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Historic Landscape features/ Sellindge Application Quinn Estates.

Swat Archaeology wrote in 2017 that:

'The Hedgerow Act of 1967 is quite clear on what criteria are required and they include estate boundaries from the 17th century, parish boundaries and adjacent archaeological sites none of these are to be found on this site.

KCC Archaeology has commented (14th December 2016) that:

'Based on my initial appraisal that the hedgerows in question appear to meet criteria 5 (a) listed in Part II of Schedule 1 in the Hedgerows Regulations 1997, ie they form part of a field system pre-dating the Inclosure Acts (that is before 1865) and therefore should be important'

Historic England Hedgerow Regulations advice can be found at:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/hpg/consent/hedgerowregs/>

and is perfectly clear that a hedgerow to be important has to that:

- It marks the boundary between parishes existing before 1850
- It marks an archaeological feature of a site that is a scheduled monument or noted on the Historic Environment Record
- It marks the boundary of a pre-1600 estate or manor or a field system predating the Enclosure Acts

Enclosure by private Act of Lands took place at Sellindge in 1810 with the area of the Act being 72 acres and the date of the award was 1813 (*Archaeologia Cantiana* Vol 56 1943).

The following maps show that the site in question has a field system in 1797 that is different from the OS map of c.1840 and therefore the field systems in use today date from the mid 19th Century and are outside the Hedgerow Regulations 1997.



The 1797 OSSD map shows a field system completely different from the:



The OS map of c.1840



OSSD map of 1797



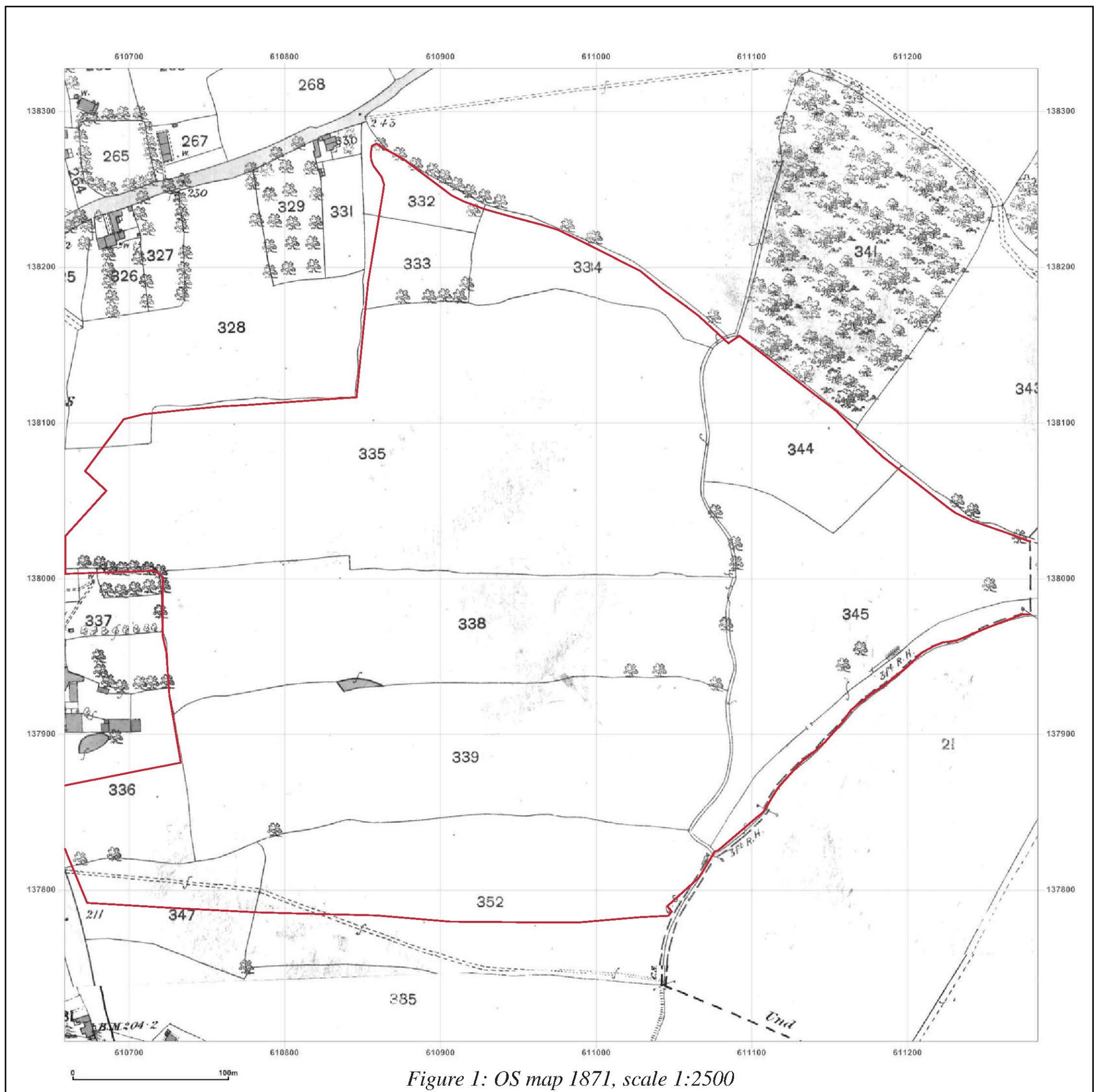


Figure 1: OS map 1871, scale 1:2500