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1991 assessment by
YDNPA as to
poss. conservation
area status for
Selside.

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Dear Fiona,

Following the visit of Juliet Coates to Selside earlier this week I enclose now the Application Form which she filled in at the time. I asked her to leave the form with me so that we could study the conditions printed on the back of the form. I have now signed the form on behalf of the Selside Resident Association and look forward to the next stage of this project.

I was amused to find a report on Selside (copy enclosed) in one of the five volumes of assessments the Park carried out in 1991. On page 2 it lists a number of environmental improvements - we are not doing badly at all! The barn by the side of the main road has been repaired and re-roofed. The ugly shed by the embankment is still there and the owner shows no sign of wanting to improve the site. Point 3 is now in hand. Point 5 is doing well. Lots of trees have been planted and more are planned, some as part of the recent planning application by Mr J. H. Morphet for conversion of a barn. We are talking to the police to see what can be done to reduce the impact of traffic in Upper Ribblesdale in general, but also through Selside itself. Which leaves point 4. I have already spoken with Juliet Coates about any possibilities of undergrounding electrical and telephone cables but she did not seem to hold out much hope. If it were possible it would certainly improve the local environment dramatically and inspire others to make further improvements.

Yours sincerely,



Wilf Fenten

Encl. Application Form (signed)
Copy of report on Selside

SELSIDE

1. Location and Setting

1.1. Selside is the last real hamlet in northern Ribblesdale. In an elevated situation in the broad valley, it occupies a small well treed south east facing hollow astride Selside Beck, with extensive views across to Pen-y-ghent.

2. Historical Background and Development.

2.1. Archaeological remains in the surrounding area indicate early prehistoric settlement, but the name is Norse, meaning 'the croft by the willows' and the hamlet was first mentioned in the Domesday survey. It later belonged to Furness Abbey and became essentially a farming community serving a considerable area, boasting a 'town hall'. With construction of the Carlisle-Settle railway a station was proposed at Selside but this never materialised. The hamlet is astride the main valley road B6479.

3. Character.

3.1. The settlement is compact though the B6479 is a disruptive element; most of the few buildings are however set back from or are at an angle to the road and this reduces its visual disturbance. The compactness is emphasised by a clear cut edge to the built up area and by the winding and climbing road, complemented by some fine trees. The main buildings are of vernacular architecture in local materials, of the 18th and 19th century, and a number are particularly attractive. Top Farm just outside and to the north of the main building group is an effective introduction approaching from the north. There are 4 listed buildings. The built form is enhanced by some good individual trees and groups of trees.

3.2. The special character of Selside is in the compact grouping of some attractive buildings and trees in a fine landscape setting.

4. Suggested Conservation Area Boundary.

4.1. The suggested area includes the main group of buildings with associated trees, and the immediately adjacent fields on either side of the road, including the distinctive property of Top Farm. The Carlisle-Settle railway forms the eastern boundary.

5. Environmental Improvements.

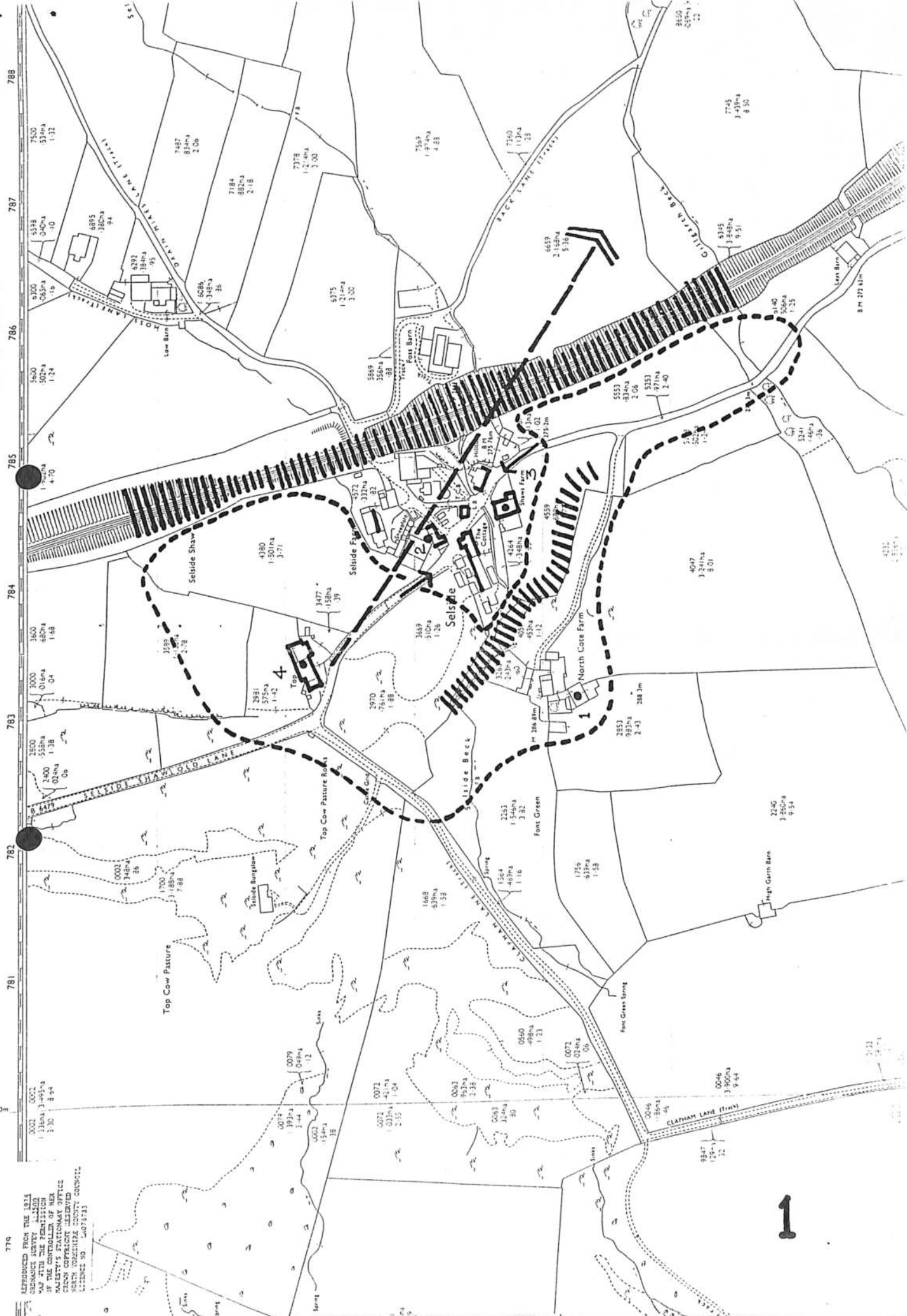
	Location	Possible Action	
✓1.	Derelict barn at side of main road.	Restore, adapt to new use.	- DONE 1993
2.	Disused barn/shed adjoining rail embankment.	Adapt or demolish.	
✓3.	Untidy rough area, scrap metal dump, main roadside.	Clear.	- Cleared + enhanced 1997.
4.	Wirescape (relatively minor).	Realign/underground.	
✓5.	Trees.	New planting and management.	Began 1992 + continued 1996, 1997
6.	Traffic.	Weight/speed restriction or rerouting especially on mineral traffic.	

6 Listed Buildings, Scheduled Ancient Monuments and other Archaeological Features

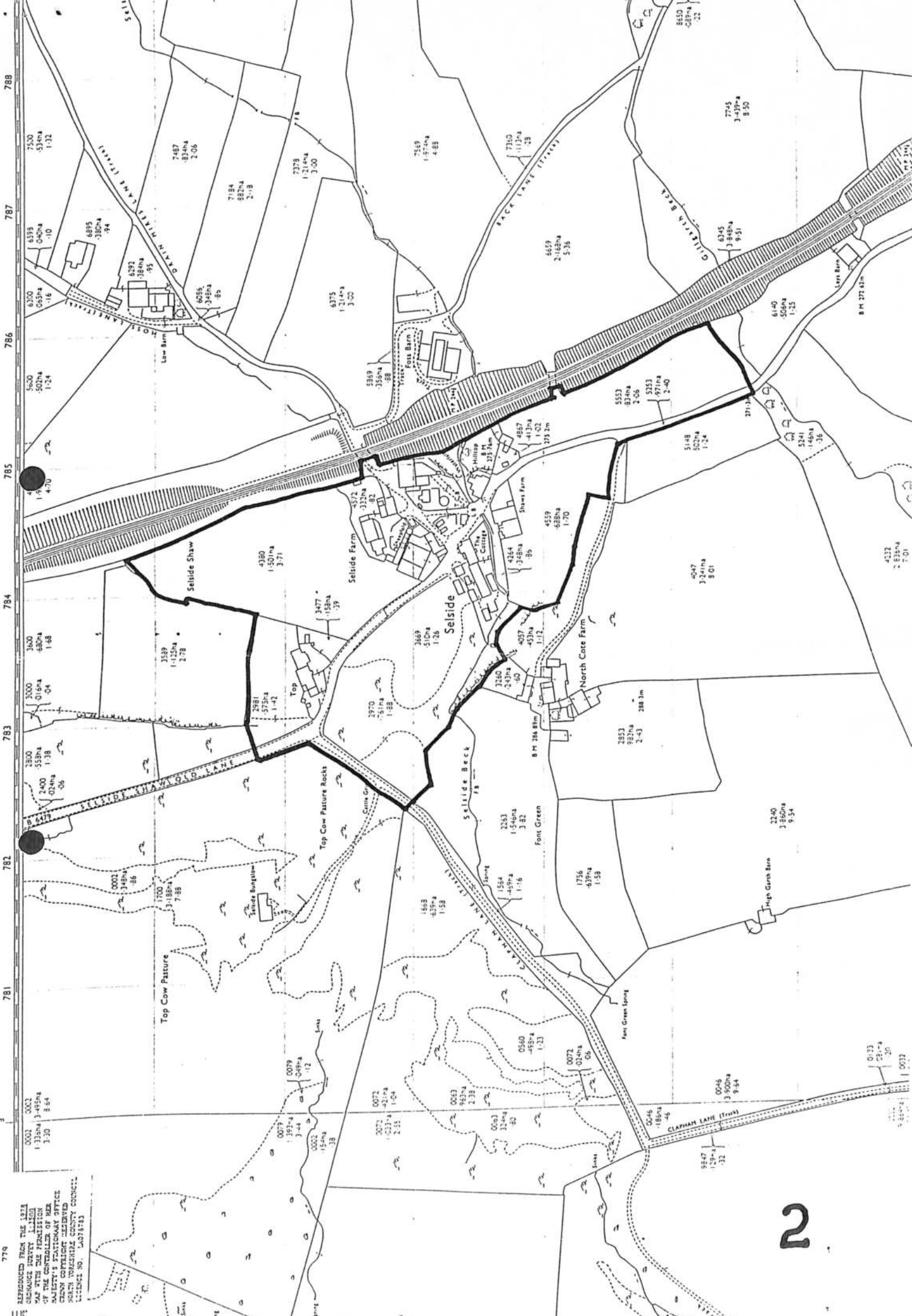
	Location	Grade	Description
1	North Cote Farmhouse	II	Farmhouse, late C18, C17 origins and C20 alterations.
2	Pen-y-ghent Cottage	II	Former farmhouse, now one cottage, late C17 with C19 and C20 alterations.
3	Shaw's Farmhouse	II	Farmhouse and cottage, late C17 with C18, C19 and C20 alterations.
4	Top Farmhouse	II	Farmhouse. late C17 with C18 and C20 alterations.

7. Ranking

The merit ranking is MEDIUM
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 The priority ranking is MEDIUM



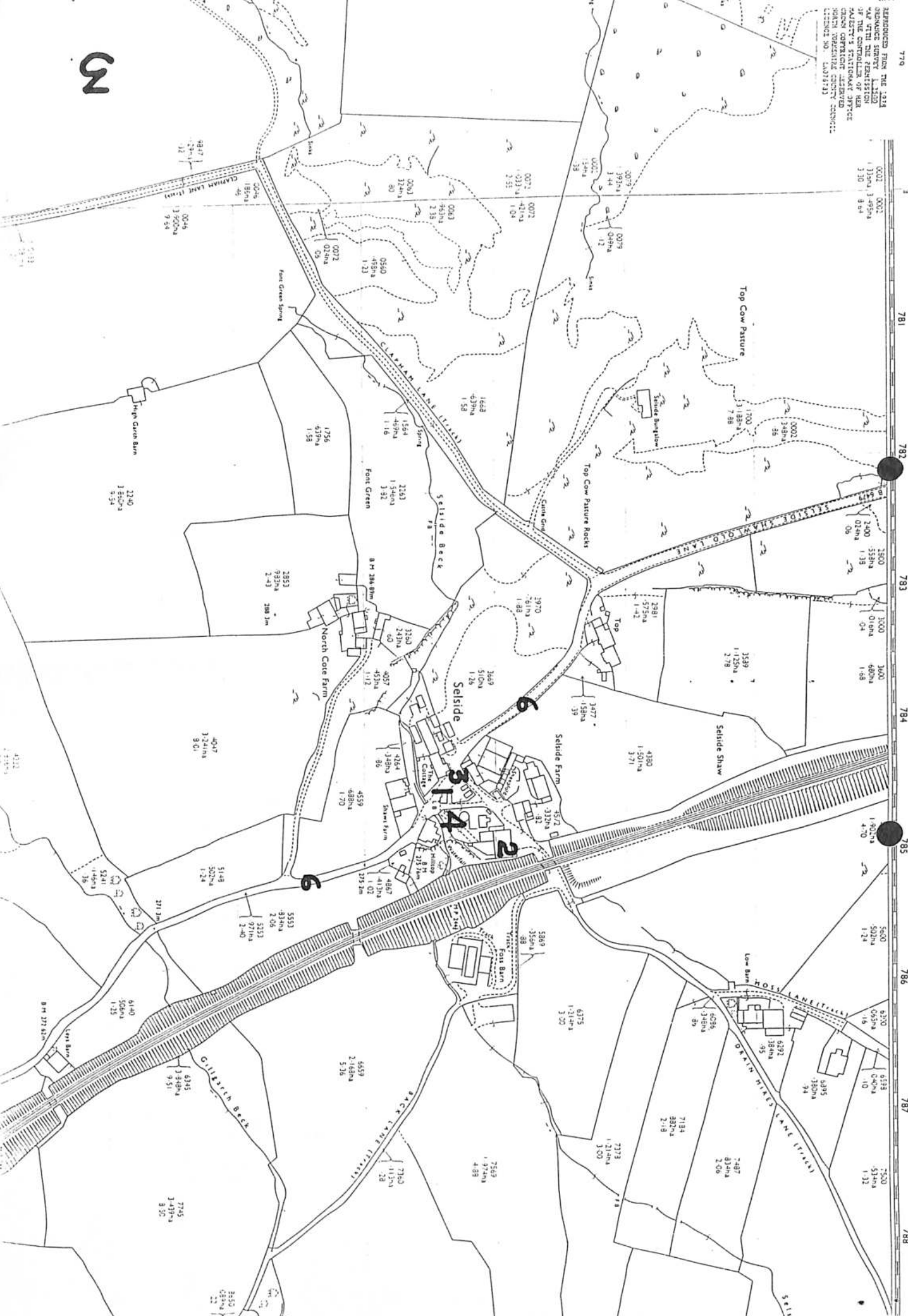
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