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**Structure Option Report 8** 

### North Side Overbridge

Structure no. (/A1//439.70//) STKEY 8887

### A1 BIRTLEY TO COAL HOUSE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME STRUCTURE OPTION REPORT 8 NORTH SIDE OVERBRIDGE

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WSP have been commissioned under the CDF contract to progress the Stage 3 Preliminary design works to increase the capacity of the route between A1 Junction 65 (Birtley) to Junction 67 (Coalhouse). The scheme involves upgrading from the existing Dual 2-Lane All-Purpose provision to a Dual 3-Lane All-Purpose Provision for this section of the road.

North Side Overbridge is included in the A1 Junction 65 (Birtley) to Junction 67 (Coalhouse) improvement scheme.

North Side structure comprises two span composite pre-stressed concrete box girders with in-situ concrete deck. The decks are simply supported between reinforced concrete abutments and reinforced concrete pier incorporating trapezoidal voids, all on spread foundations.

The structure comprises span one (Northbound) of 23.87m with critical headroom of 5.17 metres, and span two (Southbound) of 24.20m with critical headroom of 6.27 metres.

Consideration is currently being given to increasing the capacity of the A1 running under the structure whilst remaining within the existing cross section. This will incorporate a reduction of the central reserve and verges to accommodate the new widened cross section of the A1. This may also involve the permanent removal of safety barriers (currently safeguarding supports) to provide sufficient width to increase lane capacity.

This study has shown the proposed new A1 highway alignment/cross section can be accommodated under the existing North Side Bridge without the need for major structural modifications.

A provisional impact assessment of the pier in accordance with BD48/93 shows the pier is able to sustain the vehicular impact loads. Therefore it would be permissible for the pier to not be safe guarded by safety barriers providing additional width for alignment modifications if required.

The review of previous inspection reports, showed the structure to generally be in good condition with no significant defects that may impact the integrity/loading bearing capacity of the bridge. However some outstanding maintenance actions have been identified.

It is recommended that the following be undertaken to verify the findings of this reports and identify further works required at North Side Overbridge as the scheme progresses:

- Liaison with HE regarding what outstanding maintenance items (if any) should be incorporated as part of the A1 Birtley to Coalhouse Improvement Scheme. This would ensure cost and programme implications to undertake the design and implementation of outstanding maintenance is accurately accounted for during further development of the scheme.
- Completion of the pier impact assessment under full technical approval. This would enable the result to be certified and inform the scheme as it progresses.



# 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

- 1.1.1 WSP has been commissioned by Highways England to develop a scheme proposal for the A1 Birtley to Coal House Improvement Scheme.
- 1.1.2 The scheme development forms the part of Newcastle/Gateshead Western Bypass (NGWB) is located on the A1 between Junction 65 (Birtley) to Junction 80 (Seaton Burn). The scheme is part of Highway England's strategic road network serving the metropolitan area of Tyne and Wear.
- 1.1.3 The project is located between the Junction 65 and Junction 67 on the NGWB having a stretch of 4.2km in length. The existing carriageway layout is:
  - Southbound: Two lanes between Junction 67 (Coal House) and Junction 66 (Eighton Lodge) with an additional approaching lane between North Side Overbridge and Junction 66. Three Lanes between Junction 66 (Eighton Lodge) and Junction 65 (Birtley). The existing speed limit is 50mph between Junction 67 (Coal House) and North Side Overbridge and 70 mph thereafter.
  - Northbound: Two lanes with a lane gain/drop between Junction 65 (Birtley) and Junction 66 (Eighton Lodge) and two lanes between Junction 66 (Eighton Lodge) and Junction 67 (Coal House). The existing speed limit is 50mph throughout.
- 1.1.4 The A1 NGWB is one of the most congested highway links in the North- East region with more than 110,000 vehicles using the route every day on the busiest section. Therefore, the junction has been identified as requiring the improvement to its existing layout in order to achieve the scheme objective.
- 1.1.5 At present, the junction has a significant adverse impact on; journey time reliability at peak time, route resilience, safety and environmental impacts.
- 1.1.6 The scheme objectives for the Junction improvement are structured around the Government's main objectives for transport, being
  - To increase the capacity of the A1 between Junction 65 (Birtley) to Junction 67 (Coalhouse) from existing two lanes to three full standard lanes to improve the safety for all road users and contribute to the Government's current safety strategy targets.
  - Lanes gain/drop between the Junctions
  - Replacement of the Allerdene Bridge to achieve optimum whole life costs taking in account future maintenance and operation, and disruption to users.
  - New Junction layout at Coalhouse
- 1.1.7 The existing Allerdene Railway Bridge has a number of inherent design/construction deficiencies which cannot be easily resolved due to the complex structural form (half joints) and site constraints. The intention is for the existing Allerdene Bridge to be replaced as part of the A1 Birtley to Coalhouse Improvement Scheme.



- 1.1.8 Two alignment options were assessed for the replacement of Allerdene Bridge. These are:
  - Option 1A Replacement of Allerdene Railway Bridge as close as possible to the existing structure to enable the retention of Coal House interchange.
  - Option 1B Widening/Replacement of Allerdene Railway Bridge with a wider structure in its existing location and retention of Coal House Interchange and the existing alignment as far as is possible.
- 1.1.9 Works undertaken during PCF Stage 2 Route Selection, confirmed Option 1A was the preferred option to be progressed onto the next stage and beyond. Refer to Appendix A for schematic plans of the preferred route.
- 1.1.10 The scheme is currently progressing within PCF Stage 3: Preliminary Design. The existing North Side Overbridge, located at junction 65 Birley of the A1, is one of the many existing structures impacted by the proposed improvements to the A1 alignment which includes the upgrading from the existing Dual 2-Lane All-Purpose provision to a Dual 3-Lane All-Purpose Provision for this section of the road.

#### 1.2 REPORT OBJECTIVES

- 1.2.1 This Structures Options Report has been prepared to assess the constraints/challenges associated with increasing the capacity of the A1 running under North Side Overbridge whilst remaining within the existing cross section available.
- 1.2.2 The report shall confirm the structural modifications (if any) required to North Side Overbridge to accommodate the new highway alignment.
- 1.2.3 Upon confirmation and sign off, this report shall provide Highways England with sufficient information/justification for seeking approval/funding to progress the scheme within the next stage of development.



# 2. EXISTING STRUCTURE

#### 2.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

- 2.1.1 North Side Overbridge (commissioned in 1971) is defined in SMIS with the following discrete structure number and key:
  - /A1//439.70//
  - STKEY 8887
- 2.1.2 North Side Overbridge carries the A1231 Northbound and Southbound carriageway over the A1.
- 2.1.3 The structure comprises a two span simply supported composite pre-stressed concrete box girder with in-situ concrete deck type construction. The Northbound and Southbound decks are divided into two structurally independent decks by a central longitudinal movement joint.
- 2.1.4 Span one covers the A1 northbound carriageway and is 23.87m. Span two covers the southbound carriageway and is 24.20m.
- 2.1.5 The end supports comprise Reinforced Concrete cantilever abutment walls. The central pier incorporating trapezoidal voids.
- 2.1.6 Independent RC cantilever wing walls are located at the four corner of the bridge and are orientated such that they are parallel to the A1. The abutments/ pier & wing walls are all found on spread foundations.
- 2.1.7 The decks are fixed in both directions at the centre pier by dowels and are free to move at both abutments. Elastomeric bearings are provided at both the abutments and central pier.
- 2.1.8 Record drawings indicate the existing aluminium parapets comprise group P2, 113kph, type parapets with mesh infill (equivalent to current N2 containment in accordance with TD19/06). The central reserve and verge pier are currently safeguarded via a tension corrugated type safety barriers.
- 2.1.9 Refer to Appendix B for existing As built records

#### 2.2 STRUCTURE CAPACITY

- 2.2.1 Reference to the structures management information system (SMIS) records indicate the structure was originally design to sustain full HA and 30 units HB with associated HA loading.
- 2.2.2 The structure has not been previously assessed and the abnormal load capacity for STGO/SO remains unknown.

#### 2.3 STATUTORY UNDERTAKERS INFORMATION

- 2.3.1 Details of existing services within the scheme boundary are shown on the following service information plans provided in Appendix C.:
  - HE551462-WSP-VUT-BCH-DR-D-00001
  - HE551462-WSP-VUT-BCH-DR-D-00002
  - HE551462-WSP-VUT-BCH-DR-D-00003



- 2.3.2 Service information indicates the following service ducts are carried within the deck of North Side Overbridge.
  - British Telecom (BT110) services located in the verge of the southbound deck.
  - Northern Power grid services (NP113) located within the verge of the A123, Southbound deck.
  - Virgin Media network service (V107) located within the verge of the A123, northbound deck.

#### 2.4 MAINTENANCE & INSPECTION SUMMARY

2.4.1 The SMIS database shows records of the following inspections for the existing structure:

INSPECTION TYPE	INSPECTION DATE	Agent
Principal Inspection	04/02/2013	A-One+ - Area 14 (Reviewed)
General Inspection	23/08/2011	A-One+ - Area 14 (Reviewed)
General Inspection	01/07/2009	A-One+ - Area 14 (Reviewed)
Principal Inspection	04/07/2007	A-One+ - Area 14 (Reviewed)
General Inspection	27/07/2005	A-One+ - Area 14 (Reviewed)
General Inspection	13/02/2004	A-One+ - Area 14 (Reviewed)
Principal Inspection	12/06/2001	Shown on records but not reviewed.
General Inspection	02/10/1998	Shown on records but not reviewed.
General Inspection	21/10/1997	Shown on records but not reviewed.
General Inspection	02/10/1996	Shown on records but not reviewed.
General Inspection	08/03/1996	Shown on records but not reviewed.
Principal Inspection	29/04/1993	Shown on records but not reviewed.
General Inspection	10/01/1990	Shown on records but not reviewed.
General Inspection	08/07/1988	Shown on records but not reviewed.
General Inspection	01/10/1986	Shown on records but not reviewed.
Principal Inspection	01/10/1982	Shown on records but not reviewed.
General Inspection	01/10/1981	Shown on records but not reviewed.



- 2.4.2 The SMIS database shows records of the following maintenance actions for the existing structure:
  - 1990 Parapets replaced with Aluminium P2 by Lindley Ltd.
  - 1993 Major refurbishment including concrete repairs, waterproofing and joint renewal. Silane impregnation of concrete surfaces.
- 2.4.3 In summary, the reviewed inspection reports indicate the structure is in good condition with no significant defects that impact the integrity/load bearing capacity of the bridge. However outstanding maintenance actions have been recorded in the last PI dated 2013 that will eventually need to be addressed to prolong the service life of the structure.
- 2.4.4 The table below (Table 2-1) highlights the outstanding maintenance works tabulated in the latest PI dated 2013. We note that the recommended action date to complete these works was January 2015 and therefore has now lapsed. At the least it is expected some of the safety critical defects associated with the parapets/safety barriers will be rectified prior to this scheme progressing on site, March 2020.
- 2.4.5 Assuming most of the maintenance works are not scheduled to be completed, it would be prudent to consider incorporating some of the outstanding maintenance works to be undertaken during the A1 Birtley to Coalhouse Improvement Scheme, thereby taking advantage of the traffic management that will be required to facilitate the site works. This would need to be balanced against the potential impact on the cost/construction programme and disruption to the connecting local road network (carriageway level works).
- 2.4.6 Final confirmation of outstanding maintenance items to be included within the scheme will be subject to confirmation/approval from the HE.

Reviewed Mainten	ance Actions confirmed thro	ugh this and outsta	anding from other Inspections
N.B. The Origin of Work for	each of these Maintenance Actions is Routine	Inspection (currently Principal	General, Special and Monitoring).
Maintenance Object	Security Mesh	Maintenance Action	Install
Estimated Cost	£20,000	Recomm. Action Date	01/01/2015
Priority Category	3	Risk Score	64
Comments	Extensive pigeon excrement and ne	sting to bearing shelves	and central section of pier - clean off
	& install anti bird measures.	0 0	
Maintenance Object	Drainage System	Maintenance Action	Repair
Estimated Cost	£5,000	Recomm. Action Date	01/01/2015
Priority Category	3	Risk Score	64
Comments	Clean out pipes and investigate see	page	
Maintenance Object	Concrete	Maintenance Action	Repair
Estimated Cost	£30,000	Recomm. Action Date	01/01/2015
Priority Category	3	Risk Score	63
Comments	Carry out concrete repairs, fill holes	and remove chisel	
Maintenance Object	Expansion Joint	Maintenance Action	Replace
Estimated Cost	£50,000	Recomm. Action Date	01/01/2015
Priority Category	3	Risk Score	61
Comments	Replace expansion joints in 2no dua		elay settled kerb
Maintenance Object	Safety Fence	Maintenance Action	Install
Estimated Cost	£200,000	Recomm. Action Date	01/01/2015
Priority Category	3	Risk Score	42
Comments	Install safety fence to above A1231		
Maintenance Object		Maintenance Action	Protect
Estimated Cost	£5,000	Recomm. Action Date	01/01/2015
Priority Category	3	Risk Score	39
Comments	Install barrier to stop any access to	the north west corner	
Maintenance Object		Maintenance Action	Repair
Estimated Cost	£1,500	Recomm. Action Date	01/01/2015
Priority Category	3	Risk Score	27
Comments	Carryout repairs to north east wing	wall	
Maintenance Object	Main Beam	Maintenance Action	Repair
Estimated Cost	£7,500	Recomm. Action Date	01/01/2015
Priority Category	3	Risk Score	25
Comments	Fill in drill holes to beams and wing		
Maintenance Object		Maintenance Action	Replace
Estimated Cost	£7,500	Recomm. Action Date	
Priority Category	3	Risk Score	25
Comments	Mastic sealants debonding and split	ting - replace.	

Principal Inspection Report for North Side (/A1//439.70//) (Authorised)

Table 2-1: Outstanding maintenance works tabulated in the latest PI dated 2013



# **3.** PIER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

#### 3.1 GENERAL

- 3.1.1 A impact assessment of the pier was undertaken to inform the preliminary design process and confirm whether:
  - The pier need to be safeguarded against impact
  - The pier need to be strengthened to sustain impact loads in the event that safety barriers cannot be deployed due to insufficient width
  - The pier can sustain impact loading and therefore it would be permissible to transition safety barriers directly into the end of the piers.

#### 3.2 ASSESSMENT COMMENTARY

- 3.2.1 The pier was assessed for vehicle collision loads in accordance with BD48/93.
- 3.2.2 The pier was analysed as a free cantilever slab by hand using normal linear elastic analysis. Impact loading was derived using the Quasi-static approach provided in BD48/93.
- 3.2.3 Applied bending and shear effects were compared against capacities derived in accordance with BD44/15.

#### 3.3 ASSESSMENT RESULTS

- 3.3.1 The assessment confirmed the pier is able to sustain the vehicle collision loads in accordance with BD48/93. Therefore:
  - The pier does not require safeguarding via a safety barrier
  - It would be permissible for the safety barrier to transition into the end of the pier and allow for the pier to act as a barrier against impact.



# **4.** PROPOSED NEW HIGHWAY ALIGNMENT

#### 4.1 GENERAL

- 4.1.1 Refer to Appendix E for details of the existing and proposed highway alignment through North Side Overbridge.
- 4.1.2 The new highway alignment comprising additional lane capacity could be accommodated within the existing clearance envelope via the following:
  - Encroachment and reduction of the central reserve
  - Encroachment and reduction of the verges
  - Reduction in lane widths
- 4.1.3 The headroom clearance based on the new alignment would also be in excess of the minimum maintained headroom of 5.03 as stipulated in Table 6.1 of TD27/05.
- 4.1.4 In summary the new highway alignment can be accommodated without necessitating major structural modification to North Side Overbridge. Therefore the impact on existing services within deck (refer to section 2.2 of the report) would be limited.
- 4.1.5 Construction work at the structure could potentially be limited to reconstruction of the verges and central reserve to suit the new alignment. The pier impact assessment has confirmed the pier does not require safe guarding by barriers and these could be made to transition into the supports.
- 4.1.6 The pier would be acceptable to act as a barrier on the basis they can sustain impact loads and they also fulfil the definition of a smooth traffic face finish as specified in TD19/06.



# 5. CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 5.1 CONCLUSION

- 5.1.1 The study has shown the proposed new A1 highway alignment/cross section can be accommodated under the existing North Side Overbridge without the need for major structural modifications.
- 5.1.2 The initial impact assessment of the pier confirms the pier is able to sustain the vehicular impact loads. Therefore it would be permissible for pier to not be safe guarded by safety barriers providing additional width for alignment modifications if required.
- 5.1.3 The review of previous inspection reports, showed the structure to generally be in good condition with no significant defects that may impact the integrity/loading bearing capacity of the bridge. However some outstanding maintenance actions have been identified.
- 5.1.4 Prior to detailed design, confirmation is required from the HE regarding outstanding maintenance items (if any) that need to be incorporated as part of the A1 Birtley to Coalhouse Improvement Scheme.
- 5.1.5 This would ensure cost and programme implications to undertake the design and implementation of outstanding maintenance items is accurately accounted for during further development of the scheme.

#### 5.2 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.2.1 The following should be undertaken to further verify the findings of this report and any further works required to North Side Overbridge.
  - Liaison with the HE to confirm outstanding maintenance actions (if any) to be included as part of this scheme and therefore developed accordingly at detailed design.
  - Completion of the pier impact assessment under full technical approval. This would enable the result to be certified and inform the scheme as it progresses.





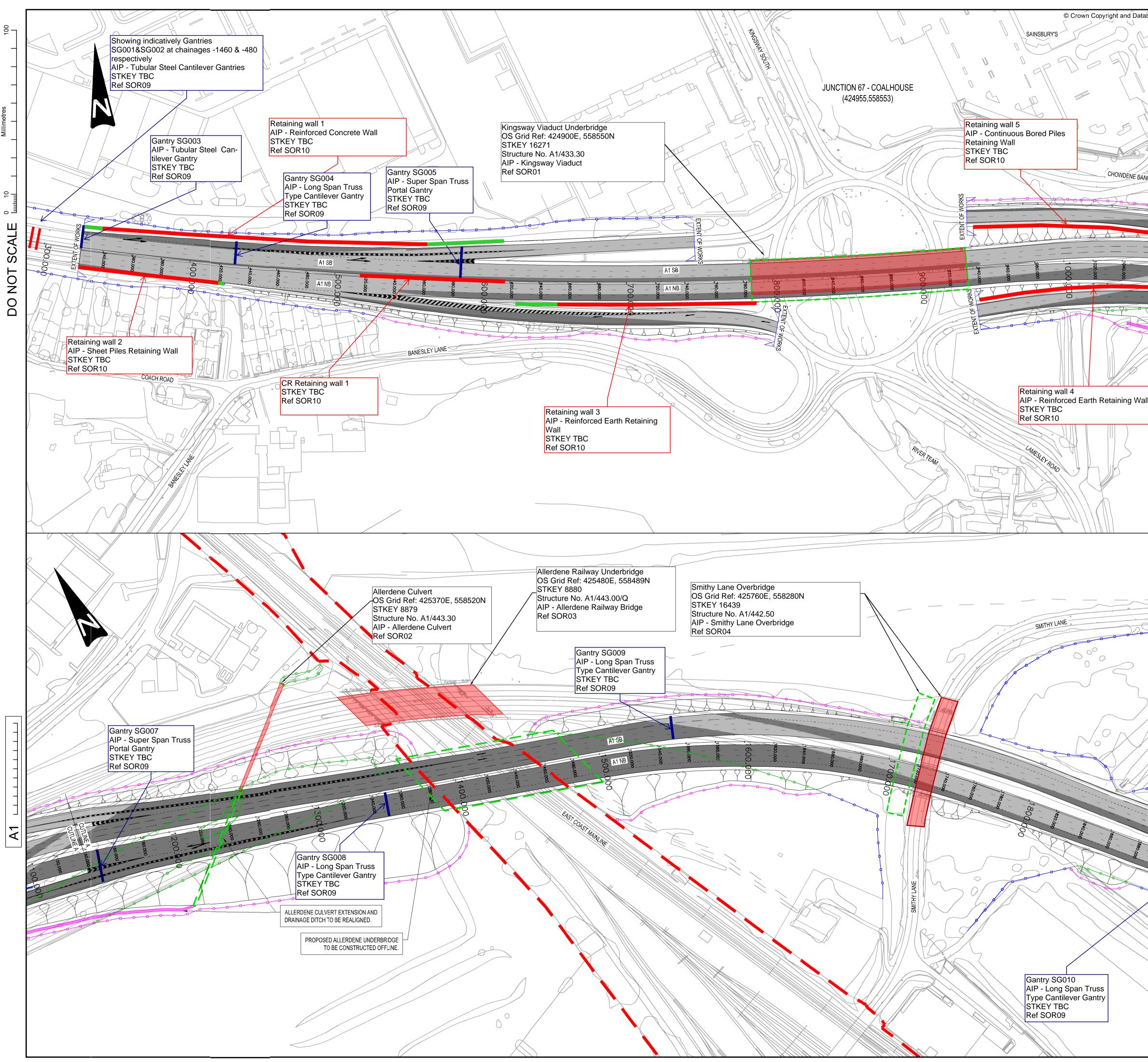
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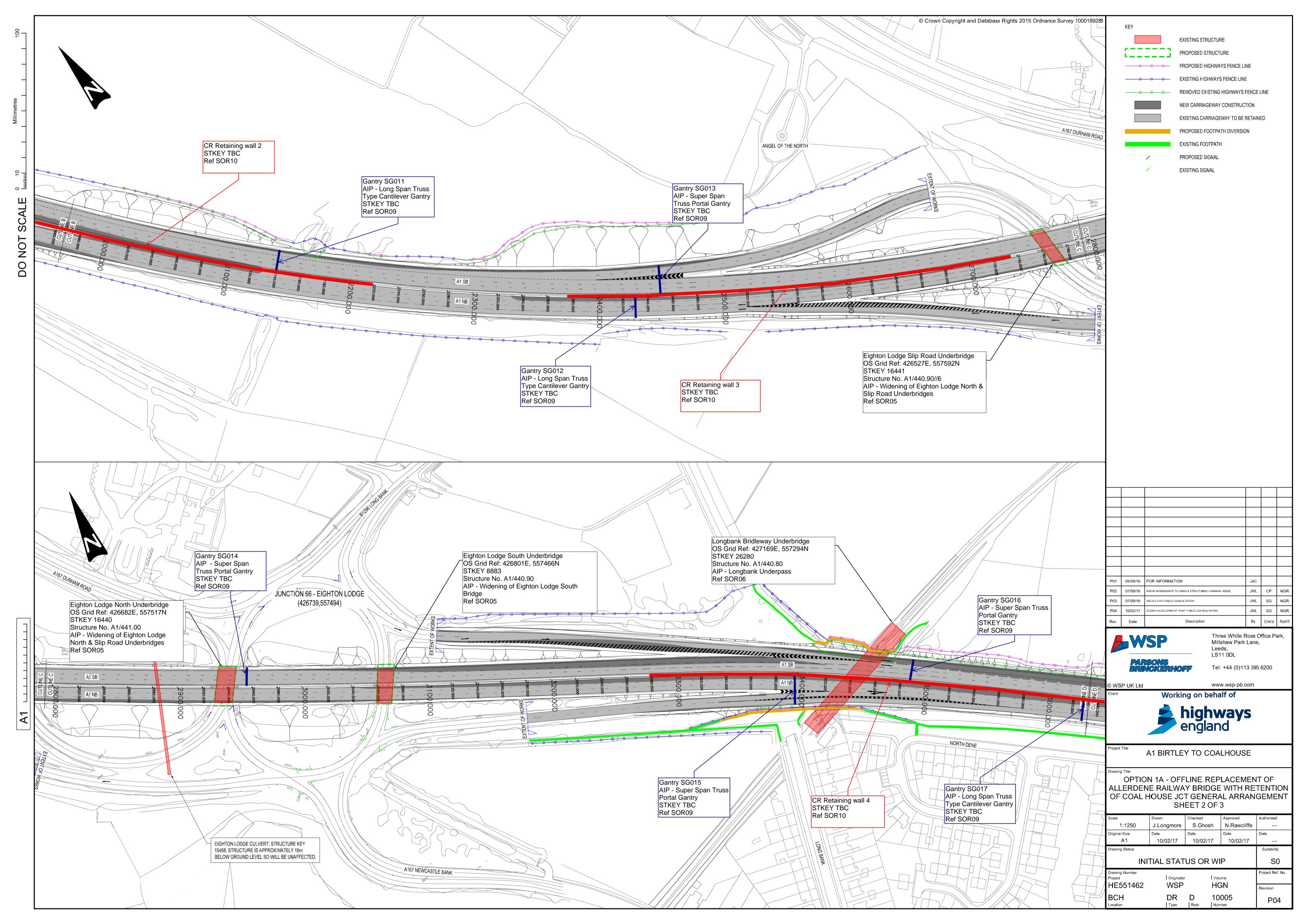


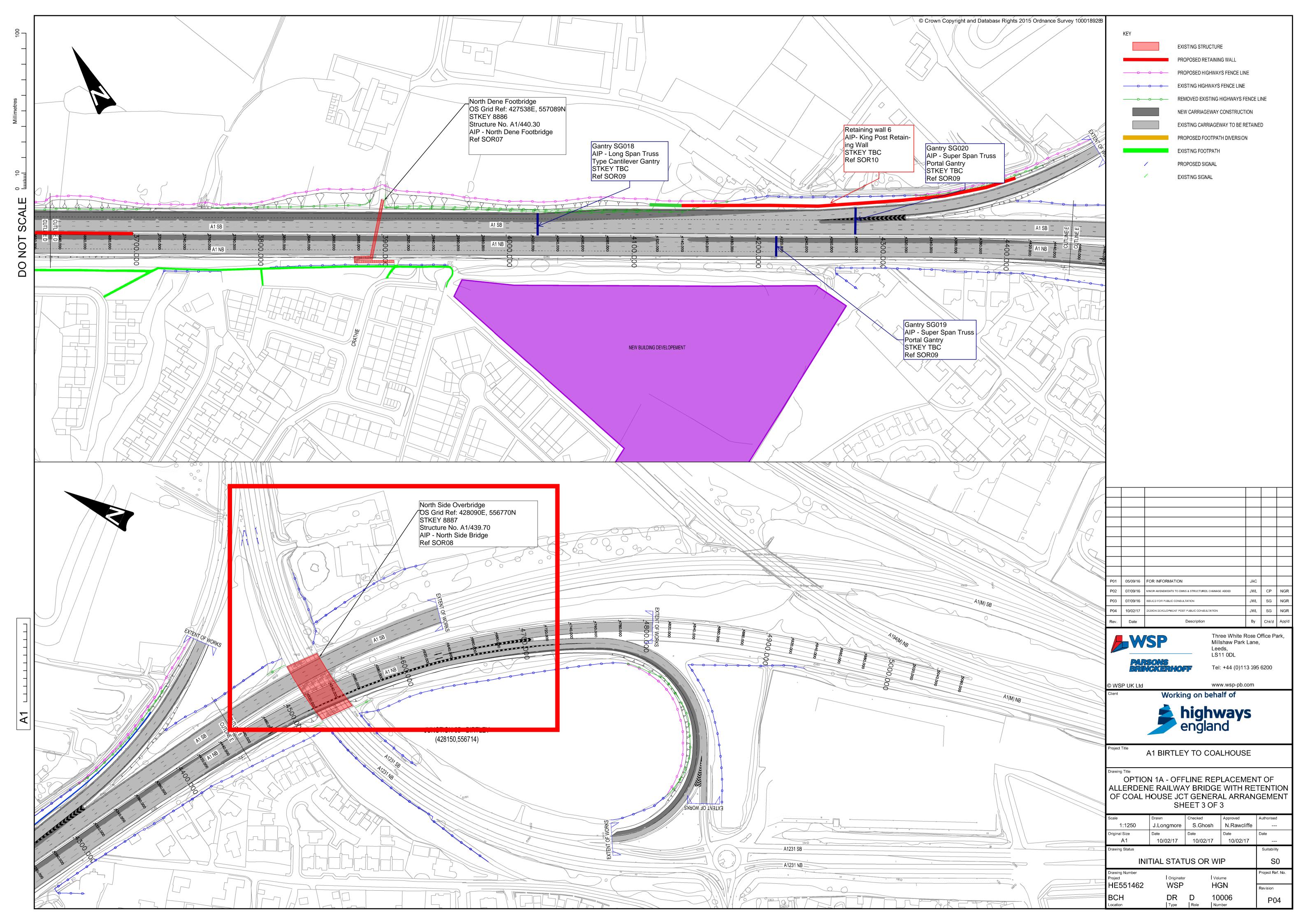
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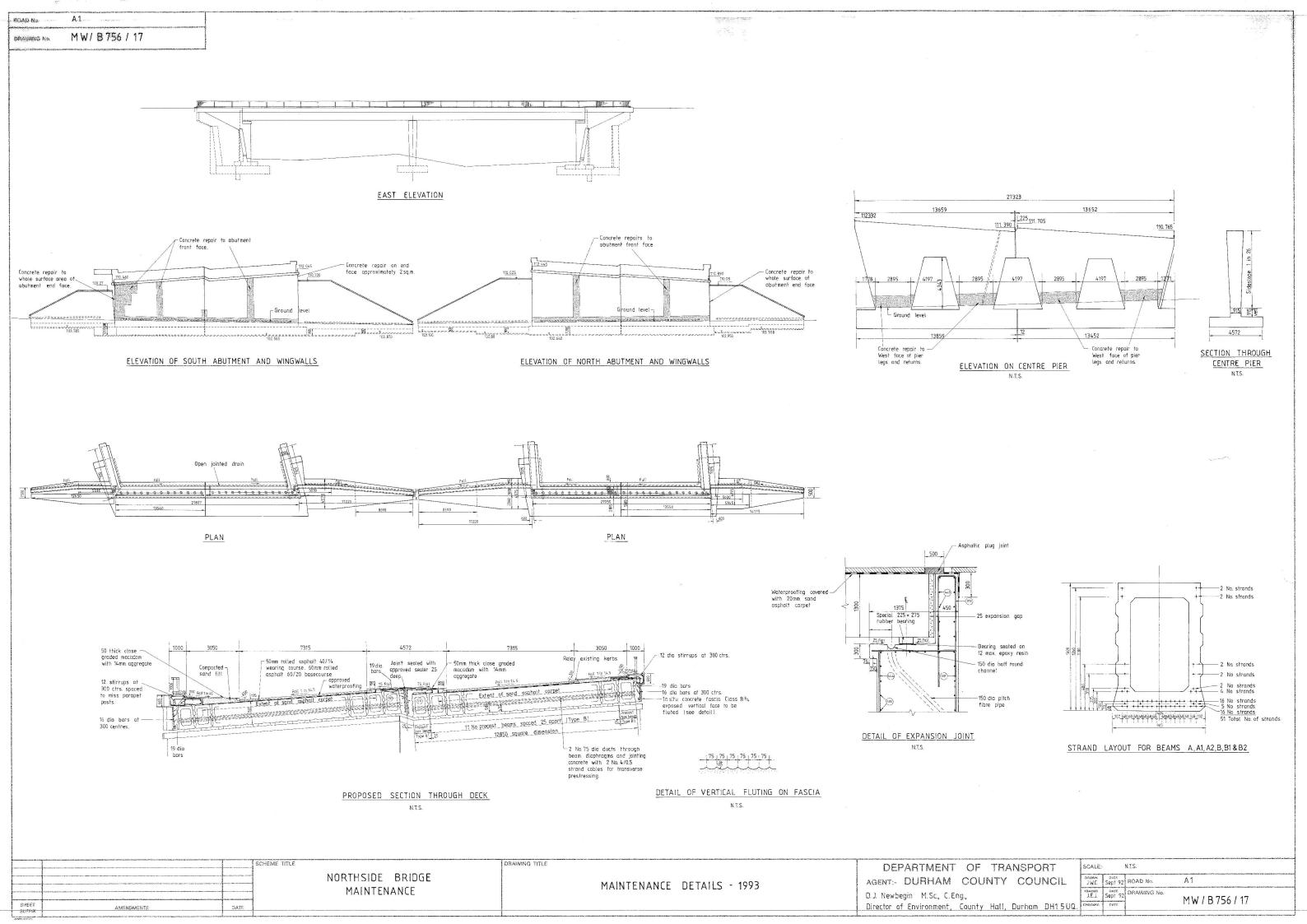


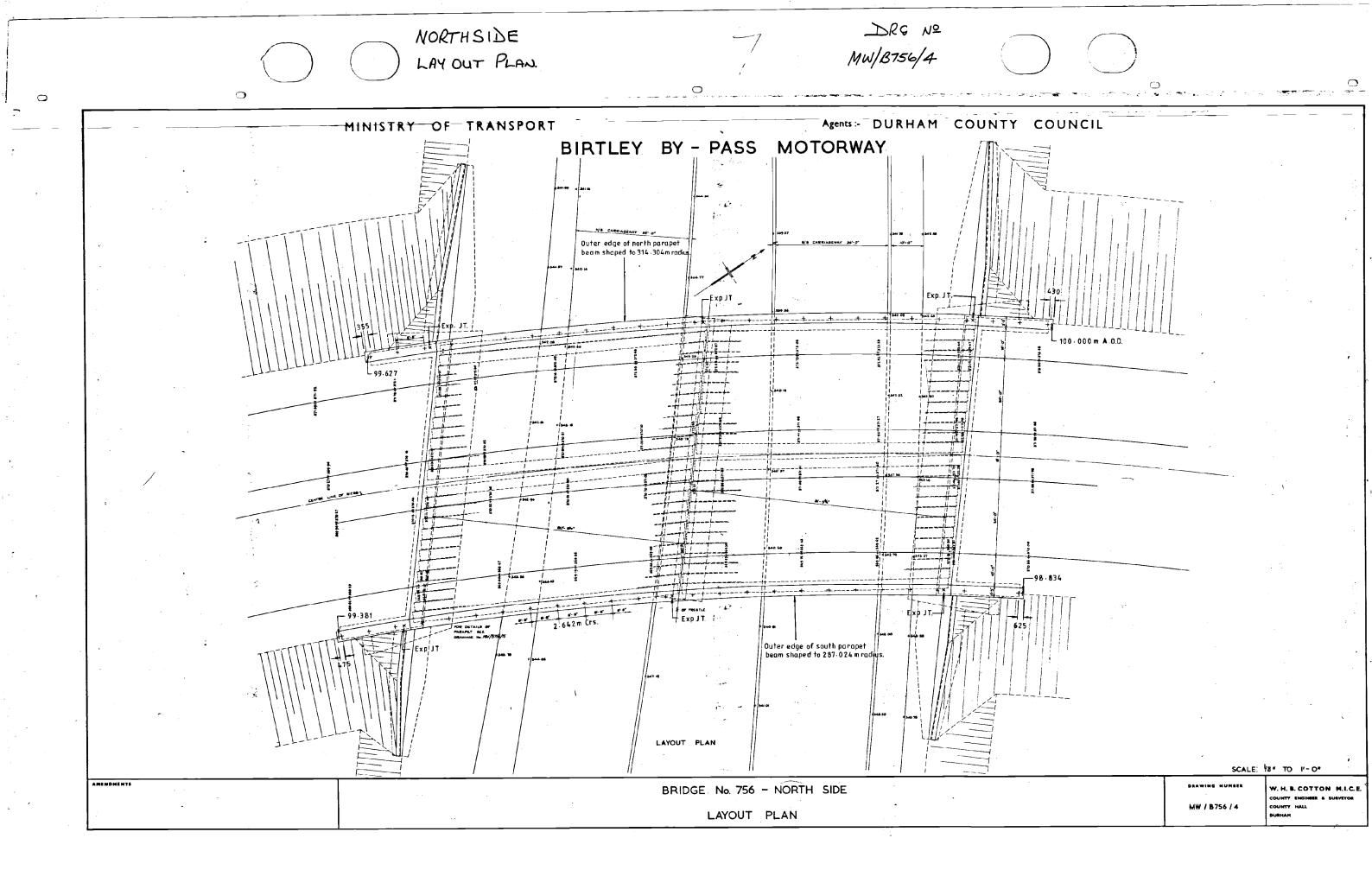
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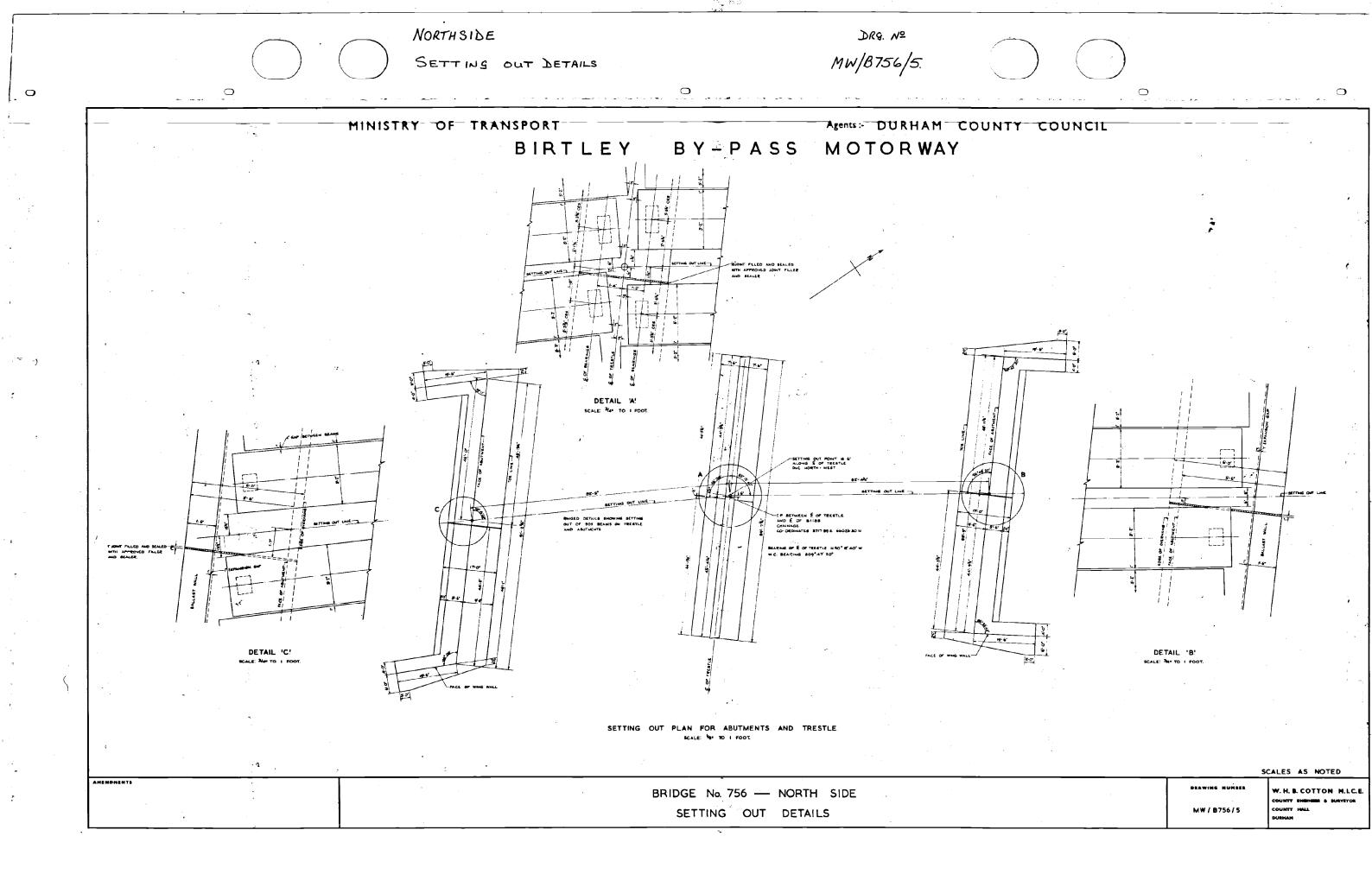


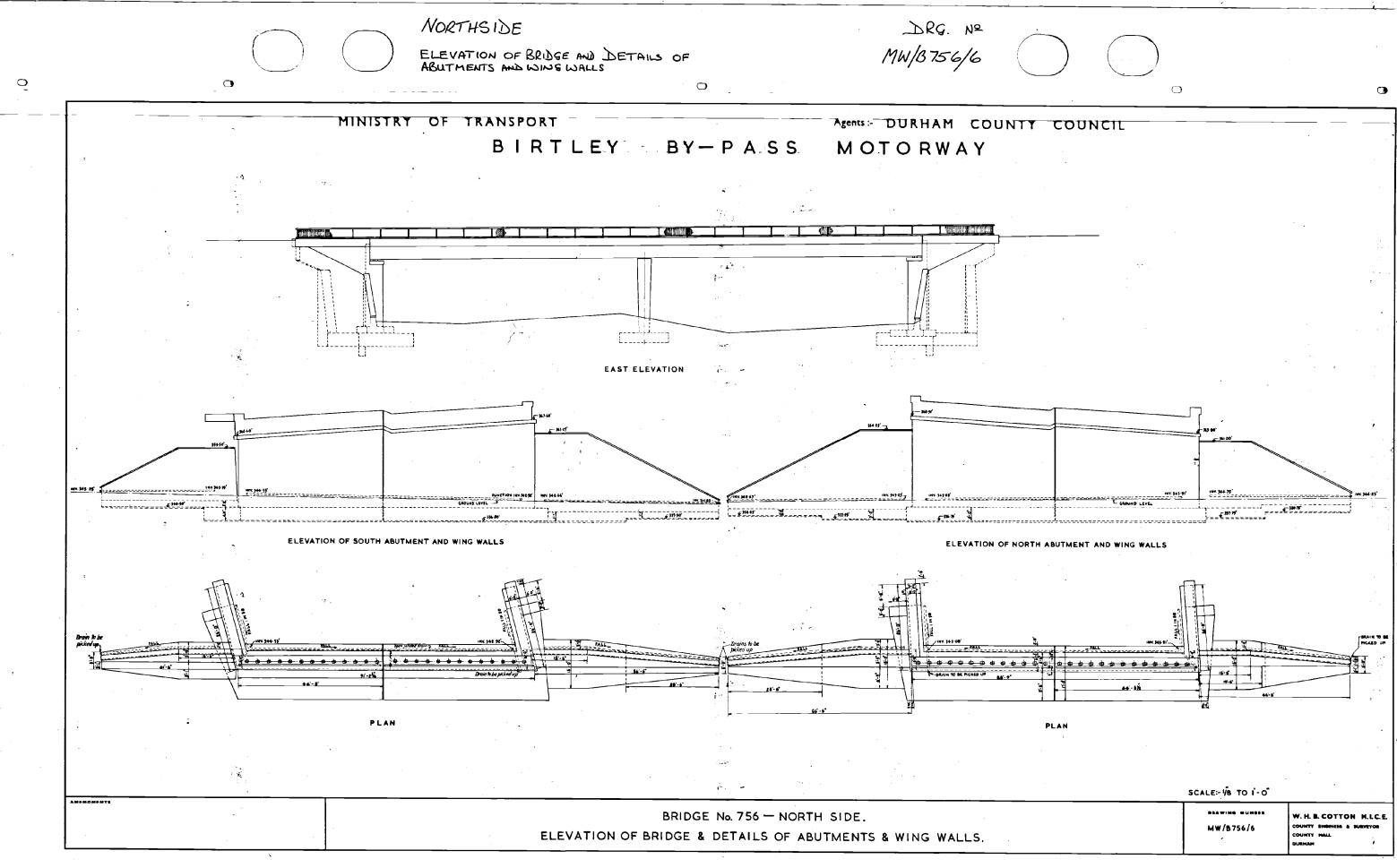
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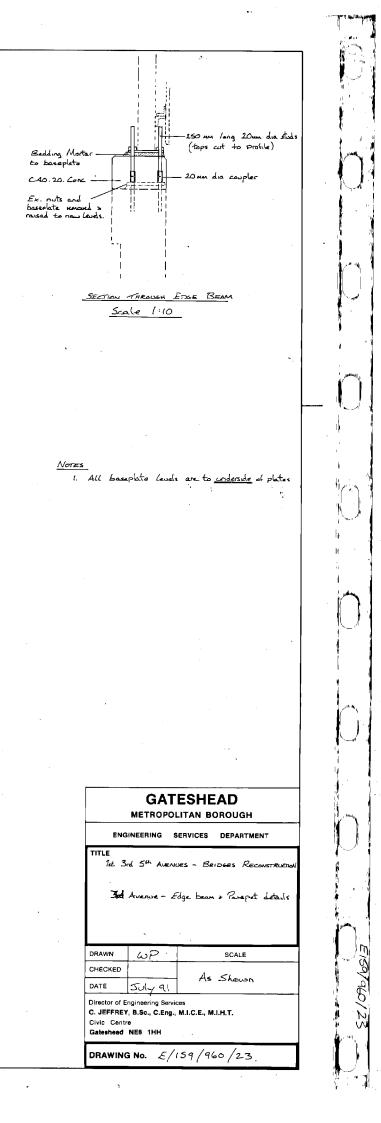
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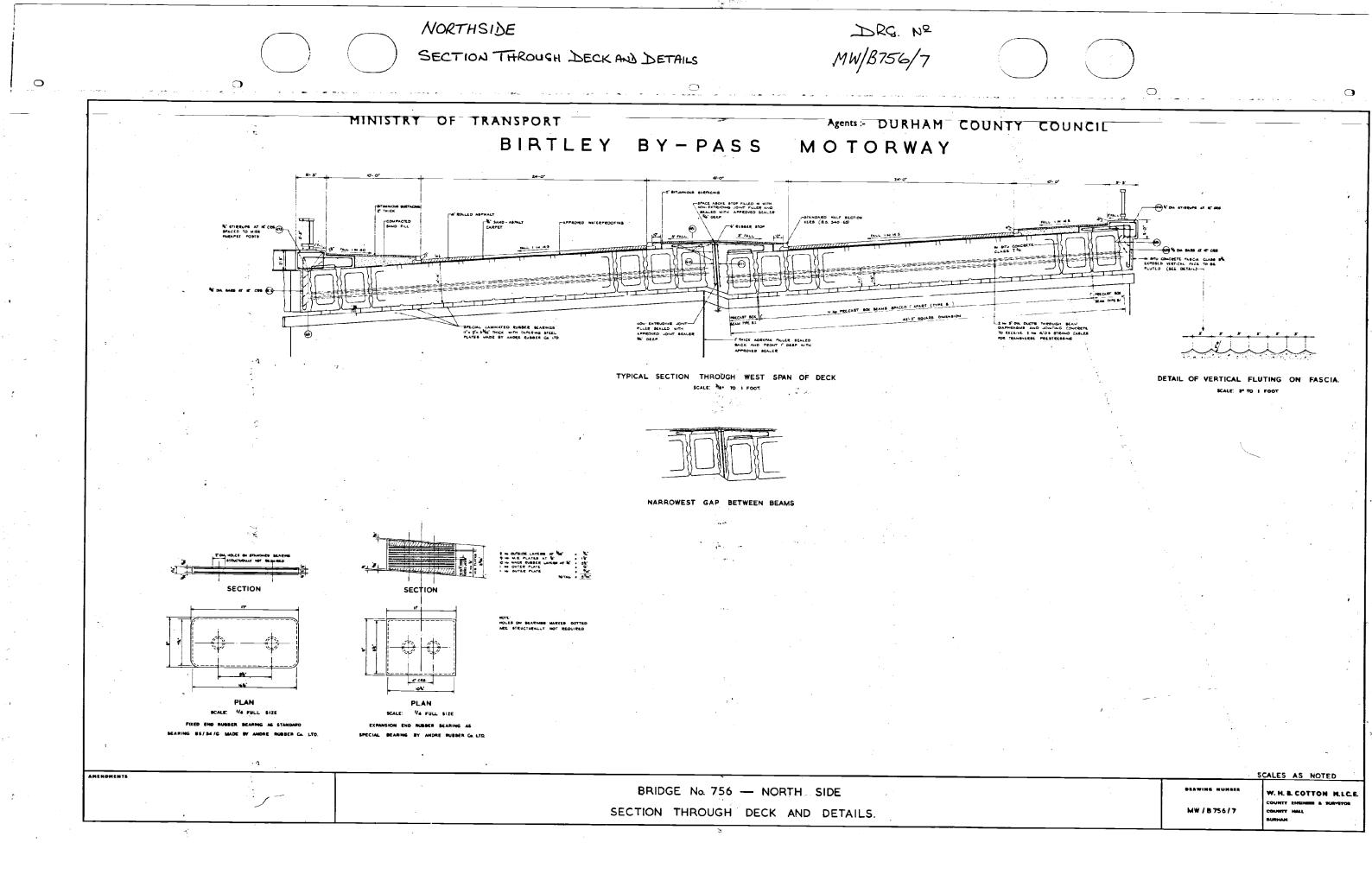
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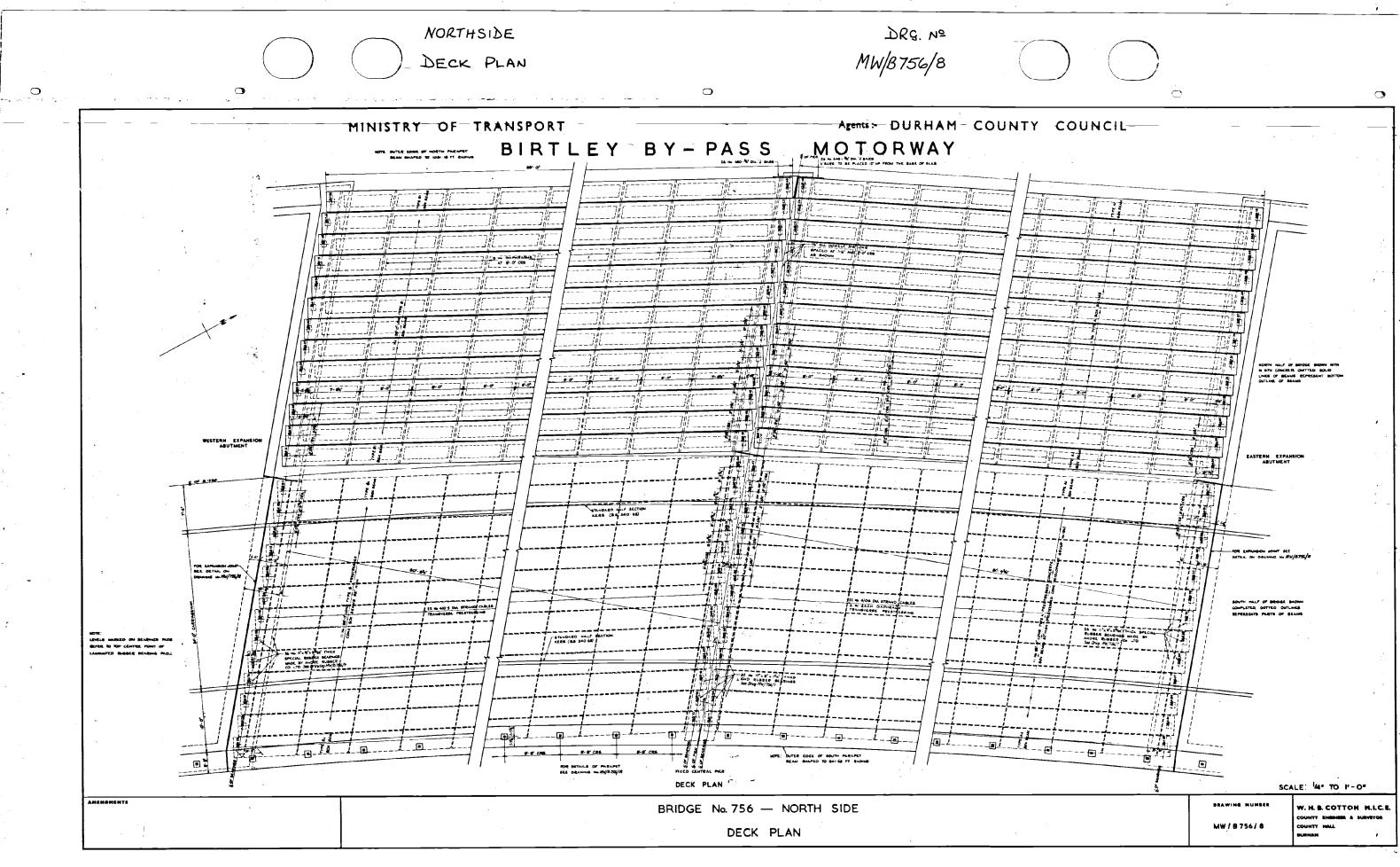


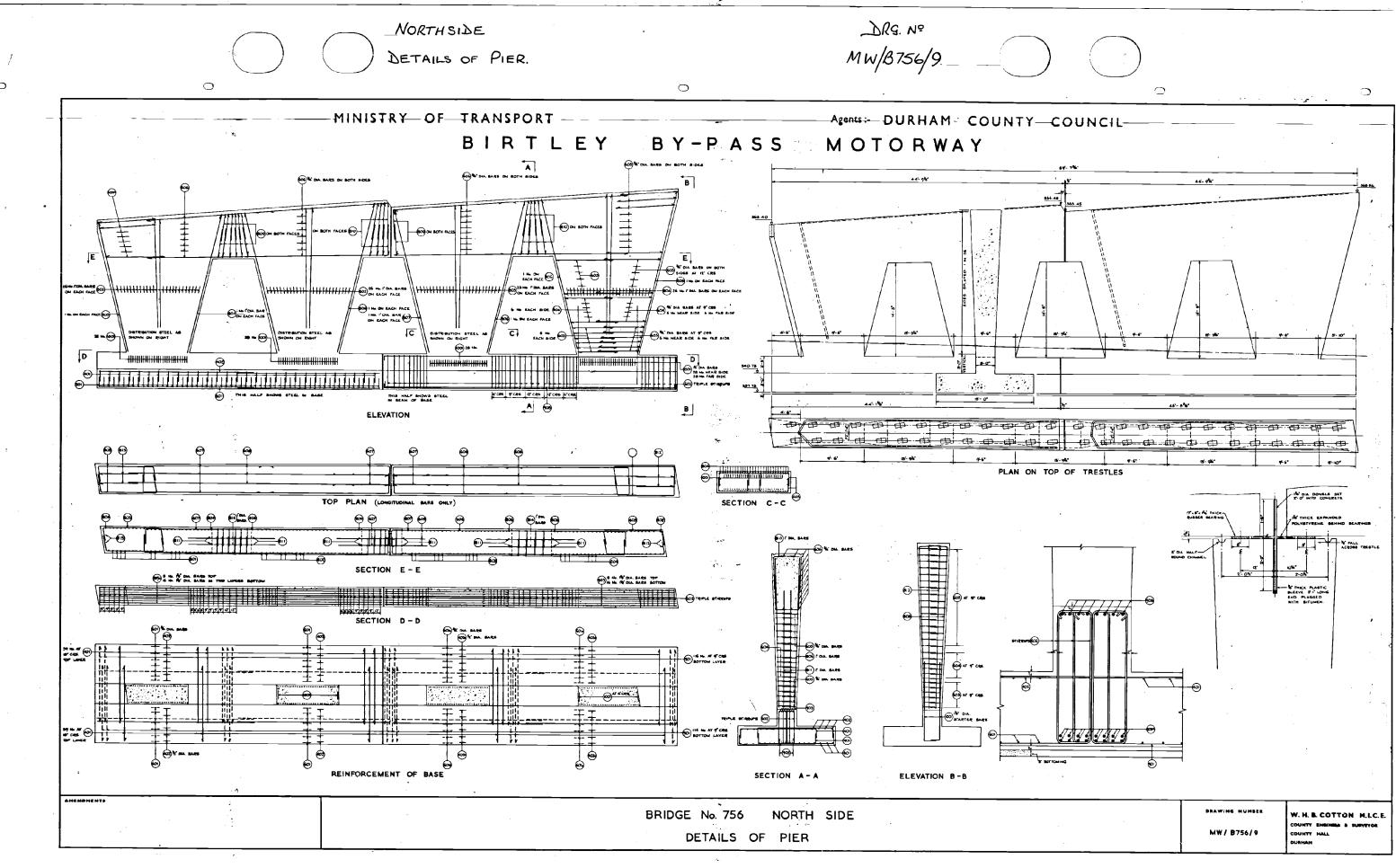
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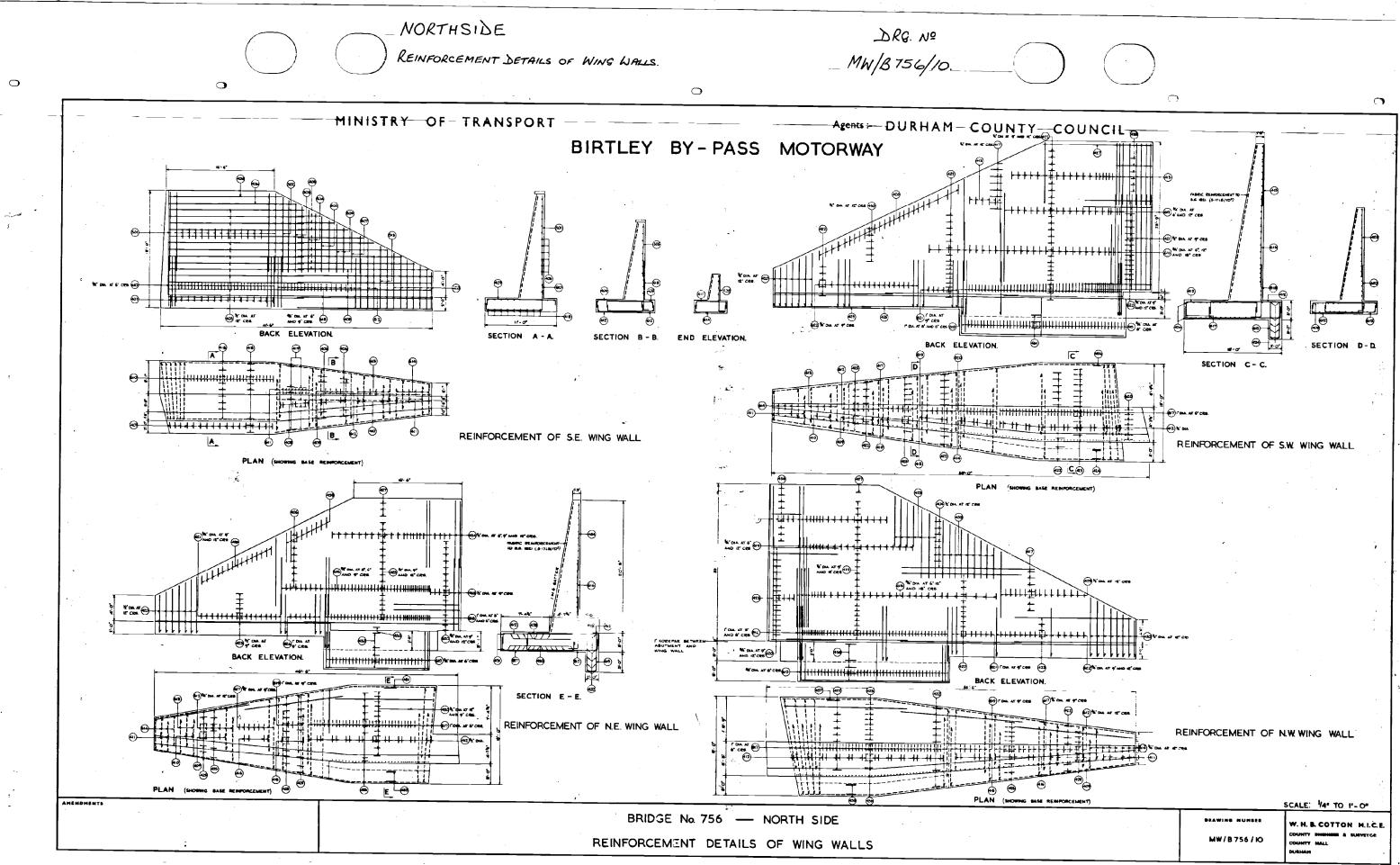
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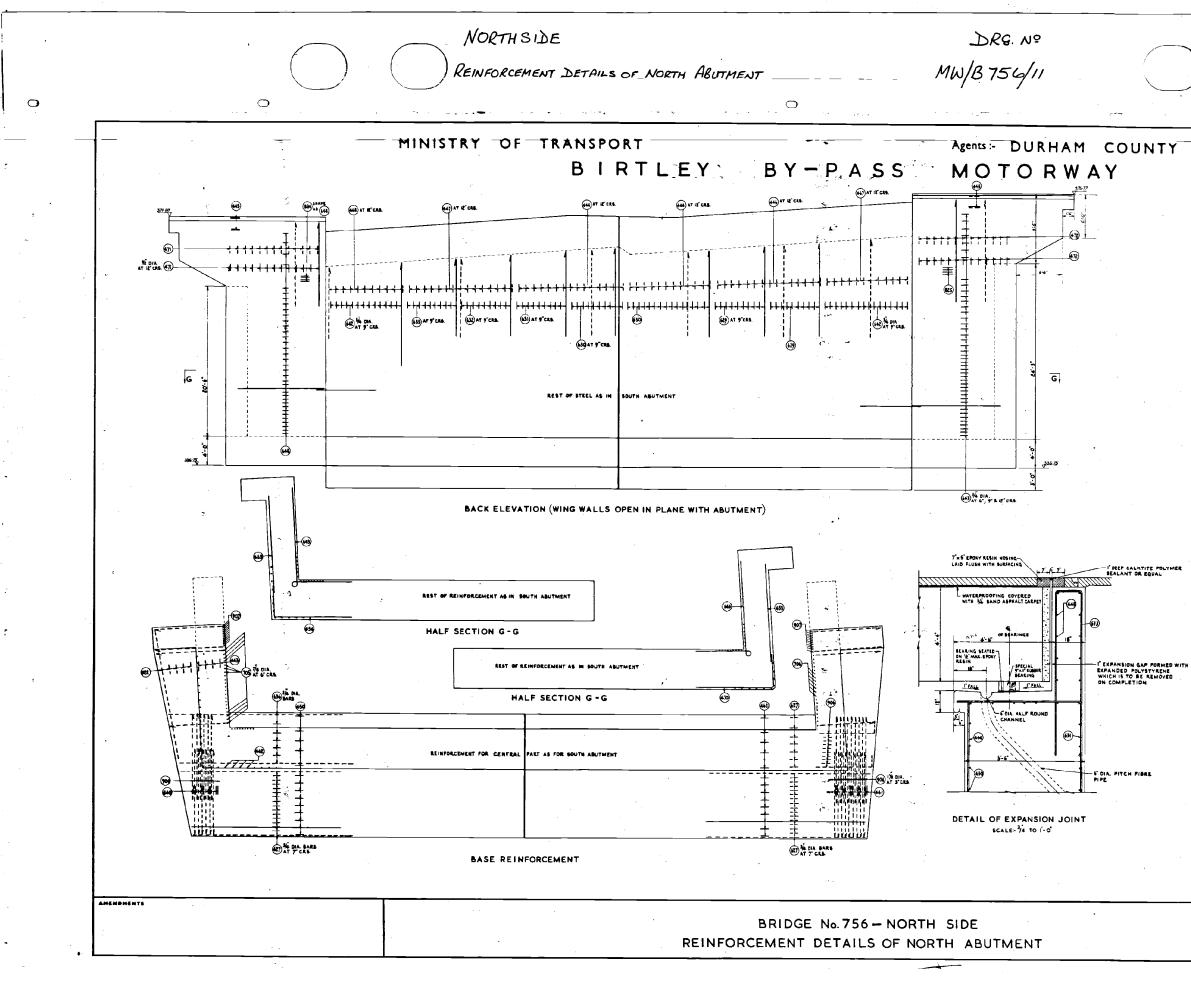
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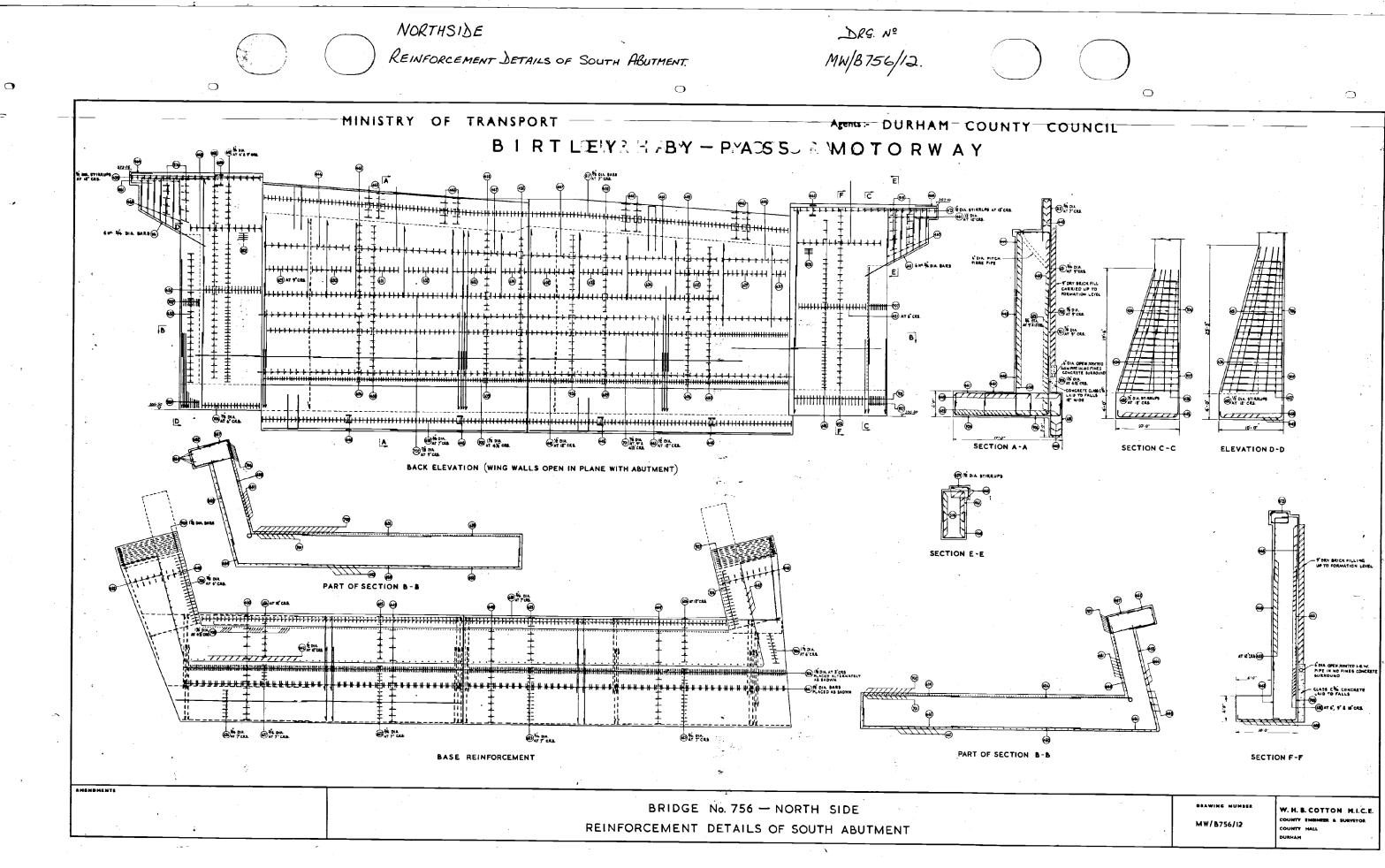


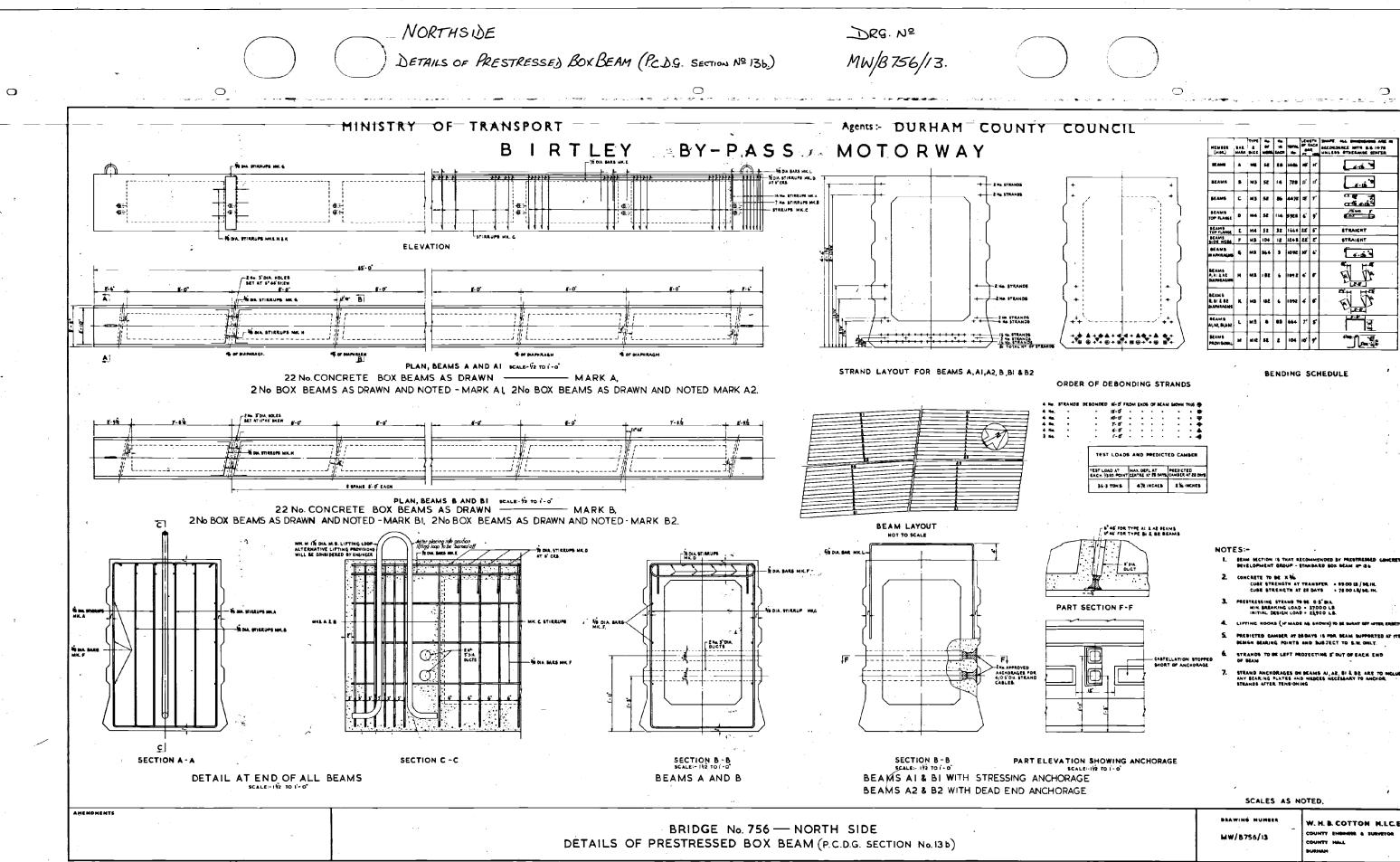






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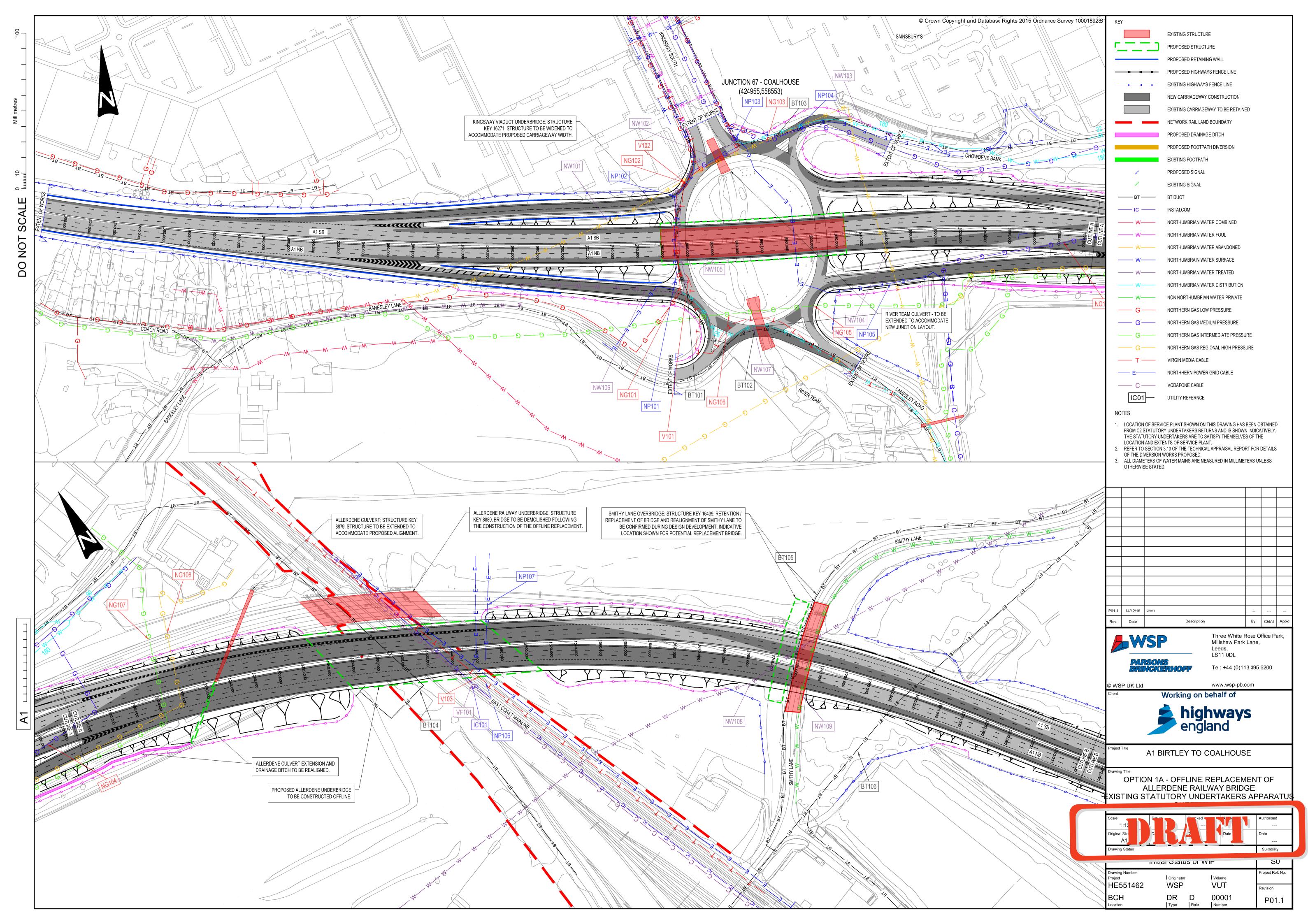
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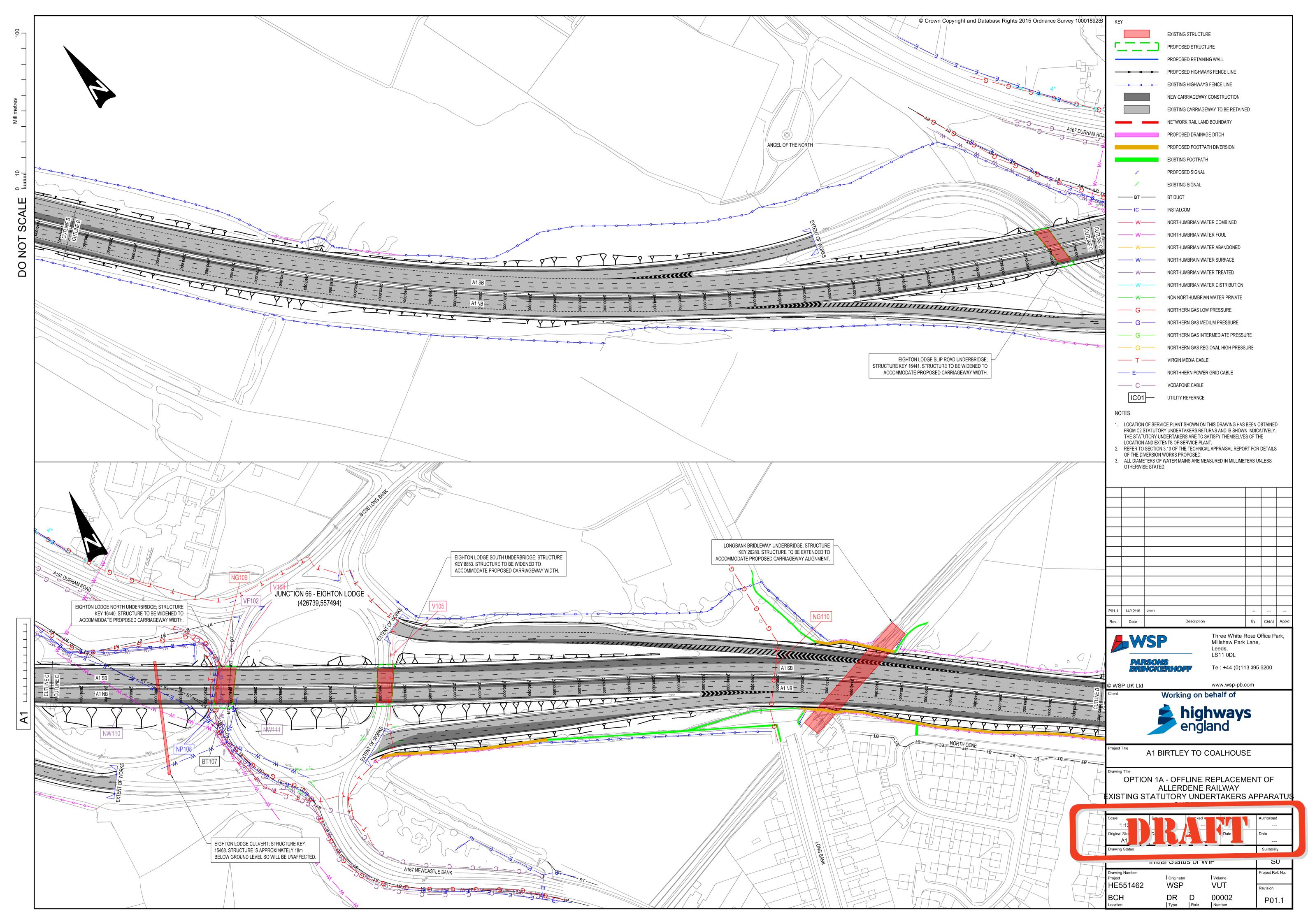
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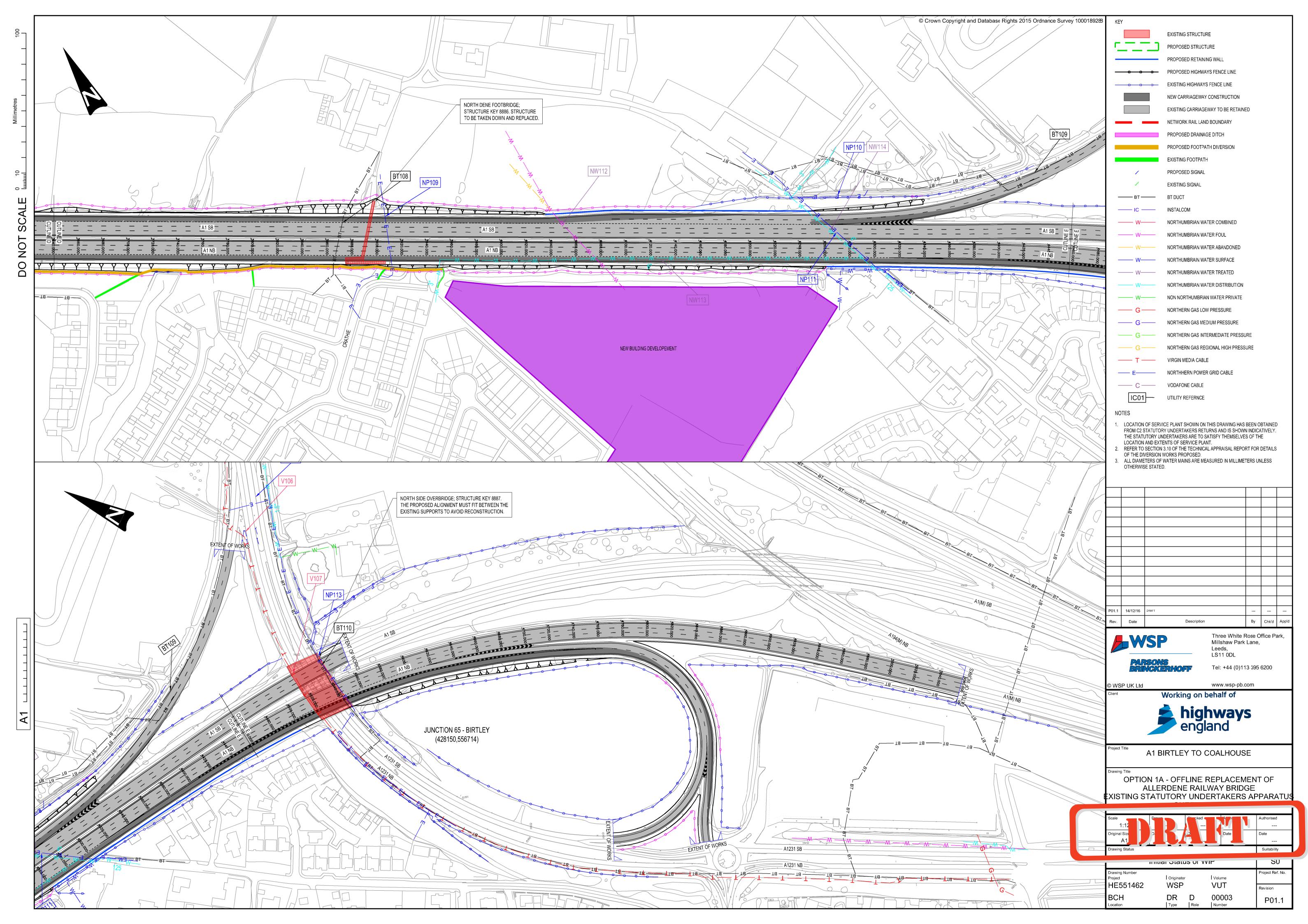


## **APPENDIX C-1**

### STATUTORY UNDERTAKERS DRAWINGS









# Appendix D

#### **EXISTING STRUCTURE PHOTOGRAPH PLAN**



## **APPENDIX D-1**

### **EXISTING STRUCTURE PHOTOGRAPH PLAN**



Plan View



General View of Pier



North Elevation



South Elevation



General View of Carriageway



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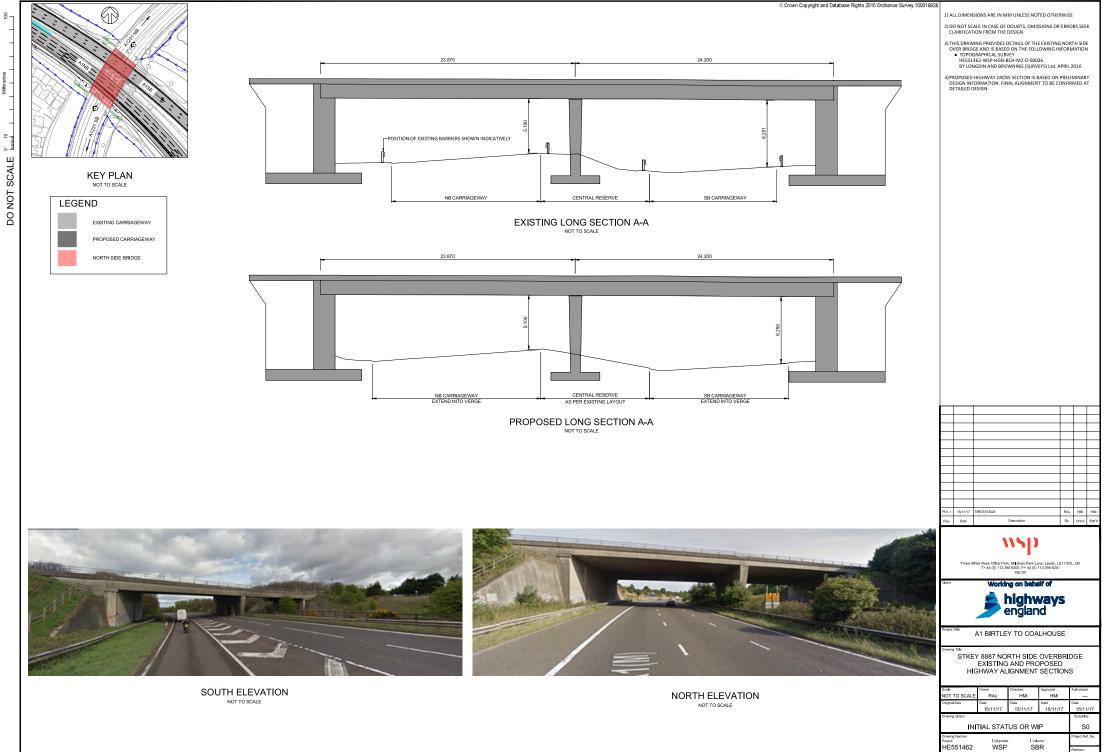
# Appendix E

**EXISTING AND PROPOSED CROSS SECTION** 



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# Appendix F

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Wilkes, Nicola; Dennis, Stephen	
Subject: RE: A1B2CH - Issue of the Northside OB SOR and Progress to date 22-1	1-17

Hitan

Good afternoon to you, and thank you for the enclosed Structures Options Report for Northside Overbridge.

I confirm acceptance of the Structures Options Report for Northside Overbridge including the recommendations to complete the pier impact assessments, and also liaison with the HE asset manager for Area 14 to discuss the outstanding maintenance actions highlighted in table 2-1.

In terms of Headroom, he report mentions that the existing measured critical headroom is 5.17m under span one Northbound, and section 4.4.3 states that "the headroom clearance based on the new alignment would also be in excess of the minimum maintained height of 5.03 metres".

I would like to stress to the project team that although 5.03m (16ft 6inch) is the minimum maintained height mentioned in table 6.1 of TD 27/05, it is not the standard that we want to aim for, but is just the minimum bridge height that does not require bridge height signs. Any opportunity for us to increase the clearance at a bridge should be explored, or in this instance at the very least maintain the existing clearance.

If we are planning to renew the surfacing over the existing carriageway I would hope that we are also planning to mill the existing pavement and only put back what we take off, and not overlay, thereby reducing the existing clearance.

regards

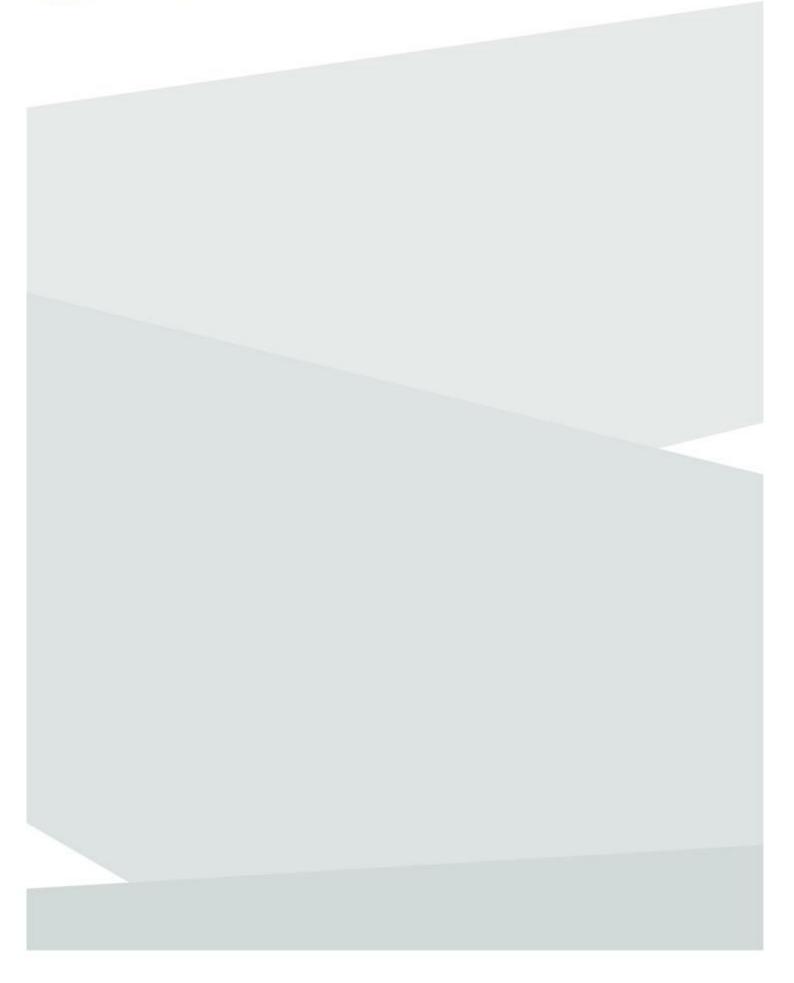
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