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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 AQUIND Limited (the "Applicant") submitted an application for the AQUIND Interconnector Order (the 'Order') pursuant to section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the 'Act') to the Secretary of State ('SoS') (the 'Application') to authorise the construction and use of UK elements of AQUIND Interconnector (the "Proposed Development").
- 1.2 The Application was accepted by the Planning Inspectorate ('PINS') on 12 December 2019, with the examination of the Application commencing on 8 September 2020 and completing on 8 March 2021. The Examining Authority ("ExA") submitted a Report and Recommendation to the SoS on 8 June 2021.
- 1.3 On 20 January 2022 the SoS refused the Order. That decision to refuse the Order was the subject of a claim for Judicial Review, which resulted in the making of an Order of the High Court dated 24 January 2023 quashing the decision on grounds of unlawfulness.
- 1.4 The Application is now required to be redetermined by the SoS, and to assist with this redetermination the SoS issued a request for information dated 3 March 2023 (the "**Rfi**") which requests the following information from the Applicant:
 - 1.4.1 Any information relevant to the feasibility of AQUIND Interconnector connecting to Mannington substation as an alternative to the Proposed Development's connection to Lovedean substation;
 - 1.4.2 Updates on how the construction of the Proposed Development and the North Portsea Island Coastal Defence Scheme may overlap, taking into account the time that has passed since the SoS previous decision, and including whether a co-operation agreement is still required and, if so, whether agreement has been reached:
 - 1.4.3 The position in respect of progress made by the Applicant towards securing the principal licences and consents that are or may be required in France and French Waters, including an indication of when these are expected where not already obtained; and
 - 1.4.4 The provision of any new environmental information, if such information has come forward since the SoS previous decision, that would require an update to the environmental assessments within the Environmental Statement and / or Habitats Regulations Assessment. Where any updates are required to environmental assessments the Applicant is requested to make clear what they are and why they are required.
- 1.5 This Statement provides the Applicant's response to the Rfl.

2. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

- 2.1 As detailed in ES Addendum 3 which is submitted alongside this Statement, the Applicant has undertaken a full review of the feasibility of a potential alternative connection to Mannington Substation as requested to by the SoS.
- 2.2 A full response which confirms why a connection to Mannington substation is not feasible as a connection for the Proposed Development is provided in ES Addendum 3 and the Planning Statement Addendum submitted alongside this Statement. Whilst those documents should be reviewed to understand fully the work that has been undertaken to confirm the position and the reasons why a connection to Mannington substation is not feasible, the following is a summary of the position:
 - 2.2.1 Reinforcements to the National Electricity Transmission System (NETS), which it is understood NGET and NGESO will confirm would be required, would mean that it would be 2037 before the Proposed Development could connect into and be operable at Mannington Substation. This compares to 2027 for the connection at Lovedean substation, meaning the Mannington connection alternative would take 10 years longer to realise the same infrastructure capacity and the significant benefits this provides. There would clearly not be a realistic prospect of a connection to Mannington substation delivering the same infrastructure capacity in the same timescale as the Lovedean connection.
 - 2.2.2 It would also take significantly longer to construct the Proposed Development connecting into Mannington substation, as consequence of the much longer length of the marine cables and the onshore cables, adding two/three years to those construction timescales.
 - 2.2.3 From a cost perspective, it is identified that a connection to Mannington Substation would be likely to cost an additional £334 million £456.81 million (dependant on the chosen AMCC). This amount is comprised of the estimated additional costs associated with the onshore cable and the additional trenchless crossings needed to reduce the overall level of environmental impacts, and the costs associated with the additional length of the marine cables (plus the additional costs generally associated with a longer construction period). This level of additional cost would mean that the Project would no longer be commercially viable.
 - 2.2.4 This additional cost for the Proposed Development is separate from the costs to deliver the required reinforcement works to the NETS, which would be in addition to this amount. Whilst the Applicant is not able to provide an accurate estimate of the costs of the additional reinforcements, noting how extensive those reinforcements are and taking into account the known information on the cost of reinforcements between Lovedean and Bramley, it is evident that such costs would be significant and at least in the order of multiple hundreds of millions of pounds.
 - 2.2.5 Two new interconnector connection bays, an extension to the double busbar substation to accommodate those, including the additional bus coupler and section breakers, would be required to accommodate the connection of the Proposed Development at Mannington substation, and the area of land required for this would be expected to be approximately 3,600m². From a review of the existing Mannington substation it is apparent that there is no such space within the existing operational footprint, and that an extension would be required. Any such extension would most likely be into the bordering woodland so as to be contiguous with the existing substation, which would result in the loss of trees (including possibly Ancient Woodland where not able to be located elsewhere) and also likely a requirement for new mitigation planting. No such extension is needed for the connection to Lovedean, with the substation connection works capable of being accommodated within the existing operational boundary of the substation.

- 2.2.6 The Mannington alternative would also require a longer onshore cable connection with extensive significant potential effects on designated sites, protected species and cultural heritage. Although effects could be mitigated, there would be much more wide-ranging effects on agricultural land, with the need for a much more substantial mitigation and compensation package. The urban nature of the route for the Lovedean onshore cable option avoids these potential effects with appropriate mitigation in place.
- 2.2.7 The marine cable for the Mannington option would need to be much longer and would have much greater potential impacts and risks to marine designated sites, the broader marine environment and shipping operations; the Lovedean connection minimises these risks.
- 2.2.8 A Mannington based converter station is also identified to be likely to give rise to wider-ranging visual effects, due to its presence in a much more flat and open landscape and being surrounded by a higher density of residential receptors than the Lovedean based converter station location. It is also not at all clear that there is sufficient land in the location of the converter station to accommodate an acceptable drainage solution.
- 2.2.9 As such, in addition to the Mannington option not being feasible because of the significant additional time to provide the same infrastructure capacity and because connecting to Mannington would mean the Project is no longer viable and would not proceed, it is also identified that a Mannington connection is likely to give rise to a higher level of impacts, require more mitigation, and result in a less optimal scheme after mitigation given the context of the receiving environment for all elements of the Proposed Development.
- 2.2.10 It is also clear that the Navitus Bay Offshore windfarm is not a determinative factor in why a connection to Mannington Substation is not feasible and thus not a reasonable alternative to the Proposed Development.
- 2.3 As noted in the Planning Statement Addendum, given the level and urgency of need for new energy infrastructure, and noting the very clear conclusion of the ExA that "overall, the need case for the Proposed Development strongly outweighs the identified disbenefits" (paragraph 12.2.1 of the ExA Recommendation Report), the SoS is required to be guided by the following principles when deciding what weight should be given to alternatives:
 - 2.3.1 The SoS should be guided in considering alternative proposals by whether there is a realistic prospect of the alternative delivering the same infrastructure capacity (including energy security and climate change benefits) in the same timescale as the proposed development.
 - (A) It has been shown that a Mannington connection would not deliver the same infrastructure capacity (including energy security and climate change benefits) in anything near the same timescale, and it should be afforded no weight accordingly and / or excluded on the grounds that it is not important and relevant to the SoS's decision.
 - 2.3.2 Alternative proposals which mean the necessary development could not proceed, for example because the alternative proposals are not commercially viable or alternative proposals for sites would not be physically suitable, can be excluded on the grounds that they are not important and relevant to the SoS's decision.
 - (A) It has been shown that a Mannington substation connection would render the Proposed Development unviable due to the significant additional cost this would entail. It has also been shown that there is not clarity that it would be possible to construct an acceptable form of the Proposed Development connecting to Mannington substation. The alternative Mannington substation connection should therefore be excluded on the grounds that it is not important and relevant to the SoS's decision and / or afforded no weight.

2.4 Taking the above into account, and moreover when considering fully the contents of the ES Addendum 3 and the Planning Statement Addendum in relation to the potential alternative Mannington substation connection, it is clear that a connection to Mannington substation is not a feasible and/ or viable alternative to the Proposed Development's connection to Lovedean substation. When having regard to relevant legal and policy requirements the Mannington option should not be an important and relevant consideration in determining the application and should not be attributed any weight accordingly.

3. NORTH PORTSEA ISLAND COASTAL DEFENCE SCHEME ("NPICDS")

- 3.1 The Applicant contacted Portsmouth City Council and Coastal Partners on 10 March 2023 to seek an update on the overlap of the two projects and confirmation of whether Portsmouth City Council remained willing to enter into the Co-Operation Agreement.
- 3.2 On 16 March 2023 the Applicant provided an updated memorandum detailing updates to its indicative construction programme. In summary it is anticipated that works in the areas of potential physical and temporal overlap with the NPICDS would be undertaken between April 2025 (Q2) to September 2025 (Q3) and April 2026 (Q2) to September 2026 (Q3).
- 3.3 On 21 March 2023 it was confirmed by Coastal Partners that the current programme in respect of the areas of overlap for the construction of the NPICDS is as follows:
 - 3.3.1 Compound 1 to be reinstated by Winter (December) 2023 and handed back to Portsmouth City Council;
 - 3.3.2 Compounds 2 and 3 to be reinstated by Autumn 2023;
 - 3.3.3 Compound 4 to be reinstated in Autumn 2023;
 - 3.3.4 Compound 5 to be reinstated in winter 2024 and reopened as a car park; and
 - 3.3.5 Compound 6 to be reinstated by Autumn 2023.
- 3.4 It is therefore understood that based on the information provided by Coastal Partners in respect of the progress made and programmed to be made on the construction of the NPICDS that the construction periods for the Proposed Development and the NPICDS will not overlap. Accordingly, it is not anticipated that each project will need to use the compound areas at the same time as one another, and to identify joint working arrangements to accommodate this.
- 3.5 Whilst this is the case, the parties have agreed that the Co-Operation Agreement may still be entered into to ensure a framework is in place in the event the construction of the NPICDS is delayed for any reason. The parties have continued discussing the form of the Co-Operation Agreement since the decision to refuse the Order and the Applicant has agreed to minor amendments requested by Portsmouth City Council. Portsmouth City Council are understood to be in the process of confirming any final comments, following which it is anticipated engrossments will be circulated and the agreement entered into.
- 3.6 A copy of the most recent version of the Co-Operation Agreement, which identifies the minor matters which remain outstanding, is included at **Appendix 1** to this Statement for information.
- 3.7 It is identified by the Applicant that an Order requirement which requires the Co-Operation Agreement to be entered into prior to any works commencing which may affect the NPICDS is not necessary given the existing protections in the draft Order and noting any overlapping works is now unlikely, particularly where the Co-Operation Agreement has otherwise been entered into and which, based on the most recent feedback on 27th April 2023, it is expected it will be prior to any Order being made.

4. FRENCH LICENCES AND CONSENTS

- 4.1 As the SoS will be aware, the Applicant submitted a post hearing note in respect of the non-UK planning consents and approvals required in connection with AQUIND Interconnector (the "Project") dated 23 February 2021 (AS-069). Autorisation d'Occupation Temporaire ("AOT")
- 4.2 For the public roads and right of way where the Project is proposed to be located, requests for AOT were submitted to the CD76 (covering approx. 30km) and DIR-NO (approx. 5km) in March 2020. An additional request was submitted to DREAL (approx. 1km) in December 2020 in respect of a small section of the AOT submitted to the CD76 but which is under the stewardship of DREAL.
- 4.3 In November and December 2020, CD76 and DIR-NO issued draft agreements for the AOT in respect of 35km (97%) of the onshore cable route. Work to address the technical comments and requirements of these agreements took place in the spring of 2021. These agreements are expected to be finalised as part of the detailed design process, which will be undertaken prior to construction and following approval of the *Autorisation Environnementale*.
- 4.4 For information only:
 - 4.4.1 CD76 are the Conseil Départemental de la Seine-Maritime, who are the departmental/county council of the Seine-Maritime department. The council is responsible for managing local affairs, including social services, roads, schools, and cultural activities.
 - 4.4.2 DIR-NO are Direction Interdépartementale des Routes Nord-Ouest. This is the French government agency responsible for managing and maintaining highways in the north-western region of the country. The agency oversees the construction, maintenance, and safety of highways, and works to ensure the efficient flow of traffic.
 - 4.4.3 DREAL are the Direction Régionale de l'Environnement, de l'Aménagement et du Logement. This is a regional government agency responsible for environmental protection, urban planning, and housing in France.
- 4.5 For the works area at landfall, a request for AOT was submitted to the Mayor of Hautot-sur-Mer (relating to a car park and mini-golf course only, covering approx. 2500m²) in June 2020. The Mayor of Hautot-sur-Mer declined the request for the AOT in October 2020. In December 2020 the Applicant informed the Mayor of its intention to challenge the decision, both in its form and its content.
- On 9 March 2023 the *Tribunal Administratrif de Rouen* ruled in the Applicant's favour and quashed the Mayor's decision not to grant the request for AOT. Following the decision of the Tribunal, the Applicant remains committed to working with the Mayor amicably and engagement to obtain the AOT for the landfall is ongoing. Following engagement a revised proposal for the AOT was issued by the Applicant 6 weeks ago and is currently being reviewed by the Mayor.

Autorisation Environnementale

- 4.7 As previously identified, the application for the environmental authorisation was submitted in October 2019. Whilst its administrative progress was suspended in the first half of 2020 as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the competent authorities resumed their examination work in the summer of 2020.
- 4.8 Initial comments and a request for supplementary information were sent to the Applicant in September 2020 following an evaluation by statutory consultees. The majority of these related to technical clarifications regarding the content of the application. Responses were provided in December 2020.
- 4.9 Further to this request for supplementary information, the Applicant initiated the procedures necessary to conduct the appropriate hydrogeological investigation alongside the cable route. An *Arrêté Préfectoral* for these works was obtained on 6 May 2022 and the

- hydrogeological investigation work took place in December 2022, with monitoring scheduled for the entirety of 2023 due to the need for this to be undertaken for a 12 month period. These works are to provide a better understanding of the impact that the cable installation would have on wetland around Le Hamelet, which was information requested from the Applicant in September 2020.
- 4.10 In March 2023, the Applicant provided RTE (the French national transmission system operator) evidence of the works described in paragraph 4.9, following which RTE confirmed the progress made in the consenting process and the ongoing validity of the agreement for the Project's connection to Barnabos switching station in France.
- 4.11 Following the request for AOT being declined in October 2020 by the Mayor of Hautot-sur-Mer, the Applicant was at that time not able to provide evidence that the easement required for the works to take place at landfall (a 50m x 50m area on the seafront car park at Hautot-sur-Mer) had been secured. As such, the Préfecture rejected the application. As is detailed above at paragraph 4.9, that rejection by the Mayor of Hautot-sur-Mer has since been quashed, and the Applicant is in the process of re-engaging to obtain the AOT.
- 4.12 With regard to the further processes that need to be followed to obtain the Autorisation Environnementale once the issues regarding the land rights have been resolved:
 - 4.12.1 The next stage is the progression of the application to be examined by the "Conseil General de l'environnement et du développement durable" (CGEDD). The CGEDD is the environmental authority that validates the application as compliant with the relevant EIA regulations.
 - 4.12.2 Once the application is validated the *Préfecture* then provides a preliminary opinion, which marks the beginning of the public inquiry into the application.
 - 4.12.3 The public enquiry lasts for a period of 2 to 4 months and gives the public the opportunity to provide representations in relation to the application file submitted by the applicant and the responses from the statutory consultees, the CGEDD and the *Préfecture*.
 - 4.12.4 The "commissaire enquêteur" then collates this information from all relevant persons in relation to the application and produces a report summarising the findings and making recommendations. Following this, the *Préfecture* delivers an *Arrêté Préfectoral* confirming the decision on whether to grant the *Autorisation Environnementale*.
- 4.13 Based on experience of similar *Autorisation Environnementale* processes, it is anticipated that a decision to grant this would take approximately 12 months following the obtainment of the AOT for the landfall.

Proposed Article to be included within the Order

- 4.14 The Applicant has had sight of the views of Secretary of State's officials¹ in respect of how the Order should be made, and it is noted in this regard that they recommended an additional article be included in the Order which provides that compulsory acquisition powers should not be exercised and development should not commence for the UK onshore elements of the Proposed Development until the Applicant has received the *Autorisation Environnementale* (environmental permit application under Article L. 181-1 of the Environmental Code) from the French authorities.
- 4.15 The Applicant confirms that should the SoS be minded to make the Order and to include such an article in the Order it has no objection to the inclusion of such an article, and a draft proposed form for such an article is provided below:

French environmental authorisation

52. – (1) The authorised development landwards of MHWS must not commence, works comprised in Work No. 2(bb) and the removal of hedgerows, trees and

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¹ This information was disclosed to the Applicant as part of the Judicial Review proceedings in connection with the previous decision of the Secretary of State

shrubs must not be undertaken and the undertaker must not exercise the powers in articles 20 to 30 (excluding article 30 where necessary in connection with the carrying out of onshore site preparation works) until an Autorisation Environnementale under Article L. 181-1 of the Environmental Code (or such environmental authorisation as is required pursuant to any successor legislation) in France has been obtained in respect of the parts of AQUIND Interconnector which are to be located in France and in French Waters.

4.16 The form of this article, including the use of the term 'commence' and the detailing of the specific works which fall within the definition of 'onshore site preparation works' and which would be permissible to be undertaken but for their express exclusion, has been drafted so as to allow the carrying out of onshore site preparation works, other than the works comprised in Work No. 2 (bb) (access junction and gated highway link) or the removal of hedgerows, trees and shrubs, prior to the *Autorisation Environnementale* being obtained, as it is considered appropriate for the other preparatory activities which are of a temporary nature to be undertaken before this and expedient in the interest of the delivery of the Proposed Development in shortest possible timeframe thereafter.

4.17 Regulatory Status

- 4.18 In the UK the Applicant has applied to Ofgem for an Initial Project Assessment within the Third Cap and Floor Window. On 24 February 2023 Ofgem confirmed the eligibility of the Applicant's request for Cap and Floor for further consideration. Ofgem is expected to advise on the next steps in this process shortly. One of the key components of consideration by Ofgem is the maturity of applying projects, including environmental permitting.
- In France, the Project is expected to be regulated under the exempt status. Following the end of the Examination, the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement ("TCA") was ratified, approved by the European Council and published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 30 April 2021, and this was also implemented in the UK via the European Union (Future Relationship) Act 2020. Following the conclusion of the Windsor Framework, the Applicant expects that the implementation of the outstanding provisions of the TCA, including the arrangements provided for in Articles 310 to 312 and Annex 29, will be completed by the UK Government and the EU at pace.
- 4.20 As advised in the Applicant's Post-Hearing Note CAH3 (AS-069), the Board of Appeal of ACER (the "ACER BoA") was due to make a new decision on the Applicant's appeal against the decision of ACER to reject the Applicant's Exemption Request following the judgment of the General Court of the European Union on 18 November 2020, which was confirmed by the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union on 9 March 2023, and which quashed the original ACER BoA decision of 25 October 2018.²
- 4.21 However, the ACER BoA during the new consideration of the Applicant's appeal against the decision of ACER to reject the Applicant's Exemption Request found on 04 June 2021 that the Applicant's appeal was inadmissible due to Brexit, and that following 31 December 2020 exemption decisions must be taken in accordance with the TCA.
- 4.22 The Applicant's ability to secure an exemption in accordance with the TCA remains is unaffected.

Concluding remarks

4.23 The Applicant has properly managed and is continuing to properly manage the approvals and consents required for the Project, beyond those which would be provided by virtue of the grant of the Order. The Applicant is also continuing to progress the application for regulatory approvals required for the Project to operate in both the UK and France in accordance with the frameworks and timescales for those processes in each country.

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² ACER appealed that judgment and by the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union of 09 March 2023 in the case C-46/21 the ACER's appeal was rejected -

- Inevitably, the decision to refuse the development consent had a chilling effect on the progress of the other consents and approvals which are required.
- 4.24 The Applicant has demonstrated the pathway it is following to secure the required consents and to settle the Project's regulatory status, and that there is a reasonable prospect that the relevant applications will be successful, such that funding can be secured to enable compulsory acquisition within the statutory period following the Order being made.
- 4.25 The Applicant is confident of this position, and it is on this basis that the Applicant has confirmed it would be amenable to the inclusion of an additional article in the Order in the form set out above, should the SoS be minded to include this in any Order made.

5. ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

- 5.1 As detailed in ES Addendum 3 which is submitted alongside this Statement, the Applicant's environmental consultants have considered:
 - 5.1.1 the continuing validity of the surveys and data which underpin the assessment of likely significant effects in connection with the Proposed Development; and
 - 5.1.2 details of any new plans or projects which should be included in updated cumulative assessments, and any other amendments required to the assessment as a consequence of changes in respect of cumulative development schemes.

5.2 Survey and data validity

- In relation to the onshore environment, the findings of the review are that the data sources have either not been superseded or that there would be no significant changes to the conclusions already made. Therefore, the existing assessments remain valid. A validation study has been undertaken and this has concluded that there are no notable changes to the baseline and the existing assessment remains valid.
- In relation to the marine environment, the data sources reviewed have either not been superseded or a review has indicated that there would be no significant changes to the conclusions already made. Therefore, the existing assessments remain valid.
- In conclusion, the analysis has indicated that, although some new environmental information has come forward, the conclusions of all assessments previously undertaken remain valid.
- On a precautionary basis, the Onshore Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan has been updated to include a requirement for re-surveying in relation to badgers and bats prior to works commencing at the Converter Station Area which may affect those species and the habitats in which they may be present.

5.7 Cumulative development review

- 5.8 A full review of cumulative schemes has been undertaken. This included a review of the status of schemes included in the previous assessment, removing schemes which have been completed and assessing them as part of an updated baseline; and identifying and considering the cumulative effects of new developments arising since the previous assessment.
- 5.9 For the onshore elements of the Proposed Development, the construction of 25 developments included in the previous assessment have been completed and now represent baseline receptors, with a further 3 development applications withdrawn. A review of the assessment has been undertaken and no new significant effects have been identified for these receptors and the findings of the 2019 ES and 2020 ES Addendum remain valid.
- 5.10 10 new developments have been identified. Significant residual cumulative effects were predicted to result from the cumulative contribution of impacts from the Proposed Development with the proposed solar farm at Denmead Farm in relation to landscape and visual amenity, temporary and permanent loss of agricultural land and disruption and disturbance socio-economics receptors. No other additional cumulative effects have been identified
- 5.11 With regard to the solar farm development, the Applicant has been engaging with the applicant for this scheme, the host local planning authorities and the highway authority since the submission of this application. It has been identified that there would be a need for the joint management of construction traffic for both schemes to ensure the level of HGV movements remain within levels assessed to be acceptable in connection with the Proposed Development. In this regard it is identified that the maximum daily number of 71 two-way HGV movements at the access junction would not be exceeded by the concurrent construction of both the solar farm and the Proposed Development. This would be secured by an update to Requirement 17 of the Order, in addition to a planning condition to be

imposed on any planning permissions granted for this development and the entering into of a co-operation agreement between the Applicant and the applicant for the solar farm development. The Applicant has produced and issued the Co-operation Agreement and has confirmed to the relevant authorities its willingness to work with the solar farm developer. It is understood from discussions with the relevant authorities that they are all content with this approach and will confirm the same in submissions to be made to the SoS.

5.12 For the marine element of the Proposed Development, a review of all cumulative schemes has been undertaken and no additional significant cumulative effects have been identified. The conclusions of the marine cumulative effects assessments previously reported in the 2019 ES and 2020 ES Addendum therefore remain valid.

5.13 Habitats regulations assessment validity review

- 5.14 A review has also been undertaken of the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) for the Proposed Development (REP8-020) to confirm its continuing validity, and a report is submitted alongside this Statement which details the findings of this review.
- 5.15 A summary of the conclusions of this review exercise is as follows:
 - 5.15.1 In all cases, no new sites have been designated that would require consideration in the HRA, based upon the same screening criteria as employed for the initial application or based on updated published foraging ranges. This included consideration of both UK (marine and terrestrial) and transboundary European sites. Therefore, the existing assessments remain valid.
 - 5.15.2 In all cases, no new features have been identified, and there have not been any changes to the relevant features already assessed for both UK (marine and terrestrial) and transboundary European sites. Therefore, the existing assessments on features remain valid.
 - 5.15.3 In all cases, no additional pressures or effects have been identified for assessment at any phase of development. Therefore, the existing assessments remain valid.
 - 5.15.4 In all cases, no additional attributes/targets have been identified for assessment at any phase of development and there are no changes to the conservation objectives already assessed for both UK (marine and terrestrial) and transboundary European sites. Therefore, the existing assessments remain valid.
 - 5.15.5 In all cases, no additional attributes/targets have been identified for assessment at any phase of development and there are no changes to the conservation objectives already assessed for both UK (marine and terrestrial) and transboundary European sites. Therefore, the existing assessments remain valid.

6. UPDATES ON NEED AND COMPLIANCE WITH UPDATED OR EMERGING POLICY Need for the Proposed Development

- 6.1 In light of the time that has passed since the decision of the SoS to refuse the Order the Applicant has reviewed the continuing needs case for the Proposed Development and submitted alongside this Statement is a Needs and Benefits Third Addendum.
- The Needs and Benefits Third Addendum provides an update on new and emerging policy, publications and analysis since the last addendum in January 2021, which further highlights and supports the compelling needs case for the AQUIND Interconnector. This includes:
 - 6.2.1 an update in relation to national planning policy including the draft NPS EN-1 (September 2021 and March 2023) insofar that the draft policies may be considered important and relevant under s104 of the PA2008;
 - 6.2.2 reference to other government publications relating to the strategy to deliver net zero objectives and energy security and in particular further support for the role of interconnector projects;
 - 6.2.3 an update on the Ten-Year Network Development Plan (TYNDP) 2022 following the summary in the Second Needs and Benefits Addendum (REP7-064) on the TYNDP 2020.
- 6.3 It is identified that the need for the Proposed Development has become stronger and more urgent in the intervening time period. The considerations explained in the Needs and Benefits Third Addendum all further support the compelling need for the Project and the national scale benefits of delivering energy security, integration of renewables and contributing to significant reductions in carbon emissions and reducing electricity prices.
- This compelling need for and the benefits of AQUIND Interconnector on a national level should be afforded very substantial weight in the planning balance by the SoS when taking his decision on whether to make the Order.

Compliance with updated or emerging policy

- 6.5 The Planning Statement Addendum submitted alongside this Statement provides an updated policy analysis where any adopted or emerging national or local policy has evolved since the application since preparation of the Planning Statement in November 2019, the examination of the application between September 2020 and March 2021 and the publication of the ExA's report in June 2021. This includes the consideration of the draft updates to NPS EN-1, updates made to the NPPF and the position in respect of local development plan policy for the area in which the proposed Development is located.
- In respect of the draft updates to NPS EN-1, whilst there are proposed amendments to policies in relation to the expectations for the Applicant's assessment (including reference to provisions, guidance or data emerging after the examination of the application) for example the new requirement for a stand alone GHG assessment it is not considered that the updates to decision making policies in the Generic Impacts have any material bearing on the conclusions reached by the ExA on these topics in making its recommendation.
- The publication of the 2023 draft EN-1 does, however, further strengthen the urgent need for energy infrastructure including specific reference to the role of interconnectors.
- 6.8 With regard to the NPPF, the findings of the review undertaken and reported in the Planning Statement Addendum are that adoption of the replacement NPPF in 2021 and publication of the draft in 2022 therefore has no material bearing on the conclusions set out in the overall planning balance in the ExA's Recommendation Report.
- 6.9 With regard to local development plan policy, it is identified in the Planning Statement Addendum that there has been very little change to the adopted development plan position since the publication of the ExA's Recommendation Report and any emerging policy is at an early consultation stage. The policies that the ExA took into consideration in its recommendation for approval (as listed at paragraphs 3.12.6 to 3.2.11 of the

Recommendation Report) therefore remain up to date (other than references to draft plans that have been subsequently abandoned).

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Commercial use of fibre optic cables

- 7.2 During the Examination of the Application there was much discussion regarding whether or not the use of the fibre optics cables for commercial telecommunications purposes was lawful to be included within the Order.
- 7.3 Whilst the Applicant remains of the view that the use of the fibre optics cables for commercial telecommunications purposes can lawfully be included in the Order, the Applicant is also aware that this issue was contentious and could be used as a basis on which to challenge a future decision to grant the Order. With that in mind, and in the interest of avoiding further unnecessary delay to the Proposed Development coming forward, the Applicant has taken the decision to remove the use of the fibre optics cables for commercial telecommunications purposes from the Order.
- 7.4 The version of the draft Order submitted alongside this response statement (revision 012) incorporates the amendments discussed at paragraph 5.4 of the Applicant's Response to the Third Information Request.

7.5 Other amendments to the draft Order

- 7.6 In addition to the amendments discussed at paragraph 7.4 above and the addition of the article discussed at paragraph 4.16 above, the Applicant has also made the following amendments to the draft Order submitted alongside this response statement (revision 012):
 - 7.6.1 The amendments to the DCO discussed at section 4 and paragraph 5.35 of the Applicant's Response to the Second Information Request;
 - 7.6.2 The addition of Article 52, discussed at paragraph 4.16 above;
 - 7.6.3 The update to Requirement 17 discussed at paragraph 5.11 above;
 - 7.6.4 Corrections to the errors in the revision references within schedules 4, 5, 6 and 7 discussed at paragraphs 5.6 and 5.7 of the Applicant's Response to the Third Information Request;
 - 7.6.5 The amendments suggested by the ExA at Table 11.1 of the Recommendation Report; and
 - 7.6.6 Minor amendments to add additional co-ordinates to fully reflect the extent of the marine cable corridor for the Proposed Development.
- 7.7 A track change version of the draft Order, which shows amendments against Revision 011 of the draft order submitted alongside Applicant's Response to the Third Information Request, is submitted alongside this response statement showing all changes made.

7.8 Crown land

- 7.9 The Applicant has noted that at paragraph 10.10.1 of the ExA Recommendation Report it is stated that "the CA powers sought in respect of Crown land should not be granted until the necessary consent from the Crown Estate has been obtained or the Recommended DCO has been amended and until the particular circumstances in relation to Plot 3-21 have been reviewed".
- 7.10 The Crown Estate submitted a letter to PINS dated 16 March 2021 which confirmed their consent to the compulsory acquisition of the interests in Plots 7-22, 7-24 and 10-38 for the purpose of section 135(1) of the Act. As such, there is not an absence of consent as stated at paragraph 10.6.41 10.6.42 of the ExA Recommendation Report. A copy of that letter is included at **Appendix 2** to this statement for completeness.
- 7.11 The only other plot of land detailed in the Book of Reference as being in the ownership of the Crown Estate is Plot 3-21. As noted at paragraph 10.4.6.2 of the ExA Recommendation Report, the Crown Estate has confirmed that it does not consider that the escheat land at Plot 3-21 forms part of the Crown Estate and therefore does not consider that it can grant a consent in relation to it under s135 of the Act (REP8-060), and that it also advises that it

- would be unlikely to interfere with the compulsory acquisition sought or the carrying out of any works under a DCO.
- 7.12 Noting this, it is identified by the Applicant that there is no reason why the powers of compulsory acquisition sought in respect of Crown land should not be granted.

APPENDIX 1 Draft Co-Operation Agreement

HSF Draft: 16 April 2023

DATED 2023

- (1) AQUIND LIMITED
- (2) PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

WORKS CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT relating to the AQUIND Interconnector Order 202[X]

Herbert Smith Freehills LLP

THIS AGREEMENT is made on BETWEEN:

2023

- (1) AQUIND LIMITED (company registration number 06681477) whose registered office is at 5 Stratford Place, London, England, W1C 1AX (the "Undertaker"); and
- (2) PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL of Civic Offices, Guildhall Walk, PO1 2AL (the "Council")

WHEREAS:

- (A) On 14 November 2019 the Undertaker submitted the application for the Order to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy in respect of the Authorised Development. The application for the Order was accepted for examination on Thursday 12 December 2019 and the examination commenced on 8 September 2020.
- (B) It is intended that the Undertaker will be the undertaker for the purposes of the Order. The Undertaker intends to construct, operate and maintain the Authorised Development as authorised by the Order.
- (C) The Council is responsible for the delivery of the North Portsea Island Coastal Defence Scheme between Milton Common, Eastern Road and Kendall's Wharf in Portsmouth in their capacity as Lead Local Flood Authority.
- (D) Coastal Partners is a shared service between five councils (including the Council) who manage 162km of Hampshire's coastline consisting of coastal engineers and officers who lead on coastal issues, such as managing flooding and erosion risk, plan design and manage construction of new coastal defence schemes and inspect, manage and maintain existing coastal assets whilst planning for the future.
- (E) The Council holds the capital budget for the Coastal Defence Works and through Coastal Partners' team of specialist officers is undertaking works to deliver the North Portsea Island Coastal Defence Scheme Phase 4B between Milton Common, Eastern Road and Kendall's Wharf and Phase 5 at Portscreek in Portsmouth in areas which are overlapped by the Order Limits and in due course in the event that the Order is made it may be necessary for works to construct the Authorised Development to be undertaken in areas which are also being utilised at the same time by the Council in connection with the delivery of the North Portsea Island Coastal Defence Scheme.
- (F) The Undertaker and the Council acknowledge the need to co-operate with one another and to maintain dialogue between the Undertaker's professional team and the Council's Coastal Partners team in connection with ensuring the delivery of Phase 4B of the North Portsea Island Coastal Defence Scheme and the Authorised Development between Milton Common, Eastern Road and Kendall's Wharf and Phase 5 at Portscreek in the event that works to construct the Authorised Development are undertaken in parallel with the North Portsea Island Coastal Defence Scheme and the Parties are entering into this agreement to document the processes to be undertaken to ensure co-operation between them and provide for the consequence of any failure of either party to co-operate in accordance with this agreement
- (G) The Parties are entering into this Agreement which is to be a deed on the understanding that the Undertaker and the Council will perform the covenants contained herein.
- (H) The Parties are entering into this Agreement and acknowledge that the Parties also intend to enter into the Land Option Agreement and the Council may only enter into the Land Option Agreement if this Agreement has been signed and completed, both agreements being conditional upon the Order being duly made and upheld by the Court in the event of any challenge proceedings to the Order.

IT IS AGREED as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 In this Deed (which includes the recitals to it) the following words and expressions have the following meanings unless the context otherwise requires:

"Authorised Development"

has the same meaning as is given to the term "authorised development" in article 2 of the draft Order dated 5 March 2021 and includes the use and maintenance of the authorised development and construction of any works authorised by the protective provisions to the Order;

"Coastal Partners" or "CP" the shared service between the Council, Gosport Borough Council, Havant Borough Council, Chichester District Council and Fareham Borough Council to provide an effective and efficient coastal flood and erosion risk management service across partnering authorities through coownership of objectives under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Government Act 2000 (as in force 5 December 2011 and without prejudice to any subsequent enabling powers) and for the purposes of this agreement, Coastal Partners officers act under the instruction of the Council;

"Confidential Information"

means information that ought to be considered as confidential (however it is conveyed or on whatever media it is stored) and includes information whose disclosure would or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any persons trade secrets, intellectual property rights and know-how and all personal data and sensitive personal data within the meaning of the Data Protection Act 2018;

"Coastal Defence Works"

means the works to deliver North Portsea Island Coastal Defence Scheme, and for the purposes of this Agreement Phase 4B between Milton Common and Kendall's Wharf, Eastern Road in accordance with Planning Permission Ref No. 19/01368/FUL dated 20 February 2020 issued by the Council, and Phase 5 at Portscreek (planning permission to be sought after the date of this Agreement), and any subsequent related planning permissions concerning Phases 4b or 5 in so far as such works are within the Overlap Areas only;

"Commencement and Duration Notice'

a notice provided in accordance with Clause 3.1 of this Agreement detailing the

anticipated date of commencement and duration of Undertaker's Works for consideration by the Council;

means an "emergency" in accordance with how that term is defined in section 1(1) of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004;

means works to the Coastal Defence Works (whether in Phase 4b or Phase 5 or any other phase) to address an Emergency;

means the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004;

means a separate agreement for the Undertaker to acquire land and land rights as well as pay costs and where necessary compensation in respect of temporary rights to use land owned by the Council and required for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Authorised Development;

means a method statement detailing how the Undertaker's Works and the Coastal Defence Works where they are to be undertaken in parallel with one another will be undertaken within any of the Overlap Areas and which shall include (but shall not be limited to) in relation to such works:

- a) details of the areas of works for each of the Undertaker's Works and the Coastal Defence Works including the extent and location of any work compound areas including scaled drawings showing the same;
- b) details of the areas that will be required for the safe movement of vehicular traffic in connection with the undertaking of such works including scaled drawings showing the same:
- c) details of the estimated programme for the undertaking of the Undertaker's Works and the Coastal Defence Works within the relevant Overlap Area including the programme for the reconfiguration of any Coastal Defence Works work compound areas;
- d) details and timing of the reinstatement works to be

"Emergency"

"Emergency Works"

"Information Acts"

"Land Option Agreement"

"Method Statement"

undertaken by the Undertaker following the Undertaker's Works being undertaken (which for the avoidance of doubt and save where otherwise expressly provided for in this Agreement shall in no circumstances be required to be of a standard which is higher than the standard of reinstatement required by the Order); and

e) an estimate of the reasonable and proper costs to be incurred by the Council to facilitate the Undertakers Works within the relevant Overlap Area (if any);

"Memorandum of Understanding"

means the Memorandum of Understanding appended to this Agreement at Appendix 2 which details indicative proposals for the Undertaker's Works and the Coastal Defence Works to be carried out within the relevant Overlap Areas consecutively, save for in event of unforeseen delay to the Coastal Defence Works in which case this Agreement shall facilitate the Undertaker's Works and the Coastal Defence Works in parallel with one another;

"Non-Emergency Remedial Works"

works of repair or making-good to the Coastal Defence Works within any Overlap Area that is the subject of an agreed or determined Method Statement and which are not Emergency Works;

"Order"

means The AQUIND Interconnector Order 202[X] as it is made by the Secretary of State:

"Order Limits"

has the same meaning as is given in the Order;

"Overlap Areas"

means each of the areas shown edged with blue or purple dashed lines on the plans appended at Appendix 1 to the Agreement;

"the Parties"

means the Council and the Undertaker;

"Phase 4b"

means the Eastern Road section of the Coastal Defence Works, seawall works extending from Kendall's Wharf in the north, down to Milton Common in the south, as described in Section 4.3.5 of 'Chapter 4 – Proposed Scheme of the Environment Statement', Planning

Permission Ref No. 19/01368/FUL dated 20 February 2020 issued by the Council;

"Phase 5"

means the Portscreek section of the Coastal Defence Works, an earth embankment and rock revetment extending from Ports Bridge in the west, along the southern coastline of Ports Creek to the Ports Creek railway bridge in the east, as described in Section 4.3.2 of 'Chapter 4 – Proposed Scheme of the Environment Statement', Planning Permission Ref No. 19/01368/FUL dated 20 February 2020 issued by the Council and for which planning permission in respect of this particular phase has yet to be obtained:

"Secretary of State"

means the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (or any such successor Secretary of State performing that function);

"Undertaker's Works"

means the works to construct the Authorised Development by the Undertaker in so far as such works are within the Overlap Areas; and

"Working Day"

means any day apart from Saturday, Sunday and any statutory bank holiday on which clearing banks are open in England for the transaction of ordinary business.

- 1.2 In this Agreement, unless stated otherwise:
 - 1,2.1 reference to the masculine feminine and neuter genders shall include other genders:
 - 1.2.2 reference to the singular include the plural and vice versa unless the contrary intention is expressed;
 - 1.2.3 references to natural persons include firms, companies, corporations, and vice versa:
 - 1.2.4 headings in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not be taken into account in its construction or interpretation;
 - 1.2.5 a reference to a clause, sub-clause, paragraph, sub-paragraph, Schedule, recital or appendix is (unless the context otherwise requires) a reference to the relevant clause, sub-clause, paragraph, sub-paragraph, Schedule, recital or appendix to this Agreement:
 - 1.2.6 the recitals, table of contents and headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not affect its construction, interpretation or otherwise have any binding legal effect;
 - 1.2.7 reference to "the parties" shall mean the parties to this Agreement and reference to a "party" shall mean any one of the parties;
 - 1.2.8 references to "notice" shall mean notice in writing;

- 1.2.9 references to "including" shall mean "including without limitation or prejudice to the generality of any description, defining terms or phrase preceding that word" and the word "include" and its derivatives shall be construed accordingly;
- 1.2.10 the Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply to this Agreement; and
- 1.2.11 unless otherwise provided for references in this Agreement to any statute or statutory provision include references to:
 - (A) all Acts of Parliament and all other legislation having legal effect in the United Kingdom as enacted at the date of this Deed;
 - (B) any orders, regulations, instruments or other subordinate legislation made or issued under that statute or statutory provision; and
 - (C) in each case shall include any re-enactment thereof for the time being in force and any modifications or amendments thereof for the time being in force and
- 1.2.12 references to articles of the Order are references to the articles of the draft Order dated 5 March 2021 and shall be read so as to reflect the relevant articles of the Order as made by the Secretary of State.

2. LEGAL EFFECT AND CONDITIONALITY

- 2.1 This Agreement is made pursuant to Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011.
- 2.2 The parties to this Agreement covenant with one another to observe and perform or cause to be observed, and performed their respective obligations contained within this Agreement at the times and in the manner provided herein.
- 2.3 Save for clause 5.1 which shall take effect at the date of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement are conditional upon the coming into force of the Order following the making of the Order by the Secretary of State.

3. PRINCIPLE OF CO-OPERATION IN RELATION TO OVERLAP AREAS

- 3.1 Prior to the submission of any Method Statement by the Undertaker to the Council pursuant to Clause 3.2 below the Undertaker shall inform the Council of the intended date for the commencement and the anticipated duration of the Undertaker's Works in any Overlap Area ("the Commencement and Duration Notice") which shall contain a request to confirm the matters set out in Clause 3.2
- 3.2 Following receipt of the Commencement and Duration Notice the Council shall respond within not more than 10 Working Days setting out:
 - 3.2.1 the Coastal Defence Works which it anticipates will be being undertaken and/or will be located in the relevant Overlap Area during the anticipated period of the Undertaker's Works set out in the Commencement and Duration Notice; and
 - 3.2.2 any access requirements for the Council in connection with the Coastal Defence Works within the Overlap Area;
 - 3.2.3 the location of the Coastal Defence Works within the Overlap Area on drawings and/or plans

during the anticipated period of the Undertaker's Works.

3.3 Subject to Clause 3.6 following receipt of the response in Clause 3.2, not less than 3 months prior to the intended date of the commencement of the Undertaker's Works in any Overlap Area the Undertaker shall provide the Council with a draft Method Statement in writing setting out the Undertaker's proposals for the Undertaker's Works and identifying the Coastal Defence Works to be carried out within the relevant Overlap Area as described in the Council's response and the parties shall use reasonable endeavours to agree a final Method Statement within not more than 20 Working Days of the date of the provision of the Method Statement by the Undertaker to the Council

- 3.4 Subject to Clause 3.6 where any Method Statement has not been agreed within 30 Working Days of the of the date of the provision of a draft Method Statement by the Undertaker to the Council any party may refer any dispute regarding the agreement of the Method Statement to the Expert for determination in accordance with Clause 7
- 3.5 The Parties agree to comply with the provisions of any Method Statement agreed between the parties or determined by the Expert in accordance with Clause 7 in relation to the undertaking of the Undertaker's Works by the Undertaker and the undertaking of the Coastal Defence Works by the Council through CP in any Overlap Area.
- 3.6 Where in the response to the Commencement and Duration Notice referred to in Clause 3.2 the Council confirm that during the anticipated period of the Undertaker's Works as set out in the Commencement and Duration Notice:
 - 3.6.1 there are not any Coastal Defence Works which will be being undertaken and/or will be located in the relevant Overlap Area(s); and
 - 3.6.2 there are not any access requirements in connection with the Coastal Defence Works within the relevant Overlap Area(s);

the parties confirm that there will be no requirement for a Method Statement to be submitted and agreed in relation to the Undertaker's Works in the relevant Overlap Area(s), without prejudice to the Council's rights and the Undertaker's obligations under the Order or any other enactment, any other contract or any rule of law.

- 3.7 The Undertaker covenants not to commence Undertaker's Works in any Overlap Area or enter onto any relevant Overlap Area under this or any other agreement or any other power unless and until a relevant Method Statement has been agreed between the Parties or determined by the Expert or it has been confirmed by the Parties that a Method Statement is not required for those works in accordance with Clause 3.6.
- 3.8 The Undertaker covenants that in the event of any Emergency notified to it by the Council the Undertaker shall facilitate the Council's access to the Overlap Areas to carry out any Emergency Works without delay.
- 3.9 The Council covenants that in the event of any Non-Emergency Remedial Works being required within an area subject to an agreed or determined Method Statement it will not seek to enter into and carry out such works within any Overlap Area unless express prior written consent is given by the Undertaker.

4. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

- 4.1 It is acknowledged and agreed by the Undertaker and the Council as follows:
 - 4.1.1 the Memorandum of Understanding identifies indicatively proposals for the Undertaker's Works and the Coastal Defence Works to be carried out within the relevant Overlap Areas in the event of delay to the Coastal Defence Works;
 - 4.1.2 the proposals for the Overlap Areas detailed in the Memorandum of Understanding are agreed to be acceptable in principle on the understanding that the Undertaker shall not commence the Undertaker's Works any sooner than the dates given in the Memorandum of Understanding; and
 - 4.1.3 the proposals for the Overlap Areas detailed in the Memorandum of Understanding may form part of the Method Statement to be agreed in relation to the relevant Overlap Areas in the future (but are not required to do so).

5. COSTS EXPENSES AND LOSSES

5.1 The Undertaker shall pay to the Council on the date of this Agreement the reasonable and proper costs, charges and expenses reasonably and properly incurred by the Council for or in connection with the preparation and negotiation of this Agreement up to the sum of [xxx].

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- 5.2 The Undertaker agrees to pay the reasonable and proper costs of the Council for:
 - 5.2.1 providing information further to a request from the Undertaker pursuant to Clause 3.1; and
 - 5.2.2 the review and agreement of any Method Statement in accordance with Clause 3.2:

to be calculated based on an agreed rate of £79 per hour (exclusive of VAT) which is reflective of the not-for-profit cost of the Council within not more than 20 Working Days following the receipt of proper invoices and evidence to substantiate the same.

- 5.3 The Undertaker agrees to pay the reasonable and proper costs, expenses and/or losses of the Council in relation to compliance by the Council with any Method Statement agreed between the parties or determined by the Expert in accordance with Clause 7 in so far as are reasonably necessary to facilitate the delivery of the Undertaker's Works within any of the Overlap Areas.
- Prior to the commencement of the Undertaker's Works in any relevant Overlap Area the Undertaker shall pay to the Council an amount which is equivalent to the estimated reasonable and proper costs and/or expenses to be incurred and/or anticipated losses by the Council to facilitate the Undertaker's Works within the relevant Overlap Area in accordance with the relevant Method Statement agreed between the parties or determined by the Expert in accordance with Clause 7.
- 5.5 The Undertaker shall not commence the Undertaker's Works in the event that the estimated reasonable and proper costs, expenses and/or losses as agreed in the relevant Method Statement have not been paid to the Council at the following bank account:

Barclays Bank plc

Sort code: 20-69-57 Account number: 23526623 Reference: AQUIND-CP

or such other bank account as the Council may notify the Undertaker of from time to time.

- 5.6 Following the completion of the Undertaker's Works in any relevant Overlap Area by the Undertaker in accordance with the relevant Method Statement agreed between the parties or determined by the Expert in accordance with Clause 7 the Council shall confirm the said completion of the Undertaker's Works has occurred in accordance with the relevant Method Statement within 5 Working Days of the date of completion being notified by the Undertaker
- 5.7 On receipt of the confirmation by the Undertaker of the completion of the Undertaker's Works the Council shall respond within 55 Working Days setting out the reasonable and proper costs, expenses and/or losses incurred by them in facilitating the Undertaker's Works within the relevant Overlap Area in accordance with the relevant Method Statement and shall provide invoices and evidence to substantiate the same and:
 - 5.7.1 where those reasonable and proper costs, expenses and/or losses incurred exceed the amount paid by the Undertaker and received by the Council pursuant to Clause 5.4 the Undertaker shall pay to the Council the amount of that exceedance within 30 Working Days; or
 - 5.7.2 where those reasonable and proper costs, expenses and/or losses incurred are less than the amount paid by the Undertaker to and received by the Council pursuant to Clause 5.4 the Council shall reimburse the Undertaker an amount equivalent to the amount by which the payment made by the Undertaker exceeded the reasonable and proper costs, expenses and losses incurred by the Council within 30 Working Days.
- 5.8 The Undertaker agrees to reimburse the Council additional costs which are reasonably and properly incurred by them in connection with the Coastal Defence Works as a consequence of the Undertaker's Works being undertaken within any of the Overlap Areas (for the avoidance of doubt including costs incurred by the Council by reason of the

Coastal Defence Works being delayed as a consequence of the Undertaker's Works being undertaken and impacting the Coastal Defence Works) subject to the receipt of proper invoices and evidence in relation to those costs being incurred as a consequence of the Undertaker's Works.

- 5.9 When incurring costs, expenses or losses which are payable by the Undertaker the Council must at all times act reasonably and in the same manner as they would if they were funding the cost, expenses or losses themselves.
- 5.10 The Undertaker shall indemnify the Council in respect of all reasonable and proper costs and expenses incurred (including legal, surveying and engineering costs and disbursements) or losses suffered to the extent that the same are reasonably incurred in connection with any act or omission by the Undertaker that is in breach of this Agreement or in breach of a Method Statement agreed between the parties or determined by the Expert in accordance with Clause 7.
- 5.11 Nothing in this Agreement shall impose any liability on the Undertaker with respect to any costs, expenses or losses incurred by the Council in so far as such cost is attributable to the act, neglect or default of the Council, its officers, contractors or agents.
- 5.12 Each of the parties to this Agreement shall use reasonable endeavours to minimise any costs, expenses and losses to be incurred and if requested to by the other party shall provide an explanation of how any such costs, expenses and losses have been minimised and the Undertaker shall only be liable for the costs, expenses and losses which are reasonably and properly incurred by the Council.
- 5.13 It is acknowledged by the Undertaker and the Council that the Undertaker shall be responsible for any and all reasonable and proper costs, expenses and losses incurred in relation to and as a consequence of the Undertaker's Works save in respect of any costs, expenses or losses incurred as a result or as a consequence of any non-compliance by the Council with the provisions of this Agreement or any Method Statement agreed between the parties or determined by the Expert in accordance with Clause 7 which the Council shall be liable in respect of.
- 5.14 The Council shall not be entitled to be compensated in respect of the same matter both under this Agreement and under any other enactment, contract or any rule of law or under two or more provisions of this Agreement and for the avoidance the Council shall in no circumstances both be entitled to compensation in respect of the same matter under this Agreement or otherwise.
- 5.15 For the avoidance of doubt in the event that the Council considers that it wishes to seek compensation for loss concerning matters covered by this Agreement under any other enactment, contract or any rule of law other than under this Agreement including the Order, the Council will notify the Undertaker.
- 5.16 Where the Undertaker undertakes the Undertaker's Works in the Overlap Area identified as "Land South of Harvester (Great Salterns Mansion) (Section 8) / CP's Compound 4" in the Memorandum of Understating, the Undertaker agrees, subject always to compliance with the Order. to:
 - 5.16.1 upon completion of the Undertaker's Works within the Overlap Area identified as "Land South of Harvester (Great Salterns Mansion) (Section 8) / CP's Compound 4" in the Memorandum of Understating, plant the 7 trees (labelled 2No. PINn; 3No. QUEp; 2No. TIL) and implement the new wildflower grass seeded banks between Eastern Road and coast path as shown on drawing titled 'Landscape Plan Sheet 5 of 8', numbered NPI_DD_03-RHD-MS-Z4-DR-C-0085 Rev C03 and located at Appendix 3 to this Agreement at its own cost; and,
 - 5.16.2 implement at its own cost the associated planting and maintenance specification as detailed in Appendix 3 in respect of the trees and wildflower grass seed for the 2 years following the conclusion of the landscaping works in clause 5.16.1 by the

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Undertaker or pay to the Council the costs to the Council of so doing (at the Undertaker's election).

6. CONSULTATION AND CO-OPERATION

- 6.1 Each party shall act in good faith and use reasonable endeavours to co-operate with, and provide assistance to, each other as may be required to give effect to the provisions of this Agreement and otherwise do nothing to hinder or prevent the other party from the proper execution of any right or obligation allowed or required under this Agreement or the carrying out of the Undertaker's Works or the Coastal Defence Works.
- 6.2 Where any approval, agreement, consent or confirmation of a party is required pursuant to the terms of this Agreement (including for the avoidance of doubt in connection with any Method Statement), it shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

7.1 Save for matters of interpretation of this Agreement (which shall be matters for the Court) in the event of any dispute arising between the parties hereto in respect of any matter contained in this Agreement including questions as to the propriety and/or necessity of any cost or and any question of reasonableness of the same shall be referred to an expert ("Expert") to be agreed upon between the parties hereto or at the request and option of either of them to be nominated at their joint expense by or on behalf of the President for the time being of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Expert's decision shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding on the parties hereto and whose costs shall be borne by the parties at his discretion.

7.2 The Expert shall:

- 7.2.1 have at least ten years post qualification experience in the subject matter of the dispute;
- 7.2.2 be appointed subject to an express requirement that he reaches a decision and communicates it to the parties within the minimum practicable timescale allowing for the nature and complexity of the dispute and in any event in not more than 30 Working Days from the date of his appointment to act; and
- 7.2.3 be required to give notice to each of the parties inviting each of them to submit to him within 10 Working Days of his appointment written submissions and supporting material and shall afford to each of the parties an opportunity to make counter submissions within a further 5 Working Days in respect of any such submission and material and the Expert shall disregard any representations made out of time and the Expert's decision shall be given in writing within 15 Working Days from receipt of any counter submissions or in the event that there are no counter submissions within 15 Working Days of receipt of the written submissions and supporting material with reasons.
- 7.3 It is hereby declared and agreed between the Parties hereto that nothing in this Clause 7 shall be taken to fetter the ability of any party to seek legal redress of any breach of the obligations contained in this Agreement.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 8.1 The Undertaker acknowledges that the Council may be required under the Information Acts to respond to requests for information relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.
- 8.2 The Council shall take reasonable steps to notify the Undertaker of any and all requests for Confidential Information received to the extent that it is permissible for it to do so within not more than 5 Working Days of receipt of any such request and shall have due regard and give effect to any reasonable and timely representations made by the Undertaker within 10 Working Days of receipt of the requested information from the Council.

- 8.3 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the Council shall be responsible for determining (acting reasonably) whether any Confidential Information and/or any other information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the Information Acts.
- 8.4 Save as required by the Information Acts, the parties must not disclose any Confidential Information to any other person (save where such person is bound by a legally enforceable requirement to keep such information confidential) except with the other party's prior consent, which may not be unreasonably withheld or delayed but which may be provided subject to reasonable conditions.

9. TRANSFER OF POWERS AND NOVATION

- 9.1 In the event that:
 - 9.1.1 any person other than the Undertaker is appointed as the "Undertaker" (as defined in the Order) for the purposes of the Order in relation to parts of the Authorised Development for the purpose of any works affecting or likely to affect the Coastal Defence Works: and/or
 - 9.1.2 powers of the "Undertaker" relevant to the parts of the Authorised Development which may include may include works affecting or likely to affect the Coastal Defence Works under the Order are devolved to any other person,

(the 'Transferee'), the Undertaker will:

- 9.1.3 prior to the transfer of powers require the Transferee to enter into a deed of covenant in favour of the Council that the Transferee shall observe and perform the obligations and restrictions on the Undertaker under this Agreement as they relate to the exercise of the powers which are to be transferred as though the Transferee had been an original party to this Agreement; and
- 9.1.4 remain liable for any breach of this Agreement relevant to such part of the Authorised Development for which the Transferee is to be the "Undertaker" or to which Transferee the powers of the Undertaker are to be devolved until the Transferee has entered into a deed of covenant in accordance with this clause.
- 9.2 The Undertaker shall not transfer, assign or otherwise part with the benefit of this Agreement in whole or in part without the prior written consent of the Council (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).
- 9.3 the Council may novate the benefit and the burden of this Agreement, without the Undertaker's prior written consent, to a successor of the Council's duties or undertaking or to a subsidiary or affiliate who shall be transferred the Council's duties or undertaking in respect of the Coastal Defence Works PROVIDED THAT in all cases reasonable prior written notice is given to the Undertaker and such novation requires such successor to observe and perform the obligations and restrictions on the Council (as is relevant) under this Agreement and the Council (as is relevant) shall remain liable for any breach of this Agreement unless and until this Agreement has been novated in accordance with this Clause 9.3.

10. TERMINATION

- 10.1 This Agreement will terminate if any of the following events occur:
 - 10.1.1 the application for the Order is withdrawn, in which case the Undertaker shall provide the Council with written notification of such withdrawal within 10 Working Days of the Undertaker notifying the Secretary of State of the withdrawal and this Agreement will terminate immediately on the date of delivery of the notice in accordance with clause 12;
 - 10.1.2 the Secretary of State having decided the application for the Order decides to refuse development consent and the Undertaker not choosing to bring a statutory challenge in relation to such refusal, in which case the Undertaker will provide the Council with written notification thereof within 10 Working Days of its decision or the period to bring a statutory challenge expiring without any statutory challenge

- being lodged by the Undertaker and this Agreement will terminate immediately on the date of delivery of the notice in accordance with clause 12; or
- 10.1.3 if following the final determination of any challenge proceedings in respect of the decision in relation to the Order the decision is quashed and the Court orders the application for the Order to be remitted to the Secretary of State and the application for the Order is subsequently refused and the Undertaker chooses not to bring a statutory challenge in relation to such refusal, in which case the Undertaker will provide the Council with written notification thereof within 10 Working Days of its decision or the period to bring a statutory challenge expiring without any statutory challenge being lodged by the Undertaker and this Agreement will terminate immediately on the date of delivery of the notice in accordance with clause 12.
- 10.2 A Method Statement may be terminated by the Council where the Undertaker has committed a material breach of the said Method Statement and that material breach has not been rectified to the Council's satisfaction within 7 days of notification of the breach by the Council.

11. VARIATIONS

11.1 No variation of this Agreement is effective unless it is duly executed in writing and is signed by or on behalf of a duly authorised representative of each of the parties.

12. NOTICES

- 12.1 Any notice given under or in relation to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall refer to the Agreement and shall be deemed to be sufficiently served if addressed to the Undertaker, or the Council, as the case may be, and sent by recorded delivery or registered post to the address of the parties given in this Agreement or to such other address as they may from time to time designate by written notice to the other.
- 12.2 Any notice sent in accordance with clause 12.1 shall be deemed, in the absence of evidence of earlier receipt, to have been delivered two days after posting or dispatch, exclusive of the day of posting.
- 12.3 Any notice sent by the Council to the Undertaker in accordance with clause 12.1 shall be addressed to Kirill Glukhovskoy Managing Director, and shall also be sent by the Undertaker by e-mail to
- 12.4 Any notice sent by the Undertaker to the Council in accordance with clause 12.1 shall be addressed to the North Portsea Island Coastal Defence Scheme Project Manager, c/o City Solicitor, Portsmouth City Council, Civic Offices, Guildhall Square, Portsmouth PO1 2AL and shall also be sent to the Council by e-mail to

13. NEGLIGENCE

13.1 Nothing in this Agreement imposes any liability on the Undertaker or the Council with respect to any damage, cost, expense or loss which is attributable to the negligence of the other party or of any person in its employment or of its contractors or agents and any liability of the Undertaker or the Council under this Agreement must be reduced proportionately to the extent to which any damage, cost, expense or loss is attributable to the negligence of the other party or of any person in its employment or of its contractors or agents.

14. RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES

14.1 No third party may enforce the terms of this Agreement under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

15. JURISDICTION

15.1 This Agreement including its construction, validity, performance and enforcement and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation

- (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law.
- 15.2 Each party irrevocably agrees that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with this Deed or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims).

16. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

16.1 This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the parties in relation to the subject matter hereof.



IN WITNESS whereof this Agreement has been duly executed as a deed by the parties to this Agreement on the date which appears at the head of this document.

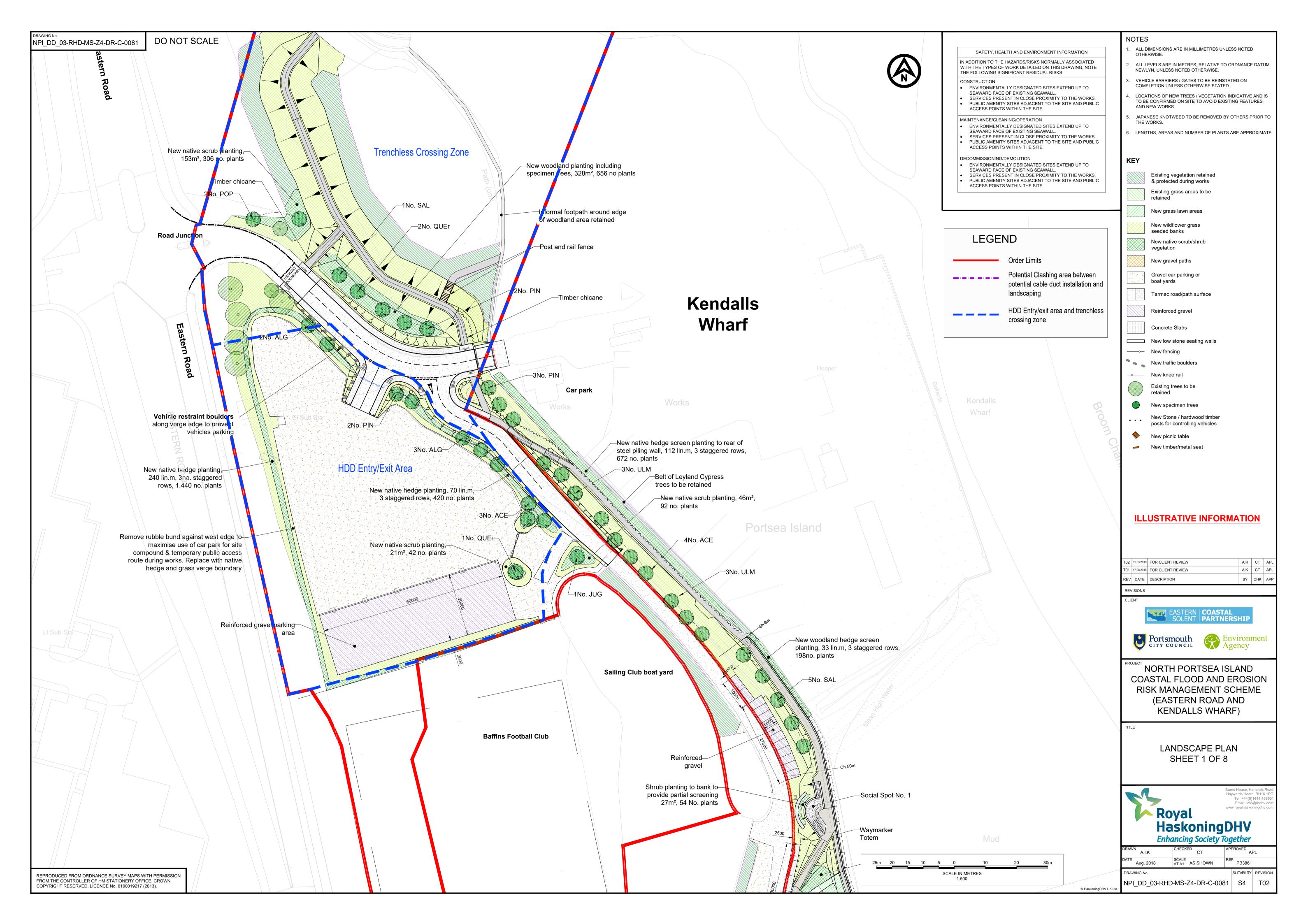
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The COMMON SEAL of PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL was hereunto affixed in the presence of:	
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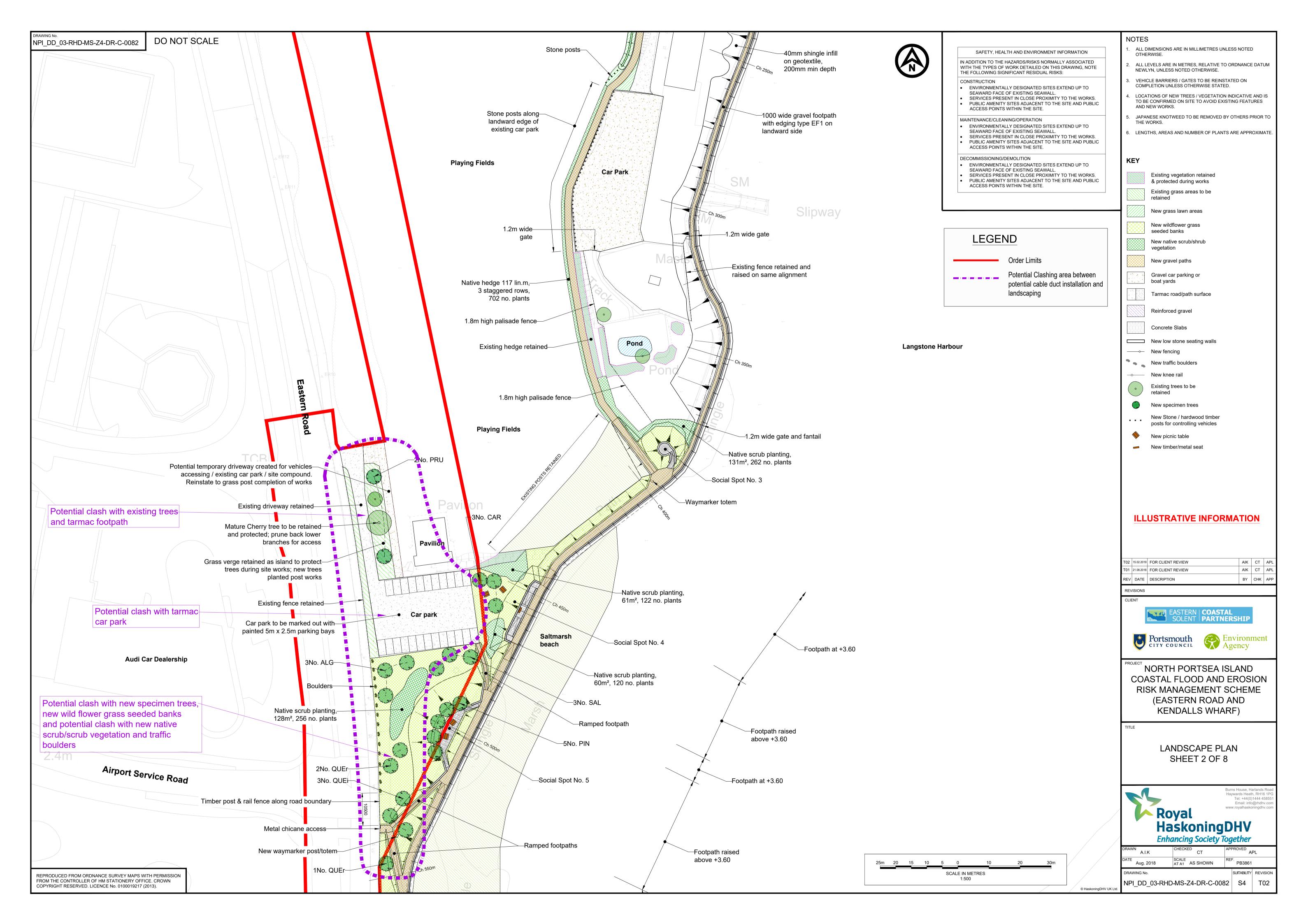
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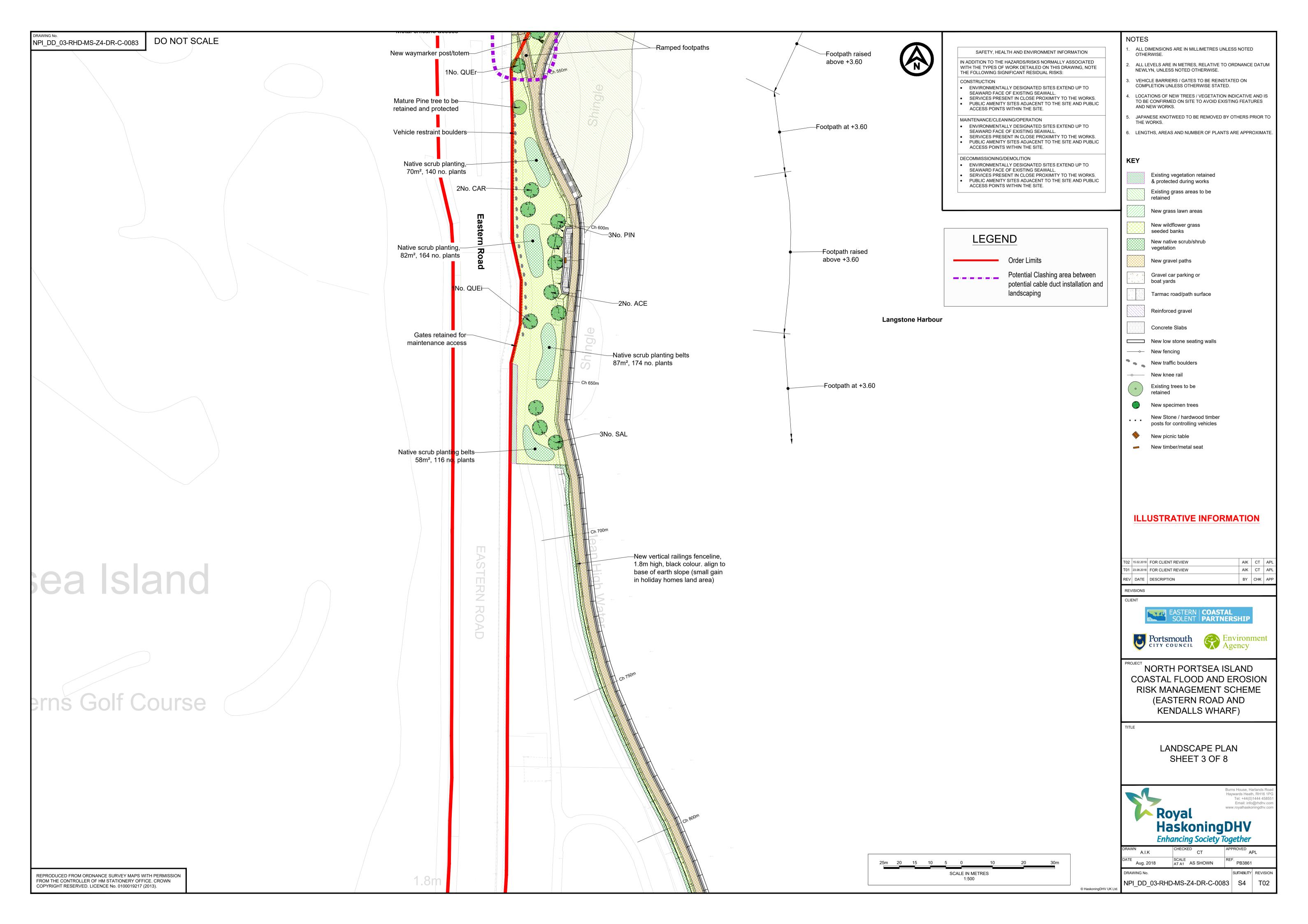
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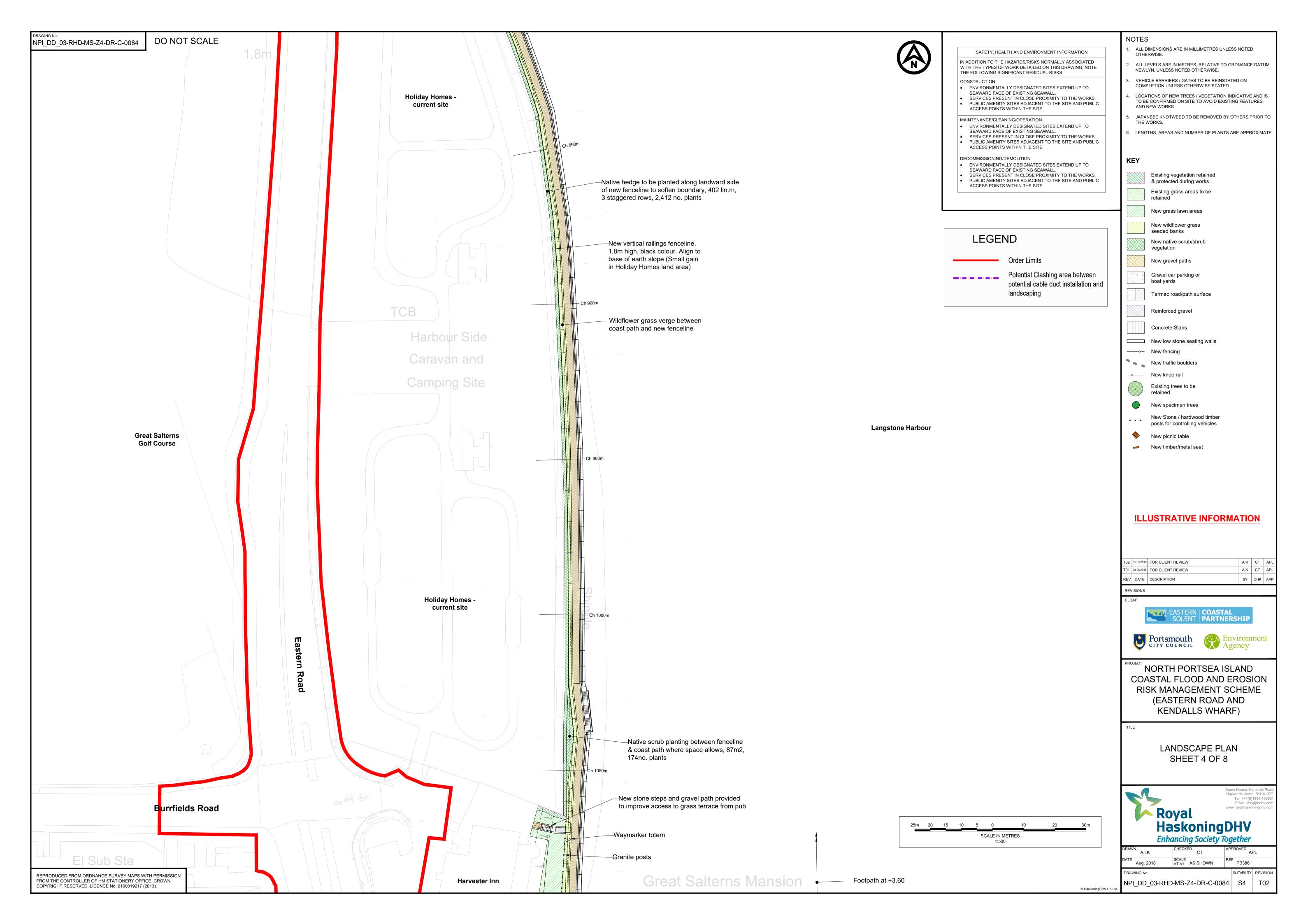


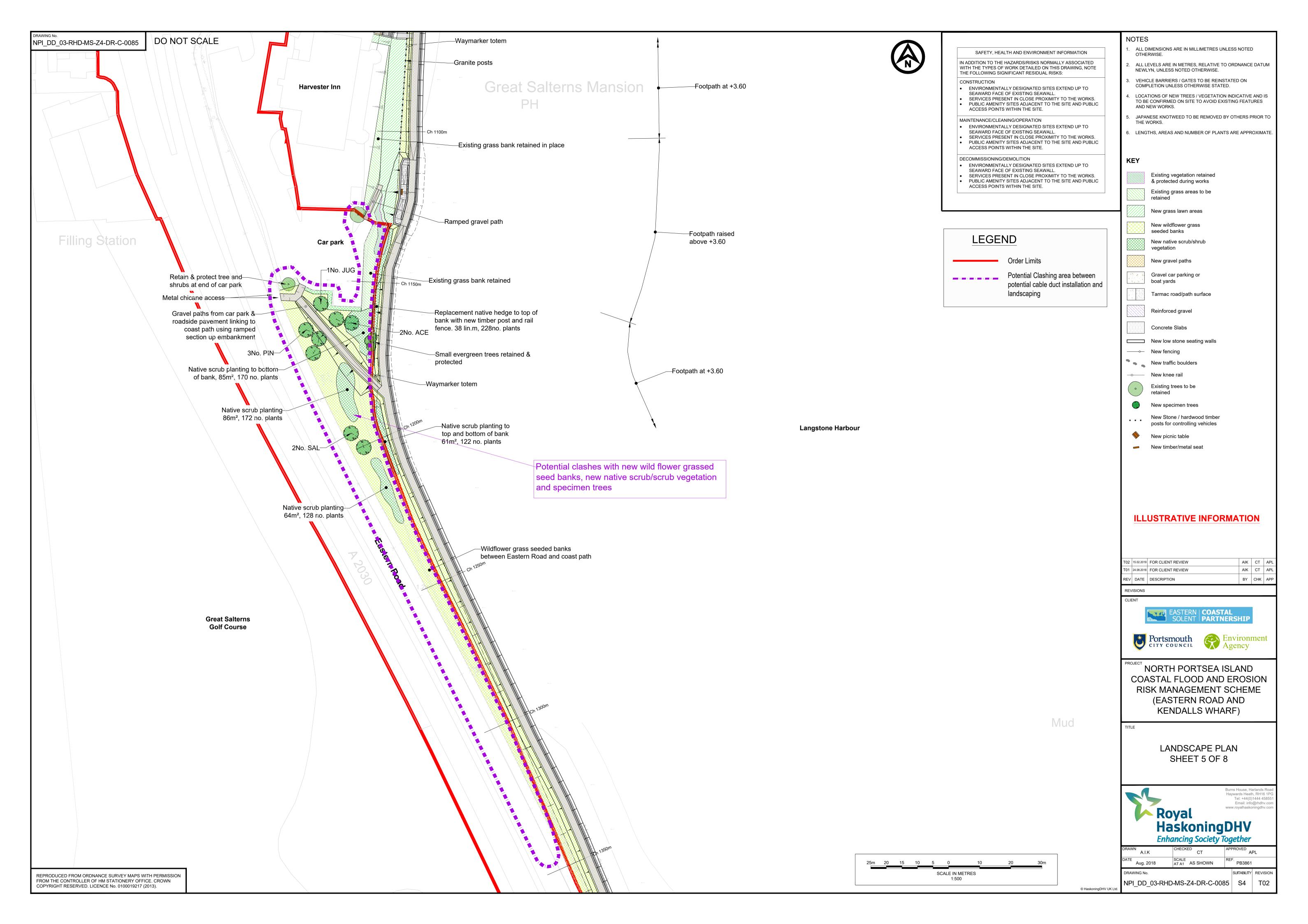
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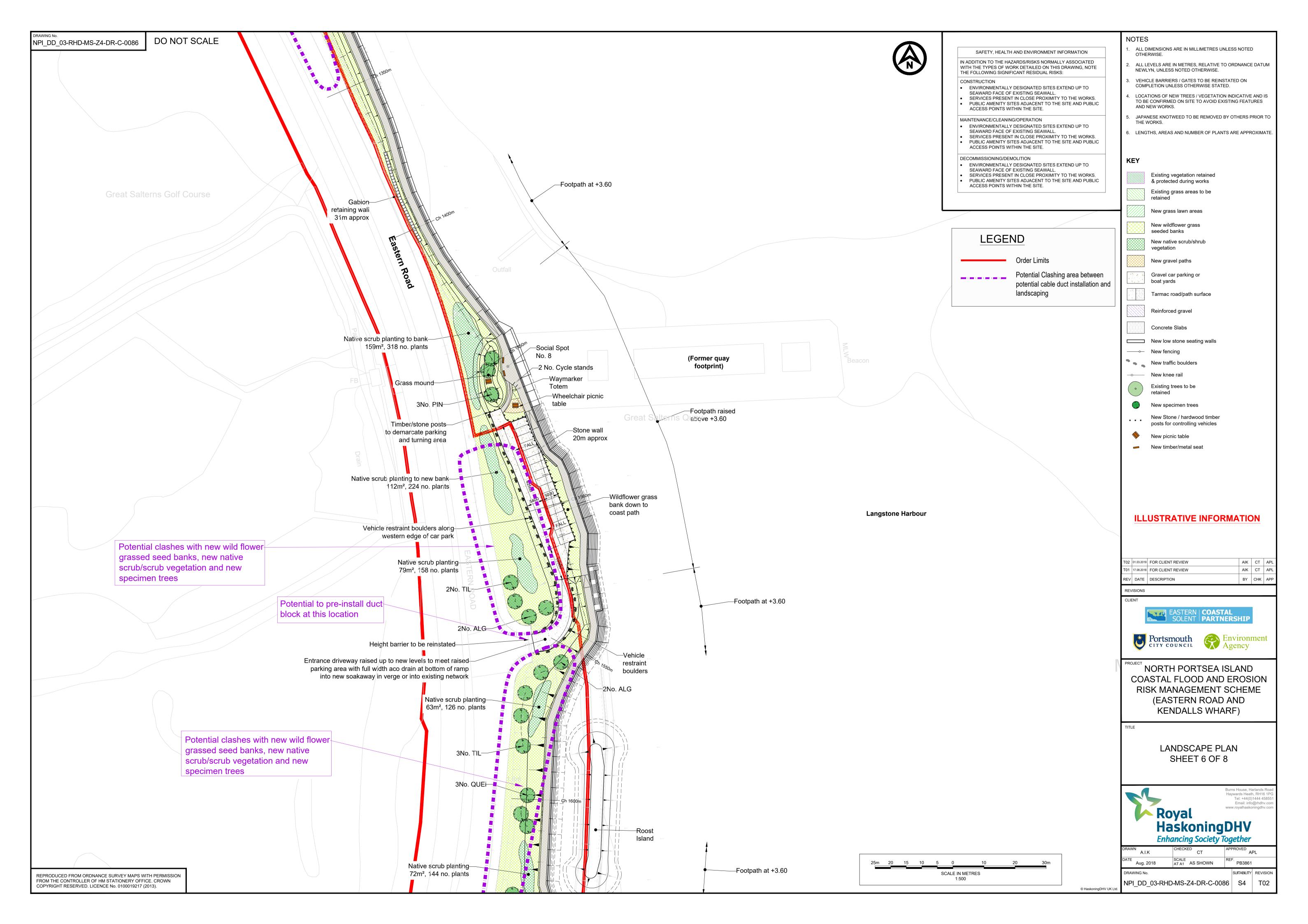


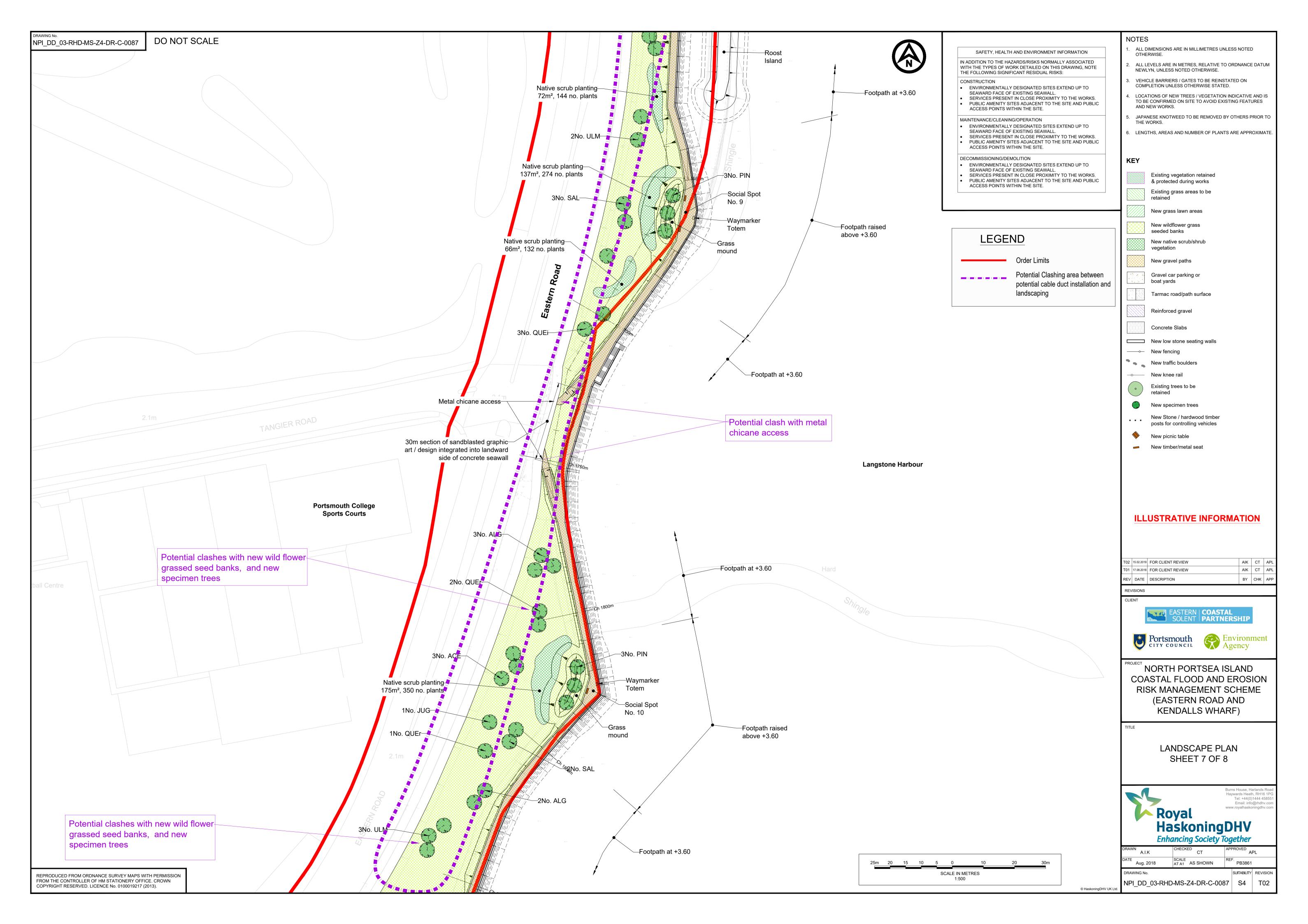


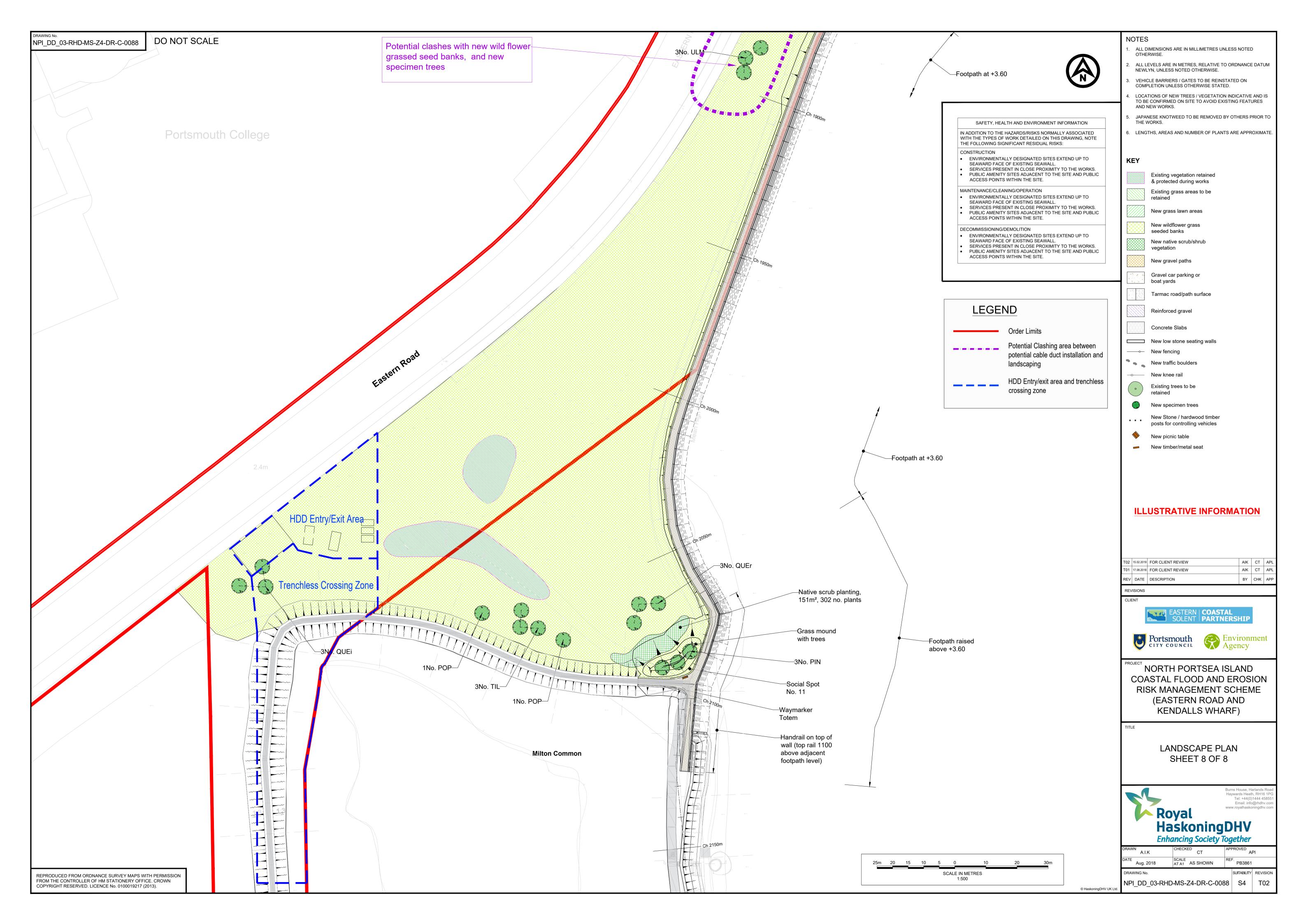












APPENDIX 2 - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



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Updated Memo of Understanding – Overlapping Works (13 04 2023) including Outline Measures for Managing Traffic and Environmental Constraints

Introduction

This memo has been prepared to assist discussions with Coastal Partners (CP) and Portsmouth City Council (the Council) and identify locations where there are potential overlaps with works and programmes for Phase 4b of the NPI Coastal Defence works – existing and proposed, between Kendall's Wharf and Milton Common (southern end).

All of the information provided below can be found on the Planning Inspectorate website, with the documents referred to submitted as part of the Application and the Examination of this.

The information outlined in the final column of the table below is taken from the following documents (links to the relevant documents have also been provided in the footnotes):

- Framework Traffic Management Strategy (FTMS)¹
- Outline Onshore Construction Environmental Management Plan (OOCEMP)²
- Supplementary Transport Assessment (STA)³

The information provided within these documents (FTMS and OOCEMP) provides the framework of parameters for construction activities. Should consent be granted further details with regard to the construction management in accordance with these documents and the framework which is provided by them will be submitted to Portsmouth City Council as part of applications to discharge the relevant DCO requirements.

At present, AQUIND are still in the tendering process. Further, as additional pre-construction surveys are likely to be required to determine the exact location of the cables within the Order Limits the location of the onshore cable circuits is at this time not confirmed, with the Order limits providing the limits of deviation for these. However, the FTMS and OOCEMP are control documents which provide the parameters to be complied with. The Co-Operation Agreement between Portsmouth City Council and AQUIND further details additional requirements to guide how the two parties will work together during the construction phase of both developments to minimise any disruption to the NPI Coastal Defence works.

Installation of the cable route will take place in approximate 100m sections and will be facilitated by single lane closure where the cable route is constructed either within or adjacent to the highway. Each 100m section will be in place to allow excavation of the trench, installation of the cable ducts and reinstatement of the highway. Installation of each circuit will not take place concurrently in order to minimise traffic disruption.

The rate at which construction progresses along the Eastern Road will be dependent upon the construction working hours, with the following options available:

- 24-hour, 7-day per week construction: 3 days per 100m section estimated duration;
- 10-hour, 7 day per week construction: 5 days per 100m section estimated duration; and
- 10-hour Monday to Friday plus 5-hours on Saturday: 1 week per 100m estimated duration.

Residential and business access will be maintained wherever possible with access required to be provided to properties through best endeavours where reasonable notice of such requirements is given. Emergency access will also be provided at all times on demand by stopping construction work. Access can be achieved through the use of road plates, which can be mechanically lifted into position to bridge the trench. In periods of no construction activity, road plates will be installed to provide access across the construction zone where this is required. Road plates will only be removed as and when construction works need to take places directly outside of an impacted property / access and therefore will be in place for the majority of time that the 100m construction zone is present in one location.

At residential cul-de-sacs side road access will be maintained at all times via either use of road plates or temporary traffic signals. As such, if the cable route continues along the A2030 Eastern Road south of the Milton Common temporary traffic signals may also be required at the junction with Kirpal Road / East Shore Way.

¹ FTMS – PINS Doc Ref AS-072 - https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN020022/EN020022-003764-6.3.22.1A%20Framework%20Traffic%20Management%20Strategy%20Rev004%20Clean.pdf

 $^{^2\, {\}sf OOCEMP-PINS\,Doc\,Ref\,REP9-005-} \\ \underline{\sf https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN020022/EN020022-003918-6.9\%20Onshore\%20Outline\%20Construction\%20Environmental\%20Management\%20Plan\%20Deadline\%209\%20clean.pdf}$

³ STA - PINS Doc Ref REP1-142 - https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN020022/EN020022-001496-7.8.1.11%20ES%20Addendum%20-%20Appendix%2011%20Supplementary%20Transport%20Assessment.pdf



For side roads that act as through roads, use of temporary traffic signals, temporary closure of access or prohibition of turning movements will be considered depending upon the category of road, impact of the construction zone and suitability of diversions routes. The use of temporary traffic signals is likely to be required to facilitate construction of the cable route in the vicinity of the following junctions:

- A2030 Eastern Road / Airport Service Road;
- A2030 Eastern Road / Burrfields Road; and
- A2030 Eastern Road / Tangier Road.

For the avoidance of doubt, the A2030 Eastern Road / Anchorage Road / Kendall Wharf traffic signal junction will not be impacted by traffic management associated with construction of the cable route.

Location (Map)	CP's indicative works and programme	AQUIND's indicative works and programme	Maximum duration of overlap	Potential Solution	WSP Comments Nov 2021 including CT comments on behalf of PCC/CP Jan 2022	WSP 07.12.2021 Outline Measures for Managing Traffic and Construction Impacts contained within FTMS and OOCEMP which DCO requirements require compliance with.
Kendall's Wharf Compound (Section 7) Committee of the Park 19 (20) - Notice the gotte of the park 19 (20) - Notice the gotte of the park 19 (20) - Notice the gotte of the	CP's Compound 1 Sept 2019 – December 2023 and handed back to Portsmouth CC.	Apr 2025- Sept 2025 Apr 2026- Sept 2026 Works: HDD3 compound for Broom Channel crossing to Farlington Playing Fields and approx. 2 weeks for cable duct installation. Duration of works: 26 weeks in 2025 and 26 weeks in 2026	Apr 2023- Sept 2023 (26 weeks)	It is anticipated CP works would have been complete by the time AQUIND require this work area. However, retain in case of any delays associated with remaining CP works.	Compound	The information provided below is relevant to Kendall's Wharf Compound (Coastal Partners (CP) Compound 1) and the AQUIND Onshore Cable Route up to the Airport Service Road junction with Eastern Road Framework Traffic Management Strategy (FTMS) (REP6-030) Kendall's Wharf falls within Section 7 of the FTMS. Section 7 is inclusive of the A2030 Eastern Road between the junction with A27 Havant Bypass and the junction with Airport Service Road. It is anticipated that construction in Section 7 will take place entirely off carriageway, and thus no traffic management measures are deemed necessary in this Section. Traffic Management measures as outlined in the FTMS do not begin until south of the Airport Service Road, with no works proposed on the highway north of this. Onshore Outline Construction Environment Management Plan (OOCEMP) (REP9-005) Section 5.3.1 – General Ecological Control Measures Avoidance of scrub, hedgerow or tree clearance between 1st March and 31st August due to nesting bird season. If scheduled during this time (which overlaps with proposed timeframes) a suitably experienced ornithologist should be present during clearance. Section 6.2.1 - Location Specific Ecological Control Measures Winter working restrictions apply to the cable route south of Kendall's Wharf given their designation as Solent Wader and Brent Goose Strategy (SWBGS) sites. Kendall's Wharf is not designated as a SWBGS and therefore works can be undertaken in this area during the winter, including as required to re-orientate
Work No. 4 Works to lay the Onshore HVDC Cables Limits of Deviation for Work No. 4 Trenchless Crossing Zone HDD Compound Order Limits		Dates updated as AQUIND will not occupy the area between			facility The second drawing 12731-WIE-ZZ-XX-DR-C-90110-A02_MD_Markup_091121_02 details the overall area space and how the two Coastal Defence Works and AQUIND compounds are proposed to be split to	the CP compound offices prior to March in the relevant working year. It should be noted that Farlington Playing Fields is a SWBGS Core Area, which is why HDD3 cannot be undertaken between October – March. Works at or adjacent to SWBGS sites are limited by a set of principles, depending on the classification of each SWBGS site.
		Apr 2023 to Sept 2023. AQUIND now likely			accommodate both companies being present at the	The area to the south of Kendall's Wharf, Baffins Milton Rovers Football Ground and the Langstone Harbour Sports Ground, form site P11 which is a Core Area SWBGS site and as a result Principle 1 applies to works in this location:



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CONFLICT SET WEEN PROPOSED HAY ACCESS AND PROPOSED CONSTAL PRATINGS SULDINS		work here Apr 2025.			providing information of forecasted works and via the submission and agreement of method statements, with those being provided for agreement not less than three months before works are intended to commence in an area of overlap and the agreed method	Landidater sites that overlab with the Proposed Developments Orden
Puydown areas proposed relocation of CP refer compound and of the com					production and the second seco	 proximity to site P11. Principle 4: Construction noise events of <55 dB can occur unrestricted.
Exctract of Markup_091121_01					Statements for agreement not later than 3 months prior to the intended date of commencement of AQUIND works in an overlap area (Clause 3.2). Update position - March 2023	Principle 5: Construction works of 55 – 72 dB LAFmax immediately adjacent to a major road and/or adjacent to industrial sites with notable levels (>60 dB) of existing noise can be undertaken unrestricted. It is considered that noise levels from the Proposed Development would be
CONFLICT SETWEEN PROPOSED					The draft Works Co-operation Agreement was shared	masked (i.e. indistinguishable from the baseline) in these instances.
HOV ACCES AND PROPOSED COASTA, PARTNERS SULDINGS						Should the works to relocate the CP office involve outputs of over 69dB LAFmax
The state of the s					updated to reflect the latest position taking account	then Principle 6 would also be relevant:
A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR					CP and PCC updated comments CP have confirmed	Principle 6: Percussive piling or works with heavy machinery (i.e. plant)
THE STREET STREE					the coastal scheme will be in construction along the	resulting in a noise level in excess of 69 dB LAFmax – measured at the
Exctract of Markup_091121_02					Eastern Road in 2023 and 2024.	sensitive receptor) should be avoided during the bird overwintering period (i.e. October to March inclusive). The sensitive receptor is the nearest point of the SPA or any SPA supporting habitat (e.g. high tide roosting site). P54 and P29 are excluded from this principle. Buildings that are situated between them and the construction works will buffer noise
Cable route south of Kendall's Wharf (Section 7)	Relevant to CP's	Works: from	12 weeks	No likely impact on	As shown in the illustrative google maps screenshot	such that it will not be in excess of 69 dB LAFmax within either site.
	Compound	Baffin's FC		Coastal	below, the cable route south of Kendall's Wharf, Plot 8-03 will have the HVDC Cables routed through the 2	
×	1 Sept 2019 – Autumn	ground, Langstone Harbour		Defence works,. It is	no. football pitches and a cricket pitch.	Section 6.8.3 – Socio-Economic Effects in Section 7 Opportunities to minimise impacts on sports pitches will be required to be
	2023	Sports Ground. Duration of		assumed CP works have been complete	February 2021 between CP and AQUIND, the works carried out by AQUIND in this section will not affect CP works, other than the shared occupancy of Compound	discussed with relevant stakeholders. This includes ongoing discussions with the Chairman of the Baffins Milton Rovers Football Club regarding the timing of construction and reinstatement requirements, which will be in summer (outside of playing season) within this section.
J 3		works: 12 weeks		for this section.		Section 2.3 – General Working Hours
					AQUIND can confirm that although the occupancy of this area is illustrated to be a total occupancy	Working hours per Working hours per
7					timeframe of 12 weeks, the AQUIND project will not be fully occupying this full area over the entirety of the 12 weeks.	Installation (Monday – Friday) Saturday working, 08:00 – 13:00 typically a 5 hour
					The HVDC cables are installed in ducts, the cable ducts are installed in a progressive way with the work site moving progressively along the section under construction at a rate of approximately 30m / day in	(Saturday) shift 08:00 – 13:00) HDD-3 12 to 24 hour shifts 7 days (Kendall's Wharf)
					this particular area, as detailed in AQUIND's	Installation



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Langstone Harbour Sports Ground Car park (Section 7)	CP's Compound 3 (mostly used for materials and plant)	Works: cable route and potential joint bay locations	2 weeks	It is assumed CP works have been	AQUIND are willing to ensure that CP are informed of any works that are planned to be undertaken in this area a minimum of 3 months prior to the works being performed to ensure full alignment between the two projects, noting also that any works with a defined overlap area will be subject to the requirement method statements as necessary and thereby addressing alignment of the projects and minimising impacts. Although it is not anticipated the AQUIND project overlaps with the Coastal Defence works project in this area, should there be an emergency situation where the Council need access or need to pass over an open working area during the limited period of AQUIND works in this location, AQUIND would work with the Council and/ or CP in finding a workable solution by means of installing temporary steel plates for safe and controlled passage. Update position - March 2023 Given the amended indicative construction dates for the AQUIND project it is not considered there will be any overlap with CP works along this section of the route. The AQUIND works at Langstone Harbour Sports Ground is not expected to start earlier than April 2025. However, should the Coastal Defence works project	Ecological constraints in relation to the works to the south of Kendall's Wharf as outlined above are not considered to be a constraint to CP works, as it is not anticipated that any overlap between the AQUIND project and CP project will occur in this location and it is considered unlikely activities to relocate the CP office cannot be undertaken within the applicable noise thresholds.
	April 2020- Autumn 2023	Duration of Works: 2 weeks		complete for this section.	programme be extended and the Council and AQUIND projects overlap in this area, the cable works undertaken by AQUIND here is relatively small, with the overall works expected to be undertaken within a 2-week period.	



Location	•	CP's	AQUIND's	Maximum	Potential	WSP Comments Nov 2021 including CT comments on	
(Map)		indicative works and programme	indicative works and programme	duration of overlap	Solution	behalf of PCC/CP Jan 2022	Outline Measures for Managing Traffic and Construction Impacts contained within FTMS and OOCEMP which DCO requirements require compliance with.
						Similar to the cable routed south of Kendall's Wharf,	Section Description Length (m) Proposed TM Duration Per Circuit
						the ducts will be installed in a progressive way with	5 Weeks
						the work site moving progressively along the section	A2030 Eastern Road between Lane (24hr, 7-Day construction)
						under construction at an anticipated rate of 30m / day	(10hr 7 Doy
						in grassed areas with light service congestion and 12 to	
Maria San						24m / day where the works are undertaken on the	Calendar Restrictions
Compound 3: Baffina Southern Car Park Duration: April 2020 – Sep 2021 Facilities: Single office and welfare block, double six Storage space (excluding office, parking etc.): 606.9 Single-	ched • containers.					highway at the southern area in line with the information available in AQUIND's Framework Traffic	
the utilities kiosiks inside the compound perimeter. Meinesing disruption: Football ground car park kept and training days. Compound used mainly for enaterials and plant, witch	Clear on weekends Compound 2 serving					Management Plan (FTMS), section 2.3.2.1 for grassed	Notes on Calendar Restrictions:
as the main parking and offices for 2020.						areas with light service congestion and road works.	Work Permitted Only During: Easter Holidays (2 weeks), May Half-Term (1-week), June, July and August (approximately 13 weeks, with avoidance of the Victorious Festival Weekend). Approximate availability: 16 weeks.
						areas with light service confestion and road works.	Other Restrictions
							Traffic management to be removed on Portsmouth FC home match days
							Sections Total Availability per Calendar Year
J)/\\\\\\							8-14 weeks Sub-Section 8.2 – 2-11 weeks (depending upon option used for Sub-Section 8.2)
							Construction is only permitted to take place during the Easter school holidays,
	Par						May half-term, June, July and August avoiding the Victorious Festival weekend.
							In the first instance traffic management is required to be removed on
451						.32	Portsmouth FC home match days. Surveys of PFC home match days held on a
2 4 4							Saturday will be reviewed by and agreed with Portsmouth City Council and
() ()							Hampshire County Council, noting it was not possible to carry out representative surveys due to the COVID-19 pandemic related restrictions. If these assessments
	11/57						identify that the traffic flows are comparable to those for weekday peak hours,
							the need to remove traffic management on football match days would be lifted,
						As shown in the illustrative google maps screenshot	so as to assist with the efficient delivery of the works in this location.
_						the cables may not be installed through the Coastal	Construction within this section will not take place simultaneously with any other
2	AIA					Defence works compound, however, routed within	construction works within A2030 Eastern Road contained in Section 8 to mitigate
						close proximity of the Council's compound location.	the cumulative impacts of the construction taking place in two sections of the
						This is indicative information and subject to Contractor	Sume roud.
AQUIND Interconnector						review and decision making, but shows an indicative	It is anticipated that the construction corridor on A2030 Eastern Road will
Works Plans						position.	require single lane closures on both the southbound and northbound carriageways between the junction with Airport Service Road and the junction
Legend:						Where the AQUIND cables cross the access/exit route	with Tangier Road. These single lane closures will be scheduled so they do not
-	Onshore HVDC Cables					to the Council's Compound, should it still remain,	take place concurrently on the northbound and southbound carriageways so as
Limits of Deviation						there are working measures around this to relieve any	to minimise disruption.
Trenchiess Cross	ing Zone					impact, for example steel plates installed over	
HDD Compound						entrance and exit positions and continual project	If 24-hour working is employed on a seven-day working week the period of
Order Limits						alignment and engagement discussions which happen	construction would be 5 weeks per circuit along the full length of this 1200m
						regularly between different construction companies	section. If a 10-hour working day is used across a seven-day period (07:00-17:00 Monday to Friday and 08:00-18:00 at the weekend), the construction period
						working within close proximity of one another.	would take 8 weeks per circuit. As with the overall works, any closure will be limited to 100 m at a time as the construction zone progresses along the A2030
						Should the Coastal Defence works be extended for	Eastern Road.
						whatever reason, the requirement for method	
						statements and agreement of those via the Co-	Between the junction with Burrfields Road and Tangier Road it may be possible to accommodate the installation of at least one circuit off-carriageway, using the
						Operation Agreement would apply. AQUIND have	verge on the eastern side of the A2030 Eastern Road. Where on carriageway
						therefore agreed to the submission and agreement of	works are required in this section, the preferred option would be single lane



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					method statements, with those being provided for agreement not less than three months before works are intended to commence in an area of overlap and the agreed method statement being complied with in	northbound	d carriage rther dov	way as th	e two-lane	southbou	ınd carriage	ed over use of the eway merges into would replicate th
					relation to such works. Should there be an emergency situation where the Council need access or need to pass over an open working area during the limited period of AQUIND works in this location, AQUIND would work with the Council and/ or CP in finding a workable solution by means of installing temporary steel plates for safe and controlled passage.	construction of the acceleration of the accele	y may recon. Where ss. In any period of provides a Langston agement with the to and ap	quire tempe possible case, according from week framewo strategies framewo proved by	however, a ess will only k or less. ork for the v Viewing Ca which outl rk provided Portsmout	ension at ccess will be impact that ar Park. For ine how will for by the color of t	times during the maintain ted by the distribution is to occur following devorks will be FTMS will uncil and content to the first terms will and content terms and content terms and content terms are the content terms and content terms and content terms are the content terms are t	ng the course of ned by road plating installation of one between Kendall's stailed design, be undertaken in I be required to be amplied with in
					Update position - March 2023 Based on current progress to date with the North Portsea Island Coastal Defence Scheme and the revised programme of works for the AQUIND project it not anticipated there will be any overlap.		ntary Tra work as o uts. A sur	nsport As utlined in	sessment (REP1-142 E of the S) TA contains	s analysis of the data along Eastern
Land south of Harvester (Great Salterns Mansion) (Section 8) Congound Creat Salterns November 200 Landing Surger Salter Salter State - Considers Landing Surger Salter Salter State - Considers Landing Surger Salter Salter State - Considers Surger Salter Sal	CP's Compound 4 – for storage April 2021 – Autumn 2023	Works: cable route and potential joint bay locations Duration of works: 12 weeks	12 weeks	It is assumed CP works have been complete for this section.	The AQUIND works at Land south of Harvester (Great Salterns Mansion) are now expected to start not earlier than April 2025,.	 202 Prop 202 consider local south 202 the 	6 Do Min bosed Dev 6 Do Som struction stions but thbound o 6 Do Som six specifi iageway	imum (DN velopment pething 1 (of the Onstone on the A2 carriagew pething 2 (pied locatical along the DS1 (south clo	A) Scenarios t; DS1) Scena shore Cable 2030 Easter ay only DS2) Scena ons but with A2030 East	the futur rio: traffic Route is in In Road land rio: traffic In lane clos tern Road between An	management of the contract of	A for reference. without the ent to facilitate the the six specified apply to the ent is in place at e northbound
								JT (MM:SS)	Change from DM (MM:SS)	JT (MM:SS)	Change from DM (MM:SS)	
					As shown in the illustrative google maps screenshot the cables and cable ducts may be installed without routing through the Council's compound 4, however, the southern end of the Compound 4 has been identified as an indicative joint bay location. The joint bay does not need to be constructed at the same time as the cable ducting installation. This can, and often is, done just prior to commencement of the cable pulling	in the DS so carriagewa	enarios w ys which	vhen comp are tempo	pared to the prarily impo	e DM in th acted by Ta he southb	ne AM peak M lane clos	es in journey times thour on the sures in each ey time increased ney time



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					Council due to both projects being present at this location.	Tangier Road	DM JT (MM:SS)	DS1 (south)			abound lane sure)	
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					progressive way with the work site moving progressively along the section under construction at a	Northbound Southbound	01:46	01:46 05:32	±00:00 +04:08	02:37	+00:51	
AQUIND Interconnector Works Plans					rate of around 12 to 24m / day in this area.	Southbound	01.24	00.32	104.00	01.25	400.03	
Work No. 4 Works to lay the Onshore HVDC Cables Limits of Deviation for Work No. 4 Trenchless Crossing Zone HDD Compound Order Limits					Where the installation of the AQUIND cable ducts cross the Council Compound 4 access/exit route, there are working measures around this to relieve any impact, for example 24 hours working patterns in this location which would allow this work to conclude in a timely manner outside of Coastal Defence works working schedule, however, it should be noted AQUIND cannot undertake any noisy activities between 10pm and 7am outside the Harbourside Caravan Park and the residential flat above the Great Salterns Mansion Harvester. Steel plates may also be installed over entrance and exit positions and continual project alignment and engagement discussions which happen regularly between different construction companies working within close proximity of one another.	A2030 East the southboutequating to the reduction factors lead Eastern Roo Noting the Eastern Roo that the AC adversely in those in co	tern Road carries approximate the local carries and ca	between A riageway in mately four erage links cation of the fic diverting entified potential en Anchoracts will give the timeling with the potential working al Working	Anchorage of DS1 scend of minutes. opeeds cau of assessed of away from tential delage Road a of rise to in ness of CP ouring of co	Road and ario. This These income sed by red arion the contact and Tangia areases in related concrete.	journey time s reases in journ duced capacity (x 3). The comb astruction work nicles moving a er Road, it is n n journey time onstruction ve	d were seen on taw an increase ney time reflect or and traffic ination of these ks on the A2030 along the A2030 ot anticipated es that would chicles, including
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					agreement of those via the Co-Operation Agreement	Onshore (Cable	07:00 –	17:00		s (day 6 is	_
					would apply. AQUIND have therefore agreed to the submission and agreement of method statements,	Installatio			y – Friday)		day working,	
					with those being provided for agreement not less than			08:00 -	13:00	typica	lly a 5 hour	
					three months before works are intended to commence			(Saturda	ay)	shift 0	08:00 – 13:00)	
					in an area of overlap and the agreed method statement being complied with in relation to such works, to ensure there is a working alignment between both parties. Should there be an emergency situation where the Council need access or need to pass over an open	Common (o per week for cutting/bre	Eastern backs.350 m soor up to seaking and	Road betwe outh of Tar six weeks p d re-surfaci	ngier Road er circuit ing) will no): <u>Up to 2</u> is permiss ot be carri	4 hour workir sible. Noisiest ed out at nigh	north of Milton ng, seven days activities (road t (22:00-07:00) ove the Great



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					working area during the limited period of AQUIND works in this location, AQUIND would work with the Council and/ or CP in finding a workable solution by means of installing temporary steel plates for safe and controlled passage. Update position - March 2023 Based on current progress to date with the North Portsea Island Coastal Defence Scheme and the revised programme of works for the AQUIND project it not anticipated there will be any overlap.	Salterns Mansion Harvester. Refer to section 6.2.8 of the OOCEMP for further detail regarding the road cutting/breaking and re-surfacing restriction. Ecological Constraints Section 5.3.1 – General Ecological Control Measures Avoidance of scrub, hedgerow or tree clearance between 1 st March and 31 st August due to nesting bird season. If scheduled during this time (which overlaps with proposed timeframes) a suitably experience ornithologist should be present during clearance. Section 6.2.1 - Location Specific Ecological Control Measures Winter Restriction of Works Adjacent to Chichester and Langstone Harbour SPA
Great Salterns Quay Car Park (Section 8) Cayout 1 Caudates Out of Park Cayout 1 Caudates Out of Park Cayout 2 Caudates Out of Park Cayout 2 Caudates Out of Park Cayout 2 Caudates Out of Park Cayout 3 Caudates Out of Park Cayout 3 Caudates Out of Park Cayout 4 Caudates Out of Park Cayout 5 Cayout 5 Caudates Out of Park Cayout 5 Cayout 5 Caudates Out of Park Cayout 5 Cayout 5 Caudates Out 6 Cayout 5 C	CP's Compound 5 (main office and welfare for staff) April 2021 – Winter 2024 and re-opened as car park	Works: cable route and potential joint bay locations Duration of works: 17 weeks	17 weeks	It is anticipated CP works would have been complete by the time AQUIND require this work area. However, retain in case of any delays associated with remaining CP works	The AQUIND works at Great Salterns Quay Car Park are now not expected to start before April 2025 by which point the Council will not require Compound 5 according to the Coastal Defence works project programme and current progress on the scheme. However, retain in case of any delays associated with remaining CP works.	 The Order Limits between Airport Service Road and Tangier Road fall within the highway and therefore do not include SWBGS sites or the Chichester and Langstone Harbours SPA. However, the SPA is located to the east of the Order Limits and as a result the strip of land to the east along the length of Section 8.1 is subject to Principle 6 whereby: Percussive pilling or works with heavy machinery (i.e. plant resulting in a noise level in excess of 69 dB LAFmax – measured at the sensitive receptor) should be avoided during the bird overwintering period (i.e. October to March inclusive). The sensitive receptor is the nearest point of the SPA or any SPA supporting habitat (e.g. high tide roosting site). P54 and P29 are excluded from this principle. Buildings that are situated between them and the construction works will buffer noise such that it will not be in excess of 69 dB LAFmax within either site. It should be noted that the following SWBGS sites are located adjacent to the Order Limits (running north to south), and Principle 6, as set out above, applies to each during October - March: P12, a Core Area, is located immediately west of the Order Limits between Airport Service Road and Burrfields Road; P19A and P19E, both low use areas are located immediately west of the Order Limits, south of Burrfields Road; P19D, a Primary Support Area, is located immediately west of the Order Limits; and P19B, a Secondary Support Area, located immediately west of the Order Limits, north of Tangier Road.



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				not need to be constructed at the same time as the cable ducting installation. This can, and often is, done just prior to commencement of the cable pulling installation and jointing works. It is anticipated that the cable joint bay works can be flexibly programmed to minimise disruption to ongoing Coastal Defence works. As mentioned above at Compound 4 it is anticipated to take approximately 4 working weeks to install a joint bay of this type, should there be a need to align with CP due to both projects being present at this location. Although the total AQUIND working period at Great Salterns Quay Car Park is anticipated to last for 17 weeks, this is mainly due to the distance being covered in this section (1200m). The AQUIND cable ducts will be installed in a progressive way with the work site moving progressively along the section under construction at an anticipated rate of 12 to 24m / day in this area. Where the installation of the AQUIND cable ducts cross the Council Compound 5 access/exit route, the measures suggested at Compound 4 to resolve the issue are also valid here as well at Compound 5. The requirement for method statements and agreement of those via the Co-Operation Agreement would apply. AQUIND have therefore agreed to the submission and agreement of method statements, with those being provided for agreement not less than three months before works are intended to commence in an area of overlap and the agreed method statement being complied with in relation to such works , to ensure there is a working alignment between both parties. Should there be an emergency situation where the Council need access or need to pass over an open working area during the limited period of AQUIND works in this location, AQUIND would work with the Council and/ or CP in finding a workable solution by means of installing temporary steel plates for safe and controlled passage.	
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					Based on current progress to date with the North Portsea Island Coastal Defence Scheme and the revised programme of works for the AQUIND project it is not anticipated there will be any overlap.				
Land at northern end of Milton Common (Section 8)	CP's Compound 6 (main office and welfare for staff and significant storage for equipment.	Works: cable route and potential joint bay locations Duration of works: 11	11 weeks	It is anticipated CP works would have been complete by the time	AQUIND understands that the construction of the remaining 800m of wall (approx.), tying in with the finished sea defence at Milton Common is the last remaining section of works for Phase 4. It is understood these remaining works are scheduled to take place in 2023. The AQUIND works at the land at northern end of Milton Common are now not expected to start before	-	Milton Road section		Construction is only permitted to
	April 2022 – Autumn 2023	weeks		AQUIND	April 2025 by which point the Council will not be occupying Compound 6 according to the Coastal Defence works project programme and current progress.	August (approximately 13 Approximate availability:	ing: Easter Holidays (2 weeks 8 weeks, with avoidance of the 17 weeks. Other Restricti		take place during the Easter school holidays, May half-term, June, July and August
				associated		Traffic mana		rtsmouth FC home match days Total Availability per Calendar Year	avoiding the Victorious
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					As shown in the illustrative google maps screenshot the cables and cable ducts may be installed not routing	match days. Survey reviewed by and ag Council, noting it w COVID-19 pandemitraffic flows are coremove traffic man assist with the efficient	ys of PFC home man greed with Portsmo yas not possible to ic related restrictio mparable to those nagement on footba	red to be removed on Portsn tch days held on a Saturday outh City Council and Hamps carry out representative sur ons. If these assessments ide for weekday peak hours, the all match days would be lifted e works in this location.	nouth FC home will be hire County veys due to the ntify that the eneed to
Transit ciny					through the Council compound 6, however, there will be a need for AQUIND to have a joint bay within this region due to the HDD6 works happening nearby. It remains valid at this location that the joint bay does not need to be constructed at the same time as the cable ducting installation. This can, and often is, done	construction works	within A2030 East	not take place simultaneoush tern Road contained in Secti uction taking place in two se	on 8 to mitigate
					just prior to commencement of the cable pulling installation and jointing works. It is anticipated that the cable joint bay works can be flexibly programmed	Outline Construction Section 2.3 – Gene		lanagement Plan (REP9-005	1
					to minimise disruption to ongoing Coastal Defence works.		Working hours pe		
					As mentioned above at Compound 4 it is anticipated to take approximately 4 working weeks to install a joint	Onshore Cable Installation	07:00 – 17:00 (Monday – Friday) 08:00 – 13:00 (Saturday)	week 6 days (day 6 is Saturday working, typically a 5 hour shift 08:00 – 13:00)	



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Order Limits					bay of this type, should there be a need to align with	HDD-6 (Milton 07:00 - 17:00 6 days (day 6 is Common) (Monday – Friday) Saturday working,
					CP due to both projects being present at this location.	08:00 – 13:00 typically a 5 hour (Saturday) shift 08:00 – 13:00)
					be installed in a progressive way with the work site moving progressively along the section under construction at a rate of around 12 to 24m / day in this area. Where the installation of the AQUIND cable ducts cross the Council Compound 6 access/exit route, the measures suggested at Compound 4 to resolve the issue are also valid here as well at Compound 5.	Section 2.3.1 - Noise Section 8 – Eastern Road between Airport Service Road and the north of Milton Common (c.350 m south of Tangier Road): Up to 24 hour working, seven days per week for up to six weeks per circuit is permissible. Noisiest activities (road cutting/breaking and re-surfacing) will not be carried out at night (22:00-07:00) outside the Harbourside Caravan Park and the residential flat above the Great Salterns Mansion Harvester. Refer to section 6.2.8 of the OOCEMP for further detail regarding the road cutting/breaking and re-surfacing restriction. Ecological Constraints Section 5.3.1 – General Ecological Control Measures
					The AQUIND HDD 6 laydown area at the southern part of the land at the northern end of Milton Common has	Avoidance of scrub, hedgerow or tree clearance between 1st March and 31sh August due to nesting bird season. If scheduled during this time (which overlapsh with proposed timeframes) a suitably experience ornithologist should be present
					agreement of those via the Co-Operation Agreement would apply. AQUIND have therefore agreed to the submission and agreement of method statements, with those being provided for agreement not less than three months before works are intended to commence in an area of overlap and the agreed method statement being complied with in relation to such	This section of the Order Limits partially includes two SWBGS sites, P23R and
					between both parties. Should there be an emergency situation where the Council need access or need to pass over an open	 P23A, which are both Core Area SWBGS sites and as a result Principle 1 applies to works in those SWBGS sites: Principle 1: Construction works cannot take place in SWBGS (those categorised as either core, primary support, secondary support, low use or candidate) sites that overlap with the Proposed Development's Order
					Council and/ or CP in finding a workable solution by means of installing temporary steel plates for safe and	Limits during October – March. Furthermore, Chichester and Langstone Harbours SPA is located to the east of the Order Limits in this location and as a result the strip of land to the east is subject to Principle 6 whereby:
					It is anticipated CP works would have been complete by the time AQUIND require this work area. However, retain in case of any delays associated with CP works.	 Percussive piling or works with heavy machinery (i.e. plant resulting in a noise level in excess of 69 dB LAFmax – measured at the sensitive receptor) should be avoided during the bird overwintering period (i.e. October to March inclusive. The sensitive receptor is the nearest point of the SPA or any SPA supporting habitat (e.g. high tide roosting site).
AQUIND works adjacent to existing Milton Common Coastal Defences	N/A. CP works	Works: indicative	21 weeks		Should there be an emergency situation where the Council need access or need to pass over an open	N/A



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	programme	programme	or overlap			which bed requirements require compliance with
south of CP's Compound 6 –	already	cable route		It is	working area during the limited period of AQUIND	
including HDD6 (Section 8)	completed	option		anticipated	works in this location, AQUIND would work with the	
Order Limbs	in this	including		CP works	Council and/ or CP in finding a workable solution by	
HDD Compound	location.	HDD6 under		been	means of installing temporary steel plates for safe and controlled passage. It is anticipated CP works would	
Trenchess Crossing Zone		coastal		complete	have been complete by the time AQUIND require this	
Works to lay the Ornshore HVDC Cables		defences at		by the time	work area. However, retain in case of any delays	
Worst Plants Legend		northern		AQUIND	associated with CP works.	
AQUIND Interconnector		end of Milton		require this work area.		
		Common,		However,		
		then		retain in		
		running		case of any		
		along eastern side		delays associated		
		of coastal		with		
		defences		remaining		
1		until		CP works		
		location				
(-1)		Duration of				
		works: 21				
		weeks				
ar Danne		(including 2 weeks for				
		HDD)				
AQUIND works adjacent to existing	N/A. CP	Works:	12 weeks	No overlap	Should there be an emergency situation where the	N/A
Milton Common Coastal Defences –	works	indicative		of works or	Council need access or need to pass over an open	
southern defences, east of Moorings Way and north of Uni of Portsmouth	already completed	cable route. Current		access.	working area during the limited period of AQUIND works in this location, AQUIND would work with the	
site (Section 8 / 9)	in this	design			Council and/ or CP in finding a workable solution by	
	location.	anticipates			means of installing temporary steel plates for safe and	
		that cable			controlled passage. It is anticipated CP works would	
		route will be located			have been complete by the time AQUIND require this work area. However, retain in case of any delays	
		around			associated with remaining CP works.	
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		existing				
		coastal defences at				
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		end of				
		Milton				
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		UoP land				
		east of				
		Furze Lane).				
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Order Limits			

APPENDIX 3 - PLANTING SCHEME AND PLAN



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NORTH PORTSEA ISLAND - PHASE 4B COASTAL DEFENCE WORKS EASTERN ROAD PLANTING SCHEDULE EXTRACT

<u>WILDFLOWER SEED MIX</u> - BS10: Coastal Mix (Wildflowers 20%, Grass Seed 80%) or suitable equivalent

To be broadcast on all wildflower grassland areas.

Common Name	Species Name	%	Colour	Flowering	Height	
Diadle Feet Took ii	1 -4	4.0	Mallan.	M O-4	(cms)	
Bird's Foot Trefoil	Lotus corniculatus	1.2	Yellow	May - Oct	15 - 40	
Campion, Sea	Silene maritima	1.0	White	May - Sept	15 - 25	
Cat'sEar - Common	Hypochaeris radicata	0.4	Yellow	June - Oct	15 - 50	
Evening-Primrose,	Oenothera biennis	1.2	Pale	June - Oct	60 - 100	
Common		1	Yellow			
Goatsbeard	Tragopogon pratensis	1.0	Yellow	June - Sept	50 - 80	
Haresfoot Clover	Trifolium arvense	1.0	Pink	July - Sept	15 - 50	
Knapweed, Common	Centaurea nigra	2.0	Red - Purple	June - Sept	30 - 80	
Knapweed, Greater	Centaurea scabiosa	1.2	Red - Purple	June - Sept	50 - 80	
Corn Marigold	Chrysanthemum segetum	0.6	Golden June - Oct Yellow		30 - 50	
Lady's Bedstraw	Galium verum	1.2	Yellow	June - Sept	50 - 80	
Oxeye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare	2.0	White	May - Sept	20 - 100	
Poppy, Common	Papaver rhoeas	0.6	Red	May - July	50 - 70	
St. John's-Wort,	Hypericum perforatum	0.8	Yellow	June - Sept	30 - 90	
Campion, Bladder	Silene vulgaris	0.8	White	May - Sept	25 - 60	
Toadflax, Common	Linaria vulgaris	8.0	Pale Yellow	June - Oct	30 - 90	
Vetch, Kidney	Anthyllis vulneraria	1.6	Yellow	May - Onw	15 - 20	
Viper's Bugloss	Echium vulgare	0.6	Bright Blue	May - Oct	50 - 100	
Wild Carrot	Daucus carota	1.2	White	June - Oct	30 - 100	
Yarrow	Achillea millefolium	8.0	White	June - Oct	20 - 100	
Bent, Common	Agrostis castellana	3.7				
Crested Dogstail	Cynosurus cristatus	16.3				
Fescue, Sheeps	Festuca ovina	18.5				
Fescue, Slender Creeping Red	Festuca rubra, litoralis	6.0				
Fescue, Strong Creeping Red	Festuca rubra, rubra	22.2				
Smooth Stalked Meadow Grass	Poa pratensis	5.9				
Timothy, Small Leaved	Phleum pratense ssp Bertolinii	7.4				

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Notes: Soil to wildflower grass areas should be to the lowest fertility available although within the PCC soils specification to be free of contaminants. Allow for fallow period after a suitable herbicide application throughout to remove pernicious weeds from new/disturbed soil prior to sowing. Use Boston Seeds BS10 coastal mix or similar approved, to suppliers recommendations, in appropriate conditions and season for seeding. Tel. 01205 280069. Allow for horticultural sand for broadcasting mix and for spot herbicide to nettles and pernicious grasses for 2 years, 4 times a year. Allow for overseeding of 100% wildflower only mix (no grasses) from supplier plus yellow rattle seeds (rates to be confirmed) to suppliers recommendations at a suitable time per year over 2 years to build seed bed and prevent dominance of grasses.

PHASE 4B - REMAINING WORKS

SPECIMEN TREES

Qty	Code	Species name	Common name	Size/Specification				
2	PINn	Pinus nigra	Black Pine	Feathered tree, 2.5m high, CG, 80L				
3	QUEp	Quercus petraea	Sessile Oak	14-16cm girth, 4.5m+ high, CG, 60L				
2	TIL	Tilia cordata	Small Leaved Lime	14-16cm girth, 4.5m high, RB/CG, 60L				

Note: All trees to be double staked (methods to be approved) and planted in 500mm depth clean topsoil over sand and gravel drainage layers to 1.2m pit diameter, bark mulch surface dressing to full diameter oif tree pit. Provide & fit strimmer guard to base of tree trunk.

Trees to be supplied by Hilliers Nursery or similar approved. Contact James Hillier, tel. 01794 368733. Trees to be approved by PCC Landscape Architect

WI 2015.1 Maintenance specification

Note: for the purpose of this document, where 'Client' is referenced, this is Portsmouth City Council Landscape Architect.

Where 'Contractor' is referenced, this is AQUIND and their contractors.

1. General Maintenance Items

- Maintenance of the landscape areas shall be undertaken by a competent Landscape Contractor, preferably registered with the British Association of Landscape Industries (BALI).
- ii. Maintenance visits shall be undertaken at regular intervals during the growing season and at agreed intervals during the dormant season (min. 10 visits per year). At each visit the following operations shall be undertaken:
 - Undertake watering to specimen trees as required to ensure healthy growth /
 establishment of plant stock, minimum once every two weeks during April to
 August, and extended into any unusually dry periods during initial 2 years
 establishment of trees
 - Undertake the landscape maintenance outlined in the following sections

iii. Standards

All soft landscape areas to be maintained to BS7370-4:1993. The landscape maintenance is to be carried out to a high standard at all times. The Contractor should ensure that the Site is left in a tidy and safe state following the undertaking of works outlined in the specification. All arisings should be removed from site. Chipping or shredding not permitted on site.

iv. Visits Log

Record sheets will be drawn up for recording maintenance visits, date, time, names of operatives, list of works carried out, duration of visit, inspection by PCC landscape architect and sign off. Landscape architect is to be contacted prior to making maintenance visits for fertiliser application, weeding and watering. Maintenance payments will only be made on completion and submission of record sheets / visit logs to landscape architect.

v. Chemical Use

The Contractor shall ensure that any chemical applications are undertaken by trained persons/operatives who have the appropriate NPTC certificates and in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations. The "Code of Practice" for the Safe Use of Pesticides for Non-Agricultural Purposes" will be observed where applicable. The use of any chemicals shall be noted on the record sheets as outlined above.

vi. Weather Conditions

The Contractor shall programme and vary their visits to coincide with appropriate weather conditions for carrying out their operations, with particular regard for the use of chemicals and the strimming of wildflower grasses. Avoid windy conditions for spraying of herbicide to avoid damage to surrounding vegetation.

vii. Pests/diseases

The Contractor shall notify the Client to any significant pest or disease problem affecting the planted stock and shall provide a suitable strategy for treatment to be agreed with the Client. Should mammalian pests become a problem on site, then proposals for their control/eradication should be submitted to the client for approval.

viii. Replacements

The Contractor should notify the Client of all trees and other plants found to be dead, dying, vandalised or suffering significantly from the current growing conditions. All failed/defective plants identified within the first 24 months of installation should be replaced by the contractor at the soonest available planting season to ensure a continued coverage of growth. Replacement plants should be of the same species and specification of the failed specimens.

ix. Watering

Ensure a suitable water supply is available to carry out the operations detailed in this document. In the event of water restrictions, eg. drought, the Contractor will be responsible for submitting proposals for an alternative source of water. Use potable mains water, wet full depth of topsoil (300mm for planting and grass areas, 500mm depth for tree pits). Do not damage or loosen plants. Watering will require a bowser vehicle driven along one side of the vegetation. Watering should be carried out during off-peak periods only.

2. Specimen Tree Planting

i. Objectives

To ensure new tree planting is suitably cared for to enable its successful establishment, and to promote healthy growth and attractive form.

ii. Prescriptions

Watering

• Watering programme should be monitored to ensure that at times of water shortage, eg. drought, sufficient water is applied to meet the conditions, particularly during the first three years of establishment in the growing period particularly, but even during the first Winter's establishment if there are extended dry periods. Allow a minimum of once every two weeks watering in first two years' establishment during April to August, to be carefully reviewed with PCC landscape architect in following two years for healthy establishment. Watering to comprise 35 litres per tree pit.

Fertliser

• Apply a single dose of evenly spread 11:22:9 NPK, slow release fertiliser at a rate of 50g per tree from March to April. Spread evenly, carefully lifting mulch and replacing after applying fertiliser.

Pruning

 Pruning should be carried out in accordance with good arboricultural practice to BS3998. For any large branches, always check for approval with PCC arboriculturist before removing.

iii. Long term Monitoring

- Refirm trees in ground after strong winds, frost heave or other disturbances.
- Regularly inspect guying systems. Replace or resecure loose or missing underground guy wires. Adjust to suit stem growth, and to provide correct and uniform tension.
- Monitor and replace failed planting with new plants to the original size and specification between the next planting season. Ensure planting is conducted into well-prepared ground.
- Inspect trees for pests and diseases routinely.
- Maintain any mulch layer at the base of each tree by regular topping up to a depth of 75mm to a diameter of 1.2m from the trunk. Maintain a weed-free area around each tree trunk up to 1200mm diameter.

3. Wildflower Grass Areas

Objectives

To ensure new wildflower grass areas are suitably managed to maintain healthy, vigorous, attractive, naturalistic verges, free from disease, fungal growth, discolouration, scorch or wilt.

ii. Prescriptions

Strimming

- Once established, maintain to full natural height by strimming once a year after flowering period (September).
- Spread arisings evenly over strimmed areas & allow a weather-suitable period (suggested 2 weeks) for seeds to drop, then remove all stalks and foliage, scarifying surface to allow seeds to germinate. Remove all arisings from adjacent hard surfaces.
- Do not use strimmers within 100mm of tree stems, use nylon filament rotary cutters or other hand held machinery to avoid damage to bark, keeping 100mm from the stem of any tree.
- Take care around any obstructions, eg. street furniture.
- Edges adjacent to paths (suggested 500mm strip) should be maintained in a neat appearance to a shorter height (90mm)
- Allow for spot herbicide treatment of nettles, brambles, ragwort, thistles and pernicious grasses for 2 years, up to 3x year.
- Allow for overseeding of 100% wildflower only mix (no grasses) from supplier
 plus yellow rattle seeds (rates to be confirmed) to suppliers recommendations at
 a suitable time per year over initial 2 years to build up seed bed and prevent
 dominance of grasses

iii. Replacements

Where wildflower grass areas have become worn or have failed to establish or there are bare patches, these areas should be overseeded with appropriate wildlfower seed of a similar mix to the original seed in the soonest available seeding season.

iv. Long term Monitoring

- Maintain annual strimming regime as described above.
- Maintain replacements as above.
- Remove any stones brought to the surface exceeding 25mm in any dimension.

5. Amenity Grass Areas

i. Objectives

To ensure new amenity grass areas are suitably managed to maintain healthy, vigorous, attractive, naturalistic verges, free from disease, fungal growth, discolouration, scorch or wilt.

ii. Prescriptions

- Once established, maintain to 90mm max. height by mowing once a month during growing period (April to October)
- Before each cut remove all litter and debris
- Leave arisings lightly spread over grass area
- Trim all edges
- Maintain grass areas free of broad leaved weeds such as Bramble, Thistle and Nettle
- Remove any stones brought to the surface that exceed 25mm in any dimension
- Water in within first three months establishment to ensure healthy, thriving sward

5. Summary – Maintenance Schedule

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Watering - tree				2x	2x	2x	2x	2x	2x			
pits only*												
Weeding			1x		1x		1x		1x			
Strimming									1x			
wildflower &												
hedge screen												
areas ***												
Spot Herbicde			1x			1x			1x			
treatment of												
nettles/brambles												
etc in wildflower												
areas												
Over-seeding of										1x		
wildflower areas												

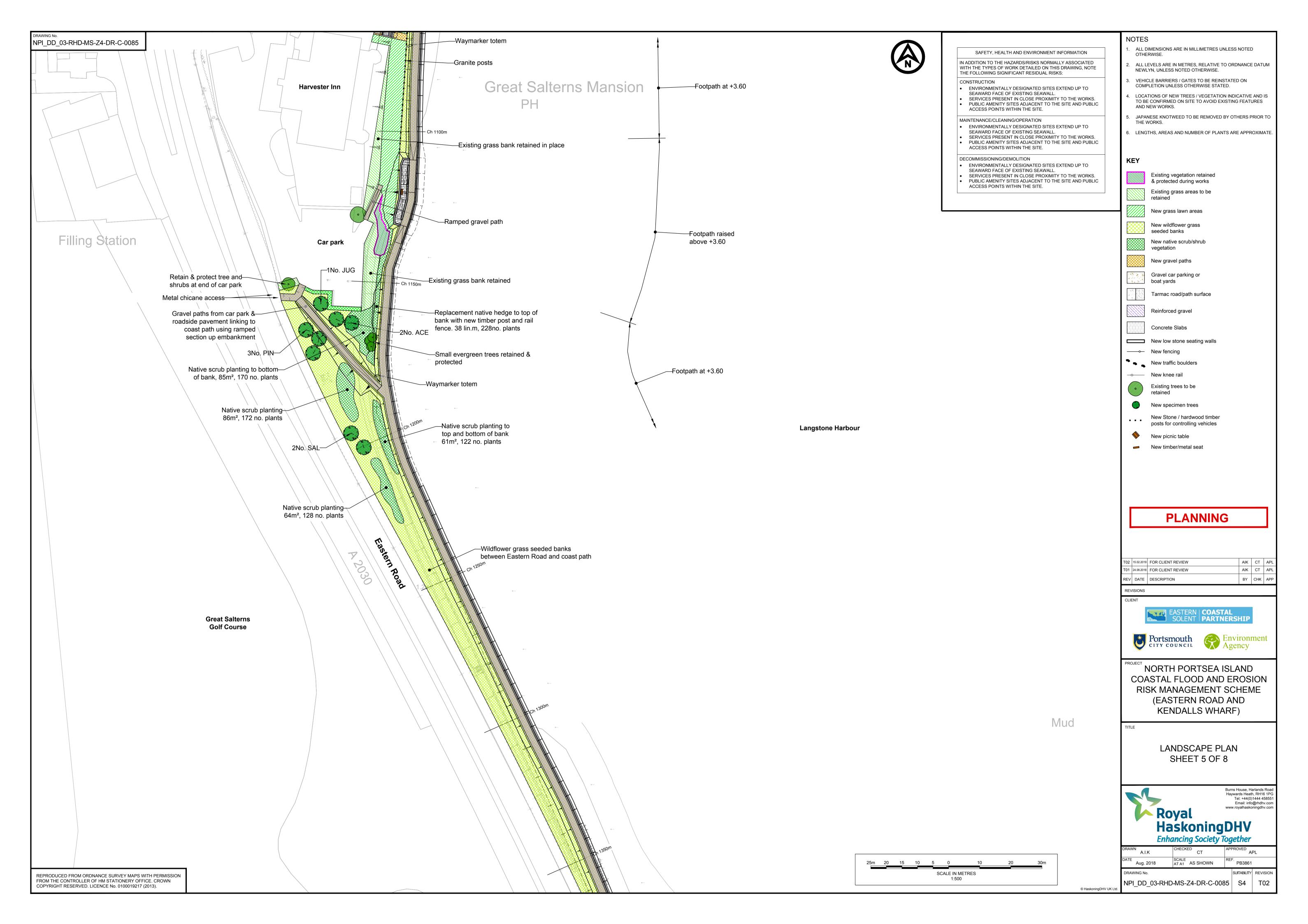
Fertiliser - tree			1x									
pits only												
Pest/disease	As necessary											
control												

^{*} Adjust watering depending on weather conditions. Avoid over-watering in excessively rainy conditions. Increase in times of excessive drought.

^{**} Pruning of all native hedge & scrub/screen planted areas once a year only where required. Remove all arisings

^{***} Strim wildflower areas once a year in September time after flowering period. Allow arisings to lie for 2 weeks then rake away, scarifying surface to allow seeds to germinate. Also strim native scrub areas once a year in September to control weed growth around hedge plants. Take care strimming around plants, avoiding damage to establishing plants.

^{****}Overseeding of wildflower areas - first 2 years establishment only



APPENDIX 2 Crown Estate Letter to PINS dated 16 March 2021

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16 March 2021

Dear Sirs

Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010

Application by Aquind Limited ("the Applicant") for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Aquind Interconnector

I write further to the above.

In this letter:

"the book of reference" shall have the meaning given to it in the Order;

"the Commissioners" shall mean the Crown Estate Commissioners:

"Draft DCO" shall mean the Applicant's draft development consent order (reference 3.1, Revision 007, Deadline 8 and dated 1 March 2021); and

"Order" shall mean the Aguind Interconnector Order 2021 once made by the Secretary of State.

As you are aware, the Commissioners disagree with any view that section 135(1) of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Act") provides that any provision authorising the acquisition of third party interests in Crown land may only be included in a development consent order if the unconditional consent of the appropriate Crown body to the acquisition is obtained before the development consent order is made.

However, and without prejudice to the Commissioners' position, the Commissioners have reached a separate agreement with the Applicant which provides the Commissioners with sufficient assurance as to the way in which compulsory acquisition powers (as contained in Article 23 of the Draft DCO) may be exercised in respect of third party interests in Crown land forming part of the Crown Estate. As such, and subject to the below, the Commissioners confirm their consent to the compulsory acquisition of the third party interests in Plots 7-22, 7-24 and 10-38 for the purpose of section 135(1) of the Act.

The Commissioners' consent is granted subject to:

1. the inclusion and continuing application of the following amended "Crown rights" wording in the Order at Article 47:

"47.— (1) Nothing in this Order affects prejudicially any estate, right, power, privilege, authority or exemption of the Crown and in particular, nothing in this Order authorises the undertaker or any lessee or licensee to take, use, enter upon or in any manner interfere with any land or rights of any

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description (including any portion of the shore or bed of the sea or any river, channel, creek, bay or estuary)—

- (a) belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Crown and forming part of The Crown Estate without the consent in writing of the Crown Estate Commissioners;
- (b) belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Crown and not forming part of The Crown Estate without the consent in writing of the government department having the management of that land; or
- (c) belonging to a government department or held in trust for Her Majesty for the purposes of a government department without the consent in writing of that government department.; or
- (2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to the exercise of any right under this Order for the compulsory acquisition of an interest in any Crown land (as defined in section 227 of the 2008 Act) which is for the time being held otherwise than by or on behalf of the Crown without the consent in writing of the appropriate Crown authority (as defined in the 2008 Act).
- (3) A consent under paragraph (1) may be given unconditionally or subject to terms and conditions; and is deemed to have been given in writing where it is sent electronically.

and;

3. the Commissioners being consulted further if any variation to the Draft DCO is proposed which could affect any other provisions of the Order which are subject to section 135(1) and 135(2) of the Act.

Subject to:

- 1. the inclusion of Article 47 in the Order as referred to above and its continuing application; and
- 2. the Commissioners being consulted further if any variation to the Draft DCO is proposed which could affect any other provisions of the Order which are subject to section 135(1) and 135(2) of the Act

the Commissioners confirm their consent to Articles 3-8, 17, 19, 30-32, 39, 40 and 47 of the Draft DCO, to the extent that they are included in the Order, applying in relation to Plots 7-22, 7-24 and 10-38 for the purpose of section 135(2) of the Act.

Yours sincerely



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For and on behalf of the Crown Estate Commissioners

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