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Glossary of Acronyms

AIL	Abnormal Indivisible Load
ARR	Access Route Review
CLO	Community Liaison Officer
СТМР	Construction Traffic Management Plan
DCO	Development Consent Order
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EqIA	Equality Impact Assessment
ES	Environmental Statement
ESDAL	Electronic Service Delivery for Abnormal Loads
GPS	Global Positioning System
HDD	Horizontal Direction Drilling
HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle
HW	Highways Works
LV	Light Vehicle
OCoCP	Outline Code of Construction Practice
OCTMP	Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan
HW	Highways Works
PC	Principal Contractor
TCC	Temporary Construction Compounds
TMCo	Traffic Management Co-ordinator
TTSA	Traffic and Transport Study Area
TWG	Transport Working Group
UK	United Kingdom
VEOWL	Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Limited

Glossary of Terminology

Array area	The offshore wind farm area, within which the wind turbine generators, array cables, platform interconnector cable, offshore substation platform(s) and/or offshore converter platform will be located.
Bentley Road improvement works	Works involving the widening and improvement of the carriageway along Bentley Road, required to facilitate heavy goods vehicle and abnormal indivisible load access to the onshore cable route and the onshore substation.
Emergency Services	The term 'emergency services' in this OCTMP is used to refer to Essex Police, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service and the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust.
Haul road	The track along the onshore cable route used by construction traffic to access different sections of the onshore cable route.
Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV)	HGV is the term for any vehicle with a Gross Weight over 3.5 tonnes. This is also used as a proxy for HGVs and buses / coaches recognising the similar size and environmental characteristics of the respective vehicle types.
Highway Stakeholders	Highways Stakeholders will include Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board, Emergency Services, Essex County Council, National Highways, relevant local District, Town and Parish Councils.

Horizontal directional drill (HDD)	Trenchless technique to bring the offshore export cables ashore at landfall. The technique will also be the primary trenchless technique used for installation of the onshore export cables at sensitive areas of the onshore cable route.
Landfall	The location where the offshore export cables come ashore at Kirby Brook.
Light Vehicle (LV)	The term 'light vehicle' is used to describe the range of vehicles that would be used by construction employees, i.e. cars, vans, pick-ups, minibuses, etc.
Movement	A two-way trip (i.e. the arrival and departure from site) for the transfer of employees or goods.
National Grid connection point	The grid connection location for the Project. National Grid are proposing to construct new electrical infrastructure (a new substation) to allow the Project to connect to the grid, and this new infrastructure will be located at the National Grid connection point.
Offshore cable corridor	The corridor of seabed from the array area to the landfall within which the offshore export cables will be located.
Onshore cable route	Onshore route within which the onshore export cables and associated infrastructure would be located.
Onshore export cables	The cables which take the electricity from landfall to the onshore substation. These comprise High Voltage Alternative Current (HVAC) cables, buried underground.
Onshore substation	A compound containing electrical equipment required to transform and stabilise electricity generated by the Project so that it can be connected to the National Grid.
Onshore substation works area	Area within which all temporary and permanent works associated within the onshore substation are located, including onshore substation, construction compound, access, landscaping, drainage and earthworks.
Temporary construction compound	Area set aside to facilitate construction of the onshore cable route. Will be located adjacent to the onshore cable route, with access to the highway where required.
The Applicant	North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited (NFOW).
The Project Or 'North Falls'	North Falls Offshore Wind Farm, including all onshore and offshore infrastructure.
Traffic and Transport Study Area (TTSA)	Area where potential impacts from the Project could occur, as defined for each individual EIA topic.
Trenchless crossing	Use of a technique to install limited lengths of cable below ground without the need to excavate a trench from the surface, used in sensitive areas of the onshore cable route to prevent surface disturbance. Includes techniques such as HDD.
Vehicle (HGV, Traffic) trips	A two-way trip (i.e. the arrival and departure from site) for the transfer of employees or goods.
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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

- 1. The following provides a brief description of the North Falls Offshore Wind Farm (herein 'the Project'). Further detail is provided within Environmental Statement (ES) Chapter 5 Project Description (Document Reference: 3.1.7).
- 2. The North Falls array is located off the East Anglian coastline. The offshore cable corridor runs from the array area to the landfall area at Kirby Brook, Essex.
- 3. Onshore export cables will then transport the electricity to the onshore substation located west of Little Bromley within the Tendring district of Essex before it enters the national grid. The offshore and onshore project locations are shown in ES Figures 1.1 and 1.2 (Document Reference: 3.2.1), respectively.

1.2 Purpose of the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan

- 4. ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport (Document Reference: 3.1.29) contains an assessment of the likely significant effects and associated mitigation for the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Project.
- 5. The Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (OCTMP) contains the control measures and monitoring procedures for managing the potential traffic and transport effects of constructing the Project. The objective of the OCTMP is to define a strategy to ensure that the construction traffic parameters (e.g. traffic numbers and routes) assessed within the ES are managed and not exceeded.
- 6. The OCTMP would form the basis for a final Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) for each phase of the Project's onshore works, which would be prepared and submitted prior to the commencement of the construction of the relevant phase for approval by the local planning authority. This is secured through Development Consent Order (DCO) Requirement.
- 7. The final CTMP would set the standards and procedures that would be adopted and implemented by the appointed Principal Contractor (PC), including;
 - Managing the numbers and routeing of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) during the construction phase;
 - Managing the movement of employee traffic during the construction phase;
 - Details of localised road improvements necessary to facilitate safe use of the existing road network; and
 - Detail of measures to manage the safe passage of HGV traffic via the local highway network.
- 8. Prior to the construction of the onshore works there would be onshore site preparation works. These onshore site preparation works would be expected to result in limited traffic numbers, however, to minimise the potential for disruption

it has been agreed with Essex County Council that drivers involved in the onshore site preparation works will be provided with details of the agreed delivery routes (Figure 1) and times (Section 2.2.2). Drivers will be required to operate within these times and follow the agreed delivery routes (as far as practicable).

9. Following the submission of the DCO application, comments have been provided by stakeholders regarding the content of the OCTMP. Table 1.1 provides a summary of the amendments that have been made in response.

Table 1.1 Summary of OCTMP changes

OCTMP Revision Number	Summary of Changes	Relevant Section of the OCTMP
01	Additional text requiring the appointment of a Dangerous Goods Safety Advisor.	Sections 1.4 and 5.4
	Additional commitments to engage with Essex Police and Safer Essex Roads Partnership when developing driver inductions.	Section 2.4
	Amendments to the text relating to delivery packs to require them to be shown to a police officer if requested.	Section 2.4.1
	Amendments to the travel planning measures to provide advice to employees relating to the use of e-scooters.	Table 3.1
	Updates to the measures to control reported detritus / material on the highway to include the requirement to provide a contact number for reporting/discussing any issues.	Section 4.2
	Updates to the text relating to the appointment of recovery companies.	Table 4.1
	Additional text to require the regular checking and maintenance of signage.	Section 4.13
	Minor updates to the monitoring and enforcement commitments.	Section 5
	Minor updates to the Appendices – Appendices A, B, C and D	Appendices A, B C and D
	Addition of Appendix E – Road Safety Audits	Appendix E

OCTMP Revision Number	Summary of Changes	Relevant Section of the OCTMP
02	Amendments to the text relating to non-special order abnormal loads and abnormal load controls including consultation requirements.	Section 2.5
	Additional text regarding vehicle monitoring requirements recognising the recommendations of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA).	Section 5.2.7
03	Addition of wording relating to the management of the route and timing of vehicles during the onshore site preparation works	Paragraph 8
	Additional commitments in relation to vehicle tracking via systems such as GPS	Section 2.3 and 5.2.3
	Clarification of the preferred routing for Abnormal Indivisible Loads, consultation process and potential mitigation measures	Section 2.5
	Clarifications in relation to employee travel plan measures and monitoring	Section 3.2
	The addition of an Access Route Review (ARR) to be submitted with the final CTMP and the inclusion of an ARR process to address any emerging road safety issues	Section 4.7
	Additional measures to manage parking demand	Section 4.9
	Peak seasonal periods added to the traffic incident management strategy.	Section 4.10
	The inclusion of a Transport Working Group to manage potential cumulative effects of projects.	Section 4.14
	Measures to manage parking demand.	Section 4.9
	Recording of HGV numbers and timings.	Section 5.2.2
	Process for agreeing monitoring or overspill parking.	Section 5.2.5
	Clarification of 'near miss' reporting process.	Section 5.2.6

OCTMP Revision Number	Summary of Changes	Relevant Section of the OCTMP
	Amendments to section addressing enforcement.	Section 5.3
	Updated Action Plan to reflect the changes outlined for OCTMP Revision 3.	Table 5.1
04	Amendments to text on employee travel to confirm that employees can arrive on site and park up prior to 07:00 start, and to describe measures in place to avoid vehicles parking/waiting on the highway prior to 07:00.	Section 3

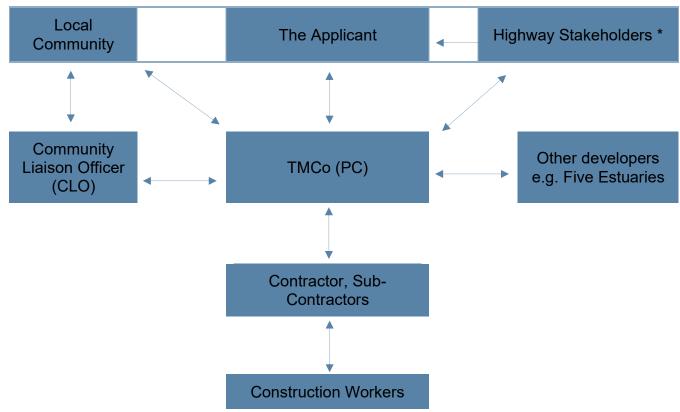
1.3 OCTMP scope

- 10. The realistic worst case scenarios for the likely significant effects scoped into the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the traffic and transport assessment are summarised in ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport (Document Reference: 3.1.29) and based on project parameters described in ES Chapter 5 Project Description (Document Reference: 3.1.7). The main grid connection options considered in the ES, as relevant to this OCTMP, are outlined below:
 - **Option 1:** Onshore electrical connection at a national grid connection point within the Tendring peninsula of Essex, with a project alone onshore cable route and onshore substation infrastructure.
 - Option 2: Onshore electrical connection at a national grid connection point within the Tendring peninsula of Essex, sharing an onshore cable route and onshore cable duct installation (but with separate onshore export cables) and co-locating separate project onshore substation infrastructure with Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm ('Five Estuaries').
- 11. Unless explicitly specified, the measures and controls contained within this OCTMP would be applicable to both options.

1.4 CTMP governance

- 12. Prior to the commencement of the construction of the relevant phase, a Traffic Management Co-ordinator (TMCo) would be appointed by the PC. Their key responsibilities would include:
 - Managing the implementation of the approved CTMP;
 - Collating monitoring data and preparing a monitoring report (as outlined in Section 5);
 - Acting as a point of contact for the local community;
 - Regular liaison and reporting to the Applicant;

- Sharing information with emergency and healthcare services, e.g. dates of any road closures, abnormal load movements, etc.;
- Appointing a Dangerous Goods Safety Advisor;
- Supporting the Applicant with highway stakeholder engagement; and
- Acting as a point of contact for construction workers and sub-contractors.
- 13. The TMCo would also be assisted in their role by a Community Liaison Officer (CLO).
- 14. To ensure clarity of flow of information and responsibilities of the OCTMP, the TMCO's intended coordination and collaboration with other key stakeholders in respect of traffic and transport is set out in Plate 1.1.



^{*} Highways Stakeholders will include Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board, Emergency Services, Essex County Council, National Highways, relevant local District, Town and Parish Councils.

Plate 1.1 TMCO Stakeholder Coordination / Collaboration Structure

15. Further details of all the responsibilities of the TMCo and CLO and associated timescales are provided as an Action Plan in Section 5.4. Contact details for the TMCo and CLO would be submitted to Highway Stakeholders prior to the commencement of construction.

1.5 OCTMP structure

- 16. Following this introduction, the structure of the OCTMP is as follows:
 - Section 2 defines the measures to manage and control HGV demand;
 - Section 3 defines the measures to manage and control employee traffic demand;
 - Section 4 sets out access and traffic management proposals; and
 - Section 5 sets out how the OCTMP would be monitored and provides an Action Plan for its implementation.

2 Control of HGV trips

2.1 Introduction

- 17. The OCTMP provides a 'framework' of traffic management measures that would be implemented to control HGV trips during the construction phase. In doing so, the OCTMP sets the management measures and performance required of the PC.
- 18. The finalised measures are an absolute requirement, established from the parameters outlined in Section 27.6 of ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport (Document Reference: 3.1.29), to be adopted by the PC and only revised with the prior agreement of the relevant highway authority.

2.2 HGV traffic generation

- 19. Table 27.16 of ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport (Document Reference: 3.1.29) sets out the forecast numbers of peak and average daily construction HGV trips (for all of the 46 links within the Traffic and Transport Study Area (TTSA)) for North Falls Option 2.
- 20. ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport (Document Reference: 3.1.29) identifies that to mitigate potential amenity and road safety impacts (of the Project's construction traffic) it is necessary to reduce peak daily HGV trips on links 25 and 35.
- 21. Five Estuaries is also in its application phase, having submitted a DCO for the project, which was accepted by the Planning Inspectorate on 22 April 2024. Although subject to a separate DCO, Five Estuaries shares the same landfall location and onshore cable route (including Bentley Road improvement works) as North Falls, with the two projects also having co-located onshore substations within the same onshore substation works area. The two projects also have the same national grid connection point.
- 22. Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Limited (VEOWL) and North Falls Offshore Wind Farm Limited (NFOW) have sought to collaborate and coordinate where practicable, which has led to collaborative design of the projects' onshore infrastructure. When developing a co-ordinated design onshore, North Falls and Five Estuaries have developed three possible build-out scenarios for both projects. These are:
 - Scenario 1: North Falls 'Option 2' build out is progressed, and Five Estuaries undertakes landfall, onshore substation construction and cable pull which overlaps with North Falls equivalent works. In this scenario, onshore cable route associated works, including temporary construction compounds (TCC), accesses and haul road, all remain in place and are used by the second project during its construction.
 - Scenario 2: North Falls 'Option 2' build out is progressed, and Five Estuaries undertakes landfall, onshore substation and onshore cable route construction and cable pull sequentially (i.e. not overlapping) with North

- Falls. There would be a gap of between 1 and 3 years between each Projects' construction. In this scenario, onshore cable route associated works, including TCC, accesses and haul road, all remain in place and are used by the second project during its construction.
- Scenario 3: North Falls 'Option 1' build out is progressed, and Five Estuaries undertakes a separate landfall, onshore substation and onshore cable route construction and cable pull with a multi-year (>3 year) gap between the two construction activities. In this scenario, there is no reuse in onshore temporary works between the two projects, and all onshore cable route associated works are rebuilt and reinstated in full by the second project.
- 23. Table 2.1 sets out the options and scenarios that inform the maximum HGV demand for the HGV controls.

Table 2.1 Maximum HGV Options and Scenarios

Option / Scenario	Rationale
Option 2	Maximum intensity of construction activity leading to maximum daily Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) demand for a single project.
North Falls and Five Estuaries (Scenario 1)	Maximum intensity of construction activity leading to maximum daily HGV demand for North Falls and Five Estuaries cumulatively.

24. The resultant peak daily HGV trips per link for both North Falls Option 2 and the cumulative construction of North Falls and Five Estuaries (Scenario 1) are summarised in Appendix A and Appendix B of this OCTMP respectively. These appendices form the basis of a monitoring strategy set out later in Section 5 of this OCTMP.

2.2.1 HGV numbers

- 25. To ensure compliance with the assessed worst-case scenario for HGV trips (within Appendix A) for North Falls Option 2, a booking system for deliveries would be established by the TMCo to monitor HGVs at supply chain source and point of delivery. The booking system would enable a daily profile of deliveries to be maintained, allow the TMCo to ensure that the required deliveries are forecast and planned and also serves to inform route compliance.
- 26. Should there be a cumulative construction of North Falls and Five Estuaries, to ensure compliance with the assessed worst-case scenario for HGV trips (within Appendix B) for cumulative construction of North Falls and Five Estuaries (Scenario 1) the TMCo will liaise with Five Estuaries to establish their potential forward programme for deliveries. If any potential exceedances of the numbers outlined in Appendix B are identified, the TMCo for North Falls will liaise with Five Estuaries to reschedule deliveries to ensure the cumulative numbers are not exceeded.

27. To provide the relevant highway authorities with an indication of when peak deliveries may occur within the construction programme, the final CTMP would also be updated to include the indicative profiles for monthly deliveries per each road link for the construction duration.

2.2.2 HGV timings

- 28. The Outline Code of Construction Practice (OCoCP) (Document Reference: 7.13) outlines that construction work for the onshore works must only take place between 0700 hours and 1900 hours Monday to Saturdays, with no activity on Sundays and bank holidays.
- 29. It is therefore proposed that HGVs would not be permitted to arrive at site before 0700 or depart after 1900 hours (Monday to Saturday). This would however mean that HGVs could be travelling to or from the site outside of the working hours.
- 30. Any HGVs which are projected to arrive on site prior to 0700 would be required to park at an appropriate lorry park, services and other designated overnight parking locations until they can complete their journey within appropriate restrictions. These locations would be agreed with the relevant highway authorities prior to the commencement of construction and would be communicated to drivers within their delivery instructions (outlined within Section 2.4.1).
- 31. In addition to the restrictions outlined above, ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport (Document Reference: 3.1.29) also outlines embedded mitigation measures to manage HGV movements through Thorpe-le-Soken to occur outside of school start and finish times. The TMCo would agree the exact periods to be avoided with Essex County Council as part of finalising the CTMP.
- 32. The OCoCP (Document Reference: 7.13) includes a list of limited circumstances where onshore works could occur outside of the working hours (0700 to 1900 Monday to Saturday) but notes that save for emergency works, full details (including but not limited to type of activity, vehicle movements and type, timing and duration and any proposed mitigation) of all essential construction activities undertaken outside of the consented construction hours must be agreed with the relevant planning authority in writing in advance, and must be carried out within the agreed time. The TMCo would ensure this prior agreement with Essex County Council was reached for any such out of hours onshore works, and that works were undertaken within the agreed time, utilising the same methods as outlined above for the monitoring and management of the standard working hours.

2.3 Control of HGV routes

- 33. The proposed routes to be used by HGVs have been carefully selected to minimise effects upon sensitive receptors.
- 34. The proposed HGV routes to each access would be limited to the assessed links within ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport (Document Reference: 3.1.29)

and as shown on Figure 1 of this OCTMP. To ensure compliance with the HGV delivery routes, the following measures are proposed:

- Direction signing would be implemented to direct construction traffic to the respective accesses along the assessed delivery routes (the location and design of these signs would be agreed with Essex County Council and National Highways (as appropriate) prior to the commencement of the construction of the relevant phase);
- The delivery routes and timing would be communicated (by the TMCo) through the issuing of delivery instructions to all companies and / or drivers involved in the transport of materials and plant to and from the site by HGV construction vehicles;
- The registration numbers for all HGVs making deliveries would be recorded by the TMCo. This would allow for checking and enforcement of any noncompliance of the agreed delivery route;
- The TMCo would require that an agreed proportion of HGVs are equipped with vehicle tracking (e.g. GPS) and that suppliers / drivers make the data available to the TMCo. Vehicle tracking would allow the TMCo to investigate any potential non-compliances. The specific proportion of vehicles that will be required to be fitted with vehicle tracking will be defined by the TMCo and agreed with relevant highway authorities as part of the approval of the final CTMP;
- The TMCo would provide an 'identifier' that would be placed within the window of all delivery vehicles to enable residents to identify if an HGV is engaged on work on the Project and would be submitted to and approved by the relevant highway authorities as part of the final CTMP.

2.4 Driver induction

- 35. All HGV drivers for the Project would be formally inducted. The induction would establish a clear set of responsibilities that all drivers would be required to follow, such as:
 - Timings, pre-booked slots;
 - Clarification of approved HGV routes;
 - Highway safety concerns;
 - Adherence to speed limits; and
 - Details of reporting accidents and 'near misses'.
- 36. The TMCo will also approach Essex Police to request the Essex Police Commercial Vehicle Unit provide a `Toolbox Talk' for HGV drivers and consult with the Safer Essex Roads Partnership regarding the Driving for Better Business scheme to understand what support and training they are able to provide.

2.4.1 Delivery packs

- 37. To support the strategy to control HGV routes, each driver would be issued with a delivery pack. This pack would include the following information:
 - A plan showing the delivery routes, the location of the site access and areas with road safety concerns;
 - Details of appropriate lorry parks, services and other designated overnight parking locations where drivers are permitted to stop;
 - A copy of the identifier to display in the vehicle window;
 - Details of restrictions on delivery hours (set out in Section 2.2.2); and
 - Details of disciplinary measures for non-compliance (set out in Section 5.3).
- 38. The delivery pack will also instruct the driver to show the pack to any police officer should the driver be requested to.
- 39. Compliance with the agreed HGV delivery routes would be subject to the monitoring and enforcement measures set out in Section 5.

2.5 Abnormal loads

2.5.1 Special order abnormal loads

- 40. ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport (Document Reference: 3.1.29) identified that the construction of the Project's onshore substation would require the delivery of large electrical plant items such as transformers. Each transformer delivery would be classified as a Special Order¹ Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) delivery due to the size of the vehicle.
- 41. The movement of Special Order AILs would be outside the restrictions (routes and times) contained within this OCTMP and would be subject to a separate agreement with the relevant highway authorities and police under the Electronic Service Delivery for Abnormal Loads (ESDAL) system.
- 42. These movements would be expected to travel from the port of Harwich along the A120 before turning into Bentley Road. Whilst this route has been agreed in principle by National Highways, the PC will be required to undertake further discussions with National Highways in advance of using this route to agree any pre and post condition survey requirements and any requirement for mitigation measures (for example the temporary placement of localised steel plates or trackway to spread the load over areas of concern).

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¹ The Road Vehicles (Authorisation of Special Types) (General) Order 2003 (SI 1998) limits gross weight of an AIL to 150 tonnes, axle weight to 16,500kg, length to 30m and/or width to 6.1m, above which a Special Order is required from National Highways.

2.5.2 Non-special order abnormal loads

- 43. There would also be a potential requirement for AlLs / abnormal load movements associated with the delivery of items such as cable drums, plant and shunt reactors. These deliveries would not however constitute a Special Order.
- 44. The movement of the non-Special Order AIL / abnormal loads would be subject to the same delivery route restrictions as HGVs (outlined in Section 2.3) however the timing of movements may be outside the standard hours (outlined in Section 2.2.2) and subject to separate agreement with the relevant highway authorities and police through the ESDAL system.

2.5.3 Abnormal load controls

- 45. The PC will initially consult with Essex Police, relevant highway authorities and Network Rail and agree appropriate timings, routes (taking into consideration structures) and asset protection measures appropriate to the type of load. This process will be followed for all administration areas through which the loads will traverse, and feed into the formal ESDAL application.
- 46. Separate to the ESDAL process, the TMCo would also ensure that Suffolk and North East Essex Integrated Care Board and the East of England Ambulance Service are notified of the timing and route of any AILs or abnormal loads.

3 Control of employee trips

3.1 Introduction and background

- 47. ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport (Document Reference: 3.1.29) assessed a worst case scenario of all employees travelling by vehicle, with a car share ratio of 1.5 employees per car (or three employees per every two cars).
- 48. Employee vehicle trips are expressed as Light Vehicles (LV) trips. The term LVs is a collective term used to describe the range of vehicle types that could be used by construction employees (e.g. cars, vans, pick-ups, minibuses, etc).
- 49. The resultant peak daily LV trips per link for both North Falls Option 2 and the cumulative construction of North Falls and Five Estuaries (Scenario 1) are summarised in Appendix A and Appendix B of this OCTMP respectively.
- 50. Experience of large scale 'linear' construction projects indicates that detailed monitoring of LV routing is notoriously difficult due to the similarity of the vehicle type with baseline traffic and the need to distinguish legitimate trips (Section 3.2 refers). Therefore, light vehicle (LV) measures concentrate primarily on volume controls (e.g. resource forecasts, car sharing and monitoring vehicles at Project destination).

3.2 Measures

3.2.1 LV numbers

- 51. To ensure compliance with the assessed worst-case scenario for LV trips (Appendix A), the TMCo would be required to establish a resource forecast for the numbers of employees that could be travelling to the Project. The resource forecast would enable the TMCo to identify any potential exceedances and would be regularly reviewed / reforecast during construction.
- 52. Should there be cumulative construction of North Falls and Five Estuaries, to ensure compliance with the assessed worst-case scenario for LV trips (within Appendix B) for cumulative construction of North Falls and Five Estuaries (Scenario 1), the TMCo will liaise with Five Estuaries to establish their potential forward resource programme and identify any anticipated exceedances of the numbers within Appendix B.
- 53. Where potential exceedances are identified either for North Falls Option 2 or North Falls and Five Estuaries (Scenario 1), the TMCo will liaise with the Five Estuaries equivalent (where applicable) to review the resource forecast to determine legitimate trips, these could be:
 - Activities which have an agreed economic benefit to the local area, e.g. food retail;
 - Emergency trips through restricted areas;
 - Employees travelling from a point of residence within the TTSA; and
 - Local support services with a business origin within the TTSA.
- 54. Table 3.1 outlines a range of industry good practice measures that would be adopted to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicle trips.
- 55. The measures outlined in Table 3.1 would be implemented from the commencement of construction to ensure that good practice measures are embedded from the start of construction with an objective of achieving an overall employee to vehicle ratio of 1.5 during peak employee demand.
- 56. It is recognised that the demand for employees (and therefore opportunities for car-sharing) will fluctuate throughout construction. Accordingly, total vehicles generated by the workforce will be monitored as a primary target with the TMCo using an overall employee to vehicle ratio of 1.5 throughout construction as a secondary indicator.
- 57. The TMCo will be required to monitor the employee to vehicle ratio throughout construction and if it becomes clear that there is no progression toward the objective of an overall employee to vehicle ratio of 1.5 the TMCo will be required to implement further measures.

Table 3.1 Personnel Travel Plan Measures

Measure Rationale				
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Identify vehicle sharing and pickup locations	The TMCo would identify and group employees who are in nearby accommodation and explore opportunities for vehicle sharing including: • the assignment of car-sharing, crew vans, designated drivers and minibuses. • the potential to use the Colchester Park and Ride for employees, with employees parking at this location before being transferred to their work area via minibus.			
Drivers required to park within designated areas	All drivers would be required to park within designated areas. Drivers not parking within the designated area, would be subject to enforcement action as set out in Section 5.3. The TMCo will manage the availability of parking spaces throughout construction with the aim of reducing single occupancy vehicle trips (through ensuring there is not an overprovision of spaces), whilst managing the potential for overspill parking on the public highway.			
Walking, cycling, scooting	It is recognised that the transient nature of the construction workforce would reduce the potential opportunities for walking and cycling. However, the TMCo would encourage employees to walk and cycle by providing changing facilities and secure cycle parking. The level of cycle parking requirements would be established by the TMCo based upon personnel origins and reviewed throughout construction. The TMCo will not promote the use of e-scooters unless they are part of a recognised scheme or there is a change in the law to permit their use on the public highway.			
Guaranteed lift home	To allow personnel who car-share to get home in an emergency, a guaranteed lift home would be offered.			
Staff noticeboard	Staff noticeboards would be provided within communal areas, which would include details of the car-sharing options including details of parking requirements and the guaranteed lift home. The noticeboards would also include details of local walking and cycling routes and bus and train times (where options exist). The staff noticeboard will also provide information to staff relating to the current law on the use of e-scooters.			
Welfare facilities	To minimise the requirement for employees to drive off site during the working day, the TMCo would ensure welfare facilities are available where workers can store, prepare and eat lunch.			
Travel Packs and Inductions	 The TMCo would ensure that all new starters are inducted and as part of this induction process, employees are provided with specific information in regard to their travel. This would include: the vehicle-sharing options including details of parking requirements and the guaranteed lift home for non-drivers who may need to leave site unexpectedly. details of local walking and cycling routes and bus and train times (where options exist). a plan showing the delivery routes, the location of the site access and areas with road safety concerns; details of disciplinary measures for non-compliance (set out in Section 5.3). 			

3.2.2 LV timings

- 58. The OCoCP (Document Reference: 7.13) outlines that construction work for the onshore works must only take place between 0700 hours and 1900 hours Monday to Saturdays, with no activity on Sundays and bank holidays.
- 59. The assessment of driver delay (capacity) presented within ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport (Document Reference: 3.1.29) is predicated upon industry experience that highlights that the majority of the construction workforce would arrive before the morning network peak hour of (07:15 to 08:15) and depart before or after the evening peak (16:30 to 17:45).
- 60. The TMCo will therefore encourage staff to arrive prior to 07:15 and depart before 16:30 or after 17:45 in the evening. To facilitate this and to avoid the risk of employee vehicles needing to wait/park on the highway, the TMCo will ensure that a member of staff (typically security personnel) arrives prior to other employees to ensure that accesses are ready to receive traffic (e.g. gates are open/manned). This will allow employees to arrive and park within the designated onsite parking areas prior to 07:00.
- 61. Notwithstanding, there may be some employees who would work a shorter day, or trips outside of the peak traffic hours. To ensure that there would not be an adverse impact upon capacity, the TMCo would limit these movements to no more than 20% of the peak daily LV demand (outlined in Appendix A). Section 5.2.4 includes details of how employee movements would be monitored.
- 62. Alternatively, it could be possible that once appointed, the PC would require that more employees could travel during these peak hours. In this case the relevant highway authority would be consulted and the scope of any further capacity assessments would be agreed.
- 63. Should the assessment identify potentially significant effects, mitigation measures would be agreed with the relevant highway authority to manage effects to reduce the significance to a level that is not significant.
- 64. It is proposed that any mitigation measures would focus upon 'traffic management' measures to reduce peak traffic movements, such as, a higher car sharing ratio, reprofiling deliveries, etc.
- 65. It is proposed that the TMCo would discuss and agree the final form of mitigation with the relevant highway authorities prior to the commencement of the relevant phase of construction.
- 66. The OCoCP (Document Reference: 7.13) includes a list of limited circumstances where onshore works could occur outside of the working hours (0700 to 1900 Monday to Saturday) but notes that save for emergency works, full details, including but not limited to type of activity, vehicle movements and type, timing and duration and any proposed mitigation, of all essential construction activities undertaken outside of the consented construction hours must be agreed with the relevant planning authority in writing in advance, and must be carried out within the agreed time. This agreement with the relevant planning authority would include discussion of the likely timing of LV movements by construction workers for such out of hours works.

4 Traffic management

4.1 Introduction

67. This section sets out the standards and procedures for managing the interaction between construction traffic, existing highway users and local communities.

4.2 Control of material on the highway

- 68. To prevent detritus and other material being deposited on the public highway, the TMCo would be required to implement a series of site-specific measures. Prior to the commencement of construction of the relevant phase, the details of the measures that would be used for each access and crossing would be submitted to and agreed with the relevant highway authorities as part of the final CTMP.
- 69. It is envisaged that as a minimum, measures would include the following:
 - All accesses and crossings would be provided with a bound surface (asphalt / concrete) to prevent mud and dirt being tracked onto the highway;
 - Regular inspections of the public highway in the vicinity of the active site accesses to ensure cleanliness; and
 - Road sweepers on call to clear any detritus and other material from the public highway.
- 70. Where deliveries are likely to be more intense, such as at compounds, further measures such as wheel washing facilities and dust suppression may be provided.
- 71. Prior to the commencement of construction of the relevant phase, the TMCo would agree with the relevant highway authorities an appropriate response time to remove any reported detritus / material on the highway following a report.
- 72. Prior to the commencement of construction of the relevant phase, the TMCo will also be required to provide the Highway Stakeholders with a contact number to provide a direct line of communication to report/discuss any issues.

4.3 Accesses and road crossings

- 73. A suite of outline access and road crossing designs have been developed for the Project and are detailed within Appendix C of this OCTMP. The location of these accesses and road crossings is also shown on ES Figure 27.2 (Document Reference: 3.2.23).
- 74. It has been agreed with Essex County Council that these outline access and crossing designs would be refined post consent, to be included in the final CTMP.
- 75. Prior to the commencement of the construction for the relevant phase, the technical approvals for the access and crossing designs would be submitted to

- and agreed with Essex County Council under relevant provisions of the DCO or via Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980.
- 76. The technical approval process would include submission of finalised drawings showing full details of access and crossing improvements, including drainage, lighting, signing and standard construction details.
- 77. The technical approval documentation would also include a Stage 2 Road Safety Audit and a Road Safety Audit Response Report (on behalf of the designers) for the access and crossing designs. Copies of the Stage 1 Road Safety Audits are provided within Appendix E of this OCTMP.
- 78. In addition to any powers set out in the draft DCO, relevant powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 would be sought to implement any temporary speed limit changes required.
- 79. All accesses and crossings identified for construction are temporary and following completion of the construction works would be reinstated to their former state. The exception to this would be the access / crossing (AC-12) to the onshore substation which would remain permanently in-situ for operation and maintenance purposes (notated OA-39).

4.4 Traffic management measures

- 80. Table 27.2 of the ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport (Document Reference: 3.1.29) outlines the requirement for a limited number of construction vehicles to travel via Ardleigh Road from access AC-12 to access AC-13 (a distance of approximately 350m) to undertake drainage works.
- 81. Noting the limited numbers of vehicles and temporary duration of the works, it is proposed to use mobile traffic management measures to manage the potential for conflict between two vehicles along this narrow road. These measures could include:
 - Using an escort vehicle to guide construction traffic along Ardleigh Road and past oncoming traffic;
 - Using 'Stop-works' signage to hold traffic back (for up to two minutes in any 15 minutes) whilst construction traffic travels along Ardleigh Road; or
 - A banksman to observe oncoming traffic on Ardleigh Road and signal to the construction traffic driver when it is clear to proceed.
- 82. It is proposed that prior to the commencement of the construction of the relevant phase, the TMCo would formalise and agree the measures to be adopted for Ardleigh Road with Essex County Council.

4.5 Highways works

- 83. The Highways Works (HW) consist of:
 - Bentley Road improvement works;
 - a temporary 40mph speed limit along Bentley Road;

- installing a footway / cycleway parallel to Bentley Road; and
- widening the junction between Bentley Road and the A120.
- 84. The Bentley Road improvement works and the junction widening are proposed to be permanent, and the footway / cycleway is proposed to be removed following the end of the construction phase. The outline HW designs are provided in Appendix D.
- 85. It has been agreed with the relevant highway authorities that these outline designs will be refined post-consent and final designs subject to technical approval and agreement from Essex County Council and National Highways under relevant provisions of the DCO or via Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980. The technical approval process would include submission of finalised drawings showing full details of the HWs, including drainage, lighting, signage and standard construction details.
- 86. Prior to the construction of the Bentley Road improvement works, pavement coring and condition surveys will be undertaken, as requested by Essex County Council, to determine whether the road needs reconstruction or strengthening prior to construction commencing. These works would also include consideration of whether resurfacing to reduce road noise may be appropriate (Section 4.12).
- 87. The technical approval documentation would also include a Stage 1/2 Road Safety Audit and a Road Safety Audit Response Report (on behalf of the designers) for the HW. Copies of the Stage 1 Road Safety Audit for the A120/Bentley Road junction are provided within Appendix E of this OCTMP.

4.6 Cable crossing

- 88. ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport (Document Reference: 3.1.29) outlines that cable installation works, along the onshore cable route would need to be installed across four minor public roads using open-cut trenching techniques. All other roads would be crossed using trenchless crossing techniques such as Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD). The location of all roads to be crossed by the Project's onshore cables and the form of crossing (i.e. open cut or trenchless techniques) are shown on ES Figure 27.4 (Document Reference: 3.1.23).
- 89. Due to the width of four of these roads, it is proposed that they would be closed for a period of up to six weeks (per crossing) whilst the cables are installed. These four roads include:
 - Damant's Farm Lane;
 - Paynes Lane;
 - · Spratts Lane; and
 - Barlon Road.
- 90. To minimise the effect to existing road users of these four roads, the following measures are proposed:

- A safe route would be maintained for pedestrians and cyclists through the works area;
- Advanced signing would be implemented to assist drivers in finding alternative routes;
- The closures would be staggered, to ensure that nearby roads are not closed at the same time to ensure alternative diversions exist; and
- The TMCo and CLO would engage with affected local communities and stakeholders (including emergency services) to provide advanced notification and identify if there may be periods which could be avoided.

4.7 Road safety

- 91. An 'Access Route Review' (ARR) will be submitted with the final CTMP to comprise a review of the most recent road safety information on the agreed HGV routes, to determine whether there are any significant changes to the consented baseline conditions (e.g. road design or patterns of collisions which may affect safety during construction). The ARR would utilise the methodology outlined within Section 27.5.4 of the ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport [APP-041].
- 92. The ARR would allow for any emerging issues to be identified and discussed with the highway authorities to understand if they have any scheduled work to address the issues or if additional reasonable traffic management measures may need to implement by the TMCo. If measures are deemed to be required by the TMCo, these would focus upon driver education and training (through inductions and delivery instructions) or temporary signage, rather than physical highway interventions.
- 93. Following the commencement of construction, the TMCo will continue to actively monitor and review any collisions or near misses involving their construction traffic (the ARR process). If emerging issues are identified, the TMCo will initiate discussions with the relevant highway authorities to update the package of traffic management measures as required, e.g. updating the delivery instructions, erecting additional temporary warning signs, etc.
- 94. Section 27.6.1 of the ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport (Document Reference: 3.1.29) identified potentially significant road safety effects along links 22 and 23 and within Cluster 8 (which lies on the roundabout junction between links 23 and 48).
- 95. Noting the temporary nature of the Project's construction phase, ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport (Document Reference: 3.1.29) outlines it is proposed that mitigation measures for links 22, 23 would focus predominantly upon management measures with the exception of physical measures at Cluster 8 (St John's Roundabout).
- 96. With regard to Cluster 8 it is proposed that prior to the commencement of construction of the relevant phase, the condition of the road marking and surfacing upon the approach to the roundabout will be reviewed and if markings

- and high friction surfacing (on the A133 approach to the roundabout) are deemed to require refreshing, the Applicant will facilitate conversations with Essex County Council to prioritise the delivery of these maintenance measures.
- 97. Management measures to minimise the impact on highway safety during the Project's construction phase are:
 - Driver inductions and training. Drivers would be informed of the areas with existing highway safety issues (from the ARR) and appropriate training would be provided to minimise the effect on highway safety;
 - Driver information packs. Where vehicles are routed via links where the ARR
 notes existing issues (e.g. Links 22, 23 and Cluster 8), the existing highway
 safety issues would be highlighted to drivers within information packs
 provided inside their delivery instructions. If emerging issues are identified
 through the ARR process, the packs would be updated; and
 - Near miss reporting. Drivers would be requested during the induction to report any collisions or near misses. This would allow any potential highway safety concerns to be identified early and remedial action taken.

4.8 Streetworks

- 98. To construct each of the accesses, crossings and HW (including cable crossings and road safety improvements) temporary traffic management would be implemented to maintain highway safety and to ensure minimal delays to existing road users.
- 99. Prior to the commencement of construction of the relevant phase, details of traffic management would be developed by the TMCo in liaison with Essex County Council (and National Highways where appropriate).
- 100. Street works will be in accordance with the DCO and applications for road space booking would be made via the Essex Permitting Scheme.

4.9 Parking and loading

- 101. Appropriate loading / unloading and parking areas for construction vehicles would be designated within the construction sites to avoid the need for parking or waiting on the highway.
- 102. The planning of deliveries via the booking system would assist the TMCo to allocate sufficient space to accommodate the planned number of HGV deliveries.
- 103. The travel planning measures outlined in Table 3.1 will assist the TMCo in ensuring that the need for employee parking is managed to avoid employees parking on the public highway whilst also seeking to minimise vehicle trips.

4.10 Traffic incident management

104. To reduce the potential for construction traffic to have an adverse effect upon the highway network during planned and unplanned events and peak seasonal periods, the measures set out in Table 4.1 would be adopted.

Table 4.1 Traffic Incident Management Measures to be Adopted During Events

Measure	Rationale		
Managing traffic demand during major events that impact on the highway (e.g. Little Bromley 10km race and the Corbeau Seats Rally).	The CLO and TMCo would liaise with local stakeholders to understand when major events occur. To ensure there are limited HGV trips planned during planned major events, the TMCo would undertake advanced planning to schedule activities and stockpile of materials in advance.		
Schedule peak deliveries to limit impacts upon seasonal traffic	The TMCo would seek to schedule peak material deliveries to limit HGV demand during the most sensitive periods for tourist traffic, e.g. Saturdays during the school summer holidays. To ensure there are limited HGV trips during these sensitive periods the TMCo would undertake advanced planning to schedule activities and stockpile of materials in advance.		
Managing traffic demand during major incidents such as accidents on the highway.	The TMCo would monitor traffic conditions. Should the TMCo become aware of an incident then the PC would liaise directly with suppliers to suspend HGV deliveries along affected routes where required.		
Managing traffic demand during road closures.	In the event that the TMCo becomes aware that the agreed delivery routes (Figure 1) are unavailable (e.g. due to road closures by others) the TMCo would initially seek to reschedule works utilising the affected links. Where this is not possible (e.g. in the case of long term closures which would disrupt the construction programme) the following approach is proposed: • The TMCo would identify contingency diversion routes having regard for the road hierarchy (e.g. where practicable utilising A and B roads) • The TMCo would submit details of the proposed contingency diversion routes to the relevant highway authorities who would be requested to advise if they consider the routes are suitable or if they require any further assessment; and • If further assessment is required, the TMCo would undertake the required assessment utilising the methodology detailed with ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport (Document Reference: 3.1.29) and request the relevant highway authorities to review the outputs and confirm acceptance or otherwise.		
Incidents involving PC HGV traffic blocking the highway, such as, breakdowns, accidents, etc.	The PC and their suppliers' fleet would have arrangements with recovery companies to allow breakdowns and accidents to be cleared as quickly as possible. All breakdowns and accidents would be reported to the TMCo. The PC will ensure that recovery companies are identified in advance to ensure a clear process is in place that provides a suitable provision for recovery and avoids undue congestion, risk, and costs.		

4.11 Highway condition surveys

- 105. Highway condition surveys would be undertaken by the TMCo prior to the commencement of construction of the relevant phase and after substantial completion of construction works in relation to sections of a highway to be agreed with Essex County Council. Where required, the surveys would include all roads and verges within the TTSA that are not specifically designated for HGV movements, i.e. excluding all A-roads.
- 106. Any damage to the existing highway network as a consequence of the Project would be repaired by the PC or a financial contribution made to Essex County Council to cover the cost of remedial works. The survey would most likely comprise of a Coarse Visual Inspection survey (in accordance with the United Kingdom (UK) Pavement Management System standard). Prior to the commencement of construction of the relevant phase, the extent and scope of the surveys would be agreed between the TMCo and Essex County Council and outlined within the final CTMP.
- 107. In addition to undertaking surveys prior to and on completion of the construction works, the PC would also undertake regular inspections of the sections of the highway network agreed with Essex County Council (for condition surveys) to identify any emerging issues (such as damage to verges or potholes forming). The PC would be assisted in this function by the CLO who would feedback any local highway condition issues from their community engagement.
- 108. Further coring works would be carried out on Bentley Road (Link 4) prior to the widening works to ascertain the condition of the highway structure, more details are given in Section 4.4.
- 109. Where emerging issues are identified as a result of the Project's construction traffic, the PC would notify the relevant highway authority and either repair the issue or ask the relevant highway authority to undertake the repairs (with costs being recharged to the PC).

4.12 Noise management

- 110. ES Chapter 26 Noise and Vibration (Document Reference: 3.1.28) identified potentially significant noise effects to receptors associated with the addition of the Project's peak construction traffic travelling via Bentley Road (Link 4). However, when the embedded highway mitigation measure of a temporary reduction in the speed limit along Bentley Road (outlined in Section 4.4) was applied the residual noise effects were reassessed as not significant in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) terms.
- 111. It is therefore proposed that prior to the commencement of the construction of the relevant phase of the Project, the TMCo will ensure that a temporary 40mph speed limit has been implemented along Bentley Road and that the measures to manage the number of vehicle movements via Bentley Road (detailed in Section 2.2.1 and 3.2.1) are implemented.
- 112. Whilst the number of construction vehicles for North Falls alone (271 LVs and 235 HGVs per day) traveling via Bentley Road (Link 4) is not assessed to result

- in significant noise effects, the addition of further cumulative traffic associated with Five Estuaries and Norwich to Tilbury is assessed to result in potentially significant noise effects requiring further mitigation (beyond a reduction in the speed limit).
- 113. During the Project's construction phase, should a temporal overlap with Five Estuaries and / or Norwich to Tilbury be identified, the TMCo would liaise with the respective projects to establish their forward forecast for vehicle trips via Bentley Road (Link 4). Should these forecast identify there could be an increase in vehicle movements along Bentley Road above the levels for North Falls alone (271 LVs and 235 HGVs per day) the TMCo will work with the respective projects to assess the likely significant effects and establish a mitigation strategy.
- 114. Prior to the commencement of the relevant phase of construction, the TMCo would undertake baseline noise level monitoring at the worst-affected property (detailed in ES Chapter 26 Noise and Vibration (Document Reference: 3.1.28)) and assess potential noise effects.
- 115. Should the assessment identify potentially significant effects, mitigation measures would be proposed and agreed with Tendring District Council (prior to the commencement of the relevant phase) to reduce the effect to a level that is not significant. Mitigation measures could include:
 - Temporary screening between the road and receptors;
 - Offers of improved noise insulation (glazing and ventilation) or temporary rehousing to residents of affected properties;
 - Resurfacing of Bentley Road, e.g. with low noise asphalt or to remove existing damage, deflections in the surface that could lead to higher noise levels;
 - A reduction in peak LV trips through enhanced travel planning measures, e.g. further car-sharing or contractor provided minibuses, etc;
 - A reduction in peak daily HGV trips through measures such as:
 - Stockpiling of materials to reduce peak daily HGV demand;
 - Backhauling, i.e. using laden vehicles to import stone and export excavated material;
 - Optimising the size of HGVs to reduce the total number;
 - Incentivising the appointed construction Contractor to seek engineering refinements to reduce material quantities and therefore HGV numbers; and
 - Reuse of materials onsite to reduce offsite HGV trips, e.g. using excavated materials to form bunds, etc.

4.13 Sign Maintenance

- 116. To ensure that any road signs installed for the Project (e.g. warning, direction, prohibition signage) clearly convey directions, the TMCo will be required to keep a record of all signs erected and undertake regular monitoring (at least weekly).
- 117. If the TMCo identifies that the signage is inconspicuous (e.g. due to dirt or overgrown vegetation) or missing, the TMCo will be required to correct matters.

4.14 Transport Working Group

- 118. Prior to the commencement of construction, the TMCo would establish a Transport Working Group (TWG) to assist the relevant highway authorities in coordinating the competing requirements from the projects within the TTSA.
- 119. The relevant highway authorities would be requested to nominate staff and invite relevant third party members to the TWG. It is expected that membership would include the nominated staff from the relevant highway authorities, the Applicant, and other major infrastructure projects under construction at the same time as the Project, such as Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Limited and National Grid Electricity Transmission (for the Norwich to Tilbury project).
- 120. The TWG would allow developers to discuss matters and coordinate with the aim of minimising disruption where practicable. Topics for discussion could include opportunities for coordination in relation to:
 - Road works/road closures:
 - Forecast peak HGV demand;
 - Any emerging issues, areas for improvement, lessons learnt that can be shared;
 - Highway improvements, e.g. Bentley Road improvements;
 - Timing of abnormal load movements.
- 121. It is proposed that TWG meetings will be monthly, unless agreed otherwise between the members of the TWG. The membership of the TWG will be kept under review throughout construction, with members added or removed as required.

5 Monitoring, enforcement and action plan

5.1 Introduction

122. The following section sets out how the targets and measures contained within this OCTMP would be monitored to ensure compliance.

5.2 Monitoring

5.2.1 Community liaison

- 123. The Applicant would appoint a CLO who would be the first point of contact for all concerns raised. Contact details would be circulated to local parish and town councils and included on the Project's website and newsletters for reference.
- 124. In accordance with the requirements of 'Safety at Street Works and Road Works: A Code of Practice' (Department for Transport, 2013) signs would also be erected at road works with the relevant contact number (the Project's dedicated telephone number) clearly displayed for public enquires.
- 125. All enquiries would be recorded and responded to within seven working days. The enquirer would receive a written response detailing what action (if necessary) has been taken.

5.2.2 HGV numbers

- 126. To ensure compliance with the assessed daily HGV trips (outlined in Appendix A and B), the TMCo would operate a booking system for all deliveries. The booking system would be monitored (by the TMCo) to ensure the assessed number of trips are adhered to.
- 127. The TMCo will implement a system to record the number of vehicles and arrival and departure times at each access.

5.2.3 HGV routing

- 128. To assist the TMCo in responding to any complaints regarding HGV routing, the booking system (described in Section 2.2.1) would provide an initial check. The booking system would allow the TMCo to check if the reported HGV may have been employed in delivering to the Project, e.g. allowing checking of number plates, supplier names, scheduled timings and origin and destination, etc.
- 129. The TMCo would also implement a system to help the public distinguish HGV construction vehicles associated with the Project from other traffic on the network. Each vehicle would be required to display a unique identifier within the window of the cab (a recognisable logo) that would allow members of the public to report any concerns such as driver behaviour or the use of unapproved routes via a published telephone contact number. Prior to the commencement of the construction of the relevant phase, the TMCo will submit details of the unique identifier to the Highway Stakeholders for their records.

- 130. The TMCo would also ensure that an agreed proportion of HGVs are equipped with vehicle tracking (e.g. GPS) (further detail provided in Section 2.3). Vehicle tracking software, together with delivery records would serve to augment the unique identifier to allow the TMCo to respond to any complaints and provide a complete evidence base.
- 131. The TMCo will be required to provide Essex Police with access to this data (if requested) to ensure complaints received by the Commercial Vehicle Unit can be dealt with quickly and proportionately.

5.2.4 Employee monitoring

132. The TMCo would require all employees and visitors to sign in and out. This process would capture the details including the employee's method of travel to work and arrival / departure times and origin.

5.2.5 Overspill parking

133. The final CTMP will include details of measures agreed with the relevant highway authorities as to how the demand and supply of car parking will be monitored to identify any overspill parking on the public highway. Measures could include auditing the destination of any employees walking to site (e.g. anyone walking to site should be local) and weekly spot checks of parking local to accesses against a list of workforce vehicle registration plates.

5.2.6 Road safety

- 134. The TMCo would operate a Road Safety Review process of 'near miss' reporting for all highways incidents. The TMCo would ensure that all accidents and near misses are recorded within this system and that drivers are reminded to report all issues through inductions. Any accidents or near misses would be recorded, investigated and reported to the relevant highway authorities by the TMCo.
- 135. The TMCo would retain records of all incidents and submit to the relevant highway authorities as part of the monthly monitoring reports. If emerging issues are identified, the TMCo would initiate discussions with the highway authorities and Essex Police to promote a 'Zero Harm Culture' (further details are provided within Section 4.7).

5.2.7 Equality Impacts Assessment

- 136. The Project's Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) [REP1-049] includes a recommendation to monitor vehicle movements along Link 24, to ensure that the peak daily change in total traffic flow from the Project is less than 30% (compared to background flows). This conclusion recognises that this link has a relatively high concentration of receptors that are heavily relied on by older people and those with disabilities.
- 137. Table 27.16 of ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport [APP-041] sets out the forecast numbers of peak construction trips along all links (including Link 24)

- and notes that for North Falls Option 2 (being the realistic worst case scenario) there would be an approximate increase in total traffic along Link 24 of approximately 2%, i.e. significantly less than 30%.
- 138. Section 2.2.1 and 3.2.1 outline measures to ensure that HGV and LV movements respectively to do not exceed those assessed within ES Chapter 27 Traffic and Transport [APP-041] and section 5.2.2 and 5.2.4 includes detail of measures to monitor compliance.
- 139. Compliance with these limits on HGV and LV movements detailed within Section 2.2.1 and 3.2.1 will ensure that changes in total vehicle movements are significantly less than 30% (as recommended by the Project's EqIA [REP1-049]). No further monitoring beyond that outlined in section 5.2.2 and 5.2.4 is therefore proposed.

5.2.8 Monitoring reports

- 140. Data recorded from the monitoring processes outlined above would be drawn together by the TMCo to produce a monthly monitoring report during construction of the relevant phase and shared with the relevant highway authorities (and Essex Police upon request).
- 141. In compiling the monitoring report, the TMCo would be able to identify effective / ineffective measures and the requirement for any remedial action to achieve the agreed targets. A typical structure for the monitoring report would be as follows:
 - Introduction and Background this would provide detail with regard to the types of works being undertaken and number of construction workers;
 - Results of Surveys and Monitoring the TMCo would collate the results of the surveys and monitoring that have been undertaken. Where appropriate, the results of the surveys undertaken would be compared to the targets defined in the OCTMP. Data obtained from the surveys would be included as an appendix;
 - Achievements this would detail how all measures form the CTMP have been implemented;
 - Summary the TMCo would detail whether the CTMP is on track to meet its targets and if not, why not; and
 - Future Plan this would detail the aims of objectives of the CTMP for the next period to include any specific outcomes or desired results with any additional measures that are to be included to remediate action.

5.3 Enforcement

142. To ensure that the final CTMP is effectively enforced the following matters have been defined as non-compliances that would be investigated to understand if corrective measures would be required:

- Regular exceedance of the target daily and hourly vehicle numbers.
 Exceedance which could indicate a pattern requiring further investigation is defined as:
 - two or more occurrences of an exceedance of less than 10% more than the limit (e.g. If the limit is 300 movements and the recorded movements were between 301 and 330) within one working week; or
 - o five or more occurrences of and exceedance of less than 10% more than the limit within one month, or
 - o any exceedance greater than 10% of the limit (i.e. if the limit is 300 movements, then 331 movements or more). For peak hour workforce movements, there may be extenuating circumstances which mean that an occurrence of a higher number of vehicle movements than the set limit would not be defined as an exceedance (e.g. an accident creating additional delay / affecting journey times);
- Failure to display the unique identifier, or to remove the unique identifier when not making deliveries to the Project;
- Construction workers overspill parking on the public highway;
- HGV drivers parking/waiting at non-designated locations;
- Vehicles being driven in contravention of the highway code;
- Construction traffic operating outside agreed hours (employee vehicles and HGVs); or
- HGV drivers not adhering to the agreed routes / times.
- 143. On receipt of a report of a potential non-compliance, the TMCo would investigate the circumstances and compile a report for the relevant highway authority as soon as reasonably practicable. The report would outline the outcome of the investigation and what corrective action (as necessary) has been implemented.
- 144. If the non-compliance is found to be material, the TMCo would take appropriate action within the jurisdiction of the contract and report back to the relevant highway authority.
- 145. Individual employee non-compliances would be addressed through UK employment law whereby the process outlined above may form the basis for disciplinary proceedings, if appropriate.

5.4 Action plan

- 146. The action plan set out in Table 5.1 summarises the commitments and measures that would be implemented by the Applicant, PC and TMCo.
- 147. Table 5.1 also provides an indicative timescale for the implementation of each of the measures. The exact details and associated timescales would be

established in consultation with the relevant highway authorities as part of the preparation of the final CTMP.

Table 5.1 OCTMP Action plan

Measure ID	Measure	Responsibility	Indicative Timescales
M01	Appoint an Applicant's representative.	The Applicant	During mobilisation
M02	Appointment of a CLO.	The Applicant	Prior to commencement of construction
M03	Appointment of a TMCo.	PC	Prior to commencement of construction
M04	Obtain technical approval for construction accesses and crossings.	The Applicant	Prior to commencement of construction
M05	Obtain technical approval for construction of highways works.	The Applicant	Prior to commencement of construction
M06	Appointment for a Dangerous Goods Safety Advisor.	TMCo/PC	Prior to commencement of construction
M07	Implement highways works.	PC	Prior to commencement of construction
M08	Implement direction signing.	ТМСо	Prior to commencement of construction
M09	Agree timing, diversion routes and reinstatement details for cable crossings.	TMCo	Prior to commencement of construction
M10	Establish monitoring systems: Delivery booking system; Highway condition; Unique vehicle identifier; Overspill parking; and Telephone reporting system.	TMCo	Prior to commencement of construction

Measure ID	Measure	Responsibility	Indicative Timescales	
M11	Agree scope of and undertake pre-commencement highway condition surveys.	TMCo	Prior to commencement of construction	
M12	Agree and implement measures for each access and crossing to control the deposition of detritus on the public highway.	TMCo	Prior to commencement of construction	
M13	Regularly review the potential for cumulative noise effects along Bentley Road and if necessary, agree and implement noise mitigation.	TMCo	Prior to and ongoing throughout construction	
M14	Undertake ongoing liaison with communities and stakeholders.	TMCo and CLO	Prior to and ongoing throughout construction	
M15	Establish and attend the TWG.	TMCo and CLO	Prior to and ongoing throughout construction	
M16	Undertake a Access Route Review and agree and implement any of the required traffic management measures. Following commencement of construction, continue to monitor any accidents and near misses and update traffic management measures as required.	ТМСо	Prior to and ongoing throughout construction	
M17	Inspect the highway for detritus and request regular cleansing as required.	TMCo	Ongoing throughout construction	
M18	Monitoring of CTMP measures: Vehicle numbers; Arrival and departure times; Accidents and near misses; Employee mode share; Overspill parking; and Complaints.	ТМСо	Ongoing throughout construction	
M19	Produce monthly monitoring reports.	TMCo	Ongoing throughout construction	
M20	Update condition surveys and agree any remedial works.	ТМСо	Following the completion of construction	

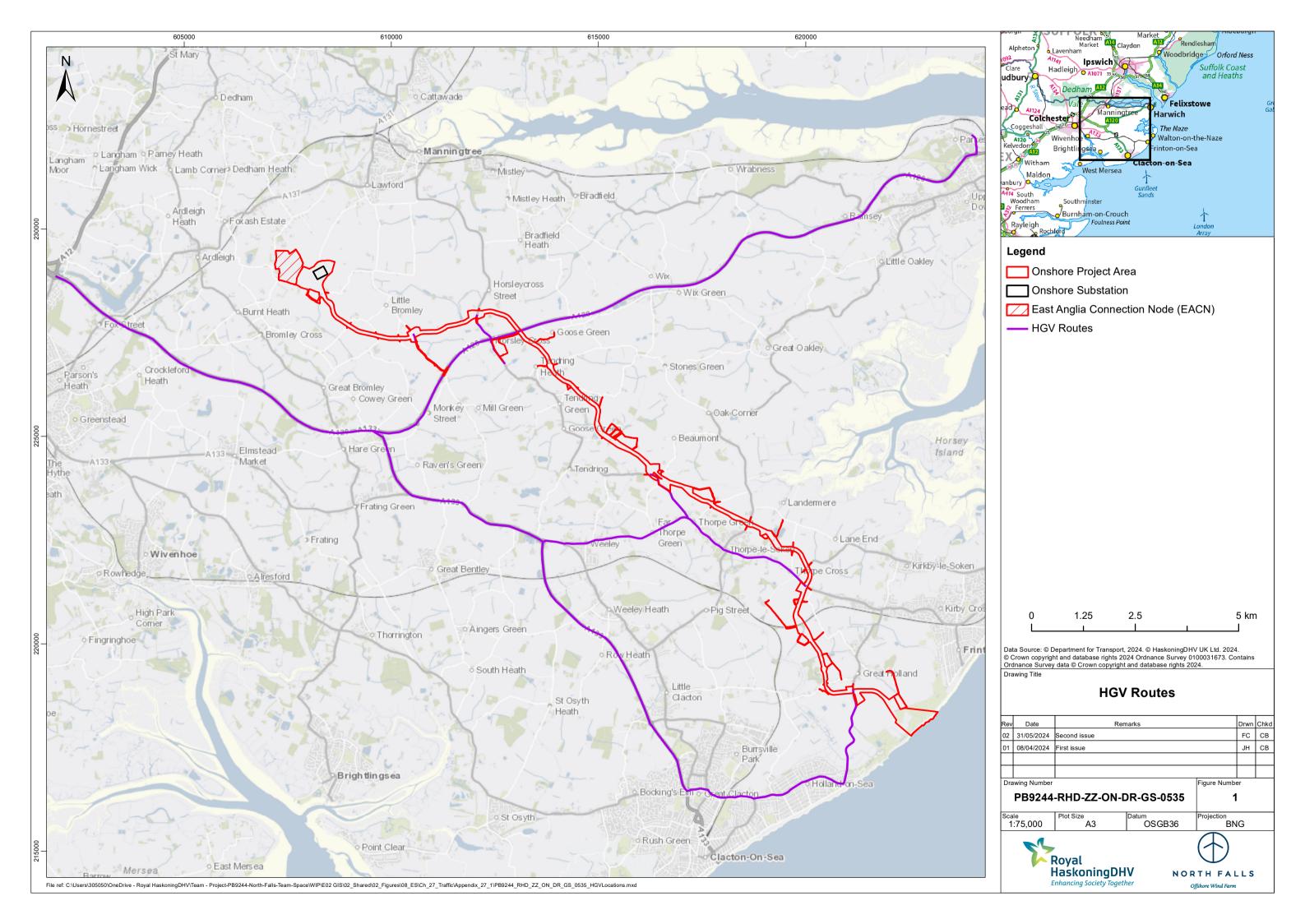
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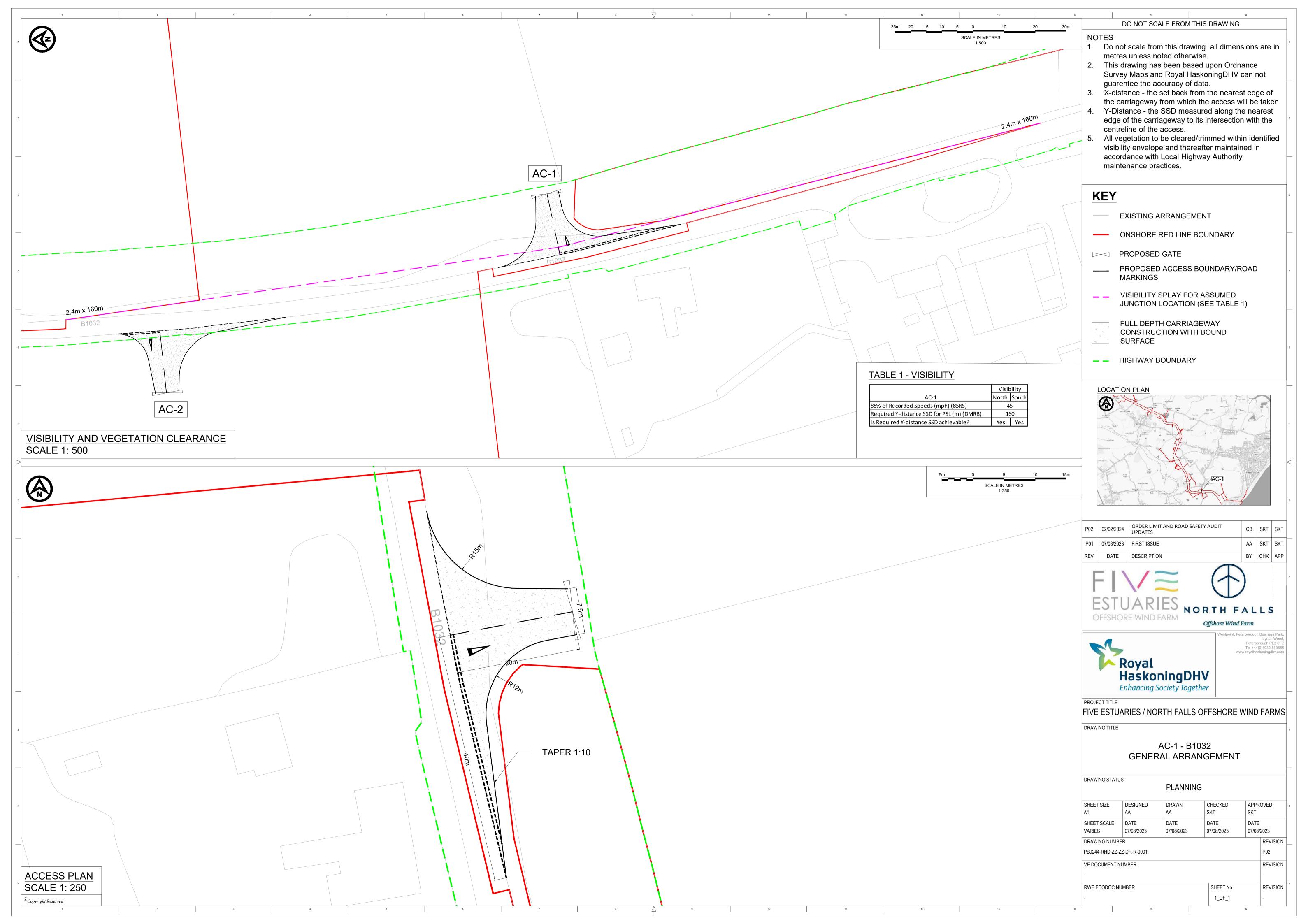
Appendix A: Peak Vehicle Movements Per Link - Option 2

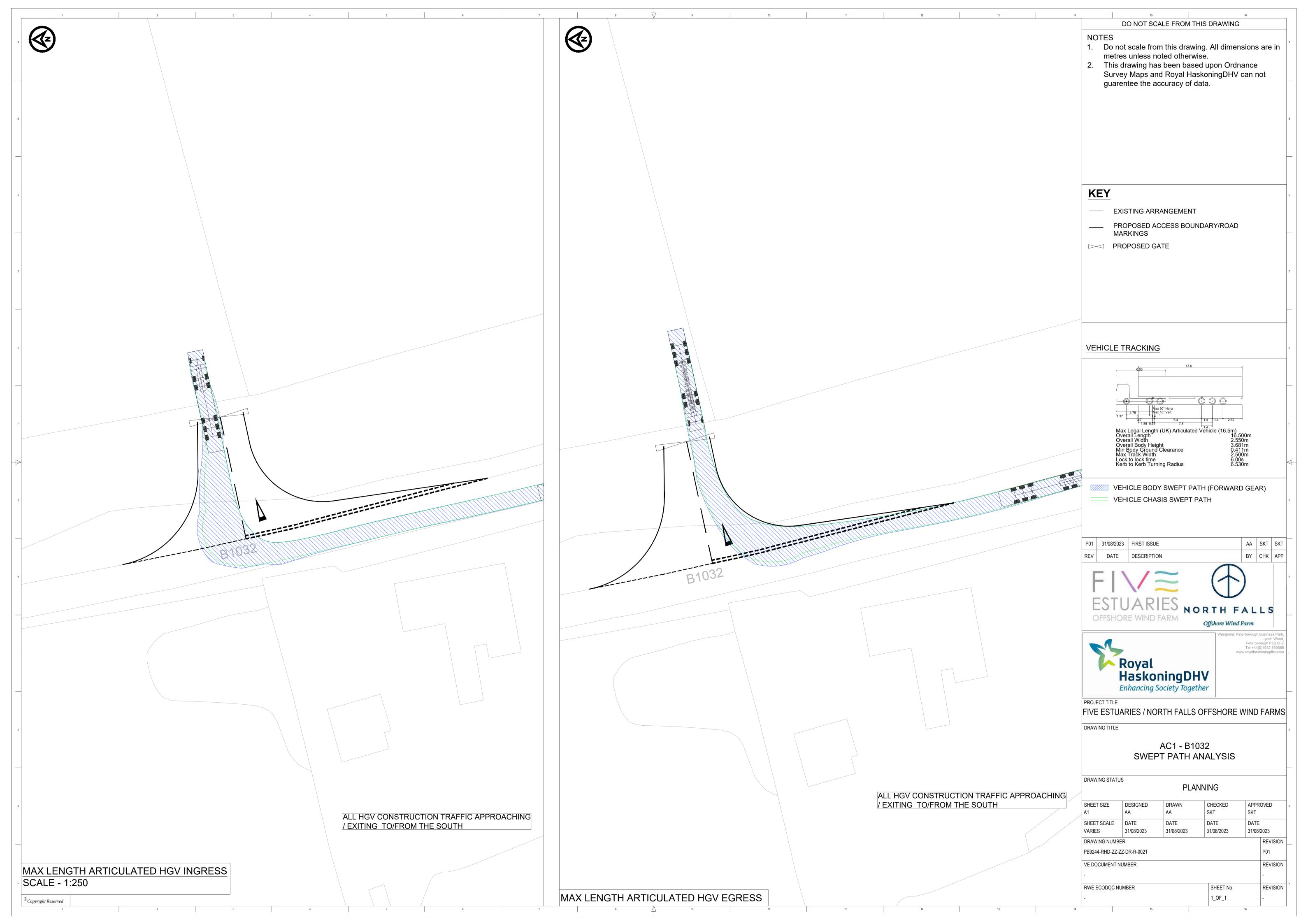
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Link	Link Description	P	Peak daily vehicle flows		
		Total Vehicles	LVs	HGVs	
1	A120 from the A12 to the A133	780	286	494	
2	A120 from the A133 to Harwich Road	812	318	494	
3	A120 from Harwich Road to Bentley Road	812	318	494	
4	Bentley Road from the A120 to Little Bromley	506	271	235	
5	Bentley Road through Little Bromley	64	64	0	
6	B1035 south of the A120 to Tendring Green	255	183	72	
7	Bromley Road north of Little Bromley	64	64	0	
8	Bromley Road south of the A137	64	64	0	
9	A137 east-west through Lawford	0	0	0	
10	A137 north-south through Lawford	6	6	0	
13	B1035 south of the B1352	71	71	0	
14	B1035 north of the A120	130	101	29	
15	A120 from Bentley Road to the B1035	851	357	494	
16	A120 from the B1035 to Colchester Road	535	41	494	
18	A120 from Colchester Road to the B1352	535	41	494	
19	A120 from the B1352 to Parkeston Road	520	26	494	
20	A133 south of the A120	459	194	265	
21a	A133 to Crown Lane	568	303	265	
21b	A133 from Crown Lane to the B1034	585	320	265	
22	A133 south of the B1033 to Progress Way	278	172	106	
23	A133 south of Progress Way to the B1032	263	157	106	
24	B1032 east of the A133 to Holland Road	259	153	106	
25	B1032 from Holland Road to Kings Parade	224	153	71	
26	B1032 from Kings Parade to the south of Great Holland	259	153	106	
27	B1032 through Great Holland	61	61	0	
28	B1033 north of the B1032 through Kirby Cross to Pork Lane	91	91	0	
29	B1033 from Pork Lane to the south of Thorpe-le-Soken	181	148	33	
30	B1033 south of the B1414 through Thorpe-le-Soken	181	148	33	
31	B1414 east of the B1033	53	53	0	
32	B1033 north of the B1414 through Thorpe-le-Soken	180	147	33	
33	B1033 from the B1441 to the B1035 through Weeley	348	189	159	
34	B1033 from the A133 to the B1441	348	189	159	
35	B1035 north of B1033 to Whitehall Lane	319	236	83	
36	B1035 through Tendring Green from Parsonage Lane to Stones Green Road	126	126	0	
37	B1035 north of Whitehall Lane to Swan Road	199	160	39	
38	B1035 through Goose Green	126	126	0	
39	B1035 north of Swan Road to the south of Tendring	109	109	0	
40	B1035 through Tendring to Crown Lane	109	109	0	
41	Crown Lane	17	17	0	
42	B1035 from Crown Lane to Lodge Lane	126	126	0	
43	A133/Colchester Road from A133/Colchester Road roundabout to end of TTSA	96	96	0	
44	B1441 (Progress Way) from A133/St Osyth Road/Progress Way Roundabout to B1414	13	13	0	
45	B1414 east of B1441 to B1033 in Thorpe-le-Soken	4	4	0	
46	B1441 from B1414 to B1033 in Weeley	0	0	0	
47	A120 from Parkeston Roundabout to St Nicholas Roundabout	499	5	494	
48	St John's Road from St Osyth Roundabout to end of TTSA	48	48	0	

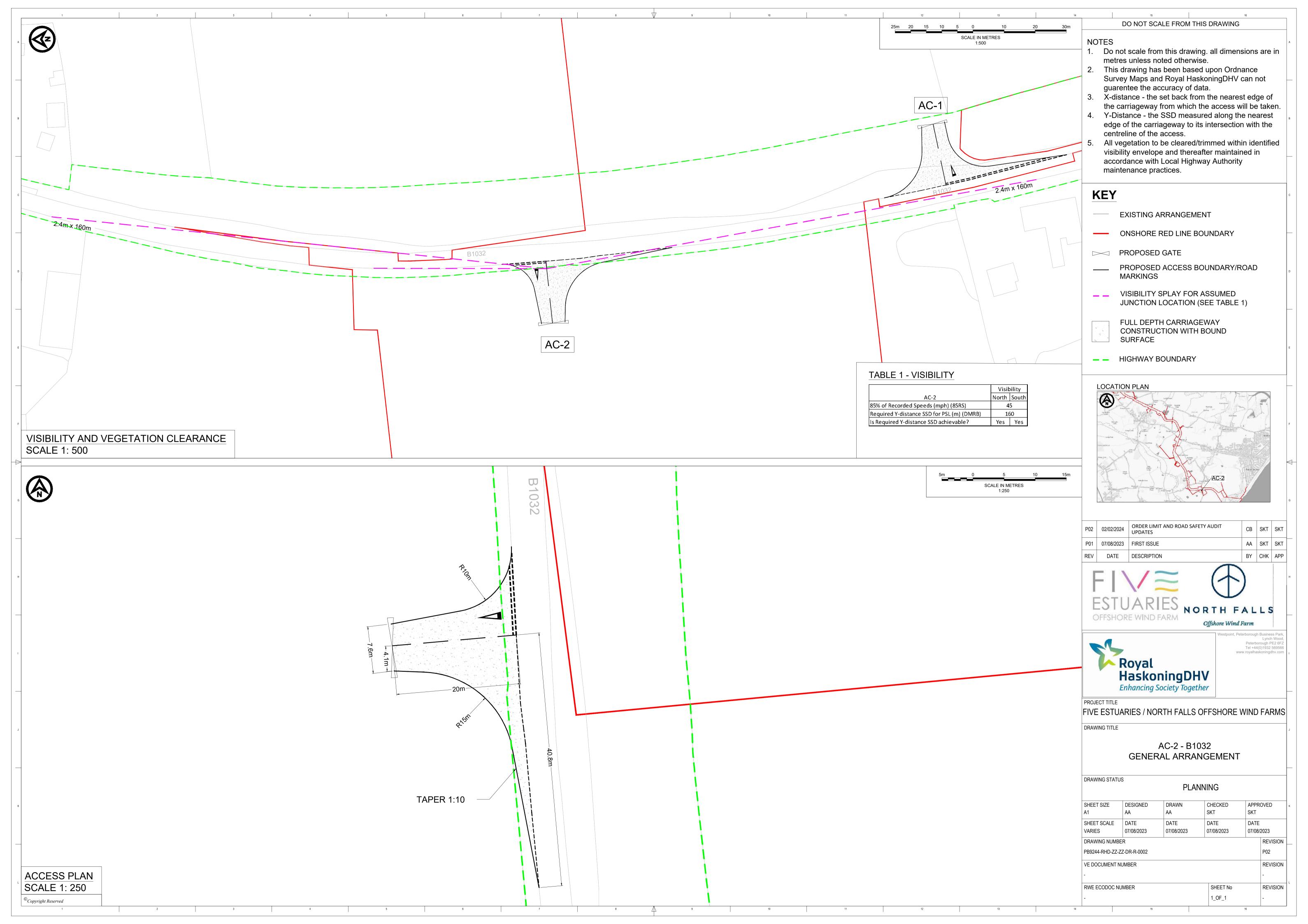
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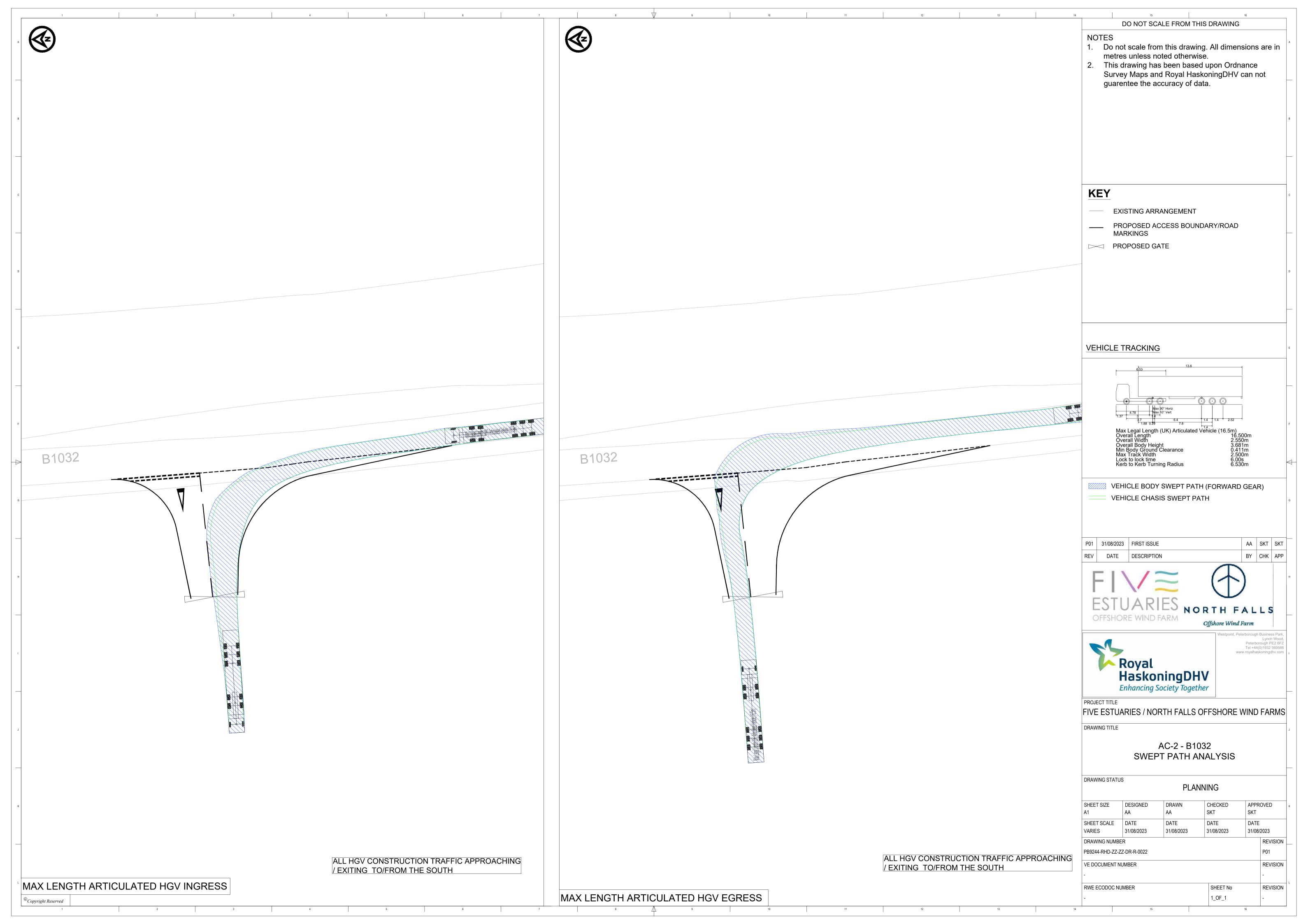
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2	A120 from the A133 to Harwich Road	1,157	552	605	
3	A120 from Harwich Road to Bentley Road	1,157	552	605	
4	Bentley Road from the A120 to Little Bromley	823	458	365	
5	Bentley Road through Little Bromley	109	109	0	
6	B1035 south of the A120 to Tendring Green	288	216	72	
7	Bromley Road north of Little Bromley	109	109	0	
8	Bromley Road south of the A137	109	109	0	
9	A137 east-west through Lawford	0	0	0	
10	A137 north-south through Lawford	7	7	0	
13	B1035 south of the B1352	74	74	0	
14	B1035 north of the A120	135	107	29	
15	A120 from Bentley Road to the B1035	1,157	552	605	
16	A120 from the B1035 to Colchester Road	663	58	605	
18	A120 from Colchester Road to the B1352	663	58	605	
19	A120 from the B1352 to Parkeston Road	640	35	605	
20	A133 south of the A120	492	224	268	
21a	A133 to Crown Lane	621	353	268	
21b	A133 from Crown Lane to the B1034	602	334	268	
22	A133 south of the B1033 to Progress Way	311	202	109	
23	A133 south of Progress Way to the B1032	292	183	109	
24	B1032 east of the A133 to Holland Road	273	164	109	
25	B1032 from Holland Road to Kings Parade	236	164	72	
26	B1032 from Kings Parade to the south of Great Holland	273	164	109	
27	B1032 through Great Holland	62	62	0	
28	B1033 north of the B1032 through Kirby Cross to Pork Lane	105	105	0	
29	B1033 from Pork Lane to the south of Thorpe-le-Soken	196	163	33	
30	B1033 south of the B1414 through Thorpe-le-Soken	196	163	33	
31	B1414 east of the B1033	81	81	0	
32	B1033 north of the B1414 through Thorpe-le-Soken	205	172	33	
33	B1033 from the B1441 to the B1035 through Weeley	351	192	159	
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35	B1035 north of B1033 to Whitehall Lane	350	265	85	
36	B1035 through Tendring Green from Parsonage Lane to Stones Green Road	154	154	0	
37	B1035 north of Whitehall Lane to Swan Road	225	186	39	
38	B1035 through Goose Green	154	154	0	
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40	B1035 through Tendring to Crown Lane	135	135	0	
41	Crown Lane	19	19	0	
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43	A133/Colchester Road from A133/Colchester Road roundabout to end of TTSA	97	97	0	
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46	B1441 from B1414 to B1033 in Weeley	0	0	0	
47	A120 from Parkeston Roundabout to St Nicholas Roundabout	618	13	605	
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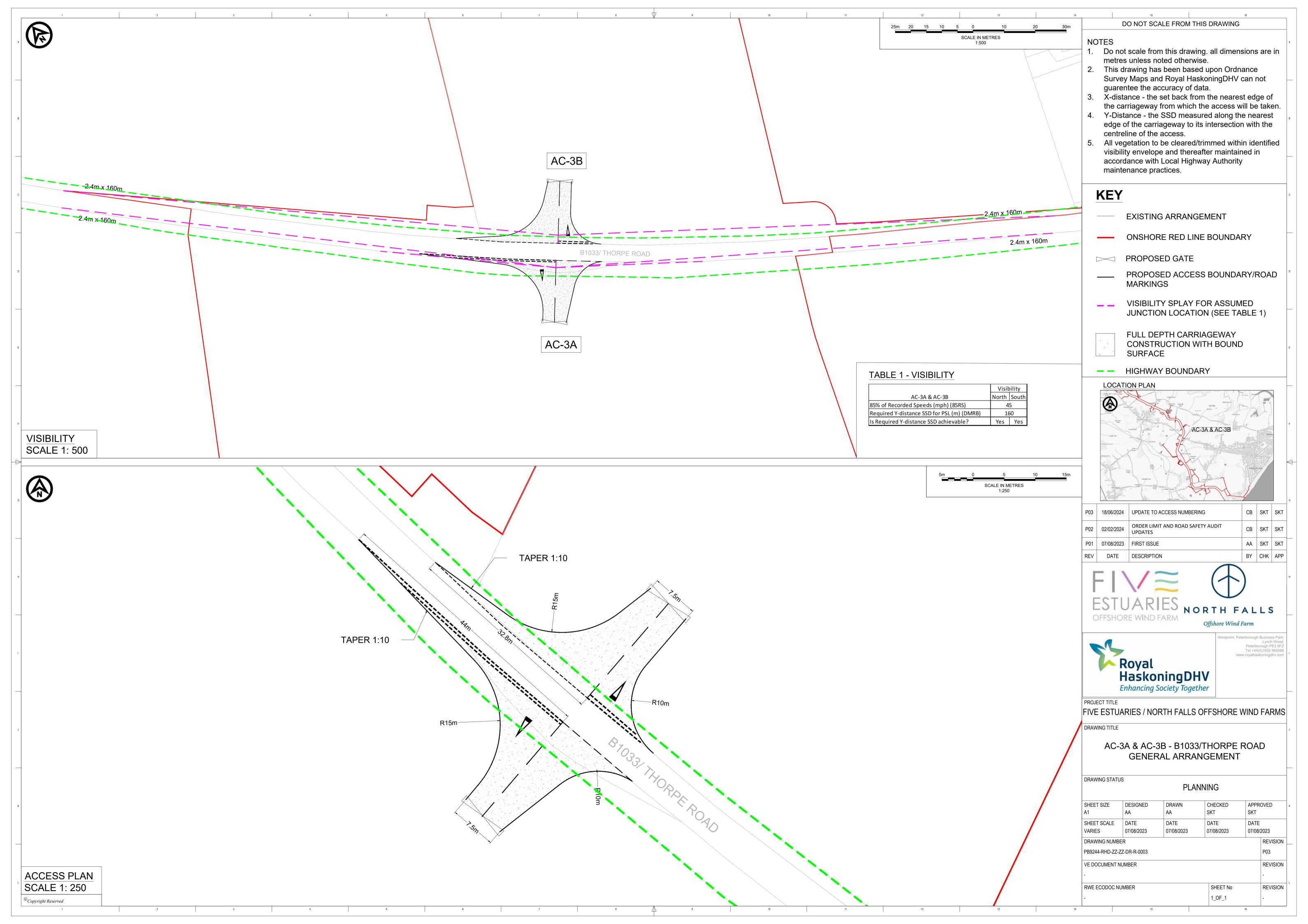
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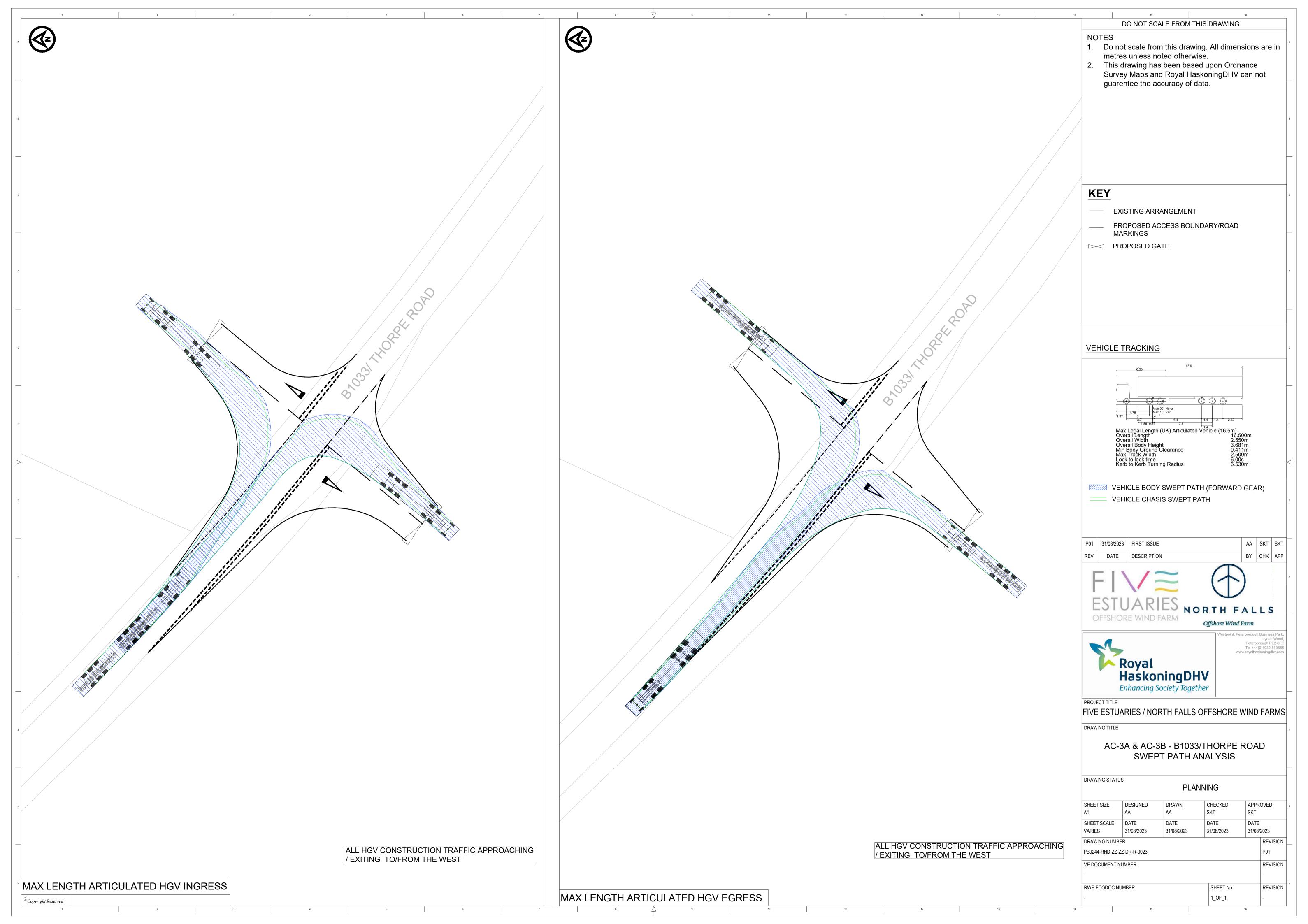


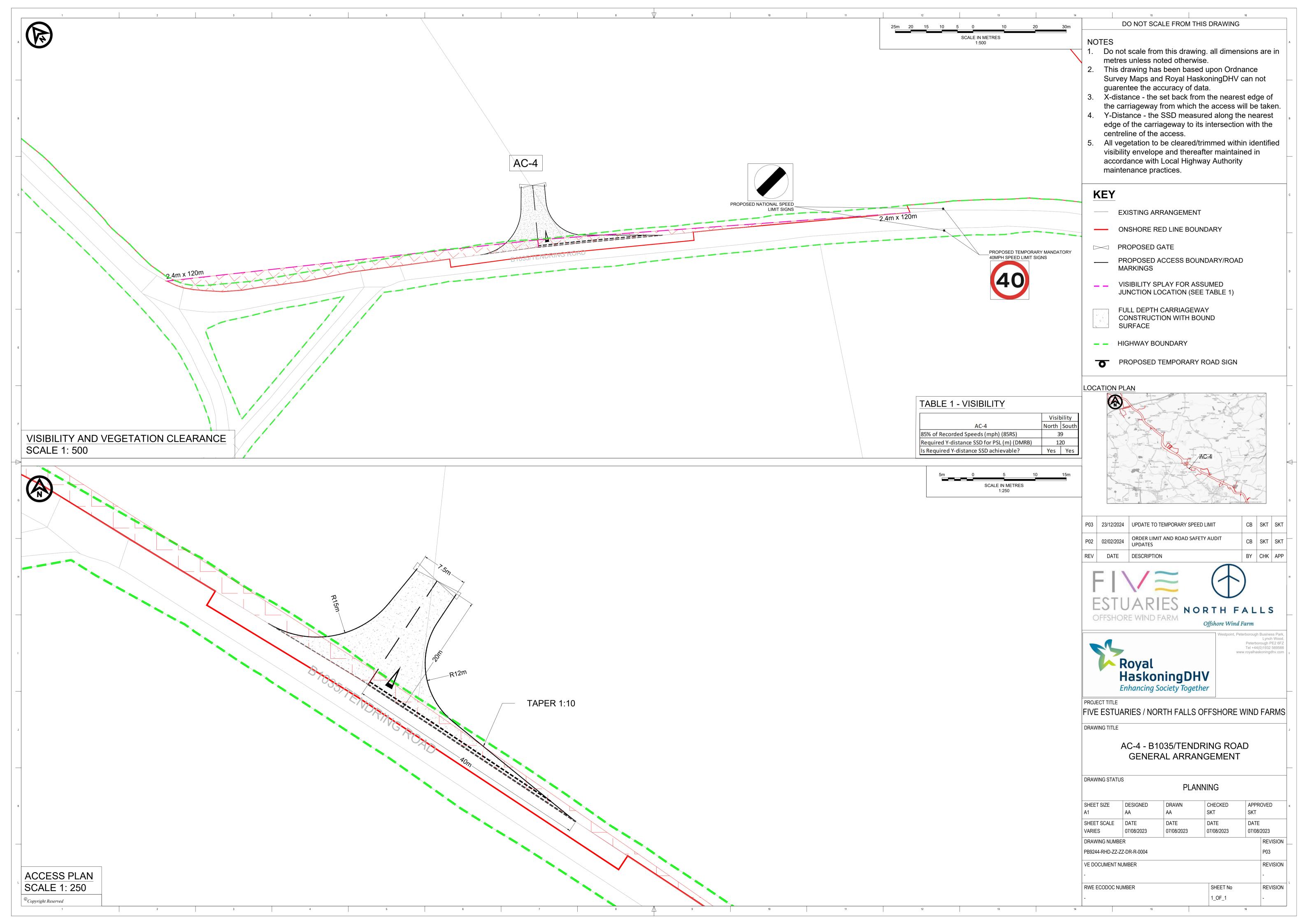


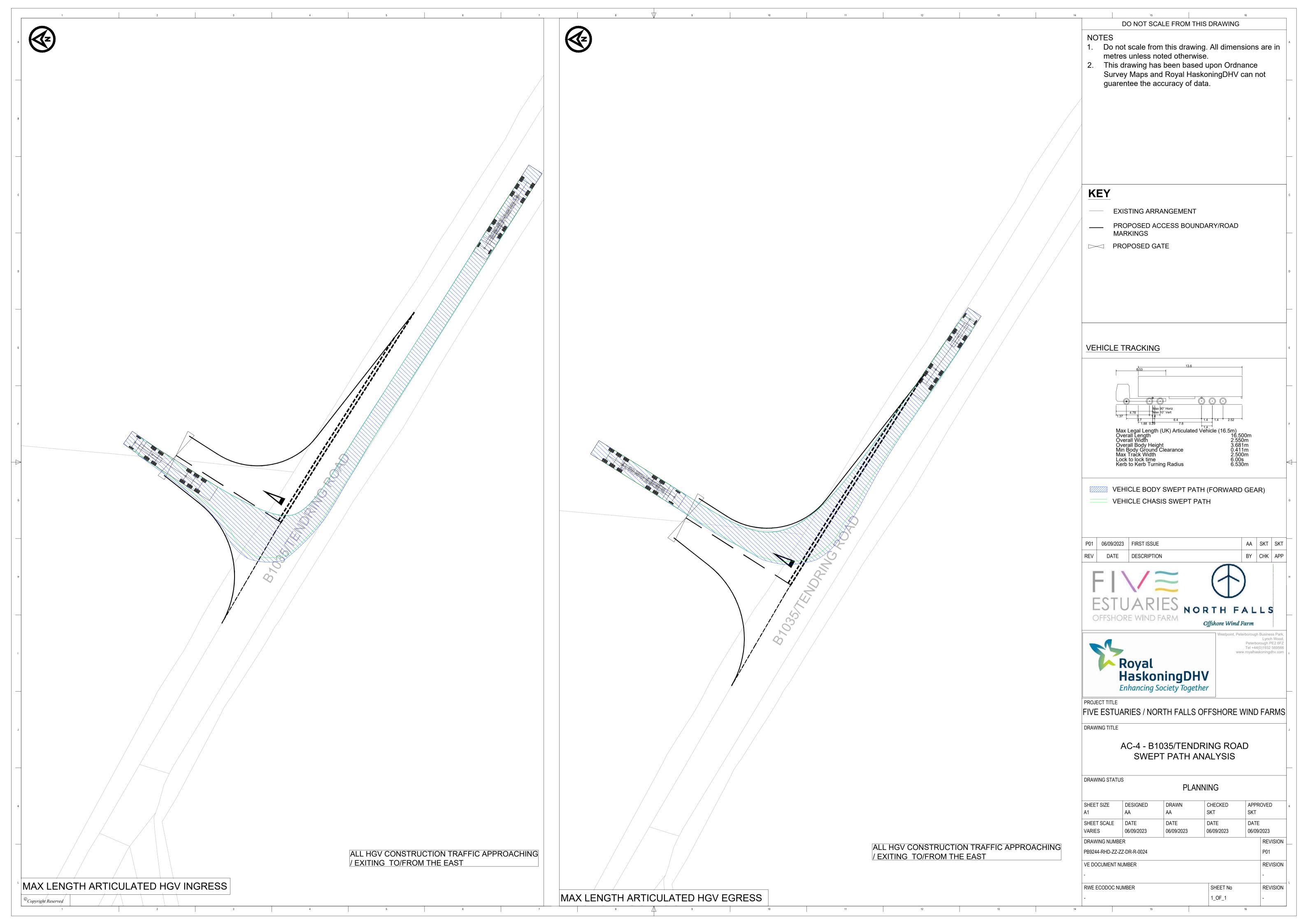


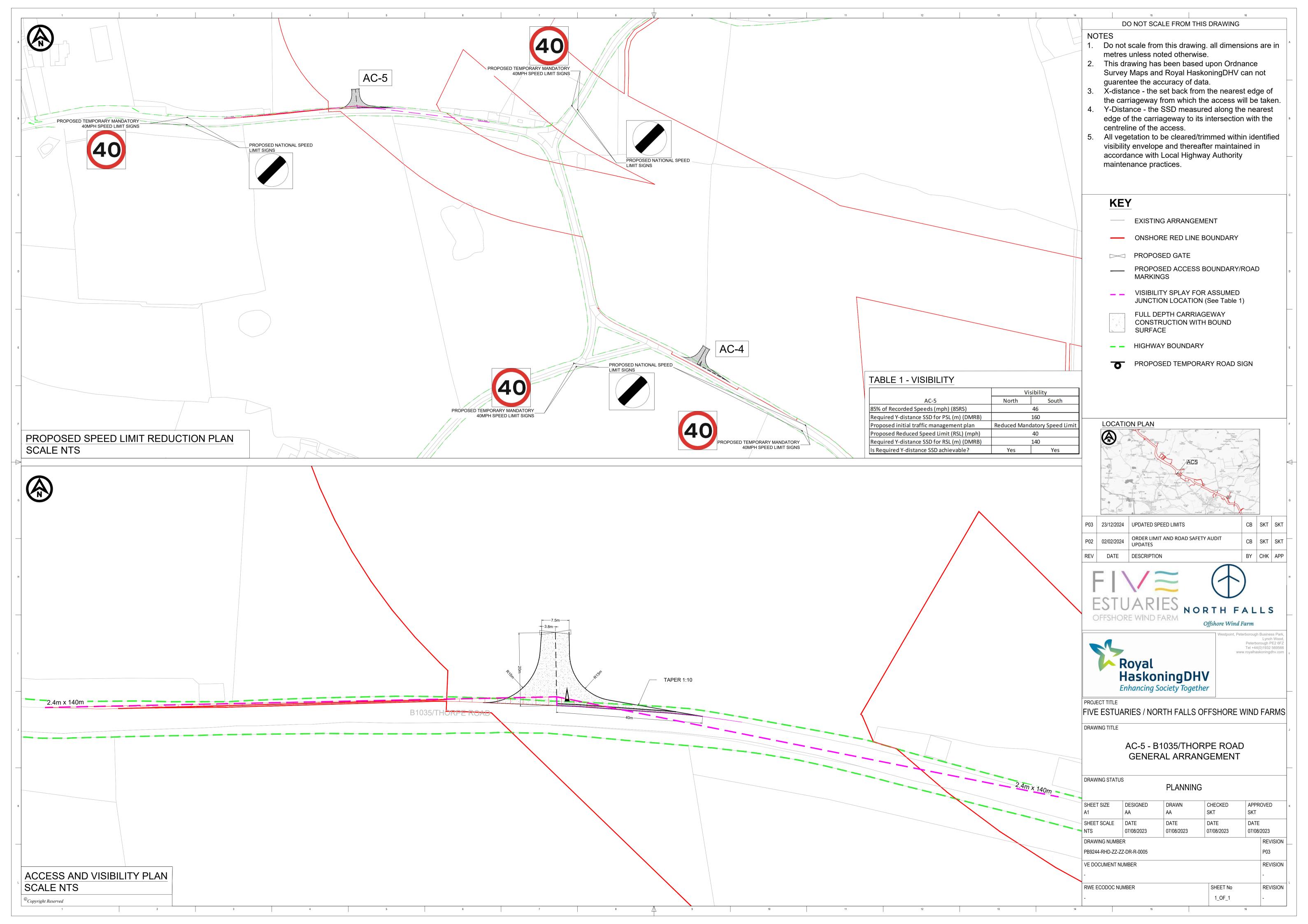


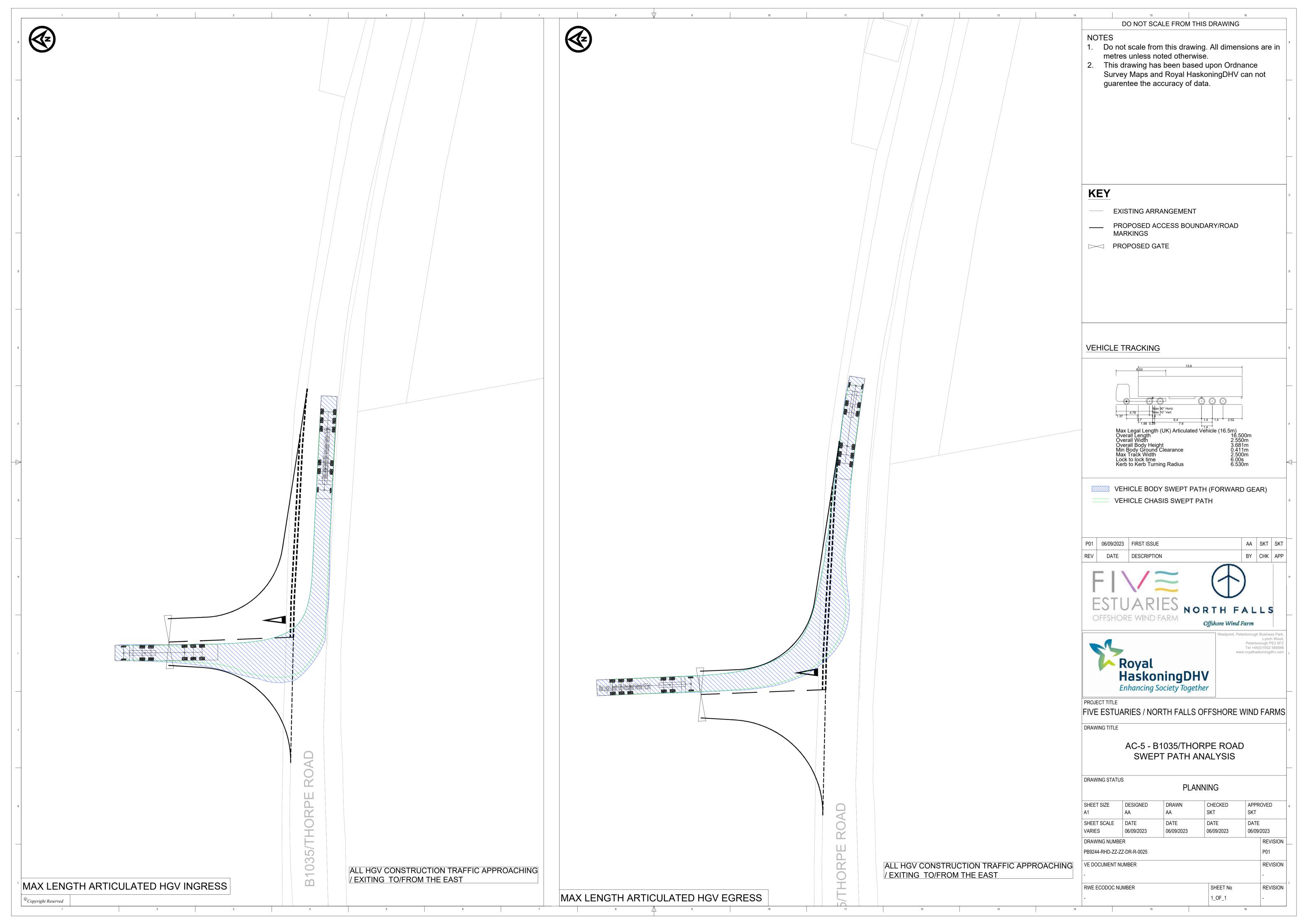


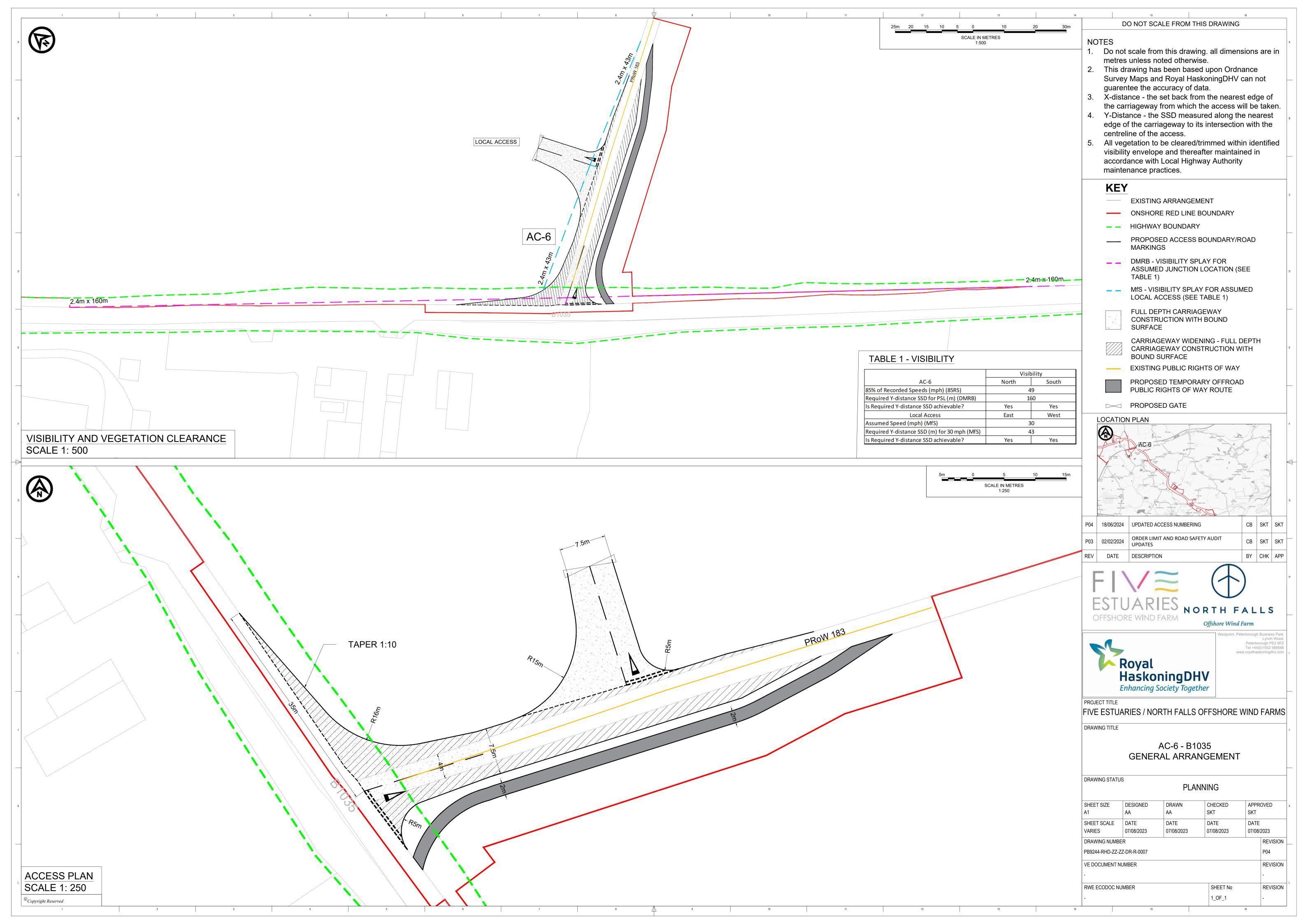


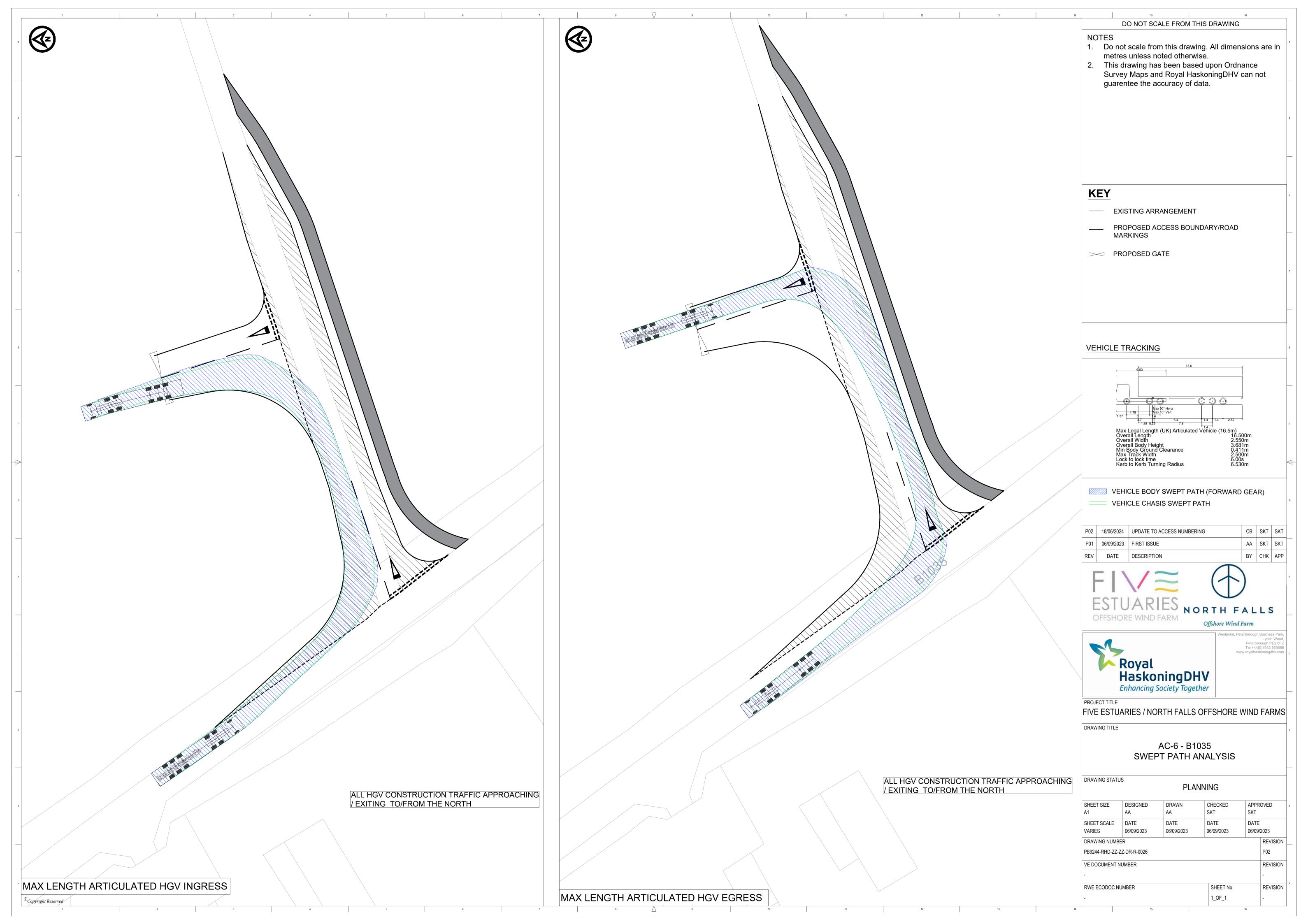


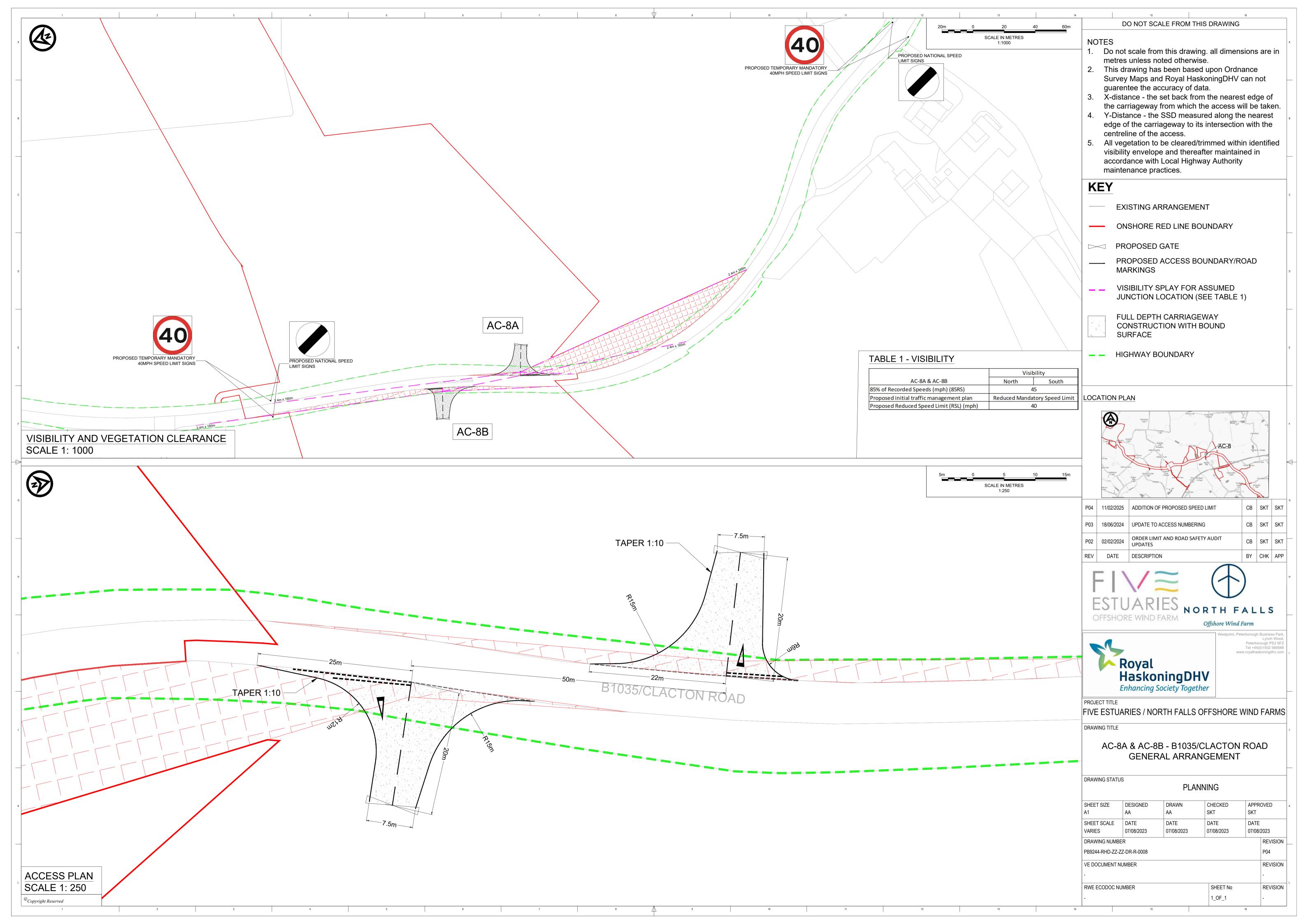


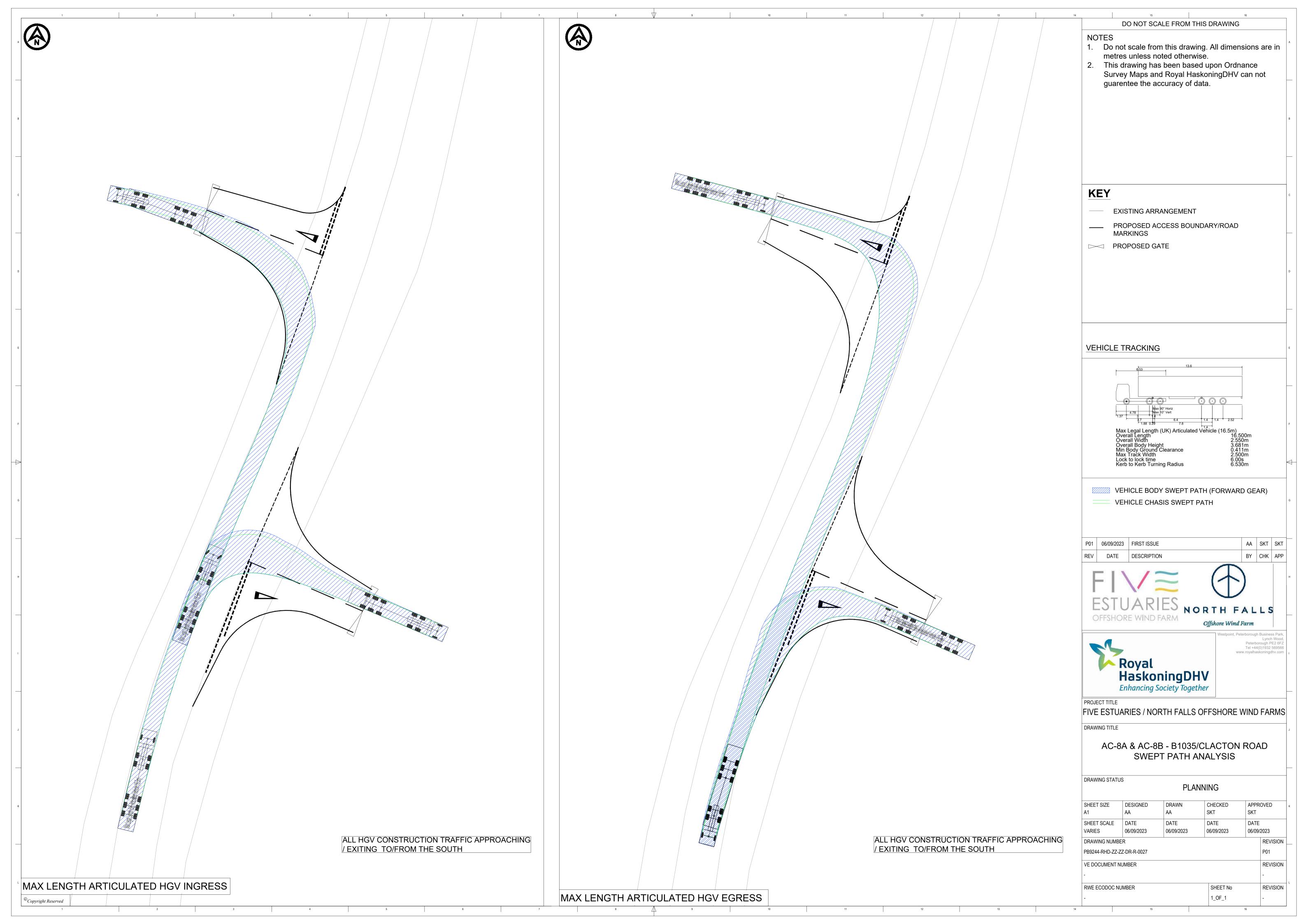


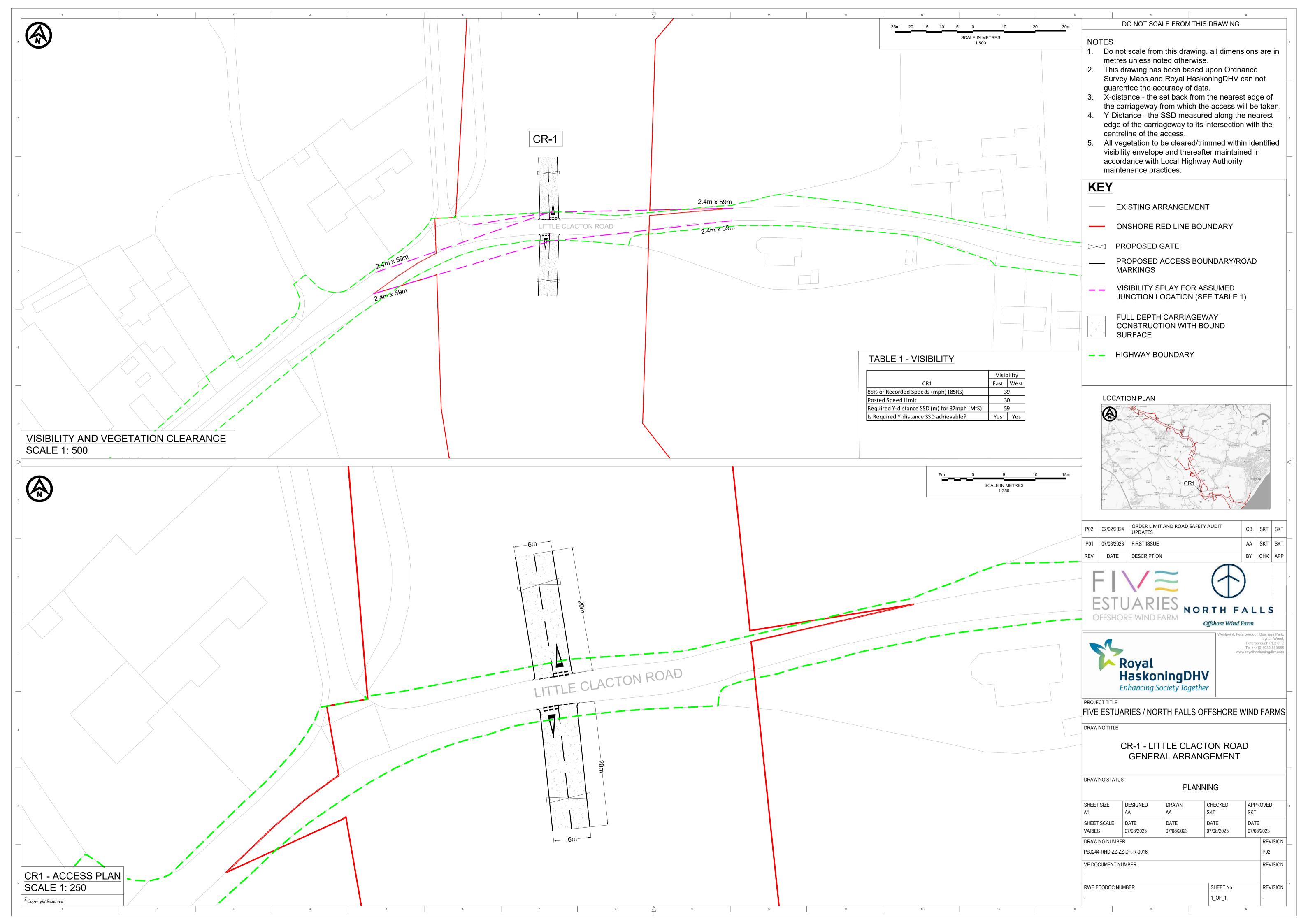


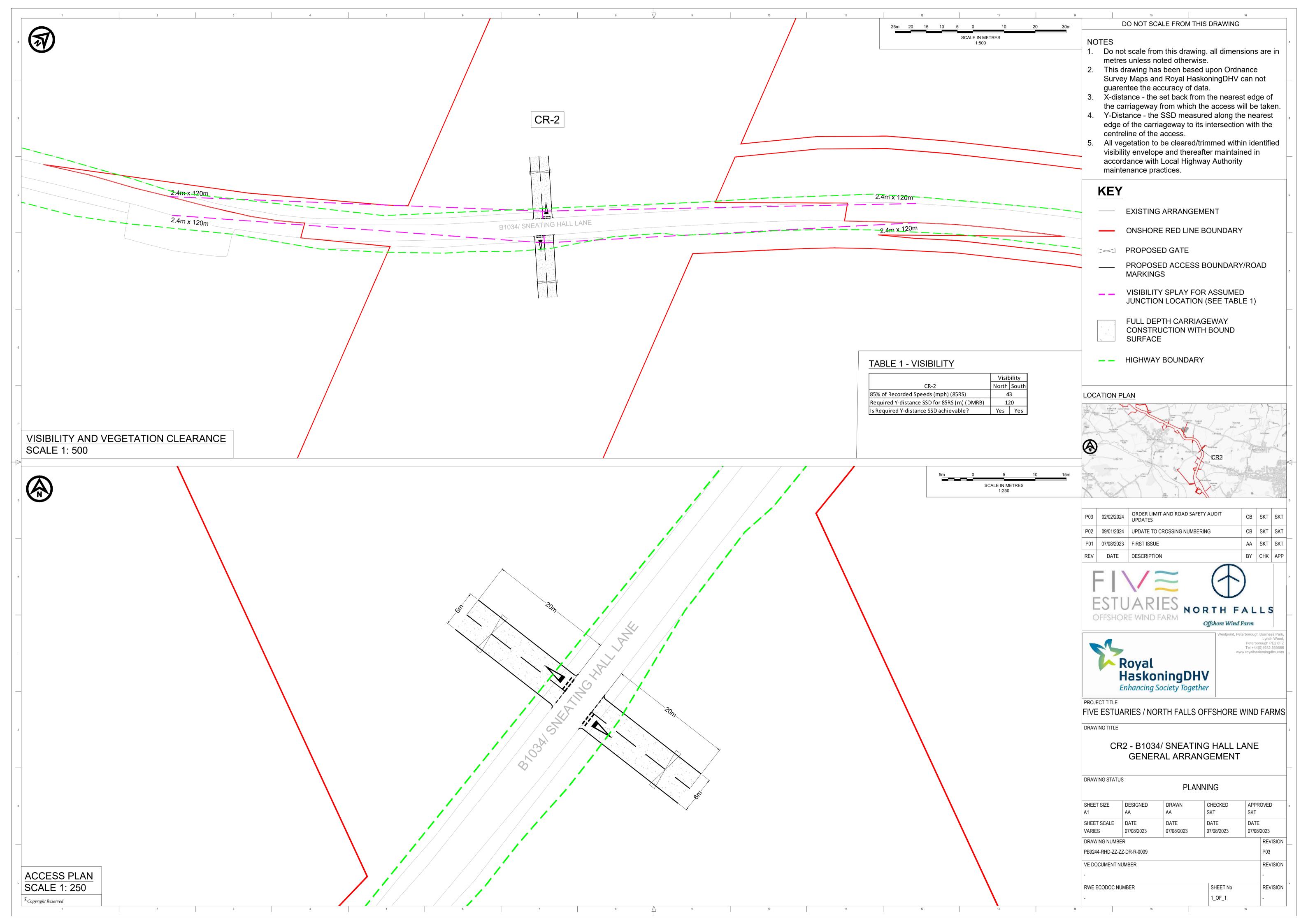


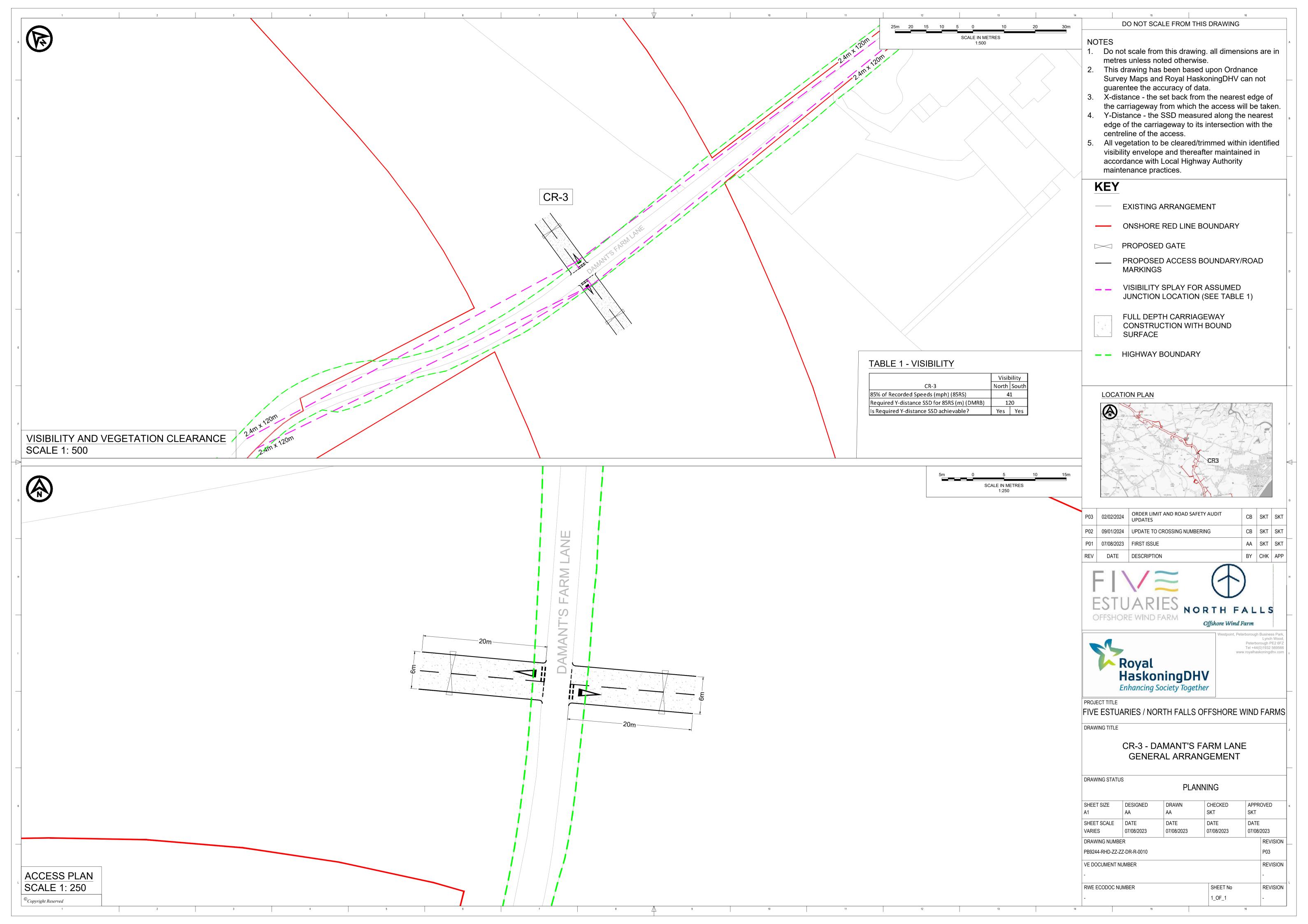


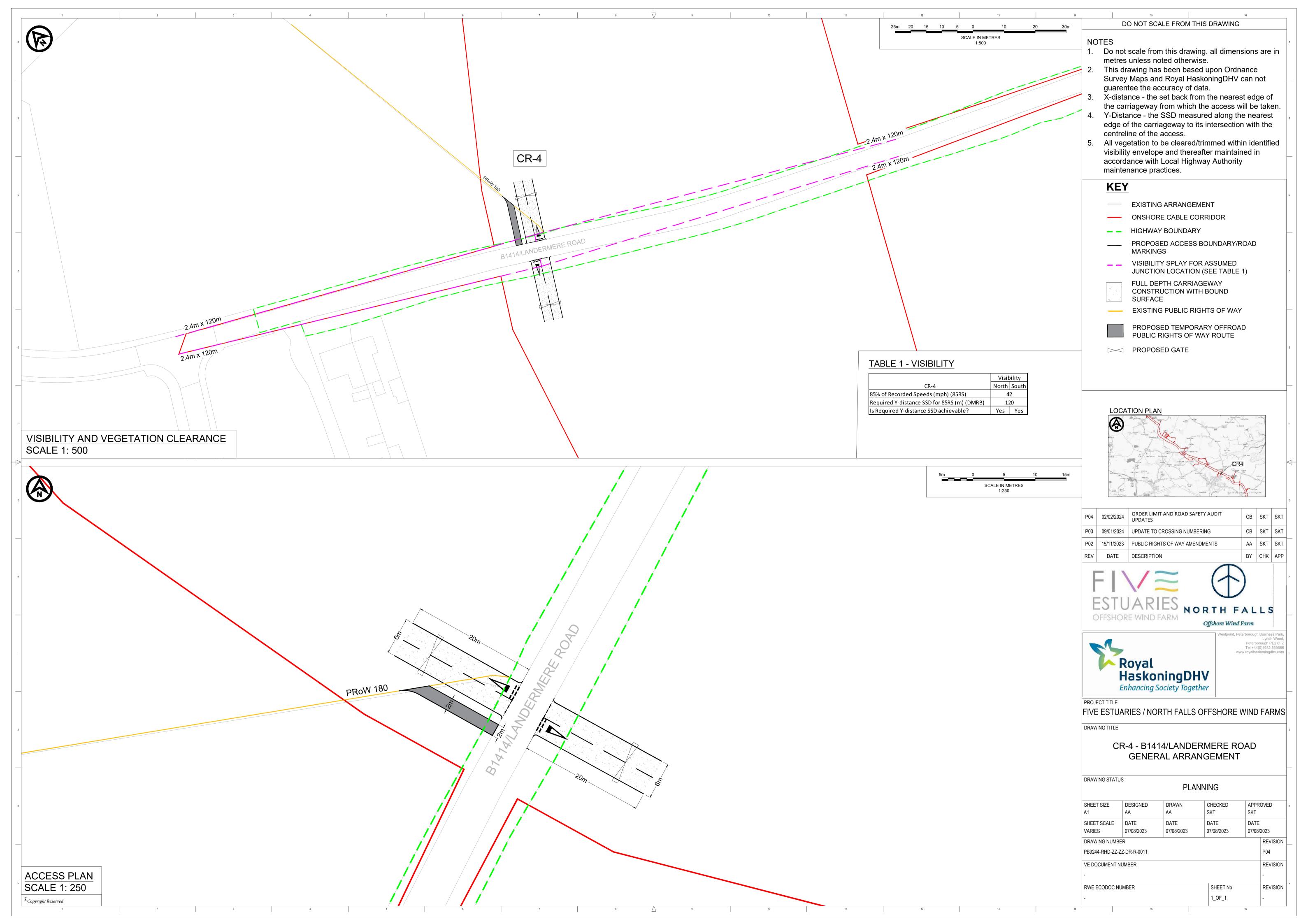


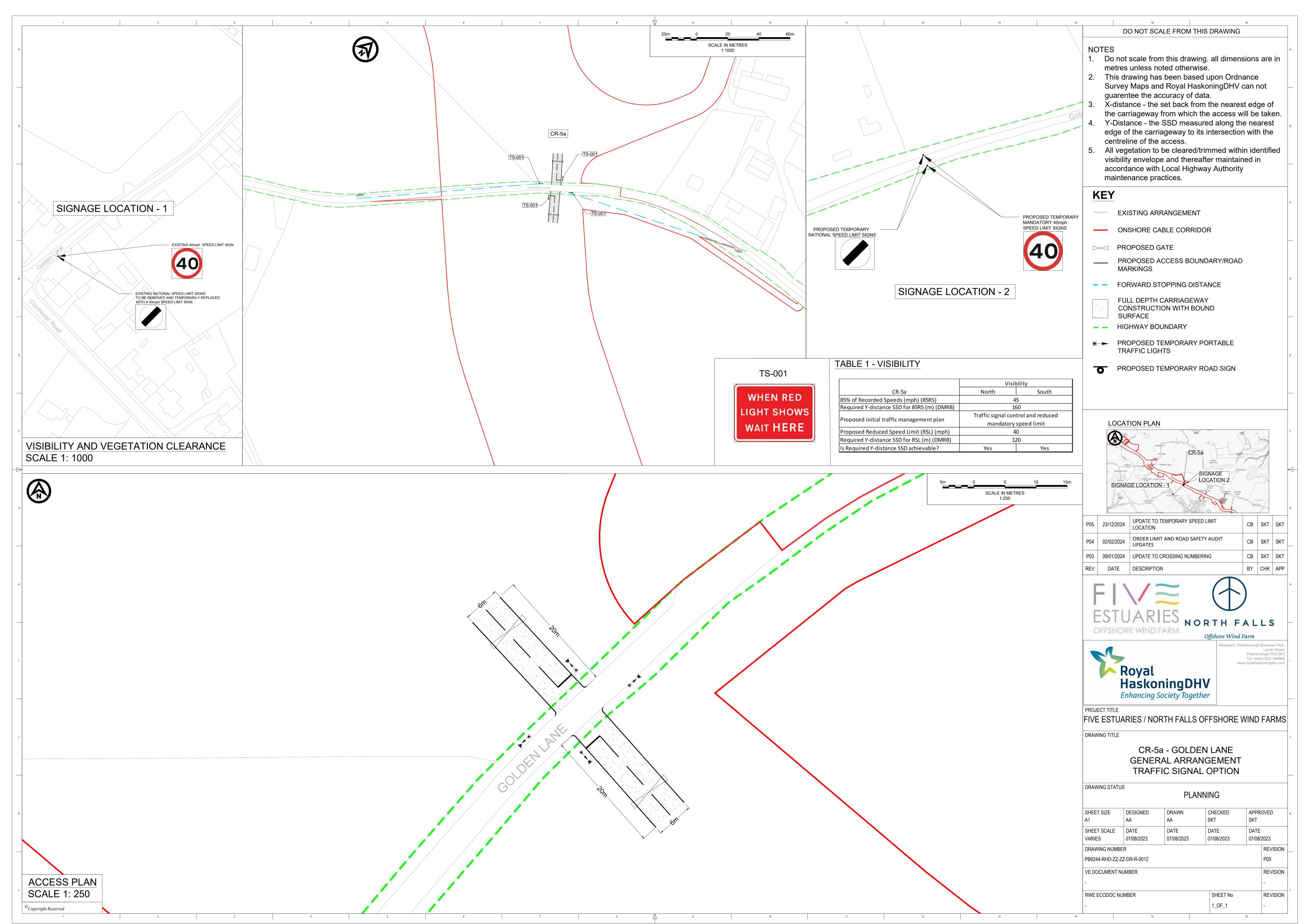


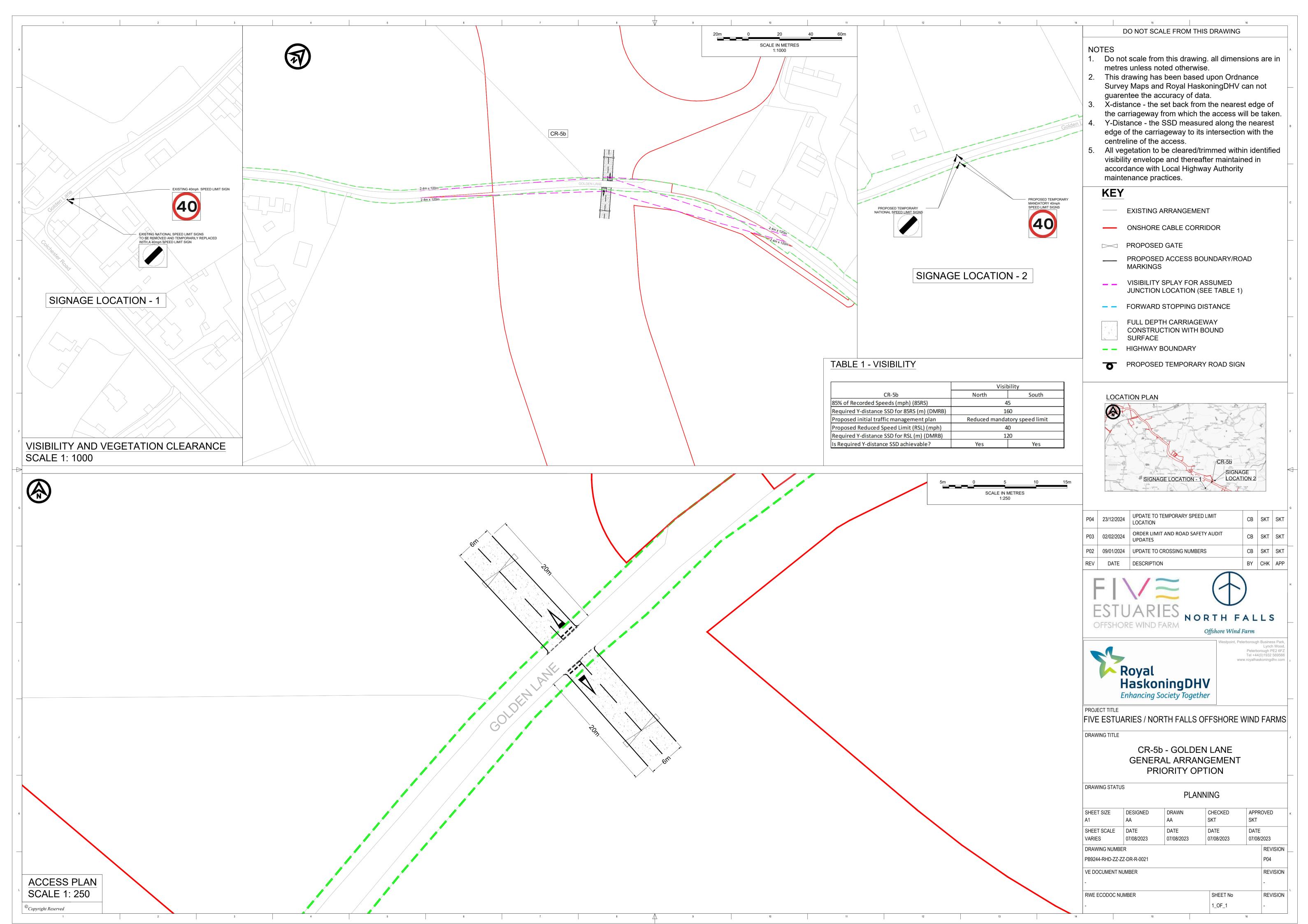


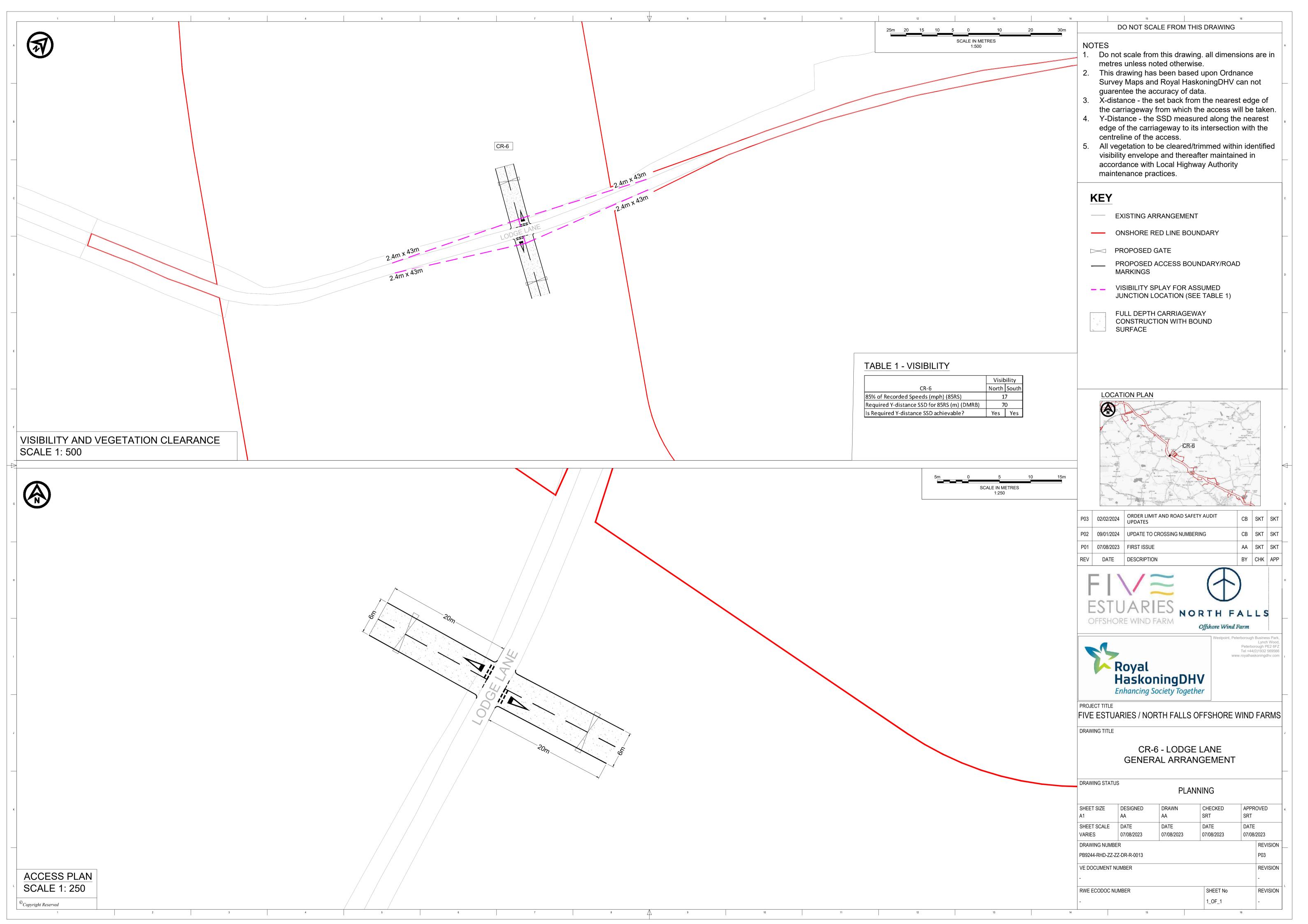


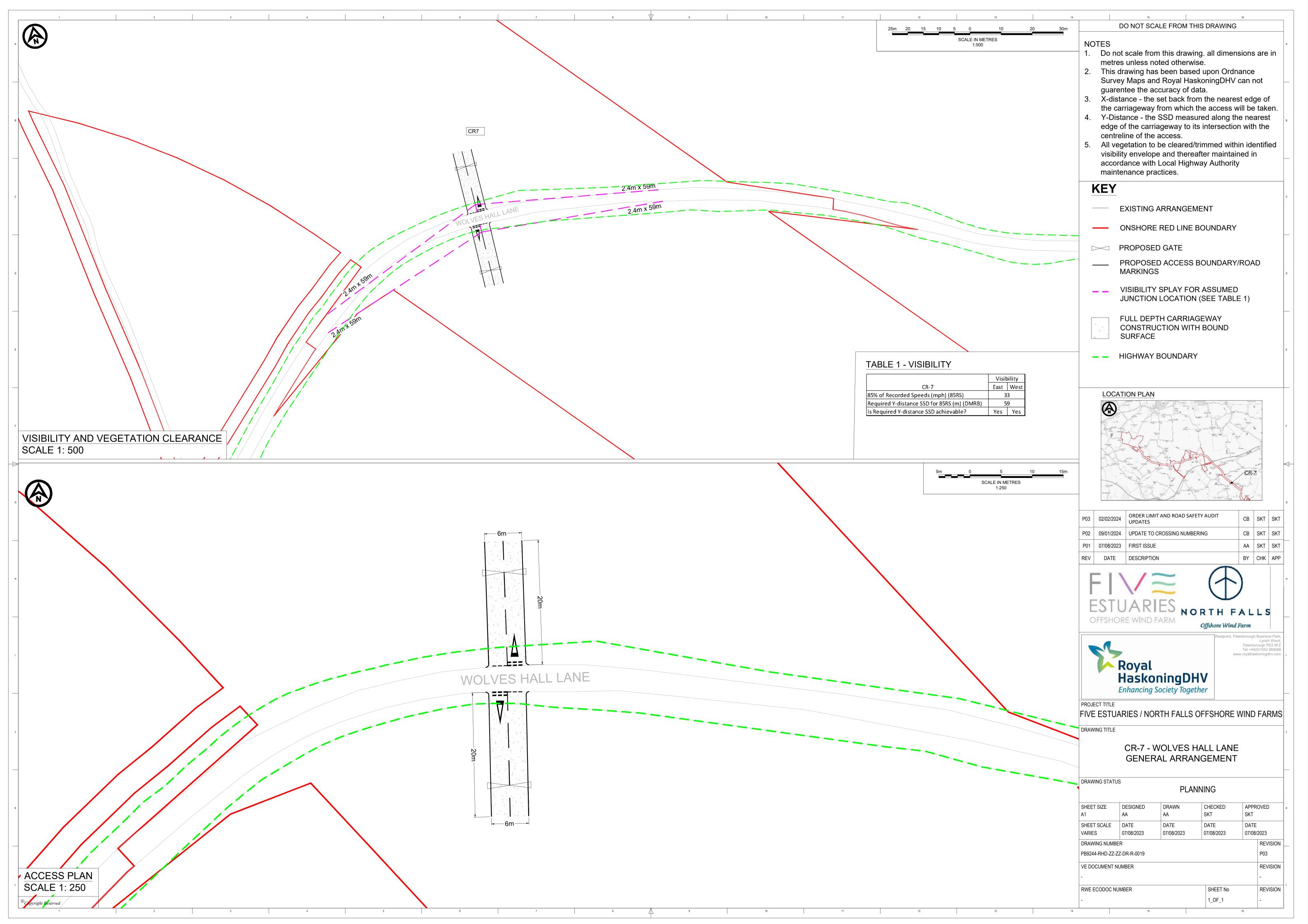


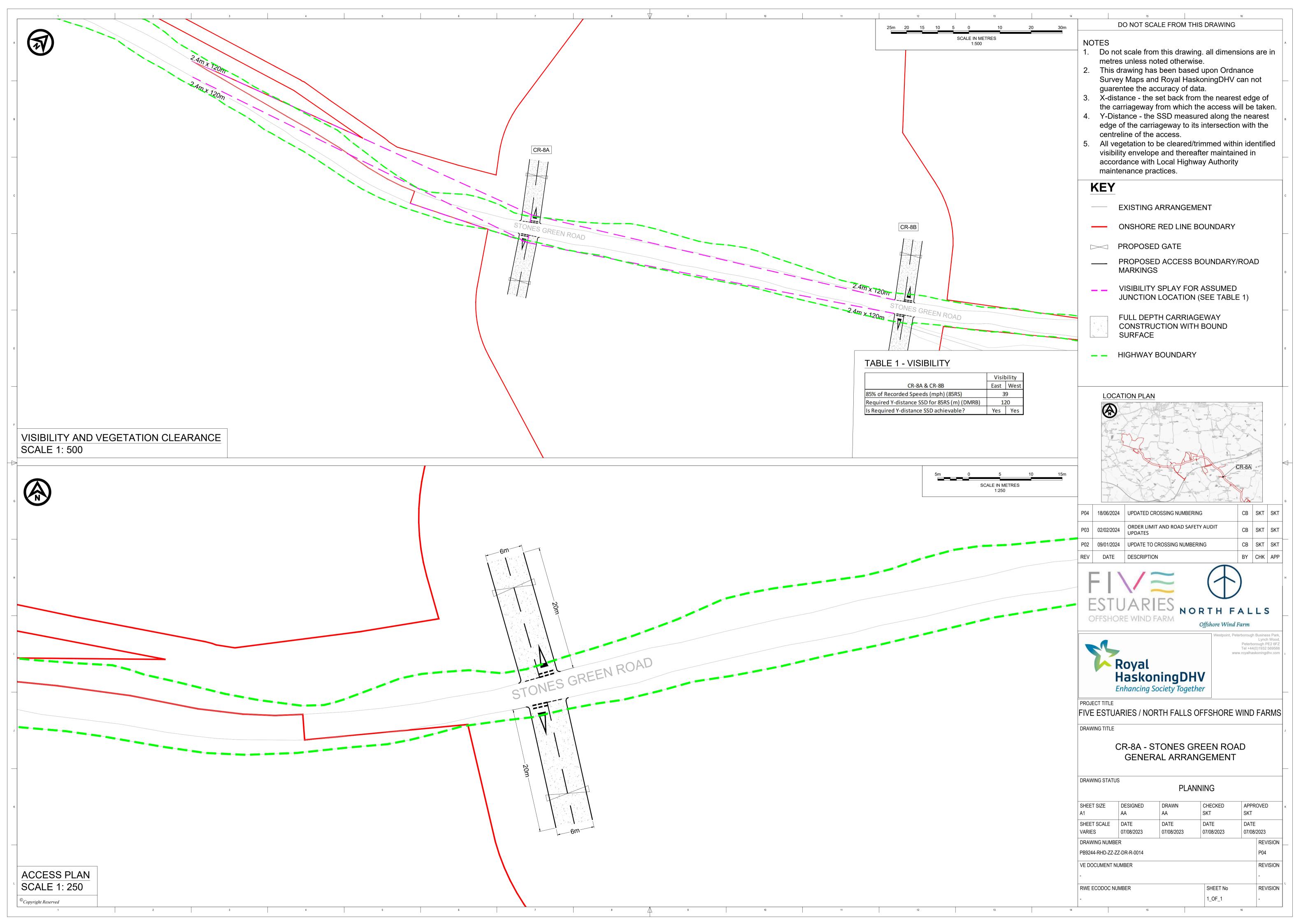


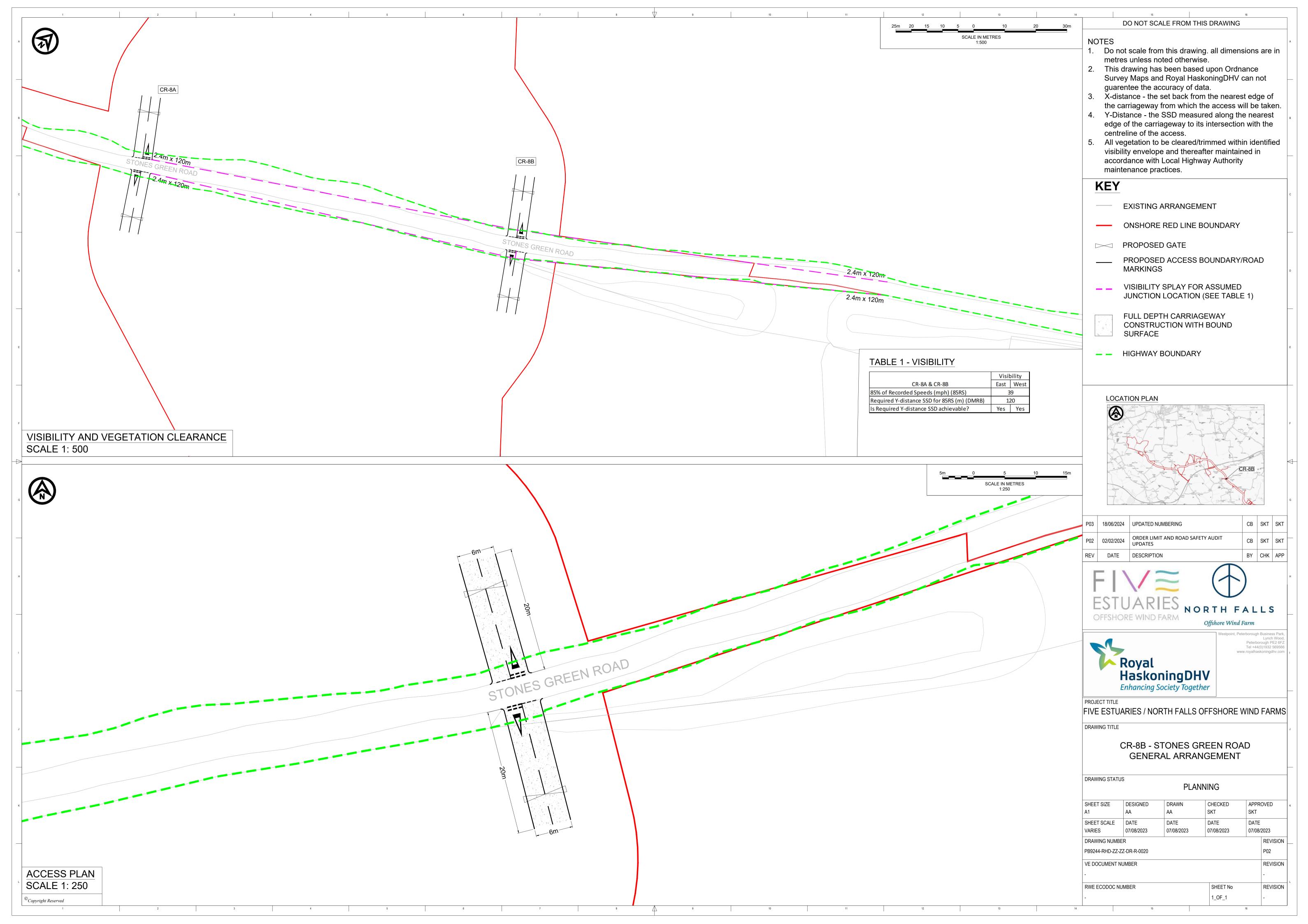


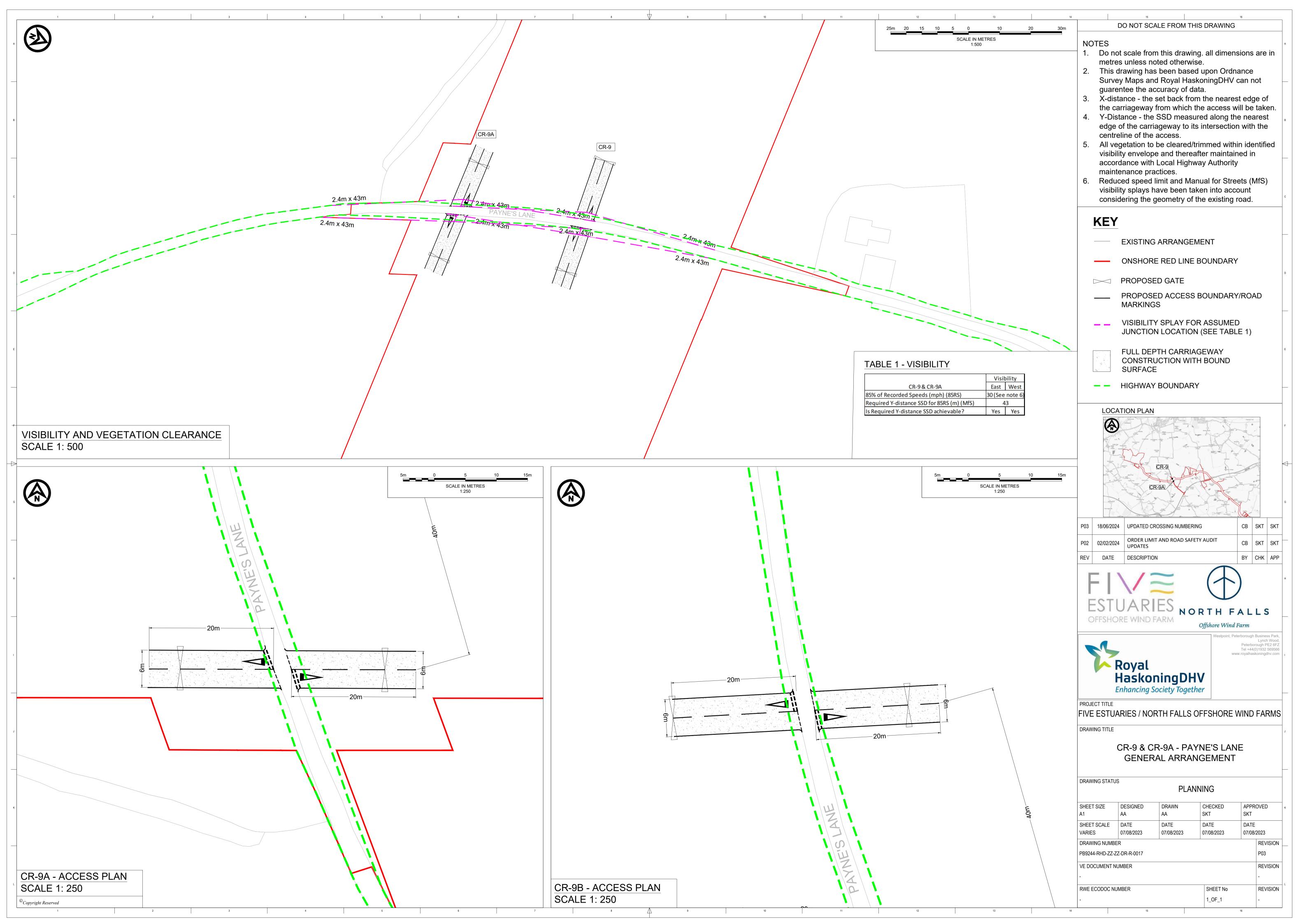


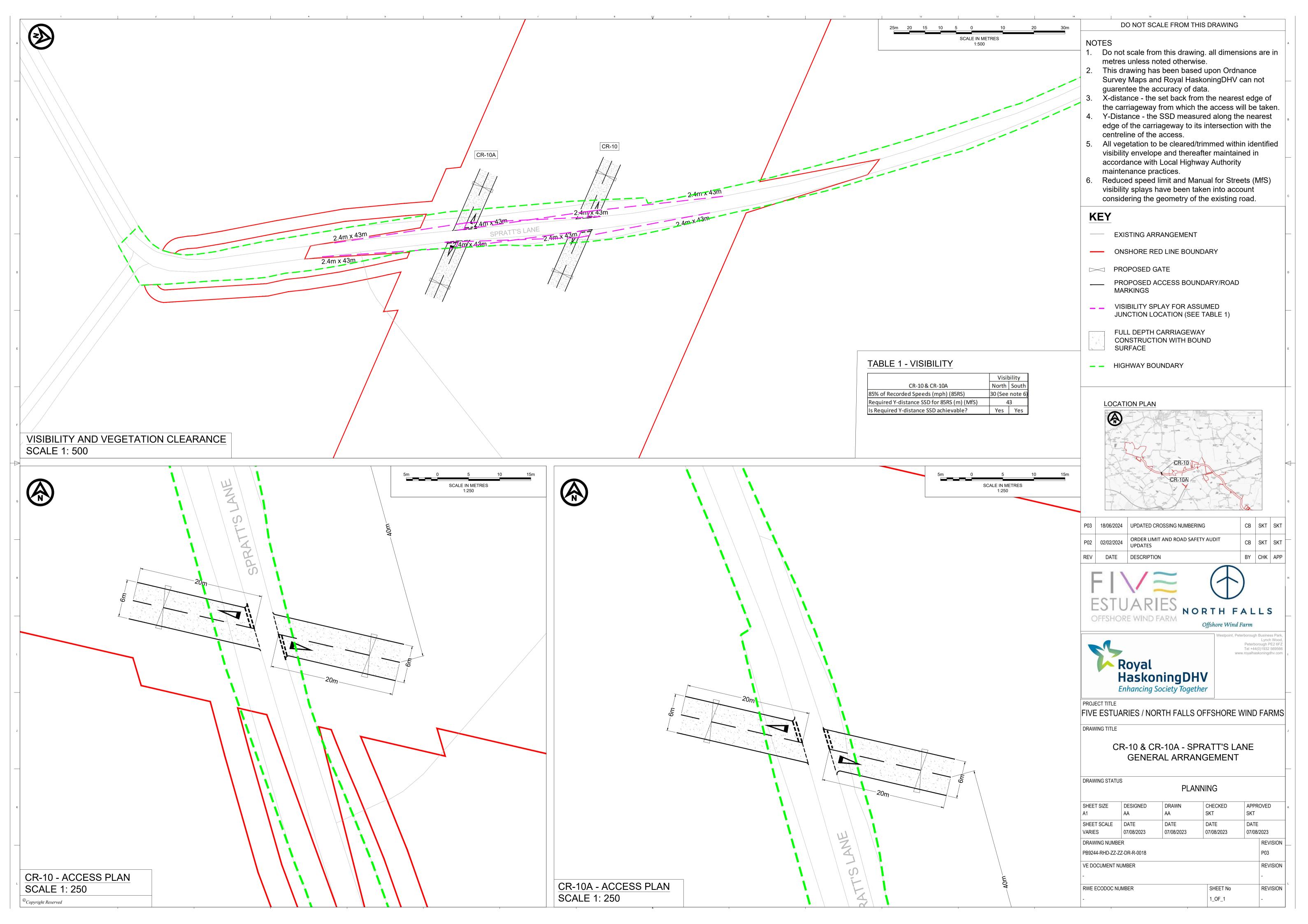


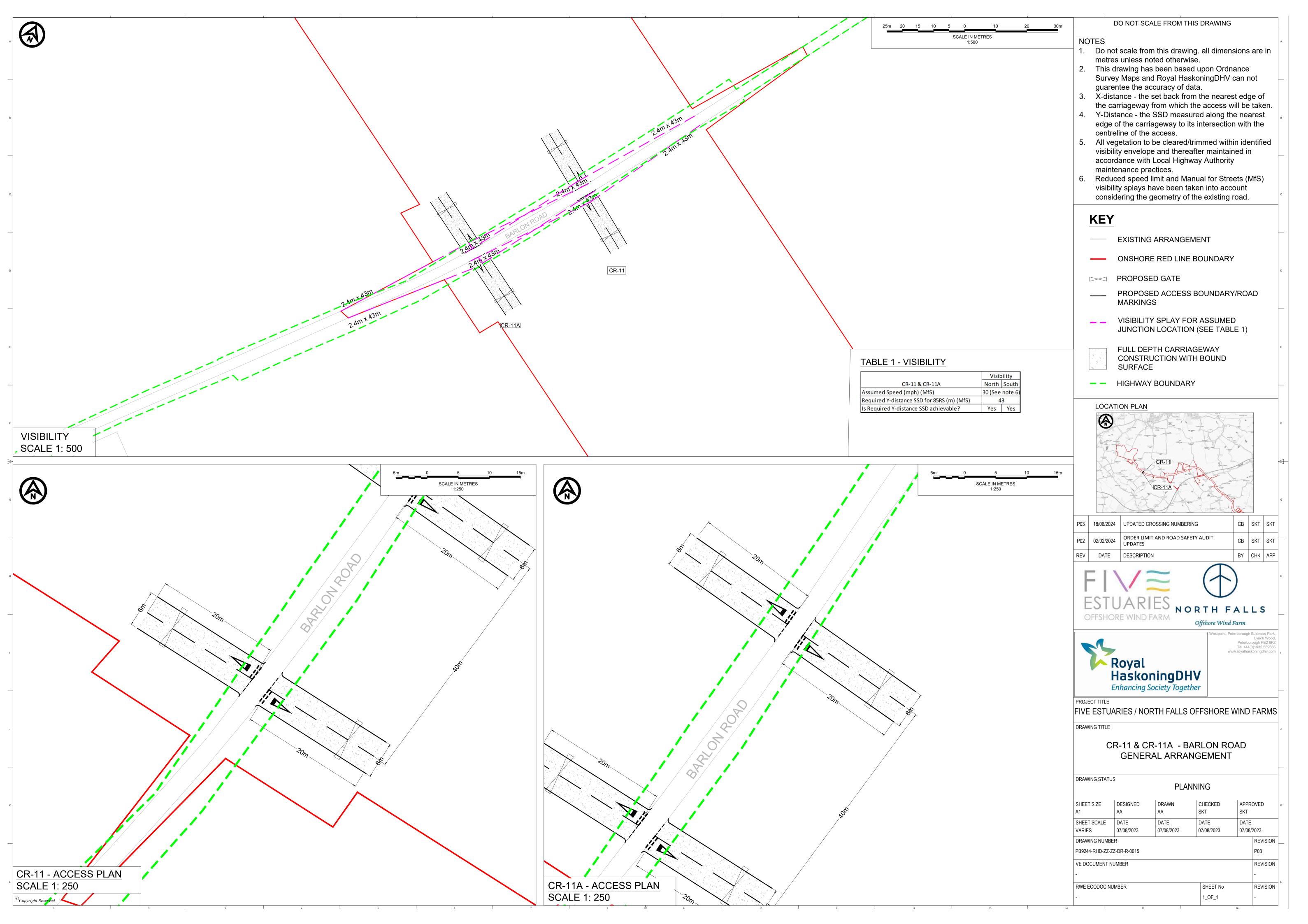


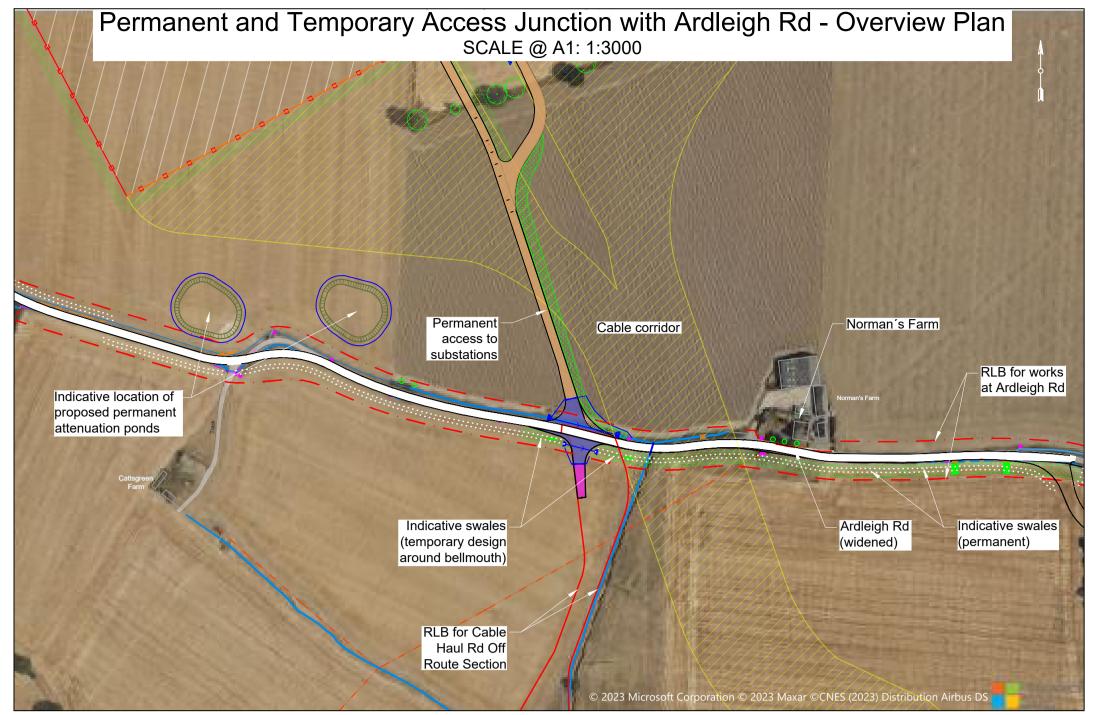












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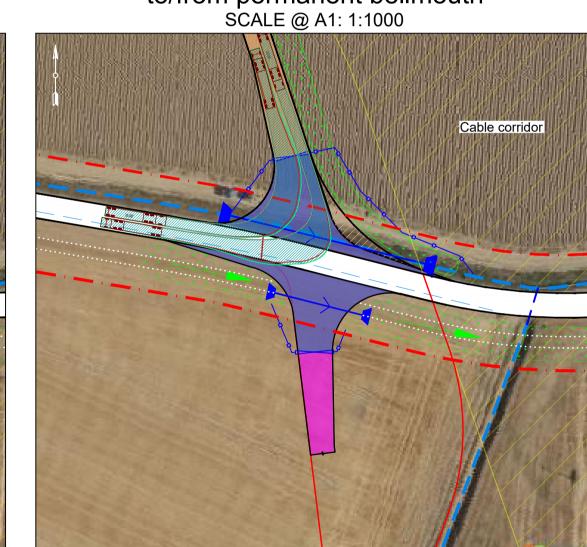
to/from temporary bellmouth

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SPA - Left in/Left out movement to/from temporary bellmouth

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Cable corridor



SPA - Right in/Right out movement to/from permanent bellmouth

Max 90° Horiz

MAX. LEGAL LENGTH (UK) ARTICULATED VEHICLE (16.5m)

Max 10° Vert

Overall Length

Overall Body Height

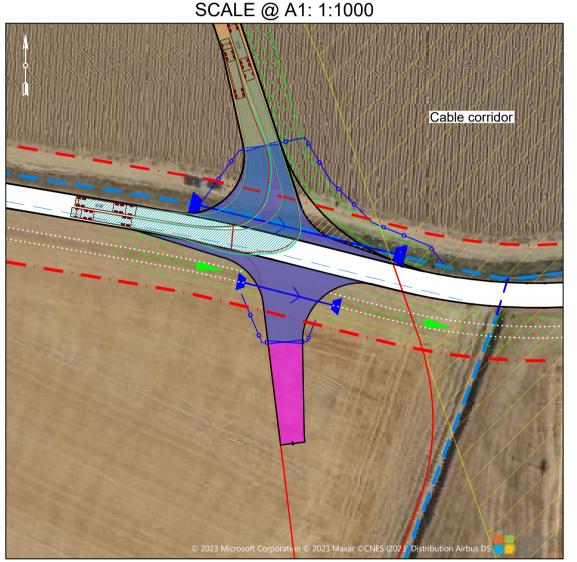
Max Track Width

Lock to lock time

Min Body Ground Clearance

Kerb to Kerb Turning Radius

Overall Width



Junction proposed layout (geometry)

| |Max 90° Horiz

LOW LOADER (16.154m)

Min Body Ground Clearance

Kerb to Kerb Turning Radius

Geometry has been checked against the bespoke vehicle

These models are generic and do not relate to any specific vehicle supplier's specification. All swept paths should be verified by the Contractor and their haulage supplier, once appointed, prior to detailed design and installation of the access.

Swept Path Analysis - Vehicles Details

16.154m

2.520m

3.393m

2.500m

0.318m

6.00s

6.990m

Max 10° Vert

Overall Length

Overall Body Height

Max Track Width

Lock to lock time

models shown in the diagrams.

Overall Width

4.23 1.37 2.5

16.500m

2.550m

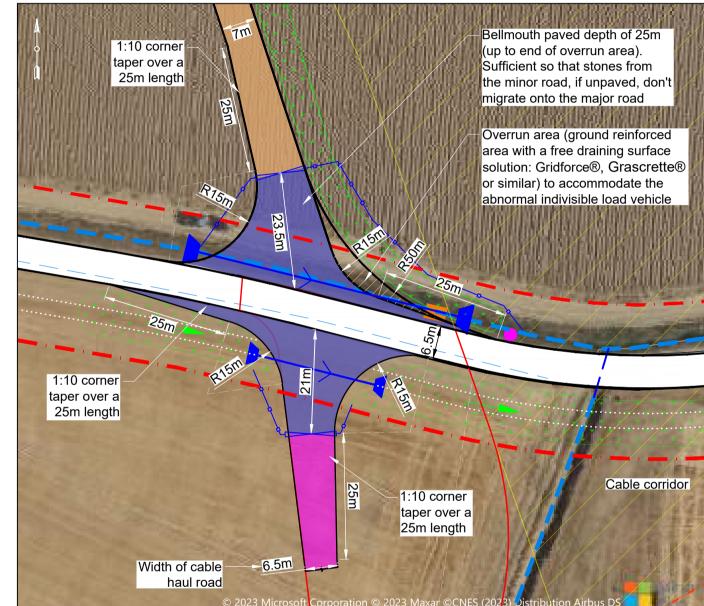
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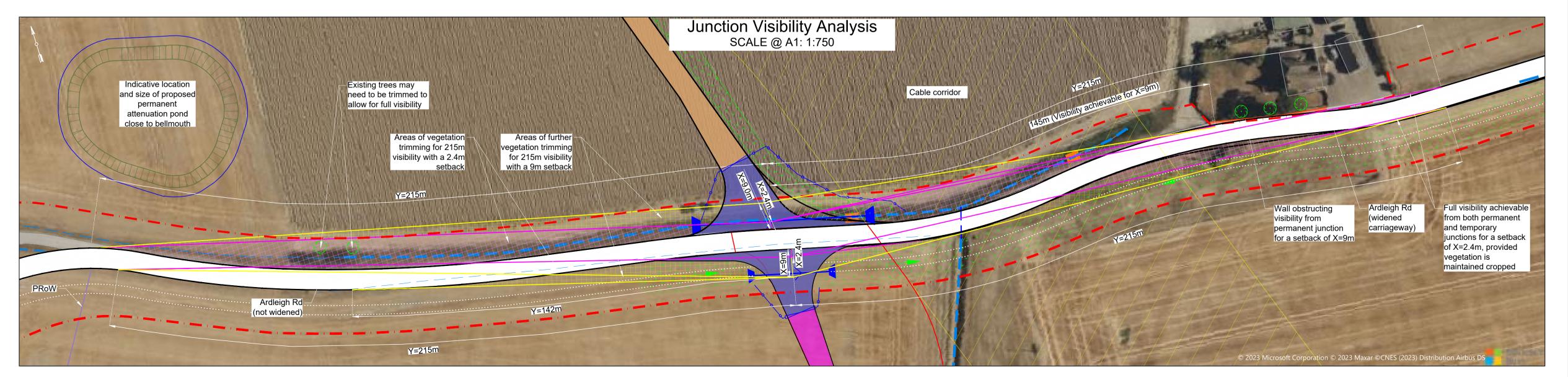
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6.530m

6.00s



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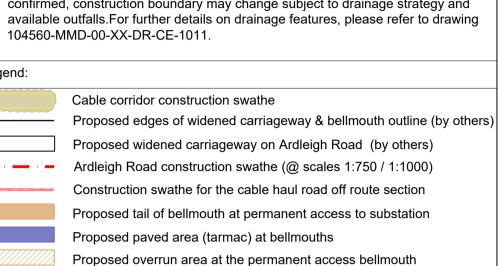


Notes (continuation)

- 15. Alignment/specification of fencing and gates subject to site conditions and contractor requirements. Proposed fences to tie into existing fences/hedgerows.
- 16. Visibility splays and stopping sight distances (SSD) have been shown indicatively and have been determined in accordance with DMRB CD123 and CD109. The junctions is assumed to be simple priority. Minimum permissible setback (X) has been assumed to be 2.4m. Visibility for a setback of 9m has also been shown. Achievable road speed at this location is assumed to be < 60mph (national speed limit for single carriageway roads) due to its narrow width. However a conservative road speed value of 60mph was applied to determine the worst case scenario for vegetation clearance / crop growth limitation. The desirable SSD of 215m is currently achievable as there is only low vegetation on the affected land plots at the moment of analysis.
- 17. Vegetation clearance and groundwork may be required to facilitate any necessary sight distances. 18. A temporary 40mph speed limit is recommended for safety of all road
- users in the vicinity of the access.
- 19. Only partial utilities data has been provided for this indicative design. Full PAS128 utilities surveys shall be required at later design stages.
- 20. Geometric design of bellmouths has been carried out following guidance in the DMRB document CD123 Geometric design of at-grade priority and signal-controlled junctions, Section 5, along with SPA for the relevant vehicles.

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- design may vary following completion of site surveys at detailed design stage. Swept path analysis carried out in this drawing refer to movements in/out of the bellmouths for the design vehicles indicated: a low loader with a turning radius of 6.990m (most restrictive turning radius) and articulated vehicle of maximum legal length in the UK. for details on the SPA for the AIL - AL50 Girder 24 Axle vehicle
- with rear tractor, please refer to drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1016 -Permanent Access Junction with Ardleigh Road. Vehicle models used for the assessments are indicative only, actual turning radii
- and vehicle track will depend on the precise vehicles used by the works contractor. For details on the bellmouth and overrun area at the proposed permanent access, please refer to drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1016. 13. For details on the proposed permanent access to the co-located substations,
- please refer to drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1015. 14. Drainage features are shown indicatively only. Drainage at bellmouths to be confirmed, construction boundary may change subject to drainage strategy and



Proposed tail of temporary bellmouth at the cable haul road Existing surface water ditch / watercourse (@ scales 1:750 / 1:1000) Assumed existing surface water ditch / watercourse (@ scales 1:750 /

— Assumed existing culvert below road Proposed permanent swale / infiltration ditch

Proposed permanent drainage pipework / culvert

Proposed permanent drainage headwall Indicative fenceline at co-located substations permanent access Indicative gate at co-located substations permanent access

Visibility splays for an X=2.4m setback from stopping line Extents of vegetation clearance for full visibility at X=2.4m setback Visibility splays for an X=9m setback from stopping line

Further extents of vegetation clearance for full visibility at X=9m setback Swept path - wheels (red) and vehicle body overswing (green) paths Envelope of vehicle body swept path

Proposed location for a potential cycle track installation

Reference drawings

OS map Essex County Council Private Rights of Way Cable Route_Draft_Ardleigh_Rd_Update_Rev1_Opt.B (230628)

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02	15/12/2023	SAP	Ardleigh Rd widening updated w/ NG inform.	JW	AFC

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Co-located AIS Substations Early Design Temporary and Permanent Access Junction with Ardleigh Road

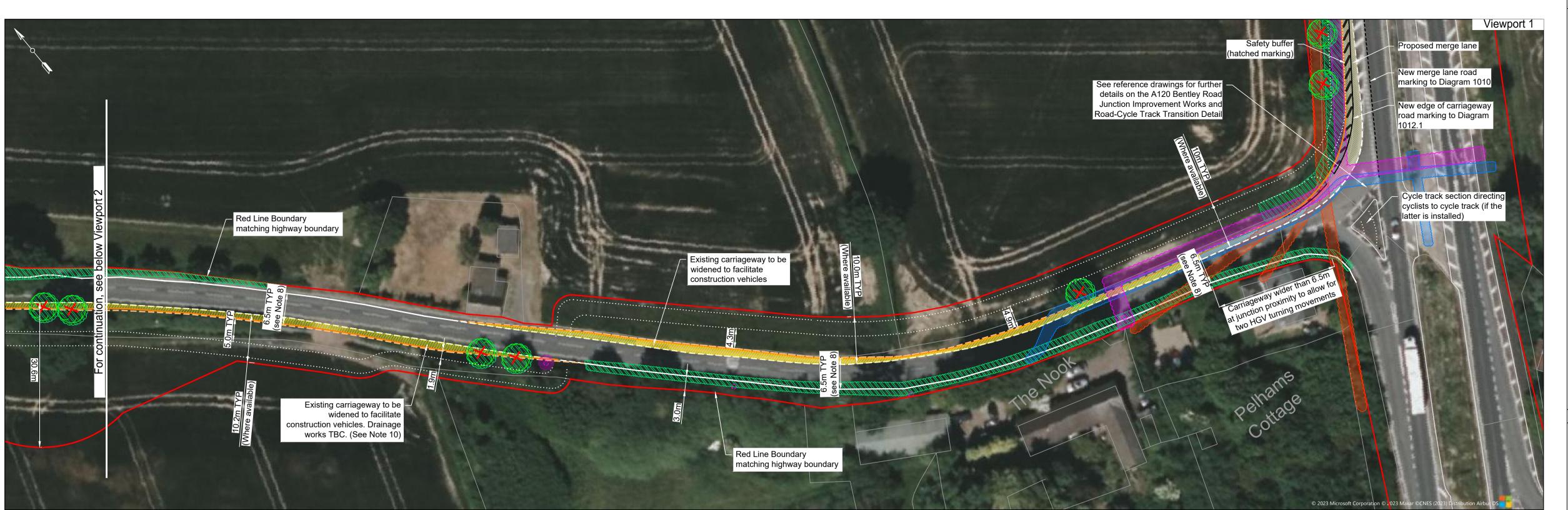
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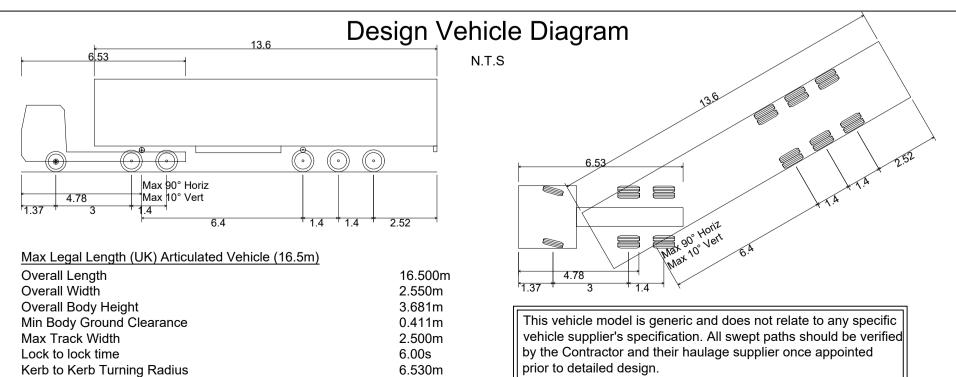
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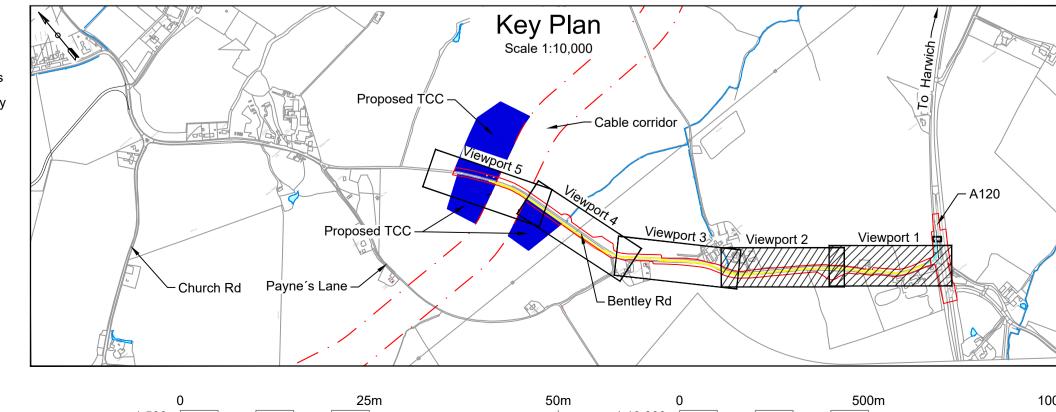






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- Existing trees to be removed (subject to detailed survey)
- Assumed location of existing electricity / communication poles
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Proposed carriageway widening at Bentley Rd for a width of 6.5m Proposed new carriageway edge (indicative) for a width of 6.75m Proposed location for a potential cycle track installation Proposed carriageway widening at junction with the A120

> Existing surface water wide ditch / watercourse to remain Utility diversion or undergrounding required (Comms)

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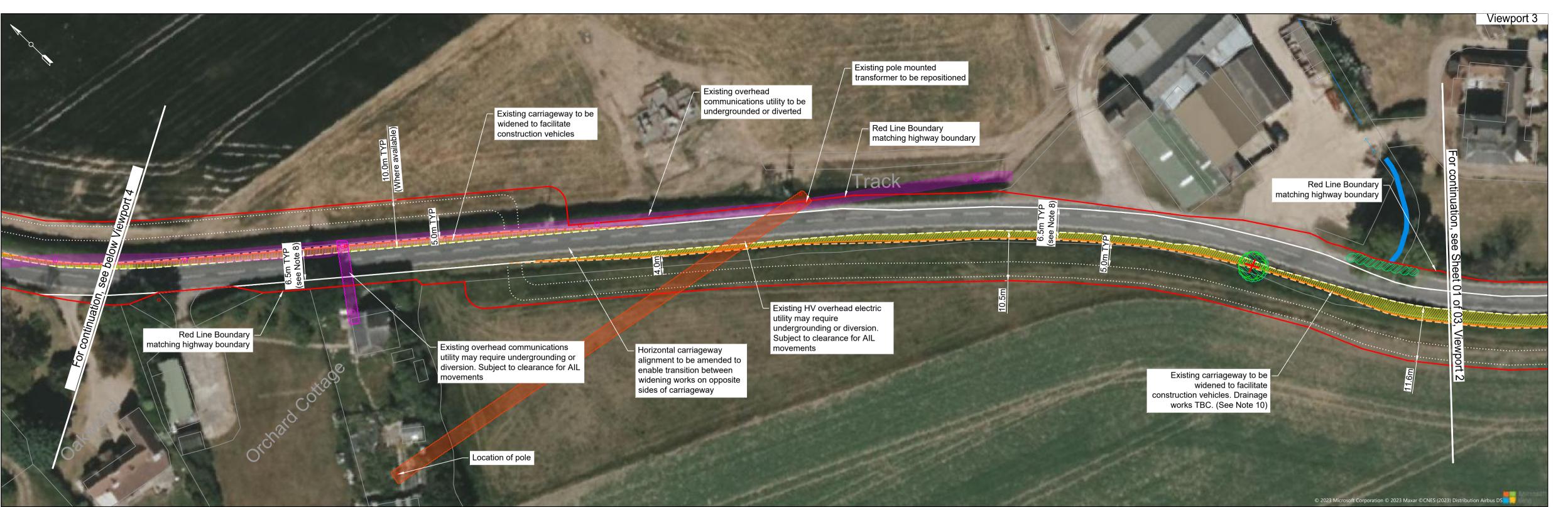
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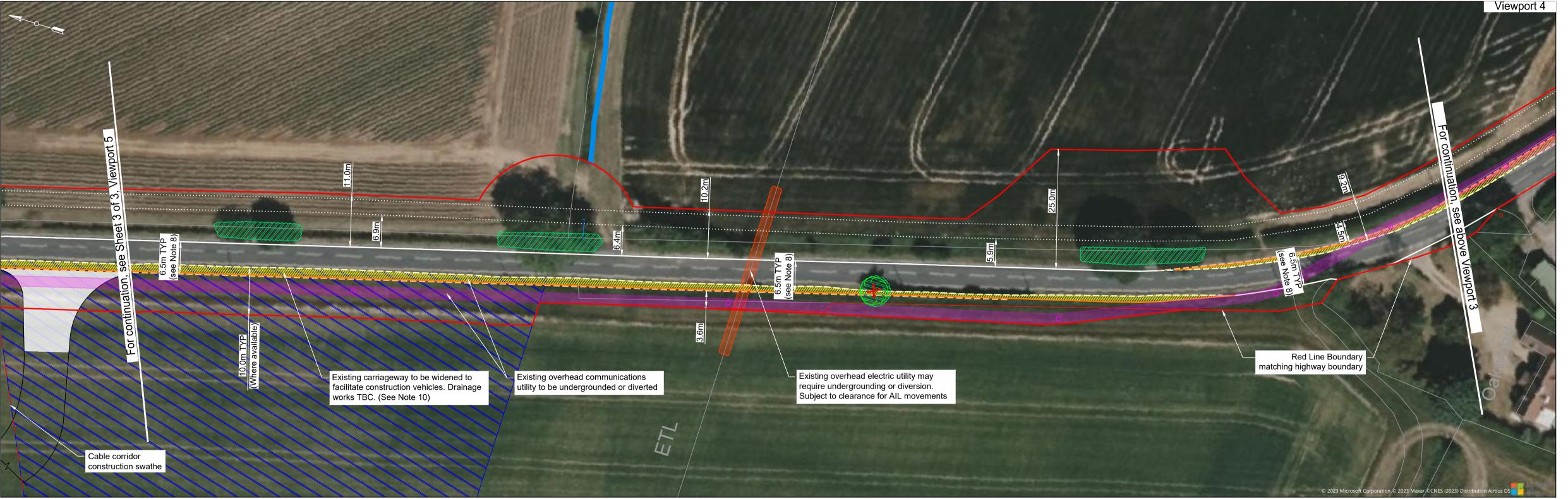
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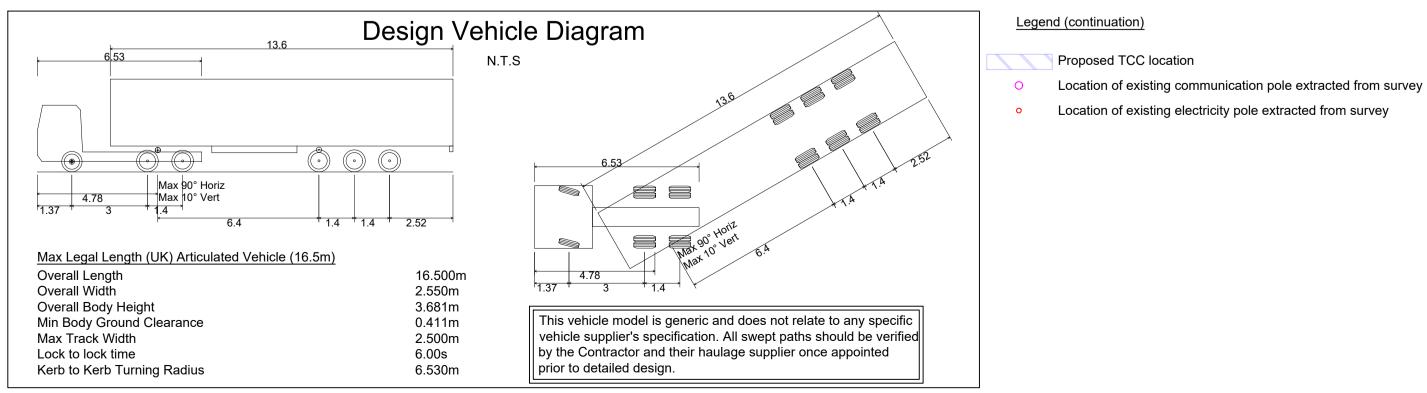
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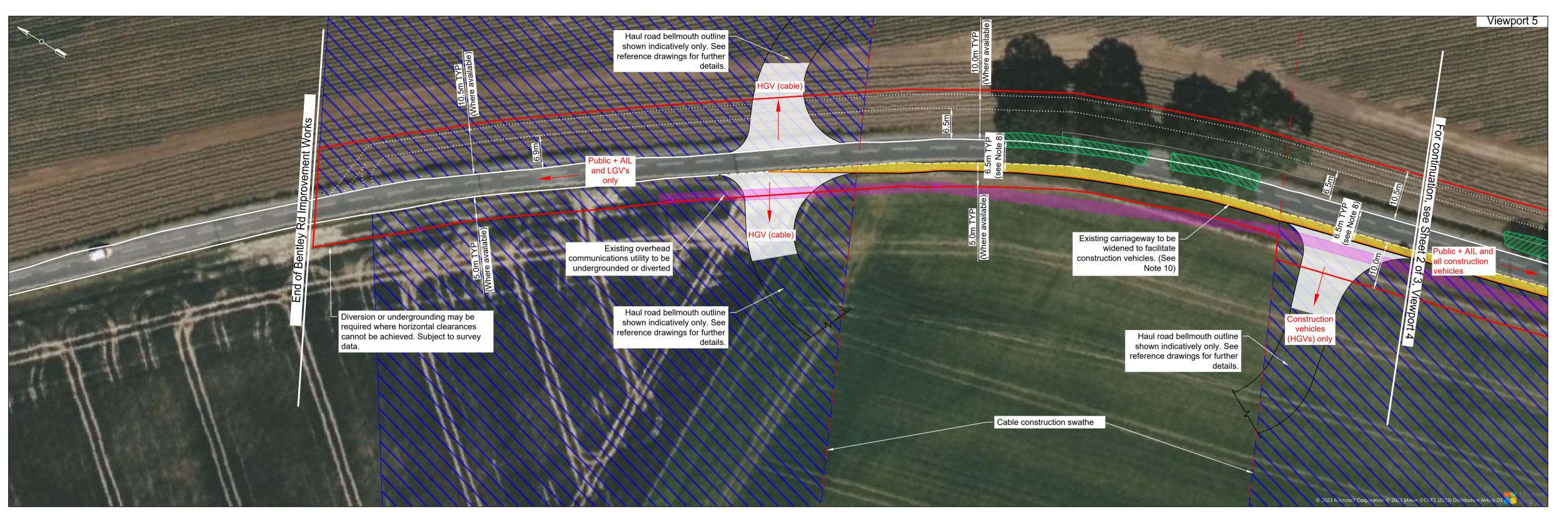
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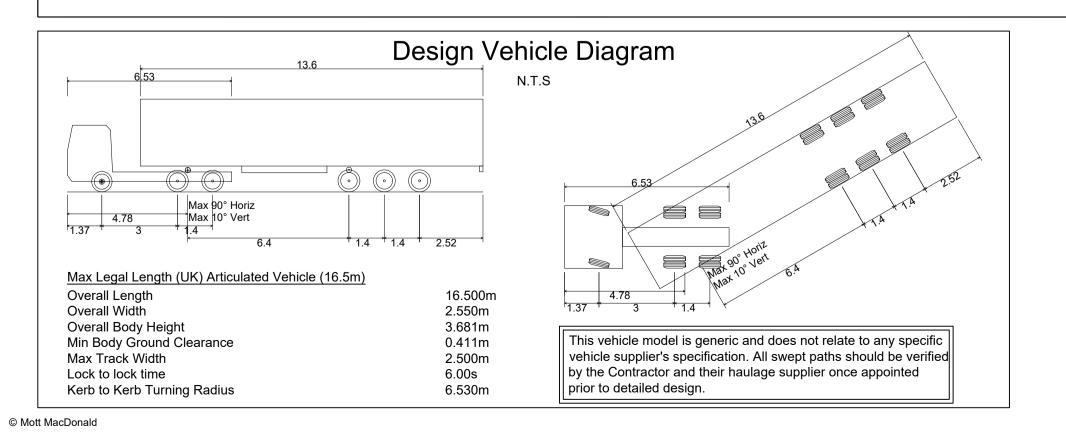
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Utility diversion or undergrounding required (Comms)

Proposed location for a potential cycle track installation

Location of existing communication pole extracted from survey Vegetation / trees to be trimmed

Proposed TCC location

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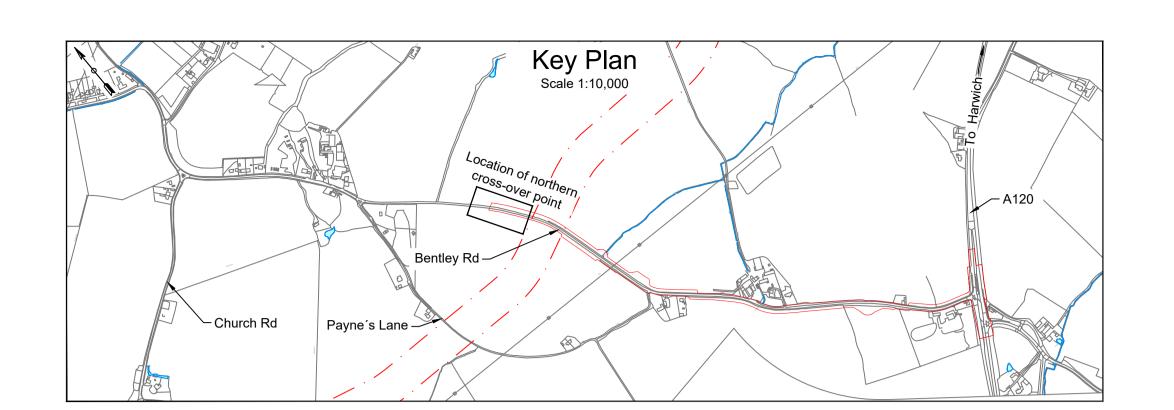
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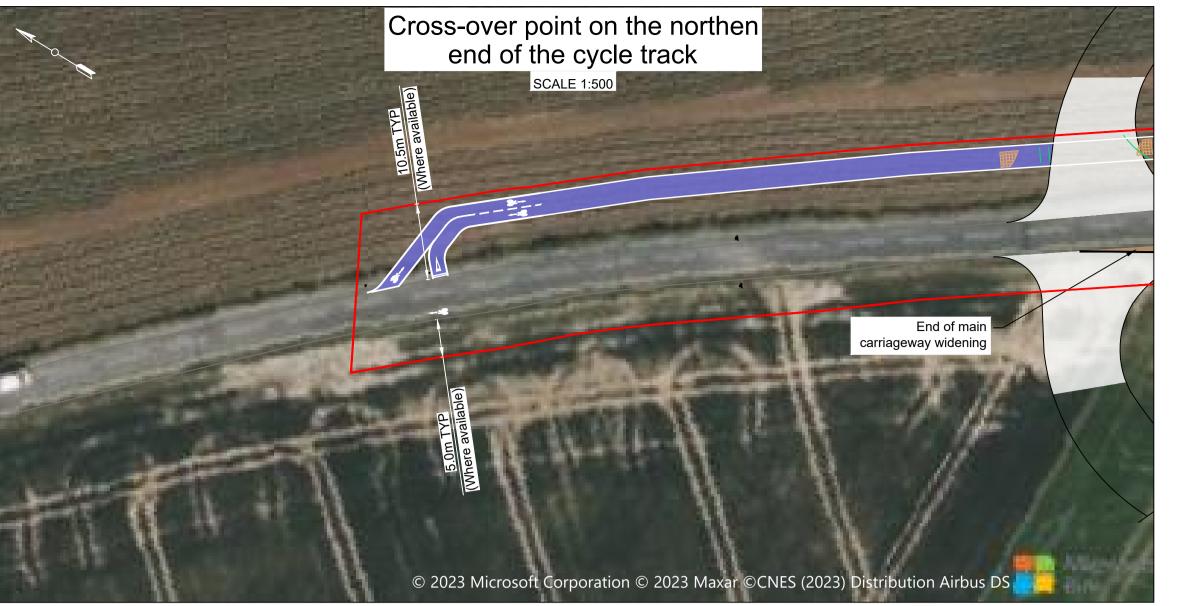
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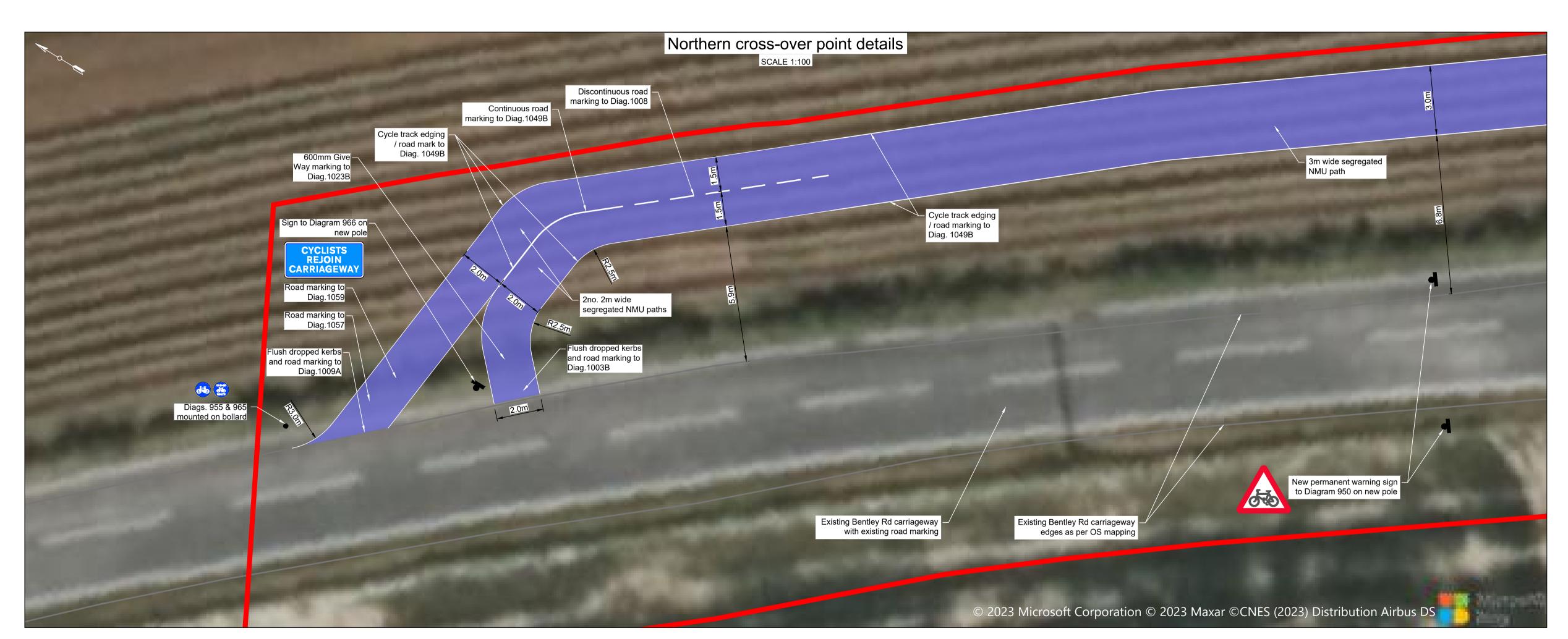
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Red Line Boundary for Works in Bentley Road Existing carriageway edges from OS mapping

Proposed cycle track carriageway edges / road markings Proposed cycle track carriageway surface

Proposed upright sign mounted on pole Proposed signing bollard

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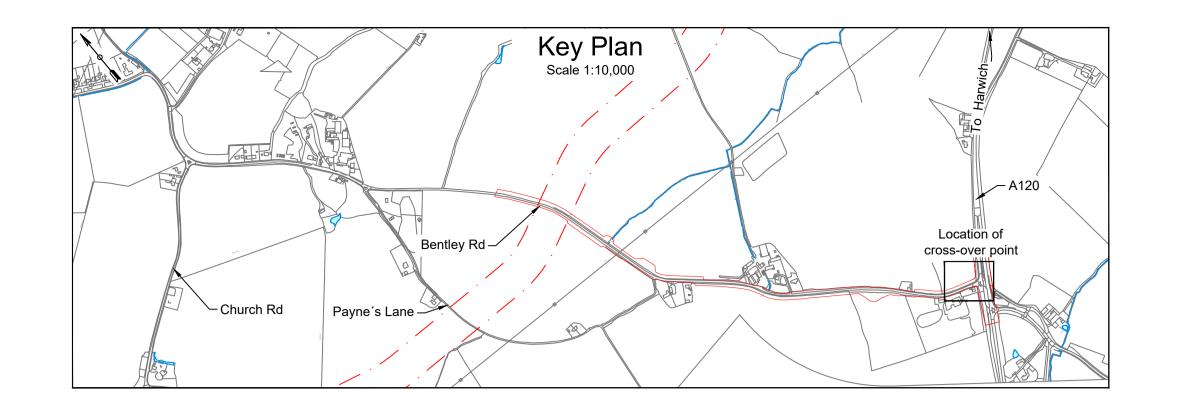
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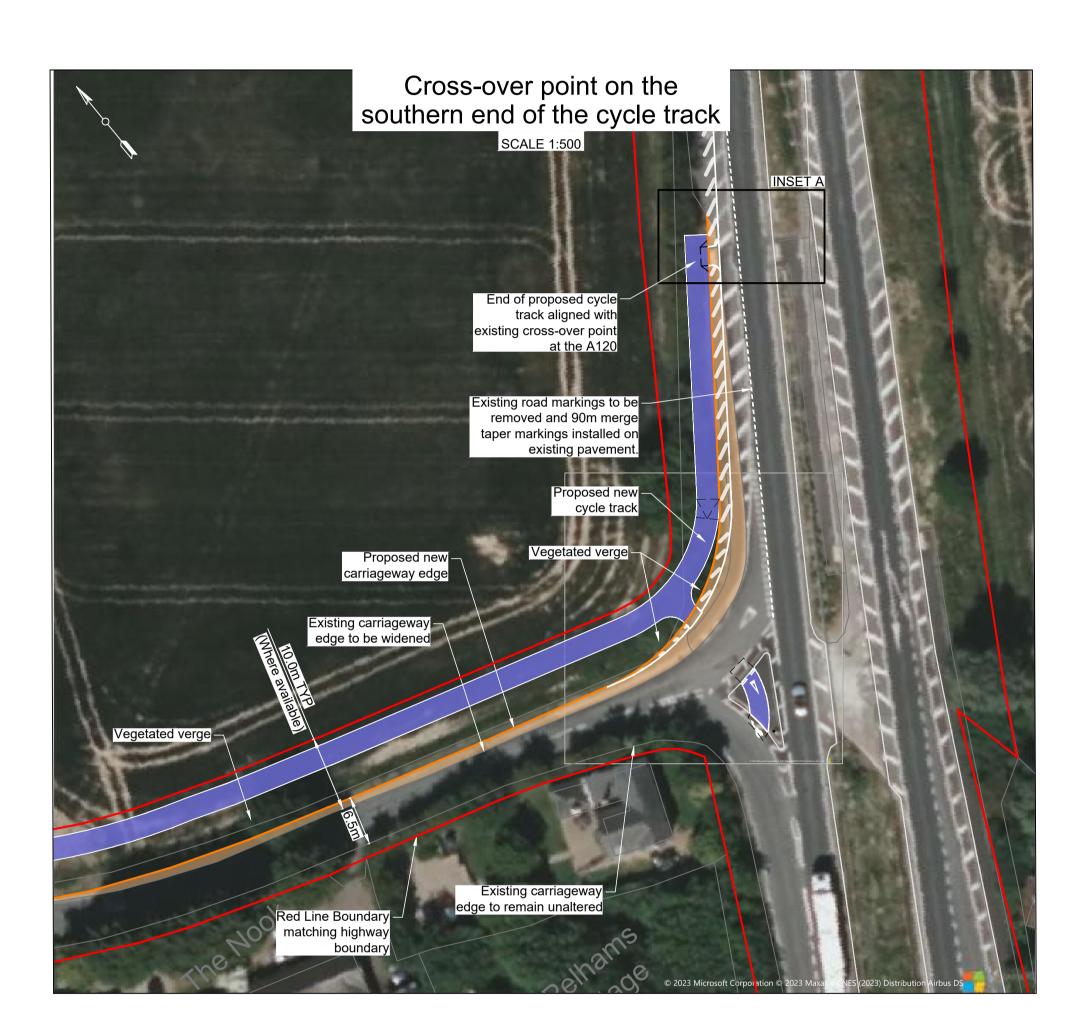
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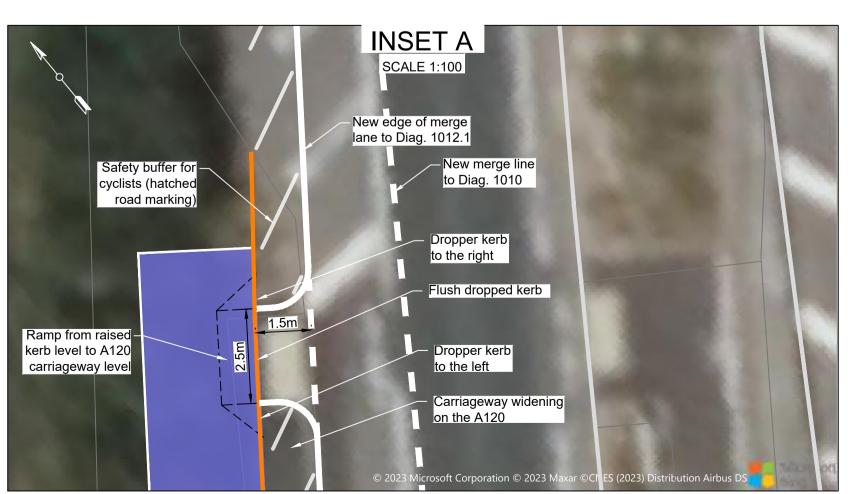
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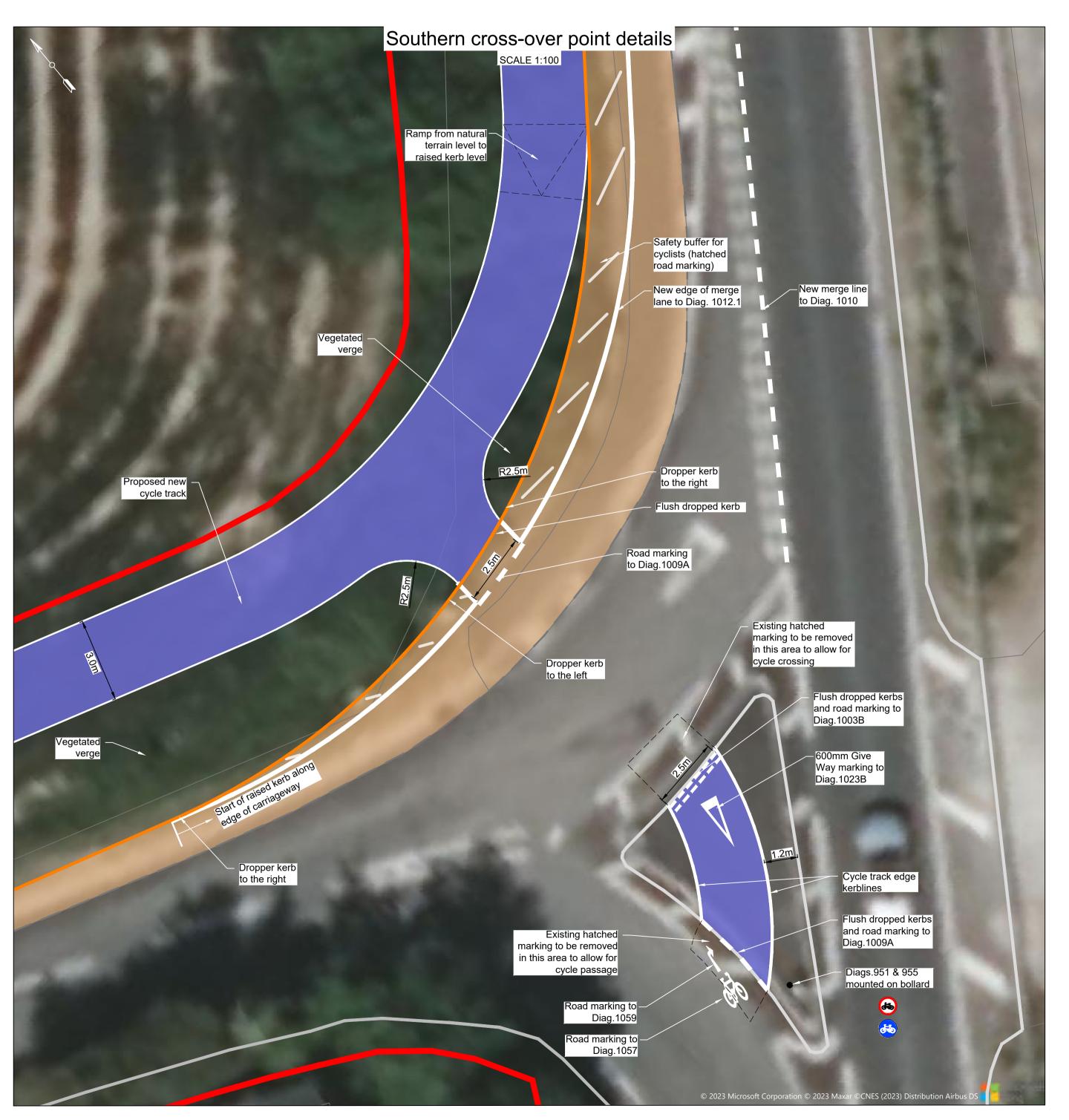
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Legend:

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Existing carriageway edge from OS mapping to be widened

Proposed new carriageway edge

Proposed new carriageway widening

Proposed cycle track carriageway edging

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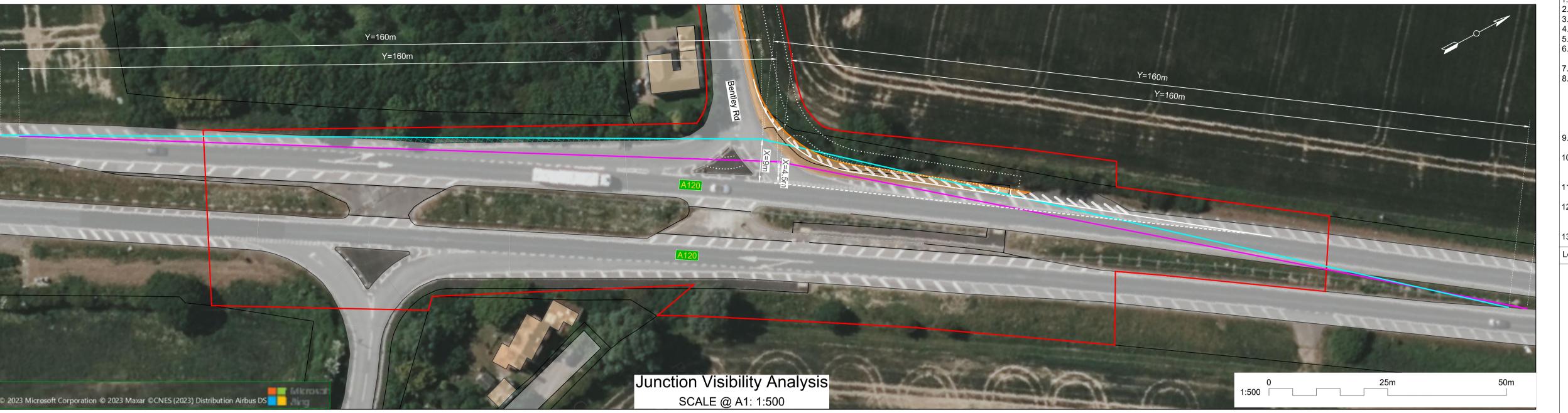
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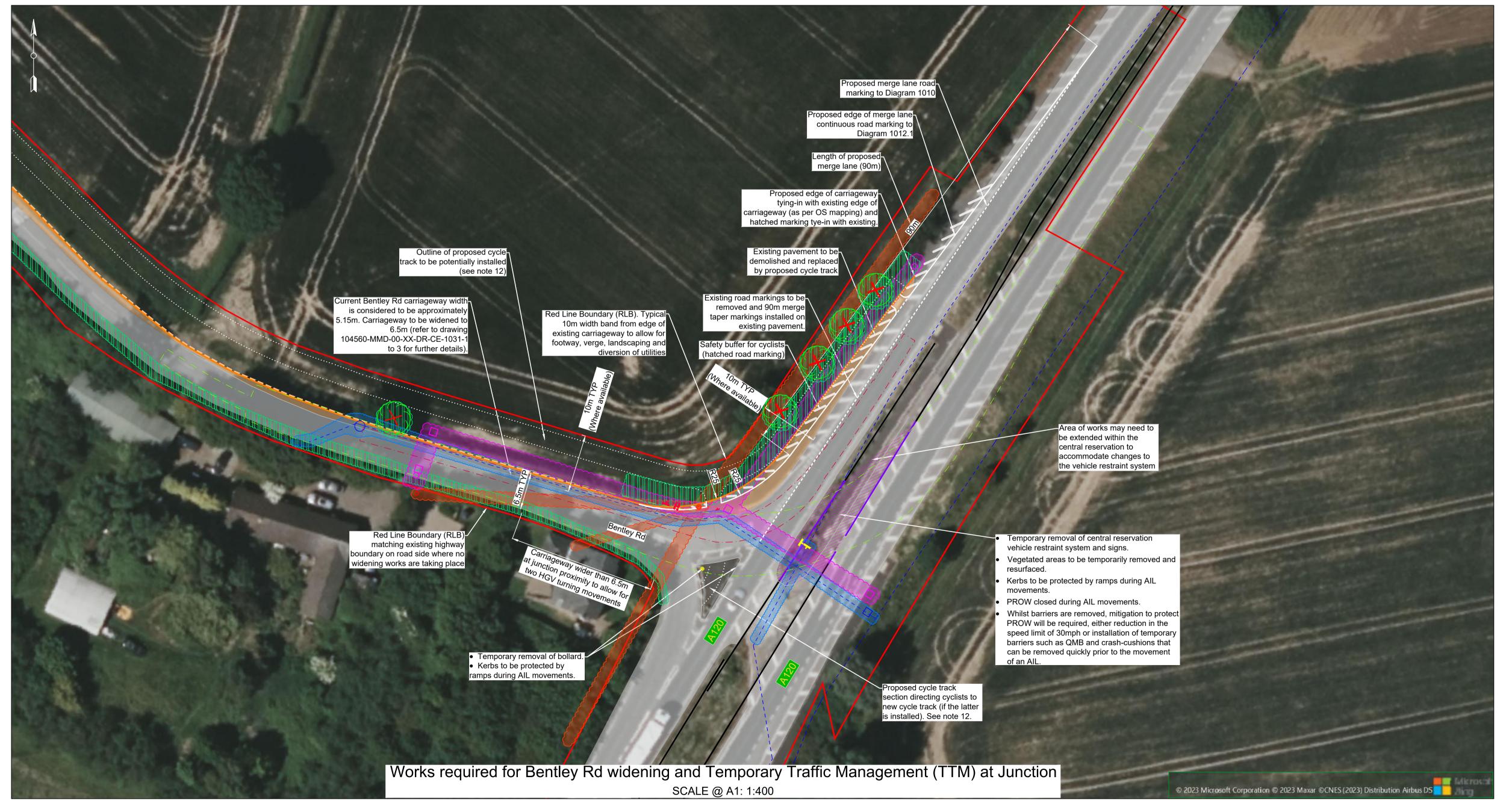
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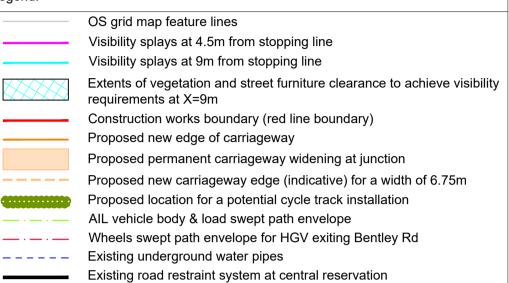


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Existing road restraint system elements to be temporarily removed

Area of works in central reservation for TTM Existing road signs to be removed during AIL movements Existing road signs to be relocated for road widening Existing bollard to be removed during AIL movements

> Electricity pole to be relocated (location extracted from Survey) Utility diversion or undergrounding required (Comms) Utility diversion or undergrounding required (Electricity)

> > Water pipe protection or diversion required

Vegetation / trees to be trimmed (or removed if on side to be widened; subject to detailed survey) Existing trees to be removed (subject to detailed survey)

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Reference drawings

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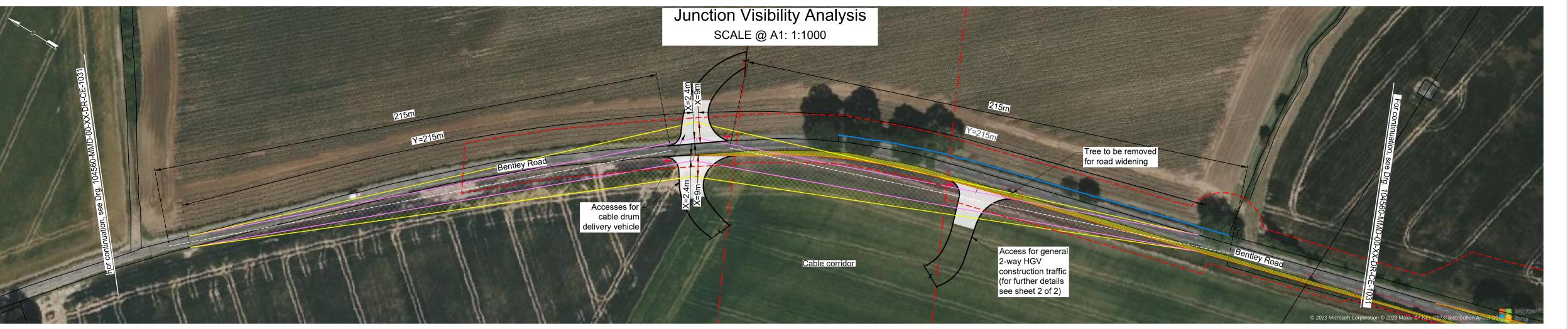
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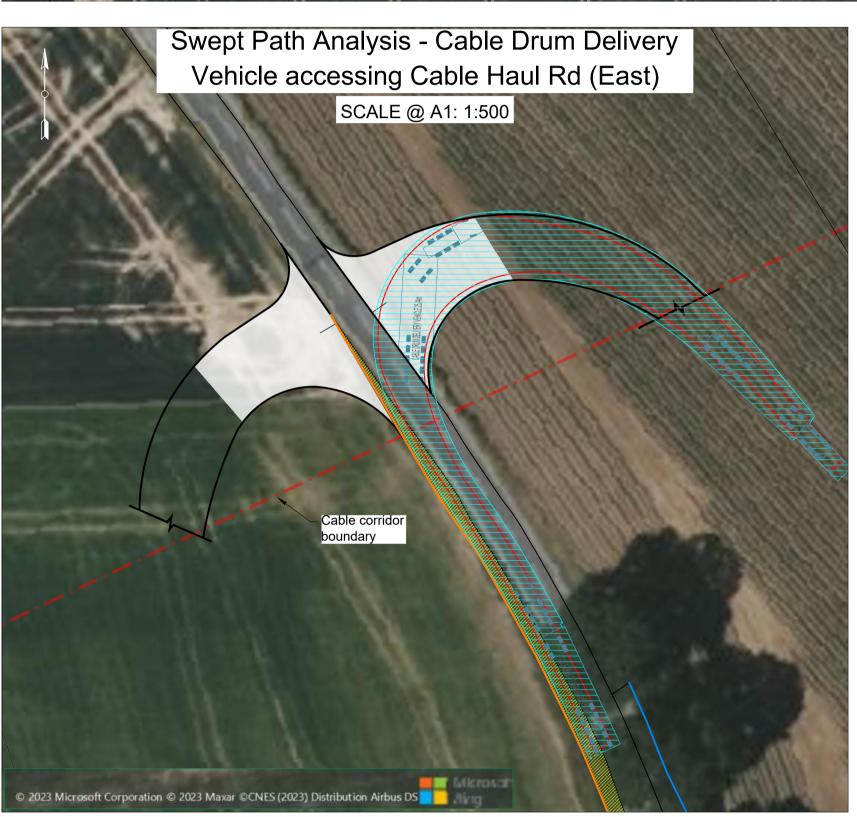
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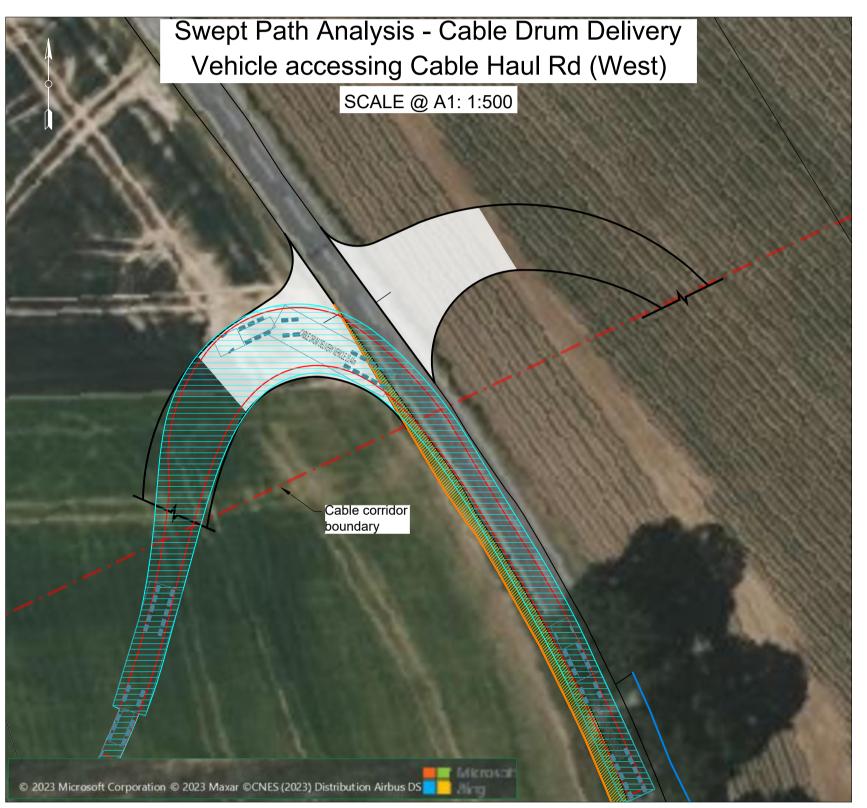
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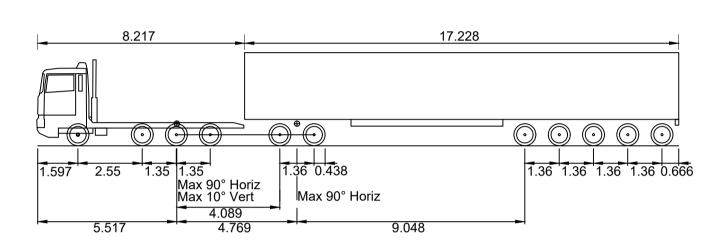
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CABLE DRUM DELIVERY VEHICLE 25.44m

Overall Length 25.440m

Overall Width 4.500m

Overall Body Height 3.695m

Min Body Ground Clearance 0.332m

Track Width 2.500m

Lock to lock time 6.00s

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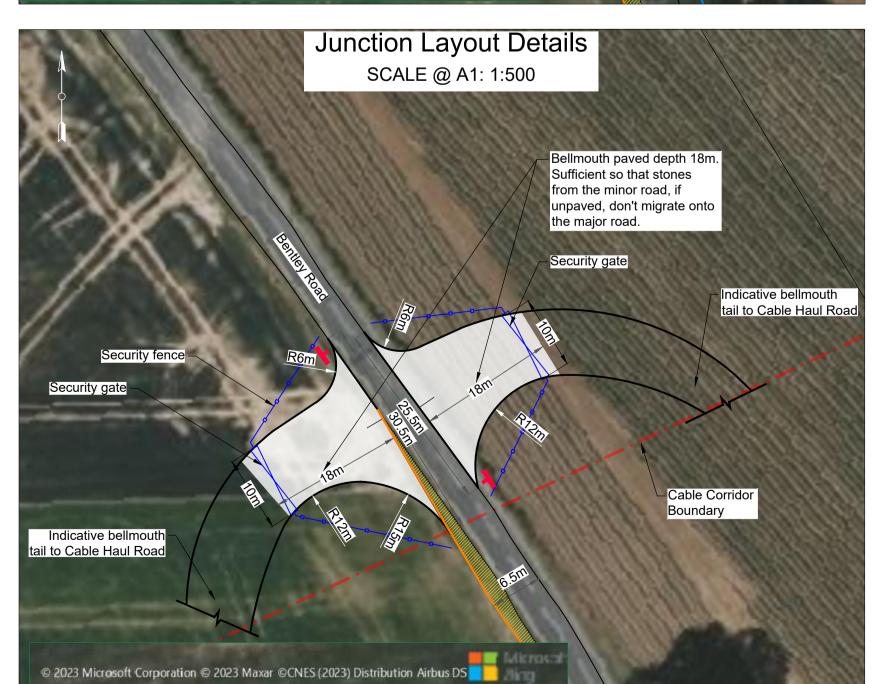
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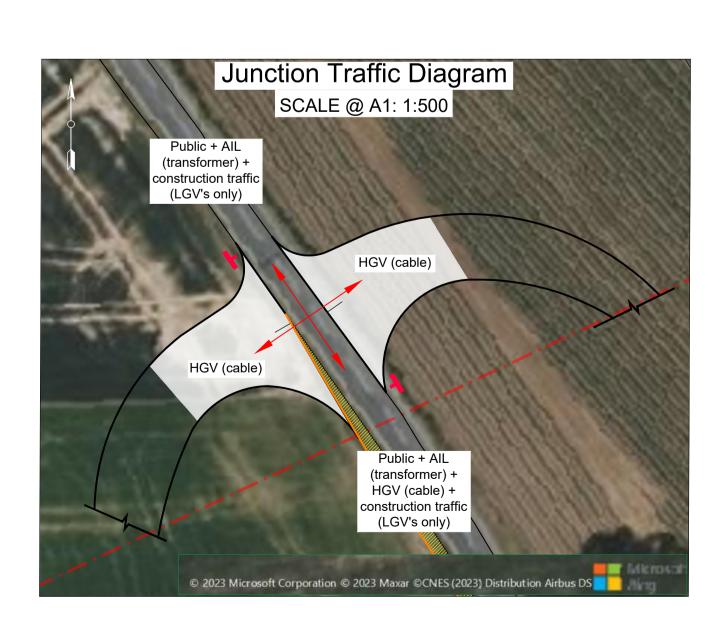
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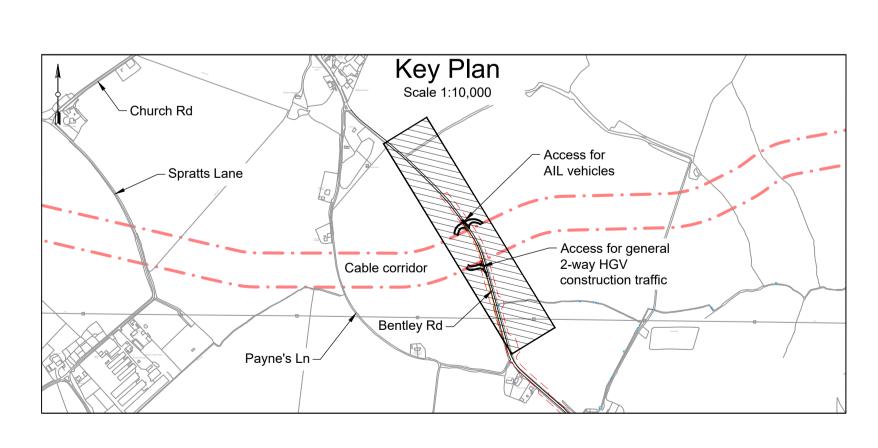
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Swept Path Analysis - Vehicle Details

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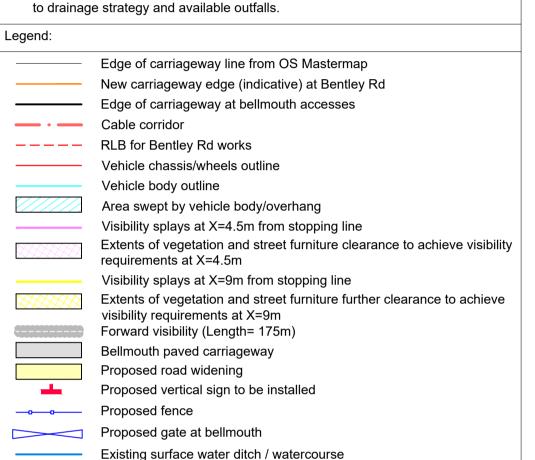
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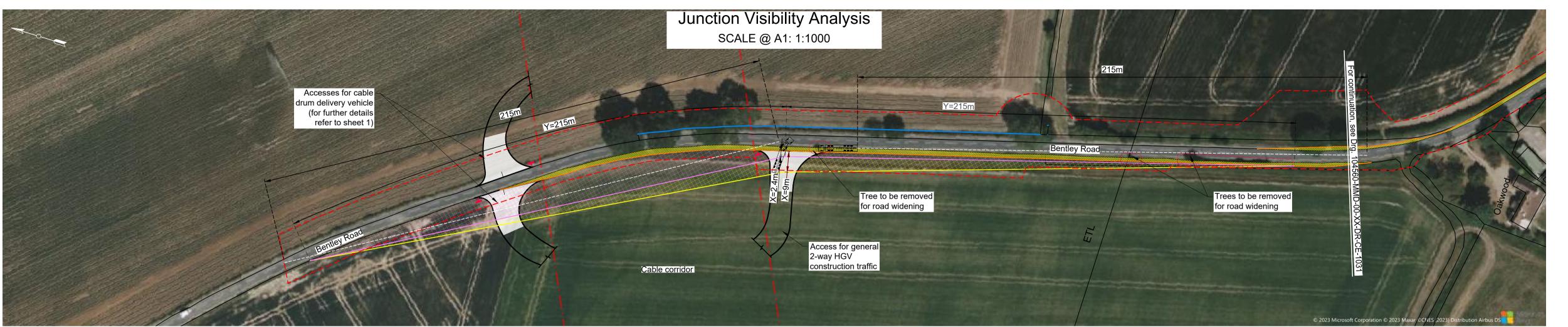
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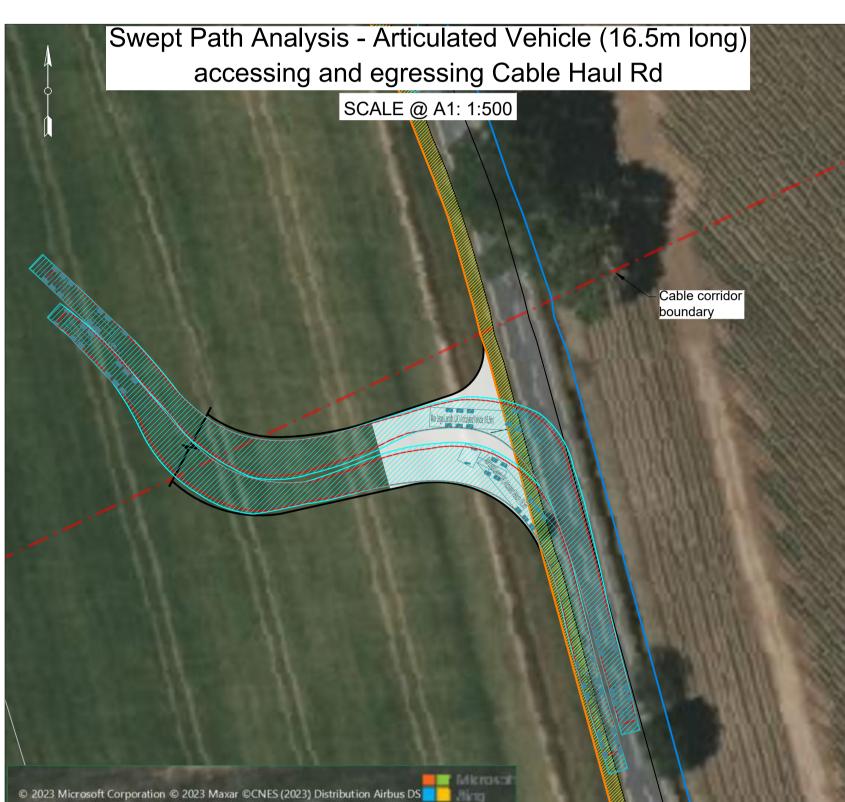
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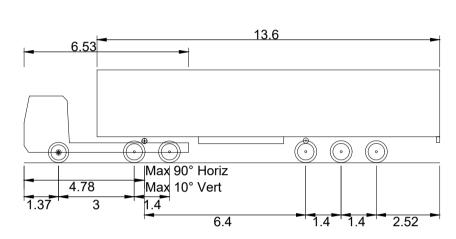
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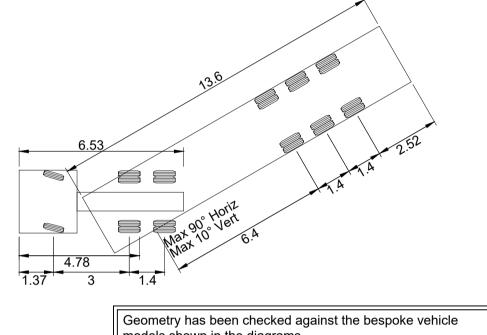
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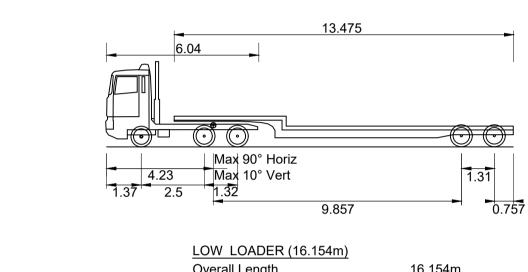
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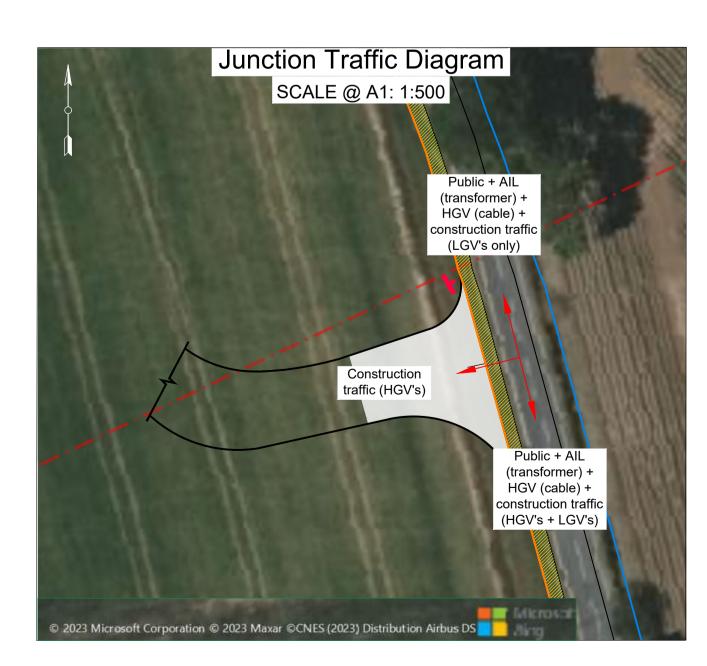
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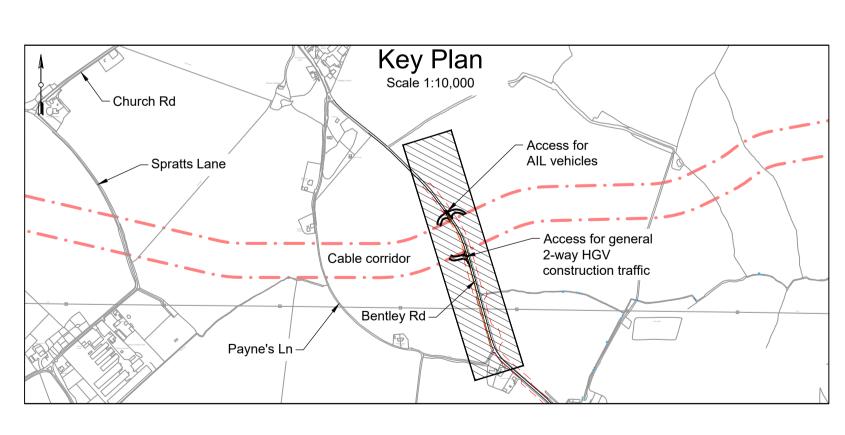


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movements of the forementioned vehicles.

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subject to drainage strategy and available outfalls.

Vehicle chassis/wheels outline

Area swept by vehicle body/overhang

Visibility splays at X=4.5m from stopping line

Visibility splays at X=9m from stopping line

Extents of vegetation and street furniture clearance to achieve visibility

Extents of vegetation and street furniture further clearance to achieve

Vehicle body outline

requirements at X=4.5m

visibility requirements at X=9m

Bellmouth paved carriageway

Proposed road widening

Proposed fence Proposed gate at bellmouth

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Forward visibility (Length= 175m)

Proposed vertical sign to be installed

Existing surface water ditch / watercourse

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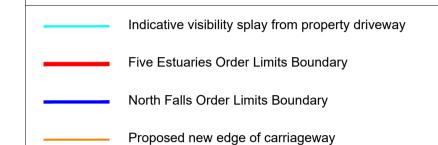
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2m shift of carriageway

Proposed permanent carriageway widening at junction

___ Cycle path

Reference drawings

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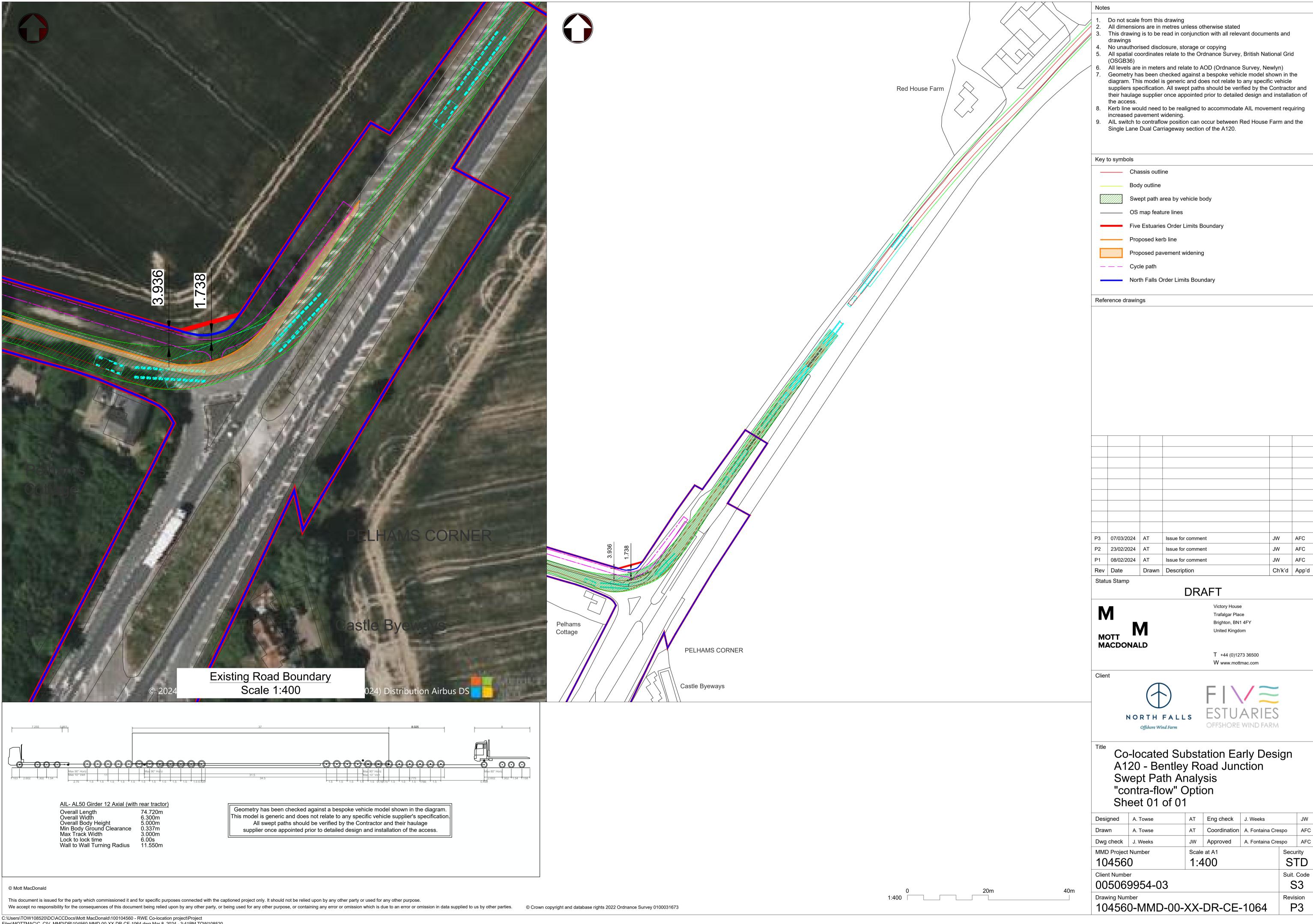
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Appendix E: Stage 1 Road Safety Audits





Stage 1 Road Safety Audit

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

RSA	Road Safety Audit	
DMRB	Design Manual for Roads and Bridges	
MfS	Manual for Streets	
PIC	Personal Injury Collisions	
DfS	Departures from Standards	
SPA	Swept Path Analysis	



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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report results from a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit carried out on Tuesday 17th October 2023. The RSA was carried out on behalf of RWE. The Overseeing Organisation for this Stage 1 is Essex County Council.
- 1.2 An Audit Brief was prepared by Daniel Moran of SLR Consulting Ltd on 13th September 2023. This Audit Brief was formally accepted by the Audit Team on the same date.
- 1.3 This Road Safety Audit team was as follows:

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Sasha Respini, BSc (Hons), MSc, MCIHT, MSoRSA Audit Team Member Principal Transport Planner SLR Consulting Ltd

- 1.4 A site visits were undertaken by the Audit Team on Wednesday 20th September 2023, between the hours of 12:00pm and 16:00pm. The weather at the time of the visit was overcast with light rain and the carriageway surface was generally dry. Vehicular traffic levels were considered to be low. There were no pedestrian and no cyclist movements observed during this time.
- 1.5 Site location plans can be found at **Appendix A** of this report.
- 1.6 The terms of reference of the Road Safety Audit are as described in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) Standard, GG119 Road Safety Audit.
- 1.7 The Audit Team has examined and reported only on the road safety implications of the scheme as presented and has not examined or verified the compliance of the designs to any other criteria. However, to clearly explain a safety problem or the recommendation to resolve a problem the Audit Team may, on occasion, have referred to a design standard without touching on technical audit.
- 1.8 A table of documents submitted for this Stage 1 RSA can be found in **Appendix B**.
- 1.9 The scheme subject to Stage 1 RSA comprises a number of construction access junctions and haul road crossings associated with the installation of an export cable to carry power from a proposed offshore windfarm located off the coast of Essex. These access points and haul roads will be required for a period of approximately 18 months. Access have been constructed to both DMRB and MfS design standards.
- 1.10 Submitted design drawings have been annotated to show the locations of any problems identified during this Stage 1 RSA. These plans can be found at **Appendix C**.
- 1.11 Whilst recommendations have been made within this report, there may be equally satisfactory alternatives. The Audit Team will be pleased to consider alternatives if required.



Departures from Standards

1.12 The Audit Team were not informed of any Departure from Standards (DfS) associated with the design proposals.



2.0 Matters arising from this Stage 1 RSA

Location AC1 - B1032 - General Arrangement

2.1 No road safety problems.

Location AC1 - B1032 - Swept Path Analysis

2.2 No road safety problems.



Location AC2 - B1032 - General Arrangement

2.3 No road safety problems.

Location AC2 - B1032 - Swept Path Analysis

2.4 No road safety problems.



Location AC3 – B1033 / Thorpe Road - General Arrangement

2.5 Problem.

Location: B1033 Thorpe Road access arrangements.

Summary: Drainage ditches either side of the carriageway may lead to loss of control type

collisions.

Onsite observations found that there were drainage ditches running alongside the carriageway in the proposed location of the site access junctions. These ditches are not shown on design drawings to be culverted. This arrangement may lead to vehicles wishing to access / egress the site dropping a wheel into the existing ditches potentially leading to loss of control type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that any access point which crossed an existing drainage facility is appropriately culverted to ensure HGV's can access the site without loss of control issues.

Location AC3 - B1033 / Thorpe Road - Swept Path Analysis

2.6 No road safety problems.



Location AC4 - B1035 / Tendring Road - General Arrangement

2.7 Problem.

Location: B1035 Tendring Road access arrangement.

Summary: Drainage ditches either side of the carriageway may lead to loss of control type

collisions.

Onsite observations found that there were drainage ditches running alongside the carriageway in the proposed location of the site access junctions. These ditches are not shown on design drawings to be culverted. This arrangement may lead to vehicles wishing to access / egress the site dropping a wheel into the existing ditches potentially leading to loss of control type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that any access point which crossed an existing drainage facility is appropriately culverted to ensure HGV's can access the site without loss of control issues.

2.8 Problem.

Location: B1035 Tendring Road access arrangement.

Summary: The level difference between the carriageway and site could result in loss of

control or side swipe type collisions.

Onsite observations found that there was a difference in levels between the existing carriageway and the new access. The steep gradient may create difficulty for large construction vehicles wishing to access Tendring Road and may in turn lead to a lack of surface friction and slow egress movements potentially creating shunt / side swipe type collisions between egressing construction vehicles and vehicles travelling on Tendring Road.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the existing gradient be amended to an appropriate level for the restart movements of large vehicles accessing Tendring Road from the proposed site.



Location AC4 – B1035 / Tendring Road – Swept Path Analysis

2.9 No road safety problems.



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Location AC5 – B1035 / Thorpe Road - General Arrangement

2.10 Problem.

Location: Thorpe Road - both sides of the proposed access.

Summary: Signage obscured by vegetation leading to shunt type collisions or collisions

between vehicles and signage installations

Onsite observations found that there was limited room to mount signage posts on the edge of the carriageway without being obscured by existing vegetation. Obstruction to the signage may lead to injudicious vehicles movements at the transition point potentially leading to side swipe or shunt type collisions

between vehicles.

Recommendation.

It is recommended that the vegetation is cut back and maintained and that there is appropriate clearance to traffic such that the signage does not pose an obstruction to vehicles.

2.11 Problem.

Location: Proposed access.

Summary: Drainage ditches either side of the carriageway may lead to loss of control type

collisions.

Onsite observations found that there were drainage ditches running alongside the carriageway in the proposed location of the site access junctions. These ditches are not shown on design drawings to be culverted. This arrangement may lead to vehicles wishing to access / egress the site dropping a wheel into the existing ditches potentially leading to loss of control type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that any access point which crossed an existing drainage facility is appropriately culverted to ensure HGV's can access the site without loss of control issues.



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2.12 Problem.

Location: Proposed access.

Summary: Existing vegetation may obscure visibility splay to the west and east potentially leading to side swipe type collisions.

Onsite observations noted that the presence of existing vegetation may constitute an obstruction to the junction visibility. Design drawings show the visibility splay crossing the carriageway but does not account for the existing vegetation that overhangs at the existing field access point. Obstruction to junction visibility splays may lead to injudicious vehicles movements at the proposed junction potentially leading to side swipe type collisions between

vehicles.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the vegetation to the west and east of the site access junction be cut back and maintained such that it does not pose an obstruction to visibility splays.



Location AC5 - B1035 / Thorpe Road - Swept Path Analysis

2.13 No road safety problems.



Location AC7 – B1035 - General Arrangement

2.14 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: Public Right of Way (PRoW) route following the access route could lead to side

swipe type collisions.

An existing PRoW was signposted at the site access. The presence of this route could create a potential conflict between pedestrians and vehicles. Vulnerable road users may be at risk of being struck by turning vehicles or may inadvertently obstruct the path of the vehicles, increasing the likelihood of collisions due to the difference in speeds between vehicles and pedestrians.

Recommendation:

It is recommended to relocate the access or divert the PRoW to avoid potential collisions between vehicles and pedestrians.

Location AC7 - B1035 - Swept Path Analysis

2.15 No road safety problems.



Location AC8 – B1035 - General Arrangement

2.16 No road safety problems.

Location AC8 - B1035 - Swept Path Analysis

2.17 No road safety problems.



Location CR1 – Little Clacton Road - General Arrangement

2.18 Problem.

Location: Proposed access.

Summary: The position of the gate could cause rear end shunts.

The position of the proposed gate does not allow a vehicle to fully clear the main carriageway when waiting. There is no detail provided that shows the proposed operation of the gate features. Should they be closed for any reason their proposed locations may leave HGV's overhanging the public highway which may result in shunt / side swipe type collisions between vehicles.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the gates are relocated further back into the site such that if a gate is closed for any reason, an HGV can still clear the public highway before stopping.

2.19 Problem.

Location: Proposed access.

Summary: The position of the gate could cause rear end shunts.

The position of the proposed gate does not allow a vehicle to fully clear the main carriageway when waiting. There is no detail provided that shows the proposed operation of the gate features. Should they be closed for any reason their proposed locations may leave HGV's overhanging the public highway which may result in shunt / side swipe type collisions between vehicles.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the gates are relocated further back into the site such that if a gate is closed for any reason, an HGV can still clear the public highway before stopping.



2.20 Problem.

Location: Proposed access.

Summary: Drainage ditches either side of the carriageway may lead to loss of control type

collisions.

Onsite observations found that there were drainage ditches running alongside the carriageway in the proposed location of the site access junctions. These ditches are not shown on design drawings to be culverted. This arrangement may lead to vehicles wishing to access / egress the site dropping a wheel into the existing ditches potentially leading to loss of control type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that any access point which crossed an existing drainage facility is appropriately culverted to ensure HGV's can access the site without loss of control issues.



Location CR3 – B1034 /Sneating Hall Lane - General Arrangement

2.21 Problem.

Location: General.

Summary: Low overhead cables could lead to damage to vehicles.

Onsite observations found that there were existing low hanging overhead cables parallel to the carriageway in the position of the proposed access. This could cause damage to vehicles and their occupants or could potentially cause congestion as vehicles manoeuvred around them, leading to side swipe or rear end shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a safe clearance height is provided and maintained, especially within the vicinity of the proposed site access.

2.22 Problem.

Location: B1034 / Sneating Hall Lane proposed access.

Summary: No information provided with regards to control of junctions and gates may lead to vehicles being left straddling the public highway at risk of shunt / side swipe

collisions between vehicles.

Vehicles travelling along the B1034 / Sneating Hall Lane may not be aware of crossing HGV movements. There are no details provided which might indicate the operation of gates and therefore no certainty that vehicles may cross the public highway unassisted. These arrangements may lead to HGV's straddling the public highway with approaching vehicles unaware of this potential hazard which may in turn lead to side swipe / shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a control measure is introduced to ensure gates are open for crossing vehicles and that approaching vehicles on the public highway are given advanced warning of the potential for HGV traffic to be crossing the public highway.



2.23 Problem.

Location: Proposed access.

Summary: Drainage ditches either side of the carriageway may lead to loss of control type

collisions.

Onsite observations found that there were drainage ditches running alongside the carriageway in the proposed location of the site access junctions. These ditches are not shown on design drawings to be culverted. This arrangement may lead to vehicles wishing to access / egress the site dropping a wheel into the existing ditches potentially leading to loss of control type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that any access point which crossed an existing drainage facility is appropriately culverted to ensure HGV's can access the site without loss of control issues.



Location CR4 – Damant's Farm Lane - General Arrangement

2.24 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: No information provided with regards to control of junctions and gates may lead

to vehicles being left straddling the public highway at risk of shunt / side swipe

collisions between vehicles.

Vehicles travelling along the Damant's Farm Lane may not be aware of crossing HGV movements. There are no details provided which might indicate the operation of gates and therefore no certainty that vehicles may cross the public highway unassisted. These arrangements may lead to HGV's straddling the public highway with approaching vehicles unaware of this potential hazard which may in turn lead to side swipe / shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a control measure is introduced to ensure gates are open for crossing vehicles and that approaching vehicles on the public highway are given advanced warning of the potential for HGV traffic to be crossing the public highway.



Location CR5 – B1414 / Andermere Road - General Arrangement

2.25 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: Public Right of Way (PRoW) route following the access route could lead to side

swipe type collisions.

An existing PRoW was signposted at the site access. The presence of this route could create a potential conflict between pedestrians / cyclists and vehicles. Vulnerable road users may be at risk of being struck by turning vehicles or may inadvertently obstruct the path of the vehicles, increasing the likelihood of collisions due to the difference in speeds between vehicles and pedestrians.

Recommendation:

It is recommended to relocate the access or divert the PRoW to avoid potential collisions between vehicles and pedestrians / cyclists.

2.26 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: The position of the gate could cause rear end shunts.

The position of the proposed gate does not allow a vehicle to fully clear the main carriageway when waiting. There is no detail provided that shows the proposed operation of the gate features. Should they be closed for any reason their proposed locations may leave HGV's overhanging the public highway which may result in shunt / side swipe type collisions between vehicles.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the gates are relocated further back into the site such that if a gate is closed for any reason, an HGV can still clear the public highway before stopping.



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2.27 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: No information provided with regards to control of junctions and gates may lead

to vehicles being left straddling the public highway at risk of shunt / side swipe

collisions between vehicles.

Vehicles travelling along the B1414 may not be aware of crossing HGV movements. There are no details provided which might indicate the operation of gates and therefore no certainty that vehicles may cross the public highway unassisted. These arrangements may lead to HGV's straddling the public highway with approaching vehicles unaware of this potential hazard which may in turn lead to side swipe / shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a control measure is introduced to ensure gates are open for crossing vehicles and that approaching vehicles on the public highway are given advanced warning of the potential for HGV traffic to be crossing the public highway.



Location CR6a – Golden Lane - General Arrangement – Traffic Signals

2.28 Problem.

Location: Proposed access.

Summary: The position of the gate could cause rear end shunts.

The position of the proposed gate does not allow a vehicle to fully clear the main carriageway when waiting. There is no detail provided that shows the proposed operation of the gate features. Should they be closed for any reason their proposed locations may leave HGV's overhanging the public highway which may result in shunt / side swipe type collisions between vehicles.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the gates are relocated further back into the site such that if a gate is closed for any reason, an HGV can still clear the public highway before stopping.



Location CR6b - Golden Lane - General Arrangement - Priority

2.29 Problem.

Location: Golden Lane proposed access.

Summary: No information provided with regards to control of junctions and gates may lead

to vehicles being left straddling the public highway at risk of shunt / side swipe

collisions between vehicles.

Vehicles travelling along Golden Lane may not be aware of crossing HGV movements. There are no details provided which might indicate the operation of gates and therefore no certainty that vehicles may cross the public highway unassisted. These arrangements may lead to HGV's straddling the public highway with approaching vehicles unaware of this potential hazard which may

in turn lead to side swipe / shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a control measure is introduced to ensure gates are open for crossing vehicles and that approaching vehicles on the public highway are given advanced warning of the potential for HGV traffic to be crossing the public highway.

2.30 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: The position of the proposed gate obstructs incoming construction vehicles

when closed which may lead to shunt type collisions on Golden Lane.

A proposed gate is shown on each priority and it is unclear from the drawings whether a construction vehicle will be able to pull off the main carriageway and wait without causing an obstruction on Little Clacton Road. This arrangement

may lead to shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the proposed gate is relocated to ensure that construction vehicles are able to leave Golden Lane unobstructed.



2.31 Problem.

Location: Golden Lane.

Summary: Signage obscured by vegetation leading to shunt type collisions or collisions

between vehicles and signage installations

Onsite observations found that there was limited room to mount signage posts on the edge of the carriageway without being obscured by existing vegetation. Obstruction to the signage may lead to injudicious vehicles movements at the transition point potentially leading to side swipe or shunt type collisions

between vehicles.

Recommendation.

It is recommended that the vegetation is cut back and maintained and that there is appropriate clearance to traffic such that the signage does not pose an obstruction to vehicles.



Location CR7 – Lodge Lane - General Arrangement

2.32 Problem.

Location: Proposed access.

Summary: No information provided with regards to control of junctions and gates may lead

to vehicles being left straddling the public highway at risk of shunt / side swipe

collisions between vehicles.

Vehicles travelling along Lodge Lane may not be aware of crossing HGV movements. There are no details provided which might indicate the operation of gates and therefore no certainty that vehicles may cross the public highway unassisted. These arrangements may lead to HGV's straddling the public highway with approaching vehicles unaware of this potential hazard which may

in turn lead to side swipe / shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a control measure is introduced to ensure gates are open for crossing vehicles and that approaching vehicles on the public highway are given advanced warning of the potential for HGV traffic to be crossing the public highway.

2.33 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: The position of the proposed gate obstructs incoming construction vehicles

when closed which may lead to shunt type collisions on Lodge Lane.

A proposed gate is shown on each priority and it is unclear from the drawings whether a construction vehicle will be able to pull off the main carriageway and wait without causing an obstruction on Lodge Lane. This arrangement may lead

to shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the proposed gate is relocated to ensure that construction vehicles are able to leave Lodge Lane unobstructed.



2.34 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: The level difference between the carriageway and site could result in loss of

control or side swipe type collisions.

Onsite observations found that there was a difference in levels between the existing carriageway and the new access. The steep gradient may create difficulty for large construction vehicles wishing to access Lodge Lane and may in turn lead to a lack of surface friction and slow egress movements potentially creating shunt / side swipe type collisions between egressing construction vehicles and vehicles travelling on Lodge Lane.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the existing gradient be amended to an appropriate level for the restart movements of large vehicles accessing Lodge Lane from the proposed site.

2.35 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: Drainage ditches either side of the carriageway may lead to loss of control type

collisions.

Onsite observations found that there were drainage ditches running alongside the carriageway in the proposed location of the site access junctions. These ditches are not shown on design drawings to be culverted. This arrangement may lead to vehicles wishing to access / egress the site dropping a wheel into the existing ditches potentially leading to loss of control type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that any access point which crossed an existing drainage facility is appropriately culverted to ensure HGV's can access the site without loss of control issues.



Location CR8 P1 – Stones Green Road - General Arrangement

2.36 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: No information provided with regards to control of junctions and gates may lead

to vehicles being left straddling the public highway at risk of shunt / side swipe

collisions between vehicles.

Vehicles travelling along Stones Green Road may not be aware of crossing HGV movements. There are no details provided which might indicate the operation of gates and therefore no certainty that vehicles may cross the public highway unassisted. These arrangements may lead to HGV's straddling the public highway with approaching vehicles unaware of this potential hazard which may in turn lead to side swipe / shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a control measure is introduced to ensure gates are open for crossing vehicles and that approaching vehicles on the public highway are given advanced warning of the potential for HGV traffic to be crossing the public highway.

2.37 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: Drainage ditches either side of the carriageway may lead to loss of control type

collisions.

Onsite observations found that there were drainage ditches running alongside the carriageway in the proposed location of the site access junctions. These ditches are not shown on design drawings to be culverted. This arrangement may lead to vehicles wishing to access / egress the site dropping a wheel into the existing ditches potentially leading to loss of control type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that any access point which crossed an existing drainage facility is appropriately culverted to ensure HGV's can access the site without loss of control issues.



2.38 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: The position of the proposed gate obstructs incoming construction vehicles when closed which may lead to shunt type collisions on Stones Green Road.

A proposed gate is shown as it is unclear from the drawings whether a construction vehicle will be able to pull off the main carriageway and wait without causing an obstruction on Stones Green Road. This arrangement may

lead to shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the proposed gate is relocated to ensure that construction vehicles are able to leave Stones Green Road unobstructed.



Location CR9 P1&P2 – Paynes Lane - General Arrangement

2.39 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: No information provided with regards to control of junctions and gates may lead

to vehicles being left straddling the public highway at risk of shunt / side swipe

collisions between vehicles.

Vehicles travelling along Paynes Lane may not be aware of crossing HGV movements. There are no details provided which might indicate the operation of gates and therefore no certainty that vehicles may cross the public highway unassisted. These arrangements may lead to HGV's straddling the public highway with approaching vehicles unaware of this potential hazard which may

in turn lead to side swipe / shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a control measure is introduced to ensure gates are open for crossing vehicles and that approaching vehicles on the public highway are given advanced warning of the potential for HGV traffic to be crossing the public highway.

2.40 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: The position of the proposed gate obstructs incoming construction vehicles

when closed which may lead to shunt type collisions on Paynes Lane.

A proposed gate is shown on each priority access as it is unclear from the drawings whether a construction vehicle will be able to pull off the main carriageway and wait without causing an obstruction on Paynes Lane. This

arrangement may lead to shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the proposed gate is relocated to ensure that construction vehicles are able to leave Paynes Lane unobstructed.



Location CR10 P1&P2 - Spratt's Lane - General Arrangement

2.41 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access

Summary: Existing passing places could be displaced due to the proposals causing shunt

type collisions.

The proposed site access is in the location of existing passing places on the carriageway and if these got displaced could lead to rear end shunt type collisions due to vehicles reversing or driving off the road to allow oncoming

vehicles to pass.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the either the site access or passing places are relocated so there are appropriate places for vehicles to pass on Spratt's Lane.

2.42 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: No information provided with regards to control of junctions and gates may lead

to vehicles being left straddling the public highway at risk of shunt / side swipe

collisions between vehicles.

Vehicles travelling along Spratt's Lane may not be aware of crossing HGV movements. There are no details provided which might indicate the operation of gates and therefore no certainty that vehicles may cross the public highway unassisted. These arrangements may lead to HGV's straddling the public highway with approaching vehicles unaware of this potential hazard which may

in turn lead to side swipe / shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a control measure is introduced to ensure gates are open for crossing vehicles and that approaching vehicles on the public highway are given advanced warning of the potential for HGV traffic to be crossing the public highway.



2.43 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: The position of the proposed gate obstructs incoming construction vehicles

when closed which may lead to shunt type collisions on Spratt's Lane.

A proposed gate is shown on each priority access as it is unclear from the drawings whether a construction vehicle will be able to pull off the main carriageway and wait without causing an obstruction on Spratt's Lane. This arrangement may lead to shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the proposed gate is relocated to ensure that construction vehicles are able to leave Spratt's Lane unobstructed.

2.44 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: Drainage ditches either side of the carriageway may lead to loss of control type

collisions.

Onsite observations found that there were drainage ditches running alongside the carriageway in the proposed location of the site access junctions. These ditches are not shown on design drawings to be culverted. This arrangement may lead to vehicles wishing to access / egress the site dropping a wheel into the existing ditches potentially leading to loss of control type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that any access point which crossed an existing drainage facility is appropriately culverted to ensure HGV's can access the site without loss of control issues.



Location CR11 P1&P2 - Barlon Road - General Arrangement

2.45 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: No information provided with regards to control of junctions and gates may lead

to vehicles being left straddling the public highway at risk of shunt / side swipe

collisions between vehicles.

Vehicles travelling along Barlon Road may not be aware of crossing HGV movements. There are no details provided which might indicate the operation of gates and therefore no certainty that vehicles may cross the public highway unassisted. These arrangements may lead to HGV's straddling the public highway with approaching vehicles unaware of this potential hazard which may

in turn lead to side swipe / shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a control measure is introduced to ensure gates are open for crossing vehicles and that approaching vehicles on the public highway are given advanced warning of the potential for HGV traffic to be crossing the public highway.

2.46 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: The position of the proposed gate obstructs incoming construction vehicles

when closed which may lead to shunt type collisions on Barlon Road.

A proposed gate is shown on each priority access as it is unclear from the drawings whether a construction vehicle will be able to pull off the main carriageway and wait without causing an obstruction on Barlon Road. This

arrangement may lead to shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the proposed gate is relocated to ensure that construction vehicles are able to leave Barlon Road unobstructed.



Location CR12 P1&P2 - Wolves Hall Lane - General Arrangement

2.47 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: Visibility splays not appropriate for site conditions and may lead to side swipe

type collisions.

Visibility splays of 2.4 m x 59 m in line with MfS standards for 33mph are provided to the back of the carriageway in both directions from the proposed junctions, except looking right out of the northern access where it can only be provided to the opposite side of the carriageway due to a bend. This could lead to vehicles not slowing in time for an egressing vehicle and causing a side swipe

or shunt type collision.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the access / visibility splays are amended to take account for the bend in Wolves Hall Lane.



Location CR8 P2 – Stones Green Road - General Arrangement

2.48 Problem.

Location: General.

No information provided with regards to control of junctions and gates may lead Summary:

to vehicles being left straddling the public highway at risk of shunt / side swipe

collisions between vehicles.

Vehicles travelling along Stones Green Road may not be aware of crossing HGV movements. There are no details provided which might indicate the operation of gates and therefore no certainty that vehicles may cross the public highway unassisted. These arrangements may lead to HGV's straddling the public highway with approaching vehicles unaware of this potential hazard which may in turn lead to side swipe / shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a control measure is introduced to ensure gates are open for crossing vehicles and that approaching vehicles on the public highway are given advanced warning of the potential for HGV traffic to be crossing the public highway.

2.49 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

The position of the proposed gate obstructs incoming construction vehicles Summary: when closed which may lead to shunt type collisions on Stones Green Road.

A proposed gate is shown on each priority access as it is unclear from the drawings whether a construction vehicle will be able to pull off the main carriageway and wait without causing an obstruction on Stones Green Road.

This arrangement may lead to shunt type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the proposed gate is relocated to ensure that construction vehicles are able to leave Stones Green Road unobstructed.



3.0 Audit Team Statement

3.1 We certify that this Audit has been carried out in accordance with the requirements of GG119.

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Appendix A Site Location Plans

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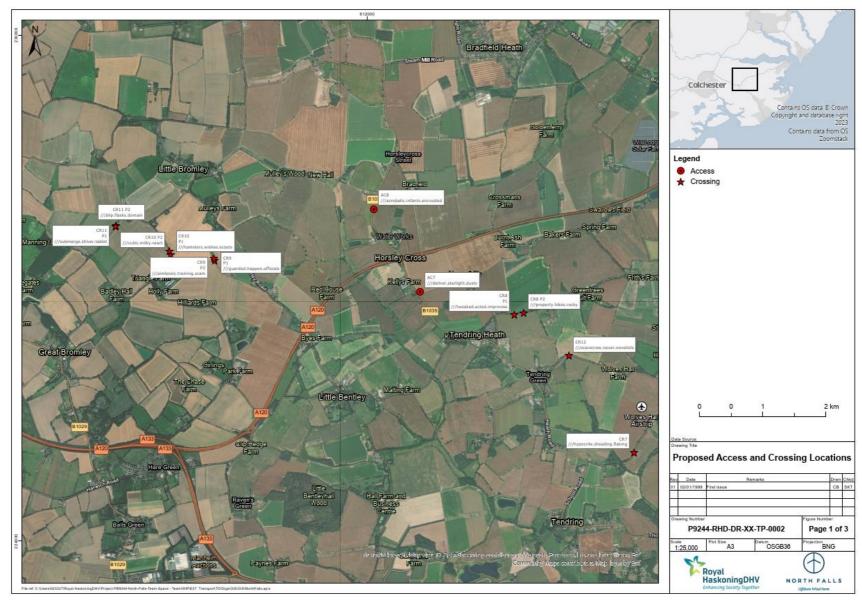
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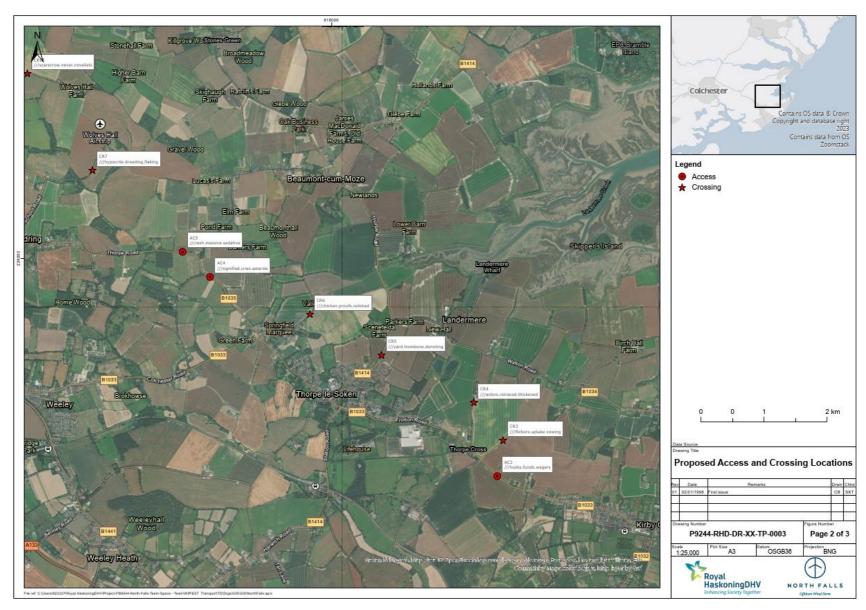
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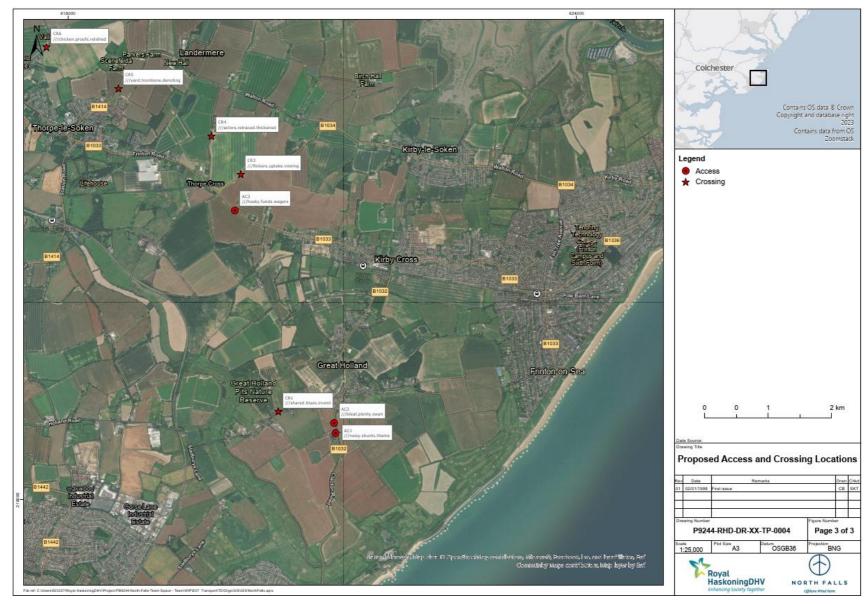
















Appendix B Submitted Documents

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Appendix C Problem Location Plans

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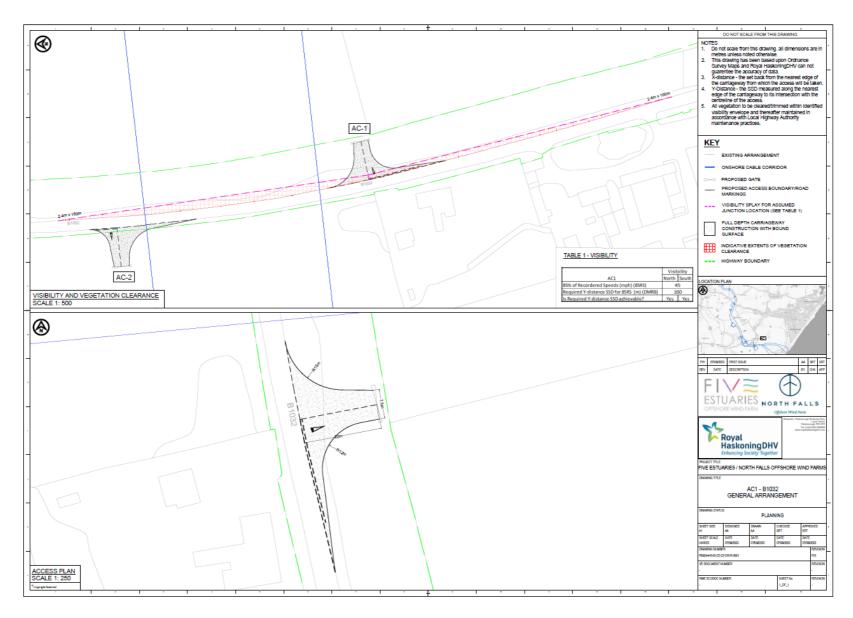
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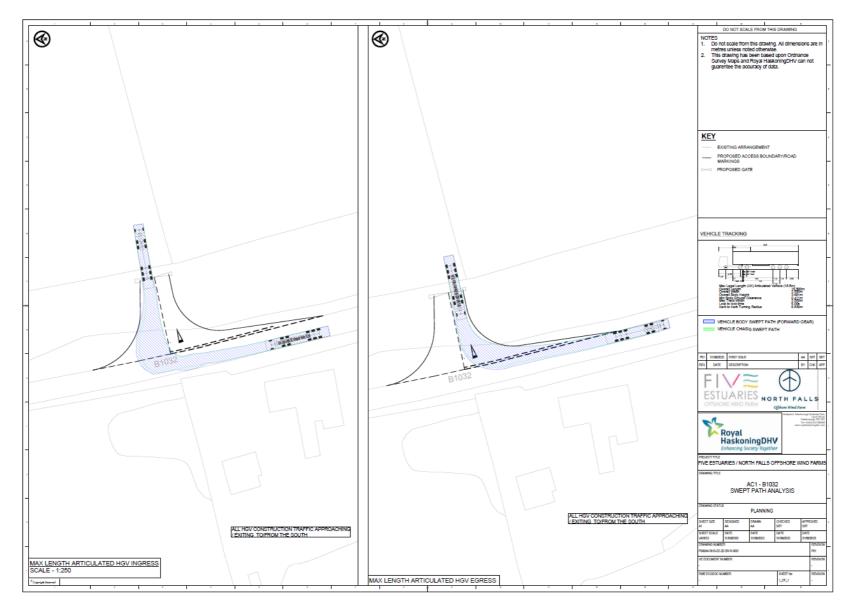
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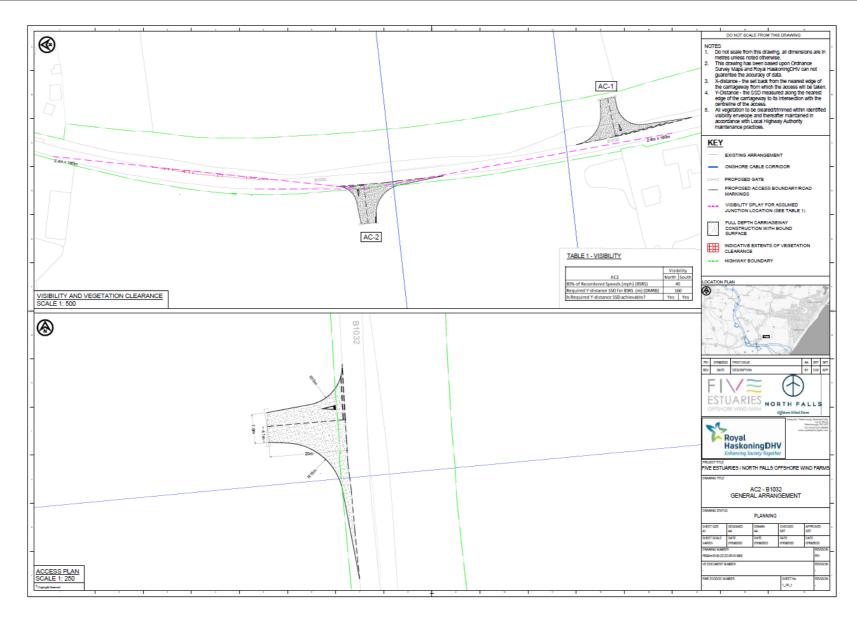




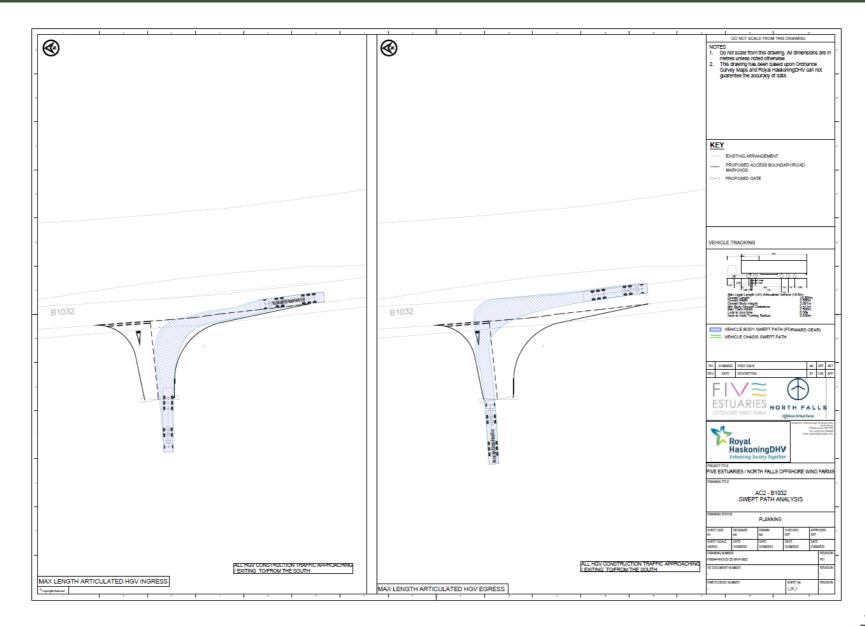




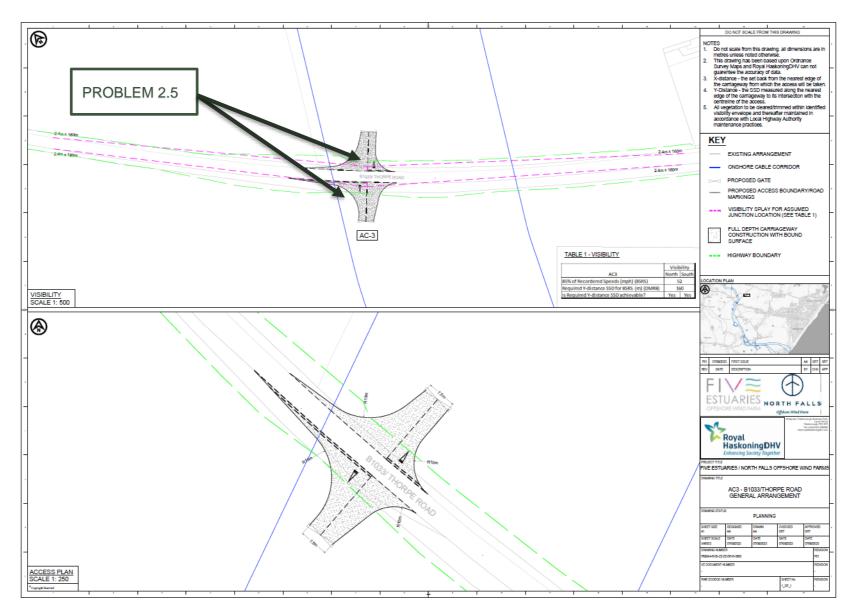




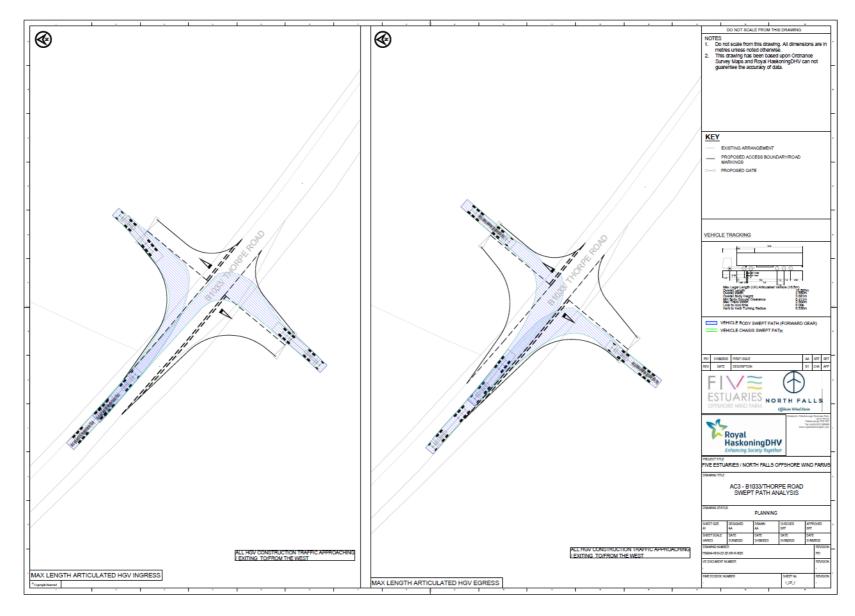




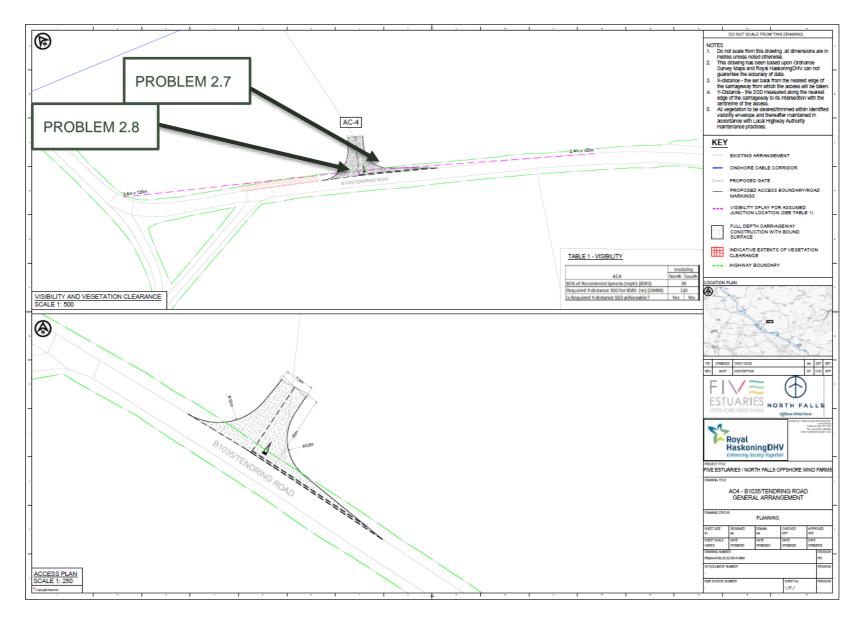




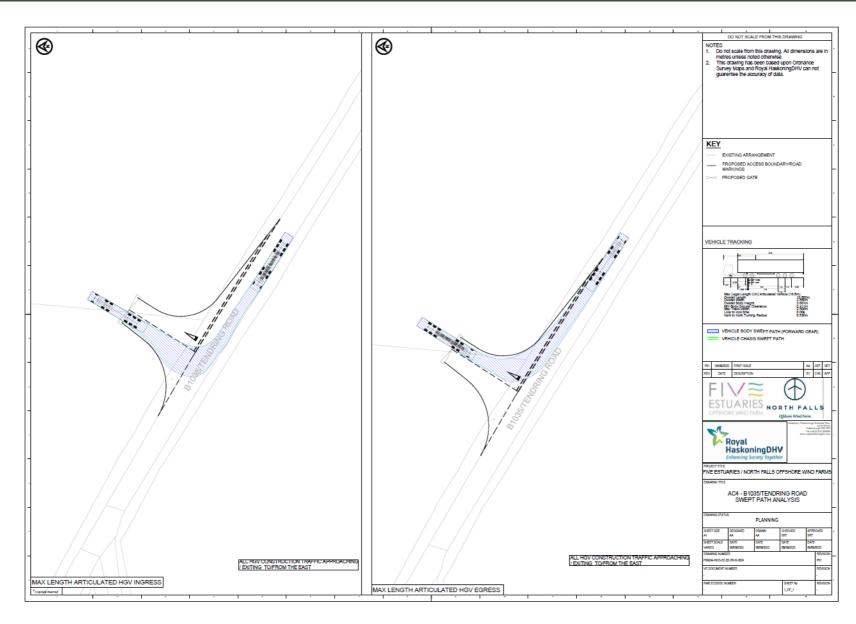




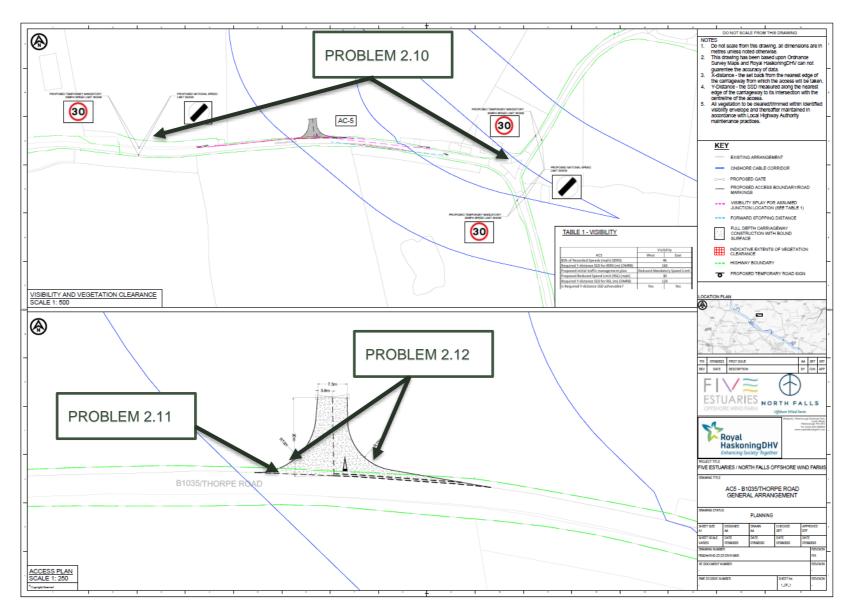




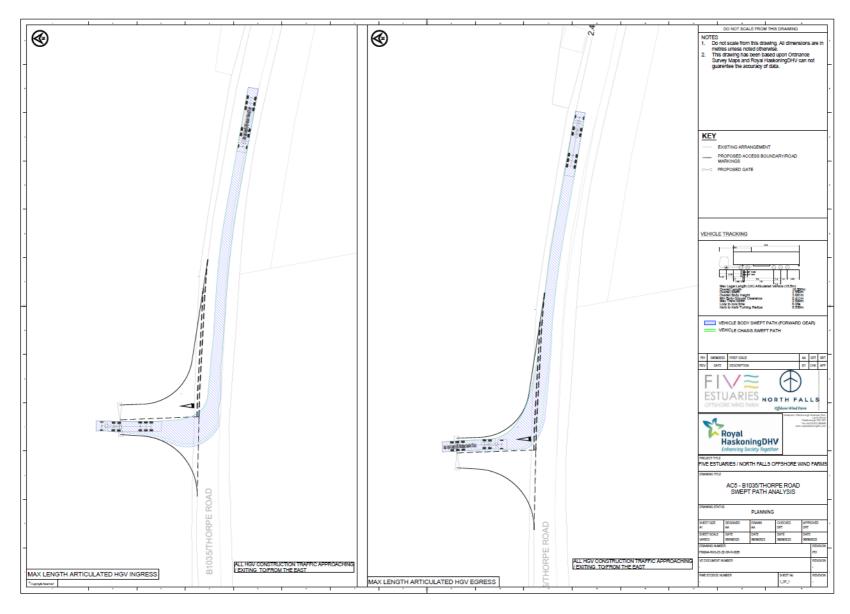




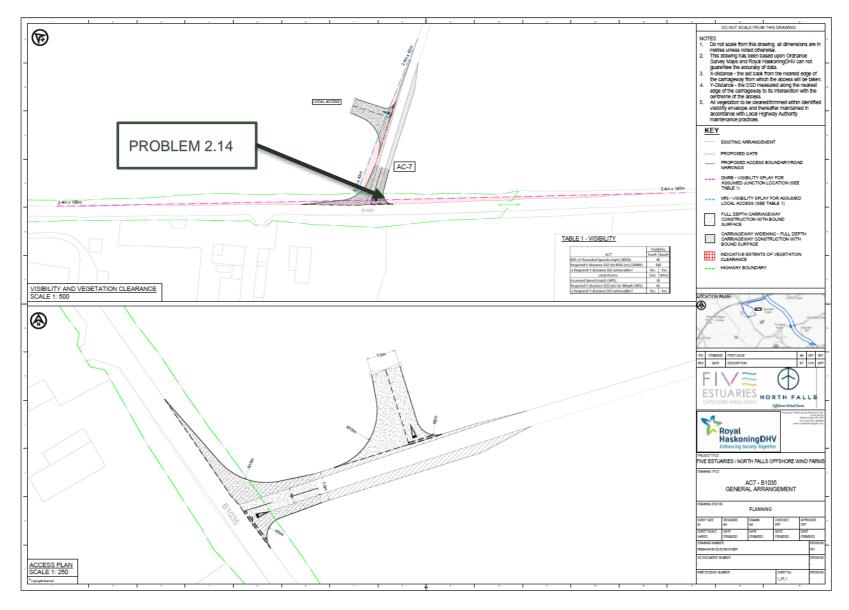




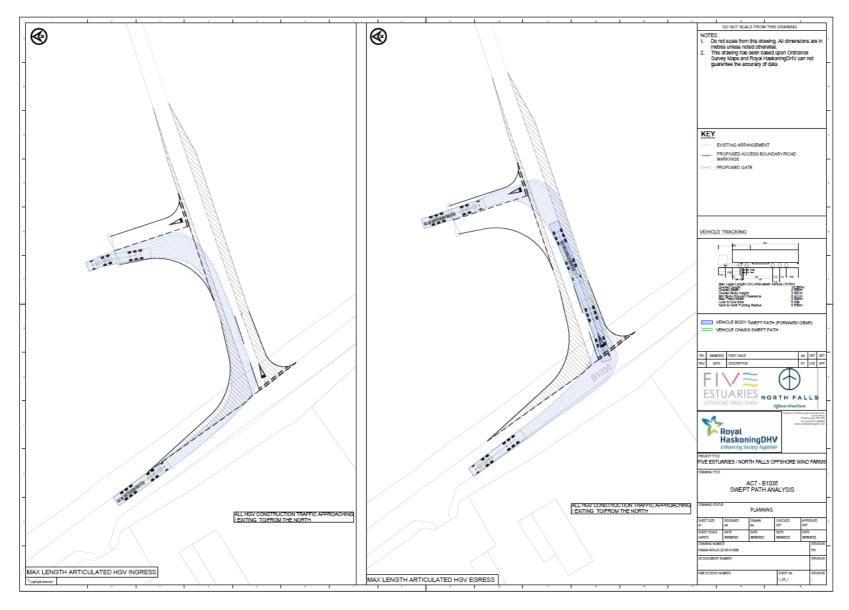




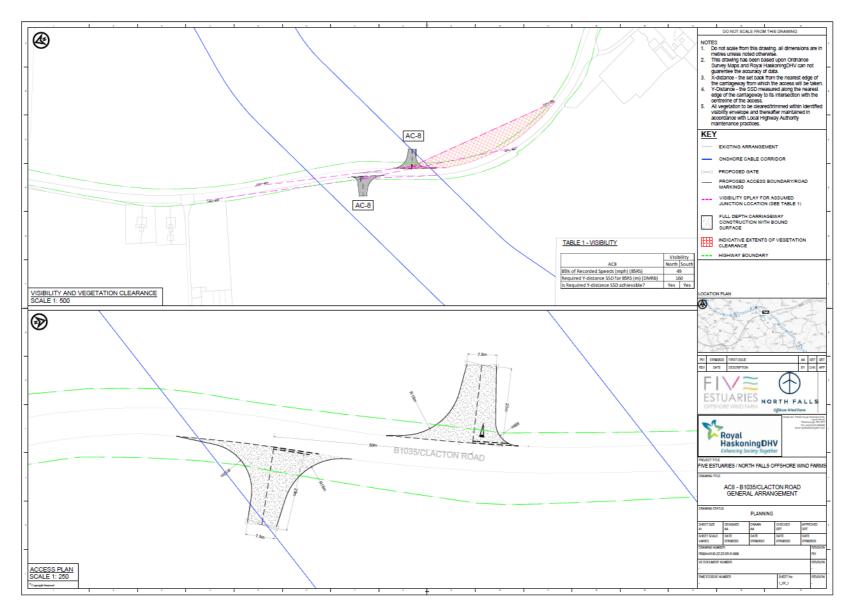




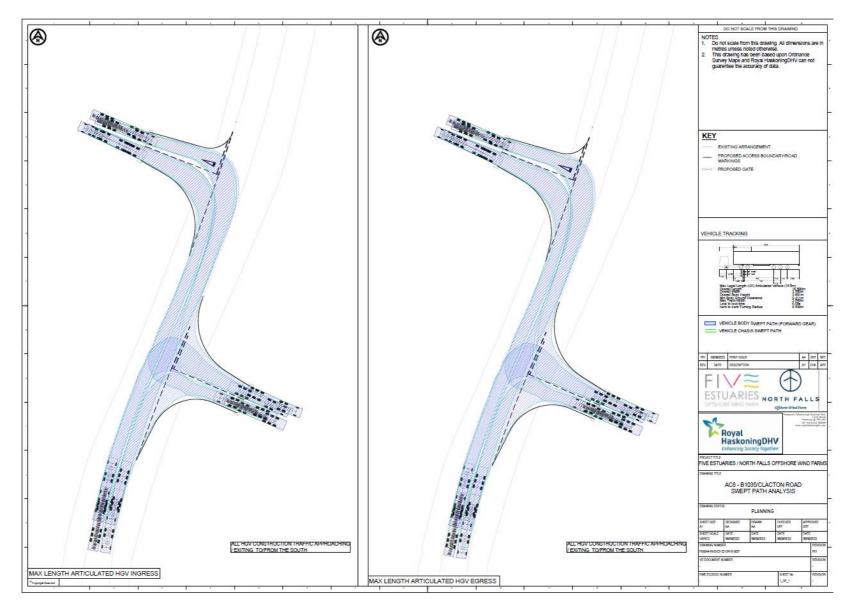




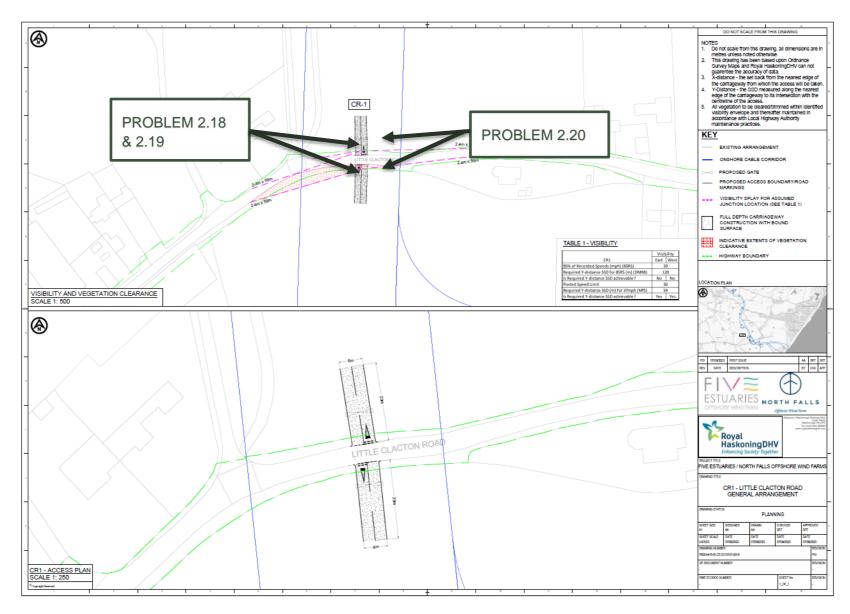




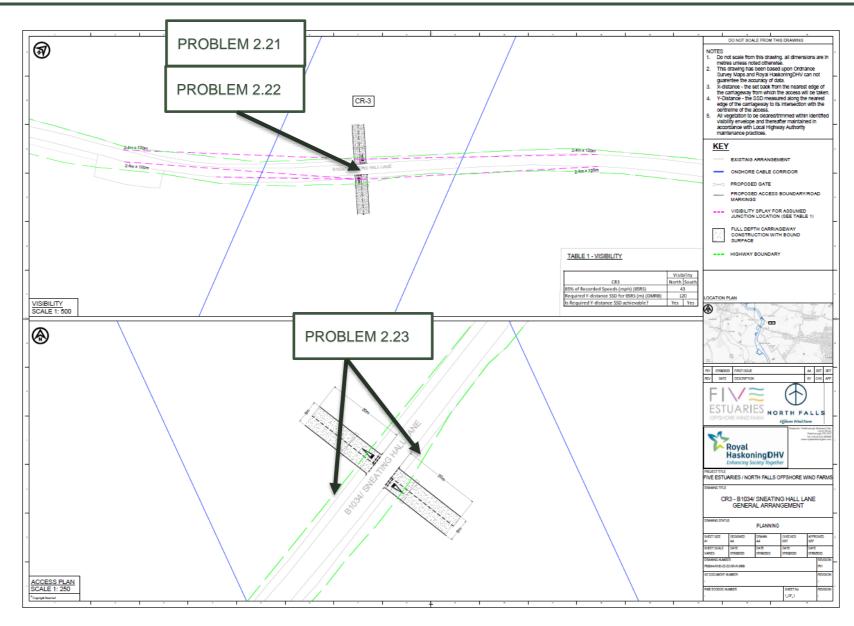




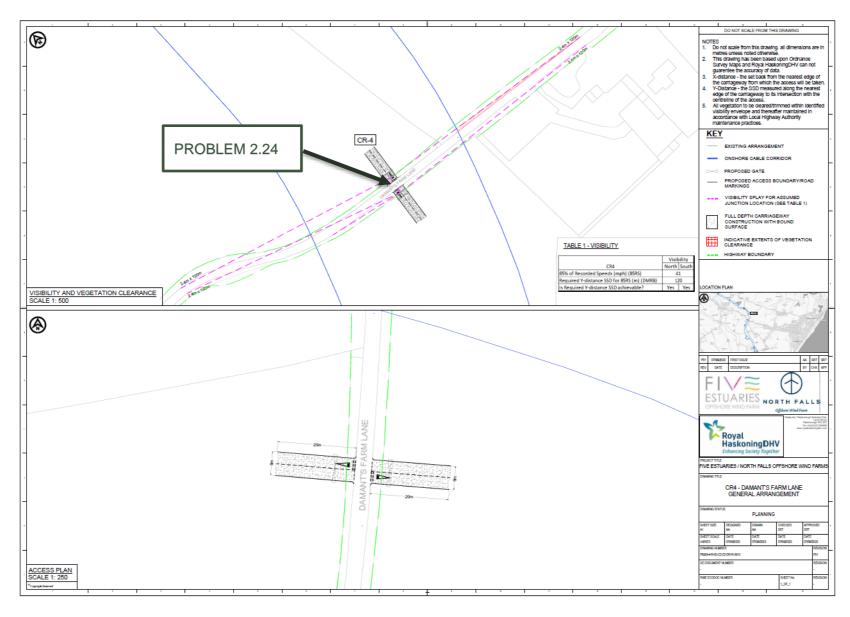




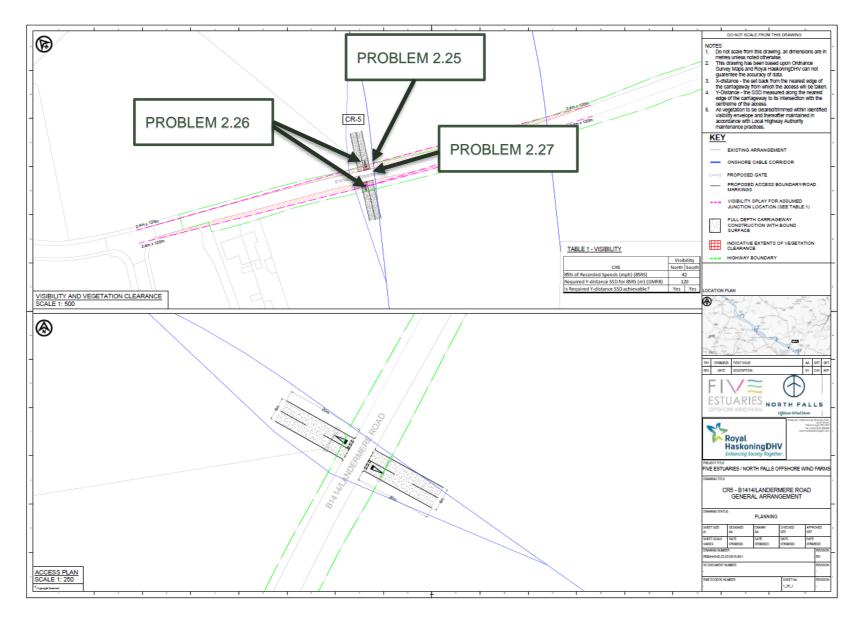




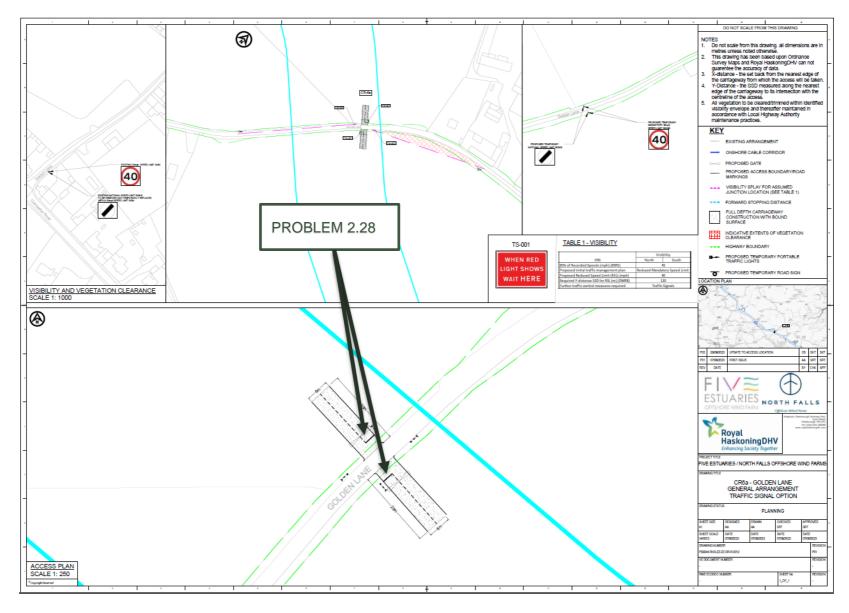




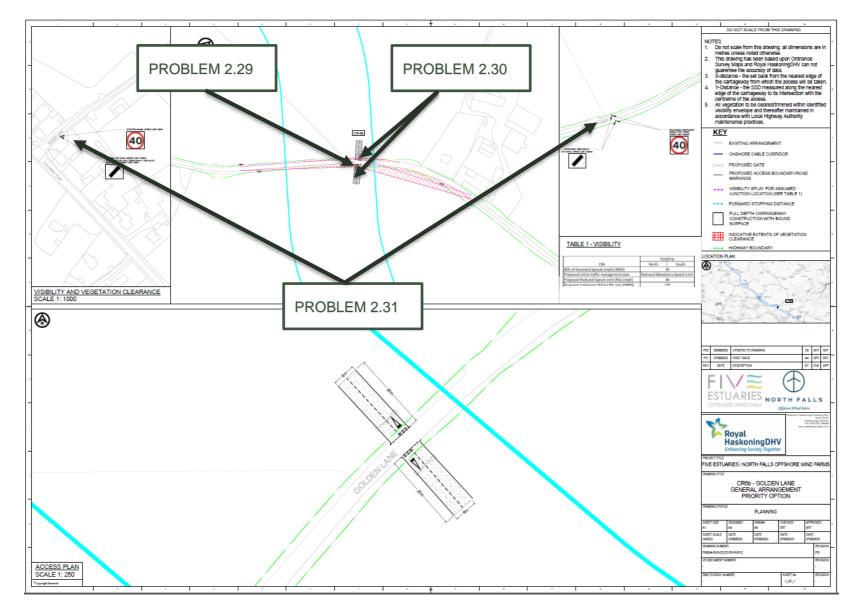




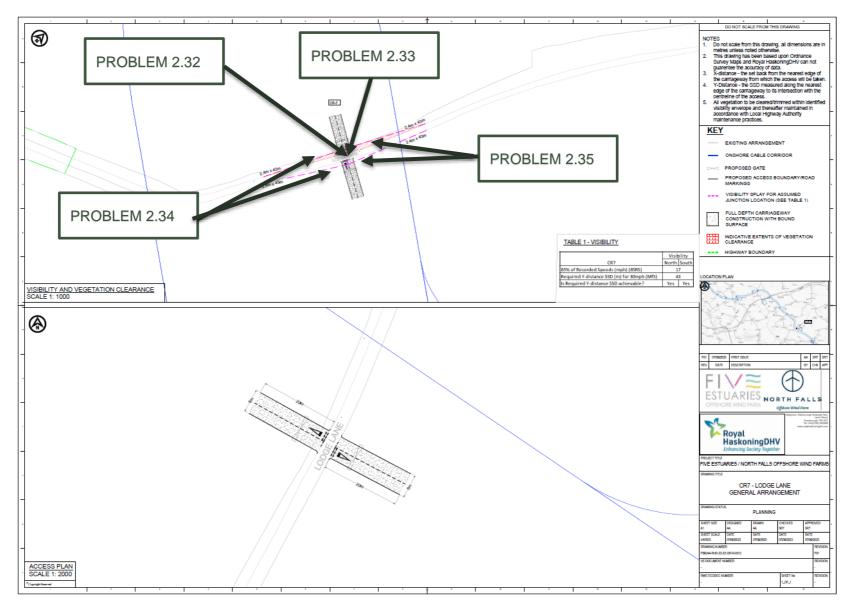




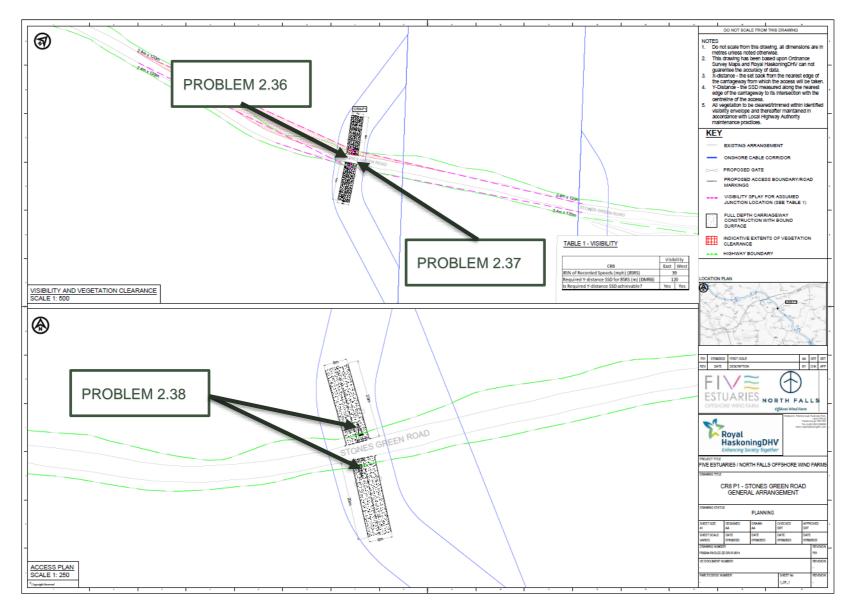




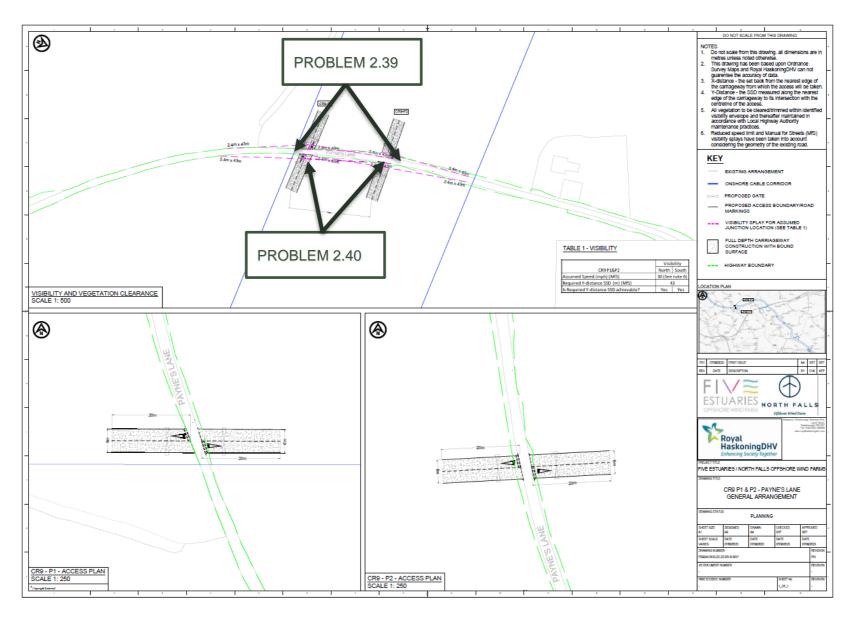




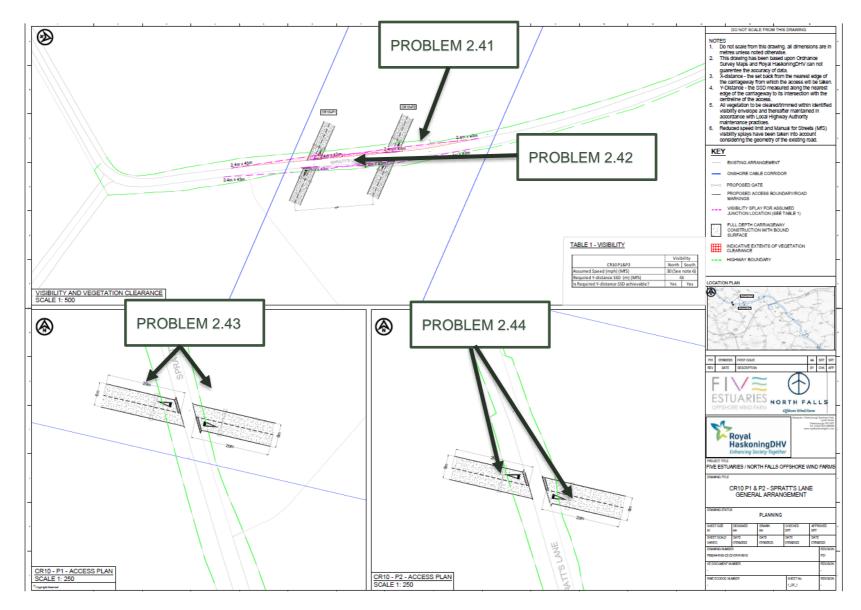




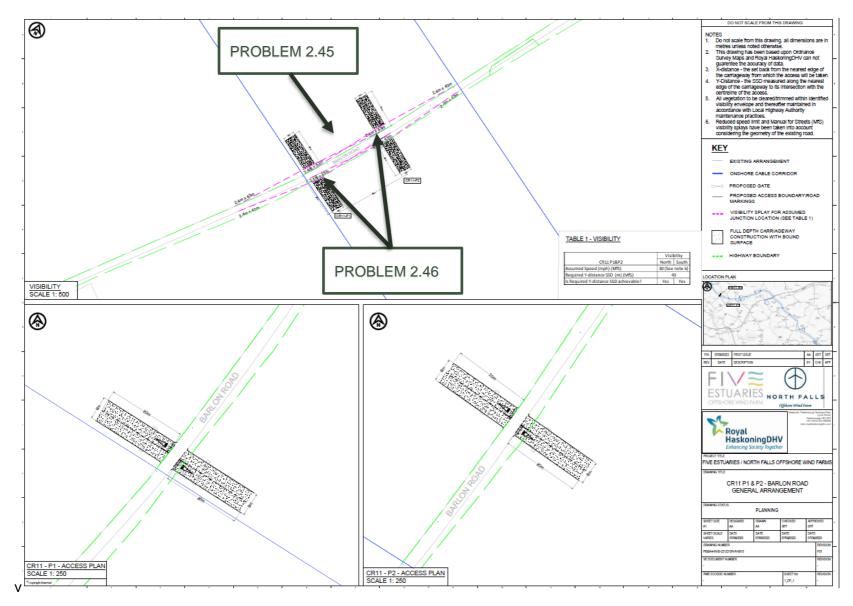




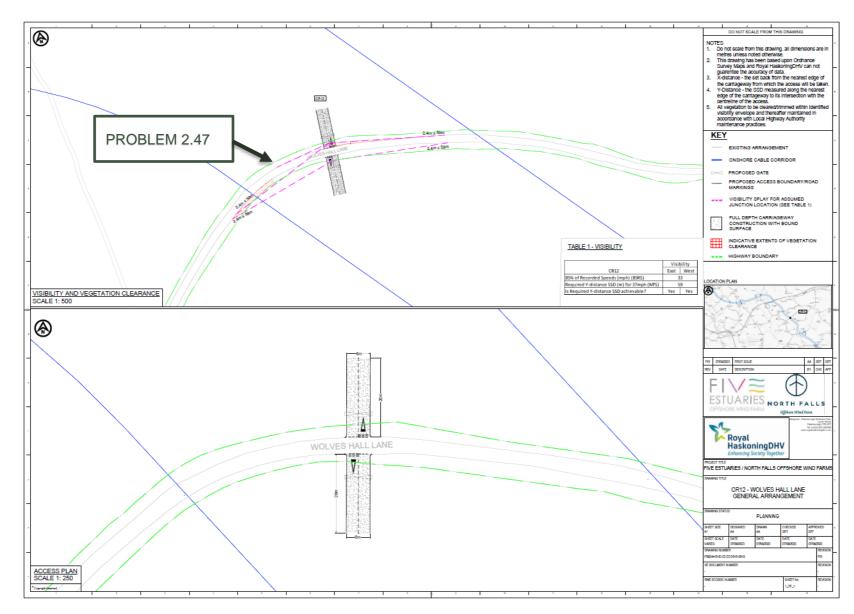




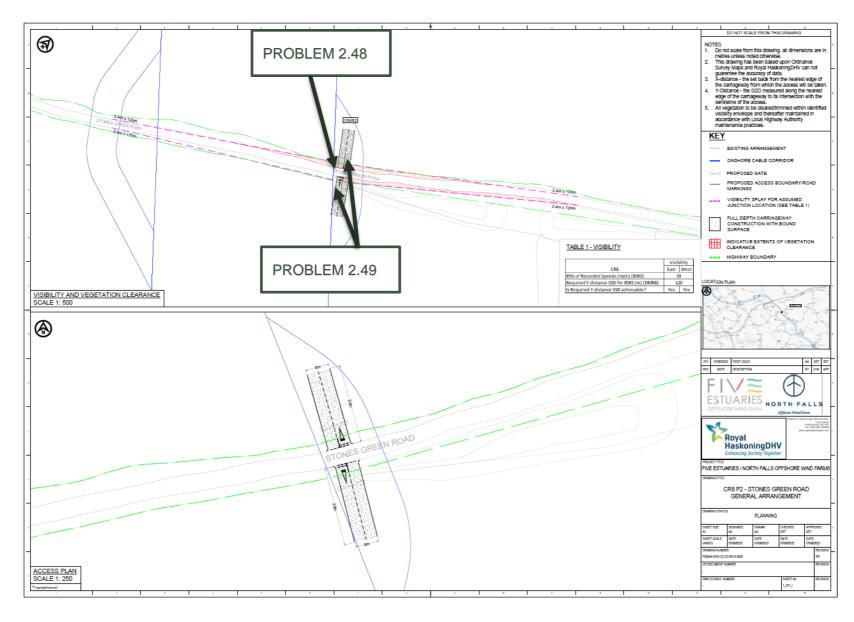








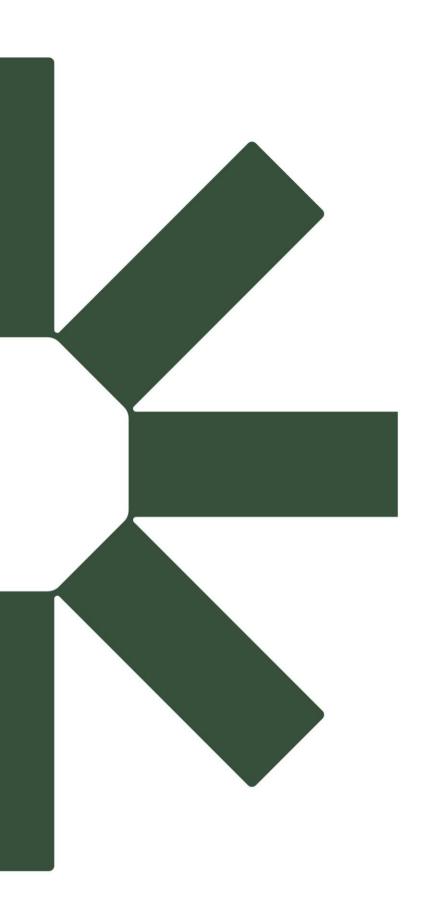








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ROAD SAFETY AUDIT – DESIGNER'S RESPONSE

Project Details

Project Title	Five Estuaries / North Falls Wind Farm
Date of Audit	7 November 2023
Document Reference and revision	237699
Prepared by	Alastair Pike and Sasha Boland of SLR
On behalf of	Five Estuaries / North Falls Wind Farm

Road Safety Audit Decision Log				
Problem No.	Problem Accepted (Yes / No)	Recommended Measure Accepted (Yes / No)	Alternative Measure (describe)	
2.5, 2.7, 2.11, 2.20, 2.23, 2.35, 2.37, 2.44	Yes	Yes. Details of the design of the ditch crossings will be provided at Stage 2 as part of the detailed design process. This will include appropriate detail in regard to separation between the edge of the access/crossing and the ditch.	n/a	
2.8, 2.34	Yes	Yes. Detailed design of the accesses will be provided at Stage 2 as part of the detailed design process. Accesses and crossings will be designed to provide a smooth and level transition.	n/a	
2.10, 2.31	Yes	Yes. Details of the design of the signage will be provided at Stage 2 as part of the detailed design process. This will include detail of sign sizes, offsets from the edge of the highway and any foliage that may need to be cut back to improve visibility.	n/a	
2.12	Yes	Yes. The design of access AC5 has been amended to show the vegetation to the east and west of the junction being cut back.	n/a	
2.14, 2.25	Yes	No	The design of access AC7 and CR4 have been amended to include a segregated route for pedestrians alongside the access. This route would separate pedestrians and construction traffic.	
2.18, 2.26, 2.28, 2.30, 2.33, 2.38, 2.40, 2.43, 2.46, 2.49	Yes	Yes. The proposed gates will be set back from the edge of the road providing space for a HGV to wait off the highway in the event that the gates are closed.	n/a	
2.21	Yes	Yes. The detailed design drawings to be provide at Stage 2 will include detail of all statutory undertaker plant and necessary accommodation works.	n/a	
2.22, 2.24, 2.27, 2.29, 2.32, 2.36, 2.39, 2.42, 2.45, 2.48	Yes	Yes. The proposed gates will be set back from the edge of the road providing space for a HGV to wait off the highway in the event that the gates are closed.	n/a	
2.41	Yes	No	It is accepted that one of the crossings is located	

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Problem No.	Problem Accepted (Yes / No)	Recommended Measure Accepted (Yes / No)	Alternative Measure (describe)
			'on top of' an existing informal passing place. The crossing would therefore remove this passing place. There are however passing places approximately 50m north and south of this crossing. The final design of the crossing will include surfacing/verge details showing how the passing place will be removed for the duction of construction.
2.47	Yes	Yes. The design of CR12 has been amened to show visibility splay drawn to the northern side of the road.	n/a

Design Organisation and Overseeing Organisation statements

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On behalf of the design organisation I certify that:		
The RSA actions identified in response to the road safety audit problems in the road safety audit have been discussed and agreed with the Overseeing Organisation		
Name	SKT	
Signed	SKT	
Position	Asscociate Director	
Organisation	Royal HaskoningDHV	
Date	08.11.2023	

Please submit this completed Designer's Response to the Local Highway Authority, in conjunction with the associated Road Safety Audit.





Stage 1 Road Safety Audit

Ardleigh Road / Bentley Road, Five Estuaries Wind Farm

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

RSA	Road Safety Audit
DMRB	Design Manual for Roads and Bridges
MfS	Manual for Streets
PIC	Personal Injury Collisions
DfS	Departures from Standards
SPA	Swept Path Analysis



1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report results from a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit carried out on Monday 27th November 2023. The RSA was carried out on behalf of RWE. The Overseeing Organisation for this Stage 1 is Essex County Council.
- 1.2 An Audit Brief was prepared by Daniel Moran of SLR Consulting Ltd on 13th September 2023. This Audit Brief was formally accepted by the Audit Team on the same date.
- 1.3 This Road Safety Audit team was as follows:

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ALASTAIR PIKE, MICE, MCIHT, MSoRSA, HE Approved Cert. Comp. Audit Team Member Head of Road Safety SLR Consulting Ltd

- 1.4 A site visit was undertaken by the Audit Team on Thursday 09th November 2023, between the hours of 13:00 and 14:30. The weather at the time of the visit was overcast and the carriageway surface was generally dry. Vehicular traffic levels were considered to be low. There were no pedestrian and no cyclist movements observed during this time.
- 1.5 Site location plans can be found at **Appendix A** of this report.
- 1.6 The terms of reference of the Road Safety Audit are as described in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) Standard, GG119 Road Safety Audit.
- 1.7 The Audit Team has examined and reported only on the road safety implications of the scheme as presented and has not examined or verified the compliance of the designs to any other criteria. However, to clearly explain a safety problem or the recommendation to resolve a problem the Audit Team may, on occasion, have referred to a design standard without touching on technical audit.
- 1.8 A table of documents submitted for this Stage 1 RSA can be found in **Appendix B**.
- 1.9 The scheme subject to Stage 1 RSA for both Ardleigh Road and Bentley Road comprises a construction access junction and haul road crossings associated with the installation of an export cable to carry power from a proposed offshore windfarm located off the coast of Essex. This access point and haul road are located on Ardleigh Road, Little Bentley and will be required for a period of approximately 18 months.
- 1.10 Submitted design drawings have been annotated to show the locations of any problems identified during this Stage 1 RSA. These plans can be found at **Appendix C**.
- 1.11 Whilst recommendations have been made within this report, there may be equally satisfactory alternatives. The Audit Team will be pleased to consider alternatives if required.



Departures from Standards

1.12 The Audit Team were not informed of any Departure from Standards (DfS) associated with the design proposals.



2.0 Matters arising from this Stage 1 RSA

004943785-01-MOT - Co-located Substations Early Design – Permanent and Temporary Access Junction with Ardleigh Road

2.1 Problem.

Location: Site access.

Summary: Overhead cables may lead to damage to infrastructure, vehicles and

occupants.

Onsite observations noted that the presence of overhead cables that cross Ardleigh Road in various locations in the vicinity of the proposed development. The vertical alignment of proposed HGV access movements may lead to damage to infrastructure or damage to vehicles and injury to occupants.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the vertical assessment is carried out for the appropriate vehicle types to ensure no conflict remains.

2.2 Problem.

Location: Site access.

Summary: Westbound HGV egress does not allow for two way working for large vehicles

potentially leading to shunt or head on type collisions.

The proposed access swept path analysis shows a vehicle both egressing and accessing the proposed junction from the west. This location does not support the two-way movements of HGV's and this movement may in turn lead to head on or shunt type collisions between vehicles.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that all HGV access should be controlled such that opposing vehicles meet to the east of the access junction.



2.3 Problem.

Location: Site haul road.

Summary: There is no tolerance for HGVs when turning into / out of the site access which

may lead to loss of control type collisions.

The vehicle tracking demonstrates no additional tolerance in surfaced width for HGVs at the site access and along the haul road track. This arrangement does not allow any room for manoeuvre along the track and relies on a perfect HGV turn each time. This proposed arrangement may lead to loss of control type

collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the proposed haul road is widened to allow more width for large construction vehicles.



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2.4 Problem.

Location: Site access.

Summary: At a 9m setback, existing trees may obscure the visibility splay potentially

leading to side swipe type collisions.

Onsite observations noted that the presence of existing vegetation may constitute an obstruction to the junction visibility. Obstruction to visibility splays may lead to injudicious vehicle movements at the proposed junction leading to

side swipe collisions between vehicles.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the trees be cut back and maintained as such that it does not pose an obstruction to the visibility splays.

2.5 Problem.

Location: Site access.

Summary: The position of the gate could cause rear end shunts.

The position of the proposed gate is set back 18m and does not allow the largest vehicle (25m) to fully clear the main carriageway when waiting. There is no detail provided that shows the proposed operation of the gate features. Should they be closed for any reason their proposed location could leave HGVs overhanging the public highway which may result in shunt / side swipe type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the gates are relocated further back into the site such that if a gate is closed for whatever reason, an HGV can still clear the public highway before stopping.



2.6 Problem.

Location: Site haul road.

Summary: There is no tolerance for HGVs when turning into / out of the site access which

may lead to loss of control type collisions.

The vehicle tracking demonstrates no additional tolerance in surfaced width for HGVs at the site access and along the haul road track. This arrangement does not allow any room for manoeuvre along the track and relies on a perfect HGV turn each time. This proposed arrangement may lead to loss of control type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the proposed haul road is widened to allow more width for large construction vehicles.

2.7 Problem.

Location: Internal site.

Summary: No turning area is provided to allow vehicles to turn and egress the site in a

forward gear, may lead to side swipe type collisions.

It is not clear from the supplied drawings whether a construction compound, or similar, will be provided on the site to allow for vehicles to turn within the site, this could compel drivers to reverse from the site onto the public highway which

could lead to obscured visibility and side swipe type collisions.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that a turning area for large construction vehicles is provided within the site boundary during the construction works to ensure vehicles can access and egress the site in a forward gear.



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2.8 Problem.

Location: Proposed site access.

Summary: The level difference between the carriageway and site could result in loss of

control or side swipe type collisions.

Onsite observations found that there was a difference in levels between the existing carriageway and the new access. An excessive gradient may create difficulty for large construction vehicles wishing to access Lodge Lane and may in turn lead to a lack of surface friction and slow egress movements potentially creating shunt / side swipe type collisions between egressing construction vehicles and vehicles travelling on Bentley Road.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the existing gradient be amended to an appropriate level for the restart movements of large vehicles accessing Bentley Road from the proposed site.



3.0 Audit Team Statement

3.1 We certify that this Audit has been carried out in accordance with the requirements of GG119.

Road Safety Audit Team Leader

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Signed:

<u>Position:</u> Principal Transport Planner

<u>Organisation:</u> SLR Consulting Ltd <u>Date:</u> 27 November 2023

Road Safety Audit Team Member

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Appendix A Site Location Plans

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Appendix B Submitted Documents

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Submitted Documents

Document	Document Title
Design Drawings	104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1032-1
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Appendix C Problem Location Plans

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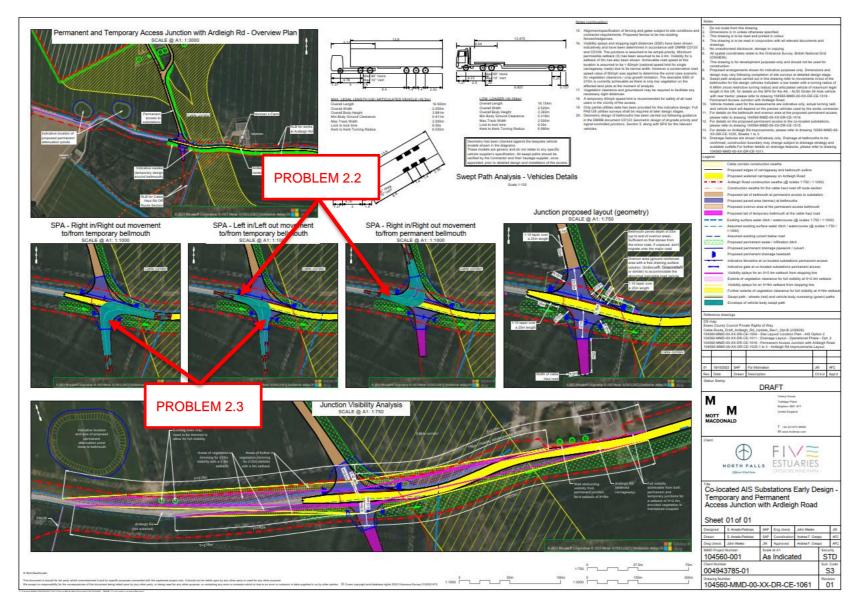
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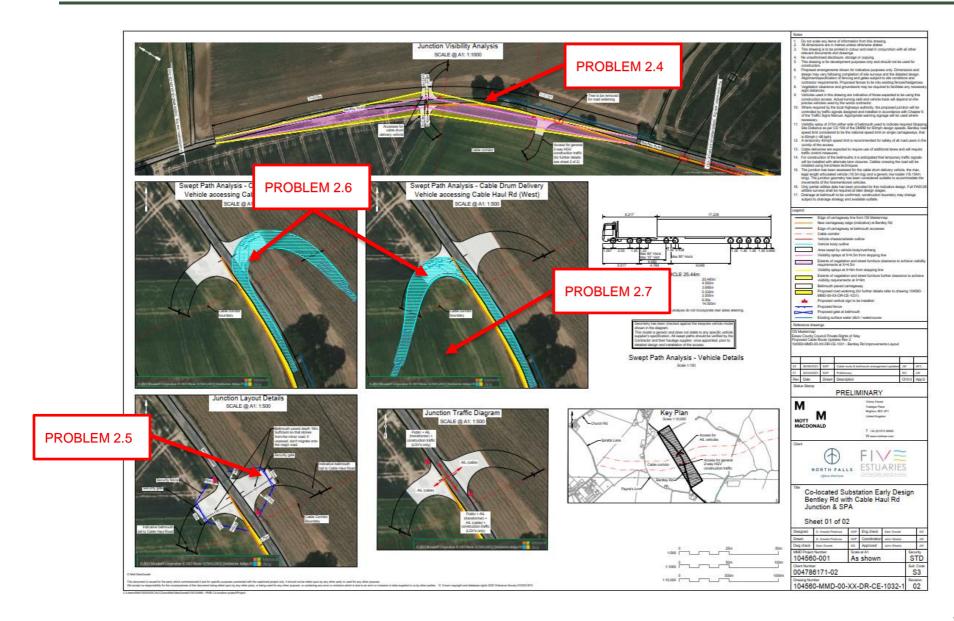
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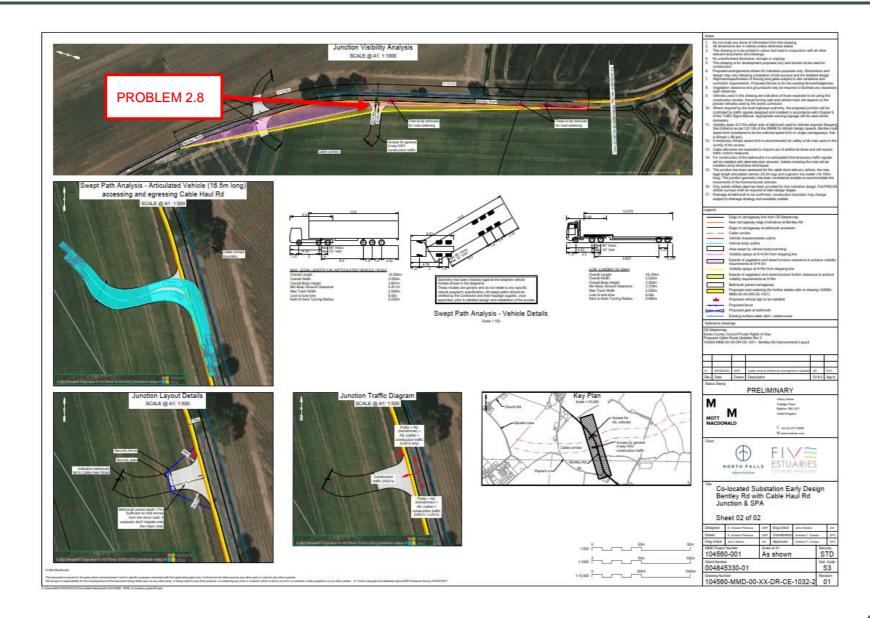








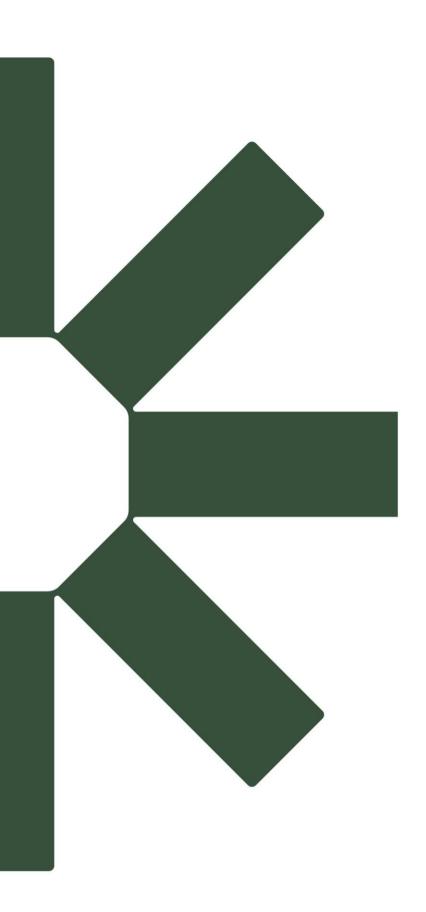








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1 Introduction

This Road Safety Audit Response Report documents considered responses aligned with road safety 'problems' and 'recommendations' defined through the Stage 1 Road Safety Audit process.

1.1 Overview

This report documents original Stage 1 Road Safety Audit (RSA) 'problems' and 'recommendations' for the Ardleigh Road junction design defined by the SLR Consulting Ltd. Road Safety Audit Team and includes formally considered RSA responses developed by Mott MacDonald Designers.

The audit was carried out by SLR Consulting Ltd at the request of RWE, the Client and Project Sponsor. The Overseeing Organisation for this Stage 1 is Essex County Council.

The scheme subject to Stage 1 RSA comprises a construction access junction and haul road crossings associated with the installation of an export cable to carry power from a proposed offshore windfarm located off the coast of Essex. This access point and haul road are located on Ardleigh Road, Little Bromley and will be required for a period of approximately 18 months.

The Road Safety Audit was originally carried out with reference to the supplied Road Safety Audit Brief prepared by SLR Consulting Ltd on 13th September 2023 and formally accepted by the Audit Team on the same date. The terms of reference of the Road Safety Audit are as described in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) Standard, GG119 Road Safety Audit.

A site visit was undertaken by the Audit Team on Thursday 09th November 2023, between the hours of 14:00 and 14:30. The weather at the time of the visit was overcast and the carriageway surface was generally dry. Vehicular traffic levels were considered to be low. There were no pedestrian and no cyclist movements observed during this time.

The Road Safety Audit comprised an examination of the documentation and drawings listed in **Appendix A**. Accompanying drawings indicating the location of identified safety related issues are provided in **Appendix B** and **C**.

Figure 1.1 shows the location of the accesses included in scheme in a local context.



Figure 1.1. Location of the proposed Ardleigh Rd Junction

Source: Mott MacDonald based on OpenStreetMap

1.2 Relevant Parties

Project Sponsor: RWE

Client: RWE

Designer: Mott MacDonald

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1.3 Report Structure

- Section 2 comprises of a 'Road Safety Audit Decision Log'.
- Section 3 includes audit response statements.

2 Road Safety Audit Decision Log

This section presents a road safety audit decision log, incorporating 'Designer Responses' to all identified problems and recommendations from the Stage 1 RSA; see **Table 2.1**.

Table 2.1: Road Safety Audit Decision Log

Ref.	RSA Problem	RSA Recommendation	Design Organisation Response	Audit Team Supplementary Comment	Client / Project Sponsor Comment	Agreed RSA action
PROBL	EMS IDENTIFIED AND ALIGNED RECOMMENDAT	ONS FROM STAGE 1 RSA				
Schem	e: Ardleigh Road Junction					
Drawin	g 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1061_Rev01					
2.1	Location: Site Access (Temporary Access Junction with Ardleigh Rd) Summary: Overhead cables may lead to damage to infrastructure, vehicles and occupants. Onsite observations noted the presence of overhead cables that cross Ardleigh Road in various locations in the vicinity of the proposed development. The vertical alignment of proposed HGV access movements may lead to damage to infrastructure or damage to vehicles and injury to occupants.	It is recommended that the vertical assessment is carried out for the appropriate vehicle types to ensure no conflict remains.	RSA problem and recommendation agreed. This matter will be appraised further as an integral part of the detailed design process, when full PAS128 utilities surveys are to be obtained, and drawings detailing diversion or undergrounding (and/or further measures required) of utilities in the vicinity of the proposed access junction and crossing will be developed to take due account of the safety problem and the aligned recommendation. A wider utility diversion / undergrounding assessment would need to be carried out by the third party in charge of the Ardleigh Rd improvement works design at the scheme detailed design stage, when full PAS128 utilities surveys shall be completed. Coordination between Mott MacDonald and that third party may be required. Notes 9 and 19 in drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1061_Rev01 are intended to account for this matter: Note 9. «Proposed arrangements shown for indicative purposes only. Dimensions and design may vary following completion of site surveys at detailed design stage». Note 19. «Only partial utilities data has been provided for this indicative design. Full PAS128 utilities surveys shall be required at later design stages».		TBC	This matter will be appraised further as an integral part of the detailed design process, when full PAS128 utilities surveys are to be obtained, and drawings detailing diversion or undergrounding of utilities in the vicinity of the proposed access junction and crossing will be developed to take due account of the safety problem and the aligned recommendation (TBC).
2.2	Location: Site Access (Temporary Access Junction with Ardleigh Rd). Refer to Appendix B. Summary: Westbound HGV egress does not allow for two-way working for large vehicles potentially leading to shunt or head on type collisions. The proposed access swept path analysis shows a vehicle both egressing and accessing the proposed junction from the west. This location does not support the two-way movements of HGV's and this movement may in turn lead to head on or shunt type collisions between vehicles.	It is recommended that all HGV access should be controlled such that opposing vehicles meet to the east of the access junction.	RSA problem acknowledged but recommendation dismissed due to it being outdated after recent changes to design. Developers have agreed with third party stakeholders to continue the Ardleigh Rd improvement works (which include carriageway widening) to the west of the Five Estuaries & North Falls co-located substation access (i.e., site access). Ardleigh Rd Junction proposed layout has been updated to adjust to the new proposed edges of carriageway and it is allowing now for HGV two-way movements west of the junction. RSA problem solved in drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1061_Rev02 (refer to Appendix C). Swept path analysis (SPA) at the updated Ardleigh Rd Junction layout shows that there are no issues with two-way movements West of the junction.		TBC	RSA problem no longer relevant after recent design updates, as shown in drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1061_Rev02 (refer to Appendix C). Swept path analysis (SPA) at the updated Ardleigh Rd Junction layout shows that there are no issues with two-way movements West of the junction in latest design anymore (TBC).
2.3	Location: Site Haul Road Access (Temporary Access Junction with Ardleigh Rd). Refer to Appendix B. Summary: There is no tolerance for HGVs when turning into / out of the site access which may lead to loss of control type collisions. The vehicle tracking demonstrates no additional tolerance in surfaced width for HGVs at the site access and along the haul road track. This arrangement does not allow any room for manoeuvre along the track and relies on a perfect HGV turn each time. This proposed arrangement may lead to loss of control type collisions.	It is recommended that the proposed haul road is widened to allow more width for large construction vehicles.	RSA problem and recommendation acknowledged and partially agreed, since simultaneous HGV access and egress movements from/to either to the West or East of Ardleigh Road are expected to occur on the odd occasion. The majority of HGV movements at the concerned junction are expected to be crossing movements from the cable haul road to the co-located permanent access and vice versa. HGVs working at third party substation development are not expected to be using the co-located substation cable haul road. Current design represents a compromise between safety for manoeuvres, design of bellmouth compliant with standard (CD123, Section 5) and minimisation of total area of bellmouth, along with minimisation of land-take and volumes of material required to construct the junction. Also, please note that the SPA shown in drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1061_Rev01 is not making full use of the junction surface since it is not using the corner taper at the permanent access bellmouth north of Ardleigh Rd. This shall be updated by the designer in drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1061_Rev02, showing greater easiness for manoeuvring.	TBC	TBC	Designer to update vehicles swept paths accessing/egressing Ardleigh Rd East leg in drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1061_Rev02, making use of the full junction surface so that manoeuvring of vehicles appears less constrained. (TBC)

Ref.	RSA Problem	RSA Recommendation	Design Organisation Response	Audit Team Supplementary Comment	Client / Project Sponsor Comment	Agreed RSA action
			• Also please note that vehicle models used to perform the SPA (low loaders) are conservative and representing the worst case scenario since they have the greatest requirement for turning radius (6.99m). The overall maximum vehicle width is 2.55m (Max. legal length articulated vehicle), as shown in vehicle details, which means that a two-way movement will need a road width greater than 5.1m. Ardleigh Rd proposed widened carriageway width of 6.5m satisfies this condition although the SPA drawn appears tight in the drawings. We can conclude that if the swept path fits within the carriageway limits with these conservative vehicle models (as it does), room is to be sufficient in reality.			
			Note 12 in drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1061_Rev01 («Vehicle models used for the assessments are indicative only, actual turning radii and vehicle track will depend on the precise vehicles used by the works contractor») and disclaimer shown in Vehicle Details («These models are generic and do not relate to any specific vehicle supplier's specification. All swept paths should be verified by the Contractor and their haulage supplier, once appointed, prior to detailed design and installation of the access») were included as caveats in relation to this matter.			

3 Audit Response Statements

On behalf of the Design Organisation, we certify that:

This section summarises the RSA process status and provides response statements from Mott MacDonald as designers and RWE (as Project Sponsor and Client) consistent with the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) Road Safety Audit guidelines contained within document GG119 Road Safety Audit.

The RSA actions identified in response to the Road Safety Audit problems in this Road

Safety Audit have been discussed and agreed with the Project Sponsor / Client.

Design Organisation Statement

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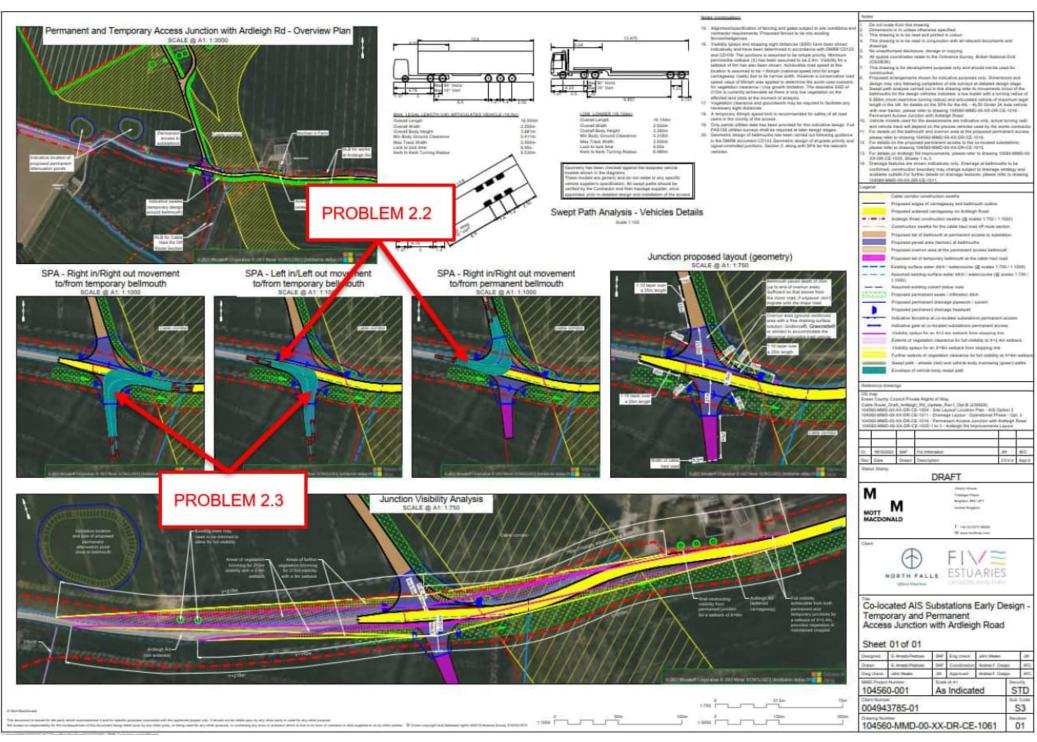
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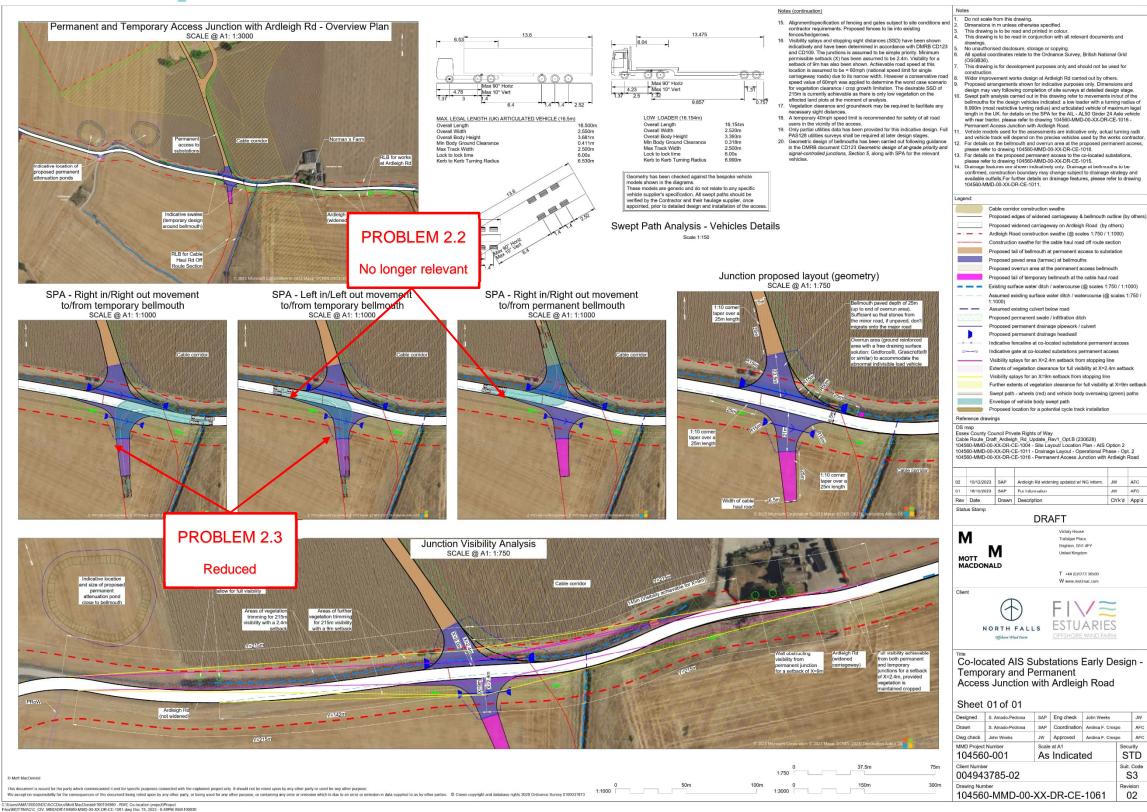
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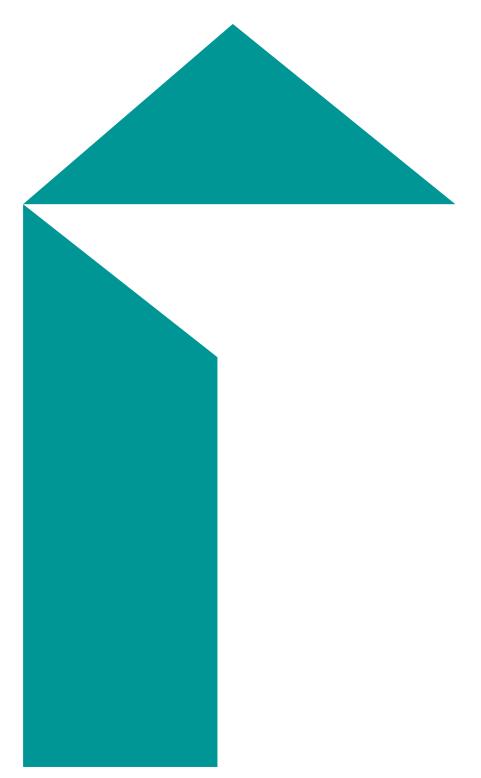
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C. Key Plan – Drawing incorporating latest design decisions previous to receiving Stage 1 RSA report

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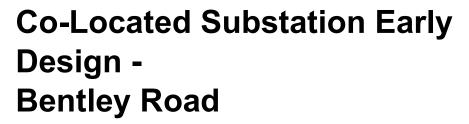
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1 Introduction

This Road Safety Audit Response Report documents considered responses aligned with road safety 'problems' and 'recommendations' defined through the Stage 1 Road Safety Audit process.

1.1 Overview

This report documents original Stage 1 Road Safety Audit (RSA) 'problems' and 'recommendations' for the Bentley Road improvement works defined by the SLR Consulting Ltd. Road Safety Audit Team and includes formally considered RSA responses developed by Mott MacDonald Designers.

The audit was carried out by SLR Consulting Ltd at the request of RWE, the Client and Project Sponsor. The Overseeing Organisation for this Stage 1 is Essex County Council.

The scheme subject to Stage 1 RSA comprises a construction access junction and a haul road crossing associated with the installation of an export cable to carry power from a proposed offshore windfarm located off the coast of Essex. Access junction with Bentley Road and haul road crossing will be required for a period of approximately 18 months.

The Road Safety Audit was originally carried out with reference to the supplied Road Safety Audit Brief prepared by SLR Consulting Ltd on 13th September 2023 and formally accepted by the Audit Team on the same date. The terms of reference of the Road Safety Audit are as described in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) Standard, GG119 Road Safety Audit.

A site visit was undertaken by the Audit Team on Thursday 09th November 2023, between the hours of 13:00 and 14:00. The weather at the time of the visit was overcast and the carriageway surface was generally dry. Vehicular traffic levels were considered to be low. There were no pedestrian and no cyclist movements observed during this time.

The Road Safety Audit comprised an examination of the documentation and drawings listed in **Appendix A**. An accompanying drawing indicating the location of identified safety related issues is provided in **Appendix B**.

Figure 1.1 shows the location of accesses included in scheme in a local context.

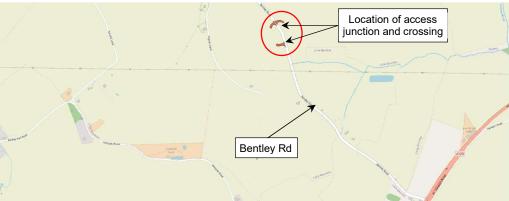


Figure 1.1. Location of the proposed Bentley Rd Junction and crossing

Source: Mott MacDonald based on OpenStreetMap

1.2 Relevant Parties

Project Sponsor: RWE

Client: RWE

Designer: Mott MacDonald

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1.3 Report Structure

- Section 2 comprises of a 'Road Safety Audit Decision Log'.
- Section 3 includes audit response statements.

2 Road Safety Audit Decision Log

This section presents a road safety audit decision log, incorporating 'Designer Responses' to all identified problems and recommendations from the Stage 1 RSA; see **Table 2.1**.

Table 2.1: Road Safety Audit Decision Log

Ref.	RSA Problem	RSA Recommendation	Design Organisation Response	Audit Team Supplementary Comment	Client / Project Sponsor Comment	Agreed RSA action
PROBLI	EMS IDENTIFIED AND ALIGNED RECOMMENDATI	IONS FROM STAGE 1 RSA				
Scheme	e: Bentley Road Junction and crossing					
Drawing	g 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1032-1_Rev02					
2.1	Location: Site Access (Temporary Access Junction with Bentley Rd). Refer to Appendix B. Summary: At a 9m setback, existing trees may obscure the visibility splay potentially leading to side swipe type collisions. Onsite observations noted that the presence of existing vegetation may constitute an obstruction to the junction visibility. Obstruction to visibility splays may lead to injudicious vehicle movements at the proposed junction leading to side swipe collisions between vehicles.	It is recommended that the trees be cut back and maintained as such that it does not pose an obstruction to the visibility splays.	 RSA problem and recommendation acknowledged but not agreed since it is not considered that these trees have an impact on the visibility clearance areas. The visibility splay with a 9m setback on the eastern side of Bentley Rd (northern side of Bentley Rd on drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1032-1) only captures a small area of road verge west of these existing trees, to run across the road to the other verge side west of Bentley Rd (South of Bentley Rd in drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1032-1). Cutting back or trimming the trees will not produce any changes to visibility. Trees are located on the southeast of the road and will cast shadow during most part of the day unless they are totally cut. In drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1031-3 for the same scheme (refer to Appendix C in this document), it is indicated the trimming of these existing trees to facilitate passage of vehicles, which will also help with general visibility. No designer action proposed. 	TBC	TBC	No action (TBC).
2.2	Location: Site Access (Temporary Haul Road crossing at Bentley Rd). Refer to Appendix B. Summary: The position of the gate could cause rear end shunts. The position of the proposed gate is set back 18m and does not allow the largest vehicle (25m) to fully clear the main carriageway when waiting. There is no detail provided that shows the proposed operation of the gate features. Should they be closed for any reason their proposed location could leave HGVs overhanging the public highway which may result in shunt / side swipe type collisions.	It is recommended that the gates are relocated further back into the site such that if a gate is closed for whatever reason, an HGV can still clear the public highway before stopping.	 RSA problem and recommendation agreed. Design drawing will be amended in accord. 	TBC	TBC	Design drawing will be amended consistent with RSA recommendation (TBC).
2.3	Location: Site Haul Road Access (Temporary Access Junction with Bentley Rd). Refer to Appendix B. Summary: There is no tolerance for HGVs when turning into / out of the site access which may lead to loss of control type collisions. The vehicle tracking demonstrates no additional tolerance in surfaced width for HGVs at the site access and along the haul road track. This arrangement does not allow any room for manoeuvre along the track and relies on a perfect HGV turn each time. This proposed arrangement may lead to loss of control type collisions.	It is recommended that the proposed haul road is widened to allow more width for large construction vehicles.	 RSA problem and recommendation acknowledged but partially agreed since it is not considered to constitute a significant safety concern at this stage for the following reasons: The turning movements of the cable drum delivery HGV from Bentley Rd onto the cable haul road are expected to occur on the odd occasion. Cable Drum delivery is considered to be a non-Special Order abnormal load movement and will be subject to agreement with the LHA and Police through the ESDAL system, as a controlled movement they will be timed with other deliveries so as not to be impeded. Majority of cable drum delivery HGV movements at the crossing are expected to be crossing movements from the cable haul road on one side of Bentley Rd to the cable haul road on the other side. The current design represents a compromise between safety for manoeuvres, design of bellmouth compliant with standard (CD123, Section 5) and minimisation of total area of bellmouth, along with minimisation of land-take and volumes of material required to construct the junction. Also please note that the swept path hatched area in drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1032-1 corresponds to the vehicle body envelope and not to the vehicle chassis envelope. For clarity, drawing to be updated to show that the hatched area corresponding to the vehicle chassis envelope, instead of the vehicle body 	TBC	TBC	Designer to update vehicle swept path hatched areas to enhance vehicle chassis envelope as well as vehicle body envelope, showing that vehicle turning movements fit within the bellmouth outlines. The chassis envelope line will be brought forward in the drawing for clarity. (TBC)

Ref.	RSA Problem	RSA Recommendation	Design Organisation Response	Audit Team Supplementary Comment	Client / Project Sponsor Comment	Agreed RSA action
			envelope, fits within the bellmouth outlines. The chassis envelope line will be brought forward in the drawing for clarity.			
			 Also please note that vehicle models used to perform the SPA are conservative and representing a worst case scenario. We can conclude that if the vehicle chassis swept path fits within the carriageway limits with these conservative vehicle models (as it does), room is to be sufficient in reality. 			
			• Note 9 in drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1032-1_Rev02 («Vehicles used in this drawing are indicative of those expected to be using this construction access. Actual turning radii and vehicle track will depend on the precise vehicles used by the works contractor») and disclaimer shown in Vehicle Details («This model is generic and do not relate to any specific vehicle supplier's specification. All swept paths should be verified by the Contractor and their haulage supplier, once appointed, prior to detailed design and installation of the access») were included as caveats in relation to this matter.			
2.4	Location: Internal site. Refer to Appendix B. Summary: No turning area is provided to allow vehicles to turn and egress the site in a forward gear, may lead to side swipe type collisions. It is not clear from the supplied drawings whether a construction compound, or similar, will be provided on the site to allow for vehicles to turn within the site, this could compel drivers to reverse from the site onto the public highway which could lead to obscured visibility and side swipe type collisions.	It is recommended that a turning area for large construction vehicles is provided within the site boundary during the construction works to ensure vehicles can access and egress the site in a forward gear	 RSA problem and recommendation acknowledged and partially agreed. Construction compound areas, which would allow for vehicle turning movements, are shown in drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1031-3 for the same scheme (refer to Appendix C in this document). Drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1032-1_Rev02 to be updated to show the construction compound areas for clarity. 	TBC	TBC	Designer to update drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1032-1_Rev02 to show the construction compound areas for clarity (TBC)
Drawin	g 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1032-2_Rev01					
2.5	Location: Proposed site access. Refer to Appendix B. Summary: The level difference between the carriageway and site could result in loss of control or side swipe type collisions. Onsite observations found that there was a difference in levels between the existing carriageway and the new access. An excessive gradient may create difficulty for large construction vehicles wishing to access Lodge Lane and may in turn lead to a lack of surface friction and slow egress movements potentially creating shunt / side swipe type collisions between egressing construction vehicles and vehicles travelling on Bentley Road.	It is recommended that the existing gradient be amended to an appropriate level for the restart movements of large vehicles accessing Bentley Road from the proposed site	 RSA problem and recommendation agreed. This matter will be appraised further as an integral part of the detailed design process and drawings developed to take due account of the safety problem and the aligned recommendation. 	TBC	TBC	This matter will be appraised further as an integral part of the detailed design process and drawings developed to take due account of the safety problem and the aligned recommendation. (TBC)

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RSA1: 237699	Stage 1 Road Safety Audit - Bentley Road, Five Estuaries Wind Farm_Rev01	13/11/2023
Design Drawing: 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR- CE-1032-1_Rev02 (Client No. 004786171-02)	Co-located Substation Early Design – Bentley Rd with Cable Haul Rd Junction & SPA_Sheet 1 of 2 Rev01	26/06/2023
Design Drawing: 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR- CE-1032-2_Rev1 (Client No. 004845330-01)	Co-located Substation Early Design – Bentley Rd with Cable Haul Rd Junction & SPA_Sheet 2 of 2 Rev01	26/06/2023
Design Drawing: 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR- CE-1031Rev3 (Client No. 004786180-03)	Co-located Substation Early Design – Bentley Rd improvement works_Sheet 3 of 3 Rev03	30/11/2023

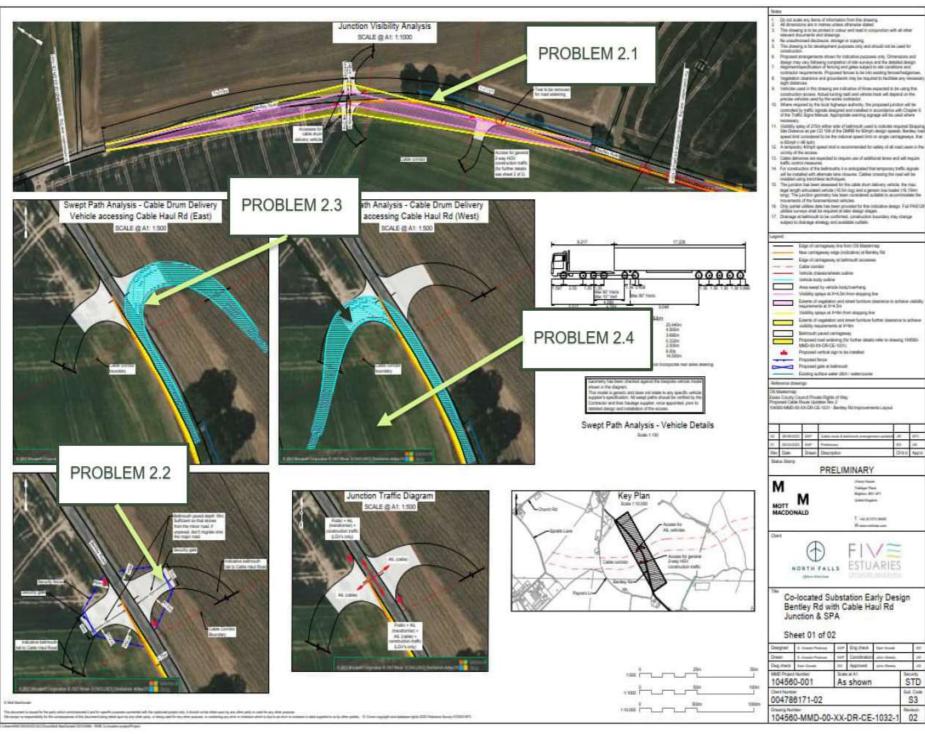
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B. Key Plans - Drawings subjected to Stage 1 RSA

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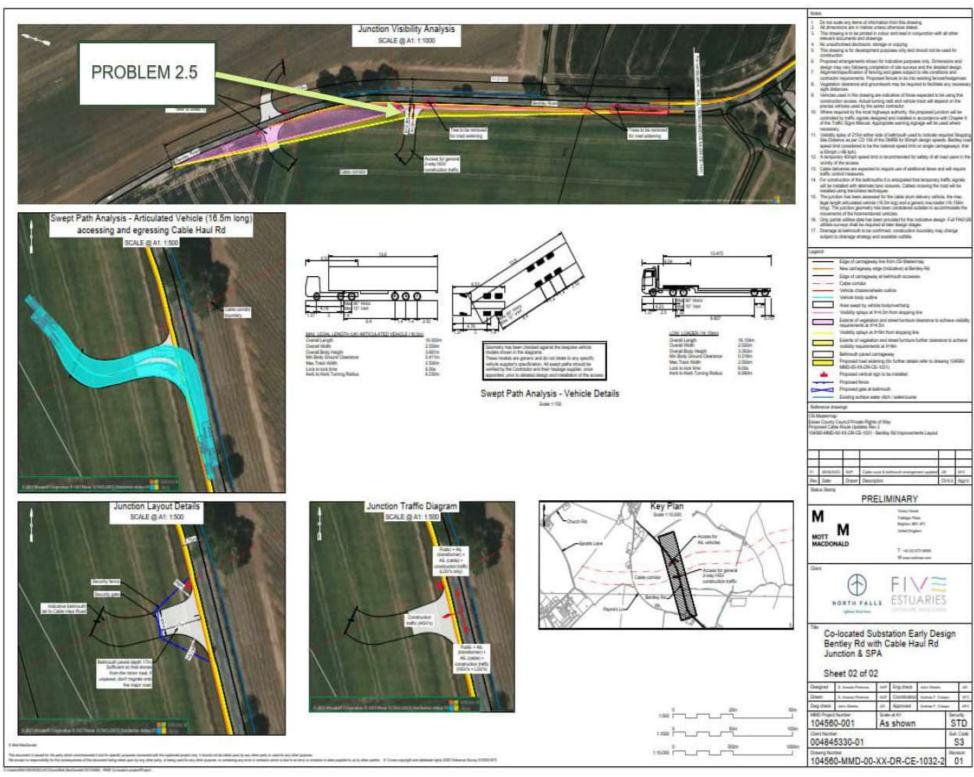
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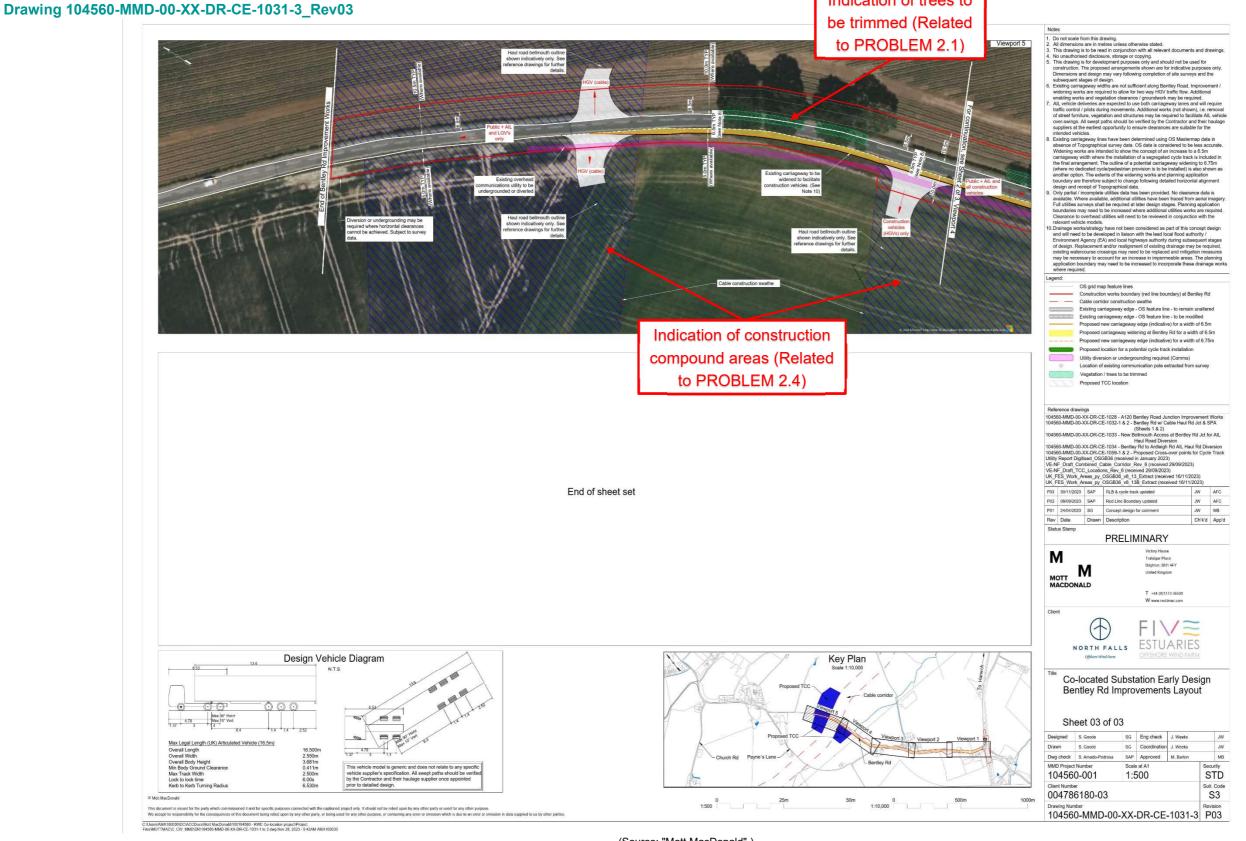
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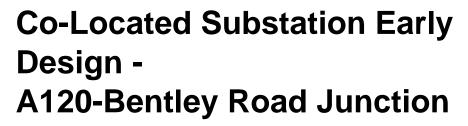
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1 Introduction

This Road Safety Audit Response Report documents considered responses aligned with road safety 'problems' and 'recommendations' defined through the Stage 1 Road Safety Audit process.

1.1 Overview

This report documents original Stage 1 Road Safety Audit (RSA) 'problems' and 'recommendations' for the A120-Bentley Road junction design defined by the SLR Consulting Ltd. Road Safety Audit Team and includes formally considered RSA responses developed by Mott MacDonald Designers.

The audit was carried out by SLR Consulting Ltd on behalf of Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Ltd., one of the Project Sponsors. The Overseeing Organisation for this Stage 1 RSA is National Highways.

The scheme subject to Stage 1 RSA comprises the reconditioning of the existing A120-Bentley Rd Junction to enable its use by high volumes of construction traffic due to the works related to the installation of haul roads, an export cable carrying power from a proposed offshore windfarm located off the coast of Essex and the construction of the two associated co-located substations. The A120-Bentley Road junction will undergo a series of improvements with the aim of reducing the detrimental impacts of heavy construction traffic to the Strategic Road Network.

These improvements will remain in place after the substation works have concluded and broadly include:

- the carriageway widening on the northern side of both Bentley Road and the A120,
- the realignment of a section of the Bentley Rd approach/exit arm,
- the installation of a merge lane at the A120 to facilitate vehicles' incorporation,
- the relocation and reconditioning of the existing traffic island at the junction,
- the improvement of the existing NMU track section and its extension along Bentley Rd (and beyond the junction), also implementing a safer cycle cross-over at the junction.

An Audit Brief was prepared by John Weeks of Mott MacDonald on the 1st October 2024, being formally accepted by the Audit Team on the same date. The Road Safety Audit was originally carried out with reference to the supplied Road Safety Audit Brief. The terms of reference of the Road Safety Audit are as described in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) Standard, GG119 Road Safety Audit.

A site visit was undertaken by the Audit Team on Thursday 14th November 2024, between the hours of 13:00 and 14:30. The weather at the time of the visit was overcast and the carriageway surface was generally dry. Vehicular traffic levels were considered to be low. There were no pedestrian and no cyclist movements observed during this time.

The Road Safety Audit comprised an examination of the documentation and drawings listed in **Appendix A**. Accompanying drawings indicating the location of identified safety related issues are provided in **Appendix B**.

Figure 1.1 below shows the location of the accesses included in the scheme in a local context.

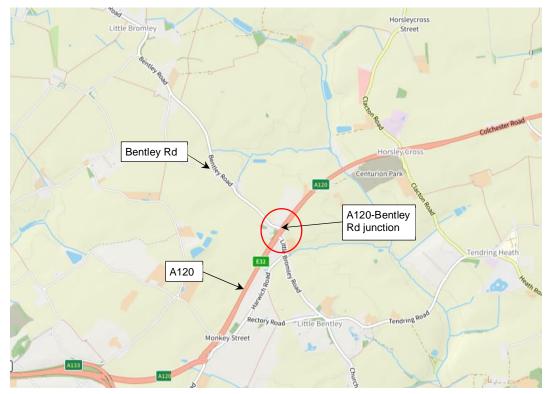


Figure 1.1. Location of the proposed A120-Bentley Rd Junction

Source: Mott MacDonald based on OpenStreetMap

1.2 Relevant Parties

Project Sponsor: RWE (Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Ltd.)

Client: RWE (Five Estuaries Offshore Wind Farm Ltd.)

Designer: Mott MacDonald

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1.3 Report Structure

• Section 2 comprises of a 'Road Safety Audit Decision Log'.

• Section 3 includes audit response statements.

2 Road Safety Audit Decision Log

This section presents a road safety audit decision log, incorporating 'Designer Responses' to all identified problems and recommendations from the Stage 1 RSA; see **Table 2.1**.

Table 2.1: Road Safety Audit Decision Log

Ref. RSA Problem RSA Recommendation Design Organisation Response Audit Team Supplementary Client / Project Sponsor Agreed RSA action Comment Comment

PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED AND ALIGNED RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAGE 1 RSA

Scheme: A120/Bentley Road Junction

Drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1070_Rev01

2.1 Location: A120/Bentley Rd Junction.

Summary: Lack of hazard warning tactile paving provided at dropped kerbs leading to the NMU route may lead to collisions between NMUs and vehicular traffic.

Design drawings show an extension of the NMU route adjacent to the A120. An existing splitter island will be amended with dropped kerbs and road markings to allow NMU users to leave the A120 Northwest bound.

This design is not shown complete with hazard warning tactile paving that would alert NMUs particularly those with visual impairments that they are about to enter the vehicular carriageway. This arrangement may in turn lead to collisions between NMUs and vehicular traffic.

It is recommended that any access points to the vehicular carriageway are provided with the appropriate tactile paving installations.

RSA problem acknowledged but recommendation partially dismissed due to the crossover movement only being allowed to northbound cycles and cycle access points to/from the carriageway not requiring the installation of tactile pavement.

• To provide greater clarity to the crossing movements allowed at this crossover point and to improve safety, both for pedestrians and cycles, a segregated shared use section of the NMU track is to be added along the area of concern to direct pedestrians away from the crossover. Tactile pavement is to be installed at the start and end of this segregated shared use section of the NMU track, in line with the Department for Transport document: Guidance on the Use of Tactile Paving Surfaces, Section 5. Ladder tactile pavement shall be installed at the start/end of the pedestrian way within the NMU track for a depth of 2.4m each, and width of 1.5m (width of the pedestrian way). Tramline tactile pavement shall be installed at the start/end of the cycle way within the NMU track for a depth of 2.4m each, and width of 2m (width of the cycle way). The ladder and tramline tactile pavement will assist vision impaired people. Diagrams 956 & 957 mounted on bollards and installed at the start/end of the segregated shared use section of the NMU track would also assist all other users. The installation of Diagrams 956 & 957 is a recommendation within Guidance on the Use of Tactile Paving Surfaces. Section 5 and LTN 1/20 paragraph 9.4.3, however their installation shall be discussed with the ECC LHA to avoid sign clutter.

The segregated shared use NMU track will direct pedestrians away from the crossover point at the junction, greatly reducing the risk of pedestrians trying to cross.

It is also proposed that the carriageway at the cycle area of the segregated shared use NMU track is surfaced in a different colour than the rest of the NMU track, to make it more conspicuous to all users.

- Additionally, the corner radii at the NMU track leg leading to the trafficked carriageway have been reduced to R=1m and the leg width, to 2.5m, except at the corner radii, to reduce comfort at making the turn. Edge of lane road markings have been proposed at the intersection of this leg with the NMU mainline cycle track and directional arrow road markings to emphasize the one-way character of this cycle track leg.
- This matter will be appraised further, in conjunction with the Local Highways Authority, as an integral part of the detailed design process, when bespoke signing and road marking drawings and specifications are to be agreed and produced for the preferred solution.

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To be populated by the Client / Project Sponsor

This matter will be appraised further, in conjunction with the Local Highways Authority, as an integral part of the detailed design process, when bespoke signing and road marking drawings and specifications are to be produced for the agreed preferred solution.

All measures to increase safety, described at the Design Organisation Response column, to be added to drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1070_Rev02.

Drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1066_Rev02

2.2 Location: A120/Bentley Rd Junction.Summary: Overrun of Exceptional 74.720mHGV into NMU corridor.

Design drawings show swept path analysis of a multi axle drawbar HGV entering Bentley Road from the A120. The analysis drawing indicates that the body of this exceptional HGV will over sail the new NMU route as the vehicle turns from the A120 onto Bentley Road. This It is recommended that banks
persons are used where HGVs are
required to make turns along the
route to ensure that pedestrians
and vulnerable road users are
separated from large vehicle
turning movements.

RSA problem acknowledged and recommendation agreed.

The use of banks persons is implicit within the Temporary Traffic Management measures to be agreed with the Local Highways Authority. These TTM measures shall be detailed at a later stage of the project.

 A note specifying the use of banks persons shall be added to drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1066_Rev03 for clarity. To be populated by the Audit Team

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A note specifying the use of banks persons shall be added to drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1066_Rev03 for clarity.

TTM measures shall be detailed and agreed with the LHA at a later stage of the project.

Ref. RSA Problem RSA Recommendation Design Organisation Response Audit Team Supplementary Client / Project Sponsor Agreed RSA action Comment Comment

arrangement may lead to collisions between exceptional HGVs and NMU's on the shared use path.

3 Audit Response Statements

On behalf of the Design Organisation, we certify that:

This section summarises the RSA process status and provides response statements from Mott MacDonald as designers and RWE (as Project Sponsor and Client) consistent with the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) Road Safety Audit guidelines contained within document GG119 Road Safety Audit.

The RSA actions identified in response to the Road Safety Audit problems in this Road

John Weeks

Safety Audit have been discussed and agreed with the Project Sponsor / Client.

Design Organisation Statement

Name:

Signed:

	diets			
Position:	Highways Design Lead			
Organisation:	Mott MacDonald			
Date:	19/12/2024			
On behalf of the Project Sponsor / Client I certify that: The RSA actions identified in response to the Road Safety Audit problems in this Road Safety Audit have been discussed and agreed with the Design Organisation; and The agreed RSA actions will be progressed.				
Name:				
Signed:				
Position:				
Position: Organisation:	RWE			

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A. Documents and Drawings Referenced

Table A.1: Documents and Drawings Referenced

Ref.	Title	Date
Stage 1 RSA: 402.065339.00001	Stage 1 Road Safety Audit – A120 / Bentley Rd, Five Estuaries Wind Farm_Rev01	20/11/2024
Design Drawing: 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR- CE-1066_Rev02 (Client No. 005108632-02)	Co-located Substations Early Design – A120-Bentley Road Junction – Alternative alignment Swept Path Analysis (SPA)_Rev02	08/03/2024
Design Drawing: 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR- CE-1070_Rev01 (Client No. 005395305-01)	Co-located Substations Early Design – Bentley Rd Improvements – Proposed Cross-over point for the NMU path at the junction for the proposed new Bentley Rd alignment_Rev01	27/09/2024
RSA Brief Document	240118_Bentley Road-A120 Stage 1 RSA Brief	21/08/2024

Source: Mott MacDonald

B. Key Plan - Drawing subjected to Stage 1 RSA

Drawing 104560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1070_Rev01

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> Cross-over point on the southern end of the cycle track Southern cross-over point details NOT FOR FOR INFORMATION M PROBLEM 2.1 HORTH FALLS ESTUARIES Co-located Substation Early Design -Bentley Rd Improvements -Proposed Cross-over point for the NMU path at the junction for the proposed new Bentley Rd alignment (Sheet 01 of 01) 104560-001 005395305-01 04560-MMD-00-XX-DR-CE-1070 P01

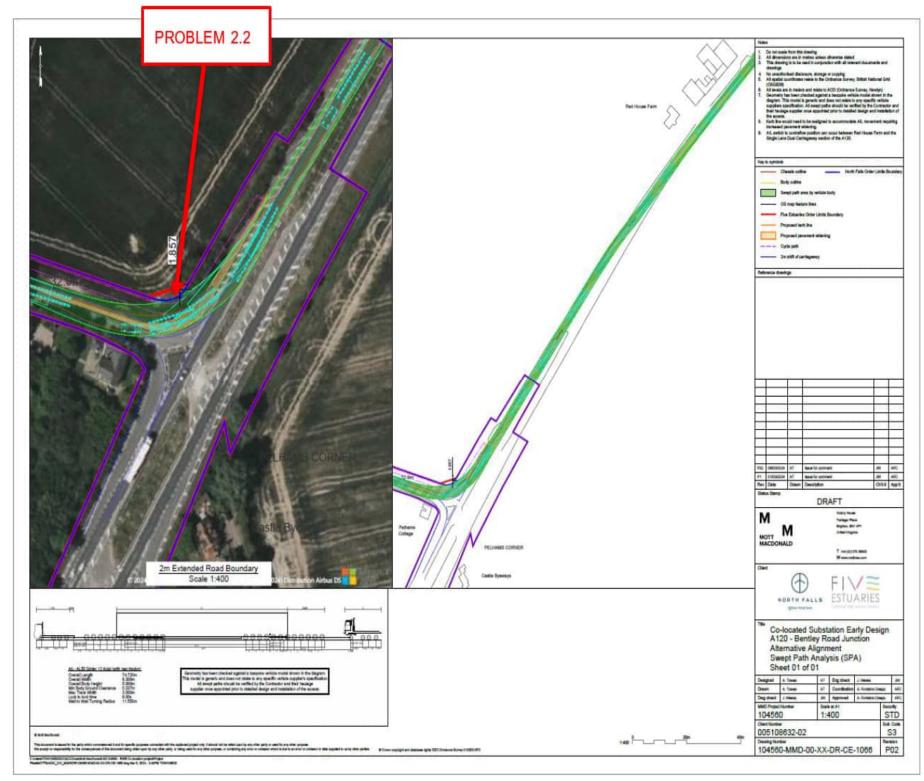


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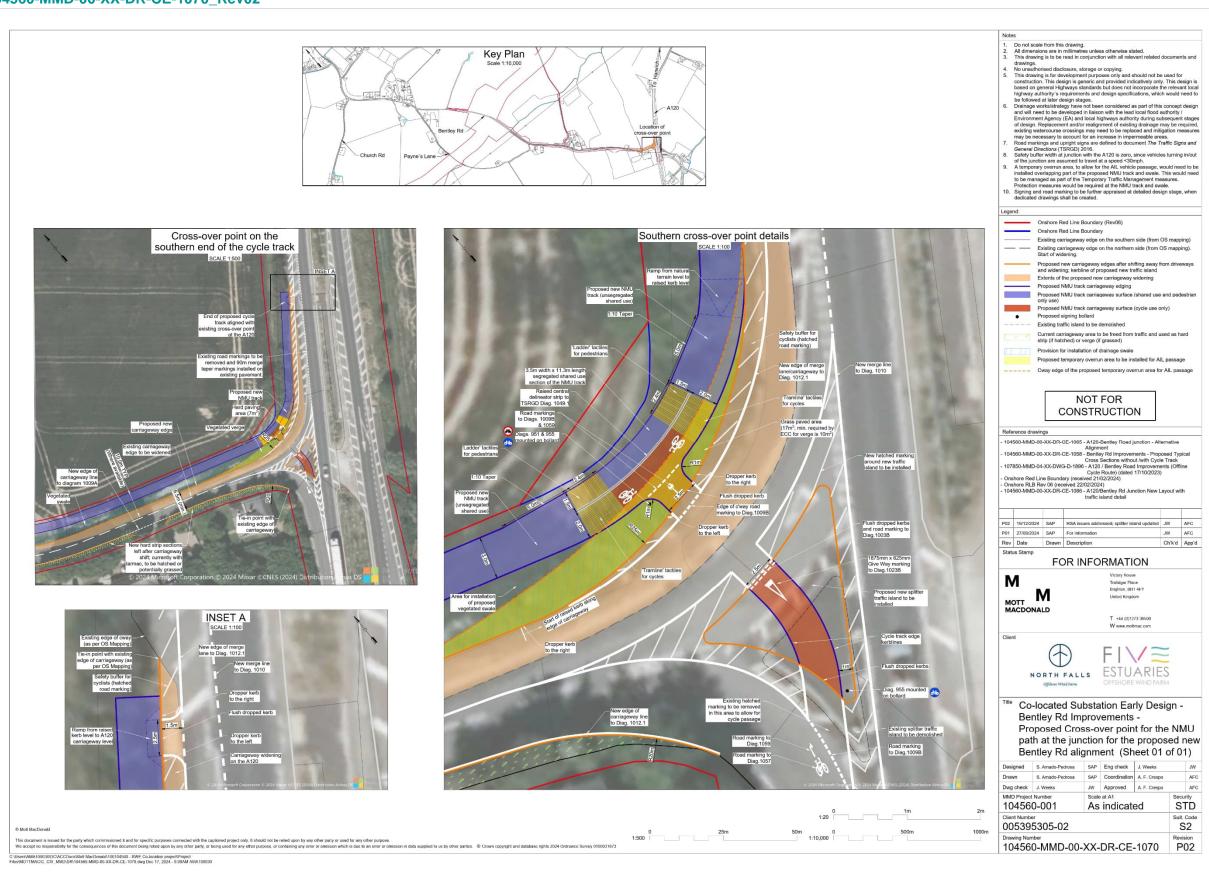
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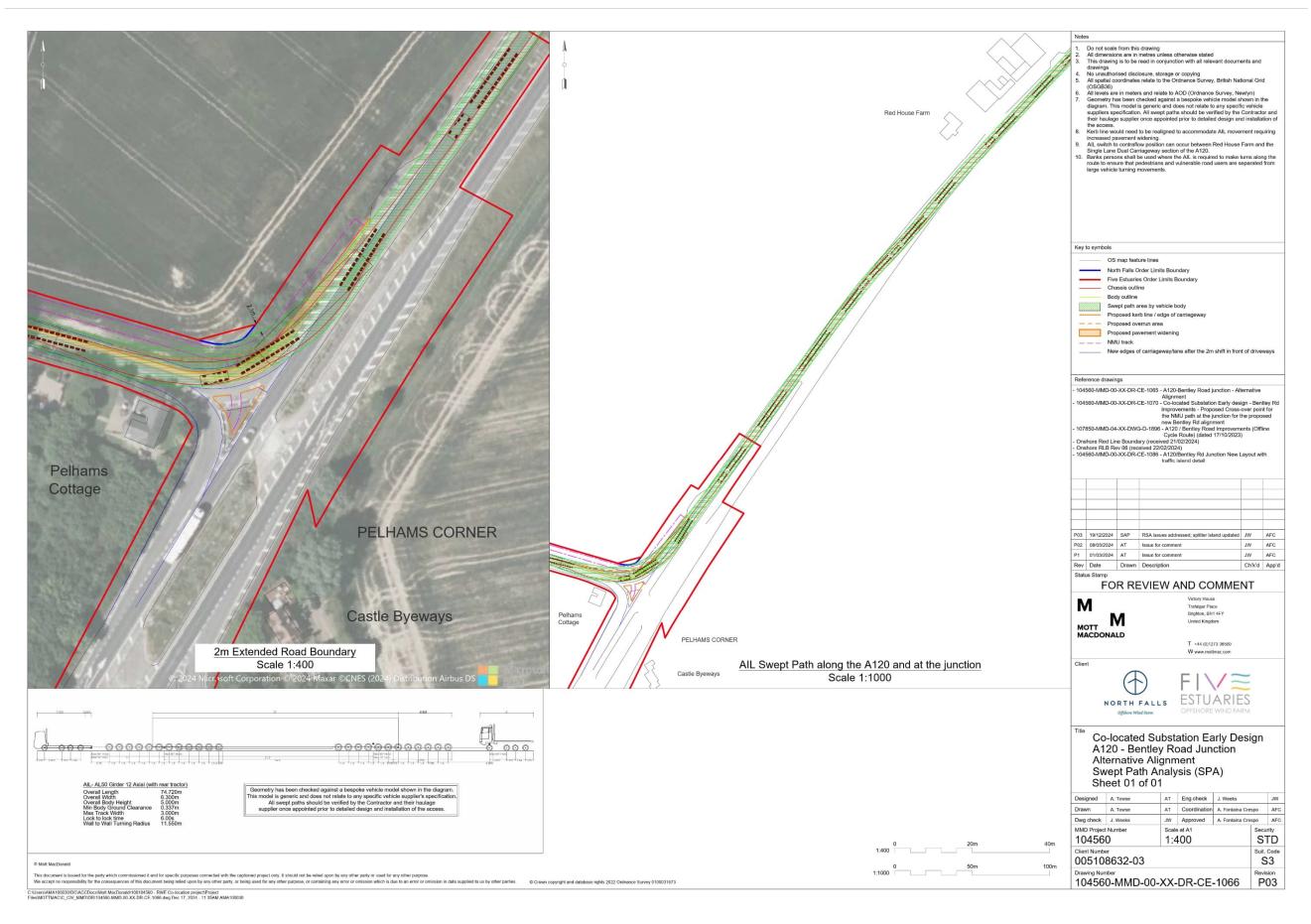
C. Key Plan – Drawings incorporating addressed Stage 1 RSA comments

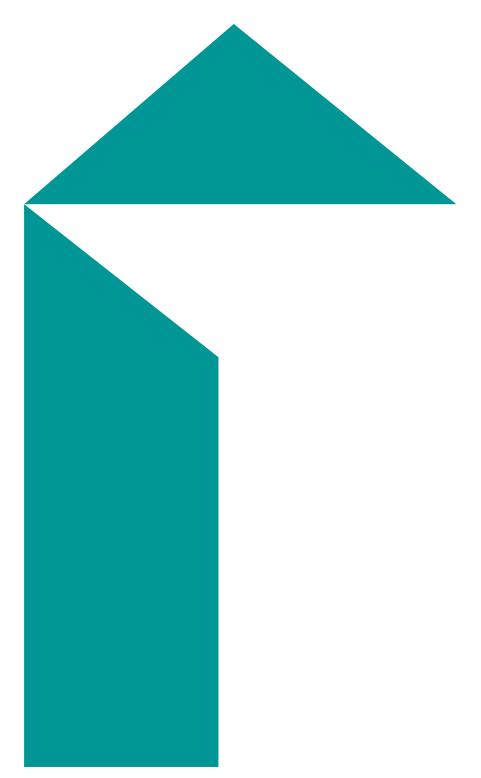
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(Source: Mott MacDonald, Stage 1 RSA Audit Response)

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