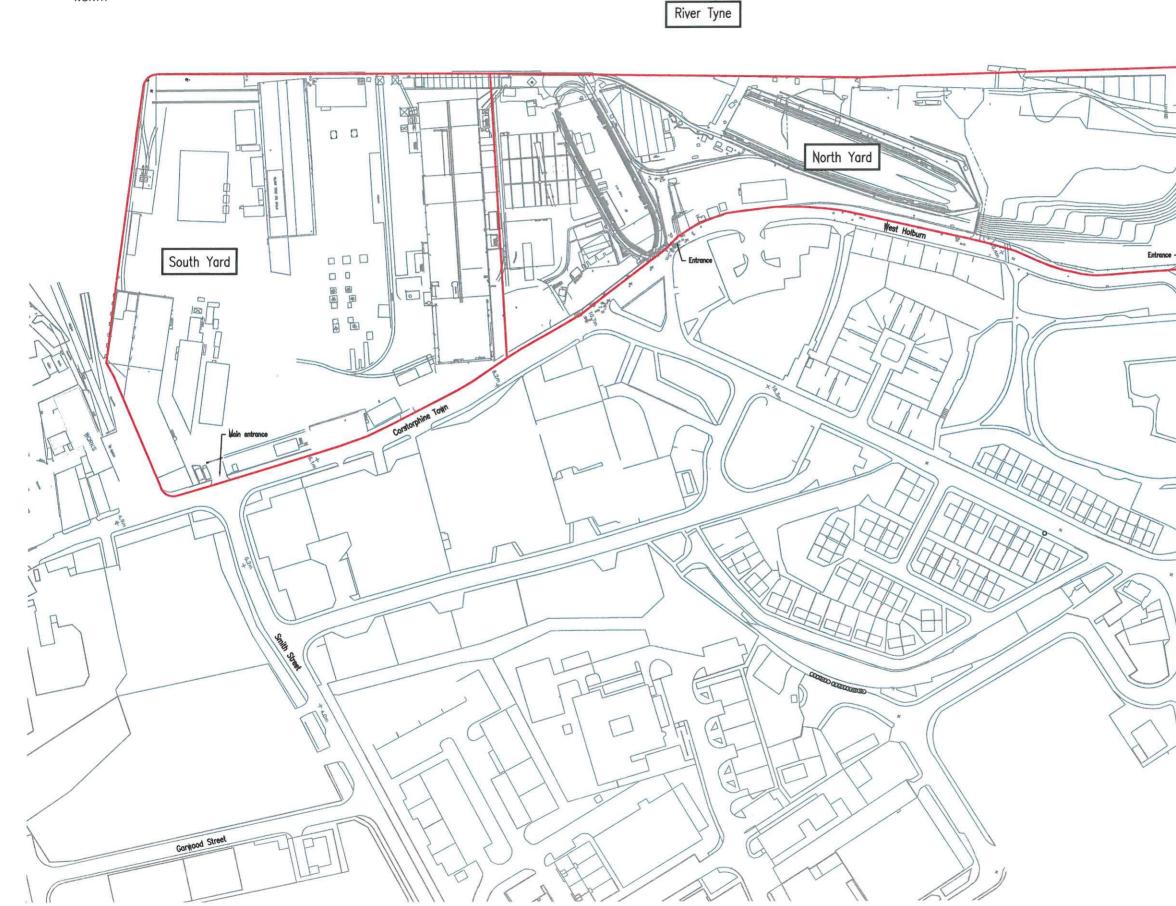


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10.0 APPENDIX A – SITE LAYOUT

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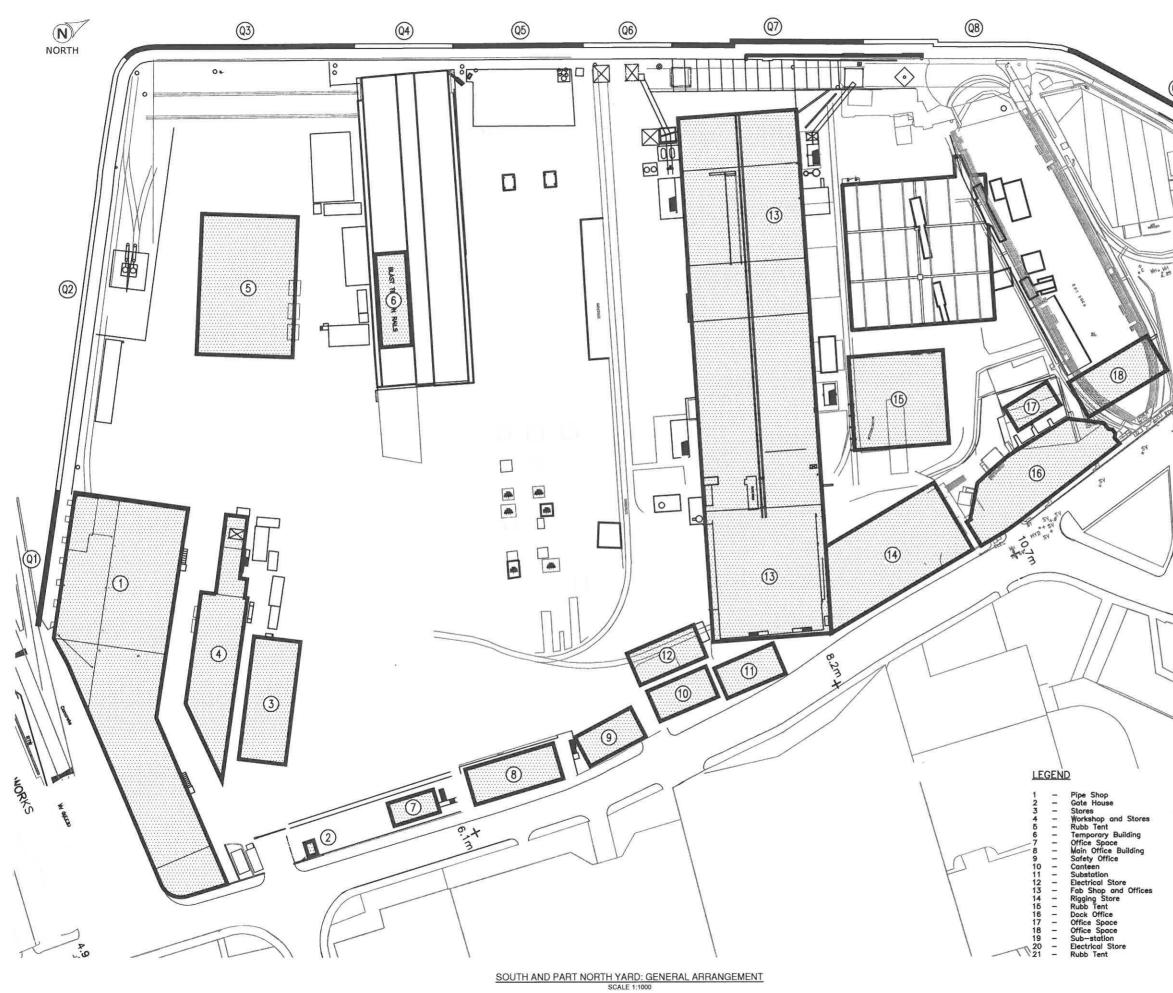




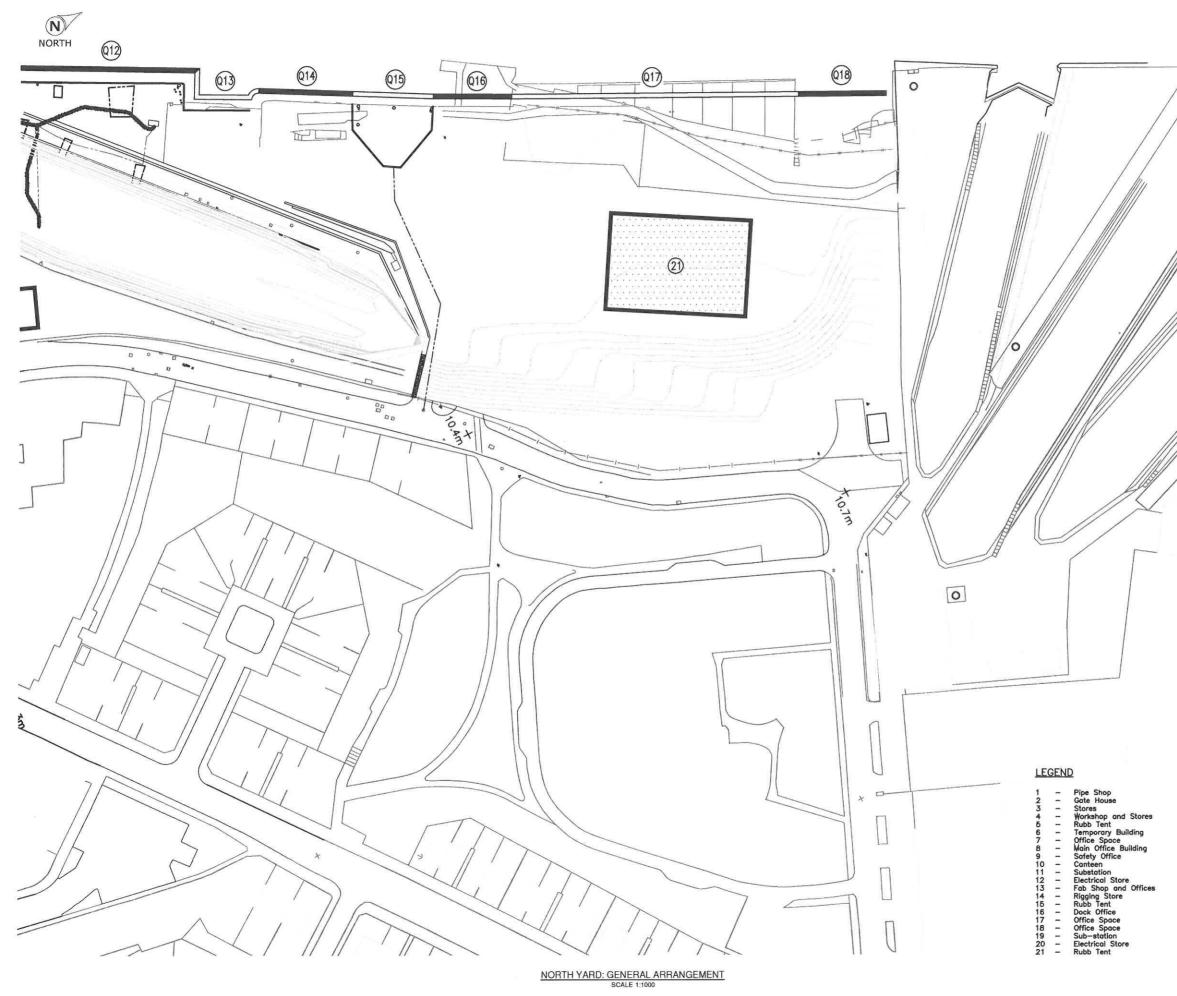
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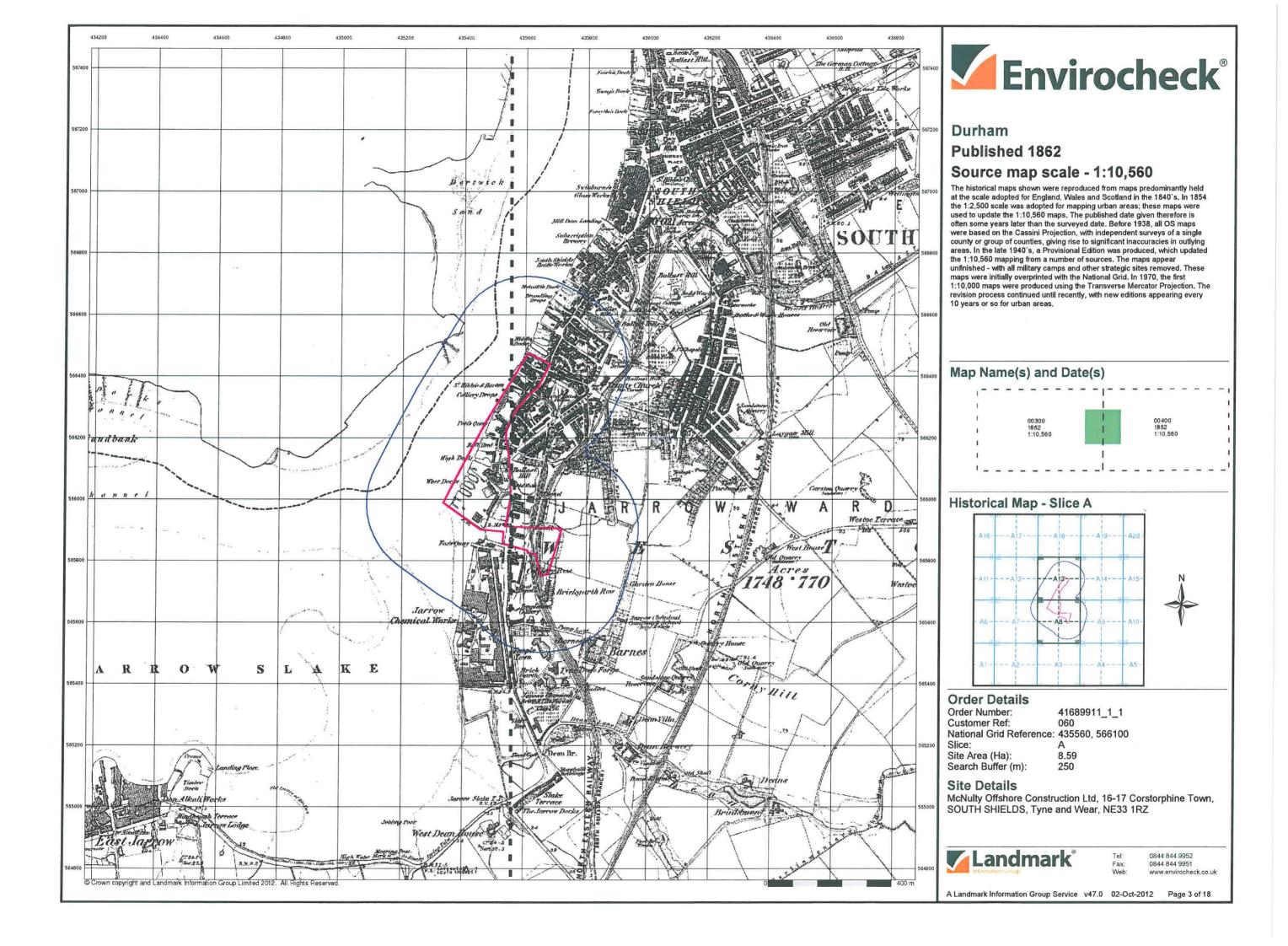


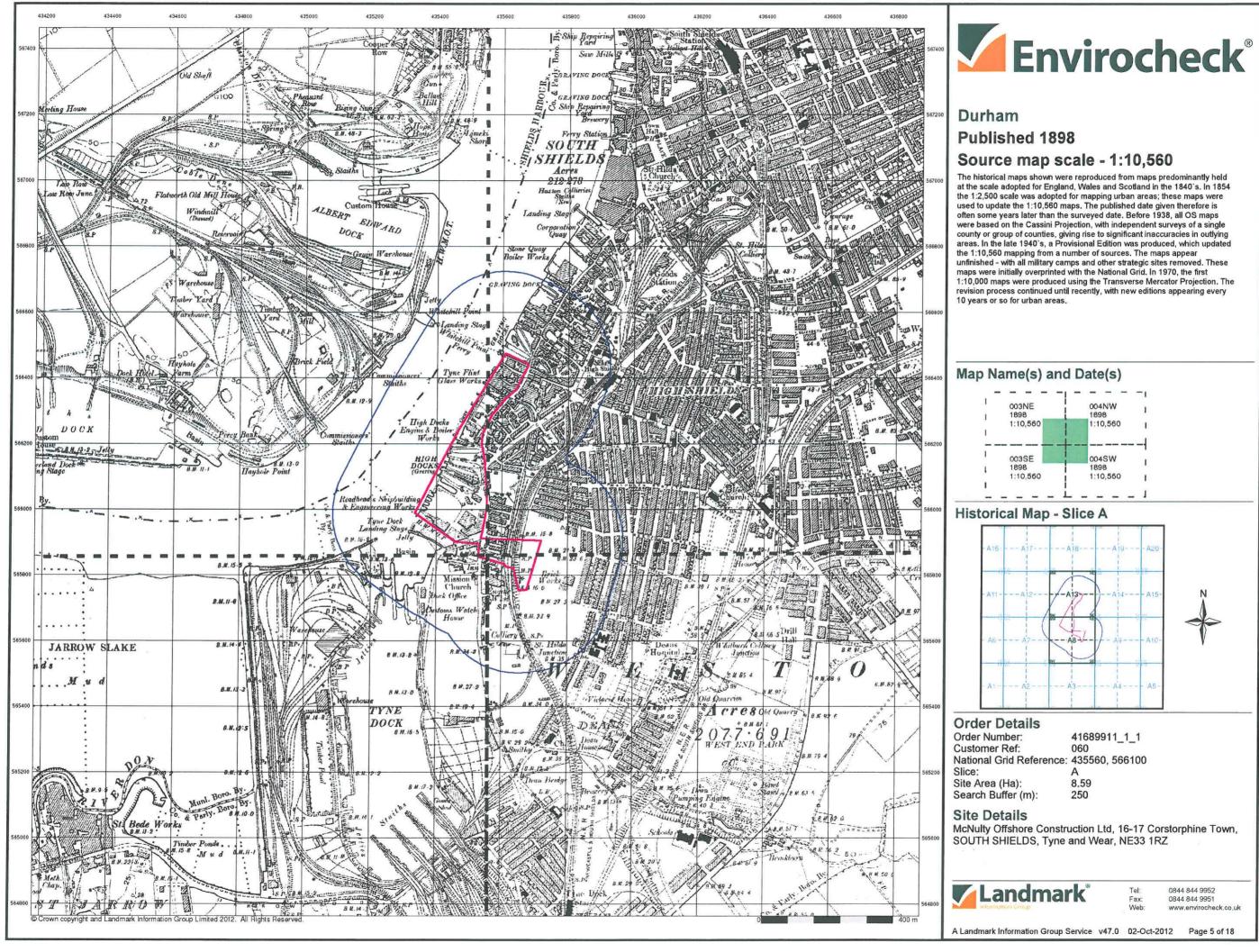


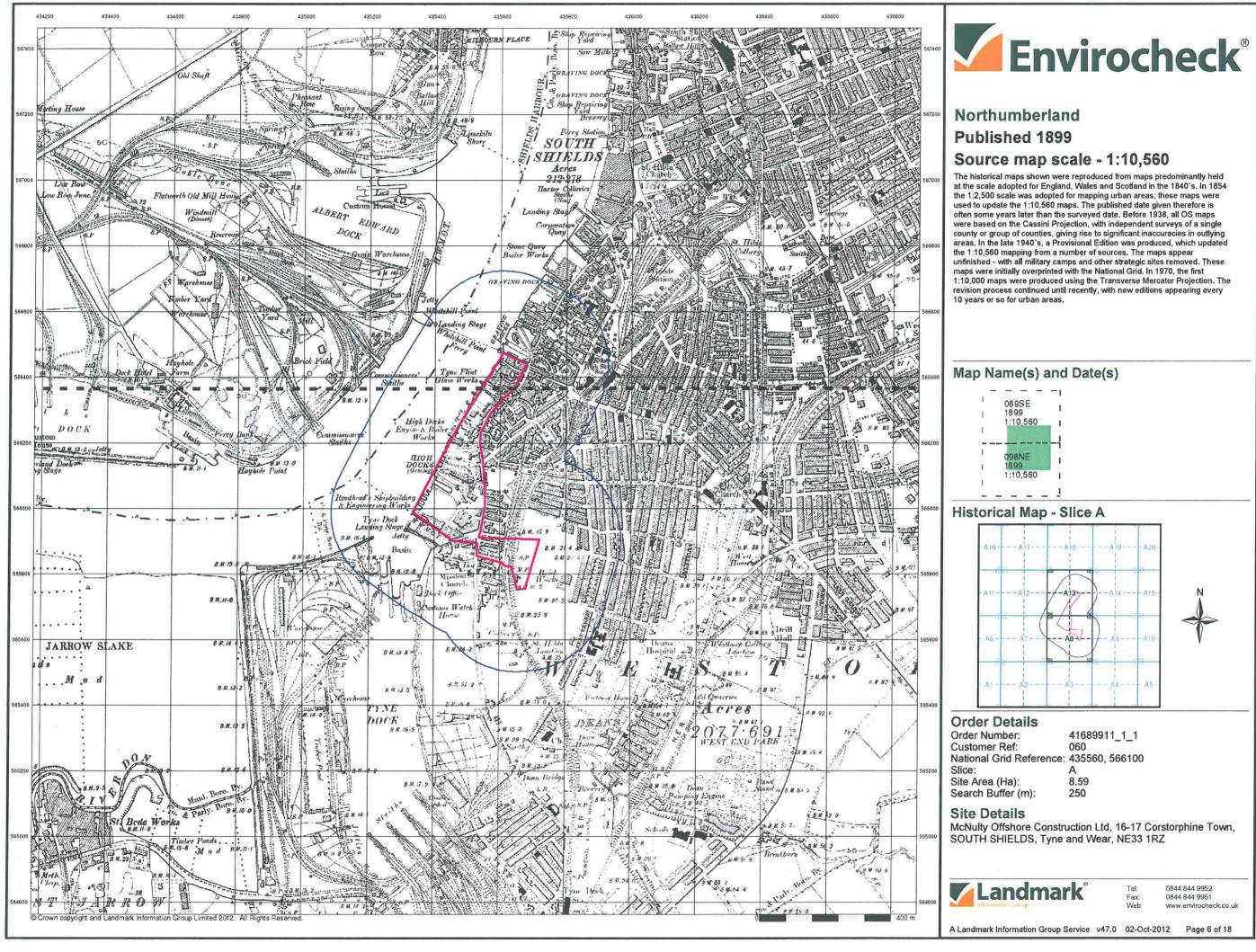
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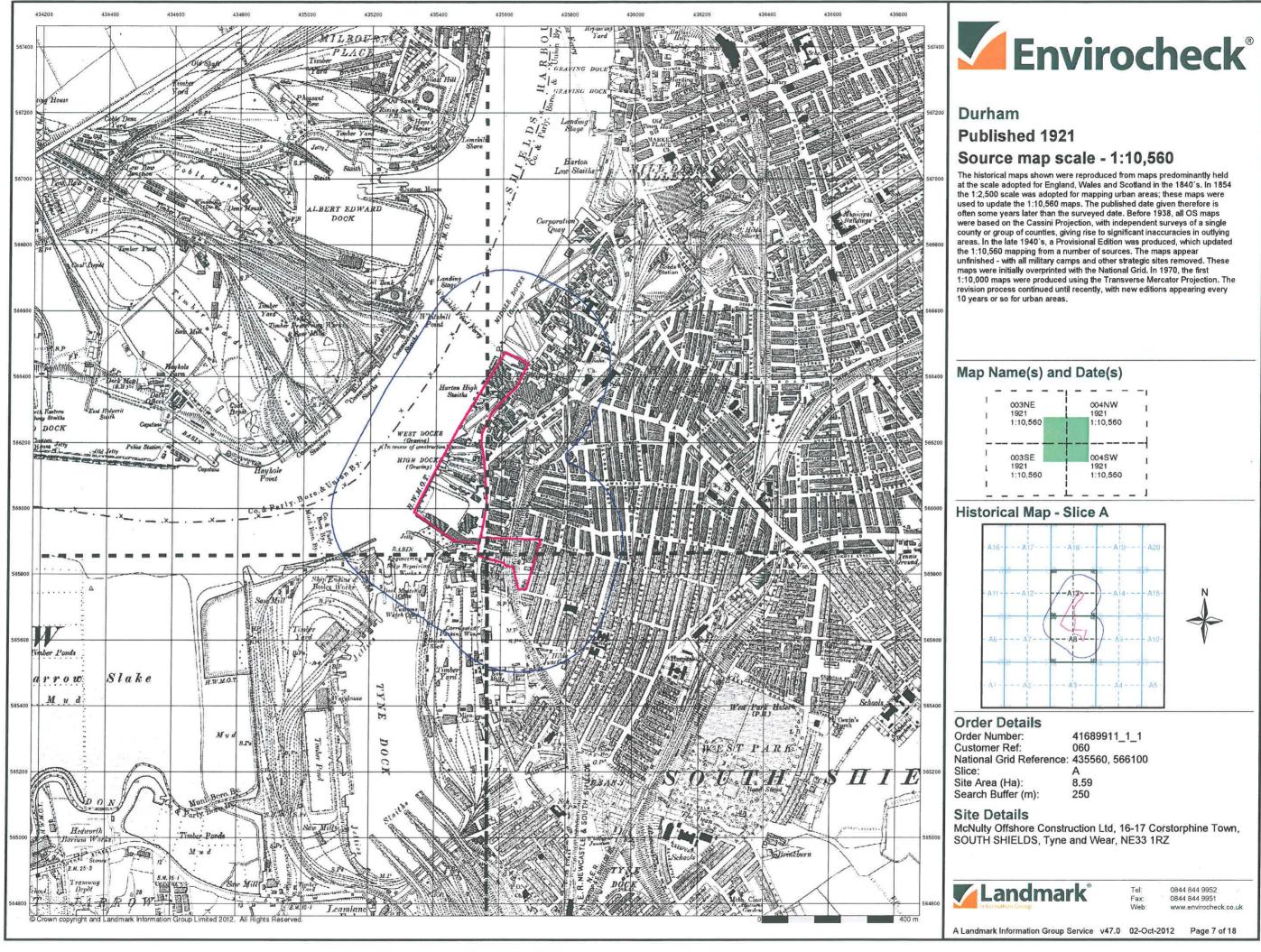
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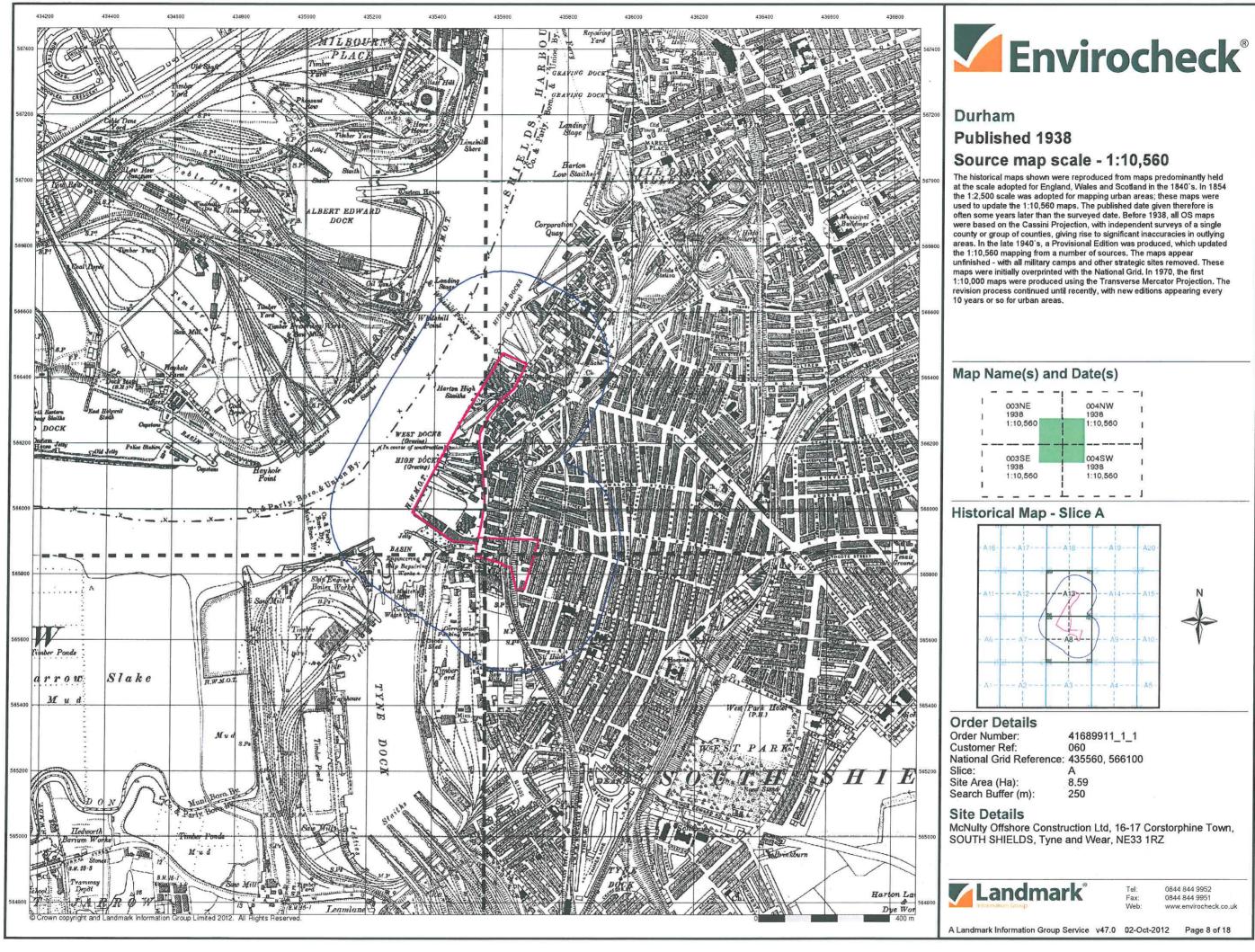
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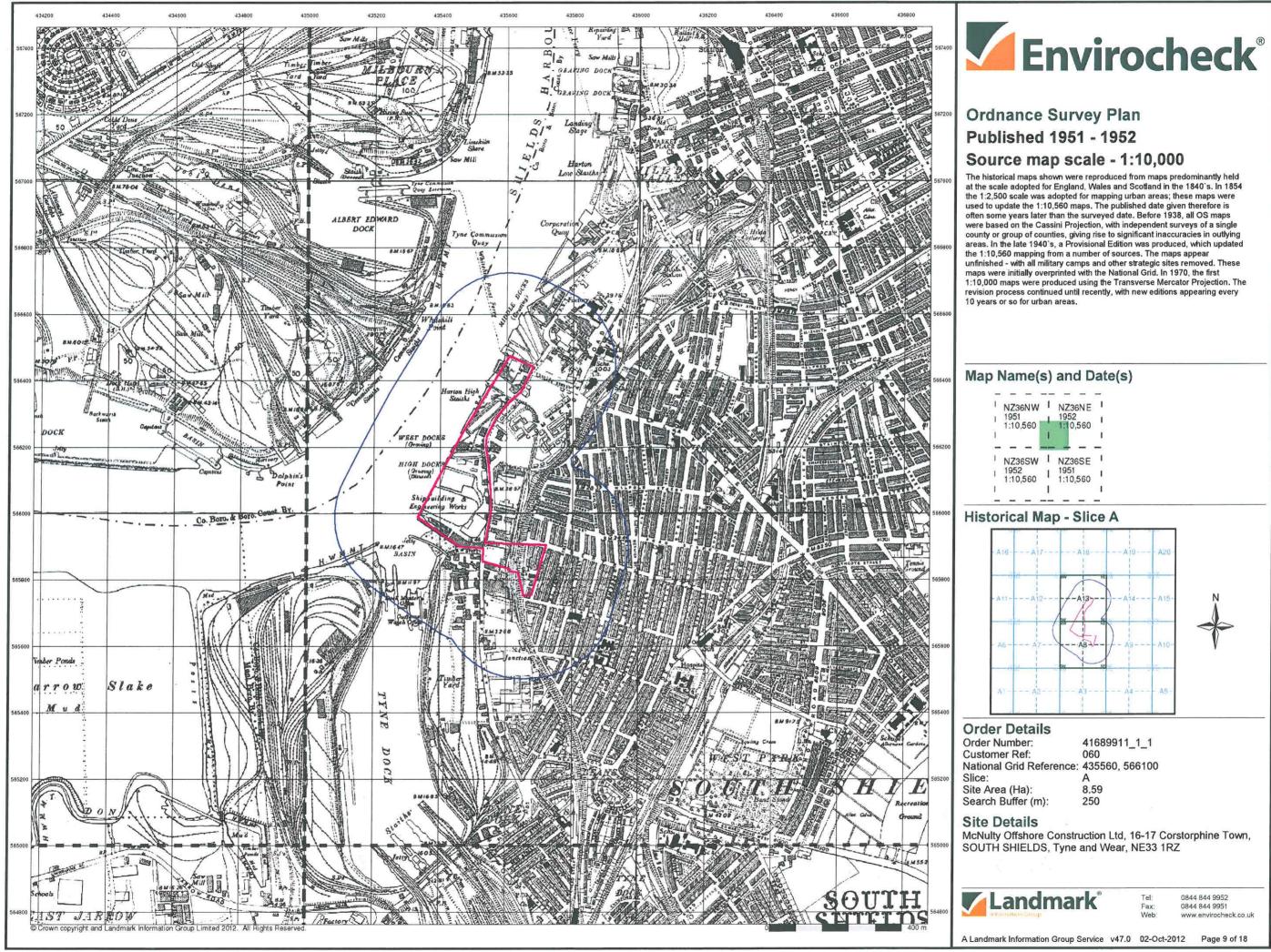


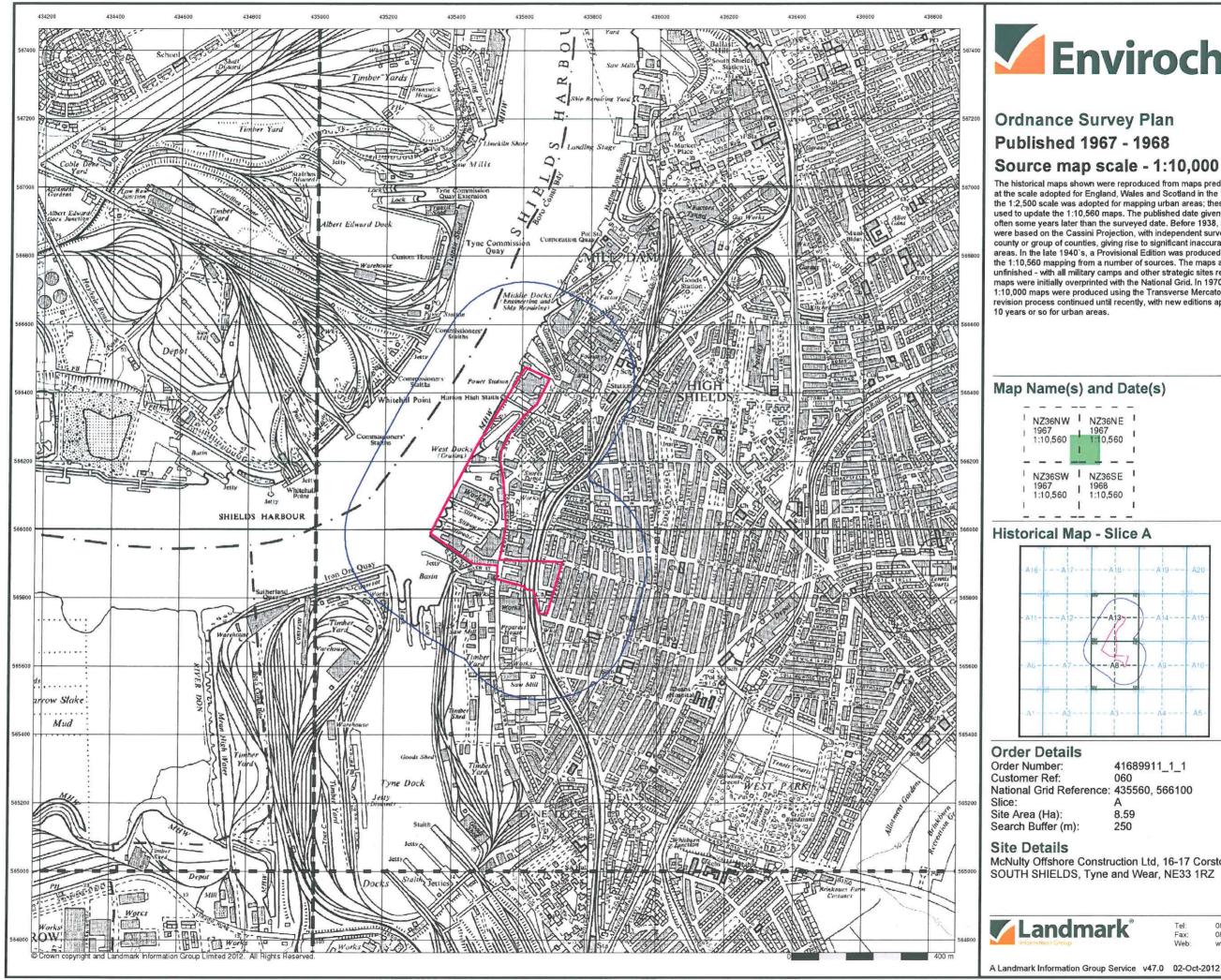












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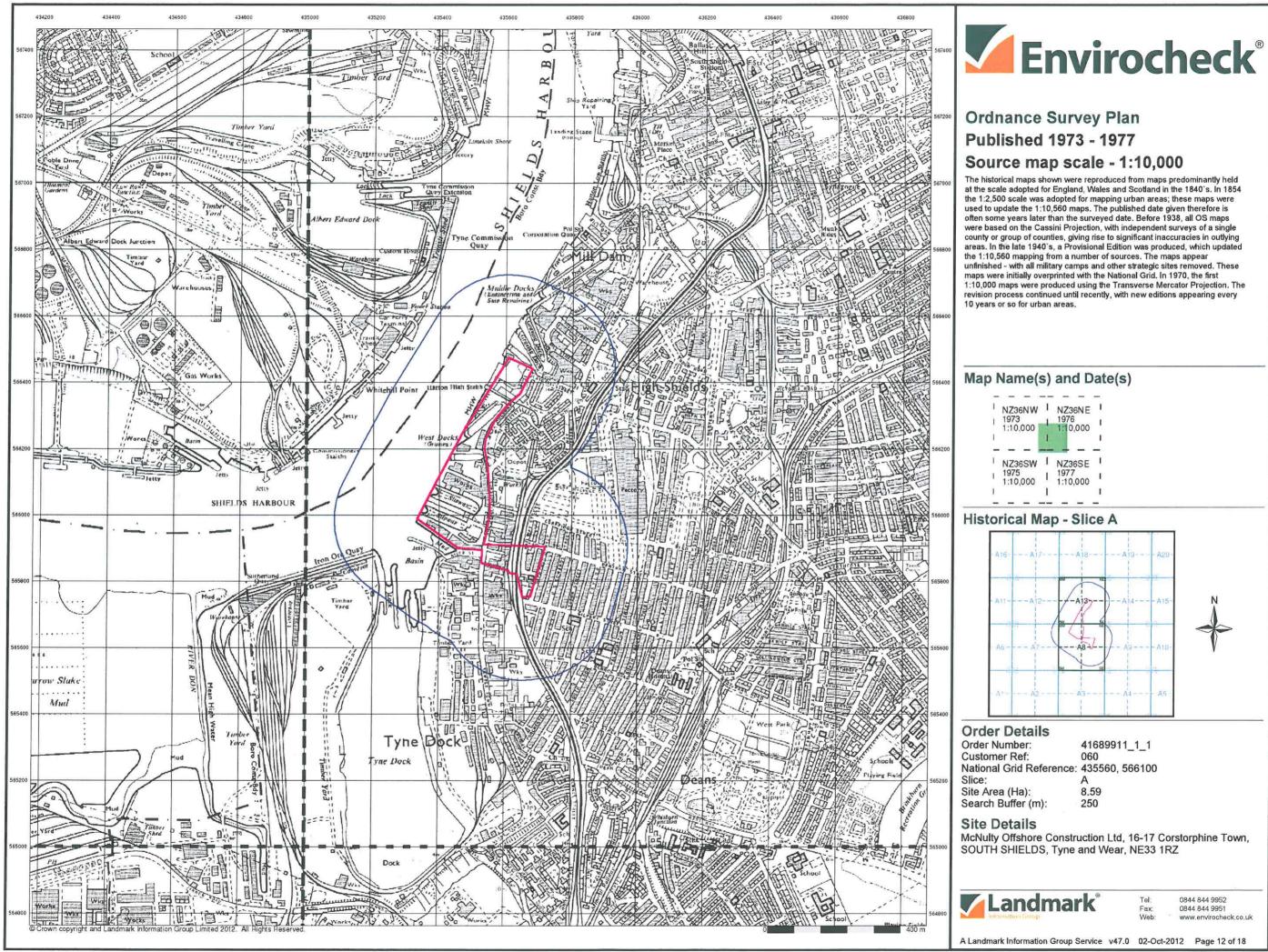
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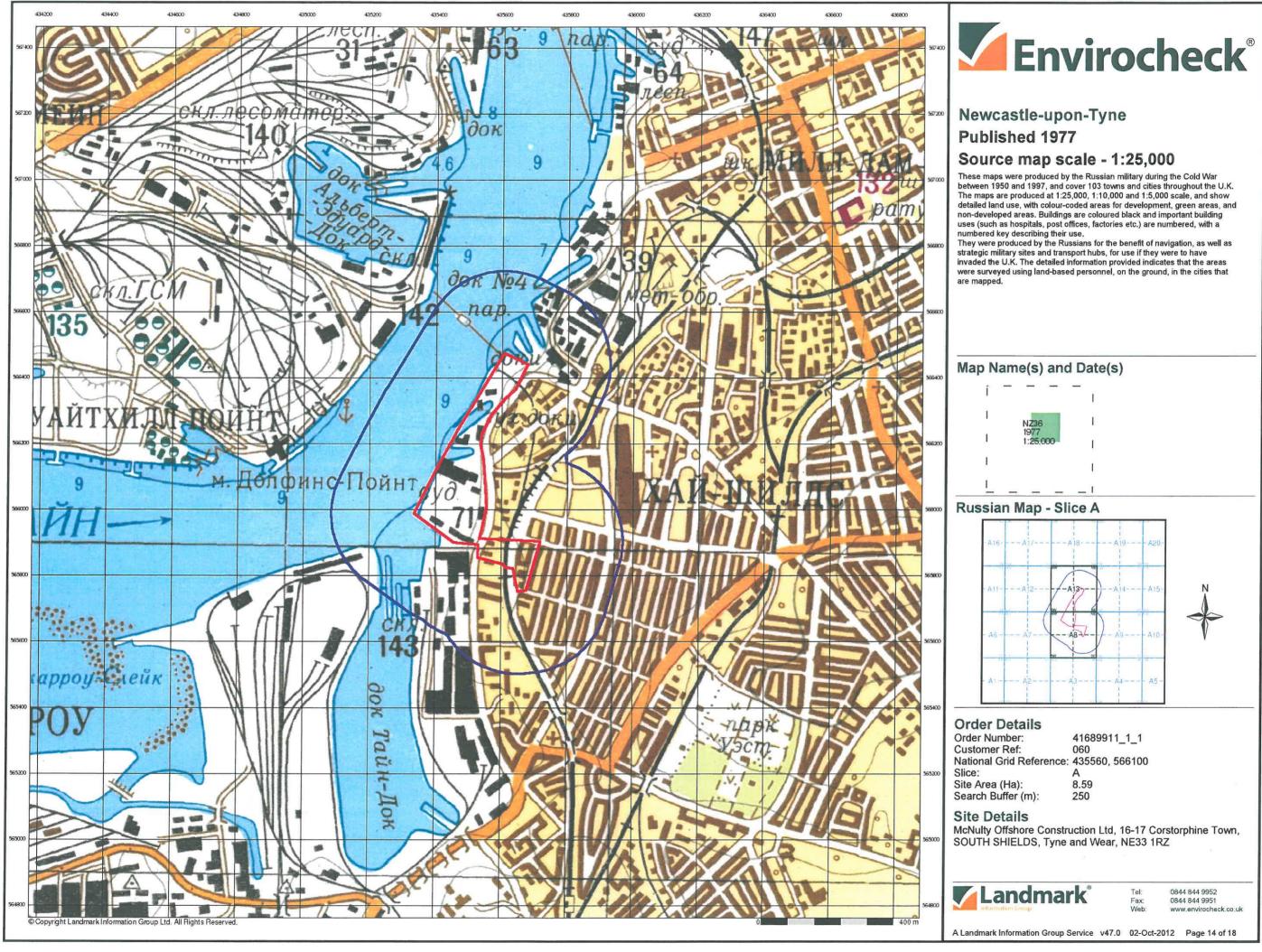
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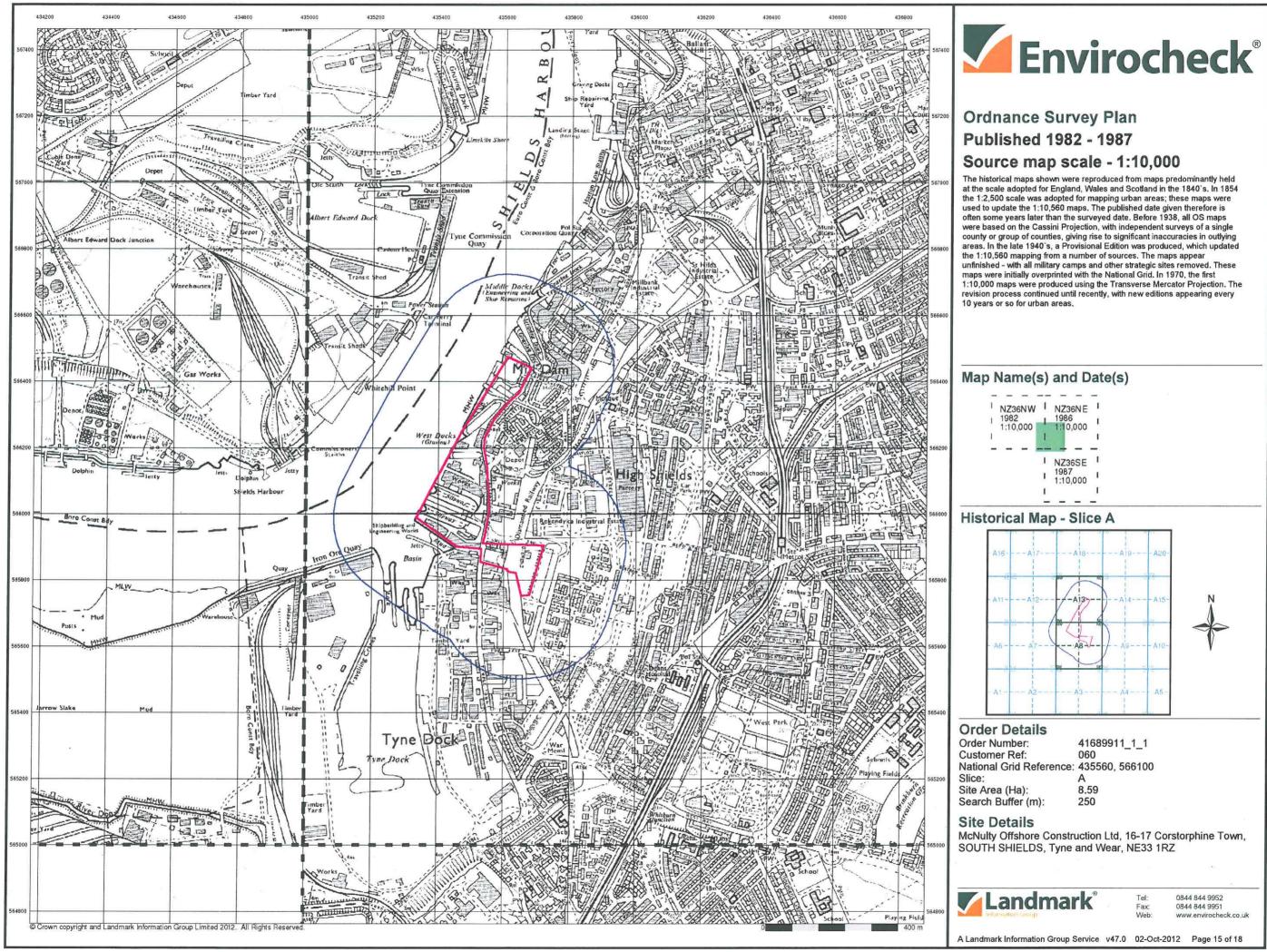
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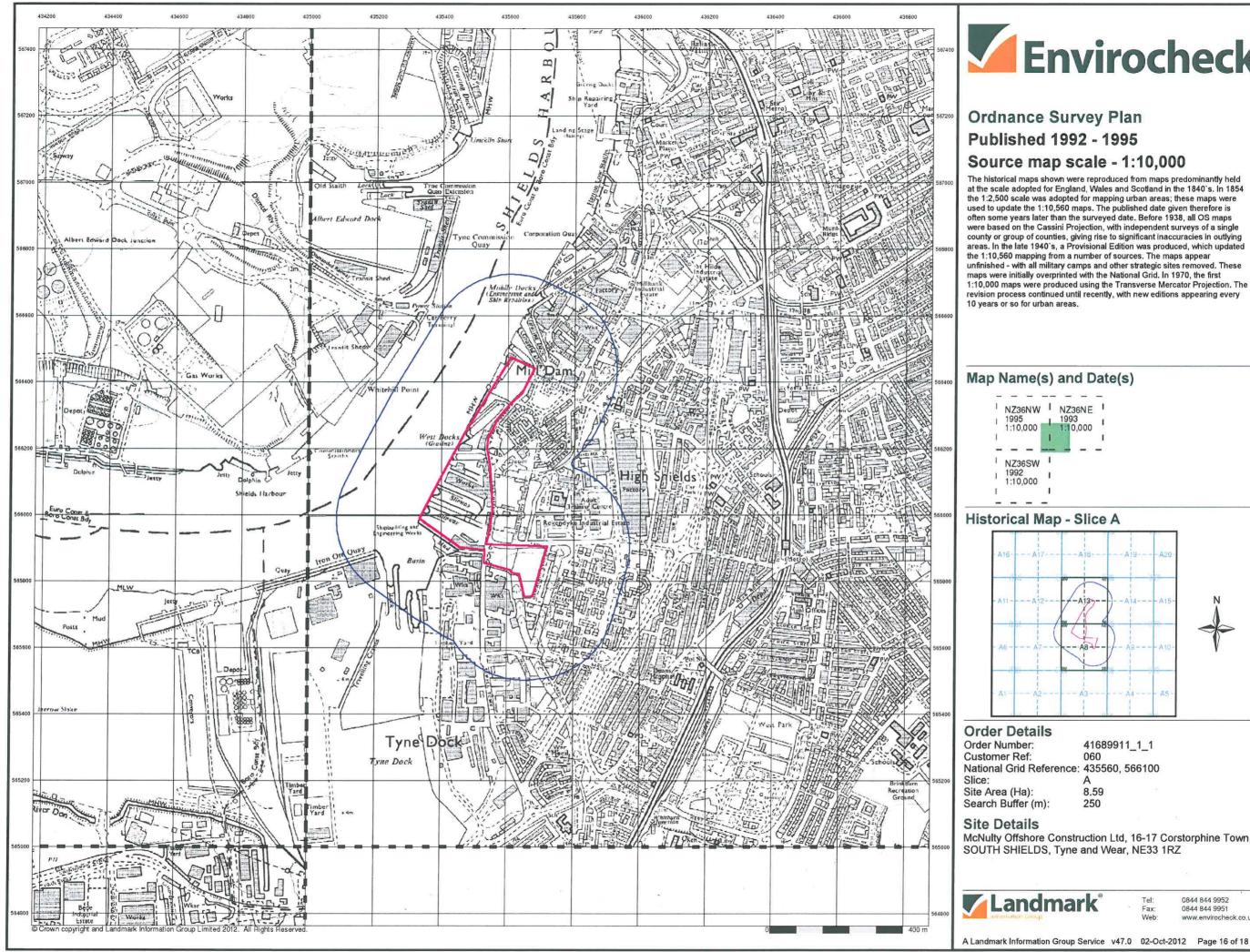
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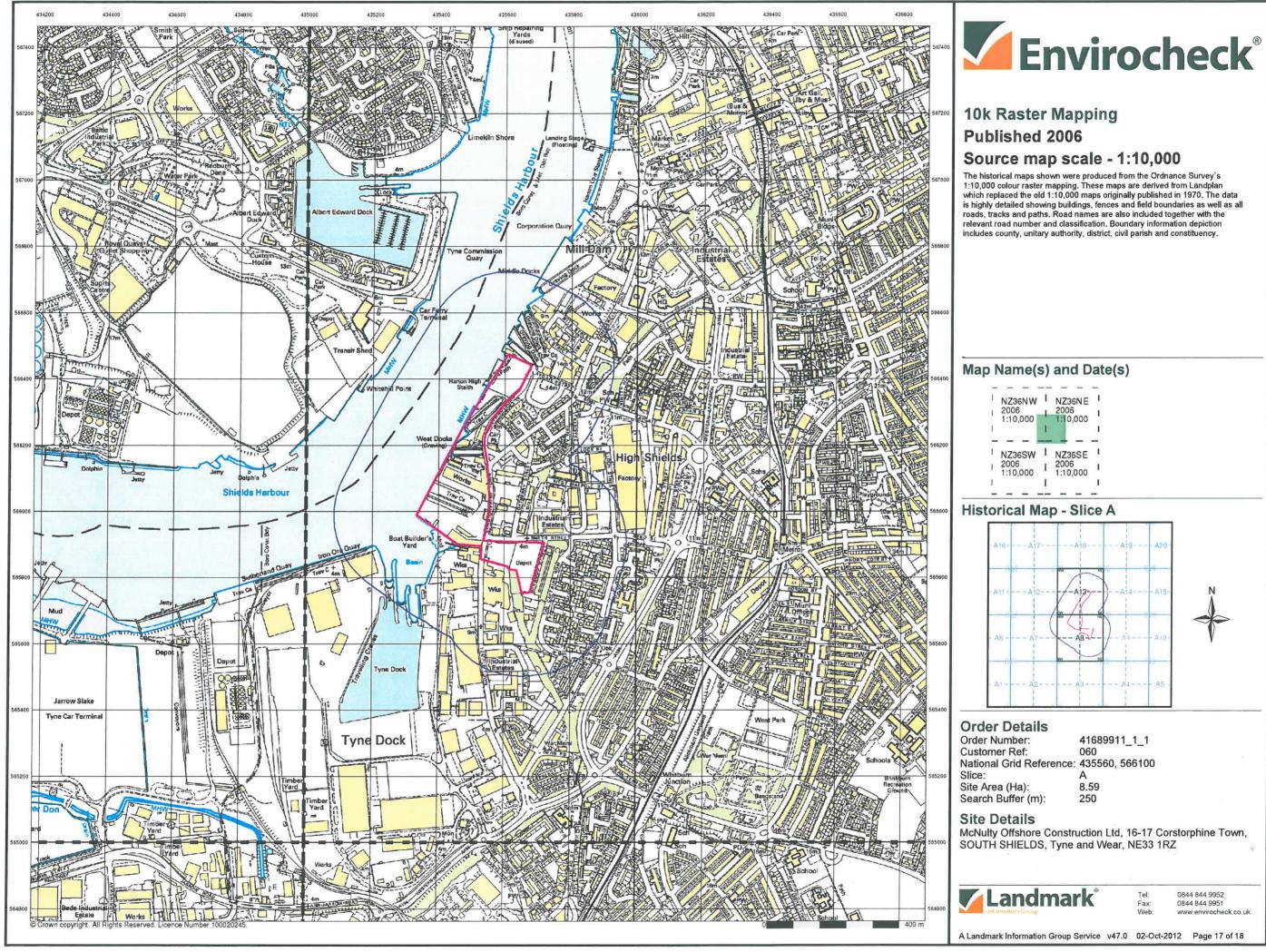
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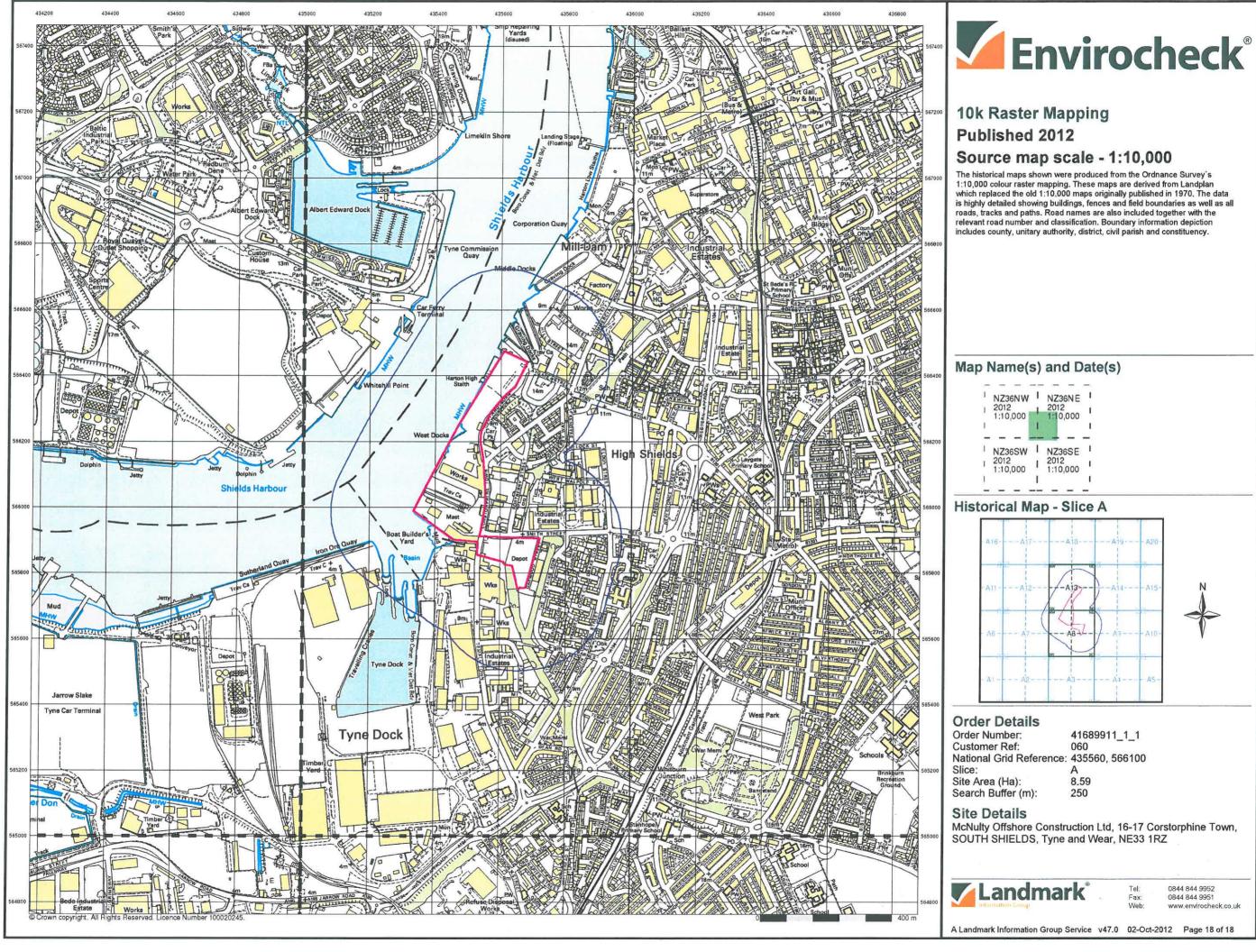
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13.0 APPENDIX D – NORTHUMBRIAN WATER LTD PUBLIC SEWERS

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