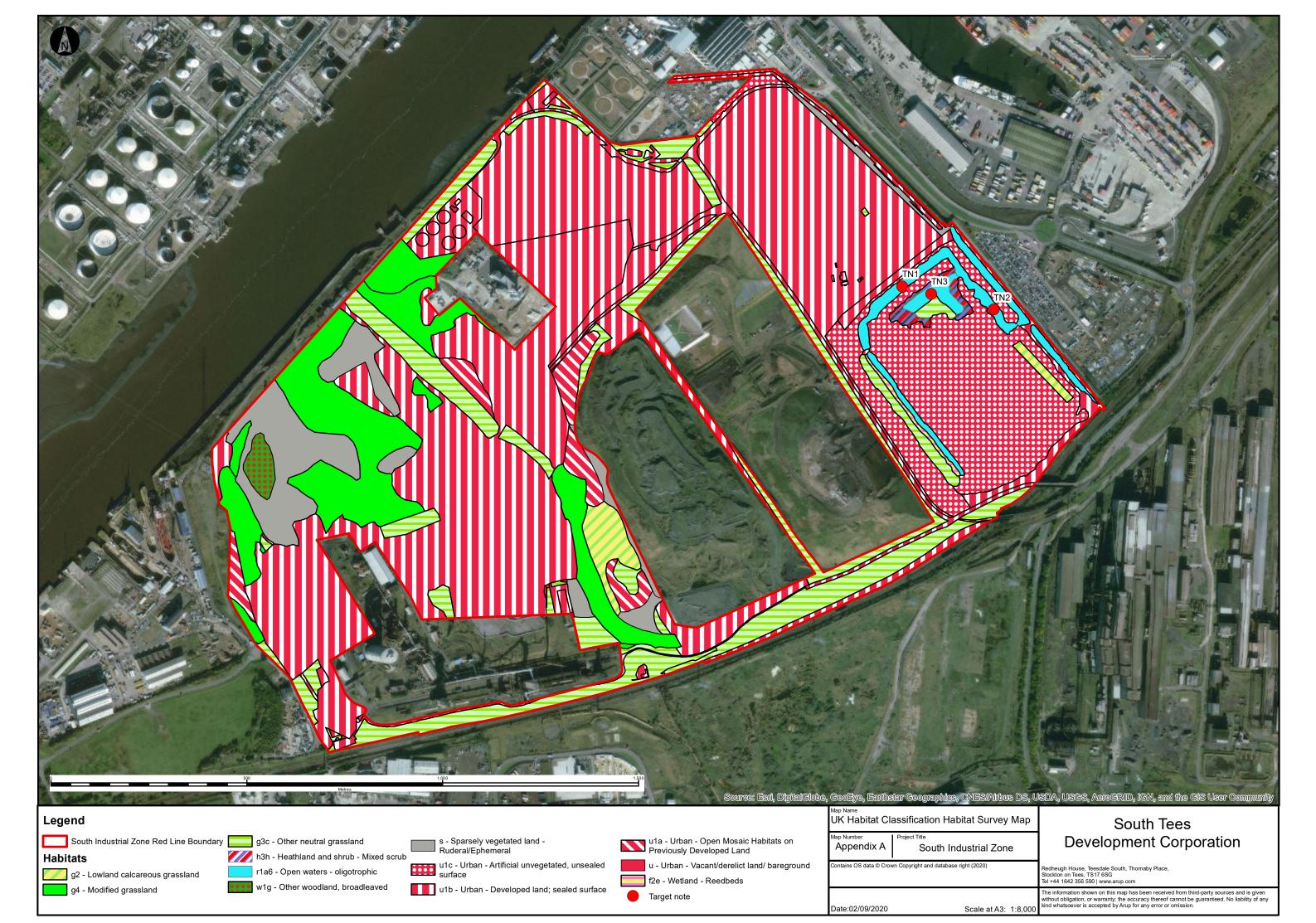
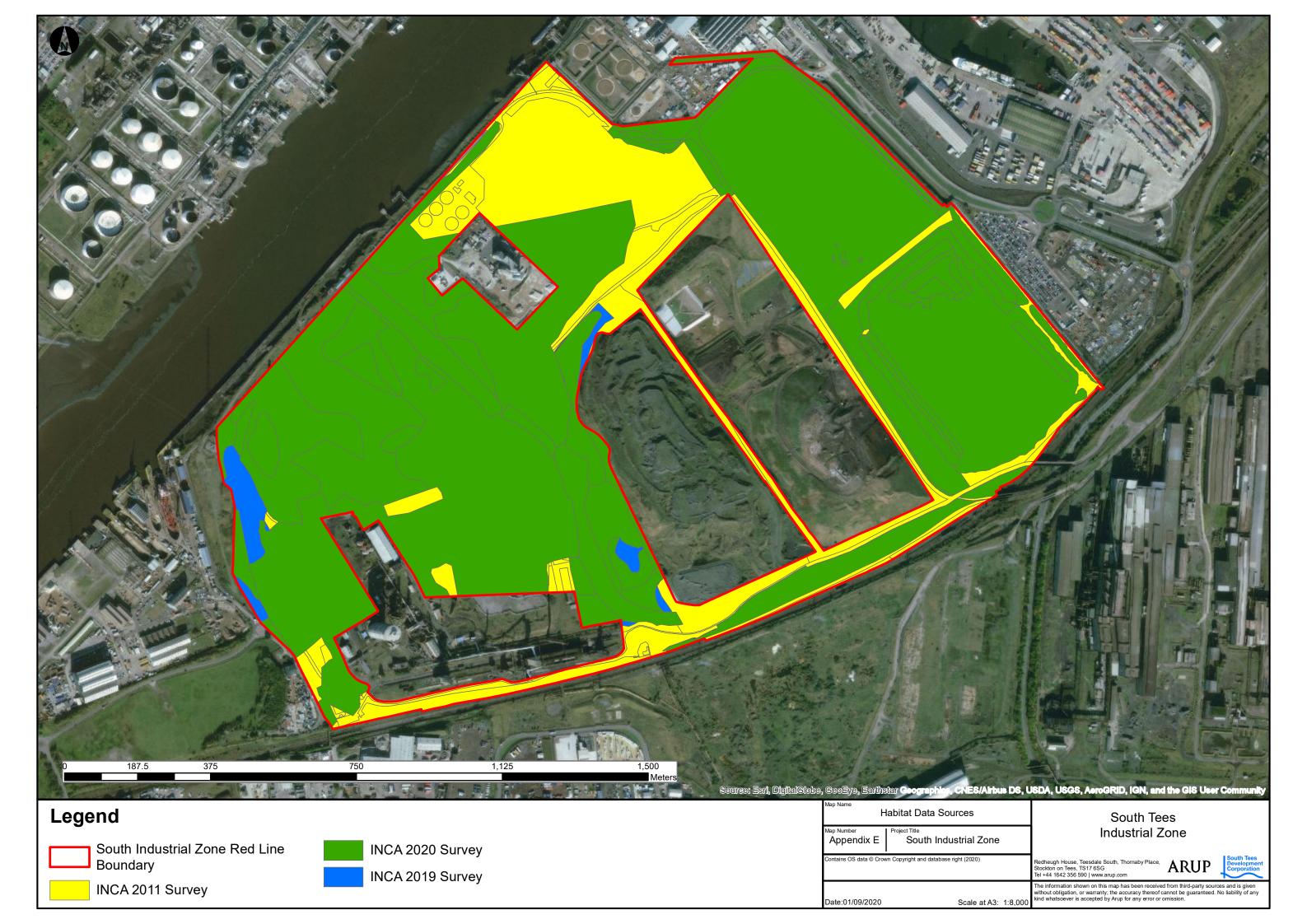


Appendix 4.1 Updated UK Habitat Classification Habitat Survey Map



Appendix 4.2 Updated Habitat Data Sources



Appendix 4.3 Sediment Sampling



Zoe Webb Arup Central Square Forth Street Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 3PL United Kingdom

19th August 2020

Dear Zoe

RE: The Slems Sediment Samples

The Slems sediment samples have been processed using a 0.5 mm net sieve. All remaining material from the initial sediment samples have been sorted to identify any living organisms contained within the sample. There were no living faunal material identified in any of the samples provided.

The samples appeared to be clay like in nature and anoxic. All of the remaining material was comprised of woody fragments, and gravely shale like stone, with some halophyte vegetation.

With best wishes

Dr Heather Sugden

Director

Ecoteknica UK Ltd

Appendix 4.4 Bird Surveys



Information Note INCA 20-05

Waterbird Surveys – The Slems

INCA undertook a series of non-breeding bird surveys of the Slems in July and August 2020. The surveys were timed to coincide with the key period when passage Redshank *Tringa totanus*, uses the Tees Estuary. Passage Redshank is one of the interest features of the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast SPA. While the primary purpose of the surveys was to ascertain whether Redshank were using The Slems at this time of year it also recorded the use of The Slems by other waterbird species. Another of the interest features of the SPA is the assemblage of wintering waterbirds and while these surveys were outside of the key periods for wintering waterbirds, they give an indication of the potential for use by wintering waterbirds.

The results of the surveys are given in Table 1. Counts were not kept of gull species although with the presence of an active tip adjacent to The Slems some gulls are always present and they use The Slems either for loafing on the terrestrial areas or bathing in the watercourses. It is not unusual for gulls at The Slems to number into three figures.

No Redshank or other waders were seen on any survey and it is assumed that the sediment does not provide any feeding opportunities for them. Ducks were always present with several species represented in small numbers. Five fish eating species from a variety of taxa were present, with successful fishing observed on one occasion. It is now known that the watercourses at The Slems do support fish, as also attested by the presence of Otter spraint on 14th July.

Table 1. Waterbird numbers

	14/07/20	28/07/20	05/08/20	11/08/20	18/08/20
Mallard	5	5	13	12	10
Shelduck	4	3	2	0	0
Teal	0	0	4	3	4
Gadwall	1	0	1	0	2
Little Grebe	0	0	1	0	0
Grey Heron	1	0	0	0	1
Little Egret	0	0	0	2	0
Moorhen	1	7	0	5	6
Kingfisher	0	1	0	0	1
Cormorant	0	1	0	0	0

Appendix 4.5 Salinity Testing





Briefing Note

Date 26 August 2020

To STDC

From Neil Westwick

Subject Water Body Sampling - Salinity Test

- 1.1 On the 24th June 2020 sampling of the water body identified by Arup and Inca was undertaken in order to test its salinity.
- 1.2 Three samples were collected using clean receptacles from varying locations across the water body. The water samples were taken from below the surface of the water.
- 1.3 The samples were then tested using a digital salinity tester (HI98319). The testing device met the requirements of ISO 9001.
- 1.4 Prior to testing each of the samples, the salinity tester was calibrated with the manufacture approved Salinity Calibration Solution. The test was then undertaken in line with the manufactures testing methodology.
- 1.5 The above methodology was agreed with JBA Consulting before testing.
- 1.6 The results from the testing are set out below:
 - Sample 1 4.9 ppt
 - Sample 2 5.0 ppt
 - Sample 3 5.1 ppt