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7480: SITE B, EAST MALLING, KENT

BRIEFING NOTE: ECOLOGY UPDATE

Introduction

1. An Ecological Assessment was prepared for Site B (also known as Ditton Edge) in July 2018. In August 2020 Ecology Solutions was asked to undertake a survey of the site to update the findings of the report where necessary.

Methodology

2. A site visit was undertaken on 8 September 2020. The site was surveyed with reference to the earlier report, and particular attention was paid to any changes in the habitats present and to new signs of protected or notable species.

Results

3. The principal changes since the earlier report are that the trees of the pear orchard, which formed the dominant habitat type within the site, have been removed, and that the Communigrow community allotment is now more extensive than was previously the case. These changes are shown on the updated Plan ECO2 accompanying this note.
4. No new signs of protected or notable species, such as Badgers *Meles meles*, were noted during the survey.

Conclusion

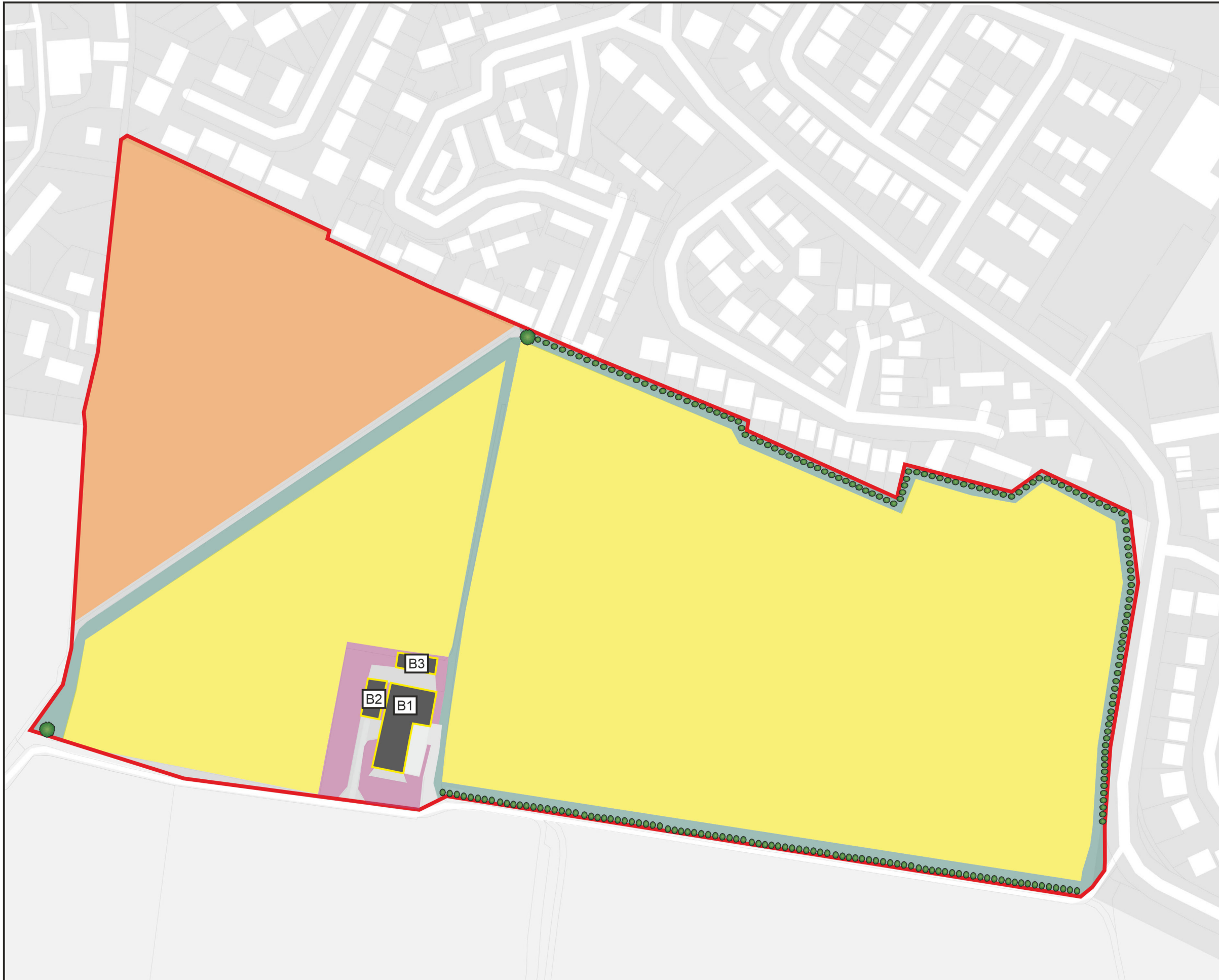
5. The changes in the nature of the habitats present do not alter the conclusions of the July 2018 report. The site remains of inherently low ecological interest, and no new constraints have been identified.

Plans










- Plan ECO2: Ecological Features

PLAN ECO2

Ecological Features



KEY:

-  SITE BOUNDARY
-  FORMER PEAR ORCHARD
-  SEMI-IMPROVED GRASSLAND
-  COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT
-  BUILDING
-  REGENERATING GROUND
-  HARDSTANDING
-  MATURE TREE
-  WINDBREAK



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