

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND  
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007**

**The Wokingham Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community  
Governance) No.2 Order 2026**

**Made:** 1st April 2026

**Coming into force: In accordance with article 1(2)**

Wokingham Borough Council (“the Council”), in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (“the 2007 Act”), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026.

The Council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient.

The Council, in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that section.

The Council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86 and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

**1. Citation and commencement**

(1) This Order may be cited as the Wokingham Borough Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) No.2 Order 2026.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), this Order shall come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2027.

(3) For the purposes of local elections this Order shall come into force on the ordinary day of elections of councillors in 2027.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Order-

“2007 Act” means the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

“borough” means the borough of Wokingham

“existing” means existing on the date this Order is made

“map” means a map set out in Schedule 2 to this Order and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act. [Any reference to a map number or letter is a reference to the map which bears that number or letter within the maps in Schedule 2.]

“new parish” means any new parish constituted by Article 5

“ordinary day of election of councillors” has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983

“registration officer” means an officer appointed under section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983

“incidental matters” means the incidental, consequential, transitional and supplementary provision of general application for the purposes of, and in consequence of, reorganisation orders, made by the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008

### **3. Agreements about incidental matters**

This order has effect subject to any agreement made under section 99 (agreements about incidental matters) of the 2007 Act relevant to any provision of this Order.

#### **Effect of this Order**

4. Changes have been made to community governance in respect of those parishes and/or their parish group, town council, parish council specified in Schedule 1 to this Order in the manner described therein.

5. Maps of newly created parishes and any boundary changes to parishes and maps of newly created or reorganised warding arrangements of parishes are produced in Schedule 2 to this Order.

#### **Electoral Register**

6. The registration officer for the borough shall make such rearrangement of, or adaption of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

#### **Transitional Provision**

7. Until the councillors elected to any new or amended parish council specified in Schedule 1 of this Order at the next ordinary day of election of councillors for that parish (whether in 2027 or a subsequent year) come into office, the new or amended parish shall be represented by those persons who immediately before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2027 are the elected councillors for the existing ward/parishes.

**Order Date**

8. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2027 is the Order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008.

Executed as a Deed by

**THE COMMON SEAL of**

**WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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**hereunto affixed in the presence of:-**



*E Taylor*

**Authorised Signatory** Legal Assistant

**Dated:** 1st April 2026

## **Schedule 1**

**Changes have been made to community governance arrangements in respect of the following parishes and/or their parish group, town council, or parish council**

Map A 2027 All Towns and Parishes provides an overview of all Towns and Parishes in Wokingham Borough following this order.

### **Barkham Parish Council**

- The parish name remains as Barkham Parish Council
- The number of parish Councillors remains as 10 (unchanged)
- The parish remains unwarded.
- The ordinary year of election remains as 2027.
- The external boundaries of the parish are as per Map B Barkham Overview. With a detail of the changed boundary in and Map C Barkham/Finchampstead Detail.

### **Earley Town Council**

- The parish name remains as Earley Town Council
- The number of parish Councillors remains as 25 (unchanged)
- The wards are redrawn as per Map D Earley Overview and with a minor change to the Hillside Ward boundary as per Map E Earley/Shinfield External Boundary. Resulting in reallocation of Councillors are per Table 4.1.

The wards reduce from 8 wards to 7 wards as per The Wokingham (Electoral Changes) Order 2023.

**Table 4.1**

| Ward          | Current Electorate | Revised Electorate | Councillors | Current Councillors per Elector | Revised Councillors per Elector |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Cutbush       | 3800               | 3800               | 4           | 950                             | 950                             |
| Hawkedon      | 4007               | 4007               | 4           | 1002                            | 1002                            |
| Hillside      | 2959               | 3163               | 3           | 986                             | 1054                            |
| Maiden Erlegh | 2940               | 2940               | 3           | 980                             | 980                             |
| Radstock      | 4447               | 4447               | 5           | 889                             | 889                             |
| St Nicolas    | 2114               | 2114               | 2           | 1057                            | 1057                            |
| Whitegates    | 3278               | 3278               | 4           | 820                             | 820                             |

- The ordinary year of election remains as 2027.
- The external boundaries of the parish are as per Map D Earley Overview and Map E Earley/Shinfield External Boundary.

#### **Finchampstead Parish Council**

- The parish name remains as Finchampstead Parish Council
- The number of parish Councillors remains as 17 (unchanged)
- The parish remains warded as per Map F Finchampstead Overview 2027 with detailed maps at Map C Barkham Finchampstead Detail, Map G Finchampstead/Wokingham Detail 1 and Map H Finchampstead/Wokingham Detail 2 and Map I Finchampstead/Wokingham Detail 3. Resulting the in the allocation of Councillors as per Table 5.1

**Table 5.1 Finchampstead Internal Warding Arrangements Councillor Allocations**

| Ward                | Electorate | Councillors | Councillors per Elector |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Finchampstead West  | 1,627      | 3           | 542                     |
| Finchampstead South | 3,799      | 6           | 633                     |
| Finchampstead North | 4,471      | 7           | 639                     |
| Lower Wokingham     | 804        | 1           | 804                     |
|                     |            | 17          |                         |

- The ordinary year of election remains as 2028.
- The external boundaries of the parish are as per Map F Finchampstead Overview 2027. With detail at Map C Barkham Finchampstead Detail, Map G

Finchampstead/Wokingham Detail 1 and Map H Finchampstead/Wokingham Detail 2 and Map I Finchampstead/Wokingham Detail 3.

### **Shinfield Parish Council**

- The parish name remains as Shinfield Parish Council
- The number of parish Councillors increases to 18

Resulting in the reallocation of Councillors as per Table 6.1

**Table 6.1 Shinfield Parish Council Internal Warding Arrangements Councillor Allocations**

| <b>Parish Ward</b>               | <b>Electorate</b> | <b>Proposed No of Councillors</b> | <b>Electorate per Councillor</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Grazeley                         | 1533              | 2                                 | 767                              |
| Spencers Wood South              | 920               | 2                                 | 460                              |
| Shinfield North                  | 2280              | 3                                 | 760                              |
| Shinfield Village                | 4963              | 6                                 | 827                              |
| Spencers Wood & Three Mile Cross | 3769              | 5                                 | 754                              |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>13669</b>      | <b>18</b>                         |                                  |

- The parish remains warded with the minor amendment to Shinfield North boundary as per Map E Earley/Shinfield External Boundary.
- The ordinary year of election remains as 2027.
- The external boundaries of the parish are changed in accordance with Map J Shinfield Overview and Map E Earley/Shinfield External Boundary.

### **Twyford Parish Council**

- The parish name remains as Twyford Parish Council
- The number of parish Councillors remains as 15 (unchanged)
- The parish wards (East and West) are amended as per Map K Twyford Overview with 9 councillors representing North Ward, and 6 councillors representing South ward.
- The ordinary year of election remains as 2027.
- The external boundaries of the parish are unchanged.

### **Winnersh Parish Council**

- The parish name remains as Winnersh Parish Council
- The number of parish Councillors remains as 15 (unchanged)

- The parish wards are retained with a reallocation of councillors between wards, 7 councillors to the North ward, and 8 to the South ward. There were no changes to the ward boundaries.

- The ordinary year of election remains as 2027.

- The external boundaries of the parish are unchanged.

### **Wokingham Town Council**

- The parish name remains as Wokingham Town Council.

- The number of parish Councillors remains as 25 (unchanged)

- The parish wards are amended as per Map L Wokingham Overview with details at Map G Finchampstead/Wokingham Detail 1, Map H Finchampstead/Wokingham Detail 2, Map I Finchampstead/Wokingham Detail 3, Map M Norreys East and West Detail, Map N Wescott East and West Detail, Map O Evendons West Emmbrook South Detail.

- The ordinary year of election remains as 2027.

- The external boundary of the parish are Map L Wokingham Overview with detail Map G Finchampstead/Wokingham Detail 1, Map H Finchampstead/Wokingham Detail 2 and Map I Finchampstead/Wokingham Detail 3

### **Woodley Town Council**

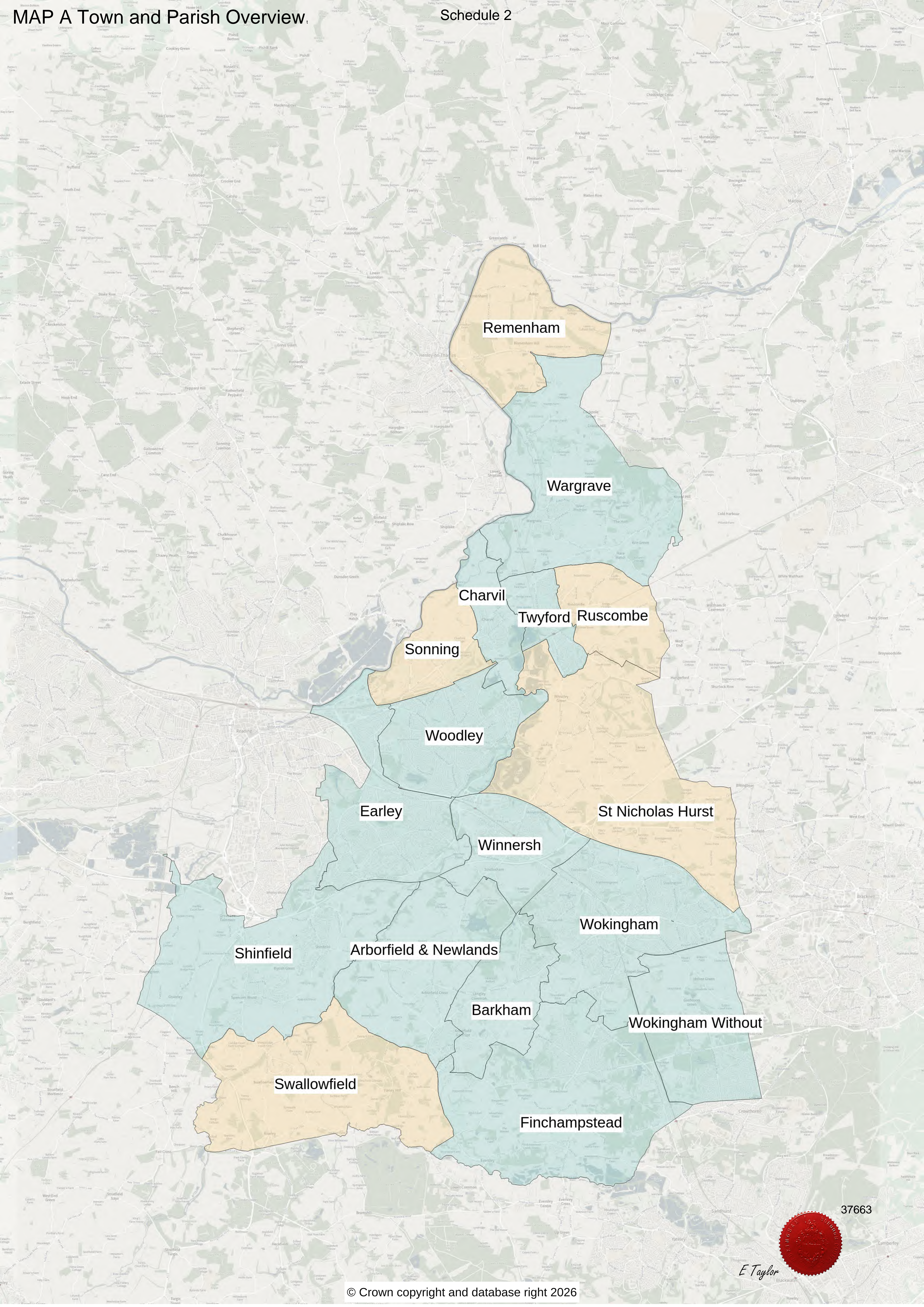
- The parish name remains as Woodley Town Council.

- The number of parish Councillors remains as 25 (unchanged)

- The parish remains warded but changing the names of Bulmershe East ward to Woodley Central, and Loddon West Ward to South Lake East.

- The ordinary year of election remains as 2027.

- The external boundaries of the parish are unchanged.



Remenham

Wargrave

Charvil

Twyford Ruscombe

Sonning

Woodley

Earley

St Nicholas Hurst

Winnersh

Wokingham

Shinfield

Arborfield & Newlands

Barkham

Wokingham Without

Swallowfield

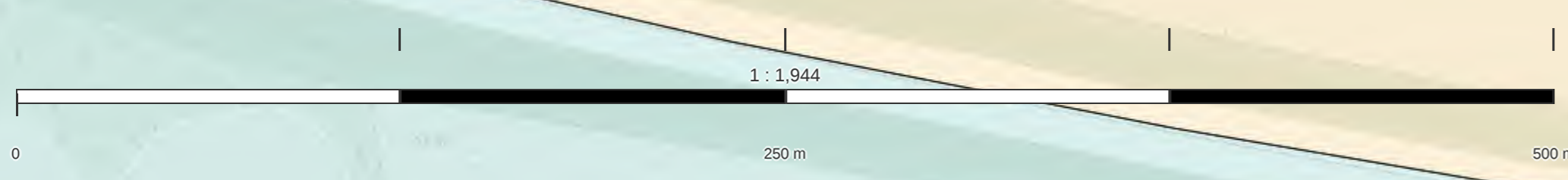
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# Map M Norreys East and West Detail



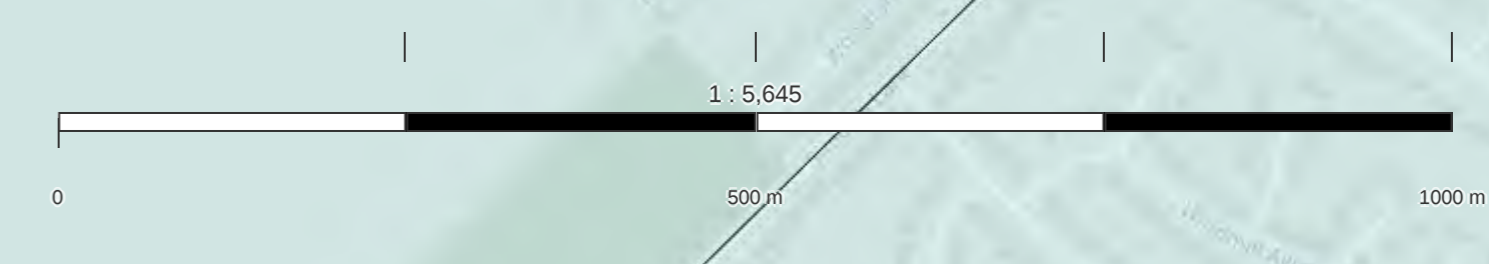
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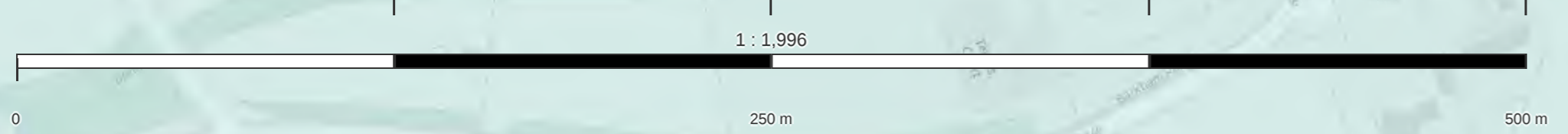
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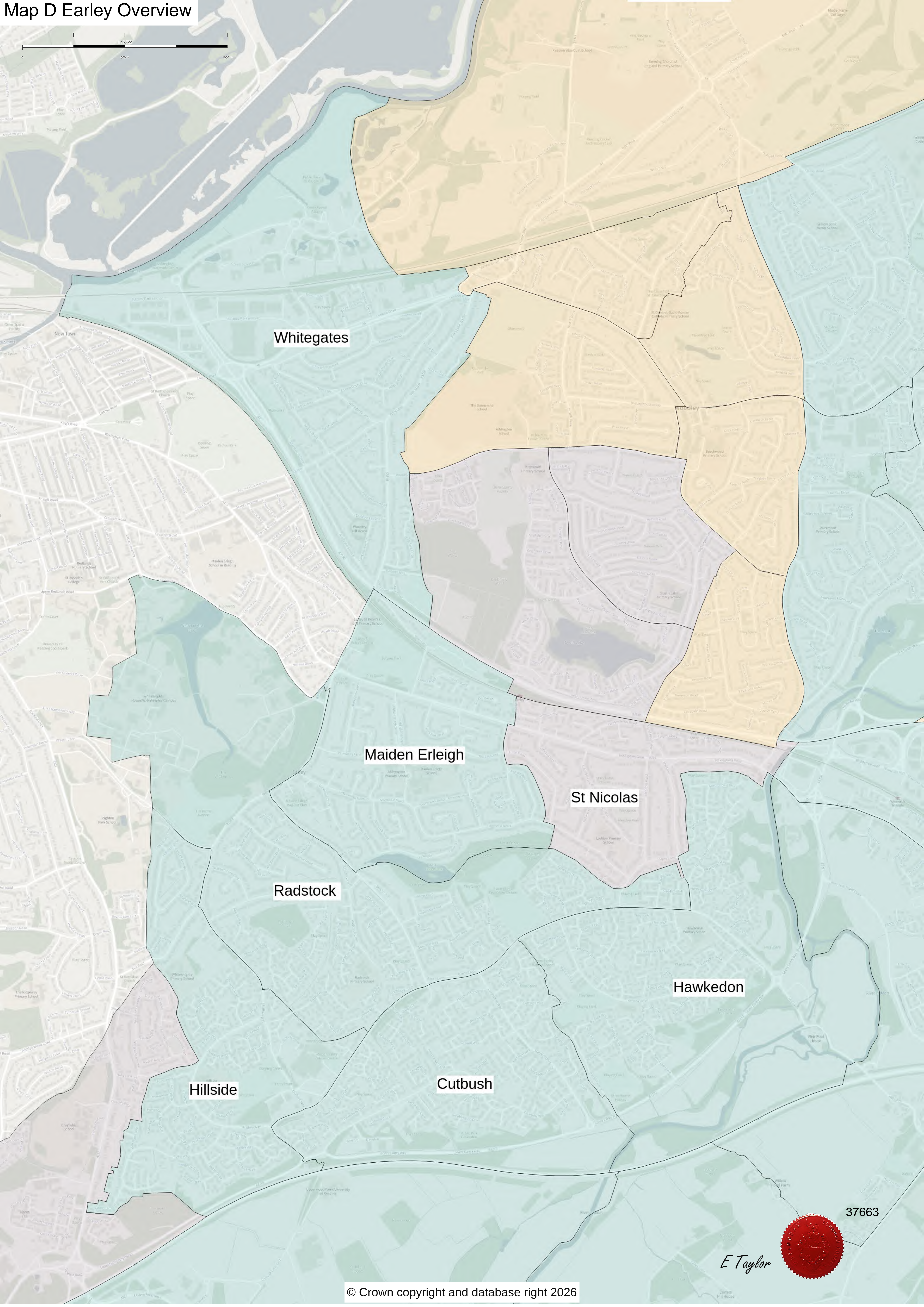
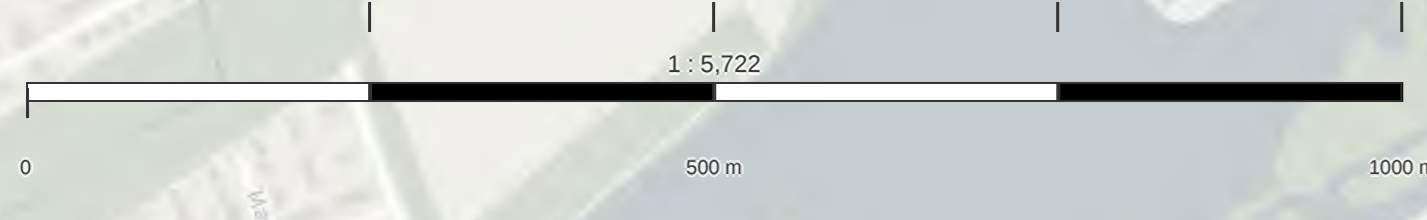
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# Map D Earley Overview



**Whitegates**

**Maiden Erleigh**

**Radstock**

**Hillside**

**Cutbush**

**St Nicolas**

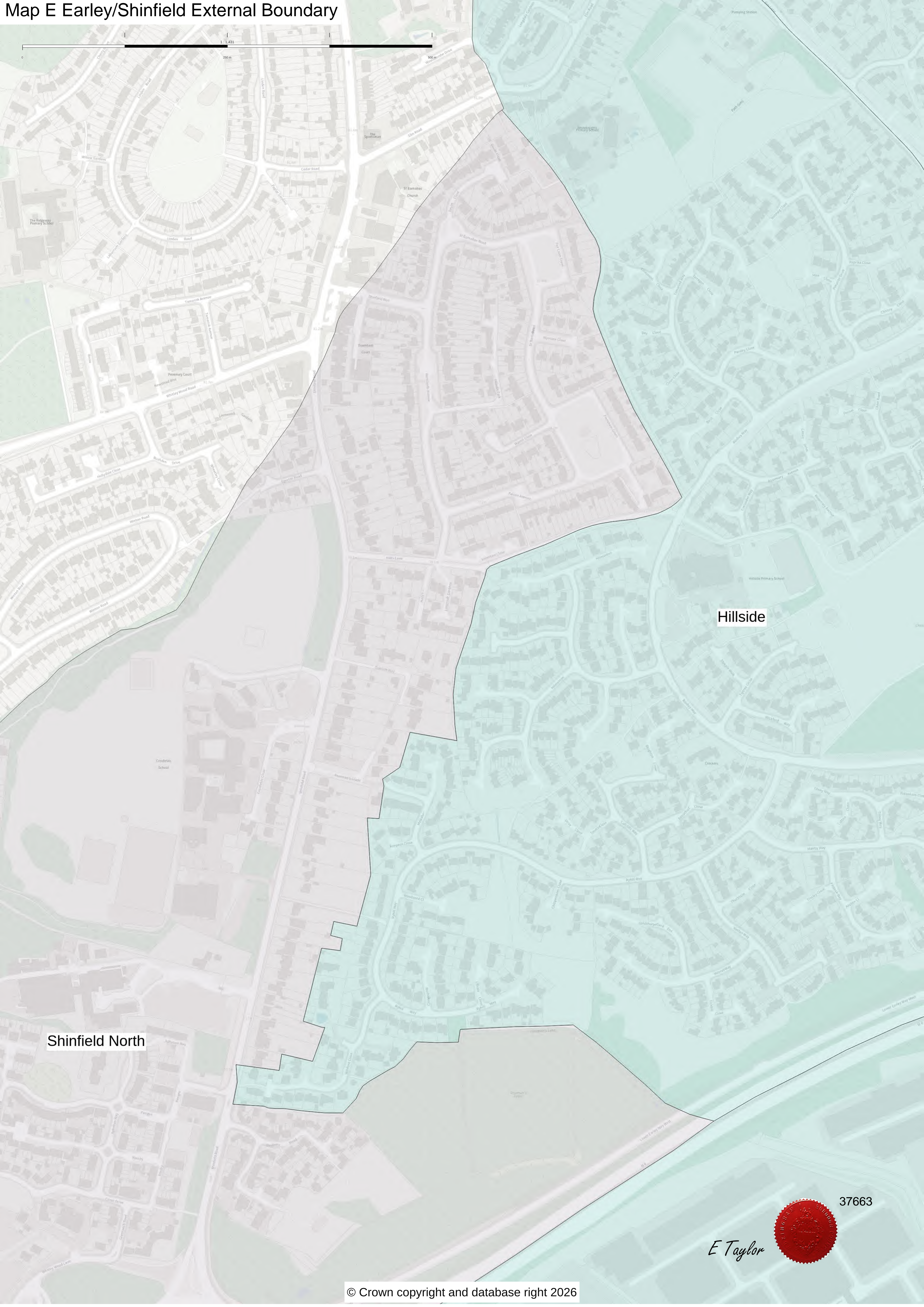
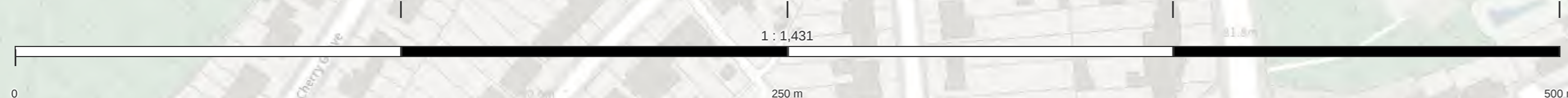
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# Map E Earley/Shinfield External Boundary



Shinfield North

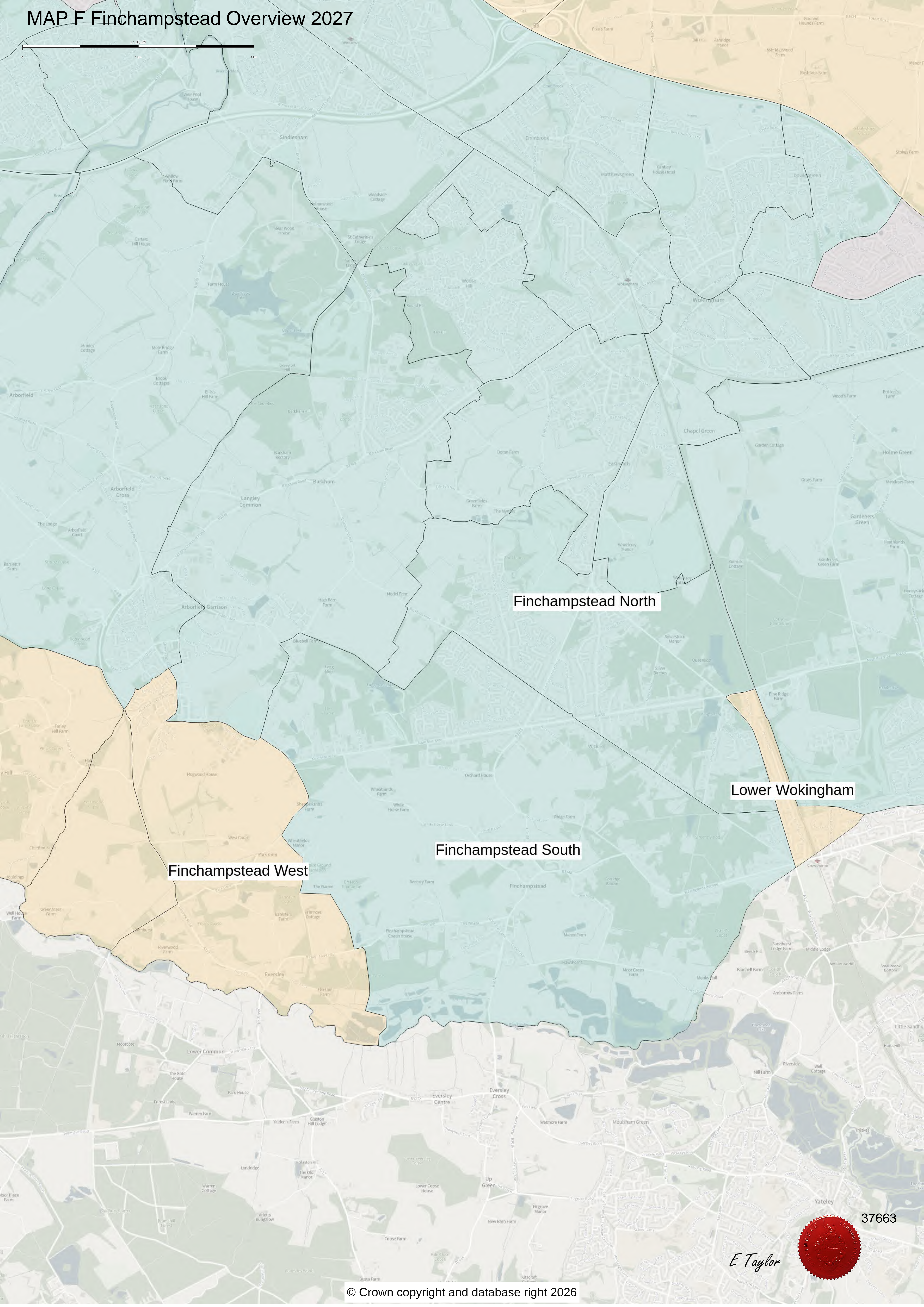
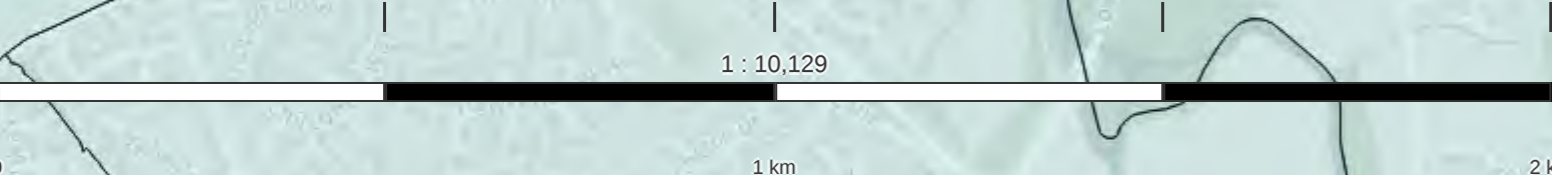
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# MAP F Finchampstead Overview 2027



Finchampstead North

Lower Wokingham

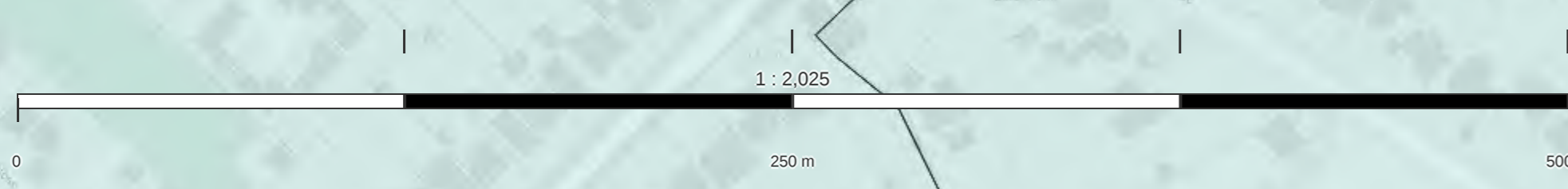
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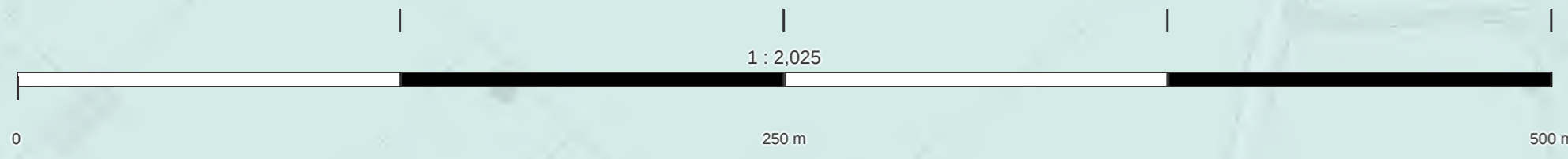
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Evendons East

Wescott West

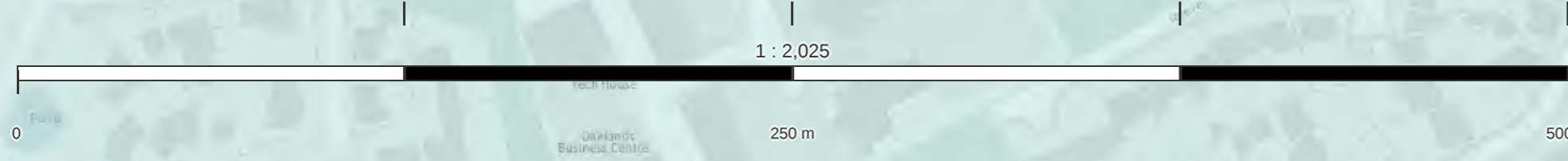
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# Map I Finchampstead Wokingham Detail 3



Wescott West

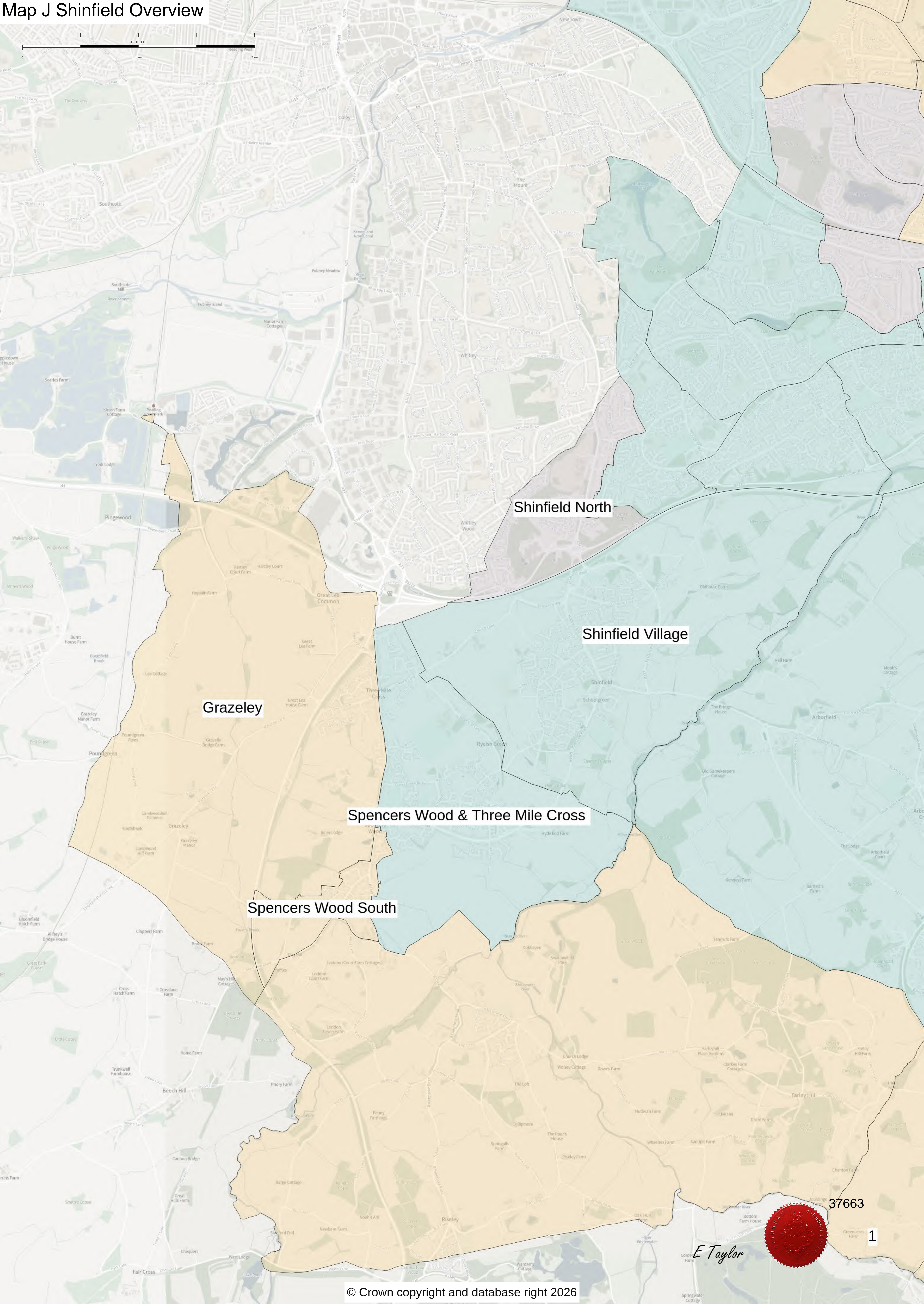
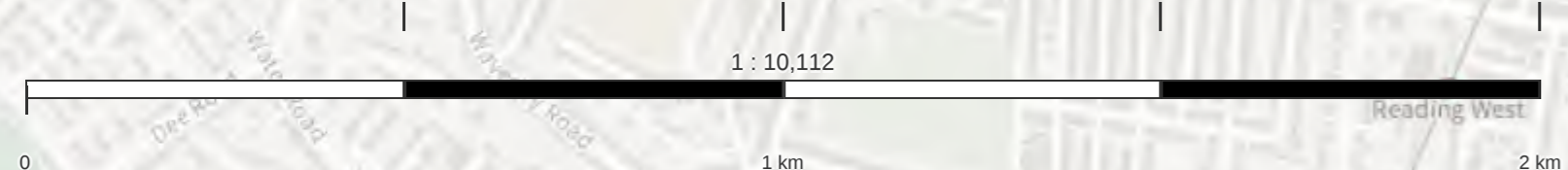
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# Map J Shinfield Overview



**Shinfield North**

**Shinfield Village**

**Spencers Wood & Three Mile Cross**

**Grazeley**

**Spencers Wood South**

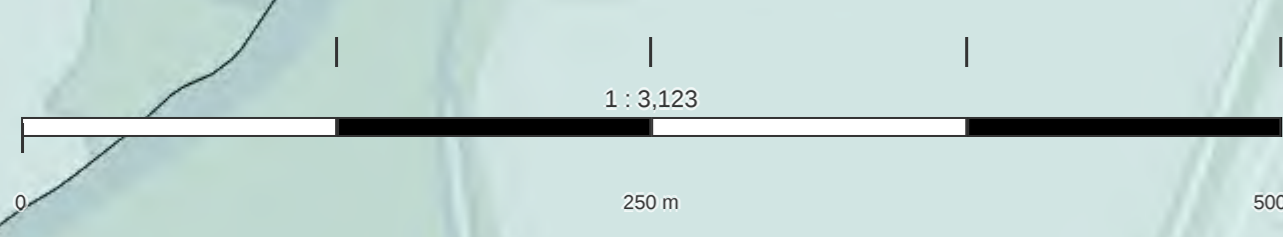
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# Map K Twyford Overview

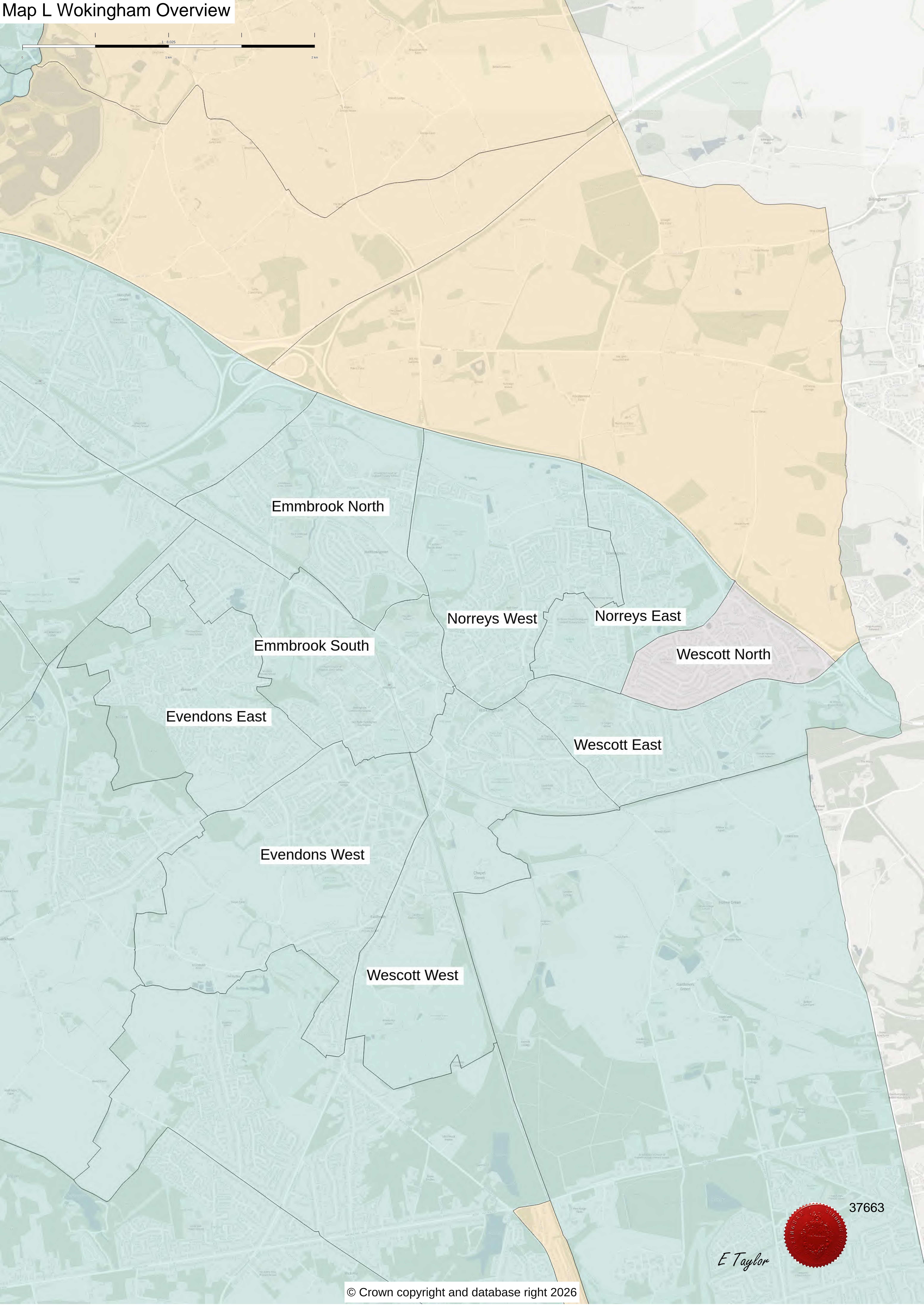
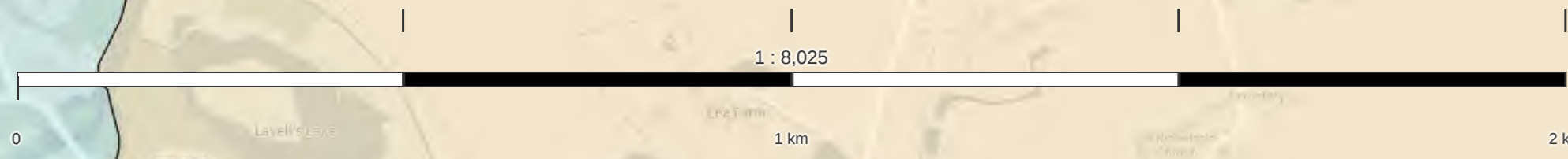


**Twyford North**

**Twyford South**



# Map L Wokingham Overview



**Emmbrook North**

**Emmbrook South**

**Evendons East**

**Evendons West**

**Norreys West**

**Norreys East**

**Wescott North**

**Wescott East**

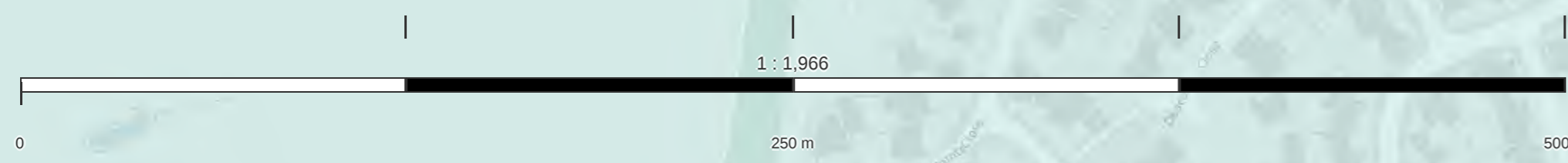
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# Map N Wescott East and West Detail



Norreys West

Norreys East

Wescott West

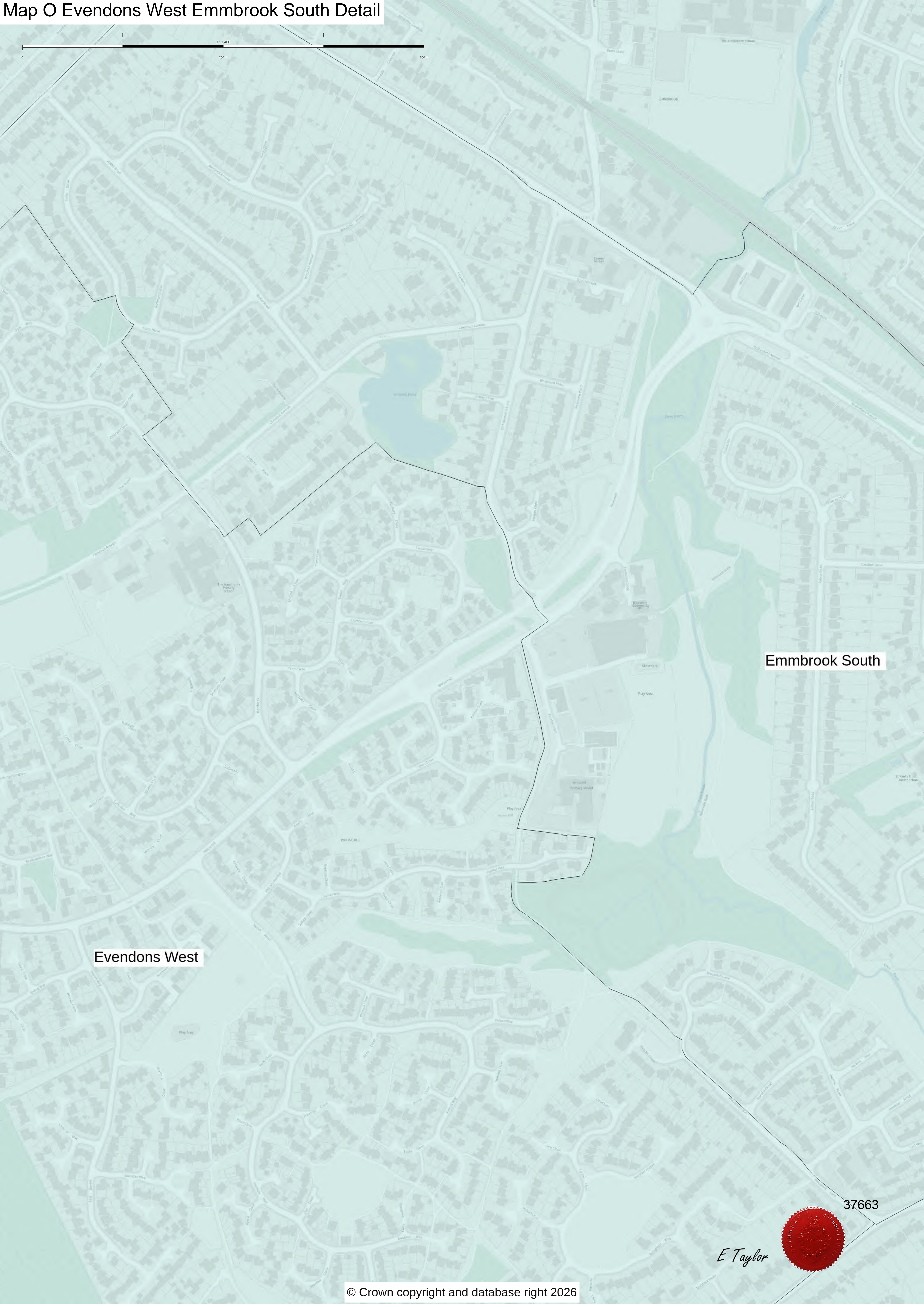
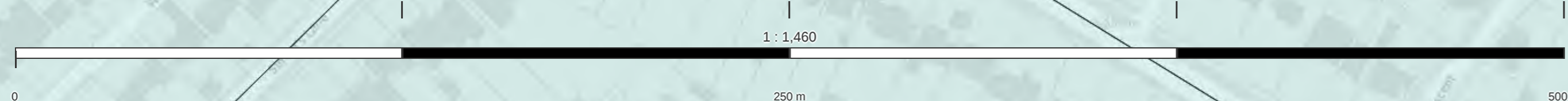
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# Map O Evendons West Emmbrook South Detail



Emmbrook South

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