

Category 1 Academies – Indoor pitch sizes and comparison with CPFC proposal for Copers Cope Road

This survey covers 24 clubs that have EPPP Category 1 academy training status. The motivation behind the survey is to look at the exact location of each facility, together with the dimensions of the indoor pitches. Of the clubs listed, Liverpool FC is currently building a new and larger indoor pitch at their Kirkby site. This will be 111m x 74m or 8214 square metres, compared to their current 3900 square metres, fundamentally in the same location as the current indoor pitch.

Leicester City are redeveloping a 75 Ha rural site near the village of Seagrave, the site of the former Park Hill Golf club. This will have a very large indoor pitch, albeit disguised by partially grassing over the roof area. There is no housing within 800 metres of the site, and the village proper is 1km away.

In each case a google earth image of the surrounding area is included so that the impact of the siting of the indoor pitch and other facilities can be easily seen with respect to local housing.

It can be seen that the majority of clubs with category 1 academy status have indoor pitches less than half the size of that proposed by CPFC in the current application. It can also be seen from the images all but two clubs (Fulham and Blackburn Rovers) have academies situated in rural or industrial area, well away from housing. In all cases, the indoor pitch has been sited to minimise visual impact.

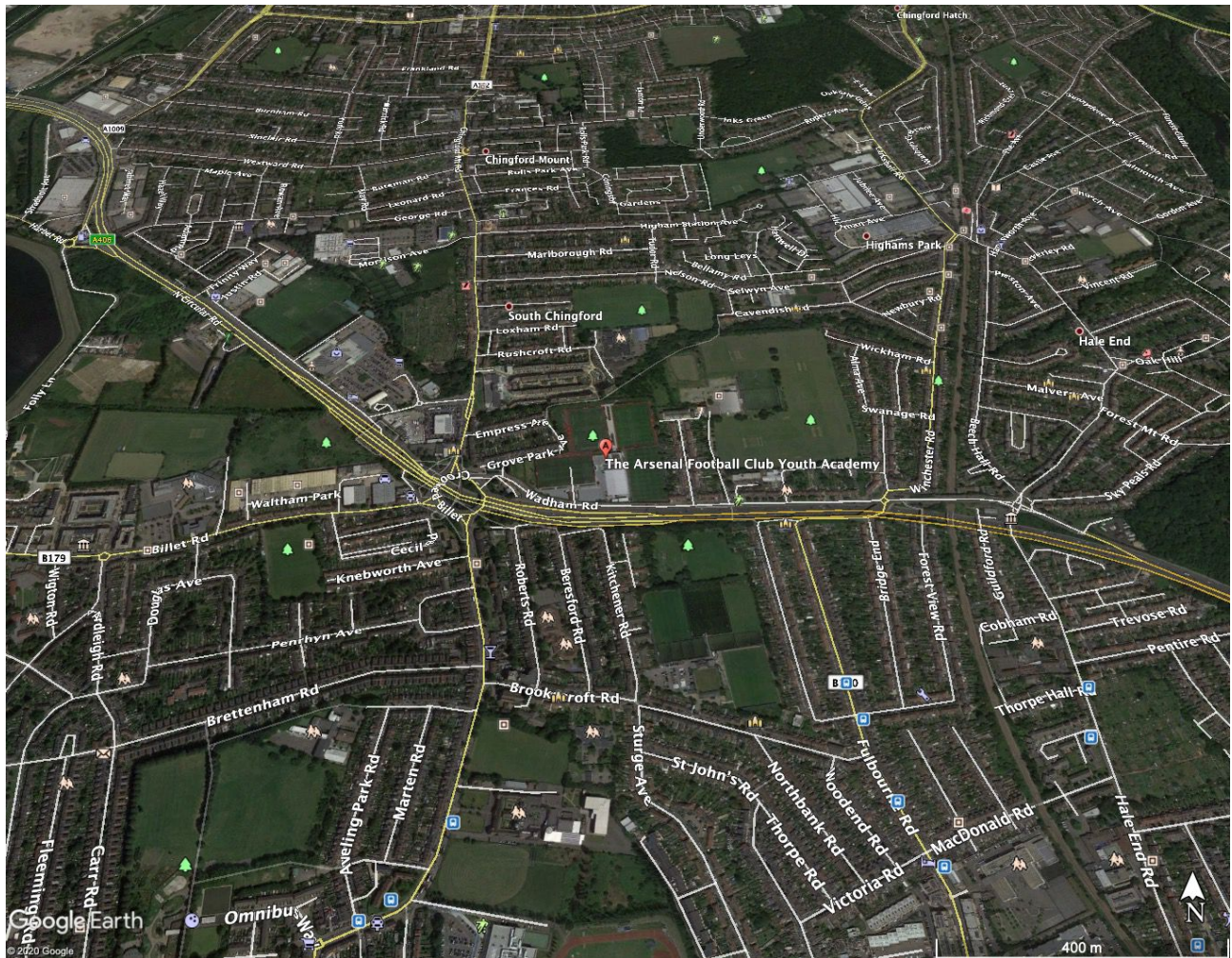
In the following list of clubs, the latest available google earth image has been used, and all images are on the same scale.

The final image is a composite of the Copers Cope site at the same scale as all the others, with a superimposed proposed building foot print.

1. Arsenal FC Academy

This is a mixed industrial / residential location, just off the A406 North Circular road and the indoor pitch has been sited to back onto the North Circular road, as far away from housing as possible. The indoor pitch has the external dimensions of $42 \times 65\text{m} = 2730$ square metres.

The date of this image is 29/6/2019



2. Aston Villa FC Academy

A very rural location. The indoor pitch has the external dimensions of $71 \times 54\text{M} = 3834$ square metres. Image date is 14/5/2019



3. Blackburn Rovers FC Academy

Located in Brockhall village, similar housing proximity to Copers Cope Road. The external dimensions of the indoor pitch are 51 x 78 M = 3978 square metres. Based on an internal picture, the indoor height is 12M. Image date is 28/6/2018



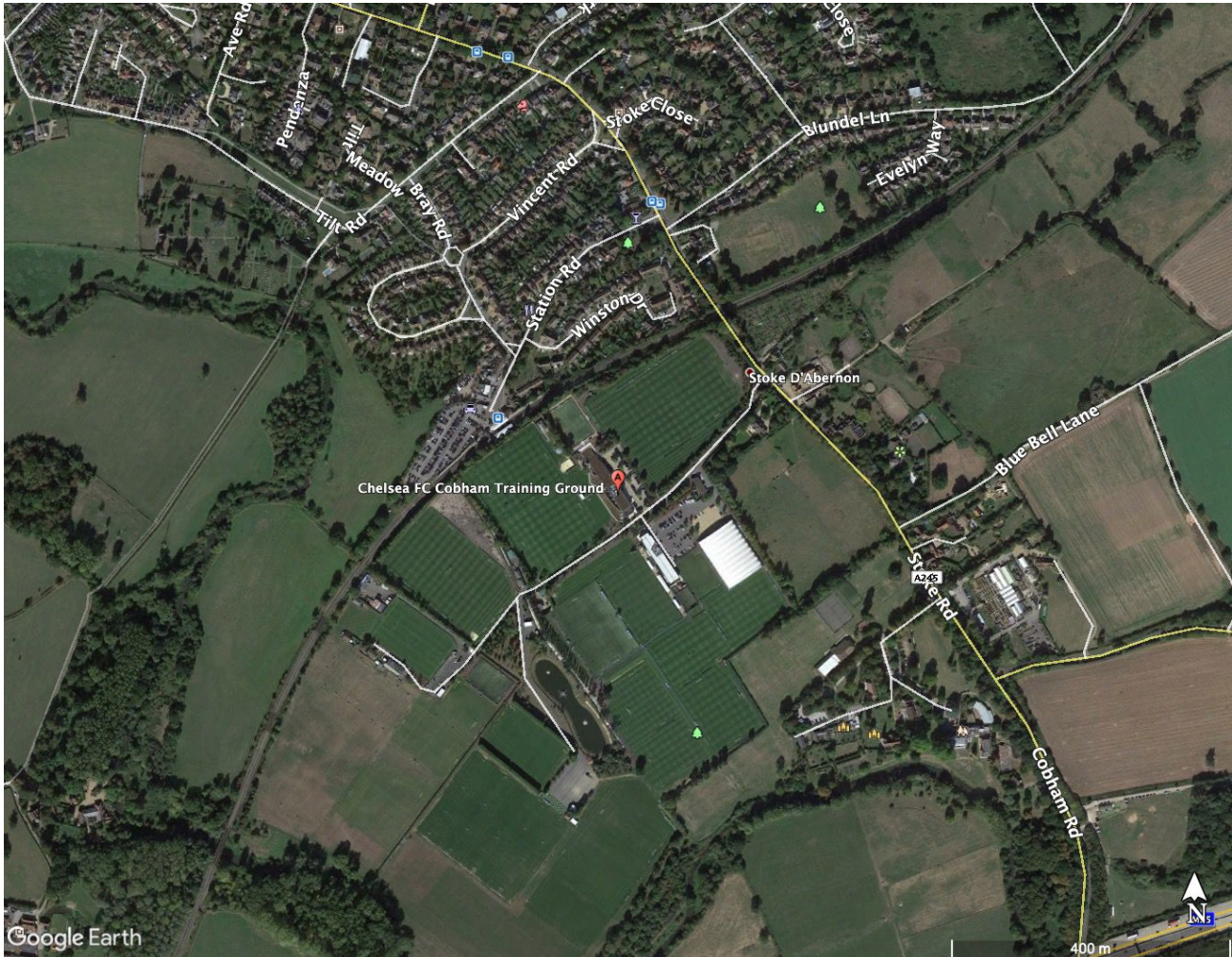
4. Brighton FC Academy

Formally opened 18th December 2019, this is bounded by open land and a railway on three sides. There is housing to one side. The indoor pitch is towards the centre of site, away from the housing. The indoor pitch external dimensions are $80 \times 60\text{M} = 4800$ square metres. External height from planning documents is 17.6M. This image is dated 1/4/2019, and shows the completed indoor pitch.



5. Chelsea FC Academy

Chelsea's Cobham training ground is a semi-rural location, bounded by open land. The external dimensions of the indoor pitch are $80 \times 58\text{M} = 4640$ square metres. The image was taken on 26/9/2018



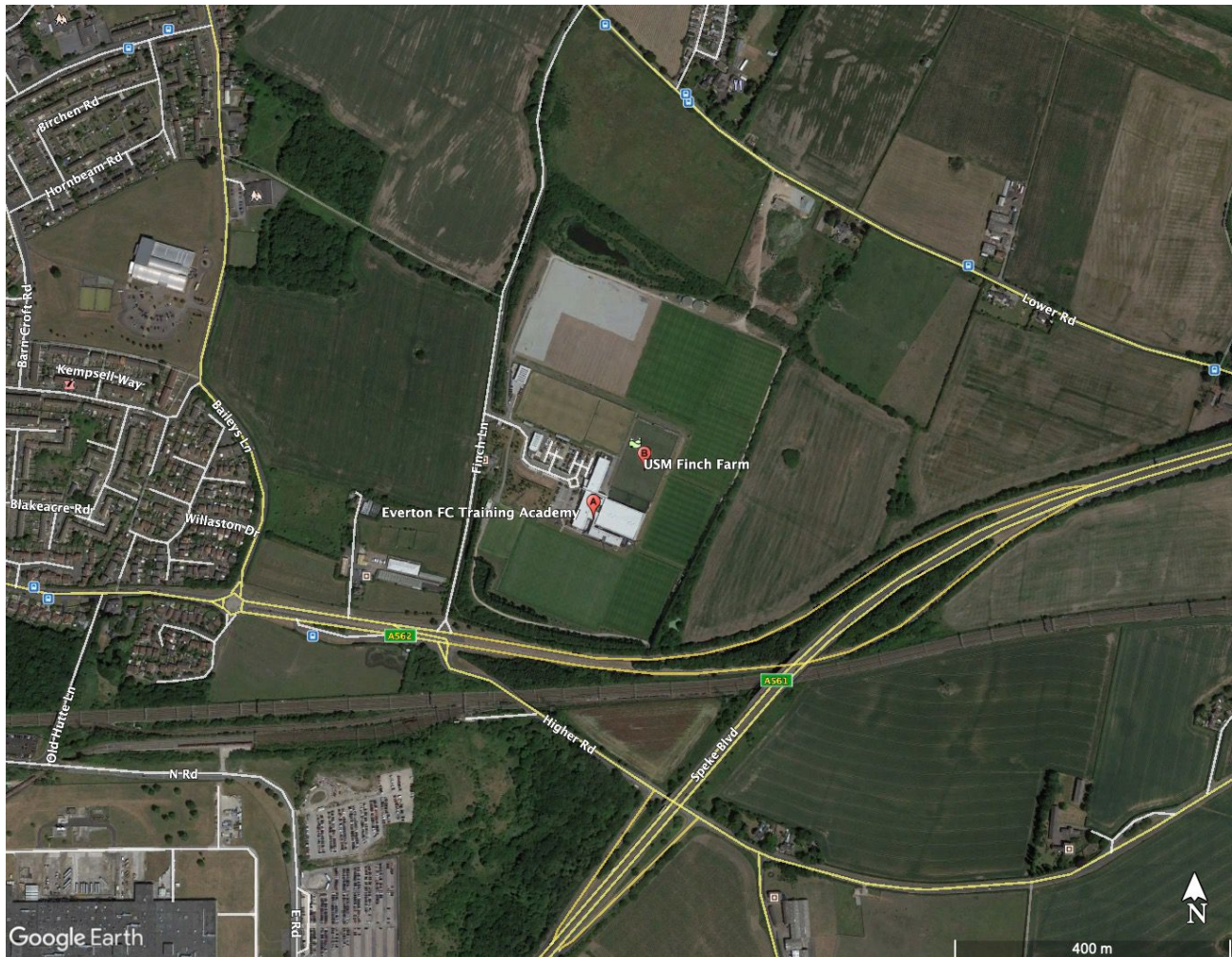
6. Derby County FC Academy

Derby's Oakwood training centre is bounded on three sides by open land, and is set well back from the nearest road, screened by trees. The external dimensions of the indoor pitch are 63 x 41m = 2583 square metres. The image date is 26/9/2018



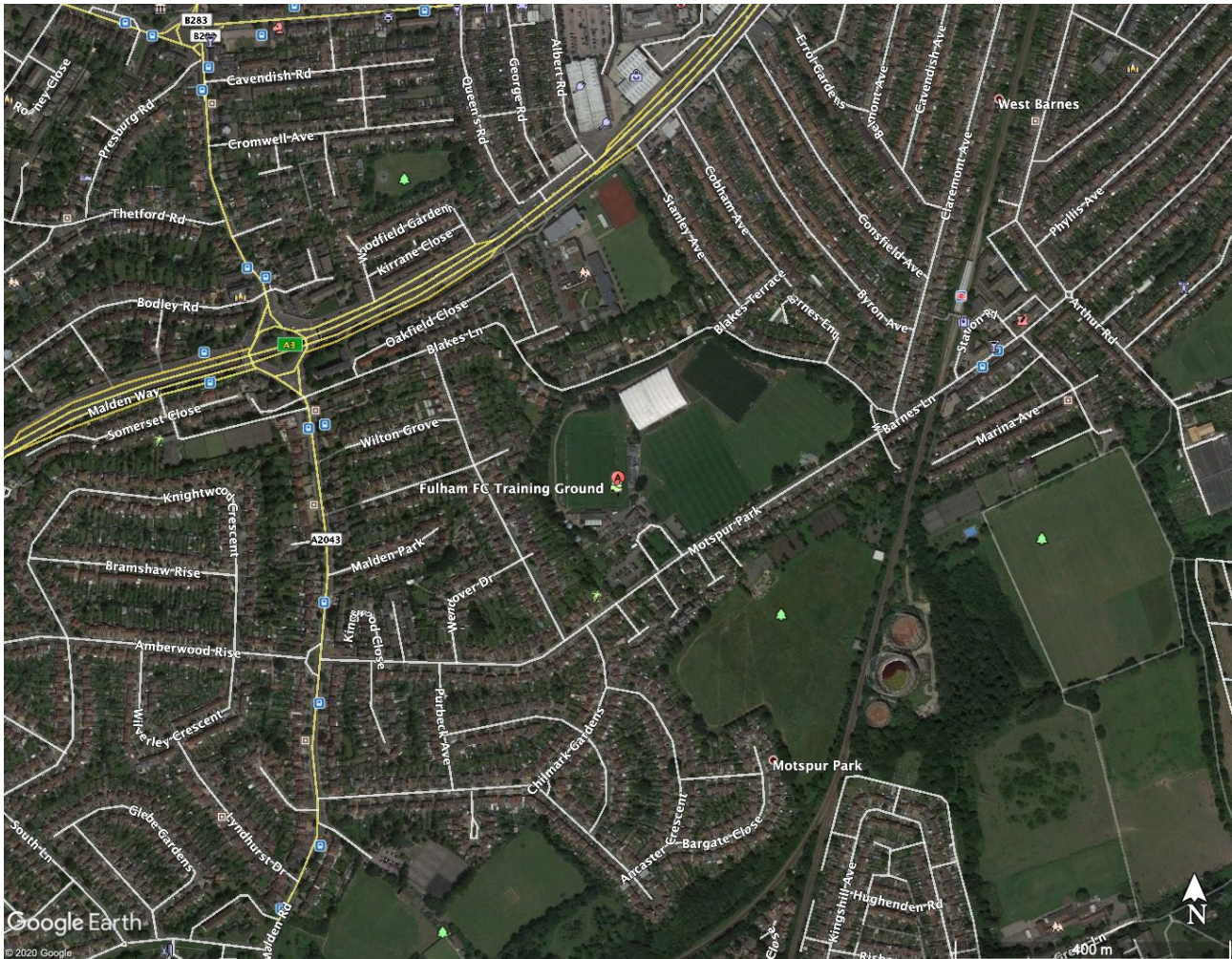
7. Everton FC Academy

Everton's Halewood training ground is set in open land, and is remote from housing. The external dimensions of the indoor pitch are 60 x 47m = 2820 square metres. The image date is 25/6/2018



8. Fulham FC Academy

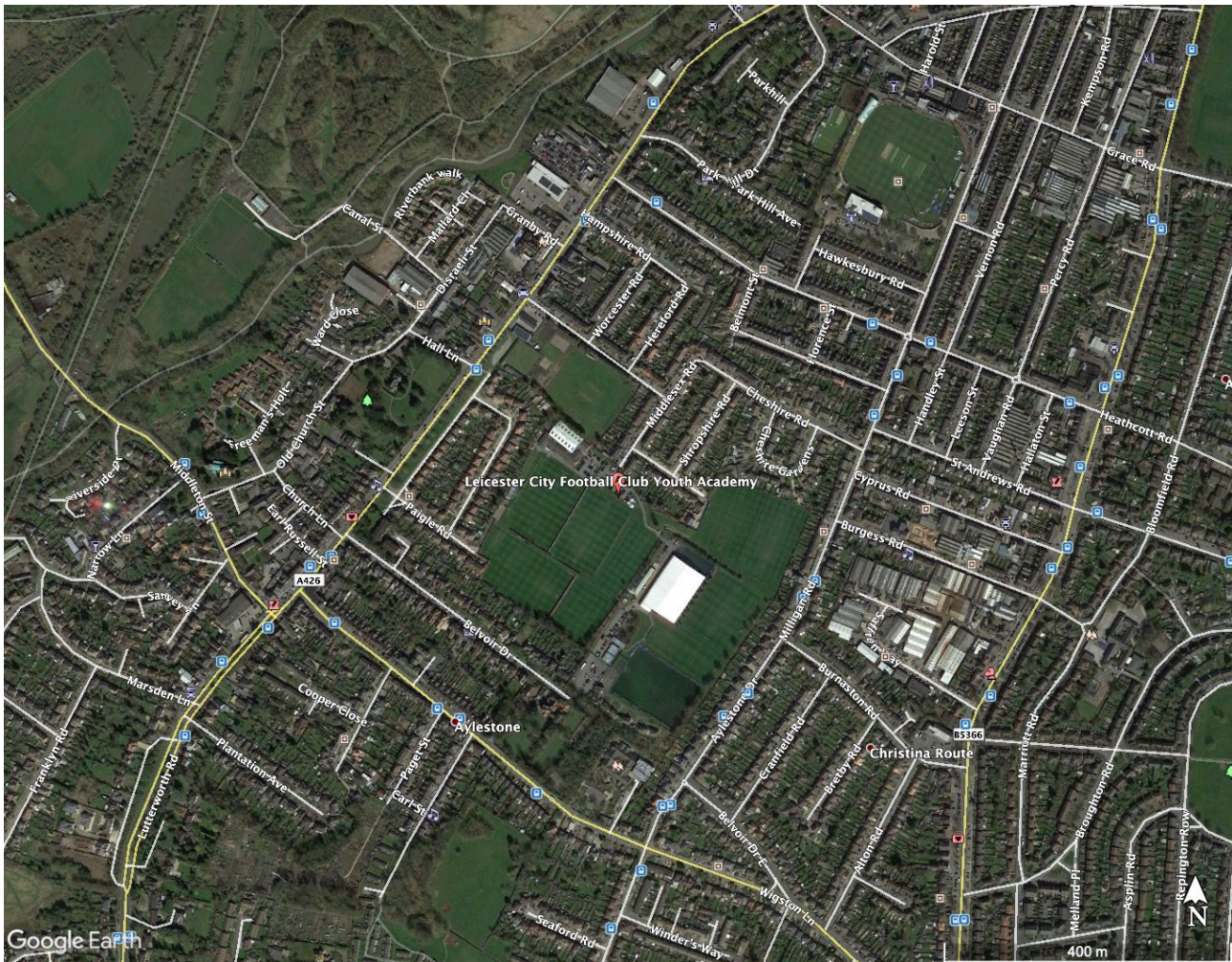
Fulham's training ground at New Maldon is similar to the Copers Cope location. The external dimensions of the indoor pitch are 60m x 81 m = 4860 square metres. Google street view images show that the indoor pitch is screened from the adjoining road by trees, and a row of garages in front of the housing. Image date is 29/6/2019



9. Leicester City FC Academy

Leicester are currently developing a new rural training facility on a greenfield site, spending something like £100M on the facility. The new indoor pitch has a partially grassed roof to reduce the visual impact. Their current academy – with category 1 status – is in a suburban location within Leicester. The external dimensions of the current indoor pitch are 52 x 80 m = 4160 square metres.

9.1 Current Facility (Image date 5/4/2018)



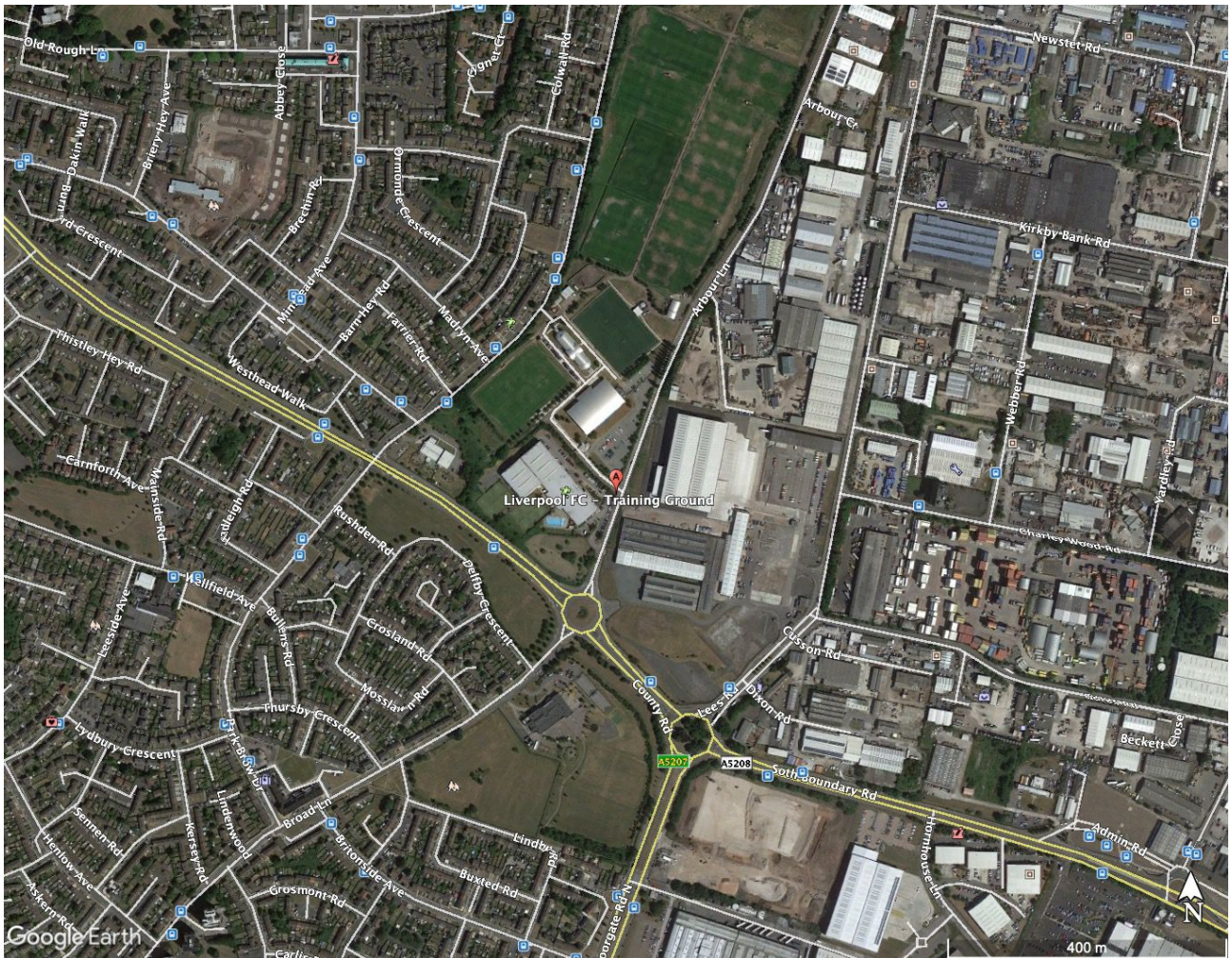
9.2 New Facility at Seagrave village

This image was taken on 29/3/2019, showing the construction works. It can be seen that the site is very remote from any housing.



10. Liverpool FC Academy

Liverpool's academy at Kirkby is bounded on one side by housing, on the other by an industrial area. The indoor pitch is set well back into the centre of the site. The external dimensions of the indoor pitch are $48 \times 75 \text{ m} = 3900$ square metres. As mentioned in the introduction, it is being redeveloped with a larger ($111 \times 74 \text{ m}$) indoor pitch in the same location, encroaching on the car park. The buildings immediately to the south are a David Lloyd sports club. It can be seen that whole site is screened from the nearest housing which is to the west by trees along the road, and the width of the grass pitch.



11. Newcastle United FC Academy

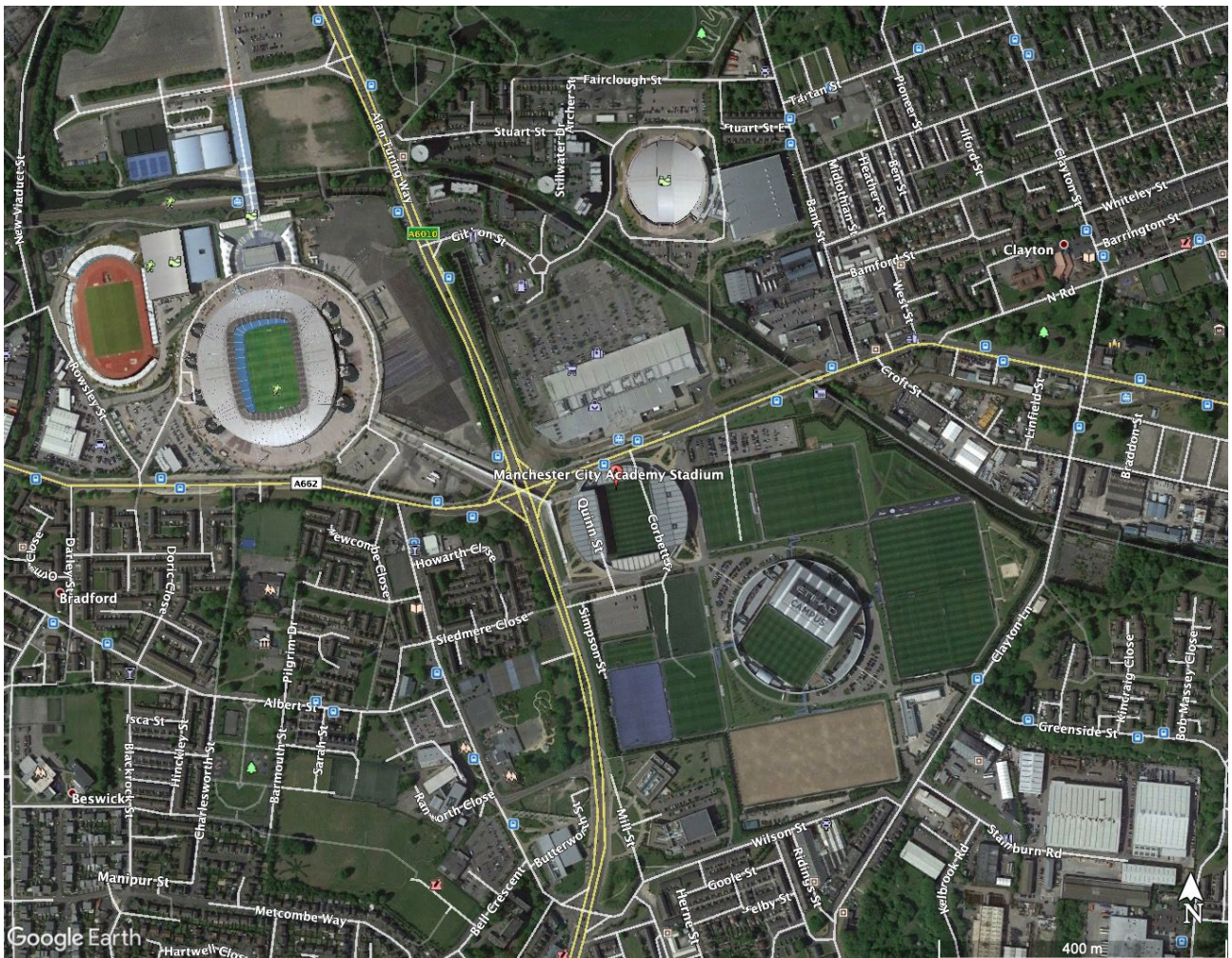
The training centre at Darsley park is set in mixed industrial and residential area. The indoor pitch was constructed by Rubb Building Ltd, and is 67 x 90 m = 6030 square metres, and the height 12.2M. Image date is 27/5/2018



12. Manchester City FC Academy

The academy is part of the prestige Etihad campus, built in a vast brownfield site attached to the main Etihad stadium. The external dimensions of the indoor pitch are 109m x 80m = 8720 square metres. This development formed part of the Manchester regeneration project. The indoor pitch is the building with "Etihad Campus" on the roof.

The image date is 14/5/2019



13. Manchester United FC Academy

The Aon training facility is set in a semi rural location at Carrington. There is no close housing whatsoever. The external dimensions of the indoor pitch are 91 x 65 m = 5915 square metres. The image date is 14/5/2019



14. Middlesbrough FC Academy

Middlesbrough's training ground is in a rural location some distance from Middlesbrough. There is no local housing. The external dimensions of the indoor pitch are 57 x 38m = 2166 square metres. Image date is 14/5/2019



15. Norwich City FC Academy

Located near Hetherseth, outside Norwich, the academy is in a rural location, with no housing in the vicinity. The external dimensions of the indoor pitch are 79 x 52 m = 4108 square metres. Image date is 27/8/2019



16. Reading FC Academy

Reading's training facilities are at Hogwood park, outside Reading, set in a brownfield site, away from housing. The external dimensions of the indoor pitch are 42 x 48 m = 2016 square metres. Image date is 23/6/2018



17. Southampton FC Academy

The Southampton training grounds and academy are bounded by a road and woodlands on one side, housing on the others, but the indoor pitch is set as far back from the housing as possible within the site, backing onto the A326 trunk road. The external dimensions of the new inflatable indoor pitch are 80 x 110m = 8800 square metres. Image date is 6/7/2018



18. Stoke City FC Academy

Stoke City Academy indoor pitch ("FC Academy Dome") is located in an industrial area close to the main stadium. The external dimensions of the indoor pitch are 60m x 43m = 2580 square metres. It is dwarfed by surrounding industrial buildings. The Academy proper is located in open ground at Clayton Wood training ground. Image date is 27/9/2018



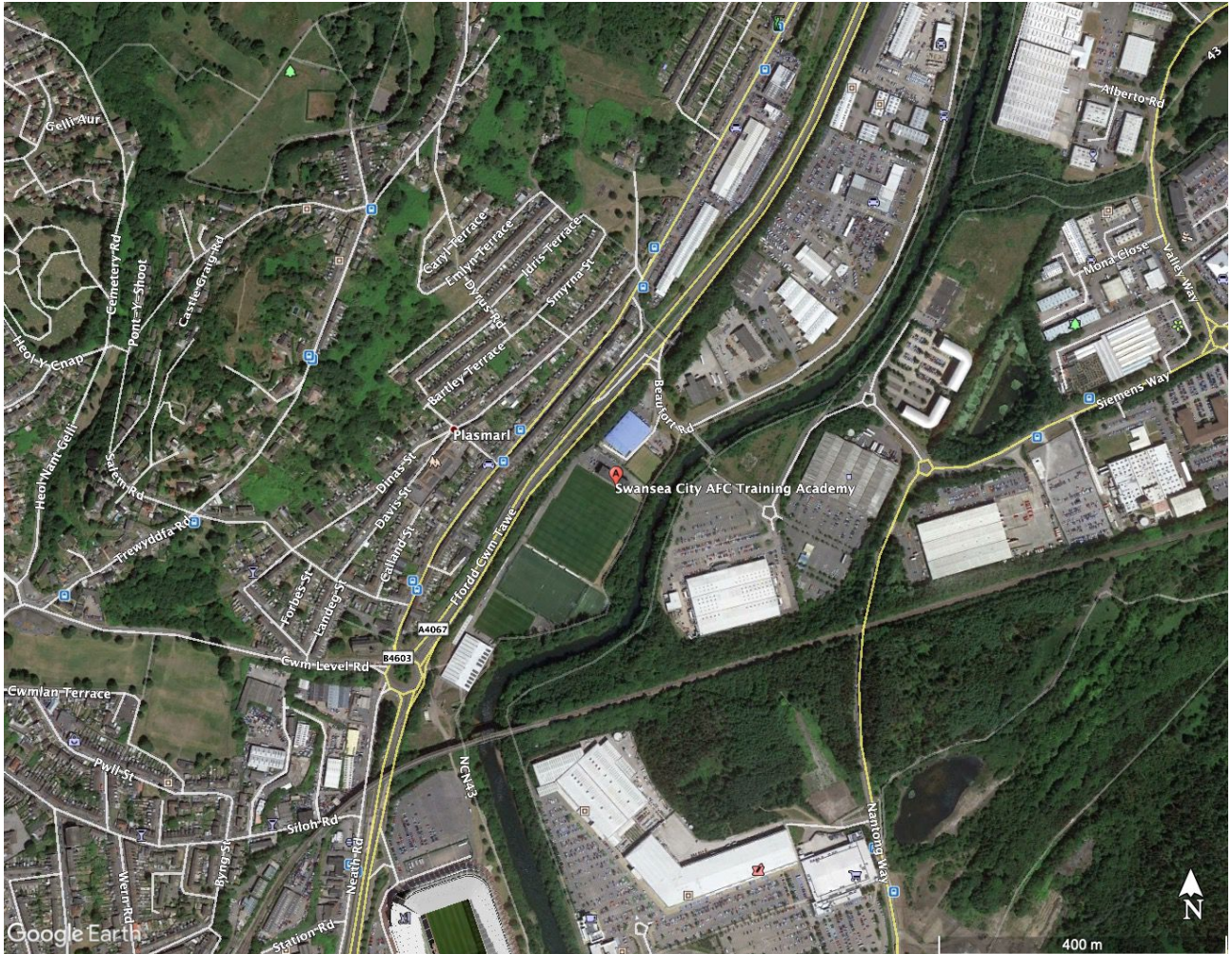
19. Sunderland Athletic FC Academy

The Academy of light is located near Seaburn on the coast, and is an agricultural area. There is no close housing. The indoor pitch was constructed by Rubb Building Ltd, and is 65 x 82.4 m = 5635 square metres square metres, and the height 12.2M
Image date is 27/5/2018



20. Swansea City AFC Academy

Swansea's training facilities are located in an industrial area, separated from housing by the 4067 dual carriageway. The external dimensions of the indoor pitch are 47m x 45m = 2115 square metres. Image date is 27/6/2018



21. Tottenham Hotspurs FC Academy

This is a new facility set in a semi rural location in Enfield. There is no close housing. The external dimensions of the indoor pitch are 50 x 70m = 3500 square metres. Image date is 29/6/2019



22. West Bromwich Albion FC Academy

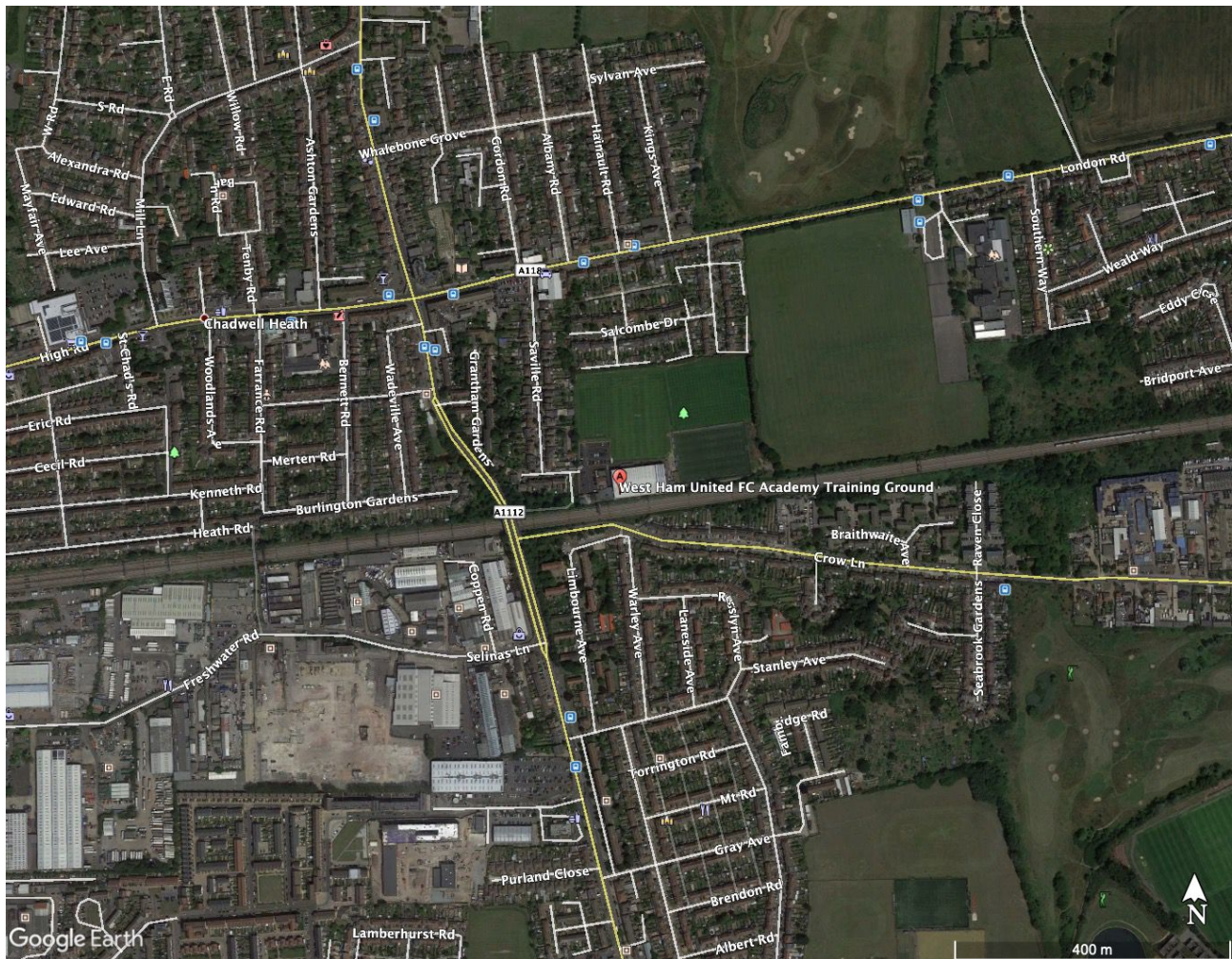
The indoor pitch was constructed by Rubb Building Ltd, and is 70 x 105 m = 7350 square metres square metres, and the height 14.9M. The Academy is located in an industrial area, although bordered by housing to the east. The indoor pitch is located at the west side of the site, backing on to a railway and an industrial site. Image date is 14/5/2019



23. West Ham United Academy

West Ham's academy is bounded by housing on the west and to some extent the north side. To the south the boundary is a railway. The indoor pitch is located directly alongside the railway. The external dimensions of the indoor pitch are $65 \times 43 \text{ m} = 2790$ square metres.

Image date is 29/6/2019



24. Wolverhampton Wanderers FC Academy

Located in a suburban area of Wolverhampton, the indoor pitch is in the centre of the site, so that housing and roads are at least 150 metres away on all sides.

The external dimensions of the indoor pitch are 65 x 112 m = 7280 square metres. Image date is 14/5/2019



CPFC Proposed Copers Cope Road Academy facility

The composite image below is taken using the same scale as the images used in the main survey. Image date 29/6/2019. It can be seen that it is directly by the busy Copers Cope Road, overlooked by the flats and houses which are less than 100m from the building and is not screened by trees

