



# Wild Service

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Site Name	North place and Portland place
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## **Site description**

The Site is located in Cheltenham town centre, Gloucestershire. The Site is a car park, approximately 2.4ha in area and the central grid reference is SO 95072 22789.

The Site is surrounded by an extensively urban landscape, with roads, shopping areas and open green areas.

## **Methodology**

An extended Phase 1 habitat survey of the Site was undertaken on 26 October 2017 following standard methods<sup>1</sup>. Phase 1 habitat survey provides a rapid means of classifying broad habitat types in any given terrestrial Site.

The survey was 'extended' by considering the suitability of the Site to support notable or protected flora or fauna. Detailed surveys were not completed for these species; however, based on an understanding of species ecology, consideration was given to the Study Area's potential to provide sheltering or foraging habitat and/or connectivity to allow dispersal between populations.

The Study Area was also inspected for signs of any invasive plant species subject to legal controls e.g. Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) or Himalayan balsam (*Impatiens glandulifera*).

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<sup>1</sup> Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC). 2010. *Handbook for Phase 1 habitat survey: A technique for environmental audit*. JNCC, Peterborough.

## **Results**

Habitat descriptions are set out below. While considering this information, reference should be made to the Phase 1 habitat map presented in **Figure 1**.

### *Buildings and hardstanding*

The entirety of the Site comprised a hardstanding platform for car parking (**Photo 1**). The Site was well lit by street lights. There were small cracks in the tarmac where plants such as Guernsey fleabane (*Conyza sumatrensis*), white clover (*Trifolium repens*) and dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale* agg.) had grown.



**Photo 1: Hardstanding within the car park.**

There was a small, modern, single storey concrete block building on the southern end of the Site. The building was used as public toilet and had a metal hipped roof (**Photo 2**). The building had no potential to support roosting bats.



**Photo 2: Small building with negligible bat roost potential.**

### **Evaluation and Discussion**

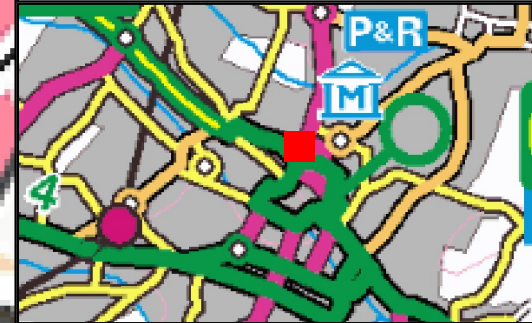
No protected species were recorded during the survey, and the habitats and features present provided negligible opportunities for protected species.

### **Further Surveys**

Due to the lack of potential for protected species to be present on site, no further surveys are recommended.



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## Legend

- Site boundary
- Buildings
- Hardstanding

## Phase 1 Habitats Map

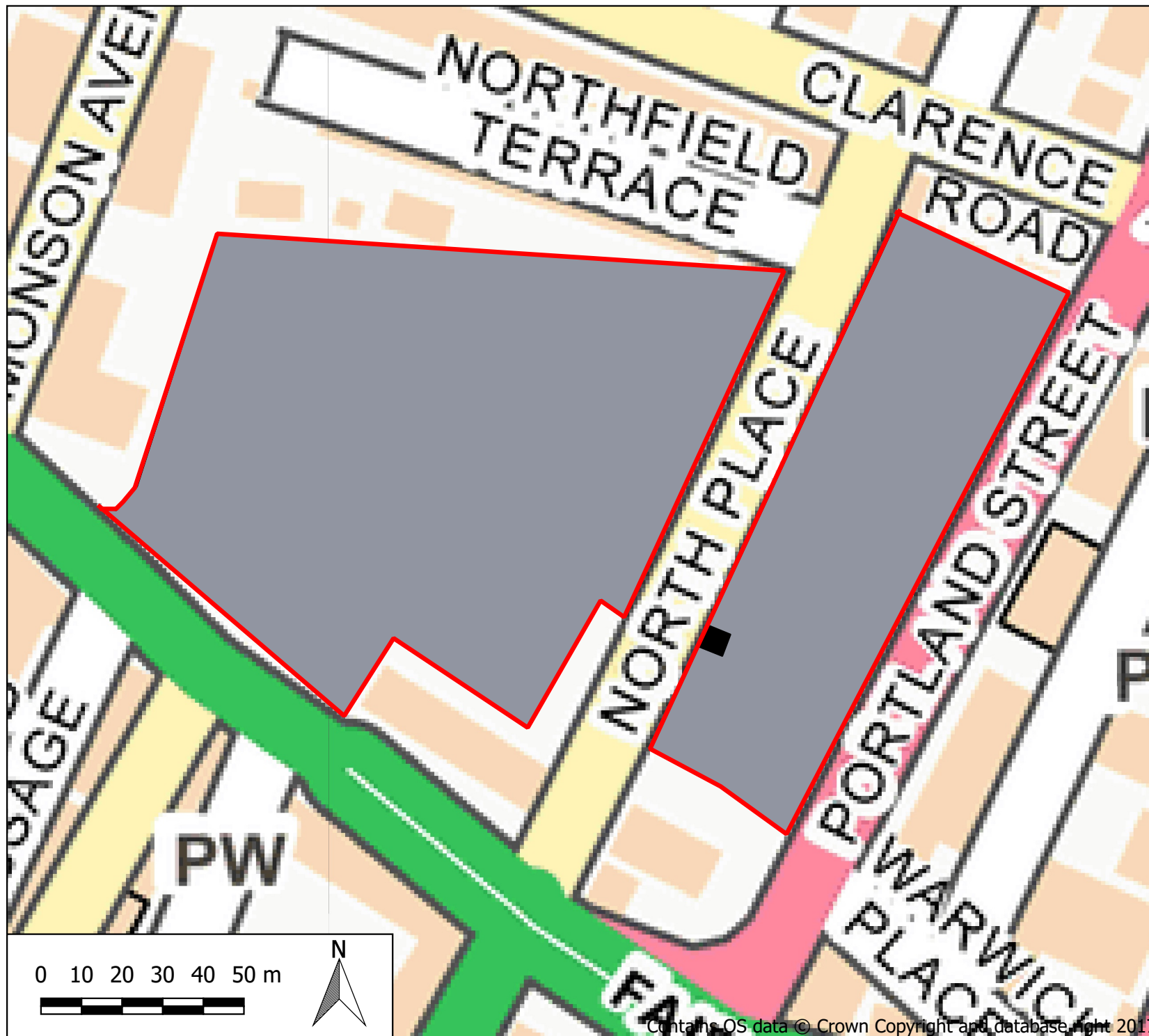
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Date: 26 October 2017

Scale: 1:2,100

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Drawing: Figure 1



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