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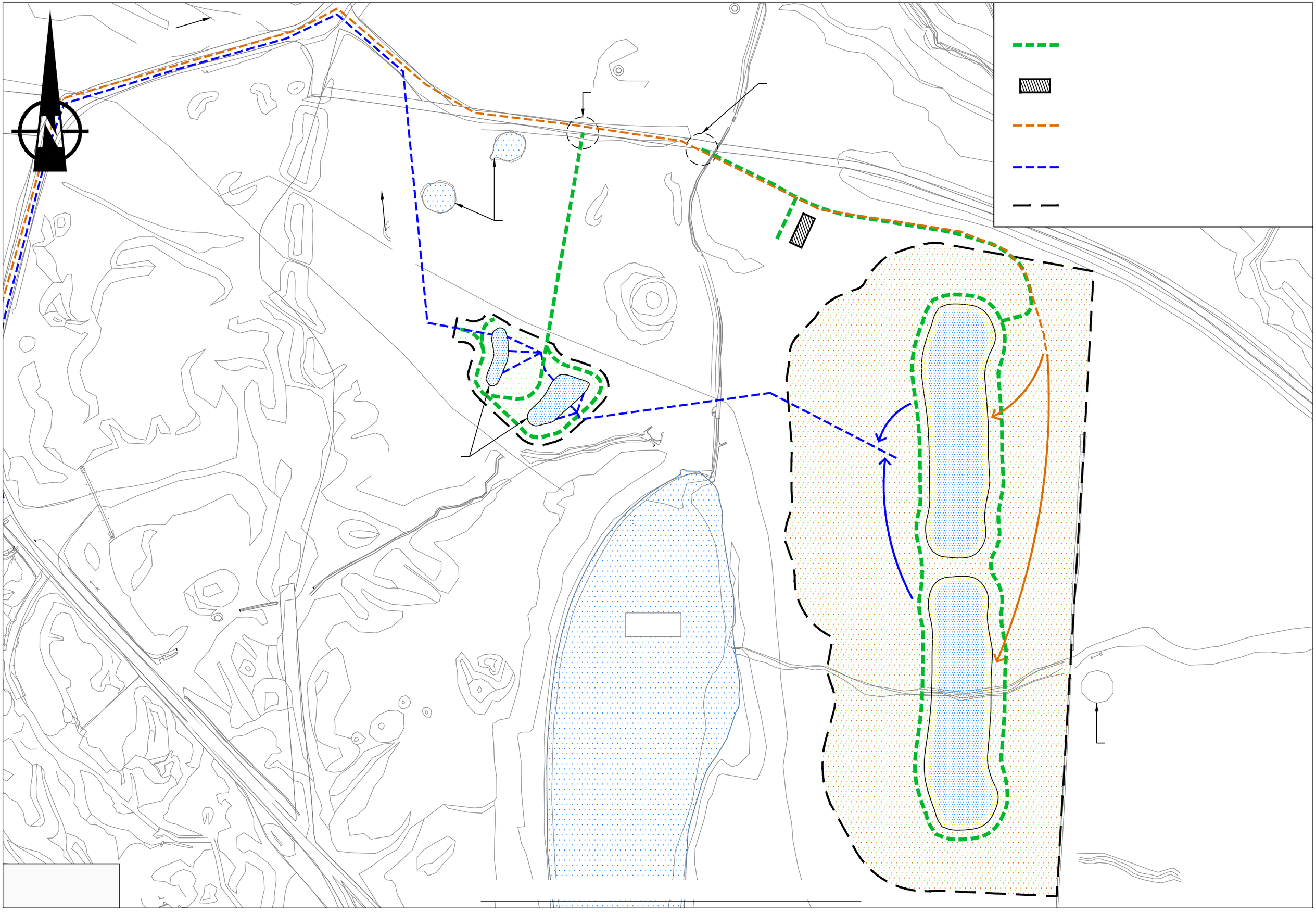

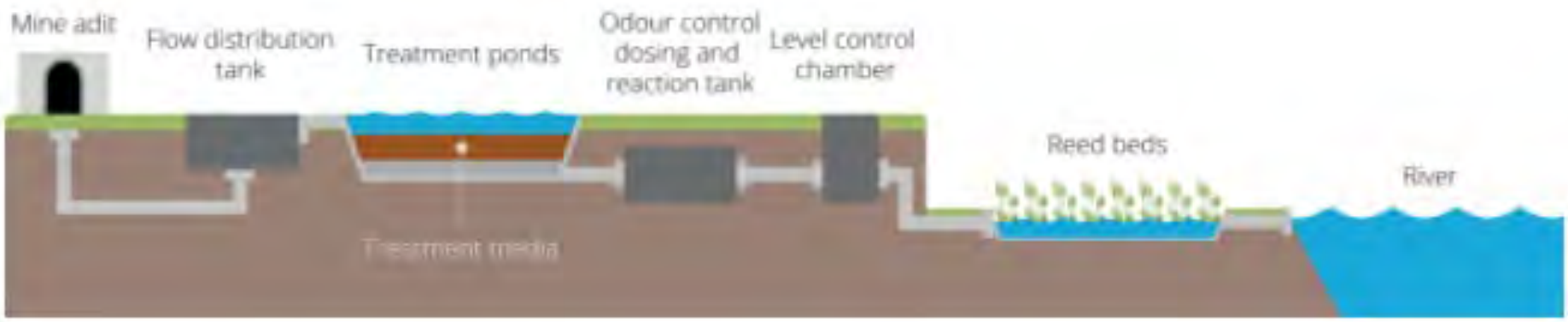
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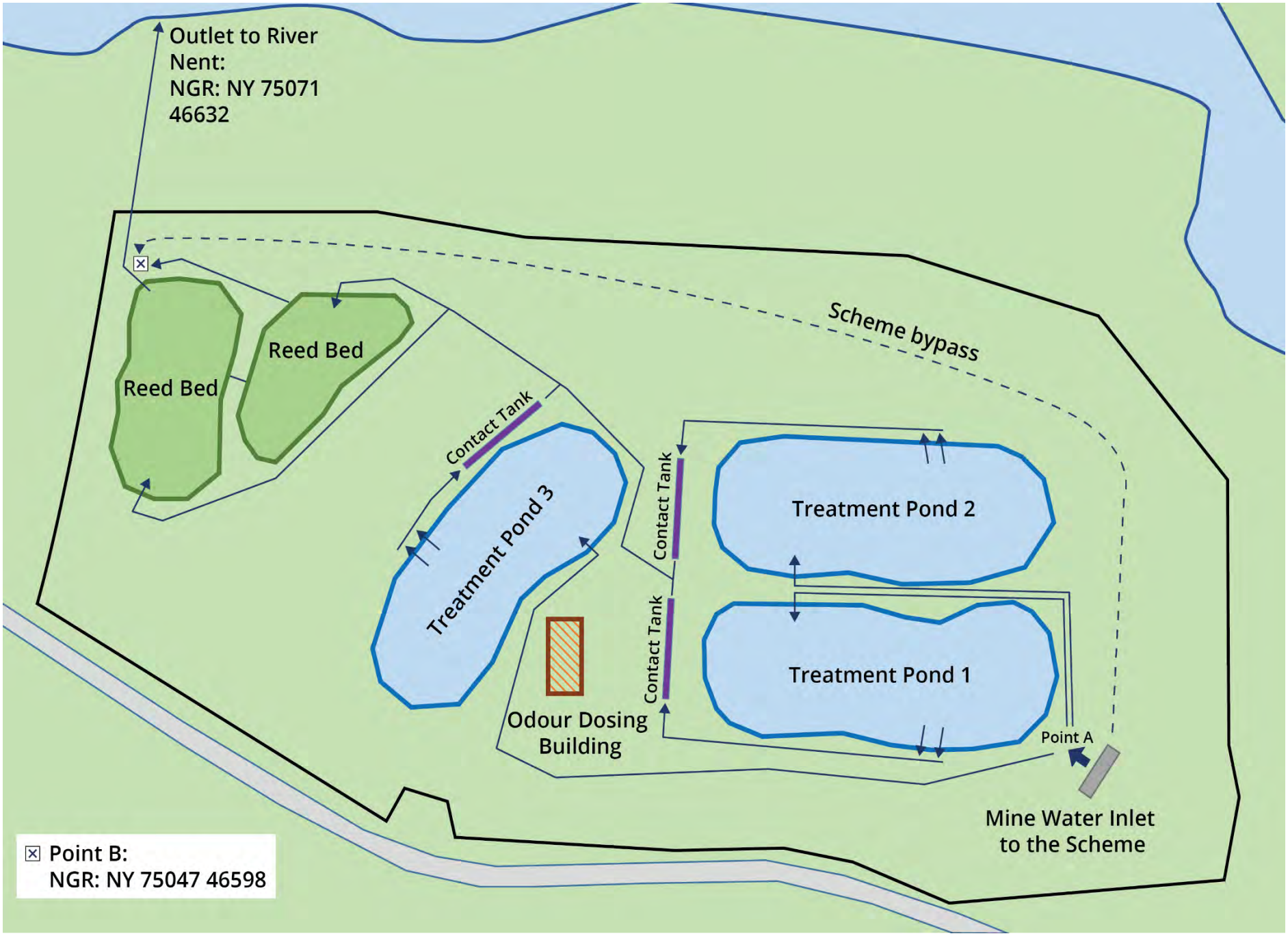
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Odour Dosing Building
Point A
Mine Water Inlet to the Scheme
Point B:
NGR: NY 75047 46598

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Environment Agency

Scoping

Monitor mine water discharge – chemistry and flow.

Concept studies.

Feasibility

Assess treatment options and site selection.

Design

Current phase. Develop design at selected site. Conduct detailed assessments, surveys and investigations.

2022

Environmental Impact Assessment

Assess impact of treatment scheme and

Planning

Submission of planning application. Public and institutional stakeholders provide views and input on planned development.

2023

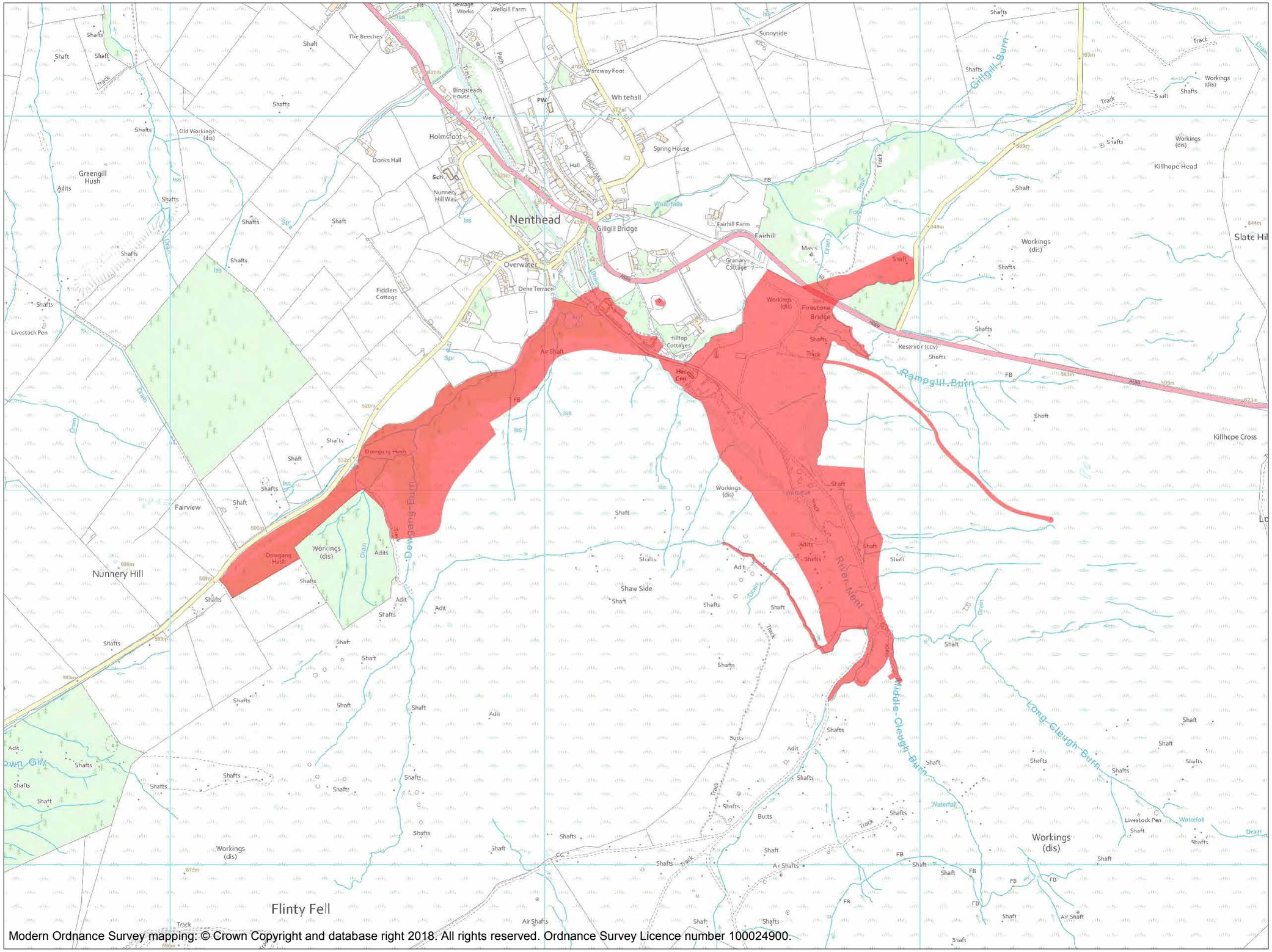
Design Refinement

Incorporate feedback and any planning conditions in final design.

2024

Construction

Appoint construction contractor for build.



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County: Cumbria

District: Eden

Parish: Alston Moor

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Name: Lead mines, ore works and smeltmill at Nenthead

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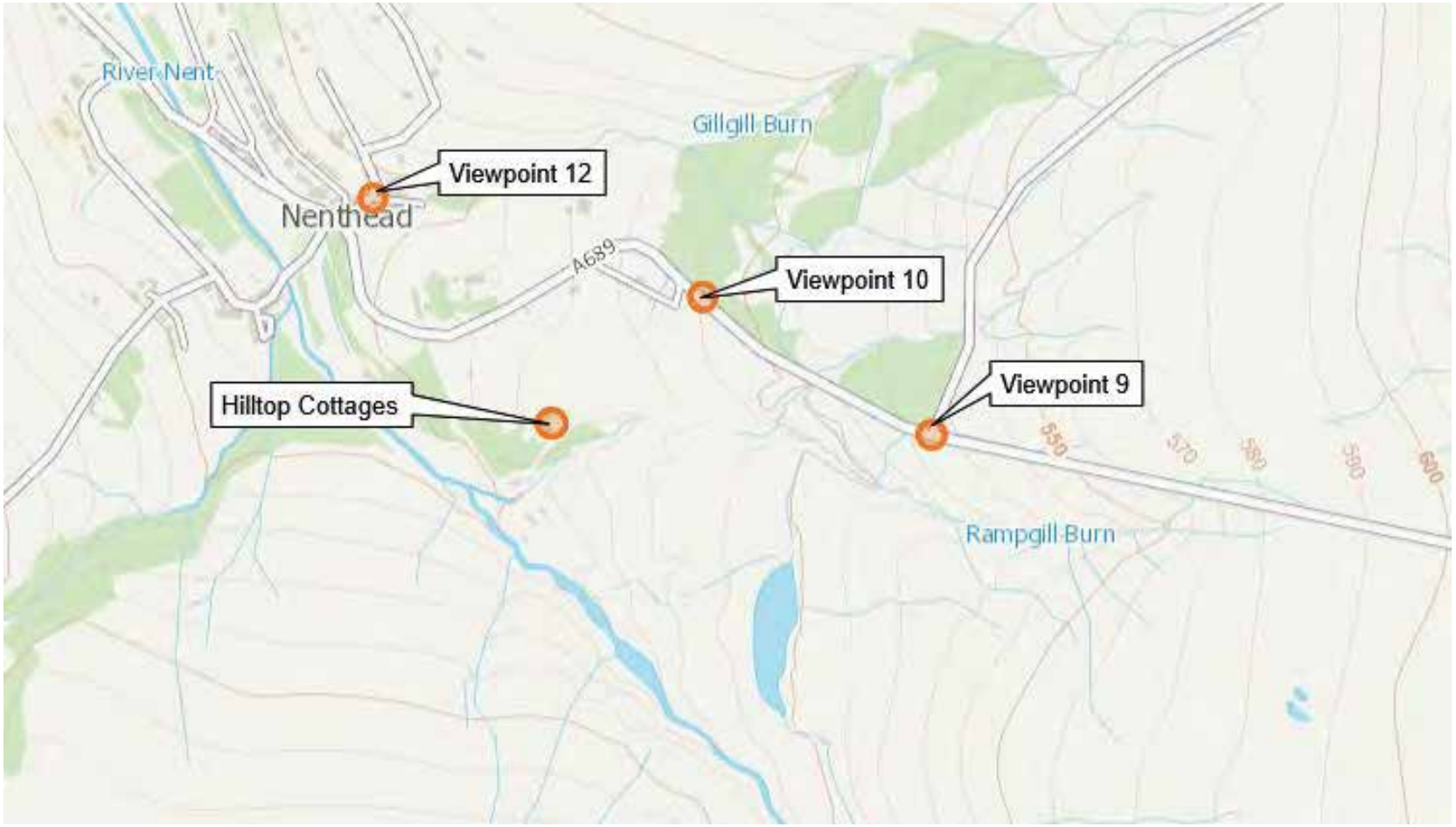
Visualisation Viewpoints

Location Map



Indicative Project Timeline

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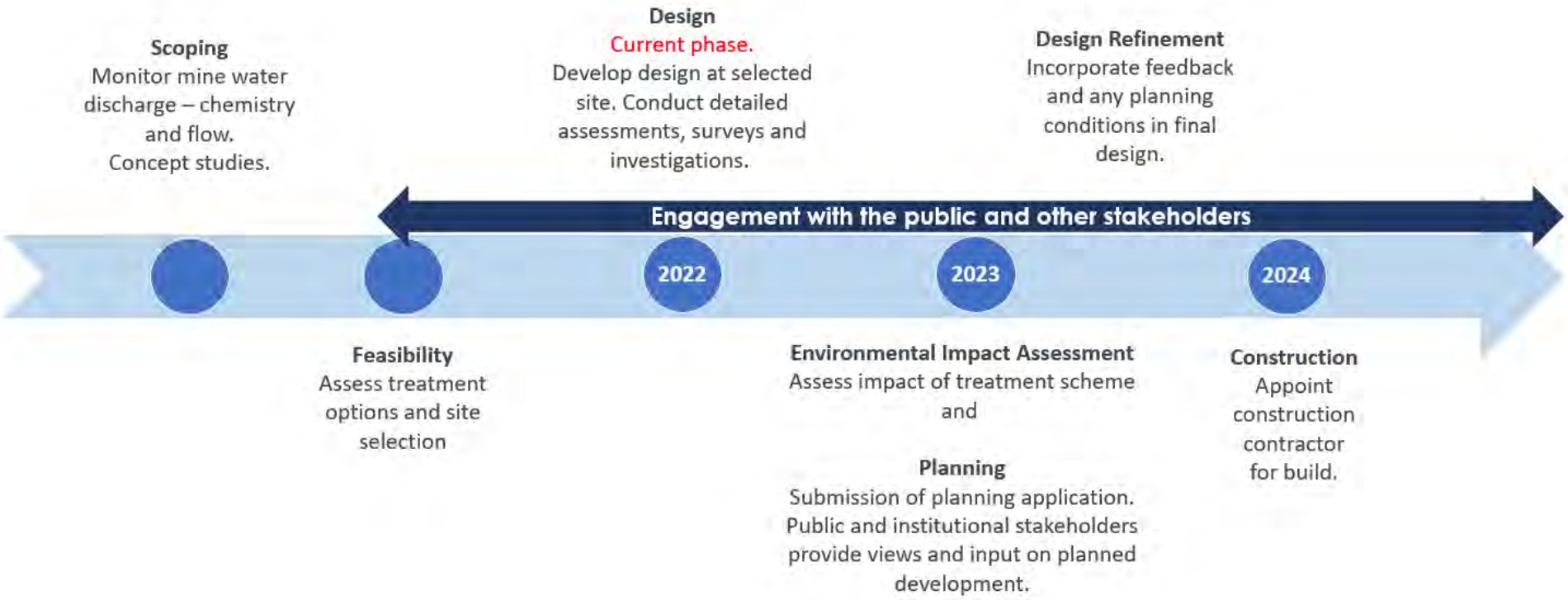


Proposed location for the treatment ponds

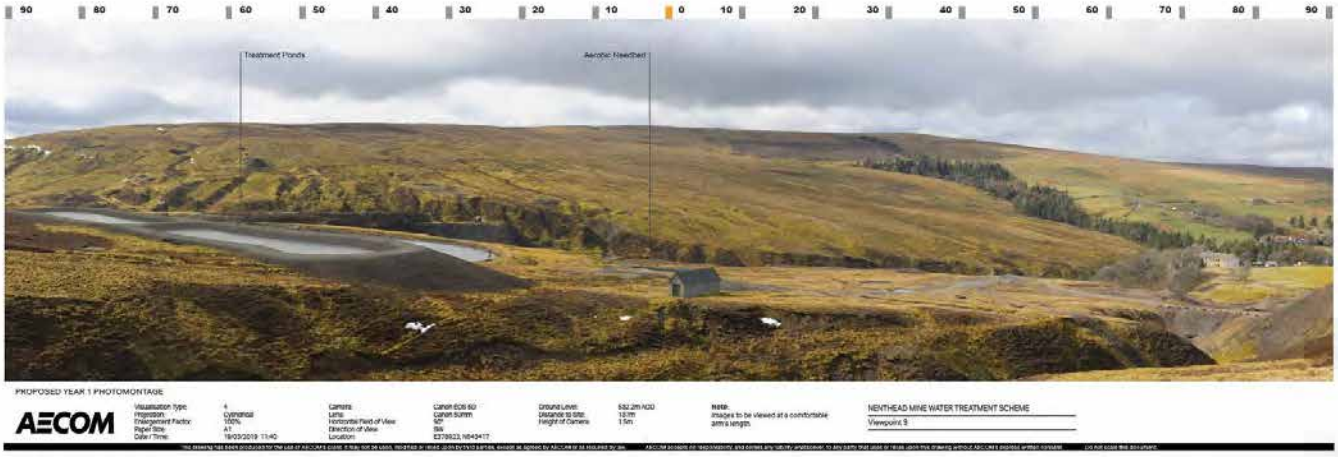
Looking north towards Nenthead from above the Handsome Mea reservoir

Visualisation Viewpoint 9

From junction between A689 and Carrshield road

Now

1 year after construction is complete

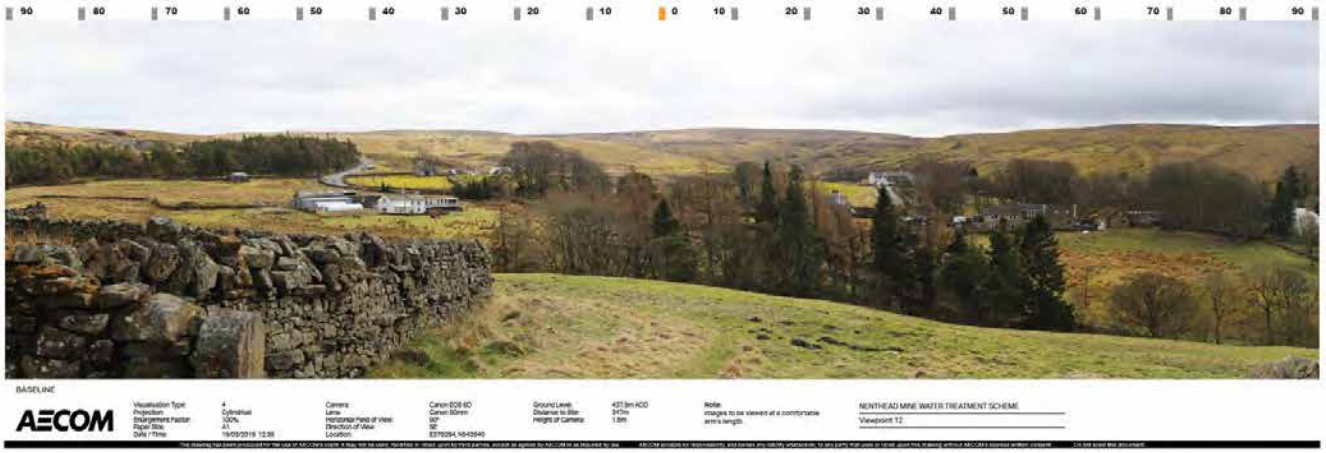


3 years after construction is complete

Visualisation Viewpoint 12

From above Nenthead

Now



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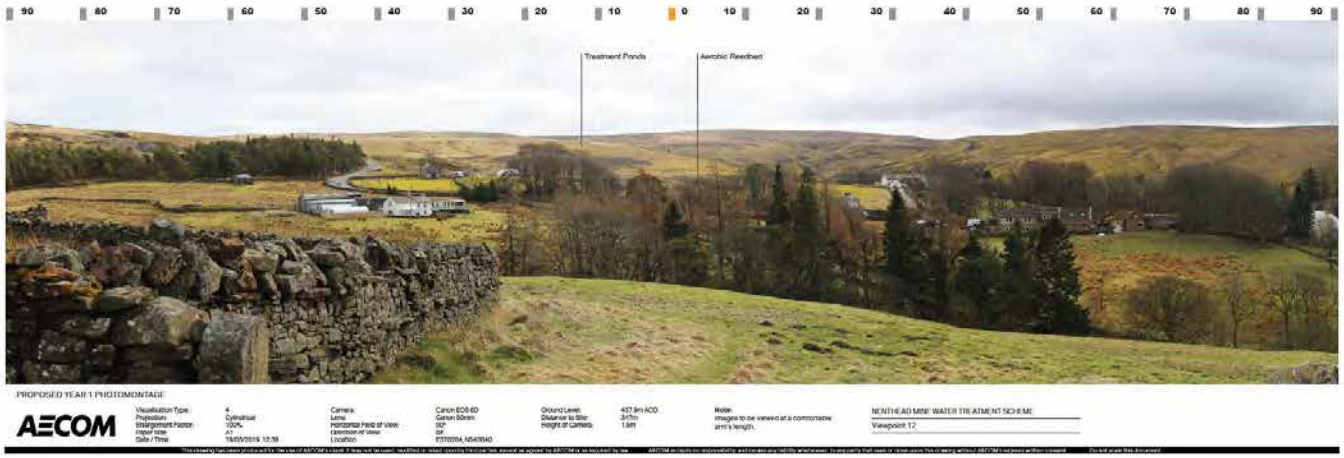

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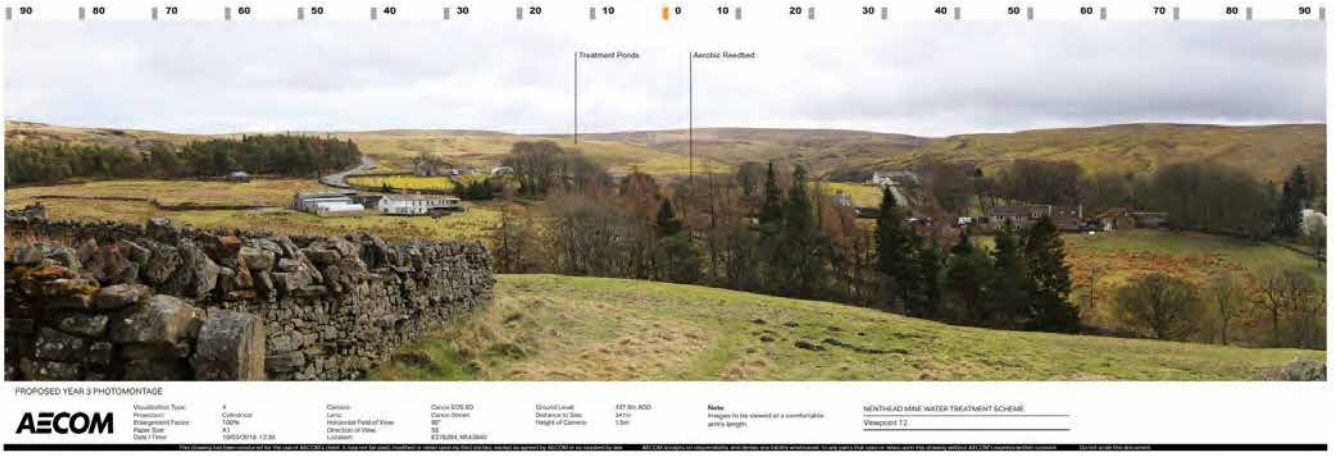

Visualisation Viewpoint 10

From quarry track at A689

Now

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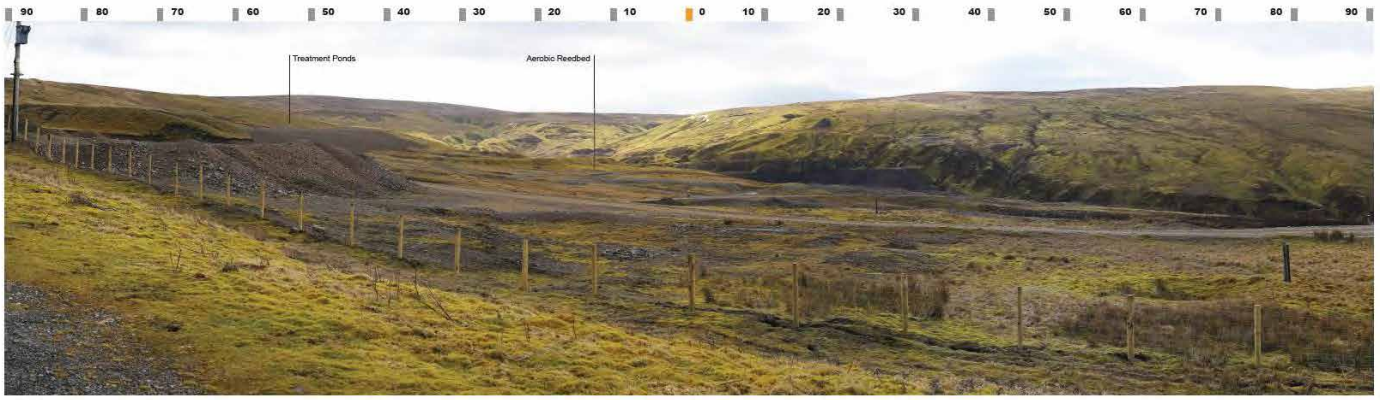

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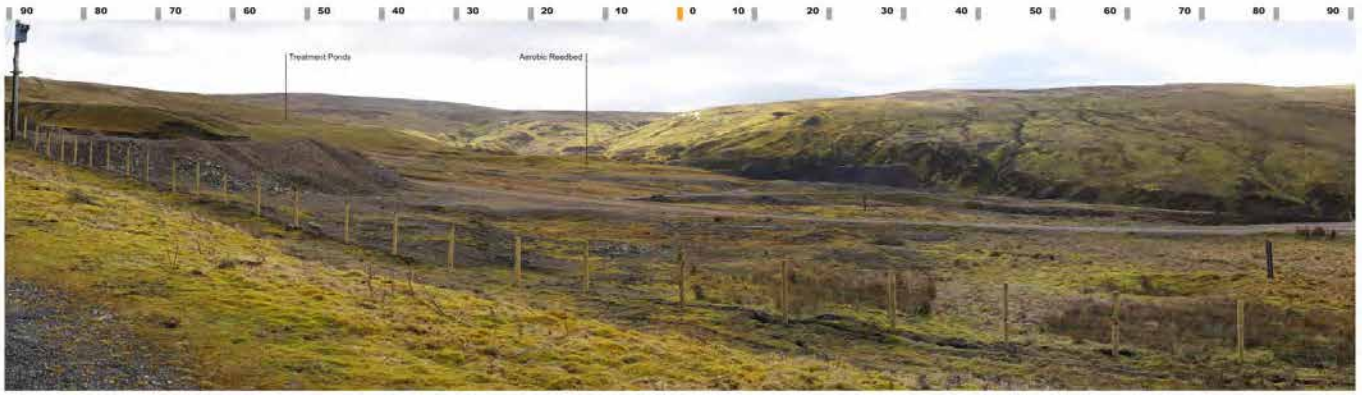

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Keeping In Touch

We are keen to hear your thoughts about the proposals and help you stay up to date with the project.

You can do this by:

Signing up to our email newsletters by leaving your email details with a member of the project team here today.

Checking out our website at - https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/north-east/nenthead-mwts/

Asking any questions via nent@coal.gov.uk or calling 0345 762 6848.

We will also continue to post details of key updates relating to the proposed scheme to properties in Nenthead.

The River Nent: fish surveys

Environment Agency monitoring

Between 2017 and 2019, the Environment Agency monitored fish and invertebrate (river fly) populations along the River Nent to provide baseline data for the WAMM project.

Monitoring was undertaken at several locations along the River Nent, as well as from the Deepdale Beck, a tributary of the River Tees, which is similar to the Nent except that it isn't polluted by abandoned metal mines.

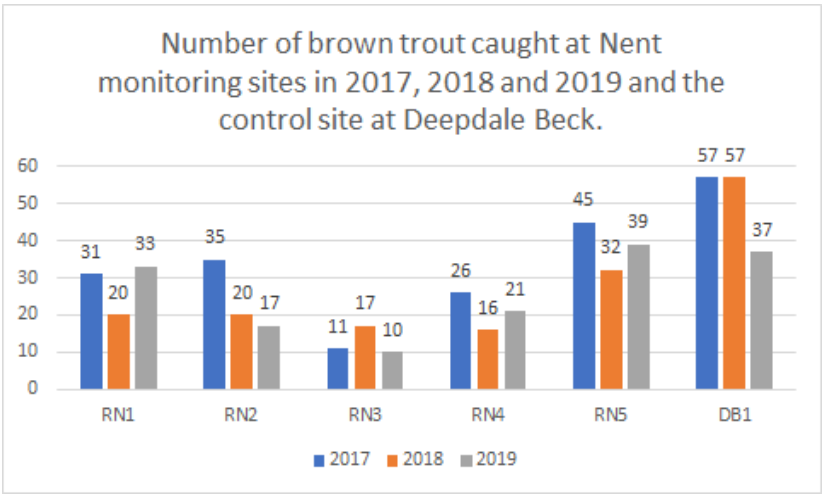
Results

In Deepdale Beck, we found a diverse fish population with Brown Trout, Atlantic Salmon, Grayling, Bullhead, Stoneloach and Minnow recorded, as well as a healthy river-fly population.

Across the 3 years, the only fish found in the River Nent were Brown Trout (migratory fish like salmon are not expected because the Nent Force waterfall is a natural barrier). There were only about half as many trout in the Nent compared to the Deepdale Beck. We found no juvenile fish (less than a year old) in the main River Nent channel and we believe this is because the younger fish live in tributaries where the metal concentrations are lower.

This graph shows the number of fish recorded at the 5 sample sites along the River Nent, and the control site on the Deepdale Beck.

It is likely that these populations have developed some tolerance to the extremely high levels of zinc, cadmium and lead which would normally be acutely toxic to fish.



A similar story was found for river-flies with the surveys recording a lower number and less diverse population. Overall, these results illustrate that aquatic wildlife in the River Nent is heavily impacted by the high metal concentrations and is less resilient and abundant than in similar un-polluted rivers.

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NENTHEAD MINE WATER TREATMENT SCHEME

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PROPOSED YEAR 15 PHOTOMONTAGE

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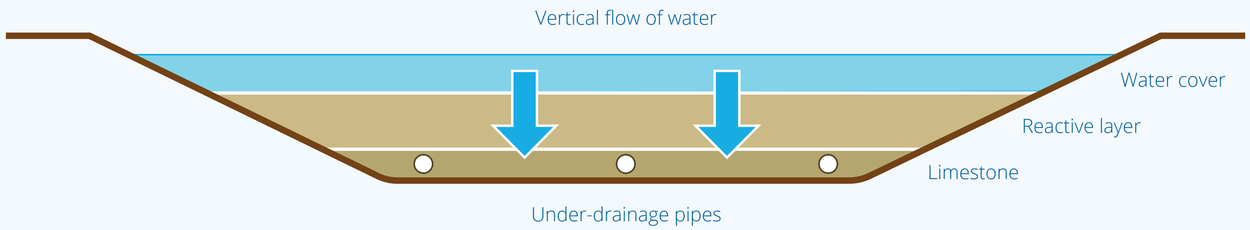
Treatment process

Mine water treatment ponds

The lined ponds contain a layer of material in which natural reactions capture the metals. The cleaned water passes through an aerobic wetland before being put back into the River Nent.



Example of compost-based treatment ponds at Force Crag in the Lake District

Odour management

Hydrogen sulphide (H_2S) is generated by the natural reactions which remove the metals. There is the potential for this to cause an unpleasant odour if it is not controlled. We expect to use hydrogen peroxide to stop the H_2S causing an odour nuisance. However, we are investigating whether other options can be as effective but are cheaper to install and operate.

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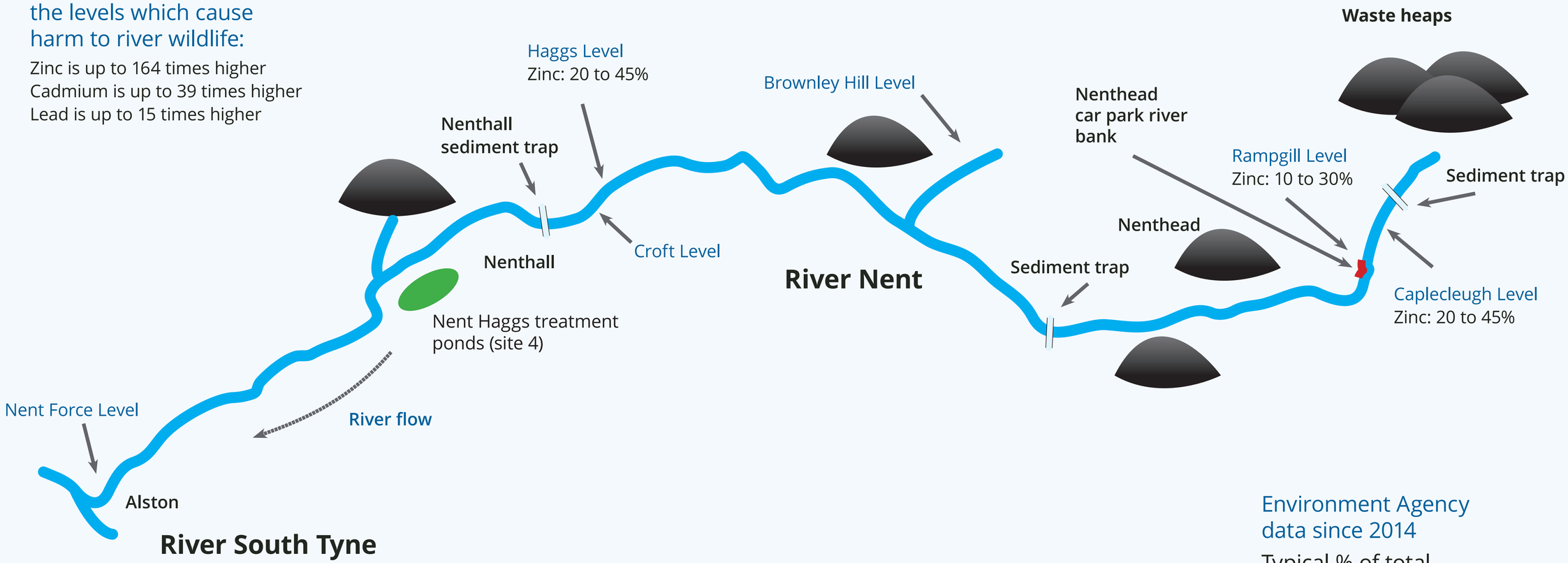
GROWTH DEALS

Why do we need to clean up the River Nent?

At Alston, metal concentrations in the Nent are many times the levels which cause harm to river wildlife:

Zinc is up to 164 times higher
Cadmium is up to 39 times higher
Lead is up to 15 times higher



Environment Agency data since 2014

Typical % of total pollution at Alston