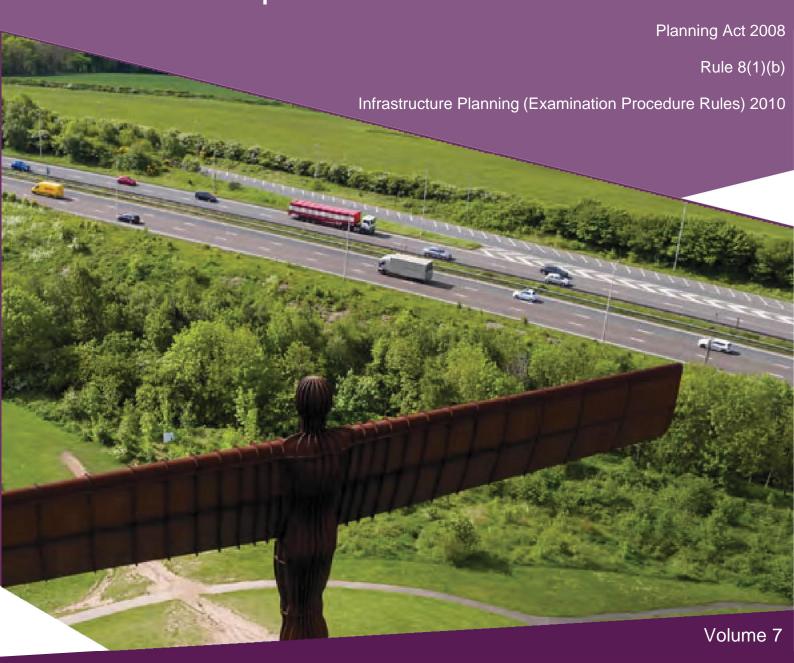


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WSP/HIGHWAYS ENGLAND KEY CORRESPONDENCE



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.

Part of the highway upgrade shall involve installation of new advanced direction signage (ADS) along the route. This Structures Option Report has been prepared for the provision and location of 14 gantry mounted direction signs proposed for the A1 Birtley to Coal House Scheme.

The form of gantries proposed are based on the assumptions/constraints listed below;

- · Gantries shall comprise simple, cost effective structural forms
- Gantries shall comprise light weight steel type construction that can be prefabricated and readily transported/assembled and lifted into position
- All gantries shall be non-access type
- · The gantries will support no equipment other than fixed text ADS signs
- Due to additional land take restrictions, the VRS shall be tied into the gantry foundation plinths which shall be designed to sustain vehicle impact loads
- · The Location of gantry support legs in the central reservation will be avoided

The gantries shall comprise one of the following types, commonly used on the Highways England network:

- 7 Number Long Span Truss Type Cantilever Gantries for span up to 19m
- 7 Number Super Span Truss Portal Gantries with supports positioned either side of the A1 verges

It is recommended the following be undertaken to further verify the findings of this report:

- Due to the scheme being located in an environmentally sensitive zone (i.e. adjacent to Angel of the North, built up residential areas etc.), following environmental review, the proposed location of the signage should be reviewed/altered with respect to visual intrusion.
- Further site investigation be undertaken to determine the location of services, to confirm apparatus does not impact the proposed location of gantries/signs.
- Review of the communication infrastructure required on the scheme to determine the need for any Variable Message Sign type gantries etc, that need to be incorporated as part of the scheme improvement works.



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 and works to date has identified the requirement for 20No. new advanced direction signage (ADS) gantries.

1.2 REPORT OBJECTIVES

- 1.2.1 This Structures Options Report has been prepared to assess the constraints/challenges associated with the installation of new ADS gantries for the scheme.
- 1.2.2 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. GANTRY DESIGN PARAMETERS

2.1 ADVANCED DIRECTION SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1.1 Preliminary design works to date has identified the highway upgrade shall require the installation of new advanced direction signage (ADS) along the route. A total of 14 gantry mounted direction signs proposed for the A1 Birtley to Coal House Scheme.
- 2.1.2 It is anticipated the design of the post mounted signs shall be in accordance with BD94/17 Design of Minor Structures, the foundations to which shall be either planted or spread footing type depending on the size of the signage. The proposals for the post mounted signs shall be reviewed at detailed design stage together with confirmation of precise locations.
- 2.1.3 The design and review for communication infrastructure (variable message signs etc.) is currently on going. Requirements for communication infrastructure including structural impact shall be confirmed/reviewed at a later date.
- 2.1.4 The proceeding information provided in this report assesses the structural requirements associated with the 14No. gantry mounted signs (referenced SG001 to SG020) identified to date.

2.2 STATUTORY UNDERTAKERS INFORMATION

- 2.2.1 Details of existing services within the scheme boundary are shown on the following service information plans provided in Appendix B:
 - HE551462-WSP-VUT-BCH-DR-D-00001-P02
 - HE551462-WSP-VUT-BCH-DR-D-00002-P02
 - HE551462-WSP-VUT-BCH-DR-D-00003-P02
- 2.2.2 The services information available to date indicate that apart from one location, Ref SG007, there are no existing services shown to be in the direct vicinity of the proposed gantry locations.
- 2.2.3 Gantry SG007, was found to cross Northern Gas Intermediate Pressure & Northern Gas Regional High Pressure services. It is anticipated that this gantry will be adjusted locally to avoid causing any disturbance to the current services.
- 2.2.4 Further investigation/surveys are required to confirm the line and level of existing services and ensure they do not impact potential gantry structures as currently anticipated.



2.3 ACCESS PROVISIONS FOR MAINTENANCE

- 2.3.1 Initial discussions with the HE SES and the Area 14 MAC team show both are in agreement regarding the provision of non-access ADS gantries. Justification for this is access is considered critical only for technology type gantries. Those supporting ADS type signs are generally non access on the basis pertinent maintenance access (to urgently repair VMS type signs and inform traffic) is not anticipated.
- 2.3.2 Any maintenance for the ADS gantry superstructure would be carried out within traffic management for which the level of risk to both workers and members of the public would be adequately controlled.
- 2.3.3 The HE SES and Area 14 MAC have also expressed a preference to avoid gantry leg supports being located within the central reserve thereby minimising risk and disruption to traffic associated with access to gantry supports within the central reserve.

2.4 VRS ARRANGEMENTS

- 2.4.1 The most economic verge arrangement where space allows, is the gantry foundation being set back behind a detached 'H1' barrier. Where sufficient space is not available, a 'H1' or 'H2' system can be attached to the foundation but this is considered to be more costly.
- 2.4.2 The redline boundary at the majority of the gantry locations limits additional land take, therefore the latter option to attached VRS to the gantry foundation is currently applied at all locations.
- 2.4.3 Sufficient headroom/clearance shall be provided at the gantries to remove the need to design the superstructure for vehicle impact loading. However it is anticipated that the edge of carriageway at all gantry locations is <4.5m. Therefore the foundation plinth shall be designed for the effects of vehicular collision loading.

2.5 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.5.1 The scheme is located in an environmentally sensitive zone (i.e. adjacent to Angel of the North, built up residential areas etc.). As such a full environmental review is currently being progressed with respect to visual intrusion created by the proposed signage.
- 2.5.2 A federated BIM model for the scheme has been proposed and is under development. This will provide a tool to assist with visibility and clash detection.
- 2.5.3 Following completion of the environmental review, the proposed location of the ADS signs shall be reviewed/altered if required to minimise visual intrusion.



2.6 GANTRY STRUCTURAL FORM

- 2.6.1 The form of gantries proposed are based on the assumptions/constraints listed below, some of which have been referred to previously in this report.
 - · Gantries shall comprise simple, cost effective structural forms
 - Gantries shall comprise light weight steel type construction that can be prefabricated and readily transported/assembled and lifted into position
 - · All gantries shall be non-access type
 - The gantries will support no equipment other than fixed text ADS signs
 - Due to additional land take restrictions, the VRS shall be tied into gantry foundation plinths which shall be designed to sustain vehicle impact loads
 - · The Location of gantry support legs in the central reservation will be avoided
- 2.6.2 The gantries shall comprise one of the following type, commonly used on the Highways England network;
 - Long Span Truss Type Cantilever Gantries for span up to 19m
 - · Super Span Truss Portal Gantries with supports positioned either side of the A1 verge



2.6.3 Long Span Truss Type Cantilever Gantries: For span lengths between 14m-19m a long span truss cantilever gantry is normally provided. They typically consist of a truss boom structure supporting the signboard over a single carriageway as shown in Figure 2-2:



Figure 2-2

2.6.4 Super span Truss Portal Gantries: For spans greater than 19m, a portal gantry is more likely to be a cost effective option compared to a cantilever gantry. They comprise a truss boom superstructure capable of spanning both carriageways without intermediate supports within the central reserve. Refer to Figure 2-3 and 2-4:



Figure 2-3



Figure 2-4

- 2.6.5 From previous case study examples, a cantilever gantry is more cost effective if only one carriageway requires signs but a single super span portal gantry is more cost effective compared to the provision of 2 long span cantilever gantries due to the following reasons:
 - Long span cantilevers have the advantage where they save works i.e. traffic management (TM), earthworks, service diversions, temporary works, retaining solutions as they would only be required in a single verge compared to a portal,
 - The superstructure of a single long span cantilever is approximately 80% of the cost of a portal gantry,
 - Due to additional loading, the foundation for a cantilever is roughly twice as big as a single portal foundation.



3. GANTRY PROPOSALS

3.1 GENERAL

- 3.1.1 Based on the information available to date, it is anticipated that the 14No. ADS gantries shall be grouped to comprise the following structural forms;
 - · 7 No. Truss Cantilever type gantries
 - · 7 No. Portal Frame type gantries
- 3.1.2 Table 3-1 provides an overview of the rationale applied to determine the proposed form of gantry to be installed at each discrete location. Refer to the outline general arrangement drawings in Appendix C-2 for details of the proposed gantry form at each location.
- 3.1.3 The indicative construction cost information (exclude preliminaries/temporary works cost) within the table is based on previous similar type schemes and shall be verified subject to detailed design. The Highway England Cost estimating team has not been consulted for any cost information.
- 3.1.4 Given the anticipated ground conditions and the constrained nature of each location, piled foundations are currently proposed for all gantries Refer to Section 4 for full details of the geotechnical appraisal.

					Sid	GN	FOUNDATION		
GANTRY	Description	Chainage	Түре	Span (m)	Width (m)	Height (m)	(refer to section 4 of the report for further details)	Services Impacted by New Gantry	Structural Commentary
SG001		-1460	Tubular Cantilever	12.40	10.440	4.177	Piled	Information not available	Relatively narrow sign facilitates the use of a simple tubular cantilever
SG002		-480	Tubular Cantilever	12.50	10.573	4.177	Piled	Information not available	Relatively narrow sign facilitates the use of a simple tubular cantilever
SG003		325	Tubular Cantilever	11.00	10.502	4.177	Piled	NONE	Relatively narrow sign facilitates the use of a simple tubular cantilever
SG00 4	Upon further development of design, this gantry is no longer required and has been removed from the scheme	4 30	Truss Cantilever	17.55	13.394	4. 802	Piled	NONE	The extended width of the sign prevents the use of a tubular cantilever but is still within the economic range of a truss cantilever. A portal at this location would require a long span which would not be cost effective and would potentially obscure the sign on gantry \$6003. A lighter weight portal could be used with a central reserve leg/foundation.
SG005		580	Portal	38.85	18.818	2.739	Piled	NONE	The width of the sign is too great for a cantilever to be cost effective. Current guidance suggests that the portal should span both carriageways, but it may be more cost effective to consider a central reserve leg/foundation.
SG006	J66 (Eighton Lodge) Southbound Diverge –	1090	Truss Cantilever	14.37	12.839	5.200	Piled	NONE	Relatively narrow sign facilitates the use of a simple tubular cantilever



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GANTRY	DESCRIPTION	Chainage	Түре	Span (m)	Width (m)	Height (m)	(refer to section 4 of the report for further details)	Services Impacted by New Gantry	STRUCTURAL COMMENTARY
	1 Mile (2/3) Advanced Direction Sign								
SG007	J67 (Coal House) Northbound Diverge - Confirmatory Direction Sign	1150	Portal	56.00	20.870	3.162	Piled	Northern Gas Intermediat e Pressure & Northern Gas Regional High Pressure	The width of the sign is too great for a cantilever to be cost effective. Current guidance suggests that the portal should span both carriageway, but it may be more cost effective to consider a central reserve leg/foundation.
SG008	J67 (Coal House) Northbound Diverge - Final Direction Sign	1350	Truss Cantilever	16.89	15.642	3.162	Piled	NONE	The extended width of the sign prevents the use of a tubular cantilever but is still within the economic range of a truss cantilever. A portal at this location would require a long span which would not be cost effective. A lighter weight portal could be used with a central reserve leg/foundation.
SG009	J66 (Eighton Lodge) Southbound Diverge – 1/2 Mile (1/3) Advanced Direction Sign	1550	Truss Cantilever	16.10	12.731	5.200	Piled	NONE	Relatively narrow sign facilitates the use of a simple tubular cantilever
SG010	J67 (Coal House) Northbound Diverge - 1/2 Mile (1/3) Advanced Direction Sign	1920	Truss Cantilever	17.55	16.885	3.162	Piled	NONE	The extended width of the sign prevents the use of a tubular cantilever but is still within the economic range of a truss cantilever. A portal at this location would require a long span which would not be cost effective and would potentially obscure the sign on gantry SG003. A lighter weight portal could be used with a central reserve leg/foundation.
SG011	J66 (Eighton Lodge) Southbound Diverge – Final Direction Sign	2140	Truss Cantilever	17.55	12.602	5.200	Piled	NONE	Relatively narrow sign facilitates the use of a simple tubular cantilever
\$G012	Upon further development of design, this gantry is no longer required and has been removed from the scheme	2425	Truss Cantilever	17.55	16.975	3.162	Piled	NONE	The extended width of the sign prevents the use of a tubular cantilever but is still within the economic range of a truss cantilever. A portal at this location would require a long span which would not be cost effective and would obscure SG013. A lighter weight portal could be used with a central reserve leg/foundation.
SG013	J66 (Eighton Lodge) Southbound Diverge – Confirmatory Direction Sign	2440	Portal	45.15	24.532	4.075	Piled	NONE	The width of the sign is too great for a cantilever to be cost effective. Current guidance suggests that the portal should span both carriageway but this could potentially obscure gantry SG012, it may therefore be



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					Sid	GN	FOUNDATION		
GANTRY	Description	Chainage	Түре	SPAN (M)	Width (m)	Height (m)	(refer to section 4 of the report for further details)	Services Impacted by New Gantry	Structural Commentary
									more appropriate to consider a central reserve leg/foundation.
SG014	J65 (Birtley) Southbound Diverge -1 Mile (2/3) Advanced Direction Sign	2955	Portal	33.80	17.414	5.537	Piled	NONE	The width of the sign is too great for a cantilever to be cost effective. Current guidance suggests that the portal should span both carriageway but it may be more cost effective to consider a central reserve leg/foundation.
SG015	J66 (Eighton Lodge) Northbound Diverge - Confirmatory Direction Sign	3400	Portal	50.65	20.850	4.318	Piled	NONE	The width of the sign is too great for a cantilever to be cost effective. Current guidance suggests that the portal should span both carriageway but this could potentially obscure gantry SG016, it may therefore be more appropriate to consider a central reserve leg/foundation.
SG016	J65 (Birtley) Southbound Diverge - 1/2 Mile (1/3) Advanced Direction Sign	3490	Portal	43.70	20.956	5.537	Piled	NONE	The width of the sign is too great for a cantilever to be cost effective. Current guidance suggests that the portal should span both carriageway but this could potentially obscure gantry SG015, it may therefore be more appropriate to consider a central reserve leg/foundation.
SG017	J66 (Eighton Lodge) Northbound Diverge - Final Direction Sign	3630	Truss Cantilever	17.55	16.096	4.318	Piled	NONE	The extended width of the sign prevents the use of a tubular cantilever but is still within the economic range of a truss cantilever. A portal at this location would require a long span which would not be cost effective. A lighter weight portal could be used with a central reserve leg/foundation.
SG018	J65 (Birtley) Southbound Diverge - Final Direction Sign	4025	Truss Cantilever	18.07	14.932	5.537	Piled	NONE	The extended width of the sign prevents the use of a tubular cantilever but is still within the economic range of a truss cantilever. A portal at this location would require a long span which would not be cost effective. A lighter weight portal could be used with a central reserve leg/foundation.
SG019	J66 (Eighton Lodge) Northbound Diverge - 1/2 Mile (1/3) Advanced Direction Sign	4215	Portal	41.55	17.382	4.318	Piled	NONE	The width of the sign is too great for a cantilever to be cost effective. Current guidance suggests that the portal should span both carriageway but this could potentially obscure gantry SG020, it may therefore be more appropriate to consider a central reserve leg/foundation.



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					Sign		FOUNDATION		
GANTRY	DESCRIPTION	Chainage	Түре	Span (m)	Width (m)	Height (m)	(refer to section 4 of the report for further details)	Services Impacted by New Gantry	
SG020	J65 (Birtley) Southbound Diverge - Confirmatory Direction Sign	4280	Portal	43.70	20.550	4.387	Piled	NONE	The width of the sign is too great for a cantilever to be cost effective. Current guidance suggests that the portal should span both carriageway but this could potentially obscure gantry SG019, it may therefore be more appropriate to consider a central reserve leg/foundation.

Table 3-1: Gantries Option Schedule

4. GROUND INVESTIGATION

4.1 EXISTING GROUND CONDITIONS

- 4.1.1 A Geotechnical Design Report is not yet available for the project. However following completion of a ground investigation a report will be prepared, defining suitable parameters for the design and acceptable foundations. The preliminary choice of foundation solution for each gantry has been considered appropriate based on the records and findings at each specific location, including information from the Preliminary Sources Study Report (PSSR) for the wider Birtley to Coalhouse Scheme (HA544664-WSP-HGT-S01-RP-GE-0600-P-01).
- 4.1.2 It should be noted that no specific ground investigation is proposed for the proposed gantry locations during Stage 3 of the project. Given the likelihood of gantry locations changing as the scheme design develops, a decision was made (between the design team and Highways England) that the ground investigation for gantries would be conducted using a 'just-in-time' philosophy during construction. However, once the ground investigation results for the scheme are available, these will be used to inform the foundation designs for the gantries. Any foundation design will be subject to confirmation following the 'just-in-time' investigation during construction.
- 4.1.3 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 the proposed gantry locations. Table 4-1 provides a summary of the anticipated ground conditions at each of the gantry locations:

GANTRY NUMBER / CHAINAGE	GANTRY TYPE	Anticipated Ground Conditions Based on Historical Logs
SG006 Ch 1+090	Truss Cantilever	Embankment fill: up to 10 m thick. Glaciolacustrine deposits: between 1.5 m to 33 m thick comprising.
SG007 Ch 1+150	Portal	soft to firm grey brown laminated clay locally silty laminated clay. Glacial Till: between 3.5 m and 13 m thick comprising stiff to very
SG008 Ch 1+350	Truss Cantilever	stiff orange brown mottled grey brown sandy slightly gravelly clay, gravel is sandstone and coal. Pennine Middle Coal Measures bedrock: interbedded mudstone,
SG009 Ch 1+550	Truss Cantilever	siltstone, sandstone and coal encountered at a depths between 14 and 55 m below ground level.
SG010 Ch 1+920	Truss Cantilever	Glacial Till: between 5.5 m and 13 m thick comprising stiff to very stiff orange brown mottled grey brown sandy slightly gravelly clay,
SG011 Ch 2+140	Truss Cantilever	gravel is sandstone and coal. Pennine Middle Coal Measures bedrock: interbedded mudstone,
SG013 Ch 2+440	Portal	siltstone, sandstone and coal encountered at a depths between 5.5 and 13 m below ground level.
SG014 Ch 2+955	Portal	 Embankment fill: up to 9 m thick. Glacial Till: between 6 m and 7 m thick comprising stiff to very stiff orange brown mottled grey brown sandy slightly gravelly clay, gravel is sandstone and coal.
SG015 Ch 3+400	Portal	 Pennine Middle Coal Measures bedrock: interbedded mudstone, siltstone, sandstone and coal encountered at a depths between 9 and 16 m below ground level.

GANTRY NUMBER / CHAINAGE	GANTRY TYPE	ANTICIPATED GROUND CONDITIONS BASED ON HISTORICAL LOGS
SG016 Ch 3+490	Portal	
SG017 Ch 3+630	Truss Cantilever	Glacial Till: between 2 m and 7.5 m thick comprising stiff to very stiff orange brown mottled grey brown sandy slightly gravelly clay,
SG018 Ch 4+025	Truss Cantilever	gravel is sandstone and coal. Pennine Middle Coal Measures bedrock: interbedded mudstone,
SG019 Ch 4+215	Portal	siltstone, sandstone and coal encountered at a depths between 2 and 7.5 m below ground level.
SG020 Ch 4+280	Portal	

Table 4-1: Ground conditions summary at the proposed gantry locations

- 4.1.4 Coal seams recorded as being worked are present within the Pennine Middle Coal Measures beneath the majority of the gantry locations. The site is within the likely zone of influence from workings in thirteen seams, with past and probable shallow mining below the majority of the site east of Junction 67 (Coal House junction). Abandonment plans indicate shallow workings in the Five Quarter, Maudlin, and Yard (Main) seams at shallow depth beneath the area.
- 4.1.5 Table 4-2 provides a summary of the proposed gantry locations in relation to the Coal Authority's High Risk Development Areas:

	DEVELOPMENT AREA	GANTRIES INDICATED TO BE CLOSE TO A HIGH RISK DEVELOPMENT AREA	GANTRIES INDICATED TO BE OUT WITH HIGH RISK DEVELOPMENT AREAS	
SG007 SG008	SG015 SG016		SG006	
SG010 SG011	SG017 SG018	\$G009	However, these locations are indicated as being underlain by	
SG013 SG014	SG019 SG020		former worked coal seams, at a greater depth.	

Table 4-2: Proposed Gantry locations in relation to Coal Authority High Risk Development Areas

- 4.1.6 Shallow groundwater (less than 10 m bgl) is recorded in a number of historical boreholes beneath, and in the vicinity of, the gantry locations (particularly in the vicinity of the River Team valley). Groundwater strikes are recorded within the superficial deposits. Limited records are available of groundwater strikes within the solid geology.
- 4.1.7 Areas of perched / shallow groundwater should also be anticipated within the Made Ground.
- 4.1.8 No groundwater monitoring results are available from the historical ground investigations. Groundwater monitoring is to be undertaken a part of the proposed ground investigation and should be conducted as part of the gantry-specific ground investigation during construction.

4.2 RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH FOUNDATION WORKS

4.2.1 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 gantry foundations are summarised in Table 4-3. During the design of the gantries, individual risk registers should be prepared as the majority of these risks are location-specific and do not affect every gantry.



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.			
Instability of Existing Earthworks	There is a risk that the existing earthworks at the site are not as stable as assumed at this stage.	Medium		
Instability caused by shallow mine workings	There is a risk that the gantry foundations will be adversely impacted by collapse of shallow coal mine workings, which may require grouting during construction.	Construction delays and 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	

Table 3-3: Geotechnical Risks of proposed gantry foundations

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

- 4.3.1 A scheme specific ground investigation has been scoped and is currently being undertaken. However, boreholes for the proposed gantry locations are not currently included within the scope of this ground investigation. The ground investigation at the gantry locations is to be carried out during construction using the "just in time" philosophy. There are a number of the proposed scheme specific boreholes holes which coincide with the proposed gantry locations that could be used to further refine the foundation designs.
- 4.3.2 Drawings HE551462-WSP-HGT-BCH-DR-GE-00023 to HE551462-WSP-HGT-BCH-DR-GE-00033 show the exploratory hole locations of the ground investigation proposed to inform the detailed design. Refer to Appendix D for further details.
- 4.3.3 The ground investigation shall be reported in a Ground Investigation Report (in line with HD 22/08) once completed.

4.4 ANTICIPATED FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGN GANTRIES

4.4.1 The final gantry foundations 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.



- 4.4.2 Given the anticipated ground conditions and the constrained nature of each location, piled foundations are currently proposed for all gantries (for further details, refer to the gantry schedule in Appendix C-1). The detailed design of any piled solution is likely to be the responsibility of a specialist piling contractor (and reported within a Geotechnical Design report in line with HA 22/08).
- 4.4.3 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 A1. The extent of such workings (and possibly previous grouting works) will need to be assessed as part of the proposed ground investigation.



5. CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 CONCLUSION

- 5.1.1 The study has shown the highway upgrade shall require the installation of new advanced direction signage (ADS) along the route. A total of 14 gantry mounted direction signs are proposed to be installed. Proposals for the post mounted signs shall be reviewed at detailed design stage together with confirmation of precise locations.
- 5.1.2 The form of gantries proposed are based on the assumptions/constraints listed below:
 - · Gantries shall comprise simple, cost effective structural forms
 - Gantries shall comprise light weight steel type construction that can be prefabricated and readily transported/assembled and lifted into position
 - · All gantries shall be non-access type
 - · The gantries will support no equipment other than fixed text ADS signs
 - Due to additional land take restrictions, the VRS shall be tied into gantry foundation plinths which shall be designed to sustain vehicle impact loads
 - · The Location of gantry support legs in the central reservation will be avoided
- 5.1.3 It is anticipated that the gantries shall comprise either of the following type, commonly used on the Highways England network;
 - 7 Number Long Span Truss Type Cantilever Gantries for span up to 19m
 - 7 Number Super Span Truss Portal Gantries with supports positioned either side of the A1 verge
- 5.1.4 The review of anticipated ground conditions and the constrained nature at each location suggest piled foundations would be required at all the gantry locations.



5.2 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.2.1 It is recommended that the gantry designs for the A1 be further developed based on the following provision.
 - · 7No. Long Span Truss Type Cantilever Gantries for span up to 19m
 - 7No. Super Span Truss Portal Gantries with supports positioned either side of the A1 verge
- 5.2.2 The following should be undertaken to further validate the findings of this report:
 - Due to the scheme being located in an environmentally sensitive zone (i.e. adjacent to Angel of the North, built up residential areas etc.), following environmental review, the proposed location of the signage should be reviewed/altered with respect to visual intrusion.
 - Further site investigation be undertaken to determine the location of services, to confirm apparatus does not impact the proposed location of gantries/signs.
 - Review of the communication infrastructure required on the scheme to determine the need for any Variable Message Sign type gantries etc that need to be incorporated as part of the scheme improvement works.





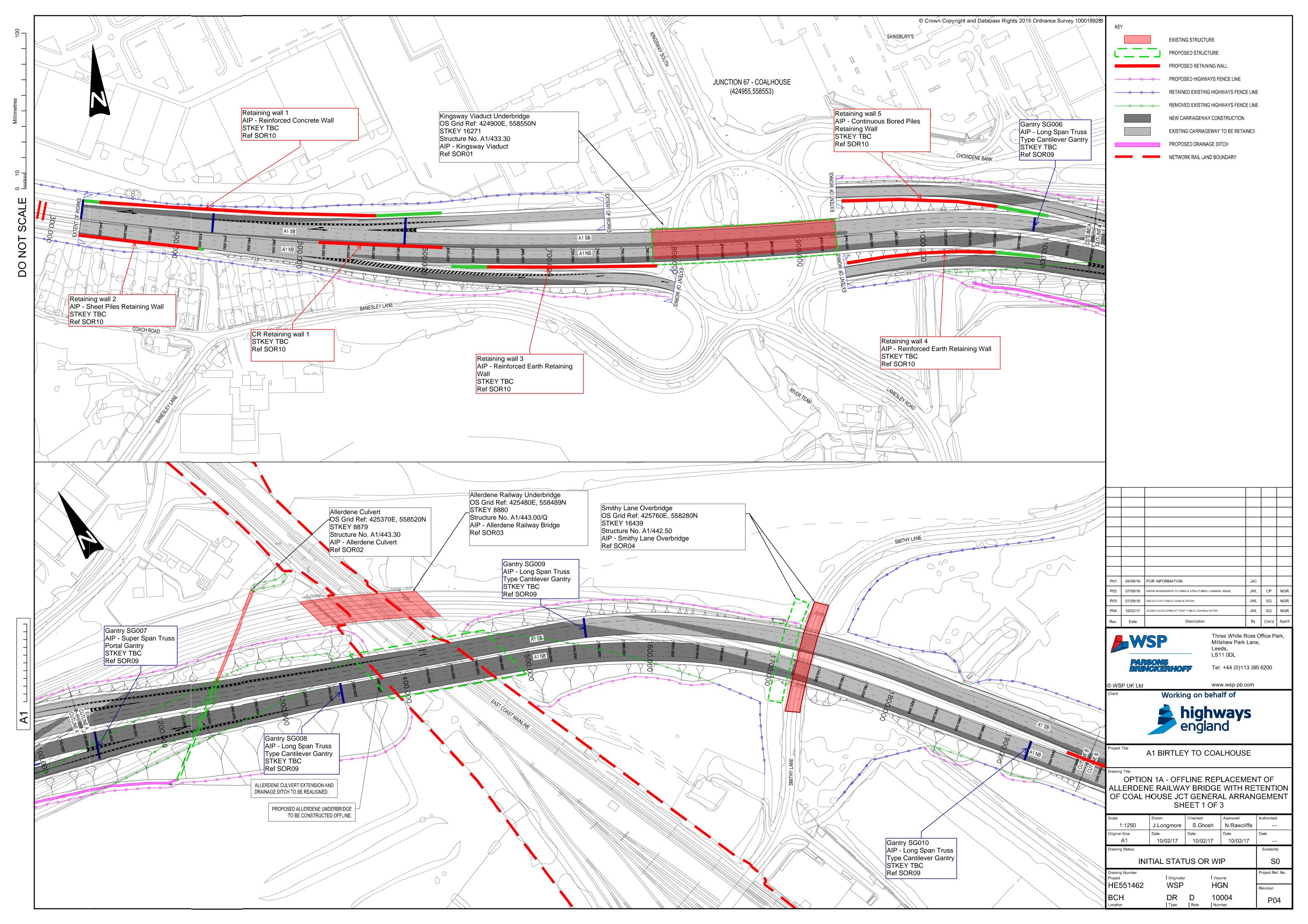
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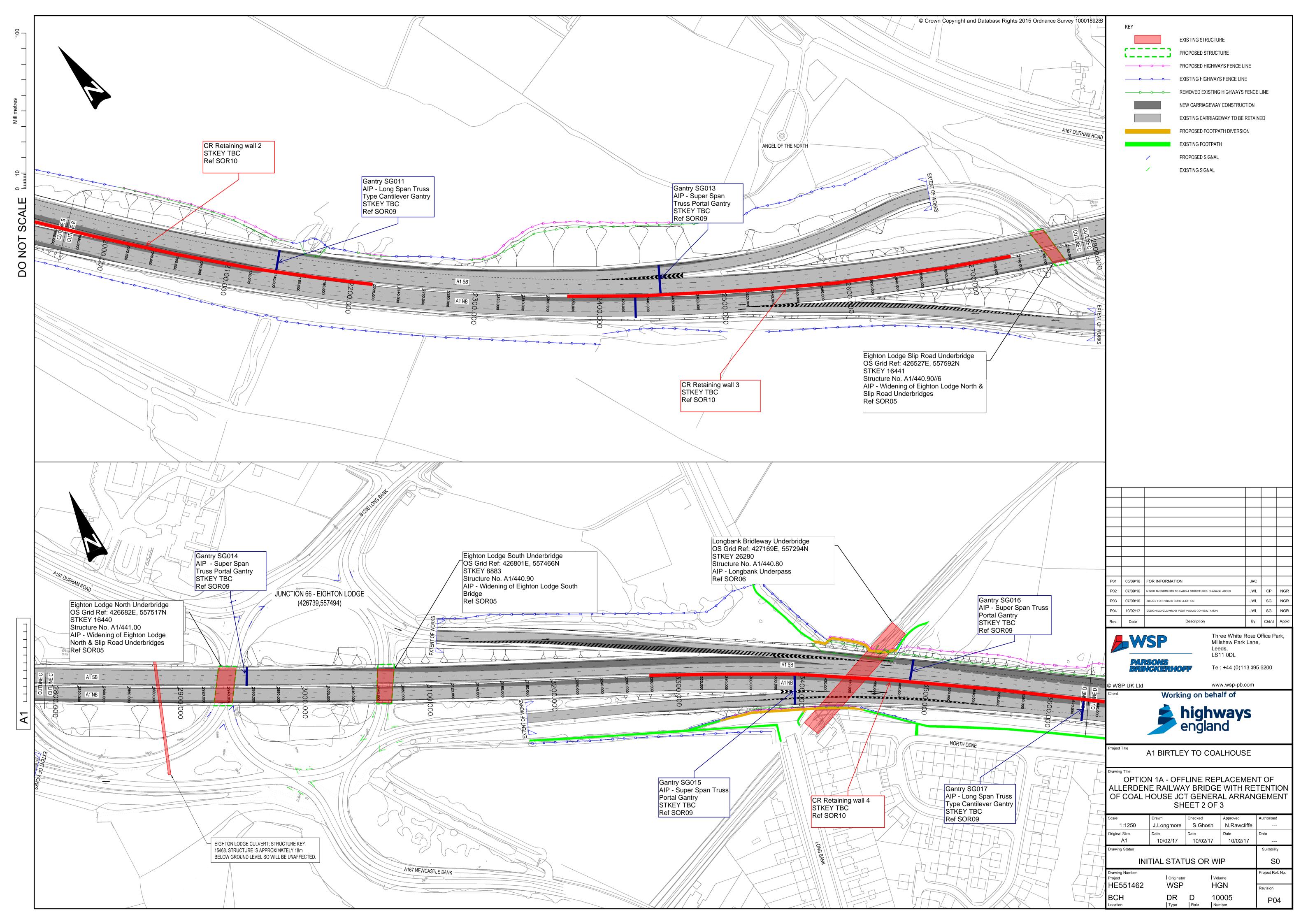
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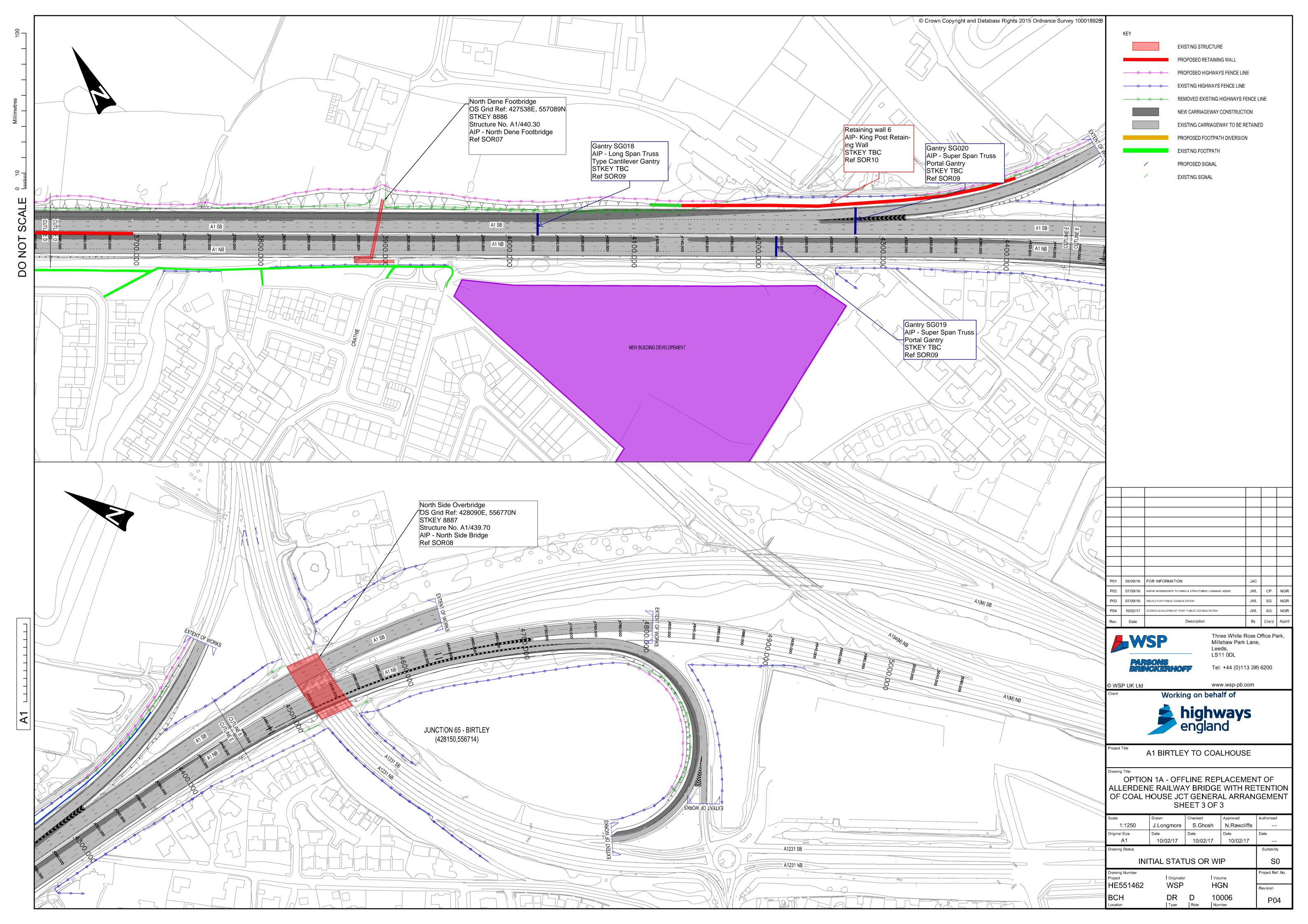


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PREFERRED ROUTE PLANS









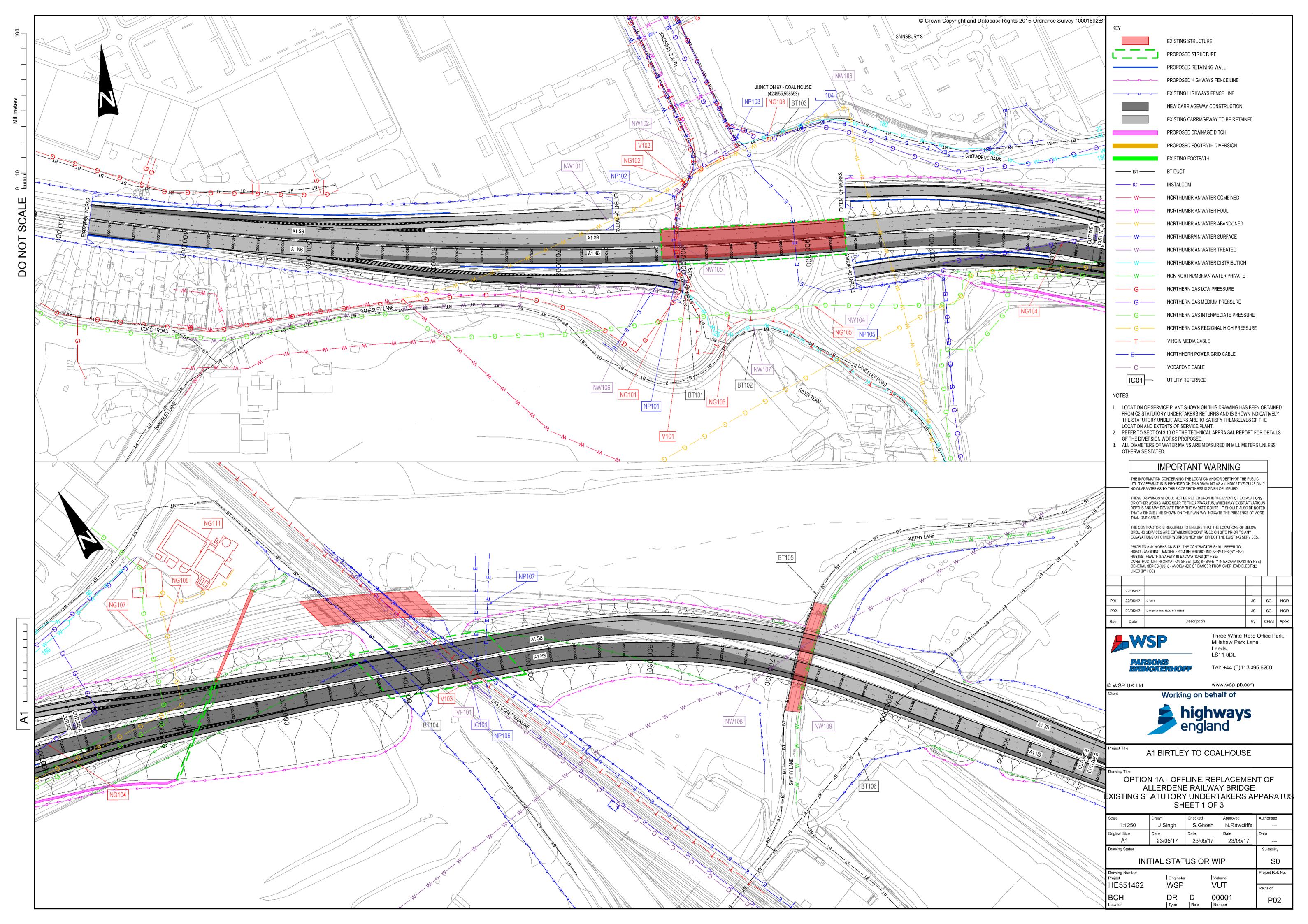
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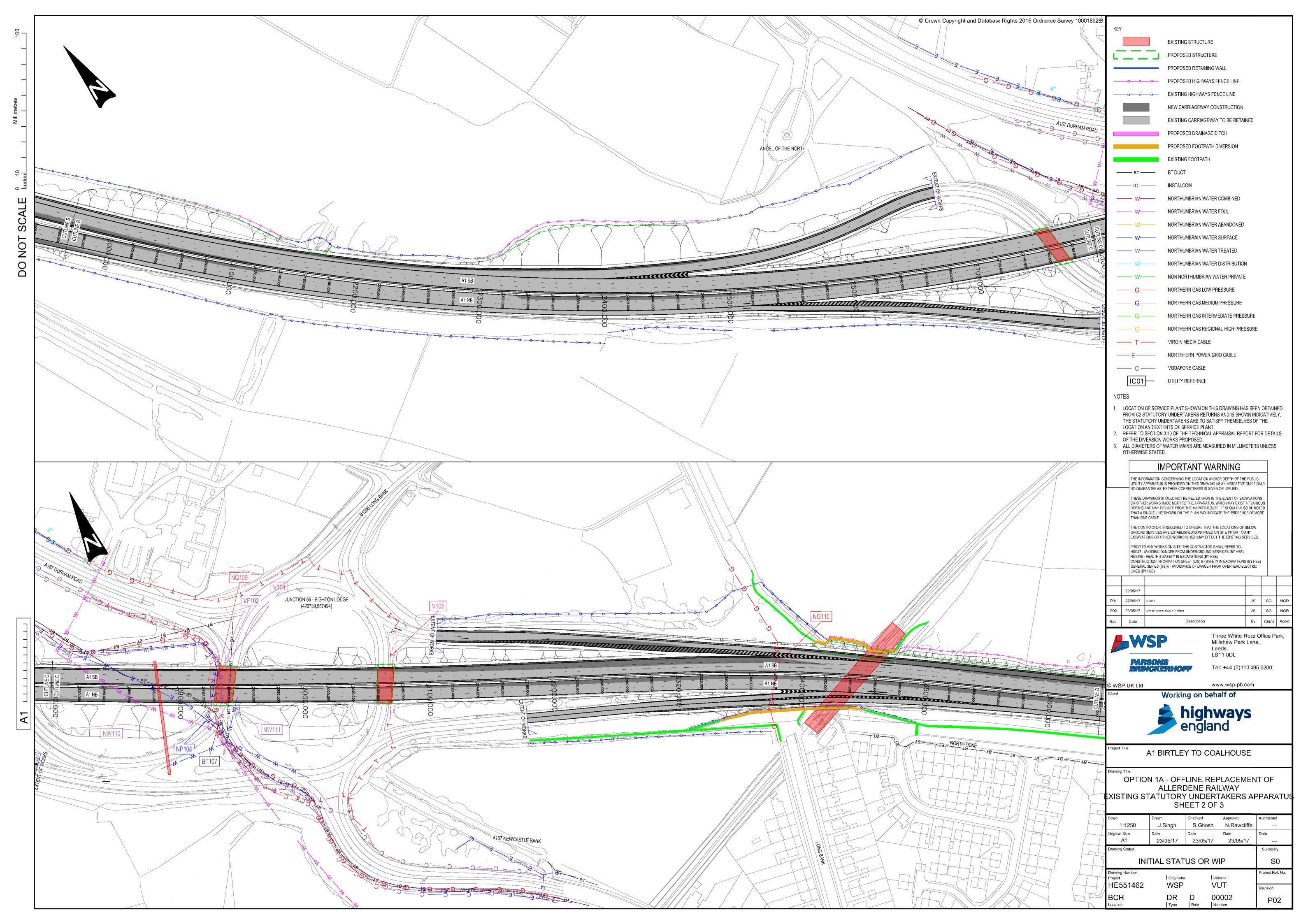
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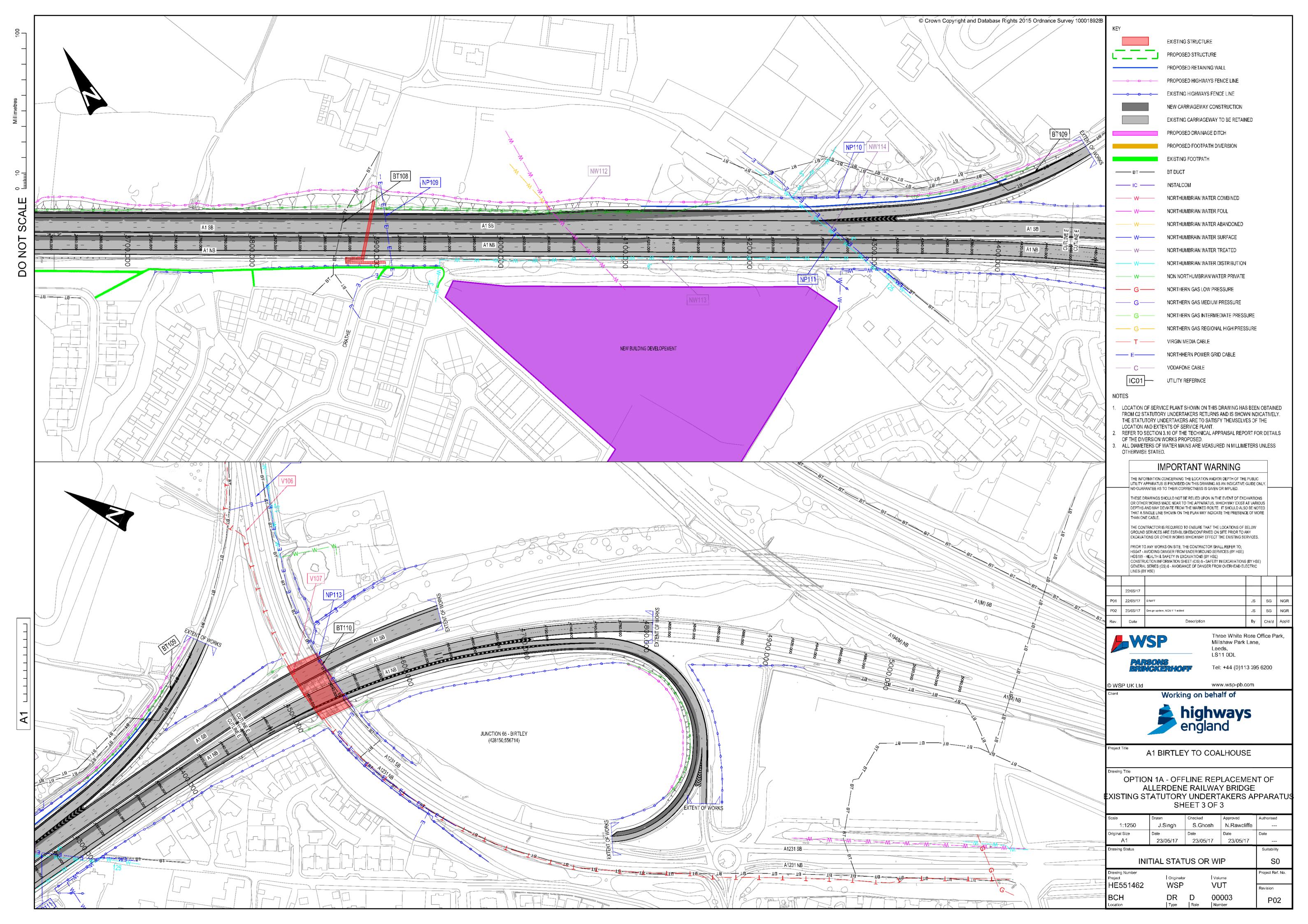


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Appendix C

PROPOSED STRUCTURES



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ADS GANTRY SCHEDULE

A1 BIRTLEY TO COAL HOUSE WIDENING

Gantry Options Schedule

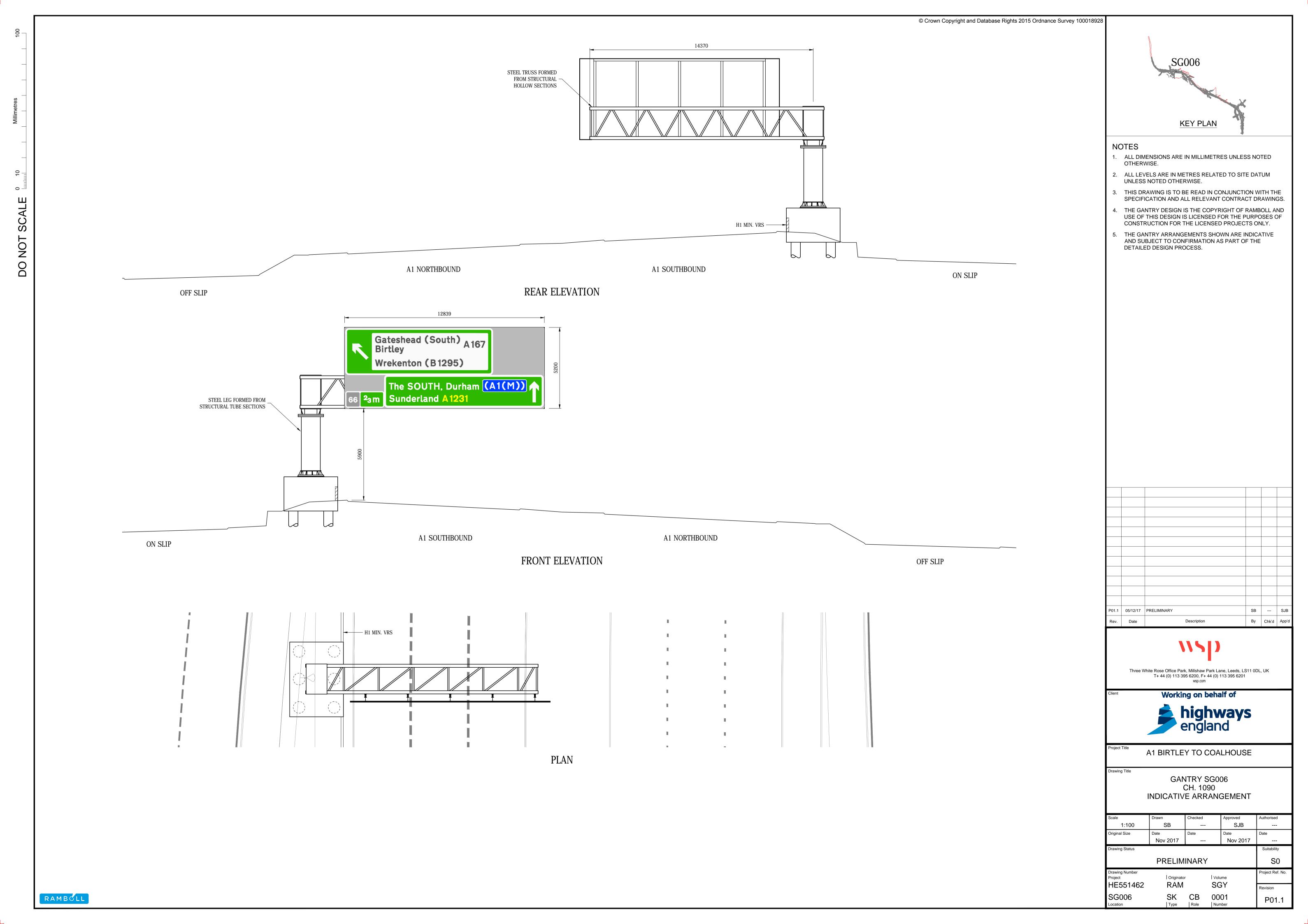
Gantry	Chainage	Type	Span (m)	Si	ian	Foundation	Construction Costs	Structural Commentary	Geotechnical Commentary	Existing Boreholes near	Proposed Boreholes	Ground Profile	Proposed Ground Level	Groundwater profile	Cutting or embankment?	Geotechnical Risk Associated Mining
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SG006		Truss Cantilever		12.839	5.200	Piled			A number of medium level risk are assocaited with this site	H35-B53	None	Glaciolacustrine deposits (40m), glacial till (12m) & mudstone+siltsone+siltsto ne (10m)		14mAOD	Cutting	Sub vertical faults present within rock head (Glacial Till could contain materials of varying size- this could affect piling Heterogenous rock (undifferentiated mudstone, sittone & sandstone) will have many different properties over short depths. Slope stability may be an issue in cuttings
SG007	1150	Portal	56.00	20.870	3.162	Piled		The width of the sign is too great for a cantilever to be cost effective. Current guidance suggests that the portal should span both carriageway but it may be more cost effective to consider a central reserve leg/foundation.	A number of medium level risk are assocaited with this site	H35-B53	BH17-16 & BH17-15	Glaciolacustrine deposits (25m) , glacial till (12m) & mudstone+siltsone+siltsto ne (10m)	14mAOD	14mAOD	Cutting	Glacial Till could contain materials of varying size- this could affect pilling + mudstone+ siltstone could siltstone could mudstone, siltstone & sandstone) will have many different properties of short depths. Slope stability may be an issue in cuttings
SG008		Fruss Cantilever			3.162	Piled		The extended width of the sign prevents the use of a tubular cantilever but is still within the economic range of a truss cantilever. A portal at this location would require a long span which would not be cost effective. A lighter weight portal could be used with a central reserve leg/foundation.	A number of medium level risk are assocaited with this site	H41 BHZ2, H41 BHY1, BGS1 NZ25NE/127, BH17- 20 & H43 BH26 (EAST)	BH17-18 & BH17-19	Glaciolacustrine deposits(18m), glacial till (5m) & mudstone+sandstone+silts tone (15m)	17mAOD	16mAOD	Cutting	Sub vertical faults present within rock head Clacial Till could contain materials of varying size- this could affect pilling Heterogenous rock (undifferentiated mudstone, siltstone & sandstone) will have many different properties over short depths. Stope stability may be an issue in cuttings
SG009	1550	Truss Cantilever	16.10	12.731	5.200	Piled	Cost to be determined by HE Commercial team	Relatively narrow sign facilitates the use of a simple tubular cantilever	A number of minor risks are associated with this site	Н41 ВНХ	BH17-26 &BH17-28	Glaciolacustrine deposits (5m), glacial till (10m) & mudstone+sandstone+silts tone (12m)	27mAOD	18mAOD	Cutting	Glacial Till could contain materials of varying size. this could affect pilling +mudstone+ Heterogenous rock (undifferentiated midstone, siltstone & sandstone) will have many different properties over class earns short depths. Slope stability may be an issue in cuttings
SG010	1920	Truss Cantilever	17.55	16.885	3.162	Piled		The extended width of the sign prevents the use of a tubular cantilever but is still within the economic range of a truss cantilever. A portal at this location would require a long span which would not be cost effective and would potentially obscure the sign on gantry SG003. A lighter weight portal could be used with a central reserve leg/foundation.	A number of minor risks are associated with this site	H53 TP11 & H53 BH3	BH17-69	Glacial Till (15m) & mudstone+silts tone (10m)	43mAOD	43mAOD	Cutting	Glacial Till could contain materials of varying size- this could affect piling +mudstone+ Heterogenous rock (undifferentiated mudstone, siltstone & sandstone) will have many different properties over class earns Historical mine short depths. Slope stability may be an issue in cuttings
SG011	2140	Truss Cantilever	17.55	12.602	5.200	Piled		Relatively narrow sign facilitates the use of a simple tubular cantilever	A number of minor risks are associated with this site	H41 BHH, BGS/TP804, H41 BH1 & BGS/TP805	BH17-34,	Glacial Till (12m) & mudstone+sandstone+silts tone (10m)	53mAOD	43mAOD	Embankment	Glacial Till could contain materials of varying size- this could affect piling +mudstone+ Heterogenous rock (undifferentiated mudstone, siltstone & sandstone) will have many different properties over coal seams hort depths. Slope stability may be an issue on embankments
SG013	2440	Portal	45.15	24.532	4.075	Piled		The width of the sign is too great for a cantilever to be cost effective. Current guidance suggests that the portal should span both carriageway but this could potentially obscure gantry SG012, it may therefore be more appropriate to consider a central reserve leg/foundation.	A number of minor risks are associated with this site	WS17-05		Glacial Till (5m) & mudstone+slltsone+siltsto ne (10m)	68mAOD	73mAOD	Embankment	Glacial Till could contain materials of varying size- this could affect pilling +mudstone+ Heterogenous rock (undifferentiated mudstone, siltstone & sandstone) will potentially contain have many different properties over short depths. Slope stability may be an issue on embankments

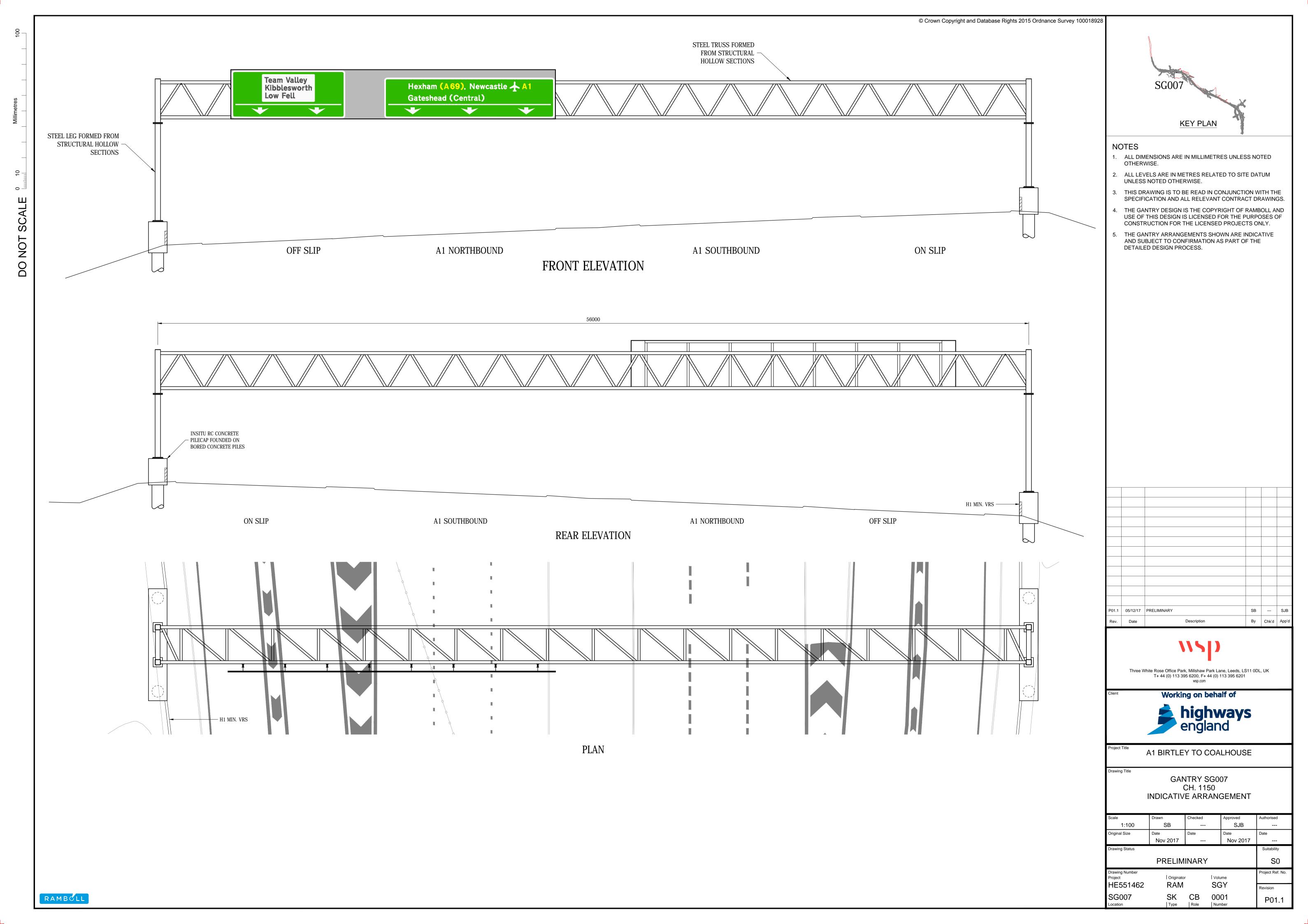
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Gantry	Chainage	Туре	Span (m)	Width (m)	gn Height (m)	Foundation	Substructure Superstructure	Structural Commentary	Geotechnical Commentary	Existing Boreholes near location	Proposed Boreholes	Ground Profile	Proposed Ground Level	Groundwater profile	Cutting or embankment?	Geotechnical Risk	Associated Mining
SG014	2955	Portal	33.80	17.414	5.537	Piled		The width of the sign is too great for a cantilever to be cost effective. Current guidance suggests that the portal should span both carriageway but it may be more cost effective to consider a central reserve leg/foundation.	A number of medium level risk are assocaited with this site	BGS/TP816	BH17-43 & BH17-44	Made Ground (12m), alluvium (3m), sandstone (7m) & mudstone+sandstsone+silt stone (12m)	84mAOD	Unknown	Cutting	Giacial Till could contain materials of varying size: this could affect piling Heterogenous rock (undifferentiated mudstone, siltstone & sandstone) will have many different properties over short depths. Slope stability may be an issue on cuttings.	present at 65mAOD, I 60mAOD & 54mAOD Historical mine
SG015	3400	Portal	50.65	20.850	4.318	Piled		The width of the sign is too great for a cantilever to be cost effective. Current guidance suggests that the portal should span both carriageway but this could potentially obscure gantry SG016, it may therefore be more appropriate to consider a central reserve leg/foundation.	A number of medium level risk are assocaited with this site	H12 TP903, H12	BH903 &BH17 50	Made Ground (3m), glacial till (7m), sandstone (17m) & mudstone+sandstsone+silt stone (13m)		Unknown	Cutting	Giacial Till could contain materials of varying size: this could affect piling Heterogenous rock (undifferentiated mudstone, siltstone & sandstone) wil have many different properties over short depths. Slope stability may be an issue on cuttings.	present at 51mAOD I Historical mine
SG016	3490	Portal	43.70	20.956	5.537	Piled		The width of the sign is too great for a cantilever to be cost effective. Current guidance suggests that the portal should span both carriageway but this could potentially obscure gantry Sc015, it may therefore be more appropriate to consider a central reserve leg/foundation.	A number of minor risks are associated with this site	H12 B905 & H12 TP905		Glacial Till (5m), sandstone (10m) & sandstone +mudstone+ siltstone (10m)	81mAOD	Unknown	Cutting	Glacial Till could contain materials of varying size- this could affect piling Heterogenous rock (undifferentiated mudstone, siltstone & sandstone) wil have many different properties over short depths. Slope stability may be an issue on cuttings.	+mudstone+ siltstone could I potentially contain coal seams Historical mine
SG017	3630	Truss Cantilever	17.55	16.096	4.318	Piled	Cost to be determined by HE Commercial team	The extended width of the sign prevents the use of a tubular cantilever but is still within the economic range of a truss cantilever. A portal at this location would require a long span which would not be cost effective. A lighter weight portal could be used with a central reserve leg/foundation.	A number of medium level risk are assocaited with this site	H12 BH908, H12 BH909	None	Glacial Till (2m), sandstone (12m) & sandstone +mudstone+ siltstone (10m)	80mAOD	Unknown	Cutting	Glacial Till could contain materials of varying size: this could affect piling Heterogenous rock (undifferentiated mudstone, siltstone & sandstone) will have many different properties over short depths. Slope stability may be an issue on cuttings.	within 100m @ 70mAOD, 65mAOD I & 62mAOD Historical mine entrances present
SG018	4025	Truss Cantilever	18.07	14.932	5.537	Piled		The extended width of the sign prevents the use of a tubular cantilever but is still within the economic range of a truss cantilever. A portal at this location would require a long span which would not be cost effective. A lighter weight portal could be used with a central reserve leg/foundation.	A number of medium level risk are assocaited with this site	H12 TP926 & H12 BH919AR	None	Glacial Till (2m), sandstone (20m) & sandstone +mudstone+ siltstone (10m)	90mAOD	74mAOD	Embankment	Glacial Till could contain materials of varying size- this could affect piling Heterogenous rock (undifferentiated mudstone, siltstone & sandstone) wil have many different properties over short depths. Slope stability may be an issue on embankments.	present at 72mAOD & I 70mAOD Historical mine entrances present
SG019	4215	Portal	41.55	17.382	4.318	Piled		The width of the sign is too great for a cantilever to be cost effective. Current guidance suggests that the portal should span both carriageway but this could potentially obscure gantry SG020, it may therefore be more appropriate to consider a central reserve leg/foundation.	A number of minor risks are associated with this site	WS17-08 & H12 TP932	None	Glacial Till (5m), sandstone (20m) & sandstone +mudstone+ siltstone (12 m)	95mAOD	Unknown	at grade	Giacial Till could contain materials of varying size- this could affect piling Heterogenous rock (undifferentiated mudstone, siltstone & sandstone) will have many different properties over short depths.	+mudstone+ siltstone could I potentially contain
SG020	4280	Portal	43.70	20.550	4.387	Piled		The width of the sign is too great for a cantilever to be cost effective. Current guidance suggests that the portal should span both carriageway but this could potentially obscure gantry SG019, it may therefore be more appropriate to consider a central reserve leg/foundation.	A number of minor risks are associated with this site	H12 BH925	None	Glacial Till (8m), sandstone (18m) & sandstone +mudstone+ siltstone (10 m)	98mAOD	Unknown	at grade	Giacial Till could contain materials of varying size- this could affect piling Heterogenous rock (undifferentiated mudstone, siltstone & sandstone) will have many different properties over short depths.	+mudstone+ siltstone could I potentially contain

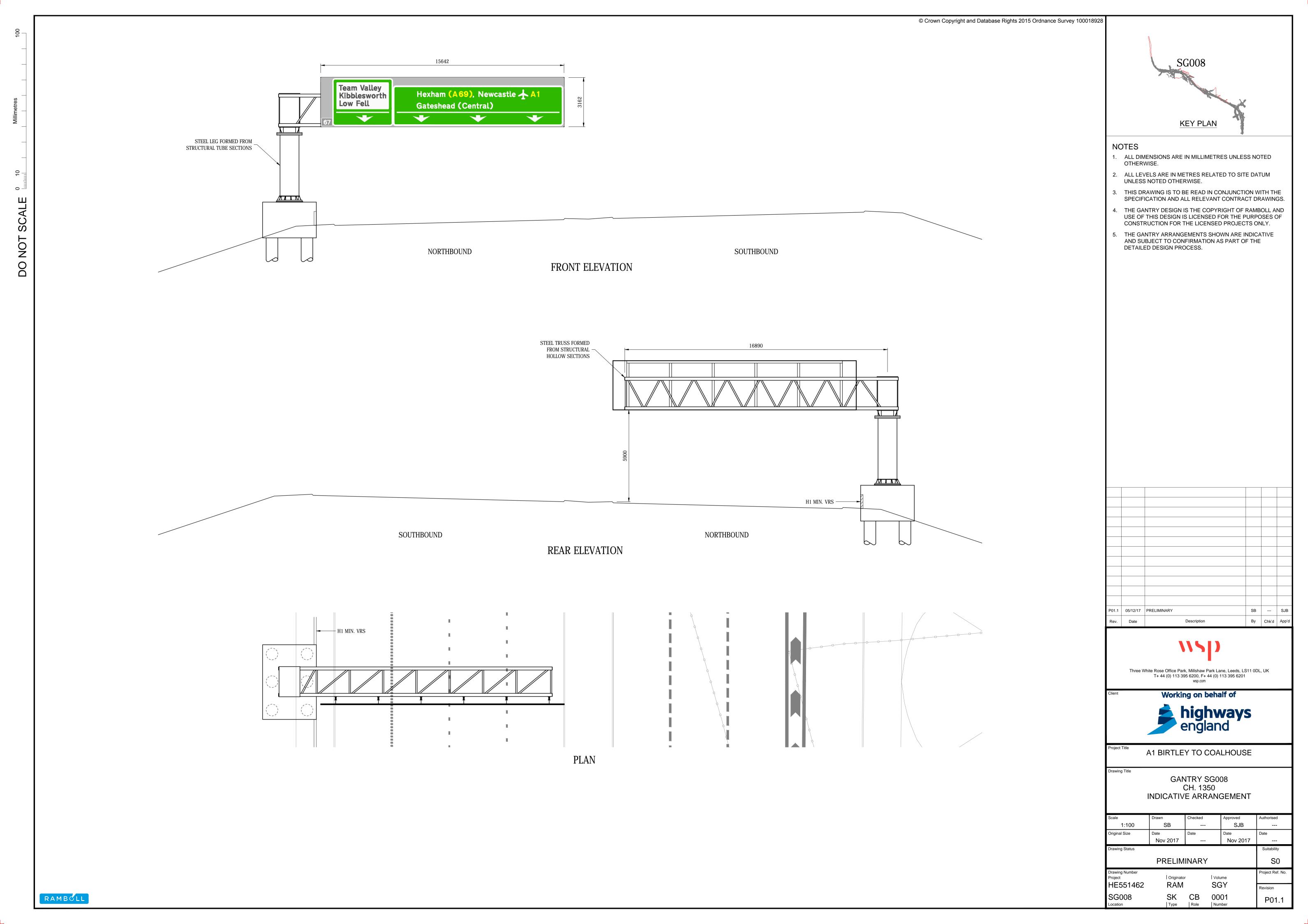


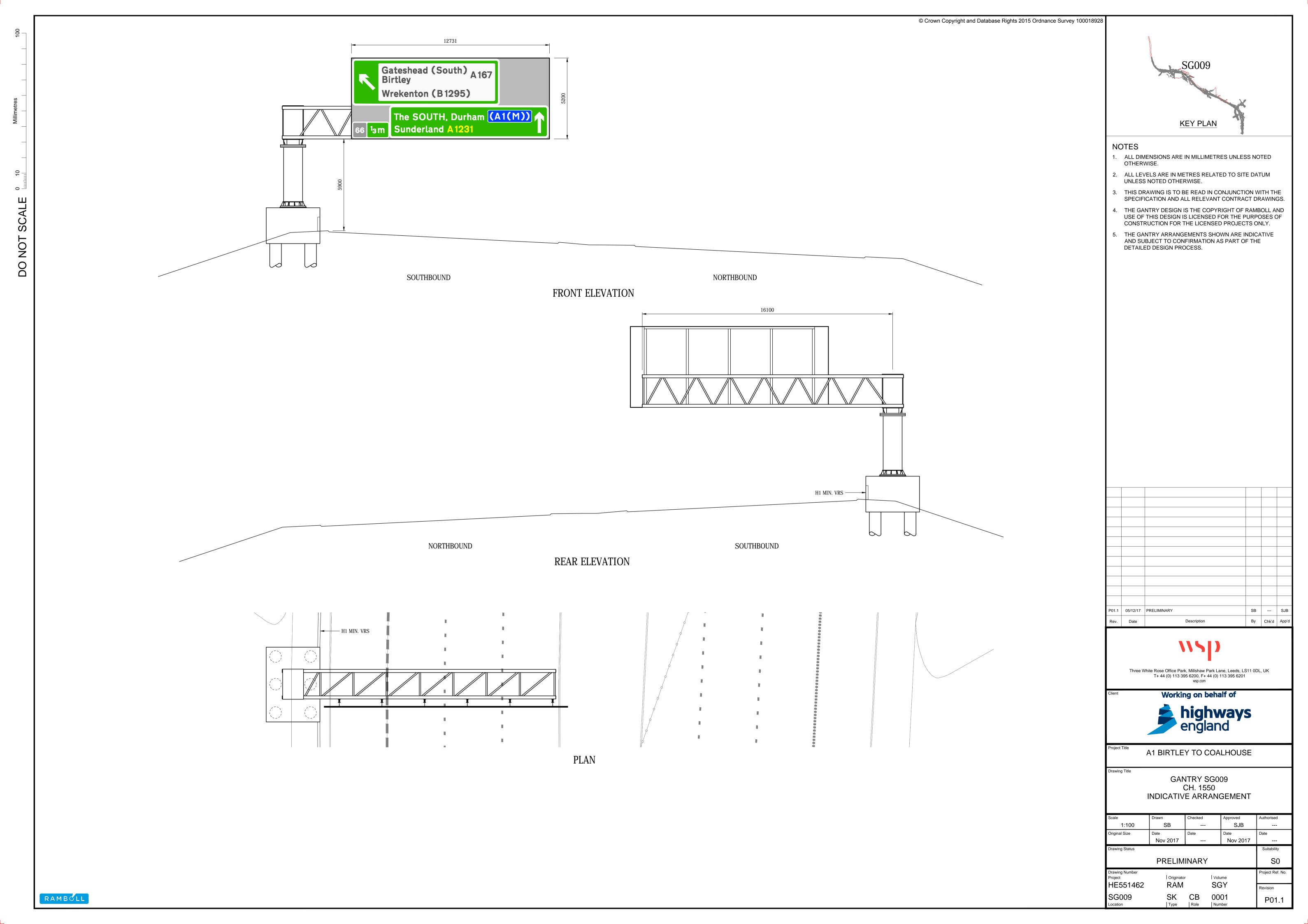
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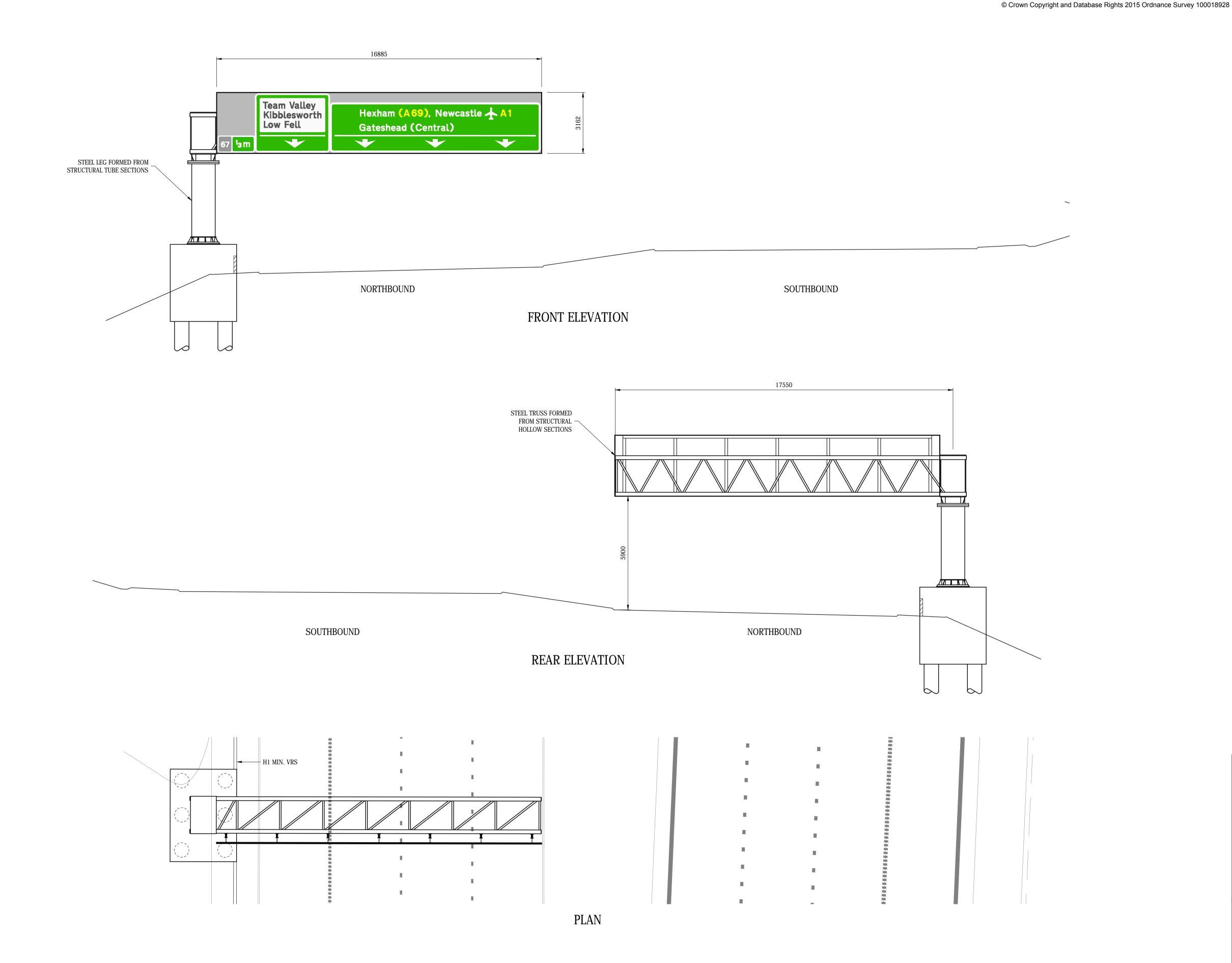


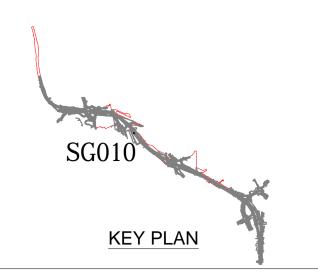






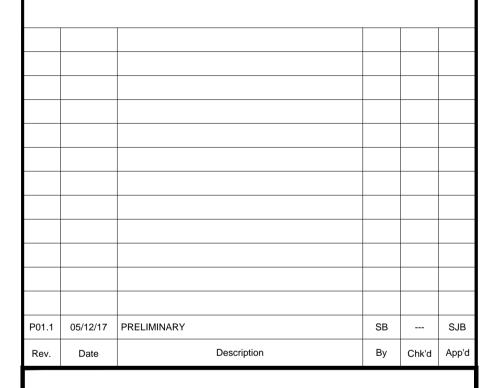






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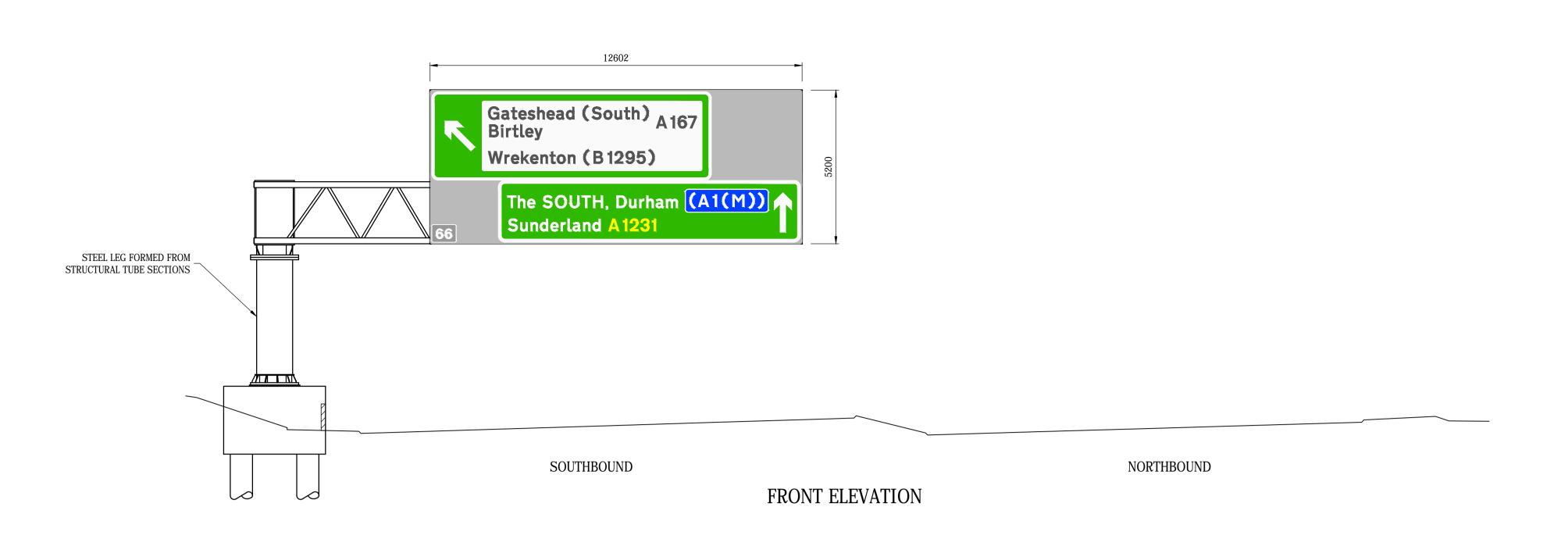


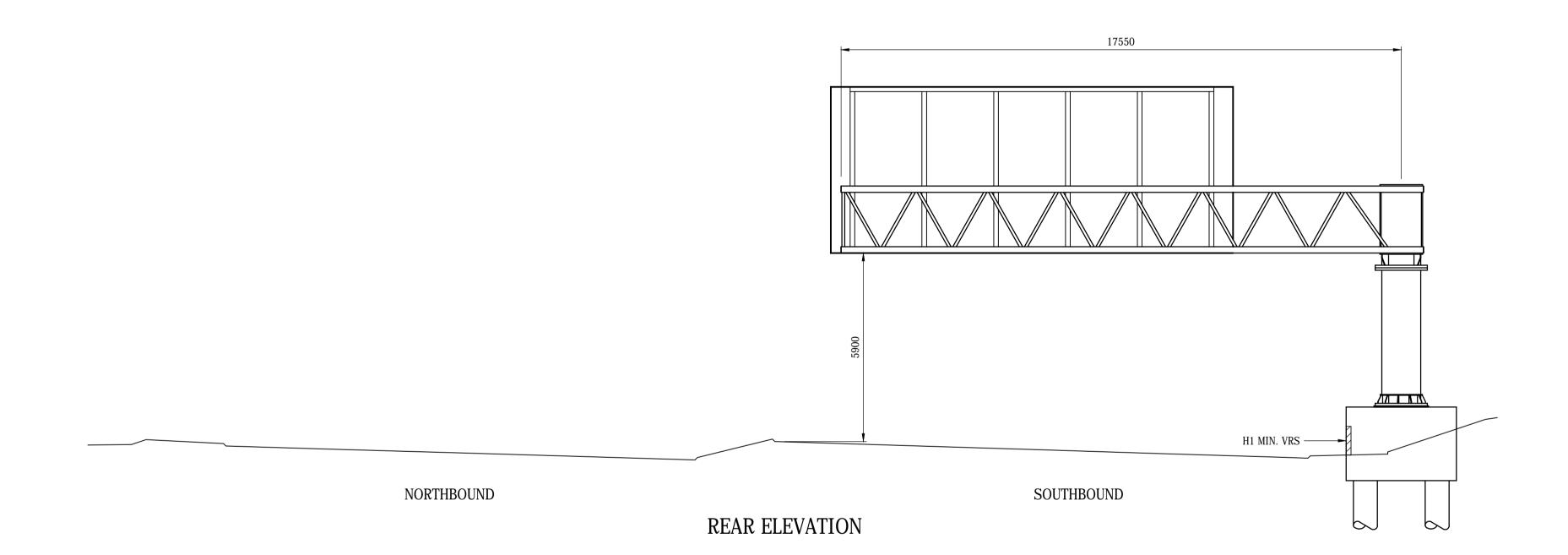
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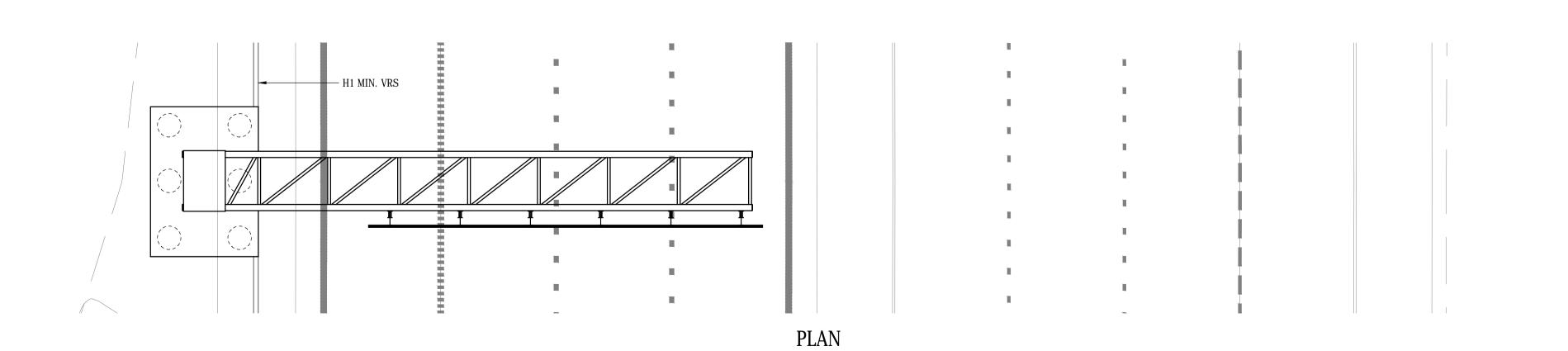
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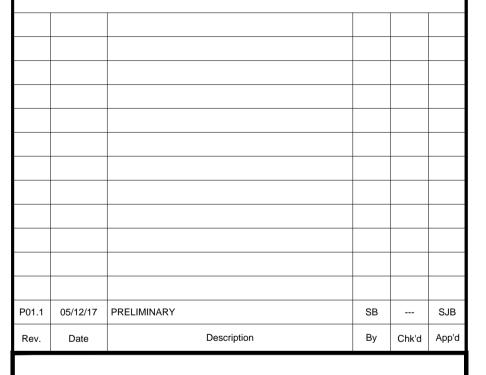
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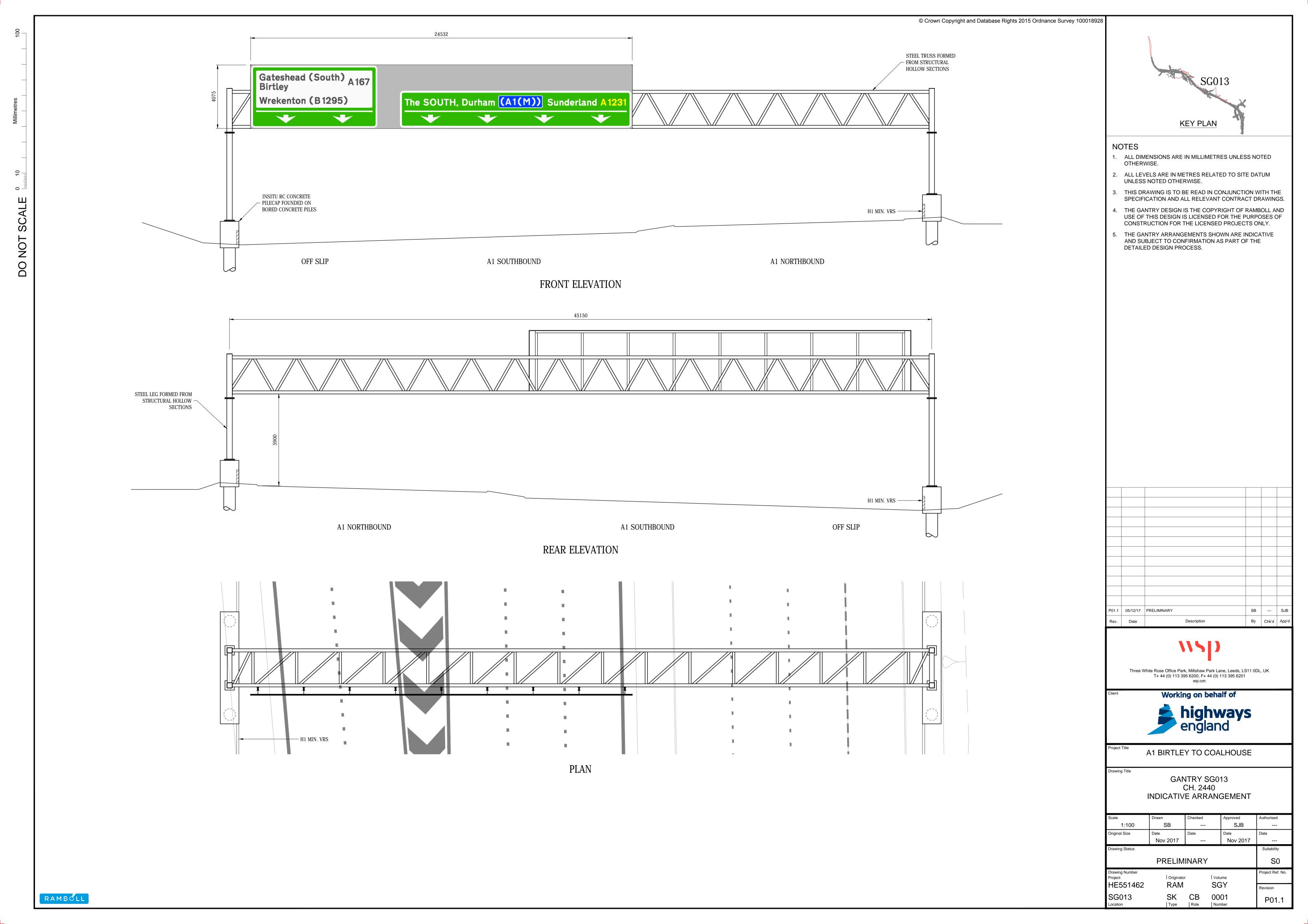


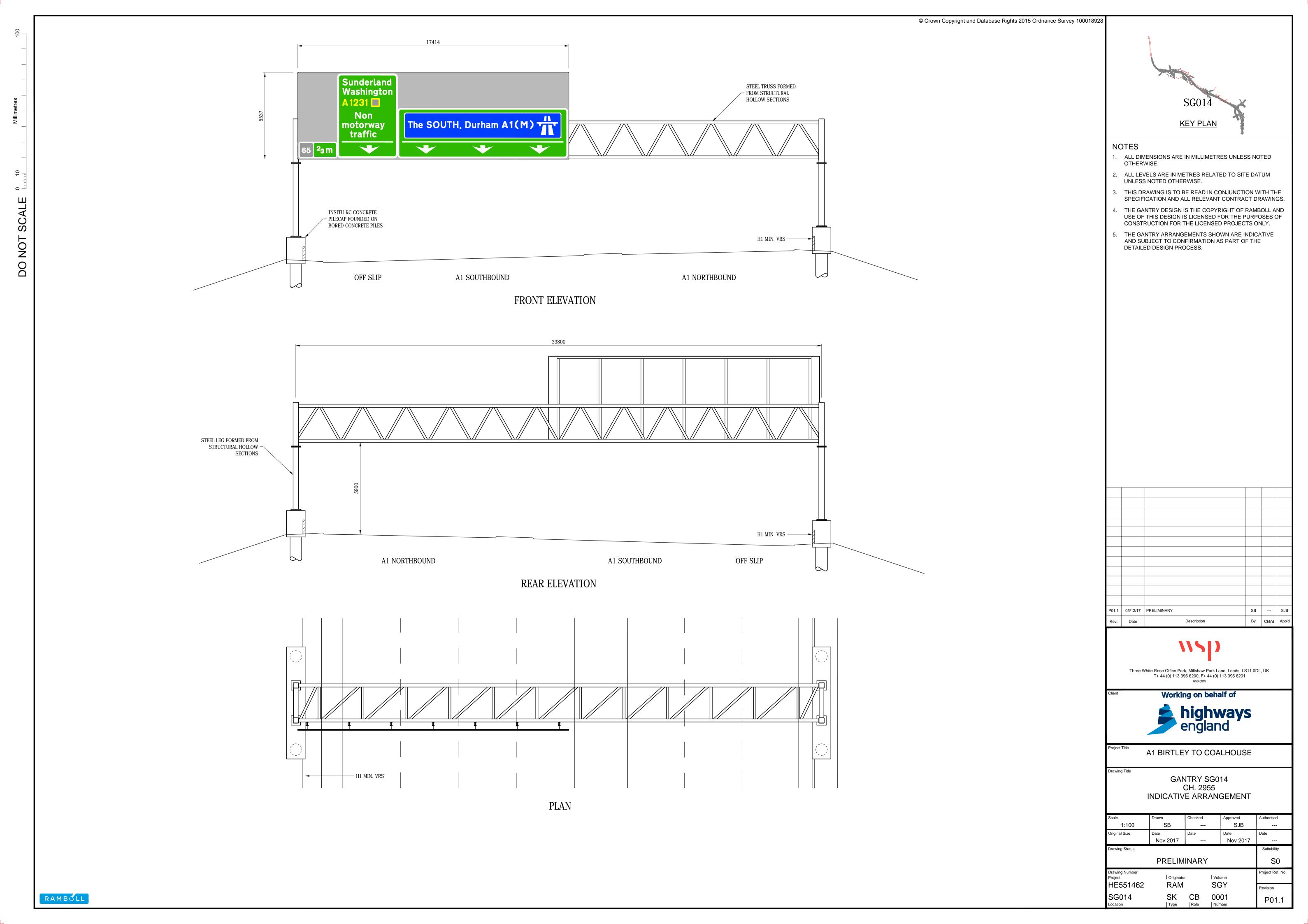
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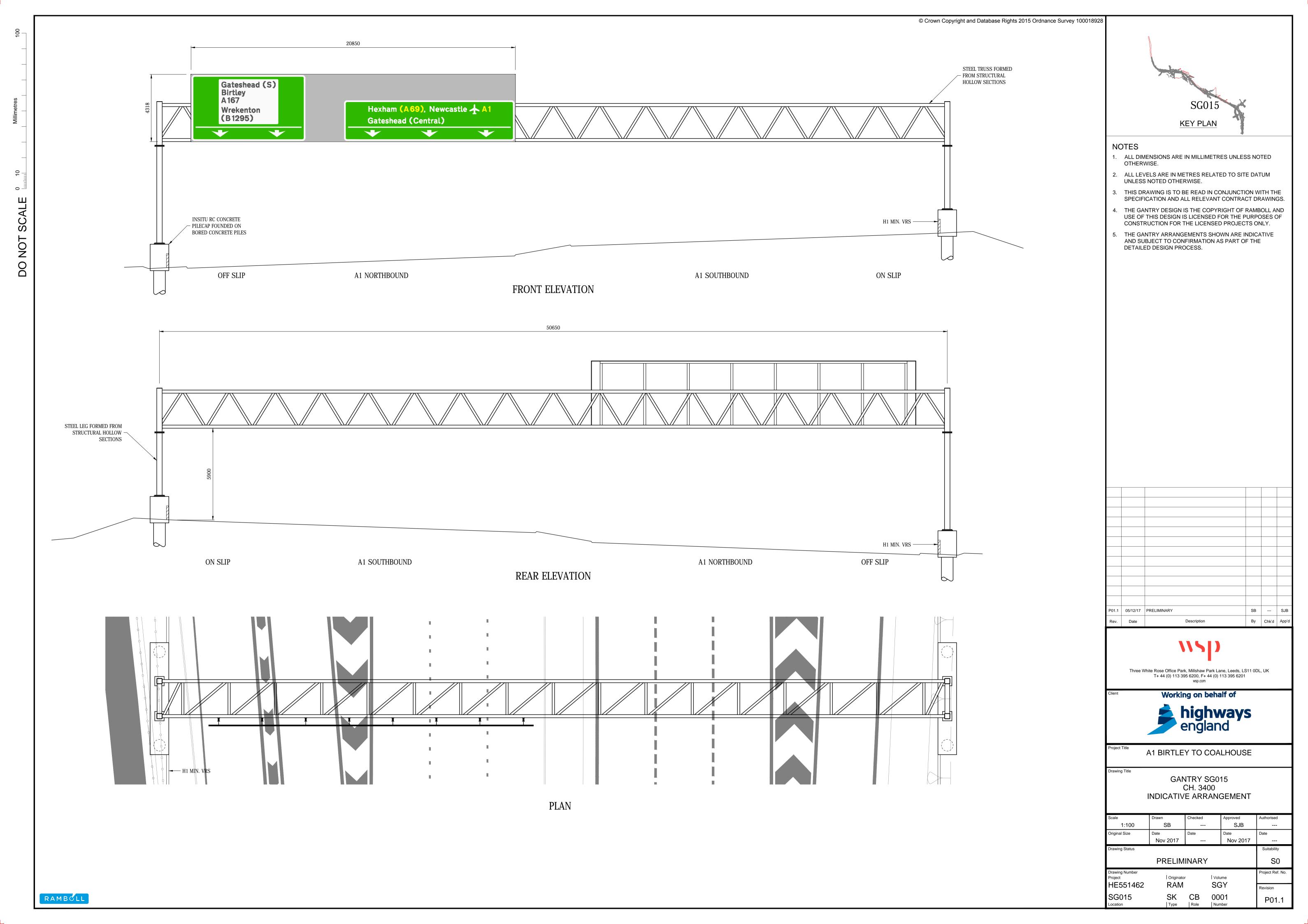
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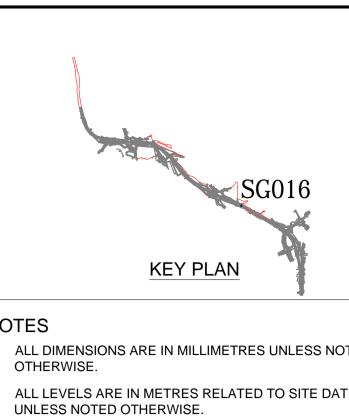
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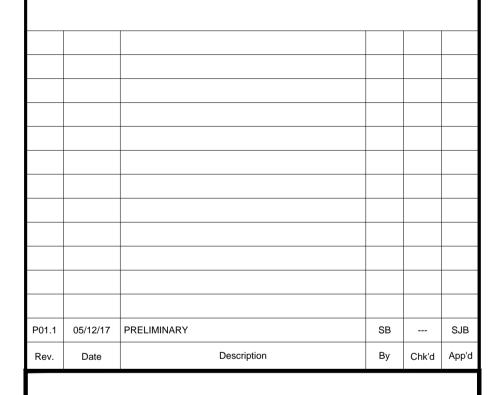




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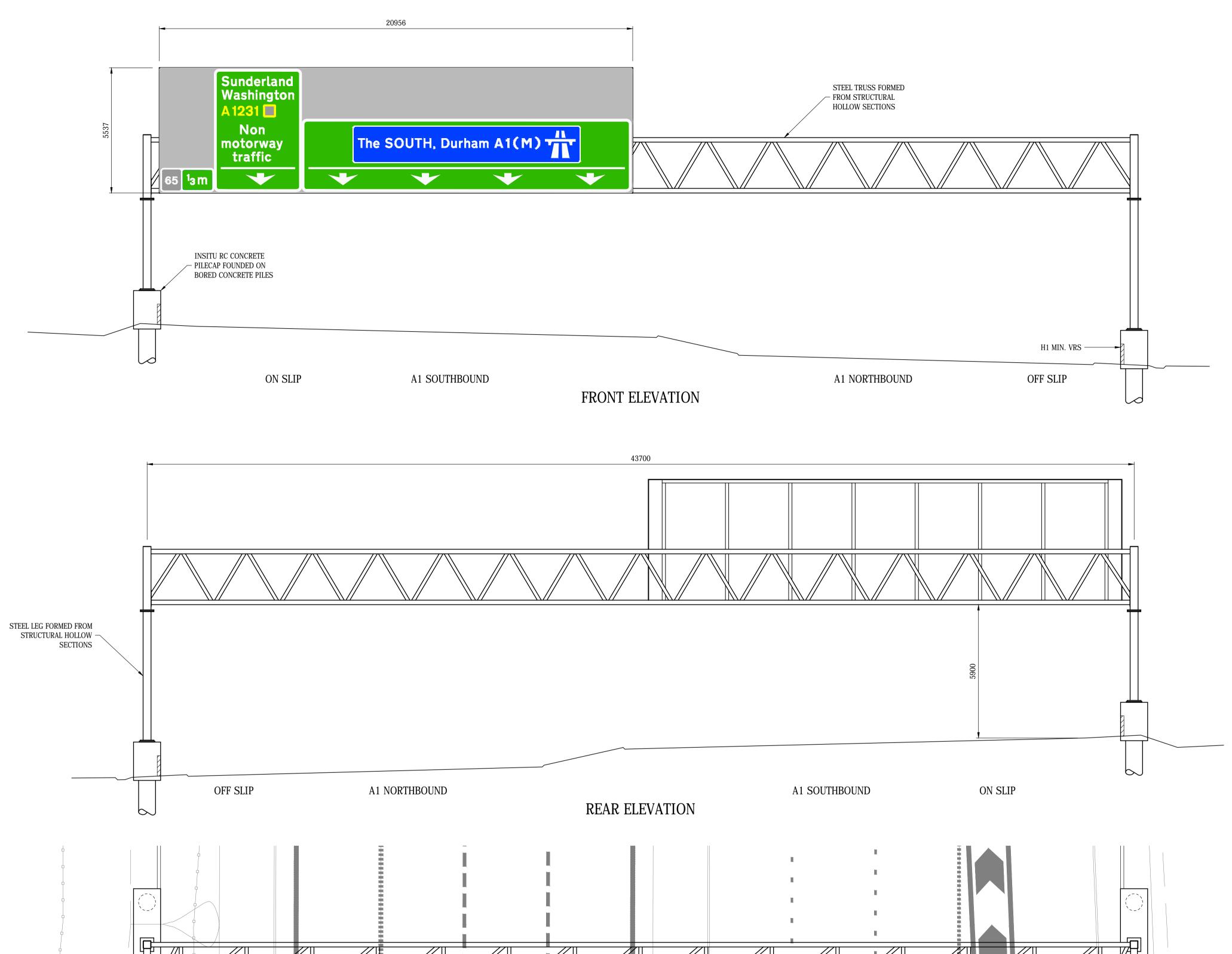
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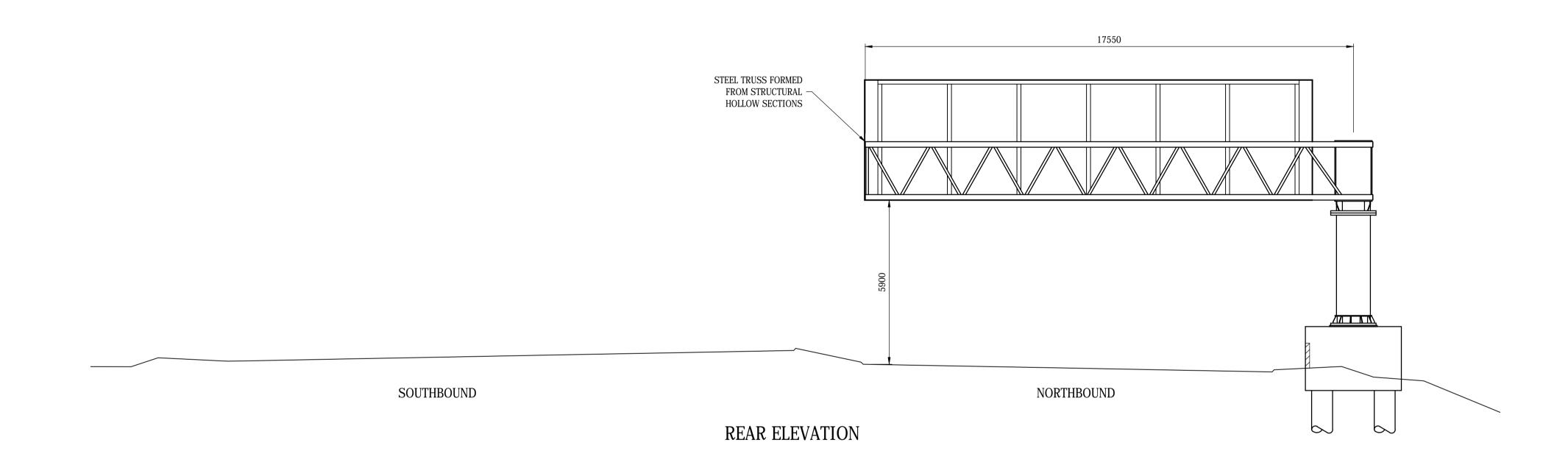
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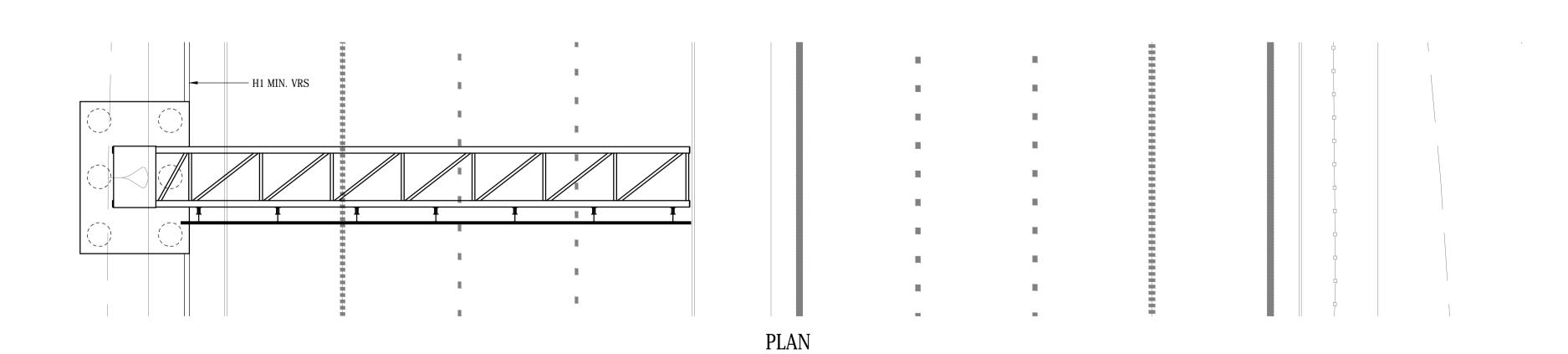
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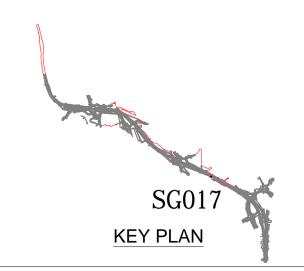
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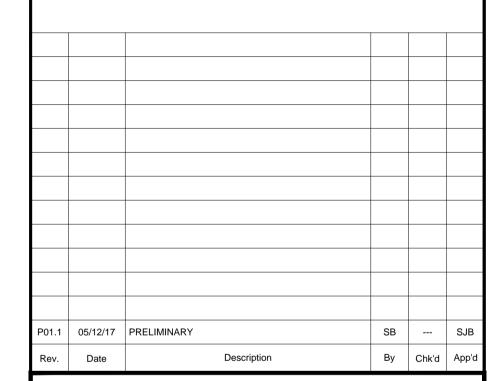


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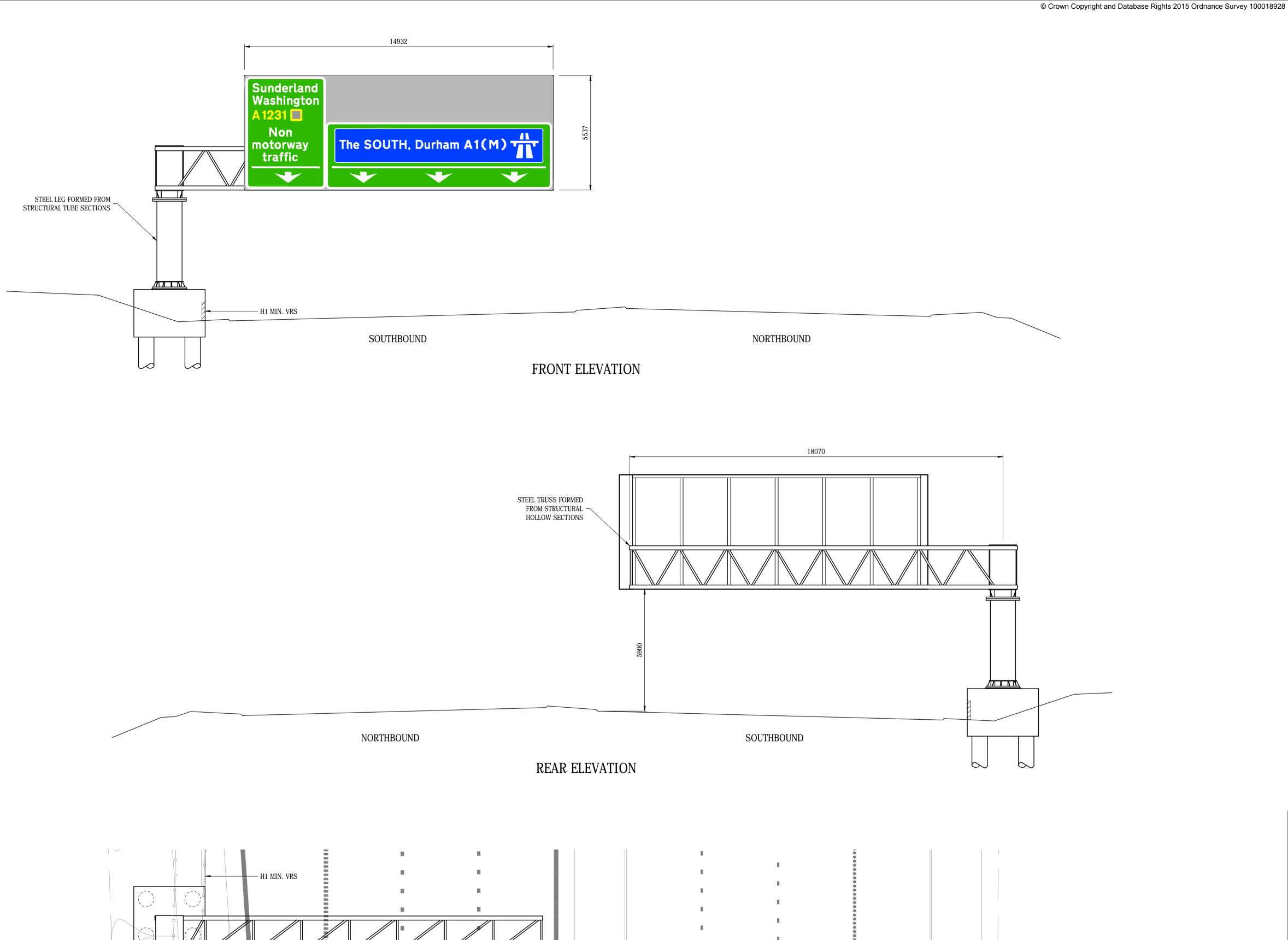
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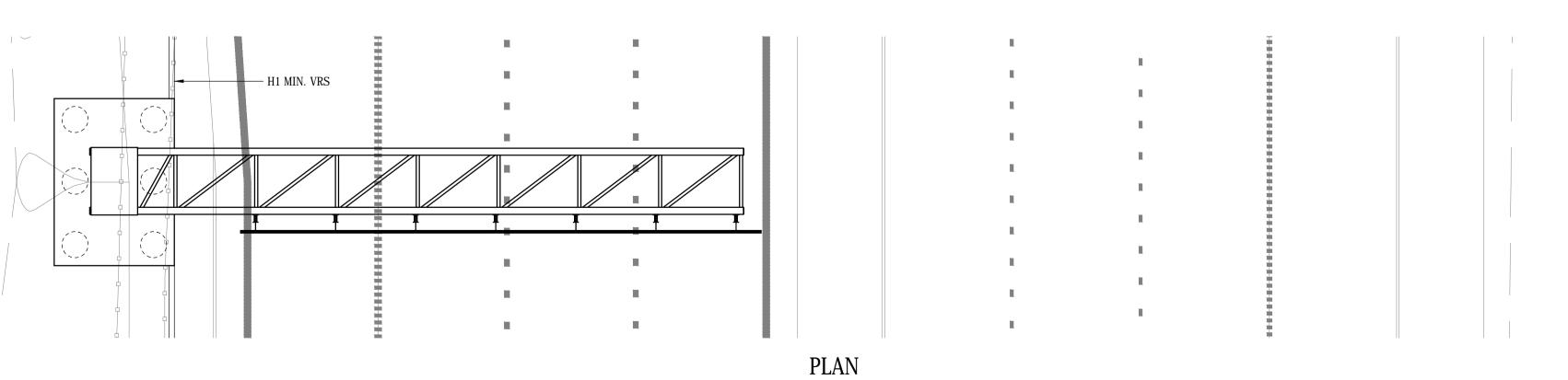
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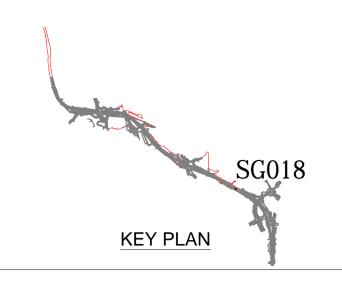
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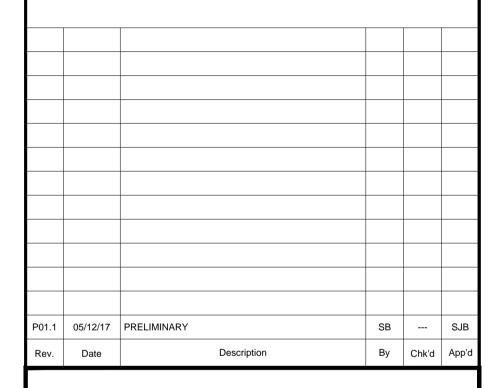
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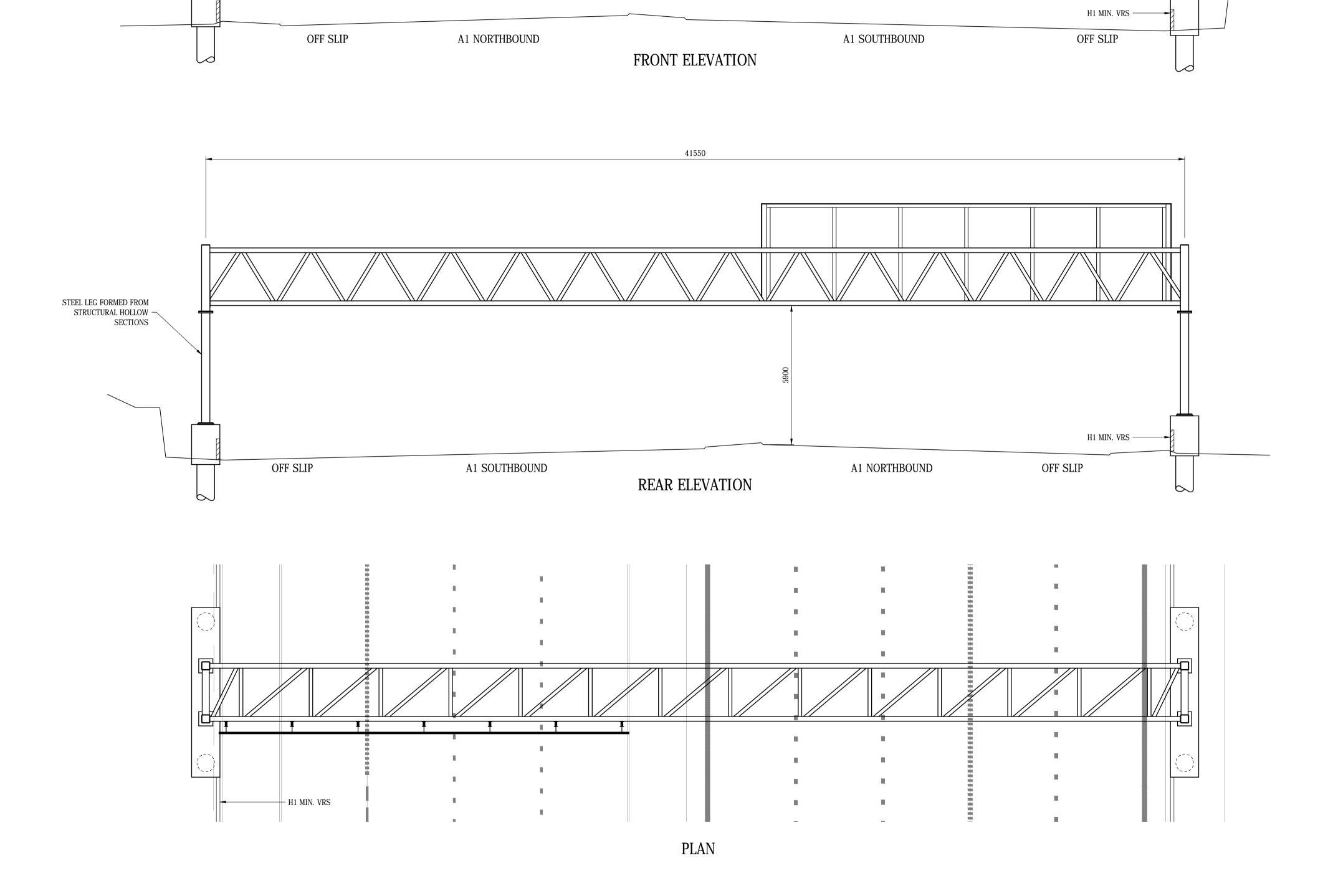
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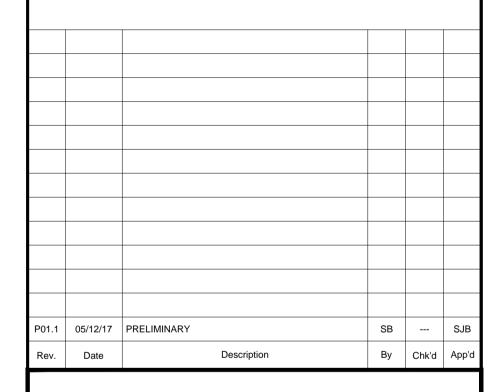
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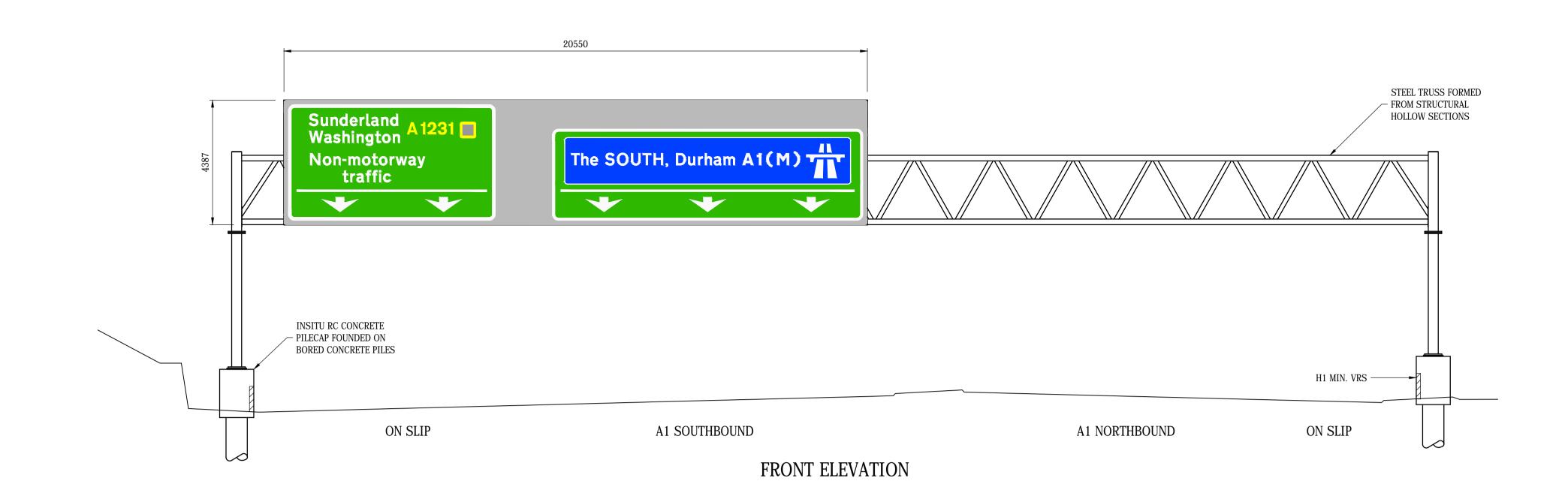


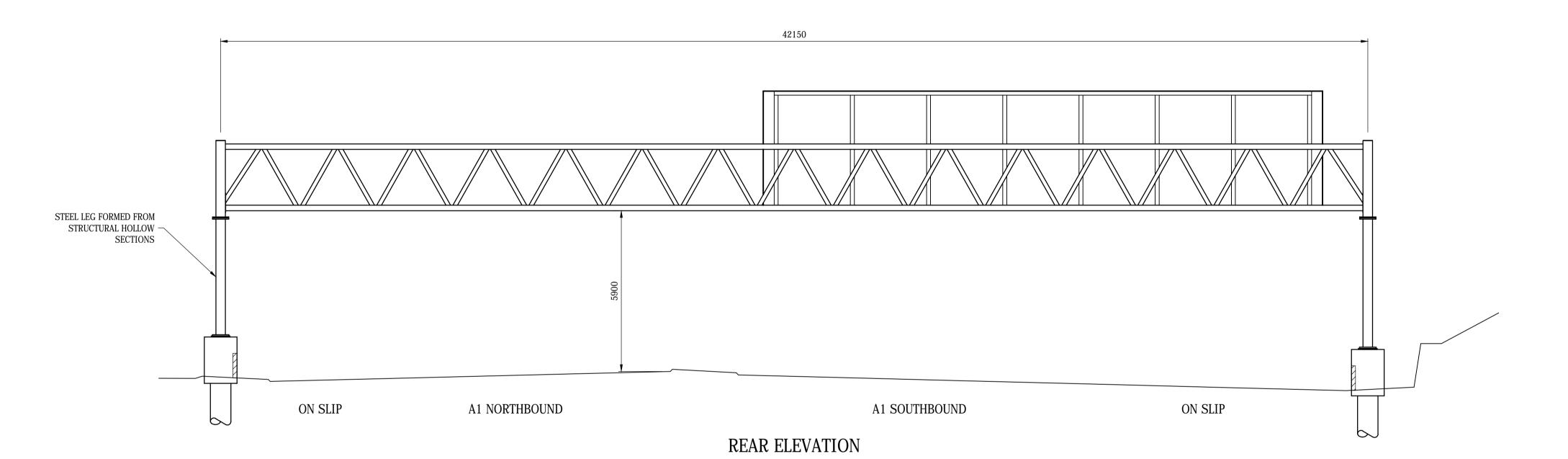
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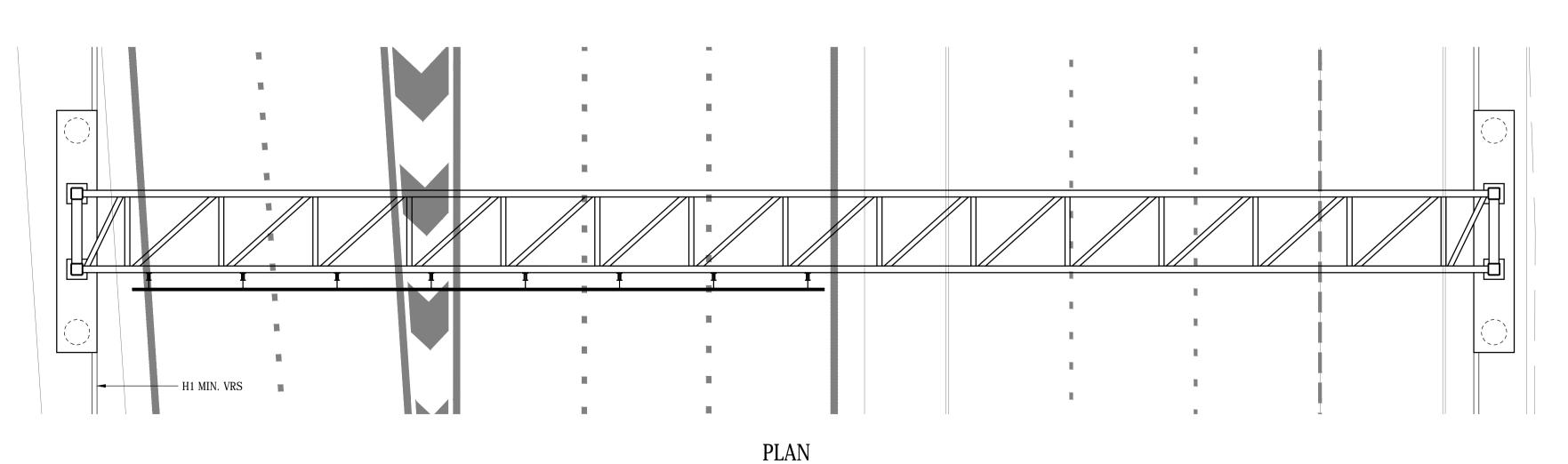
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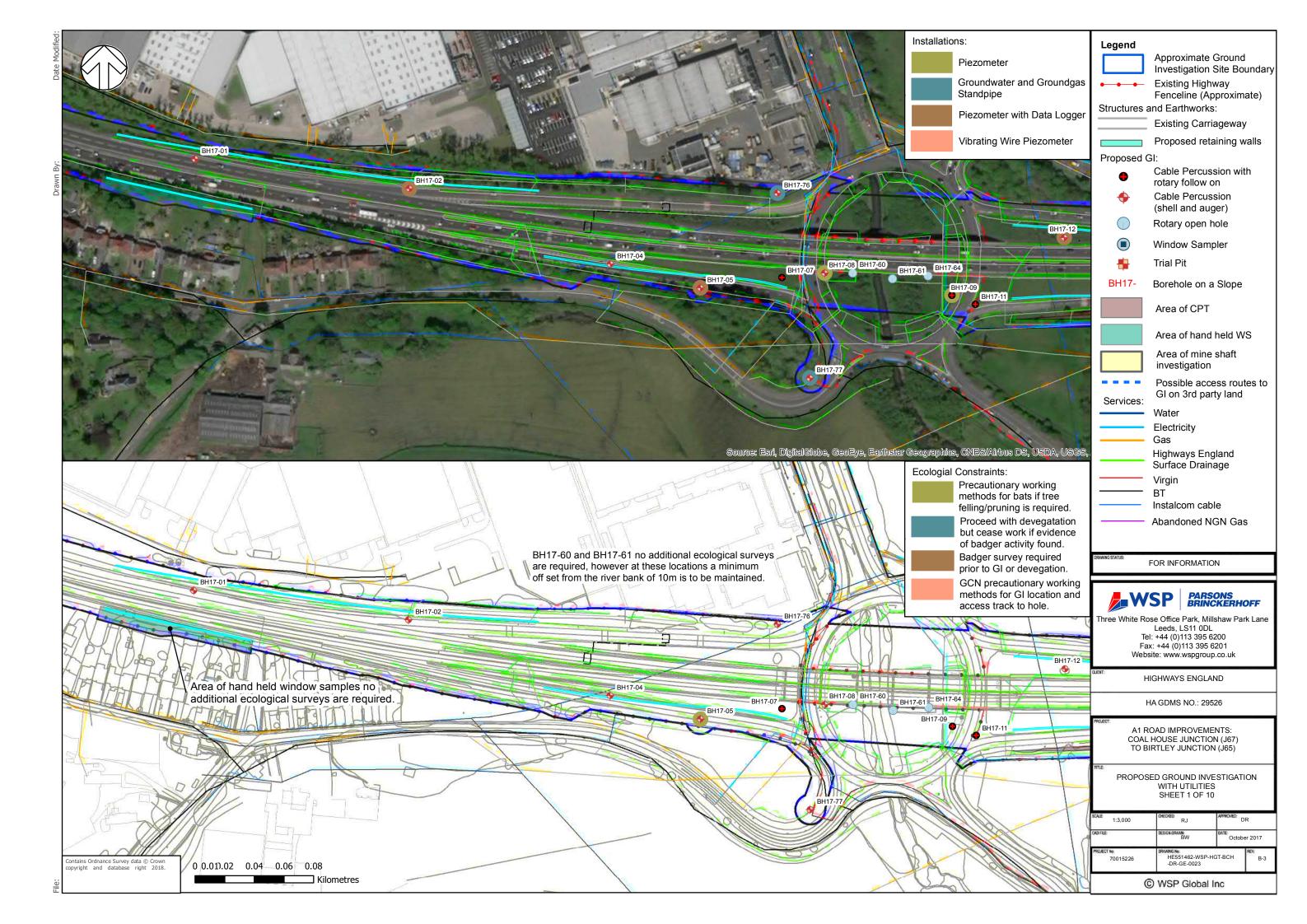
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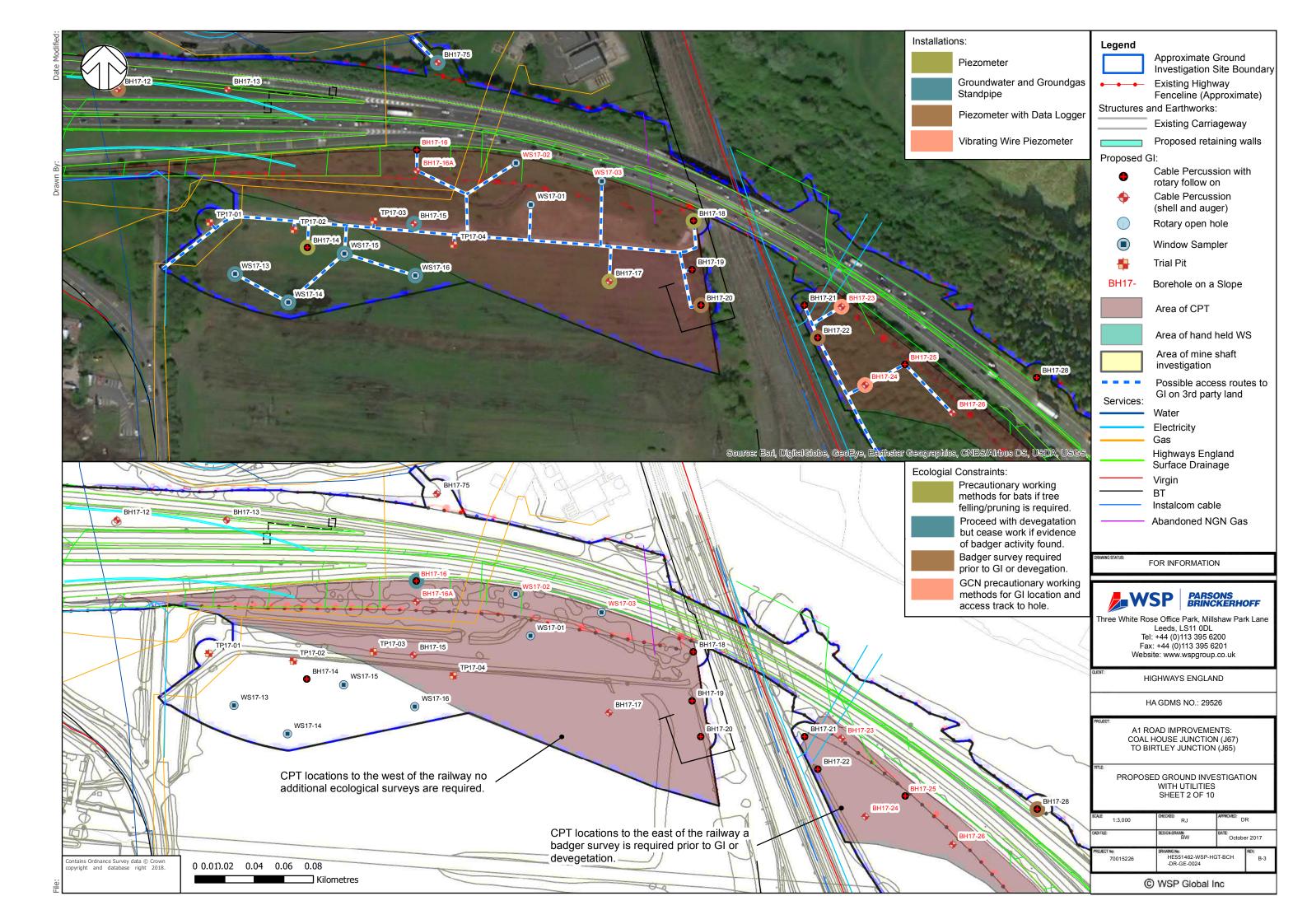
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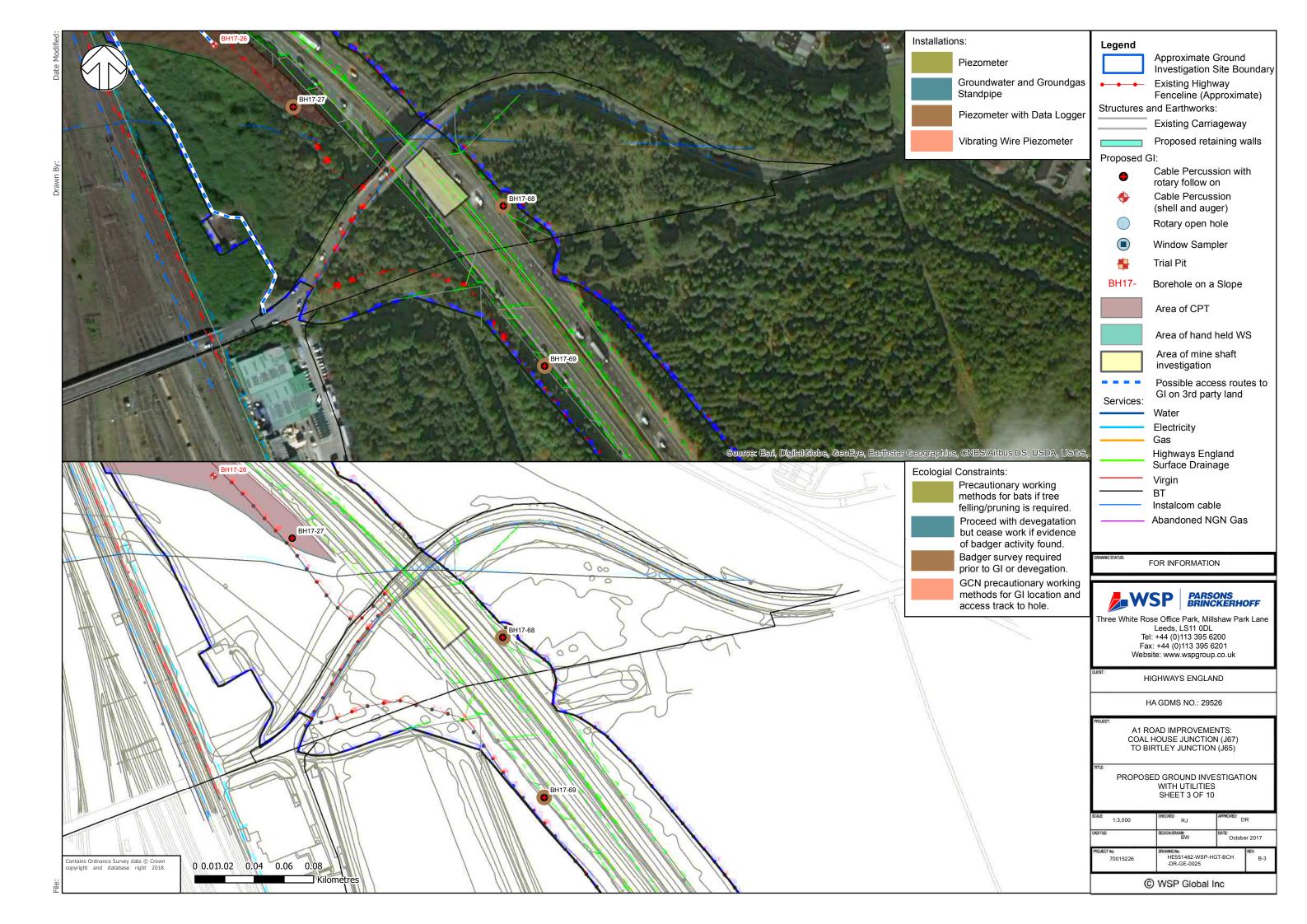


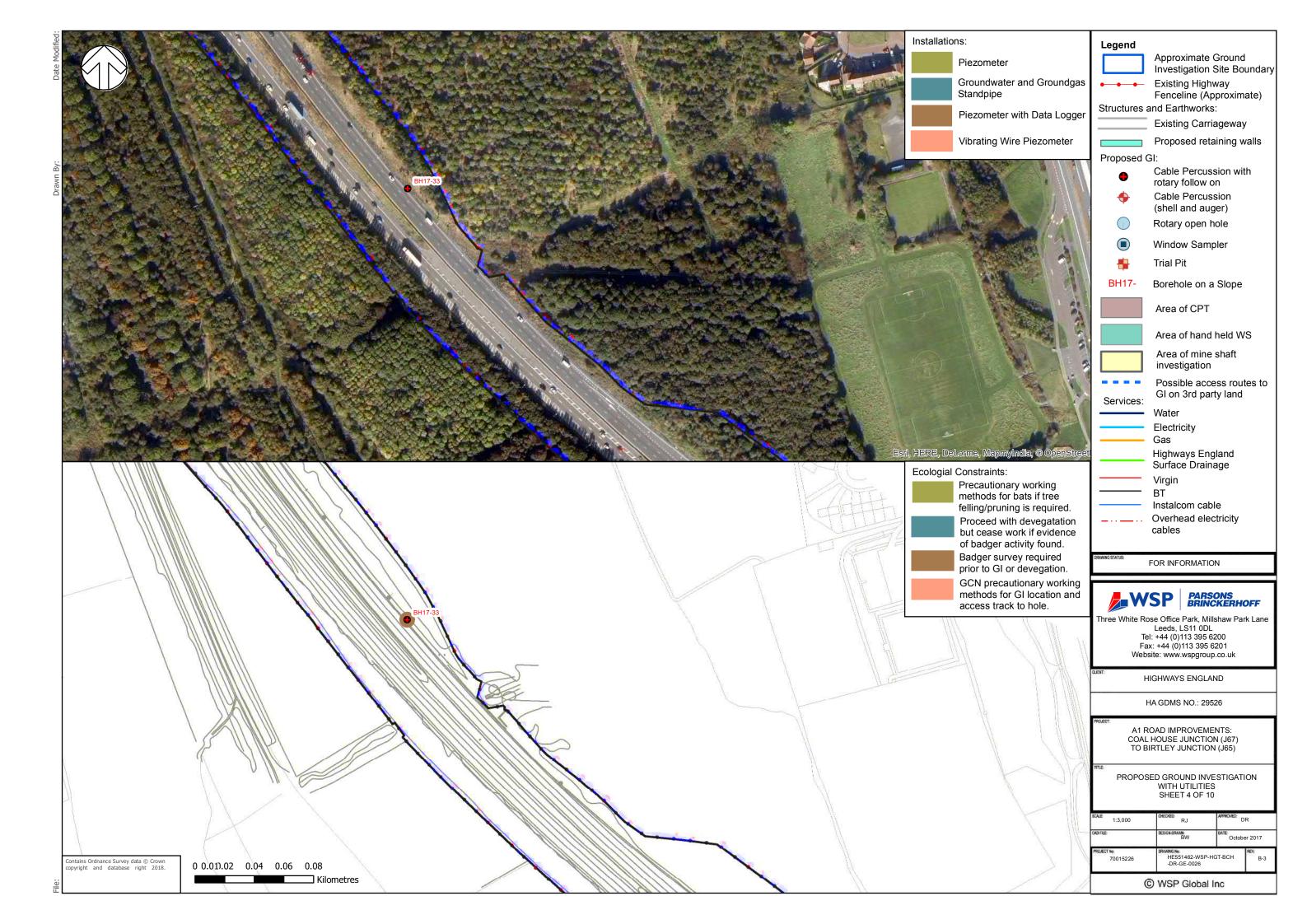
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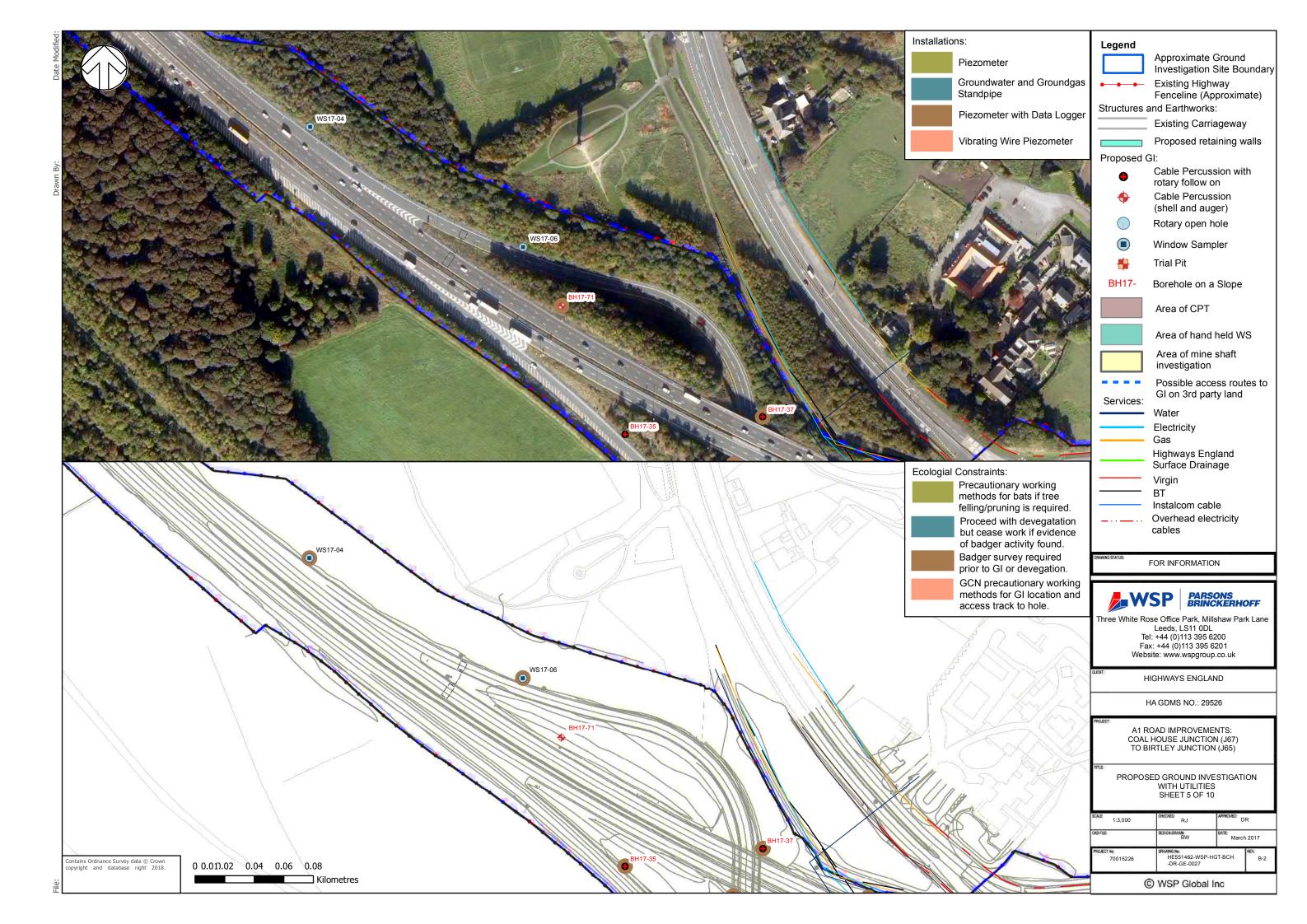
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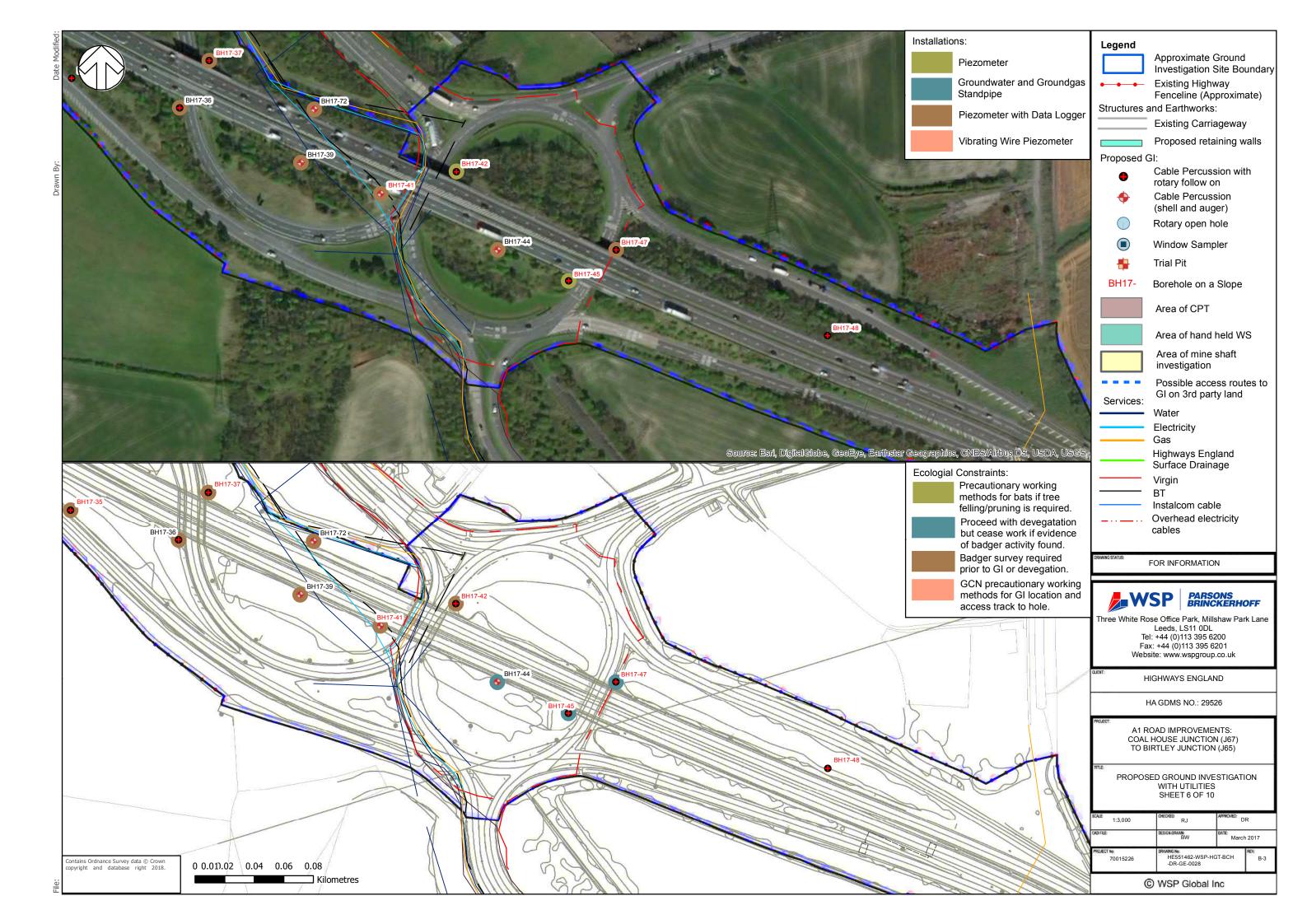


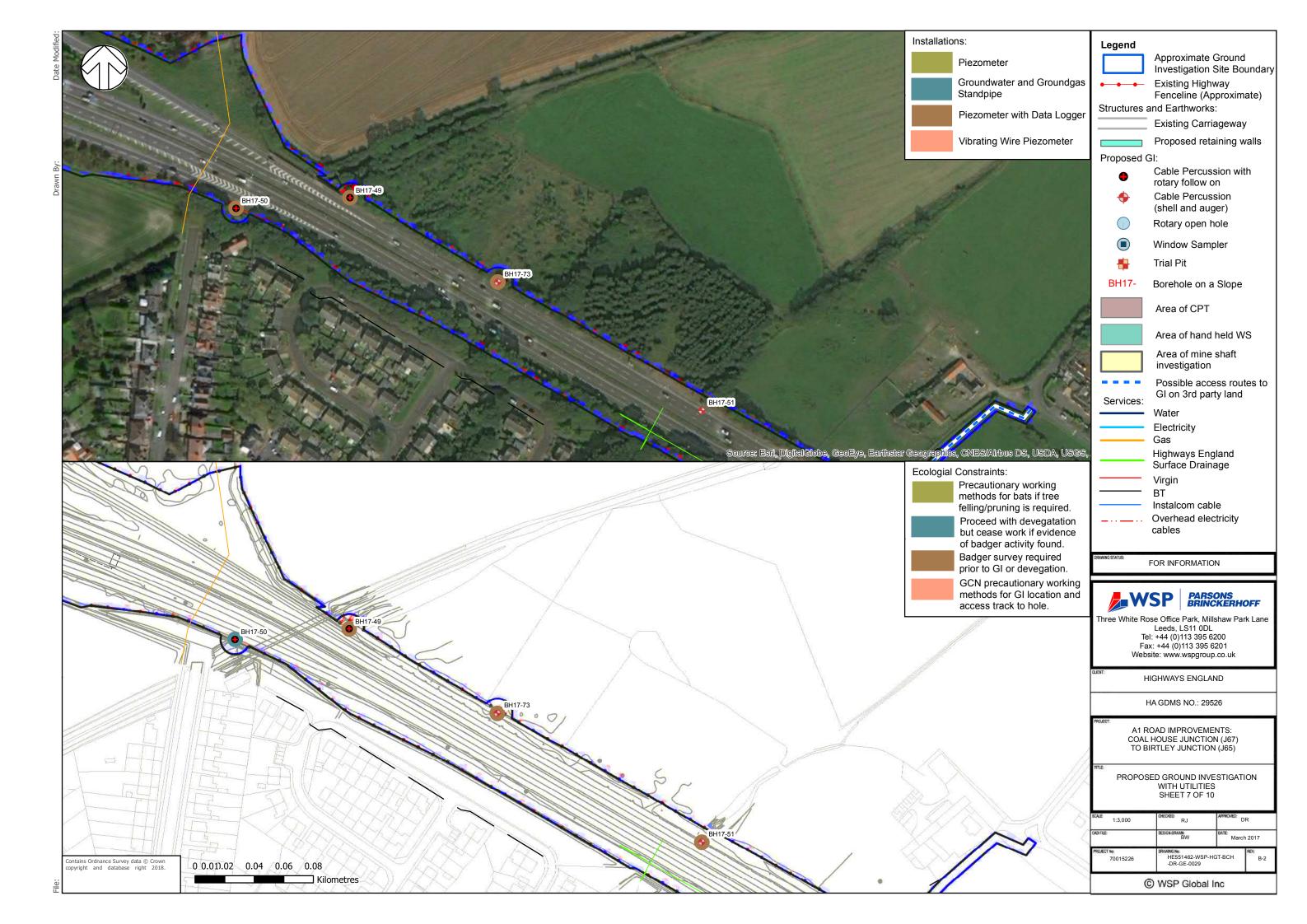


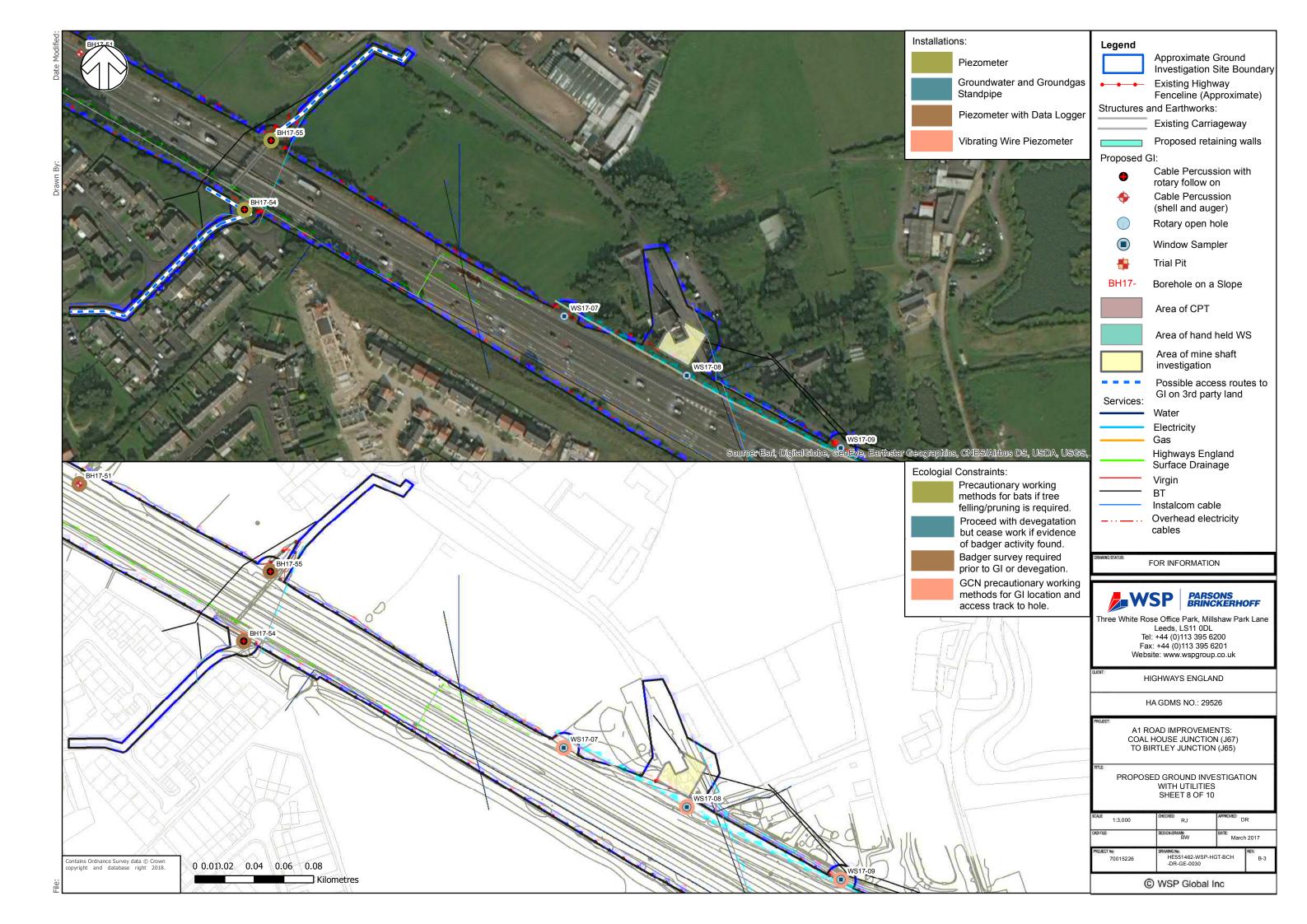


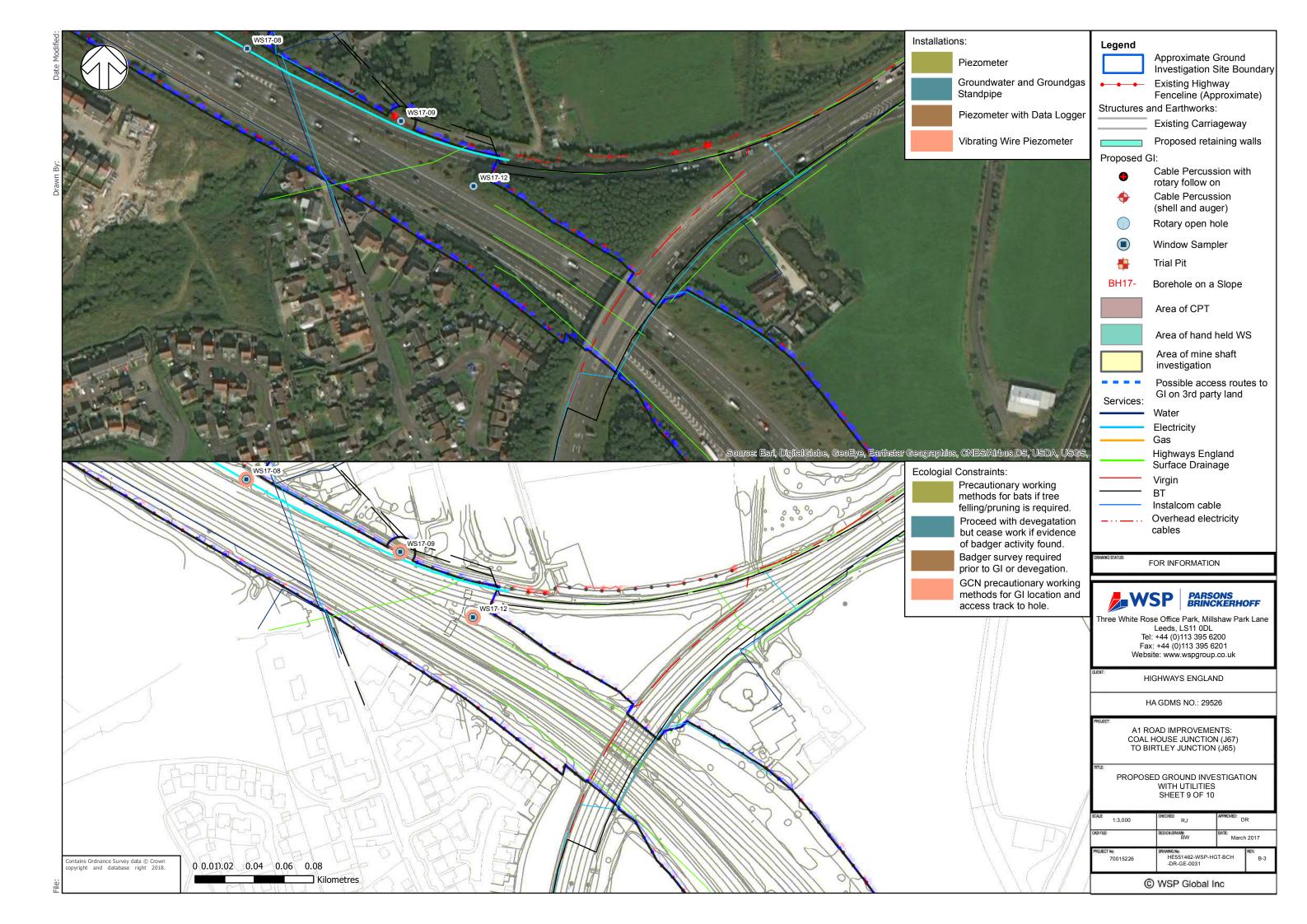


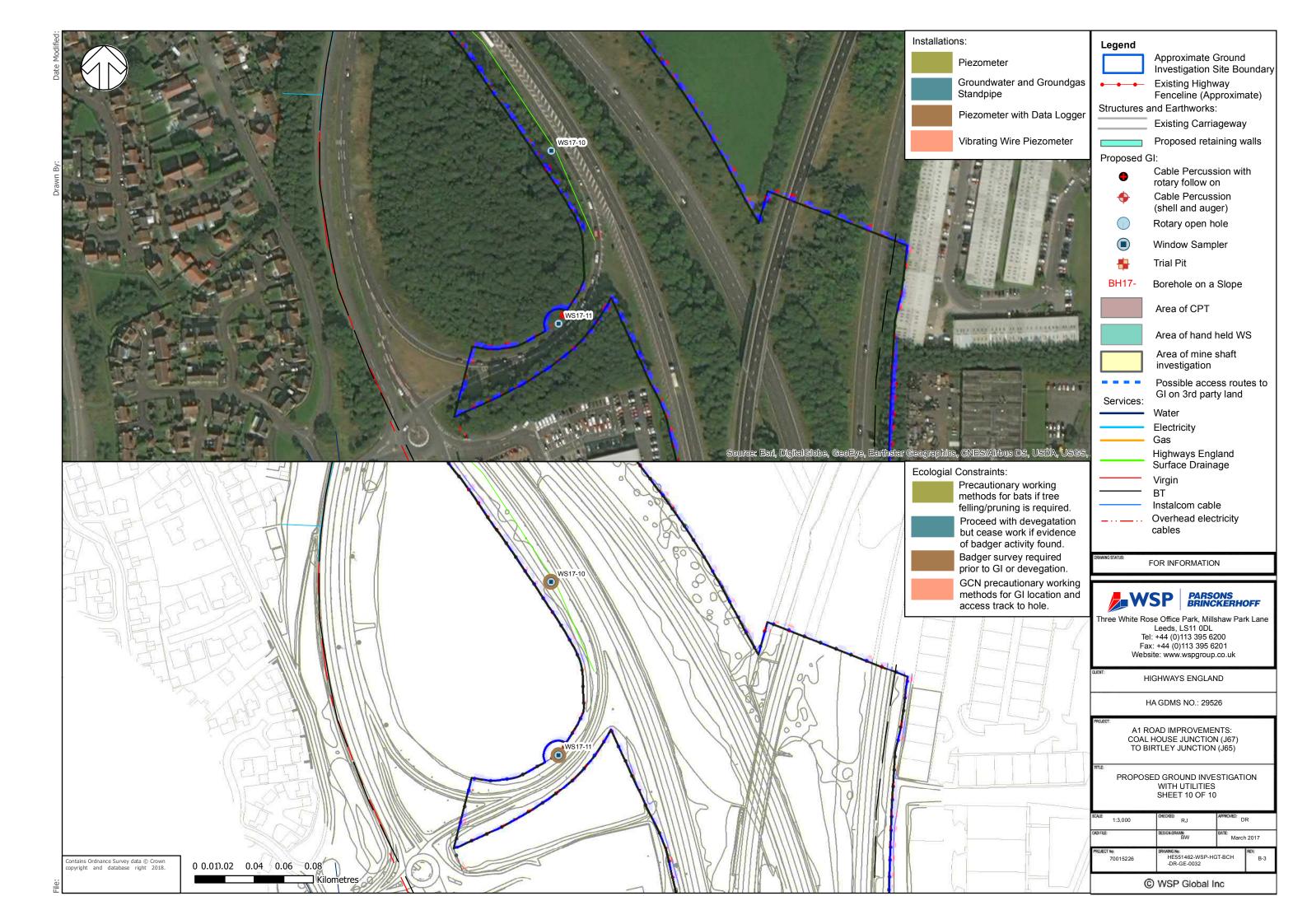


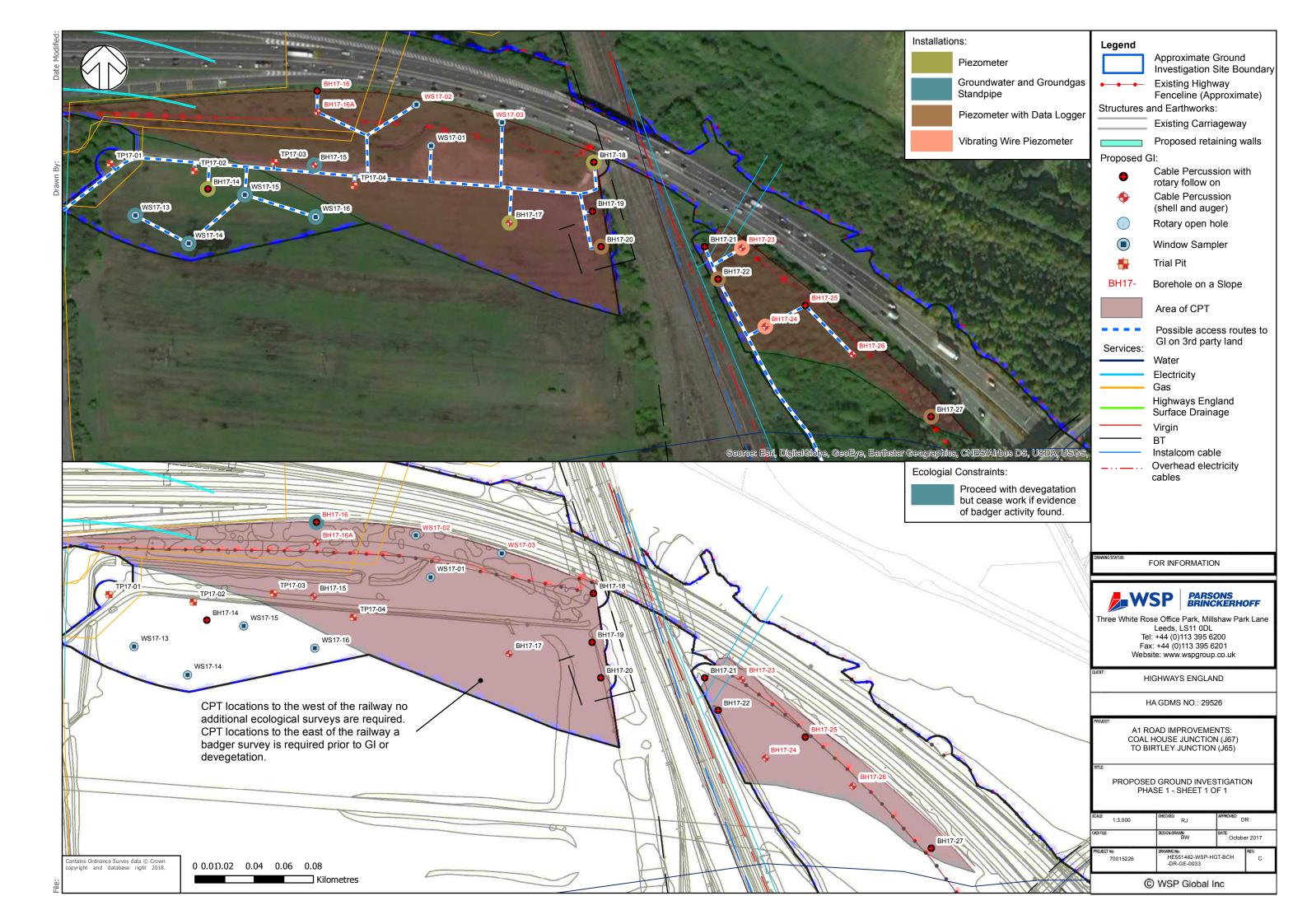














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Sent: 05 February 2018 11:52

To: Mistry, Hitan

Cc: Al-Shalechy, Shehed; Mulla, Imtiaz; Gladstone, Peter; Akram, Irfan; Mehta, Rakesh;

Wilkes, Nicola; Dennis, Stephen; Meikle, Jessica

Subject: A1B2CH - Gantry SOR No HA551462-WSP-SBR-SGN00X-RP-CB-0001

Hitan

Good morning to you.

I have just reviewed the Gantry SOR document which I received via CD recently.

I confirm agreement with the conclusions and recommendations of the SOR, and that the report No HA551462-WSP-SBR-SGN00X-RP-CB-0001 is accepted.

Regards

Martin Sunderland Safety, Engineering & Standards Senior Structures Advisor

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From: Mistry, Hitan [mailto:Hitan.Mistry@wsp.com]

Sent: 15 January 2018 15:41 To: Sunderland, Martin

Cc: Al-Shalechy, Shehed; Mulla, Imtiaz; Gladstone, Peter; Akram, Irfan; Mehta, Rakesh; Wilkes, Nicola; Dennis,

Stephen; Meikle, Jessica

Subject: RE: A1B2CH - Issue of the Gantry SOR and Progress to date 15-01-18

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