

FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT & SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE STRATEGY

Boxted Solar Farm

Land at Boxted, Suffolk

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1. Introduction

Background

- 1.1. Pegasus Planning Group Ltd has been appointed by RES Ltd to undertake a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and Surface Water Drainage Strategy for a proposed solar farm on Land west of Boxted, Suffolk.
- 1.2. This assessment considers the risk of flooding from all sources, including tidal, fluvial, surface water, historic, groundwater, sewer and artificial sources.

National and Local Policies

- 1.3. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that a site-specific Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) will be required for proposals:
 - a) that are greater than 1 hectare (ha) in area within Flood Zone 1;
 - b) that are located in Flood Zone 2 or 3 (including minor development and change of use);
 - c) in an area within Flood Zone 1 which has critical drainage problems;
 - d) in an area within Flood Zone 1 identified in a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment as being at increased flood risk in the future;
 - e) in an area in Flood Zone 1 that may be subject to other sources of flooding, where its development would introduce a more vulnerable use.
- 1.4. The site is approximately 43.7ha in area and contains a small area of Flood Zone 2. Therefore, a full FRA is required.
- 1.5. As of April 2015, the legislation for dealing with FRAs changed, with additional emphasis placed on the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) within drainage schemes for new developments.
- 1.6. In February 2016, the Environment Agency (EA) introduced new guidance relating to the climate change allowances that must be considered within an FRA. Since 2016, the allowances for sea level rise, peak river flow and peak rainfall have each been updated.
- 1.7. Given the above, any new planning application that requires an FRA will also require a surface water drainage strategy to be submitted. The drainage strategy must demonstrate the use of SuDS within the design and should be in line with the requirements as set out within the National Planning Policy Framework Technical Guidance (NPPFTG). The drainage strategy must also account for climate change over the lifetime of the development, in accordance with the climate change allowances published by the EA.
- 1.8. In addition to the requirements from the NPPF and EA, as discussed above, this assessment has also reviewed the information and requirements included in the Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils' Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) (2020).



2. Existing Site & Hydrology

Site Location & Existing Conditions

- 2.1. The site is located on Land west of Boxted, Suffolk.
- 2.2. The site is surrounded by the River Glem to the north, the B1066 Road to the east, and agricultural land to the south and west.
- 2.3. Approximate co-ordinates at the centre of the site are E: 581941, W: 250938. The nearest postcode to the site is IP29 4JR.
- 2.4. The site location is shown in Figure 2.1.

Figure 2.1 – Site Location



- 2.5. A topographic survey of the site was conducted by Mark Beaver Surveying in March 2023, a pdf of which is included in **Appendix A**.
- 2.6. The topographic survey shows that the site falls in height from roughly 88mAOD to 54mAOD, from the western side to the eastern side, towards the River Glem.

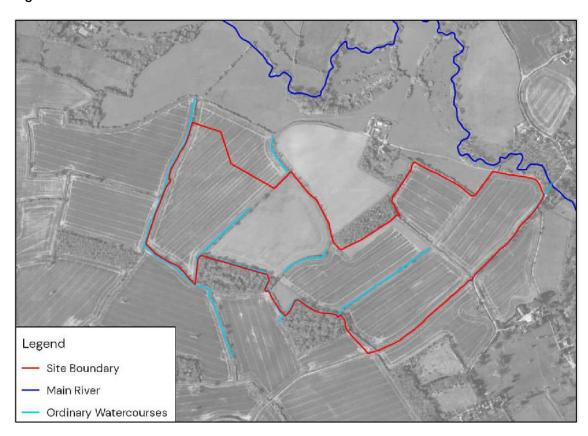
Existing Drainage and Hydrology

2.7. Though there are no Main Rivers running within the site boundary, the River Glem runs closely adjacent to the eastern edge of the site.



- 2.8. There are several Ordinary Watercourses flowing through the site. These are generally field boundary ditches assumed to assist with the drainage of the existing agricultural fields.
- 2.9. Watercourses on site and in the immediate vicinity are shown in Figure 2.2.
- 2.10. As the site currently consists of agricultural land, it is unlikely that there is an existing underground sewer network located within the site boundary. However, there is a significant number of land drains within the site boundary, to aid in the drainage of the agricultural fields. These are proposed to be kept in situ.
- 2.11. Regarding superficial deposits, geological data from the British Geological Survey (BGS) shows that the majority of the site consists of "Diamicton A type of siliciclastic sediment and sedimentary rock" with pockets of "clay, silt, sand and gravel" and "sand and gravel" throughout.
- 2.12. BGS also shows that most of the site consists of 'Lewes nodular chalk formation, Seaford chalk formation, Newhaven chalk formation and culver chalk formation (undifferentiated) chalk' apart from the northwest corner of the site, which consists of 'Crag group sand'.
- 2.13. SoilScapes mapping shows that the majority of the site comprises of 'Lime-rich loamy and clayey soils' with 'slightly impeded drainage'. The northern edge of the site comprises of 'Freely draining slightly acid loamy soils'.
- 2.14. The hydrogeology aquifer classification defines most of the site as a 'highly productive aquifer', with the southwestern corner being defined as a 'moderately productive aquifer'.

Figure 2.2 - Watercourses





3. Proposed Development

- 3.1. The site is proposed for the erection of a solar farm across 43.7ha of agricultural land.
- 3.2. The proposals include:
 - Access track
 - Solar PV arrays
 - Inverter and battery storage areas
 - Hardstands
 - Substation compound
 - Temporary construction compound
 - Perimeter deer fence
 - Security fence
- 3.3. The proposed site layout is included in **Appendix B**.



4. Development Vulnerability & Flood Zone Classification

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

- 4.1. Local Planning Authorities, (LPA) have a statutory obligation to consult the Environment Agency (EA) on all applications in the flood zones. The EA will consider the effects of flood risk in accordance with the NPPF.
- 4.2. NPPF requires that, as part of the planning process:
 - A 'site specific' Flood Risk Assessment will be undertaken for any site that has a flood risk potential.
 - Flood risk potential is minimised by applying a 'sequential approach' to locating 'vulnerable' land uses.
 - · Sustainable drainage systems are used for surface water management where practical.
 - Flood risk is managed through the use of flood resilient and resistant techniques.
 - Residual risk is identified and safely managed.
- 4.3. Table 1 of NPPF defines each flood zone based on the probability of River and sea flooding in that area, as summarised below:
 - Zone 1- Low probability (< 1 in 1000 years)
 - Zone 2- Medium probability (1 in 1000 1 in 100 years for fluvial events and 1 in 1000 to 1 in 200 years for tidal events)
 - Zone 3a- High probability (> 1 in 100 years for fluvial events and > 1 in 200 years for tidal events)
 - Zone 3b- The functional floodplain (>1 in 30 years)
- 4.4. The NPPF sets out a matrix indicating the types of development that are acceptable in different Flood Zones (see Table 4.1). The proposals are for a solar farm which is classified as 'Essential Infrastructure'. The site extents across Flood Zone 1 and 2. Essential Infrastructure is appropriate in all flood zones (see Table 4.1).



Table 4.1 - NPPF Guidance

Flood Zones	Flood Risk Vulnerability Classification				
	Essential Infrastructure	Highly Vulnerable	More Vulnerable	Less Vulnerable	Water Compatible
Zone 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Zone 2	✓	Exception Test Required	✓	✓	✓
Zone 3a	Exception Test Required	*	Exception Test Required	Exception Test Required	✓
Zone 3b	Exception Test Required	×	×	×	√

Sequential Test

4.5. The Sequential Test is required for all developments proposed in Flood Zone 2 or 3 unless the proposals are for minor development or change of use. All proposed development is located in Flood Zone 1 here. As no proposed development is located in the small area of Flood Zone 2 on site, the Sequential Test is not required.

Exception Test

4.6. All proposed development is located in Flood Zone 1, leaving the small area of Flood Zone 2 on site entirely undeveloped. Essential Infrastructure located in Flood Zone 1 does not require the Exception Test (see Table 4.1).



Site Specific Flooding Issues and Existing Flood Records

5.1. Local Planning Authorities, (LPA) have a statutory obligation to consult the Environment Agency (EA) on all applications in the flood zones. The EA will consider the effects of flood risk in accordance with the NPPF.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

- 5.2. In accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework, this Flood Risk Assessment considers all sources of flooding including:
 - a) Tidal Flooding from the sea;
 - b) Fluvial Flooding from rivers and streams;
 - c) Surface Water Flooding from overland surface water flow and exceedance;
 - d) Historic Flooding known historic flooding issues;
 - e) Groundwater Flooding from elevated groundwater levels or springs;
 - f) Flooding from Sewers exceedance flows from existing sewer systems; and
 - g) Artificial Sources reservoirs, canals etc.

Tidal Flooding

- 5.3. The Flood Map for Planning (see Figure 5.1) defines the majority of the site as Flood Zone 1, at Low risk of tidal flooding. A small area of the northeast corner of the site is located in Flood Zone 2, though no development is proposed within this area.
- 5.4. The Babergh and Mid Suffolk SFRA (2020) states that 'the majority of the study area is currently not at risk of tidal flooding.'
- 5.5. The above information, and the site's inland location, will ensure that the overall tidal flood risk is considered to be **Very Low.**

Fluvial Flooding

- 5.6. The Flood Map for Planning (Figure 5.1) defines most of the area of the site to fall within Flood Zone 1, at Low risk of fluvial flooding, not predicted to be affected by a 1 in 1,000 year flood event.
- 5.7. A small area in the northeast of the site falls within Flood Zone 2, predicted to be impacted by a 1 in 1,000 year event. This is associated with the River Glem. No development is proposed within Flood Zone 2.
- 5.8. Given the information above, the site is considered to be at **Very Low** risk of fluvial flooding.



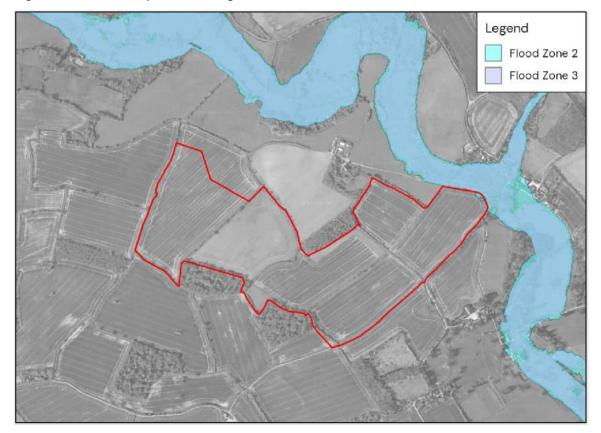


Figure 5.1 - Flood Map for Planning

Surface Water Flooding

- 5.9. The Risk of Flooding from Surface Water (RoFSW) dataset shows that most of the site is not predicted to be impacted by a 1 in 1,000 year rainfall event and is at Very Low risk of surface water flooding (see Figure 5.2).
- 5.10. The site also contains areas at a Low risk of surface water flooding, impacted by a 1 in 1,000 year rainfall event, throughout the site. These areas run in thin veins around the perimeter of the site, and do not overlap with the locations of any of the vulnerable infrastructure.
- 5.11. The RoFSW dataset also predicts the depths of surface water flooding across the site during a 1 in 1000 year rainfall event. Within the proposed site, 1 in 1,000 year surface water flood depths of up to 300–600mm are predicted, although predicted depths more generally remain below 150mm (see Figure 5.3),. All solar panels proposed in areas predicted to be at risk of surface water flooding will have their lowest edge raised above the predicted 1 in 1,000 surface water flood depths and therefore are therefore not predicted to be impacted by surface water flooding, nor negatively impact flood risk elsewhere.
- 5.12. Given the above, the site is considered to be at **Low** risk of flooding from surface water.



Figure 5.2 - RoFSW Extents

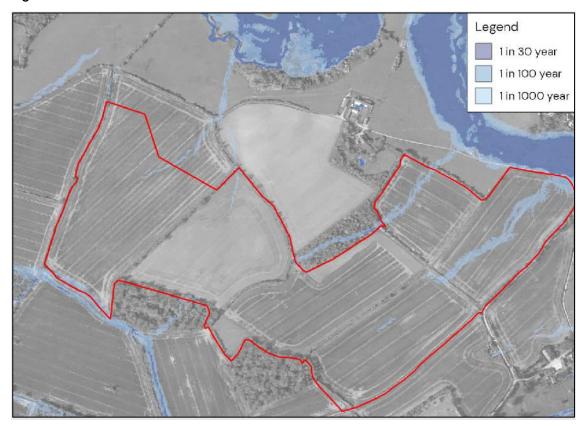
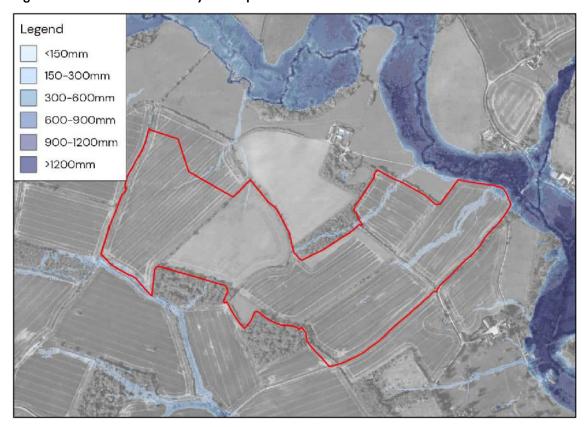


Figure 5.3 – RoFSW 1 in 1000 year Depths





Historic Flooding

- 5.13. The EA's Historic Flood Map shows a historic flood event running across the northeastern edge of the site, associated with the River Glem (see Figure 5.4). Though there is a negligible overlap between the recorded flood outline and the site boundary, it is important to note.
- 5.14. The Babergh and Mid Suffolk SFRA (2020) states that 'surface water flooding is the most frequent recorded cause of flooding within B&MS'. Despite this, no historical floods have occurred within the site boundary and the site remains largely unaffected by historical flooding.
- 5.15. Given the above information, it is considered unlikely that the site has been impacted by historic flood events.

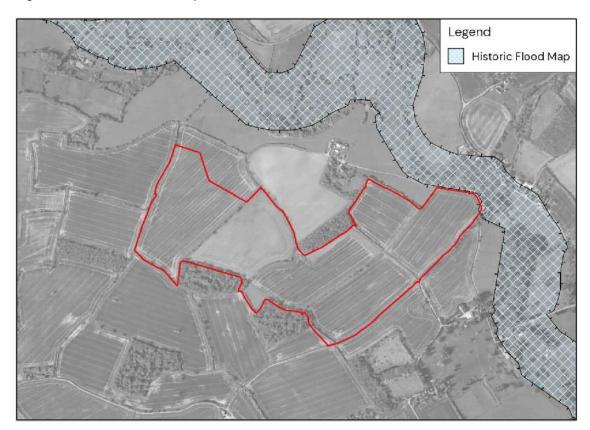


Figure 5.4 Historic Flood Map

Groundwater Flooding

- 5.16. BGS data show that most of the site is underlain by chalk bedrock geology (expected to be permeable). The hydrogeology aquifer classification defines most of the site as a 'highly productive aquifer', with the southwest corner being defined as a 'moderately productive aquifer'. BGS record various superficial deposits at the site comprising of "Diamicton A type of siliciclastic sediment and sedimentary rock" with pockets of "clay, silt, sand and gravel" and "sand and gravel" throughout. Therefore, groundwater emergence may be possible.
- 5.17. Any clay superficial deposits across the site are expected to limit groundwater emergence on site.



- 5.18. SoilScapes Mapping shows both freely draining loamy soils and clayey soils with slightly impeded drainage present at the site. Drainable soils will ensure that any groundwater that does emerge will be able to soak back into the ground easily. Equally, poorly draining soils will limit groundwater emergence on site.
- 5.19. Topography on site is also not conducive to groundwater flooding any groundwater to emerge would follow the existing site topography towards the various watercourses on site and in the immediate vicinity and towards the River Glem to the northeast of the site.
- 5.20. The Babergh and Mid Suffolk SFRA (2020) states that there is "generally negligible risk of groundwater flooding in B&MS. In both districts, areas which are at risk of groundwater flooding tend to correspond to the chalk geology and location of watercourses". Though the majority of the site does consist of chalk bedrock, the other discussed factors such as the topography of the site and local watercourses should mitigate this risk.
- 5.21. Considering the above information, the risk of groundwater flooding at the site is considered to be **Low**.

Flooding from Sewers

- 5.22. The Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council SFRA (2020) does not list any flooding from sewers occurring within the IP29 postcode.
- 5.23. As the site is entirely agricultural land, it is unlikely that there is an existing underground sewer network located within the site boundary. Additionally, any flood water from sewers in the close vicinity of the site would follow local topography and would not be expected to accumulate within the site boundary.
- 5.24. A series of land drains are located beneath the site. However, these are not expected to pose a flood risk as they are designed specifically for the site to manage water levels. They are assumed to be sufficiently sized and have sufficient capacity for the site.
- 5.25. The risk of flooding from sewers to the site is therefore considered to be **Low**.

Flooding from Artificial Sources

- 5.26. The EA's Reservoir Flood Extents data does not show any risk of reservoir flooding should a catastrophic breach occur.
- 5.27. The Babergh and Mid Suffolk SFRA (2020) state that "there is generally negligible risk of Reservoir Flooding in B&MS".
- 5.28. There are no artificial sources of flooding or canals located in the vicinity of the site that would present a flood risk.
- 5.29. The site is therefore considered to be at **Very Low** risk of flooding from artificial sources.

Post Development Flood Risk Summary

5.30. The risk of flooding to the site from all sources has been assessed above, with the conclusions summarised in Table 5.1:



Table 5.1 – Flood Risk Summary

Flood Source	Flood Risk	Mitigation/Comments	
Tidal	Very Low	The majority of the site is within Flood Zone 1, at Low risk of flooding.	
		• A small area of the site that is located in Flood Zone 2 is associated with fluvial flooding. Flood Zone 2 is also not proposed for development.	
		The Babergh and Mid Suffolk SFRA (2020) states that 'the majority of the study area is currently not at risk of tidal flooding.'	
Fluvial	Low	The majority of the site is within Flood Zone 1, at Low risk of flooding.	
		No development is located within Flood Zone 2.	
Surface Water	Low	The RoFSW dataset shows that most of the site is not predicted to be impacted by a 1 in 1,000 year rainfall event and is at Very Low risk of surface water flooding.	
		No vulnerable infrastructure is proposed within areas predicted to be at risk of surface water flooding.	
		Where solar panels are proposed in areas predicted to be at risk of surface water flooding, they will have their lowest edge raised above the predicted 1 in 1,000 year flood depths.	
Historic	Low	A negligible section of the site is affected by historical flooding.	
Groundwater	Low	Although the site is underlain with assumed permeable bedrock and a highly productive aquifer, clay deposits and soils with impeded drainage are expected to limit groundwater emergence on site.	
		Topography on site is not conducive to groundwater flooding.	



Sewers	Low	• The Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council SFRA (2020) does not list any flooding from sewers occurring within the IP29 postcode.
		As the site is entirely agricultural land, it is unlikely that there is an existing underground drainage network located within the site boundary.
		The land drains that occur underneath the site are not expected to pose a flood risk as they are designed specifically for the site to manage water levels.
		Any flood water from sewers in the close vicinity of the site would follow local topography and would not be expected to accumulate within the site boundary.
Artificial	Low	The EA's Reservoir Flood Extents data does not show any risk of reservoir flooding should a catastrophic breach occur.
		• The Babergh and Mid Suffolk SFRA (2020) state that "there is generally negligible risk of Reservoir Flooding in B&MS".
		There are no artificial sources of flooding or canals located in the vicinity of the site that would present a flood risk.

Access & Egress

- 5.31. Access and egress to the proposed solar farm will be off Braggon's Hill to the south of the site. Neither this access/egress point nor Braggon's Hill further south are predicted to be at significant risk of flooding from any source.
- 5.32. Where Braggon's Hill meets the B1066 close to the northern site boundary, away from the access/egress point for the site, flooding associated with the River Gilm is predicted by the Flood Map for Planning and RoFSW dataset (see Figure 5.1 and 5.2 above). Should extreme flooding occur here that precludes vehicles passing, it is expected that access and egress via Braggon's Hill to the south would remain safe for vehicles.
- 5.33. In addition to the above, during the operational phase, the site will be managed remotely and only visited occasionally for maintenance. Site access and egress should therefore not be needed during an extreme flood event.



Mitigation Measures and Surface Water Drainage

- 6.1. This section summarises the proposed mitigation measures required on site to ensure that:
 - a) The development is not at significant risk of surface water flooding.
 - b) The potential impacts of the development on surface water runoff are minimised.
- 6.2. This section also considers if, with proposed mitigation measures in place, any further measures (such as a surface water drainage strategy) are required to ensure that the proposed development is safe and does not increase flood risk elsewhere.

Surface Water Flood Risk

- 6.3. As discussed in Section 5, the RoFSW dataset predicts small areas of the site to be at risk of surface water flooding.
- 6.4. To ensure that the proposed development is not at significant risk of surface water flooding, the following mitigation measures have been included in the proposed site design:
 - No vulnerable infrastructure (inverters, substations etc) is located in areas predicted to be at risk of surface water flooding during an extreme, 1 in 1,000 year, rainfall event.
 - All proposed solar panels located in areas predicted to be at risk of flooding during a 1 in 1,000 year surface water flood event will have their lowest edge raised above the predicted 1 in 1,000 year surface water flood depths. Even during an extreme event, surface water will therefore be able to flow freely beneath the panels and surface water flow paths will not be impacted. 1 in 1,000 year surface water flood depths of up to 300-600mm are predicted on site, although generally depths aren't predicted to exceed 150mm on site (see Section 5).
- 6.5. Overall, with the above mitigation measures in place, the proposed development will not be at significant risk of flooding from surface water.

Impact on Surface Water Runoff

Solar Panels

- 6.6. The proposed solar panels will generally comprise a 'fixed system' with vertical supports driven directly into the ground and generally, no need for concrete foundations. There will be a minimum gap of 2m between rows of solar panels.
- 6.7. There is potential for small concrete feet being required for the solar panels in discrete areas if archaeology becomes an issue or where solar panels are proposed over existing land drains on site. Given the small area of concrete foundations expected for the solar panels, the impact on surface water runoff is likely to be negligible. The exact areas of concrete foundations proposed will be confirmed during detailed design and the impacted on surface water runoff, re-assessed.



- 6.8. At this stage, as no areas of concreate foundations have been confirmed, this assessment of the impact on surface water runoff has presumed all solar panels will comprise a fixed system with vertical supports driven directly into the ground.
- 6.9. As discussed above, all proposed solar panels will be raised above the predicted 1 in 1,000 year surface water flood depths to allow surface water to flow freely below.
- 6.10. Given the above, the impact of the proposed solar panels on surface water runoff patterns is considered to be **negligible** and no further mitigation measures are proposed.

Vulnerable Infrastructure

6.11. In addition to solar panels, a variety of vulnerable infrastructure is proposed on site including inverters, battery storage and a DNO substation. Additional areas of hardstanding associated with the vulnerable infrastructure are also proposed on site. Overall, the areas of proposed vulnerable infrastructure on site will increase the impermeable area on site and therefore have the potential to increase surface water runoff from the proposed development. A surface water drainage strategy is therefore required to manage runoff from the proposed infrastructure. The proposed surface water drainage strategy is included in Section 7.

Access Tracks

6.12. The proposed access tracks will be constructed with a running surface, with a base/capping layer and subgrade below (see **Appendix B**). The typical track section also includes an adjacent drainage swale which will help manage surface water runoff from the proposed access tracks, should this be required. No further mitigation measures are considered necessary.

Proposed Land Use Change

- 6.13. The proposals will result in the cessation of agricultural activities at the site which will in turn, result in a variety of beneficial effects which will serve to reduce soil compaction and runoff rates from the site, as listed below:
 - The site will not be left without vegetation cover during the winter as experienced with arable farming;
 - The site will not be regularly traversed by heavy machinery.
- 6.14. It is also recommended that following installation of the panels, the site is chisel-ploughed or similarly cultivated and seeded with native meadow grass and wildflowers. Chisel-ploughing will reduce soil compaction on the site and promote seed growth; it has been proven to significantly increase infiltration rates thereby reducing runoff rates from the site.
- 6.15. Additionally, longer meadow type grasses and wildflower vegetation provide high levels of natural attenuation which will serve to reduce the risks of erosion and limit surface water flows across the site. With the implementation of chisel-ploughing, changing the site's primary function to solar power generation will have several potential longer-term benefits regarding surface water runoff rates.



7. Proposed Surface Water Drainage Strategy

7.1. As discussed above, the proposed vulnerable infrastructure on site will increase the impermeable area on site. To ensure surface water runoff from the development and associated flood risk does not increase as a result of the proposals, a surface water drainage strategy is therefore required.

Surface Water Management

- 7.2. The SuDS hierarchy demands that surface water run off should be disposed of as high up the following list as practically possible:
 - Into the ground (infiltration) and re-use, or then;
 - To a surface water body, or then;
 - To a surface water sewer, highway drain or another drainage system, or then;
 - To a combined sewer.
- 7.3. In order to determine the most suitable method of surface water disposal from the site the options listed above have been considered as follows:

Infiltration

- 7.4. From a desktop review, ground conditions on site appear to be suited to infiltration-based SuDS. BGS show the site to be underlain by chalk and sand bedrock geology, both of which are expected to be permeable. SoilScapes data show 'lime-rich loamy and clayey soils' with 'slightly impeded drainage' and 'freely draining slightly acid loamy soils' present at the site.
- 7.5. Given the above, it is proposed to manage surface water runoff from the proposed development with infiltration-based SuDS.

SuDS selection process

- 7.6. Various methods of SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) should be considered for use as different methods have constraints attached to them and may not be suitable for this development.
- 7.7. An assessment of the suitability of different SuDS techniques is summarised in Table 7.1 below. Guidance from 'The SuDS manual' C753 has been used to form the basis of this assessment.



Table 7.1 – Assessment of SuDS Suitability

SuDS Technique	Potentially suitable for this development	Justification	
Rainwater Harvesting	No	Not considered suitable for solar development	
Green Roofs	No	Not considered suitable for solar development	
Infiltration Systems (Soakaways, etc.)	Yes	Proposed to manage runoff from the proposed areas of vulnerable infrastructure (see surface water drainage strategy included in Appendix D)	
Filter Drains	Yes	Gravel trenches/filter drains are proposed on site.	
Swales	Yes	Could be used to help convey surface water runoff on site	
Bioretention Systems	Yes	Could be considered during detailed design	
Trees	Yes	Could be considered but would not significantly reduce the storage requirements	
Underground storage	No	Should be avoided	
Detention basins & ponds	No	Not considered necessary due to small area of impermeable hardstanding to be managed	
Wetlands	No	Not considered suitable due to land take	
Permeable Paving	No	Not considered suitable due to the land take	



Infiltration Rate

- 7.8. The proposed drainage strategy is based on an estimated infiltration rate of **0.00108m/hr**. This rate has been used to design the proposed surface water drainage features on site. The rate has been estimated using data from Soilscapes which define 'lime-rich loamy and clayey soils' and 'slightly acid loamy soils' present at the site and Table 25.1 "typical infiltration coefficients based on soil texture (after Bettess, 1996) included in the CIRIA SuDS Manual which provides a typical infiltration rate for "sandy clay loam" as 3 x 10x⁻⁷m/s, which is calculated as **0.00108m/hr**.
- 7.9. If infiltration testing is complete during detailed design, the proposed drainage strategy should be updated to reflect the calculated infiltration rates on site or indeed, to direct surface water runoff to a surface water body or sewer network should infiltration prove unviable on site.

Impermeable Area

- 7.10. As mentioned above, the vulnerable infrastructure proposed on site will increase the impermeable area on site. The vulnerable infrastructure can be divided to two categories: a) the inverters and battery storage areas with associated hardstanding and b) the substation compound.
- 7.11. Each of the individual inverters and battery storage areas with associated hardstanding comprise of the following impermeable areas:

Hardstanding Areas: 225m²

Battery Storage Units: 30.3m²

DC Converter Units: 8.64m²

• Inverters and BusPlus Units: 18m²

Transformer Units: 12.3m²

Total impermeable per individual inverter & battery storage areas: 294m² / 0.029ha

- 7.12. It should be noted that the above impermeable area associated with the "hardstanding area" is a conservative assumption as this area will comprise type 1 unbound stone which has a semi-permeable nature.
- 7.13. The total substation compound area of **O.111ha** has been assumed as impermeable for the purpose of the proposed surface water drainage strategy. This is also a conservative assumption as part of this compound will also comprise of compacted type 1 or single sized crushed rock (see **Appendix B**) which are expected to provide a degree or permeability.

Climate Change Allowances

- 7.14. The proposed surface water drainage strategy presented here has been designed to manage surface water runoff for all storm events up to and including the 1 in 100 year plus 25% allowance for climate change.
- 7.15. This is in accordance with Environment Agency guidance which states that for development with a lifetime of between 2061 and 2100, the central allowance for the 2070s epoch should



be used. For the "Combined Essex Management Catchment", the central allowance for the 2070s epoch for a 1 in 100 year rainfall event is 25%.

Surface Water Drainage Strategy

- 7.16. It is proposed to manage surface water runoff from the proposed impermeable areas on site (as detailed above) with a series of gravel trenches.
- 7.17. For each of the individual inverters and battery storage areas with associated hardstanding on site which yield 0.029ha of impermeable area, a 66m long infiltration trench is proposed to wrap around the proposed infrastructure, situated within the proposed footprint, to manage surface water runoff from this area. An infiltration trench width of 1.1m and depth of 1.0m is required to manage surface water runoff from the storage areas for all storm events up to and including the 1 in 100 year plus 25% climate change event. Microdrainge source control calculations are included in **Appendix C.**
- 7.18. It is also proposed to locate an infiltration trench just outside the substation footprint to manage surface water runoff from this area. Here, a gravel trench 101.8m long, 2.2m wide and 1.5m deep is required to manage surface water runoff from the storage areas for all storm events up to and including the 1 in 100 year plus 25% climate change event. Microdrainge source control calculations are included in **Appendix C.**
- 7.19. The proposed infiltration trenches on site will allow surface water runoff to be stored prior to infiltration into the surrounding ground and will ensure surface water runoff from the proposed development does not increase.
- 7.20. The proposed surface water drainage strategy drawing is included in **Appendix D**.

Water Quality

- 7.21. The SuDS Manual (CIRIA C753) states that the design of surface water drainage should consider minimising contaminants in surface water runoff discharged from the site. The level of treatment required depends on the proposed land use, according to the pollution hazard indices.
- 7.22. Table 7.2 shows the pollution indices for the proposed development. The category of "other roofs" is considered to best describe the areas to be managed.



Table 7.2 - Pollution Hazard Indices

Pollutant	Pollution hazard level	Total suspended solids (TSS)	Metals	Hydrocarbons
Other roofs (typically commercial/industrial roofs)	Low	0.3	0.2	0.05

7.23. Table 7.3 shows the pollution mitigation indices for the proposed gravel trenches (filter drains). It is shown that the pollution mitigation indices exceed the proposed development pollution indices. Therefore, the mitigation measures are deemed adequate for the site.

Table 7.3 – Indicative SuDS Mitigation Indices

Type of SuDS component	Total suspended solids (TSS)	Metals	Hydrocarbons
Filter Drain	0.4	0.4	0.4

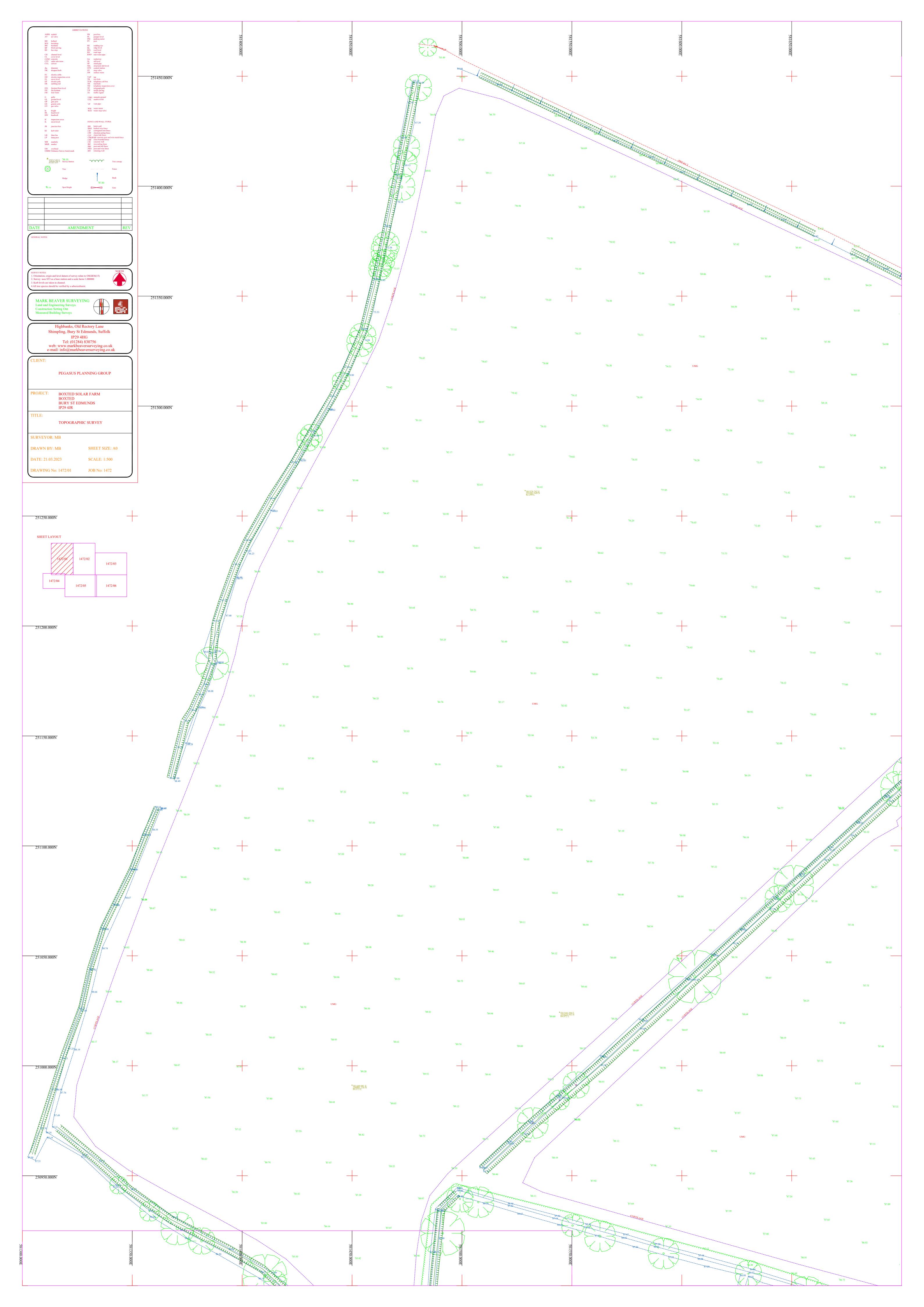


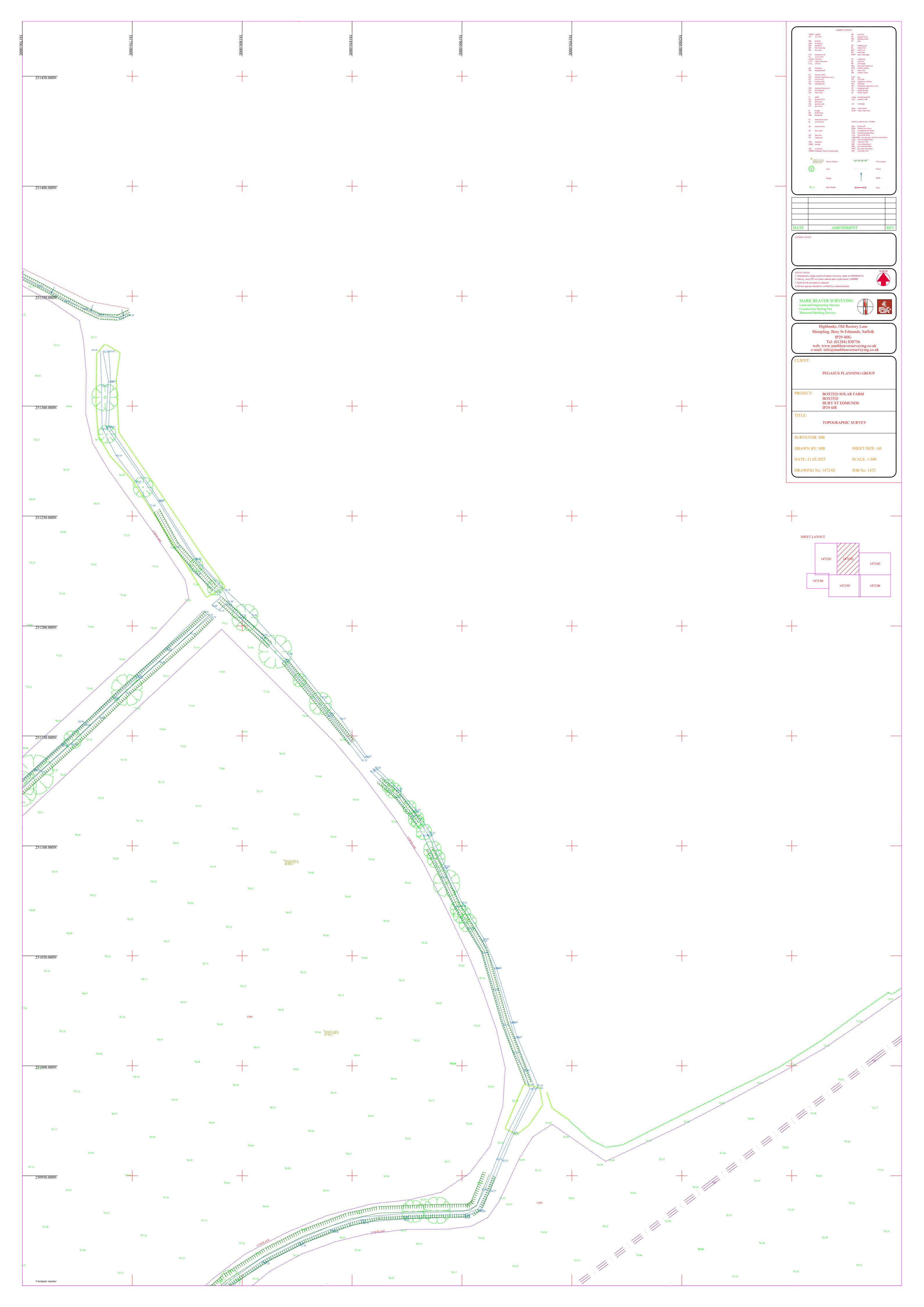
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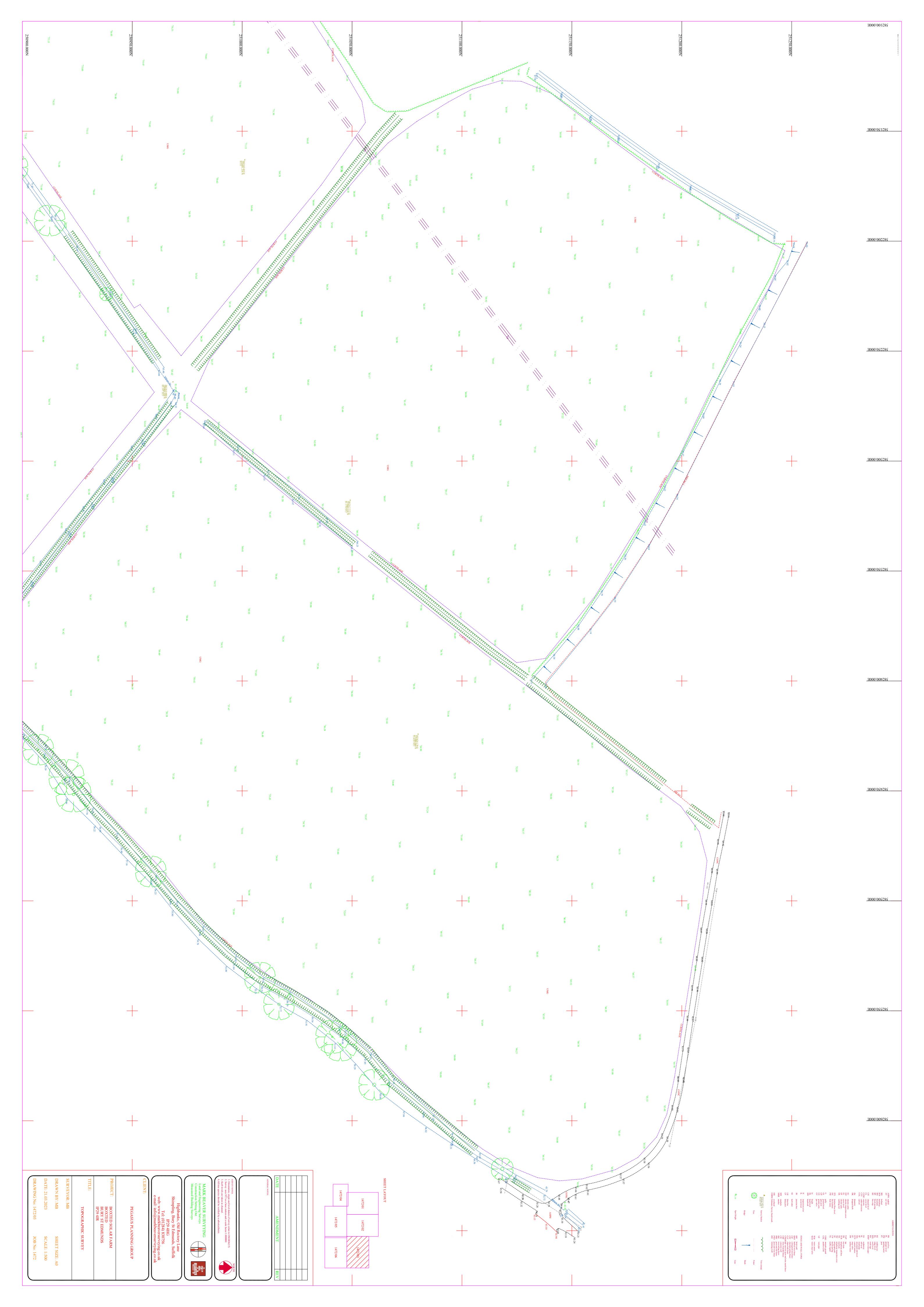
- 8.1. The site is approximately 43.7ha in area is currently entirely greenfield. The site is proposed for a solar farm development with associated infrastructure.
- 8.2. There is a very small portion of the site located in Flood Zone 2. All proposed development is located in Flood Zone 1. Areas of surface water flood risk are also predicted on site. Mitigation measures are proposed to help protect the proposed development from surface water flooding over its lifetime. Mitigation measures include raising the lowest edge of proposed solar panels above proposed flood depths and ensuring vulnerable infrastructure is sequentially located in areas of lowest flood risk.
- 8.3. The site is not considered to be at significant risk of flooding from any source and access and egress is not predicted to be impeded during an extreme flood event.
- 8.4. Surface water runoff from proposed infrastructure will be managed with a series of gravel trenches designed to manage surface water runoff from all storm events up until and including the 1 in 100 year plus 25% allowance for climate change.
- 8.5. With mitigation measures and the proposed surface water drainage strategy in place, the proposed development will not increase flood risk on site or elsewhere.
- 8.6. The proposal is considered to accord with the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) with residual risk to the site fully mitigated, and as such considered Low risk.

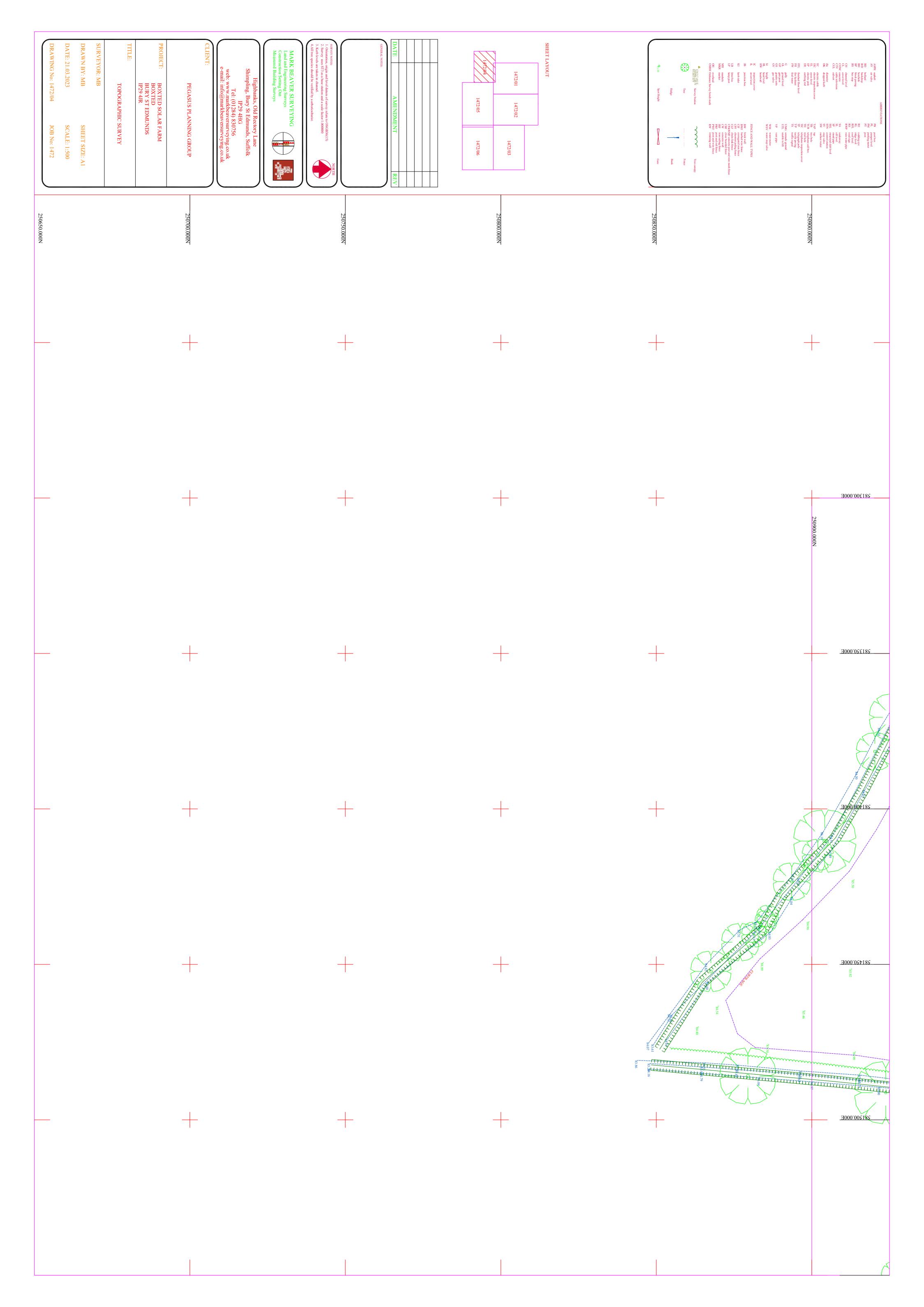


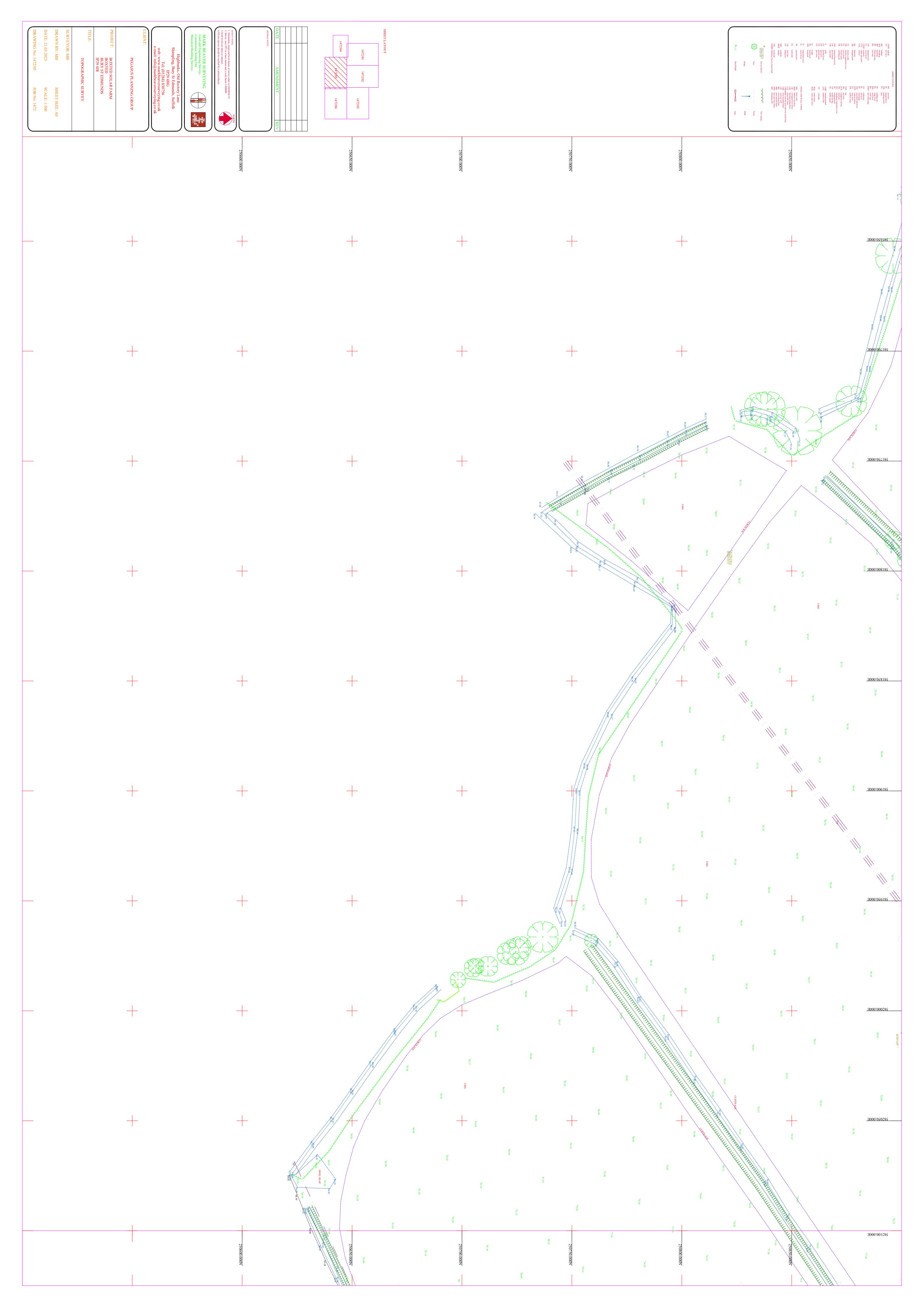
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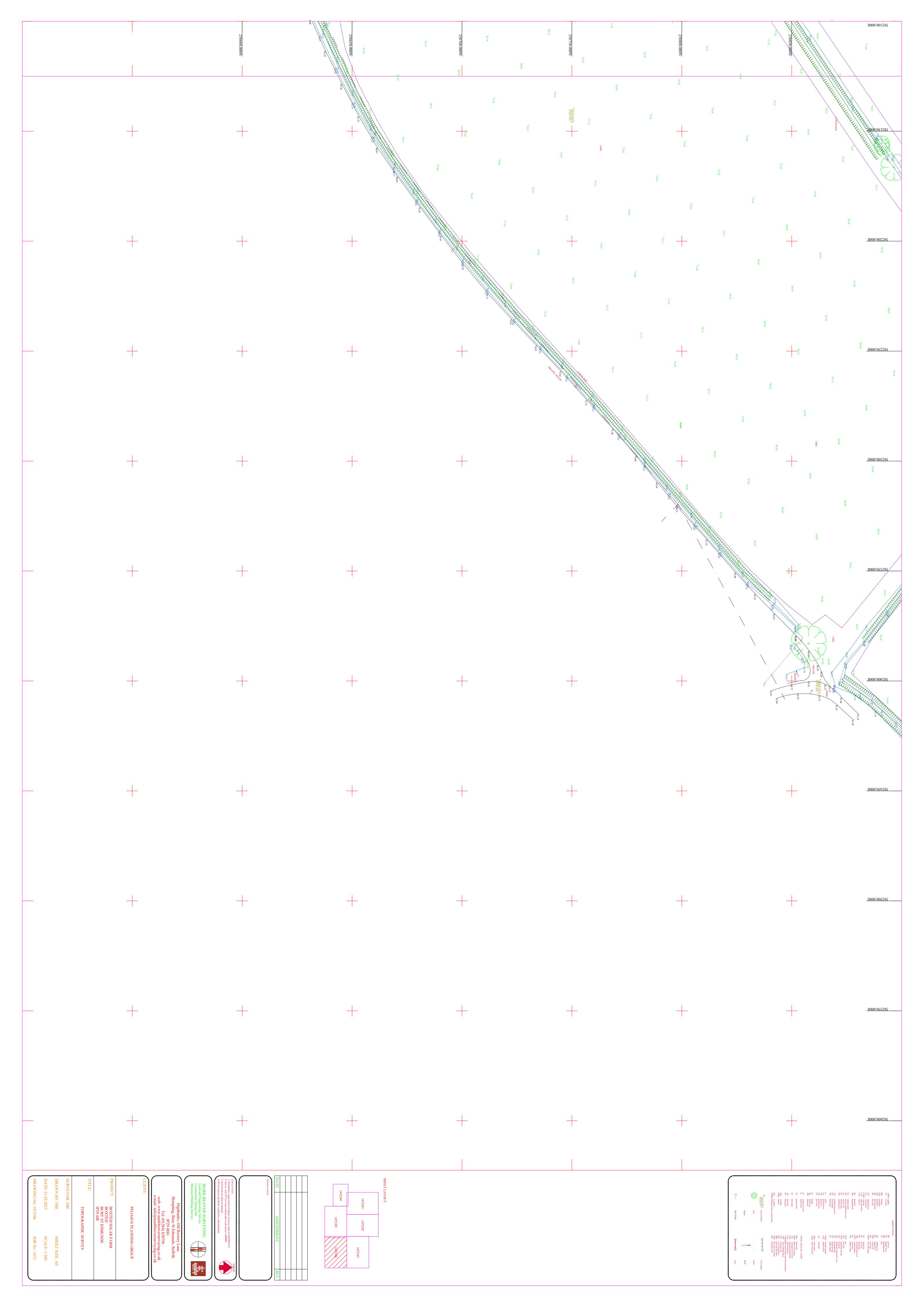






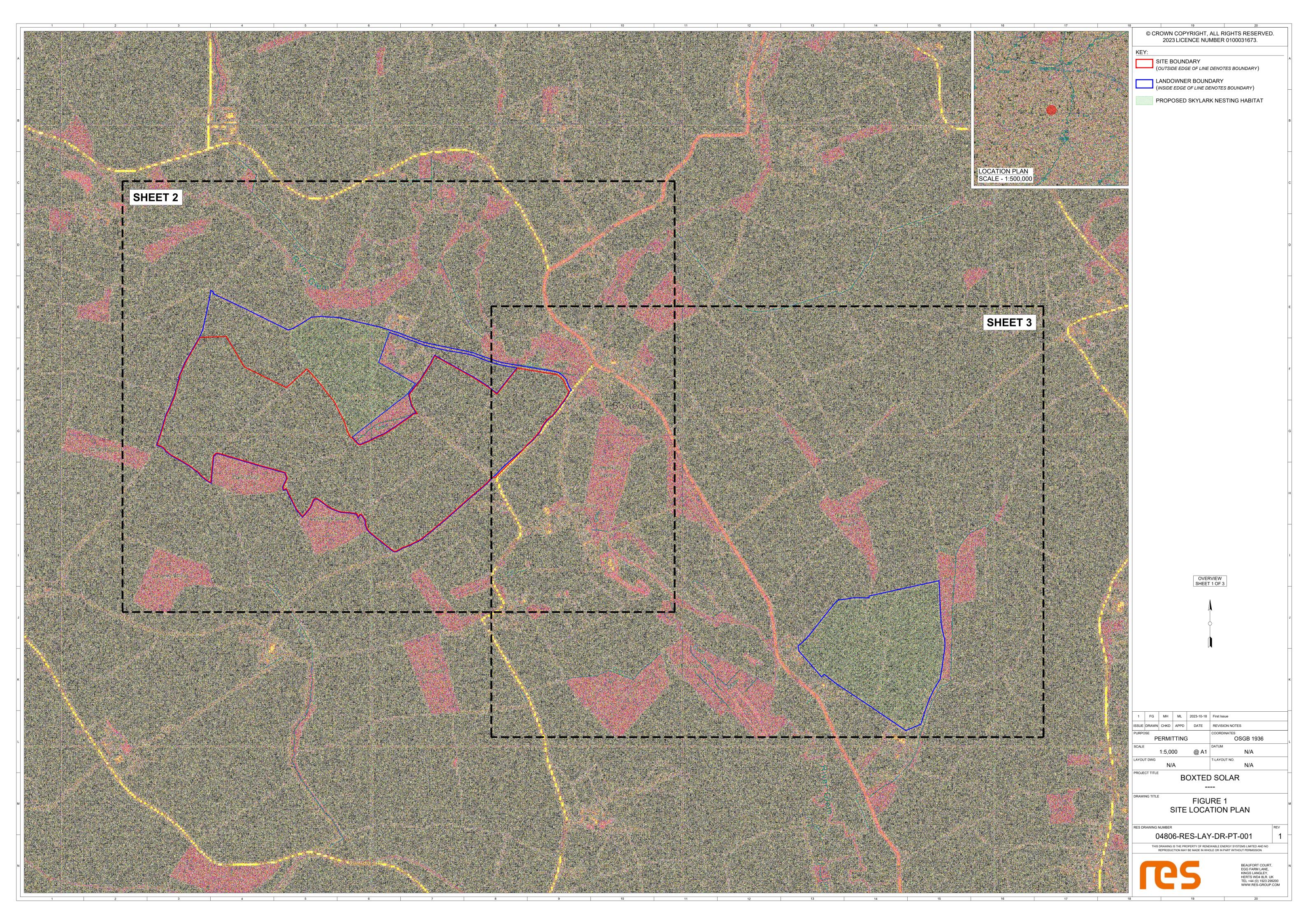


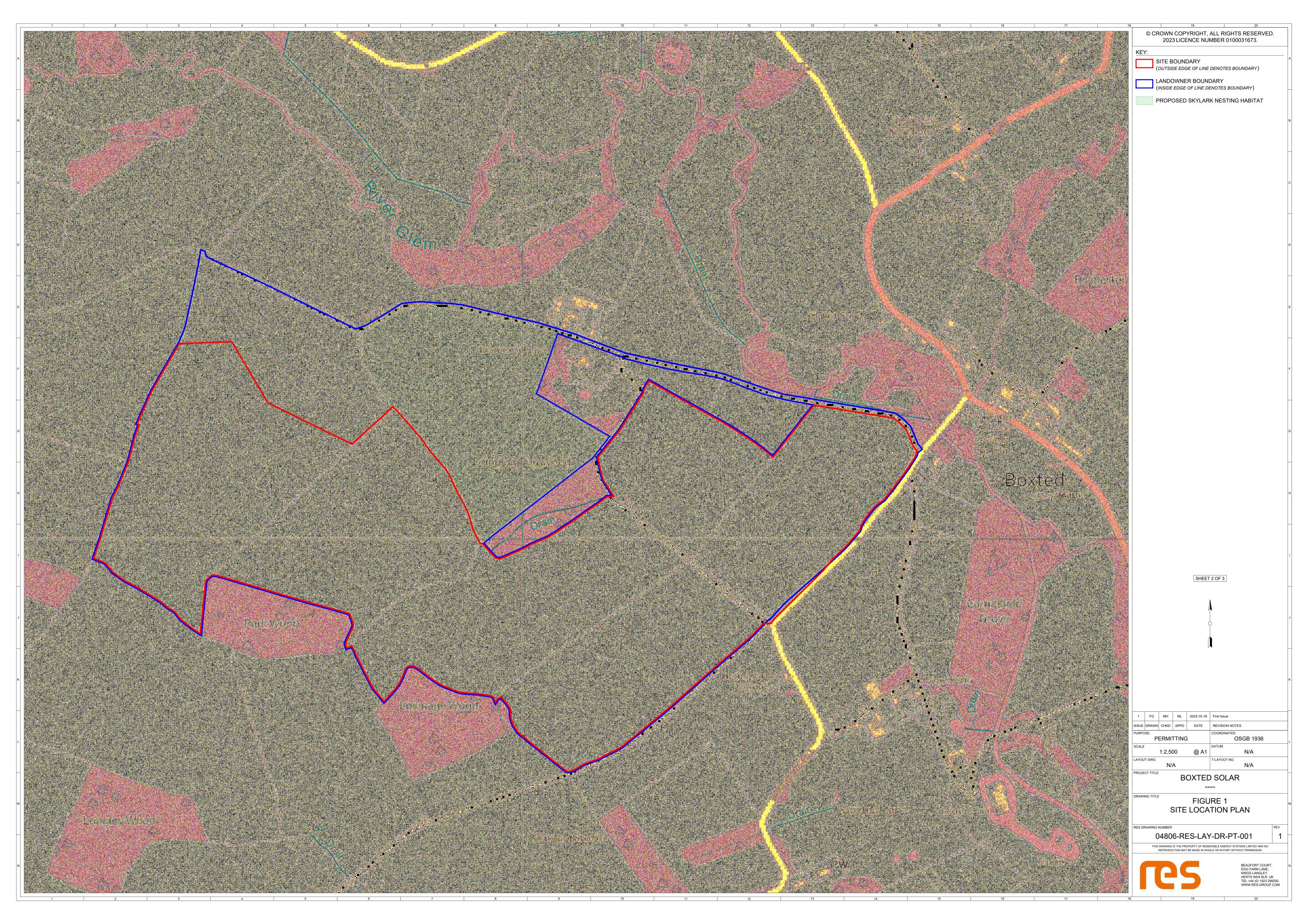




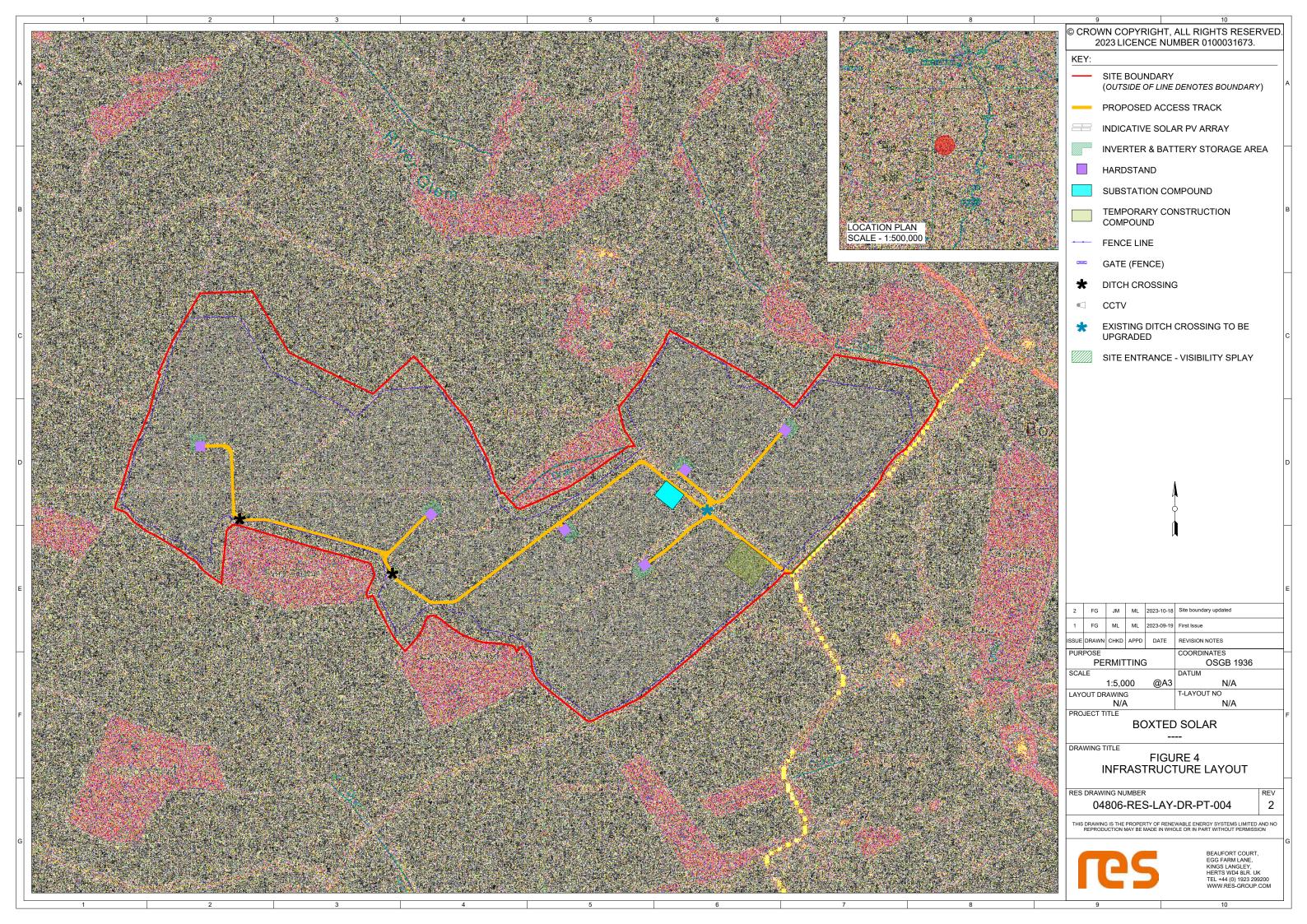


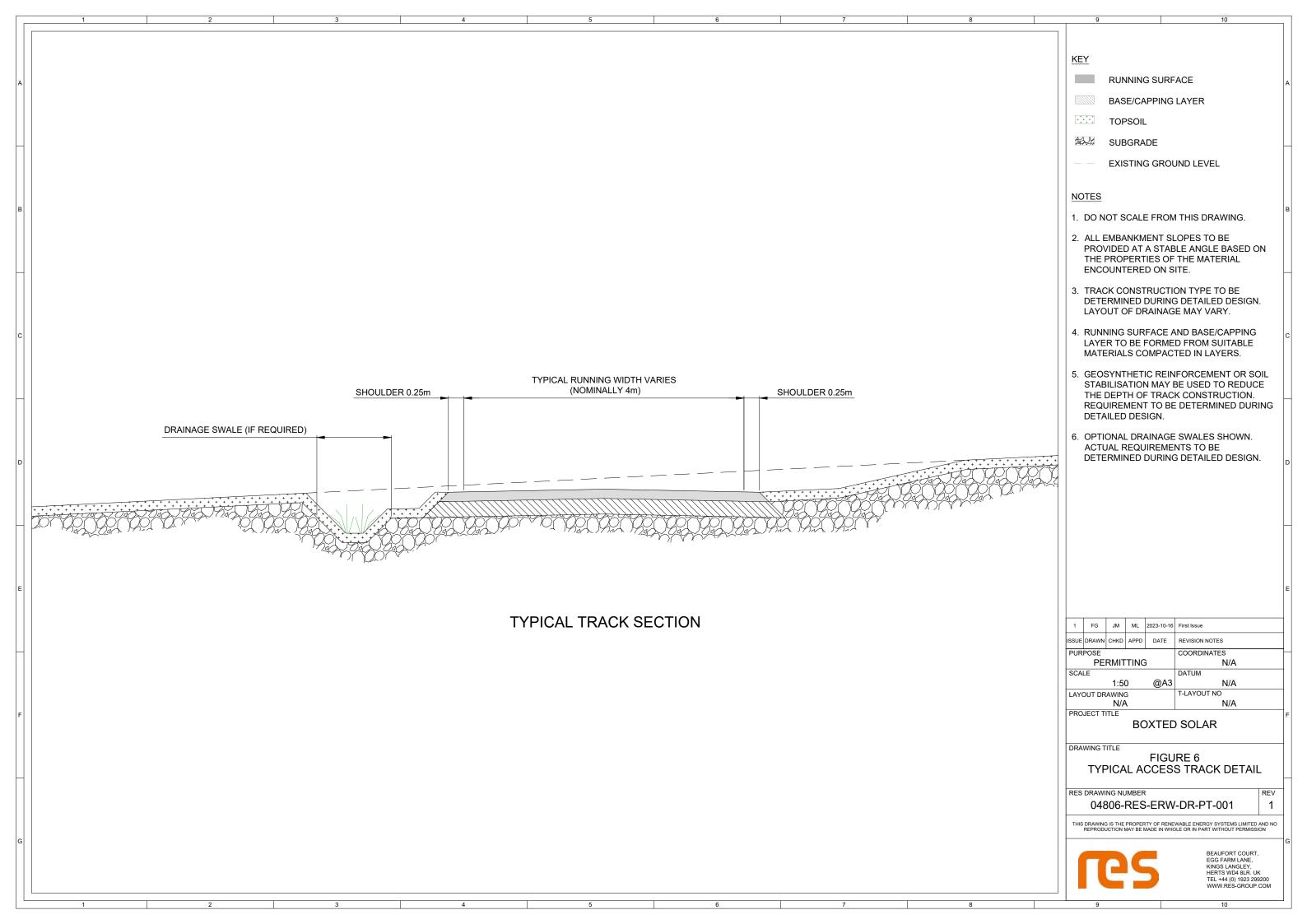
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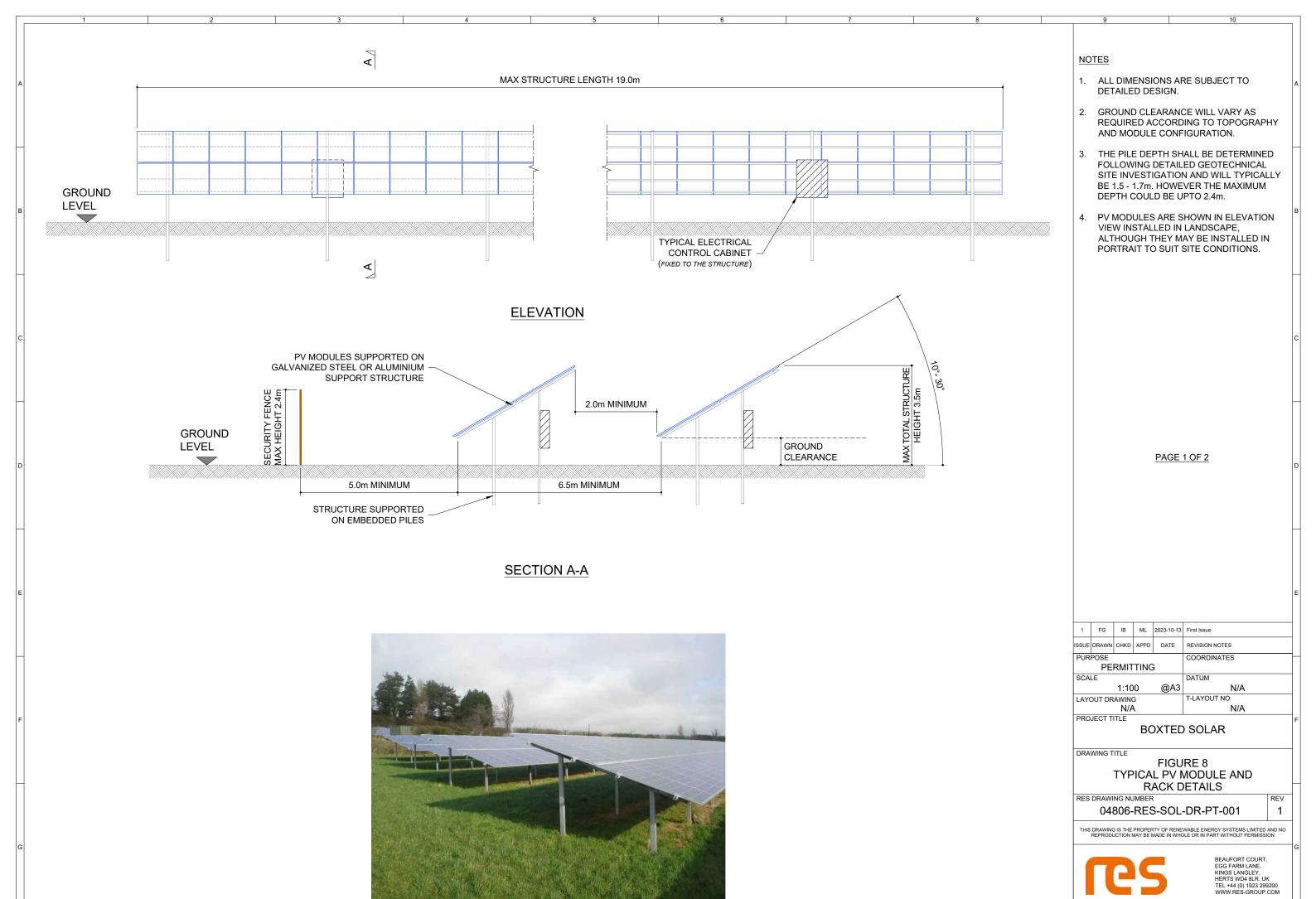


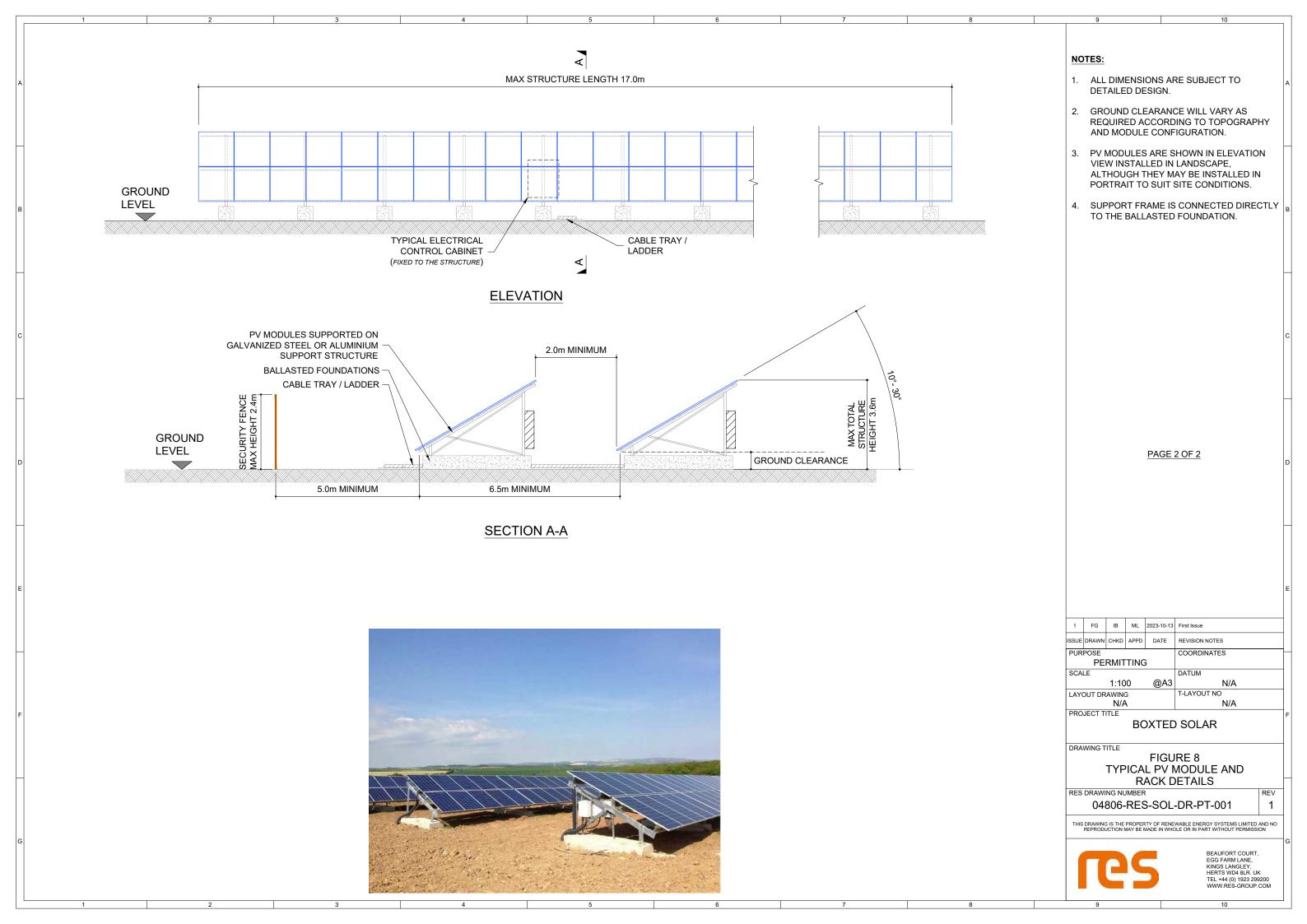


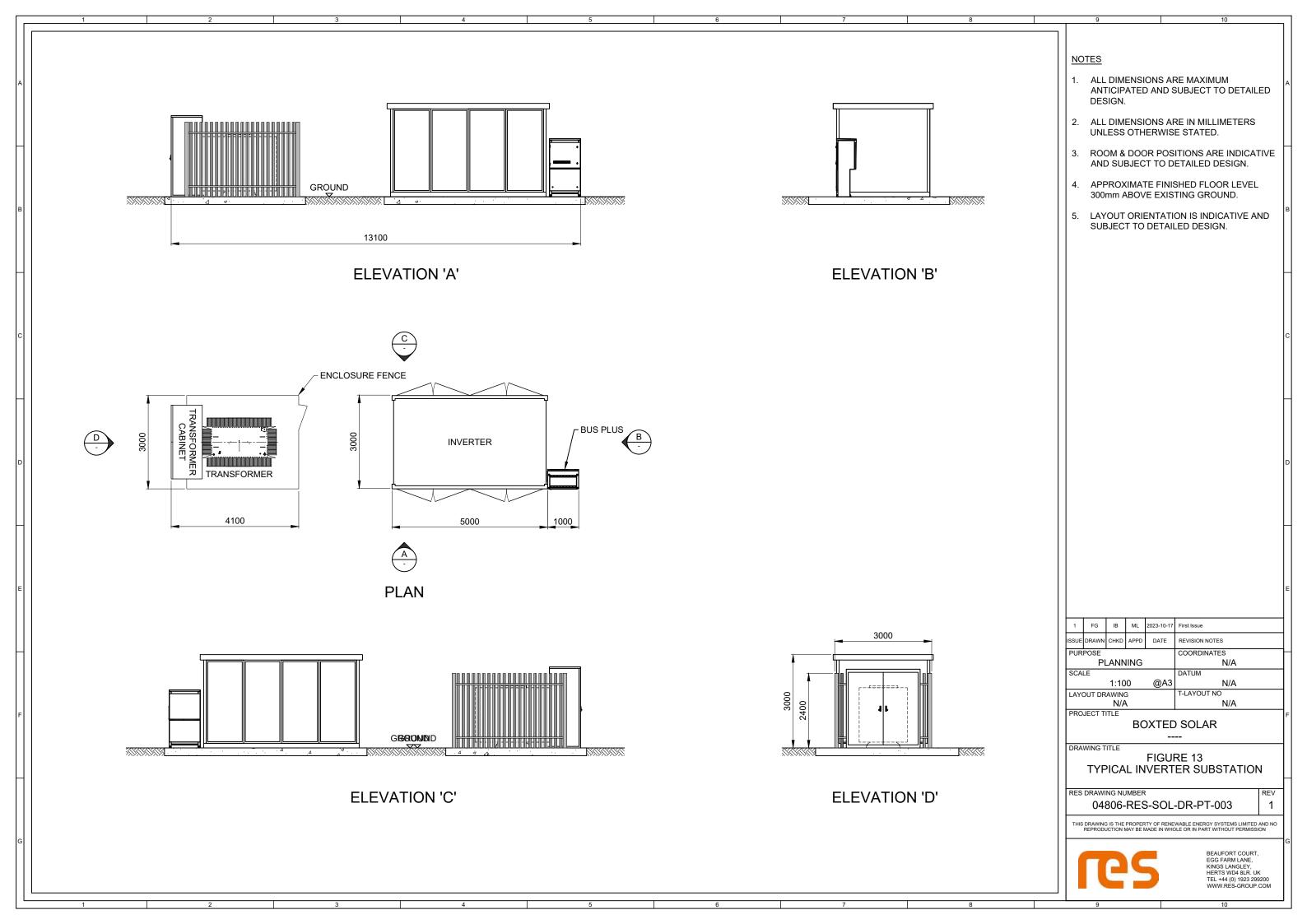


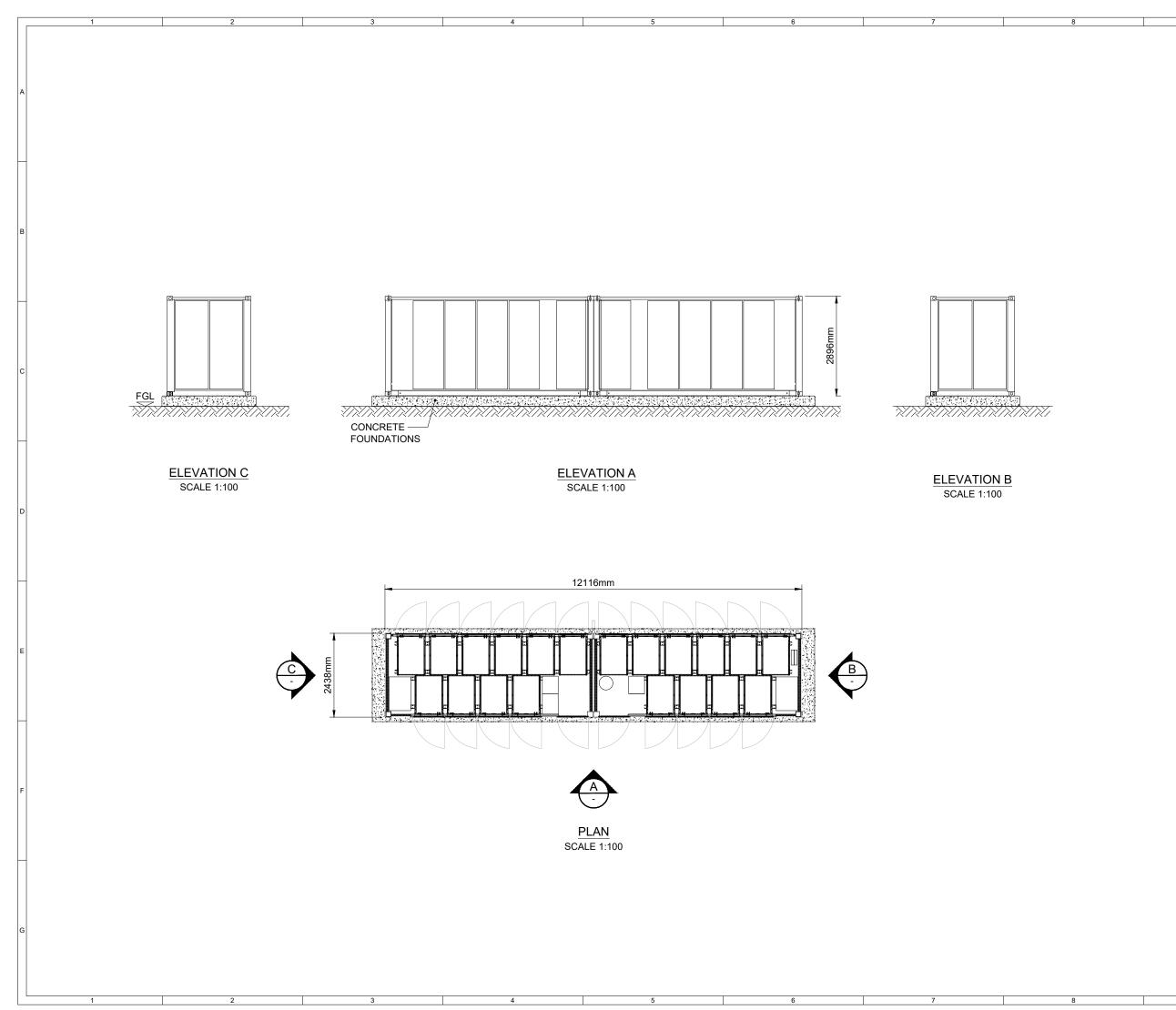












NOTES:

- ALL DIMENSIONS ARE TYPICAL AND SUBJECT TO DETAILED DESIGN UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.
- LOCATION OF DOORS IS INDICATIVE ONLY. ACCESS TO BATTERIES MAY BE EXTERNAL FROM SIDE DOORS.
- 3. APPROXIMATE FINISHED FLOOR LEVEL 300mm ABOVE EXISTING GROUND.
- 4. BATTERY CONTAINER FOUNDATIONS ARE INDICATIVE ONLY AND SUBJECT TO DETAILED DESIGN.
- 5. BATTERY STORAGE UNIT WILL NOT BE GREEN BUT WILL BE WHITE / LIGHT GRAY COLOUR.

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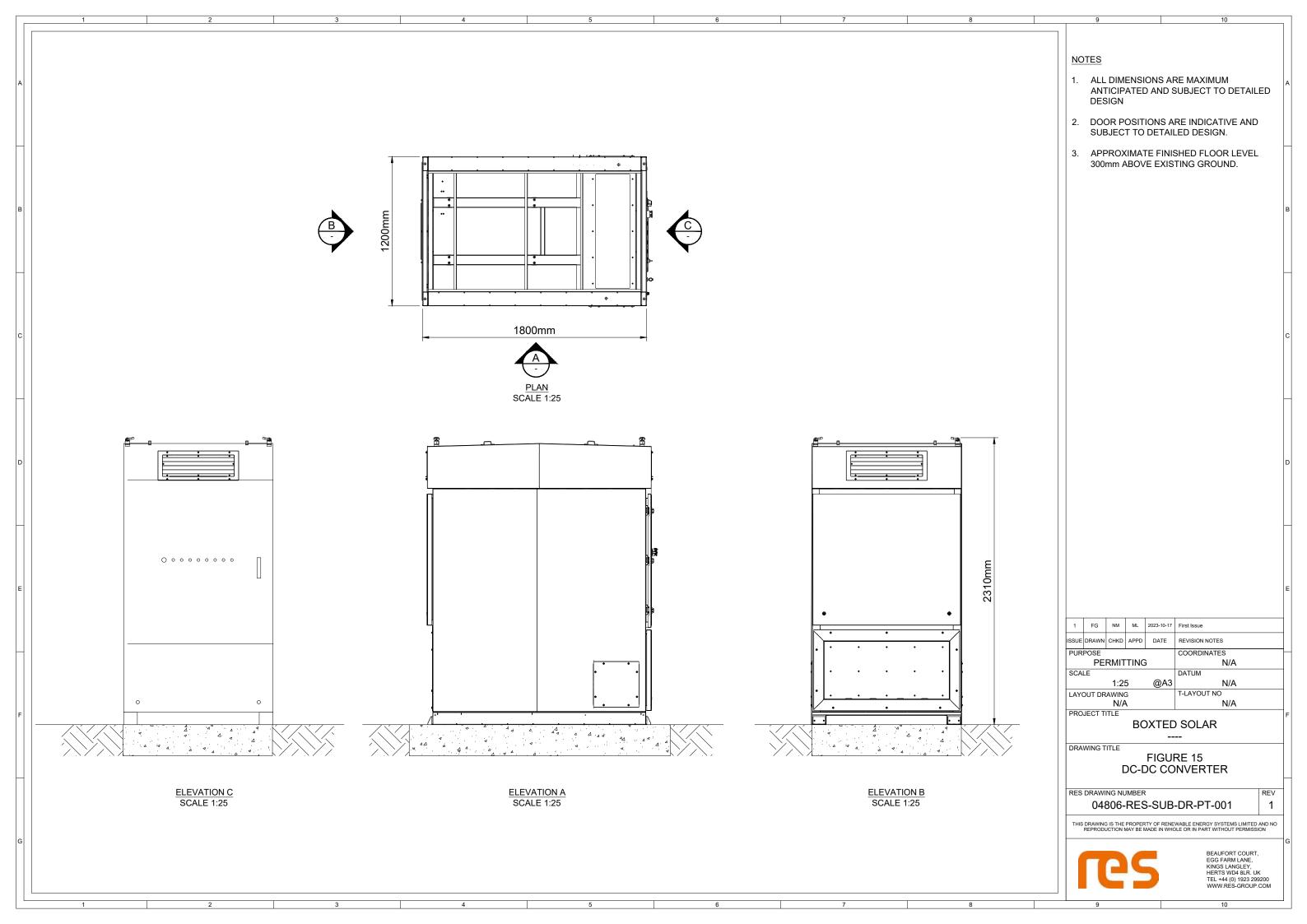
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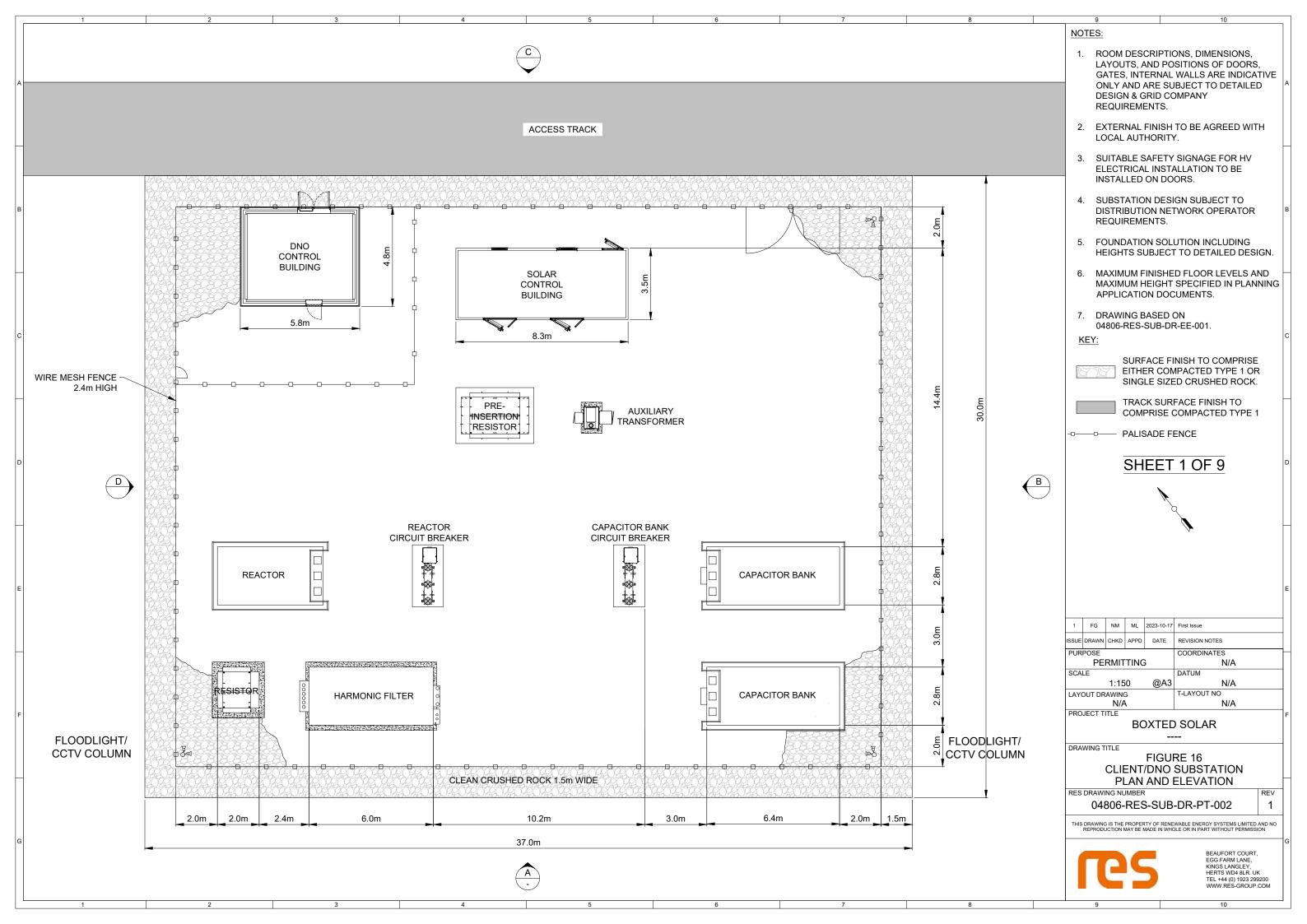
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Appendix C – Microdrainage Source Control Calculations

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Sutton Coldfield	CatchmentA Infiltration Trench	
B75 5SH	1 in 100 + 25%, 66m, 1.1m Wide	Micro
Date 23/10/2023	Designed by DK	Drainage
File P21-2950_CATCHMENT_1.SRCX	Checked by LJ	Drainage
Innovyze	Source Control 2020.1.3	

Half Drain Time : 3447 minutes.

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	Stor		Max	Max	Max	Max	Status
	Even	t	Level	-	Infiltration		
			(m)	(m)	(1/s)	(m³)	
15	min	Summer	99.297	0.297	0.0	6.5	ОК
30	min	Summer	99.390	0.390	0.0	8.5	O K
60	min	Summer	99.486	0.486	0.0	10.6	O K
120	min	Summer	99.598	0.598	0.0	13.0	O K
180	min	Summer	99.665	0.665	0.0	14.5	O K
240	min	Summer	99.711	0.711	0.1	15.5	Flood Risk
360	min	Summer	99.766	0.766	0.1	16.7	Flood Risk
480	min	Summer	99.797	0.797	0.1	17.4	Flood Risk
600	min	Summer	99.816	0.816	0.1	17.8	Flood Risk
720	min	Summer	99.828	0.828	0.1	18.0	Flood Risk
960	min	Summer	99.839	0.839	0.1	18.3	Flood Risk
1440	min	Summer	99.840	0.840	0.1	18.3	Flood Risk
2160	min	Summer	99.821	0.821	0.1	17.9	Flood Risk
2880	min	Summer	99.801	0.801	0.1	17.4	Flood Risk
4320	min	Summer	99.783	0.783	0.1	17.1	Flood Risk
5760	min	Summer	99.777	0.777	0.1	16.9	Flood Risk
7200	min	Summer	99.779	0.779	0.1	17.0	Flood Risk
8640	min	Summer	99.786	0.786	0.1	17.1	Flood Risk
10080	min	Summer	99.796	0.796	0.1	17.3	Flood Risk
15	min	Winter	99.333	0.333	0.0	7.3	O K

Storm			Rain	Flooded	Time-Peak
	Even	t	(mm/hr)	Volume	(mins)
				(m³)	
15	min	Summer	119.500	0.0	19
30	min	Summer	78.626	0.0	34
60	min	Summer	49.188	0.0	64
120	min	Summer	30.487	0.0	124
180	min	Summer	22.768	0.0	184
240	min	Summer	18.364	0.0	244
360	min	Summer	13.374	0.0	364
480	min	Summer	10.581	0.0	482
600	min	Summer	8.784	0.0	602
720	min	Summer	7.526	0.0	722
960	min	Summer	5.871	0.0	962
1440	min	Summer	4.127	0.0	1442
2160	min	Summer	2.907	0.0	2160
2880	min	Summer	2.280	0.0	2480
4320	min	Summer	1.650	0.0	3240
5760	min	Summer	1.333	0.0	4040
7200	min	Summer	1.147	0.0	4896
8640	min	Summer	1.024	0.0	5712
10080	min	Summer	0.937	0.0	6552
15	min	Winter	119.500	0.0	19

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Storm Event		Max Level (m)	Max Depth (m)	Max Infiltration (1/s)	Max Volume (m³)	Status	
30	min	Winter	99.437	0.437	0.0	9.5	O K
60	min	Winter	99.545	0.545	0.0	11.9	O K
120	min	Winter	99.671	0.671	0.0	14.6	O K
180	min	Winter	99.747	0.747	0.1	16.3	Flood Risk
240	min	Winter	99.798	0.798	0.1	17.4	Flood Risk
360	min	Winter	99.861	0.861	0.1	18.7	Flood Risk
480	min	Winter	99.897	0.897	0.1	19.5	Flood Risk
600	min	Winter	99.919	0.919	0.1	20.0	Flood Risk
720	min	Winter	99.933	0.933	0.1	20.3	Flood Risk
960	min	Winter	99.948	0.948	0.1	20.6	Flood Risk
1440	min	Winter	99.953	0.953	0.1	20.8	Flood Risk
2160	min	Winter	99.939	0.939	0.1	20.5	Flood Risk
2880	min	Winter	99.920	0.920	0.1	20.0	Flood Risk
4320	min	Winter	99.895	0.895	0.1	19.5	Flood Risk
5760	min	Winter	99.885	0.885	0.1	19.3	Flood Risk
7200	min	Winter	99.883	0.883	0.1	19.2	Flood Risk
8640	min	Winter	99.884	0.884	0.1	19.3	Flood Risk
10080	min	Winter	99.889	0.889	0.1	19.4	Flood Risk

Storm			m	Rain	Flooded	Time-Peak
		Even	t	(mm/hr)	Volume	(mins)
					(m³)	
	30	min	Winter	78.626	0.0	34
	60	min	Winter	49.188	0.0	64
	120	min	Winter	30.487	0.0	122
	180	min	Winter	22.768	0.0	182
	240	min	Winter	18.364	0.0	242
	360	min	Winter	13.374	0.0	360
	480	min	Winter	10.581	0.0	478
	600	min	Winter	8.784	0.0	596
	720	min	Winter	7.526	0.0	712
	960	min	Winter	5.871	0.0	944
	1440	min	Winter	4.127	0.0	1400
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	5760	min	Winter	1.333	0.0	4320
	7200	min	Winter	1.147	0.0	5256
	8640	min	Winter	1.024	0.0	6144
	10080	min	Winter	0.937	0.0	7064

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Date 23/10/2023	Designed by DK	Drainage
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Rainfall Details

Rainfall Model						FEH
Return Period (years)						100
FEH Rainfall Version						2013
Site Location	GB	582237	251189	$_{\mathrm{TL}}$	82237	51189
Data Type						Point
Summer Storms						Yes
Winter Storms						Yes
Cv (Summer)						0.750
Cv (Winter)						0.840
Shortest Storm (mins)						15
Longest Storm (mins)						10080
Climate Change %						+25

<u>Time Area Diagram</u>

Total Area (ha) 0.029

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Model Details

Storage is Online Cover Level (m) 100.000

Infiltration Trench Structure

1.1	Width (m)	Trench	8 0	0.001	(m/hr)	Base (Coefficient	Infiltration
66.0	Length (m)	Trench 1	80	0.001	(m/hr)	Side (Coefficient	Infiltration
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B75 5SH	1 in 100 + 25%,101m, 2.2m Wide	Micro
Date 23/10/2023	Designed by DK	Designation
File P21-2950_SUBSTATION.SRCX	Checked by LJ	Drainage
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Half Drain Time : 5780 minutes.

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15	min	Summer	119.500	0.0	19
30	min	Summer	78.626	0.0	34
60	min	Summer	49.188	0.0	64
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240	min	Summer	18.364	0.0	244
360	min	Summer	13.374	0.0	364
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600	min	Summer	8.784	0.0	604
720	min	Summer	7.526	0.0	724
960	min	Summer	5.871	0.0	962
1440	min	Summer	4.127	0.0	1442
2160	min	Summer	2.907	0.0	2160
2880	min	Summer	2.280	0.0	2880
4320	min	Summer	1.650	0.0	4020
5760	min	Summer	1.333	0.0	4720
7200	min	Summer	1.147	0.0	5480
8640	min	Summer	1.024	0.0	6232
10080	min	Summer	0.937	0.0	7064

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	Stor Even		Max Level (m)	Max Depth (m)	Max Infiltration (1/s)	Max Volume (m³)	Status
15	min	Winter	98.913	0.413	0.1	27.8	O K
30	min	Winter	99.043	0.543	0.1	36.5	O K
60	min	Winter	99.178	0.678	0.1	45.6	O K
120	min	Winter	99.337	0.837	0.1	56.2	O K
180	min	Winter	99.433	0.933	0.1	62.7	O K
240	min	Winter	99.499	0.999	0.1	67.2	O K
360	min	Winter	99.583	1.083	0.1	72.8	O K
480	min	Winter	99.633	1.133	0.1	76.1	O K
600	min	Winter	99.666	1.166	0.1	78.4	O K
720	min	Winter	99.690	1.190	0.1	79.9	O K
960	min	Winter	99.718	1.218	0.1	81.8	Flood Risk
1440	min	Winter	99.745	1.245	0.1	83.6	Flood Risk
2160	min	Winter	99.757	1.257	0.1	84.5	Flood Risk
2880	min	Winter	99.758	1.258	0.1	84.6	Flood Risk
4320	min	Winter	99.759	1.259	0.1	84.6	Flood Risk
5760	min	Winter	99.759	1.259	0.1	84.6	Flood Risk
7200	min	Winter	99.776	1.276	0.1	85.7	Flood Risk
8640	min	Winter	99.801	1.301	0.1	87.4	Flood Risk
10080	min	Winter	99.830	1.330	0.2	89.3	Flood Risk

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	Stor		Rain		Time-Peak
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30			78.626	0.0	34
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240	min	Winter	18.364	0.0	242
360	min	Winter	13.374	0.0	360
480	min	Winter	10.581	0.0	478
600	min	Winter	8.784	0.0	596
720	min	Winter	7.526	0.0	716
960	min	Winter	5.871	0.0	952
1440	min	Winter	4.127	0.0	1416
2160	min	Winter	2.907	0.0	2116
2880	min	Winter	2.280	0.0	2796
4320	min	Winter	1.650	0.0	4108
5760	min	Winter	1.333	0.0	5304
7200	min	Winter	1.147	0.0	5696
8640	min	Winter	1.024	0.0	6656
10080	min	Winter	0.937	0.0	7568

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Rainfall Details

Rainfall Model						FEH
Return Period (years)						100
FEH Rainfall Version						2013
Site Location	GB	582237	251189	\mathtt{TL}	82237	51189
Data Type						Point
Summer Storms						Yes
Winter Storms						Yes
Cv (Summer)						0.750
Cv (Winter)						0.840
Shortest Storm (mins)						15
Longest Storm (mins)						10080
Climate Change %						+25

<u>Time Area Diagram</u>

Total Area (ha) 0.111

 Time
 (mins)
 Area

 From:
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B75 5SH	1 in 100 + 25%,101m, 2.2m Wide	Mirro
Date 23/10/2023	Designed by DK	Drainage
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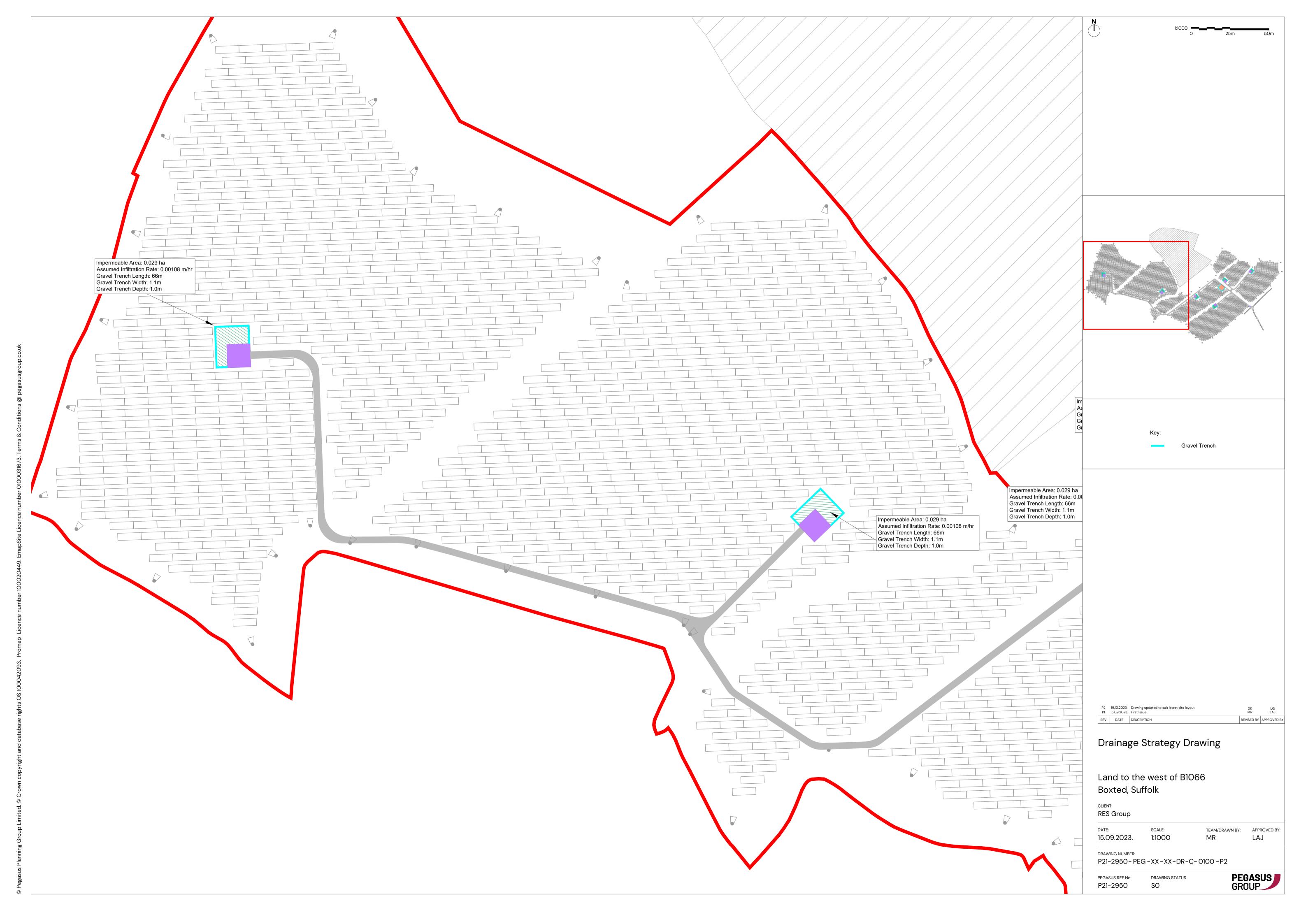
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Infiltration Trench Structure

2.2	Width (m)	Trench	0.00108	Infiltration Coefficient Base (m/hr)
101.8	Length (m)	Trench 1	0.00108	Infiltration Coefficient Side (m/hr)
0.0	lope (1:X)	SI	1.0	Safety Factor
1.500	Depth (m)	Cap Volume	0.30	Porosity
1.500	Depth (m)	Cap Infiltration	98.500	Invert Level (m)



Appendix D – Surface Water Drainage Strategy









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