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Development Management
Committee

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**Subject: Member site visit prior to consideration of application 127585,
Newton on Trent**

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Purpose / Summary:

This report relates to a current planning application. A finely balanced material consideration is the impact on the adjoining Scheduled Monument and associated non-designated heritage assets. A site visit by Members would enable the Committee to appraise the juxtaposition of the application site and the heritage assets.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- 1) That Members undertake a Development Management Committee Site Visit for application 127585 prior to it being reported for determination to a subsequent meeting of the Committee.**

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None

Financial : None

Staffing : None

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights : The planning application will be assessed to consider Human Rights implications especially with regard to Article 8 – right to respect for private and family life and Protocol 1, Article 1 – protection of property and balancing the public interest and well-being of the community within these rights.

Risk Assessment : None

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities : None

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:
Details of application 127585 cannot be found at on-line but a paper record is held at the Guildhall, DN21 2NA

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

Yes

No

Key Decision:

Yes

No

1. Background.

- 1.1 The site is an area of farmland extending from east of A1133 to the east bank of the River Trent to the south of Dunham Bridge. To north is the A57 and the village of Newton on Trent, to the south, beyond the County boundary is woodland and the village of North Clifton (Newark & Sherwood District, Nottinghamshire). The site wraps around the west, north and east of a Roman fort (Scheduled Monument).
- 1.2 The proposed development is part of a scheme to provide a new supplementary supply of potable water for the City of Lincoln. The works if completed would enable water to be extracted from the River Trent at a point close south of Dunham Bridge (shown as “intake” on proposed layout). The untreated water would then be pumped to a open reservoir on land to the west of the A1133 near to the County and District Boundary. It would then flow, still in untreated “raw water” form by gravity in a pipe under the A1133 to a treatment works adjoining the east side of the A1133 before being piped into the existing potable supply from the current Newton on Trent water treatment works to the west of the village, north of the A57. The reservoir will act as a header tank with a 10 day capacity.
- 1.3 The Scheduled Roman fort was discovered by aerial photography in 1962, there being no signs visible at ground level of its existence. It was the result of an early military disposition by the legion IX *Hispana*, this fortress being their one of the bases prior to the establishment of a fortress of Lincoln and used whilst still on campaign near to the frontier of that time forward of the Fosse Way (the frontier running diagonally across England from the River Exe in the southwest to the Humber in the northeast (the Fosseway effectively being a service road connecting the frontier legions) . The fort is typical of a thirty acre installation and its historical significance as, albeit temporary, frontier post for the Roman colonisation of the country should not be underestimated.
- 1.4 A full report will be presented to the Committee at a subsequent meeting to enable Members to determine the application. The current plans have been the subject of objections from the Parish Council and neighbours citing, amongst many issues, the direct impact and setting of the Scheduled Monument and Conservation Area.

2. Discussion

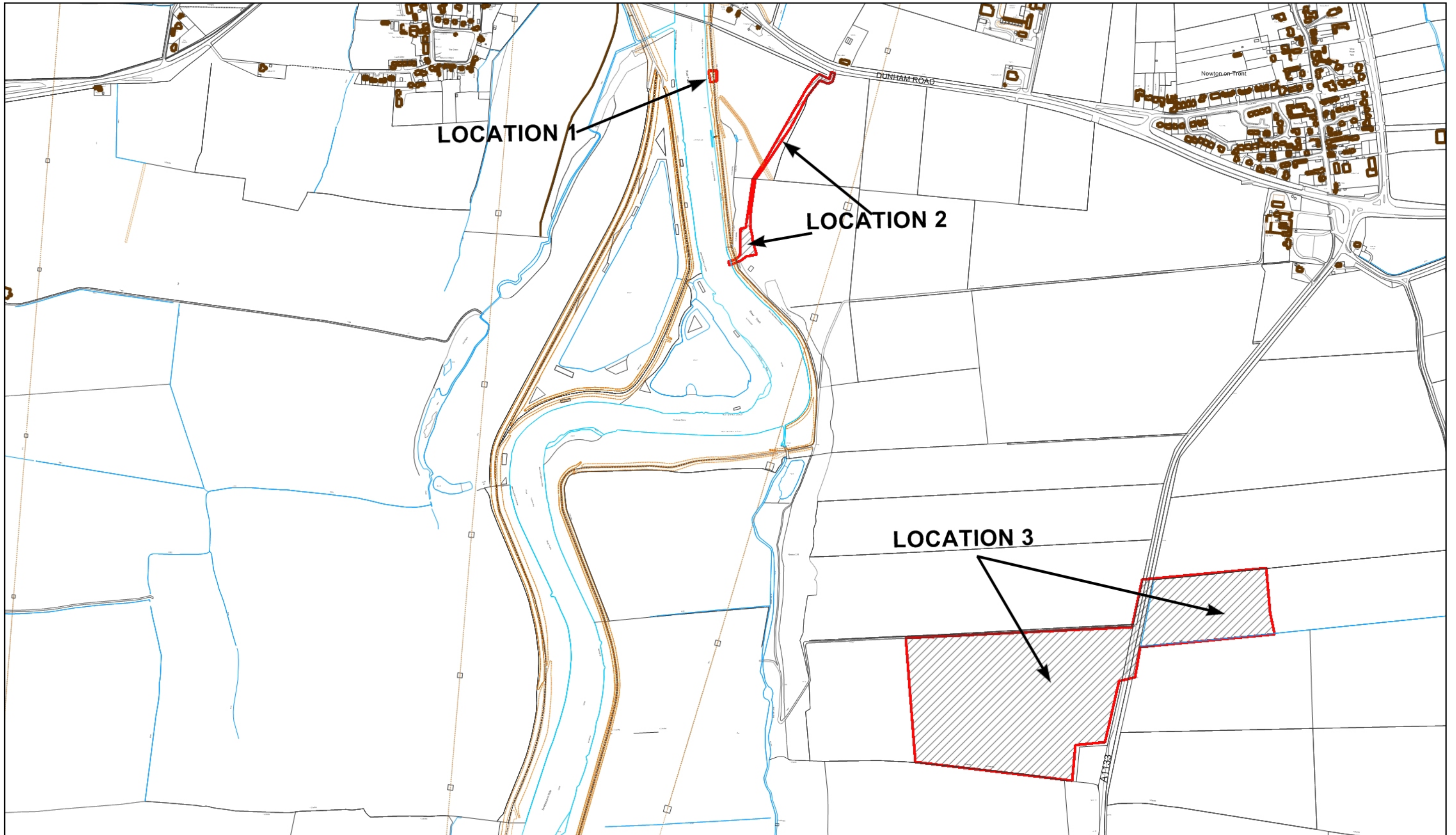
- 2.1 It is not normally required that members visit a site collectively before considering an application. However, this is a particularly finely balanced issue which has generated many views from neighbours and statutory consultees including English Heritage and the Parish Council on the issue of the impact on the Roman Fort. Notwithstanding the fact that the case officer has visited the site, will present a detailed report, make a balanced recommendation and will present photographs to a subsequent Meeting, it is considered that only a visit to the site and its

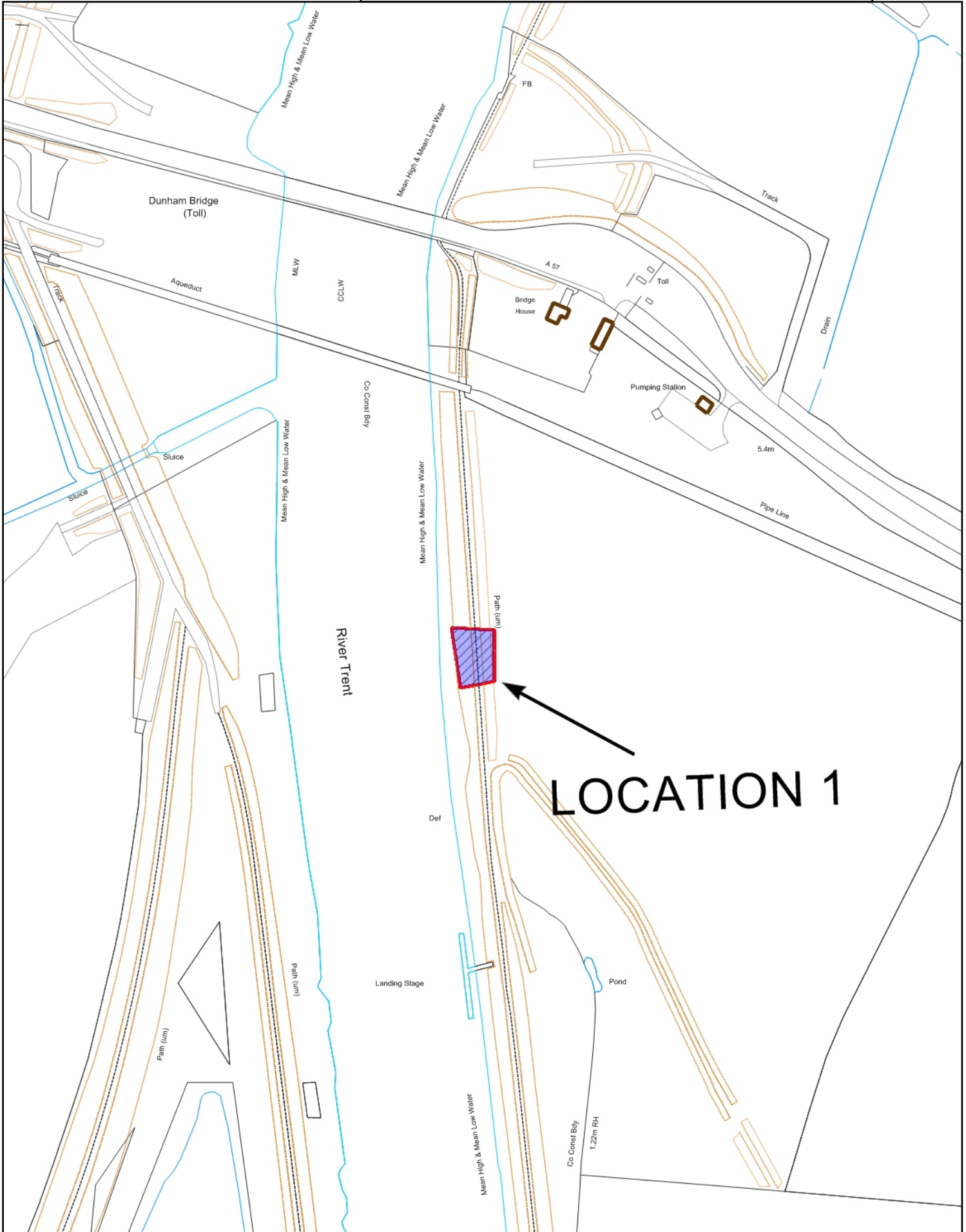
surroundings would enable Members to make a judgement on this specific issue.

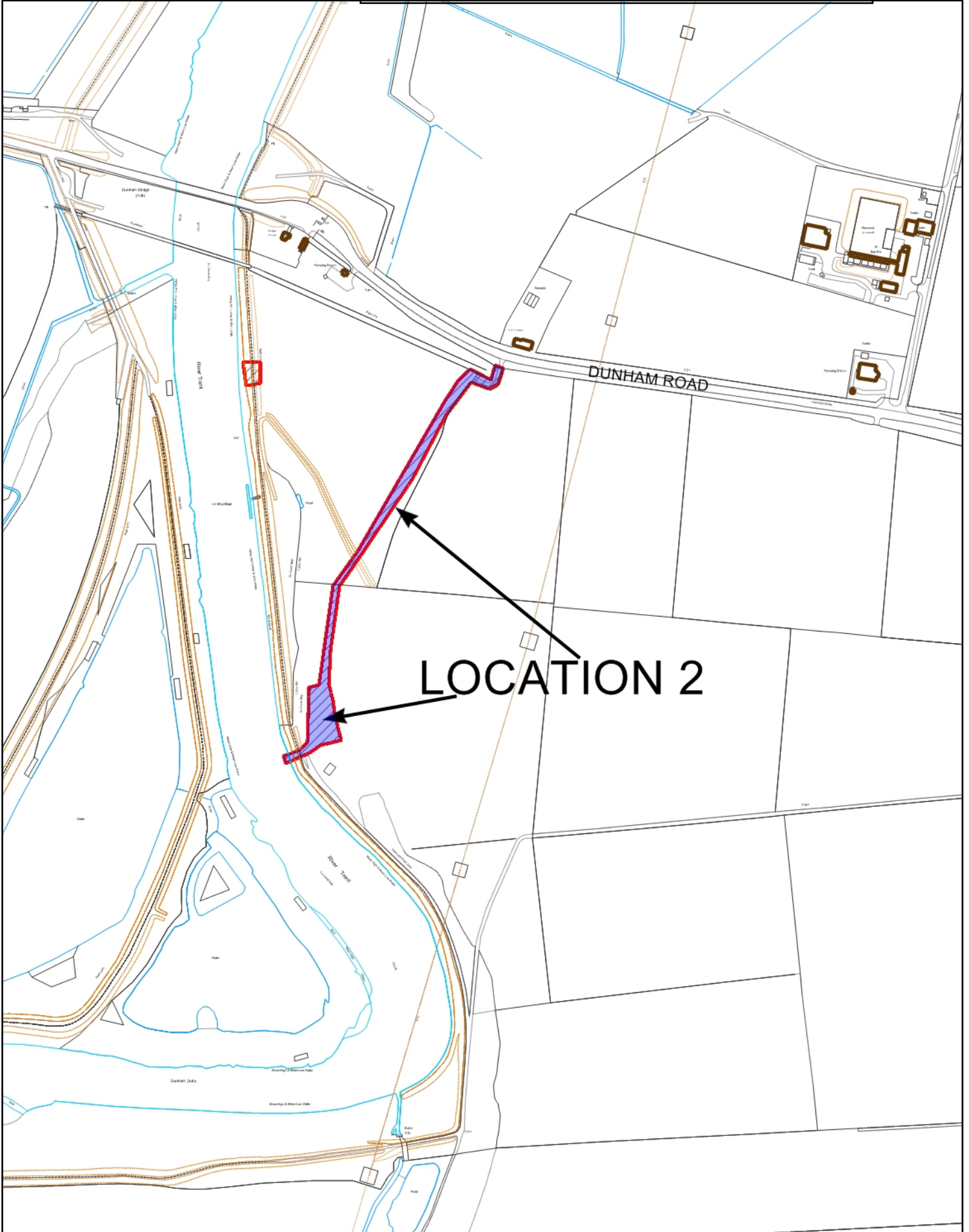
- 2.2 Access onto private land is required in order to make this assessment, such opportunities not normally being available to Members if visiting the site on their own outside of the Meeting.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 That Members undertake a Development Management Committee Site Visit for application 127585 prior to it being reported for determination to a subsequent meeting of the Committee.









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