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1. Section 1 Pre-Submission Engagement Section 42(1)(d) Parties

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1. 2024 Pre-Submission Engagement, Section 42(1)(d) Parties

1.1 Overview

- Table 1.1 sets out the parties identified under Section 42(1)(d) of the Planning Act 2008 who were consulted during the 2024 Pre-submission engagement as described in Chapter 10 of **Application Document 5.1 Consultation Report**. The deadline provided to all consultees was 11:59pm on 12 January 2025.
- Through further diligent inquiries, five further PILs were identified shortly before the intended DCO submission who were not previously consulted under Section 42(1)(d) during the Statutory consultation carried out between 24 October 2023 and 18 December 2023, the Targeted consultation carried out between 08 July and 11 August 2024, or the Pre-submission engagement carried out between the 22 November 2024 and the 12 January 2025. These persons are listed in Table 1.2.
- 1.1.3 Where a row is highlighted in orange, this denotes that the 2024 Pre-submission engagement documents were sent via post and email. In all other cases, the 2024 Pre-submission engagement documents were sent via Royal Mail Special Delivery and proof of delivery was recorded using the Royal Mail online tracking system

Table 1.1 Section 42 (1)(d) parties consulted during the 2024 Pre-submission engagement

Reference	2024 Pre-submission engagement		Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Included in the Book of Reference	
	Consultation Documents Received	Consultation Deadline Provided				(Document Reference 4.3)	inclusion]
Sea Link_s.44 2411_7	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_30	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_33	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_38	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_67	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_76	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_82	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_91	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Y	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_97	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_102	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_109	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_132	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_133	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	

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	Consultation Documents Received	Consultation Deadline Provided				(Document Reference 4.3)	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_135	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_152	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Y	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_154	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_161	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_167	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_170	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_184	04/12/2024	12/01/2025	Y	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_185	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	Ν	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_189	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_194	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Y	N	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_243	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Ν	Υ	N	Υ	

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Sea Link_s.44 2411_254	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_262	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_263	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	Party Name has changed
Sea Link_s.44 2411_303	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_334	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_341	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_342	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_352	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_381	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_411	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_415	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_425	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	

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Sea Link_s.44 2411_437	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_439	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_440	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_451	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_453	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_476	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_484	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_494	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_533	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_538	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_545	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_551	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_556	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_568	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer

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Sea Link_s.44 2411_576	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_584	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_620	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_635	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_637	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_644	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_678	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_692	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	Υ	Ν	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_706	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	Ν	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_708	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_734	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	Ν	Υ	

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Sea Link_s.44 2411_755	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_766	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_771	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_870	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_914	04/12/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_1009	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_1055	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_1184	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Y	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_1270	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Y	N	N	N	We have received details of the named personal representative
Sea Link_s.44 2411_1381	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Y	N	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_1665	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	

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Sea Link_s.44 2411_1666	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_1822	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_1823	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_1842	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_1916	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	Y	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_2282	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_2298	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_2669	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_2741	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3126	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3127	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3135	04/12/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	Υ	

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Sea Link_s.44 2411_3138	04/12/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3139	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3140	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3141	04/12/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3142	04/12/2024	12/01/2025	N	Y	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3143	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3144	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3146	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3174	04/12/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3194	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Y	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer

Reference	2024 Pre-submission engagement		Cat 1	Cat 2	Cat 3	Included in the Book of Reference	
	Consultation Documents Received	Consultation Deadline Provided				(Document Reference 4.3)	inclusion]
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3200	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3201	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3202	04/12/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3202	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3222	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Y	N	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3242	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3254	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3258	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	Υ	N	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3261	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3262	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	Υ	

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	Consultation Documents Received	Consultation Deadline Provided				(Document Reference 4.3)	inclusion]
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3270	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3271	04/12/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3273	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3274	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3275	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3276	04/12/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3277	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3278	23/11/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer

Reference	2024 Pre-submission engagement		Cat 1	1 Cat 2	Cat 3	Included in the Book of Reference	
	Consultation Documents Received	Consultation Deadline Provided				(Document Reference 4.3)	inclusion]
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3279	04/12/2024	12/01/2025	N	Υ	N	N	No interests within DF4 limits or Category 3 Buffer

Table 1.2 Parties identified after the 2024 Pre-submission engagement

Reference / name	Consultation Approach				
Sea Link_s.44 2411_538	Consultation pack issued and received by PIL on 15/02/25. Further details to be issued explaining opportunities to provide comments to the Planning Inspectorate (PINs) post-submission of the DCO.				
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3299	Consultation pack issued and received by PIL on 20/02/25. Further details to be issued explaining opportunities to provide comments to the Planning Inspectorate (PINs) post-submission of the DCO.				
Sea Link_s.44 2411_3295	Consultation pack issued and received by PIL on 20/02/25. Further details to be issued explaining opportunities to provide comments to the Planning Inspectorate (PINs) post-submission of the DCO.				
Andrew Johnson, (of Quex Park Estates)	Details to be issued including details of the project, where further information can be found, how to get in touch with National Grid, and details of opportunity to provide comments to the Planning Inspectorate (PINs) post-submission of the DCO.				
Gordon Young	Details to be issued including details of the project, where further information can be found, how to get in touch with National Grid, and details of opportunity to provide comments to the Planning Inspectorate (PINs) post-submission of the DCO.				

2. Section 2 Pre-Submission Engagement Letters

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IMPORTANT: THIS COMMUNICATION AFFECTS YOUR PROPERTY

[Insert address]

[Insert date]

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Sea Link Project

Application for Development Consent

We have recently become aware that you may own, occupy or have a legal interest in land that could be affected by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's (NGET) proposed Sea Link Project (the "proposed Project"). As such, you may not have received a letter from National Grid informing you of previous statutory consultations for the Project and explaining how you can provide comments on the Project.

NGET writes in relation to the proposed Sea Link Project, a new primary offshore 2 gigawatt high voltage network reinforcement between Suffolk and Kent.

Following receipt of a request by National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET), the Secretary of State for Busineess, Energy and Indistrial Strategy (now known as the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero) issued a direction pursuant to section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 (the 2008 Act) on 31 March 2022, in which it was confirmed that the Sea Link project should be dealt with as being nationally significant, hence National Grid rquires a development consent order (DCO).

Project Description

The proposed Project comprises of the reinforcement of the elecricity transmission network between Suffolk and Kent, predominantly via an offshore High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) link, but with onshore elements to connect into the transmission network. The proposed Project is split into three key elements, as follows.

The Suffolk Onshore Scheme

- A connection from the existing transmission network via Friston Sustation, including the substation itself. Friston Substation already has development consent as part of other thirdparty projects. If Friston has already been constructed under another consent, only a connection into the substation would be constructed by the proposed Project.
- A high voltgae alternating current (HVAC) underground cable of approximately 1.7 km in length between the proposed Friston Substation and a proposed converter station (below).
- A 2 GW HVDC converter station up to 26 m high plus external equipment (such as lightning protection and railings for walkways) near Saxmundham.
- An HVDC underground cable connection of approximately 10 km in length between the
 proposed converter station near Saxmundham, and a transition joint bay (TJB)
 approximately 900 m in shore from a landfall point (below) where the cable transitions from
 onshore to offshore technology.

- A landfall on the Suffolk coast (between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness).
- Our proposals in Suffolk have been developed for the proposed Project as a standalone project, but also include opportunities to co-locate infrastructure for up to two further projects at the converter station, cable corridors and the landfall location.

The Offshore Scheme

 Approximately 130 km of subsea HVDC cable, running between the Suffolk landfall location (between Aldeburgh and Thorpeness), and the Kent landfall location at Pegwell Bay.

The Kent Onshore Scheme

- A landfall point on the Kent coast at Pegwell Bay.
- A TJB approximately 800 m inshore to transition from offshore HVDC cable to onshore HVDC cable, before continuing underground for approximately 2 km to a proposed new converter station (below).
- A 2 GW HVDC converter station, up to 26 m high plus external equipment (such as lightning protection and railings for walkways), near Minster. A new substation would be located immediately adjacent.
- Removal of approximately 1 km of existing HVAC overhead line, and installation of approximately 2.25 km of new HVAC overhead line from the converter station and substation near Minster and the existing Richborough to Canterbury overhead line.

The proposed Project also includes modifications to sections of existing overhead lines in Suffolk and Kent, diversions of third-party assets, and land drainage from the construction and operational footprint. It also includes opportunities for environmental mitigation, compensation and enhancement (such as hedgerow creation and native tree planting). The construction phase will involve various temporary construction activities including working areas for construction equipment and machinery, site offices, storage, accesses, bellmouths, and haul roads, as well as watercourse crossings and the diversion of public rights of way (PROWs). More general information about the Sea Link Project, including the design updates that relate to the land in which you have an interest, can be found on the Project website.

Although the period to respond to the consultation for the Project has now passed, you will still have the opportunity to register your interest to participate in the examination of the application for development consent once the application is made. NGET intends to submit the application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate in March 2025. Should the Planning Inspectorate accept the application for examination, we will send to you a letter explaining how to register your interest to participate in the examination and make representations (giving notice of your interest in, or comments in respect of National Grid's application for the Project)

Please get in touch with us if you have any questions about this letter.

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Personal details will be held securely in accordance with the applicable data laws and will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and the development of this Project and, except as noted above, will not be disclosed to any third parties.

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Yours faithfully

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Following a review of the proposed Project's red line boundary, you have been identified as a person with an interest in land affected by the proposed Project proposals.

Project Description

The proposed Project comprises of the reinforcement of the elecricity transmission network between Suffolk and Kent, predominantly via an offshore High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) link, but with onshore elements to connect into the transmission network. The proposed Project is split into three key elements, as follows.

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The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy directed on 31 March 2022 that the proposed Project is to be treated as development for which development consent is required. NGET will therefore apply for a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the Secretary of State, now known as the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the "Secretary of State") for the proposed Project. The development consent being sought will include a number of other provisions, including those which authorise the compulsory acquisition of land and rights over land, if necessary, to construct, operate and maintain the proposed Project.

Previous consultation

NGET undertook statutory consultation between 24 October and 18 December 2023, and undertook further targeted consultation between 08 July and 11 August 2024. The land in which you have an interest was not identified as being required for the proposed Project at these stages, and you were not consulted as a person with an interest in land affected by the proposed Project proposals.

More recent amendments to the proposed Project design however mean that the boundary of the Project has changed, and we are contacting you, in accordance with sections 42 and 44 of the Act because we believe that you have an interest in land that may be affected by these proposals.



Further information on the Project

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How to engage with the Project

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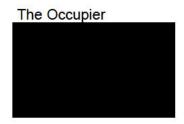
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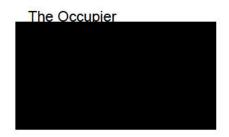
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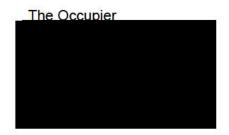
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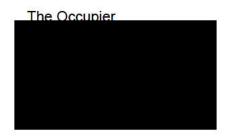
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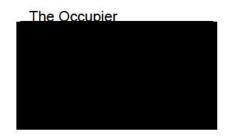
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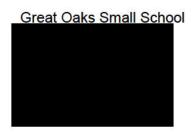
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In particular, we would welcome any feedback you may have about the following changes.

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As before, we are proposing a bridge that is approximately 6m high from riverbank to parapet level, with approach ramps of approximately 80m, as well as an alternative smaller version that is approximately 4m high (which would be our preferred option, subject to the outcome of discussions with key environmental stakeholders). The final design of the bridge would be confirmed at later stages, but we are working with architects, the local planning authorities, and the local design review panel to design a bridge crossing that adopts an architectural approach that is sensitive to its setting. The onward access road towards the converter station has been slightly realigned.

From heritage perspective, we are anticipating that there are likely to be significant effects on the setting of Hurts Hall. However, the proposed changes will not result in substantial harm – the level of harm would be less than substantial in policy terms. This is because the

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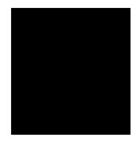
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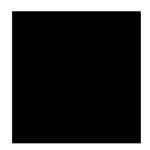
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We would like to notify you specifically regarding the introduction of new and relocated monitoring accesses off the B1119, to potential joint bay locations within the converter station and underground cable areas further south. The joint bays will require occasional inspection, generating infrequent, low levels of traffic via the B1119.

These accesses would require new bellmouths onto the B1119 near to the existing access to your property.

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These further amendments to the proposed development are not material or substantial changes. They do not materially change the effects or fundamentally change the project as a whole. A summary of these amendments and our latest plans can be found on our website at www.nationalgrid.com/sealink.

Given that some of these amendments lie within or close to Knodishall Parish, however, we would welcome any feedback you may have about the following changes.

Construction & maintenance compounds

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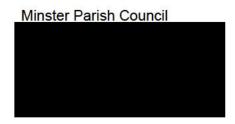
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Given that some of these amendments lie within Minster Parish, however, we would welcome any feedback you may have about the following changes.

Construction & maintenance compounds & methodologies

We have removed or moved various construction compound areas, including the larger construction compound area west of the A256 to reduce archaeological impacts. We have instead reintroduced smaller compound areas elsewhere. This includes reintroducing a construction compound north of the converter station site, and introducing a compound to the east of the converter station. Both areas were shown as being within the project for construction works during our statutory consultation in late 2023.

We are also including the possibility of taking our marine cable further inland, west of the A256, and have enlarged the compound area in this location to accommodate this. If feasible, this would avoid the need for a construction compound in the field to the east of the A256.

The changes to construction and maintenance compounds are not expected to result in materially different environmental effects to those already reported and consulted on during previous consultations and in preliminary environmental information provided previously.

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Given that some of these amendments lie within or close to Saxmundham Parish, however, we would welcome any feedback you may have about the following changes.

Fromus crossing

We have realigned and rotated the proposed crossing of the River Fromus, to avoid valuable trees on the eastern bank. This moves the bridge approximately 40m further north along the river.

As before, we are proposing a bridge that is approximately 6m high from riverbank to parapet level, with approach ramps of approximately 80m, as well as an alternative smaller version that is approximately 4m high (which would be our preferred option, subject to the outcome of discussions with key environmental stakeholders). The final design of the bridge would be confirmed at later stages, but we are working with architects, the local planning authorities, and the local design review panel to agree designs for consider opportunities for designing a bridge crossing that adopts an architectural approach that is sensitive to its setting. The onward access road towards the converter station has been slightly realigned.

Realigning the proposed bridge brings it closer to the southern part of Saxmundham, meaning that the bridge and associated access track would become more prominent in key views of the Conservation Area and the Grade II* Church of St John the Baptist Church from the south. They also get closer to the Grade II listed Hurts Hall, potentially impacting on views from the hall.

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Impacts on these heritage assets may be reduced through mitigation, such as the final design and appearance of the bridge or screening provided by planting, although the proposed bridge is likely to result in significant adverse effects on the setting of the Church of St John the Baptist and Hurts Hall. However, the proposed changes will not result in substantial harm – the level of harm would be less than substantial in policy terms. This is because the proposed changes would not seriously affect any key elements of the special architectural or historic interest of Hurts Hall or the Church of St John the Baptist.

Ongoing assessment work and design of the bridge itself will confirm any impacts and inform any mitigation.

Construction & maintenance compounds

We have reintroduced areas adjacent to the proposed converter station to provide more flexibility on where we can locate the necessary construction compound.

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Mitigation and enhancement land

We have moved, introduced, or refined areas of land proposed for ecological mitigation and/or enhancement, following feedback from key stakeholders.

This includes introducing an additional area of arable farmland close to Saxmundham, where it is proposed to adapt existing farming practices to include 'skylark plots'. These are unsown areas within arable crops which provide skylarks with access to nesting habitats throughout the breeding season. We have also refined areas of land along the River Fromus to better reflect the opportunities for the delivery of ecological enhancement, removing certain areas which are not required for mitigation, and where managing and maintaining habitats may be difficult and deliver fewer public benefits.

The approach to mitigation land is not expected to result in materially different environmental effects to those already reported and consulted on during previous consultations and in the preliminary environmental information provided previously.

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Benhall and Sternfield Parish Council



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3. Section 3 Pre-Submission Engagement General Arrangement Plans Location and Onshore Plans

The Great Grid Upgrade

Sea Link

General Arrangement Plans

Version A

November 2024



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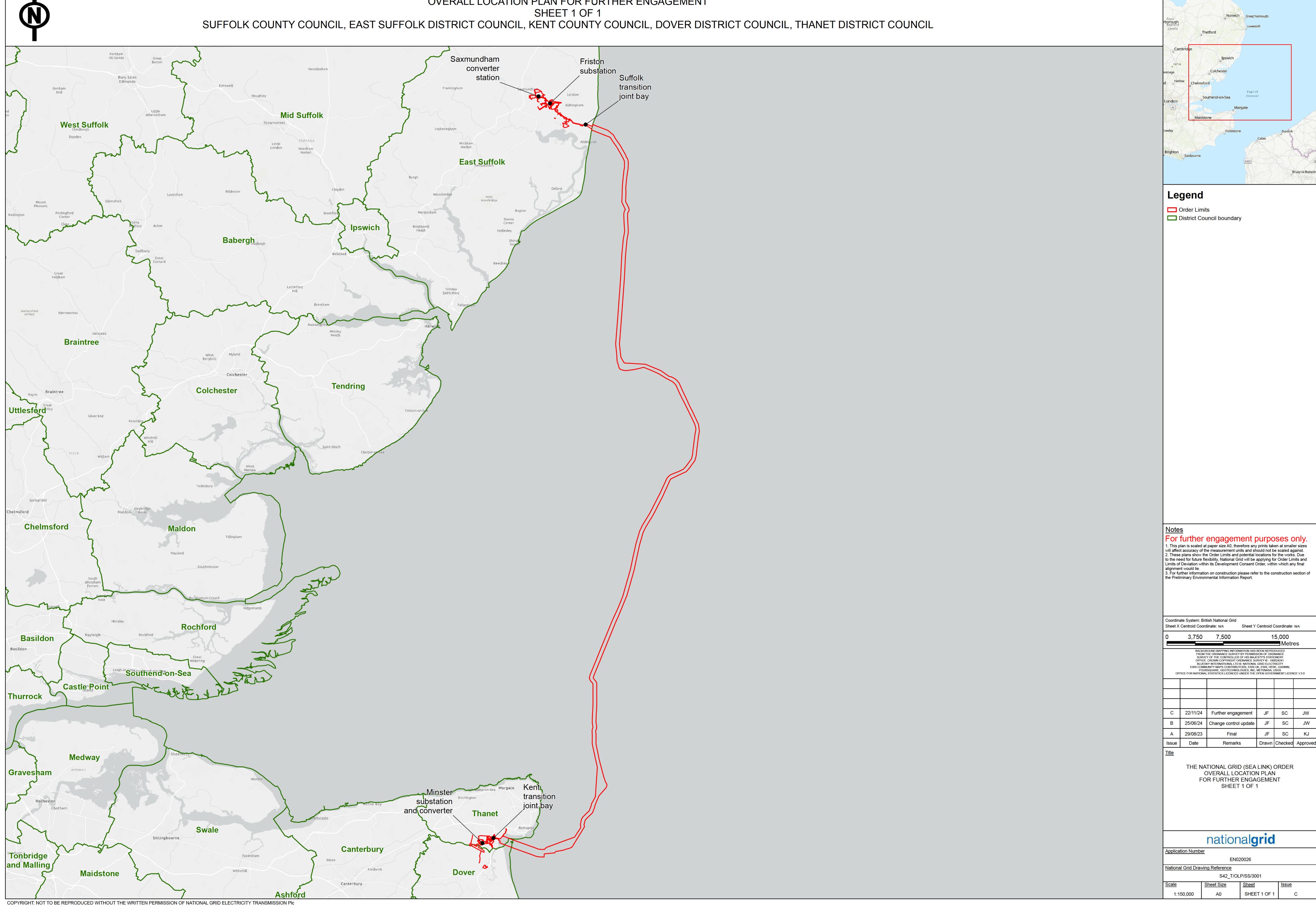
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01. Overall Location Plan





THE NATIONAL GRID (SEA LINK) ORDER OVERALL LOCATION PLAN FOR FURTHER ENGAGEMENT



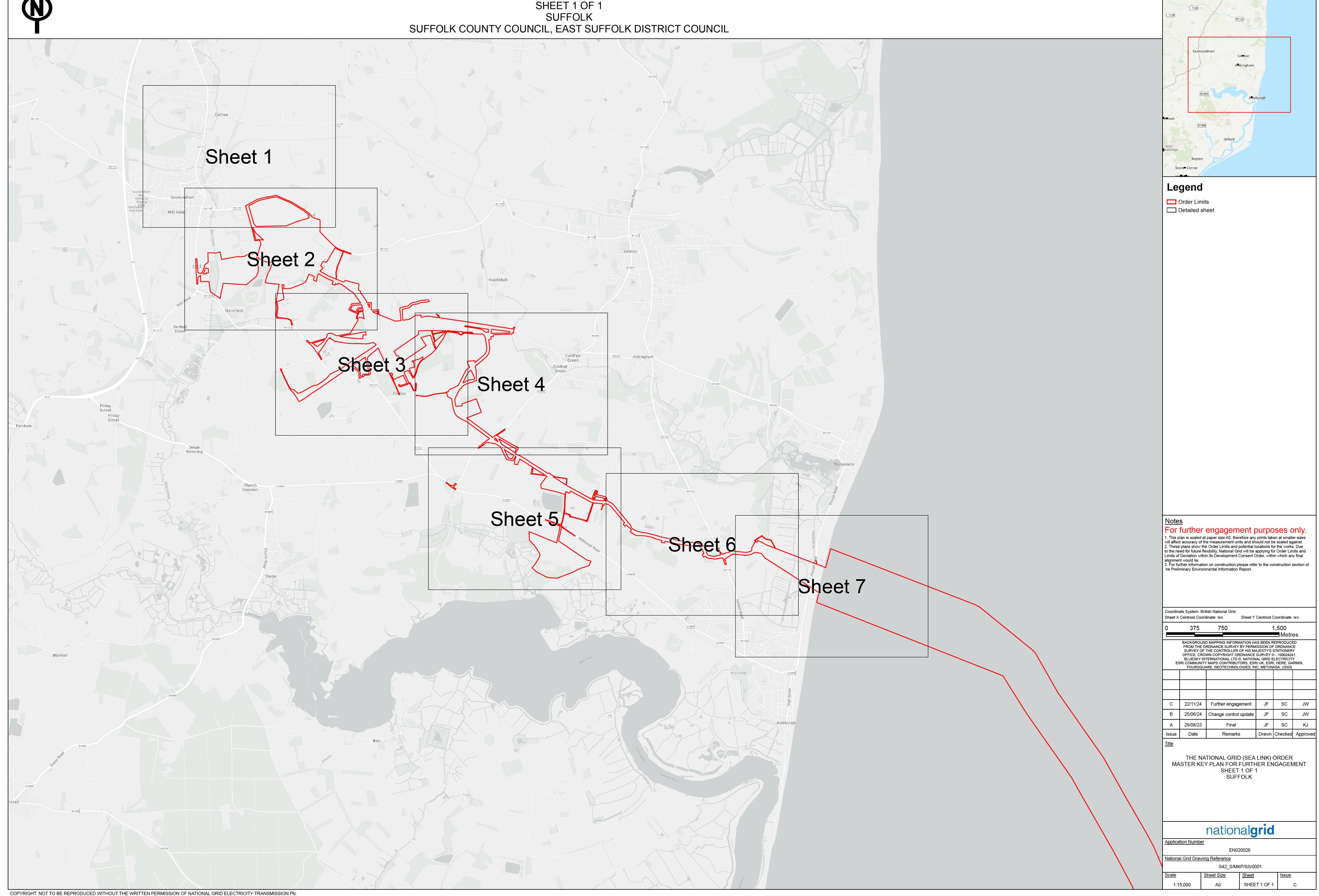
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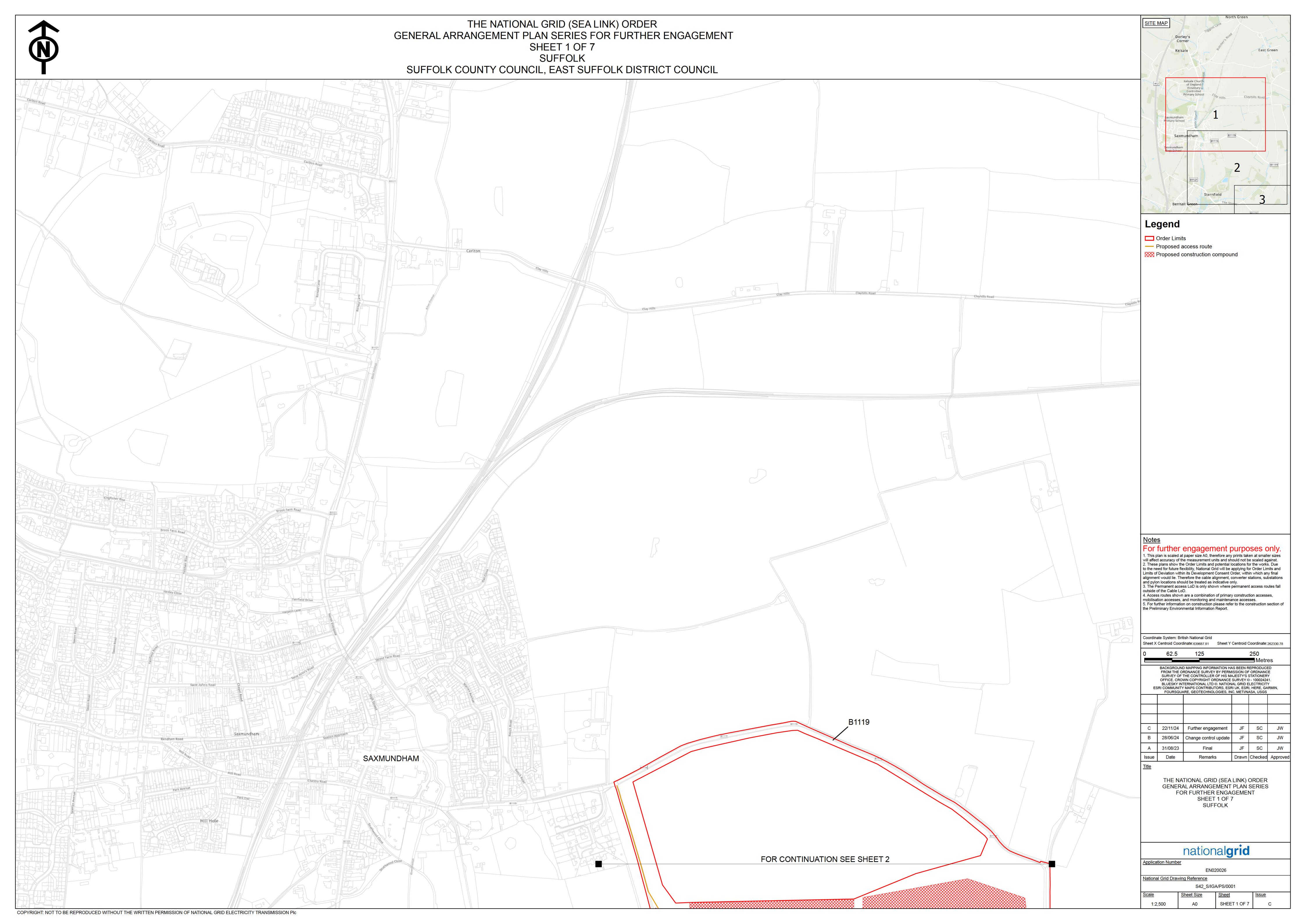
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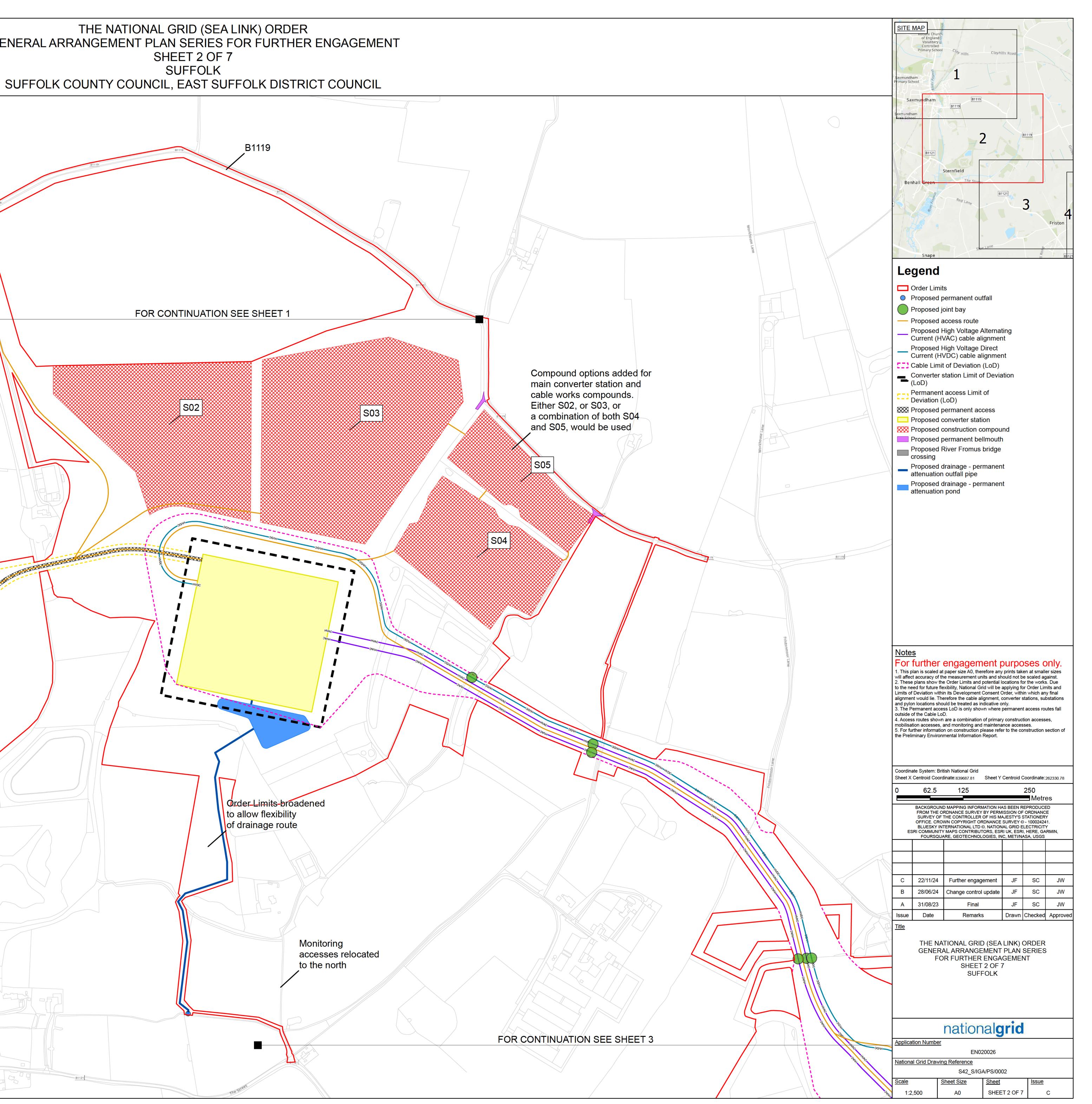
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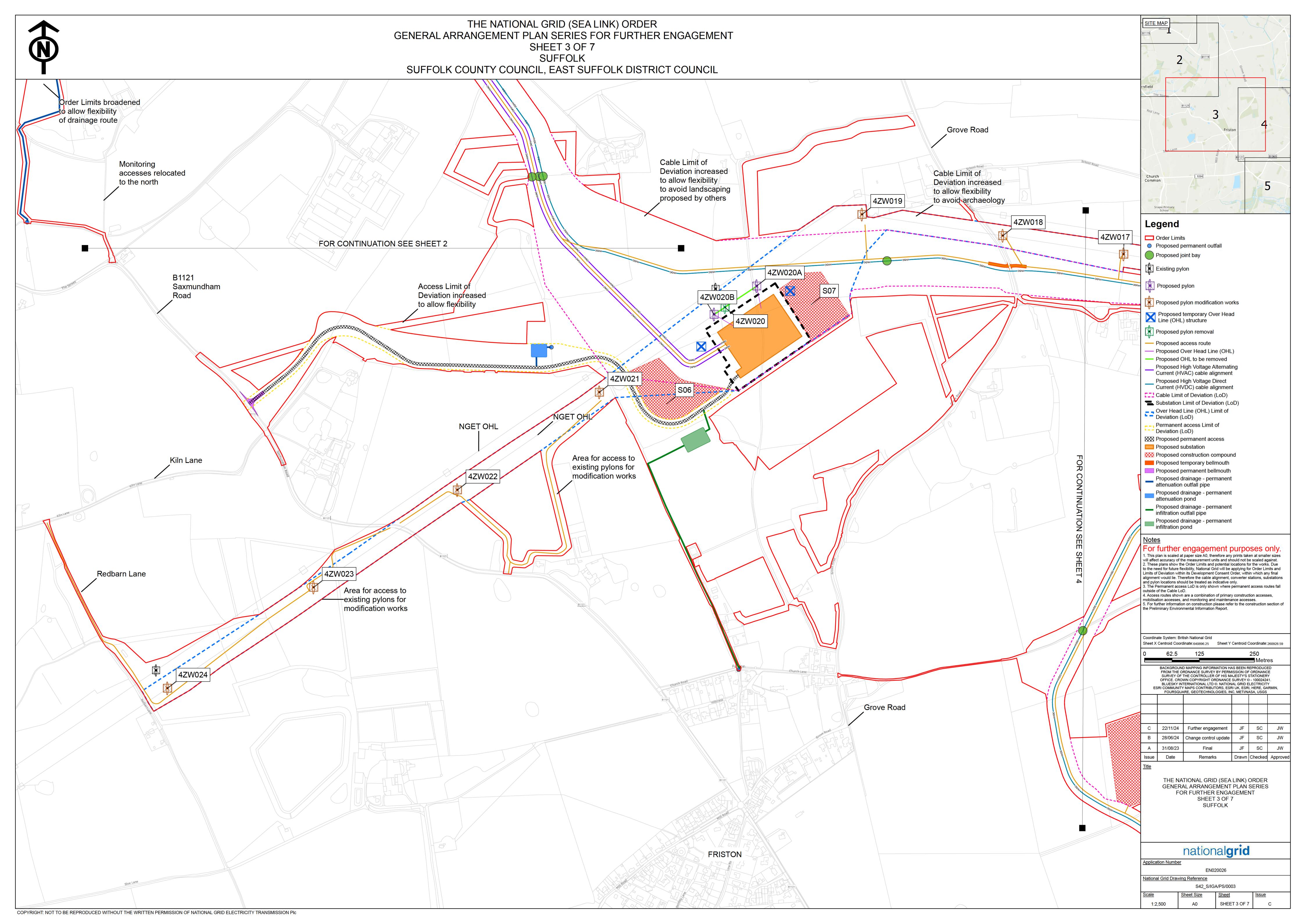
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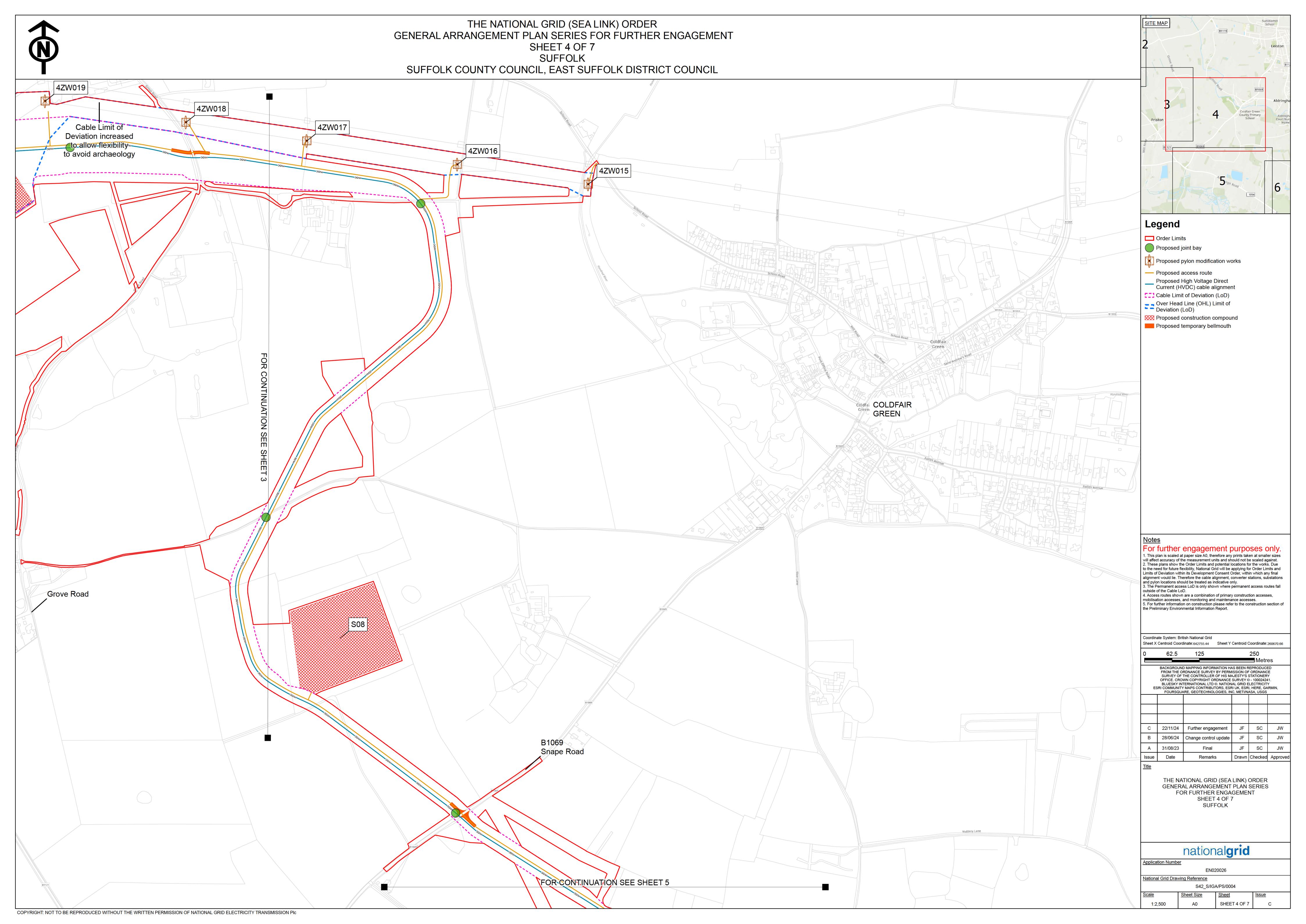
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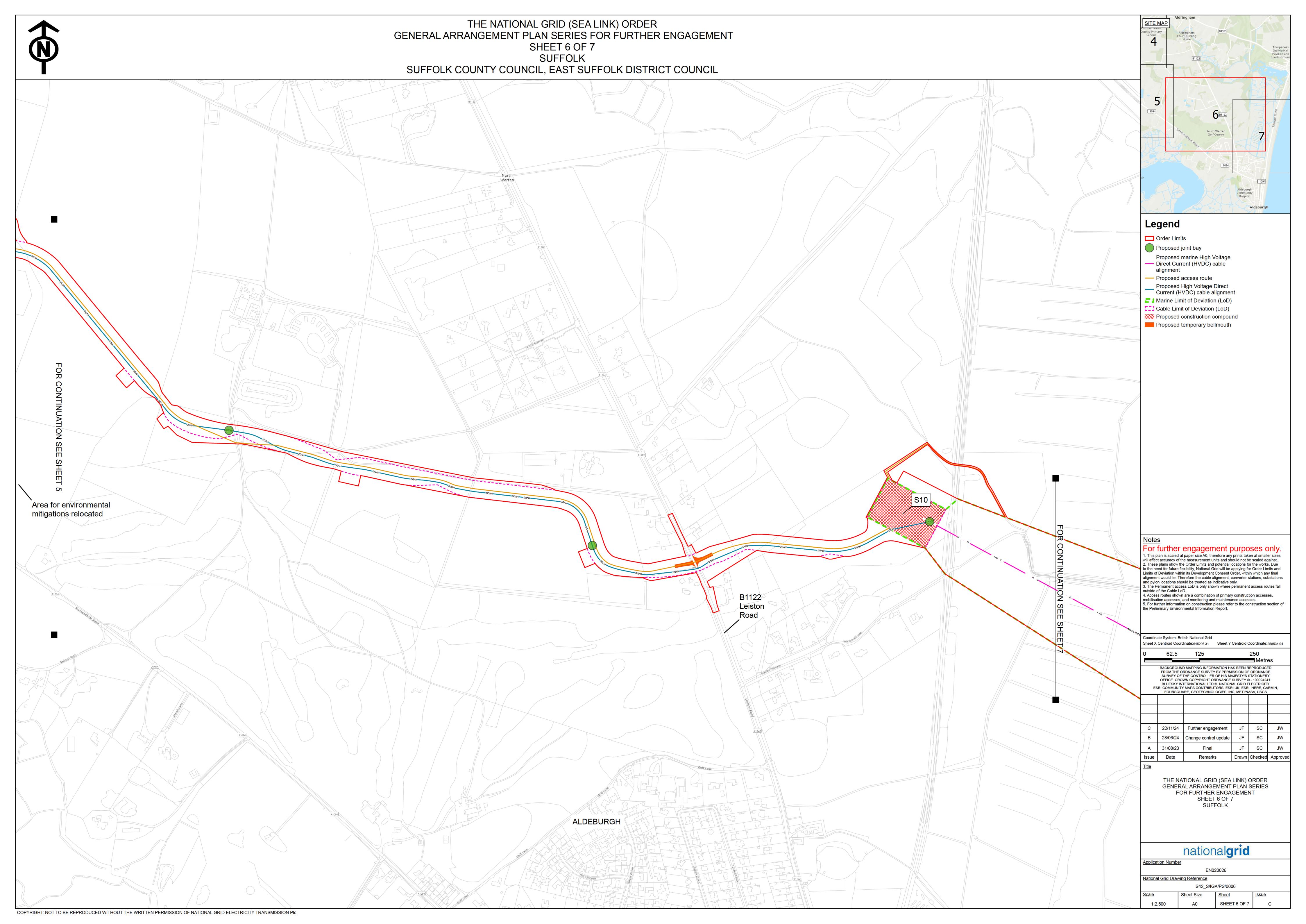
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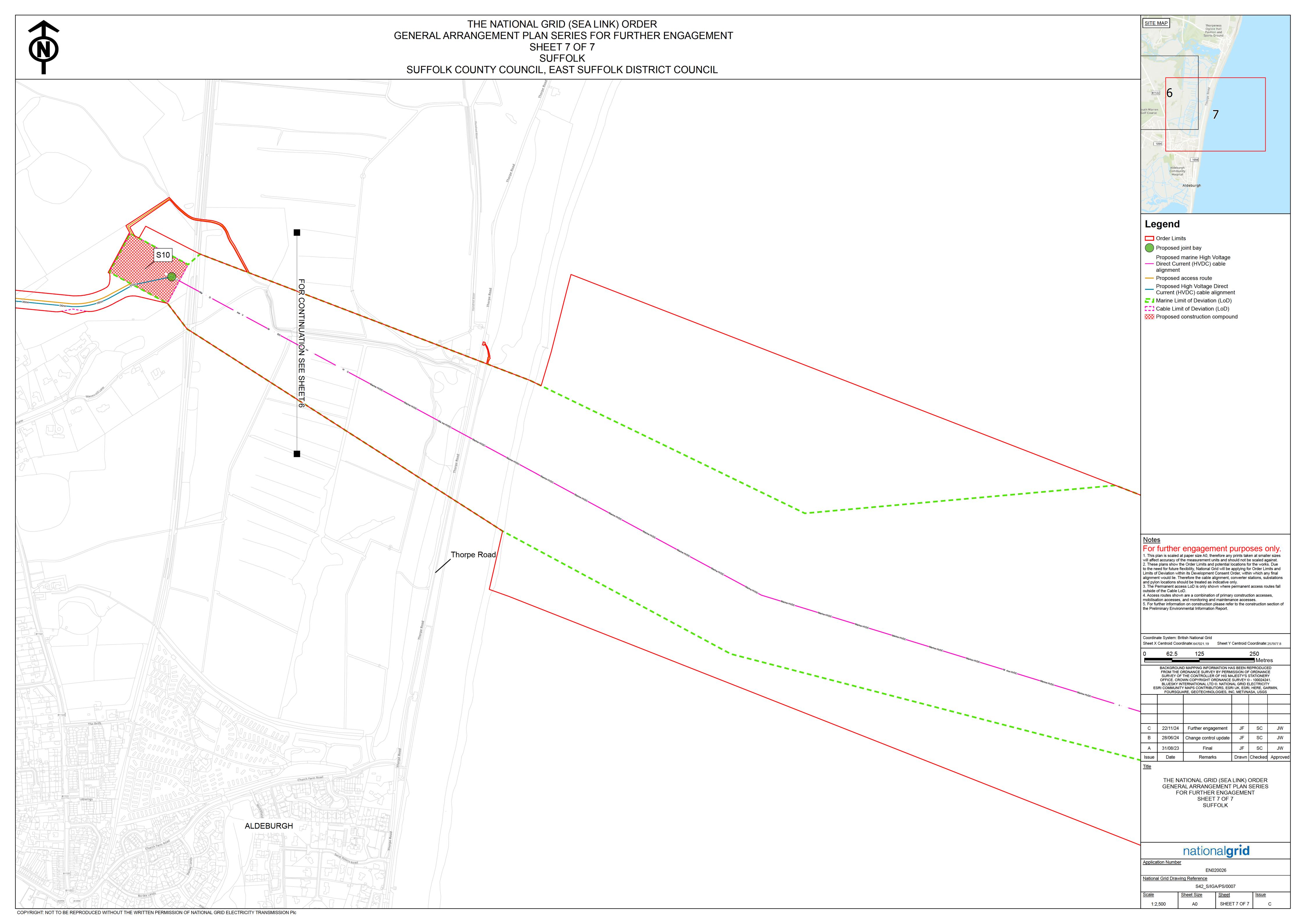
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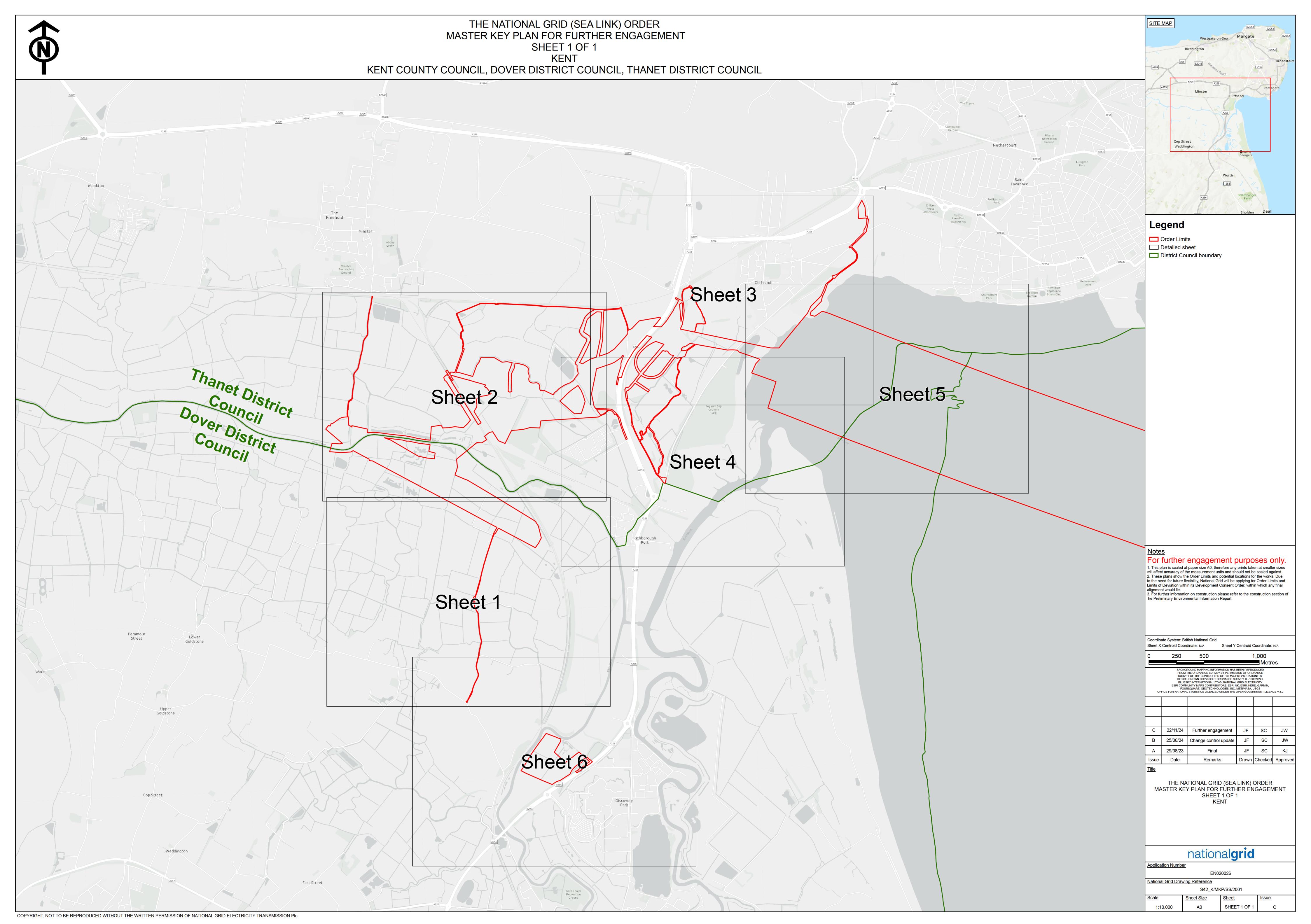


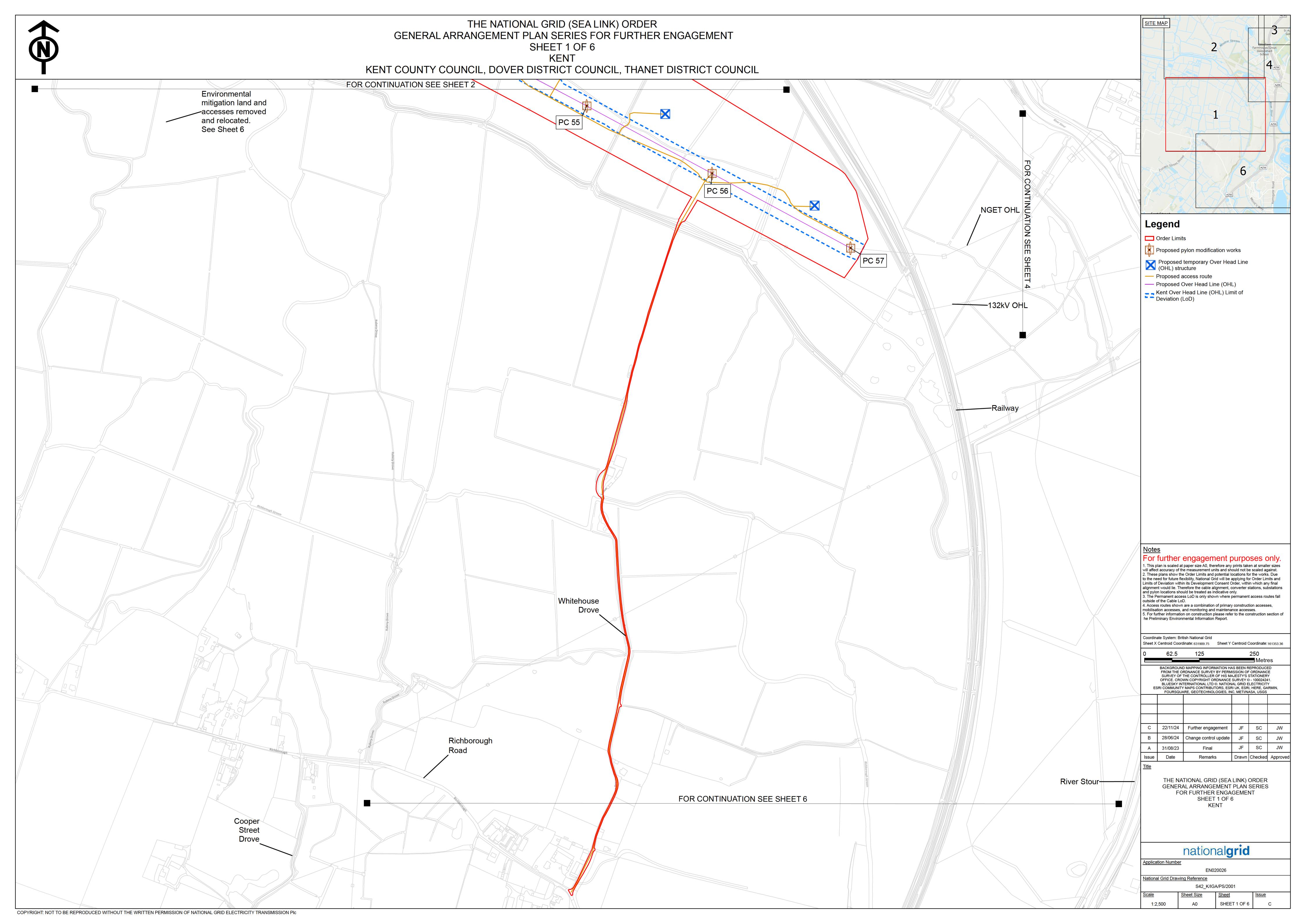
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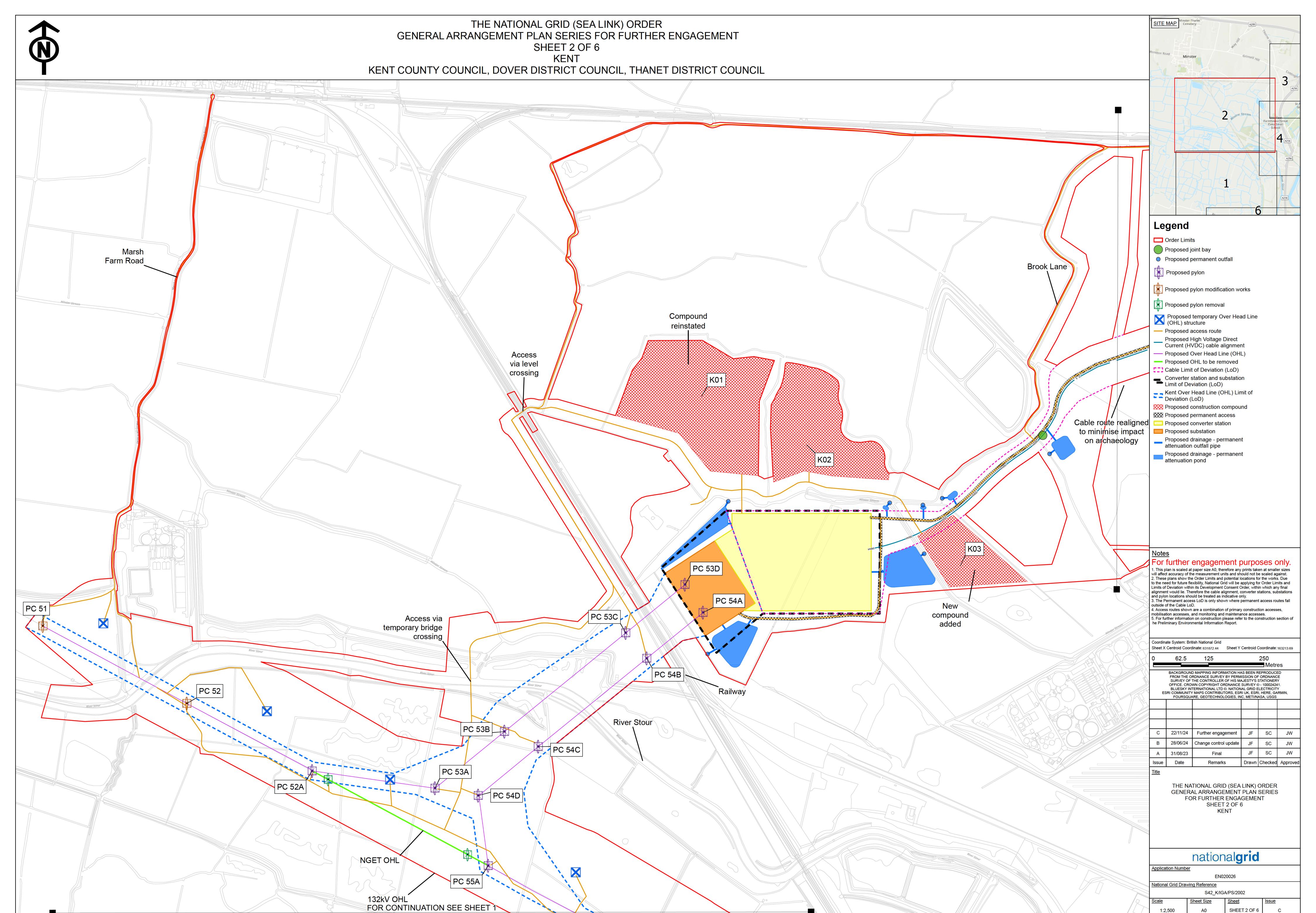
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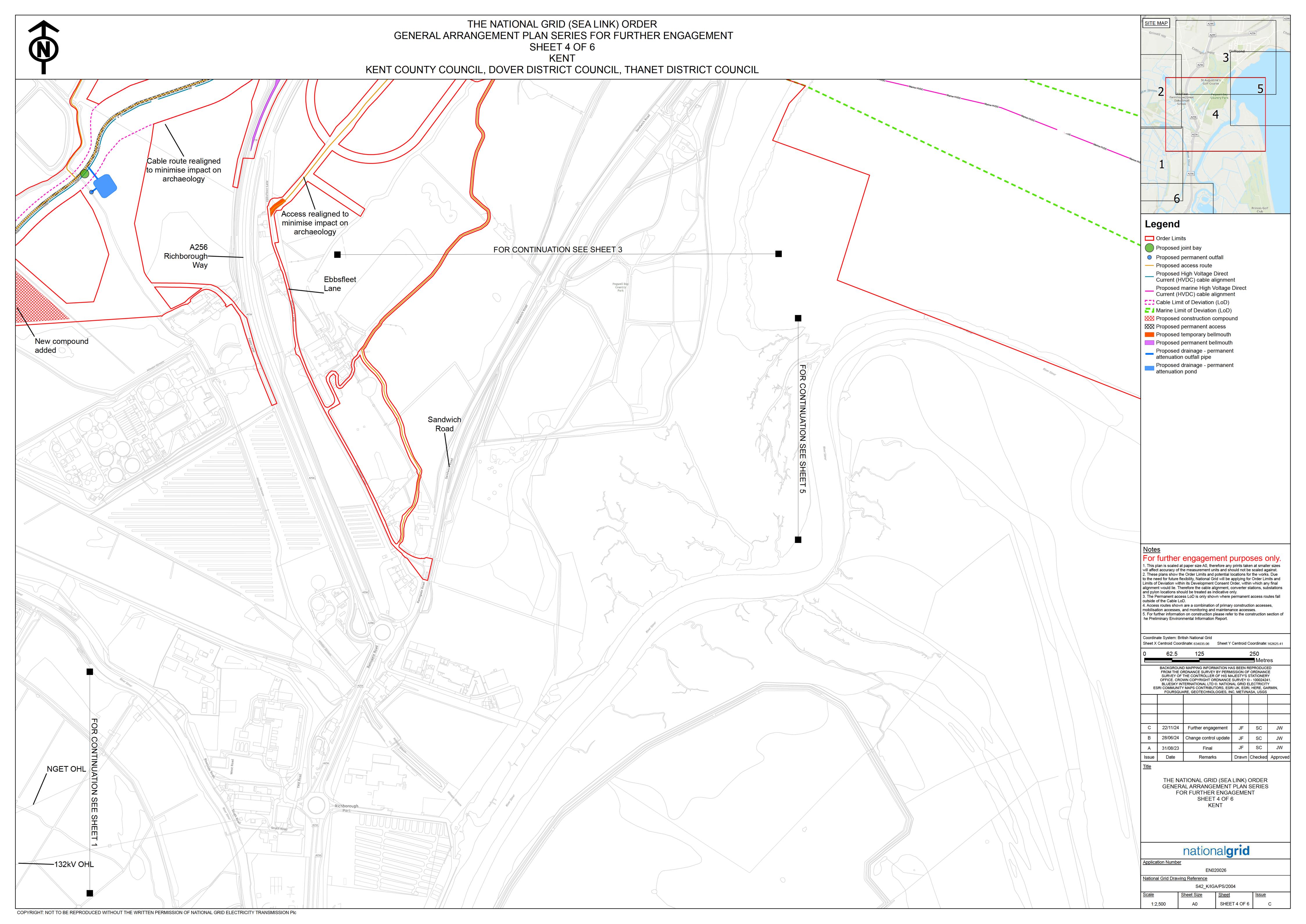
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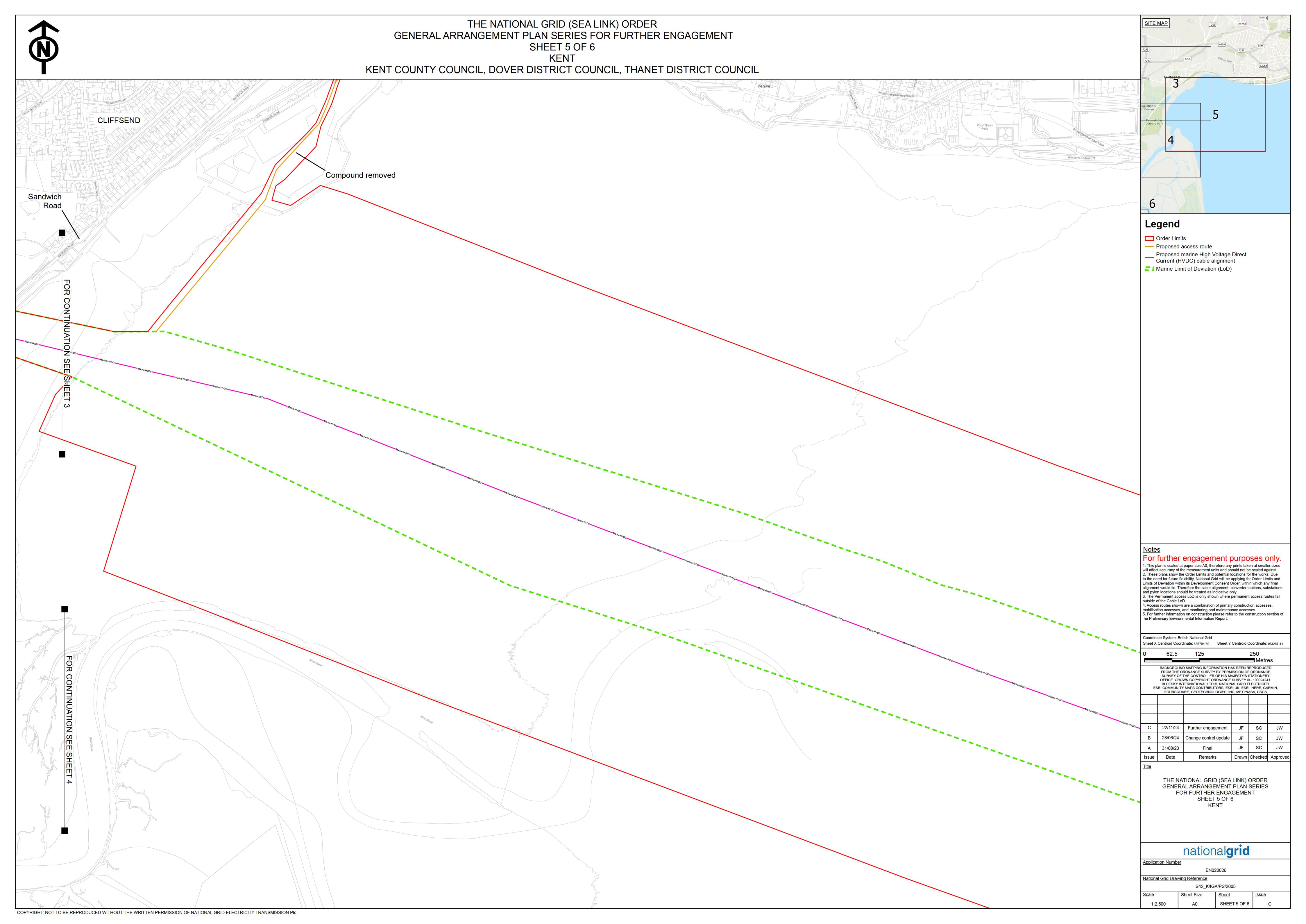
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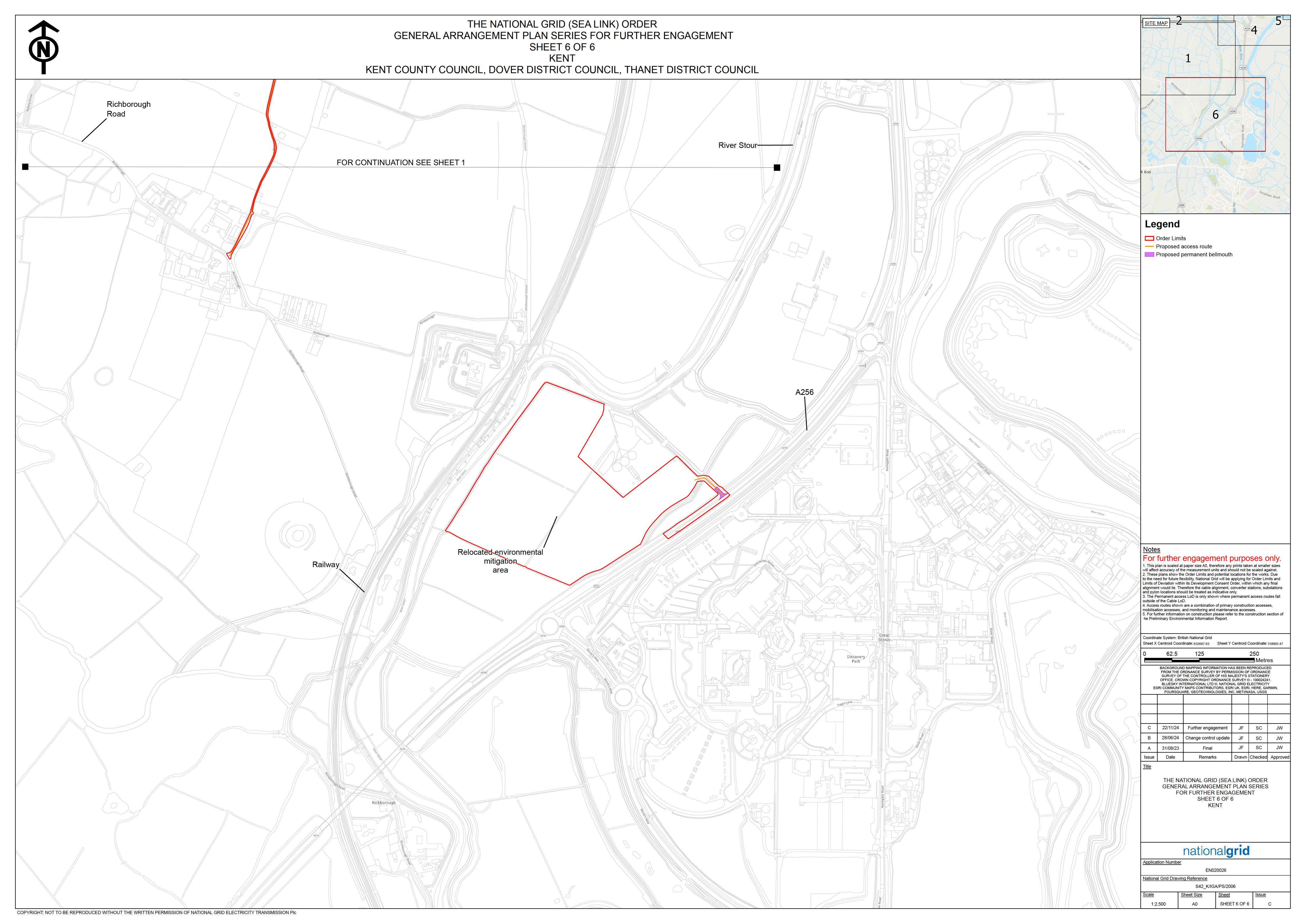
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