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The trial trenching did not reveal any archaeological remains within the Site, therefore demonstrating a lack of archaeological evidence for activity other than post-medieval and modern agricultural practices. No further work is recommended.

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## 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1.1 This report details the results of archaeological trial trenching carried out in advance of the development of the proposed M54 to M6 Link Road in South Staffordshire. The work was carried out by AOC Archaeology between 20 January and 16 February 2021. The trial trench investigation area (the Site) was located across agricultural fields to the east of the existing A460, bypassing the villages of Featherstone and Shareshill. The Site is centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) 395000, 305700. The site code is STKMG2021LH8.
- 1.1.2 A total of 139 trenches were excavated; 19 trenches within the original scope could not be excavated due to issues with access restrictions and environmental concerns regarding ecological buffers, ground conditions and water drainage and were descoped in consultation with the County Archaeologist at Staffordshire County Council.
- 1.1.3 The trial trenching did not reveal any archaeological remains within the Site, therefore demonstrating a lack of archaeological evidence for activity other than post-medieval and modern agricultural practices. No further work is recommended.
- 1.1.4 The archive, consisting of paper records, drawings and digital photographs, will be collated and deposited with The Potteries Museum in Stoke at the end of all fieldwork. Copies of the report will be issued to the archaeology advisor to the Local Planning Authority and ultimately the local studies library, on the understanding that it will become a public document after an appropriate period of time. A digital copy of the report will also be submitted to the Historic Environment Record (HER) and Historic England Archive (HEA). A summary of the findings will be submitted to the Archaeological Data Service (ADS) under OASIS ID aocarcha1-415678.



#### 2 Introduction

- 2.1.1 AOC Archaeology (the Archaeological Contractor) was commissioned by Highways England (the Client) to complete an archaeological trial trenching evaluation in advance of the development of the M54 to M6 Link Road in South Staffordshire (the Scheme).
- 2.1.2 The Scheme will provide a link between Junction 1 of the M54 and Junction 11 of the M6 (Figure 1.1). The Scheme aims to reduce congestion on local and regional routes, particularly the A460 and A449, and deliver improved transport links to encourage the development of the surrounding area.
- 2.1.3 Previous phases of archaeological investigations consisted of geophysical survey (Phase SI 2019) and archaeological monitoring of ground investigation (GI) works (ADAS 2019).
- 2.1.4 The trial trenching evaluation was undertaken between 20 January and 16 February 2021 across agricultural fields to the east of the existing A460, bypassing the villages of Featherstone and Shareshill (the Site; Figure 1.1). All archaeological works were carried out in accordance with the Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) [REP4-032/8.18].
- 2.1.5 A total of 139 trenches were excavated; 19 trenches within the original scope could not be excavated due to issues with access restrictions and environmental concerns regarding ecological buffers, ground conditions and water drainage and were descoped with the agreement of all stakeholders.
- 2.1.6 The trial trenching did not reveal any archaeological remains within the Site, therefore demonstrating a lack of archaeological evidence for activity other than post-medieval and modern agricultural practices. Further archaeological investigations within the Site have little potential to further contribute to the research agendas and themes outlined in *The Archaeology of the West Midlands* (Watts, 2011).



## 3 Background Information

#### 3.1 The Scheme

- 3.1.1 The Scheme includes the reconstruction of M54 Junction 1 and M6 Junction 11 with provision of a dual carriageway link road between. The Scheme would bypass the villages of Featherstone and Shareshill to the east of the existing A460.
- 3.1.2 An application for Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Scheme was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in January 2020. A decision is anticipated on the application in late 2021.

#### 3.2 The Site

- 3.2.1 The Site comprises a number of agricultural fields, each assigned their own area number (Area 1-6, Figures 1.2 and 1.3), which will be impacted by the Scheme. The Site is centred on National Grid Reference (NGR) 395000, 305700.
- 3.2.2 The bedrock geology within the Site consists of Chester formations of sandstone and conglomerate. The superficial geology consists of Devensian Till deposits with patches of alluvium (clay, silt, sand and gravel) (BGS online). The soils comprise loamy and clayey soils (Soilscapes online).

#### 3.3 Archaeological Background

- 3.3.1 The archaeological background of the Scheme and a 1km study area, including previous archaeological investigations, has been presented in detail as part of the Cultural Heritage chapter of the Environmental Statement [APP-045/6.1] published by Highways England in 2020. The following section is summarised from that document. Terminology and definitions can also be found in that document.
- 3.3.2 There are 26 listed buildings comprising two Grade I, three Grade II\* and 21 Grade II listed buildings located within the 1km study area. In addition, there are 13 historic buildings and structures, including seven locally listed buildings/structures and 59 non-designated archaeological assets, dating from the prehistoric to modern periods, located within the study area.
- 3.3.3 There are no World Heritage Sites, Scheduled Monuments, Registered Battlefields, Registered Parks and Gardens or Conservation Areas located within the study area.
- 3.3.4 There are four sites of prehistoric date recorded within the vicinity of the scheme. The earliest of these is the find spot of a Neolithic axe (SJ 9342 492). The find spot of a Bronze Age palstave axe (SJ 945 65) is also recorded. Prehistoric settlement evidence is very limited and includes a possible burnt mound (SJ 9484 688) and the site of a possible barrow (SJ 94 5). It is possible that some of the cropmarks in the northern part of the scheme (SJ 9565 723), of unknown date, may have their origins in the later prehistoric period, or the Roman period.
- 3.3.5 There are two recorded sites of Roman (AD 43 to 410) date within the area. The exact location of both sites is unknown, and they comprise the alleged site of a Roman tumulus (SJ 95 8) and the find spot of a silver denarius coin of Hadrian (SJ 93 4). To the west, is the Roman road between Featherstone and Pennocrium, near



- the modern village of Penkridge, where there is a cluster of scheduled Roman settlement and military sites.
- 3.3.6 There is only one site of early medieval date (AD 410 to 1066) recorded. This is the deserted settlement of Hilton or Haltone (SJ 952 54), which is centred around Hilton Park. The settlement was first recorded in the very late 10<sup>th</sup> century and is recorded in the Domesday Book. The date of desertion is not known, and no above-ground evidence survives within the current park.
- 3.3.7 There are a number of sites with evidence of medieval date (1066 to 1500). A moated site is located at Hilton Park (SJ 9518 518), which has been built over by the 18<sup>th</sup> century house. The remainder of the medieval sites are related to agricultural activity and include evidence for ridge and furrow (SJ 9567 805 and SJ 9446 621), as well as the site of a windmill (SJ 948 71) and cropmarks of a medieval field system (SJ 9546 770).
- 3.3.8 Recorded sites of post-medieval date (1500 to 1900) located in the area predominantly relate to the agricultural use of the landscape, as well as evidence for increasing industrial activity in the 18th and 19th centuries.
- 3.3.9 The Streetway and Wordsley Green Turnpike Road was established in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century. This largely follows the line of the A460 to the west of the scheme, joining the A4601 to the north of the M6 Toll. A possible boundary marker in the form of a low bank may have also been followed by a former road or track.
- 3.3.10 Within the route of the Scheme there are seven archaeological sites and one historic park. The archaeological sites comprise the Streetway and Wordsley Turnpike Road and five areas of cropmark features of unknown date at the northern extent of the scheme.
- 3.3.11 The historic park is Hilton Park associated with Hilton Hall. It is a non-designated historic park that has been defined as Historic Parkland within South Staffordshire Local Plan. The park is associated with Hilton Hall and was probably established in the mid to late 18<sup>th</sup> century with some of the landscape work thought to be associated with Humphry Repton (1752 1818). Originally, the park covered an extensive area of land, part of which is now covered by gravel pits, while the M6 Motorway and the M54 bisect the park to the south and east.
- 3.3.12 The Scheme is located within the setting of Hilton Hall, a Grade I listed building (NHLE 1039174) constructed c.1720-1730. A number of associated structures are also listed buildings, including the coach house and stable block (Grade II NHLE 1374117), a pair of early 18<sup>th</sup> century gate piers (Grade II NHLE 1039175), an early 19<sup>th</sup> century conservatory (Grade I NHLE 11039176) and the Portobello Tower (Grade II NHLE 1374118). Also, within Hilton Park is a moated site of medieval origin, a 19<sup>th</sup> century farm named Tower House Farm and Little Saredon Manor, a 16<sup>th</sup> century house with an earlier moat. The route is also in close proximity to the Featherstone HECZ.
- 3.3.13 There is potential for previously unrecorded archaeological remains to be found along the route. While remains of any period cannot be discounted, remains



associated with the later prehistoric periods and the medieval and post-medieval landscape is considered to be most likely to be discovered.

#### 3.4 Previous Archaeological Investigations

3.4.1 A programme of archaeological investigations has been undertaken in support of the Scheme and results are presented in detail as part of the Cultural Heritage chapter of the Environmental Statement [APP-045/6.1]. The following section is summarised from that document.

#### 3.5 Geophysical Survey (Phase SI 2019)

- 3.5.1 A geophysical survey was undertaken by Phase Site Investigations Ltd in March-April 2019. There were 19 areas proposed for survey, although three areas were not surveyed due to livestock being present in the fields (see Appendix A for area details). The full survey report can be found in Appendix 6.3 of the Environmental Statement [APP- 171/6.3].
- 3.5.2 There were nine anomalies recorded by the survey. Two anomalies were recorded in Area 5, just north of Hilton Hall, and are thought to represent drainage. Areas 7 and 8 are both located to the south-east of Shareshill, and anomalies were recorded in each. Area 7 recorded three anomalies thought to represent current agricultural practices and possible drainage features. Area 8 recorded two anomalies which were both recorded as isolated positive responses and, while it is thought they are of human origin, their function and date is unknown. Areas 11 and 16 are both located at the north-western end of the Scheme and both recorded anomalies. The anomaly recorded in Area 11 consists of two curvilinear trends either representing sub-surface features or the intersection of different agricultural regimes. The anomaly recorded in Area 16 as an alignment of trends is also thought to represent a sub-surface feature of unknown function. The results of the geophysical survey can be seen on Figure 1 in Appendix B [APP- 171/6.3].
- 3.5.3 Other responses from the survey mainly consisted of strong magnetic disturbances of made ground and modern disturbances as well as relatively weaker linear responses of agricultural activity.
- 3.5.4 The survey concluded that the majority of the anomalies identified related to modern material or objects related to agricultural activity or geological variations. No clear patterns were identified indicating relationships between the anomalies.

## 3.6 Archaeological Monitoring of the GI (ADAS 2019)

3.6.1 Monitoring was undertaken by ADAS in July 2019. A total of 19 trial pits and 31 boreholes were monitored. There were no archaeologically significant deposits or artefacts observed from the trial pits. Twenty of the boreholes contained made ground, which indicated the ground has been extensively landscaped and altered during the construction of modern highways. The full GI monitoring report can be found in Appendix 6.2 of the Environmental Statement [APP-170/6.3].



## 4 Scope of Works

- 4.1.1 The archaeological trial trench evaluation forms the first phase of evaluation, as outlined in the WSI [REP4-032/8.18] and Mitigation Strategy. The number and layout of the trenches were designed to appropriately evaluate the land within the footprint of the Scheme, including compounds, ponds, borrow pits and statutory diversions. There are a number of locations within the Order Limits (as defined by the Draft Development Consent Order [REP6-006/3.1]) which will not be impacted by intrusive works and therefore these were excluded from the areas proposed for evaluation trenching.
- 4.1.2 All archaeological works were carried out in accordance with the WSI [REP4-032/8.18] and guidance provided by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (ClfA) Code of Conduct (ClfA 2019), the Standard and Guidance for Archaeological Field Evaluation (ClfA 2020a) and other current and relevant good practice and standards and guidance as outlined in the WSI.
- 4.1.3 The total proposed trenching amounted to 2.75% of the areas that have been identified as physically being affected by the Scheme. A contingency of 1% was also allowed in order to assist with determining the character and significance of any archaeological features encountered during the evaluation trenching or test pitting. The 1% contingency was not required during the trial trenching evaluation.

#### 4.2 Scheme Objectives

- 4.2.1 The general objectives of the trial trench evaluation were:
  - to confirm the presence or absence of surviving archaeological remains;
  - to determine the location, nature, extent, date, condition, state of preservation, significance and complexity of any archaeological remains;
  - to determine the likely range, quality and quantity of artefactual and environmental evidence present;
  - to provide an interpretation of the results and place them in their local, regional and national archaeological context; and
  - to assess the potential for palaeoenvironmental deposits to be present and to take appropriate samples that will be used to inform any requirement for further, specialist recording; and to produce a report on the findings of the fieldwork and to inform the development of further archaeological mitigation strategies for the Scheme.

## 4.3 Research Frameworks and Regional Research Agendas

- 4.3.1 Consideration of research themes is key to understanding the potential evidential significance of archaeological remains.
- 4.3.2 The results of the geophysical survey concluded that the majority of the anomalies identified related to modern material or objects related to agricultural activity or geological variations and there were no clear patterns to indicate relationships between the anomalies.



- 4.3.3 Research agendas and themes are outlined in the document 'The Archaeology of the West Midlands' (Watts 2011). This research framework has been consulted so that any archaeology could be placed within its local, regional and national context.
- 4.3.4 The research agendas and specific themes for the trial trench evaluation will be considered as the project progresses.



## 5 Health and Safety / Access

#### 5.1 Machine Excavation

5.1.1 Permits to excavate were issued for all areas where archaeological trenching by machine took place. All deep archaeological features were fenced off using physical barriers and no excavation was carried out below the depth of 1.20m.

#### 5.2 Utilities

- 5.2.1 Area 1 contained a high-pressure gas main running NE-SW across the site. Cadent Gas were consulted in advance of works and undertook a site visit to locate the gas main and confirmed two established crossing points with AOC Archaeology. These crossing points were set up using Ekki trackmats rated to c. 80t. The crossings were signposted, one utilising the pre-existing farmers track and one at the entrance to the field at the eastern edge of the area. The plant utilised in Area 1 was limited to 13t 360 rubber tracked excavators. The edge of the gas main buffer was flash marked along the edge.
- 5.2.2 Area 3 contained a high voltage overhead line which ran across the site E-W at the northern edge between the two fields comprising Area 3. One established crossing point was identified using the pre-existing farmers track this was marked out and set up with signposted goalposts with a 5m height limit and the service was buffered using hazard tape to prevent machine tracking in the vicinity of the service.
- 5.2.3 All plant movements in the vicinity of the gas main and the overhead were planned in advance and supervised on site and followed best practice as outlined in the Health and Safety Executive's publications, A guide to Regulation 13A of the Pipeline Safety Regulations 1996, Avoiding damage to underground services and Avoidance of danger from overhead electricity lines (GS6, 4th edition).
- 5.2.4 The location of each trench was CAT (Cable Avoidance Tool) scanned prior to mechanical excavation. No previously unidentified services were detected during the CAT scanning.

#### 5.3 Site Access

5.3.1 Permission to access necessary land parcels was granted prior to any archaeological investigations.

#### 5.4 Ecological Constraints

- 5.4.1 Consultation with AECOM's ecology and landscape consultants for the Scheme identified the following constraints to machine excavation:
  - a 5m stand-off from hedgerows was maintained;
  - the stand-off area for trees comprised the extent of the canopy plus 3m;
  - trees within hedgerows required the stand-off to comprise the extent of the canopy plus 3m;
  - a 30m stand-off from known or potential badger setts and otter holts;
  - a minimum 10m stand-off from trees with bat rooting potential; and



- a minimum 10m stand-off was maintained from all watercourses.
- 5.4.2 The trench design has taken these considerations into account; however, 12 trenches (Trenches 6, 13, 23, 97, 57, 103-104, 113, 105-106, 117 and 144) were relocated or shortened, in order to observe the ecological and landscape considerations noted on the ground during the programme of work.
- 5.4.3 During the excavation work the Archaeological Contractor allowed for the egress of wildlife from trenches that were left open overnight. This was undertaken by cutting a ramp or the sloping of one end of the evaluation trench.



## 6 Methodology

- 6.1.1 The methodology for setting out, excavation, recording, artefact recovery and finds processing, environmental sampling, human remains, and treasure was followed as outlined in the WSI [REP4-032/8.18]. The trench plan and numbering of trenches was specified in the WSI.
- 6.1.2 It was proposed that 158 trenches would be excavated across the Site. In total, 139 trenches were excavated. A total of 19 trenches were not excavated due to access restrictions, utilities and environmental concerns; these trenches were then descoped with the approval of all stakeholders.
- 6.1.3 The majority of trenches measured approximately 50m while six trenches measured 30m, as dictated by the WSI [REP4-032/8.18]. Full trench details including dimensions are included in Appendix A.
- 6.1.4 At each trench location three test pits were dug (one at each end and one in the centre) to test for the presence and prevalence of unstratified archaeological finds. The samples of topsoil and subsoil were excavated by machine and each measured approximately 0.25m by 0.25m in size to the depth of the plough soil/topsoil. The samples were sieved on site, using 6mm wire mesh.
- 6.1.5 Trenches were not backfilled without the approval of the Archaeological Consultant, the Contractor and the County Archaeologist for Staffordshire.



#### 7 Results

- 7.1.1 A full list of trenches and contexts are contained in Appendix A. Figures referred to in the text can be found at the back of this report. Overall plans depicting the trenches are shown on Figures 1.1-1.54. Section drawings showing a sample profile of each trench are shown on Figures 2.1-2.9.
- 7.1.2 The general topography of the Site comprised relatively flat to gently undulating agricultural land between 126.00m above Ordnance Datum (aOD) m and 127.00 m aOD in the north, and 135.50m aOD and 145.00m aOD in the south.
- 7.1.3 The drift geology comprised Devensian Till deposits with patches of alluvium (clay, silt, sand and gravel) (BGS online). This lay between 0.15m and 0.35m below ground level (bgl) at a height between 125.53m and 126.66m in the north, and between 0.34m and 0.65m below ground level (bgl) at a height between 135.04m aOD and 143.61m aOD in the south. Above this, subsoil was encountered overlying the natural geology in some trenches in the south of the scheme. It was encountered between 0.15m and 0.45m bgl at a height of between 135.69m and 143.50m aOD. Topsoil sealed the trenches at a height of between 126.85m and 128.56m aOD in the north and 135.94m and 143.95m in the south.
- 7.1.4 None of the trenches contained archaeological features.
- 7.1.5 The test pits excavated to retrieve artefacts from the plough soil/topsoil in each trench did not reveal any finds of archaeological significance. Very sporadic modern material (ceramic field drain fragments, plastic, non-ferrous metal waste, modern glass) was retrieved but was discarded on site.

## 7.2 Area 1 (Figure 1.3)

- 7.2.1 Area 1 (Trenches 105-107, 109-113, 115, 117-141 and 143-150) was located at the south of the Scheme and comprised five agricultural fields.
- 7.2.2 A number of trenches within Area 1 were descoped: These included:
  - 114: Encroached upon farm track and ecological buffer, no space to excavate within parcel.
  - 108 &116: Excavation not possible to undertake safely due to waterlogged ground.
  - 142: Excavation not possible to undertake safely due to waterlogged ground and steep slope.
  - 153-154: Encroached upon ecological buffer and electric cable buffer, no space to excavate within parcel. Waterlogged ground also noted as a concern.
- 7.2.3 A number of trenches within Area 1 were adjusted to take into account ecological constraints, following the Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) walkover survey. These included:
  - 105: Moved c.3m south to avoid hedgerow buffer at north end.
  - 106: Moved c.5m south to avoid tree buffer, extensive tree canopy at north end.



- 113: Moved 2m west to avoid hedgerow and tree buffer to the east.
- 117: Moved c. 10m south and adjusted angle to c. NW-SE as northern 10m was flooded ground and northern 5m encroached upon bat roost tree buffer.
- 144: Adjusted angle to NW-SE to avoid pond buffer and deposit of modern waste dumped on site.
- 7.2.4 The natural sub strata in this area varied from a firm reddish brown clay to a reddish brown clay with patches of yellow grey sandy silt. This was encountered between 154.80m aOD and 133.95m aOD. Towards the north of the area the natural transitioned to a mid yellowish brown clayey sand. This was generally overlain by a 0.1-0.2m thick subsoil comprised of firm dark greyish brown clayey silt with more frequent stone inclusions. The topsoil varied between 0.15m and 0.35m thick and generally consisted of mid grey brown clayey silt with occasional sub-rounded small stones. The topsoil was present at heights between 155.17m aOD and 134.34m aOD. In many locations plough scarring was visible cutting into the natural which indicated an intense agricultural regime.
- 7.2.5 In Area 1 the response from the geophysical survey mainly consisted of strong magnetic disturbances of made ground and modern disturbance which was confirmed by the trial trenching. Trenches 134-136, 138 and 143-150 identified the extent of the made ground in the southern section of the area located around the pond and extending south to the edge of the M54. This corresponded with the results from the previous phase of GI works confirming that the ground in this area has been extensively landscaped and altered during the construction of modern highways. The made ground generally consisted of dark black/brown silty clay with visible modern inclusions such as wire and fragments of plastic sheeting and fence posts. This was excavated to 1m depth in places to confirm it continued below the original subsoil level therefore removing any archaeological potential for this area. Excavation in most of these trenches was halted due to concerns over health and safety, collapsing trench edges and water ingress.

## 7.3 Area 2 (Figure 1.3)

- 7.3.1 Area 2 (Trenches 078-104) was located to the west of Dark Lane and comprised one agricultural field.
- 7.3.2 A number of trenches within Area 2 were adjusted to take into account ecological or landscape constraints, following the ECoW walkover survey. These included:
  - 93: Minor adjustment in angle to NE-SW to avoid excavating a gravel track.
  - 97: Shortened c.10m at west end to avoid thick vegetation.
  - 103: Moved 2m east to avoid thick vegetation.
  - 104: Shortened c.6m at south end to avoid thick vegetation.
- 7.3.3 The natural sub strata comprised firm mid reddish brown sandy silt and natural gravel deposits with very frequent small sub-rounded stone throughout. This was encountered between 134.95m aOD and 134.06m aOD. The topsoil varied between 0.3m and 0.5m thick and generally consisted of soft mid brown silty clay with frequent small sub-rounded stone. This generally overlay the natural sub strata



- directly. The topsoil was present at heights between 135.44m aOD and 134.56m aOD. The lack of subsoil in the majority of the trenches in Area 2 indicates that agricultural activity (i.e. deep ploughing) was extensive.
- 7.3.4 The anomalies and general disturbance noted in the geophysics results for this area were related to modern disturbance, gravel access tracks and compacted ground for more informal tracks. These were visible on the surface of the field and related to its current use as a regular car boot sale site.
- 7.3.5 None of the trenches in Area 2 contained archaeological features and no finds of archaeological significance were recovered from the test pits.
- 7.4 Area 3 (Figures 1.2 and 1.3)
- 7.4.1 Area 3 (Trenches 038-077) was located to the north of Hilton Lane and comprised two agricultural fields.
- 7.4.2 One trench (Trench 057) within Area 3 was adjusted by 10m at the SE end to avoid potential for silting into the stream during a period of heavy rainfall.
- 7.4.3 The natural sub strata comprised deposits of mid reddish brown coarse sand with very frequent gravel deposits and very frequent small sub-rounded stone throughout. This was encountered between 142.m aOD and 127.17m aOD. The topsoil varied between 0.25m and 0.35m thick and generally consisted of loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. This generally overlay the natural sub strata directly. The topsoil was present at heights between 142.43m aOD and 127.52m aOD. The lack of subsoil in the majority of the trenches in Area 3 indicates that agricultural activity (i.e. deep ploughing) was extensive.
- 7.4.4 Various linear anomalies were noted in the geophysics results for this area, but no differentiation was observed in the topsoil or natural deposits that could relate to these anomalies.
- 7.4.5 None of the trenches in Area 3 contained archaeological features and no finds of archaeological significance were recovered from the test pits.
- 7.5 Area 4 (Figure 1.2)
- 7.5.1 Area 4 (Trenches 018-037) was located to the east of the A460 and the Laney Green Interchange and comprised three agricultural fields.
- 7.5.2 One trench (Trench 023) within Area 4 was moved 2m to the north east to avoid a current fence line which prevented adequate space for safe machine movement.
- 7.5.3 The natural sub strata comprised firm mid reddish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub rounded stone inclusions. This was encountered between 134.35m aOD and 123.40m aOD. This was overlain by topsoil which varied between 0.15m and 0.35m thick and generally consisted of soft mid greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone. This was present at heights between 134.7m aOD and 123.83m aOD. The lack of subsoil in the majority of the trenches in Area 4 indicates that agricultural activity (i.e. deep ploughing) was extensive.



- 7.5.4 Various linear anomalies were noted in the geophysics results for the eastern area but no differentiation was observed in the topsoil or natural deposits that could relate to these anomalies.
- 7.5.5 None of the trenches in Area 4 contained archaeological features and no finds of archaeological significance were recovered from the test pits.
- 7.6 Area 5 (Figure 1.2)
- 7.6.1 Area 5 (Trenches 014-017) was located to the east of the A460 and the Laney Green Interchange and comprised one agricultural field. Access to Trenches 015 and 017 was not possible due to pre-existing fencing. Access to Trenches 014 and 016 was not possible due to waterlogged ground. The trenches in Area 5 were descoped.
- 7.7 Area 6 (Figure 1.2)
- 7.7.1 Area 6 (Trenches 001-008 & 012-013) was located to the north of Mill Lane at the north of the Scheme and comprised four agricultural fields.
- 7.7.2 A number of trenches within Area 6 were descoped, these included Trenches 009-011. Access to the field containing Trenches 009-011 was attempted with a wheeled excavator, waterlogged ground prevented access. No access possible with tracked excavator.
- 7.7.3 A number of trenches within Area 6 were adjusted to take into account ecological or landscape constraints, following the ECoW walkover survey. These included:
  - 006: Adjusted c. 90 degrees to run NW-SE to avoid pre-existing gravel track.
  - 013: Moved c.5m north east and adjusted angle slightly to avoid tree and hedgerow buffer.
- 7.7.4 This natural sub strata comprised mid reddish grey silty clay with infrequent small sub-rounded stone. This was encountered between 127.75m aOD and 120.05m aOD. This was overlain by 0.35m-0.4m thick topsoil which generally consisted of mid greyish brown clayey silt loam with infrequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions, and was present at 128.15 m aOD and 120.64m aOD. The lack of subsoil in the majority of the trenches in Area 6 indicates that agricultural activity (i.e. deep ploughing) was extensive.
- 7.7.5 The anomalies and general disturbance noted in the geophysics results for this area were related to disturbance, gravel access tracks and compacted ground for more informal tracks visible on the surface of the field and related to its current use as a regular car boot sale site. The linear anomaly targeted by the original location of Trench 006 related to a formalised gravel track related to the use of the field as a car boot sale site.
- 7.7.6 None of the trenches in Area 6 contained archaeological features and no finds of archaeological significance were recovered from the test pits.
- 7.8 Area 7 (Figure 1.1)
- 7.8.1 Area 7 (Trenches 155-158) was located to the north of the M54 off Brookhouse Lane at the south-west of the Scheme and comprised one agricultural field. No access



agreement was in place with the landowner during the programme of works. The trenches in Area 7 were descoped.

#### 7.9 Area 8 (Figure 1.3)

7.9.1 Area 8 (Trenches 151-152) was located to the north of the M54 at the junction between Cannock Road at the south of the Scheme and comprised one agricultural field. Trenches 151 and 152 were located over a high-pressure gas main. The trenches were descoped prior to commencement of the trial trenching as there was no remaining space within the site boundary to reposition them.

#### 7.10 Evaluation of Methodology

- 7.10.1 The trial trenching evaluation has successfully established the absence of any archaeological features within the footprint of the Scheme. The number and layout of the trenches were designed to appropriately evaluate the land, including compounds, ponds, borrow pits and statutory diversions.
- 7.10.2 The evaluation resulted in a consistent absence of finds and features, therefore demonstrating a high confidence rating that the scale, scope and methodology of the trial trenching were appropriate to assess the lack of archaeological potential of the evaluation area.



## 8 Conclusion and Recommendations

- 8.1.1 The geophysical survey of the Scheme concluded that the majority of the anomalies identified related to modern material or objects related to agricultural activity or geological variations. No clear patterns were identified indicating relationships between the anomalies. The majority of evaluation trenches over these anomalies across the Scheme did not detect any differentiation in deposits or natural sub strata which could explain these anomalies. Several anomalies were clearly related to modern access tracks, made ground and modern disturbance.
- 8.1.2 The lack of subsoil in the majority of the trial trenches suggest that deep ploughing was extensive across the area of the Scheme. This would have negatively affected any sub-surface archaeological remains, had they been present to begin with, potentially removing them completely. Had this occurred it would be reasonable to assume that the plough truncation of archaeological remains would result in artefacts being distributed within the topsoil. However, the test pits excavated in each trench reveal no finds of archaeological significance suggesting low potential for previously existing archaeological remains.
- 8.1.3 Several areas (Area 5, Trenches 009-011 within Area 6 and Area 7) within the Scheme were not subject to trial trenching due to lack of access, presence of utilities or ecological buffers. In light of the consistently negative results in the parcels of land around these areas and the low archaeological potential identified in the Scheme as a whole it is considered unlikely that these areas will contain archaeological remains.
- 8.1.4 Due to the lack of archaeological features or finds identified within the footprint of the Scheme no further mitigation work is recommended, including trenching, excavation or archaeological watching brief.



## 9 Archive Preparation and Deposition

- 9.1.1 The process for archive preparation and deposition will be undertaken as fully outlined in the WSI [REP4-032/8.18]. The archive, consisting of a digital and physical archive of records, drawing and photographs, will be collated for short and long-term storage in line with current good practice including documents published by the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) (2020b), the Archaeological Archives Forum (AAF, 2007; Brown, 2011a), Historic England (Brown, 2011b) and UKIC (1990).
- 9.1.2 The Site archive will comprise written and drawn records. It is to be consolidated after completion of the whole project, with records and any finds collated and ordered as a permanent record. No archaeological finds were recovered.
- 9.1.3 On completion of the project arrangements for the archive to be deposited with The Potteries Museum in Stoke and with the consultant/developer/landowner will be discussed. The paper and digital archive will be security copied via the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) under an OASIS ID (aocarcha1-415678).
- 9.1.4 In the event of the legal owner(s) resolving to retain all or part of the Site archive, they shall be responsible for the future preservation and maintenance of any material element of that archive. That part of the Site archive in question, shall be transferred to the legal owner only after all necessary processing, research, analysis and investigative/stabilising conservation and correct packing necessary to prepare the archive for preservation and in a usable, accessible form, and to produce a full report for publication, has been completed. The owner shall ensure that all necessary provision is made for the long-term preservation of the archive in a satisfactory environment, and that it is accessible for future research. A proper record of material kept by the landowner shall be included in the written archive and public record. The explicit (written) permission of the owner shall be obtained in order that the Data Protection Act 1984 is not contravened.
- 9.1.5 The Site archive will be deposited with The Potteries Museum in Stoke within one year of the completion of fieldwork (if no further work is required). It will then become publicly accessible.



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## **Appendix A. Trench and Context Details**

#### Area 6

#### Trench 1

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: 0.5 m |         | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m |                          |   |
|---|---------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|
|   |         |                     |                          |   |
| Context no.                                 | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 101   | -       | Topsoil             | 0.4m thick across trench | Mid greyish brown clayey silt loam with infrequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions and modern debris (plastic, drinks cans, bags). |
| 102   | -       | Natural             | Across trench            | Mid reddish grey silty clay with infrequent small sub-rounded stone.  |

#### Trench 2

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.55 m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m   |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------------|--------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                      |                          |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                 | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 201                     | -       | Topsoil              | 0.4m thick across trench | Dark reddish brown clayey silt loam with infrequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 202                     | -       | Natural              | Across trench            | Mid reddish grey silty clay with infrequent small sub-rounded stone.                    |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.45 m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.35 m   |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                      |                           |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                 | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 301                     | -       | Topsoil              | 0.35m thick across trench | Soft dark greyish brown clayey silt loam with infrequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions |
| 302                     | -       | Natural              | Across trench             | Mid reddish grey silty clay with infrequent small sub-rounded stone.                        |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Dep | pth: 0.5 m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.3m  |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|--------------------------|--|
|                         |         |            |                          |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре       | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 401                     | -       | Topsoil    | 0.3m thick across trench | Dark greyish brown silty loam with infrequent very small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 402                     | -       | Natural    | Across trench            | Mid reddish grey silty clay with infrequent small sub-rounded stone.                   |

#### Trench 5

| Trench Size: 30m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.45m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.2 m   |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
|                         |         |                     |                           |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 501                     |         | Topsoil             | 0.2m thick across trench  | Dark greyish brown clayey silt loam with infrequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions.              |
| 502                     |         | Subsoil             | 0.15m thick across trench | Soft mid greyish brown clayey silt with infrequent sub-rounded stone                                 |
| 503                     |         | Natural             | Across trench             | Mid reddish grey silty clay with some slightly sandier patches and infrequent small subrounded stone |

| Trench Size: 30m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.55 m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.35m  |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                      |                           |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                 | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 601                     | -       | Topsoil              | 0.35m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt loam with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions   |
| 602                     | -       | Natural              | Across trench             | Mid red silty clay with patches of mid brown silty sand and frequent small sub-rounded stone. |



| Trench Size: 30m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.52 m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.32 m  |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|--|
|                         |         |                      |                           |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                 | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 701                     | -       | Topsoil              | 0.32m thick across trench | Loose dark brown silty clay with very frequent small rounded and sub-rounded stone inclusions                          |
| 702                     | -       | Natural              | Across trench             | Firm mid reddish grey silty clay with patches of mid yellow brown silty sand and very frequent small sub-rounded stone |

#### **Trench 8**

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.57 m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.35m   |  |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
|                         |         |                      |                           |  |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                 | Dimensions                | Description  |  |
| 801                     | -       | Topsoil              | 0.35m thick across trench | Mid brown very loose clayey silt with occasional small sub rounded stone inclusions. |  |
| 802                     | -       | Natural              | Across trench             | Mid reddish brown clayey sand with frequent small sub-rounded stone.                 |  |

| Trench Size: | 50m x 1.8m | Trench Depth: 0.9 m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |  |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
|              |            |                     |                          |  |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of    | Туре                | Dimensions               | Description  |  |
| 1201         | -          | Topsoil             | 0.4m thick across trench | Firm mid brown clayey silt loam with very occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.                                   |  |
| 1202         | -          | Natural             | Across trench            | Mid reddish grey silty sand with several patches of sterile lighter grey silty sand and frequent small sub-rounded stones. |  |



| Trench Size: | 50m x 1.8m | Trench Depth: 0.7 m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--|
|              |            |                     |                          |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of    | Туре                | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 1301         | -          | Topsoil             | 0.4m thick across trench | Firm mid brown clayey silt loam with very occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 1302         |            | Subsoil             | 0.2m thick across trench | Mid brown grey clayey silt with very occasional small stone inclusions                   |
| 1303         | -          | Natural             | Across trench            | Light reddish brown clayey sand with frequent small sub-rounded stone                    |

#### Area 4

#### Trench 18

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.52m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.26m   |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
|                         |         |                     |                           |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 1801                    | -       | Topsoil             | 0.26m thick across trench | Soft mid greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 1802                    | -       | Subsoil             | 0.26m thick across trench | Reddish brown silty sand subsoil with very occasional natural sub rounded stones.      |
| 1803                    | -       | Natural             | Across trench             | Firm mid reddish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub rounded stone inclusions.   |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.67m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.14m  |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                     |                           |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 1901                    | -       | Topsoil             | 0.14m thick across trench | Mid greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone.                      |
| 1902                    | -       | Subsoil             | 0.4m thick across trench  | Brownish grey clayey silt subsoil with very occasional sub rounded natural stone.           |
| 1903                    | -       | Natural             | Across trench             | Firm mid mottled reddish yellow brown sandy clay with very frequent small subrounded stone. |



| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | pth: 0.46m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.36m  |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---|
|              |                                    |         |                           |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                            | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 2001         | -                                  | Topsoil | 0.36m thick across trench | Firm mid greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub rounded stone.   |
| 2002         | -                                  | Natural | Across trench             | Light reddish yellow brown clayey sand with frequent small sub-rounded stone. |

#### Trench 21

| Trench Size: | 50m x 1.8m | Trench Depth: 0.39m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.29m  |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---|
|              |            |                     |                           |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of    | Туре                | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 2101         | -          | Topsoil             | 0.29m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 2102         | -          | Natural             | Across trench             | Firm reddish yellow brown clayey sand with very frequent small sub-rounded stone.       |

| Trench Size: | ze: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: 0.5m |         | pth: 0.5m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.3m   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---|
|              |                                   |         |                          |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                           | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 2201         | -                                 | Topsoil | 0.3m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 2202         | -                                 | Subsoil | 0.1m thick across trench | Reddish brown silty sand subsoil with occasional sub rounded stones.                  |
| 2203         | -                                 | Natural | Across trench            | Firm mid yellowish red clayey sand with frequent small sub-rounded stone.             |



| Trench Size: | ench Size: 30m x 1.8m Trench Depth: 0 |         | pth: 0.41m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.3m   |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---|
|              |                                       |         |                          |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                               | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 2301         | -                                     | Topsoil | 0.3m thick across trench | Soft mid greyish brown silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 2302         | -                                     | Natural | Across trench            | Reddish brown sandy gravel with very frequent natural sub rounded stones.       |

#### Trench 24

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 30m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | pth: 0.8m                 | Topsoil Depth: 0.51m  |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---|
|              |                                    |         |                           |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                            | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 2401         | -                                  | Topsoil | 0.51m thick across trench | Mid greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.         |
| 2402         | -                                  | Subsoil | 0.2m thick across trench  | Firm light reddish brown silty sand subsoil with very occasional small sub-rounded stone. |
| 2403         | -                                  | Natural | Across trench             | Yellowish brown silty sand with natural stone inclusions.                                 |

| Trench Size: | 30m x 1.8m | Trench Depth: 0.49m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m   |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---|
|              |            |                     |                           |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of    | Туре                | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 2501         | -          | Topsoil             | 0.4m thick across trench  | Greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions and obvious rooting. |
| 2502         | -          | Subsoil             | 0.05m thick across trench | Light reddish brown sandy silt subsoil with medium rounded natural stone.                       |
| 2503         | -          | Natural             | Across trench             | Firm mid yellowish red silty sand with frequent medium sub-rounded stone.                       |



| Trench Size: | 50m x 1.8m | Trench Depth: 0.7m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.36m   |
|--------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--|
|              |            |                    |                           |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of    | Туре               | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 2601         | -          | Topsoil            | 0.36m thick across trench | Greyish brown clayey silt with occasional modern material (cans, plastic) and rooting. |
| 2602         | -          | Subsoil            | 0.2m thick across trench  | Reddish brown silty sand with occasional natural sub-rounded stone inclusions.         |
| 2603         | -          | Natural            | Across trench             | Firm mid reddish brown silty gravel with very frequent small sub-rounded stone.        |

#### Trench 27

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dept |         | pth: 0.53m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.45m   |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--|
|              |                                     |         |                           |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                             | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 2701         | -                                   | Topsoil | 0.45m thick across trench | Friable dark blackish brown silty clay with occasional small rounded stone inclusions. |
| 2702         | -                                   | Natural | Across trench             | Mid reddish brown sandy clay with frequent small sub-rounded stones.                   |

#### Trench 28

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench |         | Trench De | pth: 0.5m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m   |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|---|
|                                |         |           |                          |   |
| Context no.                    | Fill of | Туре      | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 2801                           | -       | Topsoil   | 0.4m thick across trench | Friable dark blackish brown silty clay with occasional small rounded pebbles. |
| 2802                           | -       | Natural   | Across trench            | Mid yellowish brown sandy clay with frequent small sub-rounded stones.        |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.45m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.38m   |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
|                         |         |                     |                           |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 2901                    | -       | Topsoil             | 0.38m thick across trench | Loose dark brown sandy silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions.  |
| 2902                    | -       | Natural             | Across trench             | Firm dark reddish brown silty sand with very frequent small sub-rounded stone and occasional reddish brown clay patches. |



| Trench Size: | ench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: 0.5m |         | pth: 0.5m                 | Topsoil Depth: 0.41m   |
|--------------|--|---------|---------------------------|--|
|              |  |         |                           |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                                  | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 3001         | -  | Topsoil | 0.41m thick across trench | Friable dark blackish brown loam with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 3002         | -  | Natural | Across trench             | Firm mid reddish brown sandy clay with very frequent small sub-rounded stone.      |

#### Trench 31

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.48m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.36m   |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
|                         |         |                     |                           |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 3101                    | -       | Topsoil             | 0.36m thick across trench | Friable dark blackish brown sandy silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions.               |
| 3102                    | -       | Subsoil             | 0.1m thick across trench  | Mid reddish brown sandy silt subsoil.  |
| 3103                    | -       | Natural             | Across trench             | Firm mid-light reddish brown sandy silt with very frequent small sub-rounded stone and gravel patches. |

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | pth: 0.6m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.2m  |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--|
|              |                                    |         |                          |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                            | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 3201         | -                                  | Topsoil | 0.2m thick across trench | Friable dark blackish brown silty clay with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 3202         | -                                  | Subsoil | 0.2m thick across trench | Friable mid reddish brown sandy clay with very frequent gravel inclusions.               |
| 3203         | -                                  | Natural | Across trench            | Firm mid reddish brown silty clay with very frequent small sub-rounded stone.            |



| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: 0.34m |         | pth: 0.34m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.28m   |
|--------------|---|---------|---------------------------|--|
|              |   |         |                           |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                                     | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 3301         | -   | Topsoil | 0.28m thick across trench | Loose dark reddish brown silty sand with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions.  |
| 3302         | -   | Natural | Across trench             | Firm mid-light yellowish brown silty sand with very frequent small sub-rounded stone and patches of lighter grey silty sand. |

#### Trench 34

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.4m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.32m  |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                    |                           |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре               | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 3401                    | -       | Topsoil            | 0.32m thick across trench | Mid reddish brown silty sand with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.                            |
| 3402                    | -       | Subsoil            | 0.1m thick across trench  | Mid to light brown silty sand with frequent small-medium stone.   |
| 3403                    | -       | Natural            | Across trench             | Firm dark reddish brown silty sand with frequent gravel and patches of light yellow grey alluvial material. |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench De |         | oth: 0.28m | Topsoil Depth: 0.2m      |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------------|--------------------------|--|
|                                   |         |            |                          |  |
| Context no.                       | Fill of | Туре       | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 3501                              | -       | Topsoil    | 0.2m thick across trench | Mid grey brown silty sand with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions.                |
| 3502                              | -       | Subsoil    | Across trench            | Mid reddish brown silty clay subsoil with frequent small-medium stones and gravel patches. |



| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: 0. |         | pth: 0.55m          | Topsoil Depth: 0.35m  |
|--------------|--|---------|---------------------|---|
|              |  |         |                     |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                                  | Туре    | Dimensions          | Description   |
| 3601         | -  | Topsoil | 0.35m across trench | Loose mid greyish brown silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions.                  |
| 3602         | -  | Natural | Across trench       | Firm mid reddish brown silty sand and gravel deposit with very frequent small subrounded stone. |

#### Trench 37

|             | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m<br>(6m section at SE end is<br>4m wide) |         | oth: 0.7m          | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m   |
|-------------|---|---------|--------------------|---|
|             |   |         |                    |   |
| Context no. | Fill of   | Туре    | Dimensions         | Description   |
| 3701        | -   | Topsoil | 0.4m across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with very occasional small sub-rounded stony gravel inclusions. |
| 3702        | -   | Natural | Across trench      | Mid reddish brown silty sand and gravel with frequent small sub rounded stone inclusions.           |

## Area 3

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | pth: 0.55 m              | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--|
|              |                                    |         |                          |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                            | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 3801         | -                                  | Topsoil | 0.4m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown silty sand with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 3802         | -                                  | Natural | Across trench            | Mid reddish brown coarse sand with very frequent gravel.                             |



| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dept |         | pth: 0.56 m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.45m   |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--|
|              |                                     |         |                           |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                             | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 3901         | -                                   | Topsoil | 0.45m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown silty sand with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 3902         | -                                   | Natural | Across trench             | Dark reddish brown coarse silty sand with very frequent gravel.                      |

### Trench 40

| Trench Size: | e: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: 0.5 m |         | pth: 0.5 m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m   |  |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---|--|
|              |                                   |         |                          |   |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                           | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description   |  |
| 4001         | -                                 | Topsoil | 0.4m thick across trench | Soft mid greyish brown silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.   |  |
| 4002         | -                                 | Natural | Across trench            | Mid reddish brown silty sand with very frequent gravel and some mixed yellow brown sandy patches. The natural was heavily plough scarred indicating deep ploughing. |  |

| Trench Size: | 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: 0.45 m |         | oth: 0.45 m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.35m  |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---|
|              |                                 |         |                           |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                         | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 4101         | -                               | Topsoil | 0.35m thick across trench | Soft mid greyish brown silty sand with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions.                   |
| 4102         | -                               | Natural | Across trench             | Light reddish brown silty sand with some amorphous patches of yellow brown sand with frequent gravel. |



| Trench Size: | 50m x 1.8m | Trench Depth: 0.5 m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m   |  |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|--|
|              |            |                     |                          |   |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of    | Туре                | Dimensions               | Description   |  |
| 4201         | -          | Topsoil             | 0.4m thick across trench | Soft mid greyish brown silty sand with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |  |
| 4202         | -          | Natural             | Across trench            | Mid reddish brown silty sand with frequent gravel.                                  |  |

# Trench 43

| Trench Size: | French Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | oth: 0.5 m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m   |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---|
|              |                                    | ,       |                          |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                            | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 4301         | -                                  | Topsoil | 0.4m thick across trench | Loose light-mid greyish brown silty sand with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions |
| 4302         | -                                  | Natural | Across trench            | Mid reddish brown silty sand with frequent gravel.  |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m T |         | Trench Depth: 0.4 m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.3m  |
|---------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------------|--|
|                           |         |                     |                          |  |
| Context no.               | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 4401                      | -       | Topsoil             | 0.3m thick across trench | Mid greyish brown silty sand with small sub-<br>rounded stone inclusions |
| 4402                      | -       | Natural             | Across trench            | Mid reddish brown silty sand with frequent gravel.                       |



| Trench Size: | ch Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: 0.4 m |         | oth: 0.4 m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.28 m   |
|--------------|---|---------|---------------------------|---|
|              |   |         |                           |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                                 | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 4501         | -                                       | Topsoil | 0.28m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions and some occasional modern bottle glass fragments. |
| 4502         | -                                       | Natural | Across trench             | Mid greyish red brown silty sand with very frequent gravel.   |

# Trench 46

| Trench Size: | 50m x 1.8m | Trench Depth: 0.42 m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.34 m   |
|--------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---|
|              |            |                      |                           |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of    | Туре                 | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 4601         | -          | Topsoil              | 0.34m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 4602         | -          | Natural              | Across trench             | Mid greyish red brown silty sand with very frequent gravel.                           |

| Trench Size: | ench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth |         | pth: 0.45 m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.35m   |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--|
|              |                                    |         |                           |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                            | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 4701         | -                                  | Topsoil | 0.35m thick across trench | Soft mid greyish brown sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions |
| 4702         | -                                  | Natural | Across trench             | Mid reddish brown silty sand with frequent gravel.                                   |



| Trench Size: | 50m x 1.8m | Trench Depth: 0.51 m |                     | Topsoil Depth: 0.38m  |
|--------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|---|
|              |            |                      |                     |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of    | Туре                 | Dimensions          | Description   |
| 4801         | -          | Topsoil              | 0.38m across trench | Loose mid- greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions |
| 4802         | -          | Natural              | Across trench       | Mid reddish brown coarse sand with very frequent grave                                  |

### Trench 49

| Trench Size: | h Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | oth: 0.5 m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.42 m   |
|--------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---|
|              |                               |         |                           |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                       | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 4901         | -                             | Topsoil | 0.42m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 4902         | -                             | Natural | Across trench             | Mid greyish reddish brown silty sand with very frequent gravel.                       |

| Trench Size: | 50m x 1.8m | Trench Depth: 0.52 m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.3m   |  |
|--------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---|--|
|              |            |                      |                          |   |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of    | Туре                 | Dimensions               | Description   |  |
| 5001         | -          | Topsoil              | 0.3m thick across trench | Loose mid- greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions |  |
| 5002         | -          | Natural              | Across trench            | Mid reddish brown silty sand with very frequent gravel.                                 |  |



| Trench Size: | 50m x 1.8m | 1.8m Trench Depth: 0.47 |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.3m   |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|
|              |            |                         |                          |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of    | Туре                    | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 5101         | -          | Topsoil                 | 0.3m thick across trench | Soft mid greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions |
| 5102         | -          | Natural                 | Across trench            | Mid reddish brown silty sand with very frequent gravel.                               |

### Trench 52

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | oth: 0.6 m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.48m   |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--|
|              |                                    |         |                           |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                            | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 5201         | -                                  | Topsoil | 0.48m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions |
| 5202         | -                                  | Natural | Across trench             | Mid reddish grey brown fine silty sand with frequent gravel.                         |

## Trench 53

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.5 m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.36m  |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                     |                           |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 5301                    | -       | Topsoil             | 0.36m thick across trench | Mid- greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions |
| 5302                    | -       | Natural             | Across trench             | Mid brownish red soft coarse sand with very frequent gravel.                    |

| Trench Size: | Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: 0.5 |         | pth: 0.52 m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.42m   |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--|
|              |                                    |         |                           |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                            | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 5401         | -                                  | Topsoil | 0.42m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions.              |
| 5402         | -                                  | Natural | Across trench             | Mid brownish red coarse sandy gravel with some amorphous patches of mid yellow brown sandy gravel. |



| Trench Size: | Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: 0.45 |         | pth: 0.45 m              | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m   |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---|
|              |                                     |         |                          |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                             | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 5501         | -                                   | Topsoil | 0.4m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 5502         | -                                   | Natural | Across trench            | Mid greyish red silty sand with frequent gravel inclusions                            |

### Trench 56

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | pth: 0.35 m | Topsoil Depth: 0.28m      |   |
|------------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------------------------|---|
|                                    |         |             |                           |   |
| Context no.                        | Fill of | Туре        | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 5601                               | -       | Topsoil     | 0.28m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 5602                               | -       | Natural     | Across trench             | Mid greyish red silty sand with very frequent gravel inclusions                       |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Tre |         | Trench Dep | pth: 0.4 m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.3m   |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|--------------------------|---|
|                             |         |            |                          |   |
| Context no.                 | Fill of | Туре       | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 5701                        | -       | Topsoil    | 0.3m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions            |
| 5702                        | -       | Natural    | Across trench            | Soft mid reddish grey brown sandy gravel with patches of lighter yellowish brown sandy mottling |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench |         | Trench Dep | oth: 0.45 m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.36m   |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------|---------------------------|--|
|                                |         |            |                           |  |
| Context no.                    | Fill of | Туре       | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 5801                           | -       | Topsoil    | 0.36m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions |
| 5802                           | -       | Natural    | Across trench             | Mid greyish red silty sandy gravel with very frequent small sub rounded stone.       |

### Trench 59

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench De |         | pth: 0.55 m | Topsoil Depth: 0.38m      |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------------------------|--|
|                                   |         |             |                           |  |
| Context no.                       | Fill of | Туре        | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 5901                              | -       | Topsoil     | 0.38m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions |
| 5902                              | -       | Natural     | Across trench             | Mid greyish red silty sandy gravel with very frequent small sub rounded stone.       |

## Trench 60

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Deptl |         | pth: 0.52 m              | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--|
|              |                                      |         |                          |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                              | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 6001         | -                                    | Topsoil | 0.4m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions |
| 6002         | -                                    | Natural | Across trench            | greyish red clayey sand with very frequent gravel inclusions.                        |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.5 m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------------|--|
|                         |         |                     |                          |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 6101                    | -       | Topsoil             | 0.4m thick across trench | Mid greyish brown silt with occasional gravel.                   |
| 6102                    | -       | Natural             | Across trench            | Light brownish grey sandy gravel with mid reddish brown patches. |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Tre |         | Trench Dep | pth: 0.55 m              | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m                                  |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|--------------------------|--|
|                             |         |            |                          |  |
| Context no.                 | Fill of | Туре       | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 6201                        | -       | Topsoil    | 0.4m thick across trench | Mid greyish brown silt with occasional gravel.       |
| 6202                        | -       | Natural    | Across trench            | Mid reddish brown & reddish grey silty sandy gravel. |

### Trench 63

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dept |         | pth: 0.55 m              | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m                                  |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--|
|              |                                     |         |                          |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                             | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 6301         | -                                   | Topsoil | 0.4m thick across trench | Mid greyish brown silt with occasional gravel.       |
| 6302         | -                                   | Natural | Across trench            | Mid reddish brown & reddish grey silty sandy gravel. |

## Trench 64

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.55 m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------------|--------------------------|--|
|                         |         |                      |                          |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                 | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 6401                    | -       | Topsoil              | 0.4m thick across trench | Mid greyish brown silt with occasional gravel.                   |
| 6402                    | -       | Natural              | Across trench            | Mid reddish brown coarse sand & reddish grey silty sandy gravel. |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench De |         | pth: 0.55 m | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m      |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------------------|--|
|                                   |         |             |                          |  |
| Context no.                       | Fill of | Туре        | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 6501                              | -       | Topsoil     | 0.4m thick across trench | Mid greyish brown silt with occasional gravel.       |
| 6502                              | -       | Natural     | Across trench            | Mid reddish brown & reddish grey silty sandy gravel. |



| Trench Size: | 50m x 1.8m | Trench Depth: 0.5m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.37m  |
|--------------|------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|
|              |            |                    |                           |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of    | Туре               | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 6601         | -          | Topsoil            | 0.37m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 6602         | -          | Natural            | Across trench             | Mid reddish brown coarse sand with very frequent gravel.                              |

### Trench 67

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dept |         | pth: 0.6 m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--|
|              |                                     |         |                          |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                             | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 6701         | -                                   | Topsoil | 0.4m thick across trench | Soft, waterlogged mid greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions |
| 6702         | -                                   | Natural | Across trench            | reddish brown silty sand with very frequent gravel inclusions.                                     |

## Trench 68

| Trench Size: | 50m x 1.8m | Trench Depth: 0.5m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |
|--------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--|
|              |            |                    |                          |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of    | Туре               | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 6801         | -          | Topsoil            | 0.4m thick across trench | Loose mid-dark greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 6802         | -          | Natural            | Across trench            | Light-mid reddish grey coarse sand with very frequent gravel.                              |

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: 0. |         | pth: 0.68m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.52m  |
|--------------|--|---------|---------------------------|---|
|              |  |         |                           |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                                  | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 6901         | -  | Topsoil | 0.52m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 6902         | -  | Natural | Across trench             | Mid reddish brown coarse silty sand with very frequent gravel.                          |



| Trench Size: | 50m x 1.8m | x 1.8m Trench Depth: 0.65m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.5m   |
|--------------|------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|
|              |            |                            |                          |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of    | Туре                       | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 7001         | -          | Topsoil                    | 0.5m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 7002         | -          | Natural                    | Across trench            | Mid reddish brown coarse sand with very frequent gravel.                              |

# Trench 71

| Trench Size: | h Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: 0.76m |         | oth: 0.76m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.62m  |
|--------------|--|---------|---------------------------|---|
|              |  |         |                           |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                                | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 7101         | -                                      | Topsoil | 0.62m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 7102         | -                                      | Natural | Across trench             | Mid reddish brown fine silty sand with very frequent gravel.                            |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trenc |         | Trench De | pth: 0.6m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.5m  |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|--|
|                               |         |           |                          |  |
| Context no.                   | Fill of | Туре      | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 7201                          | -       | Topsoil   | 0.5m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions.  |
| 7202                          | -       | Natural   | Across trench            | Mid reddish yellow brown coarse sand with very frequent gravel. The natural in this area was heavily plough scarred indicating deep ploughing and intense agricultural regime. |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.6m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.34m  |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                    |                           |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре               | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 7301                    | -       | Topsoil            | 0.34m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions.   |
| 7302                    | -       | Subsoil            | 0.2m across trench        | Light grey sandy silt subsoil with occasional sub-rounded stone, this layer represented colluvium from hill wash overlying the natural. |
| 7303                    | -       | Natural            | Across trench             | The natural sub strata which comprised a mid yellow brown silty sand with very frequent gravel.   |

# Trench 74

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench |         | Trench De | pth: 0.7m                 | Topsoil Depth: 0.48m   |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|--|
|                                |         |           |                           |  |
| Context no.                    | Fill of | Туре      | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 7401                           | -       | Topsoil   | 0.48m thick across trench | Soft mid greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 7402                           | -       | Subsoil   | 0.1m thick across trench  | Mid greyish red brown sandy silt subsoil with occasional small sub rounded stone.      |
| 7403                           | -       | Natural   | Across trench             | Light greyish brown silty sand with very frequent small sub rounded stone throughout.  |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Tre |         | Trench De | pth: 0.55m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.45m   |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|--|
|                             |         |           |                           |  |
| Context no.                 | Fill of | Туре      | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 7501                        | -       | Topsoil   | 0.45m thick across trench | Topsoil comprised a loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small subrounded stone inclusions.   |
| 7502                        | -       | Natural   | Across trench             | Mid reddish grey brown silty sand with very frequent small sub rounded natural gravel throughout. Deep ploughing and plough scars cutting into the natural were identified in this trench. |



| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench De |         | oth: 0.55m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---|
|              |                                   |         |                          |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                           | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 7601         | -                                 | Topsoil | 0.4m thick across trench | Mid greyish brown loose clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.                       |
| 7602         | -                                 | Natural | Across trench            | Mid reddish grey with lighter grey patches of sandy gravel. Very frequent small sub rounded stone throughout. |

### Trench 77

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Tre |         | Trench De | pth: 0.6m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m   |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|---|
|                             |         |           |                          |   |
| Context no.                 | Fill of | Туре      | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 7701                        | -       | Topsoil   | 0.4m thick across trench | Loose mid greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.   |
| 7702                        | -       | Natural   | Across trench            | Reddish grey brown sandy gravel with patches of yellowish brown sandy mottling. Very frequent small sub rounded stone throughout. |

# Area 2

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: |         | pth: 0.6m | Topsoil Depth: 0.5m      |   |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------------|---|
|                                       |         |           |                          |   |
| Context no.                           | Fill of | Туре      | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 7801                                  | -       | Topsoil   | 0.5m thick across trench | Loose dark blackish brown silty clay loam with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 7802                                  | -       | Natural   | Across trench            | Firm light yellowish reddish sandy clay with frequent small well sorted sub-rounded stone.  |



| Trench Size: | Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth |         | pth: 0.49m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |
|--------------|-------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--|
|              |                               |         |                          |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                       | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 7901         | -                             | Topsoil | 0.4m thick across trench | Mid greyish brown silty clay with frequent small rounded and sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 7902         | -                             | Natural | Across trench            | Firm mid greyish yellow silty clay with frequent small sub-rounded stone.                  |

### Trench 80

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Tre |         | Trench De | pth: 0.42m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.36m  |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---|
|                             |         |           |                           |   |
| Context no.                 | Fill of | Туре      | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 8001                        | -       | Topsoil   | 0.36m thick across trench | Firm mid greyish brown silty clay with frequent sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 8002                        | -       | Natural   | Across trench             | Firm mid reddish brown silty clay with frequent small sub-rounded stone.      |

## Trench 81

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.48m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------------|--|
|                         |         |                     |                          |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 8101                    | -       | Topsoil             | 0.4m thick across trench | Firm mid grey brown silty clay with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 8102                    | -       | Natural             | Across trench            | Firm mid yellowish brown silty clay with frequent small sub-rounded stones.      |

| Trench Size: | rench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: |         | pth: 0.41m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.3m   |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---|
|              |                                      |         |                          |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                              | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 8201         | -                                    | Topsoil | 0.3m thick across trench | Firm mid greyish brown silty clay with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 8202         | -                                    | Natural | Across trench            | Firm mid yellowish brown silty clay with frequent small sub-rounded stone.          |



| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | oth: 0.6m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.3m  |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--|
|              |                                    |         |                          |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                            | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 8301         | -                                  | Topsoil | 0.3m thick across trench | Firm mid grey brown silty clay with frequent small sub-rounded and rounded stone inclusions. |
| 8302         | -                                  | Natural | Across trench            | Mid yellow brown silty clay with frequent small subrounded stones.                           |

### Trench 84

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench D |         | Trench Dep | pth: 0.5m                 | Topsoil Depth: 0.48m   |
|----------------------------------|---------|------------|---------------------------|--|
|                                  |         |            |                           |  |
| Context no.                      | Fill of | Туре       | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 8401                             | -       | Topsoil    | 0.48m thick across trench | Firm greyish brown silty clay with very frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions.                         |
| 8402                             | -       | Natural    | Across trench             | Firm mid yellowish brown clay with patches of greyish brown sandy clay and frequent small sub-rounded stone. |

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench De |         | pth: 0.7m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--|
|              |                                   |         |                          |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                           | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 8501         | -                                 | Topsoil | 0.4m thick across trench | Soft mid brown silty clay with frequent small sub rounded stone.             |
| 8502         | -                                 | Subsoil | 0.1m thick across trench | Mid reddish brown silty clay with frequent sub-rounded stones.               |
| 8503         | -                                 | Natural | Across trench            | Mid-light yellowish brown clayey sand with frequent small sub-rounded stone. |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | pth: 0.54m | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m      |   |
|------------------------------------|---------|------------|--------------------------|---|
|                                    |         |            |                          |   |
| Context no.                        | Fill of | Туре       | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 8601                               | -       | Topsoil    | 0.4m thick across trench | Firm mid grey brown silty clay with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions.  |
| 8602                               | -       | Natural    | Across trench            | Mid yellow brown silty clay with patches of mid grey red brown silty clay and frequent small sub-rounded stones throughout. |

### Trench 87

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trencl |         | Trench De | pth: 0.52m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.32m   |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|--|
|                                |         |           |                           |  |
| Context no.                    | Fill of | Туре      | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 8701                           | -       | Topsoil   | 0.32m thick across trench | Loose dark brown silty clay with frequent small rounded stone inclusions.  |
| 8702                           | -       | Natural   | Across trench             | Firm mid reddish yellow brown silty clay frequent small sub-rounded stone. |

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | oth: 0.5m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--|
|              |                                    |         |                          |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                            | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 8801         | -                                  | Topsoil | 0.4m thick across trench | Firm mid brown clayey silt with very occasional small sub rounded stone.   |
| 8802         | -                                  | Natural | Across trench            | Light grey brown clayey sand with patches of light yellow brown clayey sand and with frequent small sub-rounded stone. |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench |         | Trench De | pth: 0.48m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.33m  |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---|
|                                |         |           |                           |   |
| Context no.                    | Fill of | Туре      | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 8901                           | -       | Topsoil   | 0.33m thick across trench | Soft mid brown clayey silt with very occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.   |
| 8902                           | -       | Natural   | Across trench             | Firm light grey brown clayey sand with light yellow brown clayey sand patches all with moderate small sub rounded stone inclusions. |

### Trench 90

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.49m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m   |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                     |                          |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 9001                    | -       | Topsoil             | 0.4m thick across trench | Friable waterlogged mid brown silty clay with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions.  |
| 9002                    | -       | Natural             | Across trench            | Firm mid reddish brown silty clay with patches of mid yellow brown silty sand and very frequent small sub-rounded stone and gravel. |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench De |         | oth: 0.5m | Topsoil Depth: 0.39m      |   |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---|
|                                   |         |           |                           |   |
| Context no.                       | Fill of | Туре      | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 9101                              | -       | Topsoil   | 0.39m thick across trench | Firm mid brown clayey silt with occasional small rounded stone inclusions.    |
| 9102                              | -       | Natural   | Across trench             | Firm mid reddish brown sandy silt with very frequent small sub-rounded stone. |



| Trench Size: | Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: |         | pth: 0.46m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |
|--------------|--------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--|
|              |                                |         |                          |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                        | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 9201         | -                              | Topsoil | 0.4m thick across trench | Loose mid brown clayey silt with very occasional small rounded and sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 9202         | -                              | Natural | Across trench            | Firm mid reddish brown sandy silt very frequent small sub-rounded stone.                         |

### Trench 93

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench D |         | Trench Dep | epth: 0.51m Topsoil Depth: 0.37m |  |
|----------------------------------|---------|------------|----------------------------------|--|
|                                  |         |            |                                  |  |
| Context no.                      | Fill of | Туре       | Dimensions                       | Description  |
| 9301                             | -       | Topsoil    | 0.37m thick across trench        | Soft mid brown clayey silt with very occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.  |
| 9302                             | -       | Natural    | Across trench                    | Firm mid reddish brown sandy silt with lighter grey brown clayey patches and very frequent small sub rounded stone inclusions. |

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dept |         | oth: 0.52m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.35m   |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--|
|              |                                     |         |                           |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                             | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 9401         | -                                   | Topsoil | 0.35m thick across trench | Firm mid brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.   |
| 9402         | -                                   | Natural | Across trench             | Friable mid reddish brown sandy silt with very frequent small sub-rounded stone. |



| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | pth: 0.65m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.45m   |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--|
|              |                                    |         |                           |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                            | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 9501         | -                                  | Topsoil | 0.45m thick across trench | Loose mid grey brown silty clay with very frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 9502         | -                                  | Subsoil | 0.05m thick across trench | Thin layer of grey sandy silt subsoil with occasional sub rounded stones.              |
| 9503         | -                                  | Natural | Across trench             | Firm mid brownish yellow sandy silty gravel with frequent small sub-rounded stone.     |

# Trench 96

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | oth: 0.5m | Topsoil Depth: 0.39m      |   |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---|
|                                    |         |           |                           |   |
| Context no.                        | Fill of | Туре      | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 9601                               | -       | Topsoil   | 0.39m thick across trench | Topsoil comprised a firm mid brown clayey silt with very occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 9602                               | -       | Natural   | Across trench             | Firm light grey brown clayey sand with moderate small sub-rounded stone.                                |

| Trench Size: 40m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.6m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.3m   |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|--------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                    |                          |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре               | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 9701                    | -       | Topsoil            | 0.3m thick across trench | Loose dark brown silty clay with very frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions.                  |
| 9702                    | -       | Subsoil            | 0.2m thick across trench | Mid greyish brown silty clay subsoil with occasional small sub rounded stone inclusions.            |
| 9703                    | -       | Natural            | Across trench            | Firm dark reddish brown silty gravel with patches of clay and very frequent small subrounded stone. |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench |         | Trench Dep | pth: 0.45m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.35m   |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------|---------------------------|--|
|                                |         |            |                           |  |
| Context no.                    | Fill of | Туре       | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 9801                           | -       | Topsoil    | 0.35m thick across trench | Loose very waterlogged dark blackish brown clayey silt with occasional sub rounded small stone.                      |
| 9802                           | -       | Natural    | Across trench             | Waterlogged mid reddish brown clayey gravel with sandy patches and very frequent small sub-rounded stone throughout. |

### Trench 99

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench |         | Trench Dep | pth: 0.6m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.5m   |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------|--------------------------|---|
|                                |         |            |                          |   |
| Context no.                    | Fill of | Туре       | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 9901                           | -       | Topsoil    | 0.5m thick across trench | Loose dark brown silty clay with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 9902                           | -       | Natural    | Across trench            | Friable light yellowish brown sandy clay with sub-rounded small stone.        |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench De |         | oth: 0.5m | Topsoil Depth: 0.35m      |   |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---|
|                                   |         |           |                           |   |
| Context no.                       | Fill of | Туре      | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 10001                             | -       | Topsoil   | 0.35m thick across trench | Loose dark reddish brown sandy silt with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 10002                             | -       | Natural   | Across trench             | Firm mid reddish brown silty gavel with frequent small sub-rounded stone.             |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench De |         | Trench Dep | pth: 0.57m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.43m  |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------------|---------------------------|---|
|                                   |         |            |                           |   |
| Context no.                       | Fill of | Туре       | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 10101                             | -       | Topsoil    | 0.43m thick across trench | Mid brown clayey silt with very occasional small sub-rounded stone.           |
| 10102                             | -       | Natural    | Across trench             | Firm mid reddish brown sandy silt with very frequent small sub-rounded stone. |

### Trench 102

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | oth: 0.49m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--|
|              |                                    |         |                          |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                            | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 10201        | -                                  | Topsoil | 0.4m thick across trench | Friable waterlogged dark blackish brown loam with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 10202        | -                                  | Natural | Across trench            | Firm mid reddish brown silty gravel with very frequent small sub-rounded stone.                |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.45m               |                               | Topsoil Depth: 0.25m  |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                                   |                               |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                              | Dimensions                    | Description   |
| 10301                   | -       | Topsoil                           | 0.25m thick across trench     | Loose dark blackish brown silty clay with very frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions.   |
| 10302                   | -       | -                                 | -                             | VOID  |
| 10303                   | -       | Linear -<br>modern<br>field drain | c.0.25m wide by<br>0.13m deep | At c. 10m from the north end of the trench a straight edged linear cut was identified running E-W. This was hand excavated and confirmed to be a modern field drain 0.13m deep. Minor water ingress seeping in through the trench section edges was noted almost immediately in this trench due to its location in a wetter, lower part of the field. |
| 10304                   | -       | Natural                           | Across trench                 | Firm light -mid yellowish brown clay with very frequent small sub-rounded stone.  |



| Trench Size: 44m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.5m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|--------------------------|--|
|                         |         |                    |                          |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре               | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 10401                   | -       | Topsoil            | 0.4m thick across trench | Mid brown clayey silt with occasional small sub rounded stone inclusions.  |
| 10402                   | -       | Natural            | Across trench            | Light grey brown clayey sand with patches of mottled light yellow brown clayey sand. Moderate small sub rounded stone inclusions throughout. |

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# Trench 105

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trenc |         | Trench De | pth: 0.53m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.18m  |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---|
|                               |         |           |                           |   |
| Context no.                   | Fill of | Туре      | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 10501                         | -       | Topsoil   | 0.18m thick across trench | Loose greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 10502                         | -       | Subsoil   | 0.2m thick across trench  | Brownish grey clayey silt, likely relating to colluvium.                            |
| 10503                         | -       | Natural   | Across trench             | Firm mid yellowish red silty sand with occasional small sub rounded stone.          |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.61m |                               | Topsoil Depth: 0.22m  |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                     |                               |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions                    | Description   |
| 10601                   | -       | Topsoil             | 0.22m thick across trench     | Loose greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 10602                   | -       | Subsoil             | 0.05-0.1m thick across trench | Thin colluvium subsoil comprising brownish grey clayey silt.                        |
| 10603                   | -       | Natural             | Across trench                 | Firm mid yellowish red silty sand with some small sub rounded stone.                |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.73m |                              | Topsoil Depth: 0.22m  |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|------------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                     |                              |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions                   | Description   |
| 10701                   | -       | Topsoil             | 0.22m thick across trench    | Mid grey brown soft waterlogged silty clay with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.  |
| 10702                   | -       | Subsoil             | 0.1m max depth across trench | Mid brownish grey subsoil composed of silty clay.   |
| 10703                   | -       | Natural             | Across trench                | Light reddish yellow brown mixed silty clay with frequent small sub rounded stone and occasional patches of natural gravel. Plough scarring was evident in the natural, indicating this area had been ploughed relatively deeply. |

### Trench 109

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.65m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.5m  |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------------|--|
|                         |         |                     |                          |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 10901                   | -       | Topsoil             | 0.5m thick across trench | Mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.  |
| 10902                   | -       | Natural             | Across trench            | Reddish brown silty clay with patches of yellow grey sandy silt and frequent small sub rounded stone throughout. Frequent plough marks were visible cutting into the natural in places indicating relatively deep ploughing in this part of the field. |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.5m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.35m  |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                    |                           |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре               | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 11001                   | -       | Topsoil            | 0.35m thick across trench | Mid brown soft waterlogged silty clay loam with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.            |
| 11002                   | -       | Natural            | Across trench             | Reddish grey brown silty clay with patches of sandy clay and frequent small sub rounded stone throughout. |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.53m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.23m   |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
| ·                       |         |                     |                           |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 11101                   | -       | Topsoil             | 0.23m thick across trench | Loose greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small-medium sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 11102                   | -       | Subsoil             | 0.15m thick across trench | Brownish grey clayey silt.   |
| 11103                   | -       | Natural             | Across trench             | Firm mid brownish yellow silty sand with occasional small sub rounded stone.               |

# Trench 112

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.52m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.38m   |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
|                         |         |                     |                           |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 11201                   |         | Topsoil             | 0.38m thick across trench | Mid greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub rounded stone inclusions.  |
| 11202                   | -       | Subsoil             | 0.1m thick across trench  | Brownish grey clayey silt.   |
| 11203                   | -       | Natural             | Across trench             | Mid yellowish brown clayey sand with frequent small sub-rounded stone. Lenses of natural blue yellow sand were observed in several places. |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | pth: 0.56m | Topsoil Depth: 0.31m      |   |
|------------------------------------|---------|------------|---------------------------|---|
|                                    |         |            |                           |   |
| Context no.                        | Fill of | Туре       | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 11301                              | -       | Topsoil    | 0.31m thick across trench | Loose greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 11302                              | -       | Subsoil    | 0.2m thick across trench  | Brownish grey clayey silt.  |
| 11303                              | -       | Natural    | Across trench             | Firm mid yellowish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub rounded stone.       |



| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dept |         | pth: 0.65m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.5m  |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--|
|              |                                     |         |                          |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                             | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 11501        | -                                   | Topsoil | 0.5m thick across trench | Mid brownish grey friable silty clay with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.   |
| 11502        | -                                   | Natural | Across trench            | Reddish brown silty clay with patched of yellow grey sandy silt and frequent small sub rounded stone throughout. Frequent plough marks were visible cutting into the natural in places indicating relatively deep ploughing in this part of the field. |

# Trench 117

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | pth: 0.45m | Topsoil Depth: 0.3m      |   |
|------------------------------------|---------|------------|--------------------------|---|
|                                    |         |            |                          |   |
| Context no.                        | Fill of | Туре       | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 11701                              | -       | Topsoil    | 0.3m thick across trench | Mid greyish brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 11702                              | -       | Natural    | Across trench            | Mid reddish brown silty clay with frequent patches of natural sub rounded gravel. |

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: |         | oth: 0.65m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--|
|              |                                       |         |                          |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                               | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 11801        | -                                     | Topsoil | 0.4m thick across trench | Mid grey brown soft waterlogged silty clay with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions and some modern bottle glass (not retained). |
| 11802        | -                                     | Natural | Across trench            | Greyish red brown silty clay very frequent small sub rounded stone throughout.   |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.4m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.3m   |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|--------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                    |                          |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре               | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 11901                   | -       | Topsoil            | 0.3m thick across trench | Mid grey brown friable silty clay loam with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.                |
| 11902                   | -       | Natural            | Across trench            | Reddish grey brown silty clay with patches of sandy clay and frequent small sub rounded stone throughout. |

### Trench 120

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.65m |  | Topsoil Depth: 0.55m – 0.6m   |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|--|---|
|                         |         |                     |  |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions                             | Description   |
| 12001                   | -       | Topsoil             | 0.55m - 0.6m<br>thick across<br>trench | Dark brown friable silty clay loam with frequent occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.   |
| 12002                   | -       | Natural             | Across trench                          | Reddish brown silty clay with frequent small sub rounded stone and occasional patches of natural gravel. Towards the north end c. 10m from the end of the northern end of the trench the natural sub strata gradually transitioned over c. 1m to a lighter reddish yellow brown silty clay with frequent stones and occasional patches of sandier material. |

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: 0.65r |         | oth: 0.65m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m   |
|--------------|---|---------|--------------------------|---|
|              |   |         |                          |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                                     | Туре    | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 12101        | -   | Topsoil | 0.4m thick across trench | Mid grey brown soft silty clay with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.                                    |
| 12102        | -   | Natural |                          | Greyish red brown silty clay with patches of yellow brown sandy clay and frequent small sub rounded stone throughout. |



| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | pth: 0.5m                 | Topsoil Depth: 0.31m   |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--|
|              |                                    |         |                           |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                            | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 12201        | -                                  | Topsoil | 0.31m thick across trench | Dark grey brown soft silty clay with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.  |
| 12202        | -                                  | Natural | Across trench             | Light reddish brown clay with frequent small sub rounded stone and occasional patches of natural gravel. Plough scarring was evident in the natural, indicating this area had been ploughed relatively deeply. |

# Trench 123

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.7m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.2m  |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------------------------|--|
|                         |         |                    |                           |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре               | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 12301                   | -       | Topsoil            | 0.2m thick across trench  | Soft waterlogged mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.                       |
| 12302                   | -       | Subsoil            | 0.15m thick across trench | Soft silty clay relating to colluvium or hill wash with occasional sub rounded stone inclusions.                     |
| 12303                   | -       | Natural            | Across trench             | Reddish brown silty clay with light yellow brown patches of silty sandy clay and small sub rounded stone throughout. |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench De | pth: 0.7m                 | Topsoil Depth: 0.36m  |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|---|
|                         |         |           |                           |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре      | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 12401                   | -       | Topsoil   | 0.36m thick across trench | Light to mid grey brown silty clay loam with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions. |
| 12402                   | -       | Subsoil   | 0.1m thick across trench  | Mid reddish brown silty clay subsoil with frequent sub rounded stone.                       |
| 12403                   | -       | Natural   | Across trench             | Light reddish brown sandy silt with occasional sub-rounded natural gravel throughout.       |



| Trench Size: | Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dept |         | pth: 0.7m                 | Topsoil Depth: 0.36m   |
|--------------|------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--|
|              |                              |         |                           |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                      | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 12501        | -                            | Topsoil | 0.36m thick across trench | Mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.      |
| 12502        | -                            | Subsoil | 0.1m thick across trench  | Mid reddish brown silty clay subsoil with occasional sub rounded stone inclusions. |
| 12503        | -                            | Natural | Across trench             | Mid yellow brown sandy silt with frequent small sub rounded stone throughout.      |

# Trench 126

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dept |         | pth: 0.65m | Topsoil Depth: 0.55m - 0.6m            |  |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------|--|--|
|                                     |         |            |  |  |
| Context no.                         | Fill of | Туре       | Dimensions                             | Description  |
| 12601                               | -       | Topsoil    | 0.55m - 0.6m<br>thick across<br>trench | Dark brown friable silty clay loam with frequent occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.          |
| 12602                               | -       | Natural    | Across trench                          | Reddish brown silty clay with frequent small sub rounded stone and occasional patches of natural gravel. |

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | oth: 0.6m                 | Topsoil Depth: 0.38m  |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---|
|              |                                    |         |                           |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                            | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 12701        | -                                  | Topsoil | 0.38m thick across trench | Mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.                                 |
| 12702        | -                                  | Natural | Across trench             | Mid reddish brown silty clay with some yellow brown sandy clay patches with frequent small sub rounded stone. |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.7m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.34m   |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------------------------|--|
|                         |         |                    |                           |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре               | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 12801                   | -       | Topsoil            | 0.34m thick across trench | Mid grey brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions and several fragments of modern plastic.   |
| 12802                   | -       | Natural            | Across trench             | Mid reddish brown silty clay with light yellow brown patches of silty sandy clay and small sub rounded stone throughout. Small bands of slightly differentiated natural were visible at 5m and 15m from the NW end of the trench. These were investigated to confirm they formed thin silting events related to hill wash or fluvial action and were natural in origin. Water table reached at 0.7m. |

## Trench 129

| Trench Size: | ench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: |         | pth: 0.77m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.52m  |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---|
|              |                                     |         |                           |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                             | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 12901        | -                                   | Topsoil | 0.52m thick across trench | Mid grey brown friable silty clay with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.   |
| 12902        | -                                   | Natural | Across trench             | Reddish brown silty clay with patches of mid yellow brown and light brown silty sand. Frequent small sub rounded stone and occasional patches of natural gravel throughout. |

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Dep |         | pth: 0.47m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.42m   |
|--------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|--|
|              |                                    |         |                           |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                            | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 13001        | -                                  | Topsoil | 0.42m thick across trench | Mid grey brown silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.  |
| 13002        | -                                  | Natura  | Across trench             | Light reddish brown silty sand with reddish brown silty clay patches with frequent small sub rounded stone throughout. |



| Trench Size: | rench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth: 0.58m |         | pth: 0.58m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.42m   |
|--------------|--|---------|---------------------------|--|
|              |  |         |                           |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                                    | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 13101        | -  | Topsoil | 0.42m thick across trench | Mid grey brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.   |
| 13102        | -  | Natural | Across trench             | Light yellow brown silty clay with patches of reddish brown sandy silt and frequent small sub rounded stone throughout. A band of slightly different natural was observed c. 10m from the NE end of the trench. This was slightly siltier and mottled with very amorphous edges. It was excavated to a depth of 1m to confirm it was remnants of a fluvial deposit, likely related to hill wash and therefore a natural feature. |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench De |         | oth: 0.51m | Topsoil Depth: 0.32m      |   |
|-----------------------------------|---------|------------|---------------------------|---|
|                                   |         |            |                           |   |
| Context no.                       | Fill of | Туре       | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 13201                             | -       | Topsoil    | 0.32m thick across trench | Mid grey brown sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.                                       |
| 13202                             | -       | Natural    | Across trench             | Reddish brown sandy silt with patches of reddish brown silty clay with frequent small sub rounded stone throughout. |



| Trench Size: | 50m x 1.8m | Trench Depth: 0.57m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.39m   |  |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
|              |            |                     |                           |  |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of    | Туре                | Dimensions                | Description  |  |
| 13301        | -          | Topsoil             | 0.39m thick across trench | Mid grey brown friable sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.                              |  |
| 13302        | -          | Natural             | Across trench             | Reddish brown silty sand with patches of reddish brown silty clay and frequent small sub rounded stone throughout. |  |

| Trench Size: | Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |                | pth: 0.69m                                   | Topsoil Depth: 0.37m   |
|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|--|--|
|              |                         |                |  |  |
| Context no.  | Fill of                 | Туре           | Dimensions                                   | Description  |
| 13401        | -                       | Topsoil        | 0.37m thick across trench                    | Topsoil comprised a mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small sub rounded stone inclusions.  |
| 13402        | -                       | Subsoil        | 0.1m thick across trench                     | This overlay a mid grey brown silty clay with frequent small sub rounded stone.  |
| 13403        | -                       | Made<br>ground | 35m by 1.8m at south end of trench >1m thick | Underlying the subsoil along the 35m from the south end of the trench was a made ground deposit composed of mid reddish brown sandy gravel mixed with patches of mottled mid grey clayey silt with very frequent small stone and brock fragments.  |
| 13404        | -                       | Natural        | 15m by 1.8m at northern end trench           | The natural sub strata was identified beneath the subsoil at the northern end of the trench from 0-15m and comprised a firm light reddish brown sandy silty with some clay inclusions with frequent small sub rounded stone. This natural was clearly truncated by the made ground deposit to the south. |



| Trench Size: | ch Size: 50m x 1.8m Trench Depth |         | pth: 0.35m                | Topsoil Depth: 0.15m  |
|--------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---|
|              |                                  |         |                           |   |
| Context no.  | Fill of                          | Туре    | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 13501        | -                                | Topsoil | 0.15m thick across trench | Mid blackish brown silty clay with infrequent sub rounded pebbles.  |
| 13502        | -                                | Subsoil | 0.1m thick across trench  | Firm mid grey brown silty clay with frequent small sub-rounded pebbles.   |
| 13503        | -                                | Natural | Across trench             | Firm mid brownish grey clay with amorphous patches of natural gravel. Frequent small sub rounded inclusions throughout. |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench De      | pth: 0.8m-1m  | Topsoil Depth: 0.15m   |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------|---|--|
|                         |         | ·              |   |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре           | Dimensions  | Description  |
| 13601                   | -       | Topsoil        |   | Mid grey brown silty clay with frequent small sub-rounded pebbles.   |
| 13602                   | -       | Subsoil        | Localised at western end c. 5m by 1.8m by 0.1m thick. | Firm light reddish brown silty clay with patches of natural gravel.  |
| 13603                   | -       | Made<br>ground | 10m by 1.8m by >1m thickness                          | A layer of made ground was encountered directly below the topsoil covering c.10m from the western end of the trench. This corresponded with the geophysical anomaly noted in this area. Loose dark brownish black with modern inclusions including wire, fabric, brick fragments and plastic. At the eastern edge it was relatively shallow and overlying natural but continued to depths below the original natural level indicating this area has been excavated and all archaeological potential removed. Excavation was halted due to health and safety concerns over trench depth and waterlogging of trenches. |
| 13604                   | -       | Natural        | Across trench at eastern end c.30m by 1.8m            | Light reddish brown clay with frequent patches of sub rounded stone.   |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m Trenc |         | Trench Dep | pth: 0.85m               | Topsoil Depth: 0.4m  |
|-------------------------------|---------|------------|--------------------------|--|
|                               |         |            |                          |  |
| Context no.                   | Fill of | Туре       | Dimensions               | Description  |
| 13701                         | -       | Topsoil    | 0.4m thick across trench | Mid grey brown silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.  |
| 13702                         | -       | Subsoil    | 0.2m thick across trench | Mid reddish brown friable silty deposit with occasional small sub rounded stone.   |
| 13703                         | -       | Natural    | Across trench            | Light reddish brown silty sand with patches of firm mid reddish brown clay and very frequent small sub rounded stone throughout. |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.42m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.2m   |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                     |                          |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions               | Description   |
| 13801                   | -       | Topsoil             | 0.2m thick across trench | Mid grey brown silty clay with frequent small sub-rounded pebbles. There was limited evidence 10m from the northern end of modern disturbance in the form of a 2m deposit of larger sub-angular stone and some concrete fragments within the topsoil. |
| 13802                   | -       | Subsoil             | 0.1m thick across trench | Firm silty clay with frequent sub-rounded stones.   |
| 13803                   | -       | Natural             | Across trench            | Firm mid reddish brown clay with patches of natural gravel.   |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.96m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.27m   |  |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
|                         |         |                     |                           |  |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions                | Description  |  |
| 13901                   | -       | Topsoil             | 0.27m thick across trench | Loose mid grey brown sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.              |  |
| 13902                   | -       | Subsoil             | 0.25m thick across trench | Slightly darker reddish brown sandy silt subsoil with occasional small sub rounded stone.        |  |
| 13903                   | -       | Natural             | Across trench             | Reddish brown friable silty sand with very frequent small sub rounded natural gravel throughout. |  |

# Trench 140

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.67m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.45m  |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                     |                           |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 14001                   | -       | Topsoil             | 0.45m thick across trench | Mid grey brown friable sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.                                       |
| 14002                   | -       | Natural             | Across trench             | Mid reddish brown silty sand with patches of reddish brown silty clay and very frequent small sub rounded stone throughout. |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.68m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.42m   |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
|                         |         |                     |                           |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 14101                   | -       | Topsoil             | 0.42m thick across trench | Mid grey brown friable sandy silt with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.  |
| 14102                   | -       | Subsoil             | 0.2m thick across trench  | Reddish brown sandy silt subsoil with occasional small sub rounded stone.  |
| 14103                   | -       | Natural             | Across trench             | Reddish brown silty sand with patches of reddish brown clay and frequent small sub rounded stone inclusions. Some bands of natural gravel with amorphous edges were noted forming part of the natural. |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.31m-1m |  | Topsoil Depth: 0.1m  |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------------|--|--|
|                         |         |                        |  |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                   | Dimensions   | Description  |
| 14301                   | -       | Topsoil                | 0.1m thick across trench   | Mid grey brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded pebbles. The natural sub strata comprised of firm mid reddish brown clay with patches of natural sub-rounded stones.  |
| 14302                   | -       | Subsoil                | 0.1m thick<br>across eastern<br>39m of trench                            | This overlay a firm mid grey brown silty clay with frequent sub-rounded stones.  |
| 14303                   | -       | Made<br>ground         | 11m by 1.8m by >1m thick   | A layer of made ground was encountered directly below the topsoil covering c.11m from the western end of the trench. This corresponded with the geophysical anomaly noted in this area. The made ground was a loose dark brownish black with remnants of building material including bricks, wire, fabric, brick fragments and plastic sheeting. At the eastern edge it was relatively shallow and overlying natural but continued to depths clearly well below the original natural level indicating this area has been excavated and all archaeological potential removed. Excavation was halted due to health and safety concerns over trench depth and waterlogging of trenches. |
| 14304                   | -       | Natural                | Truncated at western end of trench. Covers 39m of eastern end of trench. | Firm mid reddish brown clay with patches of natural gravel.  |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.66m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.15m  |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|---|
|                         |         |                     |                           |   |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions                | Description   |
| 14401                   | -       | Topsoil             | 0.15m thick across trench | Topsoil comprised a mid grey brown silty clay with infrequent small sub-rounded pebbles.  |
| 14402                   | -       | Subsoil             | 10m by 1.8m by 0.1m thick | Across the northern 10m of the trench the topsoil overlay firm mid grey brown silty clay subsoil with frequent small sub-rounded pebbles.   |
| 14403                   | -       | Made<br>ground      | >0.51m thick              | A substantial section of made ground comprising mid mottled red greyish brown with frequent visible brick fragments and modern material such as plastic sheeting and wire was encountered underneath the topsoil. A large deposit of black tarry material was also identified within the made ground c. 7m from the north end. The depth of this continued below the original natural, thus confirming no archaeological potential remaining in this area. The excavation into the made ground was halted due to concerns over health and safety and water ingress. |
| 14404                   | -       | Natural             | Extent unknown            | The natural sub strata was not identified in this trench due to depth of made ground material and extent of cut the made ground was filling.  |

| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.35m |                          | Topsoil Depth: 0.1m  |  |  |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
|                         |         |                     |                          |  |  |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                | Dimensions               | Description  |  |  |
| 14501                   | -       | Topsoil             | 0.1m thick across trench | Mid grey brown clayey silt with occasional small sub-rounded pebbles.                                      |  |  |
| 14502                   | -       | Subsoil             | 0.1m thick across trench | Firm dark greyish brown clayey silt with frequent small sub-rounded stones.                                |  |  |
| 14503                   | -       | Natural             | Across trench            | Firm mid reddish brown clay with frequent small sub-rounded stone and amorphous patches of natural gravel. |  |  |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 1m |  | Topsoil Depth: 0.15-0.36m  |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------|--|--|
|                         |         |                  |  |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре             | Dimensions                                 | Description  |
| 14601                   | -       | Topsoil          | 0.15-0.36m thick across trench             | Mid grey brown silty clay with infrequent small sub-rounded pebbles.   |
| 14602                   | -       | Subsoil          | 0.2m thick across trench                   | This overlay firm mid grey brown silty clay with very frequent small sub-rounded pebbles.  |
| 14603                   | -       | Made<br>ground   | >0.64m thick across trench                 | A substantial section of made ground comprising dark black brown silty clay with visible modern inclusions such as wire and fragments of plastic sheeting was identified across the trench, this was excavated to 1m depth in places to confirm it continued below the original subsoil level therefore removing any archaeological potential for this area. Excavation was halted due to concerns over health and safety and water ingress. |
| 14604                   | -       | Natural          | 5m by 1.8m at<br>northern end of<br>trench | The natural sub strata was identified beneath the subsoil at the northern end of the trench from 0-5m and comprised a firm mid reddish brown silty clay with frequent amorphous patches of natural gravel. Frequent small sub rounded inclusions throughout.   |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.8m |                            | Topsoil Depth: 0.15m   |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|----------------------------|--|
|                         |         |                    |                            |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре               | Dimensions                 | Description  |
| 14701                   | -       | Topsoil            | 0.15m thick across trench  | Mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small sub-rounded pebbles.   |
| 14702                   | -       | Subsoil            | 0.1m thick across trench   | Firm mid grey brown silty clay with occasional small sub-rounded stone. A patch of disturbance underlying this subsoil caused by tree roots was noted 7m from the northern end of the trench. This consisted of a very mottled yellow greyish black silty clay with fragments of vegetation roots. This extended 2m to the south. Removal of some of this material by hand demonstrated that this disturbance was c. 0.1m deep.  |
| 14703                   | -       | Made<br>ground     | >0.65m thick across trench | Across the length of the trench a layer of made ground was encountered directly below the subsoil. The made ground was a mid greyish brown with frequent stone and some modern inclusions including small fragments of broken brick. Excavation into this demonstrated it continued to depths below the original natural level indicating this area has been excavated and all archaeological potential removed. Excavation was halted due to health and safety concerns over trench depth and waterlogging of trenches. |
| 14704                   | -       | Natural            | Truncated                  | The natural sub strata likely comprised a light reddish brown silty clay with frequent patches of sub rounded stone similar to the deposits encountered in nearby trenches. But this horizon was only revealed in a few areas under the made ground before excavation was halted.  |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.9m |  | Topsoil Depth: 0.6m  |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|--|--|
|                         |         |                    |  |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре               | Dimensions   | Description  |
| 14801                   | -       | Topsoil            | 0.6m thick across trench   | Topsoil comprised a dark brown friable silty clay loam with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions.   |
| 14802                   | -       | Made<br>ground     | Extended across<br>north western<br>end of trench<br>(except last 4m<br>at southeast<br>end) | Dark brown mixed silty clay with frequent angular and sub-angular stones, occasional sub-rounded stone and modern inclusions including fencing wire, burnt wood (fence posts) and brick fragments. Some patches of material within this were black and tarry.  |
| 14803                   | -       | Natural            | c. 4m by 1.8m truncated to the northwest   | A potential natural subsoil was encountered at the south east end of the trench in the first 4m. This comprised a reddish brown clayey silt with frequent rounded stone. The depth of the made ground continued below the original natural level identified here across the rest of the trench, thus confirming no archaeological potential remaining in this area. The excavation into the made ground was halted due to concerns over health and safety and water ingress. |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.9m |  | Topsoil Depth: 0.3m-0.6m   |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------------|--|--|
|                         |         |                    |  |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре               | Dimensions                             | Description  |
| 14901                   | -       | Topsoil            | Maximum 0.6m<br>thick across<br>trench | Topsoil comprised a dark brown friable silty clay loam with occasional small sub-rounded stone inclusions. Depth of topsoil increased towards the north away from the main road.   |
| 14902                   | -       | Made<br>ground     | >1m deep                               | This overlay a substantial made ground deposit composed of mid reddish brown mixed silty clay with frequent angular and sub-angular gravel stones, occasional sub-rounded stone and modern inclusions including fencing wire, concrete rebar and brick fragments, multiple paving stones were evident, perhaps related to material from M54 slip road construction.  |
| 14903                   | -       | Natural            | Truncated                              | No discernible natural subsoil was encountered within this trench. A trial pit was excavated 0.9m deep at the southern end of the trench but made ground continued and became more compact, almost impossible to excavate with a smooth bladed bucket. Based on the depth of natural sub strata encountered elsewhere in the field it is highly likely that the depth of the made ground continued below the original natural level identified, thus confirming no archaeological potential remaining in this area. The excavation into the made ground was halted due to concerns over health and safety, deposit compaction and water ingress. |



| Trench Size: 50m x 1.8m |         | Trench Depth: 0.9m-1m |                           | Topsoil Depth: 0.35m   |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|
|                         |         |                       |                           |  |
| Context no.             | Fill of | Туре                  | Dimensions                | Description  |
| 15001                   | -       | Topsoil               | 0.35m thick across trench | Dark blackish brown friable silty clay loam with frequent small sub-rounded stone inclusions and modern material such as occasional brick fragments.   |
| 15002                   | -       | Made<br>ground        | >1m thickness             | This overlay a substantial made ground deposit composed of dark brownish black mixed material including patches of redeposited mixed silty clay subsoil with frequent angular and sub-angular stones, occasional sub-rounded stone and modern inclusions including fencing wire, burnt wood (fence posts), paving stones/breeze blocks and brick fragments.  |
| 15003                   | -       | Natural               | Truncated                 | A trial pit was excavated into the made ground to 1m depth which confirmed this material continued beyond the limit of excavation. The depth of the made ground continued below the original natural level identified elsewhere in the field thus likely confirming no archaeological potential remaining in this area. The excavation into the made ground was halted due to concerns over health and safety and water ingress. |



# **Appendix B. OASIS Record**

OASIS ID: aocarcha1-415678

**Project details** 

Project name M54 to M6 Link Road Evaluation

Short description of

the project

Archaeological trial trenching evaluation in advance of the development of the

proposed M54 to M6 Link Road in South Staffordshire. Excavation of 139 trenches. No

archaeological results.

Project dates Start: 20-01-2021 End: 16-02-2021

Previous/future work No / Not known

Type of project Field evaluation

Site status None

Current Land use Cultivated Land 3 - Operations to a depth more than 0.25m

Methods &

techniques

'Targeted Trenches'

Development type Road scheme (new and widening)

Prompt Planning condition

Position in the

planning process

Pre-application

#### **Project location**

Site location STAFFORDSHIRE SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE SHARESHILL M54 to M6 Link Road

Postcode WV11 2AY

Study area 70 Hectares

Site coordinates NGR - SJ 94322 04744

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LL - 52 38 24 N 002 05 02 W (degrees)

Line

Site coordinates NGR - SJ 95625 06666

LL - 52.657352195159 -2.064686452201 (decimal)

LL - 52 39 26 N 002 03 52 W (degrees)

Line

Height OD / Depth Min: 125.53m Max: 143.61m



#### **Project creators**

Name of

AOC Archaeology Group

Organisation

Project brief

Highways England/Staffordshire County Council

originator (other)

Project design originator

**AECOM** 

Project

Ross Murray

director/manager

Project supervisor Cathy MacIver

Type of

Highways Agency

sponsor/funding body

Name of Highways England

sponsor/funding body

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Exists?

'No physical archive'

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recipient

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available

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Digital Archive notes Excel spreadsheets with data registers and indexes. Set of digital photographs

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# M54 to M6 Link Road Report on Archaeological Trial Trenching Evaluation



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# **Appendix C. Plates**



Plate 1: General view over southern section of Area1, trenches 143, 135, 136, 138



Plate 2: Post-excavation of trench 143, facing west





Plate 3: Trench 144, made ground below topsoil, facing north, north east



Plate 4: Trench 135, Area 1, facing north





Plate 5: Trench 109, Area 1, facing north



Plate 6: Trench 140, Area 1, eastern field, facing south





Plate 7: Overview of north section of Area 1, facing north (Trench 126 in right foreground)



Plate 8: General view over Area 2 (south field) Trenches 105, 106, 111, 113





Plate 9: Trench 113, Area 2 (south field), facing south west



Plate 10: Trench 083, Area 2 (main field), facing west





Plate 11: Trench 065, Area 3, facing north



Plate 12: Trench 075, Area 3, facing west





Plate 13: General view of Trench 029 in Area 4, facing north east



Plate 14: Trench 033, Area 4, facing north





Plate 15: General view over Area 4 after backfilling Trench 026-031



Plate 16: Trench 002, Area 6, facing south





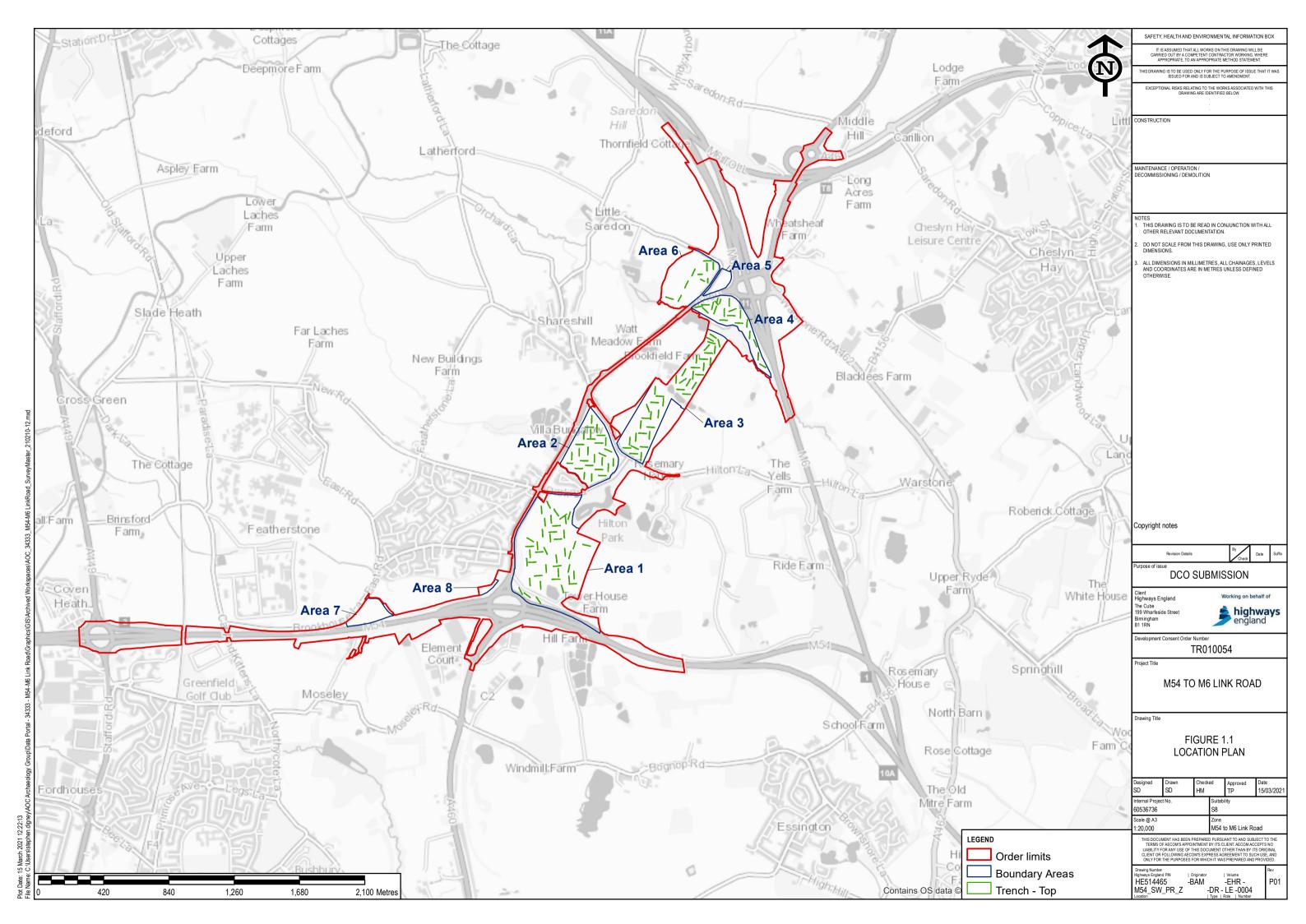
Plate 17: Trench 004, Area 6, facing north

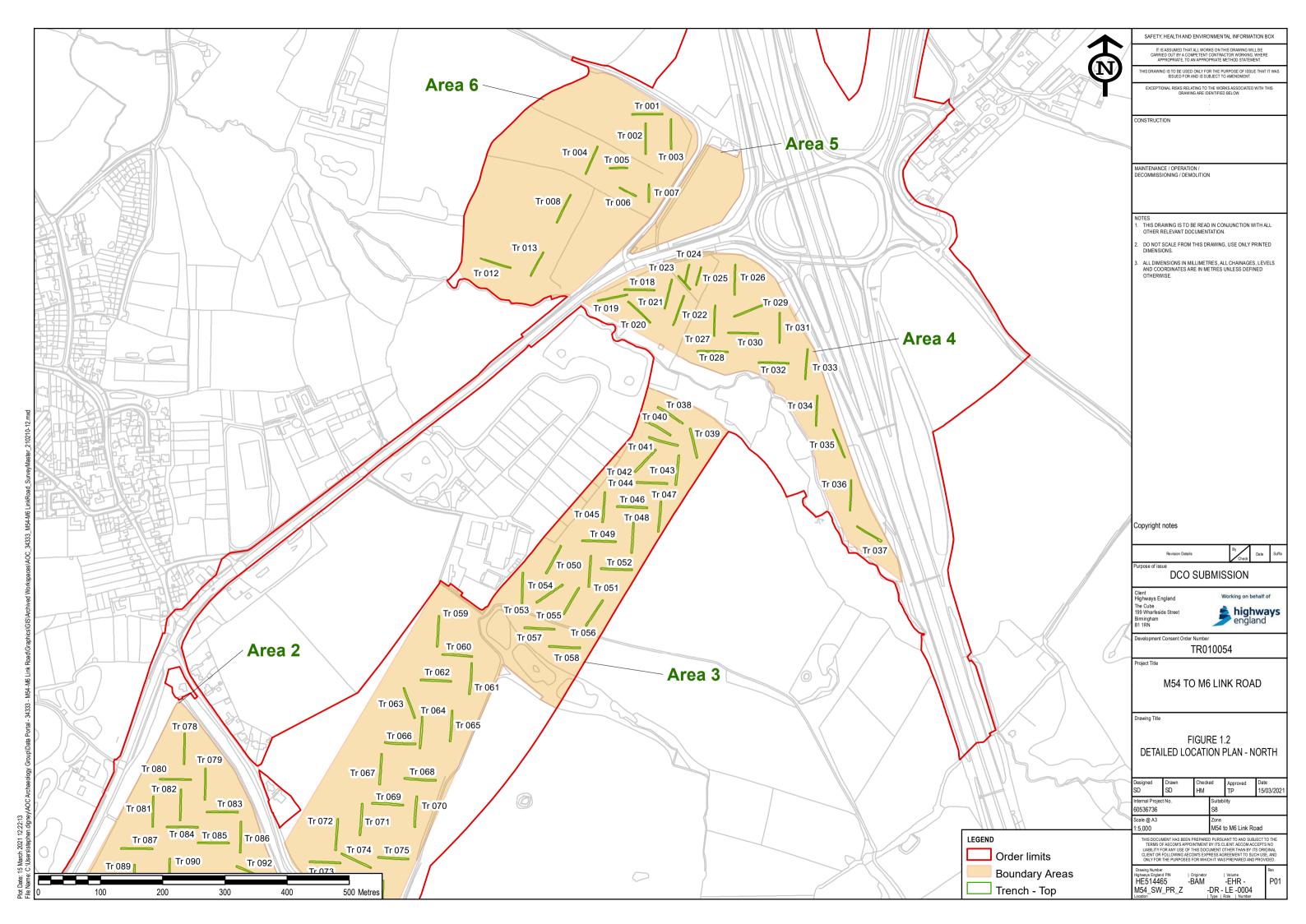


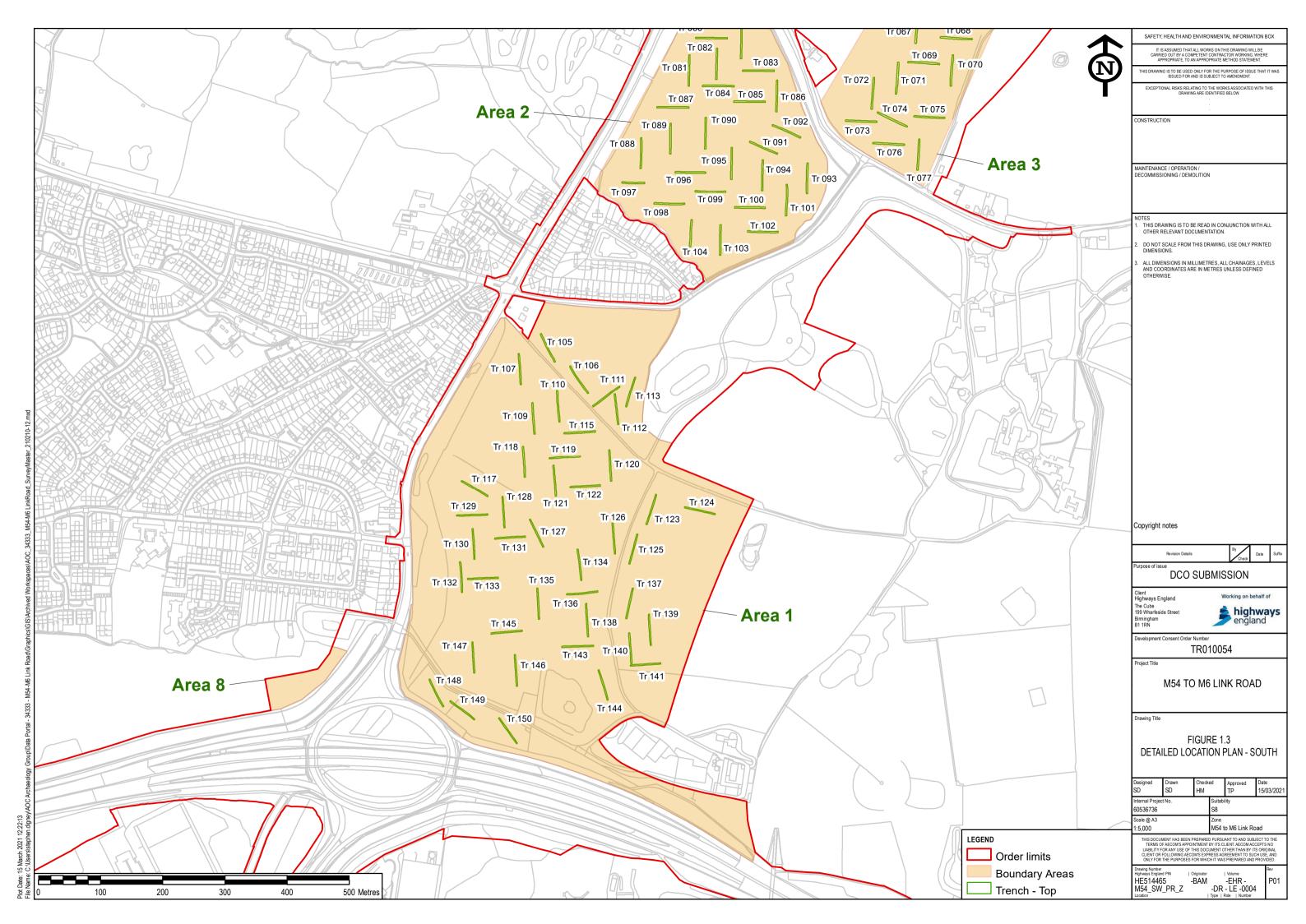
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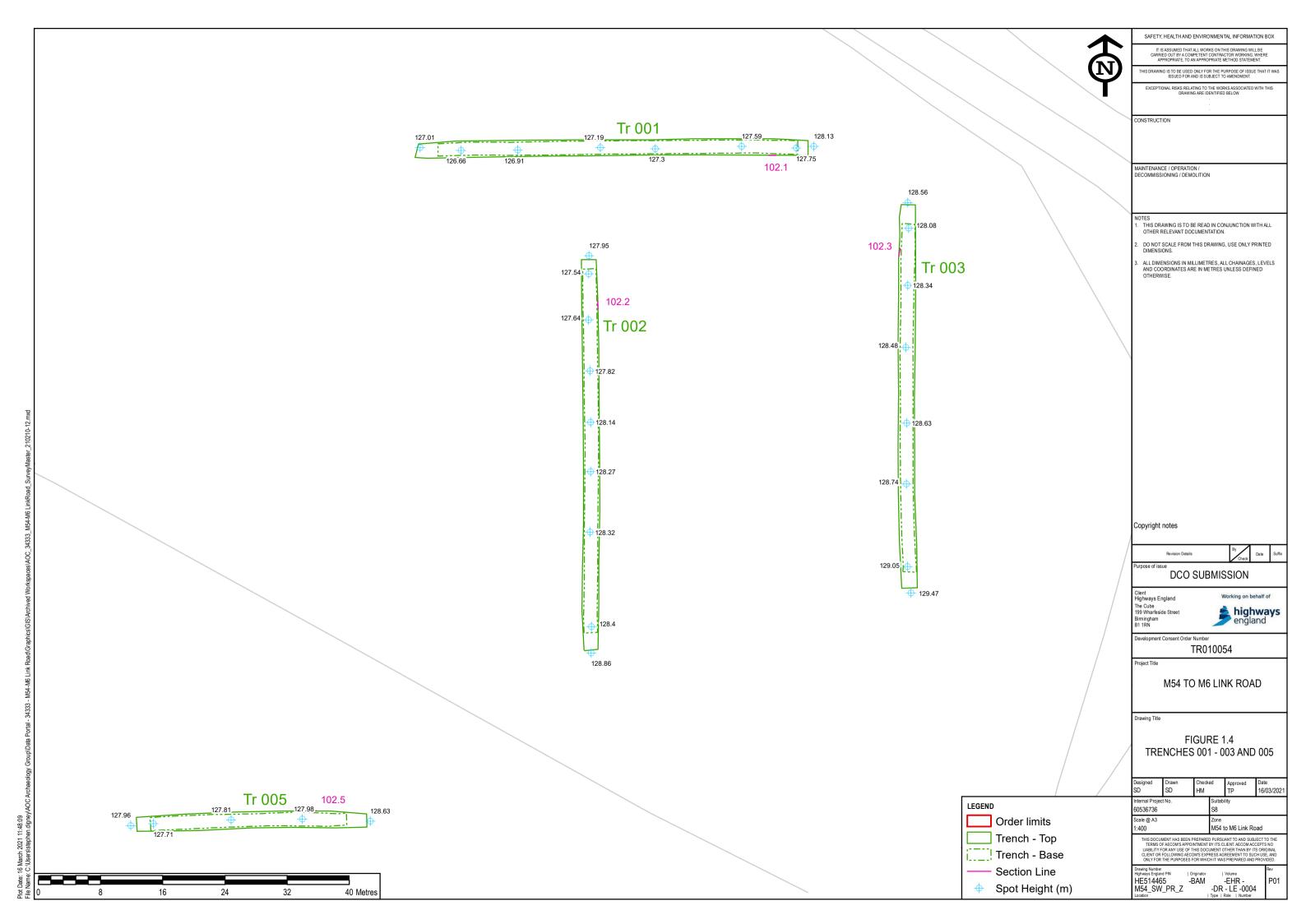


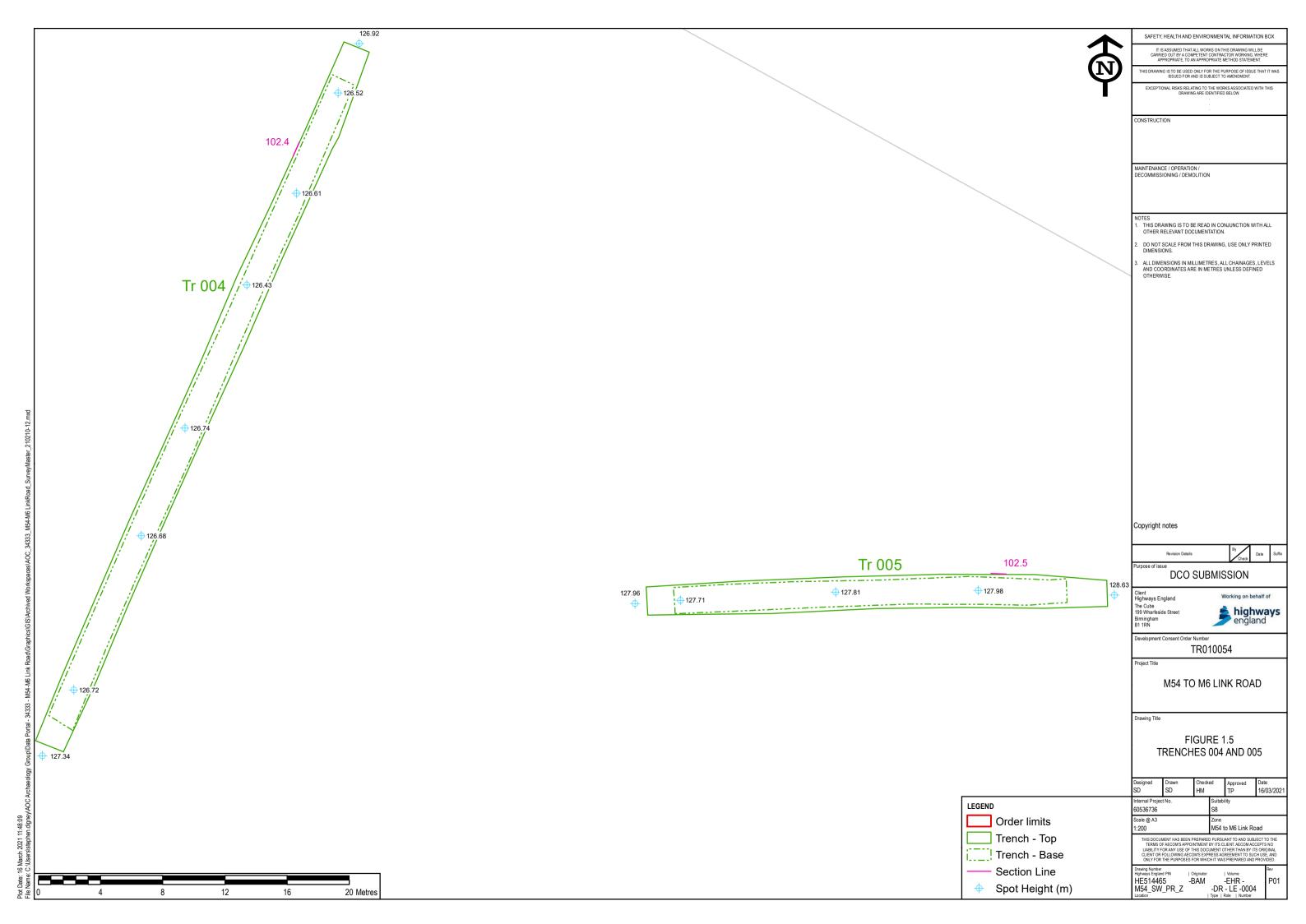
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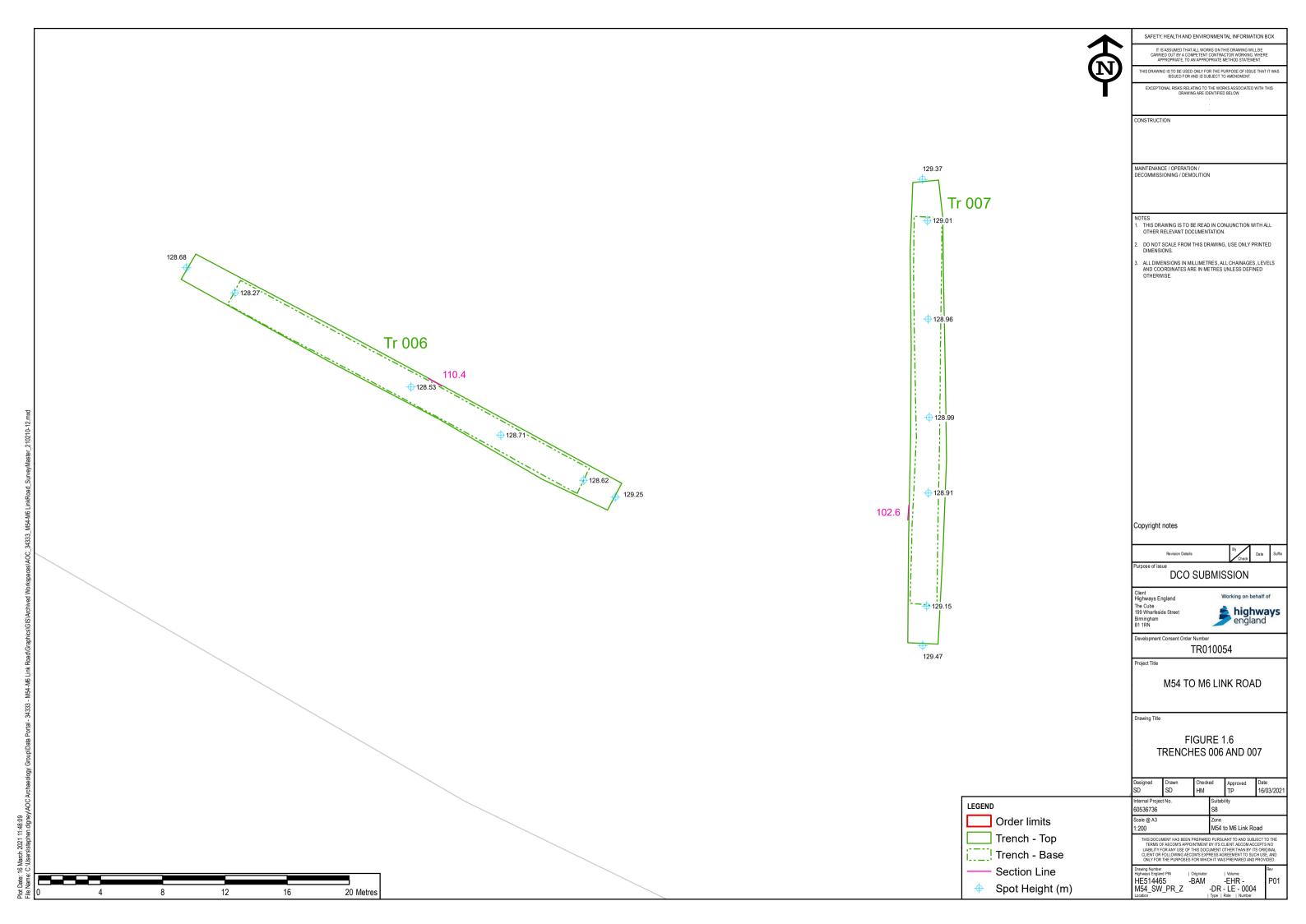


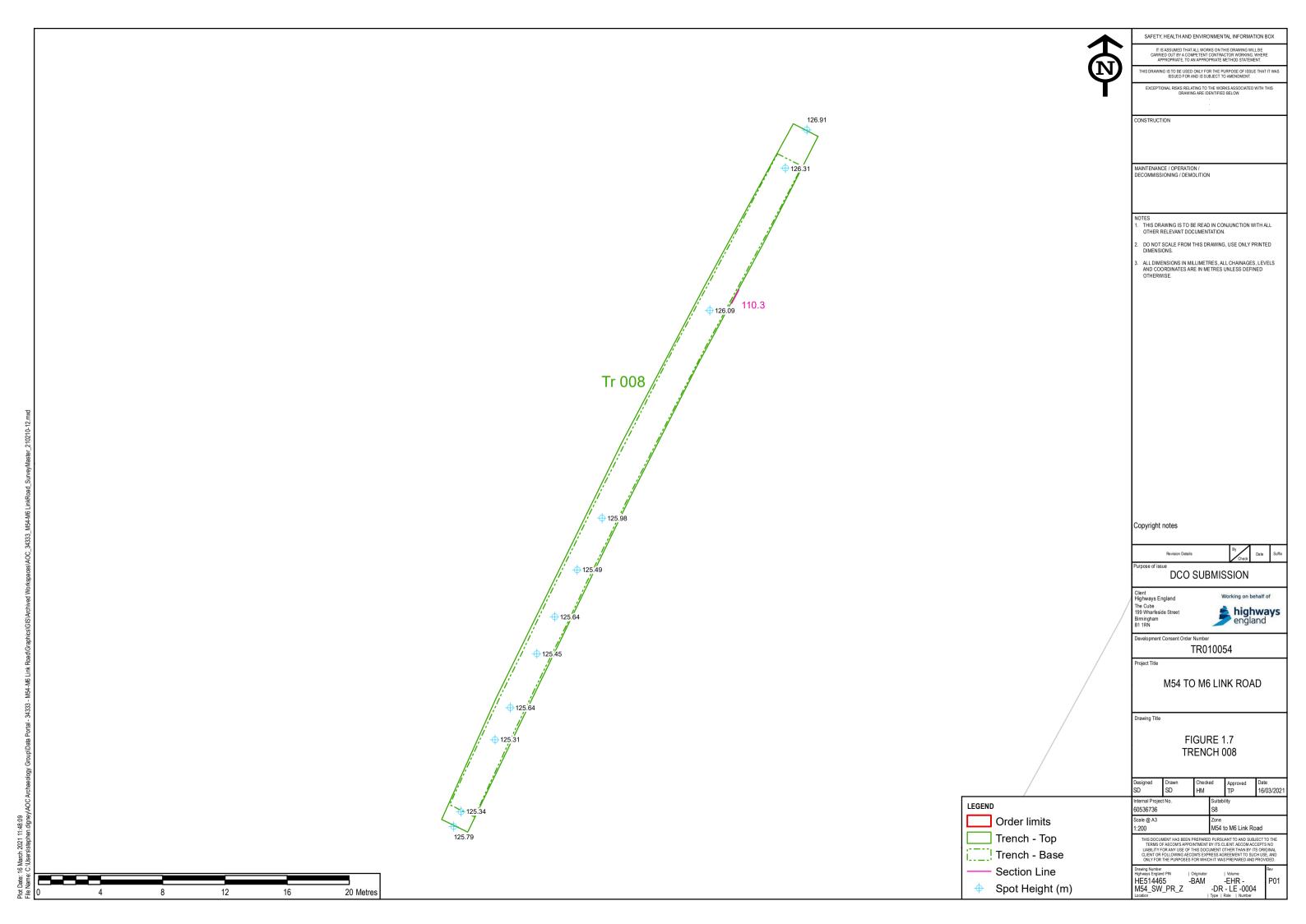


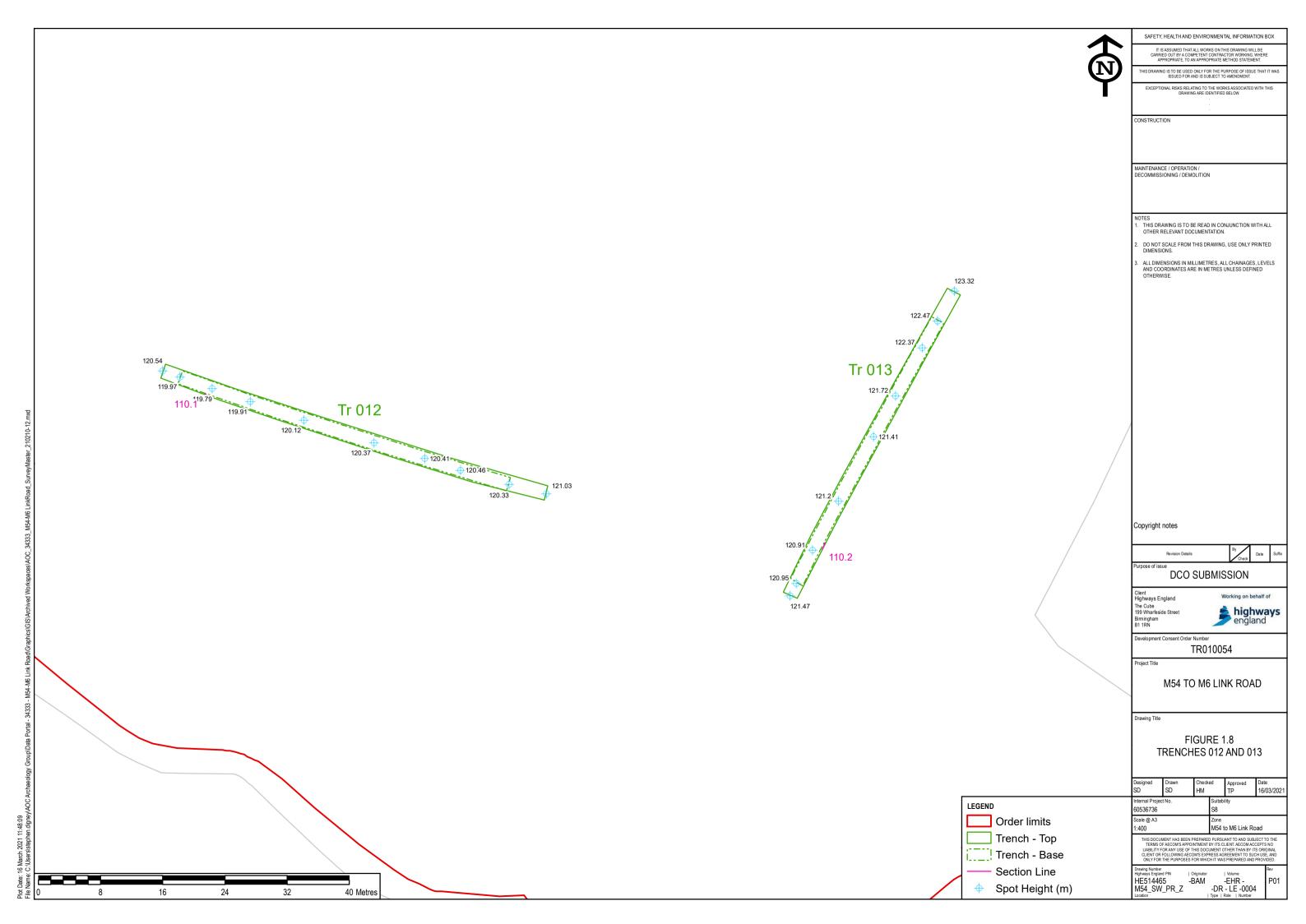


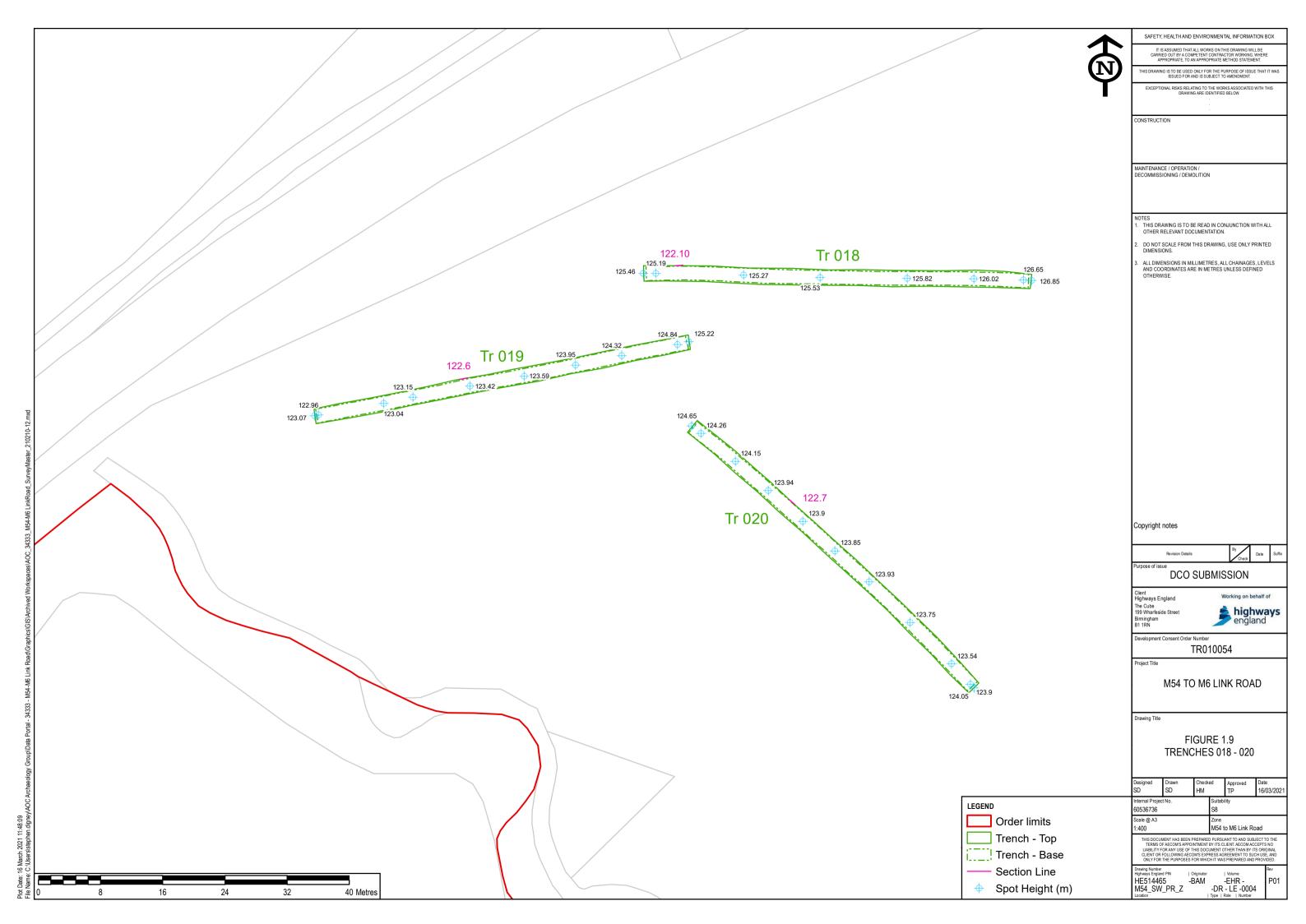


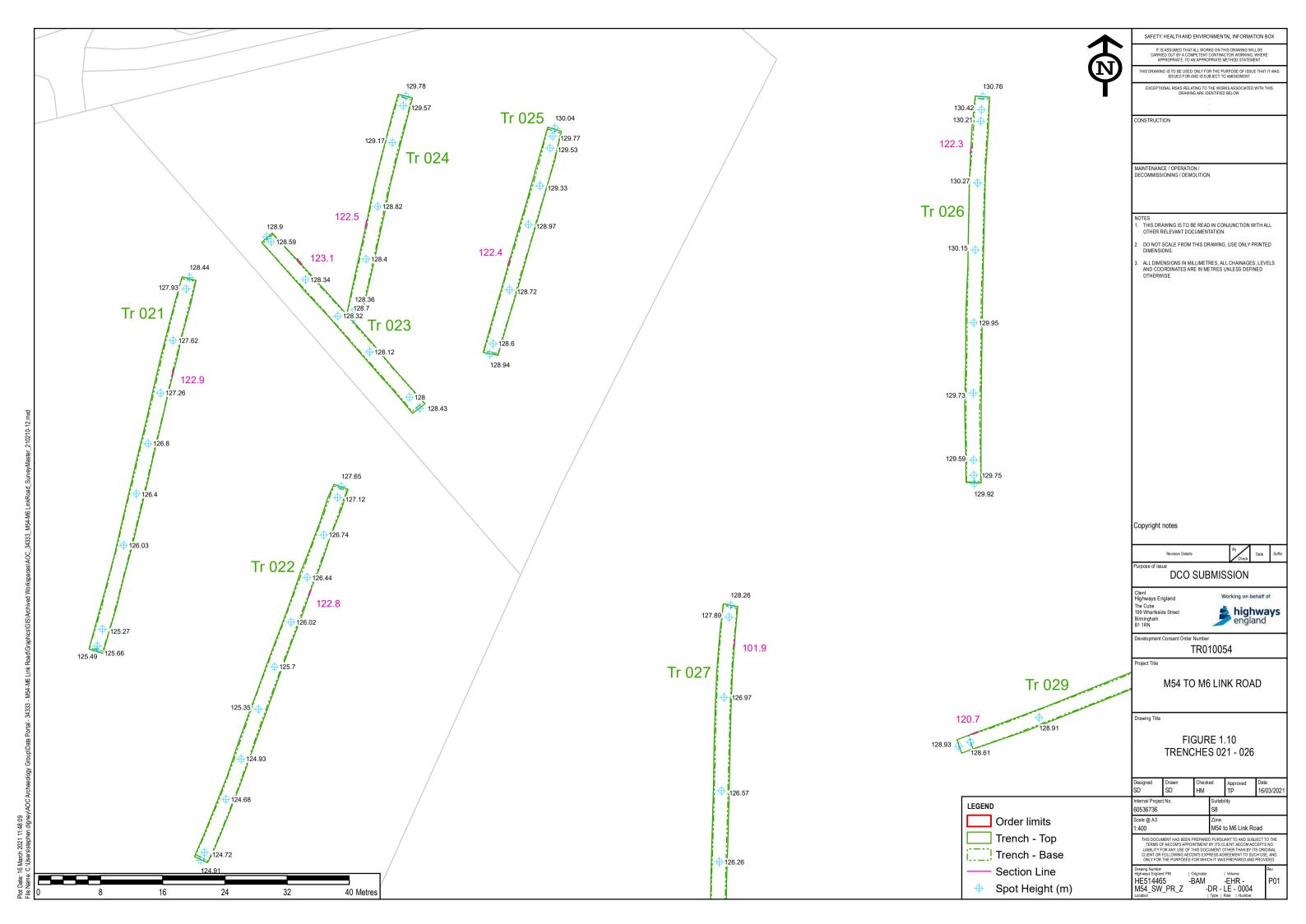


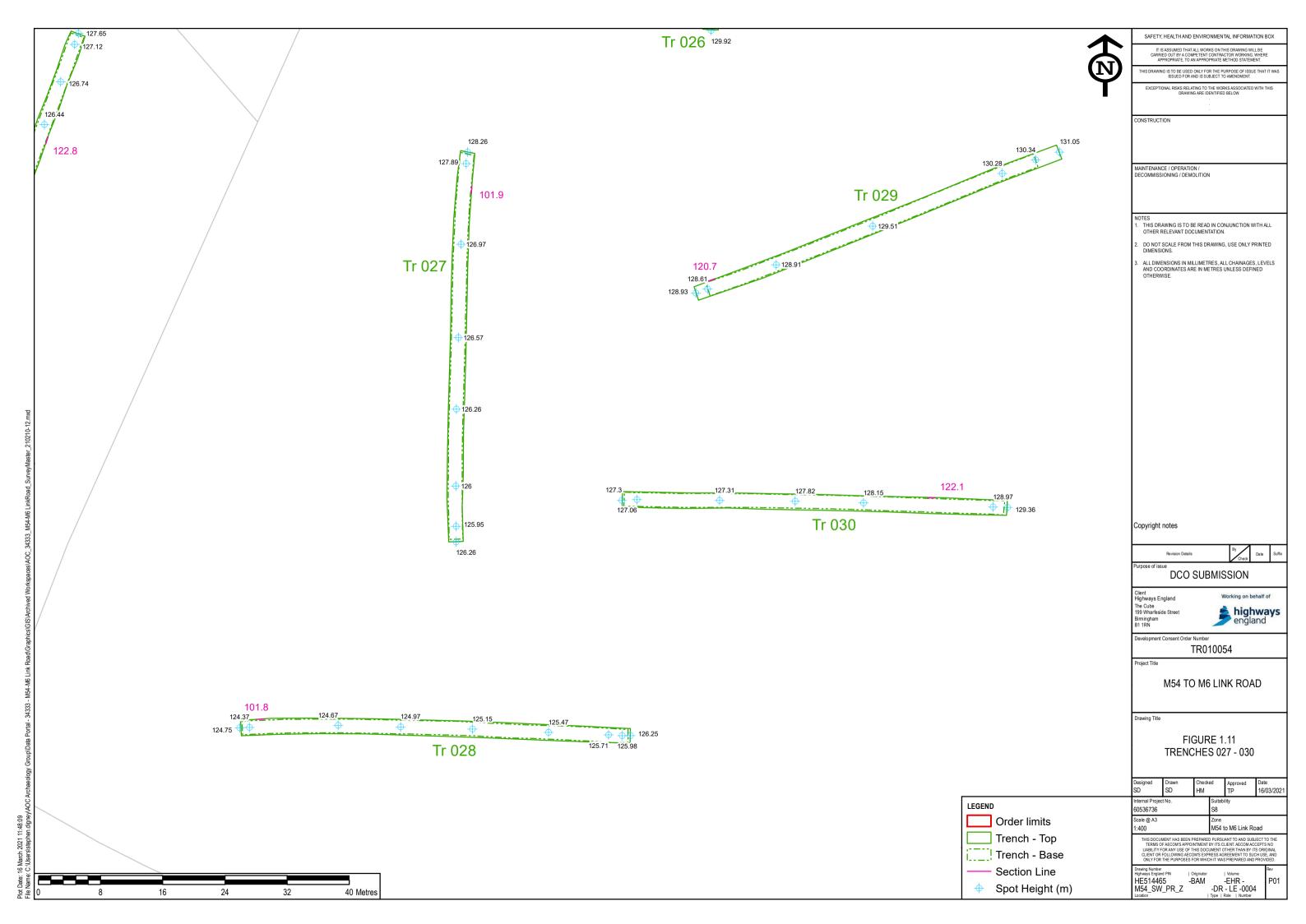


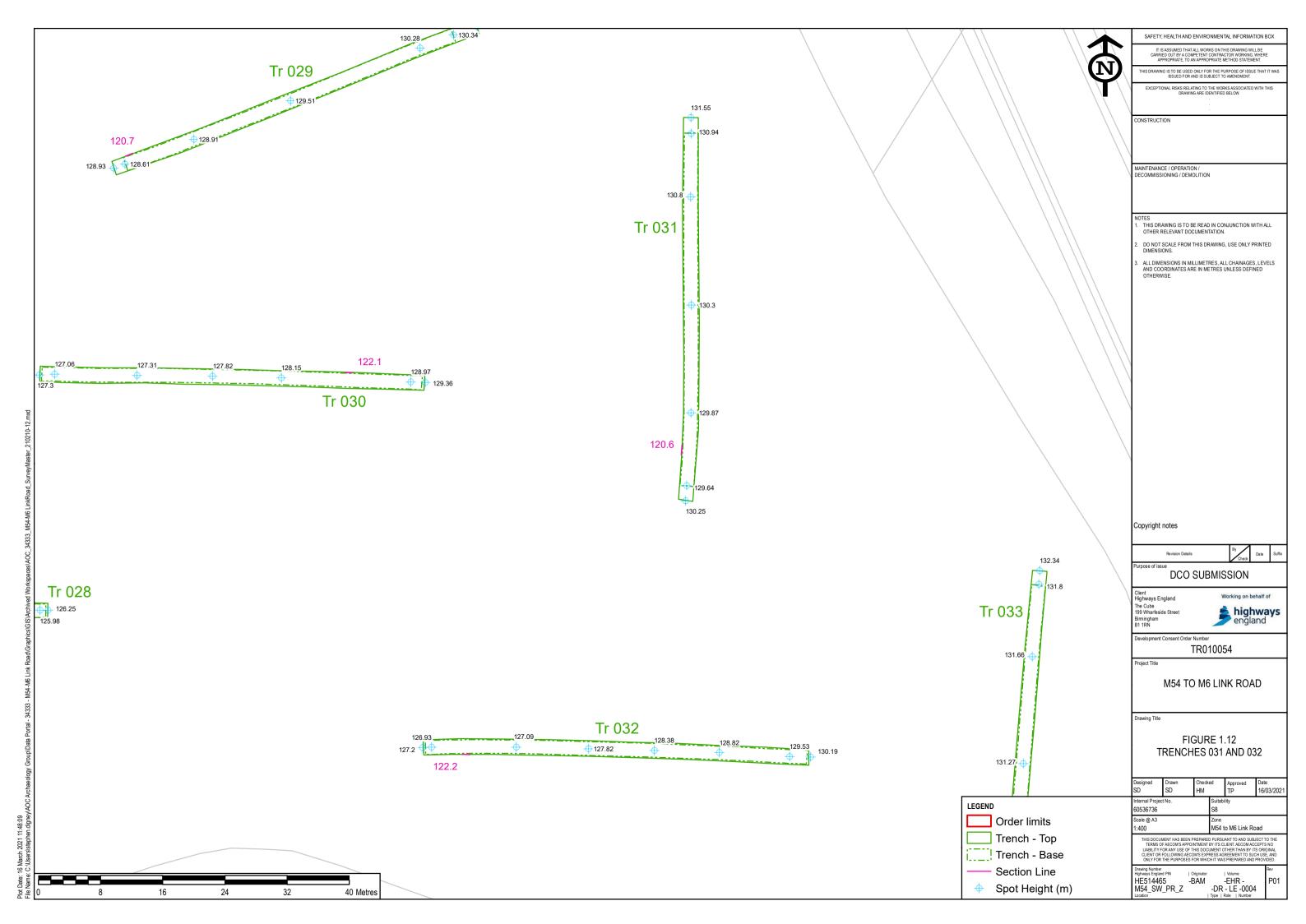


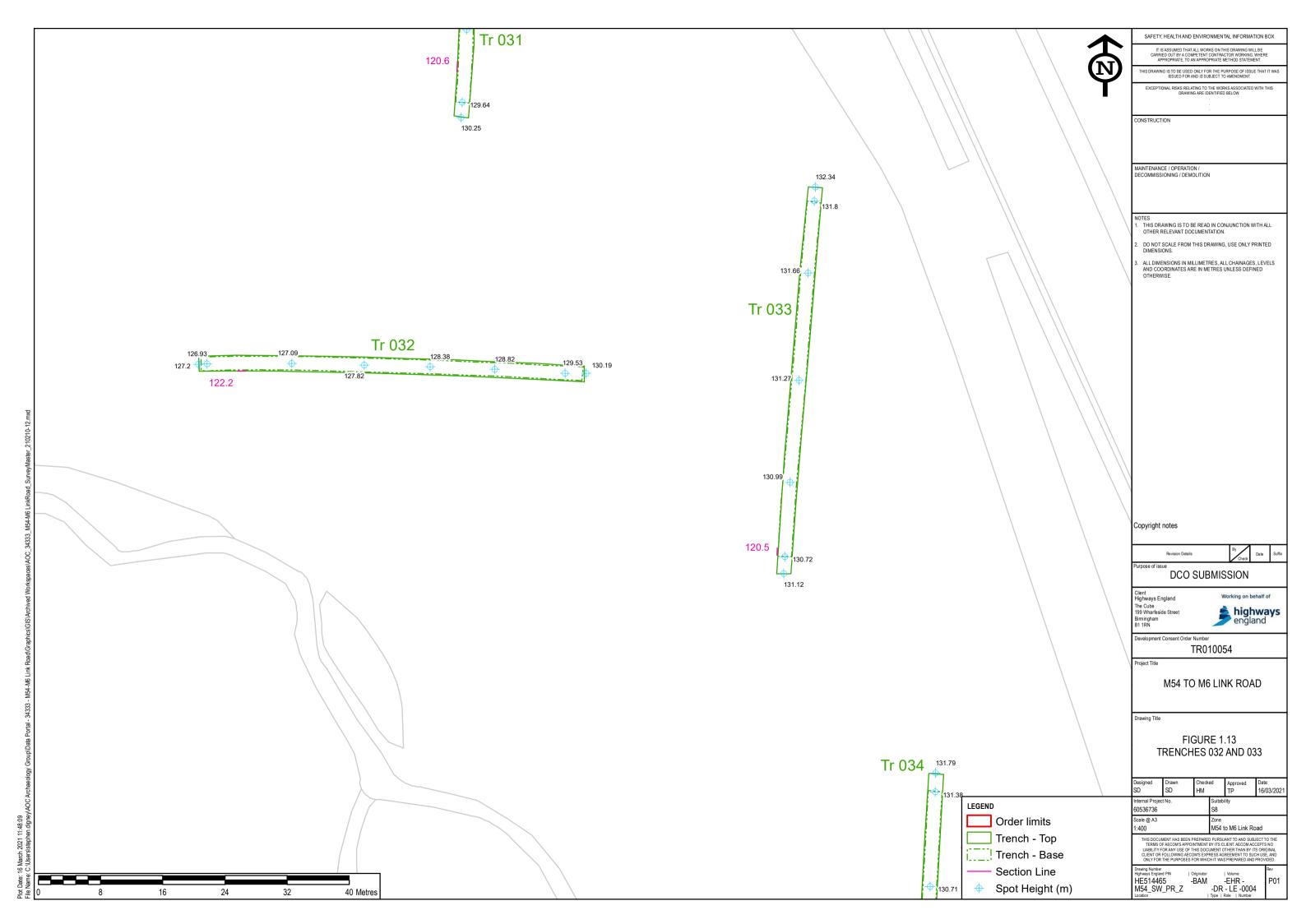


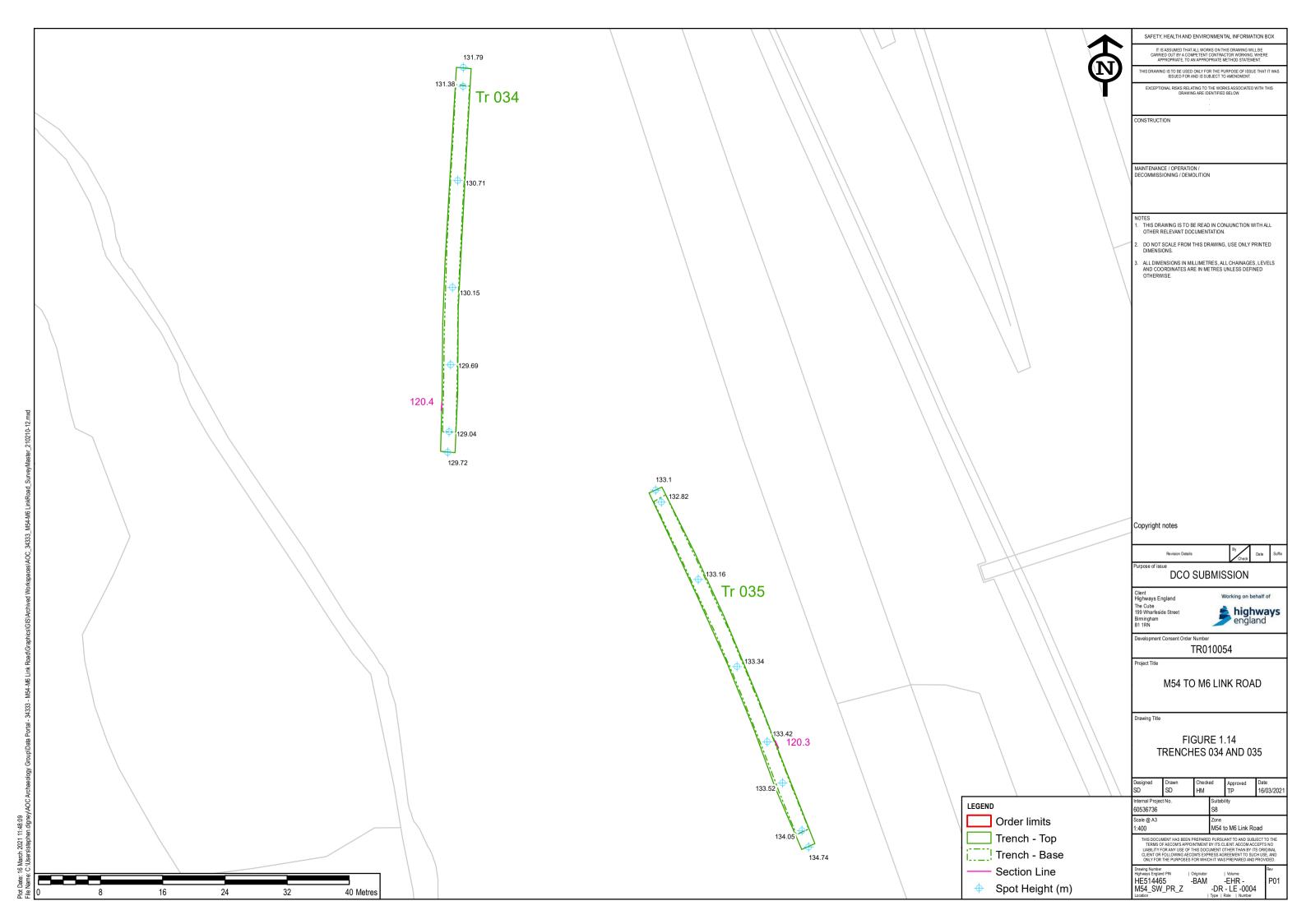




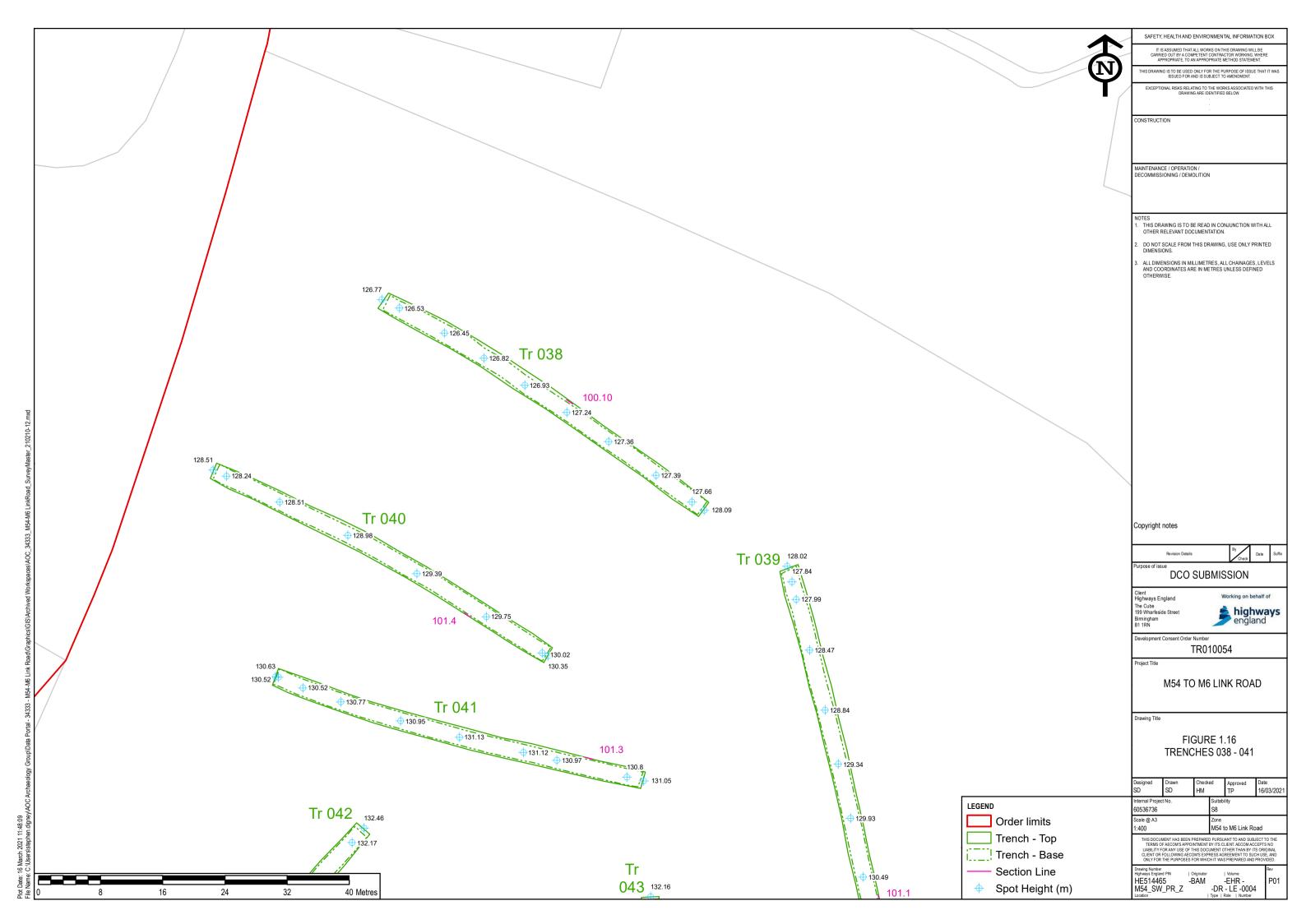


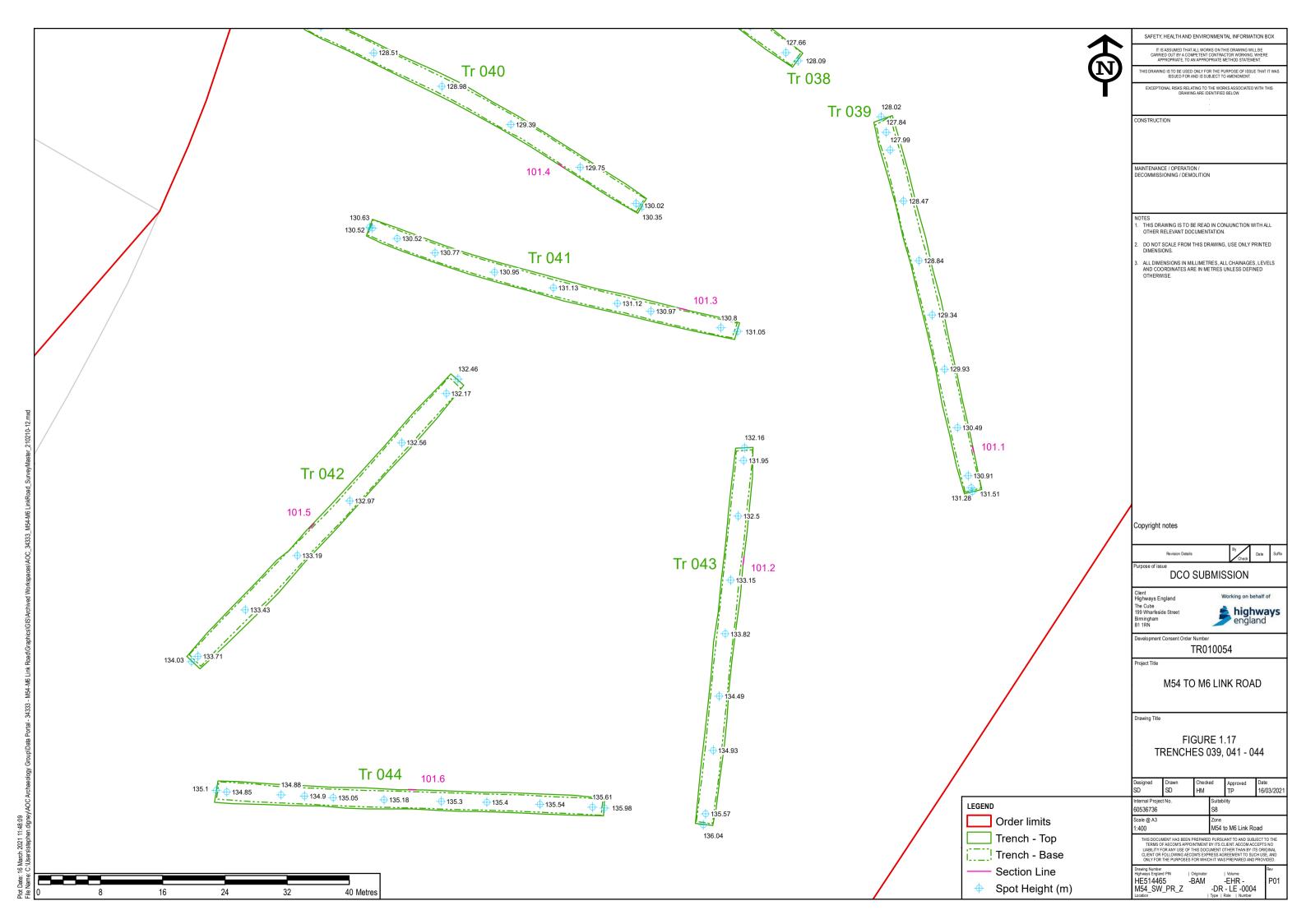


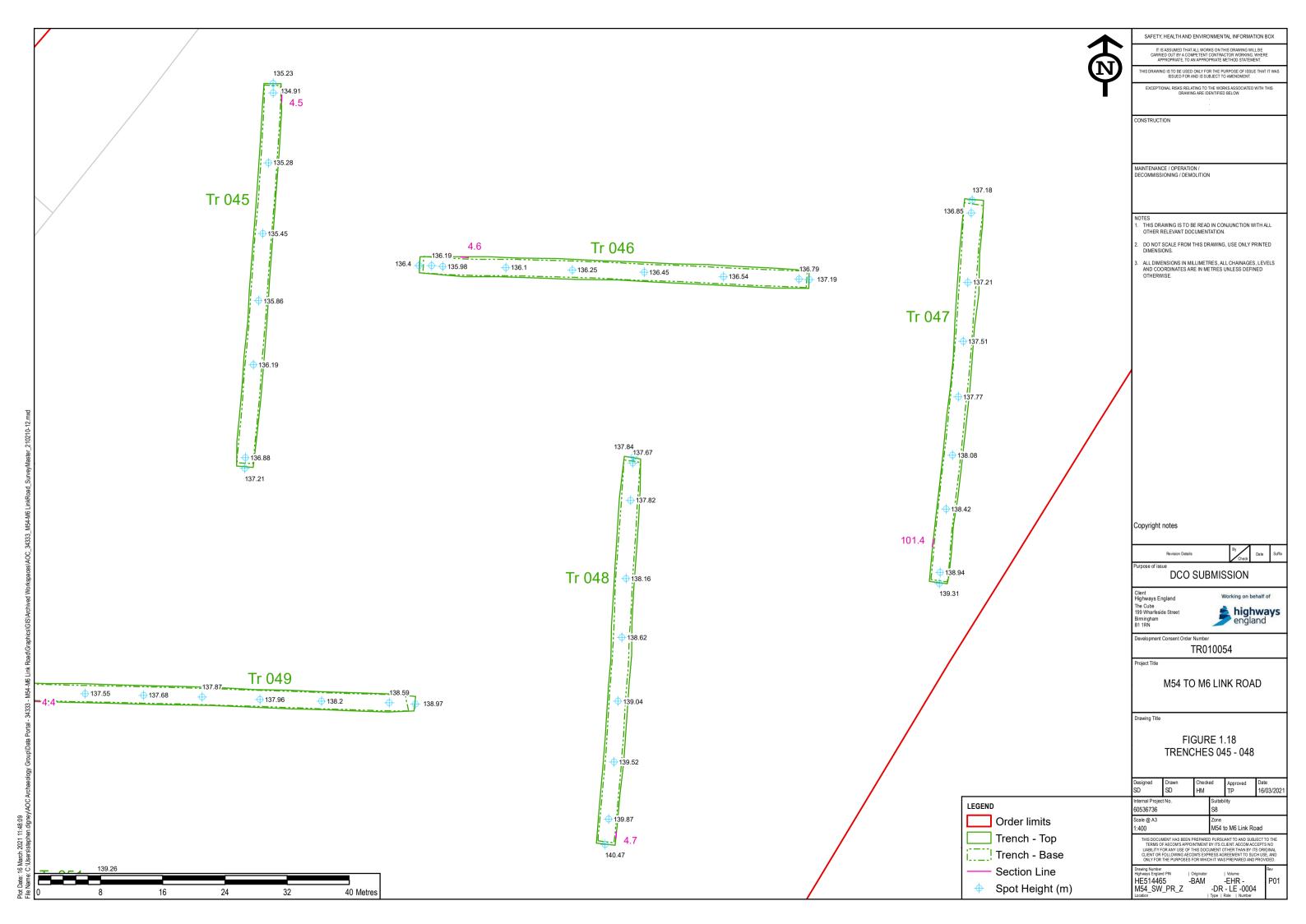


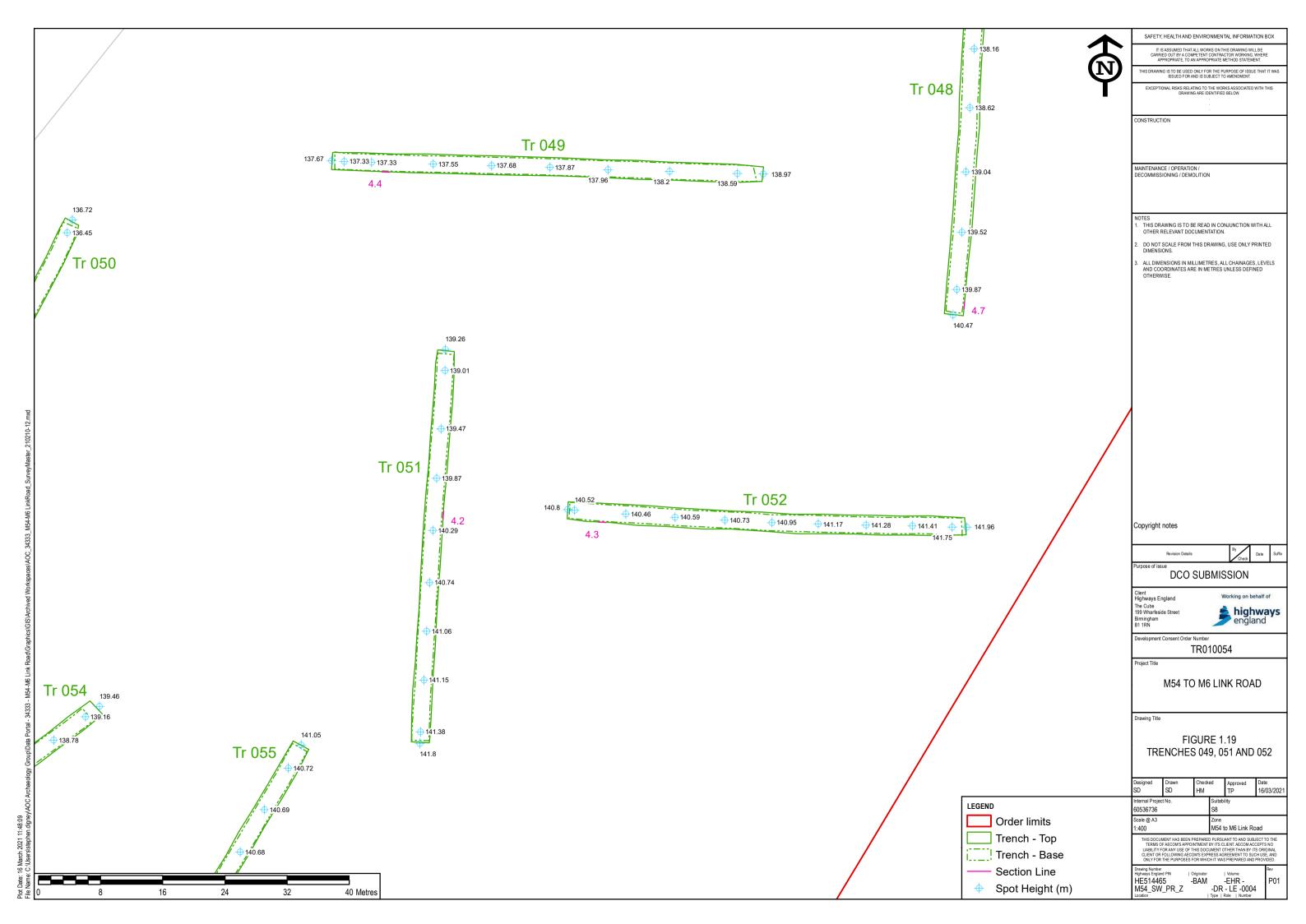


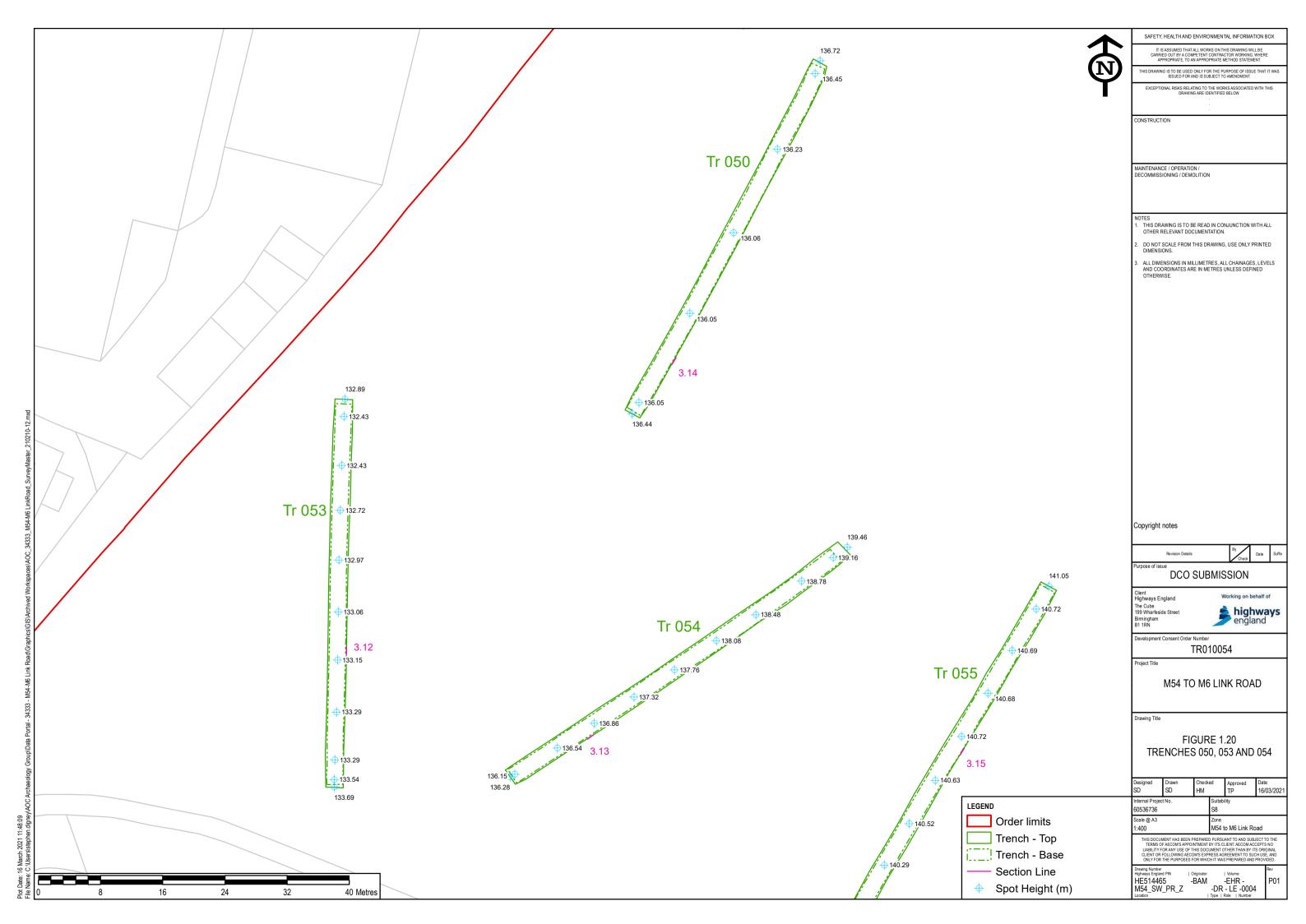


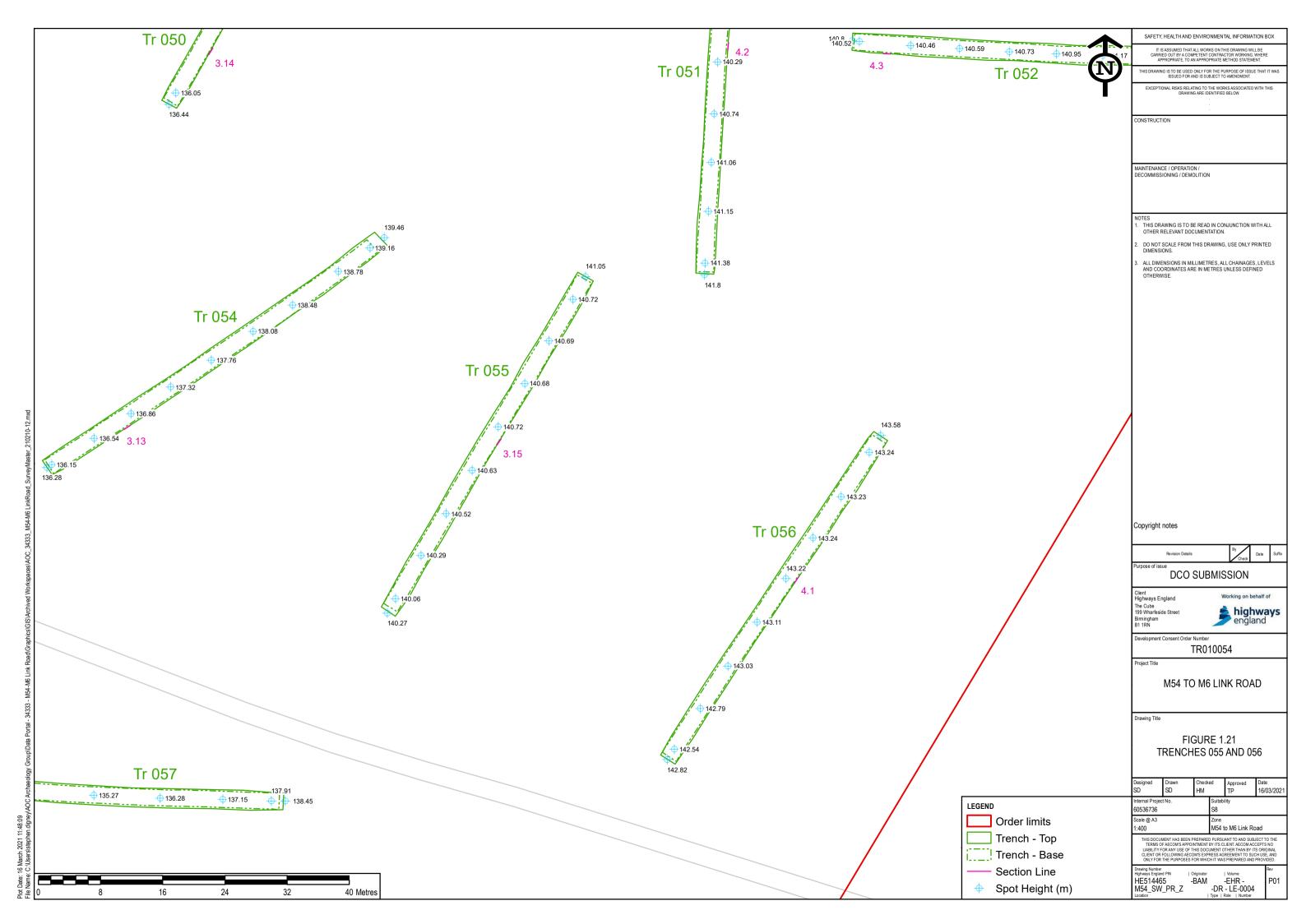


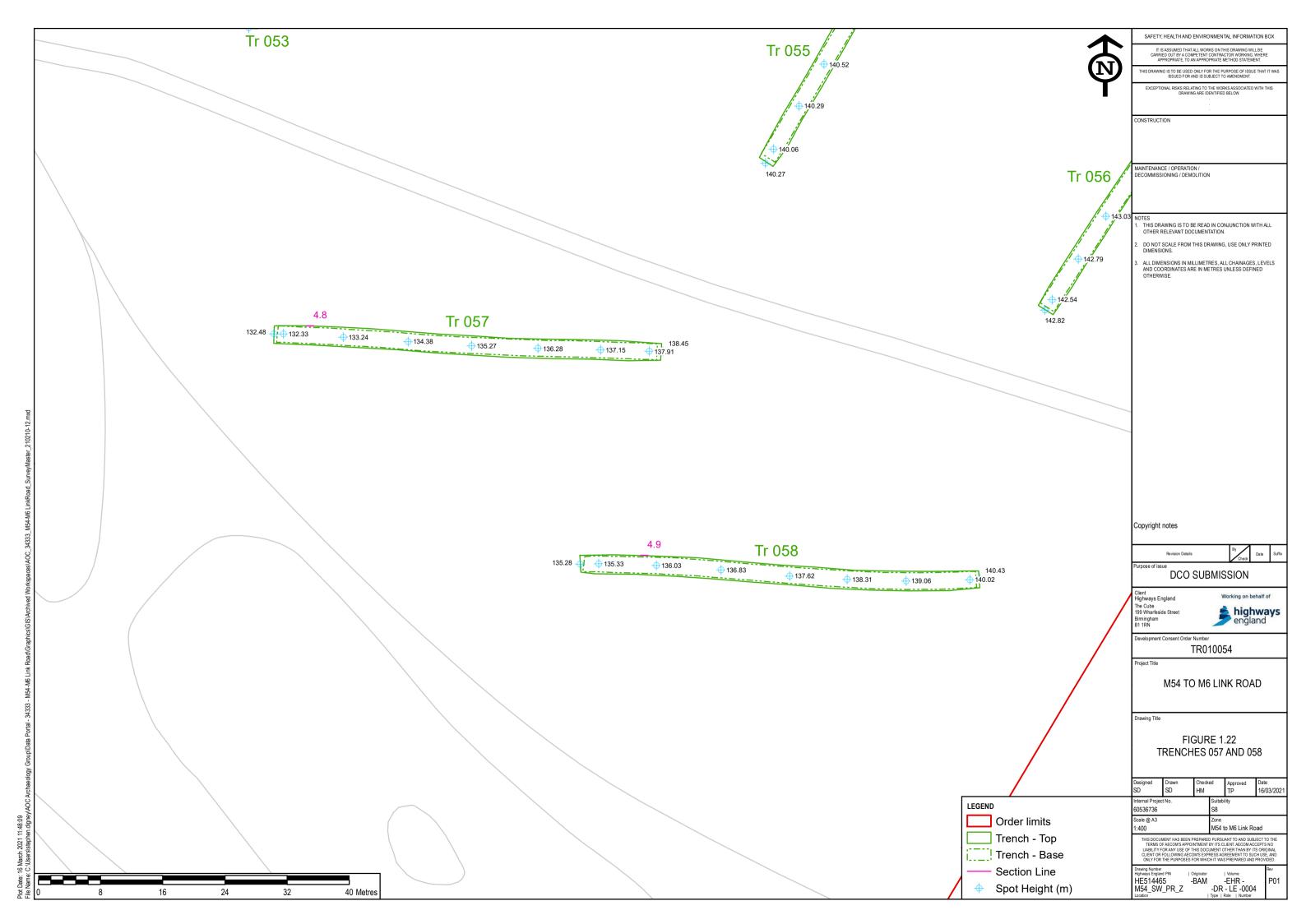


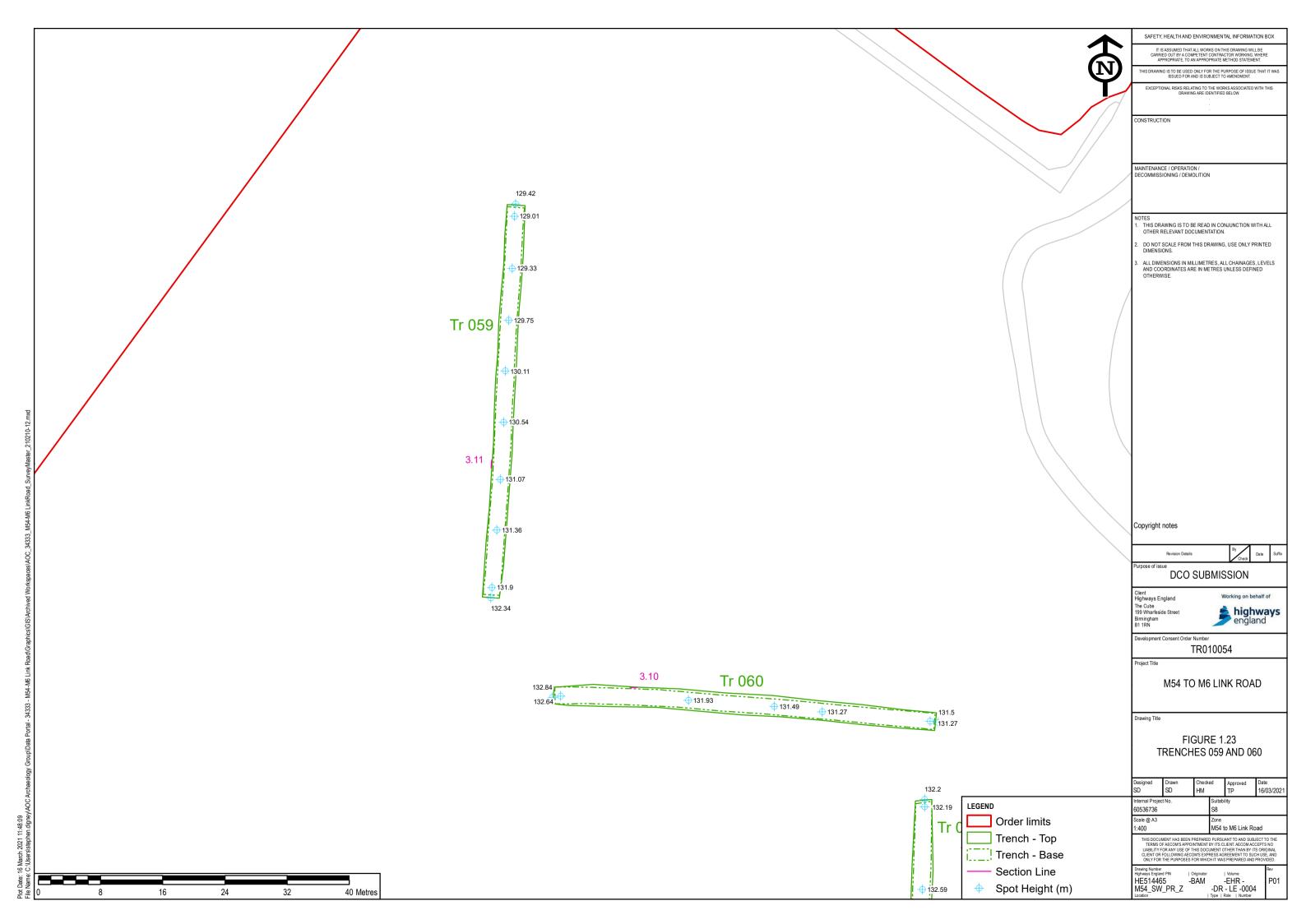


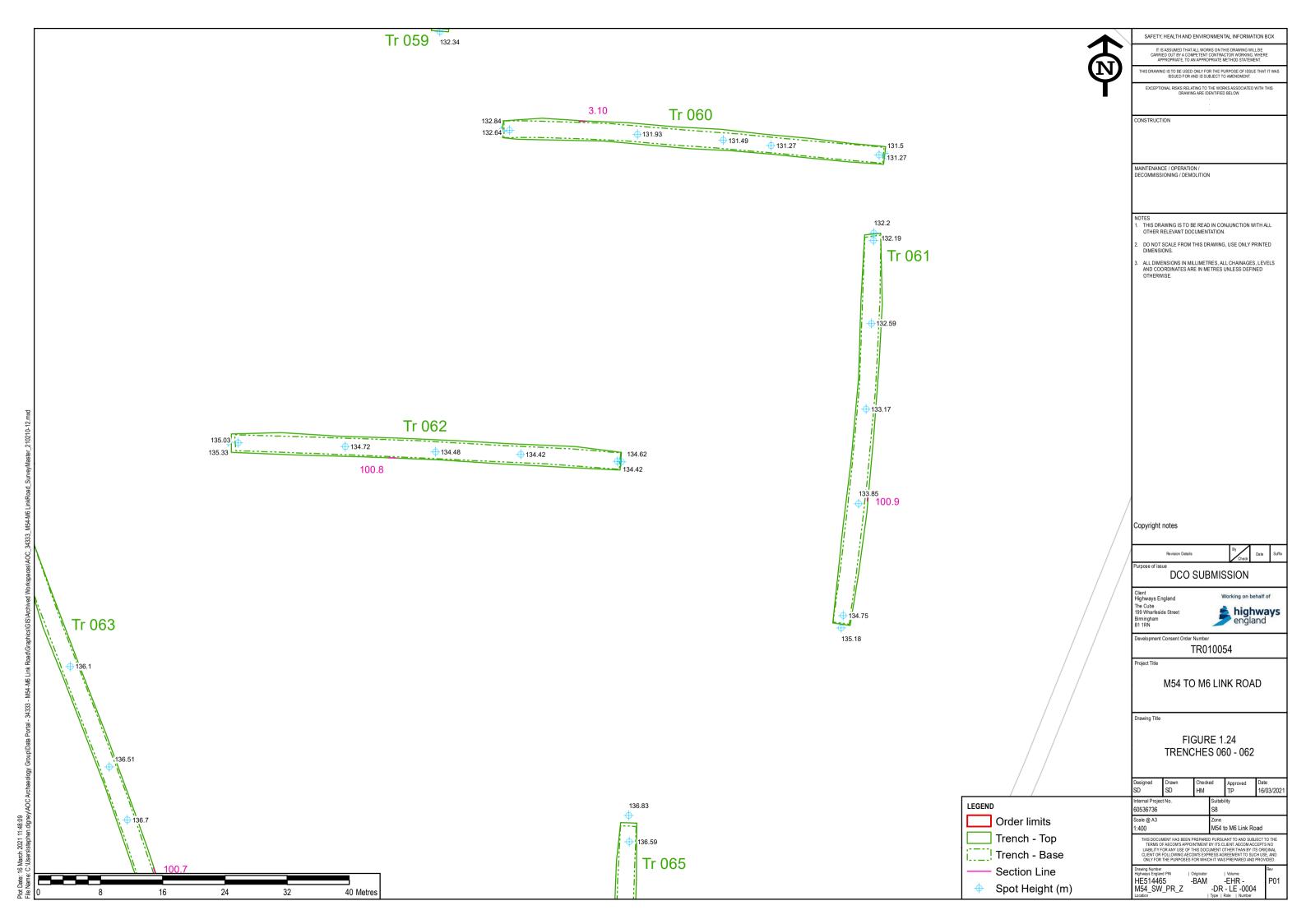


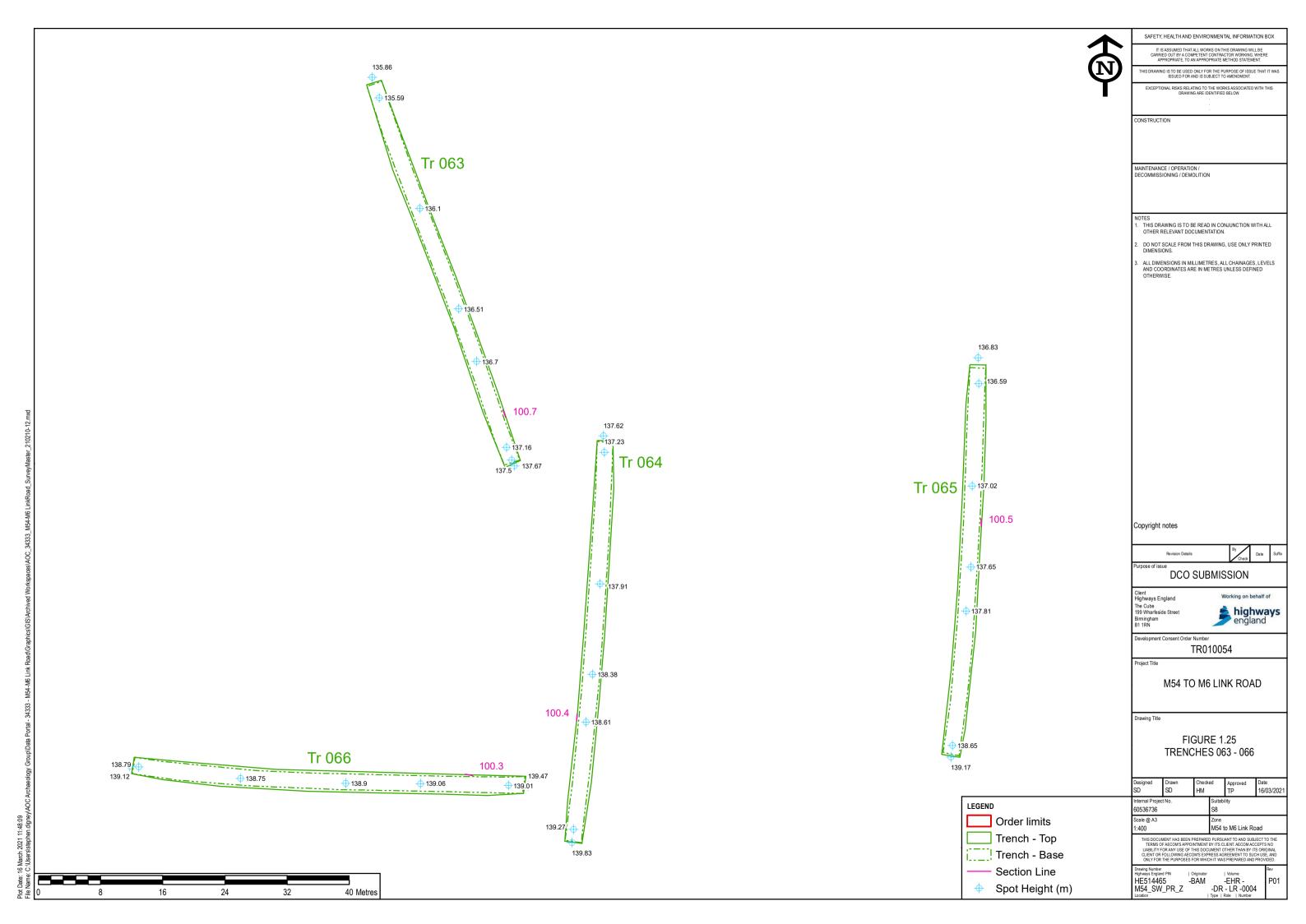


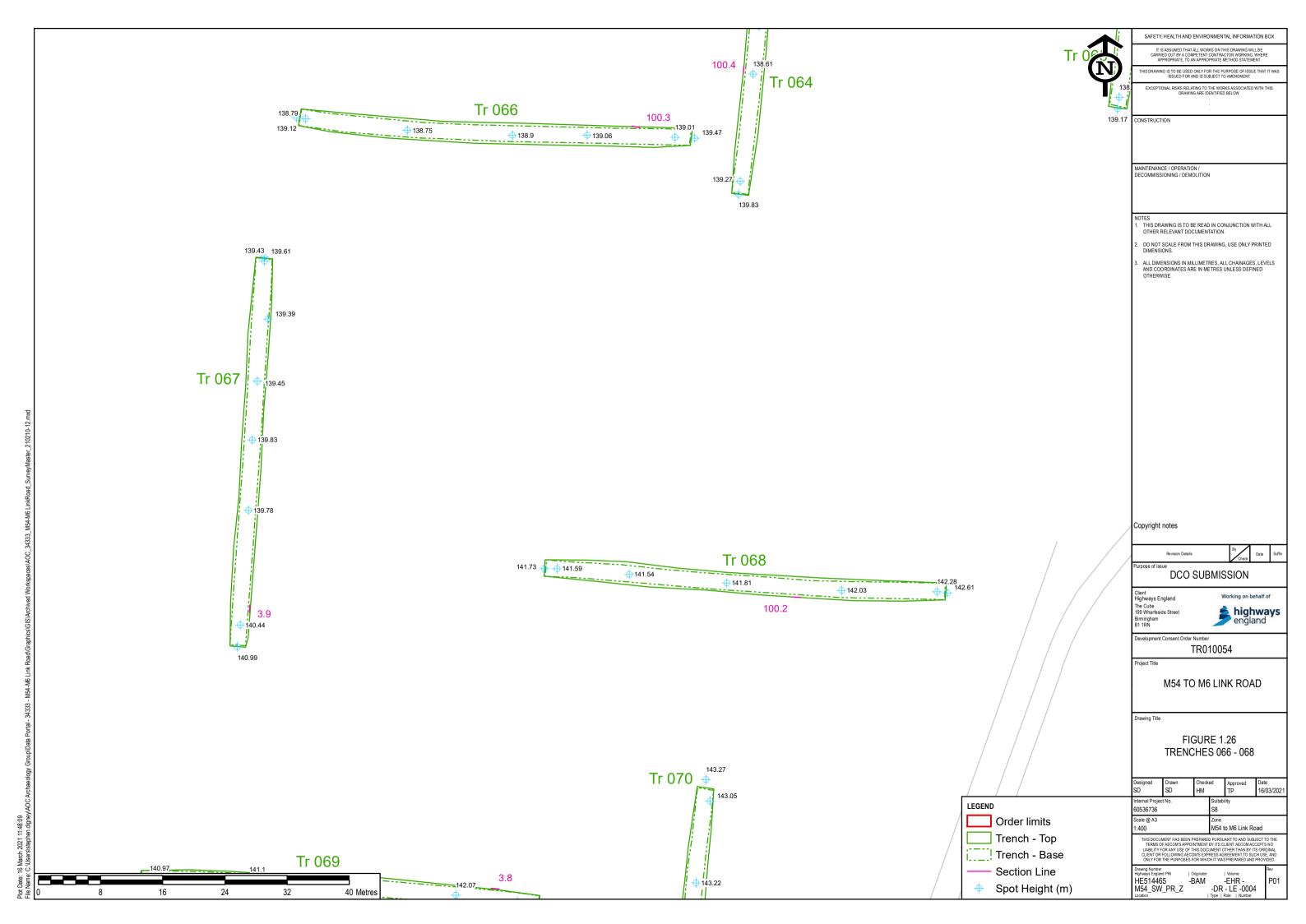


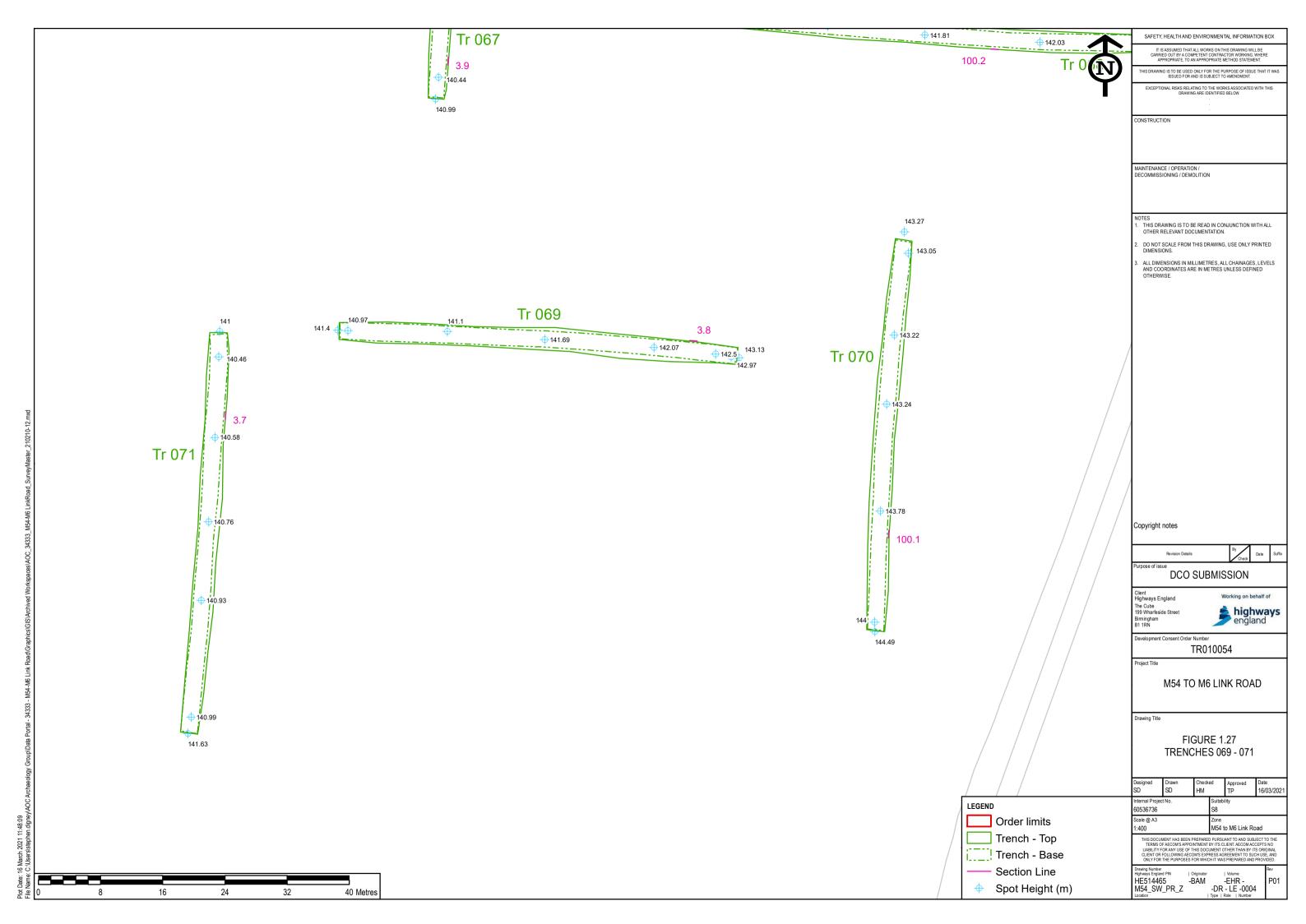


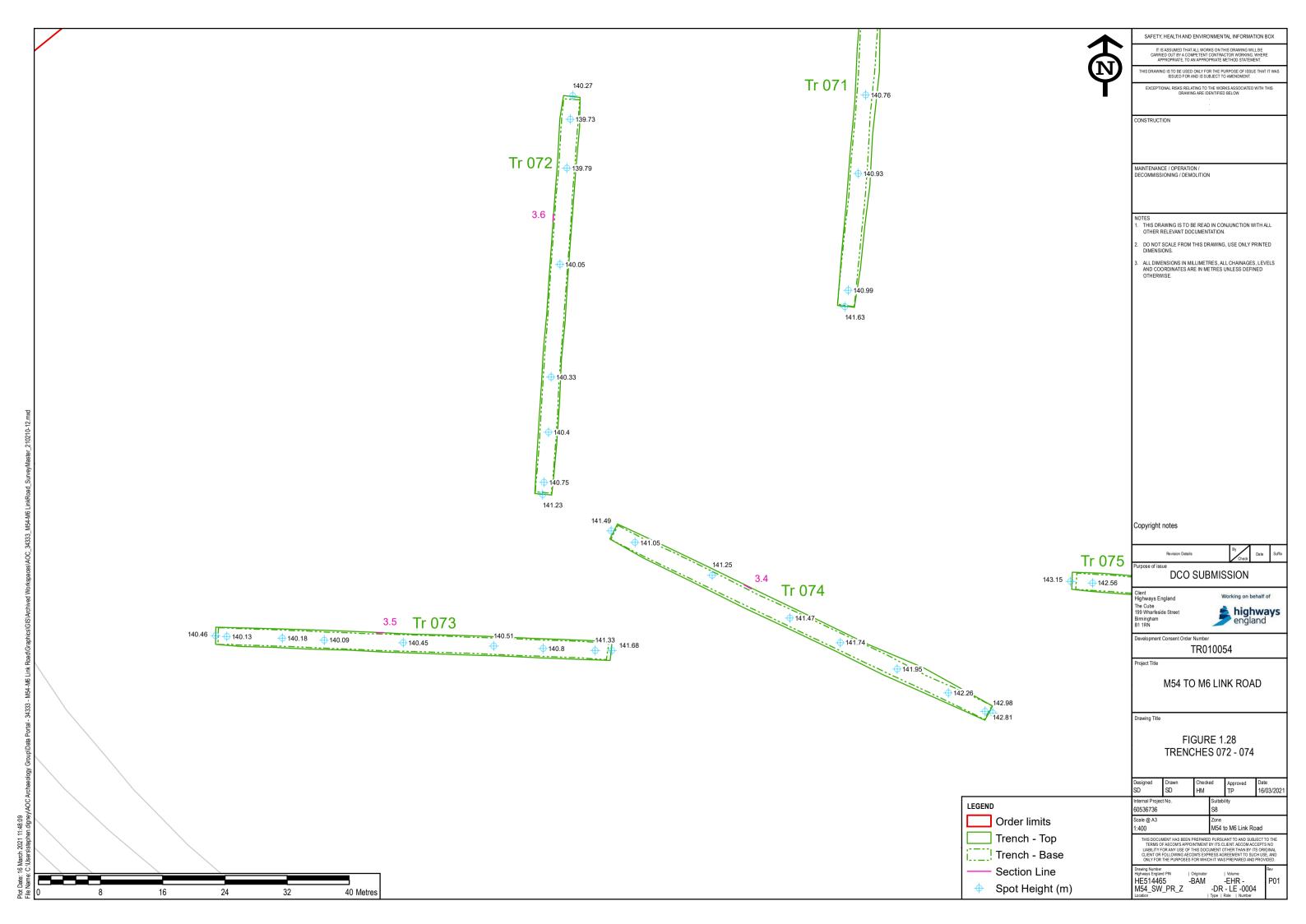


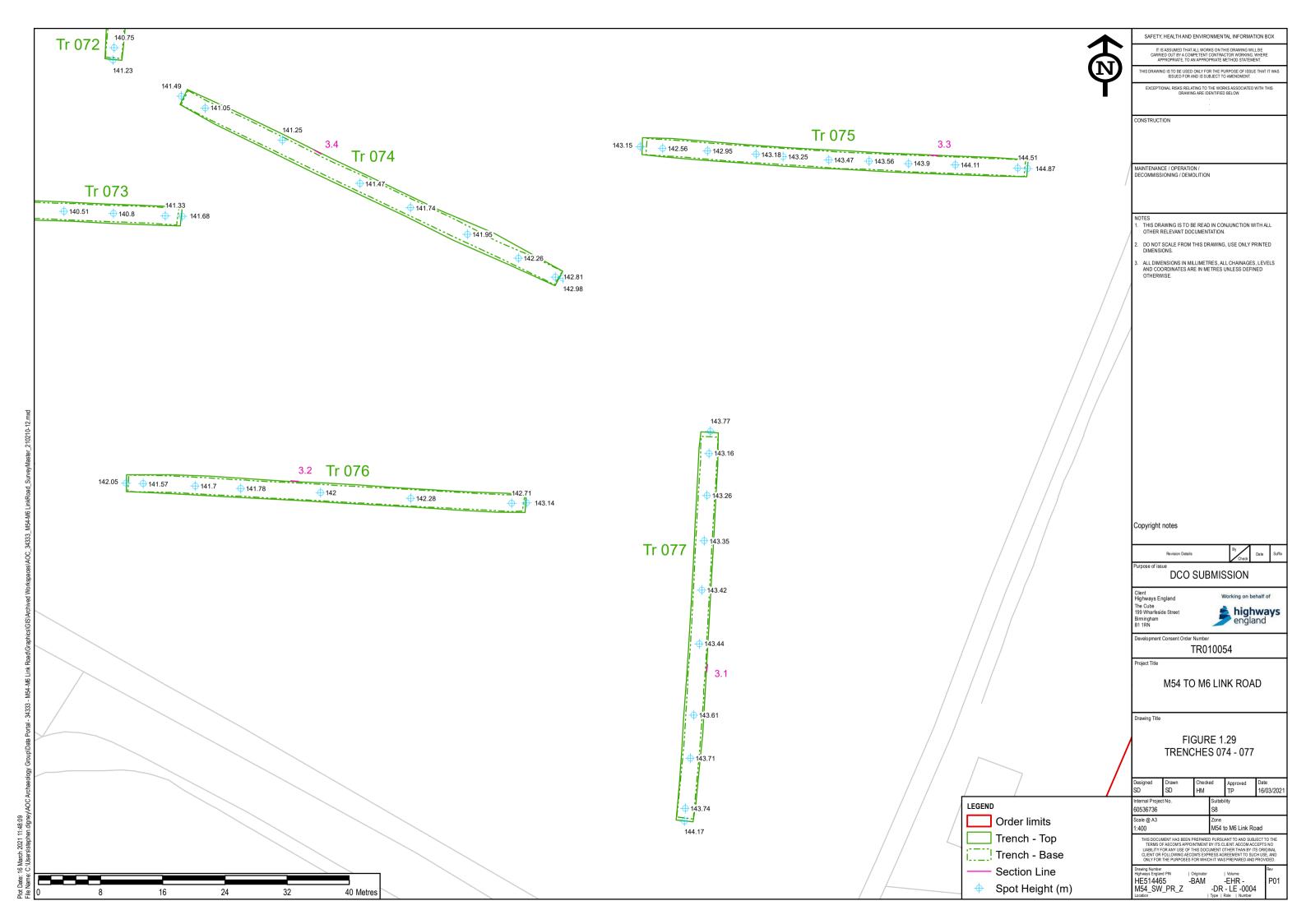


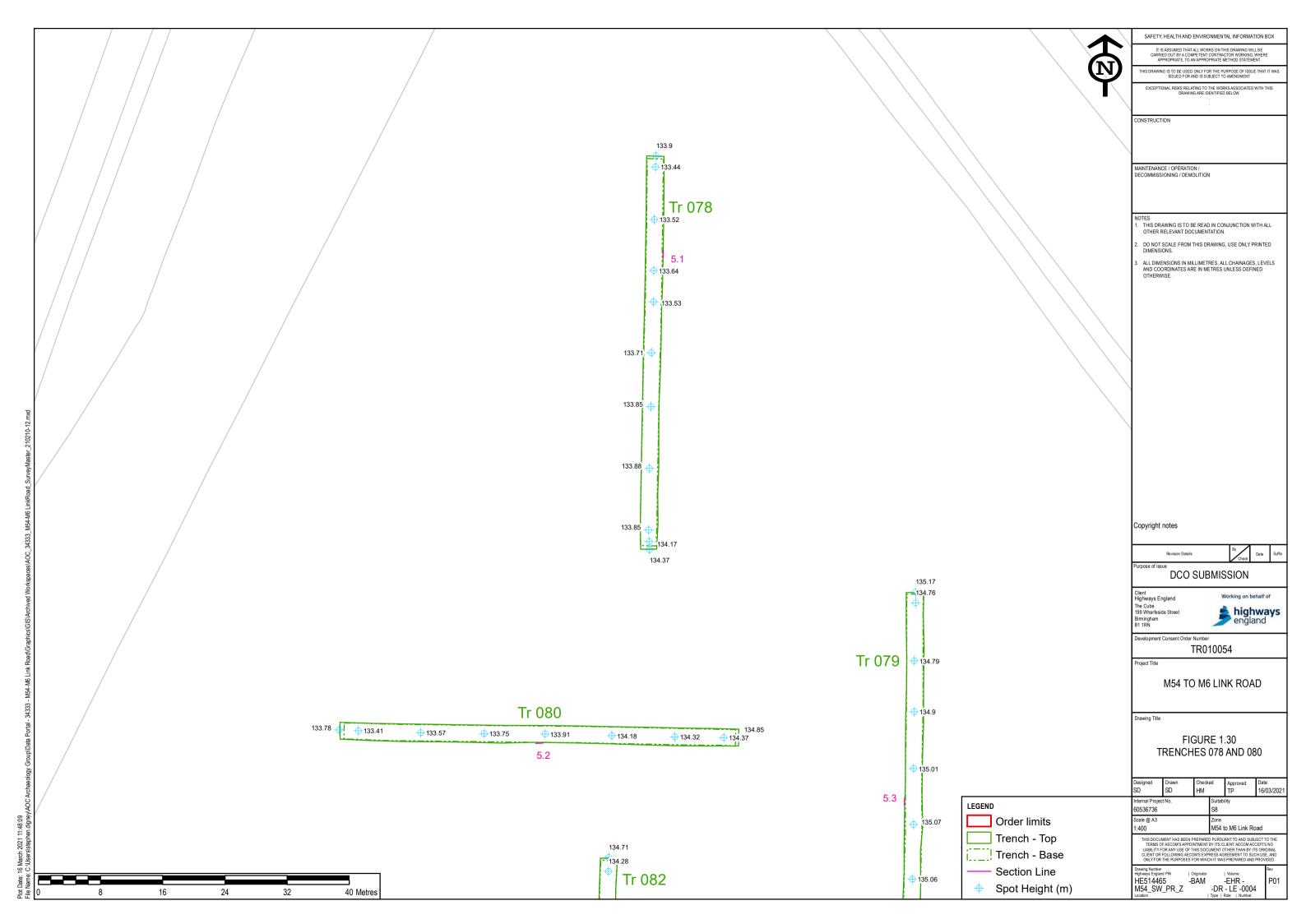


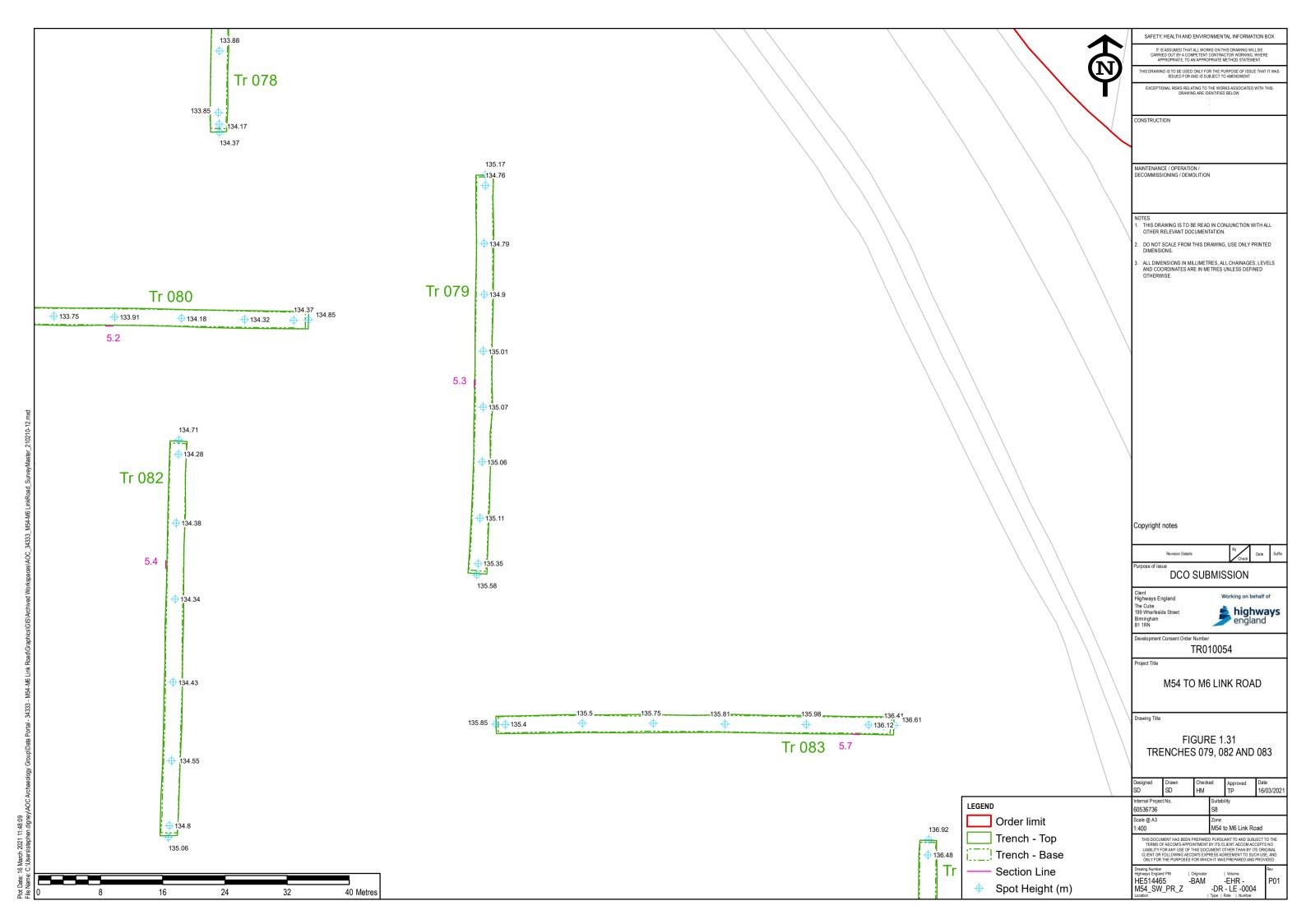


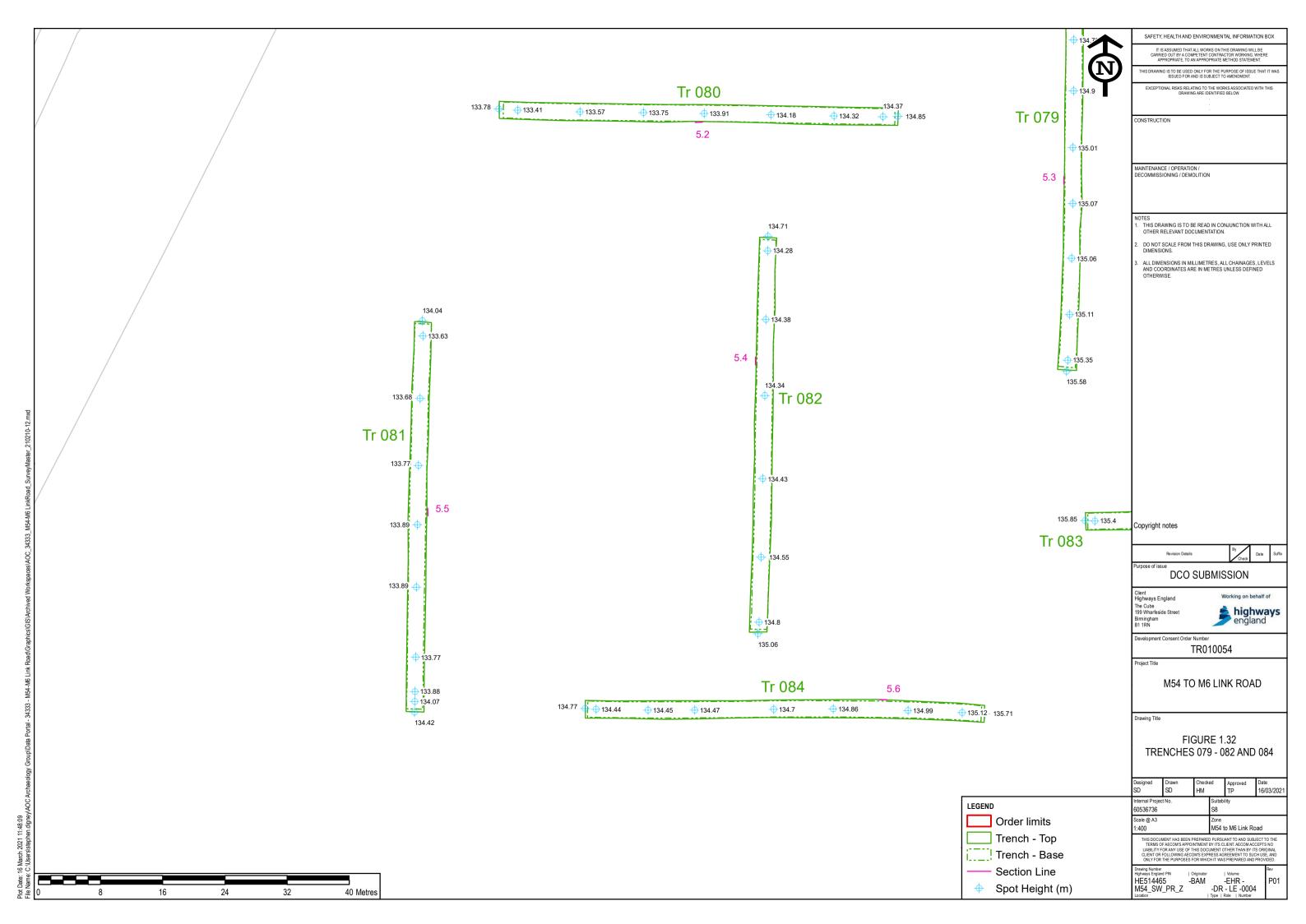


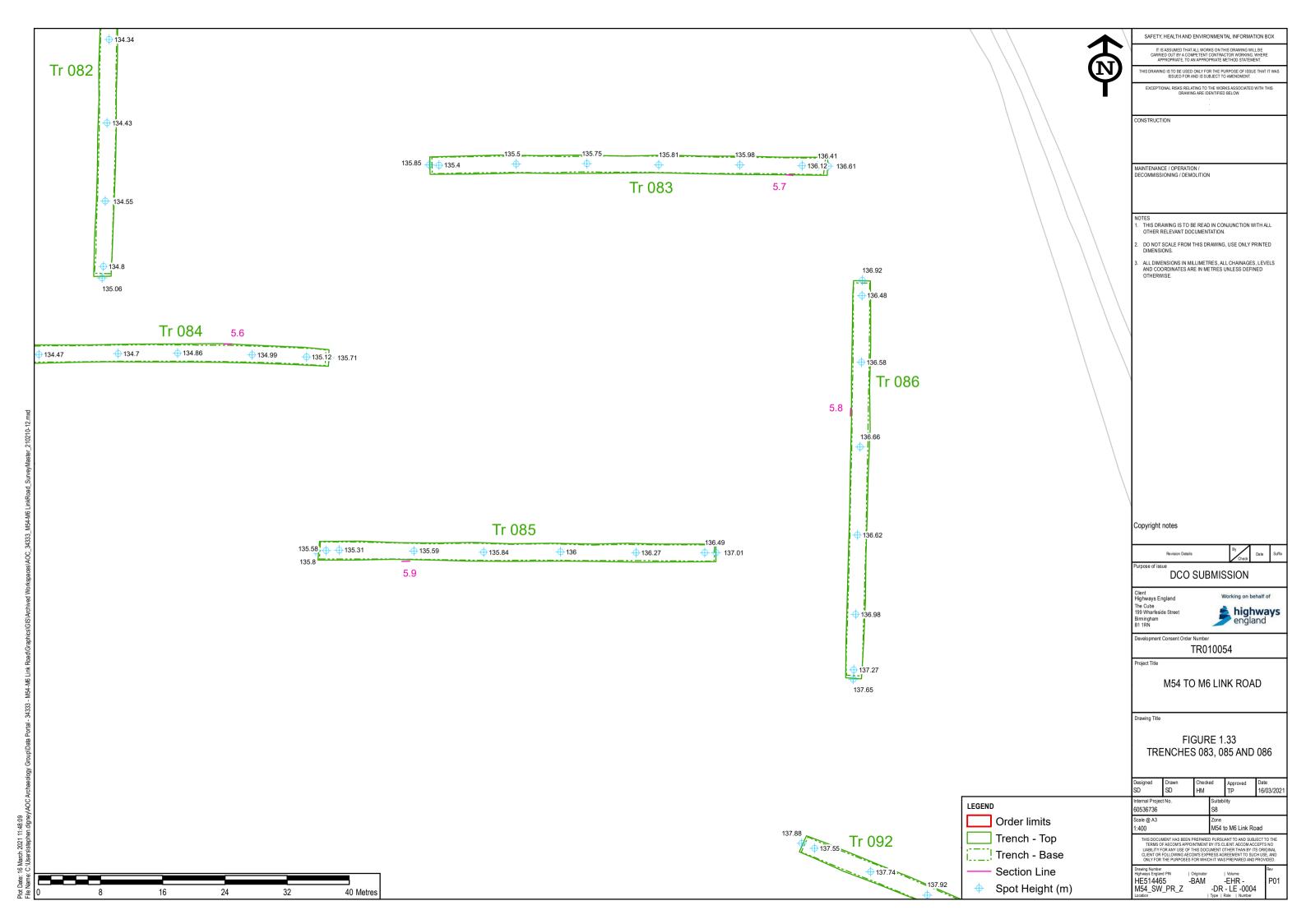


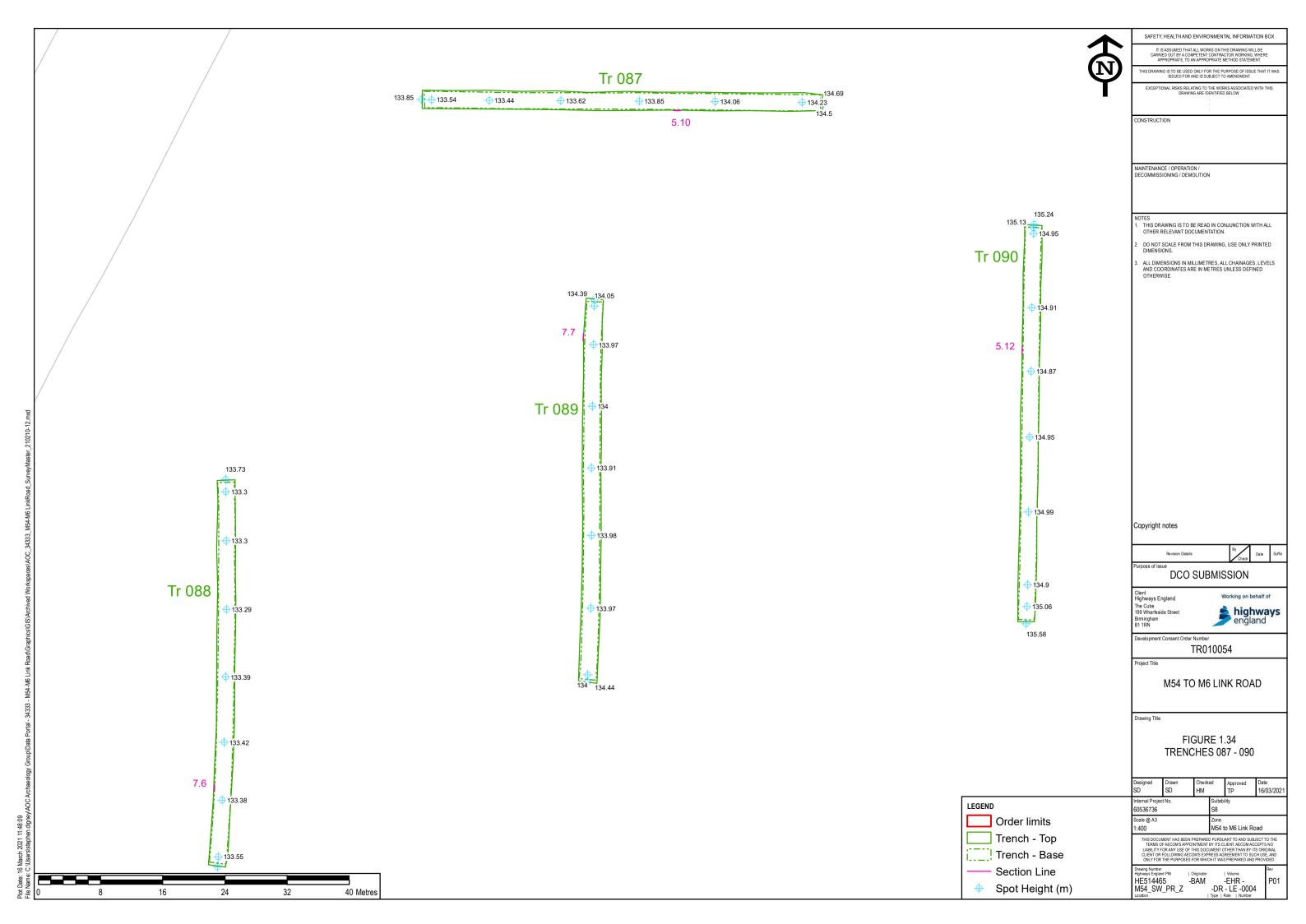


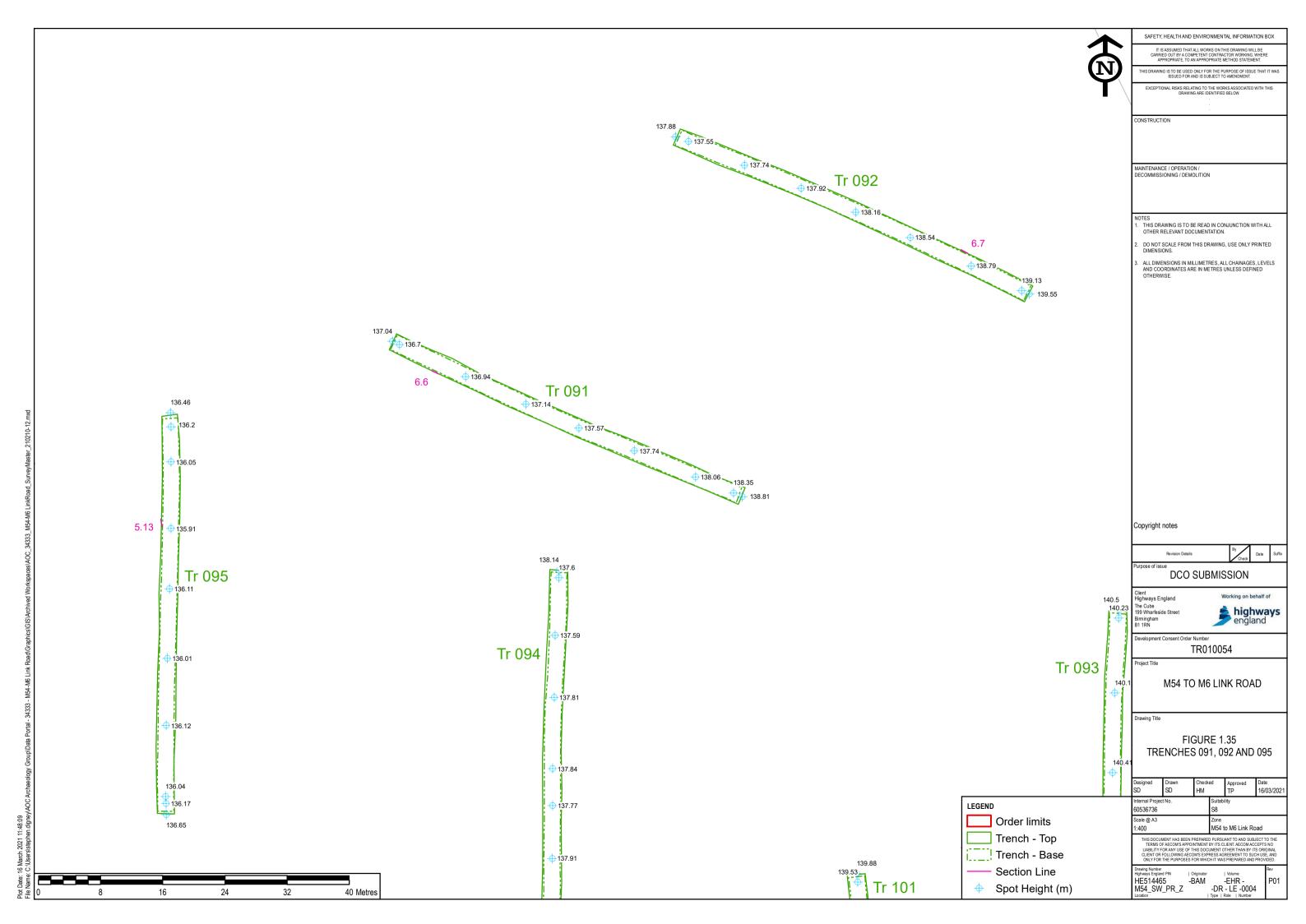


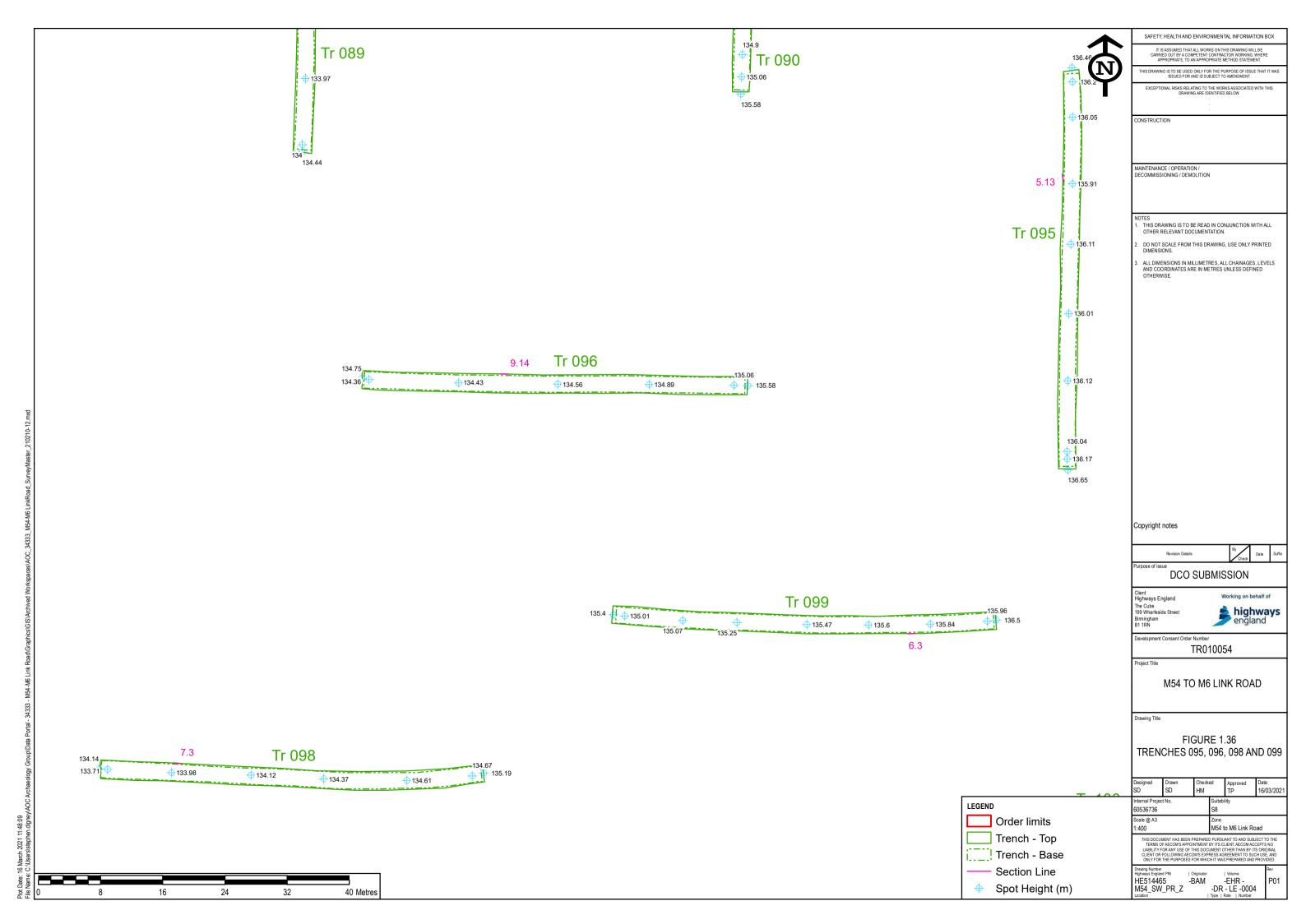


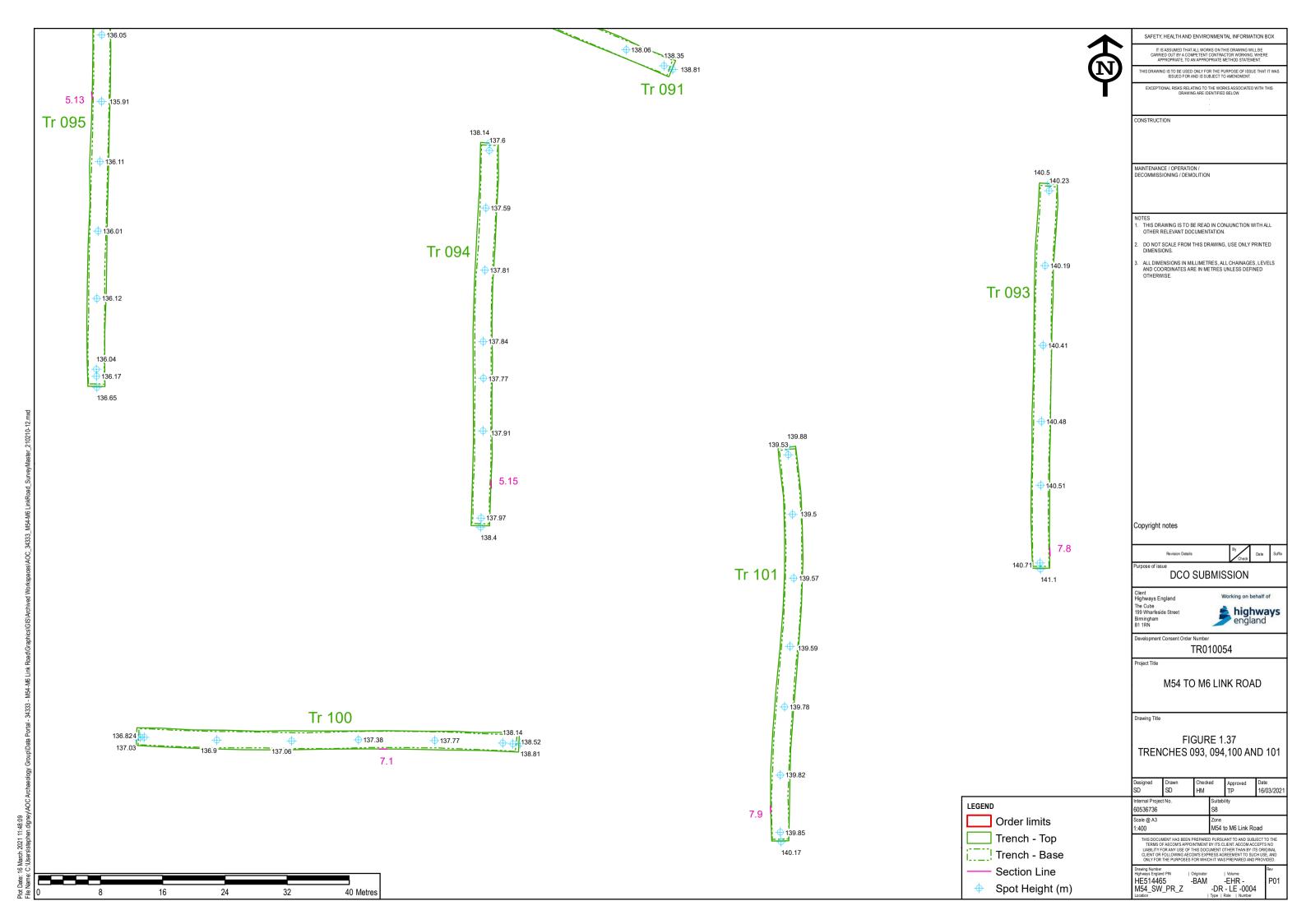


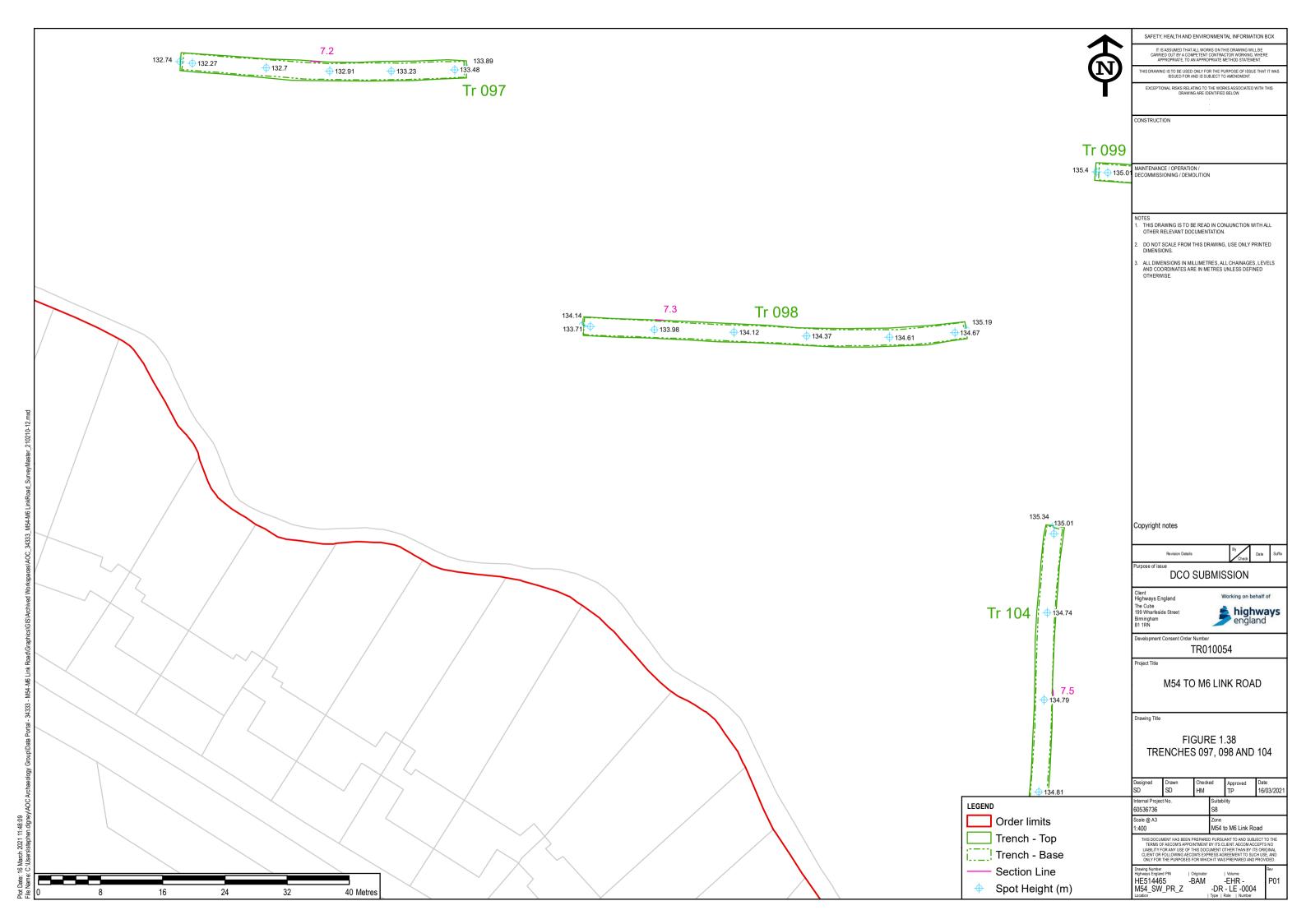


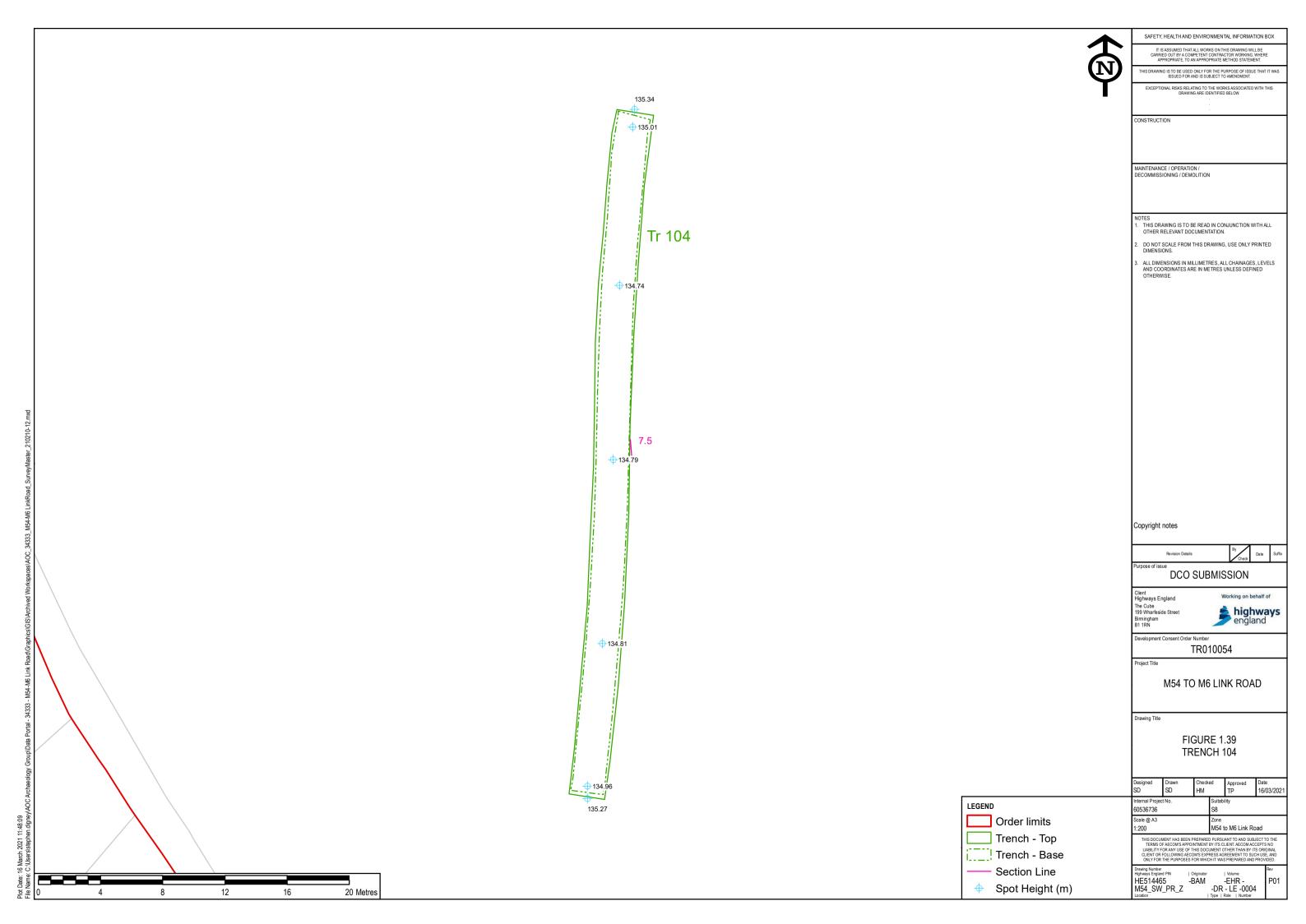


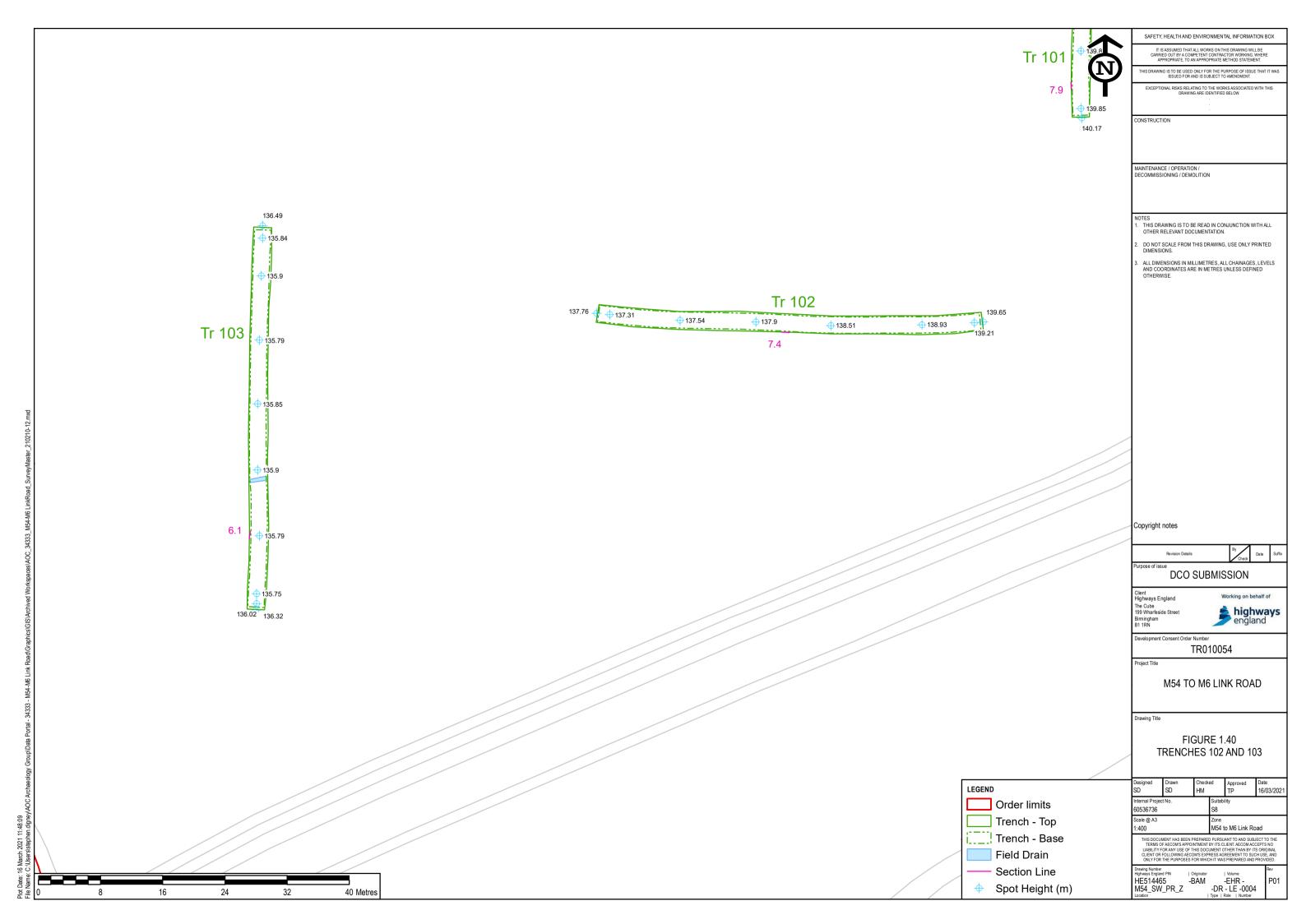


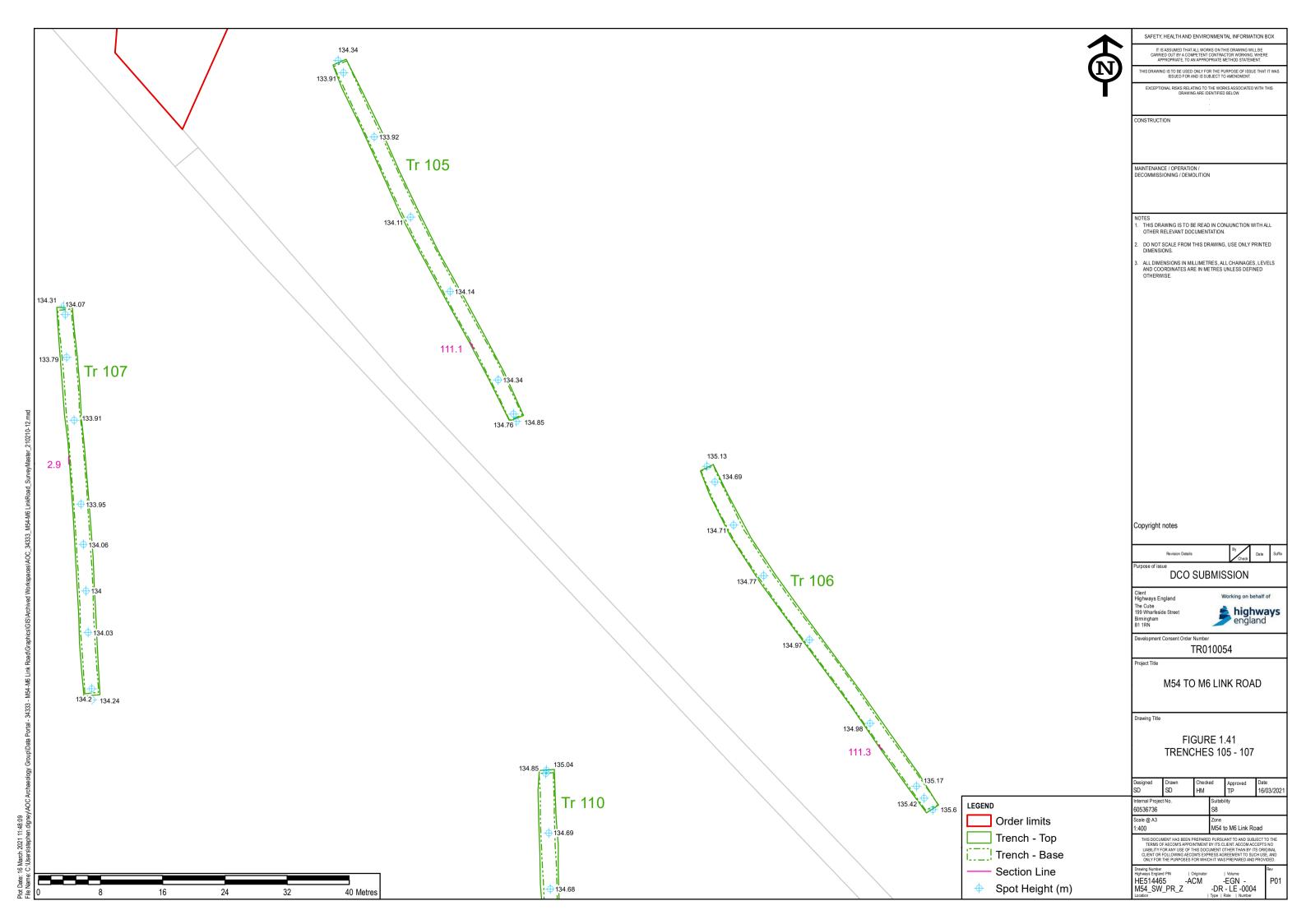


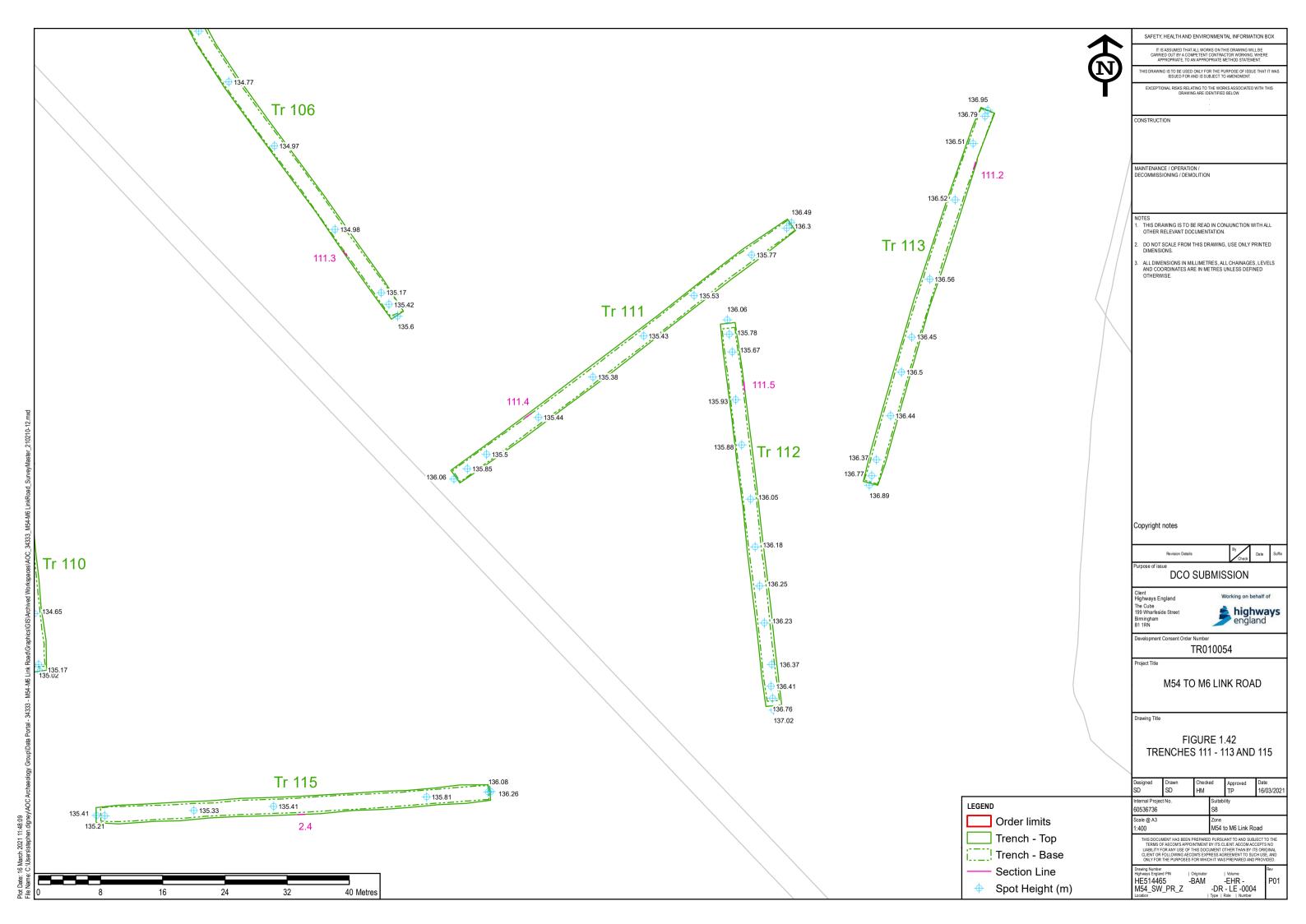


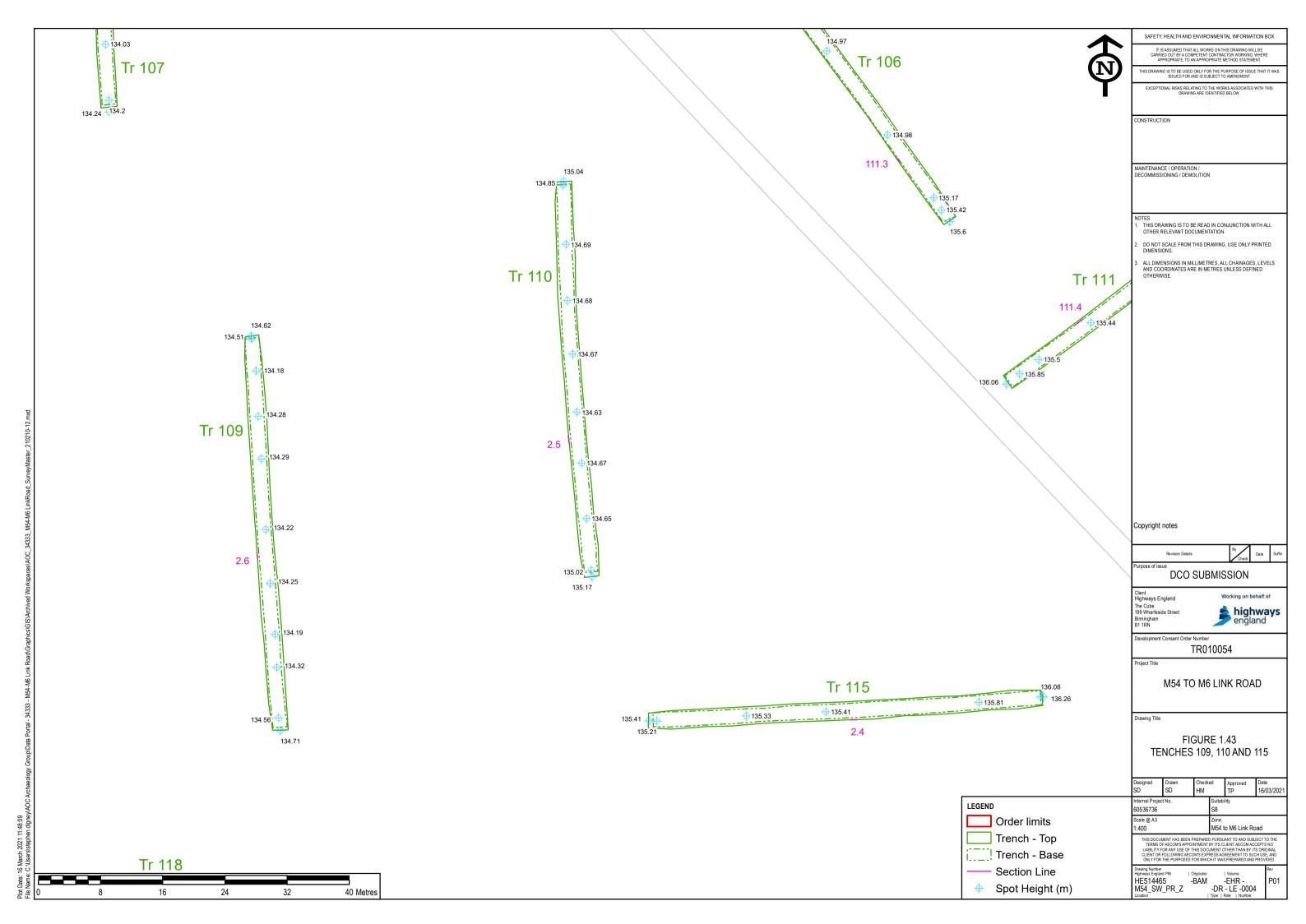


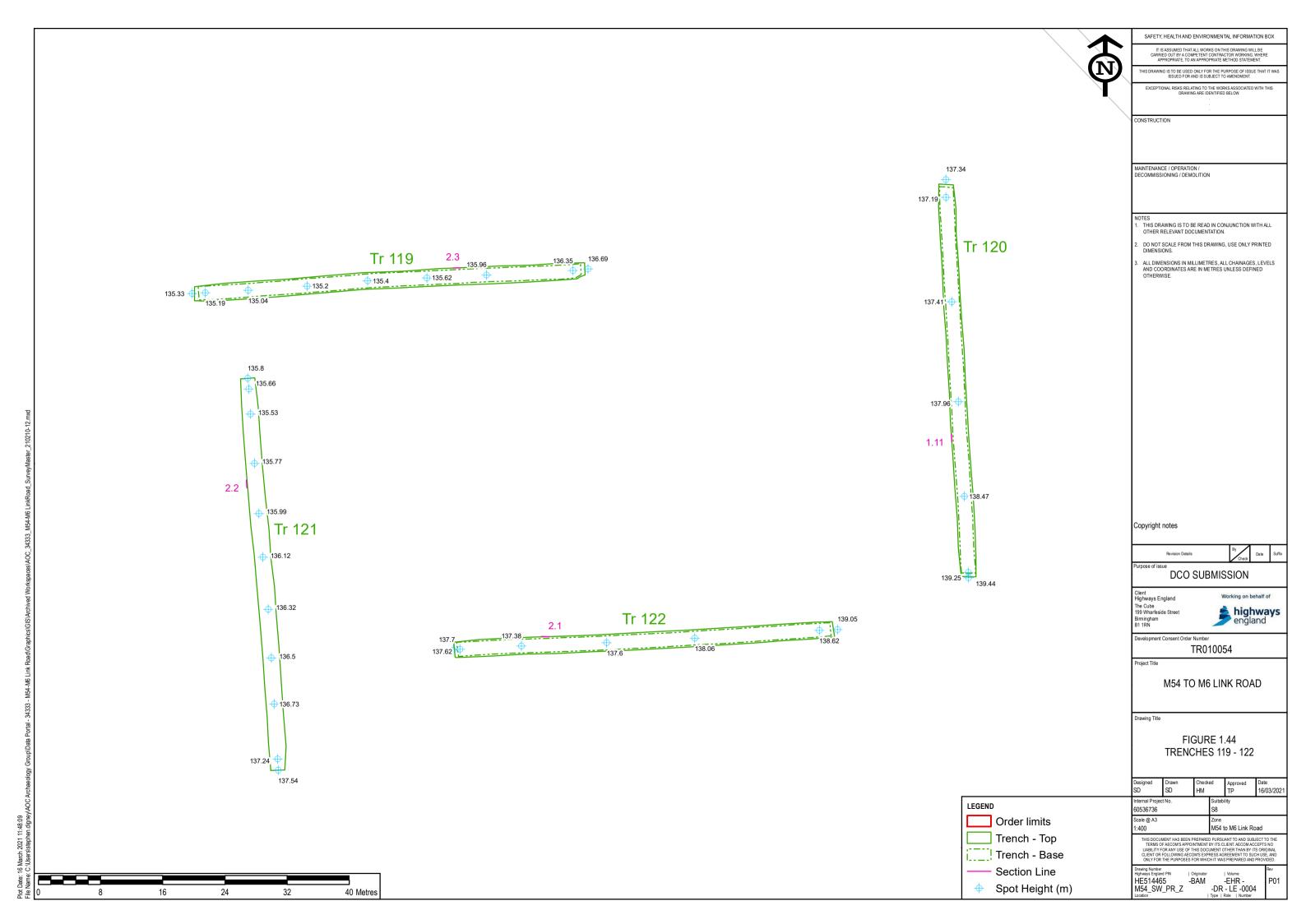


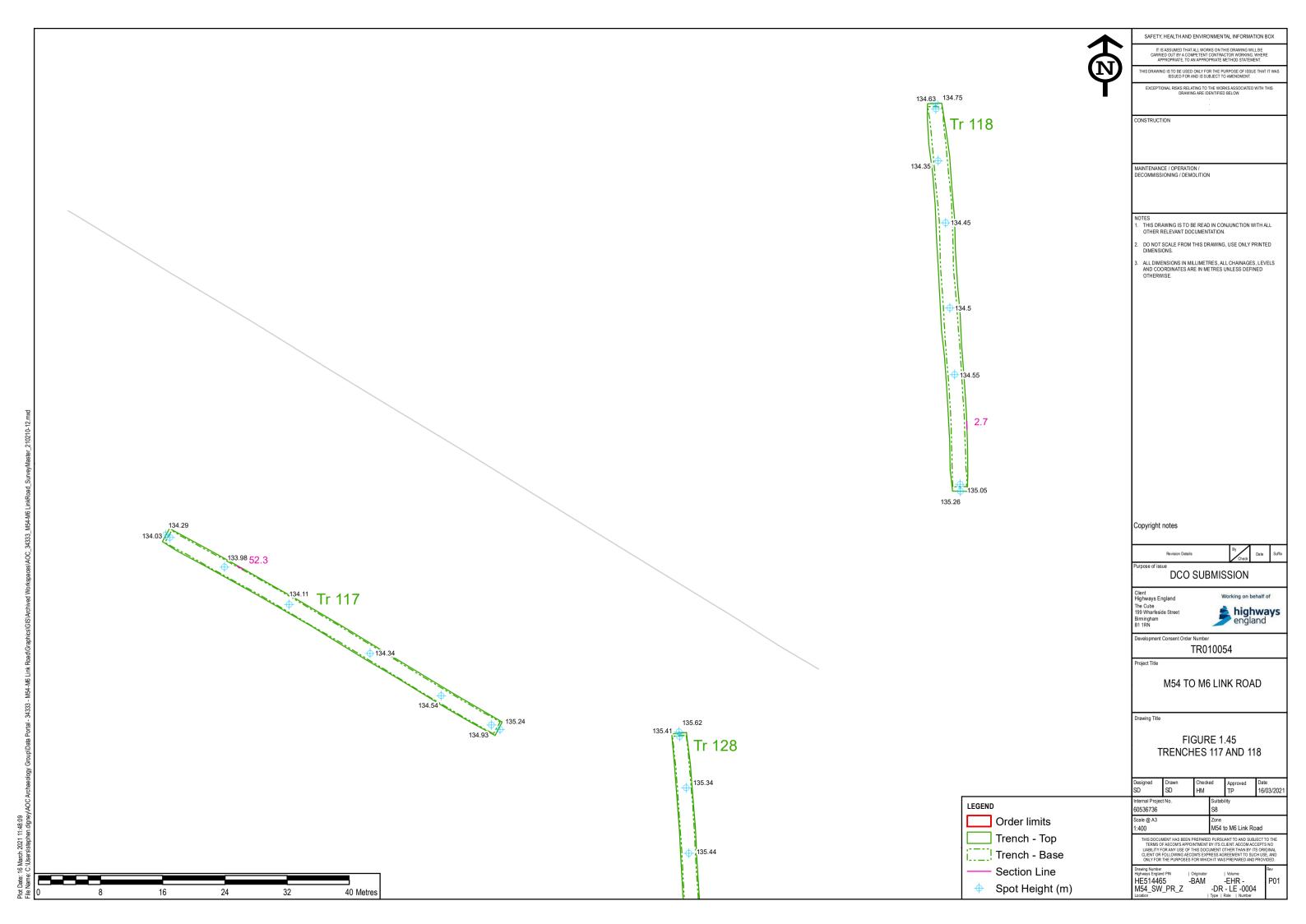


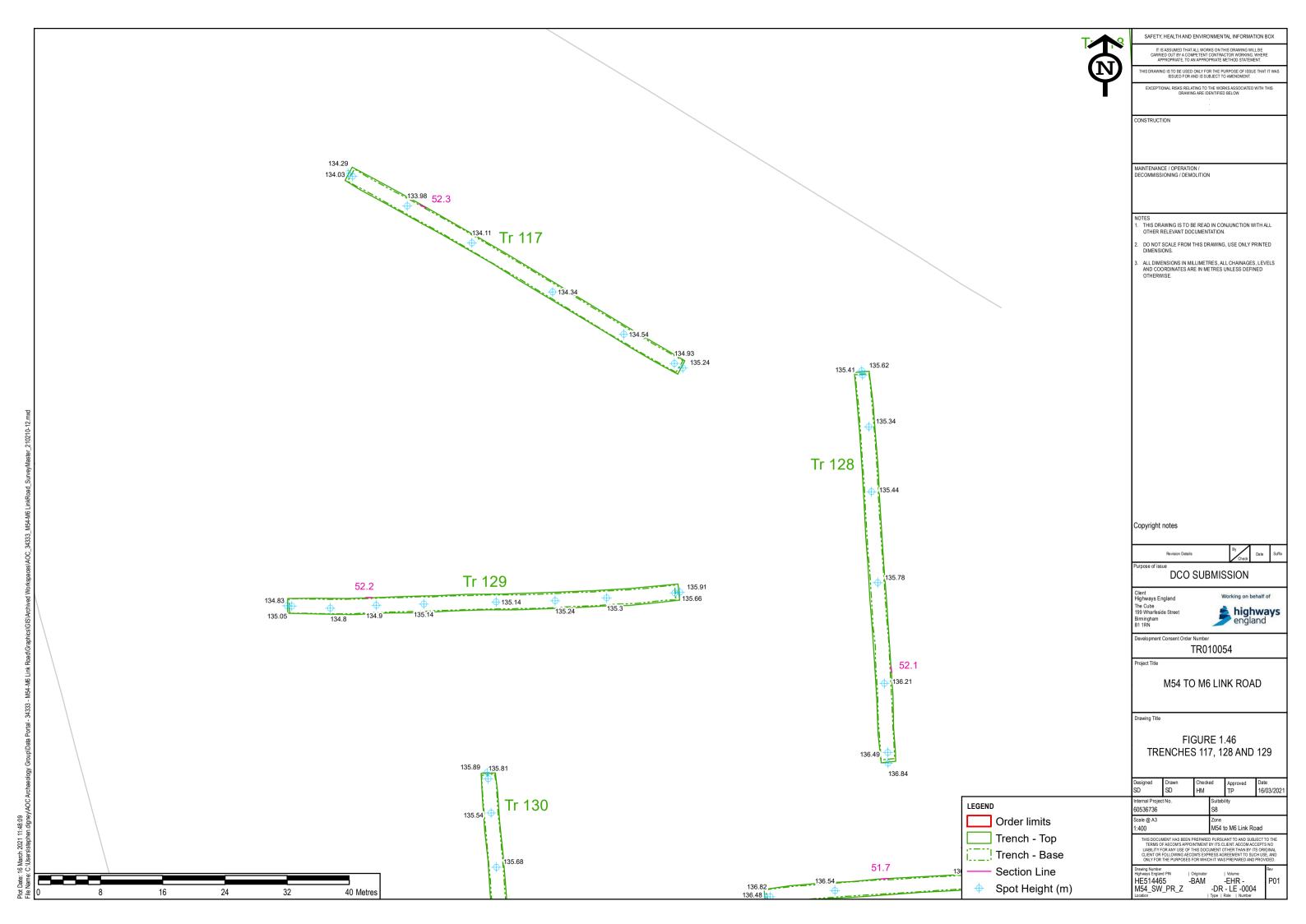


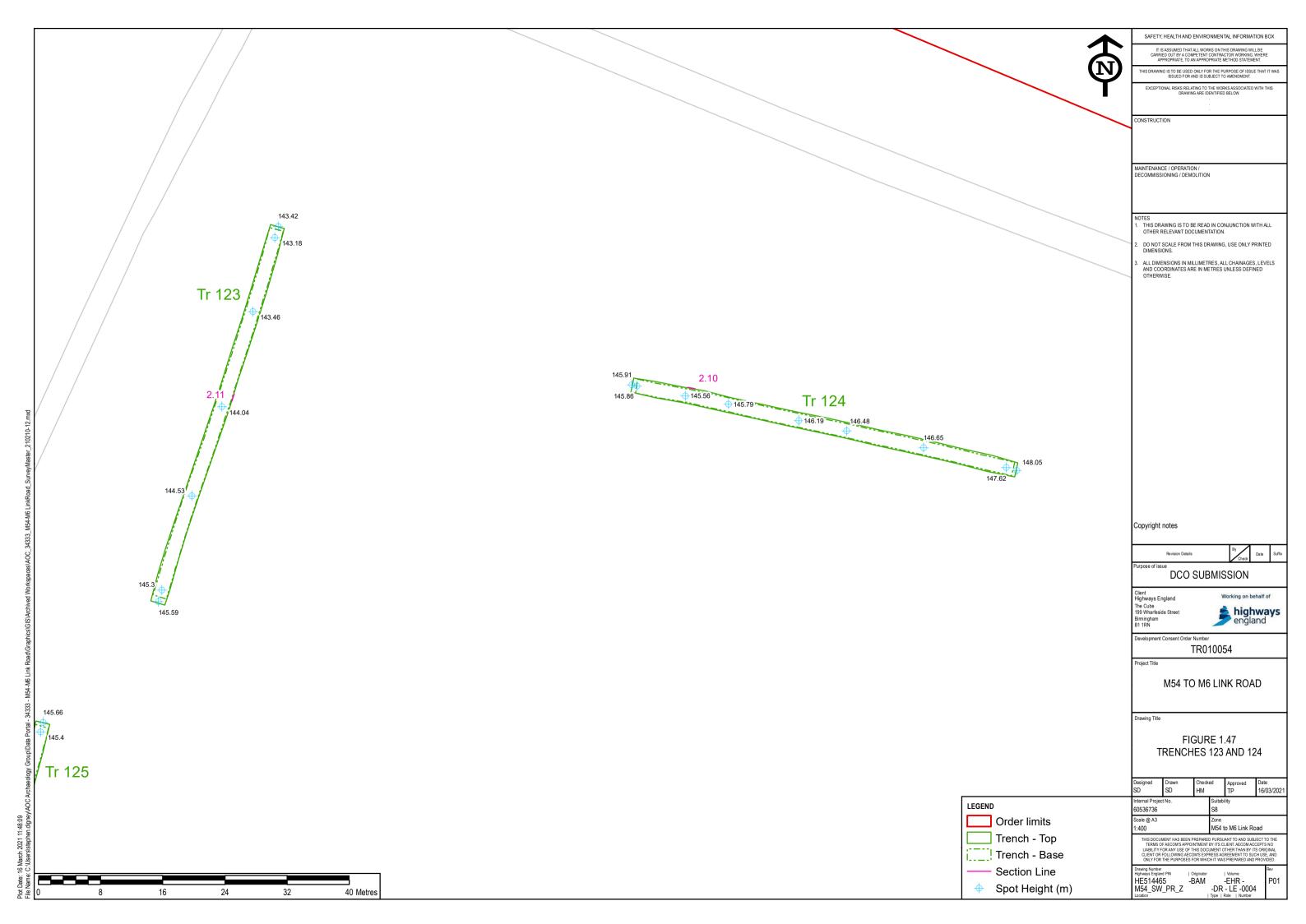


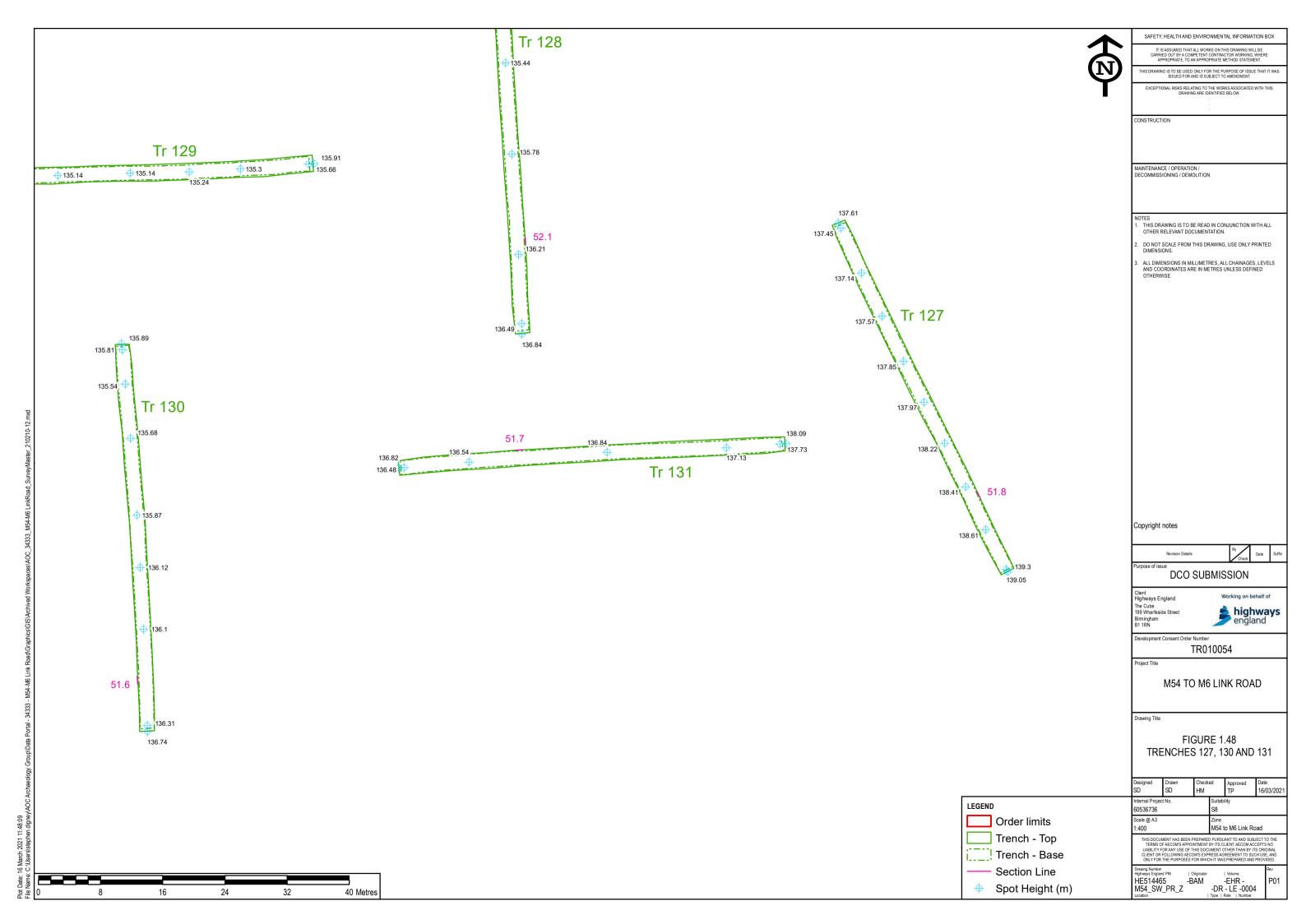


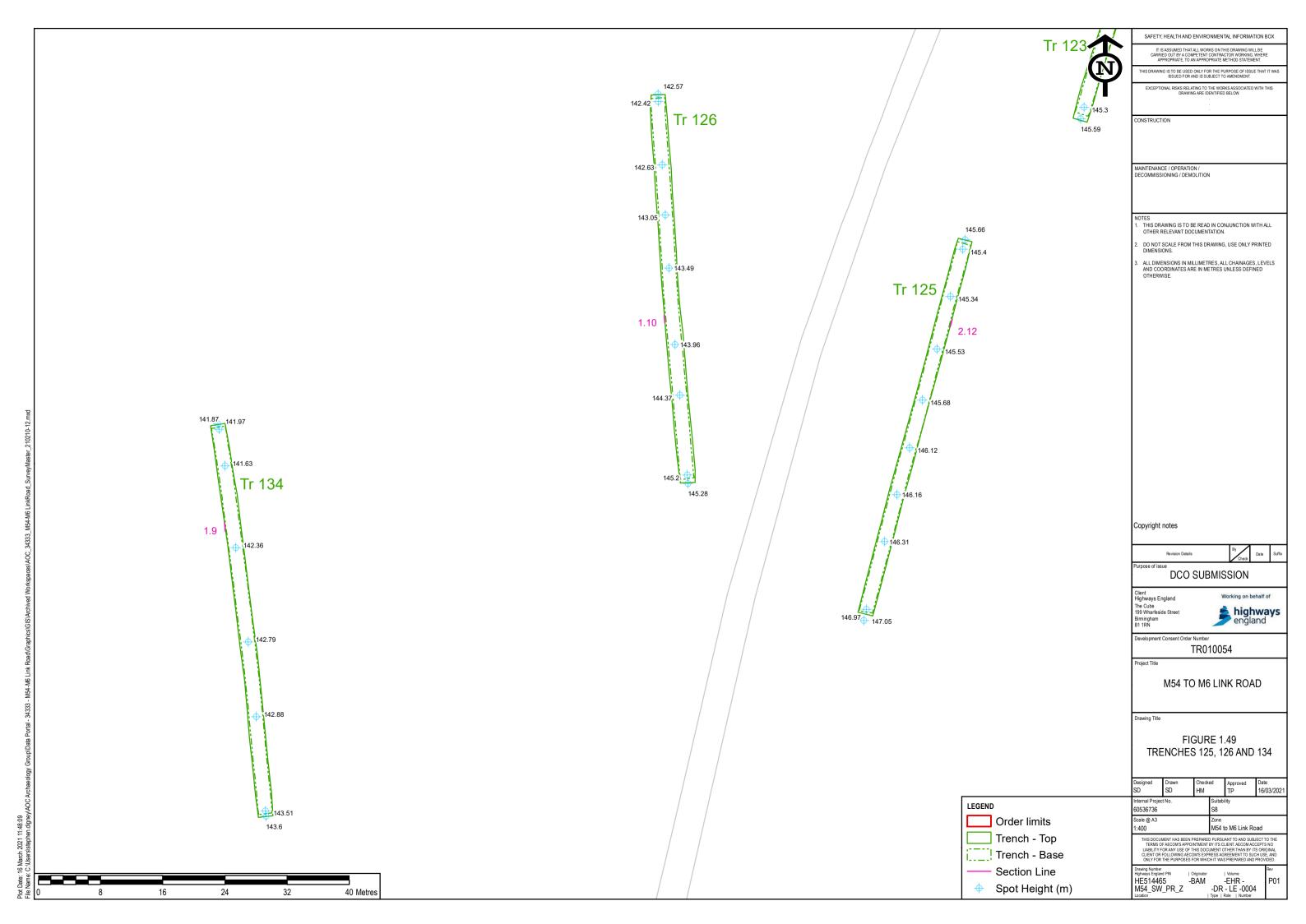


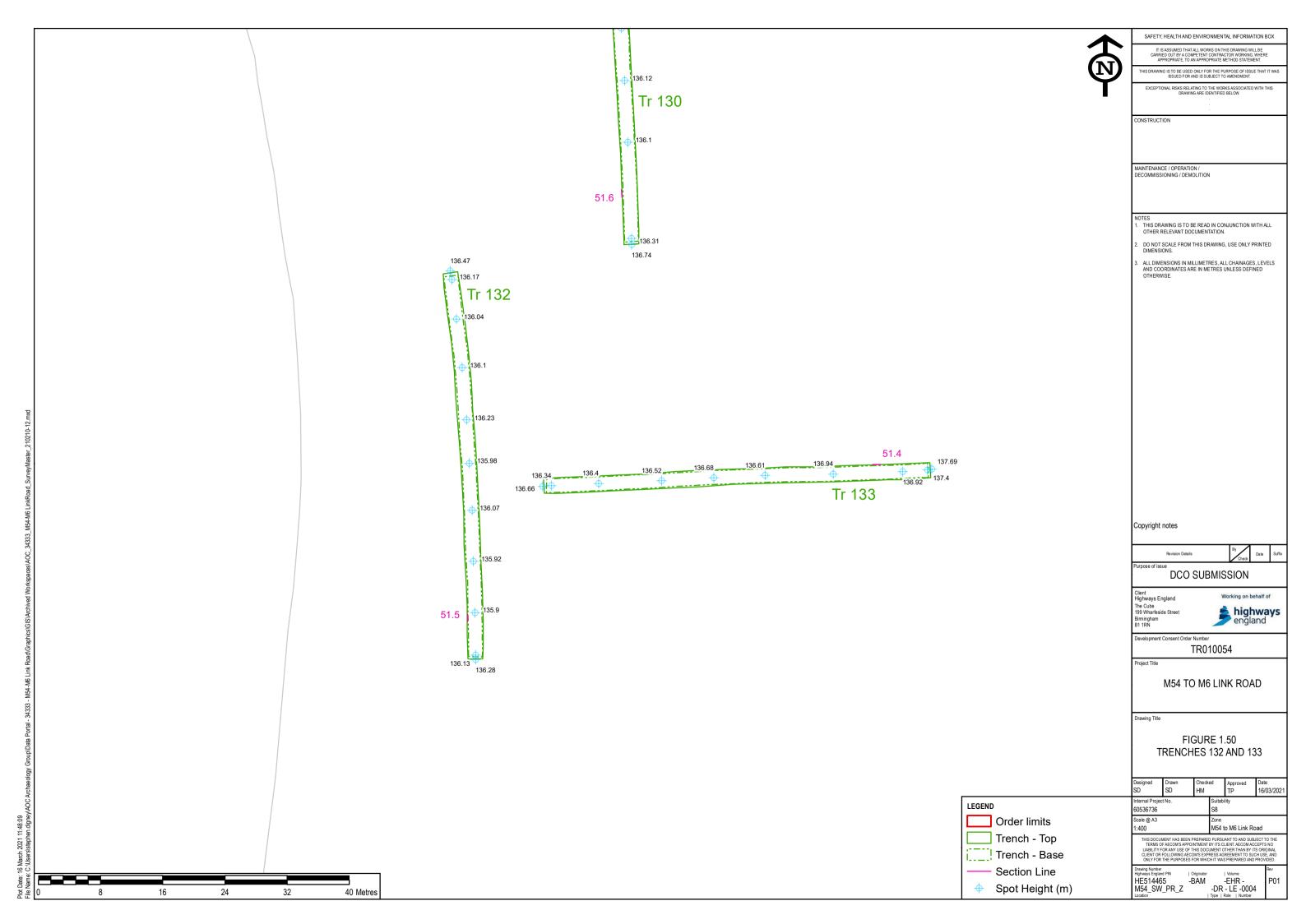


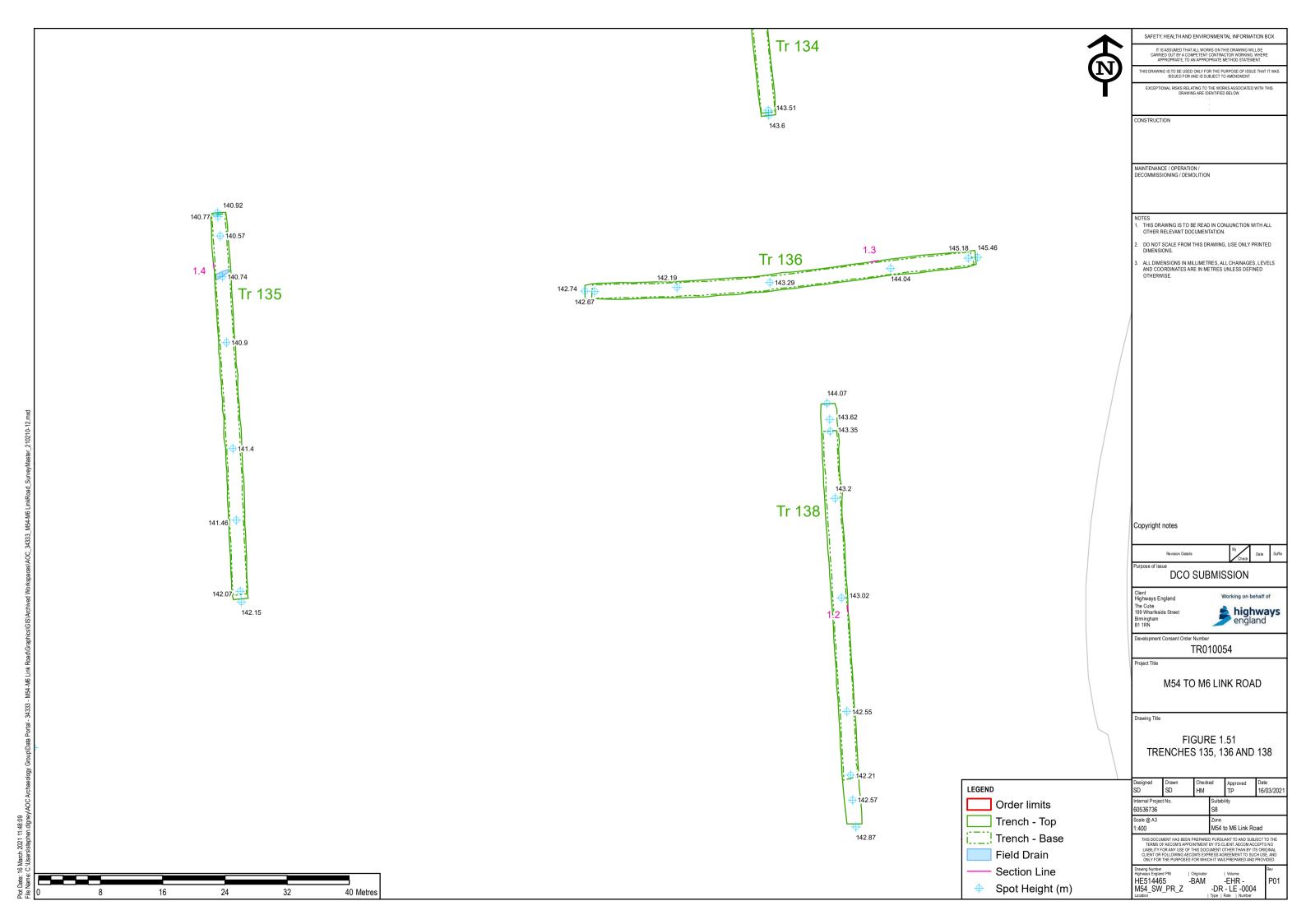


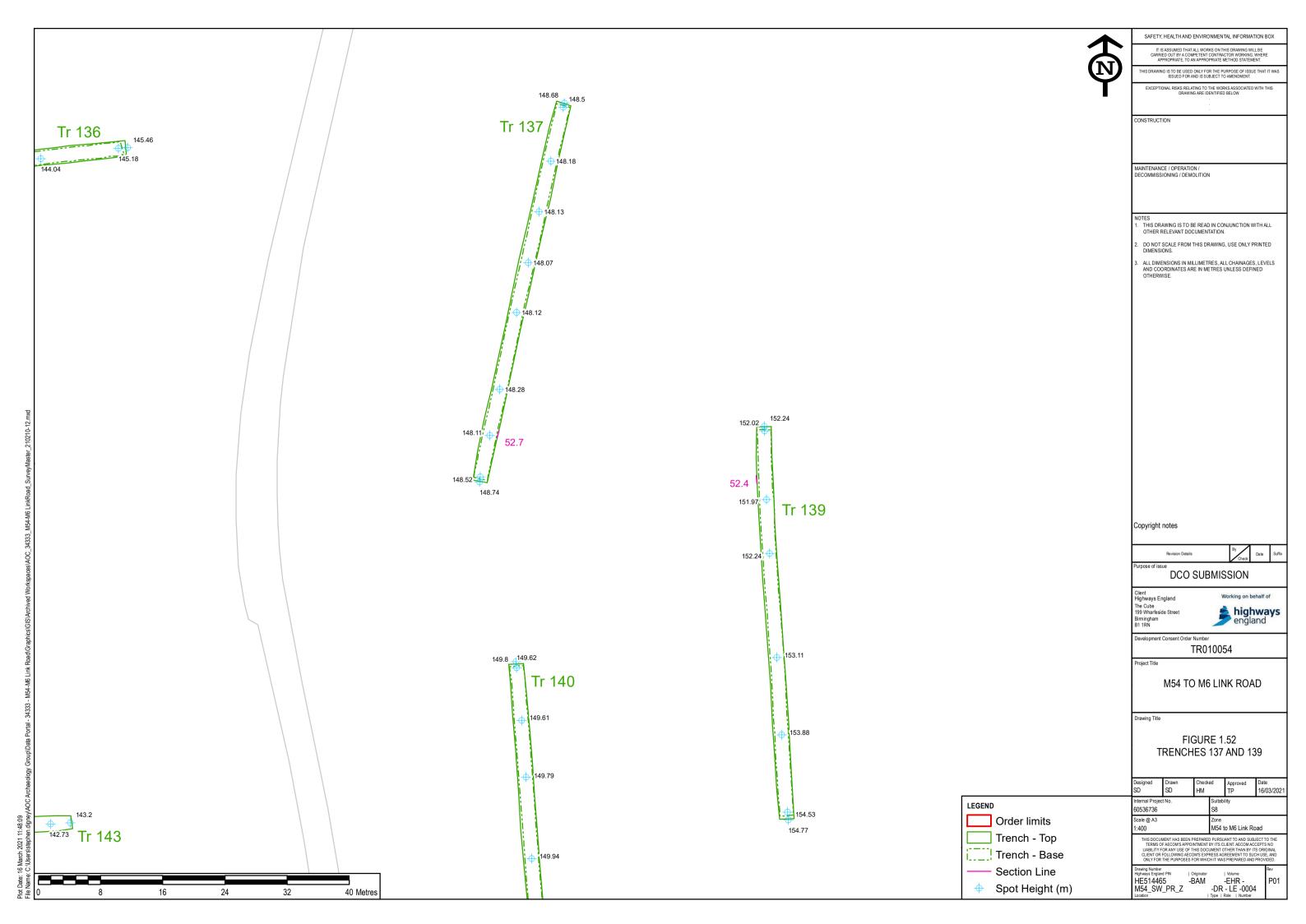




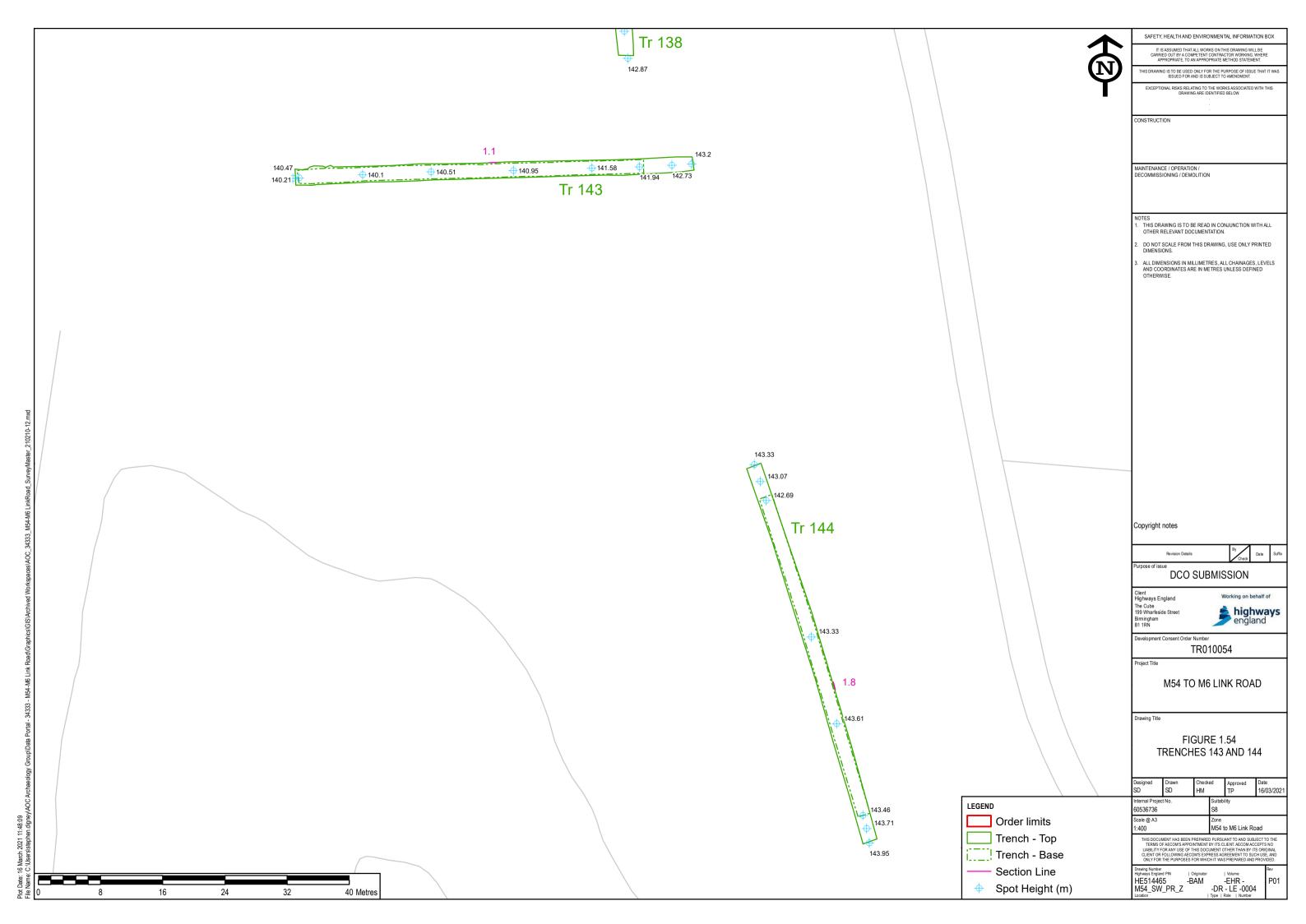


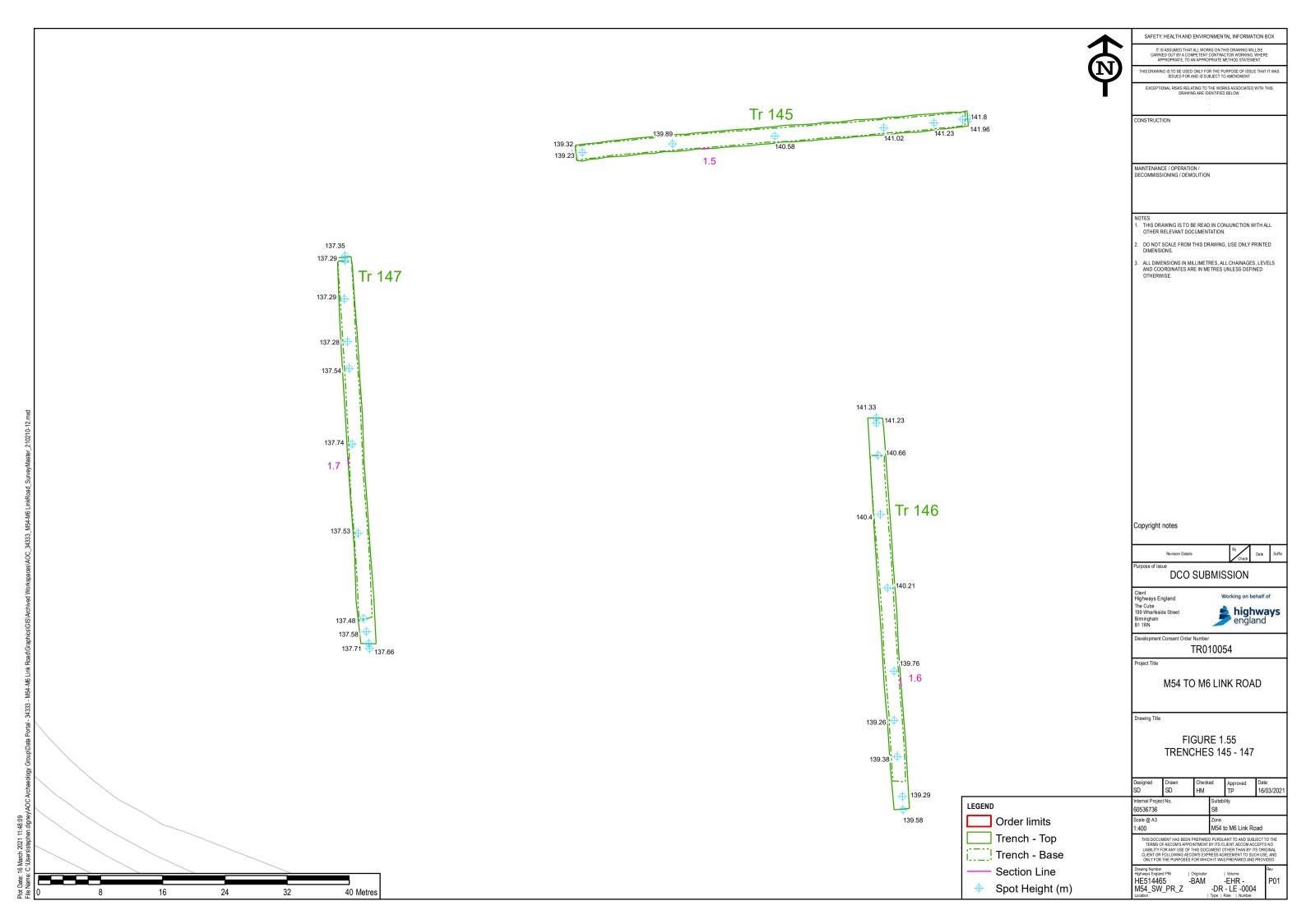


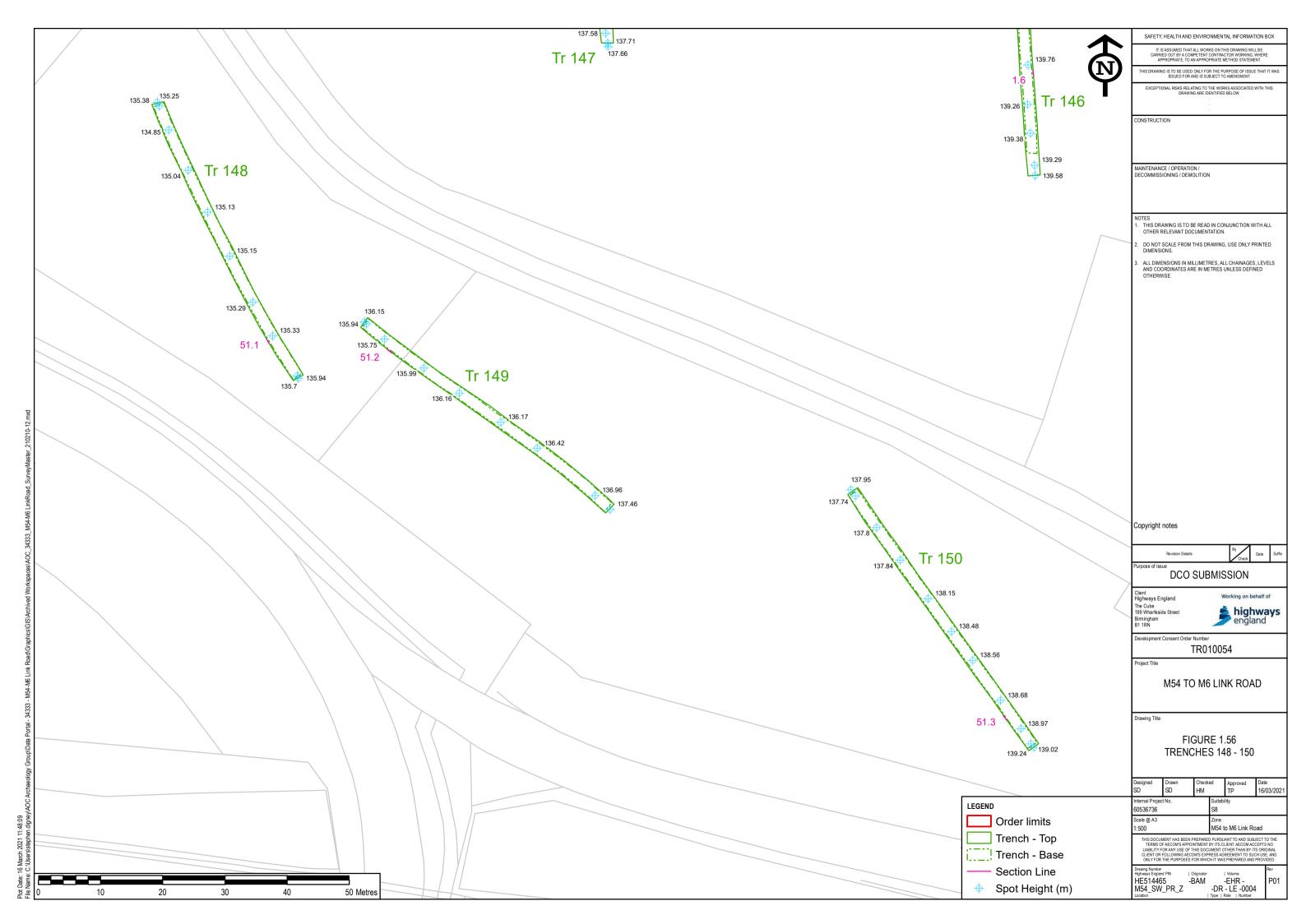


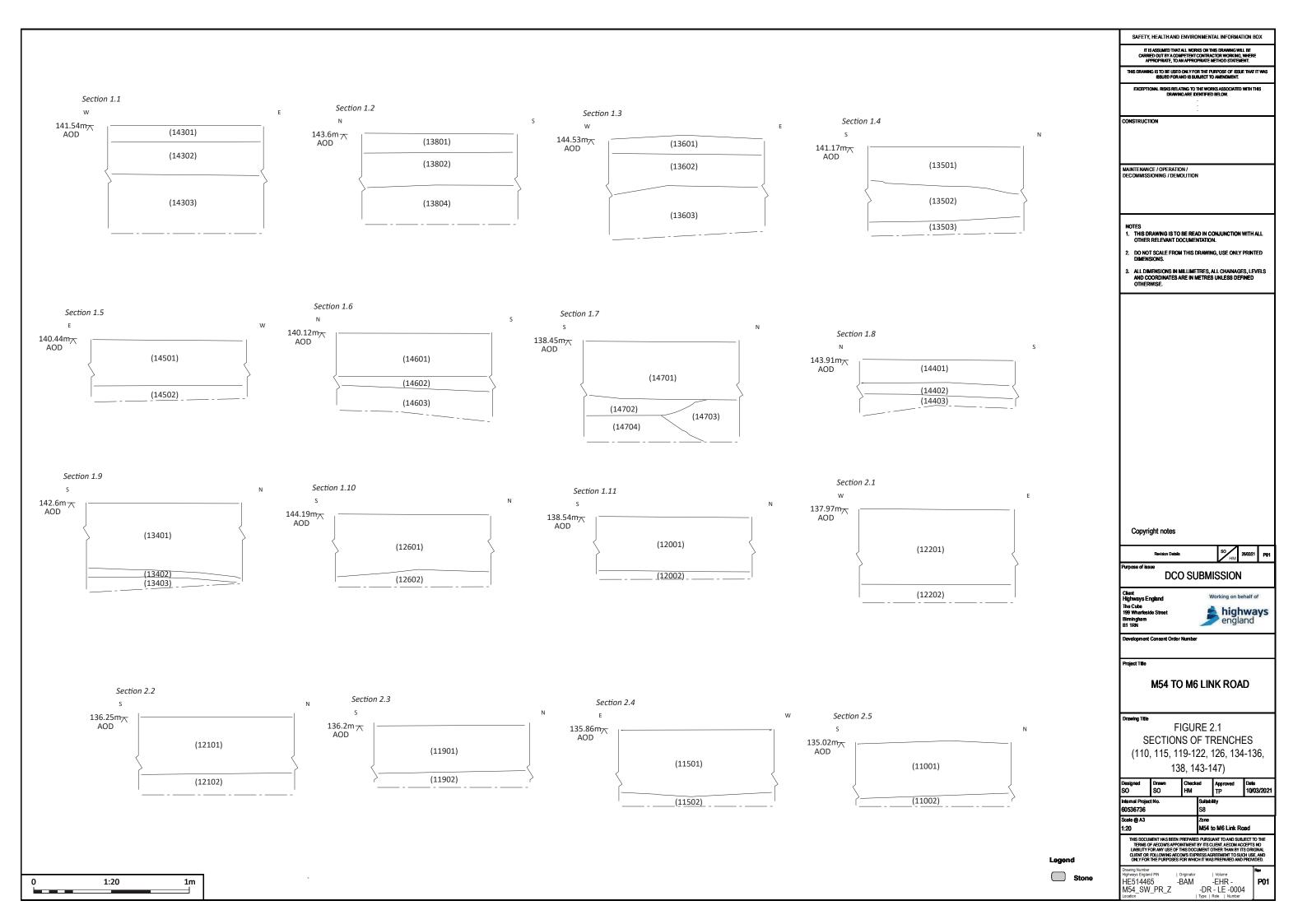


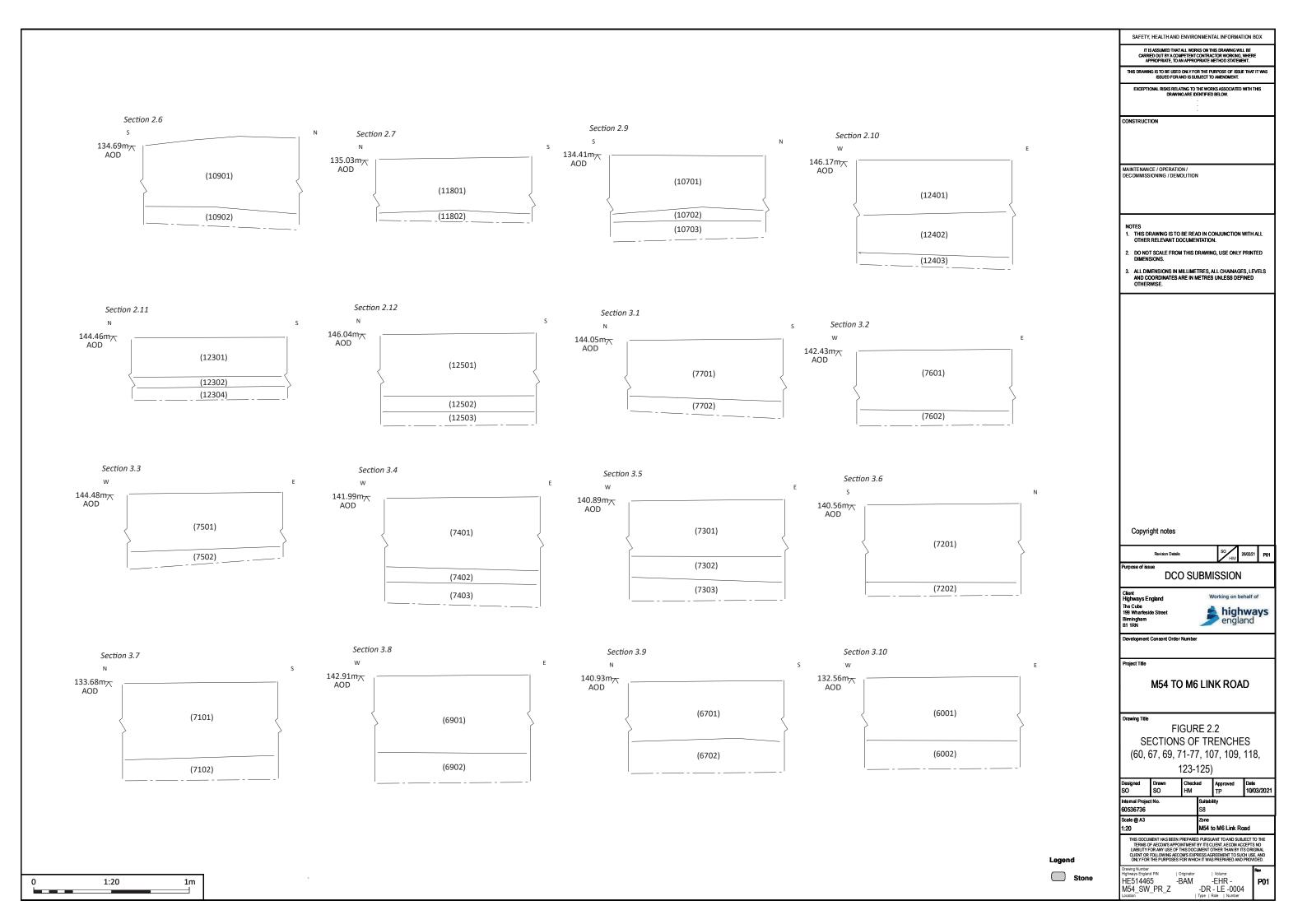


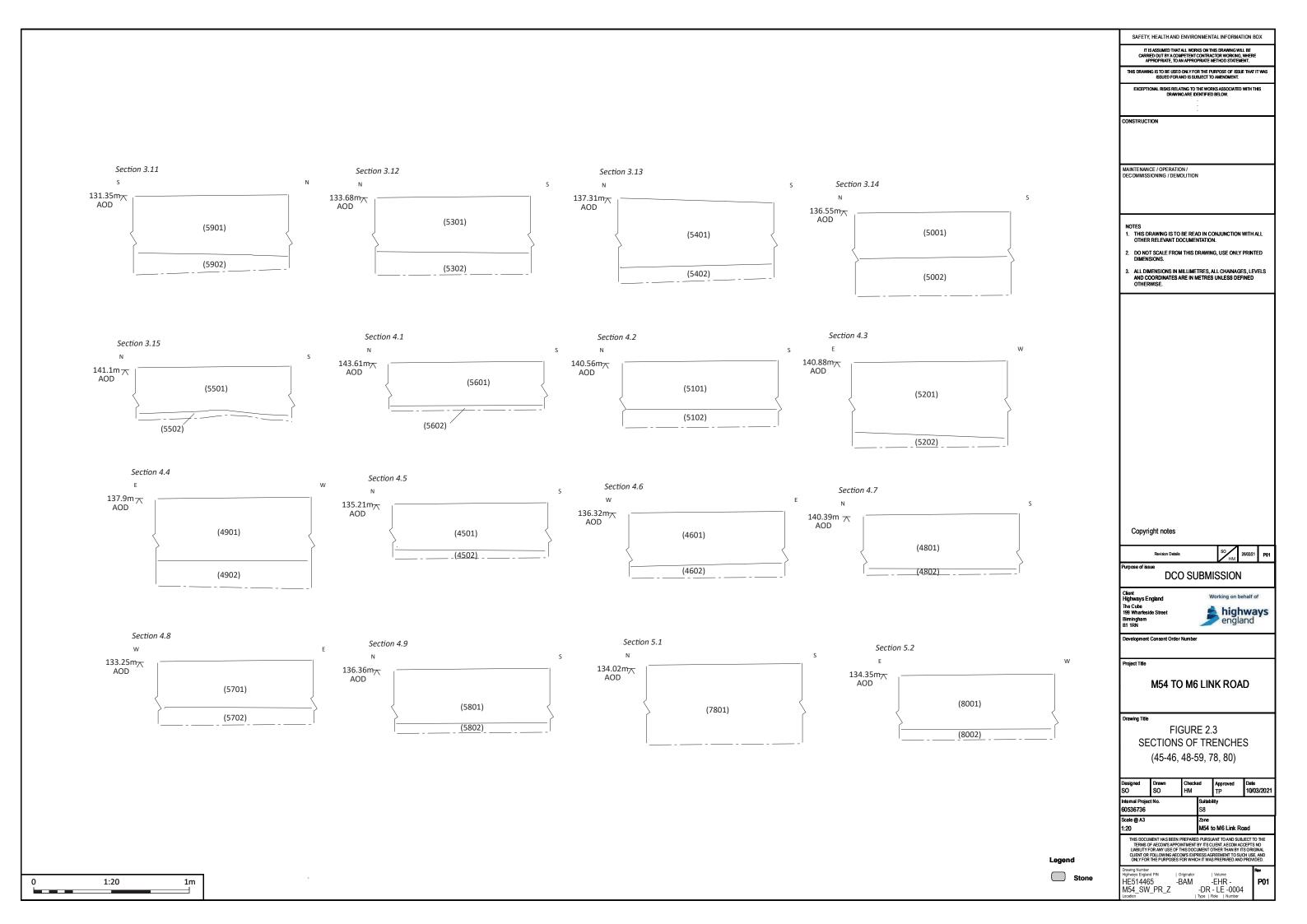


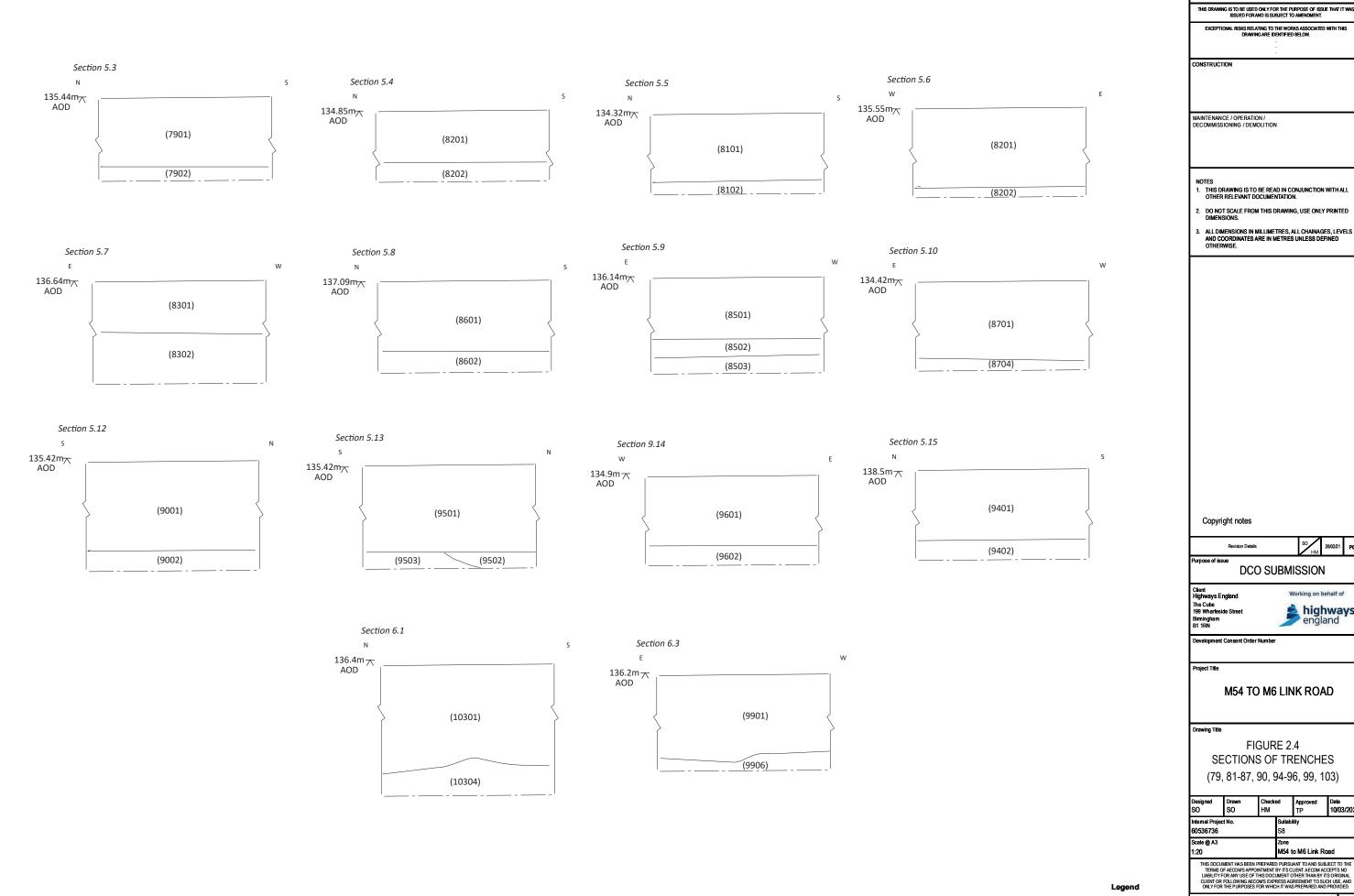












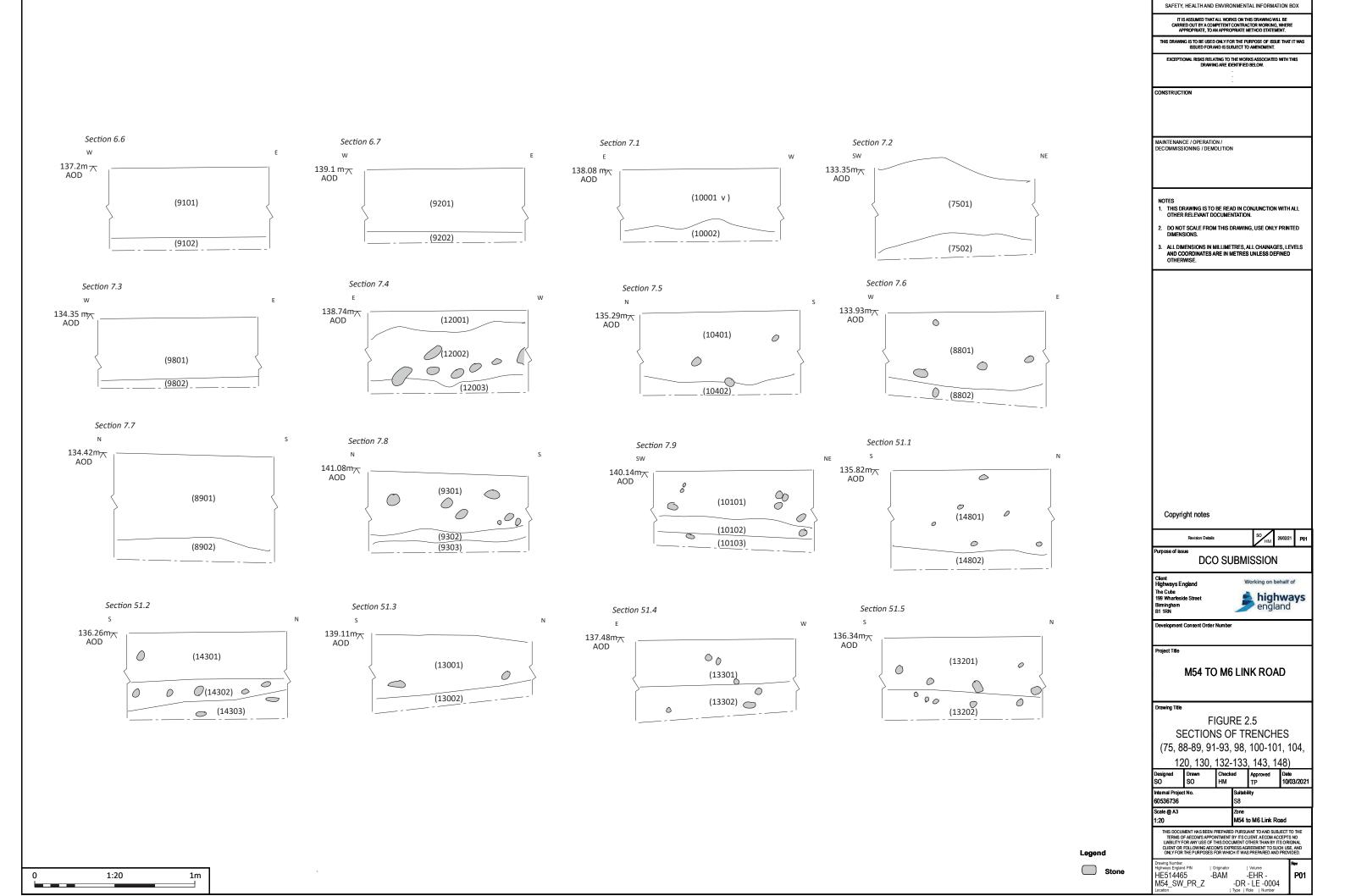
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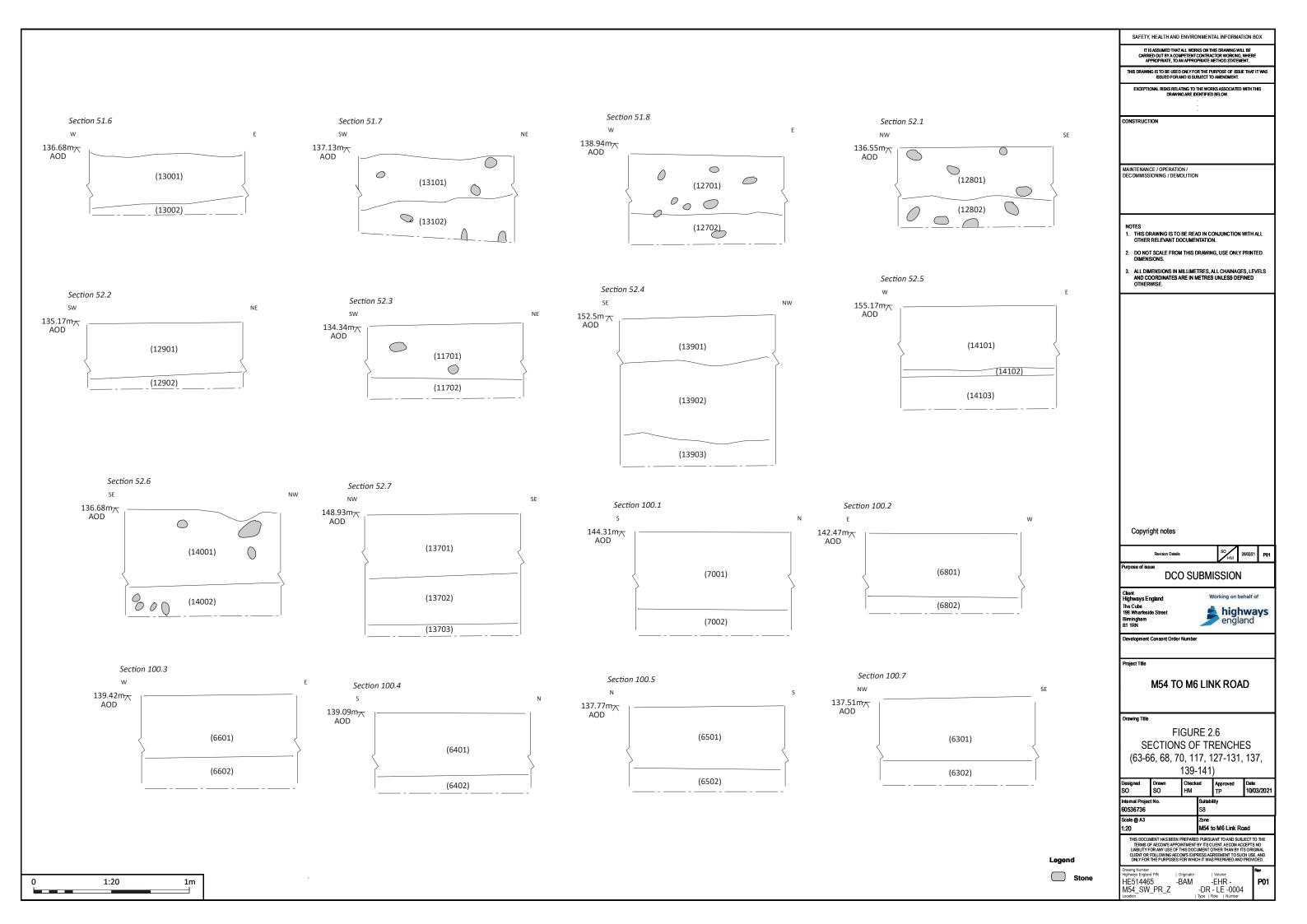
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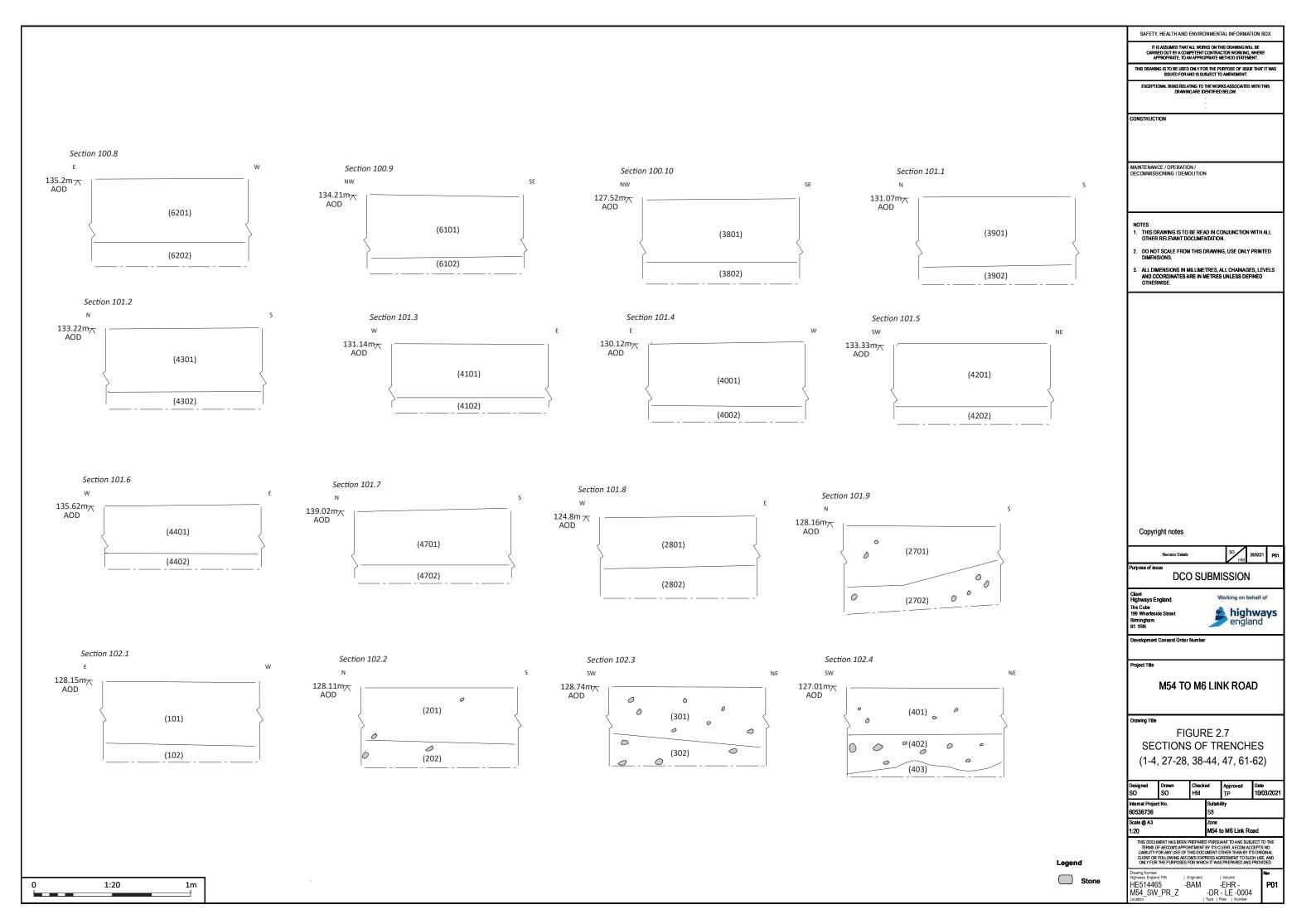
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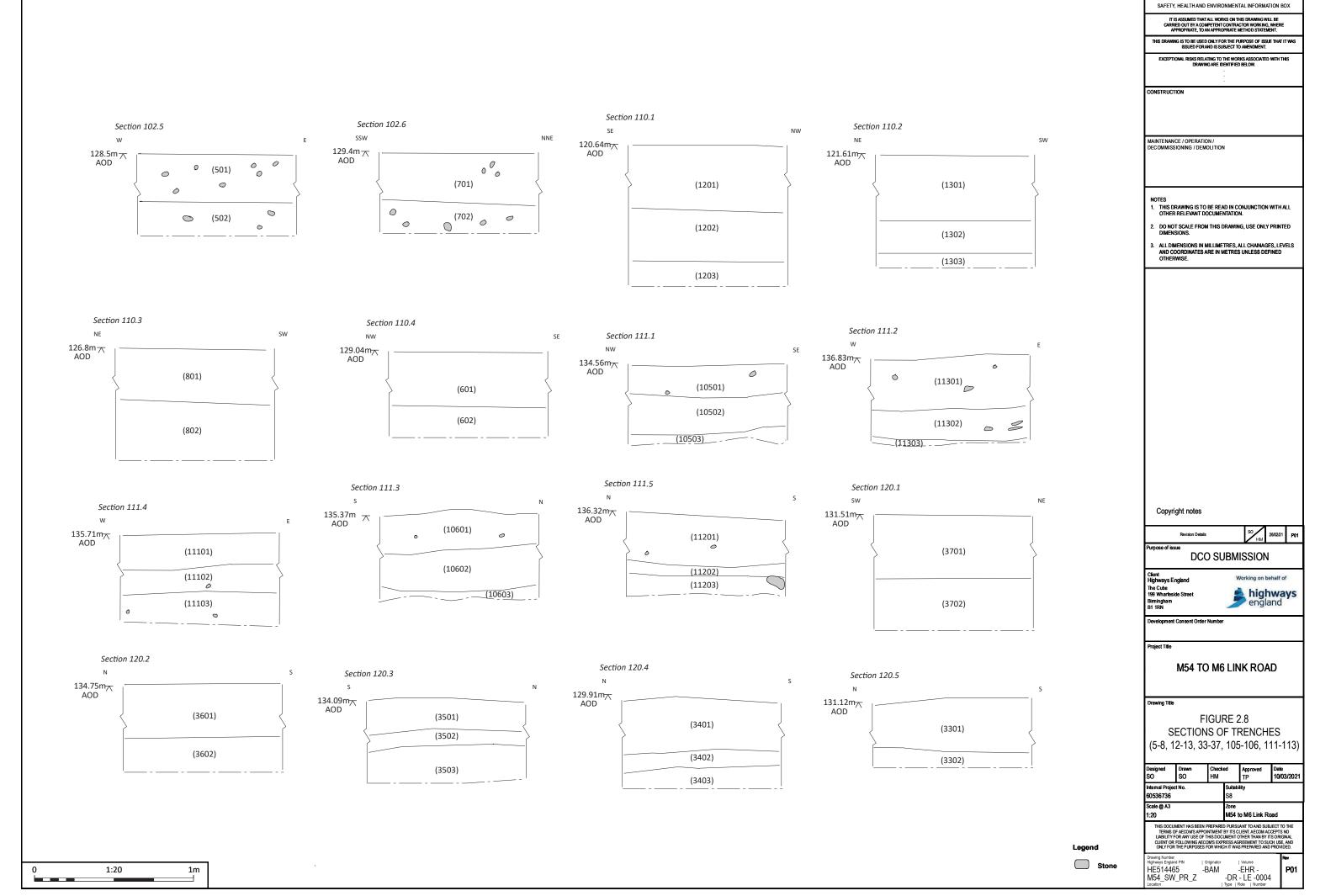
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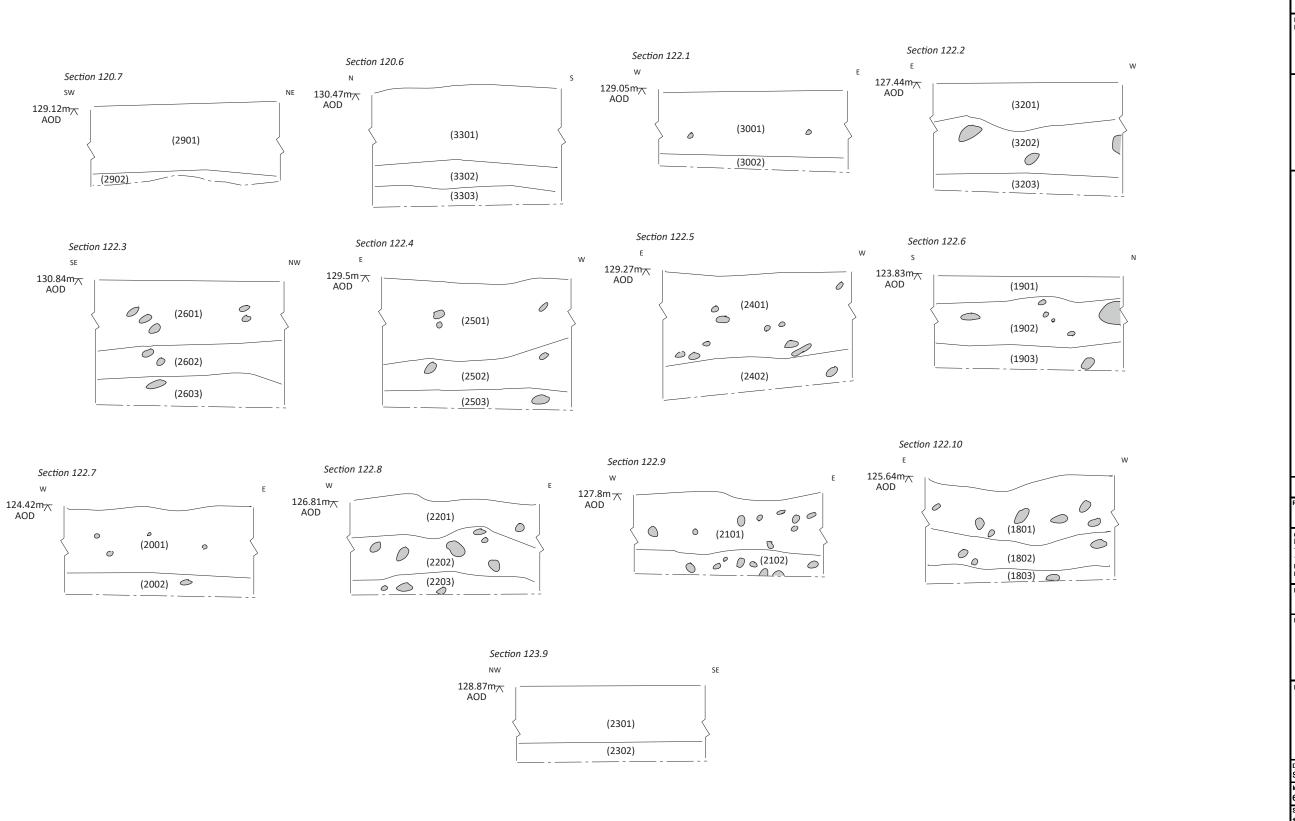
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M54 TO M6 LINK ROAD

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| Scale @ A3           |  | Zone                |            |            |
| 1:20                 |  | M54 to M6 Link Road |            |            |
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