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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1.1 This document sets out Highways England's response to the Examining Authorities request from Session 2 Part 5 RHS Wisley at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing to:
  - Submit into the Examination the construction phase plan or plans and explanatory notes identifying how access provision to the RHS Wisley site would be maintained throughout the construction phase of the Proposed Development.

### 2. Construction phases

- 2.1.1 Construction will be undertaken in three phases. These are shown on the plans in Appendix A.
- 2.1.2 The initial phase is the construction of a temporary access into RHS Wisley for their visitor traffic. The temporary works plans show the temporary access within plot 2/28, however that design is not preferred by RHS. The use of plot 2/28 to provide the temporary access, whilst fully deliverable, would require some felling of trees in this area and RHS has requested that Highways England does not remove those trees. As part of ongoing discussions with RHS, Highways England is willing to agree that the temporary access would be created via a widening of the existing RHS Wisley exit, subject to planning permission being obtained and to RHS granting Highways England the necessary rights to construct the access in that location. The proposed arrangement is shown on Sheet 1 of the accompanying plans.
- 2.1.3 The next phase starts upon the opening of the temporary entrance and exit where the existing RHS Wisley entrance into the gardens will be closed from the existing alignment. This will enable the construction of the Wisley Lane Overbridge and approach embankment past the position of the designed spur for the gardens allowing construction of the new Wisley Lane connecting from Ockham Junction all along the east side of the A3, over it and into the new gardens entrance. This phase is shown on Sheet 2 of the accompanying plans.
- 2.1.4 With the highway works completed the third phase will be to open the new Wisley Lane from Ockham Junction, down the spur onto the gardens access road. The gardens access road would be temporarily be two way to allow traffic to pass to and from the A3. For users of Wisley Lane not seeking to access RHS Wisley, a temporary cross over will be required from the gardens access road onto the existing Wisley Lane through plot 2/28. This is shown on the current temporary works plans [REP8-012, sheet 2].
- 2.1.5 An alternative cross over arrangement on the western edge of the temporarily acquired land is being investigated to reduce tree loss within that area with consultation with RHS Wisley as per paragraph 2.1.1. This temporary arrangement is necessary to allow Highways England to construct the remaining tie in for the new Wisley Lane. This phase is shown on Sheet 3 of the accompanying plans.





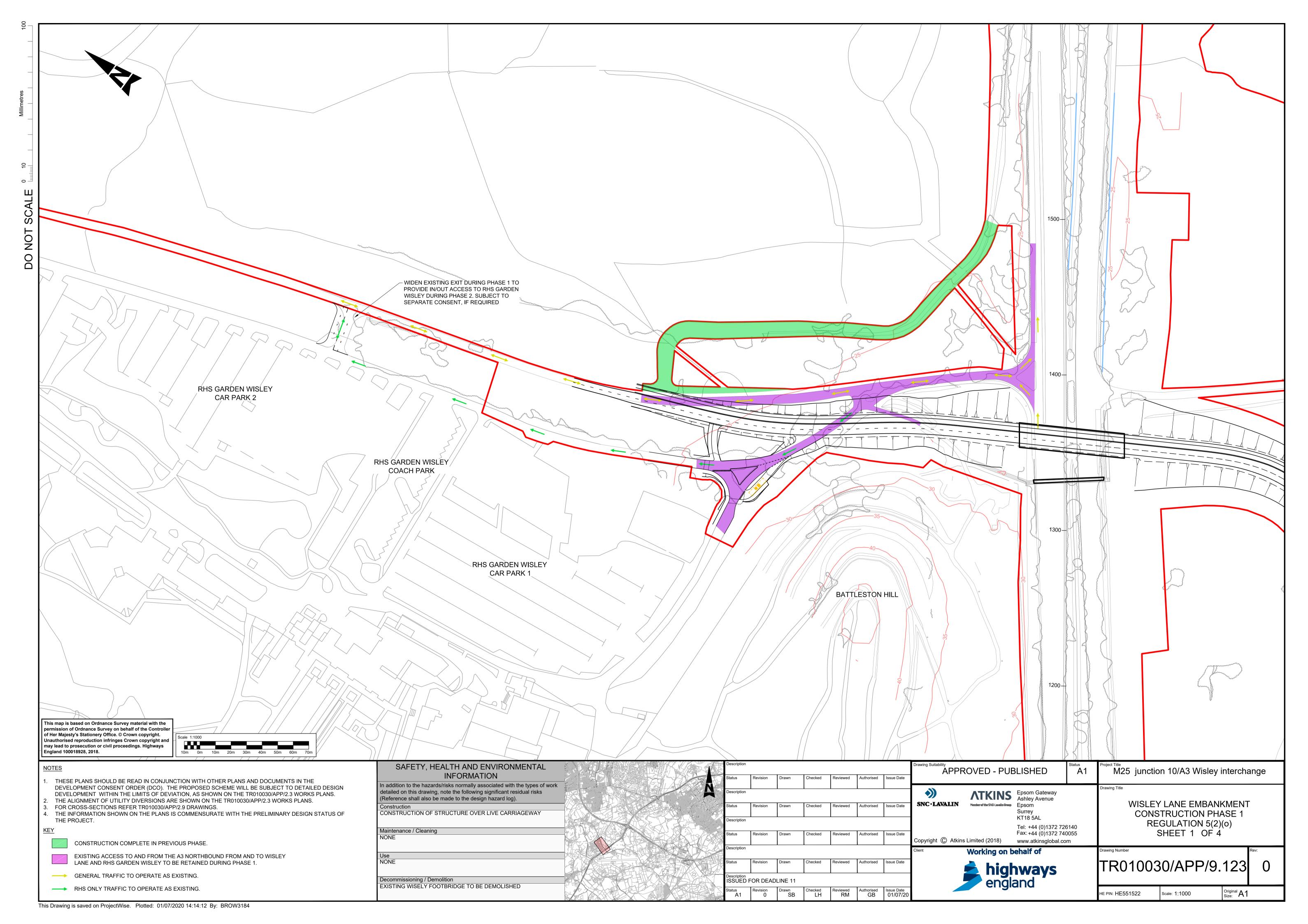
2.1.6 With the tie in complete the new Wisley Lane alignment can be fully opened to traffic and flows to works as per the final road design. This phase is shown on Sheet 4 of the accompanying plans.

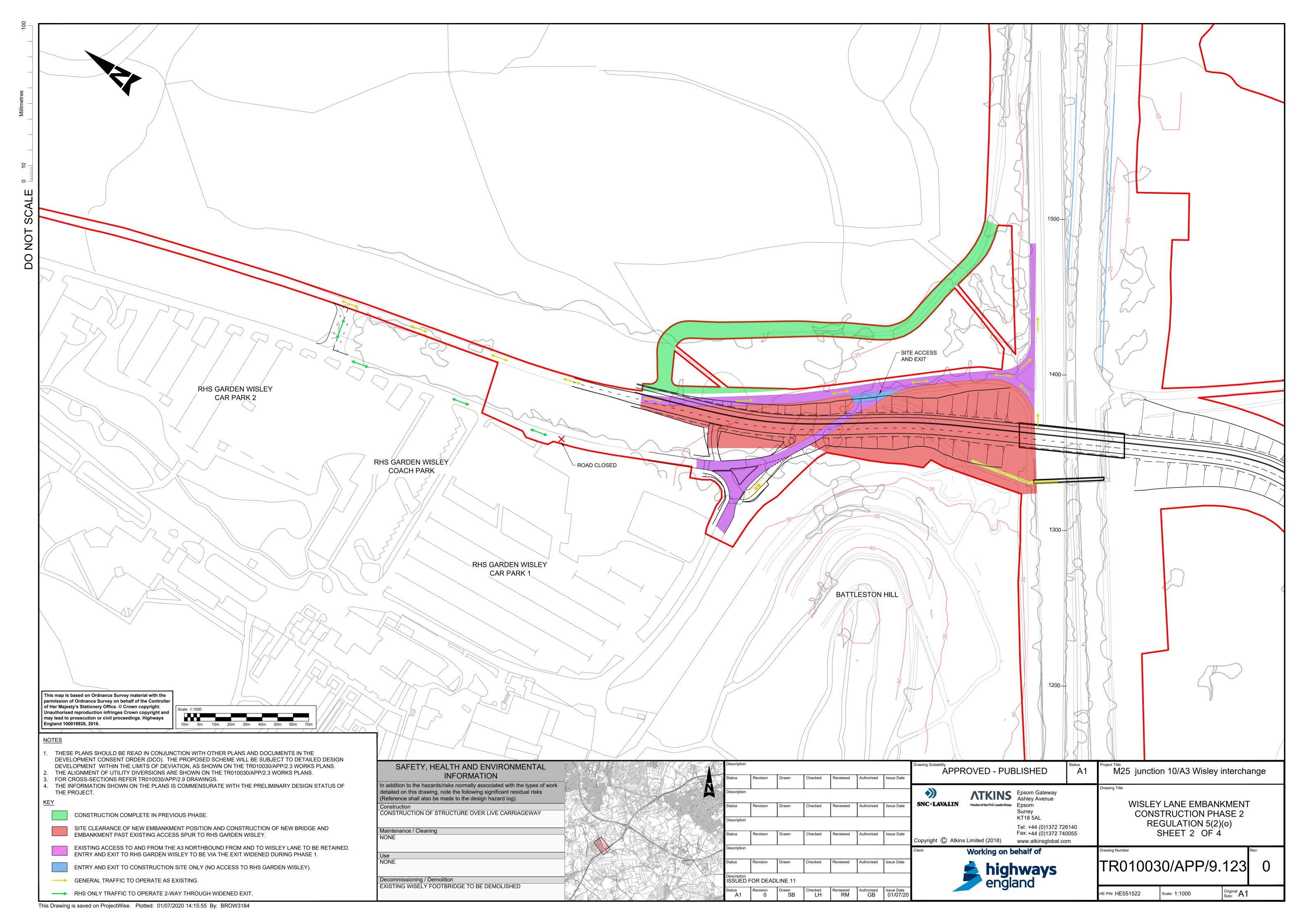
### 3. Responses to points raised by RHS

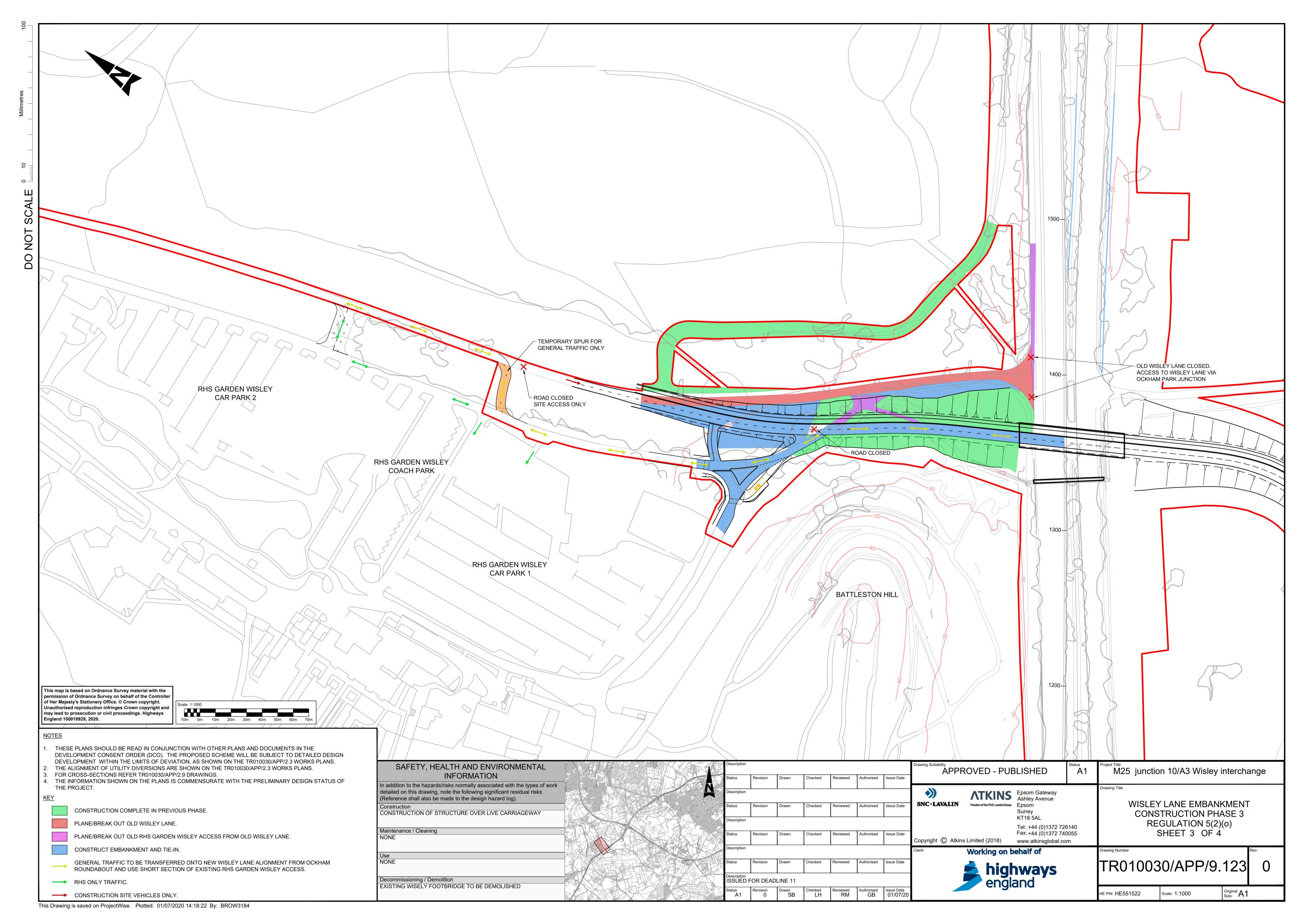
- 3.1.1 A point was made on behalf of RHS regarding the bridge over the A3 for the realigned Wisley Lane and previous discussions about the design of the bridge. The assertion was made during the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing that this bridge had been proposed previously as a green bridge. However, this is incorrect.
- 3.1.2 Consideration was given to this bridge being a "feature" bridge that would highlight the presence of the RHS Wisley Gardens, with the use of an application to for designated funds to achieve this. Designers are ordinarily expected to design structures taking account of their surrounds and it was not easy to see what enhancements additional funds may actually bring, over and above what could be achieved with sympathetic design.

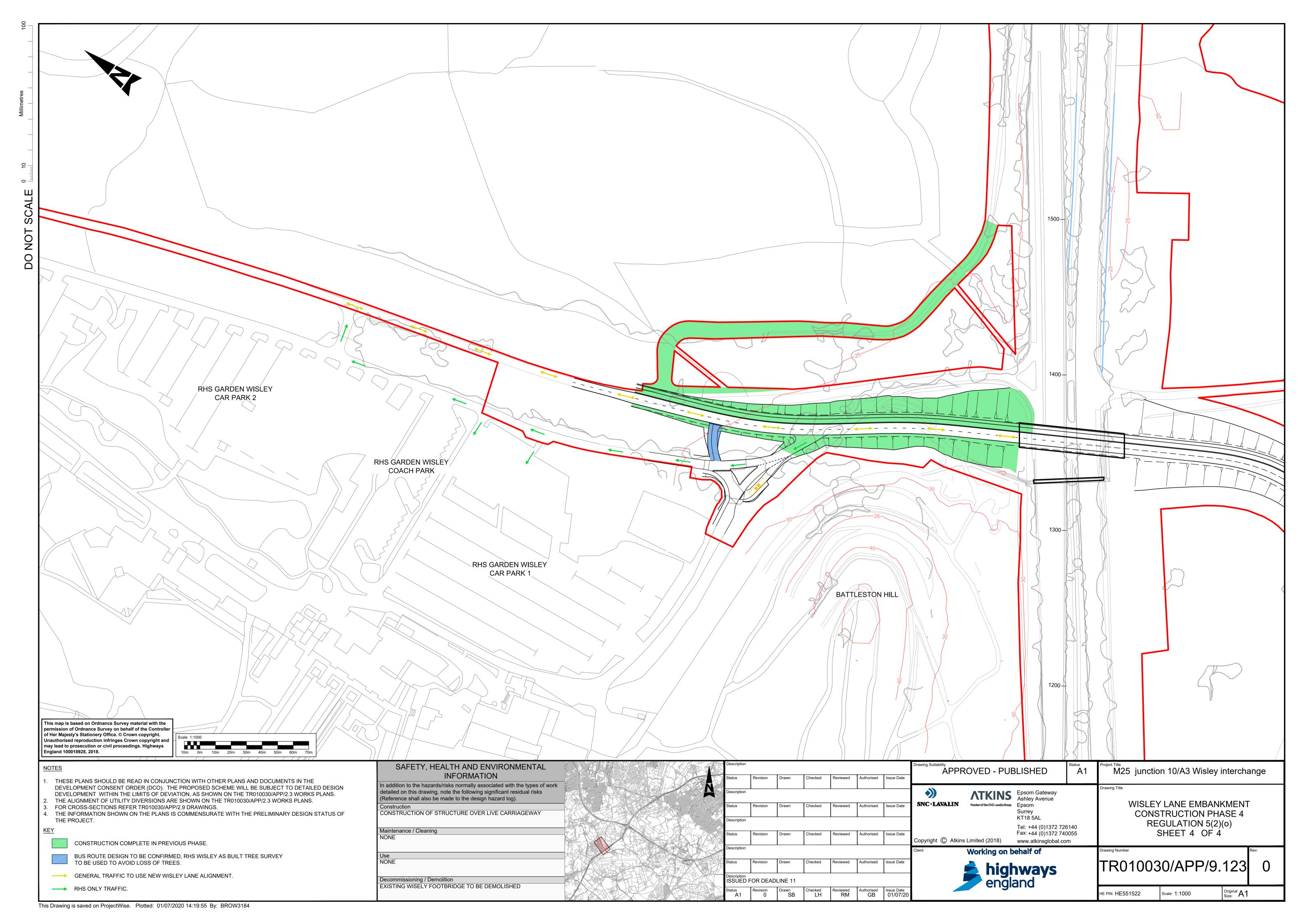


## **Appendix A. Construction Phase Plans**









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