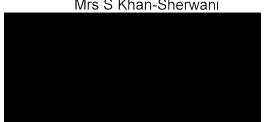
Mr F N Khan-Sherwani and Mrs S Khan-Sherwani



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Mr Bartkowiak (Case Manager)
The Planning Inspectorate
National Infrastructure Planning
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Dear Mr Bartkowiak

A122 Lower Thames Crossing (Ref: TR010032)

We refer to the above matter and note a draft DCO is proposed by National Highways (the Applicant) for the proposed Lower Thames Crossing Scheme.

We have for some time been reviewing the progress of the LTC project and have carefully reviewed your letter dated 29/05/2024, particularly with respect to the SOS's request for further information on the impacts of the removal of the Cobham Rest and Service Area (RASA) from the proposed DCO and the mitigation if any of these impacts.

Your letter states that there are outstanding issues to be resolved before the statutory deadline for a decision on the DCO application. We note that the RASA will be demolished as part of the scheme but there does not appear to be any alternative option. An appropriate consent under Section 135 of the Planning Act 2008 is necessary for the DCO to proceed,

The Applicant and the Estates team within the DOT is required to consider this issue further and outline their proposals if agreement cannot be reached by the Statutory deadline of the 20/06/2024

We understand the Applicant is continuing to discuss matters with HS1 Ltd and the DOT to seek consent under Section 135 for the land HS1 holds an interest.

We have noted the contents of Annex A to your letter and should point out that we are the joint owners of as strip of woodland (approximately 26 acres) located on the southwest side of the M2 Motorway Rochester between the M2 Motorway and the HS1. The land is presently accessed on foot via an underpass crossing the A2/M2 located near Albatross Avenue, Strood, Kent. It is restricted on foot and for cyclists. It would be most suitable for a motorway service station with the alternative RASA provisions that are presently absent from the project.

We should add that as far back as October 2019, we were corresponding with Highways England with respect to the possibility of having vehicular access to our land. HE advised they would have welcomed the development of a new petrol station along the A2/M2 corridor to make good the shortfall caused by the demolition of RASA. They were prepared to consider allowing a means of access to the land subject to compliance with design and other regulations. We therefore prepared and submitted to HE the initial design plans (for single and / or 2-way access from the slipway) but did not pursue this further.

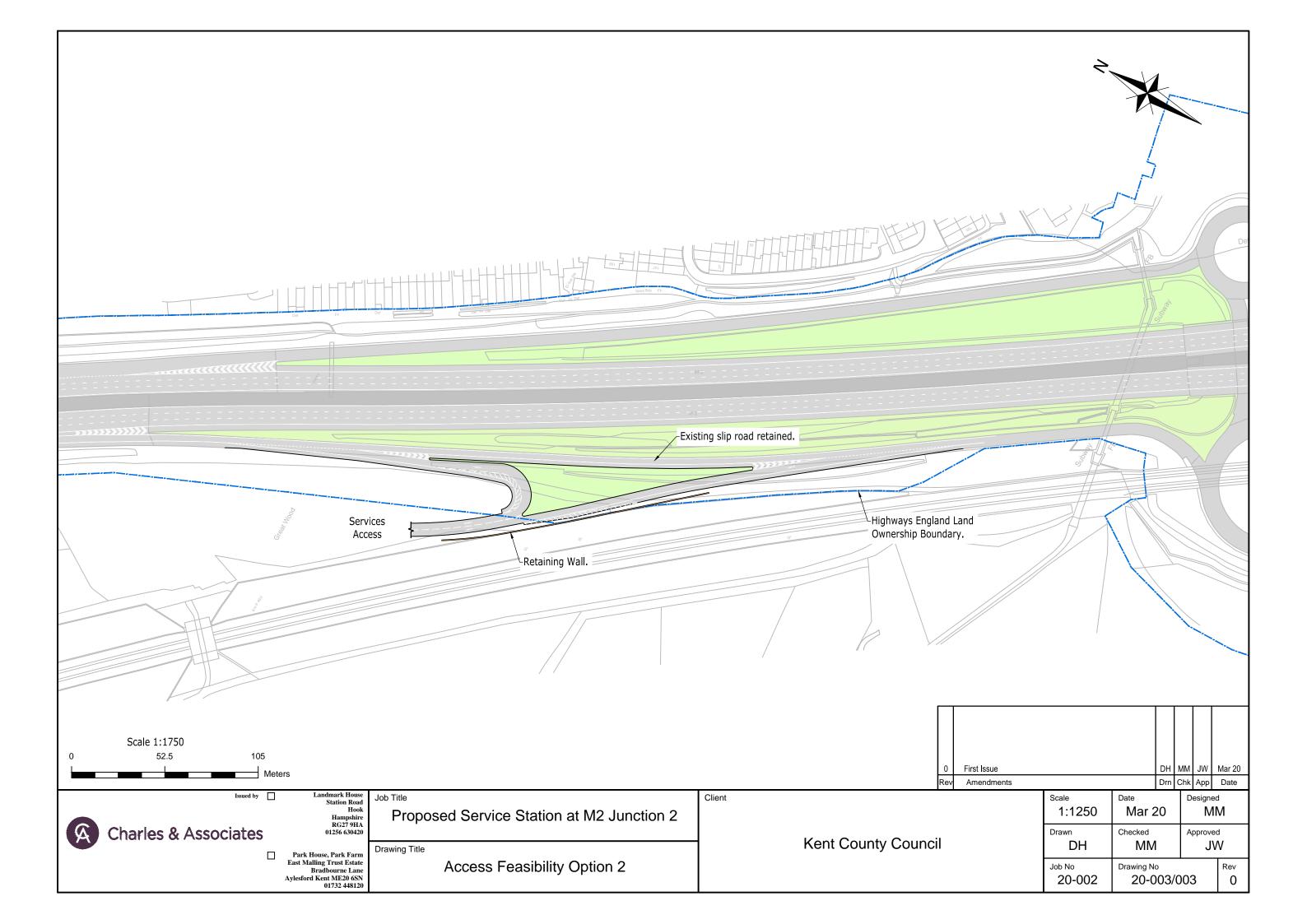
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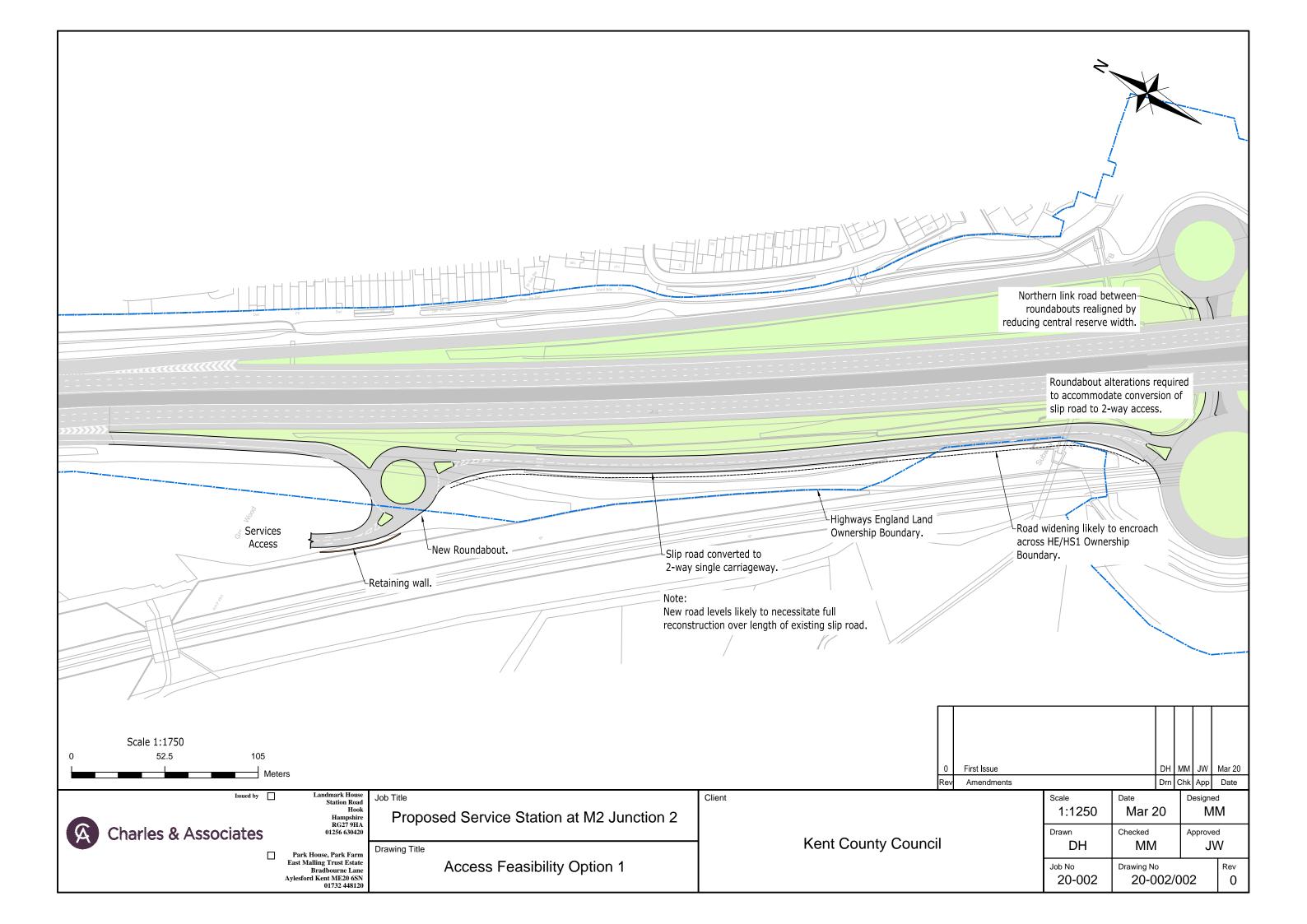
- 1. Plans to identify the land
- 2. Draft Design plans for the proposed access

We would please request you to give consideration to the above matters and look forward to hearing from you.

Enc.

CC: Lower Thames Crossing Project Case Team







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