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# (Bengali):-

যদি আপনি ইংরেজীতে কথা বলতে না পারেন এবং এই দলিলটি বুঝতে পারার জন্য সাহায্যের দরকার হয়, তাহলে দয়া করে 0113 247 8092 এই নম্বরে ফোন করে আপনার ভাষাটির নাম বলুন। আমরা তখন আপনাকে লাইনে থাকতে বলে কোন দোভাষীর (ইন্টারপ্রিটার) সাথে যোগাযোগ করব।

### (Chinese):-

凡不懂英語又須協助解釋這份資料者,請致電 0113 247 8092 並說明本身所需語言的名稱。當我們聯絡傳譯員時,請勿掛 斷電話。

## (Hindi):-

यदि आप इंग्लिश नहीं बोलते हैं और इस दस्तावेज को समझने में आपको मदद की जरूरत है, तो कृपया 0113 247 8092 पर फ़ोन करें और अपनी भाषा का नाम बताएँ। तब हम आपको होल्ड पर रखेंगे (आपको फ़ोन पर कुछ देर के लिए इंतज़ार करना होगा) और उस दौरान हम किसी इंटरप्रिटर (दुभाषिए) से संपर्क करेंगे।

### (Punjabi):-

ਅਗਰ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਬੋਲਦੇ ਅਤੇ ਇਹ ਲੇਖ ਪੱਤਰ ਸਮਝਣ ਲਈ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੀ ਲੋੜ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰ ਕੇ 0113 247 8092 ਟੈਲੀਫ਼ੂਨ ਕਰੋ ਅਤੇ ਅਪਣੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਦਾ ਨਾਮ ਦੱਸੋ. ਅਸੀਂ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਟੈਲੀਫ਼ੂਨ 'ਤੇ ਹੀ ਰਹਿਣ ਲਈ ਕਹਾਂ ਗੇ, ਜਦ ਤਕ ਅਸੀਂ ਦਭਾਸ਼ੀਏ (Interpreter) ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਬਣਾਵਾਂ ਗੇ.

#### (Urdu):-

اگرآپ انگریزی نہیں بولتے ہیں اورآپ کو بید ستاویر سجھنے کیلئے مدد کی ضرورت ہے تو براہِ مہر بانی اس نمبر 8092 247 0113 پرفون کریں اور ہمیں اپنی زبان کا نام بتا کیں۔اس کے بعد ہم آپ کو لائن برہی انتظار کرنے کیلئے کہیں گے اور خودتر جمان (انٹریریٹر) سے رابطہ کریں گے۔

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#### MOVEMENT OF MINERALS AND OTHER FREIGHT

- 3.33 This Plan aims to meet the local target for aggregate provision through safeguarding and allocation of sites. Leeds does not produce the right quality of aggregate needed for concrete-making and therefore will need to import aggregates from outside the District. In line with the strategic objective for a low carbon economy, Leeds aims to make the most of the opportunities in the District for the movement of freight by canal and rail. We propose to assist this by safeguarding existing sites that can be used for canal or rail-based freight purposes and allocating new sites where appropriate. This will help to ensure that important sites with freight potential are protected from pressure for other permanent uses and to encourage further investment in the canal and rail infrastructure. This will also help ensure we have sufficient sites for concrete batching and asphalting operations and that they are located in the industrial parts of the south-east of the District where their impact on the environment and housing is minimal. Supporting industries in this way helps to ensure their future survival by enabling them to operate more efficiently. Historically, Leeds had a strong basis in manufacturing and whilst the local economy has focused more recently on finance and law, by supporting manufacturing industry it helps to promote a strong, diverse economy.
- 3.34 The Freight Topic Paper 2014 includes a summary of existing and potential freight movements in and out of Leeds. Additionally, detailed evidence is presented in two studies, 'Potential for the use of Non-Road Freight Modes for West Yorkshire, April 2014' and the 'Marine Aggregate Report, 2013'. The Freight Study recognises that Leeds has a strong synergy with the Humber Ports and that the Stourton area offers genuine tri-modal freight development opportunities that would have much lower 'entry costs' than other similar schemes elsewhere in the country. This Plan aims to support these opportunities so that sites can be taken forward and actively marketed by interested commercial parties. The Marine Aggregate Study concludes that it is likely that in the medium to long-term landwon aggregate will be replaced by marine-won aggregate from the North Sea. This Plan needs to make provision for this in ensuring that marine-won aggregate can be transported into Leeds from the East Coast and Humber Ports using rail and /or canal.
- 3.35 The main focus of current rail freight activity is in the Stourton area where aggregate is brought to each of the mineral processing plants by rail. It is also the location of the Freightliner sidings which are one of the busiest rail container terminals in Britain. Over the plan period there is potential for further rail freight activity in that area and for aggregate to be conveyed onward to sites within a short distance of the rail sidings.
- 3.36 The Aire and Calder Navigation connects to the Humber Ports and has been identified by the Canal and River Trust as a Priority Freight Route. It has potential for greater use for freight movements. The focus of the following policies is to safeguard sites for unloading in order to protect the ability to use the canal for freight movement. The Canal and River Trust advise that freight activities can take on average two years to implement. To avoid sites being left vacant, temporary employment uses will be considered on protected wharf sites.

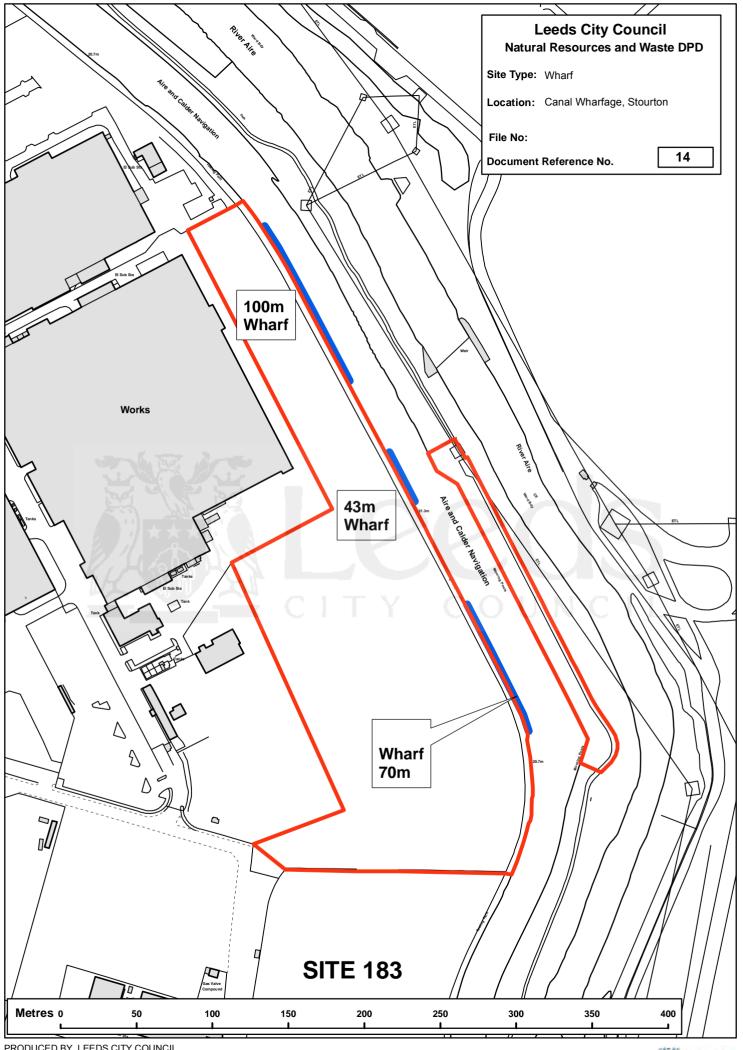
### **MINERALS 13: TRANSPORT MODES**

- 1. The following existing rail sidings and wharves are safeguarded to protect them from development that would prejudice their long term availability for rail or canal freight.
  - Site 14 Canal wharf at Stourton
  - Site 15 Canal wharf at Old Mill lane, Hunslet
  - Site 16 Rail sidings at Pontefract Road, Stourton
  - Site 17 Rail sidings at Knowsthorpe Lane
  - Site 18 Canal wharf at Fleet lane, Woodlesford
- 2. Site 20 Skelton Grange Road, Stourton is allocated for provision of a new canal wharf and associated employment activities which will utilise movements of freight by canal.
- 3. Site 21 Bridgewater Road South is allocated for provision of new rail sidings and associated employment activities which will utilise movements of freight by rail.
  - Proposals are expected to incorporate suitable landscaping to protect views and amenity from nearby existing and proposed residential allocations to the north and the river/canal.
- 4. Short term / temporary uses which do not utilise rail or canal freight may also be accepted on sites 20 and 21 providing they do not prejudice the long term use of rail or canal for freight.
- 5. An Intermodal Freight Area is identified at Stourton where commercial activities that can make use of the rail and water freight opportunities are encouraged.
- 6. Site 19 Skelton Grange rail spur, provides rail access to the former power station site at Skelton Grange (site 200) and is safeguarded to preserve the future opportunity for rail freight.
- 3.37 There are limited opportunities for rail and wharf facilities in Leeds and it is important that the sites identified in this Plan have every opportunity to develop and flourish for these uses. Nevertheless the Council recognises that land should not be sterilised indefinitely if there is no reasonable prospect of the sites being used for such purposes. Applications for alternative uses on a safeguarded or allocated wharf or rail siding will be considered in terms of their benefits weighed against the loss of the non-road freight opportunity using the following criteria based policy:

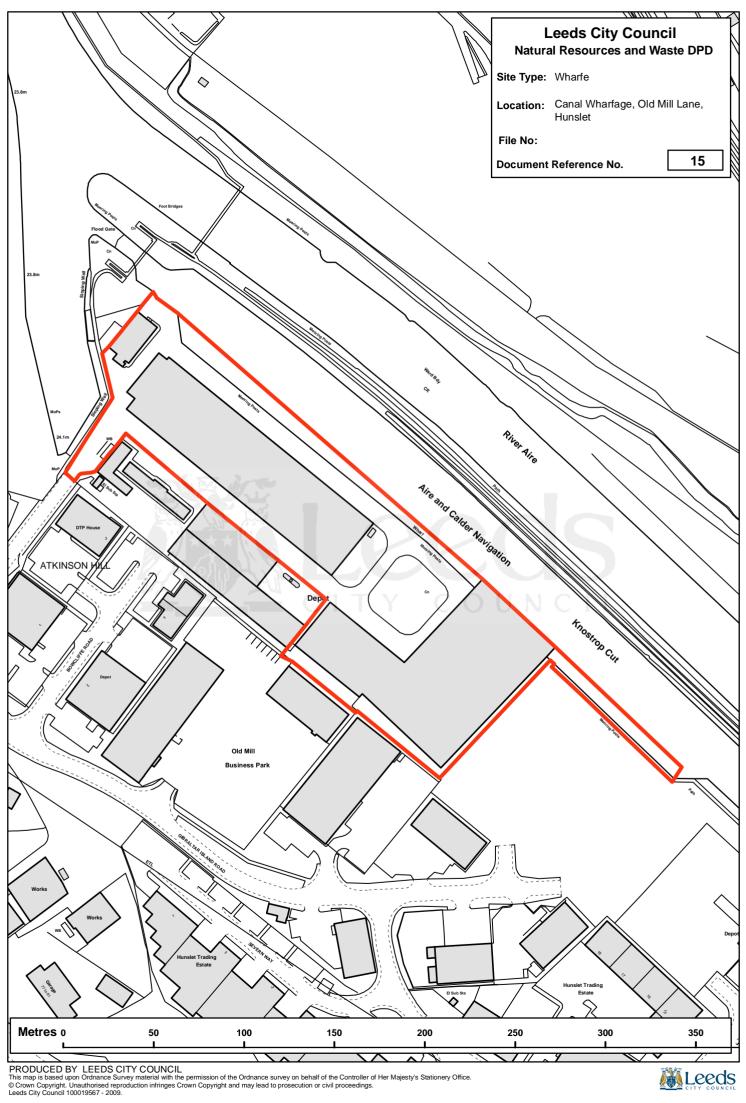
# MINERALS 14: CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT ON PROTECTED WHARVES AND RAIL SIDINGS

Canal wharves and rail sidings are protected from other development unless the applicant can demonstrate compliance with one of the following criteria:

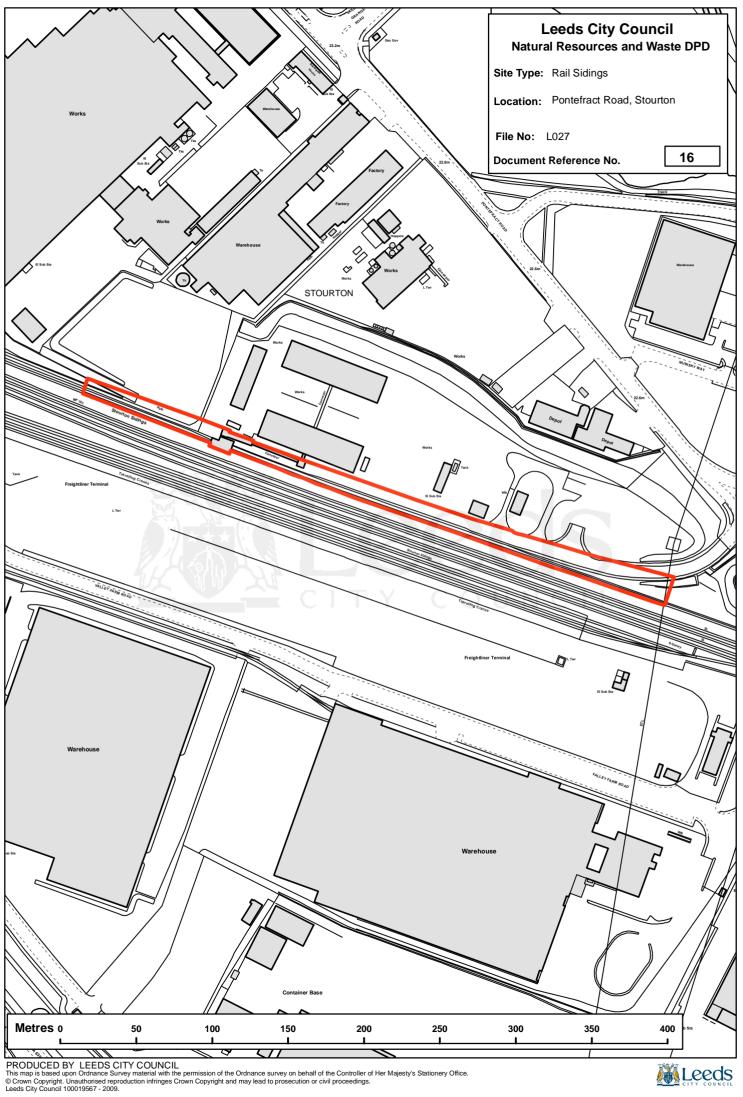
- 1. The development is of a temporary nature and would not prejudice the longer term ability of the site to utilise movements of freight by canal or rail, or
- 2. The applicant is able to demonstrate that in the case of a safeguarded wharf/rail siding that an adequate replacement wharf/rail siding has been provided or
- 3. A sufficient supply of sites will remain in the district, readily available and of at least the same functional capability (including proximity to relevant economic centres), so as not to prejudice the objective of encouraging a shift from road freight, or
- 4. The applicant is able to conclusively demonstrate, through the provision of current and forecast marketing evidence, that the site is unlikely to ever be used for freight purposes.

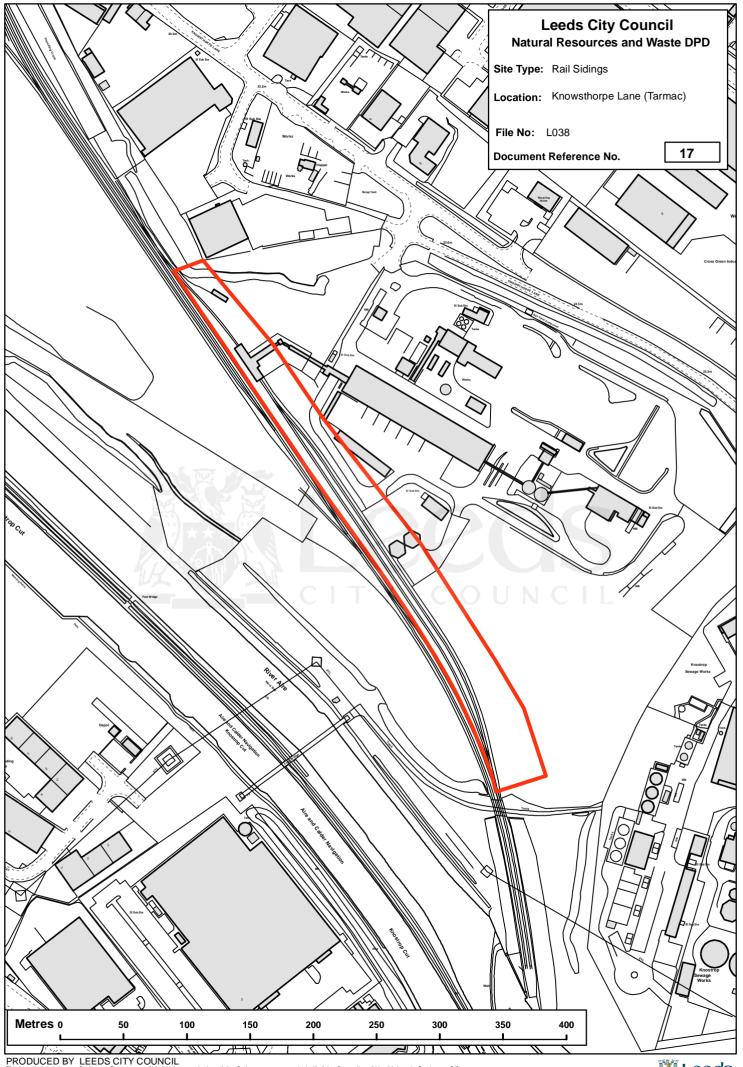




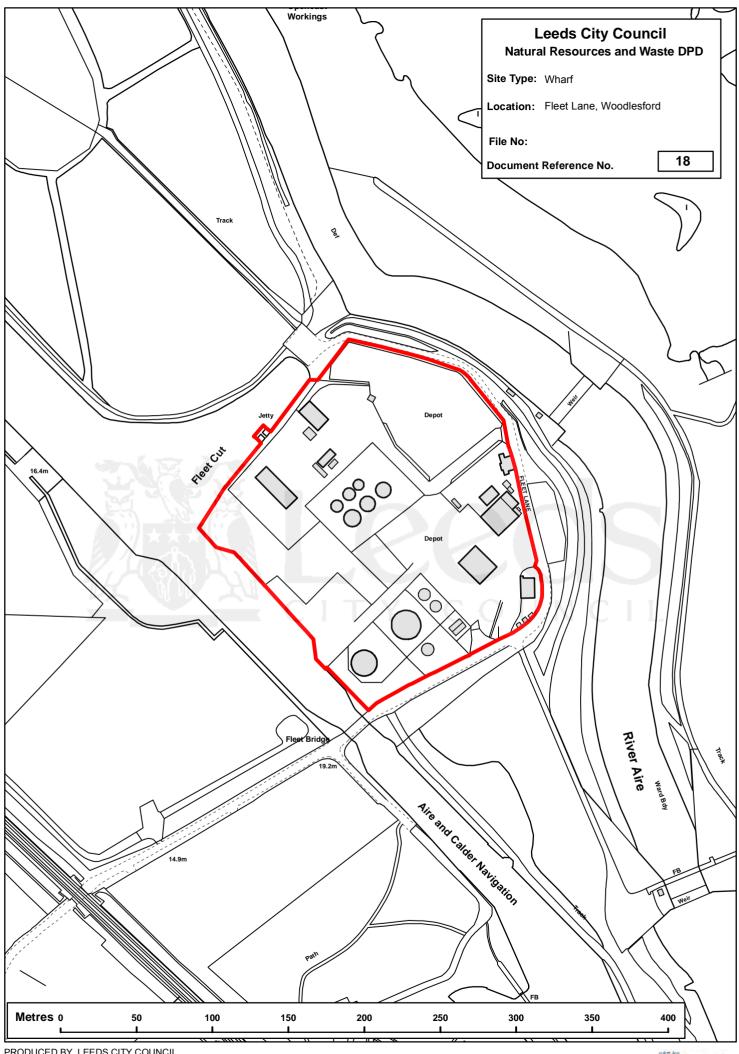




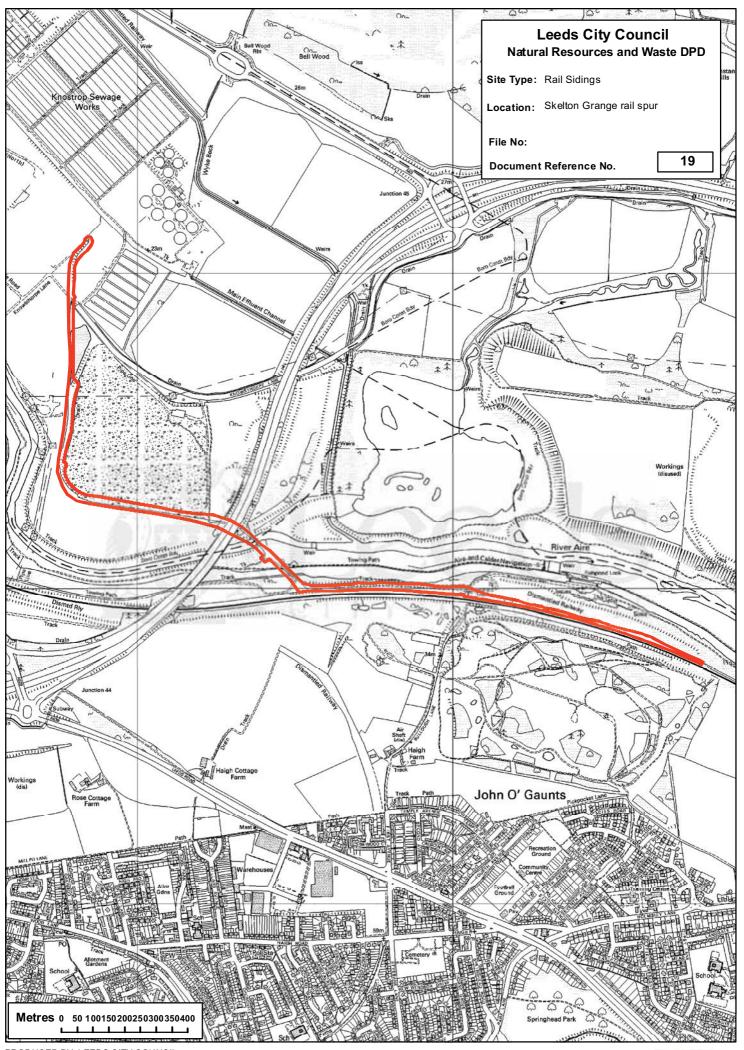




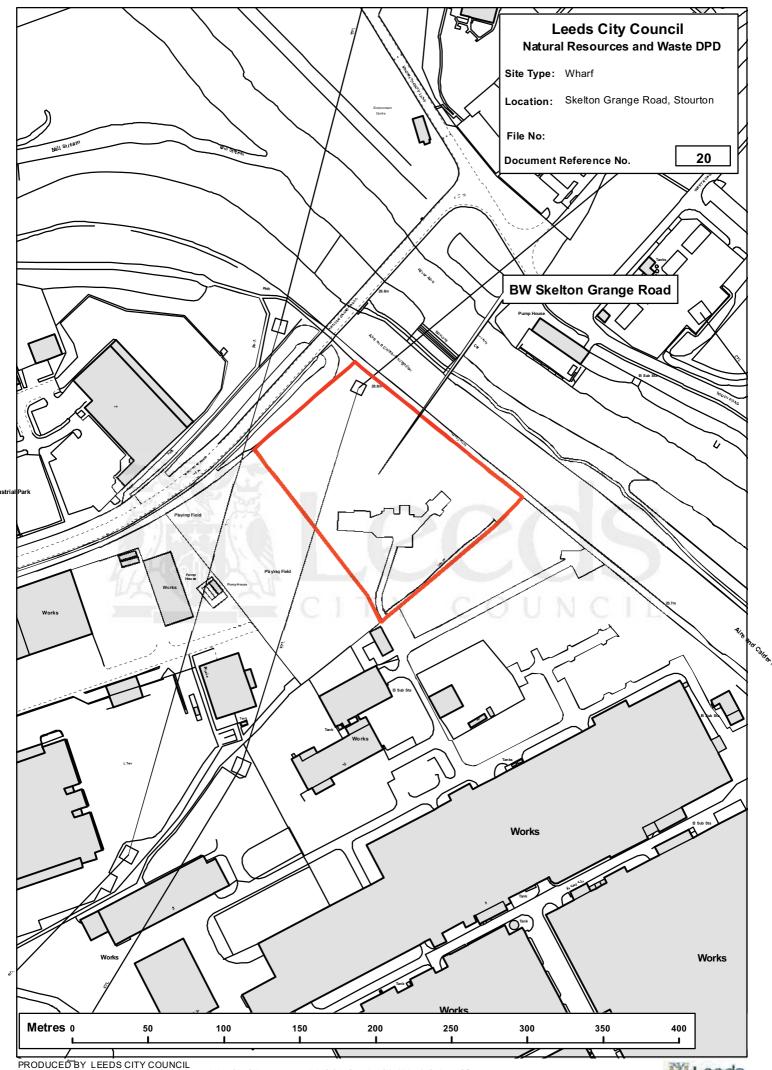




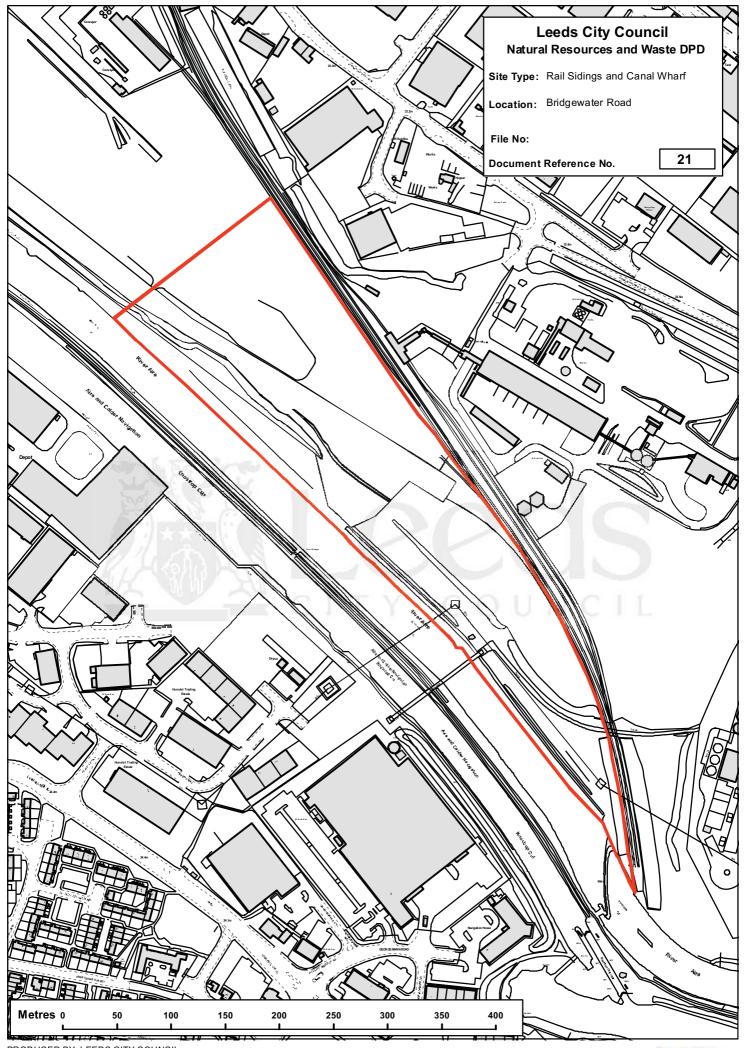




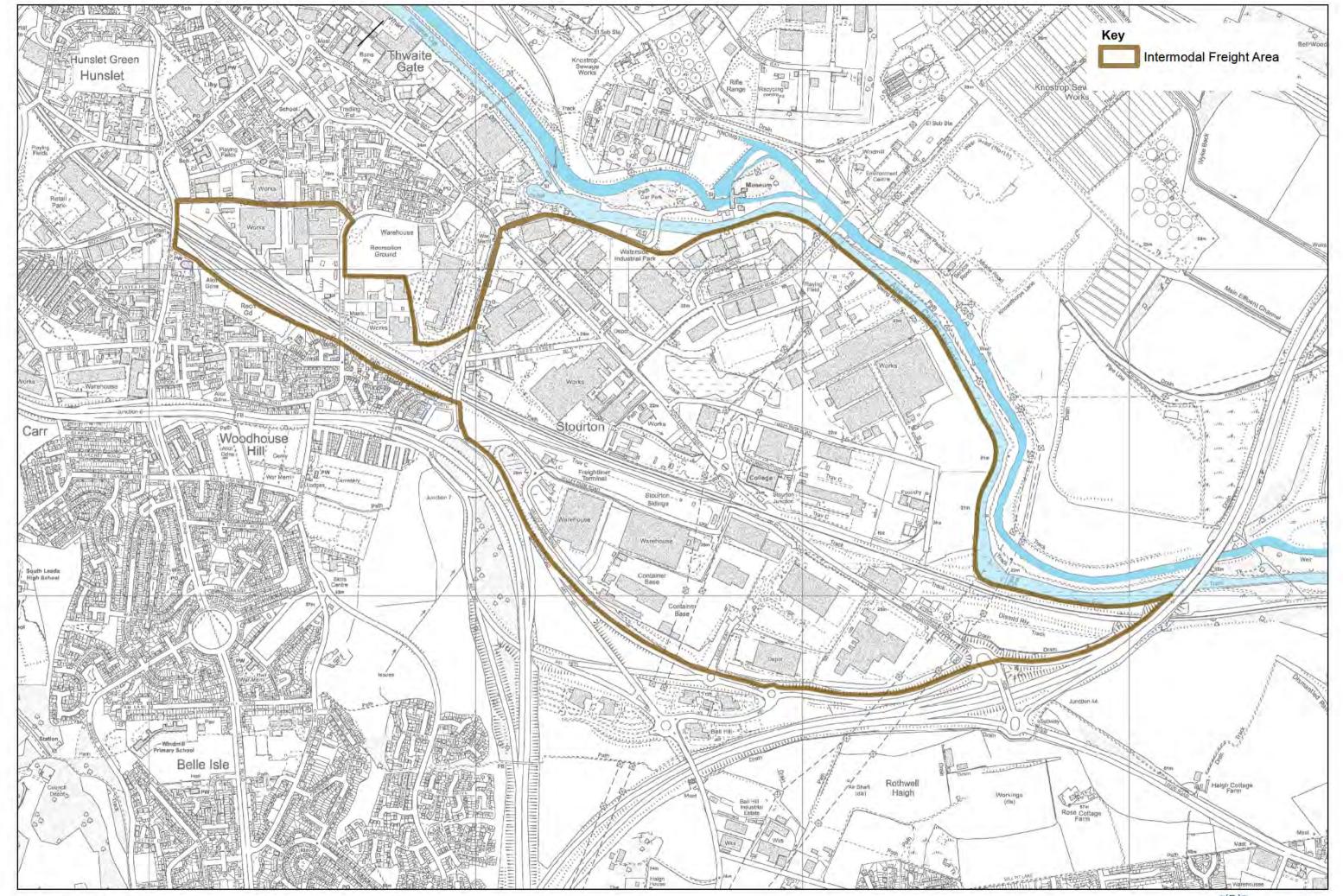














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