

2.2.1 Site Boundaries

The application boundary forms a clearly legible parcel within the wider Cockhaise Farm holding and is enclosed on all sides by established landscape features characteristic of the Mid Sussex rural grain.

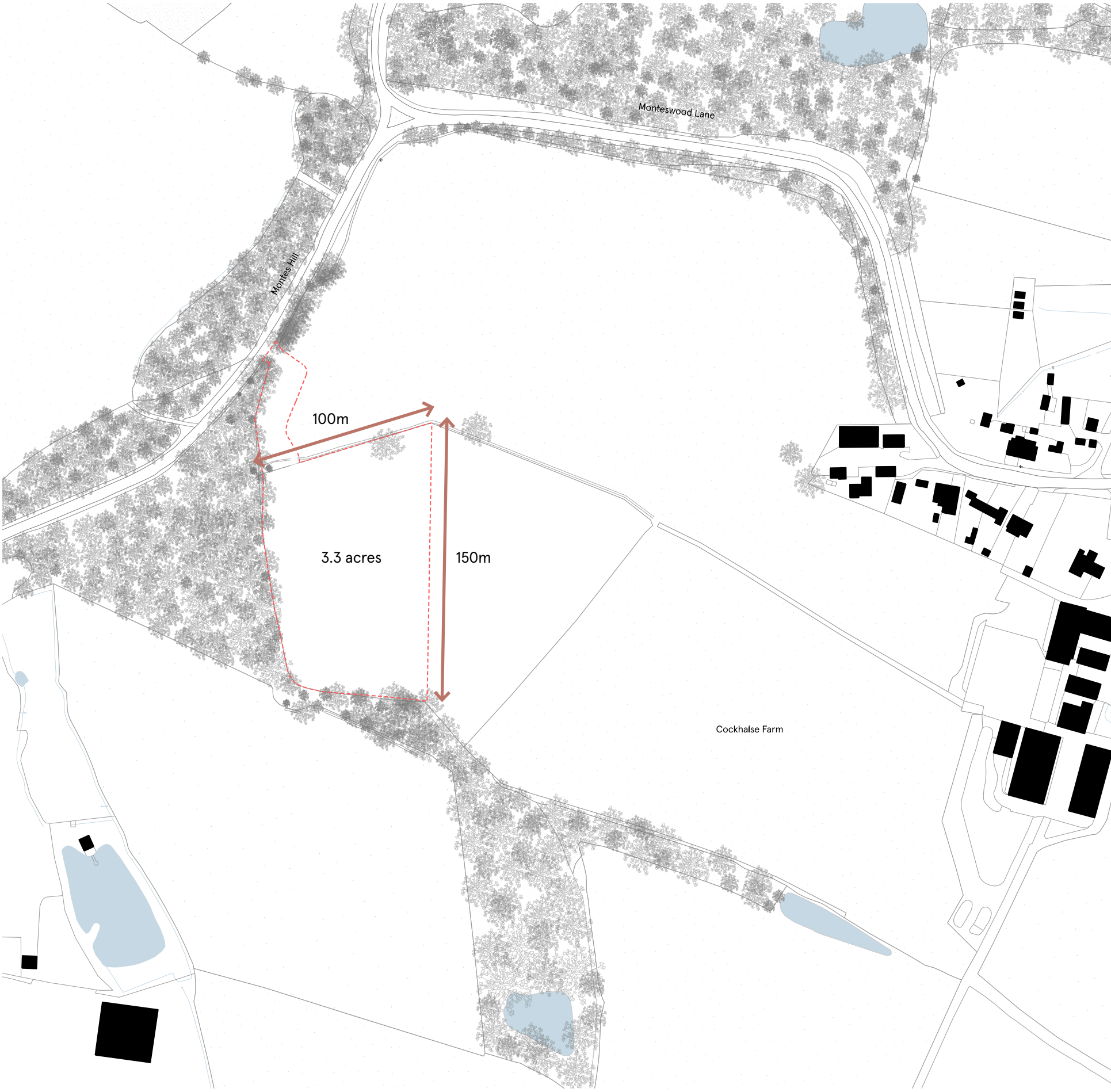
The northern boundary is defined by a mature hedgerow aligned with the adjacent rural lane and public footpath. This boundary provides strong visual containment when approaching from Montes Hill and reinforces the enclosed character of the site edge.

To the west and south, the field is enclosed by woodland belts associated with Brock Shaw ancient woodland. These areas of mature vegetation establish a substantial edge condition and create strong ecological and visual separation from the wider landscape beyond.

The eastern boundary is defined by open pasture and hedgerow divisions separating the field from neighbouring agricultural land and dispersed farm buildings. Separation distances remain generous and the wider agricultural landscape pattern remains clearly legible.

Across all edges, enclosure is primarily achieved through vegetation and landform rather than fencing or built structures. The established hedgerow and woodland framework contributes significantly to the contained and inwardly perceived character of the site.

Existing agricultural access is retained from the north-western edge of the field, allowing the established hedgerow structure and rural boundary condition to remain largely intact.



--- Application boundary

Location plan denoting extents of ownership boundaries

2.2.2 Aerial Photographs

The aerial photographs illustrate the application site within its wider agricultural context and demonstrate the relationship between pasture fields, woodland belts, hedgerows and dispersed farmsteads characteristic of this part of the High Weald.

From above, the site reads clearly as part of a coherent pastoral landscape structure enclosed by mature vegetation and woodland edges. The field forms one parcel within a larger irregular field system typical of the Mid Sussex clay vale.

The aerial views demonstrate:

- Strong hedgerow and woodland boundaries enclosing the site
- The absence of built development within the field itself
- Generous separation distances to neighbouring dwellings and farmsteads
- The relationship between open pasture and surrounding woodland belts
- The contained nature of the site within the wider landscape framework

The site does not occupy an elevated or visually dominant position within the landscape. Instead, vegetation, topography and woodland structure combine to create visual containment and filtering from the wider countryside.

The aerial photographs also reinforce the dispersed agricultural character of the surrounding area, where settlement occurs as individual rural holdings embedded within woodland and pasture rather than as continuous suburban or village form.



Drone photograph of existing site from west



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