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### **Executive summary**

This report has been produced for the purpose of providing a Swept Path Assessment (SPA) for the Temporary Access Route off the A131 (access point at H-AP20 through to the access point at H-AP10 in the vicinity of the Stour Valley West Cable Sealing End Compound).

The concept design for the access point off the A131 (A131 ghost island) and bellmouth in Appendix A demonstrates that the design can be suitably accommodated within the Order Limits.

The SPA in Appendix B demonstrates that the A131 ghost island and bellmouth can safely accommodate two Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) transport units in convoy, and that the Temporary Access Route off the A131 as currently proposed can accommodate the AIL movements within the temporary access route, and within the Order Limits.

The designs presented in Appendices A and B are indicative designs to demonstrate that the accesses can be developed safely, within the Order limits and without generating more vegetation removal than proposed. However, the precise design of the bellmouth, its location along the A131 and the alignment of the temporary access route may vary with detailed design. Requirement 11 on the draft Development Consent Order (**document 3.1**) ensures that final access designs are submitted and approved by the relevant highway authority prior to construction.

### 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Overview

- This document has been produced in response to Action Point AP2 arising from Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 [EV-045] which required the Applicant to "submit an appendix to the earlier technical note to deal with the environmental comparison and swept path analyses for the Applicant's preferred route for the A131 construction haul road and the alternative routes suggested by DFP Nott and Sons and Mr PJ Nott for their holdings".
- The environmental comparison was addressed by an update to the Technical Note at Deadline 4 in the submission of document 8.5.5 (B): Technical Note on Temporary Access Route off the A131 at Deadline 4 [REP4-009].
- This document contains the Swept Path Assessment (SPA) for the Applicant's preferred route of the Temporary Access Route off the A131 as represented in Figure 1.1 of document 8.5.5 (B): Technical Note on Temporary Access Route off the A131 [REP4-009]. Refer to Appendix B for the SPA report.
- This document also incorporates a concept design for the A131 ghost island and bellmouth (refer to Appendix A) which has been incorporated within the SPA in Appendix B. This concept design also addresses queries from the local highway authorities on the nature of the proposed junction with the A131.

### 2. A131 Ghost Island and Bellmouth

### 2.1 Concept Design

- Appendix A contains a concept design for the A131 ghost island and bellmouth (drawing BT-NG-020621-TAR-002). The detailed design of the A131 ghost island and bellmouth will be undertaken by the main works contractor once appointed and submitted to the relevant Local Highway Authority (Essex County Council) for approval pursuant to Requirement 11 of the draft DCO (document 3.1).
- The A131 ghost island has been designed to allow for a right turn in (from the south) and a left turn out (to the south); for clarity AILs are not proposed to use the A131 from Sudbury to the north. The concept design includes a right turn pocket that can accommodate two AIL transport units travelling in convoy.
- The concept design presently indicates the bellmouth placed on the northern boundary of the Order Limits as a worst-case arrangement, this resulting in a tighter right turn into the bellmouth and a tighter left turn out of the bellmouth along the access route. It is noted that the Order Limits allow space for the bellmouth to be re-positioned further to the south (more centrally within the Order Limits) in the detailed design which would allow for smoother initial turns by the AlLs.
- The concept design demonstrates that a ghost island and bellmouth can be constructed at the A131 access point at H-AP20 within the Order Limits requested by the Applicant, and that the Order Limits further allow flexibility for some repositioning of this ghost island and bellmouth to suit detailed design if required and/or following discussions with the local highway authority.

### 3. Swept Path Assessment

### 3.1 Review of Swept Path Assessment

- The Applicant appointed a specialist Consultant to undertake the SPA of the Temporary Access Route off the A131 as per Figure 1.1 within document 8.5.5 (B): Technical Note on Temporary Access Route off the A131 [REP4-009]. The SPA report is attached as Appendix B.
- The SPA is provided for the Temporary Access Route off the A131 (access point at H-AP20 through to the access point at H-AP10 in the vicinity of the Stour Valley West Cable Sealing End Compound). The concept design for the A131 ghost island and bellmouth as per Appendix A has been incorporated within the SPA.
- Drawing 21-1030.GI01 (page 14) of Appendix B demonstrates that two AIL transport units can be safely accommodated within the 80m long right turn pocket within the ghost island, and further that two AIL transport units can be safely accommodated within the bellmouth once the right turn has been completed by both units.
- Drawing 21-1030.SPA03 Sheets 1 to 17 (pages 15 to 31) of Appendix B provides the SPA of an AIL transport unit travelling from access point H-AP20 through to access point H-AP10 along the proposed temporary access route. The report notes that although in places an oversail of the temporary access route occurs, this is a result of an attempt to track the AIL vehicle along the left-hand lane of the temporary access route. If the AIL occupied the full width of the temporary access route, no oversail would be expected, and the Applicant anticipates that this would be the approach adopted by the main works contractor during the AIL deliveries.
- There are predicted to be 50 AIL vehicles using this temporary access route over the construction period and AIL deliveries are tightly controlled, programmed and managed. It is therefore likely that the Applicant would effectively close the temporary access route to other construction traffic during AIL movements, enabling use of the full carriageway. One benefit of the temporary access route is that the Applicant will be the only user of the temporary access route so this can be easily managed with no impact on the local highway network after the A131 junction except for locations where the temporary access route crosses the local highway network.
- The Applicant notes that in all cases the AIL remains well within the Order Limits, which allows for some flexibility in the detailed design of the Temporary Access Route off the A131 by the main works contractor to address any localised issues arising.

### **Appendix A Concept Design of A131 Ghost Island and Bellmouth**

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DESIGN AND LAYOUT PLANS: PROPOSED GHOST ISLAND / TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD BELLMOUTH LAYOUT CONCEPT DESIGN
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IN THE DISTRICTS OF MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL, BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL AND BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL Drawing to be printed in colour. 2. Layouts to be agreed with relevant land 40 60 100 m Do not scale from this drawing. 4. All dimensions in metres unless otherwise SCALE 1:1000 noted The accuracy of this plan is limited to the accuracy of the ordnance survey map, if any conflicting information is reported on site, this should be reported to a representative of the overseeing organisation. Swept path analysis has not been undertaken due to the exceptional nature of the vehicle, but the geometry has been constructed to ensure the swept path of the worst-case abnormal indivisible load (ail) vehicle can be accommodated within Existing infrastructure such as drainage, street lighting, traffic signs and signal ducts are subject to alteration as required. All road markings and signs are as per the Proposed 100m total traffic signs regulations and general directions 2016 (tsrgd) and traffic signs taper as per DMRB CD 123 The feasibility of this design solution is subject to further work to be conducted during the next design stage. 10. The proposals are indicative and subject to alteration following completion of the topographical survey Area of haunching to ensure 3.0m wide northbound lane — Proposed road markings Existing road markings to remain Proposed 80m long right-turn pocket, capable of accommodating 2x Proposed edge of widened carriageway Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL) vehicles for cable delivery Proposed carriageway widening Proposed temporary access road Proposed 112.5m (1:25) island taper and 15m direct taper as per DMRB CD 123 Reference should be made to Document 2.1 Guide to the Plans which provides further Proposed carriageway widening within Order Limits to facilitate right-turn nformation on what the plans show pocket, requiring ownership of third-party land INDICATIVE TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD LAYOUT A 13/11/23 Issued for NP DF RF ISSUE DATE REMARKS DRAWN CHKD APPD Bramford to Twinstead Reinforcement nationalgrid TITLE Design and Layout Plans: Proposed Ghost Island / Temporary 1 Access Road Bellmouth Layout Concept Design Bramford - Pelham & Bramford | ACAD - Braintree - Bulls Lodge B2441B04-JAC-TE-B2T-TAR-002 BT-NG-020621-TAR-002

### **Appendix B Abnormal Indivisible Load Swept Path Assessment**



### Bramford to Twinstead - Option 1 DCO (Red Route) - Abnormal Indivisible Load Swept Path Assessment Considerate of 60te Cable Drum Delivery

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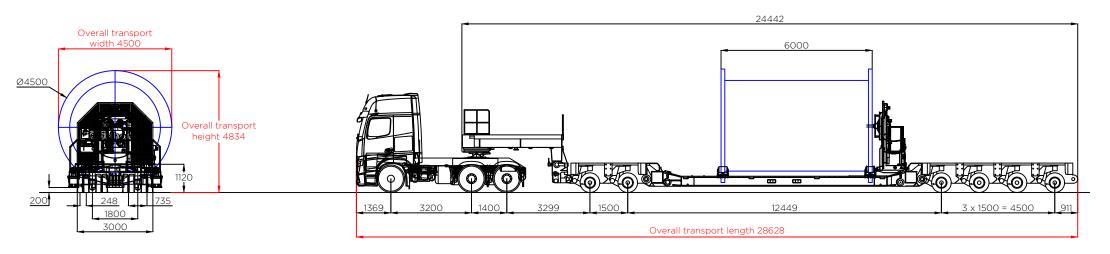
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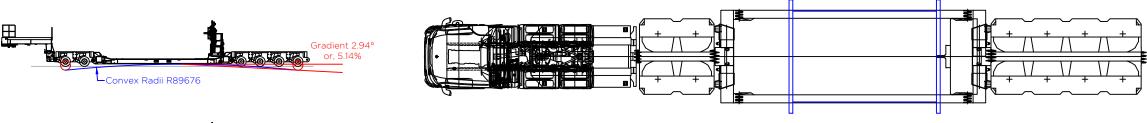
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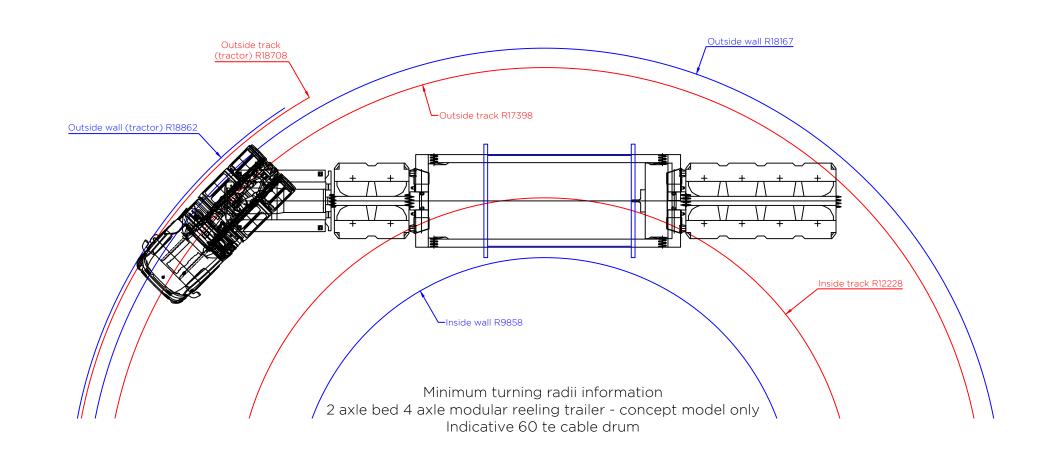
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Elevation view - 2 axle bed 4 axle modular reeling trailer - concept model only Indicative 60 te cable drum



Plan view - 2 axle bed 4 axle modular reeling trailer - concept model only Indicative 60 te cable drum



Load table	
4 axle modular reeling tr	ailer
Self weight of cable drum	60.0 te
Self weight of trailer	39.6 te
Self weight of tractor	12.0 te
Total combined weight	111.6 te
Max. load per axle line (trailer)	14.12 te
Load per axle	7.06 te
Load per wheel (4 per axle)	1.77 te
Max. overall ground bearing pressure (trailer)	4.77 te/m²
Tractor (12 te)	

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Front steer	8.1 te
Rear axle	12.7 te
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- [1] The figures shown above are representative of the transport configuration portrayed. However, as tractor and trailer arrangements vary then the loads and dimensions indicated should be treated as probable values.
- [2] Actual dimensions, including axle spacing and mean running height, may vary slightly depending on manufacturer of trailer deployed.
- [3] All linear measures in millimetres unless stated otherwise.
- [4] Minimum turning radii based upon maximum steering angle of 45 degrees. Some trailers operate to a maximum steering angle of 60 degrees, which will improve negotiability.

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Indicative transport configuration Indicative 60.0 te cable drum carried on 2 axle bed 4 axle modular reeling trailer showing minimum turning radii

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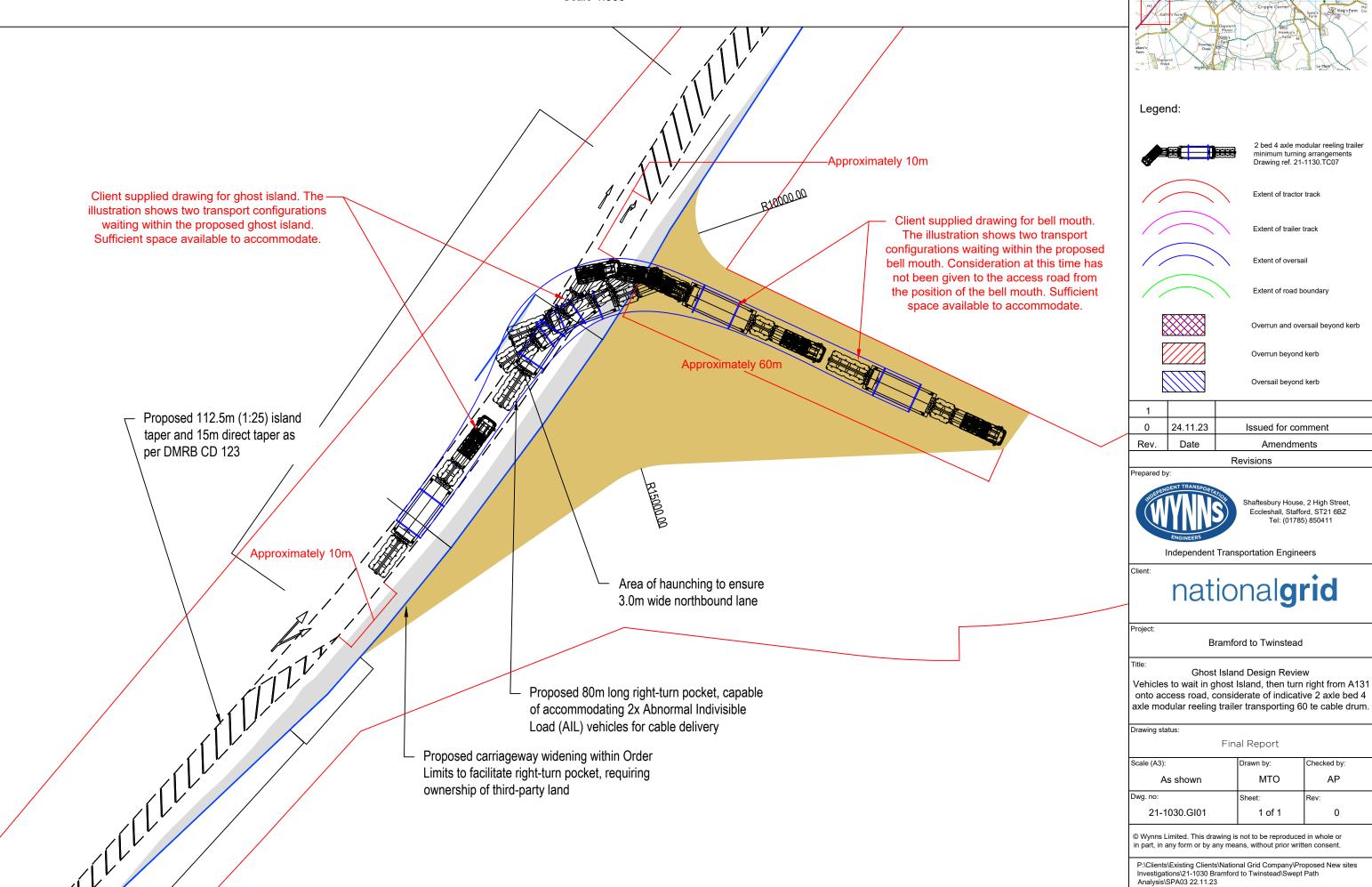
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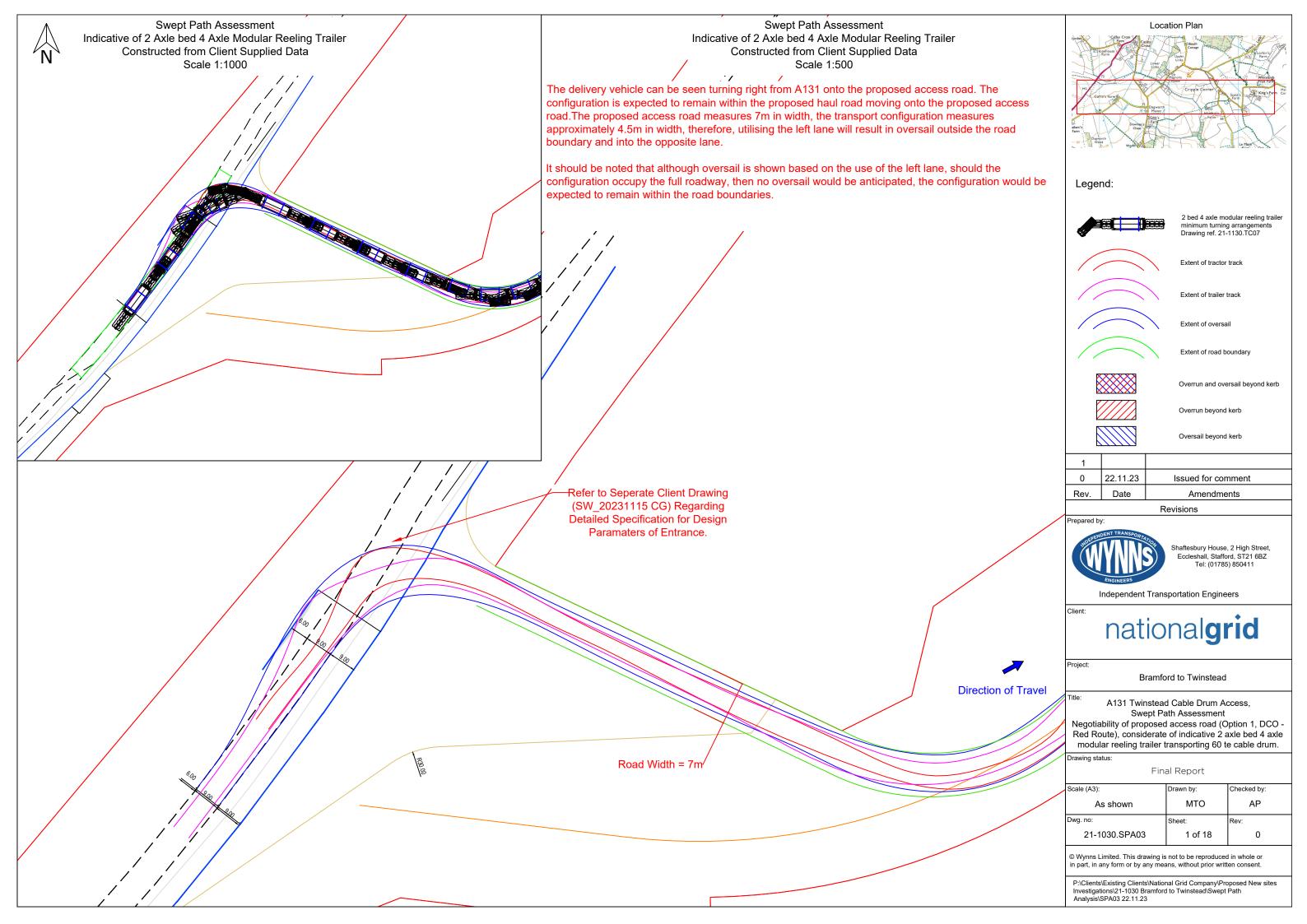
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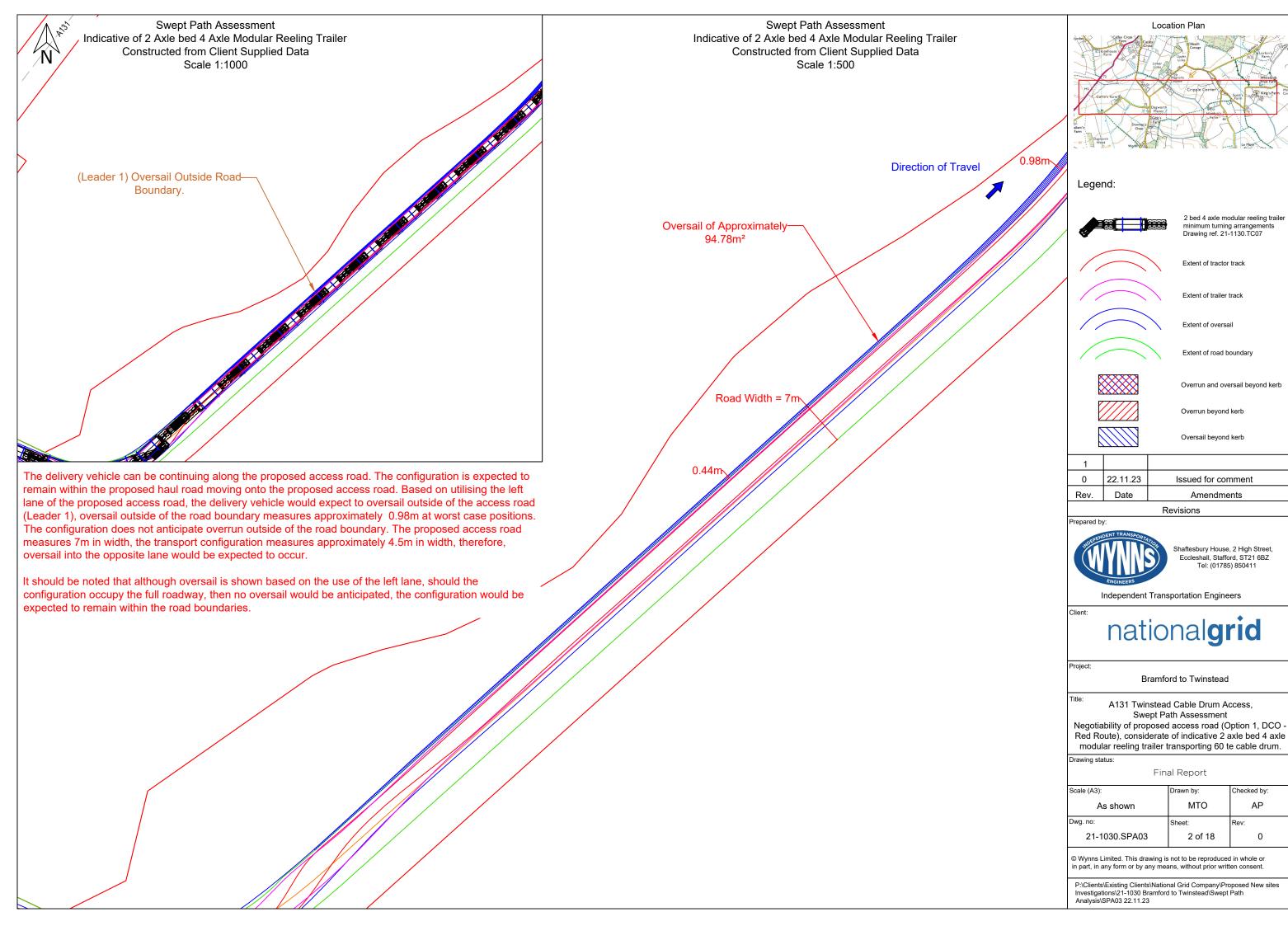


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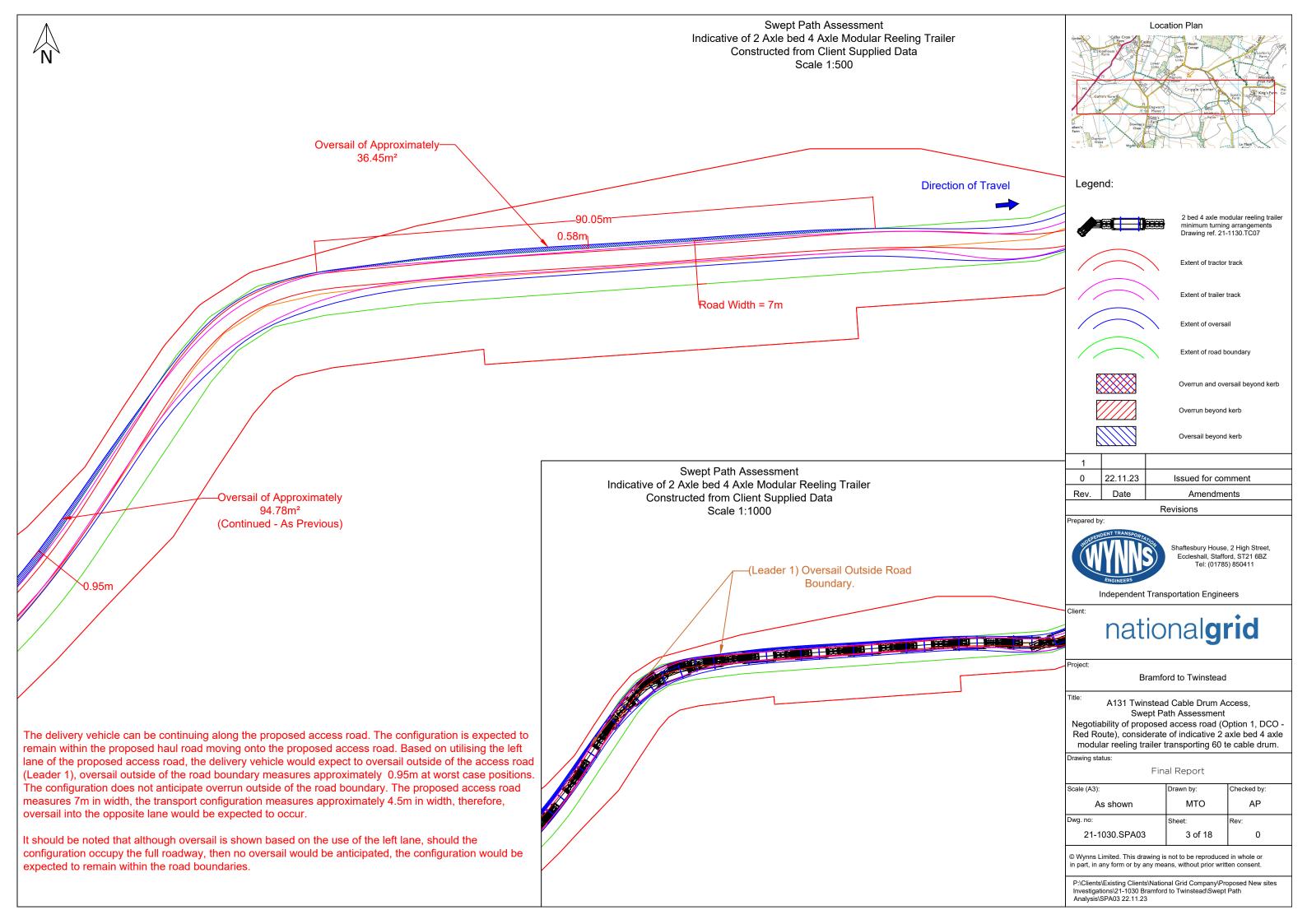


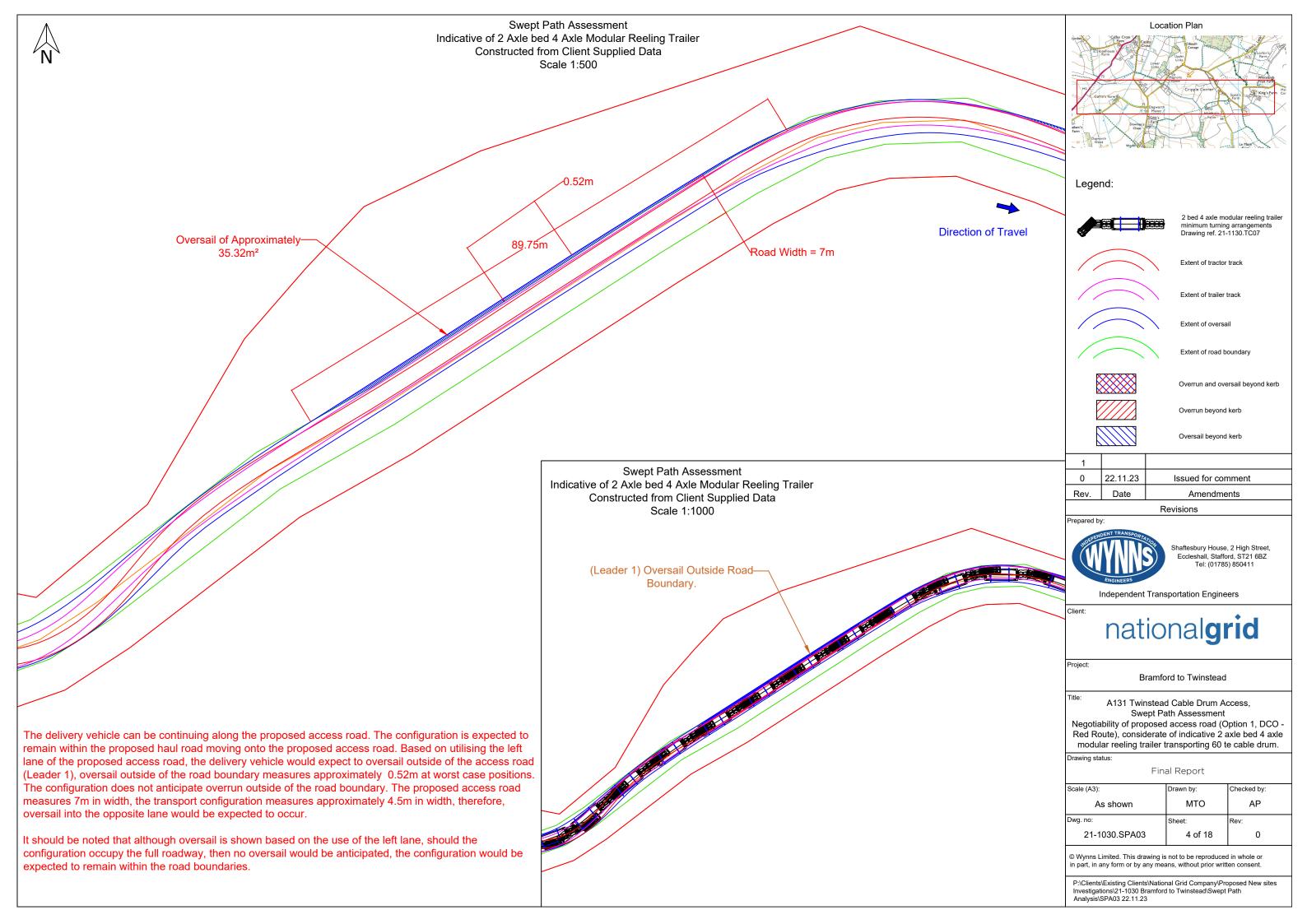


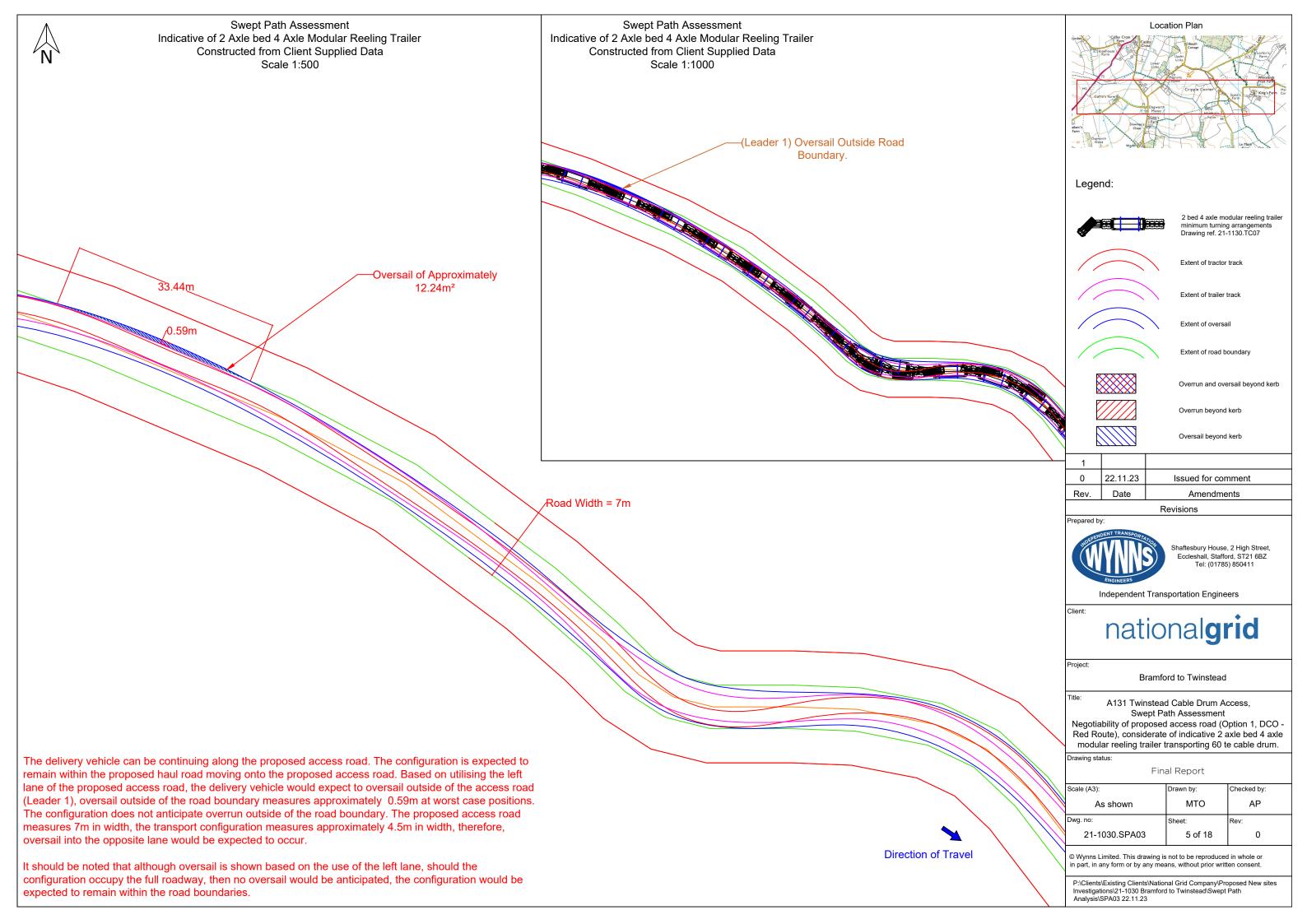
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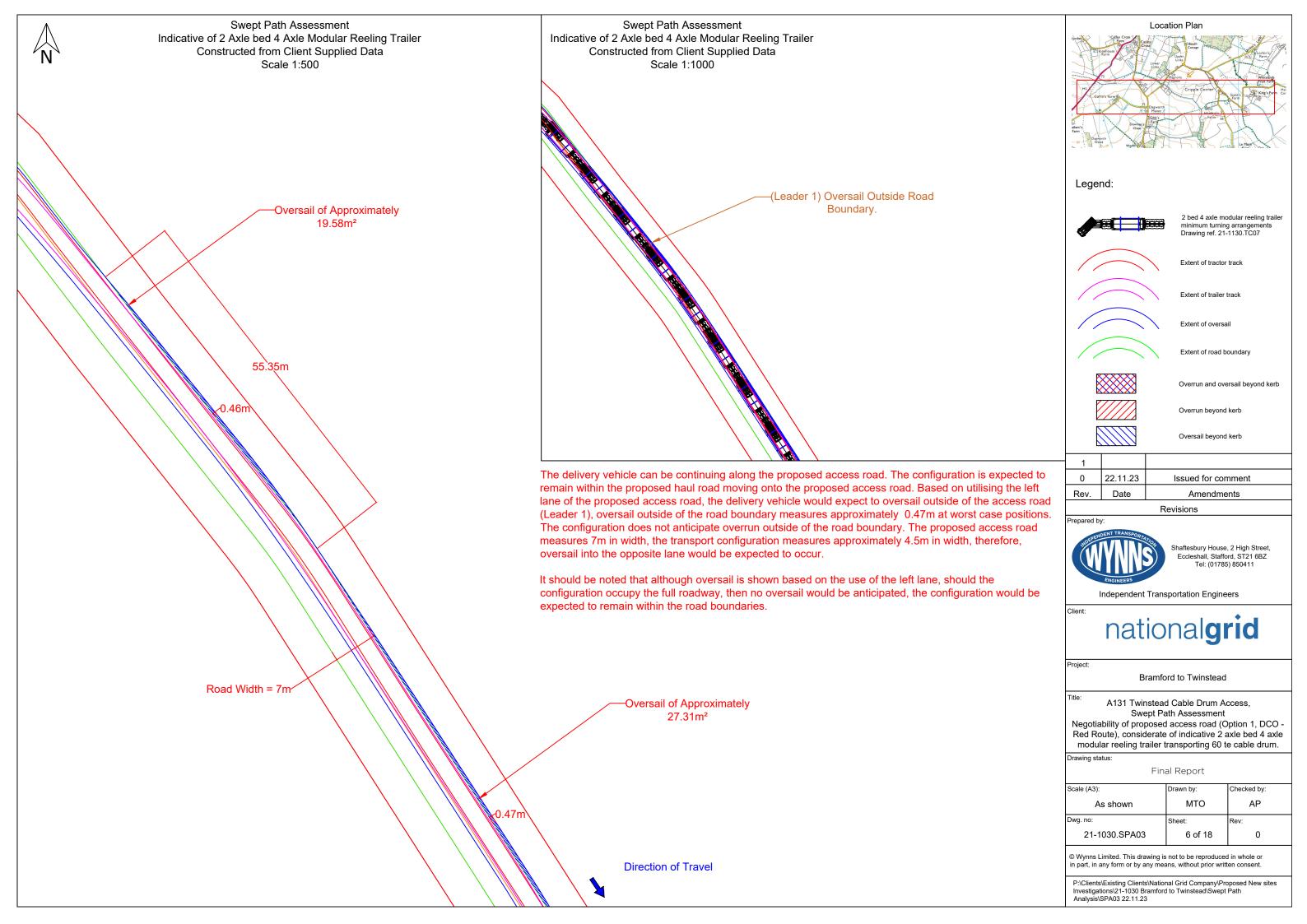
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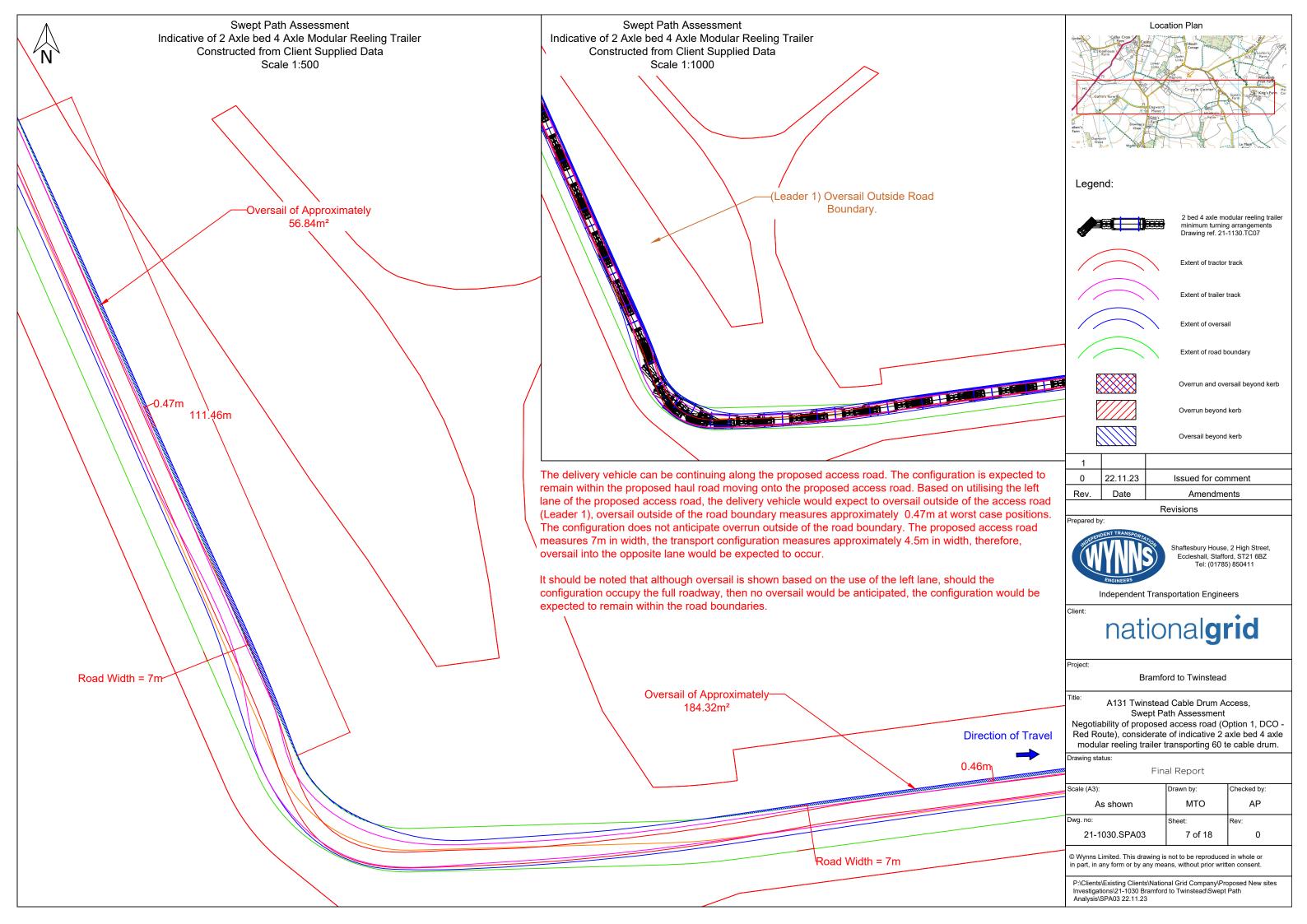
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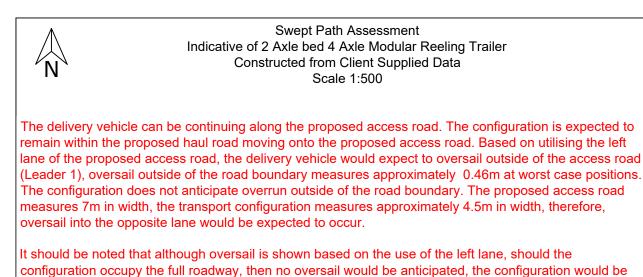












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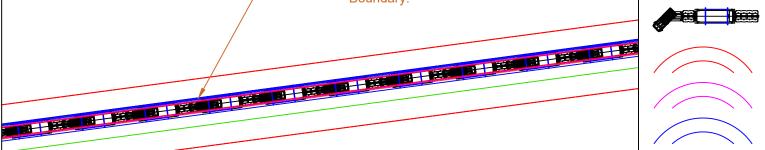
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Legend:



2 bed 4 axle modular reeling trailer minimum turning arrangements
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Location Plan

Extent of oversail

Extent of road boundary



Overrun beyond kerb

Overrun and oversail beyond kerb

Oversail beyond kerb

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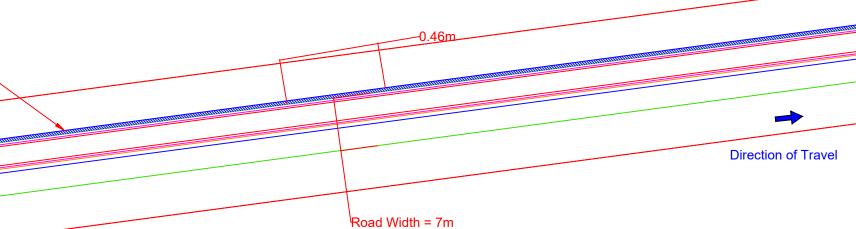
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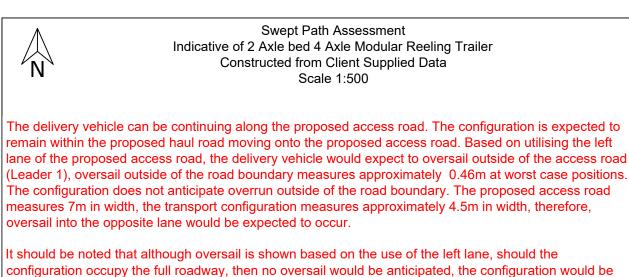
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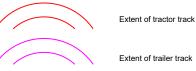
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Legend:



2 bed 4 axle modular reeling trailer minimum turning arrangements
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Extent of oversail

Extent of road boundary



Overrun and oversail beyond kerb



Overrun beyond kerb Oversail beyond kerb

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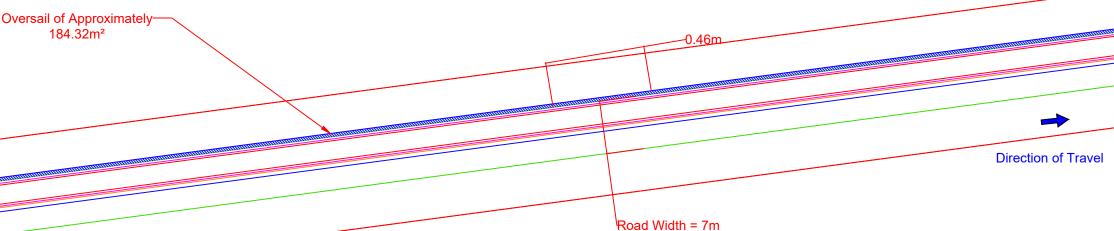
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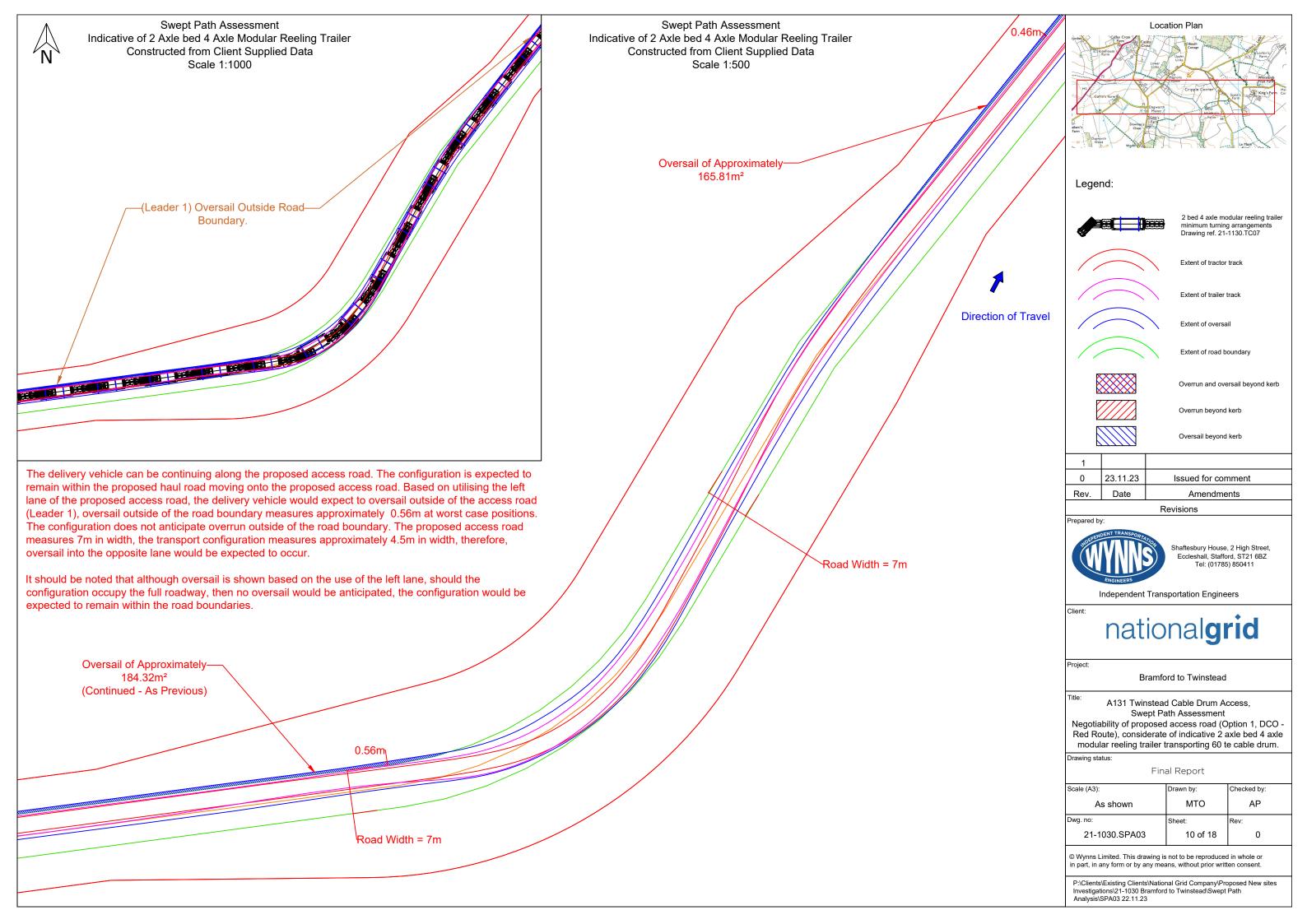
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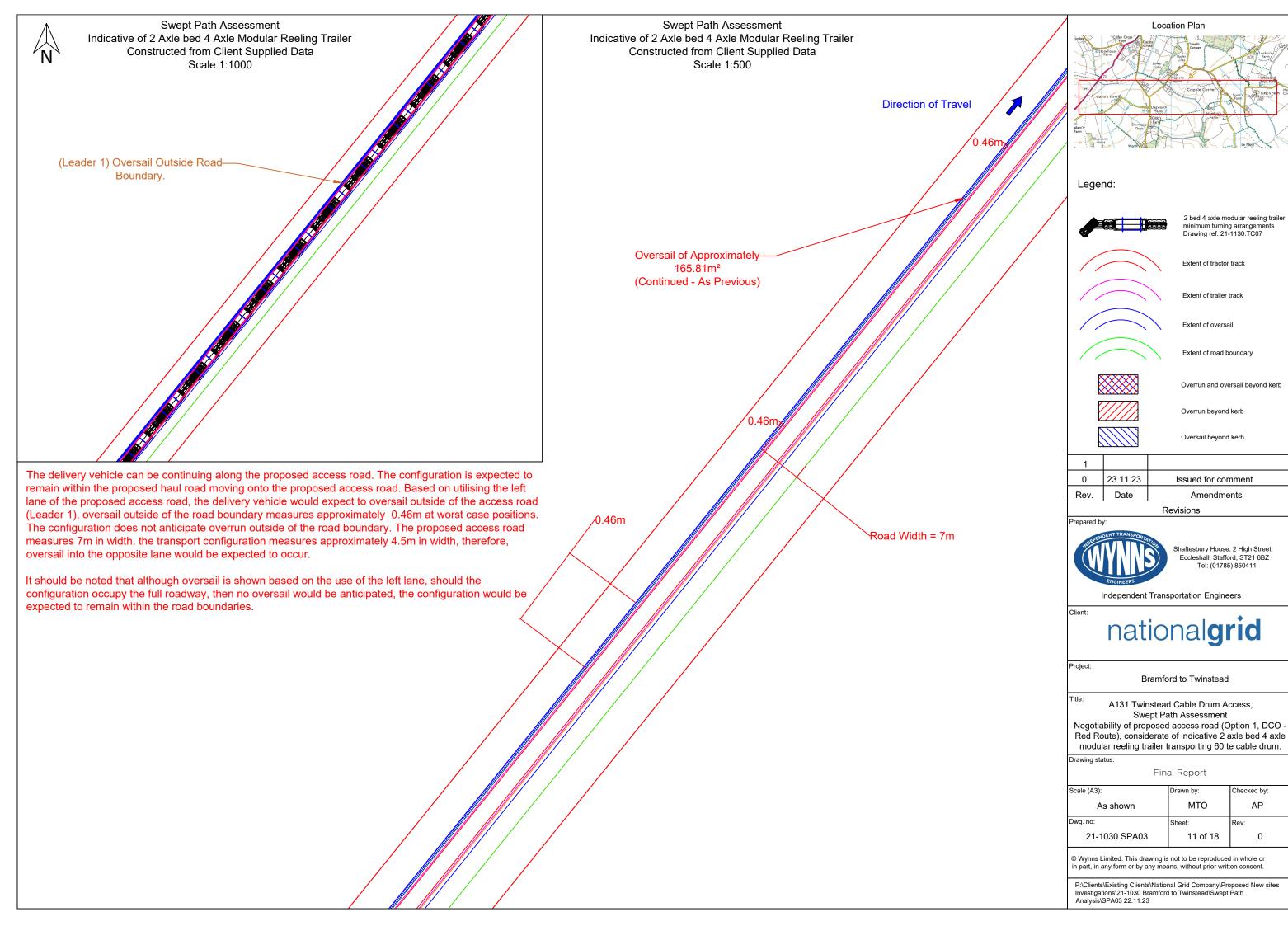
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Location Plan

2 bed 4 axle modular reeling trailer minimum turning arrangements Drawing ref. 21-1130.TC07

Extent of tractor track

Extent of trailer track

Extent of oversail

Extent of road boundary

Overrun beyond kerb

Oversail beyond kerb

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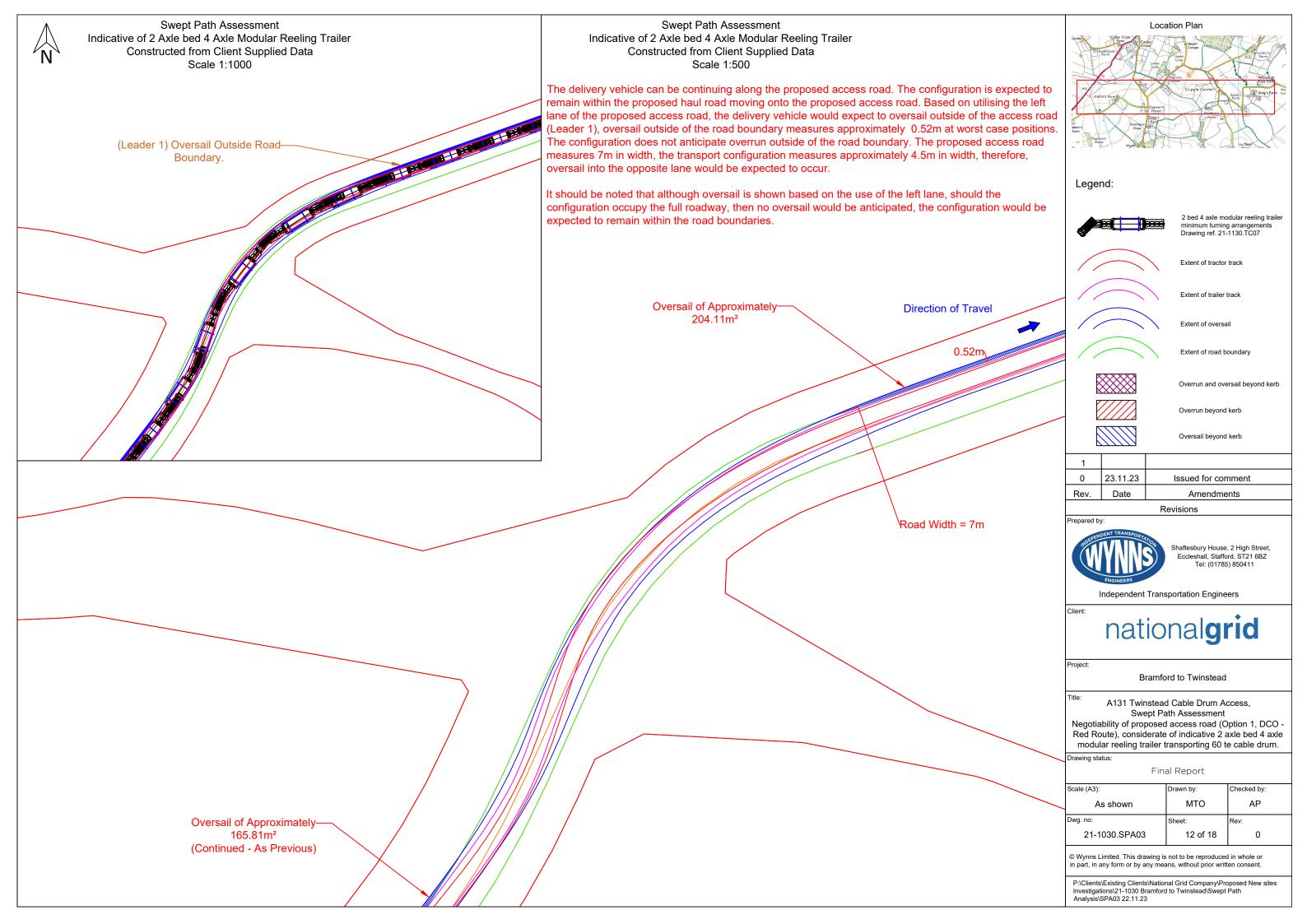
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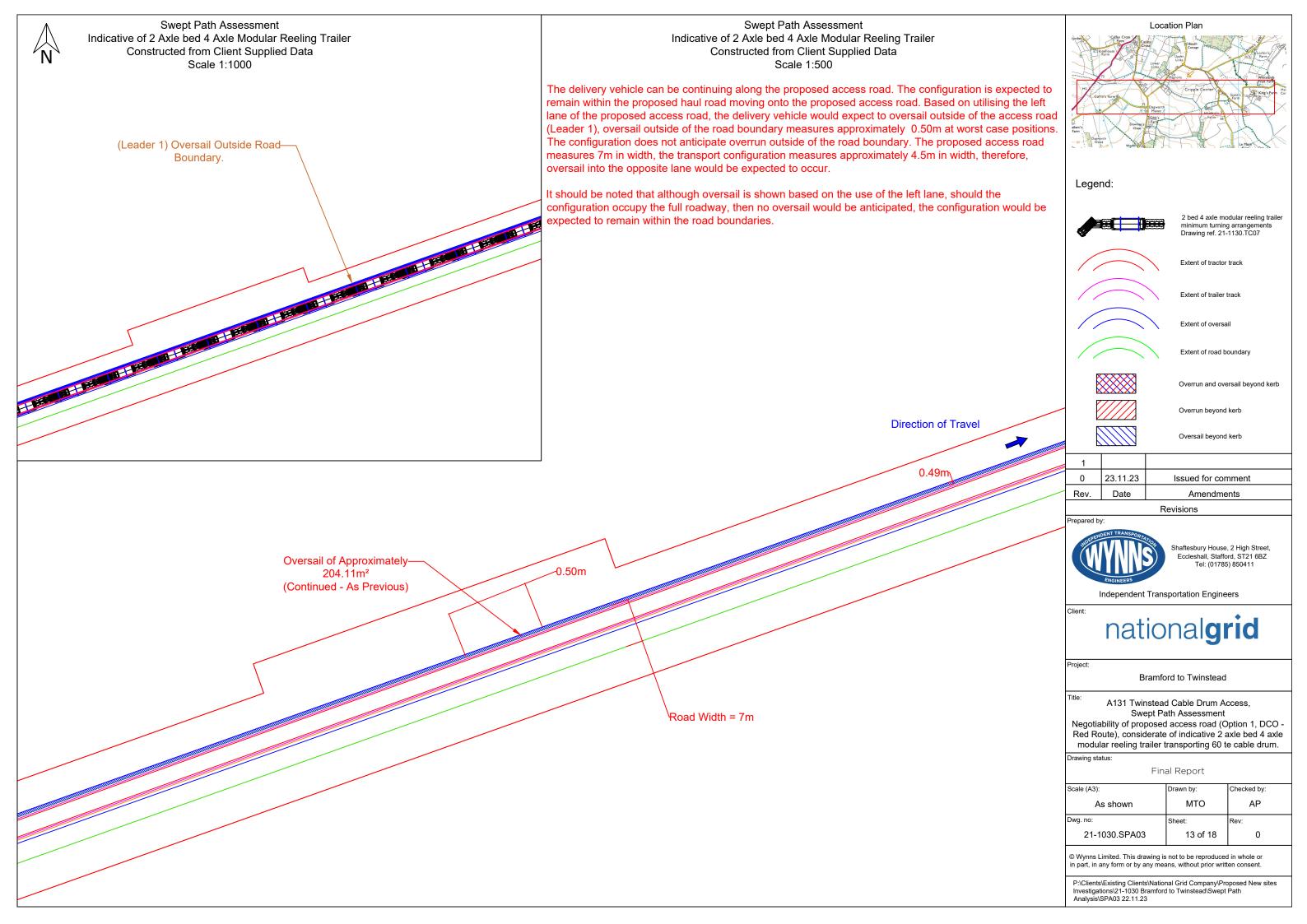
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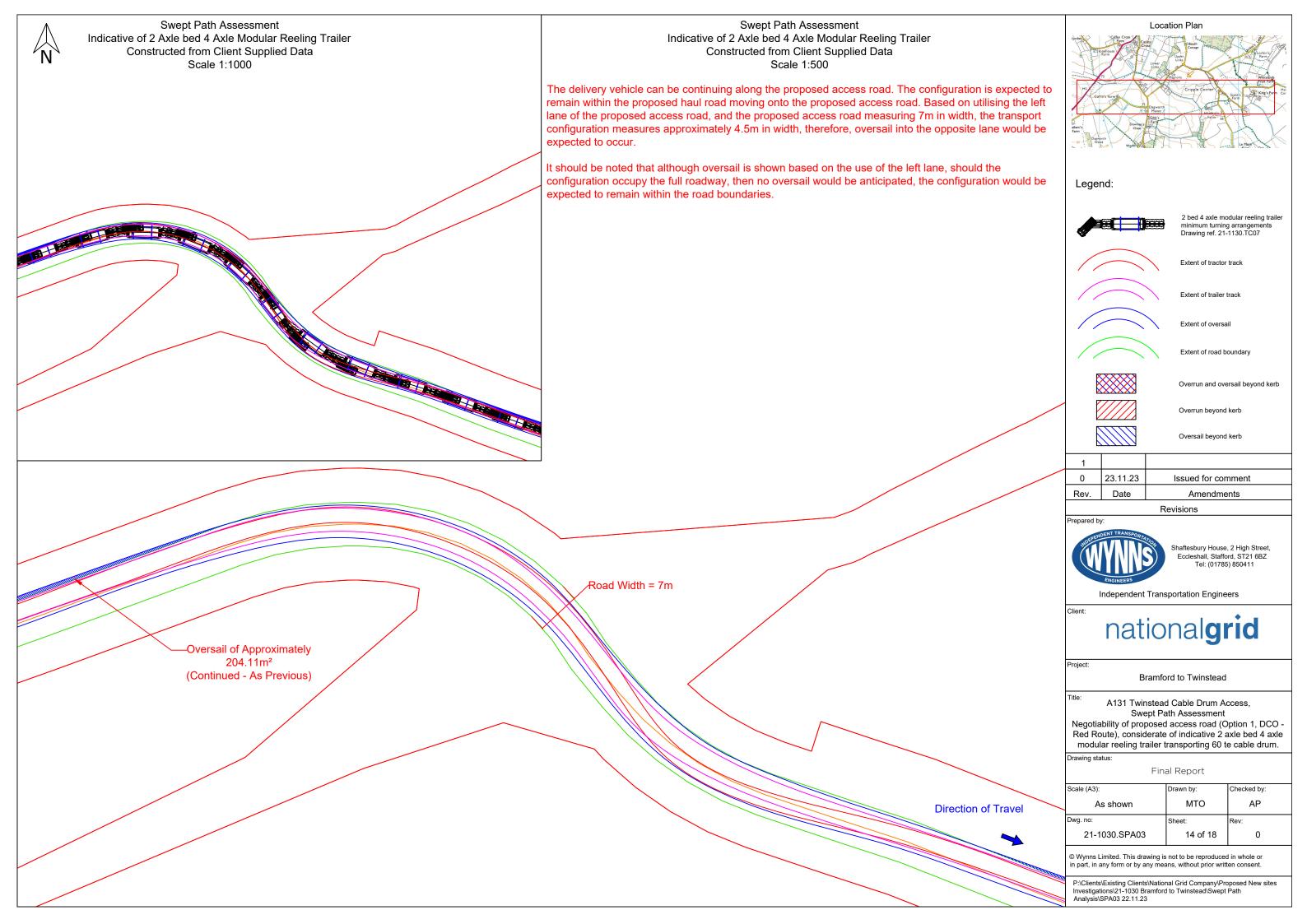
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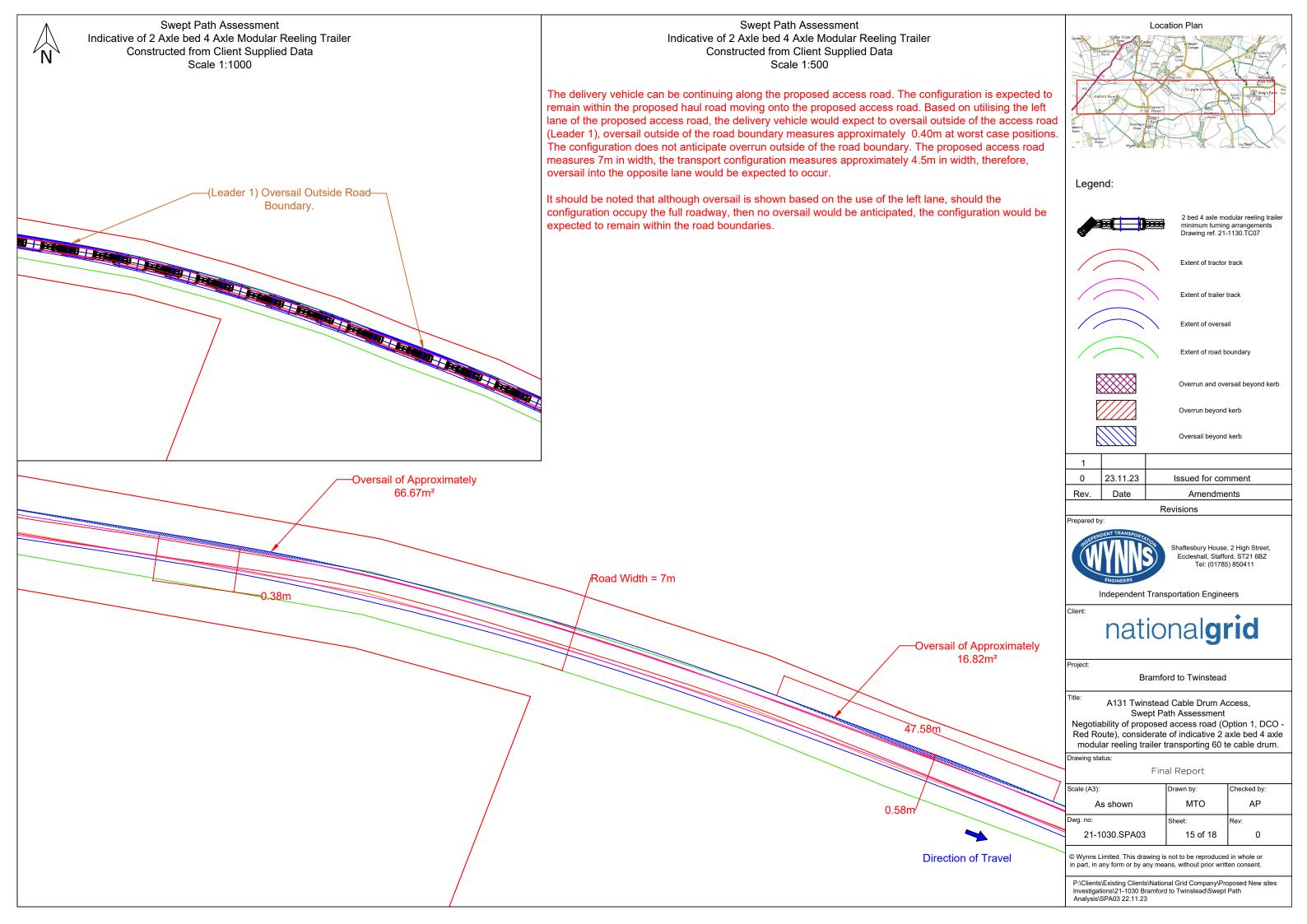
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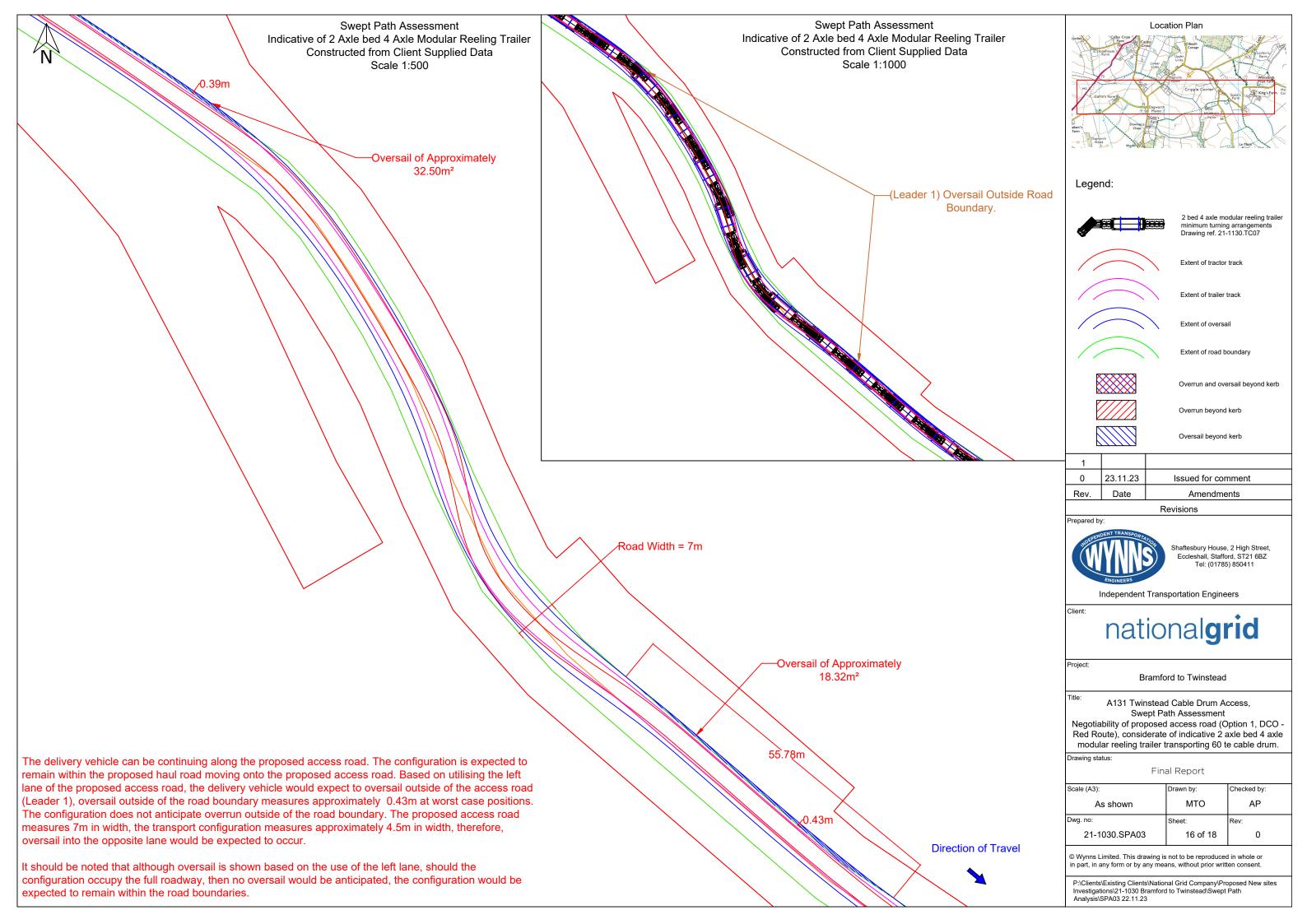
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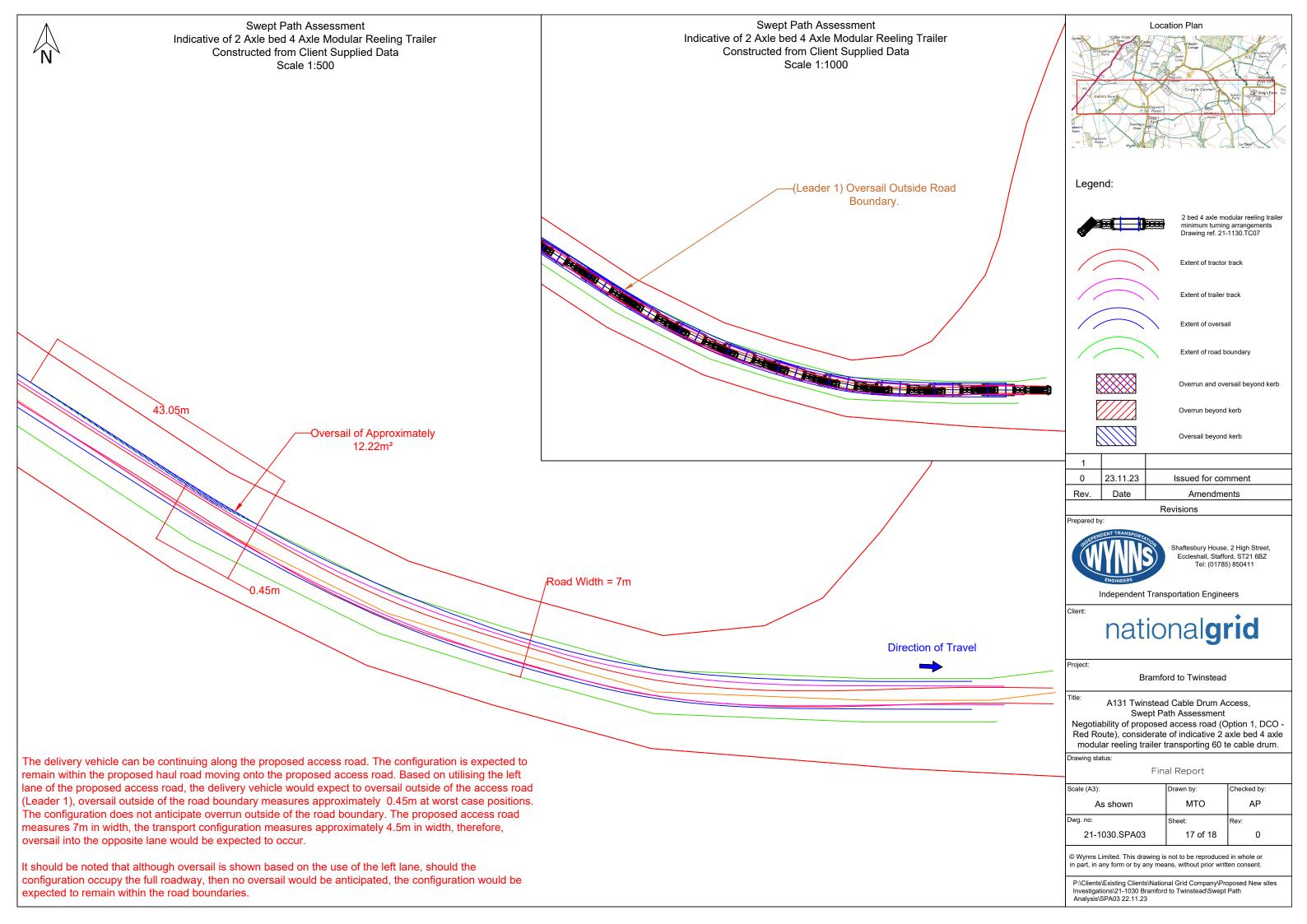








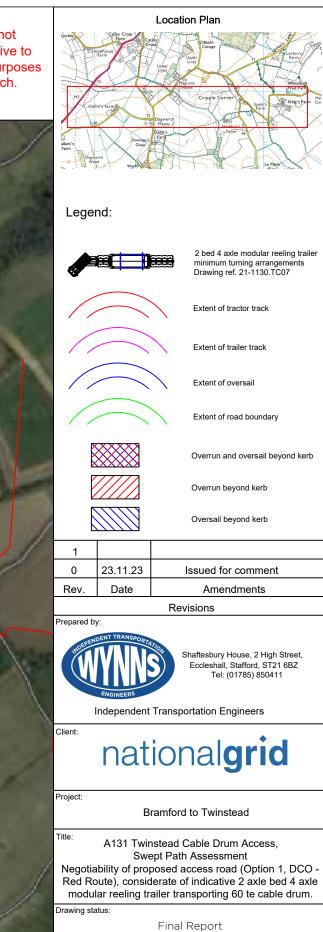






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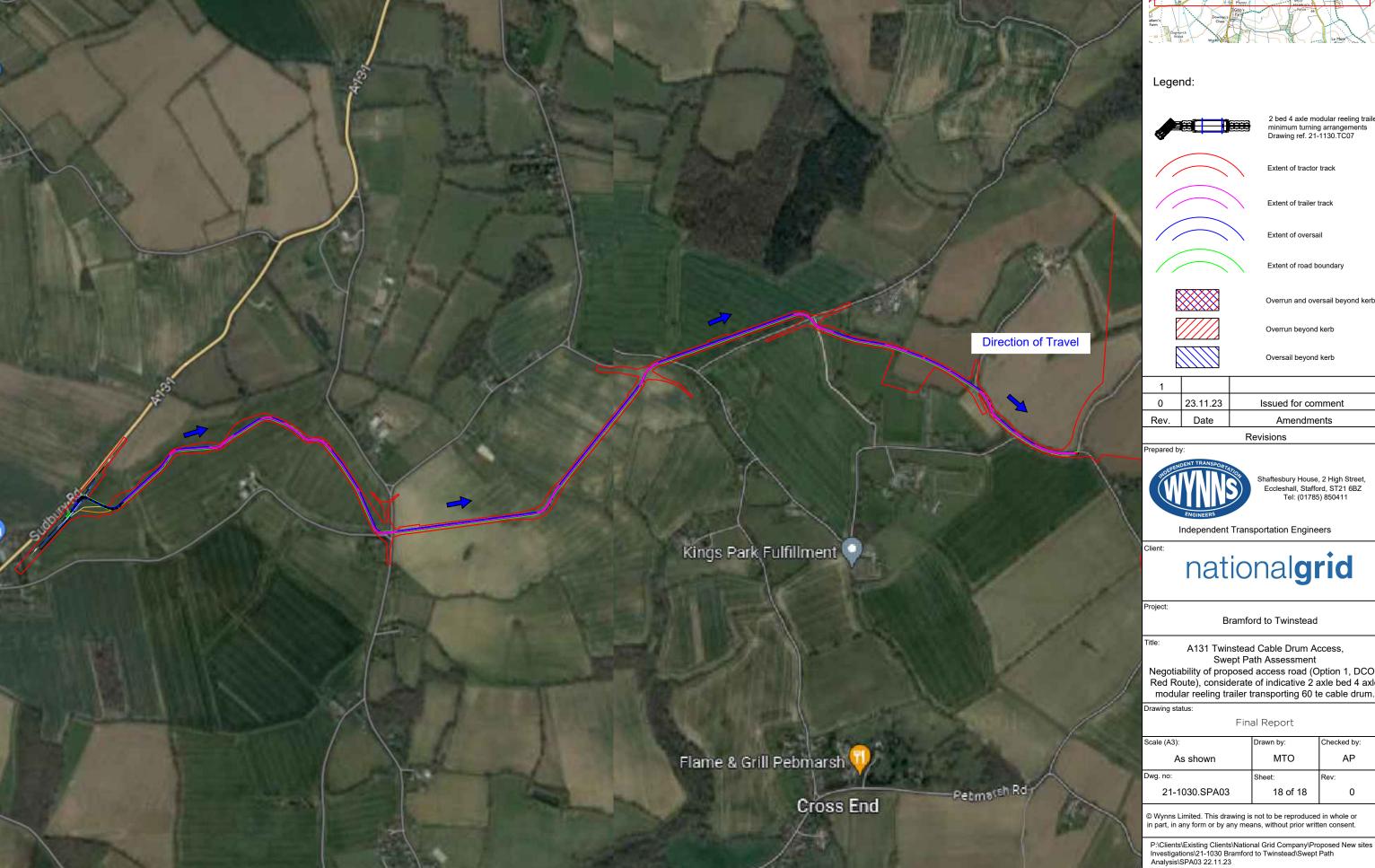


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