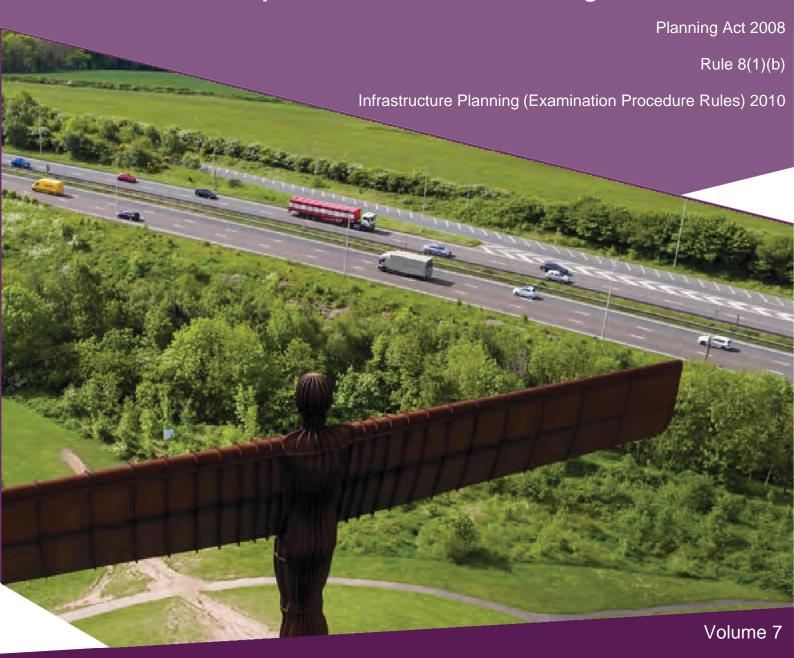


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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 (Coal House). 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.

The existing North Dene Footbridge, located south of the A1 Junction 66 Eighton Lodge, is one of the many existing structures affected by the proposed improvements to the A1 alignment. This Structures Options Report has been prepared to assess the constraints/challenges associated with the structural works at North Dene Footbridge.

The study has shown that the existing North Dene footbridge (including ramps) would need to be replaced in its entirety. The new structure shall comprise a single clear span over the mainline with a 3.5m clear width throughout and a new 1 in 12 ramp provision to the west side.

The preferred structural form for the replacement bridge would comprise a structural steel bow truss footbridge structure with a simple steel beam ramp supported on steel trestles/columns on the west (northbound carriageway) side. A bow truss footbridge would provide a structure with enhanced aesthetic value whilst remaining a simple cost effective structural form for construction.

On the east (southbound carriageway) side the end of the main bridge will be supported on either a reinforced concrete trough or a reinforced concrete bankseat on reinforced earth embankment.

The estimated construction cost for the replacement structure is provided below.

- Steel Bow Truss Main Span support via a RC trough on the east side Estimated Construction Cost £1.5-2.0 million (this includes for the demolition of the existing structure and construction of the new steel ramp to the west side).
- Steel Bow Truss Main Span supported via RC bankseat on Reinforced Earth embankments on the east side Estimated Cost £1.2-1.5 million (this includes for the demolition of the existing structure and construction of the new steel ramp to the west side).

It is recommended that North Dene Footbridge be replaced with the following structure:

• Structural steel bow truss footbridge with a simple steel beam ramp structure supported on steel trestles/columns on the west (northbound carriageway) side. On the east (southbound carriageway) side, the end of the main bridge will be supported on a reinforced concrete bankseat supported on a reinforced earth embankment.

The following should be undertaken to verify the findings of this report and provide clarity on the works to be developed at detailed design.

- Liaison with key stakeholders to confirm acceptance of the proposed new bridge structural form and ramp provision.
- Review of the proposed sub structure/foundation options upon receipt of site investigation information.



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 part of the Newcastle/Gateshead Western Bypass (NGWB) and 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 Junction 65 and Junction 67 on the NGWB and is 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) and Junction 67 (Coal House) 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.
 - Lane gain/drop between the Junctions
 - Replacement of Allerdene Bridge achieving optimum whole life costs whilst taking into account future maintenance and operation, and disruption to users.
 - New Junction layout at Coal House
- 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 Coal House 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 Dene Footbridge, located south of Junction 66 Eighton Lodge of the A1, is one of the many existing structures affected by the proposed improvements to the A1 alignment.
- 1.1.11 Studies to date show that North Dene Footbridge would need to be modified to accommodate the new A1 highway alignment.

1.2 REPORT OBJECTIVES

- 1.2.1 This Structures Options Report has been prepared to assess the constraints/challenges associated with the structural works at North Dene Footbridge.
- 1.2.2 The report shall confirm the structural works to be further developed at PCF Stage 5 (Detailed Design).
- 1.2.3 Upon completion 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.



$\mathbf{2}_{f \cdot}$ EXISTING STRUCTURE

2.1 GENERAL DESCRIPTION

- 2.1.1 North Dene Footbridge (commissioned in the 1970s) is defined in SMIS with the following discrete structure number and structure key:
 - /A1//440.30//
 - STKEY 8886
- 2.1.2 The footbridge is located at OS Grid Reference 427538E, 557089N.

2.2 ORIGINAL STRUCTURE

- 2.2.1 The original North Dene Footbridge carried a footpath over the A1. The structure was built in 1972 and comprised three main spans consisting of concrete deck and steel beam composite construction. Each span was simply supported on piers which comprise steel tubular columns mounted on reinforced concrete plinths with spread footing foundations.
- 2.2.2 Two of the three main spans cross the northbound and southbound carriageway of the A1. The third span crossed the east verge/embankment and was supported on a reinforced concrete bank seat. Two additional spans, of similar construction, form stepped access ramps at the west end of the structure and are supported on reinforced concrete piers clad with artificial stonework.
- 2.2.3 Refer to Appendix B-1 for records drawings of the original structure.

2.3 STRUCTURE MODIFICATIONS IN 2017

- 2.3.1 In 2017, works were completed to replace the three main spans (spans 1-3) over the carriageway and east verge of the A1 with minimal alterations to the existing piers and bank seat. The reason for this was due to the major safety implications associated with excessive spalling concrete from the existing deck soffit falling onto the carriageway below. The upper access ramp (span 4), which is connected to span 3 was also replaced to avoid the requirement for temporary propping during the works.
- 2.3.2 All the new spans are simply supported and comprise twin stringer construction with 2No. main RHS members, laterally braced with a steel deck plate. The new replacement upper access ramp is of similar construction to the main spans but with a stepped ramp surface as per existing.
- 2.3.3 The clear width of the deck/ramps is 2.0m and the ramp approaches to the west end have a 1 in 6 gradient which is considered to be non-complaint in accordance with the ramp requirements as specified in BD29/17 Design Criteria for Footbridges.
- 2.3.4 Refer to Appendix B-2 for records drawings of the works undertaken in 2017.
- 2.3.5 Refer to Appendix B-3 for site photographs (taken September 2017) of the current North Dene footbridge provision. Based on the recently completed works to the main deck spans, the superstructure elements spanning the A1 are in good condition, however the existing ramps show signs of deterioration which would be expected of 50 year old structural elements.



2.4 STATUTORY UNDERTAKERS INFORMATION

- 2.4.1 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
- 2.4.2 The above information indicates the following services are located within the vicinity of North Dene footbridge and may potentially be affected by the works;
 - British Telecom (BT108) Located approximately 20m north of the existing footbridge. This route may potentially be diverted across the bridge as part of the scheme works.
 - Northern Power Grid Services (NP109) Crosses the carriageway just south of the
 existing footbridge location. Current proposals include the diversion of the existing LV
 underground mains cable to facilitate earthworks along the new A1 alignment.
- 2.4.3 At this stage it is assumed that all services which are found to affect the proposed bridge works shall be diverted/ protected accordingly to progress the works on site.



3. DESIGN CONSTRAINTS/PARAMETERS

3.1 PROPOSED NEW HIGHWAY ALIGNMENT

- 3.1.1 Preliminary design of the alignment to date indicates the highway cross section (comprising verge/mainline carriageway/central reserve/hard shoulder) would increase from 28m to circa 39m. The design of the new highway also requires a translation in the alignment towards the east side.
- 3.1.2 The increase in the highway cross section is attributed to the following key features;
 - Increase in mainline capacity 4 lanes in both directions
 - Provision of a developing hard shoulder on the east verge side
 - Provision of raised verges, relative to the mainline carriageway, on both sides
- 3.1.3 The new highway design geometry cannot be accommodated by the existing arrangement of piers at North Dene footbridge leading to a requirement to replace the footbridge. However, the condition of the recently installed new mainline superstructure is good and it is anticipated that the three new spans could be carefully removed and set aside for re-use elsewhere on the network subject to geometric compatibility.

3.2 CLEAR SPAN MAINLINE STRUCTURE

- 3.2.1 It has been proposed that the new main line structure spanning the A1 should comprise a single clear span structure located on the same alignment as the original structure.
- 3.2.2 This would future proof the structure for potential alignment modifications. In addition a clear span structure would avoid obstructing the A1 and eliminate long term access and maintenance issues associated with intermediate supports.
- 3.2.3 The proposal for a clear span structure has been discussed with the Highways England's Safety Engineering and Standards (SES) who have confirmed this provision would be acceptable for further development.

3.3 CLEARANCE AND RAMP REQUIREMENTS

- 3.3.1 The requirements for the footbridge clearance and ramp provision have been subject to on-going discussion with key stakeholders and the NMU survey results which are summarised below.
- 3.3.2 The 24hr NMU surveys conducted in November 2017, demonstrated that on:
 - Thursday 9th November 2017 the 24 hour two-way flow over the bridge was 59 movements (consisting of 38 pedestrians and 21 cyclists). Within that period, the peak hour (08:00-09:00) two-way flow over the bridge consisted of 7 movements (5 pedestrians and 2 cyclists)
 - Saturday 11th November 2017 the 24 hour two-way flow over the bridge was 52 movements (consisting of 49 pedestrians and 3 cyclists). Within that period, the peak hour (11:00-12:00) two-way flow over the bridge consisted of 10 movements (10 pedestrians and 0 cyclists)



- A review of the Local Authority development aspirations for the area, was set out within 'Planning for the future Core Strategy and Urban Core Plan for Gateshead and Newcastle upon Tyne 2010-2030'. This showed parcels of land immediately to the north of the A1 (adjacent to North Dene footbridge) currently form part of the existing green-belt and have not been identified for development purposes prior to 2030.
- 3.3.4 Conversations between WSP and representatives of the Spatial Planning and Environment team at Gateshead Council have confirmed that,

"as housing need no longer provides exceptional circumstances for greenfield Green Belt land to be allocated for residential use in Gateshead, our emerging Land Allocations and DM policies document (MSGP) is not considering the development potential of such sites".

- 3.3.5 Therefore, it is not envisaged that NMU movements over North Dene footbridge will materially increase from existing usage levels recorded during the survey period.
- 3.3.6 With regards the required width of the North Dene footbridge, the survey results highlighted that the existing bridge is used by a combination of pedestrians and cyclists (although the maximum flow equated to 1 trip every 6 minutes on average during the peak period of usage between 08:00-09:00 on a weekday).
- 3.3.7 Reference has been made to the guidelines associated with the requirements for combined use by pedestrians and cyclists and Clause 12 of BD29/17 Design Criteria for Footbridge states the following:

The minimum widths for a footpath (or footway) and a cycle track on a bridge and ramps shall be:

| | Pedestrian Path | Cycle Path | Total Width |
|---|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| When segregated by kerb not less than 50mm high | 2.0m | 2.7m | 4.7m |
| When segregated by railings not less than 900mm high | 2.0m | 3.0m | 5.0m |
| When segregated by a white line, colour contrast or surface texture | 1.5m | 2.5m | 4.0m |
| Unsegregated | - | 15 | 3.5m |

- 3.3.8 In order to meet these requirements, an unsegregated bridge deck with a width of 3.5m should be provided. The increased width would provide adequate room for a pedestrian and cyclist or two cyclists to pass each other comfortably. This is also consistent with advice contained within TA 90/05, The Geometric Design of Pedestrian, Cycle and Equestrian Routes, which advises that the acceptable minimum width for a shared pedestrian/cycle route is 3.0m + at least 0.25m on either side (if bounded on both sides by a barrier or kerb).
- The Highways England Project Management Team and the SES have both confirmed that a new 3.5m width footbridge provision would be acceptable for further development.
- 3.3.10 With regards to the required gradient of the access ramp on the west side, Clause 6.6 of BD 29/17 Design Criteria for Footbridges states that:

Ramps for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians shall not be steeper than 1 in 20. Where compliance with this would create difficulties in keeping the access on the desired line, avoiding long diversions, minimising environmental impact, or making best use of available space, a relaxation in ramp steepness may be considered to 1 in 15.

In cases of extreme difficulty the gradient may be increase up to 1 in 12. However, no ramp shall be steeper than 1 in 12. Where a ramp steeper than 1 in 20 is adopted then the reason for accepting this must be clearly documented and recorded, together with evidence of acceptance by the Overseeing Organisation.



- 3.3.11 The current gradient of the shallow-stepped ramp is 1 in 6 which is substandard even considering the possible relaxations noted above. Based on the information available to date it is considered that the existing ramp should be replaced with a 1 in 12 provision that is 3.5m wide to ensure compatibility with the new bridge structure over the mainline. The 1 in 12 ramp provision is preferred in comparison with a 1 in 20 ramp based on the following key benefits;
 - Avoids extended diversions associated with navigation/climbing of long ramp sections
 - Minimises the environmental impact associated with the removal and replacement of surrounding trees.
 - Minimises the visual impact on neighbouring housing
 - Provision of a more accessible ramp (including landings) for both cyclist and disabled users in comparison to the current 1 in 6 ramp provision.
 - The cost of the new 1 in 12 ramp based on the site levels and a length of approximately 97m would be £272k* whereas the cost of a 1 in 20 ramp of approximately 150m would be £420k*.

*cost estimates for the ramps is based on previous similar type works

- 3.3.12 The Highways England Project Management Team and the SES have both confirmed that based on the anticipated benefits above and considering the limited usage of the structure, the replacement of the existing ramp with a new 3.5m width and 1 in 12 gradient would provide a cost effective improvement to the existing substandard ramp.
- 3.3.13 It is important to note that whilst the 1 in 12 ramp has been endorsed by the Highways England SES, a Departure from Standard will be required to be submitted for the relaxation from the fully compliant 1 in 20 gradient. The Highways England SES has agreed in principle to support this departure submission based on the benefits documented above.

3.4 OUTSTANDING ASSUMPTIONS

- 3.4.1 The report has provided justification for the proposed replacement of the existing North Dene Footbridge (including ramps) in its entirety. The new structure shall comprise a clear span structure over the mainline with a 3.5m clear width and a new 1 in 12 ramp provision to the west side.
- 3.4.2 In addition, the following assumptions have also been considered during development of the structural form for the new replacement structure;
 - The grade separated crossing over the A1 will provide a cost effective functional solution that also has some aesthetic value. It is assumed the bridge crossing will have a simple, un-obstructive lightweight structural form to enhance the visual appearance whilst avoiding complex buildability issues on site.
 - The proposed footbridge structure over the main line shall satisfy the 5.7m + S (allowance for sag curve) headroom requirements as stipulated in TD27/05 Cross Section and Headroom. This minimum headroom requirement shall also extend beyond the mainline carriageway over the verges within the designated structure free zone. This would avoid designing the bridge superstructure to sustain impact loading which would be particularly onerous on a light footbridge structure.
 - The footprint of the structure, particularly on the west side, shall be such that additional land take for construction and maintenance is minimised as much as reasonably practical. In addition visual intrusion to neighbouring properties due to the extended ramps, should also be minimised.



- In accordance with BD29/17, the following requirements shall also be incorporated in the preliminary design/development of any new replacement footbridge (including ramps) structure.
 - Whilst the ramps shall not be steeper than 1 in 12. Horizontal landings shall be provided at intervals producing a rise of no more than 650mm between landings. The length of landings shall also not be less than 2m
 - The new footbridge/ramp with combined pedestrian and cycle facilities, shall incorporate parapets with a minimum height of 1.4m
 - All supports to the bridge and the ramp shall be located at least 4.5m from the edge of the carriageway thereby minimising the risk associated with vehicle impact



4. DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW BRIDGE STRUCTURAL FORM

4.1 GENERAL

- 4.1.1 Taking into consideration the requirements/constraints highlighted in Section 3, it is expected that that main bridge/ramp superstructure shall comprise structural steelwork as opposed to reinforced concrete construction.
- 4.1.2 The reasons/advantages for developing a replacement structure that primarily constitutes steel elements are set out below:
 - High Strength to Weight Ratio The light weight nature of steel construction combined
 with its strength is particularly advantageous in moderate to long span bridges (greater
 than 30m) where dead load is crucial. The reduced weight of the bridge spans minimises
 the substructure size and foundation costs. The reduced dead load of spans will also
 improve buildability due to less onerous lifting requirements.
 - Reduced Construction Depth The high strength of steel allows construction depths to be reduced, which assists in overcoming the headroom constraints (5.7m minimum clearance). The reduced construction depth also minimises the length and height of the approach ramps. This would reduce the structural footprint of the new structure whilst also reducing associated material/construction costs.
 - Speed of Erection Construction time on site is minimised due to pre-fabrication of major structural elements resulting in economic and safety benefits. The lightweight nature of steel permits the speedy erection of large components. This would assist in minimising disruption to traffic where special closures are required. It is expected that the fabrication and trial erection of the bridge/ramp spans could be undertaken in factory conditions away from adverse weather and restricted site conditions. The structural elements could then be delivered assembled and erected. Time associated with waiting for in-situ concrete elements to cure and achieve a certain level of strength prior to the next phase of works is avoided.
 - Versatility slender profiles with either constant or varying depth can be incorporated into
 the bridge design. Modern fabrication methods remove many restrictions on curvature,
 and creating the curved bends at the footbridge/ramp junction is entirely feasible. The
 high surface quality of steel creates sharp lines, uniform colouring of surfaces and avoids
 blemishes which improve aesthetics. The painting of steelwork introduces colour and
 contrast, whilst repainting can change or refresh the appearance of the bridge.
 - Durability Unlike concrete, the use of steel introduces a need to carry out maintenance
 painting to protect steel elements from corrosion, however modern paint systems today
 provide a reliable extended corrosion protection system in excess of 30 years to minimise
 life cycle costs. From a maintenance perspective, one of the main advantages of steel
 over concrete is the structural elements and associated defects are more readily visible.
 Therefore signs of deterioration can be readily recorded without extensive investigations
 and can be easily addressed by repainting/localised repairs.



4.1.3 In summary structural steel is preferred over concrete on the basis that a clean, functional, lightweight bridge can be constructed that is cost effective and easy to construct due to the prefabrication of major elements. The use of steel as the primary structural material will also promote the development of a new bridge design with enhanced aesthetics.

4.2 STRUCTURAL FORM FOR THE RAMPS/MAIN BRIDGE SPAN

- 4.2.1 The proposed configuration of the ramp with regular supports at intermediate landing positions results in the span of discrete ramp sections being limited to less than 10m. This inclines towards the ramp structure comprising simple steel beam construction with twin stringers (2No. main RHS members) laterally braced with a steel deck plate. This would provide a clean, cost effective solution that can be readily lifted into position.
- 4.2.2 The main bridge span over the A1 is anticipated to be up to 45m clear span. The large span requirements with no intermediate supports means a similar structural form to the ramps sections (simple steel beam structure) would not be feasible.
- 4.2.3 Other structural forms considered and ultimately discounted include:
 - Composite Steel Beam and Concrete Deck This option is discounted on the basis that it produces a much heavier structure than an all steel footbridge with the dead load accounting for more than half the total load. Buildability would be made more difficult due to the weight. The associated cost/construction programme would also significantly increase in comparison to predominantly steel based footbridges.
 - Steel Box Girder Footbridge This form of construction would comprise a pair of structural steel girders (fabricated or rolled) braced together for stability and acting as beams in bending. The floor would be formed by steel plates (8-10mm thick) suitably stiffened to carry loads. Parapets would be fixed on top of the steel plates. This option is discounted due to the large construction depth (expected to be in excess of 1m) resulting in the requirement for higher and longer ramps further increasing the overall cost and extending the construction programme. In addition this form of structure would fail to provide the appearance of a light weight/open structure.
- 4.2.4 It is considered that a truss (warren type) structure would provide the optimum solution for the main bridge span. Generally truss type footbridges, circa 45m in span, comprise a main top and bottom chord with a series of diagonal members formed using hollow type sections where the deck is at the level of bottom chord in a through type construction for enhanced stability.
- 4.2.5 The truss type footbridge would provide a light, economical form of construction, due to the reduced steelwork required, in comparison to a box girder type structure.
- 4.2.6 The deck construction depth is significantly reduced in comparison with other conventional beam type structures and would be limited to the footway surface to the underside of the bottom chord (not more than the depth of the chord member). This would contribute to the light appearance whilst also enabling the clearance over the mainline A1 to be readily achieved. This would also reduce the height and lengths of ramps required resulting is further cost and programme savings.
- 4.2.7 The appearance of the truss type structure could be enhanced significantly with minimal cost and construction complication via the introduction of an arch profile to the top chord thereby forming a bow truss type structure. A bow truss provides an elegant appearance due to the arch formation and could provide visual landmark for the scheme without a significant impact on cost and construction (structural elements can still be prefabricated and readily transported/assembled and lifted in place as with a conventional truss). Refer to Figure 4.1 for a typical bow truss footbridge.





Figure 4.1: Typical Bow Truss Type Footbridge

4.3 SUBSTRUCTURE/FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4.3.1 Irrespective of the structural form, the main bridge/ramp structure on the east side will be supported on steel columns/trestles which are assumed would be founded on concrete pad foundations (refer to Section 5 for further details relating to foundations). The position of the ramps/supports is such that they would be at least 4.5m from the edge of the carriageway thereby minimising risk associated with impact load due to errant vehicles.
- 4.3.2 At the west end of the structure, two alternative sub structure options have been considered:
 - Substructure Option 1: Reinforced concrete trough
 - Substructure Option 2: Reinforced concrete bankseat supported on a reinforced earth embankment
- 4.3.3 For both substructure options, the position is such that the 4.5m lateral clearance to the edge of the carriageway is provided. However the setback of the substructure is restricted such that the overall clear span of the main bridge structure is limited to circa 45m, thereby keeping the span and associated cost of the superstructure to a minimum.
- 4.3.4 Substructure Option 2 is expected to provide a more cost effective/simplified solution, reasons for this are provided below.
 - Insitu reinforced concrete works is limited to the construction of a small bank seat. In comparison the reinforced concrete operations are significantly greater for the Substructure Option 1 thereby having adverse effects on site risks, cost and programme.
 - The reinforced earth embankments can be optimised to provide maximum cost effectiveness. The simple repetitive construction techniques simplify control and management which helps to minimise wastage. Most importantly the rapid, fast track construction techniques would result in a reduced construction programme in comparison with Substructure Option 1.



4.4 PREFERRED STRUCTURAL FORM

- 4.4.1 The study to date inclines towards the new replacement structure comprising the following:
 - Structural steel bow truss footbridge structure with a simple steel beam ramp structure supported on steel trestles/columns on the west (northbound carriageway) side. On the east (southbound carriageway) side the end of the main bridge will be supported on either of the following substructure options:
 - o Substructure Option 1: Reinforced Concrete trough
 - Substructure Option 2: Reinforced Concrete bankseat supported on a reinforced earth embankment
- 4.4.2 A bow truss form for the main footbridge would provide a structure with enhanced aesthetic value whilst providing a simple cost effective structural form for construction. The estimated construction cost for the replacement structure is provided below.
 - Steel Bow Truss Main Span support via a RC trough on the east side Estimated Construction Cost £1.5-2.0million (this includes for the demolition of the existing structure and construction of the new steel ramp to the west side). Refer to Appendix D-1 for an outline General Arrangement Drawing
 - Steel Bow Truss Main Span supported via RC bankseat on reinforced earth embankments on the east side Estimated Cost £1.2-1.5 million (this includes for the demolition of the existing structure and construction of the new steel ramp to the west side).
- 4.4.3 The indicative construction costs are based on previous similar type schemes and shall be verified, subject to detailed design. The Highways England cost estimating team has not been consulted for any construction costing information for this study.
- 4.4.4 Subject to the Highways England Project Management team aspirations, there is a potential opportunity to provide an alternative tied arch type footbridge over the A1, comprising vertical hangers within the arches as opposed to diagonal truss members. This would provide a structure with an iconic visual appearance that complements the tied arch structures currently spanning the River Tyne in the centre of Newcastle. See Figure 4.2 below.





Figure 4.2: Night and day photographs of the tied arch type structures spanning the River Tyne



4.4.5 Refer to Appendix D-2 for the outline General Arrangement Drawing of a Tied Arch Structure. Whilst not reviewed in detail, the cost associated with the construction of a tied arch footbridge is expected to be circa £1.5-2.0million (this includes for the ramps and trestle/column support to the west side and RC bankseat and RE walls to the east side). However, the maintenance liabilities for a tied arch are expected to be greater than the Bow Truss option due to complexities associated with access and maintenance of the hangers/connections.



5. GROUND INVESTIGATION

5.1 EXISTING GROUND CONDITIONS

- 5.1.1 A Geotechnical Design Report is not yet available for the project and will be prepared to define suitable parameters for the design of acceptable foundations following completion of a ground investigation at the site. The preliminary choice of foundation solution has been considered appropriate based on the records and findings at the site location taken from the Preliminary Sources Study Report (PSSR) for the wider Birtley to Coalhouse Scheme (HA544664-WSP-HGT-S01-RP-GE-0600-P-01).
- 5.1.2 Historical ground investigation data from the British Geological Survey (BGS) and Highways Agency Geotechnical Data Management System (HA GDMS) is available within the vicinity of North Dene Footbridge. The following ground conditions are anticipated at the footbridge location:
 - Topsoil over Glacial Till (not present in all locations): up to 3.2 m thick and consisting stiff
 to very stiff orange brown mottled grey brown sandy slightly gravelly clay, gravel is
 sandstone and coal; over,
 - Weathered Pennine Middle Coal Measures: encountered from between 0.25 m and 3.2 m below ground level and recorded between 0. m and 4.25 m thick and consisting of orange brown clayey sand and gravel with occasional cobbles of sandstone and ironstone and red brown clayey sand; over,
 - Pennine Middle Coal Measures bedrock: rock encountered at depths of between 2.1 m and 5.9 m below ground level.
- 5.1.3 Made ground may be present beneath the foundation locations, likely associated with previous site uses and the construction of the A1.
- 5.1.4 Coal seams have been encountered beneath the footbridge location, which are recorded as having been worked. The shallowest coal seams are the High Main (approximately 65 m AOD, 21 m BGL), Metal seam (approximately 60 m AOD, 26 m BGL), Five Quarter (approximately 50 m AOD, 36 m BGL) and Main seam (approximately 25 m AOD, 61 m BGL), all of which are recorded to have been worked.
- 5.1.5 No groundwater strikes were recorded on the available historical borehole records in the vicinity of the North Dene Footbridge and no historical groundwater monitoring results have been obtained. Groundwater monitoring is to be undertaken a part of the proposed ground investigation.
- 5.1.6 Groundwater bodies should be anticipated in the following strata. Following completion of the additional ground investigation, structure-specific groundwater information will be available:
 - At shallow depths within the glacial till; and,
 - At a greater depth within the Pennine Middle Coal Measures.



5.2 RISK ASSOCIATED WITH FOUNDATION WORK

5.2.1 The geotechnical risks for the wider site are presented within the PSSR. These risks have been reviewed and further assessed in the 'Live' Project Risk Registers. Pertinent geotechnical risks in relation to the proposed footbridge foundations are summarised in Table 5-1.

Table 5-1 Geotechnical risks of proposed Longbank Underpass foundations

| RISK CAUSE | RISK EVENT | PRIMARY RISK IMPACT | RISK RATING |
|--|---|--|-------------|
| Engineering Properties of the Ground | There is a risk that the ground model, and the behaviour of the ground, is different (worse) from that assumed at this stage. | | Medium |
| Instability of Existing Underpass | There is a risk that the proposed works may undermine/destabilise the existing underpass structure. | | Medium |
| Instability of Existing Earthworks | There is a risk that the existing earthworks at the site are not as stable as assumed at this stage. | Construction delays and | Medium |
| Instability caused by shallow mine workings | There is a risk that the structure will be adversely impacted by collapse of shallow coal mine workings, which may require grouting during construction | remedial design requirements, and potential cost and programme implications. | Medium |
| Groundwater | There is a risk that the groundwater is different (worse) from the groundwater model assumed at this stage. | | Medium |
| Contaminated Soils | There is a risk that the assessment of contaminated soils undertaken at this stage is not accurate. | | Medium |
| Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) | The site is located within an area of low bomb risk; there is a risk that UXO might be encountered beneath the site. | Construction delays and requirement for safe deactivation / disposal. | Low |
| Buried Services | There is a risk that buried services might be encountered during excavation of proposed foundations. | Construction delays and potential cost and programme implications. | Medium |



5.3 DETAILS OF ADDITIONAL GROUND INVESTIGATION REQUIRED TO INFORM THE DETAILED DESIGN PROCESS

- 5.3.1 Additional ground investigation has been scoped and is currently being undertaken. Drawings HE551462-WSP-HGT-BCH-DR-GE-00023 to HE551462-WSP-HGT-BCH-DR-GE-00033 shows the exploratory hole locations of the proposed ground investigation required to inform the detailed design. The proposed ground investigation includes the following:
 - Cable percussion boreholes to rock head to identity ground conditions within the superficial deposits and confirm rockhead levels;
 - Rotary cored boreholes to determine rock quality and strength to 9 m below rock head;
 - Rotary open hole boreholes, for an additional 8 m to investigate the presence of coal seams and historical mining; and,
 - Groundwater monitoring to be undertaken.
- 5.3.2 Each of the above ground investigation methodologies may be undertaken at the same location / exploratory hole through follow-on methods, i.e. cable percussion to rockhead; follow-on with rotary core from rock head; and follow-on with open hole to proposed borehole depth. The current proposed ground investigation at the location of the North Dene Footbridge includes 2 (two) cable percussive and rotary cored exploratory holes.
- 5.3.3 The results of the ground investigation shall be reported in a Ground Investigation Report (in line with HD 22/08) once completed.

5.4 REVIEW OF FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EXTENSION WORK

- 5.4.1 The final footbridge foundation solution shall be determined through assessment of the bearing capacity of the founding materials (influenced by the ultimate limit state), settlement analysis of the foundations (influenced by serviceability limit state) and interaction with the existing earthworks/structures. Space constraints around the foundation locations shall also be taken into account when determining the most appropriate foundation solution.
- 5.4.2 The current proposed development is for a replacement of the existing footbridge, with a single span footbridge, including the lengthening of the ramp on the west (northbound carriageway) side of the bridge (to create a shallower gradient ramp) and retaining wall supporting the footpath on the east (southbound carriageway) side of the bridge. To allow for the construction of the proposed footbridge, the existing footbridge is to be dismantled and removed.
- 5.4.3 The proposed ramp structure is anticipated to be founded on spread foundations founded on either a thin layer of glacial till, or directly onto shallow bedrock similar to the existing footbridge. Should the ground investigation indicate that suitable founding strata is at a greater than anticipated depth, a piled foundation solution may be required. The final foundation solution shall be assessed following the proposed ground investigation.
- There are currently two options being considered for the support of the main bridge span at the east end (southbound carriageway) side of the bridge. Option 1 is the installation of reinforced concrete "U" shaped retaining wall, filled with 6N material. The use of the reinforced concrete would enable to faces of the retaining wall to be vertical and minimise the structure footprint for the new bridge.
- 5.4.5 Option 2 utilises a reinforced concrete bankseat on reinforced earth embankments. In order to accommodate the anticipated length of the polymer geo-straps the structure wing walls are required to be splayed. However the structure footprint although greater then with Option 1 is still within the red line boundary for the scheme.



- 5.4.6 There are two methods of construction which could be used for the reinforced earth support:
 - Near vertical embankment sides the use of polymer geo-straps/geogrids and 6I / 6J
 material with concrete panels or block facing. The use of this method would enable the
 faces of the retaining wall to be vertical or near vertical and minimise the space required
 for the footpath.
 - Sloping embankment sides the use of polymer geo-straps/geogrids and 6I / 6J material with a soft facing/seeded mat facing to create green/vegetated slopes. However, given the northwest facing aspect and the lack of sun light to the reinforced earth embankment, it may be difficult to suitably vegetate the slopes.
- 5.4.7 Given the potential for shallow coal mine workings beneath the site, it is considered that grouting of these workings may be required during construction. No records have been obtained to suggest that the workings were treated as part of the original construction of the footbridge. The extent of such workings (and possibly previous grouting works) will be assessed as part of the proposed ground investigation.



6. CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 CONCLUSION

- 6.1.1 The existing North Dene Footbridge, located south of Junction 66 Eighton Lodge of the A1, is one of the many existing structures affected by the proposed improvements to the A1 alignment.
- 6.1.2 The study has shown that the existing North Dene footbridge (including ramps) would need to be replaced in its entirety. The new structure shall comprise a clear span structure over the mainline with a 3.5m clear width throughout and a new 1 in 12 ramp provision to the west side.
- 6.1.3 Structural steel is preferred over concrete on the basis that a clean, functional, lightweight bridge can be constructed that is cost effective and easy to construct due to the pre-fabrication of major elements. The use of steel as the primary structural material will also promote the development of a new bridge design with enhanced aesthetics.
- 6.1.4 The preferred structural form for the new replacement bridge would comprise a structural steel bow truss footbridge structure with a simple steel beam ramp structure supported on steel trestles/columns on the west (northbound carriageway) side. A bow truss main footbridge would provide a structure with enhanced aesthetic value whilst providing a simple cost effective structural form for construction.
- On the east (southbound carriageway) side the end of the main bridge will be supported on either Reinforced Concrete trough or a Reinforced Concrete bankseat on Reinforced Earth embankment.
- 6.1.6 The estimated construction cost for the replacement structure is provided below.
 - Steel Bow Truss Main Span support via a RC trough on the east side Estimated Construction Cost £2.0 million (this includes for the demolition of the existing structure and construction of the new steel ramp to the west side).
 - Steel Bow Truss Main Span supported via RC bankseat on Reinforced Earth embankments on the east side – Estimated Cost £1.5 million (this includes for the demolition of the existing structure and construction of the new steel ramp to the west side).



6.1.7 Subject to the Highways England Project Management team aspirations, there is a potential opportunity to provide an alternative more complex tied arch type footbridge over the mainline. This would provide a structure with an iconic visual appearance that complements the tied arch structures currently spanning the River Tyne in the centre of Newcastle. The cost associated with the construction of a tied arch footbridge is expected to be circa £2.0million (this includes for the ramps and trestle/column support to the west side and RC bankseat and RE walls to the east side). However, the maintenance liabilities for a tied arch are expected to be greater than the Bow Truss option due to complexities associated with access and maintenance of the hangers/connections.

6.2 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.2.1 Based on the study to date, it is recommended that North Dene Footbridge be replaced with the following structure:
 - Structural steel bow truss footbridge structure with a simple steel beam ramp structure supported on steel trestles/columns on the west (northbound carriageway) side. On the east (southbound carriageway) side, the end of the main bridge will be supported on a reinforced concrete bankseat supported on a reinforced earth embankment.
- The following should be undertaken to verify the finding of this report and provide clarity on the works to be developed at detailed design.
 - Liaison with key stakeholders to confirm acceptance of the proposed new bridge structural form and ramp provision.
 - Review of the proposed sub structure/foundation options upon receipt of site investigation information.





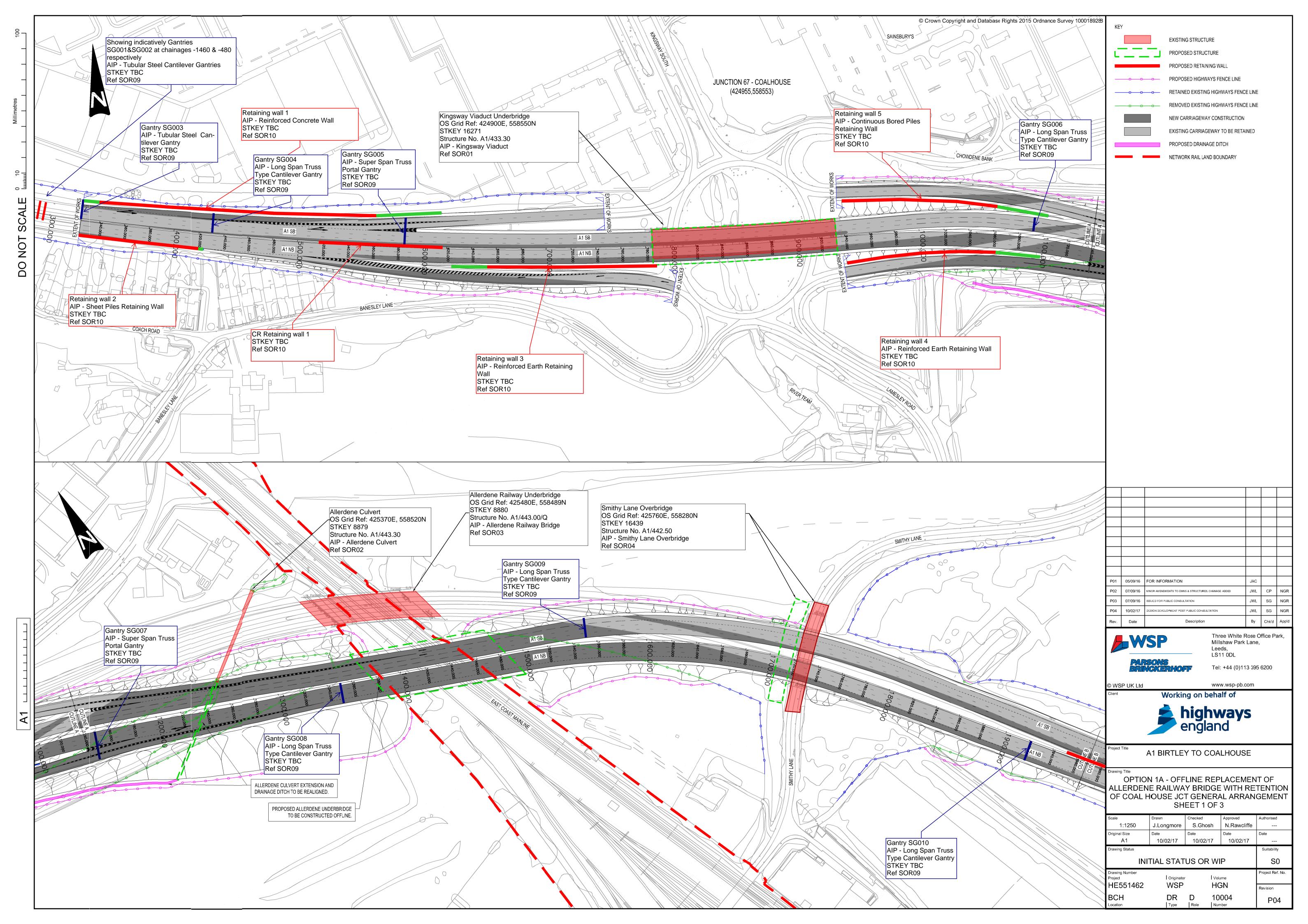
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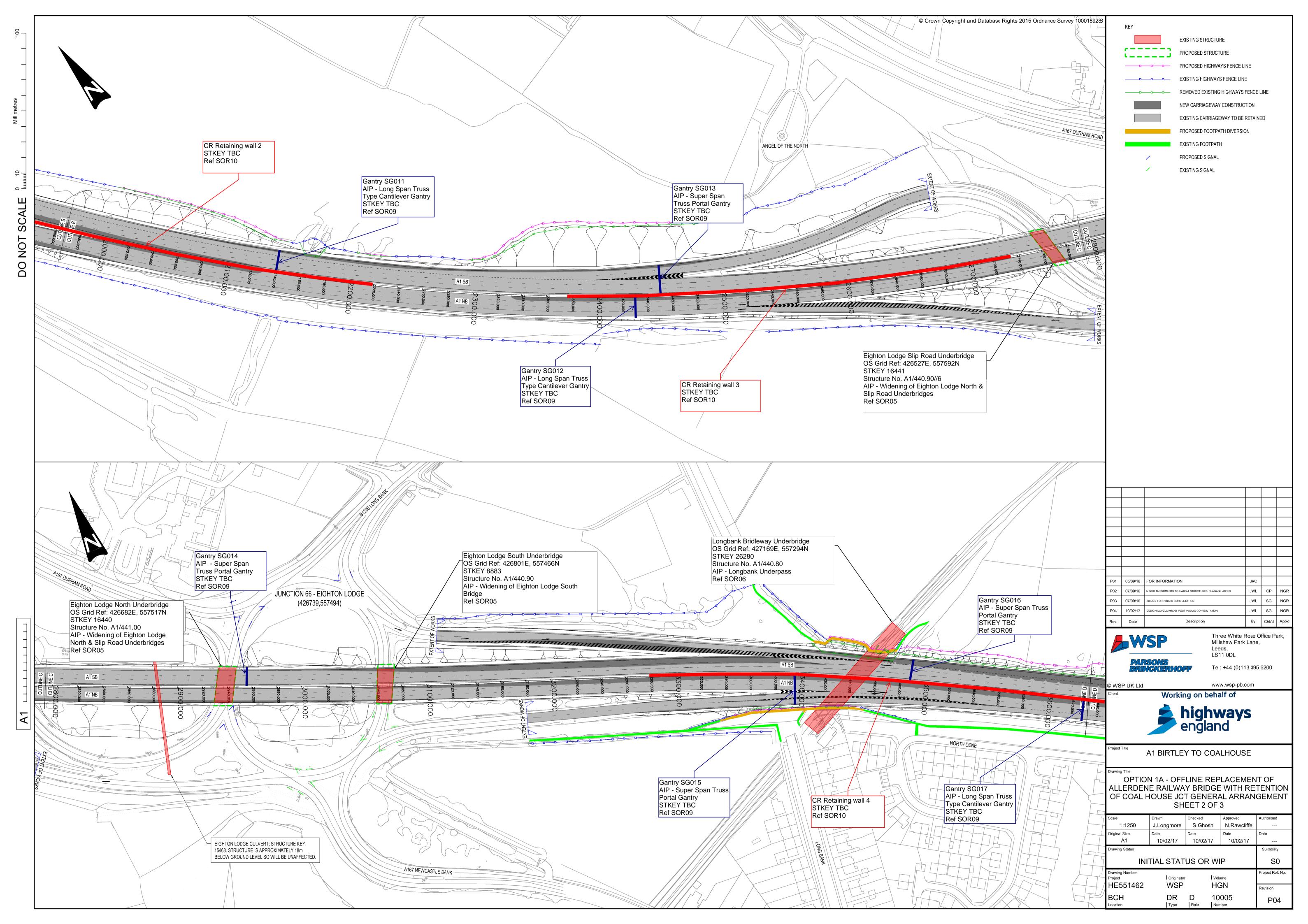
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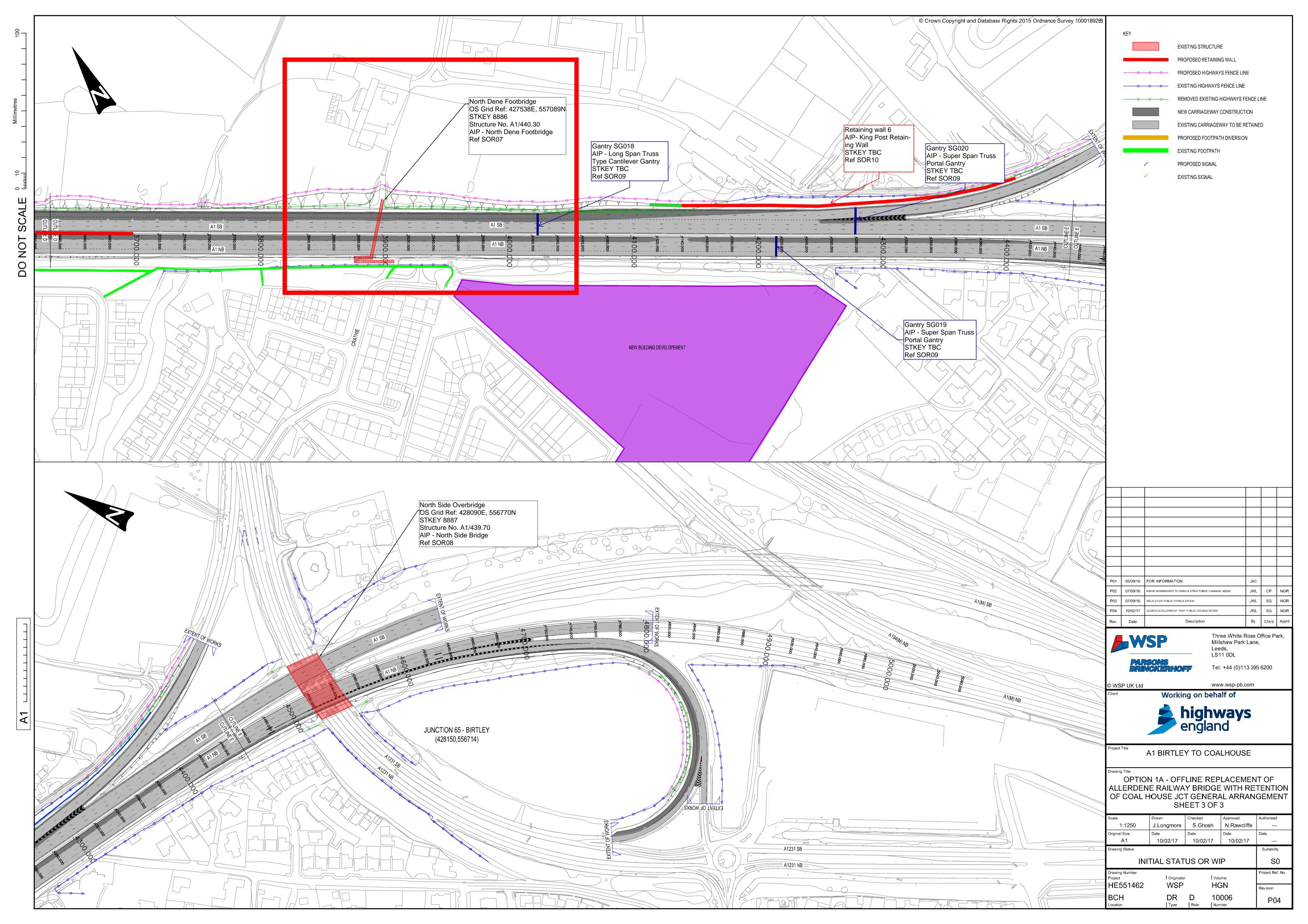


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INDICATIVE SCHEMATIC PLANS OF THE PREFERRED ROUTE









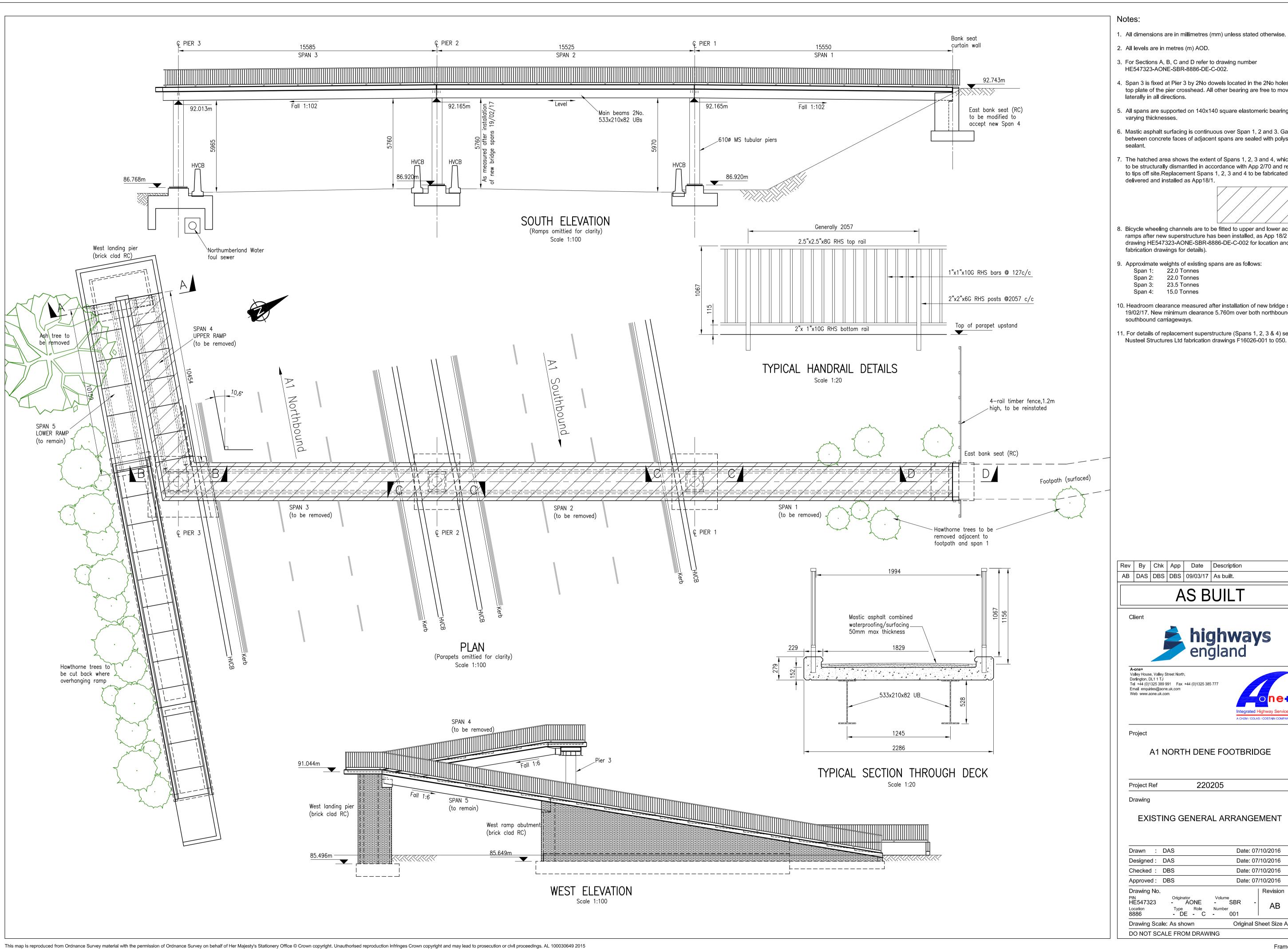
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AS BUILT INFORMATION



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AS BUILT INFORMATION ORIGINAL CONSTRUCTION 1972



2. All levels are in metres (m) AOD.

3. For Sections A, B, C and D refer to drawing number HE547323-AONE-SBR-8886-DE-C-002.

4. Span 3 is fixed at Pier 3 by 2No dowels located in the 2No holes in the top plate of the pier crosshead. All other bearing are free to move laterally in all directions.

5. All spans are supported on 140x140 square elastomeric bearings of varying thicknesses.

6. Mastic asphalt surfacing is continuous over Span 1, 2 and 3. Gaps between concrete faces of adjacent spans are sealed with polysulphide

7. The hatched area shows the extent of Spans 1, 2, 3 and 4, which are to be structurally dismantled in accordance with App 2/70 and removed to tips off site.Replacement Spans 1, 2, 3 and 4 to be fabricated,



8. Bicycle wheeling channels are to be fitted to upper and lower access ramps after new superstructure has been installed, as App 18/2 (See drawing HE547323-AONE-SBR-8886-DE-C-002 for location and fabrication drawings for details).

9. Approximate weights of existing spans are as follows:Span 1: 22.0 Tonnes

Span 2: 22.0 Tonnes Span 3: 23.5 Tonnes Span 4: 15.0 Tonnes

10. Headroom clearance measured after installation of new bridge spans 19/02/17. New minimum clearance 5.760m over both northbound and southbound carriageways.

11. For details of replacement superstructure (Spans 1, 2, 3 & 4) see Nusteel Structures Ltd fabrication drawings F16026-001 to 050.

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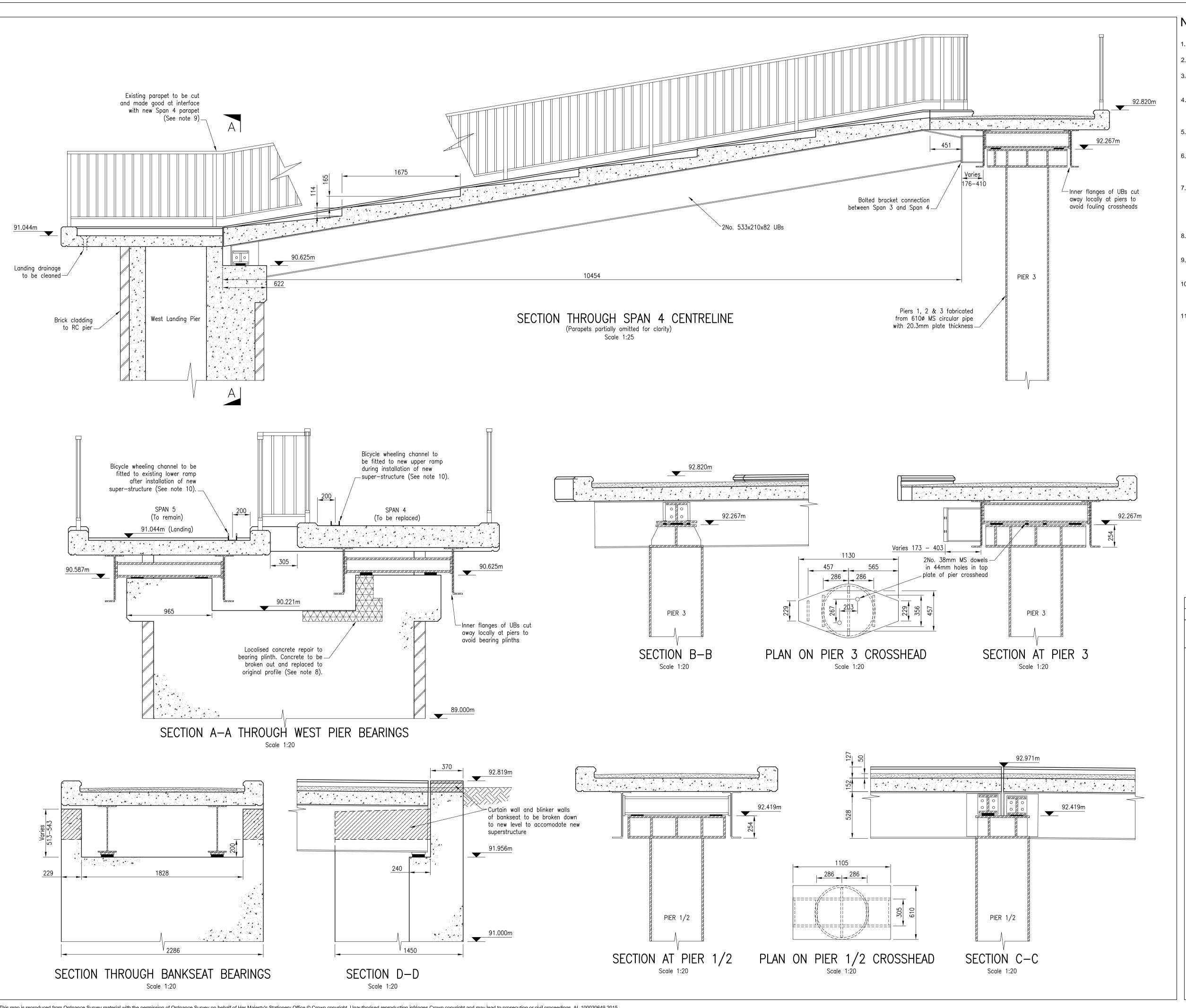
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Span 2: 22.0 Tonnes Span 3: 23.5 Tonnes Span 4: 15.0 Tonnes

3. Localised concrete repairs are to be in accordance with the Specification, AR clauses 1770 to 1773.

9. Steelwork repairs to existing parapets to be in accordance with App18/1.

10. Bicycle wheeling channels consisting 100x50 steel channels are to be fitted to upper and lower access ramps after new superstructure has been installed, as App 18/1 and fabrication drawings.

11. For details of replacement superstructure (Spans 1, 2, 3 & 4) see Nusteel Structures Ltd fabrication drawings F16026-001 to 050.

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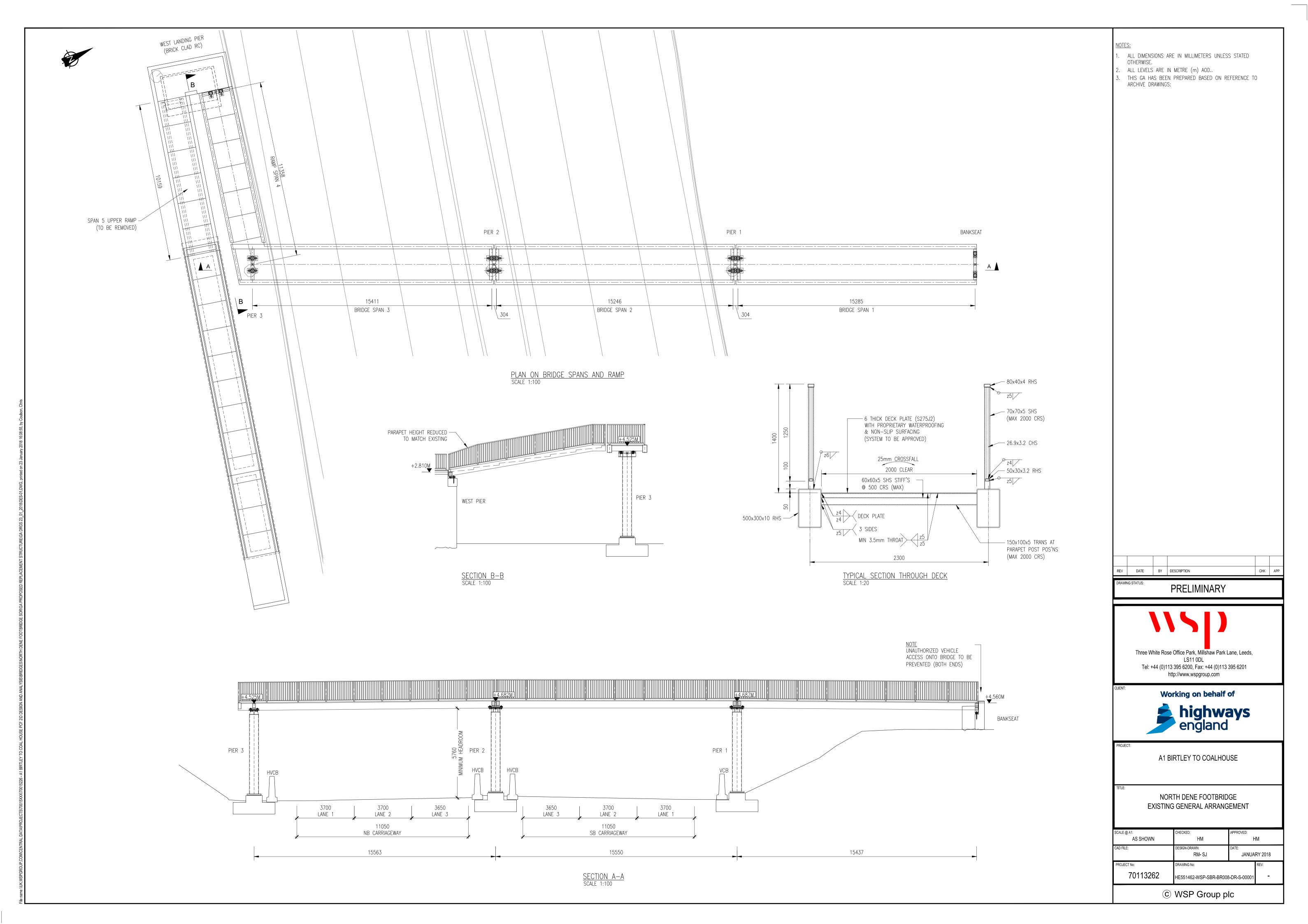
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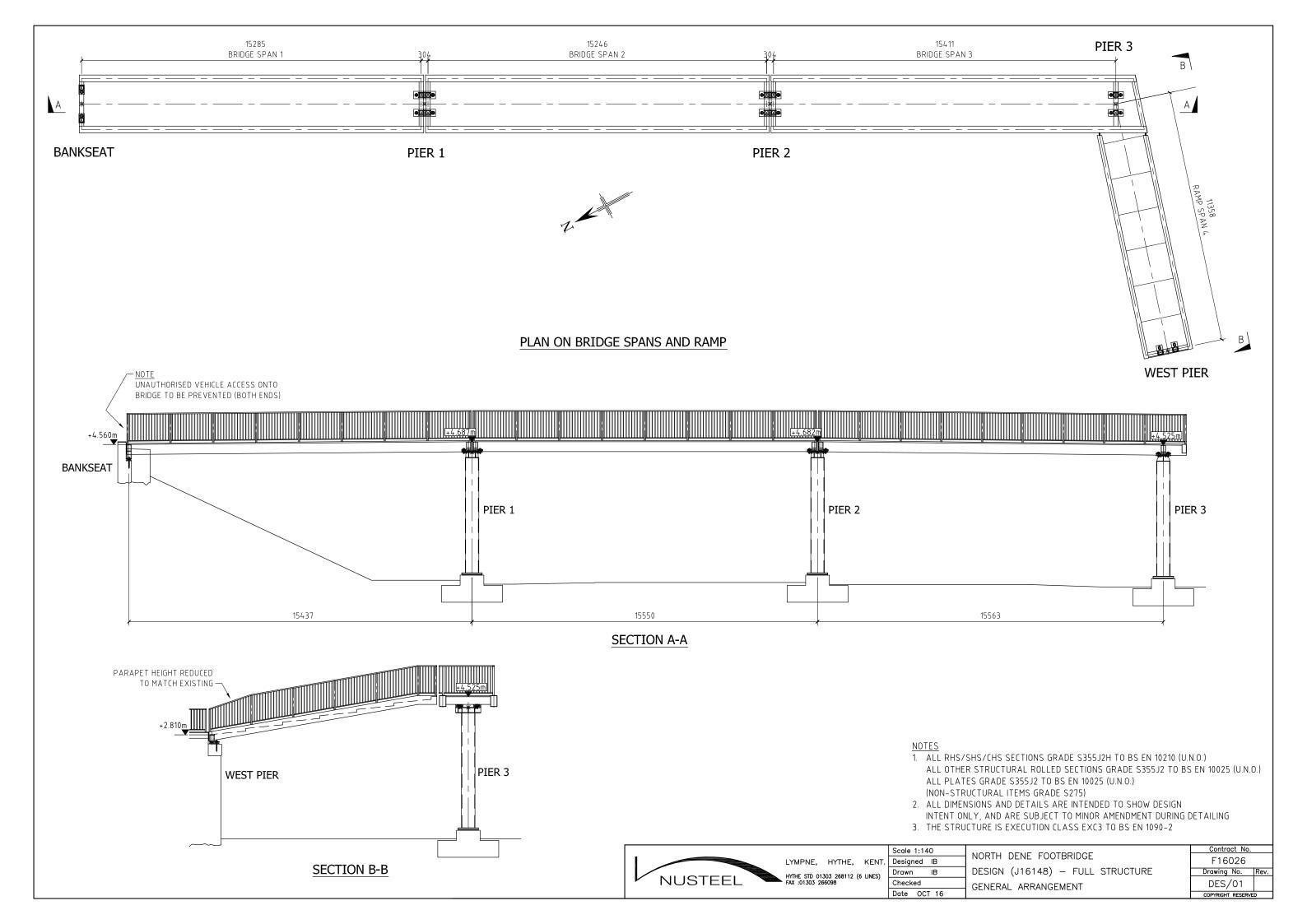
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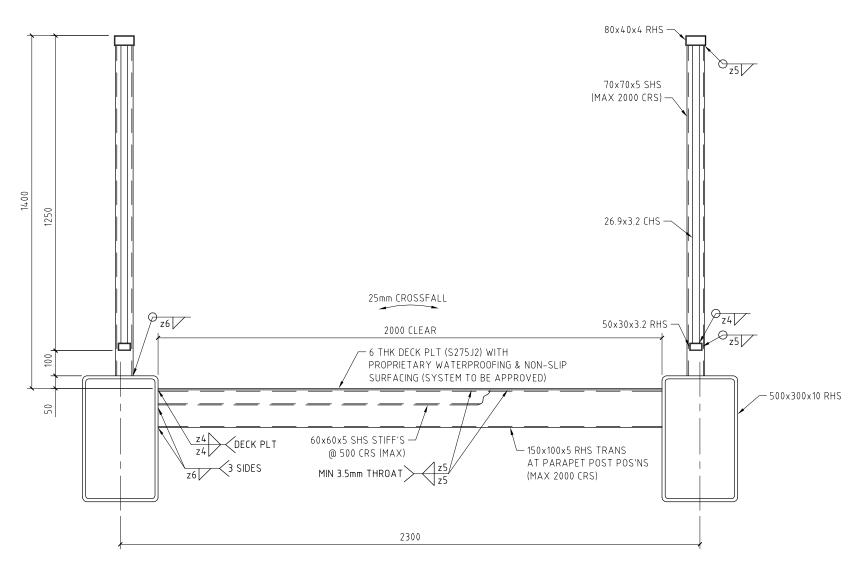


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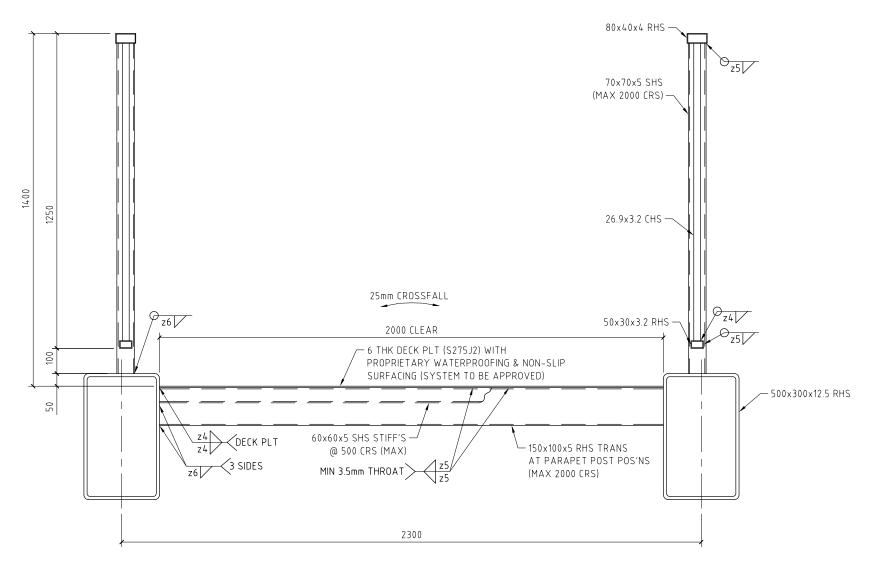
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EXISTING STRUCTURE PHOTOGRAPH RECORD, DATED SEPTEMBER 2017







Photograph 1 Typical corrosion to parapet elements across the ramp

Photograph 2 Staining due to water leakage

Photograph 3 Deterioration of bridge joint









Photograph 4 Overgrown vegetation

Photograph 5 View of surfacing on bridge deck

Photograph 6 Bridge Soffit- Connection details between pier and deck







Photograph 7 View of the ramp

Photograph 8
South elevation of the ramp

Photograph 9 South elevation of the footbridge



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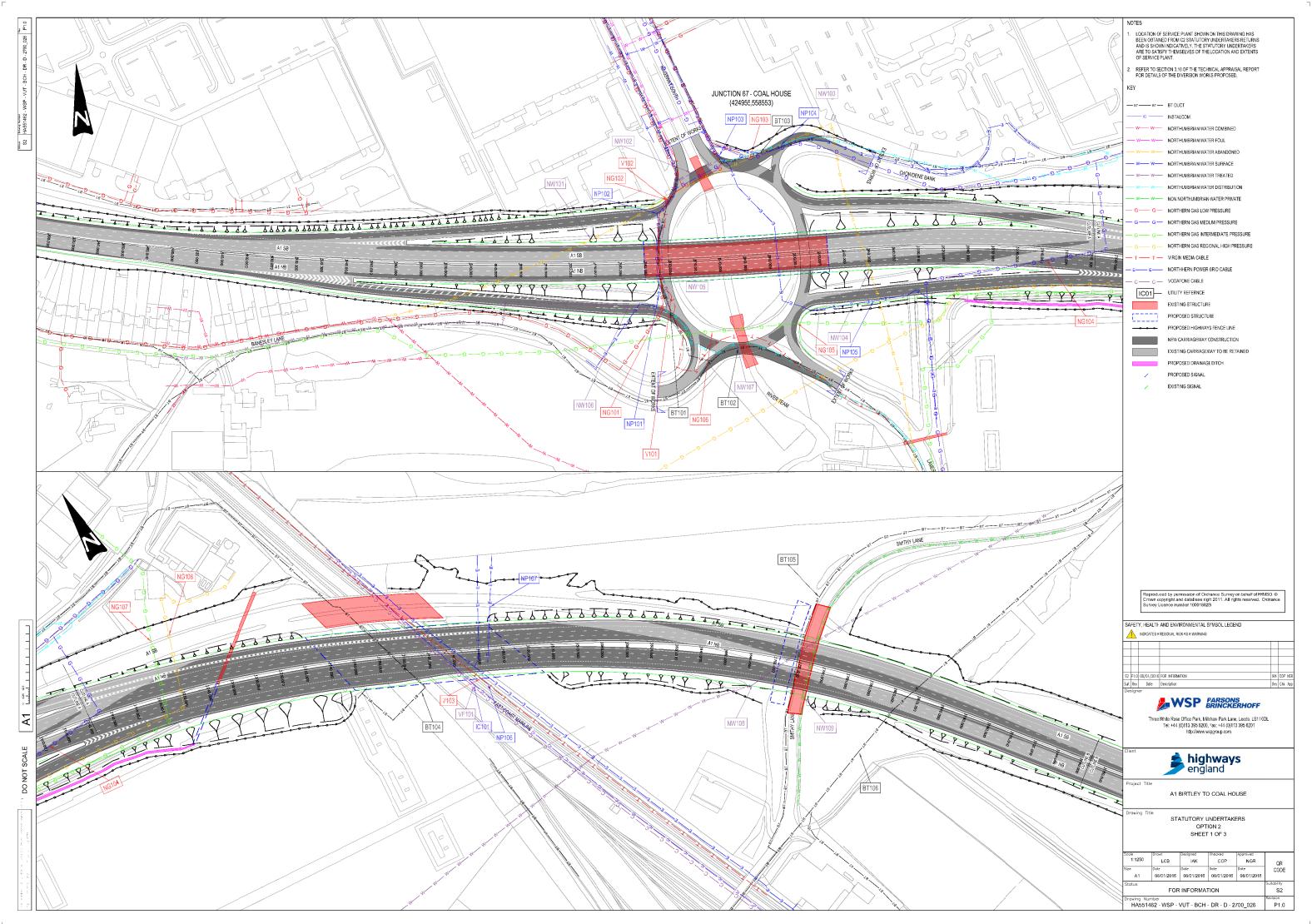
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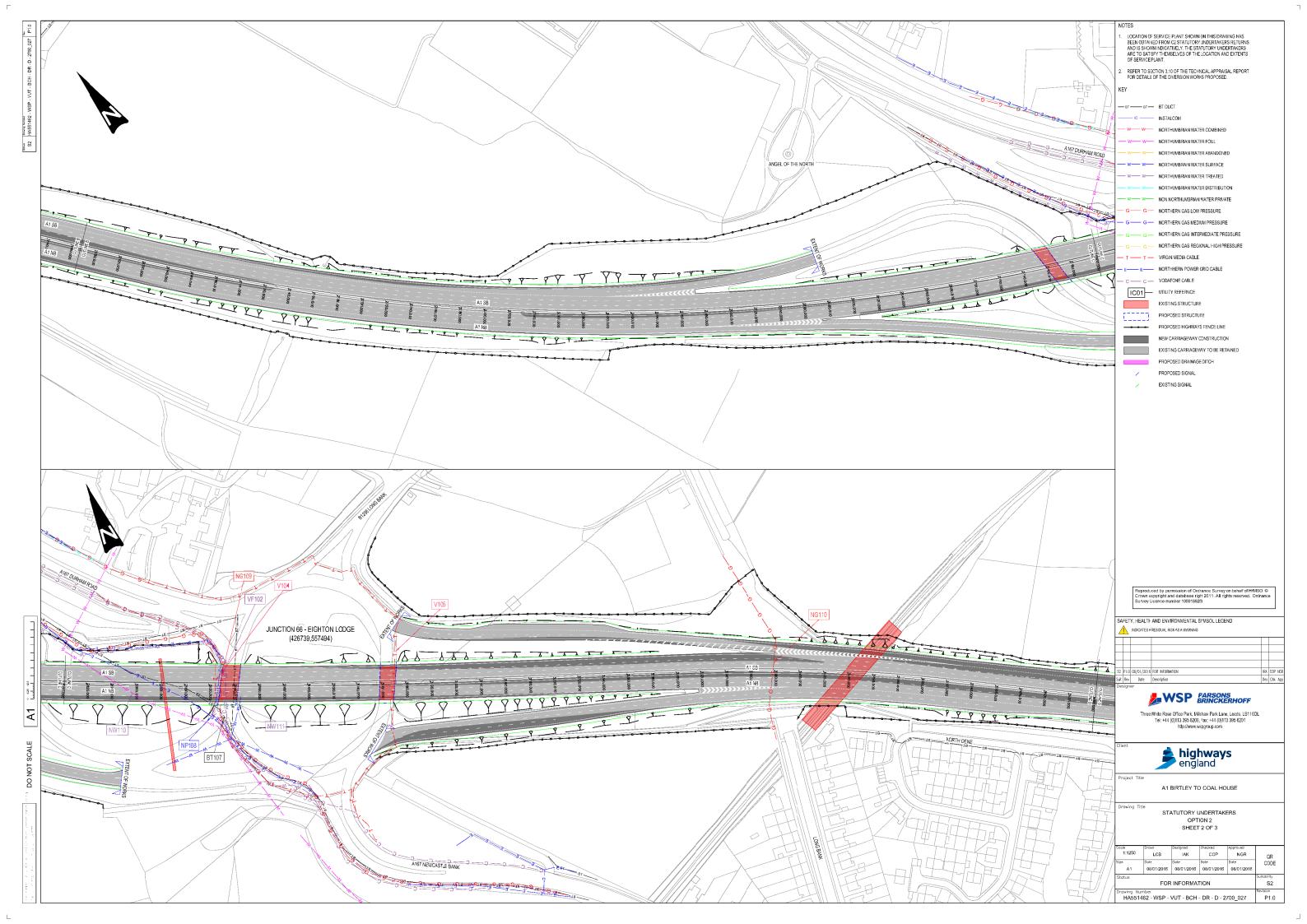


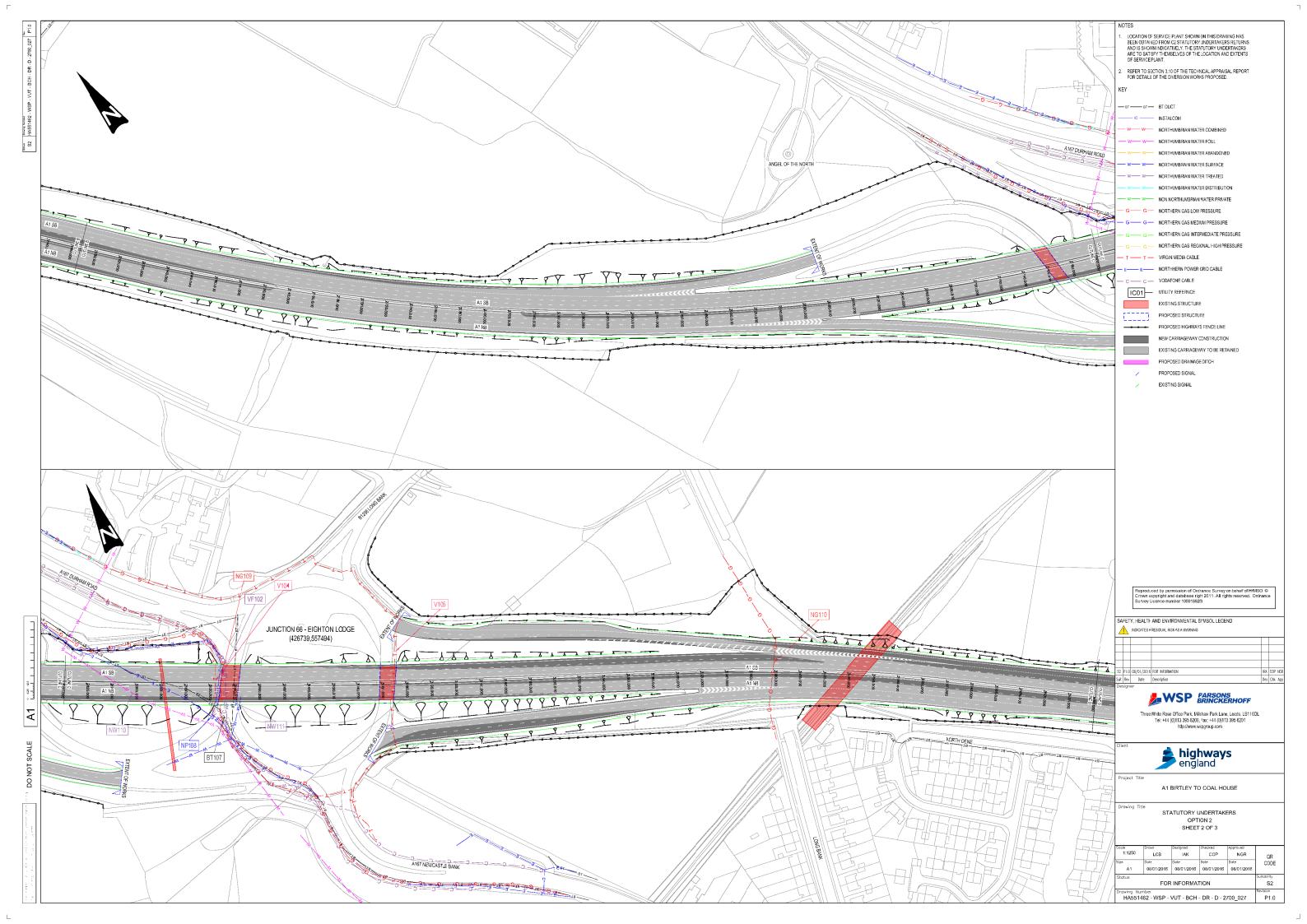
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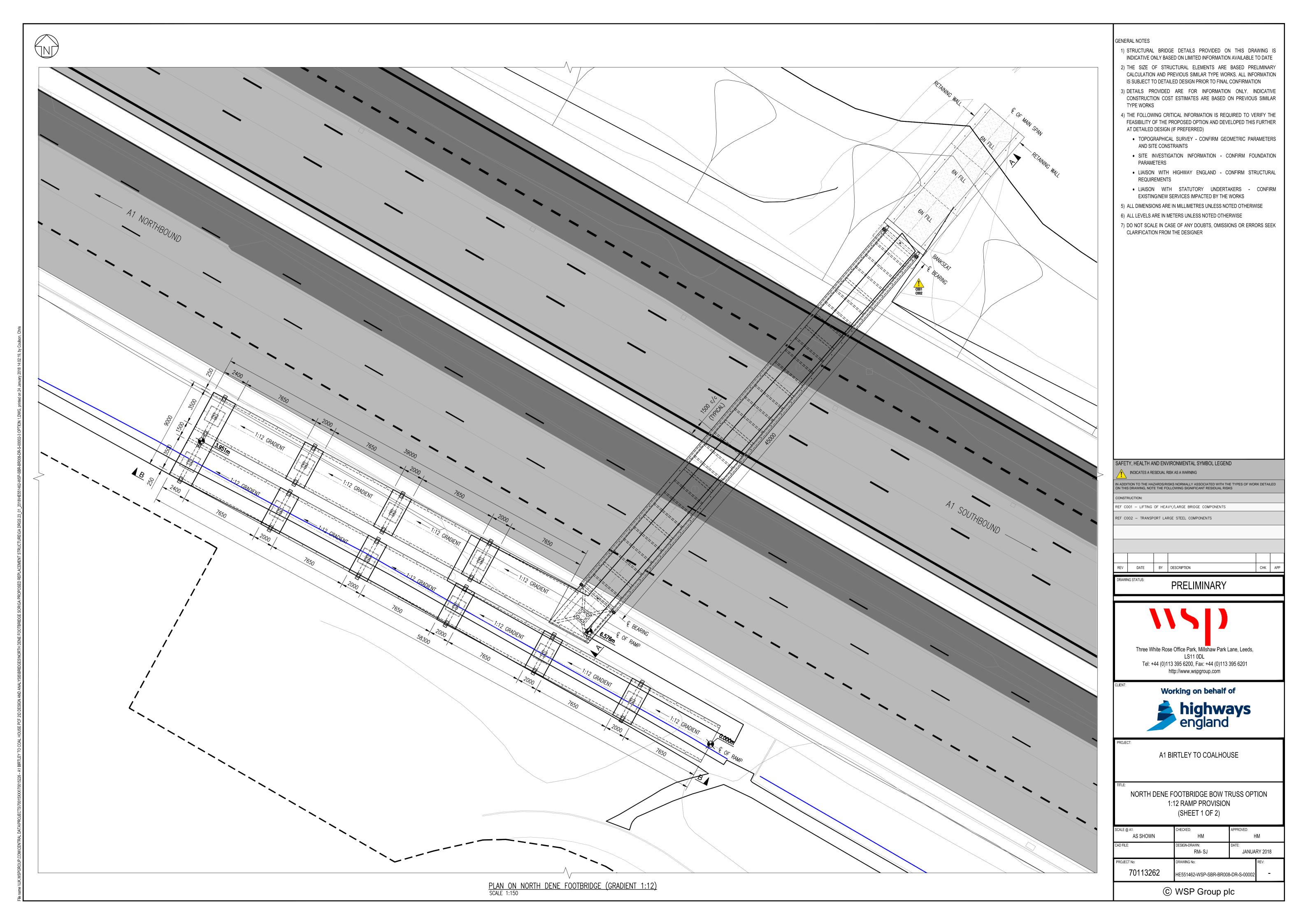
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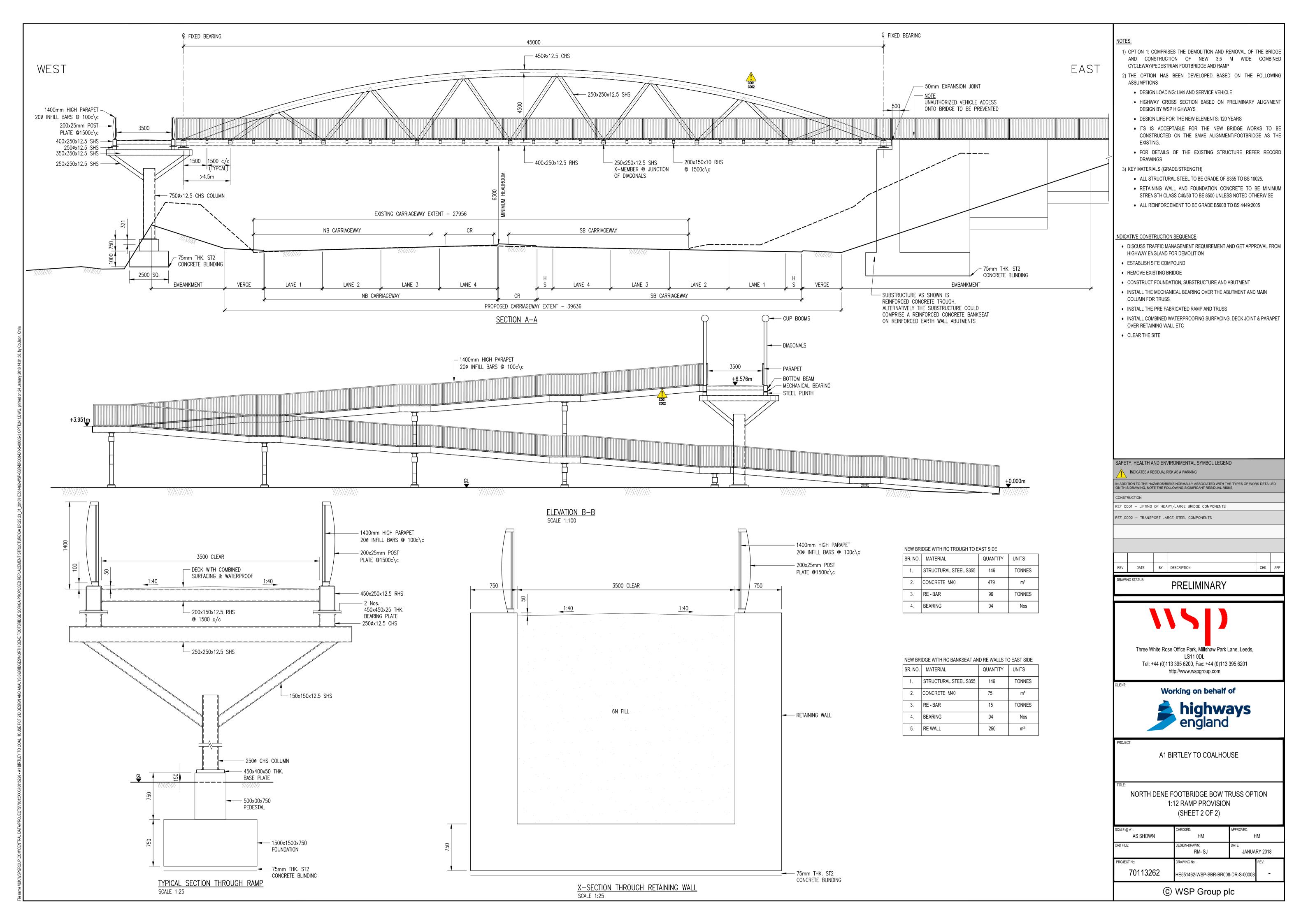
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OUTLINE GENERAL ARRANGEMENT BOW TRUSS FOOTBRIDGE OPTION

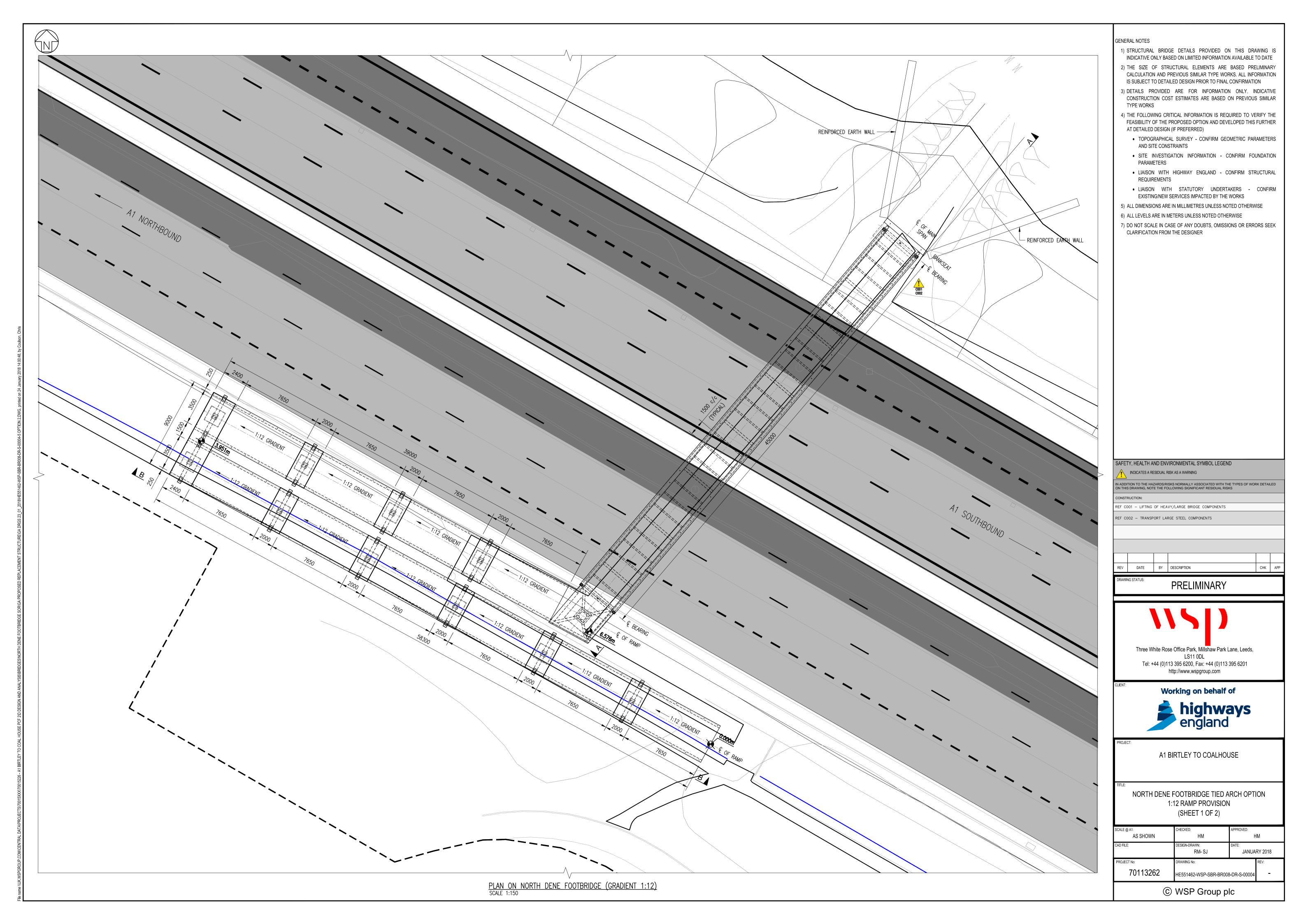


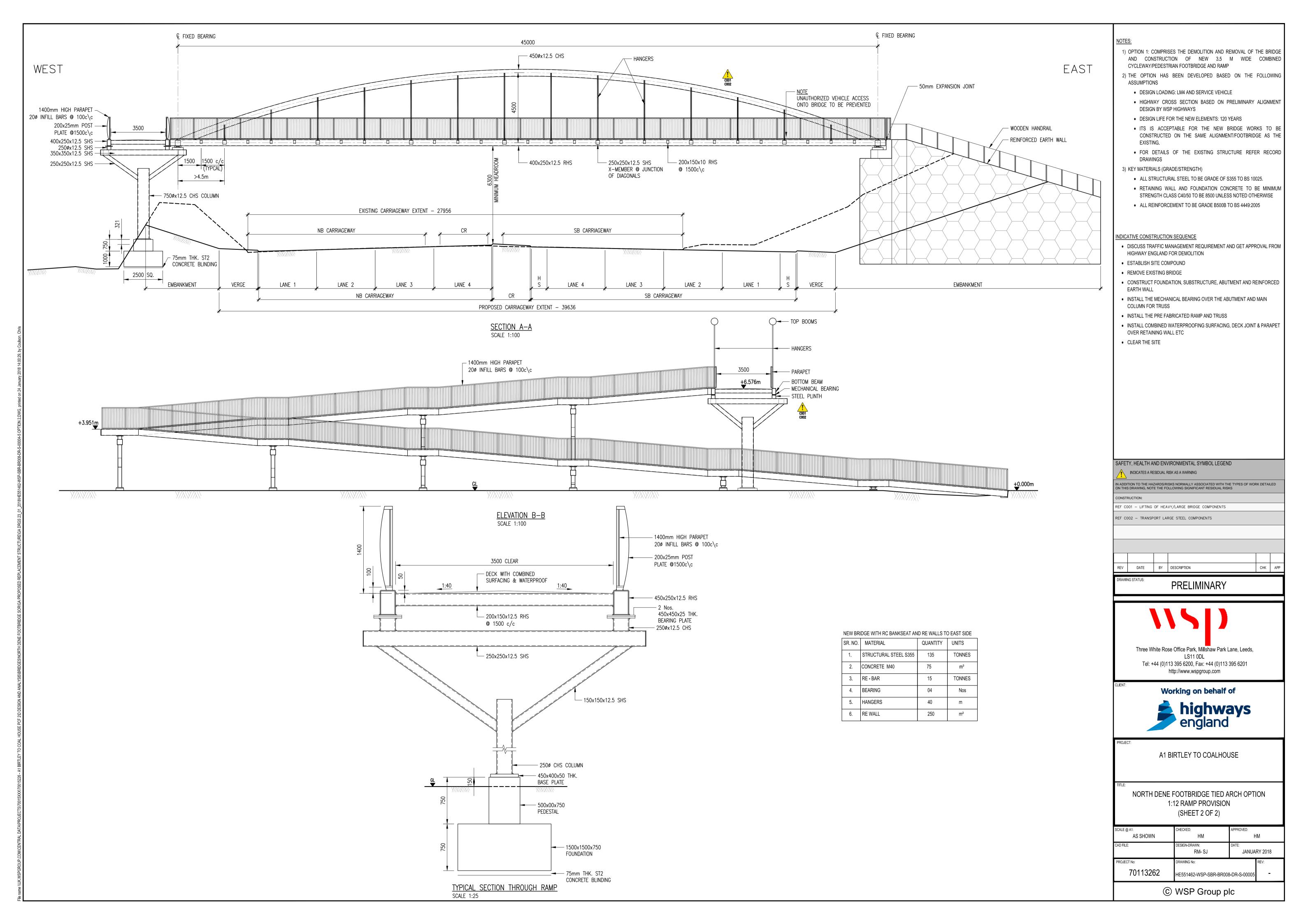




APPENDIX D-2

OUTLINE GENERAL ARRANGEMENT TIED ARCH FOOTBRIDGE OPTION







Appendix E

DESIGNER'S RISK ASSESSMENT



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DESIGNER'S RISK ASSESSMENT

Way of Working: Project Delivery T446: Design H&S Risk Register

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Guidance notes (see guidance notes page for more details)
Design risk management should be an integral part of the overall design development and designers should think of it in terms of considering constructability, maintainability, etc. Designers only need to document their consideration of risks in this simple risk register format. There is no requirement for quantitative design risk assessments to be carried out/documented and these should be avoided "tests should be considered in a legistal expense; relating to the licectain-ing-parational environment. Constructability, installability, overability (normal/emergency), maintainability (inc. routine cleaning, replacement, etc.), and alteration/exiscent risks in the licectain-ing-paration and should be categorised against those headings.
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| Ref | Risk Category* (and Phase where appropriate, e.g., location/ensironment, construction, operation, maintenance, afteration/demolition) | Work Element/Location (where appropriate) | Hazard or Risk Issue Identified | Risk Management Owner | Design ERIc Action Required (e.g hazard elimination/risk mitigation action, information to be provided to others) | Significant Temporary Works Requirements/Management Arrangements and/or any Special Erection/Installation Sequences or Populirements | Design Action Status/Final Resolution Notes (e.g. traceability of ERIc action, communication of significant residual risk, critical design criteria, etc.) | Significant Residual Risk ⁵ (Y/N) | Date Logged/ Reviewed | Raised By |
|-----|--|---|---|--------------------------|--|--|---|--|--------------------------|--------------|
| 001 | Construction | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Lifting of heavy bridge elements into positions | Contractor | Proposed crossing to comprise structural steel form footbridges. This would allow for a bridge structure to be provided with a high strength to weight ratio (in comparison to concrete) with improved buildability due to less onerous crane lifting requirements. | Appropriate craneage to be used with a lifting plan. Contractor will need to ensure cranes are adequately sized and located. A1 traffic to be closed during lifting. | Footbridge segments could be fabricated off site and then delivered and assembled on site to limit in situ works. | Y | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 102 | Construction | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Transport of large steel components - potential risks associated with the movement of large abnormal loads | Contractor | Detailed design to ensure the fabricated sections of truss are manageable (not excessively long etc.) to ensure they can be delivered to site with minimal potential logistical risks. | Contractor to provide assembly area as part of site compound. | By ensuring the length of truss segments are not excessively large, would reduce risk associated with transport and assembly on site. | N | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 103 | Construction | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Workforce exposed to site based construction risks due to intensive in-situ works. | Designer | Proposed crossings comprise structural form (including prefixed parapets) that can be predominantly prefabricated/assembled off site reducing the extent and complexity of site based operations. The proposed main bridge is a single span without having any intermediate support, thereby further reducing the workforce exposure to site based construction risks. | Contractor to ensure SSOW in place for all site based activities. | Structural steel bridge form has an advantage that in-situ operation (associated risks) are limited. Site based construction risks further reduced by ensuring steel elements are pre-painted before arriving on site. Provision of complete truss avoids risk of falling from height for finishing works, i.e. parapet in place | N | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 04 | Construction | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Live road (A1 carriageway) at risk of falling debris during lifting operation of structural elements. | Contractor | Assumed A1 carriageway to be closed during lifting operations | TM to be in place during works with the crane. Contractor to ensure TM details to be approved prior to undertaking site based operations. | Note on drawings to be provided highlighting the need for road closures during lifting operations. | Y | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 05 | Construction | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Risk associated with working at height | Designer | Design to consider method of construction that reduces the risk of working at height inc. surfacing, fixings etc. Pre-fabricated steel truss sections proposed to avoid insitu construction at height. | Truss to be installed in modular sections with parapets already fixed to provide edge protection. | Prefabrication requirements to be defined in the works information. | N | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 06 | Construction | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Delivery material/structural components on site cause obstruction lead to accidents (collision etc.) | Contractor | Contractor to consider suitable holding areas on site in close proximity to the works | Contractor to provide a suitable holding area as part of the site compound. | No further action | N | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 007 | Construction | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Deep excavations associated with foundations to the bridge | Designer | The lightweight steel superstructure (in comparison to concrete) results in reduced imposed bearing pressures at ground level which subsequently reduces the depth and size of the proposed spread footing foundations. | Contractor to develop SSOW for excavation of foundations | Simple and lighter form of superstructure proposed to reduce the weight of structure | N | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 108 | Construction | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Damage to existing services, electrocultion | Contractor | statutory undertakes information indicate that firitish telecom (BTIOS) and Northern Power Grid Services (IVPIOS) services are located within the vicinity of North dene footbridge and may potentially be impacted by the works | At this stage it is assumed that all services found impacting the proposed bridge works shall be diverted protected accordingly to progress the bridge works on site. During construction, areas to be scanned by trained and competent contractor to confirm no presence of services prior to works. Contractor to locate all services prior to account to the prior to the provides and the HA maintenance service provides to locate all services prior to piling or excavation works. Contractor to implement safe system. All execution to be examined prior to | Appropriate note/reference to be put on drawings relating to service location | N | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 09 | Design | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Restriction to the A1 carriageway widening due to intermediate piers | Designer | the proposed structure is a clear span replacement bridge with no intermediate supports to avoid obstruction to the A1 and provide different maintenance access in the future | - | No Action | N | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 10 | Construction | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Interested members of the public watching the lifting of the bridge segments from dangerous/unauthorised viewing points. | Contractor | Consideration should be give to the provision of safe designated observation areas, within which members of the public can congregate to observe lifting operations being undertaken. | Temporary works to include TTM and control of vehicle and pedestrian movements | Details for safe viewing areas to be detailed in the specification | N | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 111 | Maintenance | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Maintenance painting - working at height risk of wehicle impact/falls etc. | Operator | Design to ensure specification of paint system to comprise a robust corrosion protection system with an increase life cycle (greater than 50 years). This would limit the requency at which the paint system renewal works will be required over the design life of the structure. In addition the design of the structure shall comprise uncomplicated details/fixings which could create a water trap and lead to accelerated rates of corrosion. | IM (closure of the A1) - will be required during future maintenance painting works. | Maintenance manual to detail the need for TM_ATI. and closur-of-leversion) and potential encapsulation (if grit blasting preparation prior to painting) provision to undertake maintenance painting. To avoid the requirement for encapsulation and grit blasting, the maintenance manual shall include details of paint systems (Corrolless' system etc.) that can be applied without the need for grit blast surface preparation. Design to include appropriate paint system requirements. | N | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 12 | Maintenance | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Corrosion of deck plate and general maintenance | Operator | The deck is given camber in both the transverse and longitudinal directions so as to ensure that the water drains off quickly to the bank seats from where it will be collected by drainage channels and pipes. | - | No action | N | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 13 | Operation | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Vehicle impact on slender columns supporting the bridge initiates total collapse. | Designer | The bridge alignment as well as the support configuration is proposed in such a way that the supports are located as far as practicable from the edge of the carriageway. Supports are away from the edge of the carriageway by more than 4.5 no liminishe risk of impact damage from road vehicles/ users. | | No action | N | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 114 | Operation | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Vehicle impact with the soffil of the footbridge spanning the slip roads, lead to fatal collapse. | Designer | The proposed footbridge structure over the main line shall satisfy the 5.7m × followance for so gurvely headroom requirements as silputated for 1027/05 Cross Section and Headroom. This minimum headroom requirement shall also extend beyond the maintaine carriageway over the verges within the designated structure free cross. This would avoid designing the tridge superstructure to suctain impact loading which would be particularly onerous on a light footbridge structure. | | No action | N | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 15 | Operation | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Long and overly steep approach ramps make it difficult for cyclist and disabled people to use crossing, risk of failigue and loss of treath | Designer | The new structure to incorporate a new 1 in 12 ramp provision that is 3.5m wide to emure compatibility with enew briggs structure over the mainline. This will allow provision of a more accessful ramp (including landings) control 1 in a ramp provision, beforetial landings shall be provided at intervals producing a rise of no more than 650mm between landings. The length of Indings shall also not be less than 2m. | | No action | N | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
|)16 | Operation | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Risk of cyclist falling over the standard pedestrian parapet provision | | The proposed bridge crossings shall be provided with a 1.4m parapet height (not standard 1.2m pedestrian parapet) to provide further containment to cyclist. | - | No action | N | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 117 | Operation | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | At grade crossing of the A1 would increase the risk of traffic related accidents | Designer | Bridge type crossings over the A1 has been proposed to eliminate risk of traffic accidents. Bridge crossing would also provide unrestricted access over the A1 with out impeding traffic flows, improving safety for traffic. | | No action | N | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 118 | Demolition | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Live road (A1) at risk of falling debris during removal lifting operation of structural elements. | Contractor | Assumed A1 carriageway to be closed during removal lifting operations | TM to be in place during works with the crane. Contractor to ensure TM details to be approved prior to undertaking site based operations. North Dene crossing to be closed during lifting constitutes. | Highlight risk and mitigation on drawings | Y | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
|)19 | Operations | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Risk of motorized vehicles /service vehicles using the footbridge and approaches | Designer | Consdicration to be given for a Vehicle Restraint System comprising Bollards to provided at the entrance of bridge. | | No action | | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |
| 120 | Operations | Proposed North Dene Footbridge | Open type foot bridge - Exposure of Pedestrians/cyclists to inclement weather and associated slips and falls. | Designer | Adequate drainage is provided on the bridge by giving good transverse and longitudinal falls to the deck. Anti skid and water proofing membrane surfacing to also specified. Pedestrian/cyclist restraint system with a height of 1.4m is provided | - | No action | N | 23/01/2018 | Rakesh Mehta |

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Hitan

Thank you for your submission of the A1B2CH North Dene Footbridge SOR.

I confirm acceptance of the recommendations and conclusions of this report.

As stated in the report and previously discussed, one of the challenges for a new footbridge at this location is the ramp that will be required at the west side.

To reiterate what is stated in the report, a Departure from Standard will be required for the proposed 1 in 12 ramp provision which is the preferred option.

I confirm that I do agree with this in Principle and will support the DfS submission, but the Highways England Policy Advisor will still require a robust case to be presented as part of the departure submission.

If constructed the proposed Bow Truss Option and 1 in 12 ramps has the potential to be very aesthetically pleasing, especially compared to the existing footbridge, and hopefully this will allay some of the reservations by the local householders, and may even increase usage across the bridge.

Regards

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