



TOWARDS A HEDGEHO G HIGHWAY

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WHAT WE DO



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CAMPAIGNING

HEDGEHOG
HIGHWAYS





HEDGEHOG TEAM



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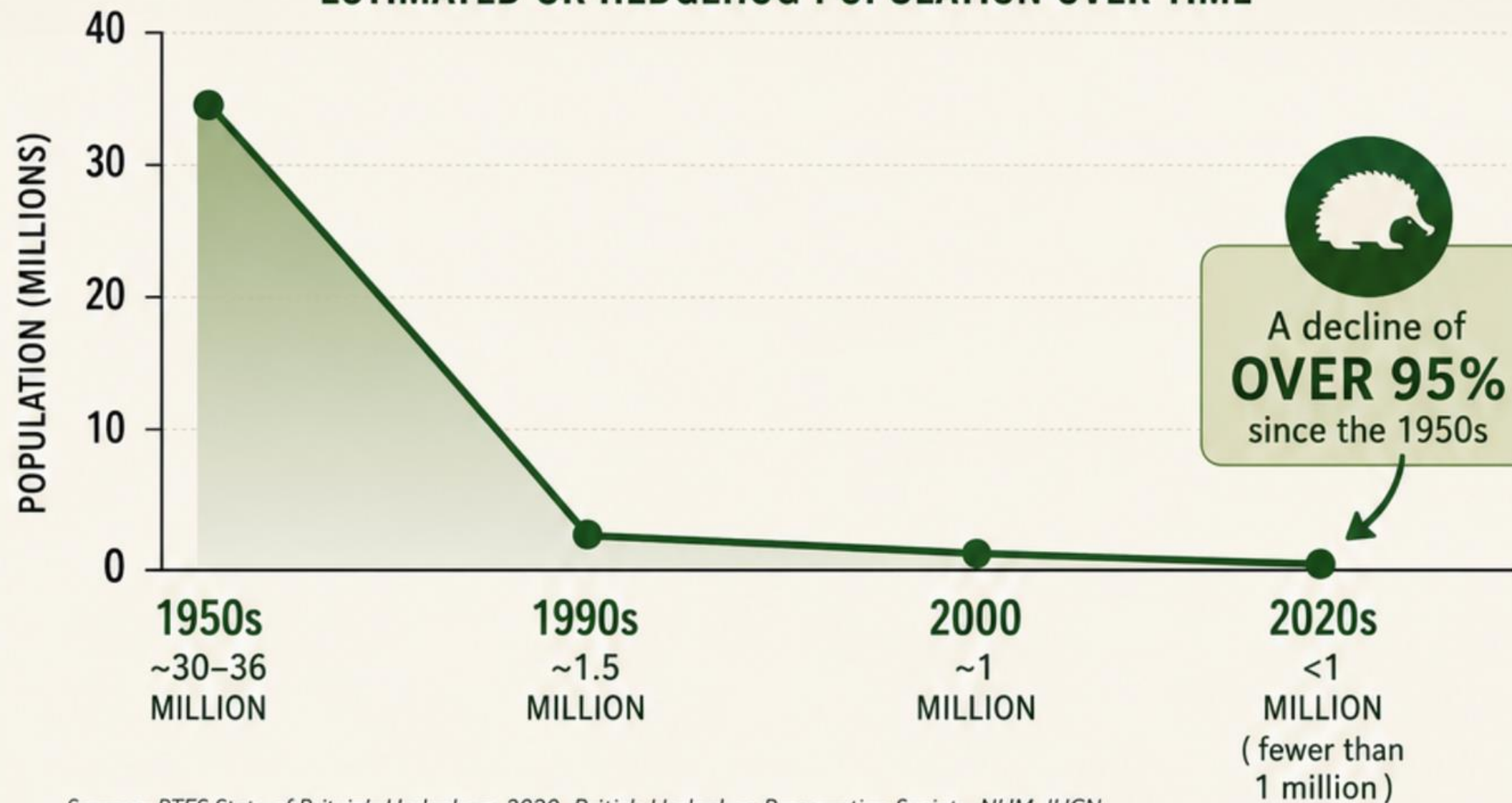


HEDGEHOG NUMBERS HAVE DECLINED SINCE RECORDS BEGAN



Hedgehog numbers in the UK have fallen by over 95% since the 1950s.

ESTIMATED UK HEDGEHOG POPULATION OVER TIME



Sources: PTES State of Britain's Hedgehogs 2020, British Hedgehog Preservation Society, NHM, IUCN

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LIGHT & NOISE POLLUTION

Disturb hedgehogs and reduce suitable habitat.

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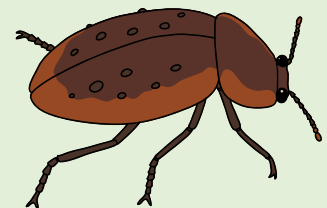
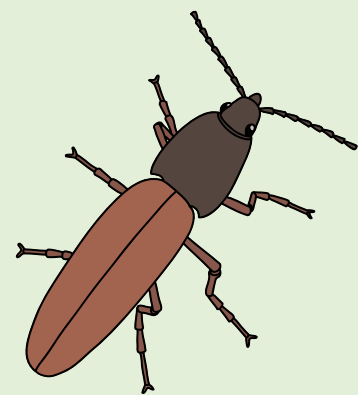
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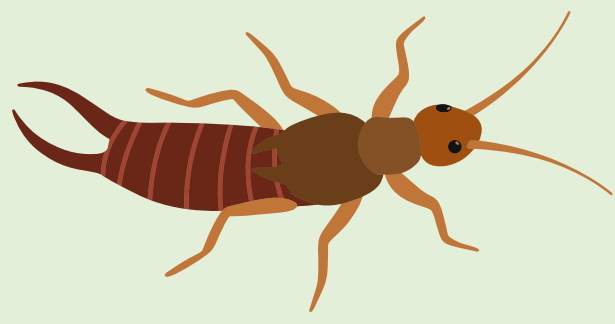
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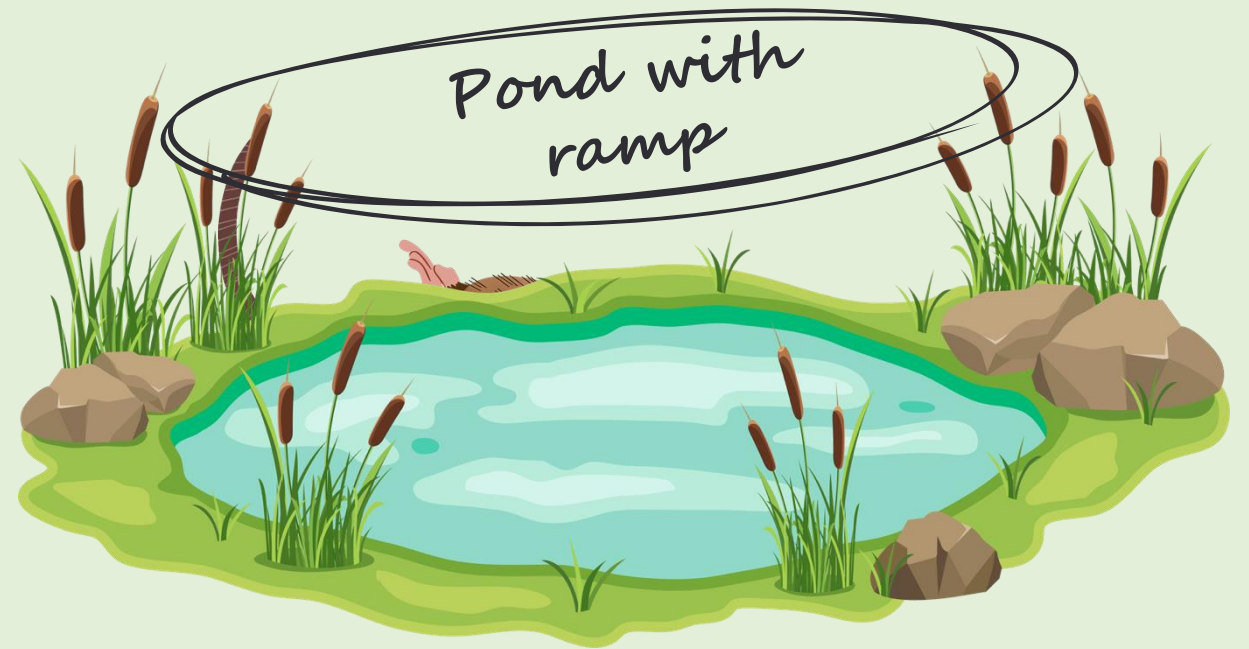
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Pond with ramp

HEATH TO HIGHGATE CORRIDOR



HEDGEHOG HIGHWAY THROUGH GARDENS



HEDGEHOG HIGHWAY ACROSS SWAINS



Sophia Marinkov Jones

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Rain Gardens

Hedgehog Sign

Accessibility for people

Slow down traffic

Tree pit enlargement

Open fencing

Hedgehog holes

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POSSIBLE ENTRY POINTS



WILDLIFE TUNNELS



WILDLIFE BRIDGES



CAN AUTHORITIES HELP?

CAMDEN LABOUR MANIFESTO 2026

“Roll out a Nature Recovery Network to protect wildlife, ... and building hedgehog corridors”

GLA - LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

‘Highgate to Heath Corridor’

Restore, expand, create and connect terrestrial linear habitats.

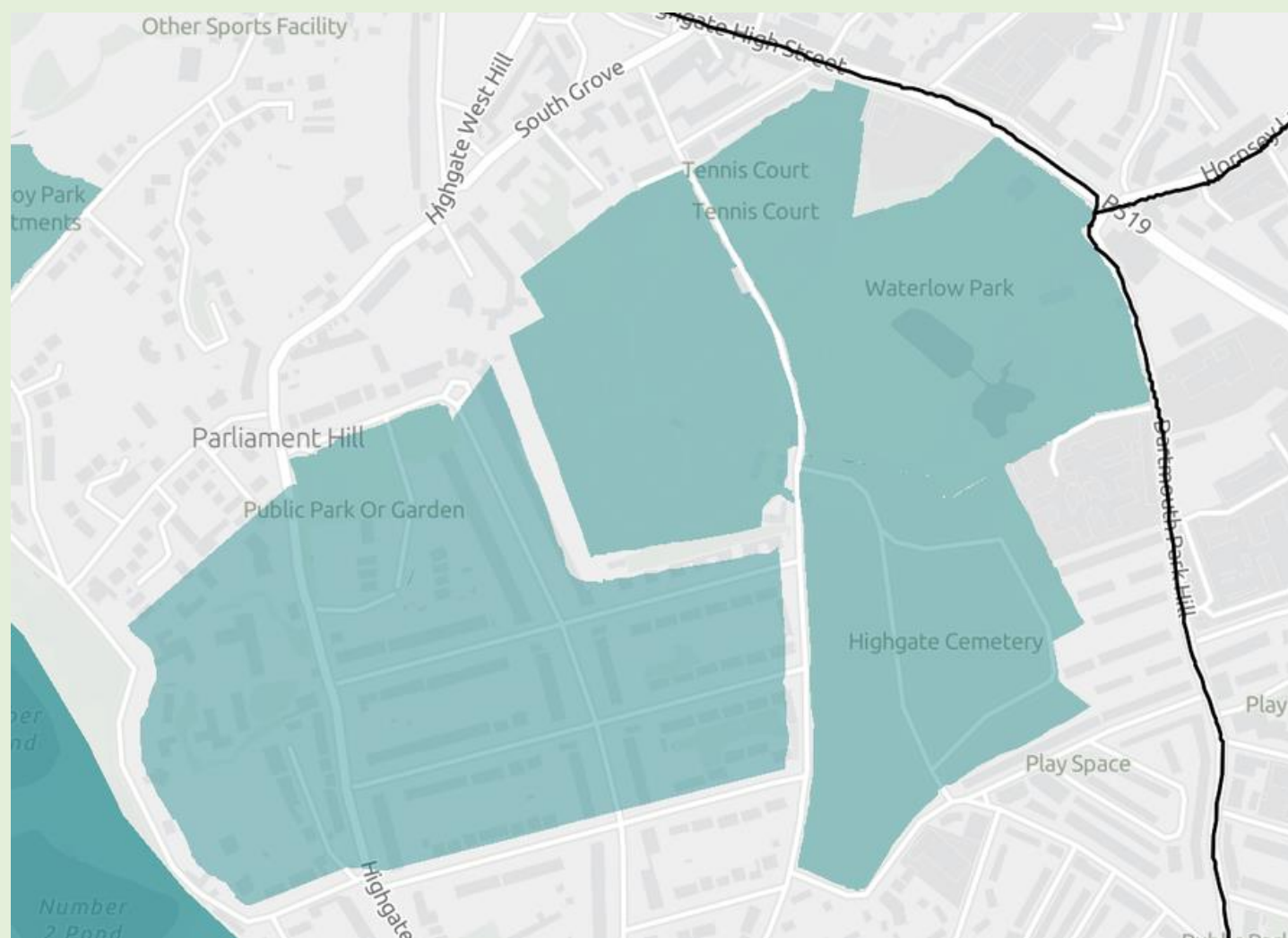
Primary measures:

- wildlife connectivity: corridors installed on/under/over structures

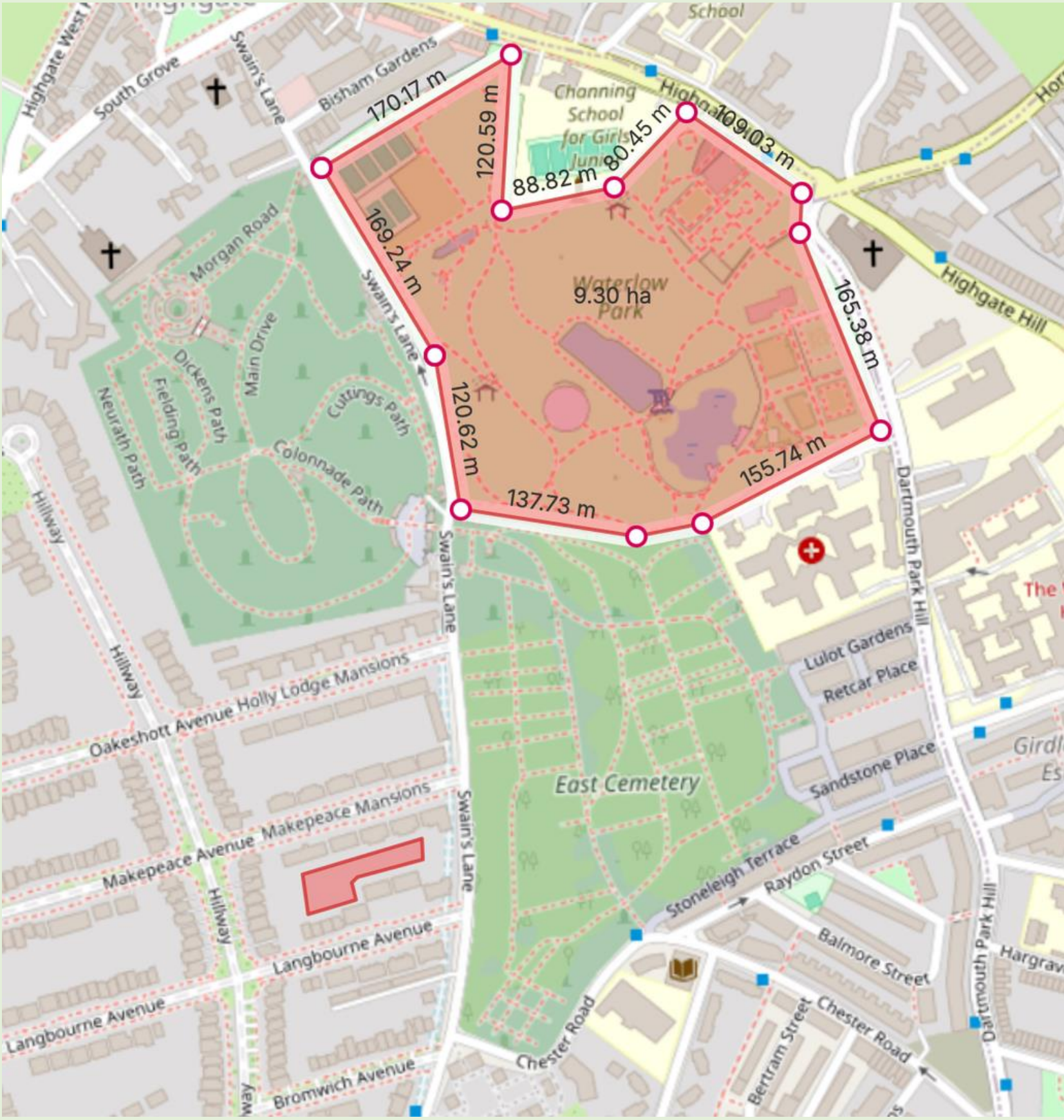
Key species:

- Hedgehog
- (Glow worm)

Waterlow Park: wildlife connectivity



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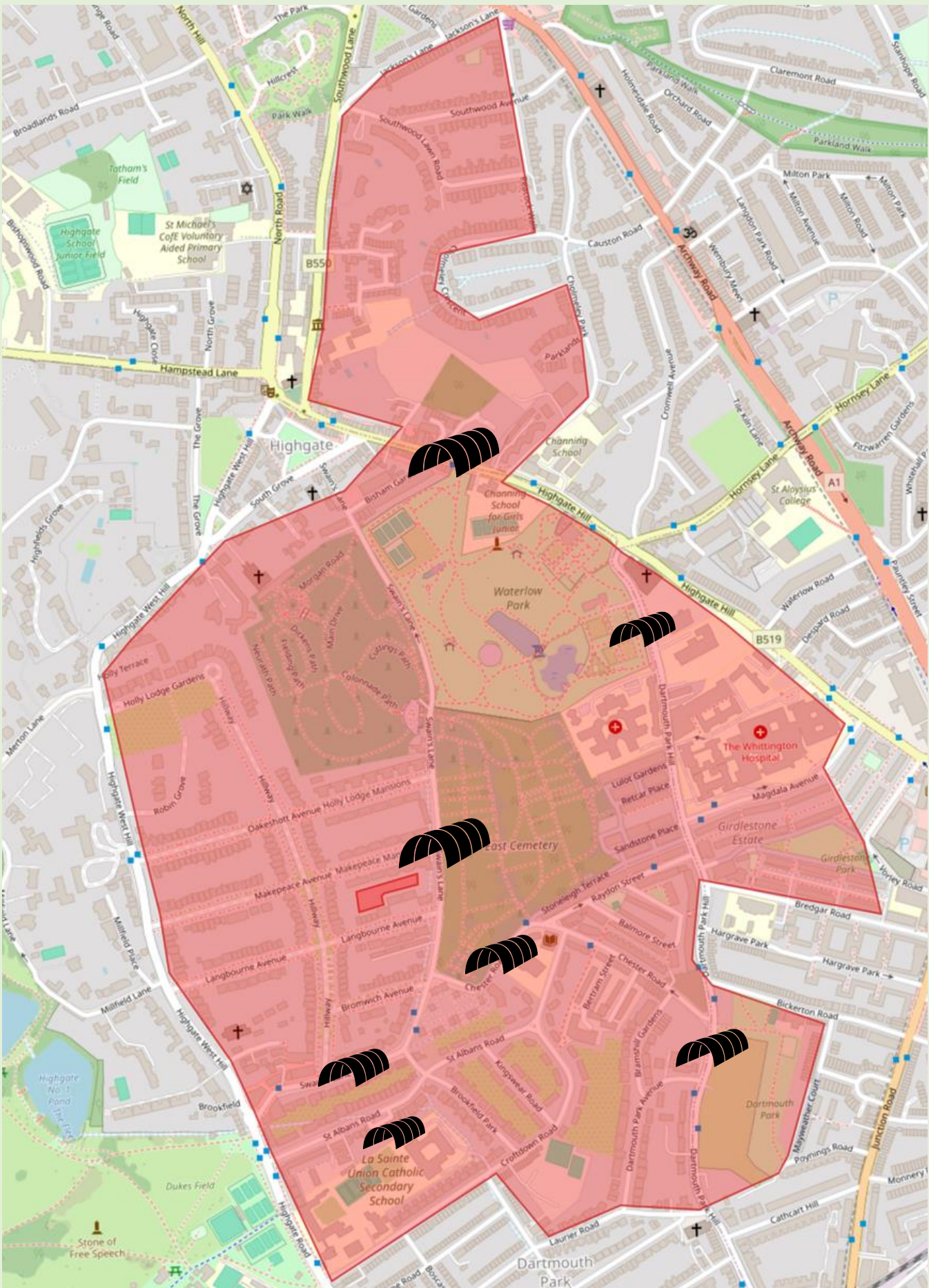
ROOM TO ROAM: 10-20 HECTARES
2-3KM PER NIGHT

WATERLOW PARK: 9-10 HECTARES

WATERLOW + CEMETERY EAST: 17 HECTARES

WATERLOW, CEMETERY EAST + HOLLY LODGE:
37 HECTARES

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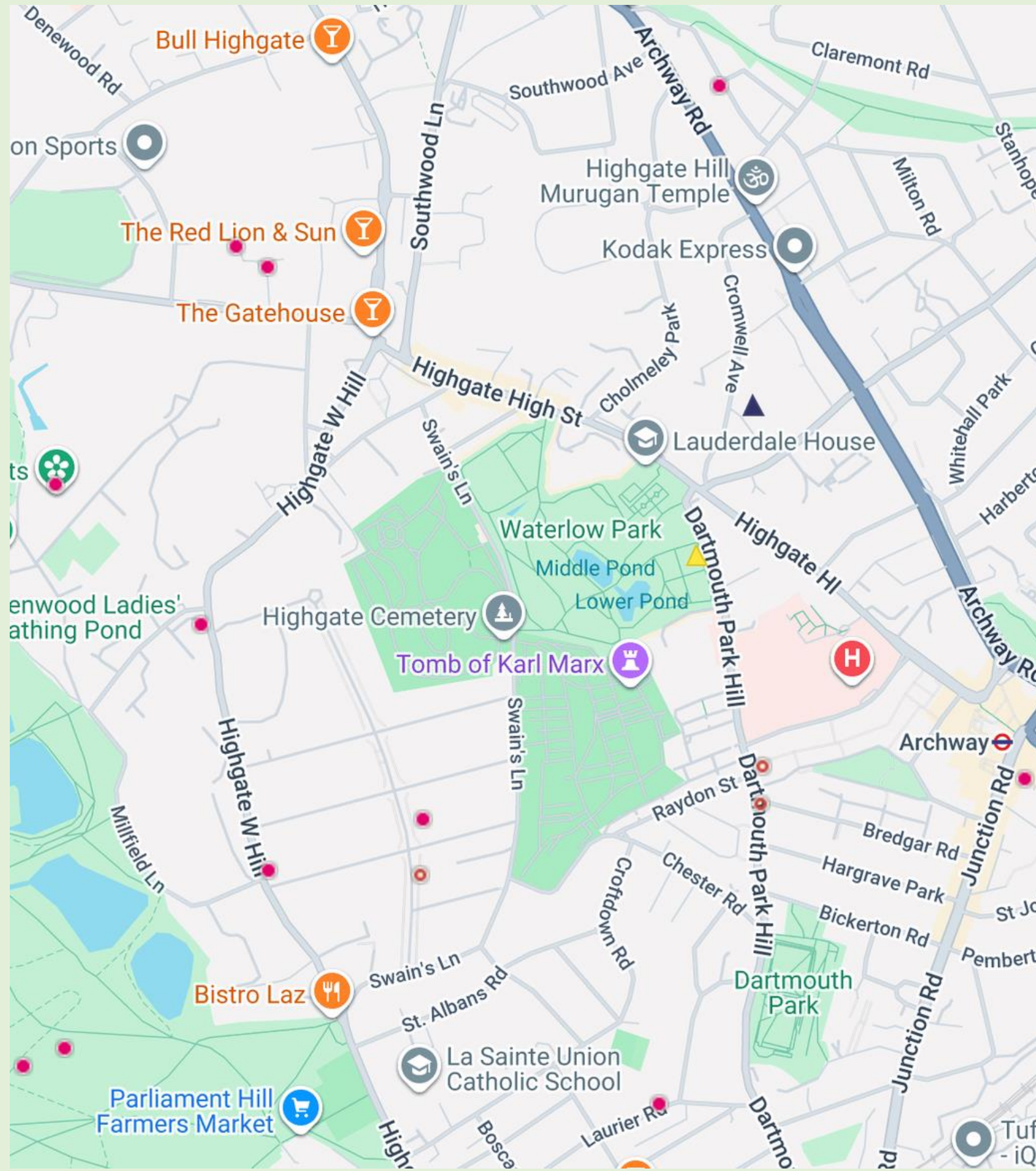


SELF-SUSTAINING POPULATION:
90 HECTARES

HEATH: 230 HECTARES

DRAWN AREA: 115 HECTARES

HEDGEHOG SIGHTINGS



Source: Big Hedgehog Map

Nature North London

60 Groups

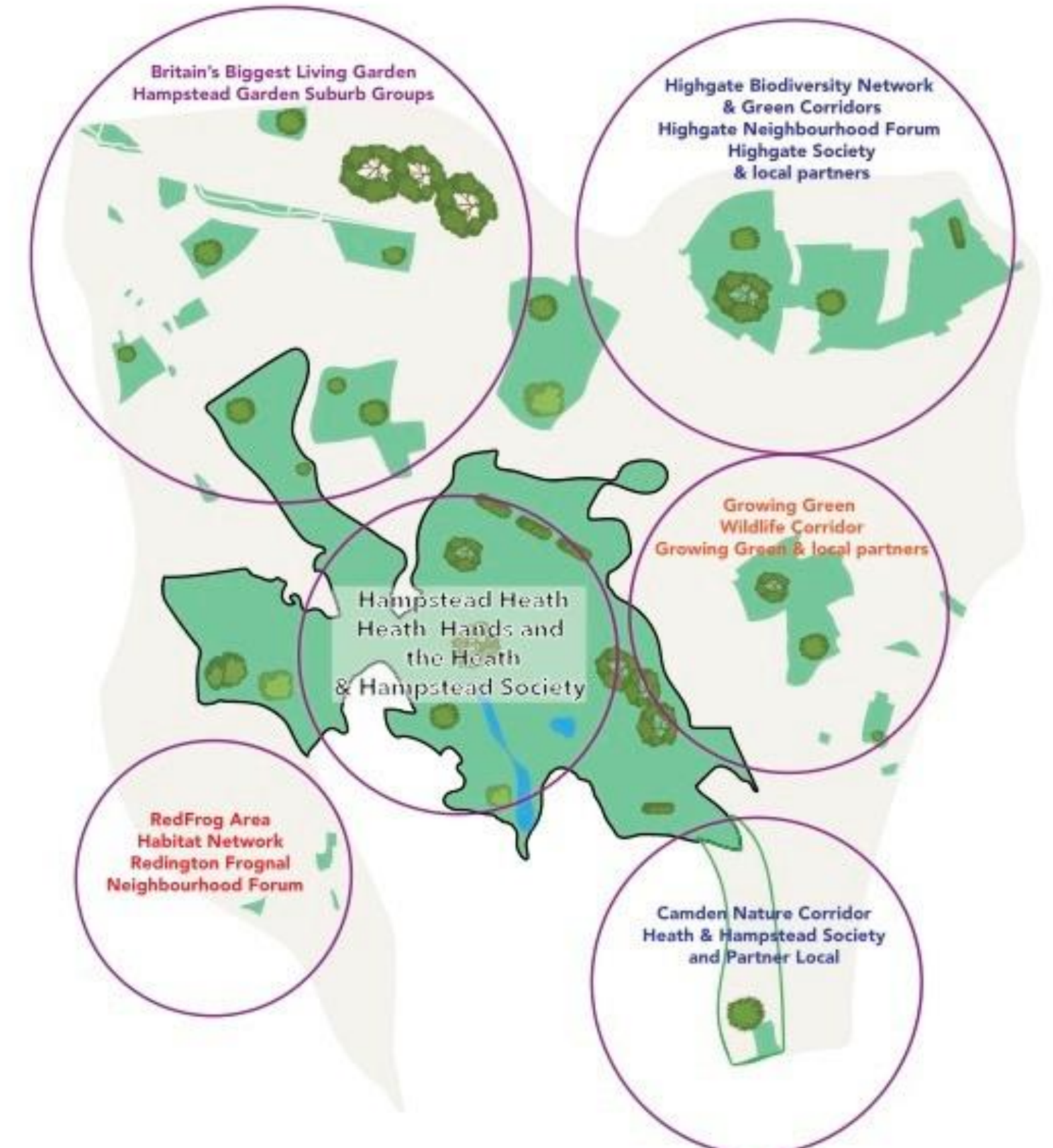
- Nature conservation
- Landowners
- Local Government
- National Campaigns

Working towards wildlife corridors



Greening North London, Together! Every Garden Counts. Every Balcony Helps.

Discover the greening network across our patch of North London – from balconies to wild areas, gardens to greening projects. Local community efforts are creating a richer, wilder, healthier urban landscape radiating out from Hampstead Heath.





THANK you

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