

Draft Moray Food Growing Strategy

2019

Policy Context

The Scottish Government has set out a vision that by 2025 Scotland will be “a Good Food Nation, where people from every walk of life take pride and pleasure in, and benefit from, the food they produce, buy, cook, serve, and eat each day.”

The Council has a statutory duty, set out in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, to prepare a Food Growing Strategy that identifies potentially suitable land for allotments and other food growing areas. There is also a specific requirement to note how the Council intends to increase food growing provision in communities experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.

In developing a food growing strategy for Moray the Council is committed to delivering the wider benefits associated with food growing including:

- Improving health and wellbeing outcomes
- Promoting opportunities for social interaction
- Environmental improvement including climate change and food waste
- Skills development
- Economic development and sustainability.

In delivering these benefits the food growing strategy will also assist in meeting the key objectives in the Moray Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP).

The following statistics provide an evidence base highlighting some of the challenges.



1 in 8 children in Moray are overweight

1 in 9 children in Moray are obese

In certain areas in Moray 1 in 7 children are living in poverty

68% of adults in Moray are meeting weekly guidelines for physical activity

1 in 5 children in Moray have tooth decay in Primary 1

The economic cost of mental health problems in Scotland is estimated at £10.7 billion. For Moray this equates to around £172 million.

Last financial year Moray Food Plus had 1950 referrals supporting 4440 people.

17 tonnes of surplus food from supermarket and suppliers was distributed which included fresh fruit and vegetables.

Purpose of the Strategy

It is clear that there is rising interest in local food production and the strategy aims to increase the number of food growing areas across Moray by identifying land potentially suitable for allotments, and other food growing spaces including, community orchards, community gardens, vegetable patches, raised beds, planters and edible hedges.

Supporting our communities to develop the skills to grow their own food and make healthy lifestyle choices is also a key strand of the strategy that will be achieved by working together with our community planning partners and third sector organisations.

The strategy once adopted will become supplementary guidance to support the Moray Local Development Plan 2020. It will become a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

Benefits of Food Growing

Community food growing can provide a number of wide ranging and long lasting, benefits to communities and individuals. There are a number of cross cutting impacts related to health, environment, economy, society and education.



Engagement and Evidence Gathering

A working group with representation from Moray Council, NHS Grampian, Moray College UHI, REAP, Elgin Allotment Association, Greenfingers and Moray Food Plus has been set up to work in partnership to prepare the strategy.



Extensive engagement has been undertaken to develop the strategy. A facilitated workshop was held with key stakeholders. The workshop considered where we are now with food growing in Moray and where we want to be in the future.

Present	Future
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience/expertise in place • Good things happening on a small scale • Lots of ideas but these are all separate and a bit ungrounded. Action is disconnected. Lack of strategy • Lack of funding and support • Frustration at the lack of action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership with everyone working together going in the same direction • Food growing sites are being delivered and something tangible has been achieved • Engaging and involving more people in food growing • Resources are being targeted to deliver community food growing areas

The Food Growing Strategy offers the opportunity to link together the different organisations and stakeholders with an interest in food growing and provide a framework for a joined up approach to encourage an increase in food growing spaces across Moray.

A questionnaire was created and widely circulated to help identify barriers to food growing and the support needed to help food growing areas come forward. Over 320 responses were received with 50% of respondents stating they lacked the gardening knowledge to grow their own and 40% identified a need for training and skills. In addition to this over 50 comments relating to food growing were gathered.

Meetings were held with Community Council's in Lossiemouth and Speyside, locations where there are no food growing spaces currently, to allow them the opportunity to suggest potential sites based on their local knowledge. A call for ideas for food growing spaces was launched and over 150 potential sites across Moray were identified by the community. In addition to this as part of the Moray Local Development Plan 2020 Proposed Plan exhibitions held in Buckie, Elgin and Forres, attendees were given the opportunity to identify potential food growing sites.

A Moray Food Growing Event was held in May 2019 where community representatives used Ketso an engagement tool to support discussions around food growing. All the ideas, constraints, goals and solutions were written on leaves to build branches of a tree and map all comments. The ideas gathered during all the engagement have where possible been embedded within the strategy and have helped shaped the vision, key objectives and themes.





Vision

The main purpose of the strategy is to ensure there are more opportunities for people who would like to grow their own food to do so. A vision and key objectives for the strategy have been developed around local priorities and stakeholder engagement.

“Promote the benefits of a healthy lifestyle by increasing access to nutritious healthy food by creating opportunities for people to grow their own fruit and vegetables in towns and villages across Moray, reducing food insecurity, food waste.”

Key Objectives

A number of key objectives have been developed to help deliver the vision.

Support healthier lifestyles by providing food growing opportunities across Moray including allotments, community gardens and community orchards.

Improve access to healthy affordable local food and help communities make informed healthy eating choices by developing a pilot community food growing project.

Promote opportunities for community food growing spaces to contribute to biodiversity, green infrastructure and enhancement of the natural environment.

Support all schools and nurseries across Moray to have actively used food growing areas that are linked to the curriculum.

Promote skills development related to food growing and encourage people to reconnect with where our food comes from.

Encourage active participation in community food growing projects to support opportunities for social interaction and encourage communities to eat more fresh, healthy and sustainable food.

Raise awareness of the health and wellbeing and economic benefits for growing your own food.

Four themes have emerged that underpin the delivery of the vision and key objectives

- Health and Wellbeing
- Education, Training and Support
- Sustainability
- Delivery of Land

Health and Wellbeing

The Scottish Government's national strategy A Healthier Future and subsequently the More Active Scotland Strategy and the Type 2 Diabetes Framework makes recommendations to improve the nation's diet, increase levels of physical activity and facilitate the maintenance of healthy weight.

A healthier and more active future for the North East of Scotland (2019) affirms that local community food initiatives have an important role in the availability of local sustainable and affordable healthy food.

Community gardens provide opportunities for improved access to fresh food, nutrition and physical activity and in doing so provide the opportunity to shape health behaviours and reduce inequalities. Furthermore community gardens may promote health and wellbeing in other ways through increased social capital, improved mental health and educational and skills attainment. They also provide a central point for people to come together in a supportive environment, to interact and participate which helps promote feelings of community identity irrespective of age, ability or socioeconomic position. All of which are positively associated with health and wellbeing by promoting and supporting a healthy diet and regular exercise which have a wide range of benefits for both physical and mental health.

Evidence suggests that participating in community gardening is associated with the higher consumption of fruit and vegetables, this may be due to a number of factors including increased knowledge and a greater connection and ownership to the food

produced. Children in particular can gain lifelong practical skills and health knowledge; with evidence suggesting that consumption and taste preferences for fruit and vegetables increased following participation in school based gardening programmes.

Gardening activities can provide low-impact, moderate and aerobic exercise and is considered a sustainable form of exercise. Gardening can be an effective means of increasing physical activity, including those facing barriers to other forms of exercise. It focuses on skills and achievements, not limitations or diagnoses. Furthermore there is evidence to suggest that good physical health, establishing and maintaining social relations and living in stimulating environments helps reduce the risk of developing dementia. The Moray Council Dementia Strategy predicts a 50% increase in the incidence in dementia as the population ages and has identified dementia as a key priority in Moray, contributing to 11.2% of all years lived with disability, more than stroke, cardiovascular disorders or cancer.

Food growing spaces can provide recreational opportunities that encourage socialising, decrease isolation and lead to improved confidence and self-esteem. Similarly, loneliness is recognised as a significant impact on health and wellbeing. The Scottish Government's strategy for tackling social isolation and loneliness states that "the extent to which people interact is heavily determined by their lived environment"

Community gardens provide the opportunity to promote positive mental health benefits through a supportive social environment, where growers view the growing space as a place where they can relax and unwind from the stresses of other parts of their lives. The economic cost of mental health problems in Scotland is estimated at £10.7 billion. For Moray this equates to around £172 million. (Good Mental Health for All in Moray).

Social prescribing by General Practitioners (GP's) and healthcare professionals can connect people to non-medical sources of support and resources in the community. For example it might be appropriate to prescribe gardening-related activities to improve the health and wellbeing of an individual. Gardening can be a cost effective health intervention to help address some of the key issues facing Moray, e.g. increasing mental ill health, increasing dementia, obesity, lack of physical activity, social isolation and self-management of chronic conditions. For some, the skills and self-confidence learned have the potential to lead to employment or self-employment.

A Greenspace and Health Strategic Framework for Edinburgh & Lothians has recently been published. The strategy aims to fully realise the potential of the NHS Outdoor Estate and community greenspaces as a community health asset benefiting patients, visitors, staff and communities. It covers a range of Green Health activities, including community and therapeutic gardening, health walks, green prescriptions, Branching Out and Green Gyms, as well as greening the NHS outdoor estate and encouraging access to greenspace close to where people live. It is clear the NHS estate has a role to play in providing food growing spaces in Moray and there is already a therapeutic garden at Maryhill Health Centre in Elgin.

Maryhill Health Centre - Therapeutic Garden Case Study (REAP Grow Elgin Climate Challenge funded project)

Setting up a community garden with a therapeutic focus was seen as a great way of engaging with the GP Practice's community, patients and staff. The area chosen was also once the kitchen garden for Maryhill House creating a nice link for the new garden.





Work began to set up beds and a donated shed in 2017, the garden is now thriving, growing a variety of vegetables and fruit. To date referrals have been made by health workers, GP's various organisations like the Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH), CLAN Moray that supports people affected by cancer, Move More Moray and others.

The garden at Maryhill has worked with 17 individuals who have reported a variety of benefits to mental and physical health since participating. 4 volunteers have joined REAP, some of whom were originally participants.

The garden comprises a total of 120m² of growing space which grew 160kgs of produce last year. This was distributed to participants and used at communal events such as a harvest day and cooking courses. The GP practice also collects food waste in the staff room (over 70 staff) which is composted on site and used in the garden.

The quest for a partner with skills and training in mental health support continues as this would help secure the future of the garden which has funding to March 2020.

In addition to growing spaces in health centres, community growing spaces in hospital grounds can prove useful spaces for occupational therapists and other medical specialists when working with their patients. The following actions have been identified to support health and wellbeing through food growing.

- **Secure a partner organisation to take forward Maryhill Health Centre therapeutic garden.**

- **Investigate the possibility of replicating the therapeutic gardening project at Elgin Health Centre across other health care facilities in Moray, especially when planning new build health centres (e.g. Keith)**

Education, Training and Support

Food growing spaces can also provide opportunities for people to enhance their skills, self-confidence and improve their employment opportunities. People involved in community growing can benefit from a therapeutic learning environment through which they gain insights into themselves as well as transferable life skills.

Greenfingers Training Project based in Elgin supports people that have various barriers to further education, training and employment. This can include people with learning disabilities, on the autistic spectrum and/or in the recovery of a mental health challenge. The therapeutic benefits of horticulture, local woodlands and greenspaces are used to promote general wellbeing whilst recognising individual skills, talents and supporting people to identify and plan their own areas of development and future progression.

Food growing is being embedded into the Greenfingers training plan with proposals to develop two small sites for food growing training purposes. This will be in the style of raised beds and allotment style gardening and involve working jointly with Moray Resource Centre and users of the garden. This will ensure that people moving on from Greenfingers have the knowledge and skills to grow their own produce within different growing environments and can continue to build upon the established social and community links as trainees progress.

Moray College UHI is actively exploring options for the creation of grow your own and community grower's courses to support skills development.

Educational Food Growing

Food growing programmes in schools can have positive impacts on pupil nutrition and attitudes towards healthy eating. Supporting our young people to develop the skills to grow their own food and make healthy lifestyle choices is a key strand of the strategy.

During preparation of the strategy an audit of food growing spaces in all primary and secondary schools was undertaken. The purpose of the audit was to establish if schools were growing food, if the growing was related to the curriculum and if there was any external support to deliver projects.

85% of schools participated in the audit and findings showed that 75% of the schools that responded have some kind of food growing space. It was also established that growing is not always formally linked to the curriculum and a number of the schools are being supported by parent helpers, former pupils, grants and support from external bodies like REAP. A separate educational food growing map has been prepared and is set out in Appendix 1

The key constraints identified by the schools to progressing or expanding food growing were identified as a lack of expertise and pupil teacher ratios. It is clear that schools require ongoing support for food growing and linking it to the curriculum.

The following case study gives an overview of a secondary school food growing project.

Elgin Academy School Garden Case Study

(REAP Grow Elgin Project. Climate Challenge funded project)

The school had set aside a large area in their new build site and REAP were able to help them set up this area for growing food. Currently there is 150m² of growing space in 8 large raised beds. Starting from interest from one or two keen teachers, the project has grown as more saw the potential for working with their pupils. REAP helped the school set up their own composting bin which takes food waste collected from caddies in classrooms and the staff room. All this has helped the school achieve their Eco Green Flag

Further funding from Food For Thought /Education Scotland provided an outdoor kitchen, plus teacher training from REAP to develop staff skills, confidence and educational tools for use with the pupils across the curriculum. The school also help REAP with carbon saving targets, recording produce grown and food waste diverted from landfill.

The gardens currently produce a range of vegetables and fruit in the orchard area which is used in Home Economics lessons. It is used with the S2 classes each year to introduce pupils to the Farm to Fork topic and regularly with pupils in the support department. S1, S3 and senior pupils also use the gardens if time allows and pupils from the nearby Bishopmill Primary School also use it. Pupils have made mint ice cream, pea and mint soup and potato wedges and berries, carrots and onions are also harvested.



The following actions have been identified to support education, training and development of further food growing projects.

- **Investigate opportunities for funding to develop a food growing toolkit to support Moray Schools to embed food growing into the curriculum.**
- **P6 and above classes are given the opportunity to interact with and learn about career opportunities and skills associated with horticulture.**
- **Further develop the relationship between Moray Schools and Moray UHI Horticulture department to support and sustain food growing and link to STEM week.**
- **Explore opportunities for community growers/grow your own evening courses at Moray College UHI.**
- **Investigate opportunities and funding to support schools food growing as part of Active Schools.**
- **Greenfingers to develop a training program and two food growing training sites for trainees at Cooper Park and Moray Resource Centre.**

Environment

Community growing spaces can improve biodiversity and, when linked with other greenspaces, create important green corridors for wildlife. There can be many biodiversity benefits including creating food growing areas that continue to be a place where pollinators thrive. Community food growing spaces can also make positive contributions to sustainable drainage through permeable surfaces and the harvesting of rainwater.

Community food growing spaces can contribute to mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change through carbon reduction and sustainable design. Other sustainability benefits include reducing food miles and carbon emissions. Locally grown food helps reduce food waste through composting and reduced food packaging and contributes to achieving the Scottish Government's zero waste ambitions.

The following action is identified to promote food growing spaces that contribute to placemaking, sustainability and biodiversity enhancement.

- **Prepare greenspaces guidance as part of wider design guidance that demonstrates how food growing can be integrated into green and blue networks and support biodiversity enhancement.**
- **Promote edible species in all new developments of over 10 houses.**

Social

Community growing and the development of green spaces are beneficial to tackling social exclusion. A garden share can foster a sense of community among the residents of a neighbourhood, and the presence of shared activity in well-maintained green spaces can offer opportunities for inclusion and connectedness, in turn increasing perceptions of safety and reducing anti-social behaviour.

Moray College UHI/Anderson Care Home and VIP Childcare Case Study

There is a long standing partnership between Andersons Care Home and Moray College. Over the years horticultural students have been involved in developing their ornamental and allotment gardens. VIP Childcare wanted somewhere to grow vegetables with their nursery children and Moray College UHI introduced them to Andersons and their intergenerational relationship began.

Andersons funded the materials and Moray College horticultural students built new raised beds including a bed for the nursery children, a higher raised bed suitable for the residents to use and a further 9 raised beds for horticulture students to learn how to grow fruit and vegetables in a home and allotment setting.

The fruit and vegetables that are grown from this partnership are harvested and used in the care home's kitchen and also sold to staff and residents families from Anderson's 'Wee Shoppe'. The funds raised go to providing seeds and equipment to the residents gardening club.



A sense of community is encouraged when people participate in food growing activities. Access to community growing spaces can help to encourage more vulnerable people to get involved in local food-growing, and many growing spaces can evidence a reduction in isolation and loneliness for those taking part, Community growing spaces can also offer volunteering opportunities and become the venue for social events.

Burghead Station Community Garden Case Study

Burghead Station Community Garden was set up to give people a social space in nice surroundings, and is open to everyone from all walks of life. The garden has a newly constructed polytunnel, community orchard and vegetable plots and is run by a small group of dedicated people with a lot of support from volunteers in the community.

The garden is well used by the local primary school as well as church groups, brownies and a pre-school group. There are various events held throughout the year to help with the upkeep of the garden including gig in the garden, bonfire night with fireworks and coffee mornings.

Tesco has supported the garden through its community sponsorship scheme and local businesses have also given generously. The community garden is always looking for new enthusiastic people to get involved.



Community gardens and allotments can make a contribution to a range of social issues. Opportunities also exist to promote and support the establishment of community-run businesses based on growing activities, which generate funds to provide an income.

As well as the possibility of generating income, there is great potential for community gardens to address social needs. Community gardens are able to address a wide range of issues from social inclusion to employability, and offer ideal opportunities for social entrepreneurship.

There are a number of ways that community food growing projects can be supported by working in partnership. There are gardeners across Moray with plant growing knowledge and experience to share. The following actions have been identified to support existing and future food growing projects by bringing together interested groups, support and resources.

- **Promote intergenerational food growing and community garden projects to inspire other communities.**
- **Work in partnership with third sector partners to promote volunteering, community harvesting and sharing, community composting, equipment sharing and skills sharing.**
- **Investigate the opportunity to work in partnership with the Criminal Justice team to help deliver food growing projects across Moray.**

Delivery of Land

In order to meet increased demand for locally grown food there needs to be access to land. It is clear however that communities need support in identifying spaces to grow and how to take these forward. A lack of understanding of the planning system and Council processes has been identified as a key barrier preventing communities from taking sites forward. The following action seeks to address this.

- **Create a web resource providing advice and signposting support for communities seeking to take forward food growing spaces**

Moray Council Allotment Provision and Demand

Moray Council currently does not own or manage any allotments. The Council does however lease land at Bogton in Forres for a Community Garden and land in Cullen for allotments on behalf of a Trust.

At the time of writing there are 10 people on the Council's waiting list for an allotment and 8 of them live in Elgin. The Council has been working closely with Elgin Allotment Association and has secured planning permission for a 22 plot allotment on Council land at Pinefield Playing Fields. Work is now ongoing to agree terms for leasing the land to the allotment association, taking account of the recently published statutory guidance.

Moray Local Development Plan

The Moray Local Development Plan 2015 requires the provision of allotments on all large scale housing developments over 200 houses. To support the delivery of food

growing on smaller sites Council will produce a guidance setting out ways to incorporate food growing spaces and edible landscaping into new developments.

“Herbs in the High Street” is a great example of how food growing can be embedded into the public realm in High Streets and town squares across Moray.

Herbs in Elgin High Street Case Study

(REAP Climate Challenge Funded Grow Elgin project)

In a joint initiative with Elgin BID and Moray Council Lands and Parks, REAP have agreed to look after, water and tend 10 of the planters in the High street. All these planters contain edible herbs, flowers and vegetables, free for everyone to take/ eat/ use. This is inspired by the Incredible Edible Todmorden project.

The planters have a QR code and some info on them, which links to the REAP website to explain what the herbs are and how to use them for teas etc. REAP check for any poisonous weeds and separate edibles from other ornamentals as some of these are poisonous (e.g. daffodils, lupins)

The parklets (cycle parking/ seating by the Dandy Lion sculpture) planters were added to the area tended by REAP, again in partnership with Moray Council. This year ‘traffic lights’ lollipop stick indicators – red for ‘not ready to take yet’, amber for ‘ready soon’ and green for ‘go – pick some now’ were added.

There are volunteers who help maintain the planters, but a more regular group would need to be set up for tending this that also had knowledge of what is safe to grow in edible beds.

REAP get lots of good feedback:

‘I often come and take some chives and herbs for my lunchtime sandwich’

‘I’ve let all my friends know about this’

‘What a great idea – and it looks lovely, too’



Existing Food Growing Areas

There are a number of established food growing areas across Moray and these are set out in mapping in Appendix 2

Everyone has the right to good quality and nutritious food. REAP has previously undertaken projects in areas of socio-economic disadvantage in Moray to support communities to grow their own and increase access to healthy fresh local food.

As part of the strategy it is proposed to develop a pilot project to create a community food growing area working in partnership with stakeholders and organisations involved in the New Elgin East and Buckie Central East. Locality Plans. These areas are identified as being the most deprived in Moray. This work will also help inform the content of the web resources being prepared, setting out advice and support for communities looking to take forward food growing spaces.

Den Crescent, Keith Case Study

(Diggin' in Den Crescent' funded through the People's Health Trust)

REAP has worked with local communities to set up some raised beds in local spaces for people to grow and harvest their own food.

Three 1m² raised beds were set up alongside a series of community events and projects with families in the area, including picnics, local walks, painting a mural, litter picks etc. Building on links developed through the project, REAP asked local parents if they would like to have a small raised bed in a communal space to grow their own. Two families took up the offer and REAP put up the beds with the help of local children and parents. The families now grow strawberries, herbs and vegetables in the beds.



South Lesmurdie, Elgin Case Study

(REAP Grow Elgin Climate Challenge funded project)

In South Lesmurdie, REAP has carried out leaflet campaigns and worked with the Moray Council Lands and Parks and Housing department to identify areas for community growing. Three 2mx1m raised beds were set up with a small number of residents in 2018.

There has been a slight reluctance/reticence on the part of the community to take the produce grown as people don't think it's theirs to take! However, the beds are there and REAP will continue to provide help while funding lasts.



The following actions have been identified to support delivery of food growing spaces on designated sites in the Moray Local Development Plan and develop a pilot food growing project.

- **Deliver allotment sites and food growing areas in large land releases through masterplans, development briefs and planning applications.**
- **Develop a pilot food growing project with partners linked to the Locality Plans for New Elgin East and Buckie Central East.**

New Food Growing Areas

As part of the early engagement to inform the preparation of the strategy over 150 sites were identified across Moray. These sites were subject to technical consultation, audit and scored to assess suitability for food growing.

It is important that the strategy identifies a variety of food growing spaces across Moray's towns and villages. The strategy has sought to identify sites that are accessible to all people. Accessibility and socio-economic disadvantage mapping have been used to identify sites in an effort to establish a network of varied food growing spaces across Moray.

It is important to highlight that the current financial situation means the Council is unable to invest in the delivery of allotments or other food growing spaces. Instead the Council will seek to facilitate and support community groups in other ways such as obtaining planning permission for identified allotment sites, signposting resources and sharing best practise.

The mapping for towns and villages across Moray is set out in Appendix 3 which identifies potential allotment and food growing spaces. Maps have been produced for all towns and villages where there are existing and potential food growing areas.

The maps are colour coded to show the walkability of sites as it is essential that these areas can be easily accessed on foot.

Green areas show a walking distance of 0m to 400m
 Amber areas show a walking distance of 401m to 800m
 Red areas show a walking distance of 801m to 1200m

Action Plan

Key actions have been developed to support the delivery of the key objectives and actions identified within the strategy.

Action	Partners	Progress	Timescales
Secure a partner organisation to take forward Maryhill Health Centre therapeutic garden	NHS Grampian/REAP	tbc	March 2020
Investigate the possibility of replicating the therapeutic gardening project at Elgin Health Centre across other health care facilities in Moray	NHS Grampian/ Moray Council	Potential site at Aberlour Medical Practice and opportunities arising from new build health centres (e.g. Keith).	2020 - 2025
Investigate opportunities for funding to develop a food growing toolkit to support Moray Schools to embed food growing into the curriculum.	Moray Council/ NHS Grampian	Ongoing. Draft proposals developed. Identifying potential funding partners	2020
Further develop the relationship between Moray Schools and Moray UHI Horticulture department to support and sustain food growing. Link to STEM	Moray College UHI/Moray Council	Initial discussions held. Draft proposals to be developed.	STEM engagement March 2020

week, learn about career opportunities and skills associated with horticulture.			
Explore opportunities for community growers/grow your own evening courses at Moray College UHI	Moray College UHI/Moray Council	Initial discussion held. Proposal to be developed	2020/2021
Investigate opportunities and funding to support schools food growing as part of Active Schools	Moray Council	tbc	tbc
Greenfingers to develop a training program and two food growing training sites for trainees at Cooper Park and linking with Moray Resource Centre	Greenfingers	tbc	tbc
Prepare greenspaces guidance as part of wider design guidance that demonstrates how food growing can be integrated into green and blue networks and support biodiversity enhancement	Moray Council	Guidance will be prepared to support the Moray Local Development Plan 2020, anticipated for adoption in summer 2020.	June 2020
Promote edible species in all new developments of over 10 houses	Moray Council	Link to guidance being prepared	June 2020
Develop a pilot food growing project with partners linked to the Locality Plans for New Elgin East and Buckie Central East	Moray Council/NHS Grampian/TSI/REAP and partner organisations.	Initial meeting held, site identified in New Elgin and working group set up to explore delivery.	2020/2021
Work in partnership with third sector partners to promote, volunteering, community harvesting and sharing, community composting, equipment sharing and skills sharing	Moray Council, REAP/TSI	Ongoing actively being explored as part of proposed New Elgin East LOIP pilot.	2020/2021
Investigate the	Moray Council	Initial	2020

opportunity to work in partnership with the Criminal Justice team to help deliver food growing projects across Moray		discussions held.	
Prepare online tool providing advice and signposting support for communities seeking to take forward food growing spaces	Moray Council	To be prepared to support strategy which must be in place by 1 April 2020.	1 April 2020
Deliver allotment sites and food growing areas in large land releases through masterplans, development briefs and planning applications	Moray Council	Delivery of food growing sites through Findrassie and Elgin South developments and forthcoming masterplans for the south west expansion of Buckie and Lochyhill in Forbes	2020-2025

Review and Monitoring the Strategy

The strategy will be reviewed and updated every five years. Annual monitoring will be undertaken as part of the Moray Local Development Plan and will provide an update on progress in implementing identified actions. The key measure of success will be an increase in the number of community food growing spaces across Moray. The food growing steering group will continue and meet twice per year to oversee delivery of the identified actions and outcomes.

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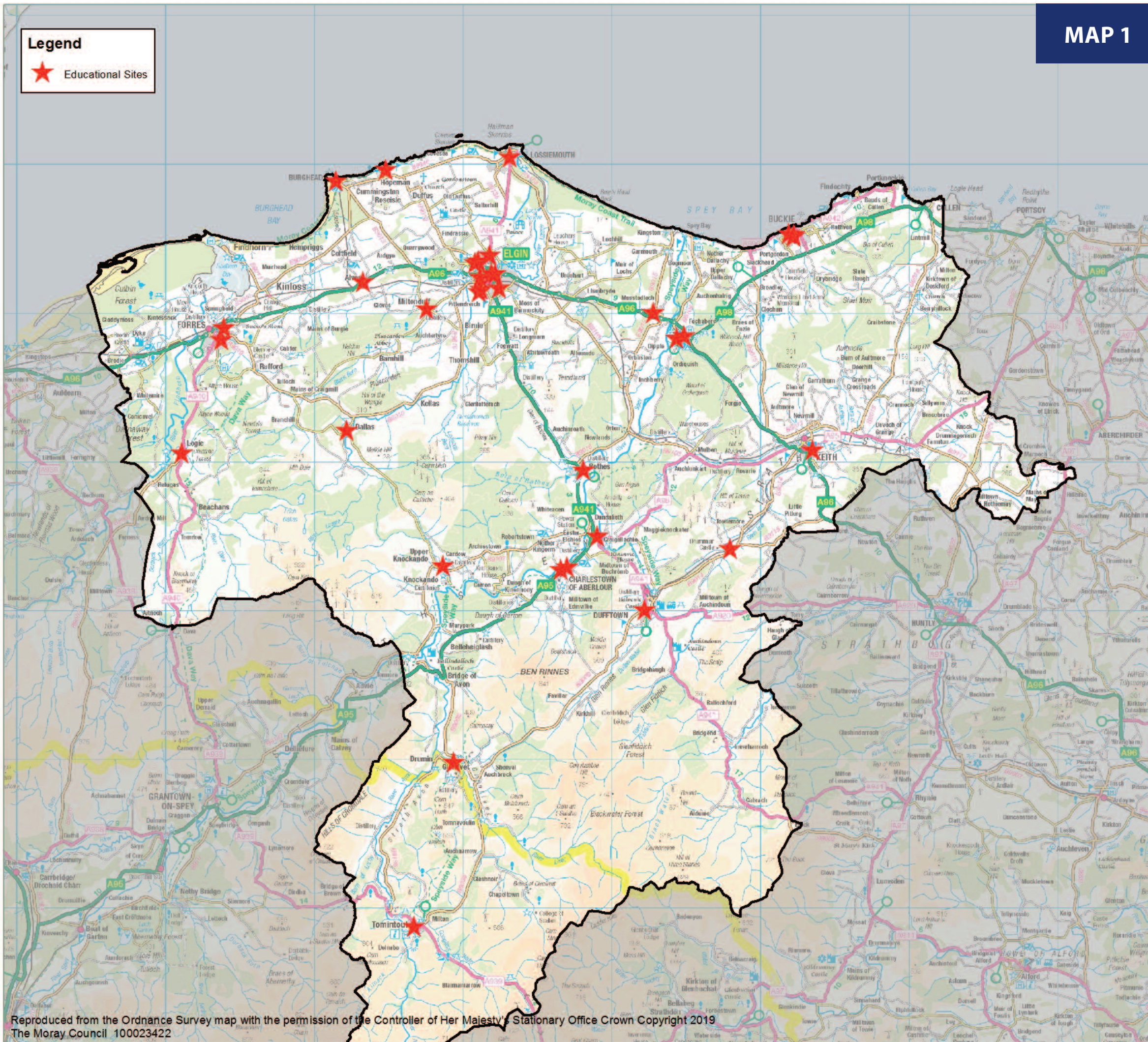
Educational Sites

MAP 1

EDUCATIONAL FOOD GROWING IN MORAY 2019

School

Aberlour Primary School
 Speyside High School
 Alves Primary School
 Burghead Primary School
 Cluny Primary School
 St Peter's RC Primary School
 Buckie High School
 Craigellachie Primary School
 Dallas Primary School
 Mortlach Primary School
 Botriphnie Primary School
 Bishopmill Primary School
 East End Primary School
 Greenwards Primary School
 New Elgin Primary School
 Seafield Primary School
 St Sylvester's RC Primary School
 West End Primary School
 Elgin Academy
 Elgin High School
 Milne's Primary School
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 Andersons Primary School
 Forres Academy
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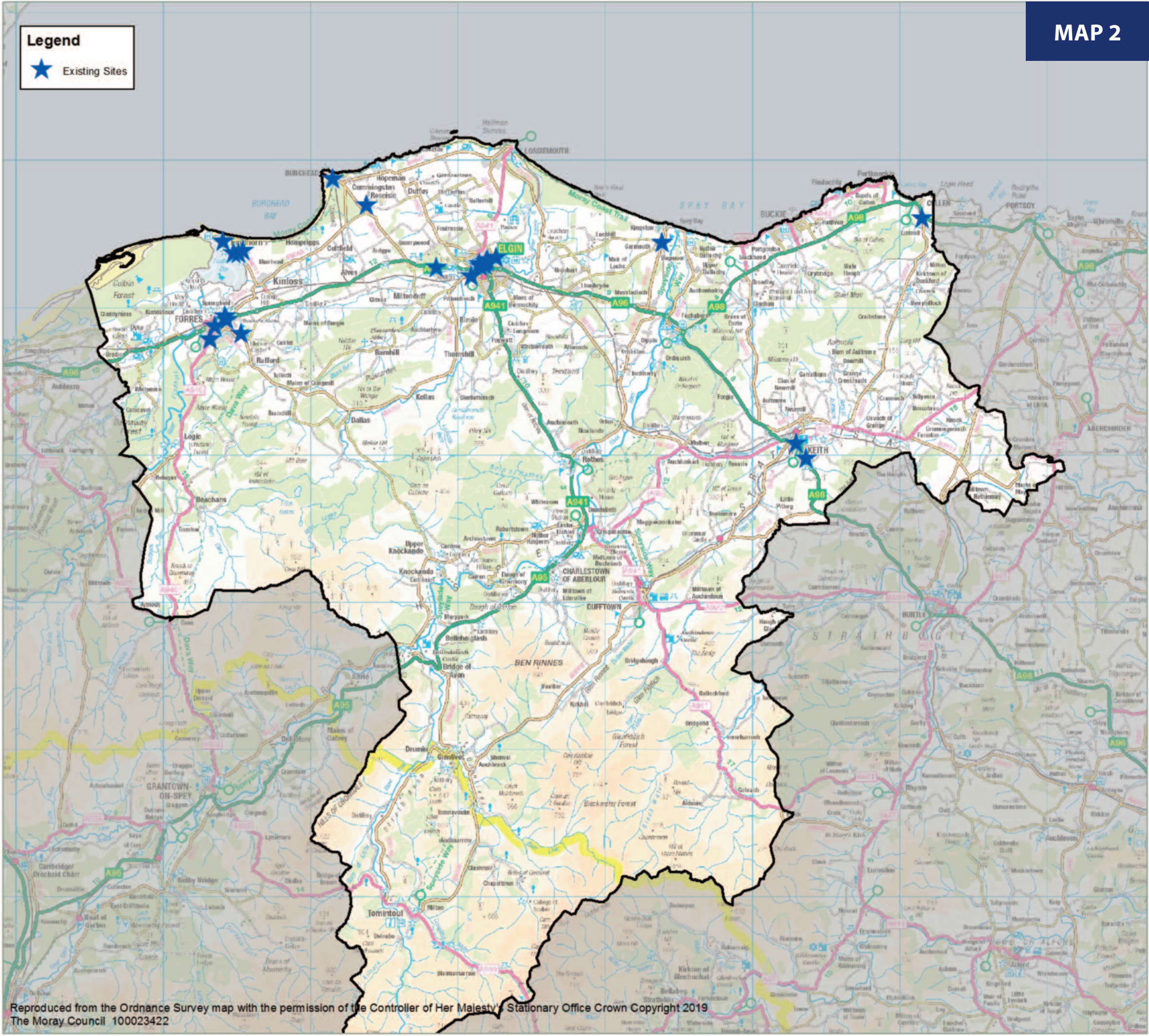
Existing Sites

MAP 2

EXISTING ALLOTMENTS & FOOD GROWING SPACES

MORAY 2019

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Burghead Community Garden	Community Garden
Cullen Community Allotments	Allotment
Elgin Cooper Park Crops (REAP)	Raised beds
Elgin Cooper Park Orchard (REAP)	Community Orchard
Elgin Kilmolymock Close Gardenshare	Raised beds
Elgin Wards Road Gardenshare	Community Garden
Elgin Holy Trinity Church Gardenshare	Community Garden
Elgin Herbs On The High Street	Planters
Elgin Calcots Court	Raised Beds
Elgin Oakwood	Raised Beds
Findhorn Cullerne Gardens	Community Garden
Findhorn Eco-Village	Edible Landscape
Findhorn Soillse Gardenshare	Community Garden
Findhorn Allotment	Allotment
Forres Community Garden (Transition Town)	Community Garden
Forres Newbold House Community Garden	Community Garden
Forres Community Orchard	Community Orchard
Forres Castlehill Church Garden	Raised Beds and planters
Forres Wee FIBbees	Community Garden
Garmouth Community Garden	Community Garden
Keith Allotments	Allotment
Keith Den Crescent	Raised beds
Roseisle Gardens	Community Garden



Legend

- ★ Existing Sites
- ★ Proposed Sites

MAP 3

EXISTING & POTENTIAL FOOD GROWING SITES

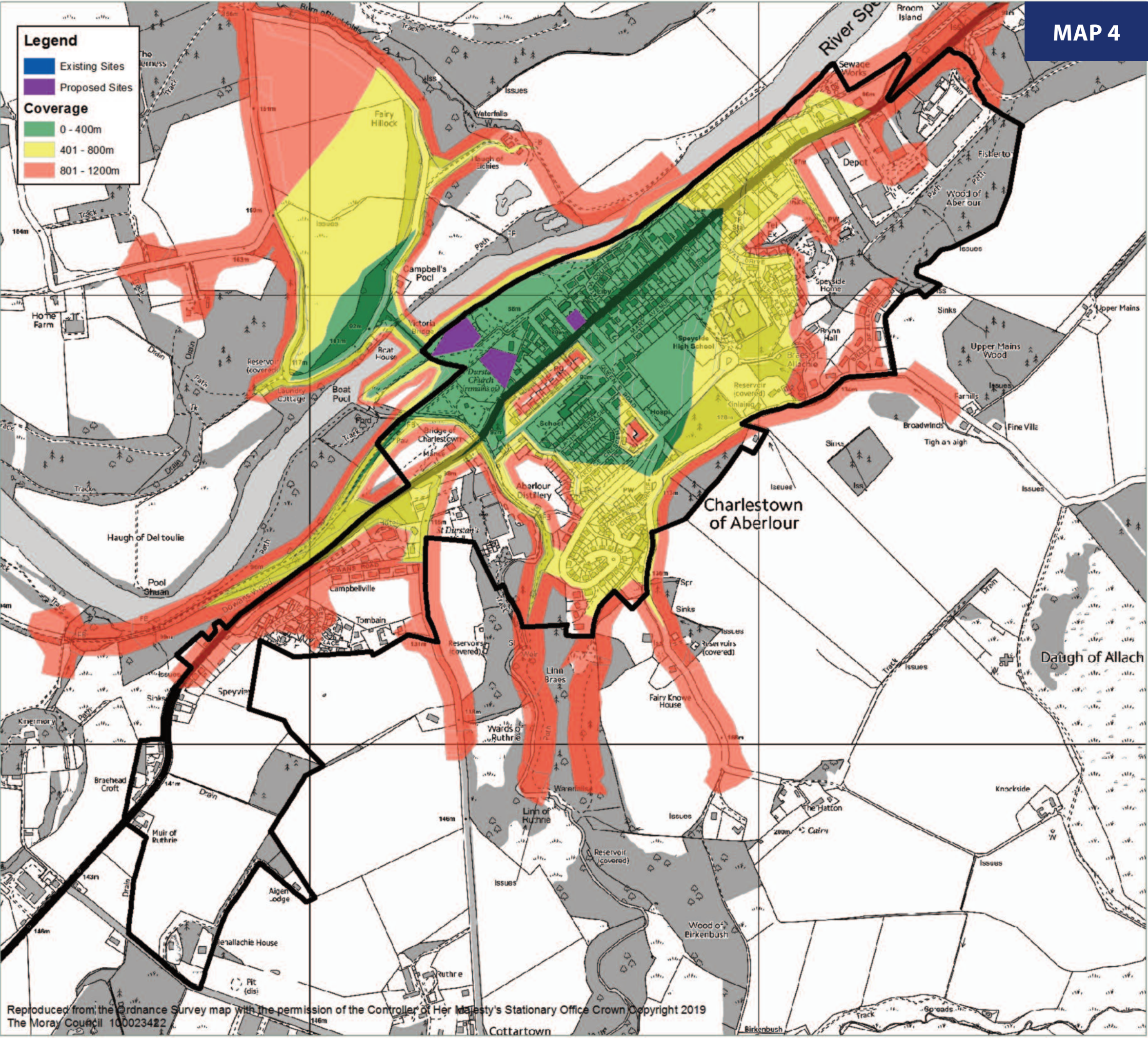
EXISTING LOCATION

- Burghhead Community Garden
- Cullen Community Allotments
- Elgin Cooper Park Crops (REAP)
- Elgin Cooper Park Orchard (REAP)
- Elgin Kilmolymock Close Gardenshare
- Elgin Wards Road Gardenshare
- Elgin Holy Trinity Church Gardenshare
- Elgin Herbs On The High Street
- Elgin Calcots Court
- Elgin Oakwood
- Findhorn Cullerne Gardens
- Findhorn Eco-Village
- Findhorn Soillse Gardenshare
- Findhorn Allotment
- Forres Community Garden (Transition Town)
- Forres Newbold House Community Garden
- Forres Community Orchard
- Forres Castlehill Church Garden
- Forres Wee FIBbees
- Garmouth Community Garden
- Keith Allotments
- Keith Den Crescent
- Roseisle Gardens

PROPOSED LOCATION

- Aberlour Cemetery Extension Site
- Aberlour The Square
- Aberlour Alice Littler Park (West)
- Archiestown Playing Fields
- Archiestown The Square
- Buckie Buckpool Harbour Park
- Buckie Burn Of Buckie
- Buckie Burnside Court
- Buckie Gollachy Street
- Buckie Highfield Road
- Buckie Ian Johnstone Park
- Buckie Linzee Gordon Park
- Buckie Merson Park
- Buckie Rose Garden
- Buckie Tesco
- Buckie Well Road
- Buckie Portessie Primary School
- Cullen Bayview Road
- Cullen Playing Fields
- Craigellachie Highlander Park
- Dufftown Hill Street Park
- Dufftown The Square
- Dufftown Tiniver Park
- Elgin Pinefield Playing Fields
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- Elgin Doocot Park
- Elgin Glen Farway Avenue
- Elgin Glen Moray Drive
- Elgin Ladyhill Front
- Elgin MacKenzie Place

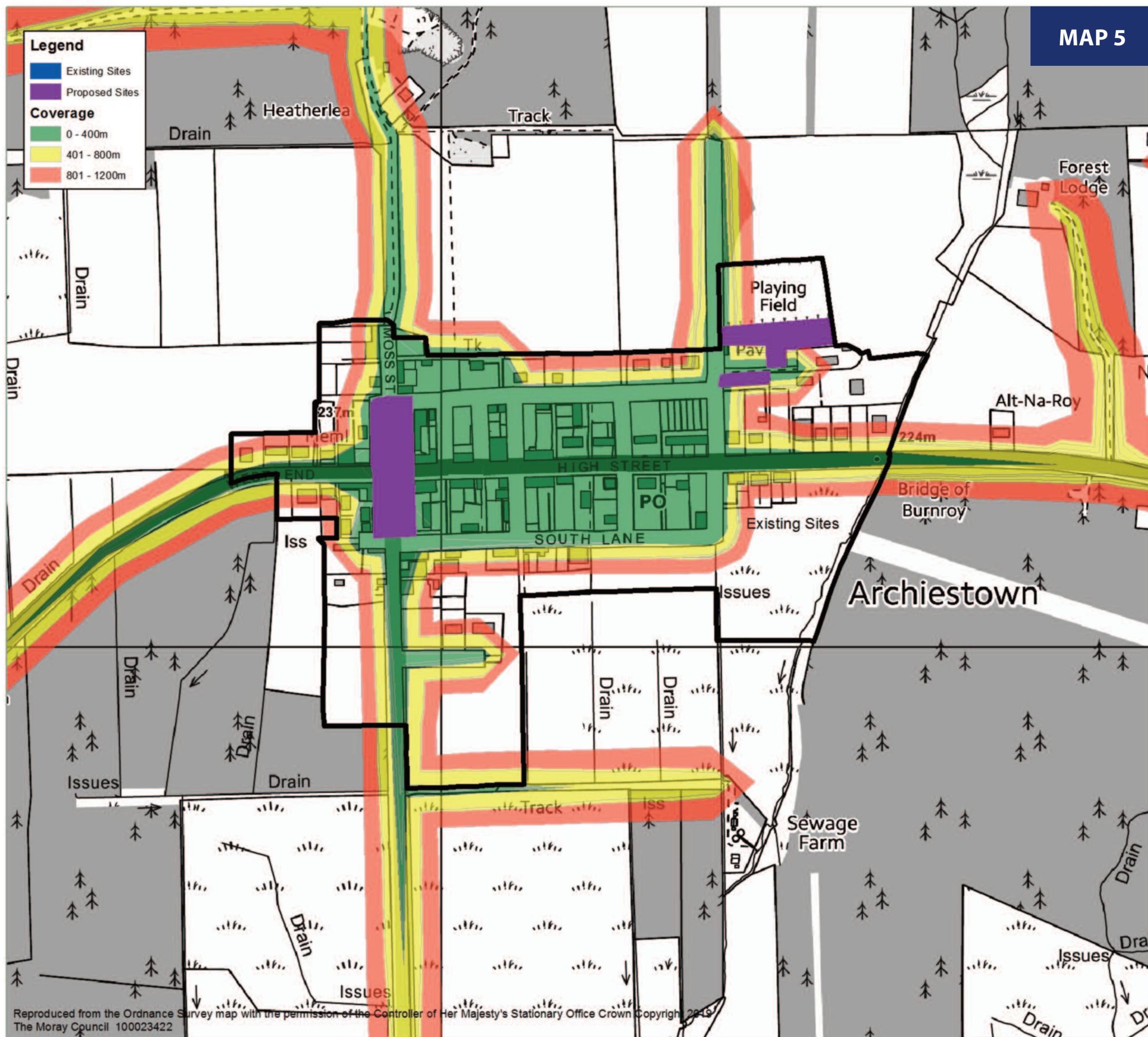
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- Elgin Beech Brae
- Elgin Moray Sports Centre
- Elgin South Lesmurdie
- Fochabers Site by Tennis Court
- Fochabers Castle Gordon Court
- Fochabers Main Square
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- Forres Adjacent to 134 Forbeshill
- Forres Applegrove Gardens
- Forres Bogton Park
- Forres Caroline Street
- Forres Drumduan Road
- Forres Grant Park
- Forres High Street
- Forres Mannachie Brae
- Forres Mannachie Park
- Forres Pilmuir (Twinning Link)
- Forres Pilmuir Road West
- Forres Roysvale Park
- Forres South of 8 Califer Road
- Forres Thomson Memorial (Castlehill)
- Hopeman Cameron Park
- Hopeman Mid Street
- Keith Reidhaven Square
- Keith Seafeld Park
- Keith Dunnyduff Road
- Keith Nelson Terrace
- Lhanbryde Blackshaw Court
- Lhanbryde Community Centre
- Lossiemouth Coulardbank Road
- Lossiemouth Coulardhill Terrace
- Lossiemouth Coulardbank Terrace / Covesea Terrace
- Lossiemouth Esplanade
- Lossiemouth James Square
- Lossiemouth Marine Park
- Lossiemouth Market Cross
- Lossiemouth Moray Street
- Lossiemouth Scout Hut
- Lossiemouth Site near Cromarty Place
- Lossiemouth St Margarets Crescent
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- Tomintoul.The Square

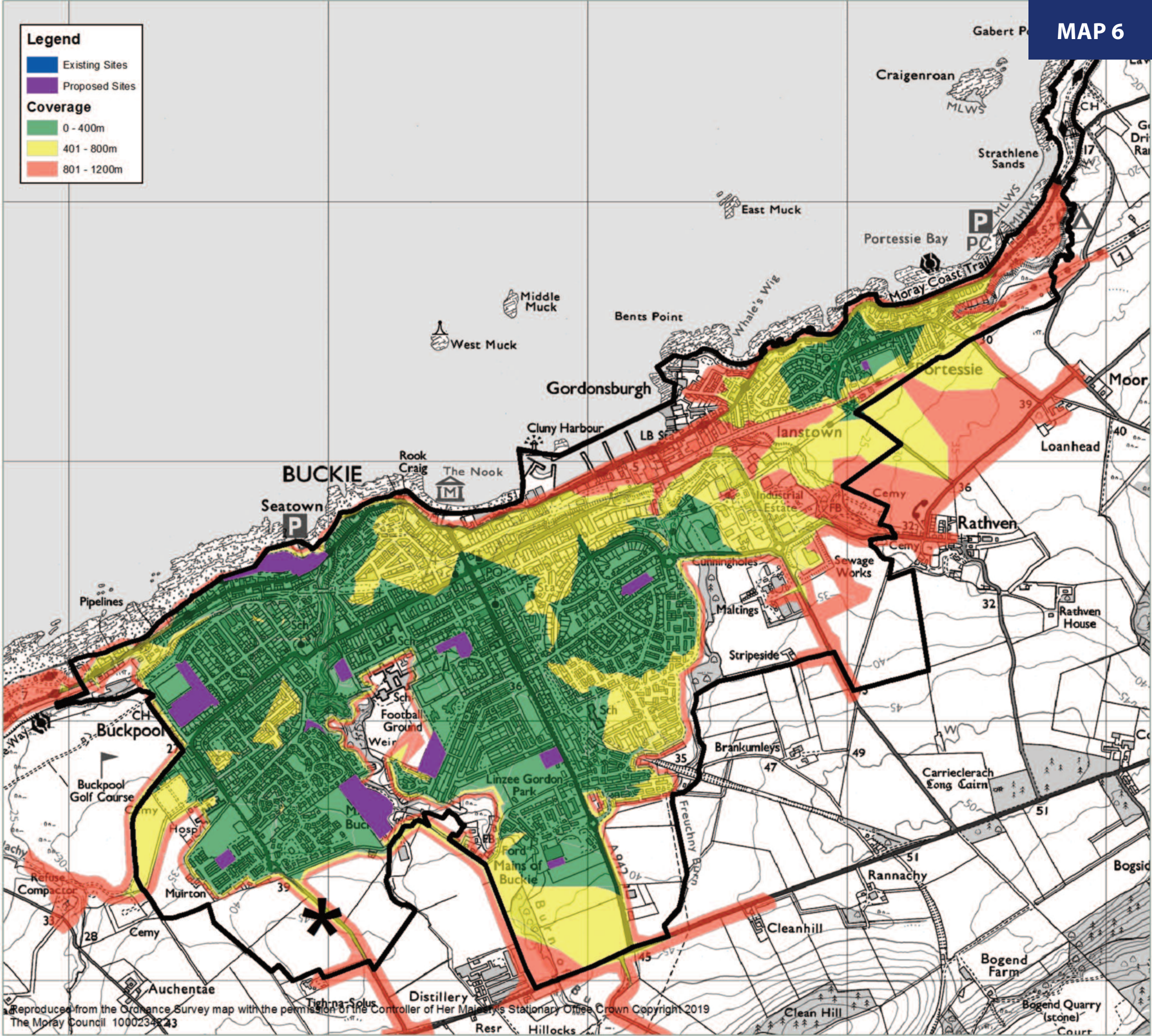


MAP 4

ABERLOUR POTENTIAL FOOD GROWING SITES


LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Aberlour Cemetery Extension Site	Allotment
Aberlour The Square	Edible verges / hedgerows; raised beds
Aberlour Alice Littler Park (West)	Multi use – community orchard; community garden; veg patch; raised beds

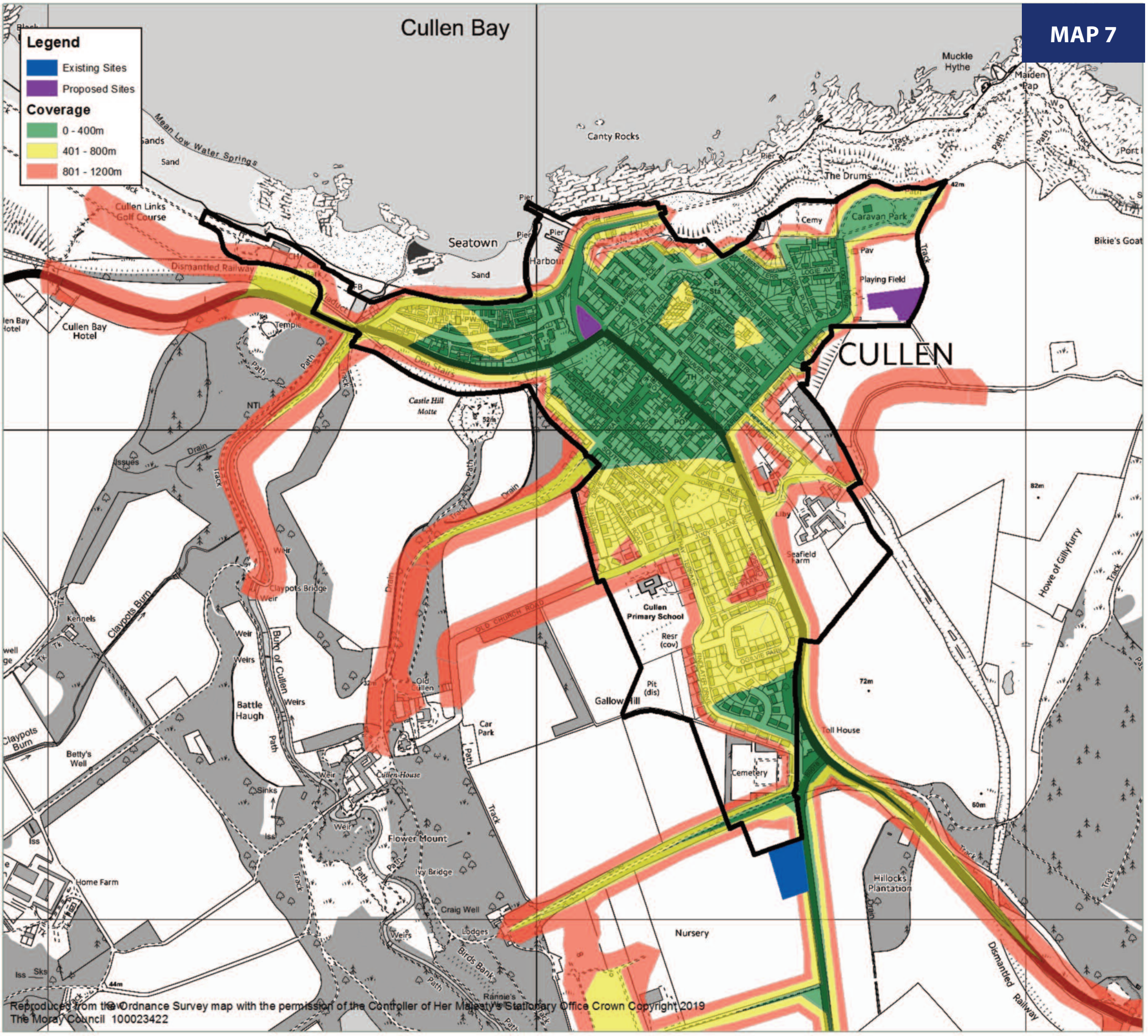




**BUCKIE
POTENTIAL FOOD
GROWING SITES**

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Buckie Buckpool Harbour Park	Raised beds/herbs only
Buckie Burn Of Buckie	Community Garden/orchard/raised beds
Buckie Burnside Court	Raised beds/herbs
Buckie Gollachy Street	Raised beds/herbs
Buckie Highfield Road	Allotments/multi use. If unsuitable smaller food growing types would also be appropriate
Buckie Ian Johnstone Park	Orchard/raised beds/veg patch
Buckie Linzee Gordon Park	Raised beds/herb garden/veg patch
Buckie Merson Park	Allotments/multi use. If unsuitable smaller food growing types would also be appropriate
Buckie Rose Garden	Community garden/orchard/raised beds
Buckie Tesco	Community orchard
Buckie Well Road	Raised beds/herbs
Buckie Portessie Primary School	Raised beds/community orchard

 Delivery of food growing spaces as part of South West expansion of Buckie



Legend

Existing Sites

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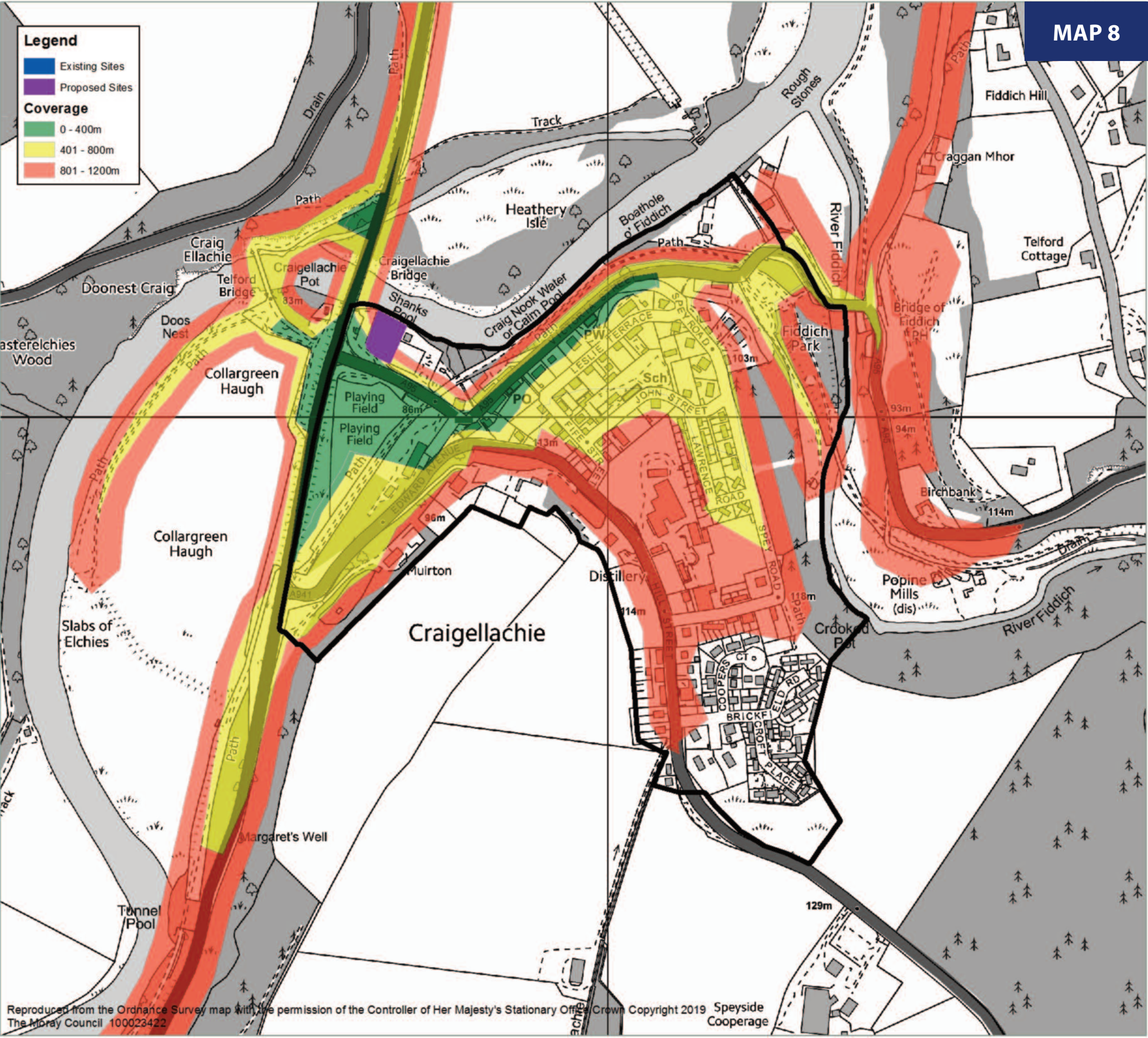
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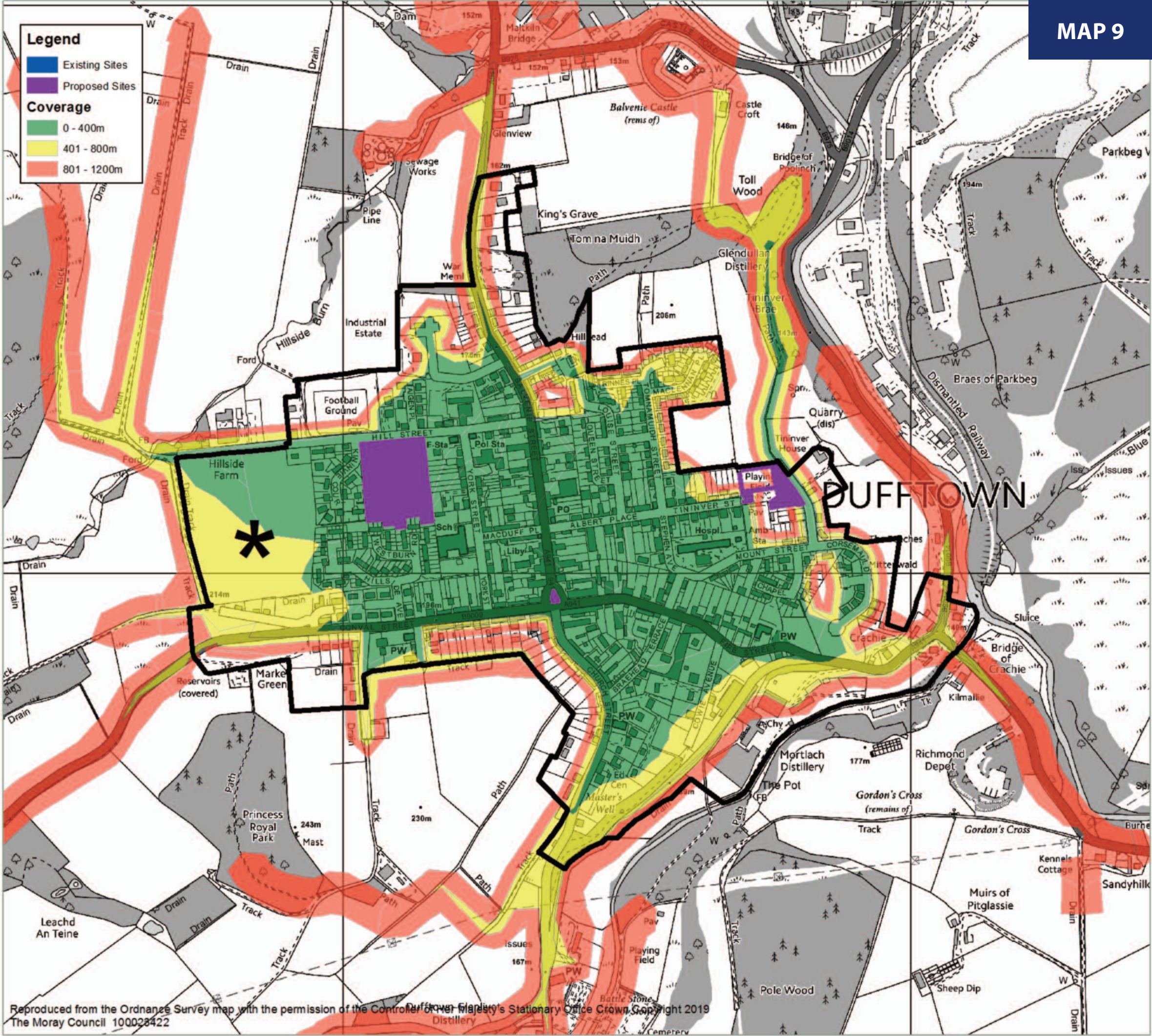
CULLEN
POTENTIAL FOOD
GROWING SITES

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Cullen Bayview Road	Raised beds or smaller food growing types
Cullen Playing Fields	Raised beds or smaller food growing types



CRAIGELLACHIE POTENTIAL FOOD GROWING SITES

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Craigellachie Highland Park	Multi use - community orchard; community garden; veg patch; raised beds. No buildings



DUFFTOWN POTENTIAL FOOD GROWING SITES

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Dufftown Hill Street Park	Multi use - community orchard; community garden; veg patch; raised beds
Dufftown The Square	Raised beds
Dufftown Tininver Park	Raised beds; veg patch

* Food growing spaces to be delivered as part of development of Hillside Farm

ELGIN
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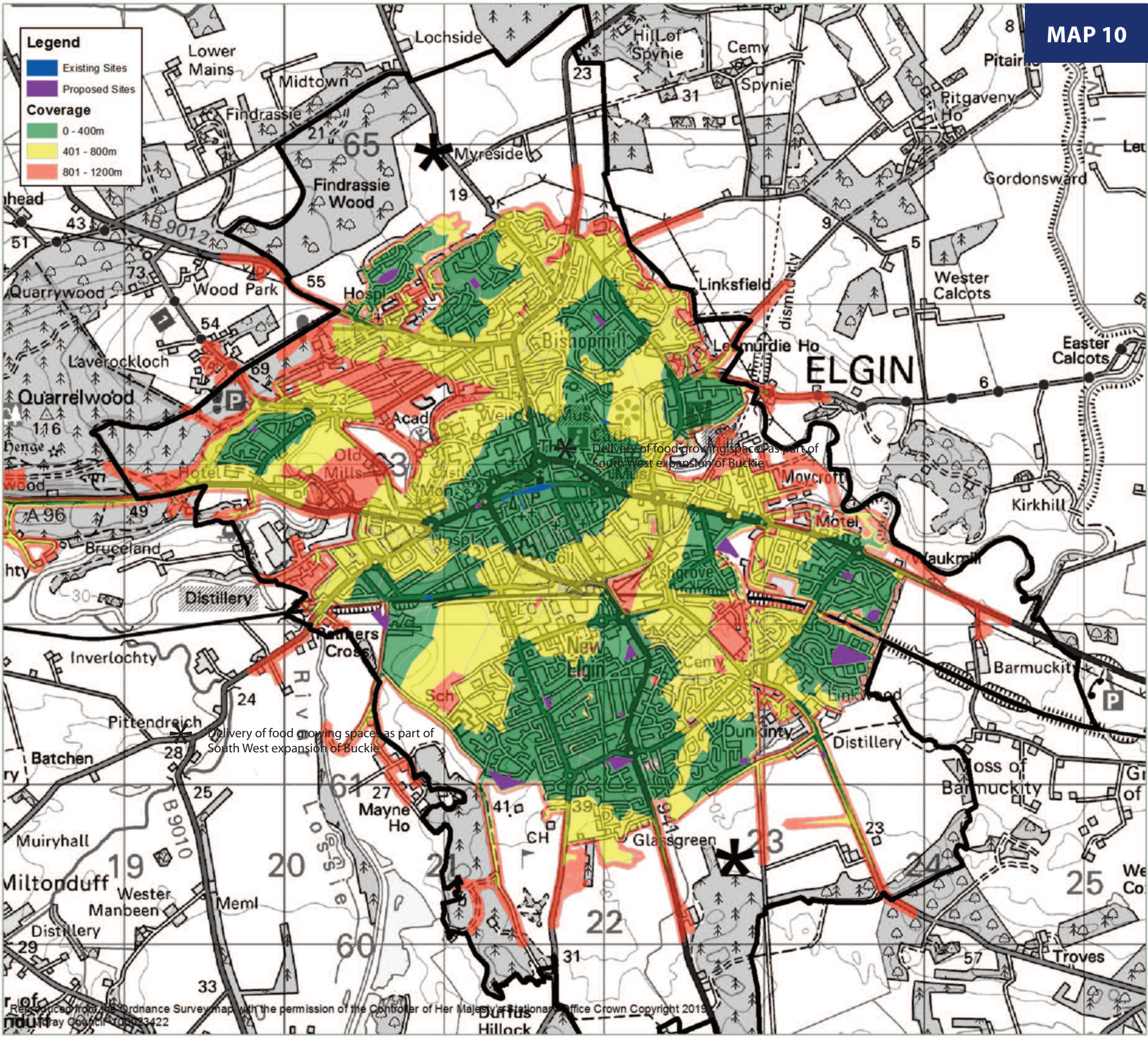
EXISTING

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
• Elgin Cooper Park Crops (REAP)	Raised beds
• Elgin Cooper Park Orchard (REAP)	Community Orchard
• Elgin Kilmolymock Close Gardenshare	Raised beds
• Elgin Wards Road Gardenshare	Community Garden
• Elgin Holy Trinity Church Gardenshare	Community Garden
• Elgin Herbs On The High Street	Planters
• Elgin Calcots Court	Raised Beds
• Elgin Oakwood	Raised Beds

POTENTIAL

• Elgin Pinefield Playing Fields	Allotment
• Elgin Bain Avenue	Community garden/orchard/raised beds
• Elgin Doocot Park	Raised beds/orchard/veg patch
• Elgin Fairway Avenue	Allotments/multi use. If unsuitable smaller food growing types would also be appropriate
• Elgin Glen Moray Drive	Raised beds
• Elgin Ladyhill Front	Raised beds
• Elgin MacKenzie Place	Raised beds
• Elgin McBeath Avenue	Raised beds/orchard
• Elgin New Elgin Hall	Multi-use areas - community garden/orchard/veg patch/raised beds
• Elgin Billboholl Playpark	Raised beds/orchard
• Elgin Birnie Road Playpark	Raised beds only
• Elgin Teindland Court	Raised beds/orchard
• Elgin Waulkmill Grove	Raised beds/orchard
• Elgin West Covesea Road	Raised beds/orchard/veg patch
• Elgin Beech Brae	Multi use areas community garden/orchard/veg patch
• Elgin Moray Sports Centre	Community garden
• Elgin South Lesmurdie	Edible landscaping

* Allotments & food growing spaces to be delivered through Elgin South & Findrassie Masterplan



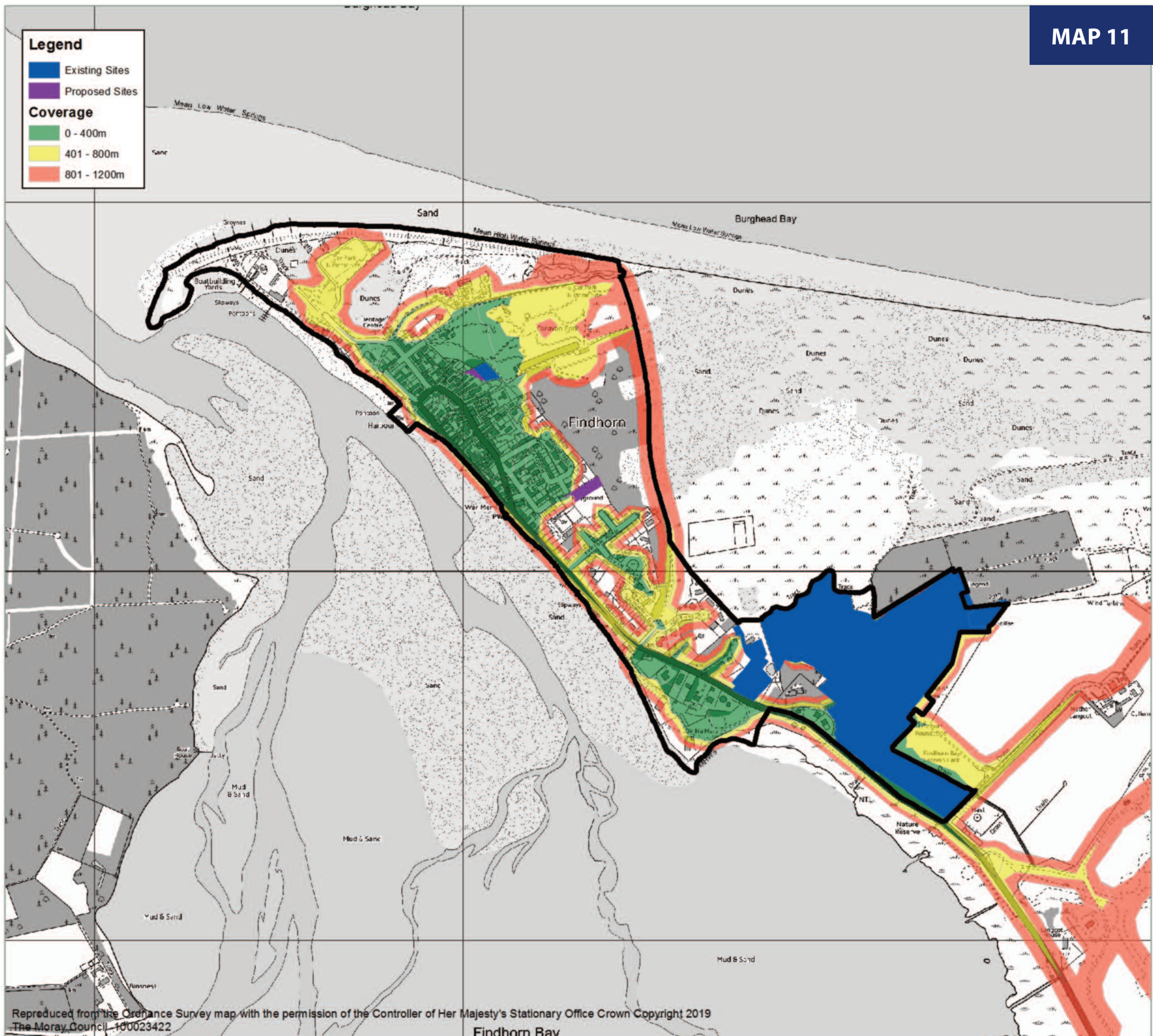
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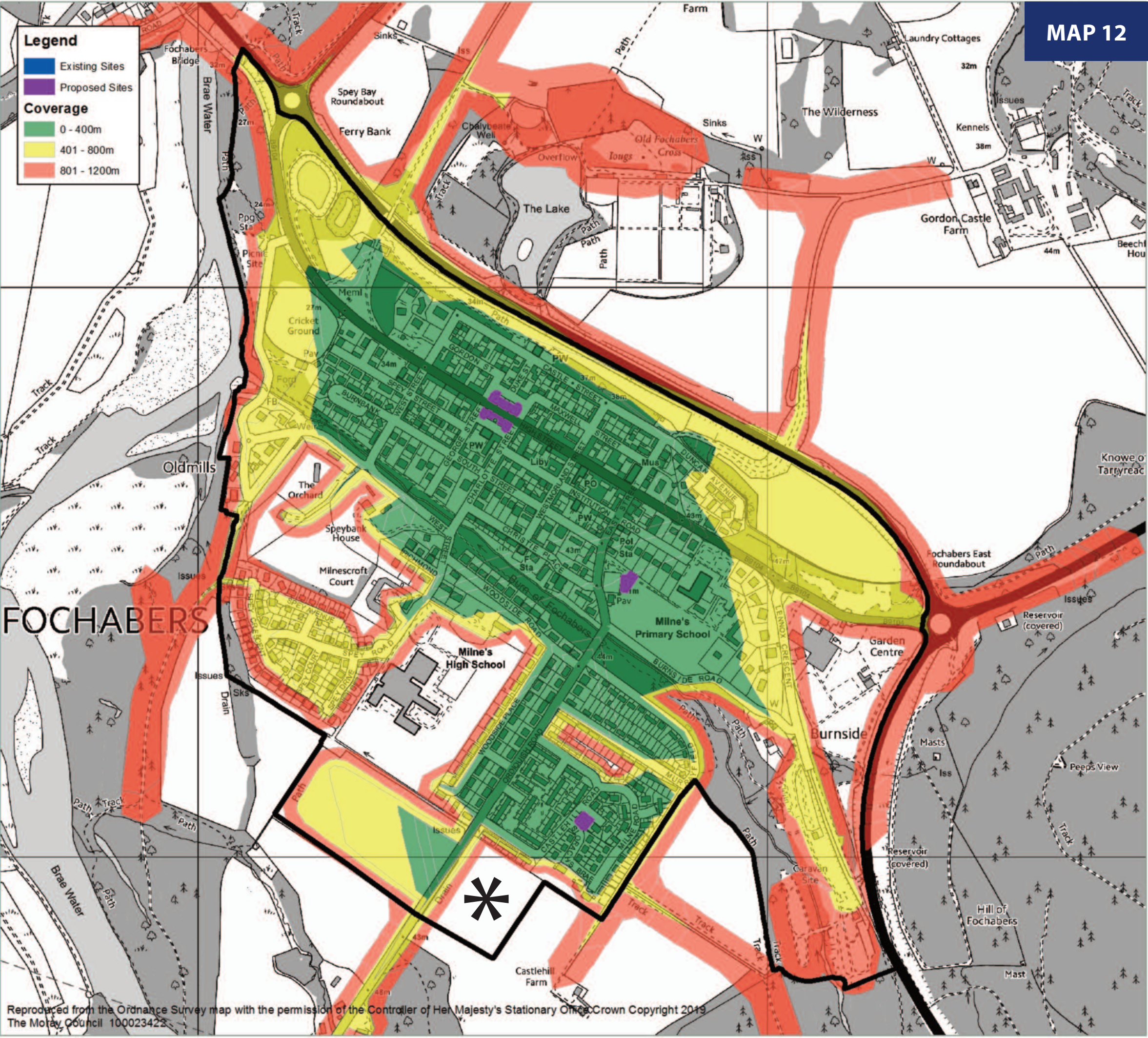
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LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Findhorn Cullerne Gardens	Community Garden
Findhorn Eco-Village	Edible Landscape
Findhorn Soillse Gardenshare	Community Garden
Findhorn Allotment	Allotment

POTENTIAL

Findhorn Playing Fields	Multi use - community garden; veg patch; raised beds. No structures on site.
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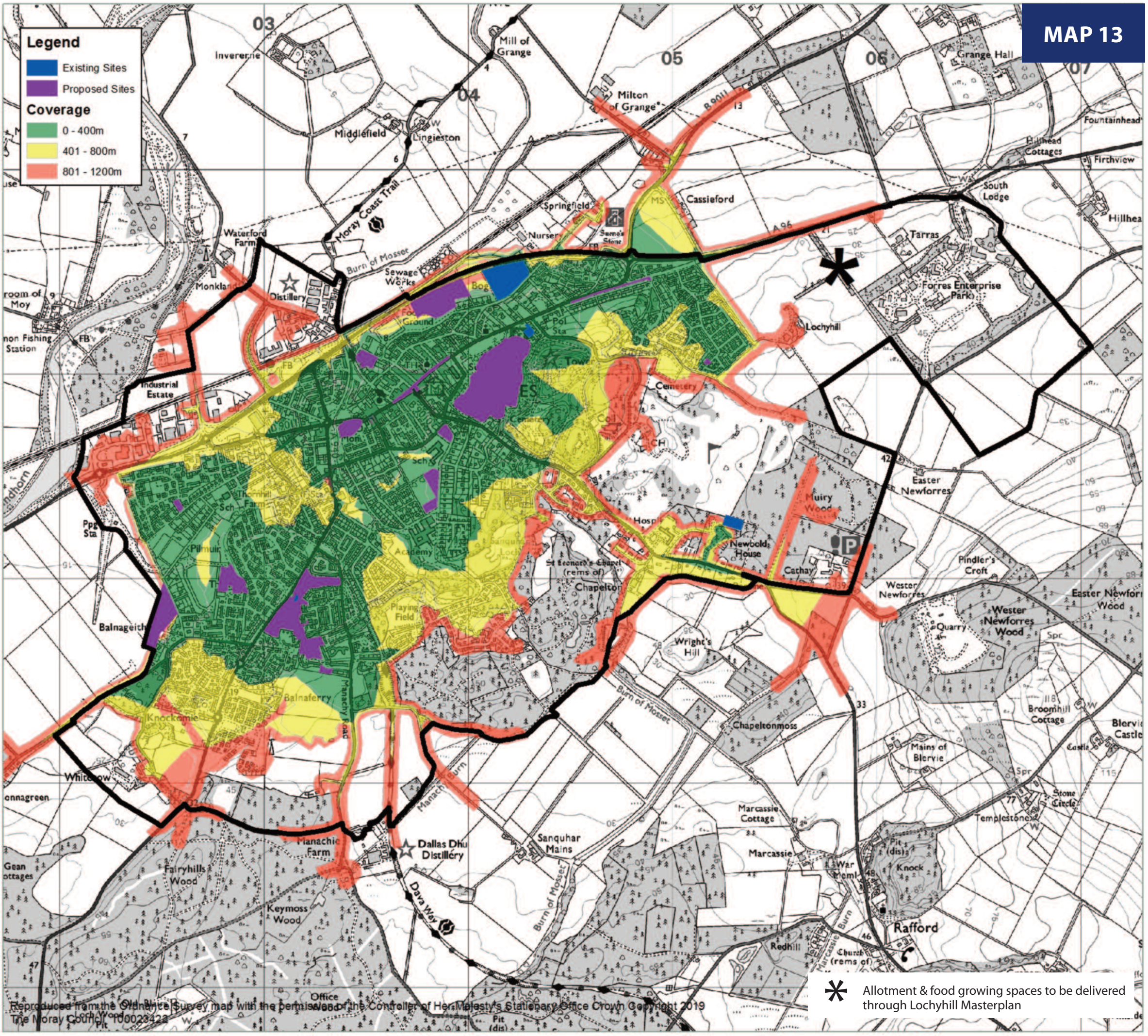


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FOCHABERS POTENTIAL FOOD GROWING SITES

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Fochabers Site by Tennis Court	Raised beds – No technical consultation undertaken
Fochabers Castle Gordon Court	Raised beds – No technical consultation undertaken
Fochabers Main Square	Raised beds/herbs

* Food growing spaces to be delivered as part of the development of the LONG site.



FORRES EXISTING & POTENTIAL FOOD GROWING SITES

EXISTING	
LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
• Forres Community Garden (Transition Town)	Community Garden
• Forres Newbold House Community Garden	Community Garden
• Forres Community Orchard	Community Orchard
• Forres Castlehill Church Garden	Raised Beds and planters
• Forres Wee FIBbees	Community Garden
POTENTIAL	
• Forres Adjacent to 134 Forbeshill	Multi-use - community garden; raised beds; veg patch
• Forres Applegrove Gardens	Multi-use - community garden; raised beds; veg patch
• Forres Bogton Park	Allotments
• Forres Caroline Street	Farmer's Market
• Forres Drumduan Road	Edible verges / hedgerows
• Forres Grant Park	Multi-use - allotment; community bee keeping; community garden; community orchard; raised beds; veg patch
• Forres High Street	Farmer's Market; raised beds
• Forres Mannachie Brae	Community garden; raised beds; veg patch
• Forres Mannachie Park	Multi-use - community bee keeping; community garden; community orchard; raised beds; veg patch
• Forres Pilmuir (Twinning Link)	Multi-use - allotment; community garden; community orchard; veg patch; raised beds
• Forres Pilmuir Road West	Multi-use - community garden; community orchard; raised beds; veg patch
• Forres Roysvale Park	Multi-use - community bee keeping; community garden; raised beds; vegetable patch
• Forres South of 8 Califer Road	Community garden; raised beds; veg patch
• Forres Thomson Memorial (Castlehill)	Community orchard; community garden; raised beds

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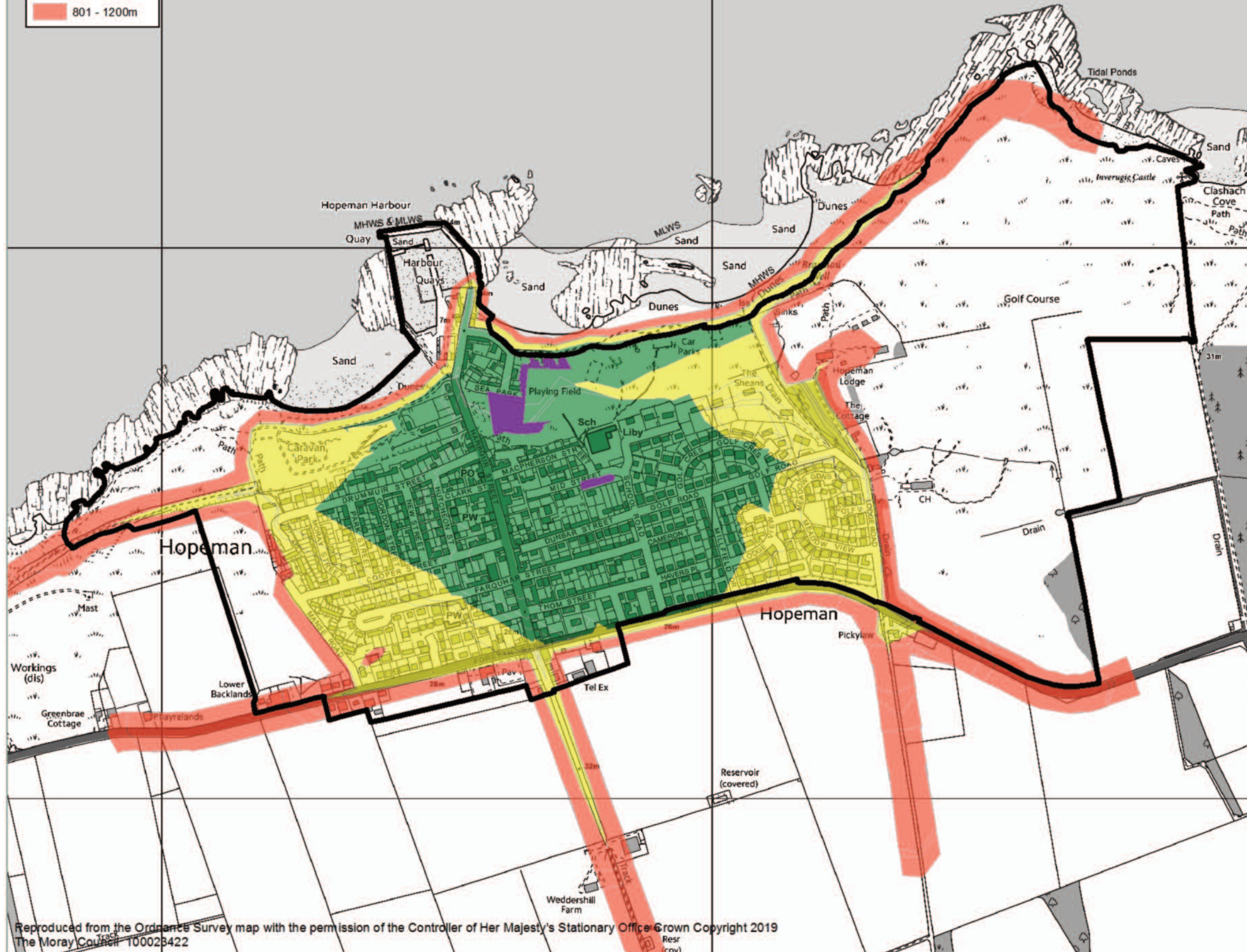
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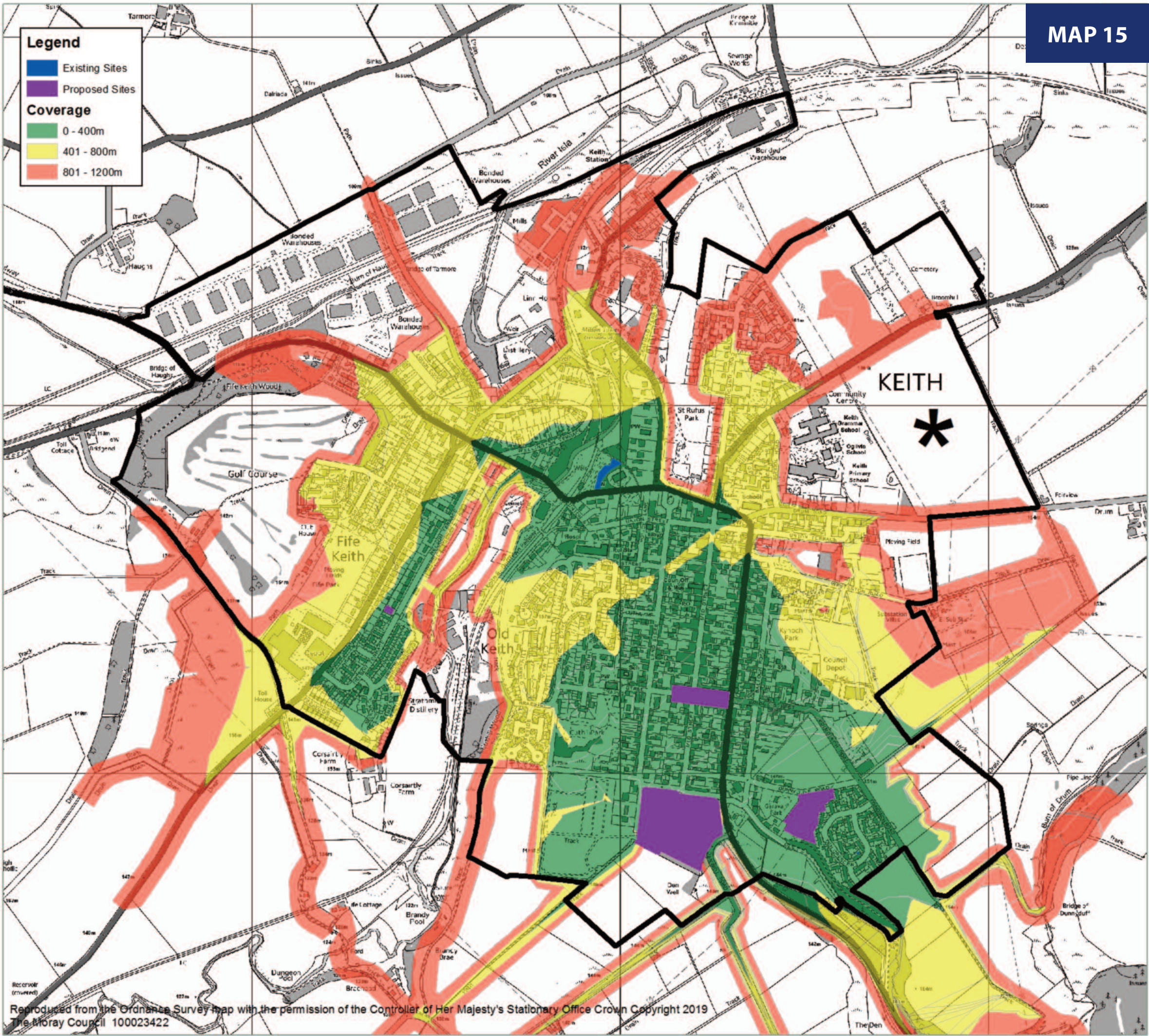
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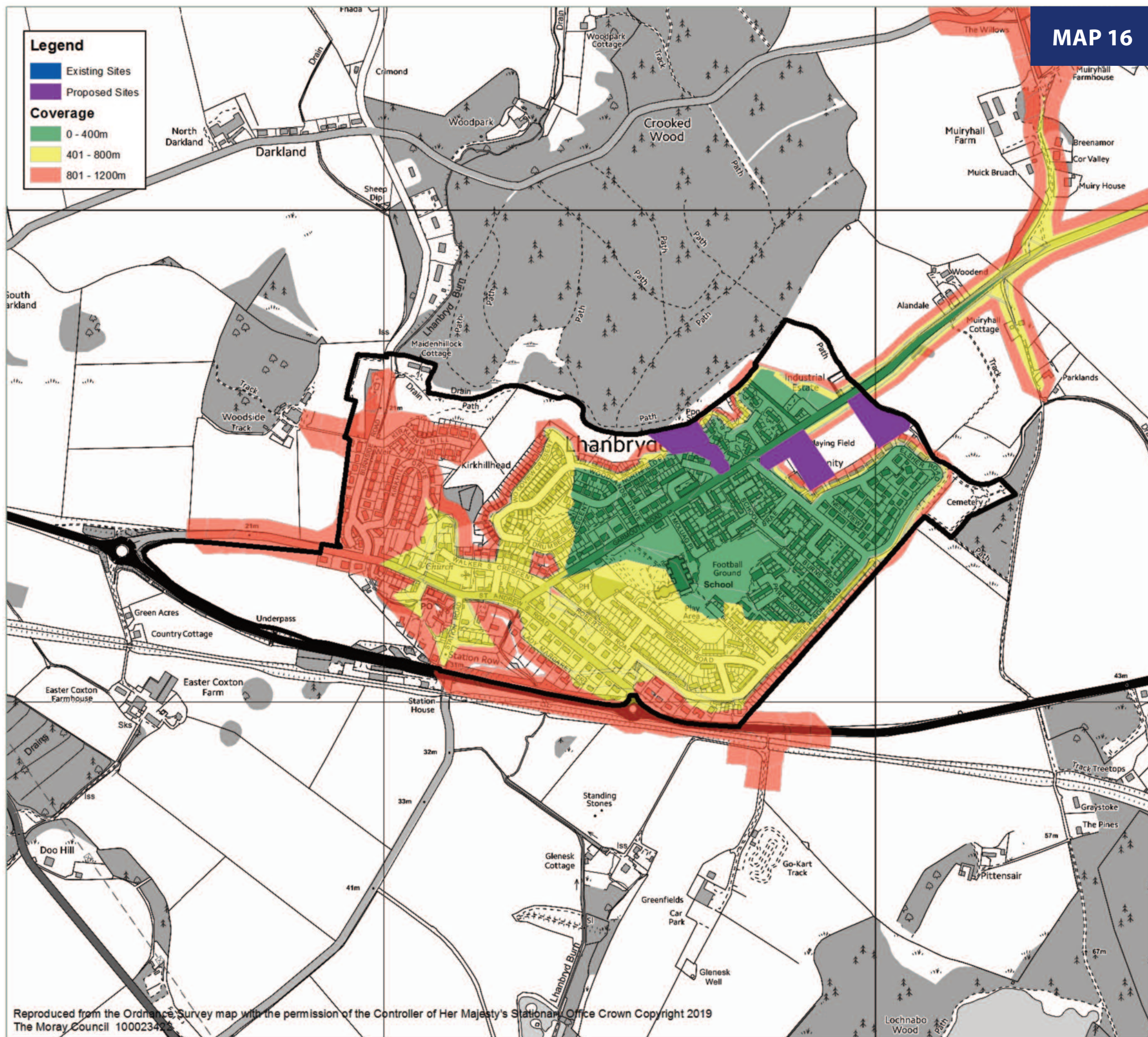
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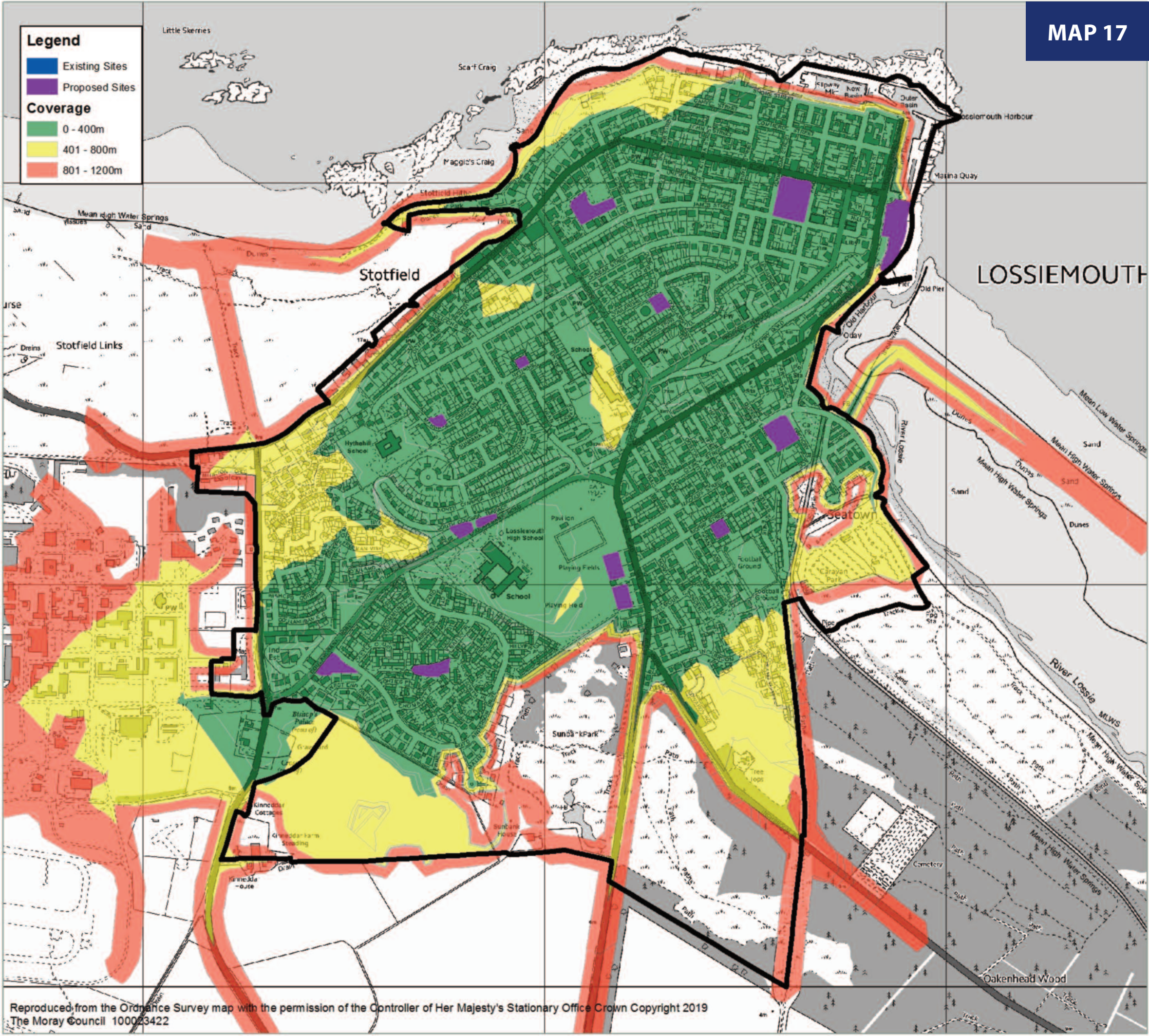
HOPEMAN POTENTIAL FOOD GROWING SITES

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Hopeman Cameron Park	Raised beds
Hopeman Mid Street	Raised beds; veg patch



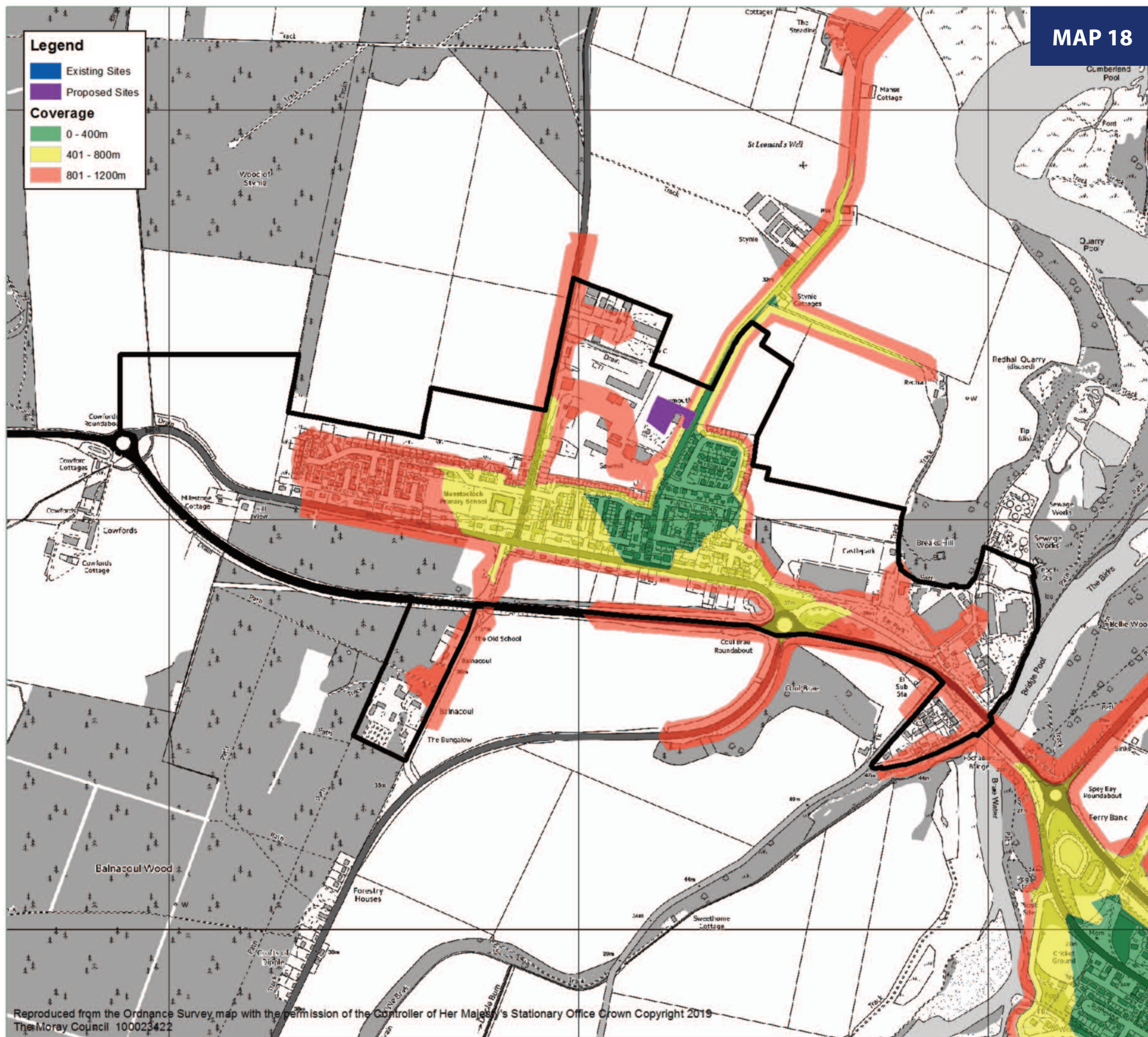






LOSSIEMOUTH POTENTIAL FOOD GROWING SITES

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Lossiemouth Couldbanks Road	Raised beds/herbs or other smaller types of food growing
Lossiemouth Couldhill Terrace	Raised beds
Lossiemouth Couldbanks Terrace / Cove Sea Terrace	Raised beds
Lossiemouth Esplanade	Raised beds only
Lossiemouth James Square	Raised beds
Lossiemouth Marine Park	Raised beds
Lossiemouth Market Cross	Raised beds only
Lossiemouth Moray Street	Raised beds/community garden/orchard
Lossiemouth Scout Hut	Veg patch/raised beds
Lossiemouth Site near Cromarty Place	Potential multi use site. smaller food growing types eg raised beds/veg patch/orchard
Lossiemouth St Margaret's Crescent	Raised beds
Lossiemouth Hythehill	Raised beds



MAP 18

MOSSTODLOCH POTENTIAL FOOD GROWING SITES

LOCATION
Mosstodloch Stynie Road

DESCRIPTION
Allotments/multi use.
e.g. orchard/raised beds

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PORTGORDON POTENTIAL FOOD GROWING SITES

LOCATION
Portgordon Stewart Street

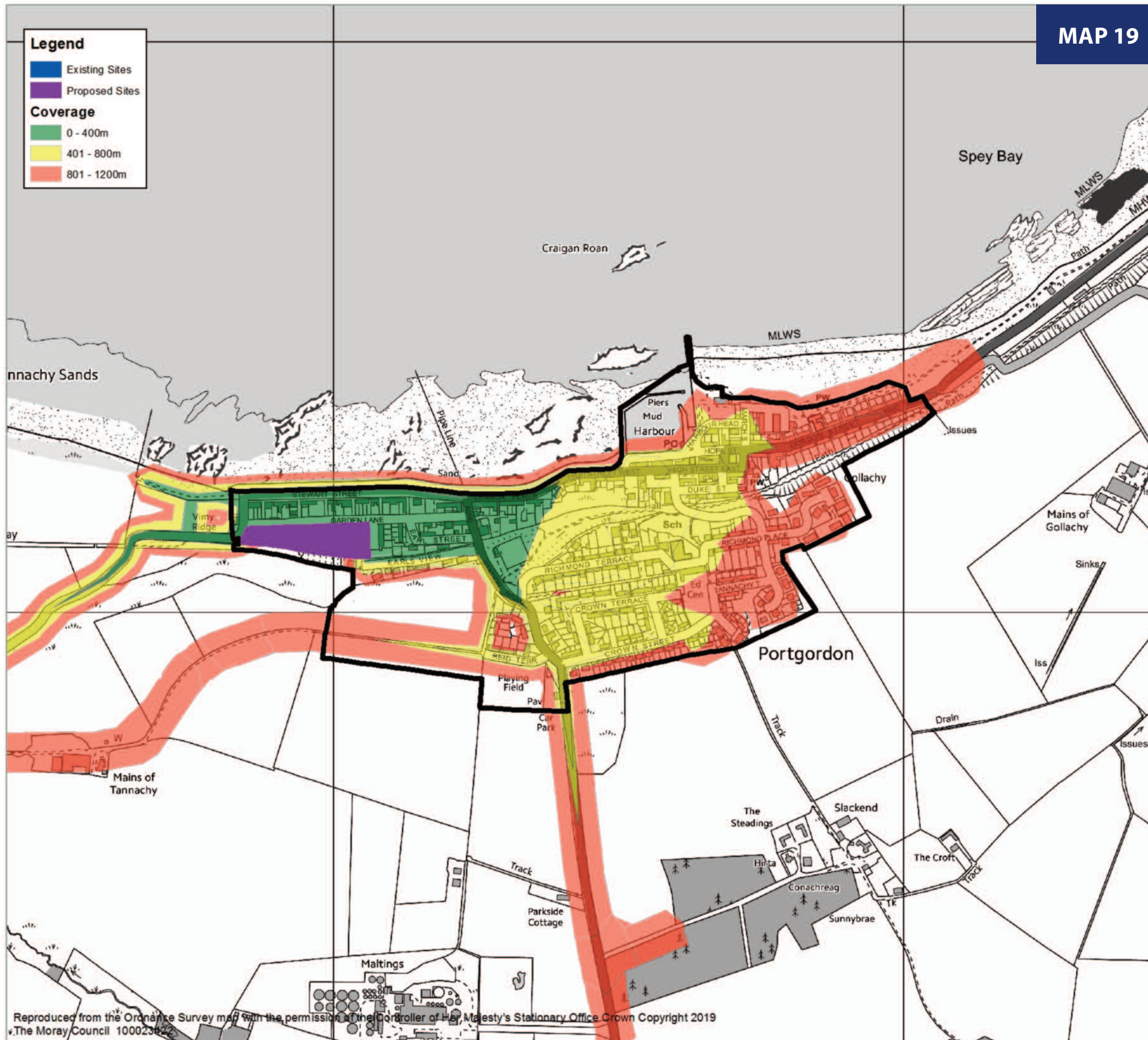
DESCRIPTION
Allotments/multi use.
e.g. orchard/raised beds

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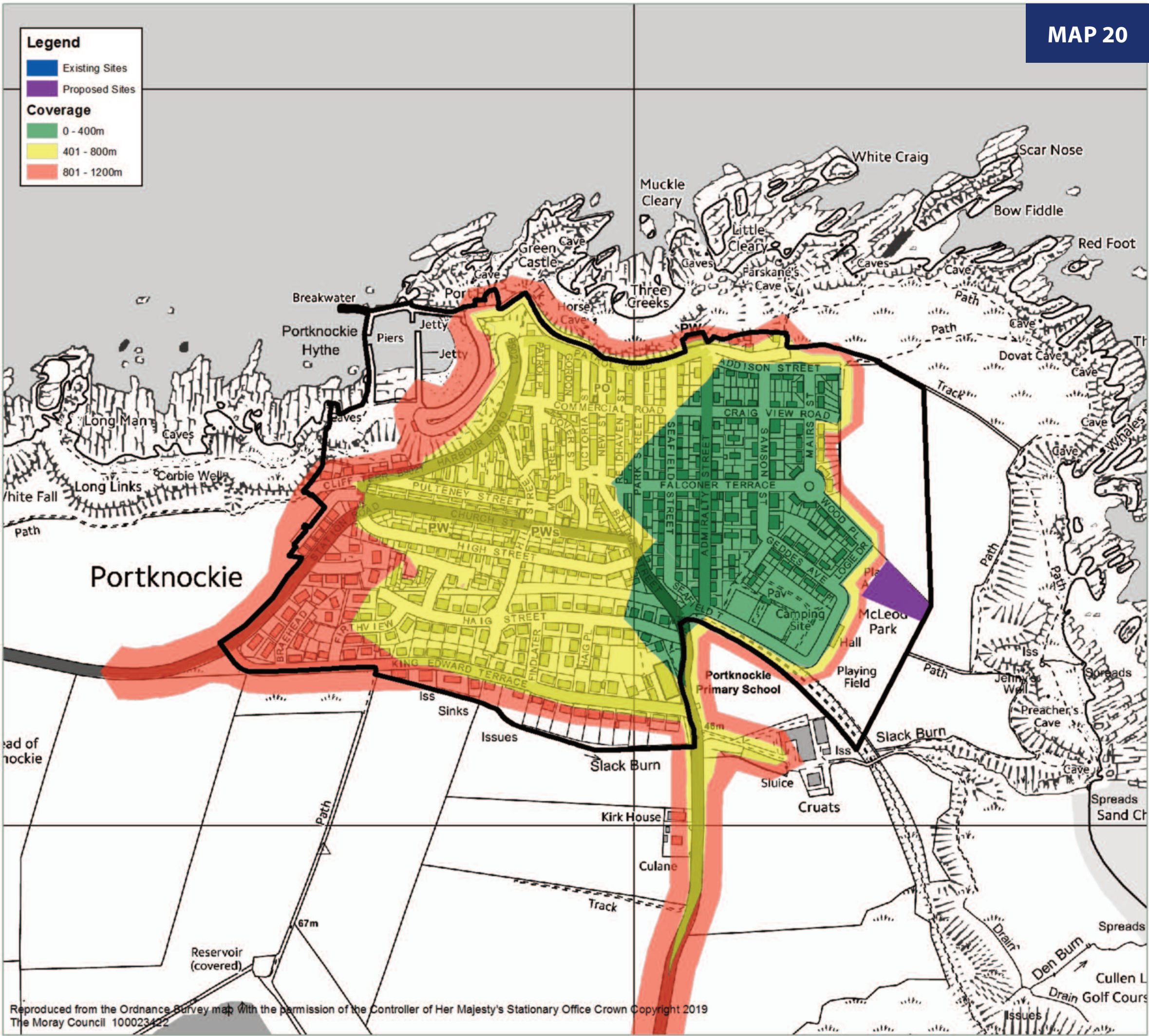
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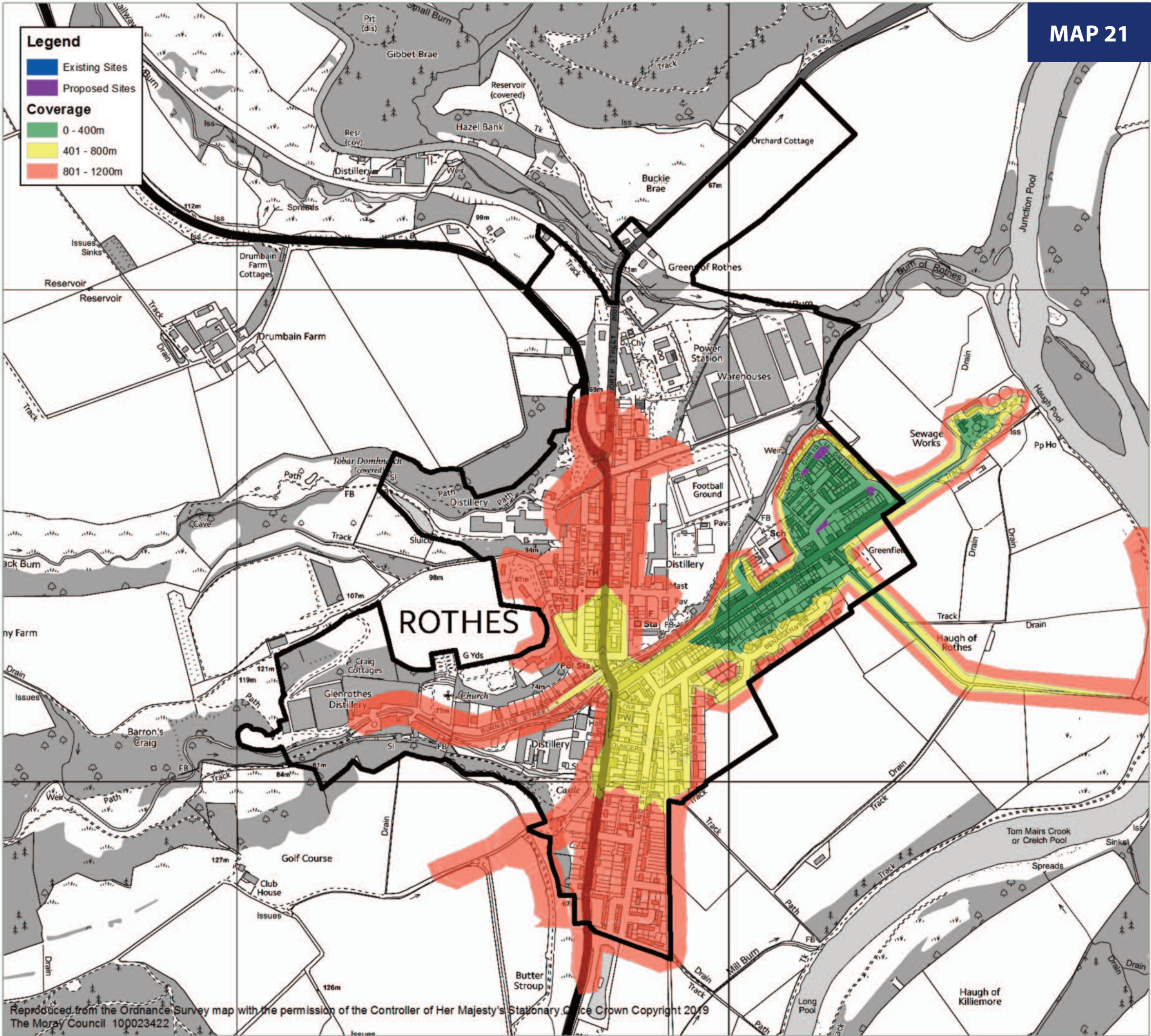
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PORTKNOCKIE POTENTIAL FOOD GROWING SITES

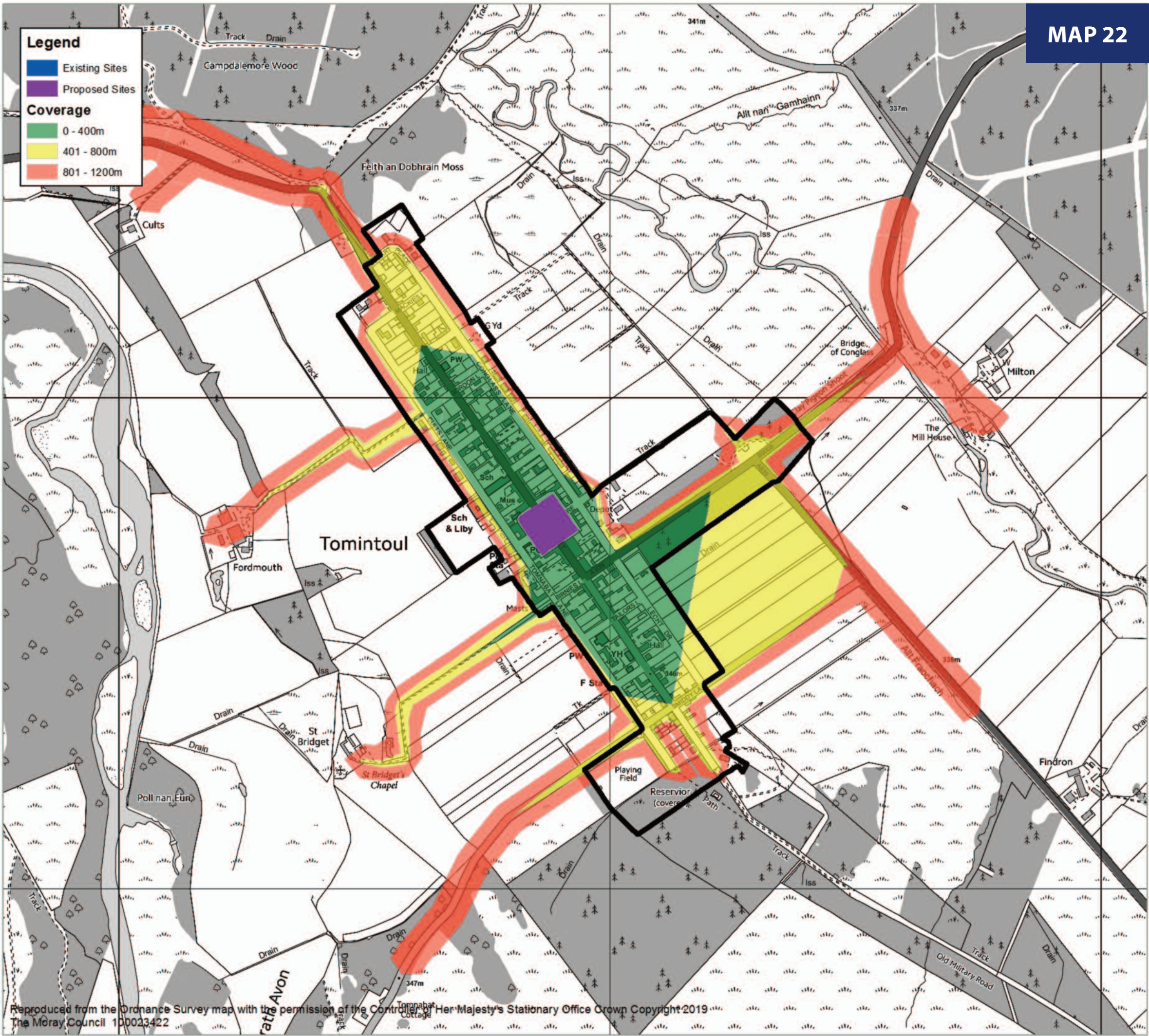
LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Portknockie McLeod Park	Raised beds or smaller food growing types





ROTHES POTENTIAL FOOD GROWING SITES

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION
Roths Provost Christie Drive	Edible verges/hedgerows; raised beds



MAP 22

TOMINTOUL POTENTIAL FOOD GROWING SITES

LOCATION

Tomintoul.The Square

DESCRIPTION

Edible verges/hedgerows;
raised beds. No
structures on site.