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Section 31A file reference number:
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THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 –
SECTION 31(6)

**DEPOSIT OF MAPS, STATEMENTS AND STATUTORY
DECLARATIONS SUMMARY SHEET**

Title and/or description of land referred to: Land at Whitehouse Farm
Located to the east of Witton Gilbert

District: Durham

Parish/ward: Witton Gilbert

Ordnance Survey grid reference (6 figure): NZ 240, 459

Land Post Code: DH7 6

**Name and address of person who deposited the map/statements and statutory
declarations**

Name: John Calland Geddes

Landowner/agent/tenant for life/trustees (delete as applicable)

Address: Snook Acres Farm
Witton Gilbert
County Durham

Post code: DH7 6SR

Date deposit of map and statement received: 11/06/1999

Date/s of statutory declaration: 13/09/1999
11/05/2005

Date current statutory declaration expires: 11/05/2015

Notes:

DEPOSIT OF STATEMENT and PLAN

SECTION 31 (6) OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

COUNTY
To [name] Council of DURHAM.

1. I am and have been since ^{11 08 1975} [day, month, year] the owner within the meaning of the above section of the land known as [name of farm, etc.] ^{part of Whitehouse Farm, Witton Gilbert} more particularly delineated on the plan accompanying this statement and thereon edged red.
2. The aforementioned land lies in the Parishes/Communities of ^{Witton Gilbert} [name] and [name].
- * 3. ~~The ways coloured brown on the said plan have been dedicated as highways with vehicular status.~~
- * 4. ~~The ways coloured green on the said plan have been dedicated as bridleways.~~
- * 5. The ways coloured purple on the said plan have been dedicated as footpaths.
- * 6. No [other] ways over the land have been dedicated as highways.
7. The deposit shall comprise this statement and accompanying plan.

* Delete as applicable

Signed (landowner)

[Signature box]

[Signature box]

Name (of landowner)

J.C. & J.E.H. GEDDES
JOHN CALLANA GEDDES and JEAN ELLEN HOLMEN GEDDES

Address

SNOOK ACRES FARM
WITTON GILBERT, CO DURHAM

Date

JUNE 3 - 1999

Signed (witness)

[Signature box]

Name (of witness)

FRED TOMLINSON

Address

Meadow House Best Yard Witton Gilbert Durham

Occupation

Farmer.

Deemed dedication of rights of way

accordingly come to light when properties are purchased.

V. Notification

12. Surveying authorities are encouraged to notify parish (or community) councils and prescribed organisations (see Annex E to DOE Circular 2/93) of the deposit of statements and declarations, and of the opportunity to inspect their contents. This will help to improve local awareness of the ways which have (and have not) been acknowledged as public rights of way within local council areas.

VI. New claims

13. It is recognised that increasing use of the provisions of section 31 (6) may, by bringing into question the status of ways, lead to additional claims that ways are already public rights of way. However the Rights of Way Review Committee considers that it is in the long-term interests of local authorities, users and landowners to make definitive maps and Statements complete and accurate as soon as possible, thereby ending uncertainty over the existence and status of public rights of way. Increased use of section 31 (6) can only assist in reaching this goal.
14. The Rights of Way Review Committee will be interested to hear from authorities about their experience of the use of section 31 (6) by landowners. Various changes in the law may be appropriate and the Committee will keep the situation under review.

Reference

Department of the Environment Circular 2/93 (Welsh Office 5/93) *Public Rights of Way* (HMSO, 1993, price £5.35)

*The Rights of Way Review Committee is grateful to the Countryside Commission
for its assistance in the production of these notes.*

SNOOK ACRES

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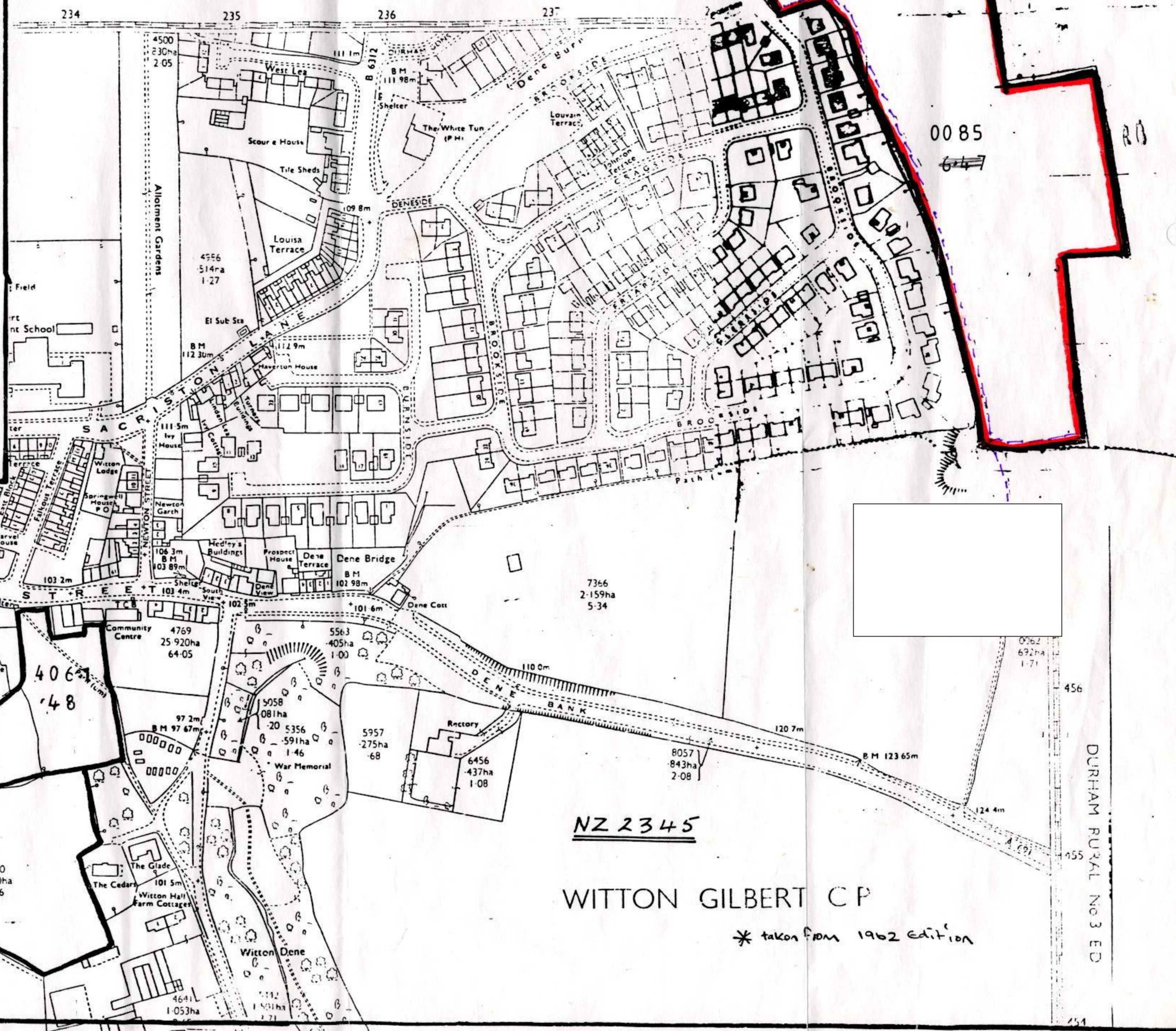
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DURHAM RURAL No 3 ED

STATUTORY DECLARATION

SECTION 31 (6) OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

I JOHN CALLAND GEDDES DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE as follows:

1. I am and have been since 11th August 1975 together jointly with my wife JEAN ELLEN HOLMES GEDDES the owner of the land known as part of Whitehouse Farm Witton Gilbert Co. Durham more particularly delineated on the plan accompanying this declaration and thereon edged red
2. On 10th June 1999 I deposited with Durham County Council being the appropriate Council a statement dated 3rd June 1999 accompanied by a plan delineating my property by red edging which stated that the ways coloured purple on the said plan and on the plan accompanying this declaration had been dedicated as footpaths and no other ways had been dedicated as highways over my property.
3. No additional ways have been dedicated over the land edged red on the plan accompanying this declaration since the statement dated 3rd June 1999 referred to in 2 above and at the present time I have no intention of dedicating any more public rights of way over my property

AND I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835

DECLARED at *Durham City* this *15th*
day of *September* 1999

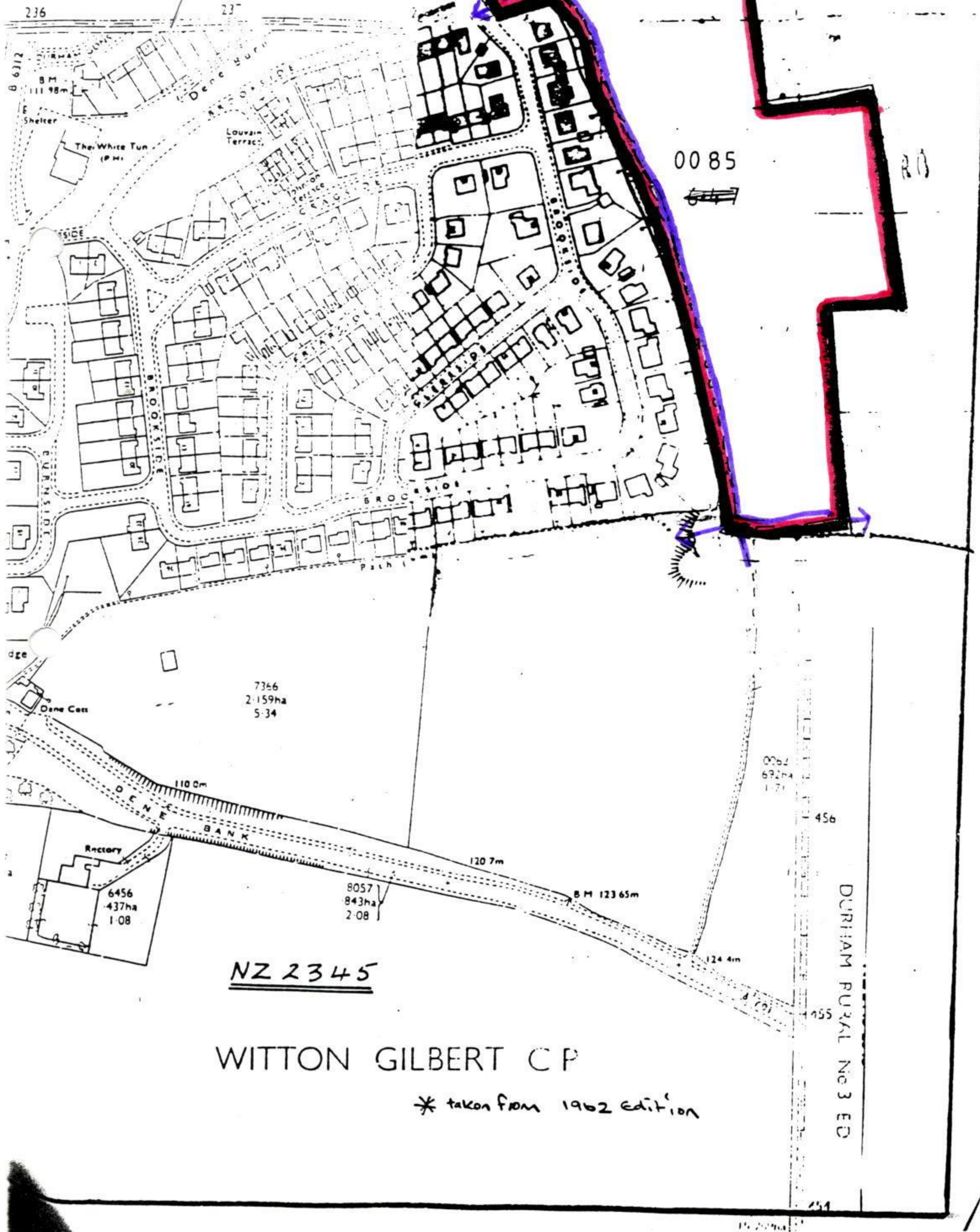
Before Me

SONITOR/Commissioner for Oaths

THIS IS THE PLAN REFERRED TO IN THE STATUTORY
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Dated this 13th day of September 1999

Signed. ...



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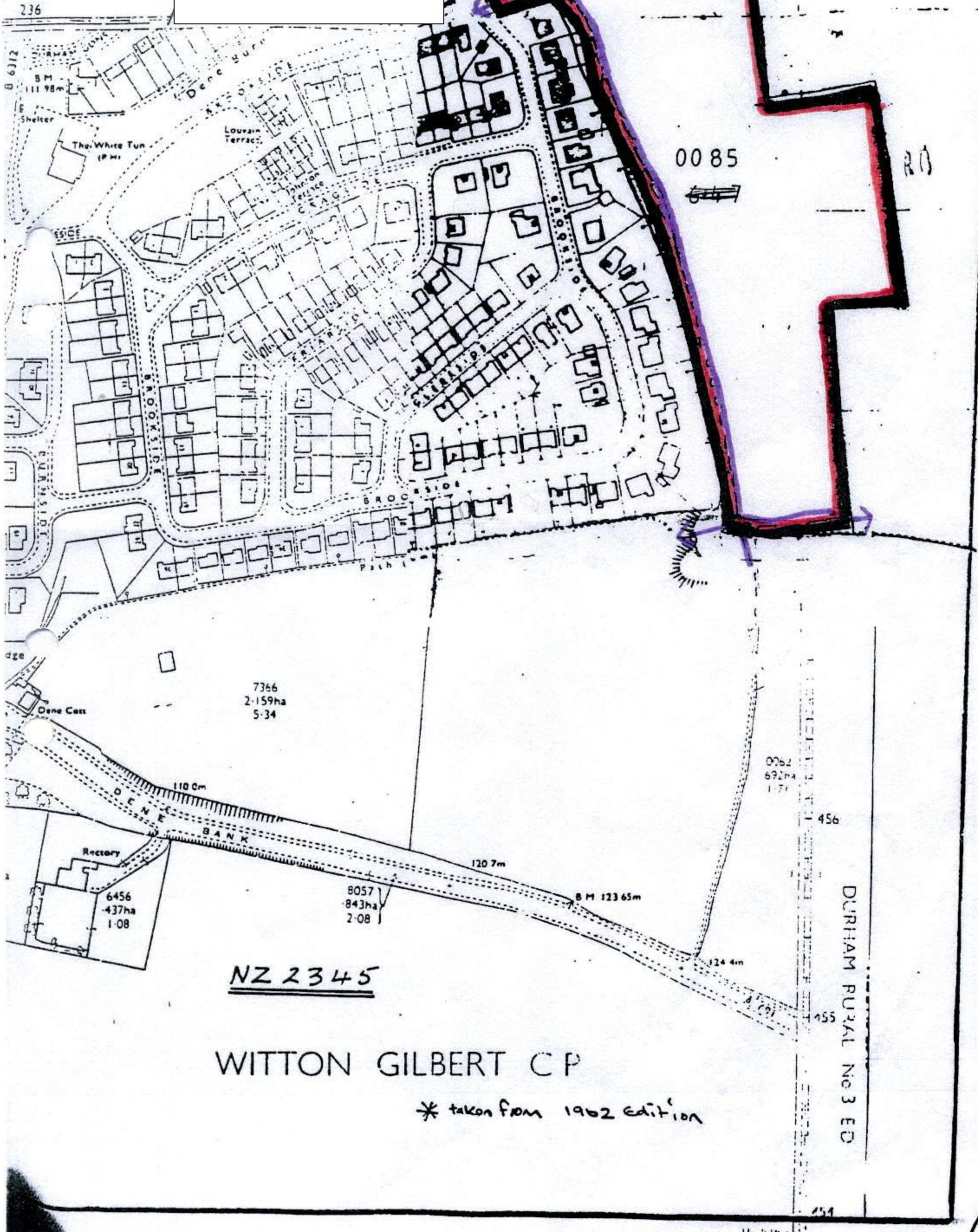
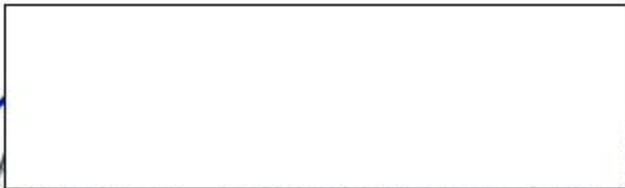
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