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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Introduction

- 1.1 Roxhill (Junction 15) Limited (the Applicant), intends to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO). The DCO will authorise the Applicant to construct and operate a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI), which is a "nationally significant infrastructure project", as defined in the Planning Act 2008. It will therefore be the subject of an application to the Planning Inspectorate which will be determined by the Secretary of State for Transport.
- 1.2 The SRFI site is proposed on land to the west of the M1 motorway and to the east of the Northampton Loop railway line. It comprises a total of approximately 247 ha (610 acres) including the works associated with Junction 15.
- 1.3 A detailed description of the SRFI development is found at Chapter 2 of the Environmental Statement. The proposals include significant improvements to the existing A508 corridor.
- 1.4 The report is based on the following information:
 - Design standards listed in Chapter 2 below
 - Topographical survey information prepared by Greenhatch
 - OS mapping, aerial photos and Google Streetview
 - Various site visit carried out during 2016 and 2017

Purpose

- 1.5 The purpose of this report is to record the strategy for the geometric design for the A508 route upgrade. Hence this report is termed the Design Strategy Record (DSR). It has been prepared in general accordance with the principles for a DSR as set out in IAN198/17 and covers all of the A508 route upgrade works.
- 1.6 For each aspect of geometric design this report will describe the proposed geometry. Where relaxations or departures from standard are required, these will be highlighted and a justification provided.
- 1.7 This report does not include analysis of the trunk road and motorway highway works, these are covered in a separate report.

Overview of the Scheme

1.8 The purpose of the A508 route upgrade is to provide sufficient capacity to facilitate the development of the SRFI. The A508 route upgrade would consist of the following:

- SRFI access and dualling from the access to M1 J15
- A508 Blisworth Road (Courteenhall) junction improvement
- A508 Roade Bypass
- A508 Rookery Lane / Ashton Road junction improvement
- A508 Pury Road junction improvement
- Knock Lane / Blisworth Road (Roade) improvements (not on the A508 but linked to the A508 works due to changes in traffic flows)
- A508 Grafton Regis bus stop crossing and Church Lane junction improvement

1.9 The drawings listed below show the scheme layouts.

1.10 In addition a number of environmental weight restrictions are proposed on minor roads east and west of the A508. The purpose of these is to reduce the impact of HGVs in villages along the A508 corridor. These are shown on the Traffic Regulation Plan included with the Development Consent Order (DCO).

Traffic flows

1.11 The traffic data presented in this report is based on the 2031 Mitigation Case model which includes all of the committed development up to 2031, the SRFI and all of the highway works. Further details on modelling are found in the Transport Assessment.

List of Drawings

| Section of Scheme | Highway Plan: General Arrangement | Highway Plan: Long Section | Highway Plan: Cross Section | General Arrangement larger scale sketch See Appendix A |
|---|--|-------------------------------|--|---|
| A508 dualling and SRFI access roundabout | NGW-BWB-HGN-02-DR-C-102-S3-P9 & NGW-BWB-HGN-03-DR-C-103-S3-P9 | NGW-BWB-HGN-02-DR-C-142-S3-P6 | NGW-BWB-HGN-02-DR-C-132-S3-P5 | NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK11-S3-P5 & NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK02-S3-P13 |
| A508 Blisworth Road Junction improvement | NGW-BWB-HGN-03-DR-C-103-S3-P9 | NGW-BWB-HGN-04-DR-C-144-S3-P4 | NGW-BWB-HGN-04-DR-C-134-S3-P6 | NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK23-S3-P6 |
| A508 Roade bypass | NGW-BWB-HGN-04-DR-C-104-S3-P9 & NGW-BWB-HGN-05-DR-C-105-S3-P8 | NGW-BWB-HGN-03-DR-C-143-S3-P5 | NGW-BWB-HGN-02-DR-C-132-S3-P5 & NGW-BWB-HGN-02-DR-C-133-S3-P5 | - |
| A508 Rookery Lane / Ashton Road Junction improvement | NGW-BWB-HGN-05-DR-C-105-S3-P8 | NGW-BWB-HGN-06-DR-C-146-S3-P3 | NGW-BWB-HGN-05-DR-C-135-S3-P4 | NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK19-S3-P5 |
| A508 Pury Road Junction improvement | NGW-BWB-HGN-06-DR-C-106-S3-P9 | n/a | n/a | NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK17-S3-P3 |

| Section of Scheme | Highway Plan: General Arrangement | Highway Plan: Long Section | Highway Plan: Cross Section | General Arrangement larger scale sketch See Appendix A |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| A508 Grafton Regis | NGW-BWB-HGN-06-DR-C-106-S3-P9 | n/a | n/a | NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK32-S3-P3 |
| Knock Lane / Blisworth Road | NGW-BWB-HGN-06-DR-C-106-S3-P9 | NGW-BWB-HGN-04-DR-C-144-S3-P4 | NGW-BWB-HGN-05-DR-C-135-S3-P4 | NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK29-S3-P4 |

1.12 The Highway Plans are found within the formal documentation associated with the Development Consent Order application.

1.13 The following vehicle tracking drawings are found at **Appendix B**:

- NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK41-S3-P1 – Roade Bypass Vehicle Tracking
- NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK43-S3-P1 – SRFI Access Vehicle Tracking

1.14 Drawing NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK42-S3-P1 – Departure location plan, is found at **Appendix C**.

2.0 GEOMETRIC DESIGN STANDARDS

Existing situation

- 2.1 The A508 south of M1 J15 is a principal road and primary route, predominantly a single carriageway of varying standard, connecting with the A5 north of Milton Keynes and Old Stratford.
- 2.2 North and south of Roade the existing A508 is subject to a 50mph speed limit due to the presence of a number of tight bends and substandard junctions. There are a number of speed cameras to improve compliance due to a number of accident locations.
- 2.3 The A508 passes through Roade village where it is currently subject to a 30mph speed limit. The road widths over the existing rail bridge makes it difficult for HGVs to pass when traveling in opposite directions.

Standards used

- 2.4 Unless stated otherwise the A508 route upgrade will be designed in accordance with the following Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) standards:
 - TA46/97 "Traffic flow ranges for use in the assessment of new rural roads"
 - TA91/05 "Provision for Non-motorised Users"
 - TD9/93 "Highway Link Design"
 - TD16/07 "Geometric Design of Roundabouts"
 - TD27/05 "Cross-Sections and Headrooms"
 - TD41/95 "Vehicular Access to All-Purpose Trunk Roads"
 - TD42/95 "Geometric Design of Major/Minor Priority Junctions"
 - TD50/04 "The Geometric Layout of Signal-Controlled Junctions and Signalised Roundabouts"
 - TD51/17 "Segregated Left Turn Lanes and Subsidiary Deflection Islands at Roundabouts"
 - TD69/07 "The Location and Layout of Lay-bys and Rest Areas"
 - IAN195/16 "Cycle traffic and the strategic road network"
 - IAN198/17 "Existing Dual Carriageway All-Purpose Trunk Road Network: Additional Requirements and Relaxations"
- 2.5 The scheme includes alterations to several rural lanes. It is not considered appropriate to design rural lanes in full accordance with the DMRB which is purposely written for trunk roads, although in many cases it is also used for major local roads hence why it is appropriate for the A508 itself.
- 2.6 However, there are no recognised design standards for rural lanes. By their very nature they are generally historical routes their purpose being to access local villages and surrounding land. It is therefore proposed to design the rural lanes in accordance with the following criteria:
 - A design speed of 70kph unless the carriageway width and visibility are sufficient to demonstrate that a greater design speed is considered appropriate
 - Transition curves are not mandatory, especially in locations where they could result in a driver misreading the tightness of a bend
 - Combinations of relaxations are not departures from standard
 - The carriageway width shall be the minimum of the following:

- Existing width
- 5.5m where there are forecast to be few HGVs
- 6.75m where there are forecast to be a greater number of HGVs
- Widening shall be provided at corners / junctions as dictated by swept path analysis
- Footways or shared use footways/cycleways shall be provided where local circumstances demonstrate that there would be a benefit to do so

2.7 It is proposed that urban single carriageways are designed in accordance with the principles of Manual for Streets rather than the DMRB.

Design Speed

2.8 The design speeds for each section of the scheme are given as follows.

| Road / Link Section | Road / Link Type | Design Speed (kph) | Derived from |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| A508 dualling and SRFI access roundabout | | | |
| A508 north of SRFI access roundabout | Urban dual carriageway | 85 | TD9/93 Table 3 for 50mph speed limit |
| A508 south of SRFI access roundabout | Rural single carriageway | 85 | TD9/93 for 50mph speed limit |
| A508 Blisworth Road Junction improvement | | | |
| A508 | Rural single carriageway | 85 | TD9/93 for 50mph speed limit |
| Blisworth Road (Courteenhall) | Rural lane | 70 | See Rural Lane criteria above |
| A508 Roade bypass | | | |
| A508 Roade bypass | Rural single carriageway | 100 | TD9/93 for Rural Road |
| A508 North of Roade Bypass | Rural single carriageway | 85 | TD9/93 Table 3 for 50mph speed limit |
| Northampton Road (south of Roade Bypass) | Rural single carriageway | 60 | TD9/93 Table 3 for 30mph speed limit |
| Blisworth Road (Roade) (east of Roade Bypass) | Urban single carriageway | 50 | Manual for Streets (see above) |
| Blisworth Road / Knock lane (west of Roade Bypass) | Rural lane | 70 | See Rural Lane criteria above |
| Stratford Road (north / east of Roade Bypass) | Rural single carriageway | 85 | TD9/93 Table 3 for 50mph speed limit |
| A508 South of Roade Bypass | Rural single carriageway | 85 | TD9/93 Table 3 for 50mph speed limit |
| A508 Rookery Lane / Ashton Road Junction improvement | | | |
| A508 | Rural single carriageway | 85 | TD9/93 for 50mph speed limit |
| Rookery Lane | Rural lane | 70 | See Rural Lane criteria above |

| Road / Link Section | Road / Link Type | Design Speed (kph) | Derived from |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ashton Road | Rural lane | 70 | See Rural Lane criteria above |
| A508 Pury Road Junction improvement | | | |
| A508 | Rural single carriageway | 100 | TD9/93 |
| A508 Grafton Regis | | | |
| A508 | Urban single carriageway | 60 | TD9/93 Table 3 for 30mph speed limit |

Departures from Standard

- 2.9 Various departures from standard are included in the scheme proposals and are identified within this report. All departures relate to the nature of the existing A508 and it is considered that the proposed improvements, including departures, will constitute a significant improvement over the existing situation.
- 2.10 Locations of departures are summarised on drawing **NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK42** found at **Appendix C**.

3.0 HORIZONTAL DESIGN OF LINKS

3.1 The horizontal alignment consists of various elements, depending on the type of link. Each aspect is considered below.

A508 dualling and SRFI access roundabout

3.2 The various elements of the horizontal alignment are as stated below.

A508 Northbound – Between SRFI access roundabout and Junction 15

| Chainage | Element | Standard (85kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-47.226 | Roundabout | | | |
| 47.226-126.823 | Left Hand Curve | 510m desirable min radius | 510m | None |
| 126.823-202.558 | Left Hand Curve | 510m desirable min radius | 1020m | None |
| 202.558-289.558 | Transition curve to Straight | ~86m length transition curve | 87m | None |
| 289.558-377.443 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 377.443/286.986 | <i>Change of Alignment String</i> | | | |
| 286.986-234.892 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 234.892-210.580 | Left Hand Curve | 510m desirable min radius | 1020m | None |
| 210.580-150.132 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 150.132 | NCC/ HE Boundary | | | |

A508 Southbound – Between Junction 15 and SRFI access roundabout

| Chainage | Element | Standard (85kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 149.580 | NCC/ HE Boundary | | | |
| 149.580 - 299.467 | Left hand curve | 510m desirable min radius | 255m | Two steps below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation |
| 299.467 / 372.881 | <i>Change of Alignment String</i> | | | |
| 372.881 - 260.723 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 260.723 - 217.723 | Transition curve to Straight | ~86m length transition curve | 43m | Relaxation of q to 0.6m permitted by TD9/93 para 3.16 due to geometrical constraints |
| 217.723 - 42.454 | Left Hand Curve | 510m desirable min radius | 1035.450m | None |
| 42.454 - 0 | Roundabout | | | |

A508 – South of SRFI access roundabout

3.3 The various elements of the horizontal alignment between the proposed site access and the tie in to the existing A508 are as stated below.

| Chainage | Element | Standard (85kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-159.857 | Straight | - | | none |
| 159.875-205.752 | Left Hand Curve | 510m desirable min radius | 720m | None |
| 205.752-251.028 | Roundabout | | | |

A508 Blisworth Road Junction Improvement

3.4 The various elements of the horizontal alignment are as stated below.

A508 (mainline)

| Chainage | Element | Standard (85kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-15.292 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 15.292-93.292 | Transition curve to right hand curve | Maximum 58m length transition curve $\sqrt{(24R)}$ | 78m | As existing |
| 93.292-104.843 | Right Hand Curve | 510m desirable min radius | 140m | 4 steps below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation for a Band B road. However, this is not permitted in combination with a relaxation in stopping sight distance and crest K value – see Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/02 below. |
| 104.843-154.843 | Transition to Straight | Maximum 58m length transition curve $\sqrt{(24R)}$ | 50m | None |
| 154.843-369.696 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 369.696-400.921 | Transition curve to right hand curve | Maximum 55m length transition curve $\sqrt{(24R)}$ | 31.2m | As existing |
| 400.921-409.078 | Right Hand Curve | 510m desirable min radius | 119m | As existing |
| 409.078-437.191 | Transition to Straight | Maximum 55m length transition curve $\sqrt{(24R)}$ | 28.1m | As existing |
| 437.191-490.505 | Straight | - | - | None |

Blisworth Road (Courteenhall)

3.5 The existing horizontal alignment on Blisworth Road is to be retained and is summarised as follows:

| Chainage | Element | Standard (70kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|---------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-39.928 | Left Hand Curve | 360m desirable min radius | 720m | None |
| 39.928-59.733 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 59.733-95.930 | Right Hand Curve | 360m desirable min radius | 180m | Two steps below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation |
| 95.930 | Give way line | | | |

A508 Road Bypass

3.6 The various elements of Road Bypass are as stated below.

A508 (mainline)

| Chainage | Element | Standard (100kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-59.224 | Straight | | | None |
| 59.224-199.180 | Transition curve to left hand curve | ~140m length transition curve | ~140m length transition curve | None |
| 199.180-300 | Left Hand Curve | 720m desirable min radius | 510m | 1 step below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation |
| 300-400 | Roundabout | | | |
| 400-524.166 | Left Hand Curve | 720m desirable min radius | 510m | 1 step below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation |
| 524.166-664.122 | Transition to Straight | ~140m length transition curve | ~140m length transition curve | None |
| 664.122-742.334 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 742.344-882.300 | Transition curve to right hand curve | ~140m length transition curve | ~140m length transition curve | None |
| 882.300-1394.966 | Curve | 720m desirable min radius | 510m | 1 step below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation |
| 1394.966-1534.922 | Transition to Straight | ~140m length transition curve | ~140m length transition curve | None |
| 1534.922-1550 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 1550-1650 | Roundabout | | | |

| Chainage | Element | Standard (100kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 1650-1695.918 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 1695.918-1835.874 | Transition curve to right hand curve | ~140m length transition curve | ~140m length transition curve | None |
| 1835.874-2026.710 | Curve | 720m desirable min radius | 510m | 1 step below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation |
| 2026.710-2166.666 | Transition to Straight | ~140m length transition curve | ~140m length transition curve | None |
| 2166.666-2253.016 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 2253.016-2352.151 | Transition curve to right hand curve | ~99m length transition curve | ~99m length transition curve | None |
| 2352.151-2450 | Curve | 720m desirable min radius | 720m | None |
| 2450 | Roundabout | | | |

Northampton Road - North

3.7 The various elements of the link to connect the roundabout to the existing A508 are as stated below.

| Chainage | Element | Standard (85kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-165.183 | Left Hand Curve | 720m desirable min radius | 720m | None |
| 165.183-226.166 | Roundabout | | | |

Northampton Road (South of bypass)

3.8 The various elements of the link to Road are as stated below.

| Chainage | Element | Standard (50kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-9.923 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 9.923-158.623 | Curve | 255m desirable min radius | 90m | 3 steps below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation |
| 158.623- | Roundabout | | | |

Blisworth Road (Roade) (East of bypass)

3.9 The various elements of the link to Roade are as stated below.

| Chainage | Element | Standard (70kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-11.441 | Straight | - | - | |
| 11.441-66.006 | Curve | 255m desirable min radius | 60m | Radii designed to Manual for Streets for urban single carriageway road |
| 66.006-86.643 | Straight | | | |
| 86.643-131.564 | Curve | 255m desirable min radius | 60m | Radii designed to Manual for Streets for urban single carriageway road |
| 131.564-165.385 | Roundabout | | | |

Blisworth Road (Roade) (West of bypass)

3.10 The various elements of the link to Blisworth are as stated below.

| Chainage | Element | Standard (70kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-20.000 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 20.000 - 68.000 | Transition curve to left hand curve | ~96m length transition curve | ~48m length transition curve | Relaxation of q to 0.6m permitted by TD9/93 para 3.16 due to geometrical constraints |
| 68.000 - 70.784 | Curve | 360m desirable min radius | 255m | 1 step below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation |
| 70.784 - 110.784 | Transition curve to Straight | ~96m length transition curve ($\sqrt{24R} = 78m$) | ~40m length transition curve | As noted above full transition curves are not considered mandatory for rural lanes |
| 110.784 - 153.784 | Transition curve to right hand curve | ~136m length transition curve ($\sqrt{24R} = 66m$) | ~43m length transition curve | As noted above full transition curves are not considered mandatory for rural lanes |
| 153.784 - 179.429 | Curve | 360m desirable min radius | 180m | 2 steps below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation |
| 179.429 - 199.956 | Roundabout | | | |

Stratford Road (north of Roade bypass)

3.11 The various elements of the link to the south of Roade are as stated below.

| Chainage | Element | Standard (85kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-9.923 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 9.923-158.623 | Curve | 510m desirable min radius | 180m | 3 steps below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation. However, this is not permitted in combination with a relaxation in sag K value – see Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/06 below. |
| 158.623-183.420 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 183.420 | Roundabout | | | |

Knock Lane

3.12 The various elements of the Knock Lane improvements are as stated below.

Knock Lane / Blisworth Road (Roade) bend widening

| Chainage | Element | Standard (70kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|-----------------|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-58.252 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 58.252-68.203 | Curve | 360m desirable min radius | 1020m | None |
| 68.203-112.924 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 112.924-172.067 | Curve | 360m desirable min radius | 180m | 2 steps below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation. Used in combination with a 2 step relaxation in stopping sight distance. This is an existing combination. |
| 172.067-221.059 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 221.059-223.074 | Curve | 360m desirable min radius | 1020m | None |
| 223.074-285.118 | Straight | - | - | None |

Stoke Road / Knock Lane Junction improvement (Knock Lane)

| Chainage | Element | Standard (70kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-14.080 | Stoke Road junction | | | |
| 14.080-104.895 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 104.895-177.362 | Curve | 360m desirable min radius | 255m | 1 step below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation. |
| 177.362-197.362 | Curve | 360m desirable min radius | 1517m | None |

A508 Rookery Lane / Ashton Road Junction improvement

3.13 The various elements of A508 Rookery Lane / Ashton Road Junction improvement are as stated below.

A508 Northbound

| Chainage | Element | Standard (85kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-6.475 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 6.475-92.425 | Transition curve to left hand curve | ~172m length transition curve | ~86m length transition curve | Relaxation of q to 0.6m permitted by TD9/93 para 3.16 due to geometrical constraints |
| 92.425-155.925 | Left hand Curve | 510m desirable min radius | 255m | 2 steps below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation. However, this is not permitted in combination with a relaxation in crest K value – see Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/10 below. |
| 155.925-241.875 | Transition curve to straight | ~172m length transition curve | ~86m length transition curve | Relaxation of q to 0.6m permitted by TD9/93 para 3.16 due to geometrical constraints |
| 241.875-362.030 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 362.030-448.030 | Transition curve to right hand curve | ~86m length transition curve | ~86m length transition curve | None |
| 448.030-549.573 | Right hand Curve | 510m desirable min radius | 510m | None |
| 549.573-635.573 | Transition curve to straight | ~86m length transition curve | ~86m length transition curve | None |
| 635.573-658.0 | Straight | - | - | None |

A508 Southbound

| Chainage | Element | Standard (85kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-22.906 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 22.906-130.418 | Transition curve to left hand curve | ~122m length transition curve | ~122m length transition curve | None |
| 130.418-171.362 | Left hand Curve | 510m desirable min radius | 360m | 1 step relaxation below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation. However, this is not permitted in combination with a relaxation in crest K value – see Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/13 below. |
| 171.362-232.242 | Transition curve to straight | ~122m length transition curve | ~61m length transition curve | Relaxation of q to 0.6m permitted by TD9/93 para 3.16 due to geometrical constraints |
| 232.242-399.250 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 399.250-483.810 | Transition curve to right hand curve | ~169m length transition curve | ~84m length transition curve | Relaxation of q to 0.6m permitted by TD9/93 para 3.16 due to geometrical constraints |
| 483.810-551.900 | Right hand curve | 510m desirable min radius | 260m | 1 to 2 steps relaxation below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation. |
| 551.900-636.190 | Transition curve to straight | ~169m length transition curve | ~84m length transition curve | Relaxation of q to 0.6m permitted by TD9/93 para 3.16 due to geometrical constraints |
| 636.190-660.0 | Straight | - | - | None |

Rookery Lane

| Chainage | Element | Standard (70kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|----------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-53.372 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 53.372 | Junction | | | |

Ashton Road

| Chainage | Element | Standard (70kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|---------------|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-19.615 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 19.615-57.257 | Curve | 360m desirable min radius | 180m | 2 steps below desirable minimum is a permitted relaxation. However, this is not permitted in combination with a relaxation in crest or Sag K values – see Departure from |

| Chainage | Element | Standard (70kph design speed) | Proposed Design | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| | | | | Standard reference NGW/A508/17 & 19 which are assessed in detail below. No transitions are proposed and these are not mandatory for rural lanes as discussed above. |
| 57.257-65.0 | Straight | - | - | None |
| 65.0 | Junction | | | |

A508 Pury Road Junction Improvement

- 3.14 No changes to the horizontal alignment of the A508 or Pury Road are proposed. The changes to the junction layout are assessed below.

A508 Grafton Regis

- 3.15 No changes to the horizontal alignment of the A508 or Church Lane are proposed. The changes to the junction layout are assessed below.

4.0 SIGHT DISTANCE ON LINKS

- 4.1 The stopping sight distance is assessed for each of the links identified above. Note that visibility to traffic signals or roundabout give way lines are assessed separately.

A508 dualling and SRFI access roundabout

A508 Northbound – Between SRFI access and Junction 15

- 4.2 As noted in Chapter 2 above the link will have a design speed of 85kph and the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 160m.

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|---------------------------|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| 0- 274.376 | Merge of SLTL | ≥160m | None |
| 274.376 - 377.440 | Immediate approach to proposed signalised junction with M1 | ≥160m for 240m | None |
| 377.443 / 286.986 | <i>Change of Alignment String</i> | | |
| 286-.986 - 150.132 | Immediate approach to proposed signalised junction with M1 | ≥160m for 240m | None |
| 152.343 | NCC/ HE Boundary | | |

A508 Southbound – Between Junction 15 and SRFI access

- 4.3 As noted in Chapter 2 above the link will have a design speed of 85kph and the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 160m. The stopping sight distance along the link is assessed in the table below.

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 149.580 | NCC/ HE Boundary | | |
| 149.580 - 299.467 | - | ≥160m | None |
| 299.467 / 372.881 | <i>Change of Alignment String</i> | | |
| 372.881 - 257.247 | - | ≥160m | None |

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|------------------|---|----------------|--------------------------|
| 257.247 - 17.247 | Immediate approach to proposed roundabout | ≥160m for 240m | None |

A508 – South of site access

- 4.4 As noted in Chapter 2 above the link will have a design speed of 85kph and the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 160m.

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|-----------------|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| 0-5.248m | None | ≥160m | None |
| 5.248 - 245.248 | Immediate approach to proposed roundabout (northbound) | ≥160m for 240m | None |

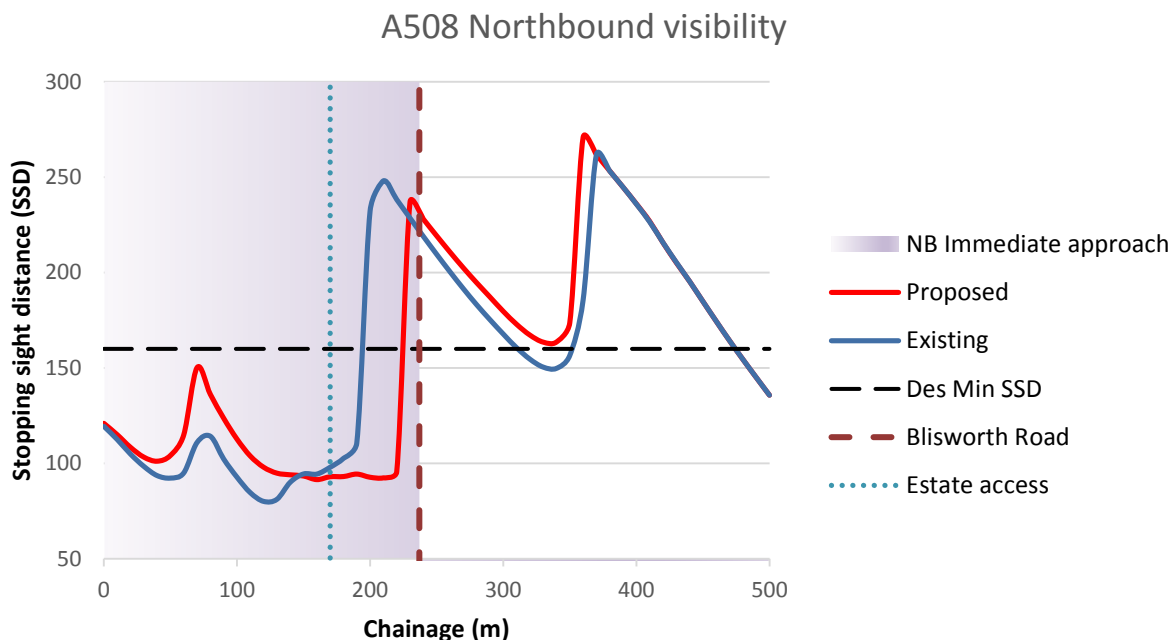
A508 Blisworth Road Junction Improvement

A508 (mainline) Northbound

- 4.5 As noted in Chapter 2 above the link will have a design speed of 85kph and the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 160m. The stopping sight distance along the northbound link is assessed in the table below.

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|-------------|--|------------------|--|
| 0-230 | Major Minor junction with Blisworth road | ≥90m, see graph | 2 Steps below desirable minimum. This is on the immediate approach to the junction with Blisworth Road and is therefore a Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/01 . Furthermore, this is in combination with a 4 step below desirable minimum radius and 2 step relaxation in Crest K value which constitutes a further Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/02 . See below for further details. |
| 230-490.505 | Major Minor junction with Blisworth road | ≥160m, see graph | |

4.6 The existing and proposed visibility to a 0.26m object height along the A508 northbound at the Blisworth Road junction is shown in full below.



4.7 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/01** is for the relaxation in visibility on the immediate approach to the Blisworth Road junction in the northbound direction.

4.8 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/02** is for combination of a 2 step below desirable minimum SSD, 2 step below desirable minimum Crest K value and 4 step below desirable minimum horizontal radius. This applies in both directions.

4.9 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/03** is for a 2 step below desirable minimum Crest K value on the immediate approach to the Blisworth Road junction in the northbound direction.

4.10 It is not possible to provide a fully compliant layout for the A508 at the Blisworth Road junction without wholesale realignment of the A508 and removal of the substandard existing bends, junctions, accesses and crests. Such wholesale realignment is not considered necessary as a result of the impacts of the SRFI development and would have additional environmental impacts.

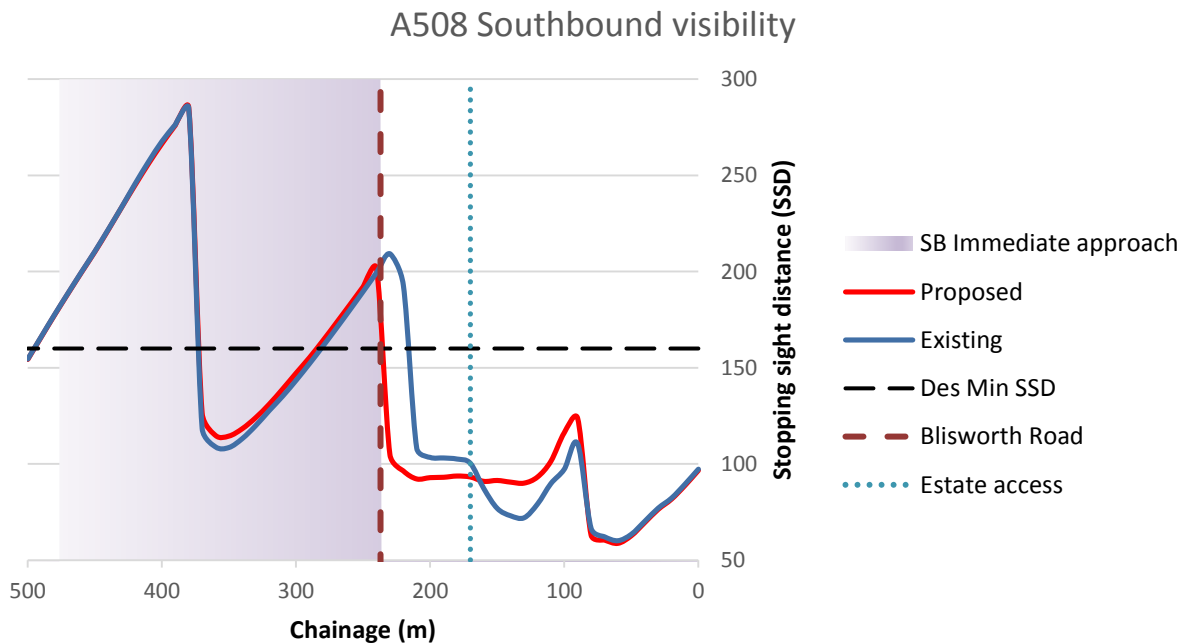
4.11 Whilst the scheme as proposed does have various departures from standard as recorded in this report it is considered that the proposals are a significant improvement over the existing situation for the following reasons:

- The minimum visibility is increased to 90m to the low object height in the northbound direction
- Right turning traffic i.e. the most significantly conflicting traffic, is removed from the junction.
- The crest is moved to the location of the junction which, although extends the distance over which the forward visibility is reduced heading northbound, it does significantly improve the junction visibility. The junction visibility is assessed under Departure from Standard **NGW/A508/07**, see below for further details.

A508 (mainline) Southbound

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|-------------|--|------------------|--|
| 490.505-370 | | ≥160m, see graph | |
| 360-280 | Blisworth Road (but right turns not permitted) | ≥90m, see graph | 2 Steps below desirable minimum, this is in combination with a 4 step below desirable minimum radius and 2 step relaxation in Crest K value which constitutes Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/02 . See above for further details. |
| 280 - 230 | Estate access | ≥160m, see graph | |
| 230-90 | Estate access | ≥90, see graph | 2 Steps below desirable minimum |
| 90-0 | | ≥70, see graph | 3 Steps below desirable minimum in combination with a 4 step below desirable minimum radius. This is an existing departure from standard. |

4.12 The existing and proposed visibility to a 0.26m object height along the A508 southbound is shown in full below.



Blisworth Road (Courteenhall)

- 4.13 As noted in Chapter 2 above the link will have a design speed of 70kph and the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 120m. The stopping sight distance along the centre line Blisworth Road is assessed in the table below.

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 0-96.395 | Approach to give way line | ≥120m for 180m | None |

A508 Road Bypass

- 4.14 As noted in chapter 2 above, the design speed is 100kph for the Road Bypass and thus the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 215m as per TD9/93 Table 3. South of the bypass the design speed is 85kph and the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 160m. The stopping sight distance along the link is assessed in the table below.

A508 (mainline) Northbound

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|--------------------------|---|------------------|---|
| 0 – 314.663m | Immediate approach to proposed roundabout | ≥160m for 240m | None |
| 314.663-392.664 | Roundabout | | |
| 392.664-715.164 | | ≥215m | None |
| 715.164-1235.86 | | ≥160m | Relaxation to one step below desirable minimum. |
| 1235.86-1558.360 | Immediate approach to proposed roundabout | ≥215m for 322.5m | None |
| 1558.360-1646.267 | Roundabout | | |
| 1646.267-1968.767 | | ≥215m | None |
| 1968.767-2151.526 | None | ≥215m | None |
| 2151.526-2474.029 | Immediate approach to | ≥215m for 322.5m | None |

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| | proposed roundabout | | |
| 2474.029 | Roundabout | | |

A508 (mainline) Southbound

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|----------------------------|---|------------------|--|
| 2474.029 | Roundabout | | |
| 2474.029 - 2151.526 | | ≥215m | None |
| 2151.526 - 1968.76 | None | ≥215m | None |
| 1968.767 - 1646.267 | Immediate approach to proposed roundabout | ≥215m for 322.5m | None |
| 1646.267 - 1558.360 | Roundabout | | |
| 1558.360 - 1235.860 | | ≥215m | None |
| 1235.860 - 715.164 | | ≥160m | Relaxation to one step below desirable minimum |
| 715.164 - 392.664 | Immediate approach to proposed roundabout | ≥215m for 322.5m | None |
| 392.664 - 314.663 | Roundabout | | |
| 314.663 - 0 | | ≥160m | None |

Northampton Road - North

4.15 As noted in chapter 2 above, the design speed is 85kph and thus the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 160m as per TD9/93 Table 3. The stopping sight distance along the link is assessed in the table below.

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|------------------|--|----------------|--------------------------|
| 0-219.917 | Immediate approach to proposed roundabout (southbound) | ≥160m for 240m | None |

Northampton Road (South of Roade Bypass)

4.16 As noted in chapter 2 above, the design speed is 60kph and thus the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 90m as per TD9/93 Table 3. The stopping sight distance along the link is assessed in the table below.

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|------------------|---|---------------|--------------------------|
| 0-117.400 | Immediate approach to proposed roundabout | ≥90m for 135m | None |

Blisworth Road (Roade) (East of bypass)

4.17 As noted in chapter 2 above, the design speed is 50kph and thus the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 70m as per TD9/93 Table 3. The stopping sight distance along the link is assessed in the table below.

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|--------------------------|
| 0 – 55.502 | None | ≥70 | None |
| 55.502-160.502 | Immediate approach to proposed roundabout | ≥70m for 105m | None |

Blisworth Road (Roade) (west of Roade bypass)

4.18 As noted in chapter 2 above, the design speed is 70kph and thus the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 120m as per TD9/93 Table 3. The stopping sight distance along the link is assessed in the table below.

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|-----------------------|---|----------------|--------------------------|
| 0-53.341 | None | ≥120 | None |
| 53.341-233.341 | Immediate approach to proposed roundabout | ≥120m for 180m | None |

Stratford Road (north of Roade bypass)

- 4.19 As noted in chapter 2 above, the design speed is 85kph and thus the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 160m as per TD9/93 Table 3. The stopping sight distance along the link is assessed in the table below.

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| 0-36.565 | None | ≥160 | None |
| 36.565-216.565 | Immediate approach to proposed roundabout | Horizontal SSD is ≥160 for 240m, but this is affected by vertical alignment crest | See Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/05 , details are given below. |

Knock Lane

Knock Lane / Blisworth Road (Roade) bend widening

- 4.20 As noted in Chapter 2 above the link will have a design speed of 70kph and the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 120m. The stopping sight distance along the westbound (inside) lane is assessed in the table below.

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---|
| 284-259 | None | ≥120 | None |
| 259-224 | None | ≥90 | Relaxation to one step below desirable minimum |
| 224-199 | None | ≥70 | Relaxation to two steps below desirable minimum |
| 199-164 | None | ≥50 | 3 Steps below desirable minimum in combination with a 2 step below desirable minimum radius. This is an existing combination. |

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---|
| 164-154 | None | ≥70 | 2 Steps below desirable minimum in combination with a 2 step below desirable minimum radius. This is an existing combination. |
| 154-149 | None | ≥90 | Relaxation to one step below desirable minimum |

Stoke Road / Knock Lane Junction improvement (Knock Lane)

4.21 As noted in Chapter 2 above Knock Lane will have a design speed of 70kph and the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 120m. The stopping sight distance along the westbound lane is assessed in the table below.

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 197.362-180 | None | ≥120 | None |
| 0-180 | Approach to give way line | ≥120 for 180m | None |

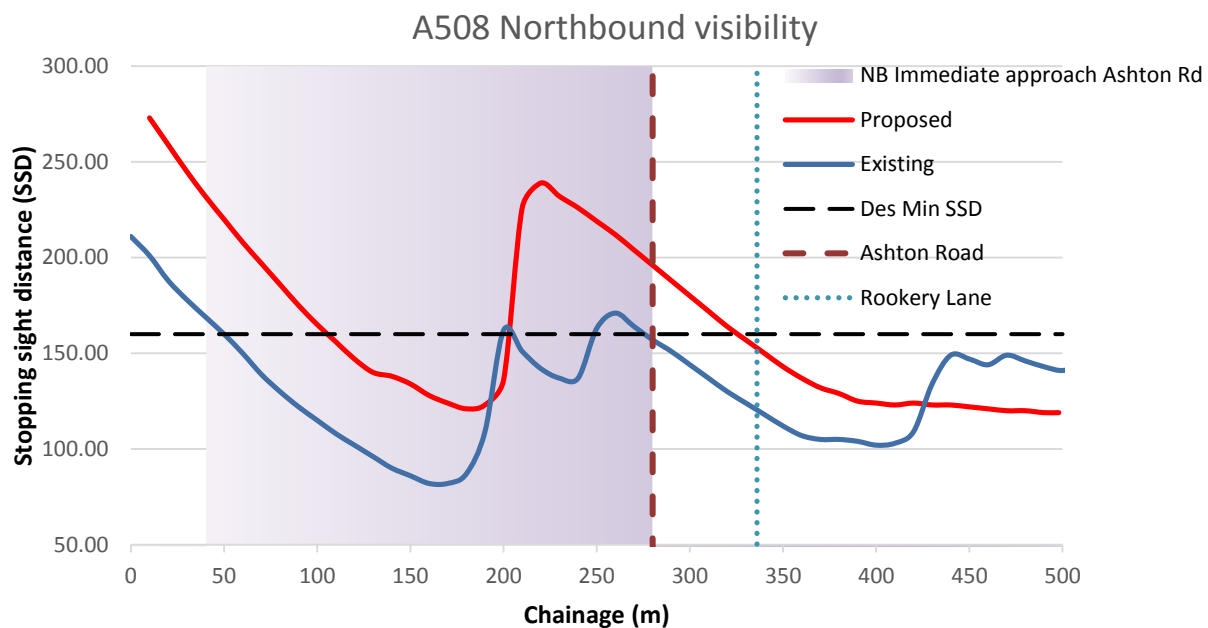
A508 Rookery Lane / Ashton Road Junction improvement

A508 Northbound

- 4.22 As noted in Chapter 2 above the link will have a design speed of 85kph and the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 160m. The stopping sight distance along the northbound link is assessed in the table below.

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|----------------|--|------------------------|---|
| 0-40 | None | ≥160m, see graph | None |
| 40-100 | Major Minor junction with Ashton Road | ≥160m, see graph | None |
| 100-200 | Major Minor junction with Ashton Road / Rookery Lane | 120 to 160m, see graph | 1 Step below desirable minimum. This is on the immediate approach to the junction with Ashton Road / Rookery Lane and is therefore a Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/09 . Furthermore, this is in combination with a 2 step below desirable minimum radius and 1 step relaxation in Crest K value which constitutes a further Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/10 . See below for further details. |
| 210-320 | Major Minor junction with Ashton Road / Rookery Lane | ≥160m, see graph | None |
| 280 | Centreline of Ashton Road | | |
| 320-336 | Major Minor junction with Rookery Lane | 150 to 160m, see graph | None |
| 336 | Centreline of Rookery Lane | | |
| 320-490 | None | ≥120m, see graph | 1 Step below desirable minimum as a permitted relaxation |

- 4.23 The existing and proposed visibility to a 0.26m object height along the A508 northbound is shown in full below.



- 4.24 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/09** is for the relaxation in visibility on the immediate approach to the Ashton Road and Rookery Lane junction in the northbound direction.
- 4.25 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/10** is for combination of a 1 step below desirable minimum SSD, 1 step below desirable minimum Crest K value and 2 step below desirable minimum horizontal radius. This applies in the northbound direction.
- 4.26 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/11** is for the provision of a Crest K at 1 step below the desirable minimum on the immediate approach to the Ashton Road and Rookery Lane junction in the northbound direction. This results in the visibility departure i.e. departure **NGW/A508/09**.
- 4.27 It is not possible to provide a fully compliant layout for the A508 at the Ashton Road and Rookery Lane junctions without a wholesale realignment of the A508 over a much greater length. This is due to the existing sub-standard alignment and significant difference in level along this short length of road. Such wholesale realignment is not considered necessary as a result of the impacts of the SRFI development and would have additional environmental impacts.
- 4.28 Whilst the scheme as proposed does have various departures from standard as recorded in this report it is considered that the proposals are a significant improvement over the existing situation for the following reasons:
- Right turning vehicles leaving the A508 will not hold up through traffic
 - Right turning vehicles onto the A508 can do so in two stages whereas at present they do it in a single movement, often contrary to the highway code
 - The cross-roads 'straight over' movement is removed as the junction would be staggered
 - The minimum visibility is increased to 120m to the low object height in the northbound direction which is a significant improvement.
 - Visibility to an object height of 1.05m will be available at the stopping sight distance of 160m throughout the junction meaning drivers will see other vehicles

braking and turning ahead for the full stopping sight distance, again a significant improvement over existing.

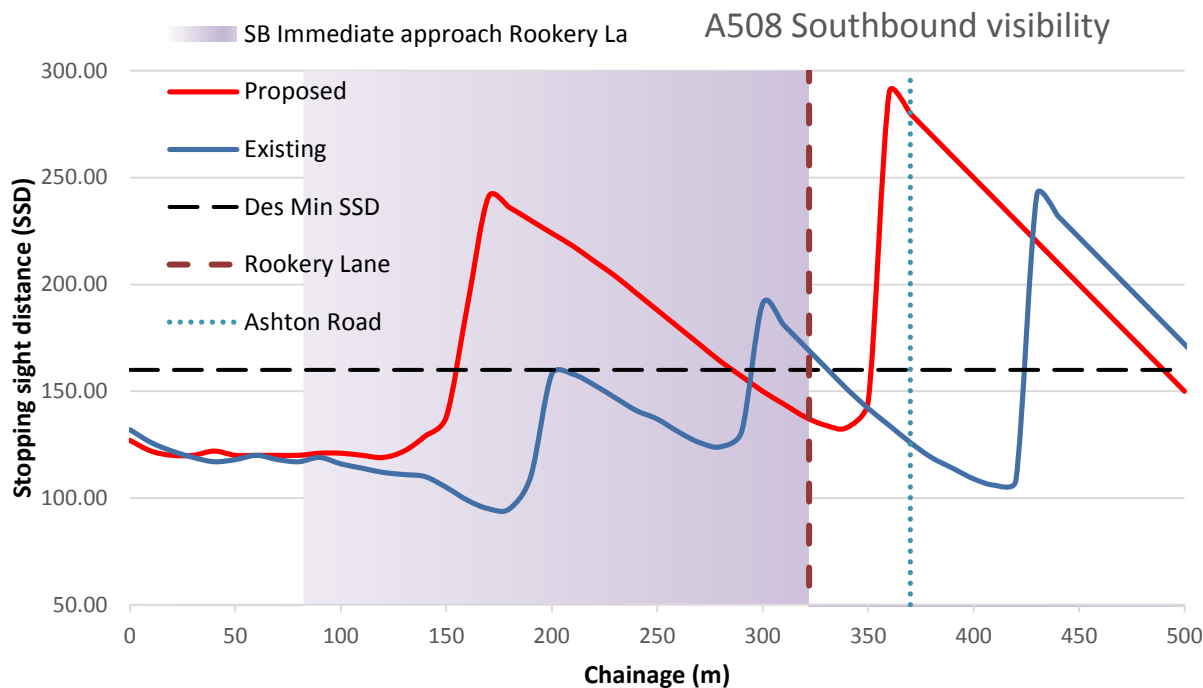
- The junction visibility, which is assessed in detail below, is improved significantly.

A508 (mainline) Southbound

4.29 As noted in Chapter 2 above the link will have a design speed of 85kph and the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 160m. The stopping sight distance along the northbound link is assessed in the table below.

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|----------|--|------------------------|---|
| 0-80 | None | ≥120m, see graph | 1 Step below desirable minimum as a permitted relaxation |
| 80-160 | Major Minor junction with Ashton Road / Rookery Lane | 120 to 160m, see graph | 1 Step below desirable minimum. This is on the immediate approach to the junction with Ashton Road / Rookery Lane and is therefore a Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/12 . Furthermore, this is in combination with a 1 step below desirable minimum radius and 1 step relaxation in Crest K value which constitutes a further Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/13 . See below for further details. |
| 160-280 | Major Minor junction with Ashton Road / Rookery Lane | ≥160m, see graph | None |
| 280-360 | Major Minor junction with Ashton Road / Rookery Lane | 130 to 160m, see graph | 1 Step below desirable minimum. This is on the immediate approach to the junction with Ashton Road / Rookery Lane and is therefore a Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/12 . Furthermore, this is in combination with a 1 step below desirable minimum radius and 1 step relaxation in Crest K value which constitutes a further Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/13 . See below for further details. |
| 322 | Centreline of Rookery Lane | | |
| 370 | Centreline of Ashton Road | | |
| 360-490 | None | ≥160m, see graph | None |

4.30 The existing and proposed visibility to a 0.26m object height along the A508 northbound is shown in full below.



- 4.31 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/12** is for the relaxation in visibility on the immediate approach to the Ashton Road and Rookery Lane junction in the southbound direction.
- 4.32 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/13** is for combination of a 1 step below desirable minimum SSD, 1 step below desirable minimum Crest K value and 1 step below desirable minimum horizontal radius. This applies in the southbound direction.
- 4.33 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/14** is for the provision of a Crest K at 1 step below the desirable minimum on the immediate approach to the Ashton Road and Rookery Lane junction in the southbound direction. This results in the visibility departure i.e. departure **NGW/A508/12**.
- 4.34 It is not possible to provide a fully compliant layout for the A508 at the Ashton Road and Rookery Lane junctions without a wholesale realignment of the A508 over a much greater length. This is due to the existing sub-standard alignment and significant difference in level along this short length of road. Such wholesale realignment is not considered necessary as a result of the impacts of the SRFI development and would have additional environmental impacts.
- 4.35 Whilst the scheme as proposed does have various departures from standard as recorded in this report it is considered that the proposals are a significant improvement over the existing situation for the following reasons:
- Right turning vehicles leaving the A508 will not hold up through traffic
 - Right turning vehicles onto the A508 can do so in two stages whereas at present they do it in a single movement, often contrary to the highway code
 - The cross-roads 'straight over' movement is removed as the junction would be staggered
 - The minimum visibility is increased to 120m to the low object height in the northbound direction which is a significant improvement.

- Visibility to an object height of 1.05m will be available at the stopping sight distance of 160m throughout the junction meaning drivers will see other vehicles braking and turning ahead for the full stopping sight distance, again a significant improvement over existing.
- The junction visibility, which is assessed in detail below, is improved significantly.

Rookery Lane

4.36 As noted in Chapter 2 above the link will have a design speed of 70kph and the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 120m. The stopping sight distance along the centre line Rookery Lane is assessed in the table below.

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|----------|---------------------------------|---------------|--|
| 0-72 | Approach to give way line | ≥90m for 180m | 1 Step below desirable minimum. This is on the immediate approach to the junction with the A508 and is therefore a Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/15 . As this results from the vertical alignment this is assessed below. |

Ashton Road

4.37 As noted in Chapter 2 above the link will have a design speed of 70kph and the desirable minimum stopping sight distance is 120m. The stopping sight distance along the centre line Ashton Road is assessed in the table below.

| Chainage | Junction Features within Length | Proposed SSD | Relaxations / Departures |
|----------|---------------------------------|---------------|--|
| 0-87 | Approach to give way line | ≥90m for 180m | 1 Step below desirable minimum. This is on the immediate approach to the junction with the A508 and is therefore a Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/16 . As this results from the vertical alignment this is assessed below. |

A508 Pury Road Junction Improvement

- 4.38 No changes to the forward visibility on the A508 or Pury Road are proposed. The changes to the junction layout are assessed below.

A508 Grafton Regis

- 4.39 No changes to the forward visibility on the A508 or Church Lane are proposed. The changes to the junction layout are assessed below.

5.0 VERTICAL DESIGN OF LINKS

5.1 The vertical alignment consists of various elements, depending on the type of link. Each aspect is considered below.

A508 dualling and SRFI access roundabout

A508 Northbound – Between Site access and Junction 15

5.2 The various elements of the vertical alignment are as stated below.

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-20.504 | Roundabout Exit | | | | |
| 20.504-224.942 | Grade | SLTL merge | 0.5% - 4% | -0.97% | |
| 224.942-298.820 | Grade | Immediate approach NB to stop line | 0.5% - 4% | -0.97% | |
| 298.820-377.443 | Sag Curve | Immediate approach NB to stop line | 20KF | 32.08KF | |
| 377.443/286.986 | <i>Change of Alignment String</i> | | | | |
| 286.986-237.631 | Sag Curve | Immediate approach NB to stop line | 20KF | 32.08KF | |
| 237.631-151.822 | Grade | Immediate approach NB to stop line | 0.5% - 4% | 3.14% | |
| 151.822 | M1 Junction 15 signalised gyratory | | | | |

A508 southbound – Between Site access and Junction 15

5.3 The various elements of the vertical alignment are as stated below.

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 149.580 | M1 Junction 15 signalised gyratory | | | | |
| 149.581-196.250 | Grade | | 0.5% - 4% | 2.84% | |
| 196.250-300.709 | Sag Curve | | 20 KF | 55 KF | |
| 300.709-299.467 | Grade | | 0.5% - 4% | 0.94% | |
| 299.467/372.881 | <i>Change of Alignment String</i> | | | | |
| 372.881-352.625 | Grade | | 0.5% - 4% | 0.94% | |

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 352.625-304.128 | Sag Curve | | 20 KF | 25 KF | |
| 304.128-257.247 | Grade | | 0.5% - 4% | -1.00% | |
| 257.247-51.154 | Grade | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | 0.5% - 4% | -1.00% | |
| 51.154-29.406 | Sag Curve | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | 20 KF | 30 KF | |
| 29.406-17.247 | Sag Curve | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | 20 KF | 27.611KF | |
| 17.247 | Give way line | | | | |

A508 – South of Site access

5.4 The various elements of the minor arm are as stated below.

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-151.025 | Grade | | 0.5% - 6% | 2.17% | |
| 151.025-245.248 | Sag Curve | | 20 KF | 50 KF | |
| 245.248 | Roundabout give way line | | | | |

A508 Blisworth Road Junction Improvement

A508 (mainline)

5.5 The various elements of the vertical alignment are as stated below.

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------|---|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-13.063 | Crest curve | Immediate approach NB to Blisworth Road | 55 KF | 23.53 KF | Existing Departure |
| 13.063-28.186 | Grade | Immediate approach NB to Blisworth Road | 0.5% - 6% | 3.06 % | As existing |
| 28.186-73.432 | Sag Curve | Immediate approach NB to Blisworth Road | 20 KF | 20 KF | As existing |
| 73.432-129.714 | Sag Curve | Immediate approach NB to Blisworth Road | 20 KF | 13 KF | Existing Departure |
| 129.714-306.818 | Crest curve | Immediate approach NB Blisworth Road (at ch. 237) | 55 KF | 18.44 KF | 2 step relaxation in Crest K value on the immediate approach to a junction constitutes a Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/03 . See above for further details. |
| 306.818-369.279 | Sag Curve | | 20 KF | 20 KF | |
| 369.279-415.081 | Crest curve | | 55 KF | 23 KF | Existing Departure |
| 415.081-435.913 | Grade | | 0.5% - 6% | 4.94 % | |
| 435.913-479.194 | Sag Curve | | 20 KF | 77.63 KF | As existing |
| 479.194-490.505 | Grade | | 0.5% - 6% | 4.38 % | |

Blisworth Road (Courteenhall)

5.6 The various elements of the minor arm are as stated below.

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|---------------|------------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-9.341 | Grade | Immediate approach WB to give way line | 0.5% - 6% | 2.37 % | As existing |
| 9.341-50.938 | Crest curve | Immediate approach WB to give way line | 55 KF | 40 KF | As existing |
| 50.938-63.193 | Grade | Immediate approach WB to give way line | 0.5% - 6% | 3.41 % | As existing |
| 63.193 | Vertical Tie in point | | | | |

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|---------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 63.193-81.718 | Sag Curve | Immediate approach WB to give way line | 20 KF | 20 KF | None |
| 81.718-96.365 | Grade | Immediate approach WB to give way line | 0.5% - 6% | 2.49% | - |
| 96.365 | Give way line | | | | |

A508 Road Bypass

5.7 The following tables summarise the vertical alignment elements for the various elements of Road Bypass.

A508 (mainline)

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 60.775 | Vertical Tie in point | | | | |
| 60.755-146.444 | Grade | Immediate approach NB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 1.63% | - |
| 146.444-205.961 | Sag curve | Immediate approach NB to roundabout | 26KF | 26KF | - |
| 205.961-314.242 | Grade | Immediate approach NB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 0.66% | - |
| 314.242-392.606 | Roundabout | | | | |
| 392.606-400.243 | Grade | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 2.21 % | - |
| 400.243-459.757 | Sag curve | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | 26KF | 26KF | - |
| 459.757-482.724 | Grade | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 4.50% | - |
| 482.223-715.106 | Crest Curve | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | 100KF | 100KF | - |
| 715.106-1051.238 | Crest Curve | | 100KF | 100KF | - |
| 1051.238-1242.592 | Grade | | 0.5% - 6% | -1.19% | - |
| 1242.592-1263.338 | Grade | Immediate approach NB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | -1.19% | - |
| 1263.338-1307.328 | Sag Curve | Immediate approach NB to roundabout | 26KF | 26KF | - |
| 1307.328-1412.515 | Grade | Immediate approach NB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 0.50% | - |

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 1412.515-1447.109 | Sag Curve | Immediate approach NB to roundabout | 26KF | 26KF | - |
| 1447.109-1565.092 | Grade | Immediate approach NB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 1.83% | - |
| 1565.092-1631.544 | Roundabout | | | | |
| 1631.544-1753.243 | Grade | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | - | - | - |
| 1753.243-1954.044 | Crest curve | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | 100KF | 100KF | - |
| 1954.044-2053.139 | Crest curve | | 100KF | 100KF | - |
| 2053.139-2138.121 | Grade | | 0.5% - 6% | -1.13% | - |
| 2138.121-2150.820 | Sag Curve | | 26KF | 26KF | - |
| 2150.820-2189.753 | Sag Curve | Immediate approach NB to roundabout | 26KF | 26KF | - |
| 2189.753-2426.385 | Grade | Immediate approach NB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 0.86% | - |
| 2426.385-2455.395 | Sag Curve | Immediate approach NB to roundabout | 26KF | 26KF | - |
| 2455.395-2473.320 | Grade | Immediate approach NB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 1.97% | - |
| 2473.320- | Roundabout | | | | |

Northampton Road - North

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0.933-41.494 | Grade | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 1.51% | - |
| 41.494-117.677 | Crest curve | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | 55KF | 55KF | - |
| 151.860-166.608 | Grade | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 0.78% | - |
| 166.608-218.484 | Sag curve | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | 20KF | 20KF | - |
| 218.484-219.917 | Grade | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 2.09% | - |
| 219.917 | Give way line | | | | |

Northampton Road – (South of Roade bypass)

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-16.864 | Sag curve | Immediate approach NB to roundabout | 13 KF | 20KF | - |
| 16.864-61.523 | Grade | Immediate approach NB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 4.12% | - |
| 61.523-123.529 | Crest curve | Immediate approach NB to roundabout | 17 KF | 20KF | - |
| 123.529-117.400 | Grade | Immediate approach NB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 1.018% | - |
| 117.400 | Give way line | | | | |

Blisworth Road (Roade) (East of bypass)

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-4.619 | Grade | | 0.5% - 6% | 0.25% | - |
| 4.619-25.502 | Crest curve | | 10KF | 30KF | - |
| 25.502-51.944 | Crest curve | Immediate approach WB to roundabout | 10KF | 30KF | - |
| 51.944-60.516 | Grade | Immediate approach WB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 0.91% | - |
| 60.516-124.863 | Sag curve | Immediate approach WB to roundabout | 9KF | 25KF | - |
| 124.863-160.502 | Grade | Immediate approach WB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 1.251% | - |
| 160.502 | Give way line | | | | |

Blisworth Road (Roade) (west of Roade bypass)

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-8.524 | As existing | | | | |
| 8.524-52.384 | Grade | | 0.5% - 6% | 0.52% | - |
| 52.384-110.887 | Grade | Immediate approach EB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 0.52% | - |
| 110.887-192.325 | Crest curve | Immediate approach EB to roundabout & Private Access ch.161 | 30KF | 55KF | - |
| 192.325-232.384 | Grade | Immediate approach EB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 2% | - |
| 232.384 | Give way line | | | | |

Stratford Road (north of bypass)

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-10.837 | Grade | | 0.5% - 6% | 6.59% | As existing |
| 10.837-154.986 | Sag Curve | Immediate approach SB to roundabout & Private Access ch120 | 20KF | 13KF | A 1 step relaxation in Sag K value on the immediate approach to a junction constitutes a Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/04 . This is in combination with a 3 step below desirable minimum radius which is a further Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/06 . See below for further details. |
| 154.986-156.096 | Grade | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 4.5% | - |
| 156.096-195.872 | Crest curve | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | 55KF | 17KF | A 2 step relaxation in Crest K value on the immediate approach to a junction constitutes a Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/05 . See below for further details. |
| 195.872-216.565 | Grade | Immediate approach SB to roundabout | 0.5% - 6% | 2.16% | - |
| 216.565 | Give way line | | | | |

- 5.8 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/04** is for a 1 step below desirable minimum Sag K value on the immediate approach to the Roade Bypass roundabout junction in the southbound direction.
- 5.9 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/05** is for a 2 step below desirable minimum Crest K value on the immediate approach to the Roade Bypass roundabout junction in the southbound direction.
- 5.10 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/06** is for the combination of a 1 step below desirable minimum Sag K value with a 3 step below desirable minimum radius which applies in both directions.
- 5.11 It is not possible to provide a fully compliant layout for the Stratford Road approach to the Roade Bypass roundabout without wholesale realignment of the existing road and removal of the substandard existing bends, junctions, accesses and crests. Such wholesale realignment is not considered necessary as a result of the impacts of the SRFI development or construction of the bypass and would have additional environmental impacts.
- 5.12 Whilst the scheme as proposed does have three departures from standard as recorded in this report it is considered that the proposals are a significant improvement over the existing situation for the following reasons:
- Stratford Road will have a significant reduction in traffic as a result of the construction of the bypass
 - Speed surveys have been undertaken in the vicinity of the bends and the mean speeds are significantly below the 50mph speed limit – the recorded speeds are shown below

| Location/direction | Mean speed (mph) |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Site 1 (NB) | 31.6 |
| Site 1 (SB) | 41.4 |
| Site 2 (NB) | 40.0 |
| Site 2 (SB) | 41.3 |

Knock Lane

- 5.13 The various elements of the Knock Lane improvements are assessed below.

Knock Lane / Blisworth Road (Roade) bend widening

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|---------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-26.844 | Sag curve | None | 20KF | 17.625KF | As Existing |
| 26.844-41.997 | Grade | Immediate approach EB to give way line | 0.5% - 6% | 0.79% | None |

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 41.997-79.280 | Sag curve | None | 20KF | 20KF | None |
| 79.280-116.336 | Grade | Immediate approach EB to give way line | 0.5% - 6% | 1.83% | None |
| 116.336-152.165 | Crest curve | Immediate approach EB to give way line | 30KF | 30KF | None |
| 152.165-175.205 | Grade | Immediate approach EB to give way line | 0.5% - 6% | 0.64% | None |
| 175.205-279.020 | Crest curve | Immediate approach EB to give way line | 30KF | 120KF | None |
| 279.020-285.118 | Grade | Immediate approach EB to give way line | 0.5% - 6% | 2.5% | None |

Stoke Road / Knock Lane Junction improvement (Knock Lane)

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 5.404-8.172 | Grade | None | 0.5% - 6% | 1.95% | None |
| 8.172-54.168 | Sag curve | None | 20KF | 20KF | None |
| 54.168-62.539 | Grade | None | 0.5% - 6% | 4.25% | None |
| 62.539-93.920 | Crest curve | None | 30KF | 30KF | None |
| 93.920-126.391 | Grade | None | 0.5% - 6% | 3.20% | None |
| 126.391-134.712 | Crest curve | None | 30KF | 30KF | None |
| 134.712-155.000 | Grade | None | 0.5% - 6% | 2.93% | None |

A508 Rookery Lane / Ashton Road Junction improvement

5.14 The various elements of A508 Rookery Lane / Ashton Road Junction improvement are assessed below. The A508 Northbound and Southbound are assessed separately due to the single lane dualling.

A508 Northbound

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-18.298 | Sag curve | None | 20KF | 30KF | None |
| 18.298-139.652 | Sag curve | Immediate approach to Ashton Road and Rookery Lane | 20KF | 20KF | None |
| 139.652-204.226 | Grade | Immediate approach to Ashton Road and Rookery Lane | 0.5% - 6% | 8% | 8% is a permitted relaxation (maximum permitted gradient without seeking a departure) |
| 204.226-294.310 | Crest curve | Immediate approach to Ashton Road and Rookery Lane | 55 KF | 30KF | A 1 step relaxation in Crest K value on the immediate approach to a junction constitutes Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/11 . See above for further details. Used in combination with a relaxation in horizontal radius and SSD this is a further Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/10 . Again this is reviewed above. |
| 294.310-413.460 | Grade | Immediate approach to Rookery Lane | 0.5% - 6% | 5% | None |
| 413.460-617.235 | Crest curve | None | 55 KF | 30KF | 1 step relaxation in Crest K value is a permitted relaxation |
| 617.235-658.478 | Grade | None | 0.5% - 6% | 1.8% | None |

A508 Southbound

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|----------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|--|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-42.819 | Grade | None | 0.5% - 6% | 1.8% | None |
| 42.819-248.511 | Crest curve | Immediate approach to Ashton Road and Rookery Lane | 55 KF | 30KF | A 1 step relaxation in Crest K value on the immediate approach to a junction |

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|---|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| | | | | | constitutes Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/14 . See above for further details. Used in combination with a relaxation in horizontal radius and SSD this is a further Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/13 . Again this is reviewed above. |
| 248.511-370.614 | Grade | Immediate approach to Rookery Lane | 0.5% - 6% | 5% | None |
| 370.614-459.263 | Crest curve | None | 55 KF | 30KF | 1 step relaxation in Crest K value is a permitted relaxation. |
| 459.263-522.425 | Grade | Immediate approach to Ashton Road and Rookery Lane | 0.5% - 6% | 8% | 8% is a permitted relaxation (maximum permitted gradient without seeking a departure) |
| 522.425-643.111 | Sag curve | None | 20KF | 20KF | None |
| 643.111-660.083 | Sag curve | None | 20KF | 30KF | None |

Rookery Lane

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|---|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-28.949 | Grade | Immediate approach EB to give way line | 0.5% - 6% | 1.1% | None |
| 28.949-64.544 | Crest curve | Immediate approach EB to give way line | 30KF | 10KF | A 2 step relaxation in Crest K value on the immediate approach to a junction constitutes Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/15 . See below for details. |
| 64.544-67.333 | Grade | Immediate approach EB to give way line | 0.5% - 6% | 2.5% | None |

5.15 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/15** is for a 2 step below desirable minimum Crest K value on the immediate approach to the A508 from Rookery Lane. This results in a 1 step below stopping sight distance on the approach to the junction.

5.16 It is not possible to provide a fully compliant layout for Rookery Lane without wholesale realignment of the existing A508 including removal of the substandard existing crest.

Such wholesale realignment is not considered necessary as a result of the impacts of the SRFI development or construction of the bypass and would have additional environmental impacts.

5.17 Whilst the scheme as proposed does have a departure from standard as recorded in this report it is considered that the proposals are a significant improvement over the existing situation for the following reasons:

- Improved junction visibility from the proposed junction realignment
- The benefits of the improved layout on the major arm of the junction as discussed above.

Ashton Road

| Chainage | Vertical Alignment Feature | Junction Features within this Section | Minimum Standard | Proposed Design | |
|---------------|----------------------------|--|------------------|-----------------|---|
| | | | | Details | Relaxations / Departures |
| 0-0.832 | Grade | Immediate approach WB to give way line | 0.5% - 6% | 1.8% | None |
| 0.832-54.917 | Crest curve | Immediate approach WB to give way line | 30KF | 10KF | A 2 step relaxation in Crest K value on the immediate approach to a junction constitutes Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/16 . See below for further details. Used in combination with a 2 step relaxation in desirable minimum radius this is a further Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/17 . Again see below for details. |
| 54.917-75.558 | Sag curve | Immediate approach WB to give way line | 20KF | 9KF | A 2 step relaxation in Crest K value on the immediate approach to a junction constitutes Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/18 . See below for further details. Used in combination with a 2 step relaxation in desirable minimum radius this is a further Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/19 . Again see below for details. |
| 75.558-81.684 | Grade | Immediate approach WB to give way line | 0.5% - 6% | 5% | None |

5.18 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/16** is for a 2 step below desirable minimum Crest K value on the immediate approach to the A508 from Ashton Road. This results in a 1 step below stopping sight distance on the approach to the junction.

- 5.19 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/17** is for the combination of a 2 step below desirable minimum Crest K value with a 2 step below desirable minimum radius which applies in both directions.
- 5.20 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/18** is for a 2 step below desirable minimum Sag K value on the immediate approach to the A508 from Ashton Road.
- 5.21 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/19** is for the combination of a 2 step below desirable minimum Sag K value with a 2 step below desirable minimum radius which applies in both directions. This overlap is for a distance of around 2 to 3 metres.
- 5.22 It is not possible to provide a fully compliant layout for Ashton Road without wholesale realignment of the existing A508 including removal of the substandard existing bends, junctions, accesses and crests. Such wholesale realignment is not considered necessary as a result of the impacts of the SRFI development or construction of the bypass and would have additional environmental impacts.
- 5.23 Whilst the scheme as proposed does have two departures from standard as recorded in this report it is considered that the proposals are a significant improvement over the existing situation for the following reasons:
- Improved forward visibility on the approach to the give way line.
 - Improved visibility from the proposed junction realignment.
 - The benefits of the improved layout on the major arm of the junction as discussed above.

A508 Pury Road Junction Improvement

- 5.24 No changes to the vertical alignment are proposed.

A508 Grafton Regis

- 5.25 No changes to the vertical alignment are proposed.

6.0 CROSS SECTIONS OF LINKS

- 6.1 The cross section has been assessed for each of the links. The starting point for the assessment is TA46/97 Table 2.1 which provides flow ranges for different types of road. It is important to note that these flow ranges are based on opening year AADT and are for economic assessment purposes and hence do not represent link capacity. TA46/97 states that the flow ranges should be used flexibly.
- 6.2 As the NSTM traffic model has been used, the design proposals have been modelled within NSTM and hence the predicted flows are based on that model and what level of traffic the proposals can accommodate.

A508 dualling

- 6.3 The forecast 2-way AADT is 39,000. From TA46/97 Table 2.1 this is at the high end of the range for a D2AP and well within the range for a D3AP.
- 6.4 However, as noted above TA46/97 is the starting point and it is proposed that the northbound carriageway is 3 lanes and southbound carriageway 2 lanes. 3 lanes are proposed northbound due to the segregated left turn lane from the SRFI site and the need for additional lanes on the approach to M1 J15.
- 6.5 The layout has been assessed using the VISSIM modelling and this shows that the southbound link will perform well during the peak hours – refer to the “VISSIM Modelling Summary – Proposed Site Access” included in the Transport Assessment for further details.

A508 south of SRFI access

- 6.6 The following table provides the forecast 2-way AADT flows for the A508 from the SRFI site access to the Rookery Lane / Ashton Road staggered crossroads, i.e. the length of A508 that is to be substantially upgraded. South of the Rookery Lane / Ashton Road staggered crossroads, the works at Pury Road and in Grafton Regis are relatively minor in nature and there is no requirement for a detailed consideration of the link cross section.

| From | To | 2-way AADT | Suggested cross section(s) from TA46/97 |
|--|-----------------------------------|------------|---|
| SRFI roundabout | Blisworth Road (Courteenhall) | 27,300 | D2AP / D3AP |
| Blisworth Road (Courteenhall) | Roade Bypass (Northampton Road) | 26,600 | D2AP / D3AP |
| Roade Bypass north roundabout Northampton Road | Blisworth Road (Roade) roundabout | 20,500 | WS2 / D2AP |
| Roade Bypass Blisworth Road (Roade) roundabout | Stratford Road | 18,700 | WS2 / D2AP |
| Roade Bypass south roundabout (Stratford Road) | Rookery Lane / Ashton Road | 21,300 | D2AP |

- 6.7 As noted above the flow ranges given in TA46/97 are for economic appraisal and are given for guidance.
- 6.8 Given that the primary purpose of upgrading the A508 is to mitigate the impact of the SRFI development, rather than for general economic benefit as would be the case if it were a standalone highway improvement, there is no absolute requirement for the corridor to be upgraded to a rural dual carriageway standard. Provision of a dual carriageway would not be commensurate with the impact of the SRFI.
- 6.9 Whilst TA46/97 refers to wide single carriageway (WS2) roads, there are safety issues associated with such roads as they can encourage inappropriate overtaking. For this reason a WS2 road has been discounted.
- 6.10 As a result of the above and based on the existing A508 corridor, a single 2 lane carriageway (S2) has been assessed in the NSTM modelling. The modelling demonstrates that this is an acceptable provision in traffic capacity terms and the development impact does not require a greater standard to be provided.
- 6.11 Hence, the improved sections of the A508 south of the SRFI access will be designed to cross section S2 (TD27/05 Figure 4-3a).

A508 Blisworth Road Junction Improvement

A508 (mainline)

- 6.12 The widths of the A508 through lanes are proposed to be 4m plus 1m nearside and offside hardstrips. This is in accordance with TD42/95 para 7.21 for single lane dualling A508 (mainline).
- 6.13 To the north and south this link will connect to the existing A508 which is generally a S2 cross section but without hardstrips. These are existing departures from standard.
- 6.14 Throughout the widened section verges will be provided as for cross section S2, and a 3m footway will be provided on the western side. This is wider than would normally be provided for a footway but permits an element of future proofing if there was a separate scheme in the future to provide a shared use footway / cycleway.

Blisworth Road (Courteenhall)

- 6.15 The carriageway width for Blisworth Road is 6m in both the existing situation and proposed design which is in accordance with the design principles for Rural Lanes set out above. There is no existing footway provision.

A508 Road Bypass

- 6.16 As noted above the cross section on the bypass will be S2. A 3m shared use footway / cycleway will be provided along the length of the bypass.

Climbing lanes

- 6.17 Consideration to the provision of a climbing lanes is required on single carriageway roads and these affect the cross section. The maximum gradient proposed on the bypass is 4.5%, which is below the 6% desirable maximum gradient (TD9/93 para 4.1).
- 6.18 TD9/93 para 5.9 states that a climbing lane can be considered, if it can be justified, where there is a gradient steeper than 2% for more than 500m. This occurs in the northbound direction at the between the Stratford road roundabout and the Blisworth lane roundabout. In this location, there is a vertical rise of 13.2m over a distance of 520m (2.5% average).
- 6.19 TD9/93 requires a minimum length of climbing lane of 500m followed by a further 220m past the point where the gradient reduces below 2%, followed by 200m of tapers.
- 6.20 There is no absolute requirement to provide climbing lanes and given that the gradient is only slightly above the threshold it is not considered justifiable to provide one in this location. Furthermore, junctions are not permitted within the extents of climbing lanes or tapers and there are 2 field accesses proposed within this section.
- 6.21 For single carriageways, there is a safety benefit in providing a climbing lane as they permit overtaking. However, as noted in the chapter below, the overall route already includes provision for overtaking and it is not required to provide an overtaking facility on the bypass link.
- 6.22 As a result of the above analysis it is considered that there is no justification to provide any climbing lanes on the Road Bypass.

Connections to existing A508

- 6.23 To the north and south of the bypass the A508 will connect to the existing road which is generally a S2 cross section but without hardstrips. These are existing departures from standard.
- 6.24 The existing cross sections will be retained for the connections into Road B.

Knock Lane / Blisworth Road (Road B)

South of the Bypass

- 6.25 The carriageway width of the proposed link is 6m plus widening due to the horizontal alignment, giving a total width of 7.2m. This will connect to the existing road which is around 5m in width.
- 6.26 A footway/cycleway will be provided alongside in order to provide connectivity from Road B to the facilities along the bypass.

North of the Bypass

- 6.27 The existing road width between Stoke Road and the bypass varies along its length from around 4.2m to 5.0m. Improvements are proposed at the following locations, the justification for which is provided in the Transport Assessment:
- Immediately north of the bypass: widening to 5.5m for the length of the realigned road.
 - At the existing bend (approximately halfway along the length): widening to 5.5m over the length of the bend. The road widens with tapers of 1:50 from the existing width to the proposed 5.5m.
 - Immediate approach to Stoke Road: widening to 6.0m. The additional width here is provided in order to permit swept paths of larger vehicles to pass each other at the Stoke Road junction.
- 6.28 These proposals are consistent with the approach to the design of rural lanes set out above.

A508 Rookery Lane / Ashton Road Junction improvement

- 6.29 The widths of the A508 through lanes are proposed to be 4m plus 1m nearside and offside hardstrips. This is in accordance with TD42/95 para 7.21 for single lane dualling A508 (mainline).
- 6.30 To the north and south this link will connect to the existing A508 which is generally a S2 cross section but without hardstrips. These are existing departures from standard.
- 6.31 Throughout the widened and realigned section verges will be provided as for cross section S2.
- 6.32 Footways and shared use footway / cycleways will be provided where considered appropriate.

A508 Pury Road Junction Improvement

- 6.33 Details of the changes in the junction geometry are given below.

A508 Grafton Regis

- 6.34 Details of the changes in the junction geometry are given below.

7.0 A508 DUALLING & SRFI ACCESS ROUNDABOUT JUNCTION AND FEATURES

Roundabout

- 7.1 The proposed roundabout will serve the SRFI site. The proposed ICD is 85m and the circulatory width is 13.5m, which is between 1 and 1.2 times the maximum entry width of 13.5m.
- 7.2 There will be three approaches to the roundabout and these are assessed as follows:

| A508 Northbound Approach (Design speed: 85kph) | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Visibility on approach | 160m for 240m (1.5 x SSD) | ≥ 160m for 240m | No |
| Visibility on entry | 50m at 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m at 15m back from give way line | No |
| Visibility to right on entry | 50m from give way line and 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m in both circumstances | No |
| Entry path curvature | ≤ 100m | < 100m | No |
| Entry angle | 20° to 60° | 40° | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Entry radius | 20m | 20m | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Lane width on entry | 3-4.5m | 2 x 4.5m | No |

| A508 Southbound approach (Design speed: 85kph) | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Visibility on approach | 160m for 240m (1.5 x SSD) | ≥ 160m for 240m | No |
| Visibility on entry | 50m at 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m at 15m back from give way line | No |
| Visibility to right on entry | 50m from give way line and 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m in both circumstances | No |
| Entry path curvature | ≤ 100m | < 100m | No |
| Entry angle | 20° to 60° | 38° | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Entry radius | 20m | 20m | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |

| A508 Southbound approach (Design speed: 85kph) | | | |
|---|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Lane width on entry | 3-4.5m | 3 x 4.5m | No |

| SRFI approach (Design speed: 60kph) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Visibility on approach | 90m for 135m (1.5 x SSD) | ≥ 90m for 135m | No |
| Visibility on entry | 50m at 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m at 15m back from give way line | No |
| Visibility to right on entry | 50m from give way line and 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m in both circumstances | No |
| Entry path curvature | ≤ 100m | < 100m | No |
| Entry angle | 20° to 60° | 47° | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Entry radius | 20m | 20m | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Lane width on entry | 3-4.5m | 2 x 4.1m | No |

Bus stops

- 7.3 Two bus stops are proposed on the A508 in this location. Both are proposed to be lay-bys due to the volume of traffic and speed of road and are designed in accordance with TD69 Figure 5/1.

A508 southbound roundabout exit

- 7.4 The A508 is a single carriageway south of the roundabout and there is a merge on the exit from the roundabout from two lanes to one. Two southbound ahead lanes through the roundabout are required for capacity purposes. The merge is recommended to take place with a 1:15 to 1:20 taper in accordance with TD16. However, the traffic modelling analysis using VISSIM has demonstrated that this could result in queuing back onto the roundabout at peak times and the merge is proposed to be extended by use of a longer taper. The 1:15 to 1:20 taper is a recommendation in TD16 and is not a mandatory requirement.
- 7.5 A refuge island is proposed towards the end of the merge to reduce the risk of merging traffic entering the opposing lane.

SRFI approach segregated left turn lane

- 7.6 It is proposed to provide a segregated left turn lane (SLTL) from the SRFI approach onto the A508 northbound towards M1 J15. A SLTL should be considered where the left turning flow is greater than the total entry arm flow divided by the number of lanes at the roundabout.

| Location | AM | PM |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Left turning flow (vph) (L) | 197 | 861 |
| Total entry arm flow (vph) (F) | 206 | 934 |
| Number of lanes (E) | 3 | 3 |
| F / E | 69 | 311 |
| Is L > (F / E) ? | Yes | Yes |

- 7.7 It can be seen from the above that a SLTL should be considered and based on the above analysis there is an overwhelming case for a SLTL to be provided.
- 7.8 Furthermore, it is proposed that, as part of the SRFI scheme, HGVs from the SRFI will be prohibited from turning right onto the A508. This is to be achieved by providing a SLTL and a height barrier on the roundabout approach (the height barrier will not be within the public highway).
- 7.9 The design of the proposed segregated left turn lane is in accordance with TD51/17 and is assessed as follows:

| Requirement | Criteria (TD51) | Proposed Design | Proposed Departure from Standard? |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Nearside kerb radius | - | 32m | - |
| Physical island length | - | >50m | - |
| Desirable minimum SSD | 70 | ≥70m | No |
| SLTL carriageway width | 7.8m | 7.8m | No |
| Exit taper length factor | 25 | 25 | No |
| Exit taper length | 107.5m | 107.5m | No |

Lane Widths

- 7.10 TD42 table 7/2 has therefore been used as the basis for widening lanes where radii are 100m or less.
- 7.11 In addition, a detailed tracking assessment has been undertaken with both the 15.5m and 16.5m articulated vehicles. These are shown on drawing **NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK43**.

- 7.12 The vehicle tracking assessment that has been based on the 15.5m long articulated vehicle with a single rear axle as this is design vehicle as stated in TD22 para 7.15. The vehicle tracking assessment shows that minor lane encroachments are necessary to complete some manoeuvres. However, this is considered to be acceptable given the relatively rare nature of the vehicle and the overall size of the roundabout.
- 7.13 The vehicle tracking that has been based on the common 16.5m has shown that these HGVs would stay within their lanes around the junction

8.0 A508 BLISWORTH ROAD JUNCTION

- 8.1 The existing junction between the A508 and Blisworth Road (Courteenhall) is a simple priority junction. It is located immediately north of the access into the Courteenhall Estate which in itself is a simple priority junction. A bus stop lay-by is present on the A508 northbound and there is a war memorial opposite the Courteenhall Estate access.
- 8.2 The existing A508 horizontal and vertical alignments are poor as shown in the relevant sections above. This results in poor visibility both at the Blisworth Road junction and the Courteenhall Estate access.
- 8.3 The proposed scheme is to amend the Blisworth Road junction to a left-in left-out junction and prohibiting right turn manoeuvres. This removes right turn conflicts which would, if retained, result in capacity and safety problems.

Visibility

- 8.4 Assessment of forward visibility on the A508 mainline is given above. The visibility from the junction and Courteenhall Estate access is as follows.

Blisworth Road Junction Visibility

| Requirement | Criteria (TD42) for 85kph design speed | Existing visibility & Departures | Actual Proposed | Proposed Departure from Standard? |
|--|--|---|--|---|
| Visibility to right | 9m x 160m | <u>Horizontal</u> 9.0 x 23m 4.5 x 41m 2.4 x 160m Relaxation <u>Vertical</u> See table below (Existing departure) | <u>Horizontal</u> 9m x 160m <u>Vertical</u> See table below | As the visibility is not achieved to the low object height this constitutes a Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/07 . |
| Visibility to left | 9m x 160m | 9.0 x 16m 4.5 x 24m 2.4 x 61m (Existing departure) | Not applicable as left turn only | - |
| Visibility to determine junction form | 15m on Minor Road to see junction layout | 10m on Minor Road to see junction layout (Existing departure) | 15m on Minor Road to see junction layout | - |

- 8.5 The vertical visibility to the right is assessed as follows:

| Object height | Existing distance | Proposed distance |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 0.26m | 91m | 95m |
| 0.6m | 106m | 112m |
| 0.95m | 118m | 133m |
| 1.05m | 126m | >160m |

8.6 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/07** is for the junction visibility to the right not being available to a 0.26m object height.

8.7 As discussed above it is not possible to provide a fully compliant layout for the A508 at the Blisworth Road junction. Whilst the scheme as proposed does have various departures from standard as recorded in this report it is considered that the proposals are a significant improvement over the existing situation for the following reasons:

- Visibility to the right is significantly improved with the x distance increased from 2.4m to 9.0m
- The visibility to the right will also be improved by repositioning of the crest on the A508. This enables an object height of 1.05m to be seen for over 160m whereas at present it can be seen for 126m due to the dip in the road. This means that vehicles will not fully disappear into the existing 'dip' when viewed from drivers turning left from Blisworth Road.

Courteenhall Estate Access Junction Visibility

| Requirement | Criteria (TD41) for 85kph design speed | Existing visibility & Departures | Actual Proposed | Proposed Departure from Standard? |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Visibility to right | 4.5m x 160m | <u>Horizontal</u> 2.0m x 160m <u>Vertical</u> See table below | <u>Horizontal</u> 2.0m x 160m <u>Vertical</u> See table below | Relaxation of 'x' distance to 2.0m permitted for lightly trafficked access in difficult conditions. As the visibility is not achieved to the low object height this constitutes a Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/08 . |
| Visibility to left | 4.5m x 160m | 2.0m x 63m which is a departure from standard for the 'y' distance | 2.0m x 63m | Relaxation of 'x' distance to 2.0m permitted for lightly trafficked access in difficult conditions. 'y' distance is a departure from standard, which is considered to be an existing departure unaffected by the proposed scheme. |

8.8 The vertical visibility to the right is assessed as follows:

| Object height | Existing distance | Proposed distance |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 0.26m | 102m | 94m |
| 0.6m | 121m | 110m |
| 0.95m | 138m | 122m |
| 1.05m | 143m | 126m |

8.9 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/08** is for the visibility to the right from the access not being available to a 0.26m object height.

8.10 It can be seen from the above that the visibility to the right is slightly reduced from the existing situation. However, the reduction is relatively minor and it is considered that the

benefits through improving the visibility to Blisworth Road outweigh the disbenefits to the Courteenhall Estate access. During the detailed design further work will be undertaken to determine if the crest on the A508 southbound can be reduced given that it does not need to exactly follow the A508 northbound due to the presence of the central island.

A508 Blisworth Road Junction Geometry

- 8.11 The proposed junction layout is a left-in left-out with a narrow central reserve to inhibit right turn manoeuvres.
- 8.12 The widths of the A508 through lanes are proposed to be 4m plus 1m nearside and offside hardstrips. This is in accordance with TD42/95 para 7.21 for single lane dualling.
- 8.13 A 1.5m wide central reserve is proposed which is considered sufficiently wide to provide street furniture within it with a set back (measured from the trafficked face of the hardstrip) of 1.2m minimum.
- 8.14 The Blisworth Road geometry is assessed as follows:

| Requirement | Criteria (TD42) | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| Physical island width | 10m | 3.5m | No, as the single lane dualling does not include a crossing point |
| Blisworth Road junction radii | 20m radius in all other circumstances | 15m radius with tapers of 1:6 over a distance of 30m | Permitted relaxation as this is only a recommendation in TD42. The geometry proposed is that used for a ghost island. |

- 8.15 The need for nearside diverging tapers has been reviewed. These shall be provided at all junctions where:
- the left turn AADT is greater than 600
 - the HGV% is greater than 20% and left turn AADT is greater than 450
 - where the major road AADT is greater than 7000-8000 the above figures are halved
- 8.16 The predicted flows are as follows:
- A508 Northbound ahead: 12,500 AADT
 - Left turn into Blisworth road: 600 AADT
- 8.17 Based on the above a nearside diverging taper should be provided. However, there is insufficient room to provide a taper due to the existing war memorial. The omission of the taper is a **Departure from Standard** reference **NGW/A508/26**. The justification for the omission is as follows:
- The existing junction does not have such a taper.
 - Provision of a taper would either have a significant adverse effect on the war memorial or would require substantial realignment of Blisworth Road, to the north.

- There is not a desire to encourage traffic along Blisworth Road through provision of a significantly larger junction.
- The left turn onto Blisworth Road is not impeded and the radii and tapers will be greater than existing, allowing slightly higher turning speeds.
- The safety risk to drivers is considered to be very low as drivers would indicate to turn left and slow down as is commonplace on the road network. The principal reason for provision of the taper is to not impede ahead movements rather than on safety grounds.

8.18 It is considered that, even though there are several departures from standard associated with the A508 Blisworth Road junction, the scheme would constitute a significant improvement on the existing situation through, in particular, removal of right turn manoeuvres and adjustments to the horizontal and vertical alignment.

Bus stop

8.19 A replacement northbound bus stop is proposed on the A508 in this location. This is proposed to be lay-bys due to the volume of traffic and speed of road. The lay-by is designed in accordance with TD69 Figure 5/1.

9.0 ROADE BYPASS JUNCTIONS AND FEATURES

Overtaking opportunities

- 9.1 Due to the alignment of the bypass, which results from various constraints such as the West Coast Mainline crossing and general topography, the entire bypass is considered to be a non-overtaking section and has been designed as such. No horizontal radii are used within Band C (TD9/93 Figure 24) as used within the design.
- 9.2 For single carriageway roads, TD9/93 para 7.20 requires an overtaking value of 30% to be achieved for a Category 3 road (The bypass is considered to be a Category 3 road as defined by TD9/93 Table 4).
- 9.3 Due to the presence of roundabout junctions with 2 lane entries and exits along Roade bypass, it is considered that a lack of overtaking on the bypass link itself will not present a significant problem. It is also considered that the bypass will be of a much higher standard than the existing single carriageway through and either side of Roade.

Farm accesses

- 9.4 Direct access points into farmland are proposed from the Roade Bypass and Blisworth Road at several locations. These will be generally designed to TD41/95 Layout 1. The visibility requirements are assessed as follows:

| Location | Access from | Visibility splay provided |
|---|----------------|---------------------------|
| Land east of bypass, South of bridleway Ch. 719 | Roade Bypass | 2.4m x 215m |
| Land west of bypass, North of bridleway Ch. 1008 | Roade Bypass | 2.4m x 215m |
| Land west of Blisworth Road and east of bypass Ch.110 | Blisworth Road | 2.4m x 90m |
| Land north of blisworth Road / Knock Lane Ch.179 | Blisworth Road | 2.4m x 120m |

- 9.5 It is considered that relaxation of the x distance to 2.4m is appropriate given the low usage of these accesses.

Non-motorised user (NMU) crossing points

- 9.6 NMU crossing points have been incorporated into the splitter islands where footway cycleway is present. Two at grade NMU crossings are proposed over the Roade Bypass away from the roundabouts to maintain links with the existing footpath KZ2a and the bridleway RZ3.
- 9.7 An underpass is proposed for bridleway RZ1 due to the high equestrian usage of the bridleway given its proximity to the stables at Dovecote Farm.
- 9.8 The 2-way AADT for the northern (busier) section of the bypass is approximately 20,500. Under TA91/05 Table 6/1, this would mean that an at-grade crossing would be on the would be "not normally appropriate". It is therefore proposed to provide a central

refuge island at both crossing points which would result in an at-grade crossing being assessed as “potentially appropriate”. Given the predicted pedestrian flows for the crossings are very low this is considered acceptable.

A508 Stratford Road roundabout

9.9 The proposed ICD is 80m and the circulatory width is 10.8m, which is between 1 and 1.2 times the maximum entry width of 9.0m.

9.10 There will be three approaches to the roundabout and these are assessed as follows:

| A508 Northbound Approach (Design speed: 85kph) | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Visibility on approach | 160m for 240m (1.5 x SSD) | ≥ 160m for 240m | No |
| Visibility on entry | 50m at 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m at 15m back from give way line | No |
| Visibility to right on entry | 50m from give way line and 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m in both circumstances | No |
| Entry path curvature | ≤ 100m | < 100m | No |
| Entry angle | 20° to 60° | 48° | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Entry radius | 20m | 20m | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Lane width on entry | 3-4.5m | 2 x 4.5m | No |

| Road Bypass Approach (Design speed: 100kph) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Visibility on approach | 215m for 322.5m (1.5 x SSD) | ≥ 215m for 322.5m | No |
| Visibility on entry | 50m at 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m at 15m back from give way line | No |
| Visibility to right on entry | 50m from give way line and 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m in both circumstances | No |
| Entry path curvature | ≤ 100m | < 100m | No |
| Entry angle | 20° to 60° | 53° | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Entry radius | 20m | 20m | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |

| Roade Bypass Approach (Design speed: 100kph) | | | |
|--|----------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Lane width on entry | 3-4.5m | 2 x 4.5m | No |

| Approach from Roade (Design speed: 85kph) | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Visibility on approach | 160m for 240m (1.5 x SSD) | Horizontal SSD is $\geq 160m$ for 240m, but it is affected by the vertical alignment | See Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/05 , details are given above. |
| Visibility on entry | 50m at 15m back from give way line | $\geq 50m$ at 15m back from give way line | No |
| Visibility to right on entry | 50m from give way line and 15m back from give way line | $\geq 50m$ in both circumstances | No |
| Entry path curvature | $\leq 100m$ | $< 100m$ | No |
| Entry angle | 20° to 60° | 28° | Guidance as criteria not in black box |
| Entry radius | 20m | 20m | Guidance as criteria not in black box |
| Lane width on entry | 3-4.5m | 2 x 3.2m | No |

- 9.11 The roundabouts are designed to allow two ahead lanes of traffic on the A508 in each direction. The roundabout exit tapers are between 1:15 and 1:20 to reduce the width to a single lane.
- 9.12 A refuge island is proposed towards the end of each merge to reduce the risk of merging traffic entering the opposing lane.
- 9.13 A detailed tracking assessment has been undertaken to check that HGVs would stay within their lanes around the junction. This is shown on drawing **NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK41**.
- 9.14 The vehicle tracking assessment has been based on a 15.5m long articulated vehicle with a single rear axle as this is more onerous as stated in TD42 para 7.16. Although this vehicle is relatively rare, it is considered that given the number of HGVs predicted to use J15 that this vehicle should be used.

A508 Blisworth Road roundabout

- 9.15 The proposed ICD is 80m and the circulatory width is 10.8m, which is between 1 and 1.2 times the maximum entry width of 9.0m.

9.16 There will be four approaches to the roundabout and these are assessed as follows:

| Approach from Roade Bypass (south) (Design speed: 100ph) | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Visibility on approach | 215m for 322.5m (1.5 x SSD) | ≥ 215m for 322.5m | No |
| Visibility on entry | 50m at 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m at 15m back from give way line | No |
| Visibility to right on entry | 50m from give way line and 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m in both circumstances | No |
| Entry path curvature | ≤ 100m | < 100m | No |
| Entry angle | 20° to 60° | 43° | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Entry radius | 20m | 30m | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Lane width on entry | 3-4.5m | 2 x 4.5m | No |

| Approach from Roade Bypass (north) (Design speed: 100kph) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Visibility on approach | 215m for 322.5m (1.5 x SSD) | ≥ 215m for 322.5m | No |
| Visibility on entry | 40m at 15m back from give way line | ≥ 40m at 15m back from give way line | No |
| Visibility to right on entry | 40m from give way line and 15m back from give way line | ≥ 40m in both circumstances | No |
| Entry path curvature | ≤ 100m | < 100m | No |
| Entry angle | 20° to 60° | 37° | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Entry radius | 20m | 30m | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Lane width on entry | 3-4.5m | 2 x 4.5m | No |

| Approach from Blisworth Road South (Design speed: 50kph) | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Visibility on approach | 70m | ≥ 70m | No |
| Visibility on entry | 50m at 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m at 15m back from give way line | No |
| Visibility to right on entry | 50m from give way line and 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m in both circumstances | No |
| Entry path curvature | ≤ 100m | < 100m | No |
| Entry angle | 20° to 60° | 38° | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Entry radius | 20m | 20m | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Lane width on entry | 3-4.5m | 2 x 3m | No |

| Approach from Blisworth Road North (Design speed: 70kph) | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Visibility on approach | 120m for 180m (1.5 x SSD) | ≥ 120m for 180m | No |
| Visibility on entry | 50m at 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m at 15m back from give way line | No |
| Visibility to right on entry | 50m from give way line and 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m in both circumstances | No |
| Entry path curvature | ≤ 100m | < 100m | No |
| Entry angle | 20° to 60° | 32° | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Entry radius | 20m | 20m | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Lane width on entry | 3-4.5m | 2 x 3m | No |

- 9.17 The roundabouts are designed to allow two ahead lanes of traffic on the A508 in each direction. The roundabout exit tapers are between 1:15 and 1:20 to reduce the width to a single lane.
- 9.18 A refuge island is proposed towards the end of each merge to reduce the risk of merging traffic entering the opposing lane.
- 9.19 TD42 table 7/2 has therefore been used as the basis for widening lanes where radii are 100m or less.

9.20 In addition, a detailed tracking assessment has been undertaken to check that HGVs would stay within their lanes around the junction. This is shown on drawing **NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK41**.

9.21 The vehicle tracking assessment has been based on a 15.5m long articulated vehicle with a single rear axle as this is more onerous as stated in TD42 para 7.16. Although this vehicle is relatively rare, it is considered that given the number of HGVs predicted to use J15 that this vehicle should be used.

A508 Northampton Road roundabout

9.22 Due to the predicted high left turn flows consideration has been given to provision of a segregated left turn lane (SLTL). A SLTL should be considered where the left turning flow is greater than the total entry arm flow divided by the number of lanes at the roundabout.

9.23 The traffic flow data for the A508 Road Bypass entry arm to the roundabout is as follows:

| Location | AM | PM |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|
| Left turning flow (vph) (L) | 925 | 918 |
| Total entry arm flow (vph) (F) | 1041 | 1068 |
| Number of lanes (E) | 2 | 2 |
| F / E | 521 | 534 |
| Is L > (F / E) ? | Yes | Yes |

9.24 It can therefore be seen from the above that, following TD51/57, a SLTL should clearly be considered.

9.25 If a SLTL were to be provided in this location then it would need to be a single lane with a give way exit onto the A508 northbound due to it being a single carriageway. This therefore offers no appreciable benefit in capacity terms over a give way at the roundabout. Furthermore, provision of a SLTL would prohibit the use of two left turning lanes at the roundabout and would, in effect, reduce capacity. For these reasons a SLTL is not proposed in this location.

9.26 The proposed ICD is 70m and the circulatory width is 10.8m, which is between 1 and 1.2 times the maximum entry width of 9.0m.

9.27 There will be three approaches to the roundabout and these are assessed as follows:

| Approach from A508 Northampton Road (Design speed: 85kph) | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Visibility on approach | 160m for 240m (1.5 x SSD) | ≥ 160m for 240m | No |
| Visibility on entry | 50m at 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m at 15m back from give way line | No |

| Approach from A508 Northampton Road (Design speed: 85kph) | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Visibility to right on entry | 50m from give way line and 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m in both circumstances | No |
| Entry path curvature | ≤ 100m | < 100m | No |
| Entry angle | 20° to 60° | 37° | Guidance as criteria not in black box |
| Entry radius | 20m | 20m | Guidance as criteria not in black box |
| Lane width on entry | 3-4.5m | 2 x 4.5m | No |

| Approach from Roade Bypass south (Design speed: 100kph) | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Visibility on approach | 215m for 322.5m (1.5 x SSD) | ≥ 215m for 322.5m | No |
| Visibility on entry | 40m at 15m back from give way line | ≥ 40m at 15m back from give way line | No |
| Visibility to right on entry | 40m from give way line and 15m back from give way line | ≥ 40m in both circumstances | No |
| Entry path curvature | ≤ 100m | < 100m | No |
| Entry angle | 20° to 60° | 32° | Guidance as criteria not in black box |
| Entry radius | 20m | 20m | Guidance as criteria not in black box |
| Lane width on entry | 3-4.5m | 2 x 4.5m | No |

| Approach from Roade – Northampton Road (Design speed: 60kph) | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Visibility on approach | 90m for 135m (1.5 x SSD) | ≥ 90m for 135m | No |
| Visibility on entry | 50m at 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m at 15m back from give way line | No |

| Approach from Roade – Northampton Road (Design speed: 60kph) | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------------|--|
| Requirement | Criteria | Actual provided | Departure from Standard? |
| Visibility to right on entry | 50m from give way line and 15m back from give way line | ≥ 50m in both circumstances | No |
| Entry path curvature | ≤ 100m | < 100m | No |
| Entry angle | 20° to 60° | 36° | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Entry radius | 20m | 20m | <i>Guidance as criteria not in black box</i> |
| Lane width on entry | 3-4.5m | 2 x 4m | No |

- 9.28 The roundabouts are designed to allow two ahead lanes of traffic on the A508 in each direction. The roundabout exit tapers are between 1:15 and 1:20 to reduce the width to a single lane.
- 9.29 A refuge island is proposed towards the end of each merge to reduce the risk of merging traffic entering the opposing lane.
- 9.30 A detailed tracking assessment has been undertaken to check that HGVs would stay within their lanes around the junction. This is shown on drawing **NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK41**.
- 9.31 The vehicle tracking assessment has been based on a 15.5m long articulated vehicle with a single rear axle as this is more onerous as stated in TD42 para 7.16. Although this vehicle is relatively rare, it is considered that given the number of HGVs predicted to use J15 that this vehicle should be used.

10.0 A508 ROOKERY LANE / ASHTON ROAD JUNCTION

- 10.1 The existing junction is a staggered crossroads with the minor roads forming simple junctions with the A508. It is located where the A508 is on a poor horizontal and vertical alignment and there is poor visibility. The existing stagger distance is 21m which is a departure from TD42/95 para 7.64. It is also noted that Ashton Road meets the A508 at a 45 degree skew.
- 10.2 The proposed junction is for a staggered crossroads in the form of single lane dualling as shown in TD42/95 Figure 8/2. The proposed stagger distance is 52m which exceeds the minimum requirement of 40m in TD42. The Ashton Road approach is realigned to remove the skew.
- 10.3 The provision of a single lane dualling junction complies with TD42 para 2.23 as there are limited overtaking opportunities either side of the junction and traffic from the minor roads need to turn right in two manoeuvres.
- 10.4 There is no dual carriageway within 3km of the junction (TD42 para 2.24).
- 10.5 The widths of the A508 through lanes are proposed to be 4m plus 1m nearside and offside hardstrips. This is in accordance with TD42/95 para 7.21 for single lane dualling.
- 10.6 There are three private accesses to residential premises from east side of the A508 north of Ashton Road. These need to be retained in the scheme design.

Visibility

- 10.7 The following summarises the existing and proposed junction visibility:

| Requirement | Criteria (TD42) | Existing visibility & Departures | Actual Proposed | Proposed Departure from Standard? |
|--|--|--|---|---|
| Ashton Road Visibility to right | 9m x 160m | <u>Horizontal</u> 9.0 x 52m 4.5 x 61m 2.4 x 63m Existing departure | <u>Horizontal</u> 9m x 160m <u>Vertical</u> 9m x 160m | No |
| Ashton Road Visibility to left | 9m x 160m | <u>Horizontal</u> 9.0 x 21m 4.5 x 28m 2.4 x 37m Existing departure | <u>Horizontal</u> 9m x 160m <u>Vertical</u> 9m x >160m | No |
| Ashton Road Visibility to determine junction form | 15m on Minor Road to see junction layout | >15m on Minor Road to see junction layout | 15m on Minor Road to see junction layout | No |
| Rookery Lane Visibility to right | 9m x 160m | <u>Horizontal</u> 9.0 x 38m 4.5 x 126m 2.4 x 128m | <u>Horizontal</u> 9m x 160m <u>Vertical</u> | As the visibility is not achieved to the low object height this constitutes a |

| Requirement | Criteria (TD42) | Existing visibility & Departures | Actual Proposed | Proposed Departure from Standard? |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| | | Existing departure | 9m x 105m (to 0.26m object height) 9m x 120m (to 0.42m object height) 9m x 160m (to 1.25m object height) | Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/20. |
| Rookery Lane Visibility to left | 9m x 160m | <u>Horizontal</u> 9.0 x 35m 4.5 x 75m 2.4 x 160m Relaxation <u>Vertical</u> 2.4 x 114m to 0.26m object Existing Departure | <u>Horizontal</u> 9m >160m <u>Vertical</u> 9m >160m | No |
| Rookery Lane Visibility to determine junction form | 15m on Minor Road to see junction layout | >15m on Minor Road to see junction layout | 15m on Minor Road to see junction layout | No |

10.8 **Departure from Standard NGW/A508/20** is for the junction visibility to the right from Rookery Lane not being available to a 0.26m object height.

10.9 As discussed above it is not possible to provide a fully compliant layout for the A508 at the Rookery Lane / Blisworth Road junction. Whilst the scheme as proposed does have various departures from standard as recorded in this report it is considered that the proposals are a significant improvement over the existing situation for the following reasons:

- Visibility to the right is significantly improved with the x distance increased from 2.4m to 9.0m
- Visibility to the right to an object height of 1.05m is achievable at a y distance of 160m. This means that drivers turning right from Rookery Lane will be able to see approaching vehicles for the full stopping sight distance of 160m – again a significant improvement over the existing situation.

10.10 The following summarises the existing and proposed private access visibility.

| Requirement | Criteria (TD41) | Existing visibility & Departures | Actual Proposed | Proposed Departure from Standard? |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| North access (Stoke gap Cottage) Visibility to right | 4.5m x 160m | 2.4 x 28m Existing Departure | 2.4m x 83m (hedgerow constraint) | Relaxation in x distance is a permitted relaxation under TD41 para 2.21 for a single dwelling. Relaxation in y distance is a Departure from Standard reference |

| Requirement | Criteria (TD41) | Existing visibility & Departures | Actual Proposed | Proposed Departure from Standard? |
|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| | | | | NGW/A508/21 . See further details below. |
| North access (Stoke gap Cottage) Visibility to left | 4.5m x 160m | 2.4 x 51m Existing Departure | 2.4m x >160m (to 0.97m object height) 2.4 x 103m (to 0.26 object height) | Relaxation in x distance is a permitted relaxation under TD41 para 2.21 for a single dwelling. Relaxation in y distance is a Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/22 . See further details below |
| Central access (Stoke hill Cottage) Visibility to right | 4.5m x 160m | 2.4 x 56m Existing Departure | 2.4m x 98m (hedgerow constraint) | Relaxation in x distance is a permitted relaxation under TD41 para 2.21 for a single dwelling. Relaxation in y distance is a Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/23 . See further details below. |
| Central access (Stoke hill Cottage) Visibility to left | 4.5m x 160m | 2.4 x 17m Existing Departure | 2.4m x >160m (to 0.38m object height) 2.4m x 120m (to 0.26m object height) | Relaxation in x distance is a permitted relaxation under TD41 para 2.21 for a single dwelling. Relaxation in y distance is a Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/24 . See further details below. |
| South access (The Old Granary) Visibility to right | 4.5m x 160m | 2.4 x 23m Existing Departure | 2.4m x 122m (hedgerow constraint) | Relaxation in x distance is a permitted relaxation under TD41 para 2.21 for a single dwelling. Relaxation in y distance is a Departure from Standard reference NGW/A508/25 . See further details below. |
| South access (The Old Granary) Visibility to left | 4.5m x 160m | 2.4 x 55m Existing Departure | 2.4m x >160m | Relaxation in x distance is a permitted relaxation under TD41 para 2.21 for a single dwelling. |

10.11 **Departures from Standard** references **NGW/A508/21 to 25** are departures from standard TD41 para 2.22 are proposed for the private accesses. It can be seen, however, that the scheme would provide a substantial improvement over the existing situation for all of the accesses. On the basis that the scheme would improve the existing situation it is considered that these departures are justified.

Junction Geometry

10.12 The various elements of junction geometry are assessed as follows:

| Requirement | Criteria (TD42) (85kph design speed) | Proposed design | Departure from Standard? |
|--|---|--|---|
| A508 northbound turning length | 10m | 10m | No |
| A508 northbound queuing length | 0m (min) | 25m | No |
| A508 northbound deceleration length | 55m | 55m | No |
| A508 northbound direct taper length | 15m | 15m | No |
| Minimum physical island width (south of Ashton Road) | 3.5m | 6.35m | No |
| Central reserve opening at Ashton Road | 15m | 15m | No |
| Physical island width | 10m | 10m (see commentary below) | No |
| A508 southbound turning length | 10m | 10m | No |
| A508 southbound queuing length | 0m (min) | 25m | No |
| A508 southbound deceleration length | 55m | 55m | No |
| A508 southbound direct taper length | 15m | 15m | No |
| Central reserve opening at Rookery Lane | 15m | 15m | No |
| Minimum physical island width (north of Rookery Lane) | 3.5m | 4.05m | No – however see below for review of private drive accesses |
| Ashton Road junction radii | 20m radius in all other circumstances | 15m radius with tapers of 1:6 over a distance of 30m | Permitted relaxation as this is only a recommendation in TD42. The geometry proposed is that used for a ghost island. |
| Rookery Lane junction radii | 20m radius in all other circumstances | 15m radius with tapers of 1:6 over a distance of 30m | Permitted relaxation as this is only a recommendation in TD42. The geometry proposed is that used for a ghost island. |

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- 10.13 The need for nearside diverging tapers has been reviewed. These shall be provided at all junctions where:
- the left turn AADT is greater than 600
 - the HGV% is greater than 20% and left turn AADT is greater than 450
 - where the major road AADT is greater than 7000-8000 the above figures are halved
- 10.14 Whilst the mainline flows are high and the left turn figures can be halved, the left turn flows are very low. In the case of Rookery Lane it is negligible as traffic to Stoke Bruerne will turn left at the previous junction. In the case of Ashton Road, the predicted flow is around 140 AADT. On this basis no nearside diverging tapers are proposed.
- 10.15 Merging tapers shall only be used at dual carriageway junctions and as this is a single lane dualling junction no merge tapers are proposed.
- 10.16 Within the central section of the single lane dualling it is considered that emphasis on priority needs to be provided. It is important to permit right turning vehicles from the minor roads to be able to turn right in two distinct stages rather than having to judge a gap in both directions at once. It is therefore proposed to include the method of regulating the priority in the central reserve opening as shown at TD42/95 Figure 7/10 at both minor road junctions.
- 10.17 TD42 para 7.38 requires a 10m wide central reservation area. This can be increased to allow larger vehicles to be sheltered only in exceptional circumstances. We do not consider that occasional use by long agricultural vehicles would constitute such an exceptional circumstance for the following reasons:
- The use by long agricultural vehicles will be occasional and the additional land take implications in order to provide a wider central reserve area would be significant, and we are of the view that such additional land take could not be justified especially when-
 - Except for peak traffic times we would expect that right turns can be made in a single movement as at present
 - An alternative route (heading south out of Stoke Bruerne, left onto the A508 and then right into Ashton Road – and vice versa) is available
- 10.18 As noted above three no. private accesses are to be retained on the east side of the A508. The layout for each of these is in accordance with TD41/95 Layout 2. This is appropriate for single dwellings.

11.0 A508 PURY ROAD JUNCTION IMPROVEMENT

- 11.1 There is an existing ghost island junction between the A508 and Pury Road. The purpose of the scheme is to increase the queuing length available within the right turn lane. The maximum length of the increase is dictated by the Tollgate cottage access.
- 11.2 It is also proposed to increase the width of the lanes through the ghost island section of the A508 so that they would be in accordance with TD42.
- 11.3 The junction geometry is assessed as follows:

| Requirement | Criteria (TD42) (100kph design speed) | Existing provision | Proposed design | Departure from Standard? |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| A508 turning length | 10m | 10m | 10m | No |
| A508 queuing length | 0m (min) | 4m | 31m | No |
| A508 deceleration length | 80m | 80m | 80m | No |
| A508 direct taper length | 25m | 15m (departure) | 25m | No |
| A508 through lane width | 3.0m (min) 3.65m (max) | 3.0m | 3.65m | No |
| A508 turning lane width | 3.5m | 3.2m (permitted relaxation) | 3.5m | No |

- 11.4 No significant changes to the junction radii are proposed.
- 11.5 A minor private access opposite Pury Road will be retained in the scheme design.

12.0 A508 GRAFTON REGIS

- 12.1 There is an existing simple priority junction between the A508 and Church Lane, and there is a bus stop on the northbound side of the A508. The purpose of the scheme is to improve pedestrian connectivity to the bus stop by providing a 2m wide refuge.
- 12.2 In order to provide the refuge a realignment of the A508 through the Church Lane junction is required and this results in a ghost island junction being the most appropriate solution.

Pedestrian crossing

- 12.3 In the 2031 reference case the NSTM two-way AADT traffic flow on the A508 north of Church Lane through Grafton Regis is forecast to be 10,371 vehicles. In the 2031 development case, the two-way AADT flow on this section of road is forecast to increase to 14,926. However, by providing the pedestrian refuge, pedestrians accessing the bus stop will be able to cross the A508 in two stages, hence the higher directional AADT flow is taken, which in this case is the northbound direction with an AADT flow of 7,862 vehicles.
- 12.4 Table 6/1 of DMRB Volume 5, Section 2, Part 5, TA 91/05 'Provision of Non-Motorised Users' provides guidance on the suitability of informal at grade crossings based on AADT flow. The appropriateness of informal crossings is defined by three AADT flow ranges, as follows:
- Normally Appropriate (AADT below 8,000)
 - Potentially Appropriate (AADT 8,000 to 12,000)
 - Not Normally Appropriate (AADT above 12,000)
- 12.5 The 2031 reference case AADT flow of 10,371 vehicles places the existing informal crossing arrangement in the potentially appropriate category. With the proposed pedestrian refuge on the A508 in place, the 2031 development case AADT flow of 7,862 vehicles puts the proposed informal crossing in the normally appropriate category.
- 12.6 Based on the above assessment, combined with the location of the crossing within a 30mph area and the likely low usage of the crossing, it is considered that a controlled crossing is not required.

Church Lane ghost island

- 12.7 The junction geometry is assessed as follows:

| Requirement | Criteria (TD42) (60kph design speed) | Proposed design | Departure from Standard? |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------------|
| A508 turning length | 10m | 10m | No |
| A508 queuing length | 0m (min) | 0m | No |
| A508 deceleration length | 25m | 25m | No |

| Requirement | Criteria (TD42) (60kph design speed) | Proposed design | Departure from Standard? |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------------------------|
| A508 direct taper length | 5m | 5m | No |
| A508 through lane width | 3.0m (min) 3.65m (max) | 3.65m | No |
| A508 turning lane width | 3.5m | 3.5m | No |

- 12.8 No significant changes to the junction radii are proposed.
- 12.9 An additional refuge is proposed at the start of the right turn lane to protect turning vehicles – this would not be a pedestrian crossing point.
- 12.10 The swept paths of large vehicles have been assessed in order that the provision of the refuge does not prohibit such manoeuvres.

Bus stop and lay-by

- 12.11 Due to the realignment of the A508 northbound the existing lay-by is to be removed and a replacement northbound bus stop is proposed. This is proposed to be a lay-by due to the volume of traffic and that this stop is used for timing. The lay-by is designed in accordance with TD69 Figure 5/1.

13.0 A508 SIGNAGE STRATEGY

Introduction

- 13.1 The proposed improvements to M1 J15 associated with the Northampton Gateway Strategic Rail Freight Interchange necessitate amendment of directional signage. This raises some queries about integration with existing signage, and offers opportunities for improvement of the overall signage scheme around J15 and on the A508.
- 13.2 This chapter of the GDSR records the proposed signage strategy for the A508.

Main destinations

- 13.3 'Main destinations' refers to the main forward destinations to be used on the A508. These are not the same as any official 'primary destinations', although some will be.

A508 Northbound

- 13.4 The following forward destinations on the A508 Northbound are proposed throughout the scheme:
- (M1)
 - Northampton
- 13.5 South of Roade it is proposed that Roade is also provided as a forward destination.
- 13.6 No signage for the SRFI is proposed on the A508 Northbound until the SRFI access roundabout itself.
- 13.7 The above is summarised as follows:

| Forward destinations | Additional destinations for RCS |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| M1 Junction 15 | |
| <i>(See M1 J15 signage strategy)</i> | No RCS provided on this link |
| SRFI access junction | |
| (M1) Northampton | None |
| Roade (Southern end of Bypass) | |
| (M1) Northampton Roade | None |
| A5 Old Stratford | |

A508 Southbound

- 13.8 The A508 is generally signed southbound towards Old Stratford south of the M1, occasionally supplemented or replaced, from Roade southwards, by Milton Keynes. Stony Stratford has been used together with the SRFI at M1 J15 (see the signage strategy

for J15) as it is not considered appropriate to split the signing of Milton Keynes from the M1 but instead direct such traffic to M1 J14.

- 13.9 However, south of (but not including) the SRFI access junction, Milton Keynes can be used as forward destination.
- 13.10 No mention is made of Buckingham (A422) on the existing signage until the A5 Old Stratford roundabout. It is considered that Buckingham (A422) could be a useful addition to any RCS provided along the route.
- 13.11 The above is summarised as follows:

| Forward destinations | Additional destinations for RCS |
|---|---|
| M1 Junction 15 | |
| Stony Stratford Roade | No RCS provided on this link |
| SRFI access junction | |
| Milton Keynes Stony Stratford Roade | At detailed design consider: Buckingham (A422) |
| Roade (Northern end of bypass) | |
| Milton Keynes Stony Stratford | At detailed design consider: Buckingham (A422) |
| A5 Old Stratford | |

Local destinations

- 13.12 In some locations it may be appropriate to sign a local destination as a forward destination on the A508. The following local destinations may fall into this category and their use would be agreed at detailed design stage.
- Grafton Regis
 - Yardley Gobion

Junctions with minor roads

- 13.13 At minor side roads it is considered that forward destinations need not be provided unless there is a traffic management reason to do so (i.e. keeping traffic on a more appropriate route).
- 13.14 The following summarises the destinations to be signed from each of the junctions that are to be provided as part of the A508 scheme.

SRFI access junction

- 13.15 The destination "Rail freight terminal" is proposed, although it is considered that a name of the development may ultimately be added.

Blisworth Road (Courteenhall)

- 13.16 The destination "Blisworth" will be provided as existing. As this junction will operate as a left-in left-out arrangement the signage will need to reflect this.

Roads bypass (Northampton Road roundabout)

- 13.17 Signage for Roads, Ashton and Hartwell will be provided from the A508 southbound.
- 13.18 On the A508 northbound only Roads is considered necessary.

Roads bypass (Blisworth Road roundabout)

- 13.19 Signage for "Blisworth" is proposed heading away from Roads.
- 13.20 The legend "Local access only" is considered appropriate for the Roads direction.

Roads bypass (Stratford Road roundabout)

- 13.21 It is considered that "Roads" is appropriate for the A508 in both directions.

Rookery Lane / Ashton Road

- 13.22 In both directions on the A508 it is proposed to sign "Stoke Bruerne" & "Shutlanger" to the west, and "Ashton" & "Hartwell" to the east.

Pury Road

- 13.23 "Alderton" would be signed, as at present, from the A508.

Church Lane (Grafton Regis)

- 13.24 There are no destinations signed at present from the A508 onto Church Lane. The next villages are Ashton and Hartwell, and it is considered more appropriate to sign these at the Rookery Lane / Ashton Road junction.

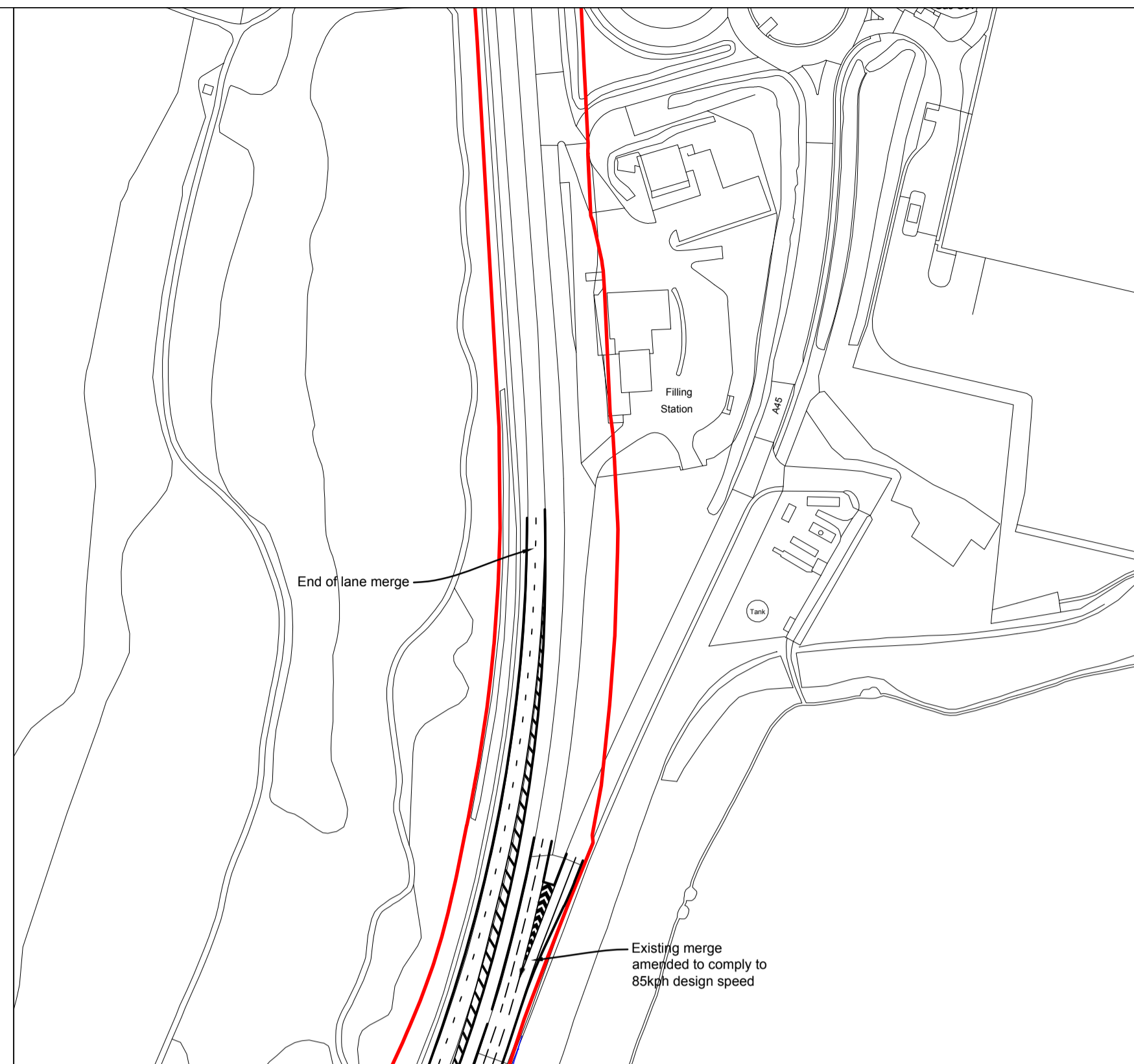
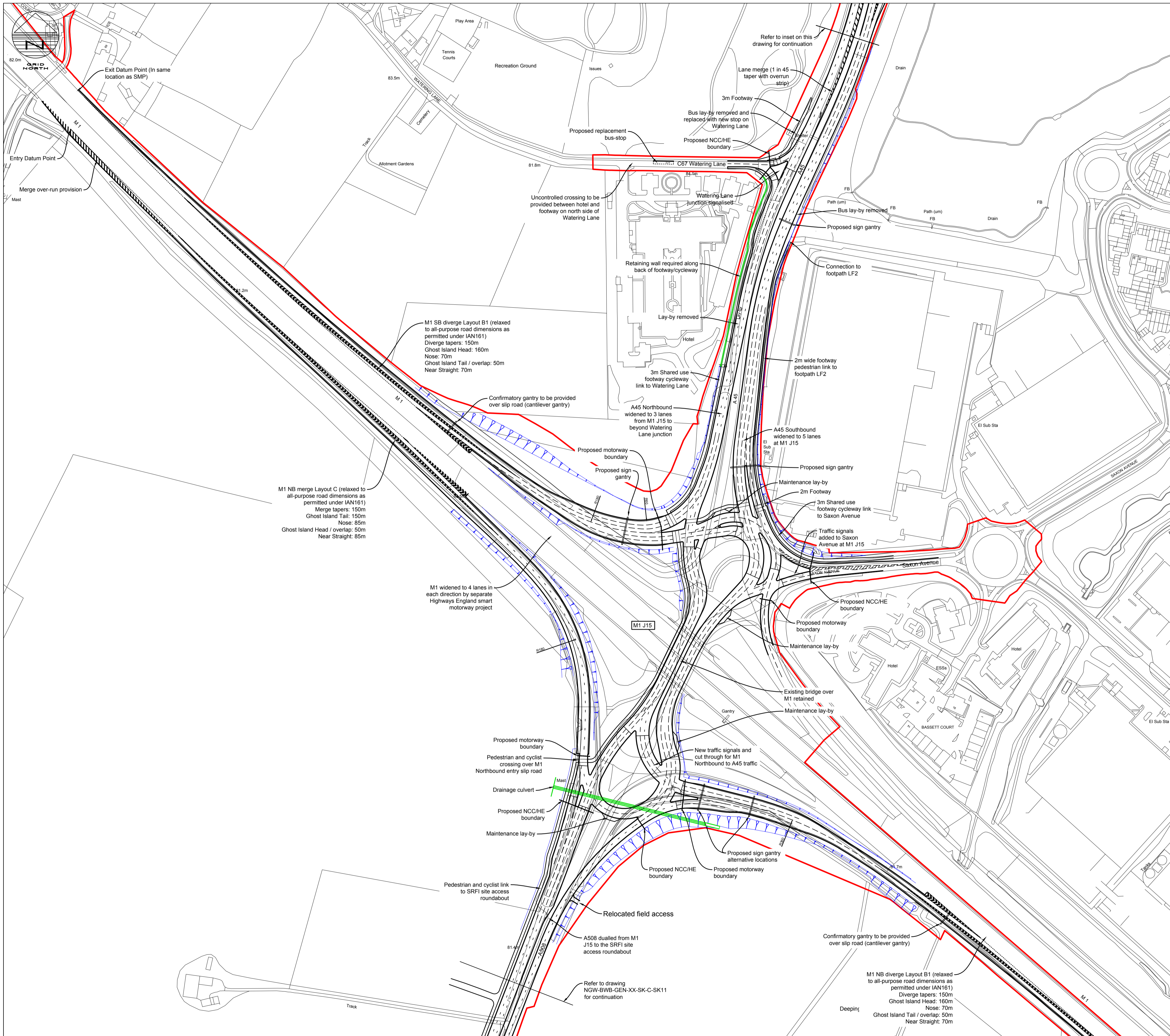
Other signage

- 13.25 This strategy does not include for any of the following signs, the proposals for which would be developed at the detailed design stage:
- Tourist destination signs
 - Diversion symbols
 - Lorry routes
 - Regulatory signs (speed limits etc.)
 - Warning signs
 - Miscellaneous informative signs

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Appendix A: General Arrangements, larger scale sketches



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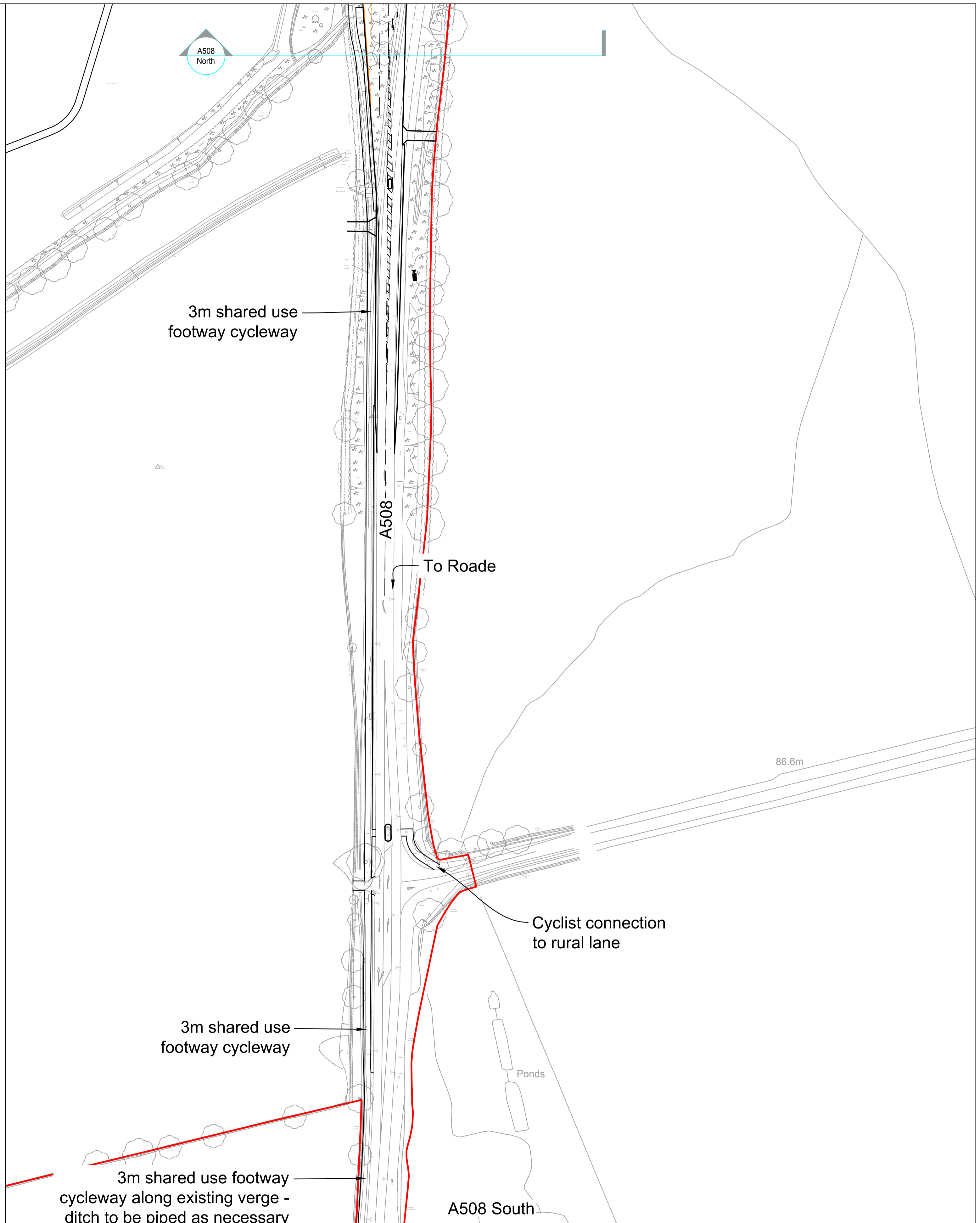
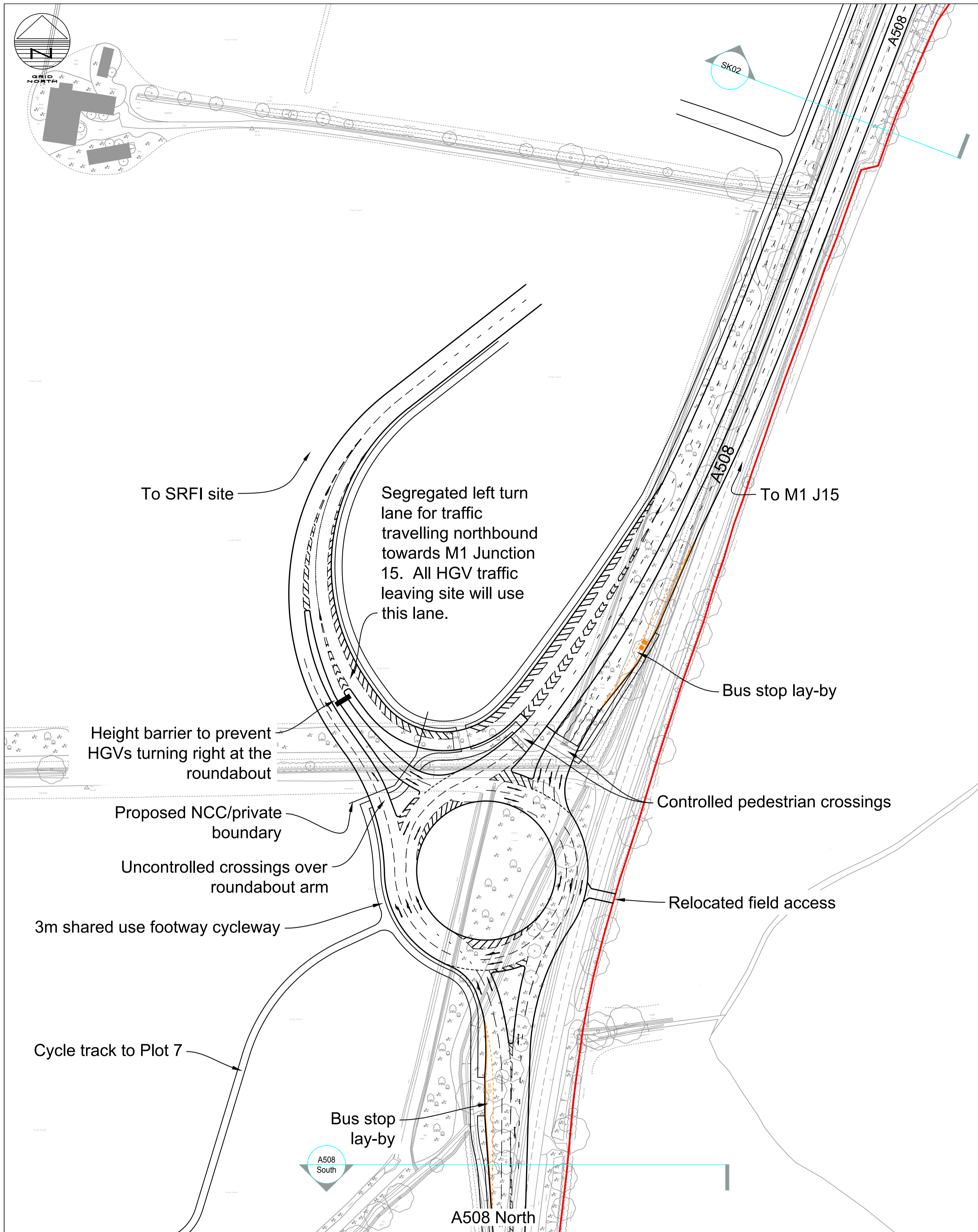
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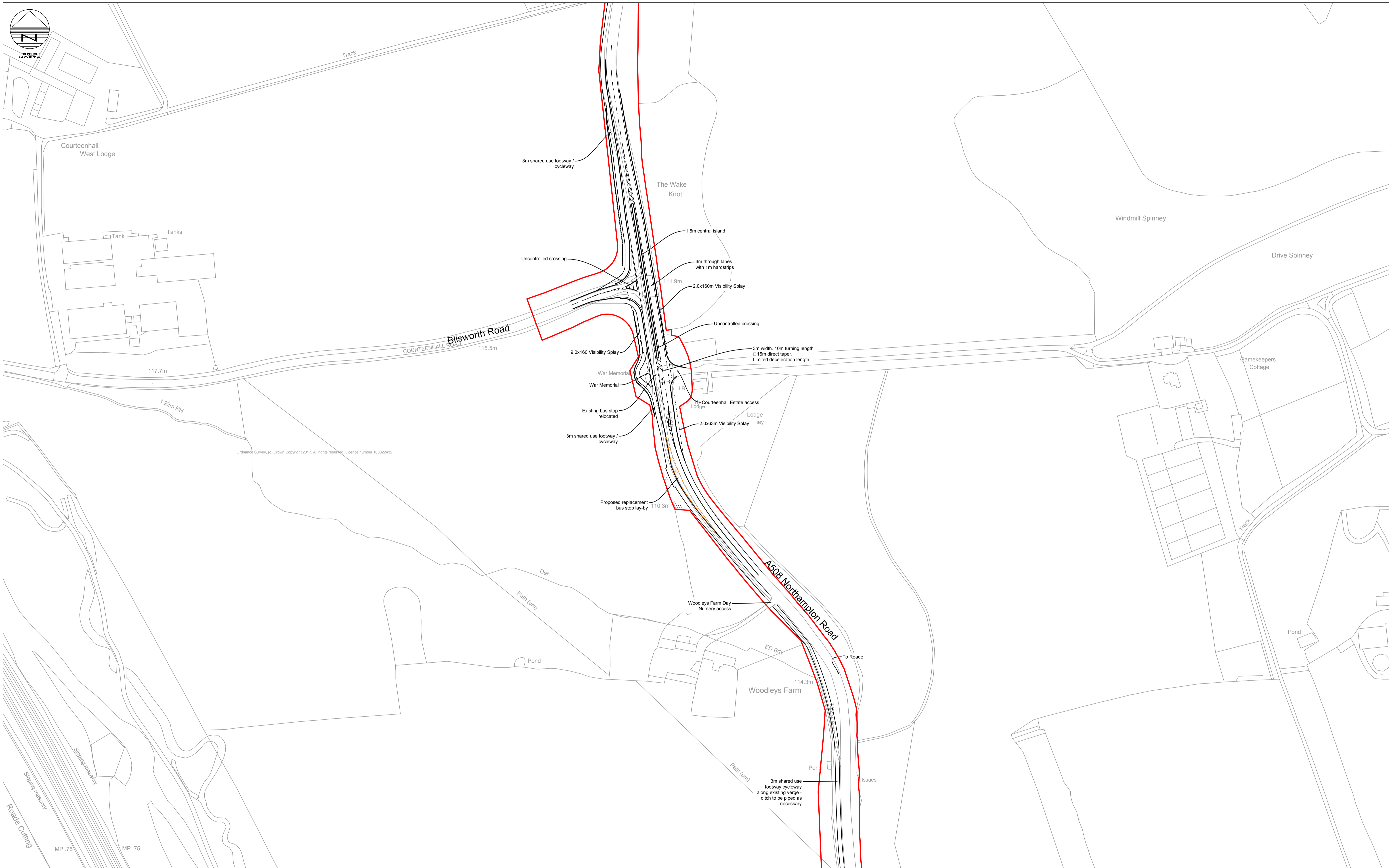
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| P3 | 20.10.17 | Works to Woodleys Farm access shown | SRH | SRH |
| P4 | 07.11.17 | Updated design geometry | SRH | SRH |
| P5 | 29.01.18 | Footway extents and minor amendments | PG | SRH |
| P6 | 30.04.18 | Updates following Stage 1 RSA | PG | SRH |

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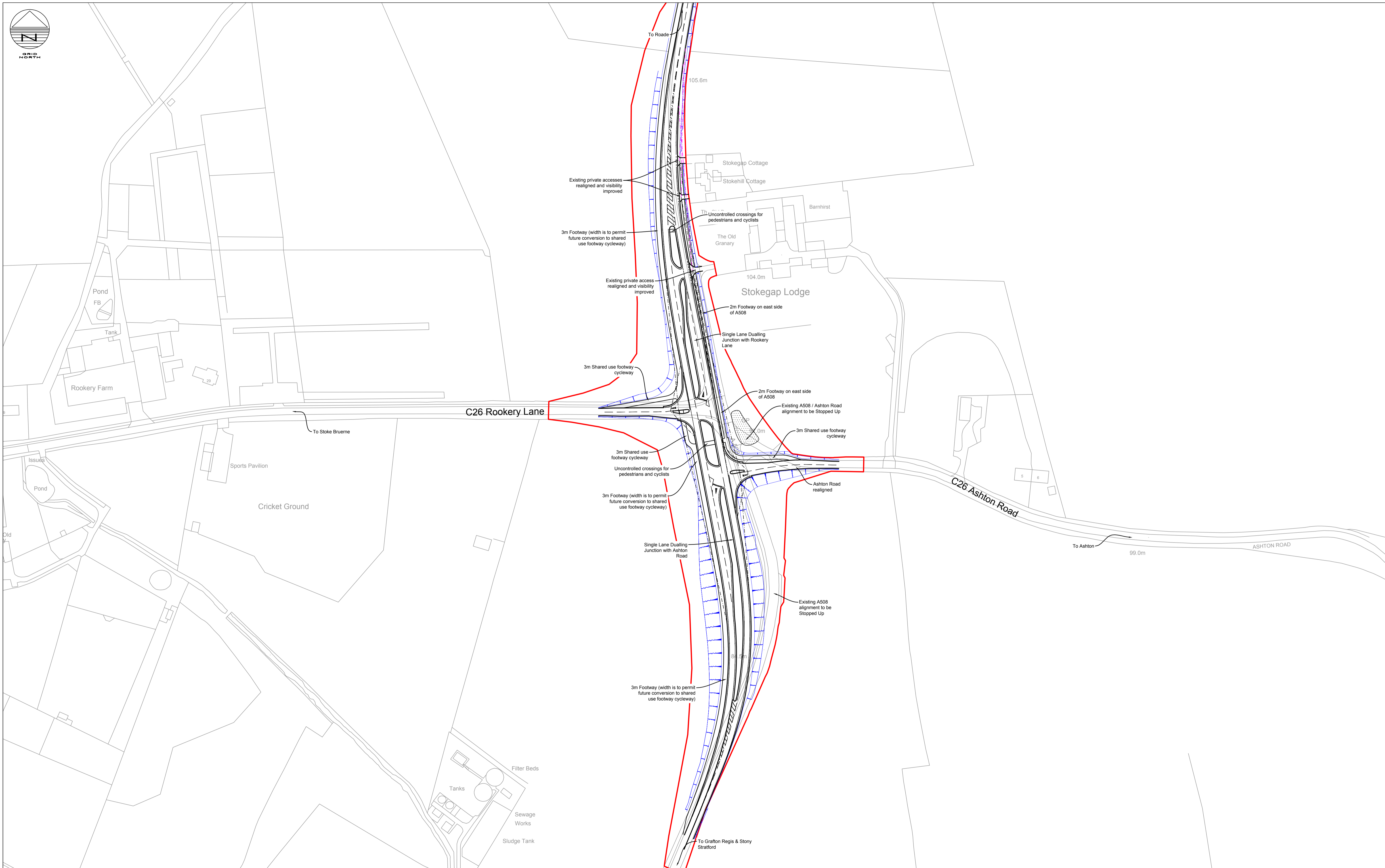
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| P3 | 20.10.17 | Changed to single land dualling, NMU xings added | SRH | SRH |
| P4 | 26.01.18 | Revised layout and extents of earthworks added | PG | SRH |
| P5 | 30.04.18 | Updates following Stage 1 RSA | PG | SRH |

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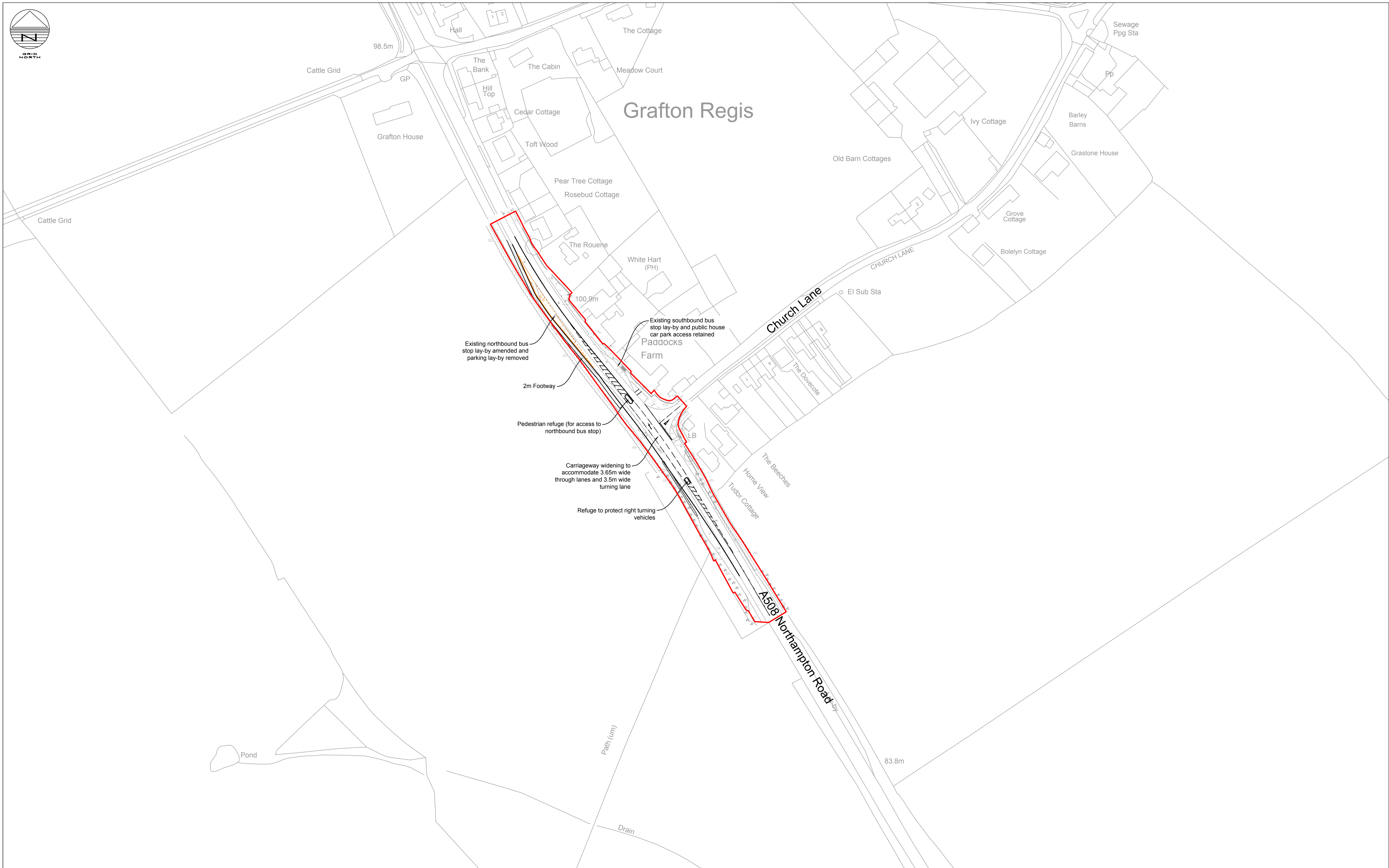
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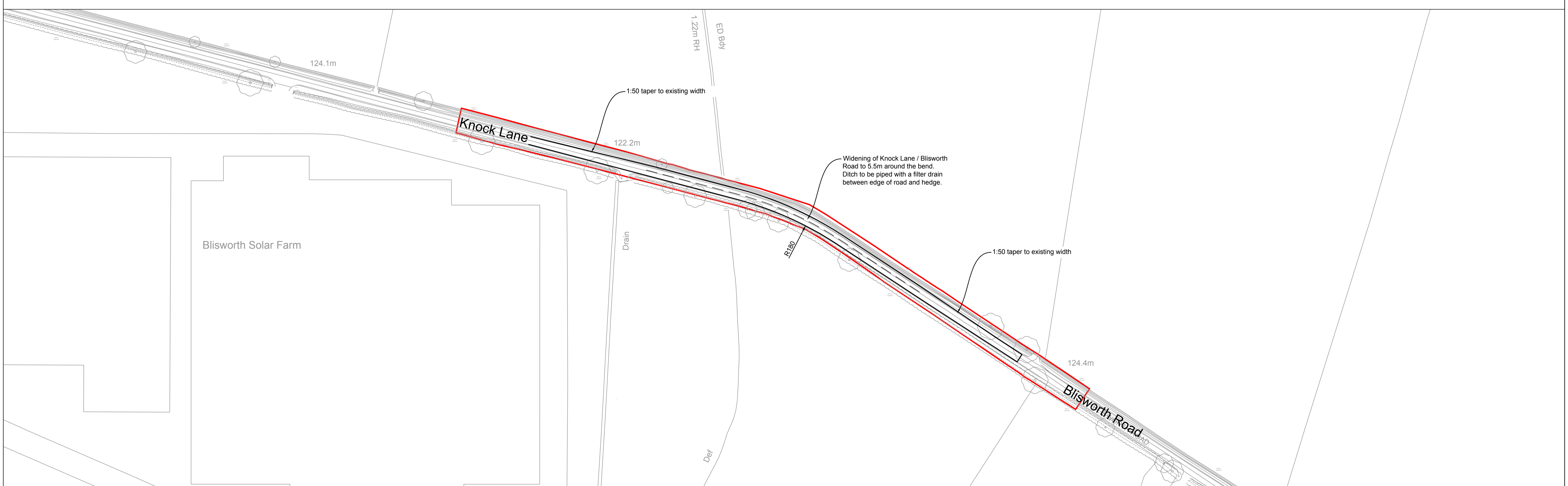
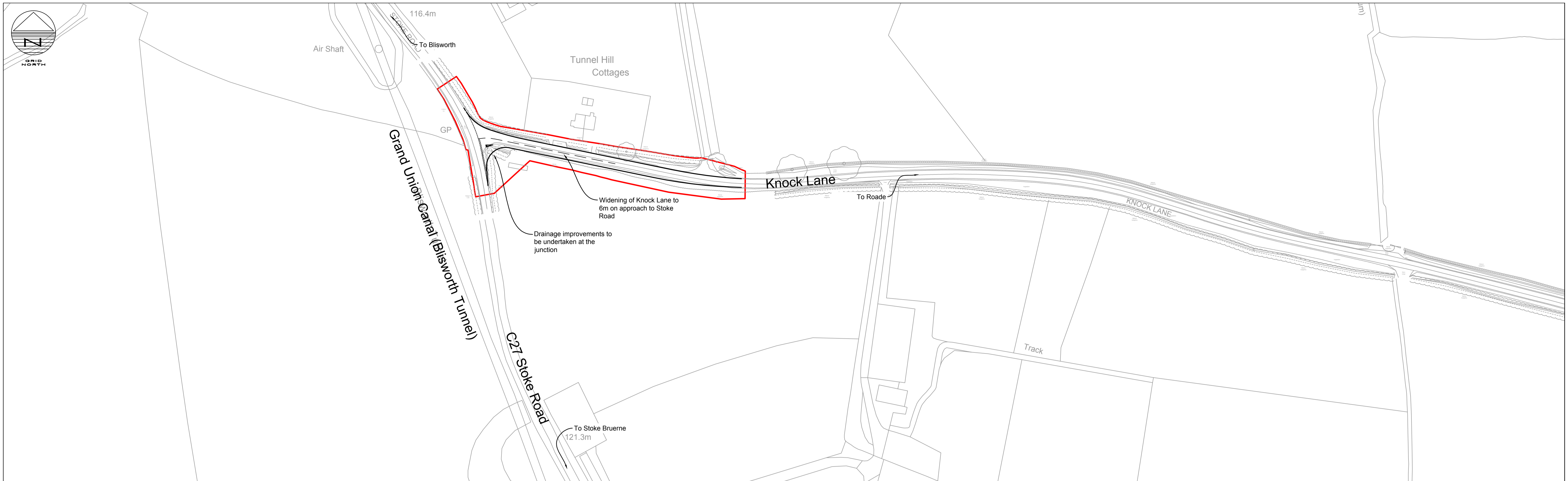
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| P3 | 06.11.17 | Proposals updated | SRH | SRH |
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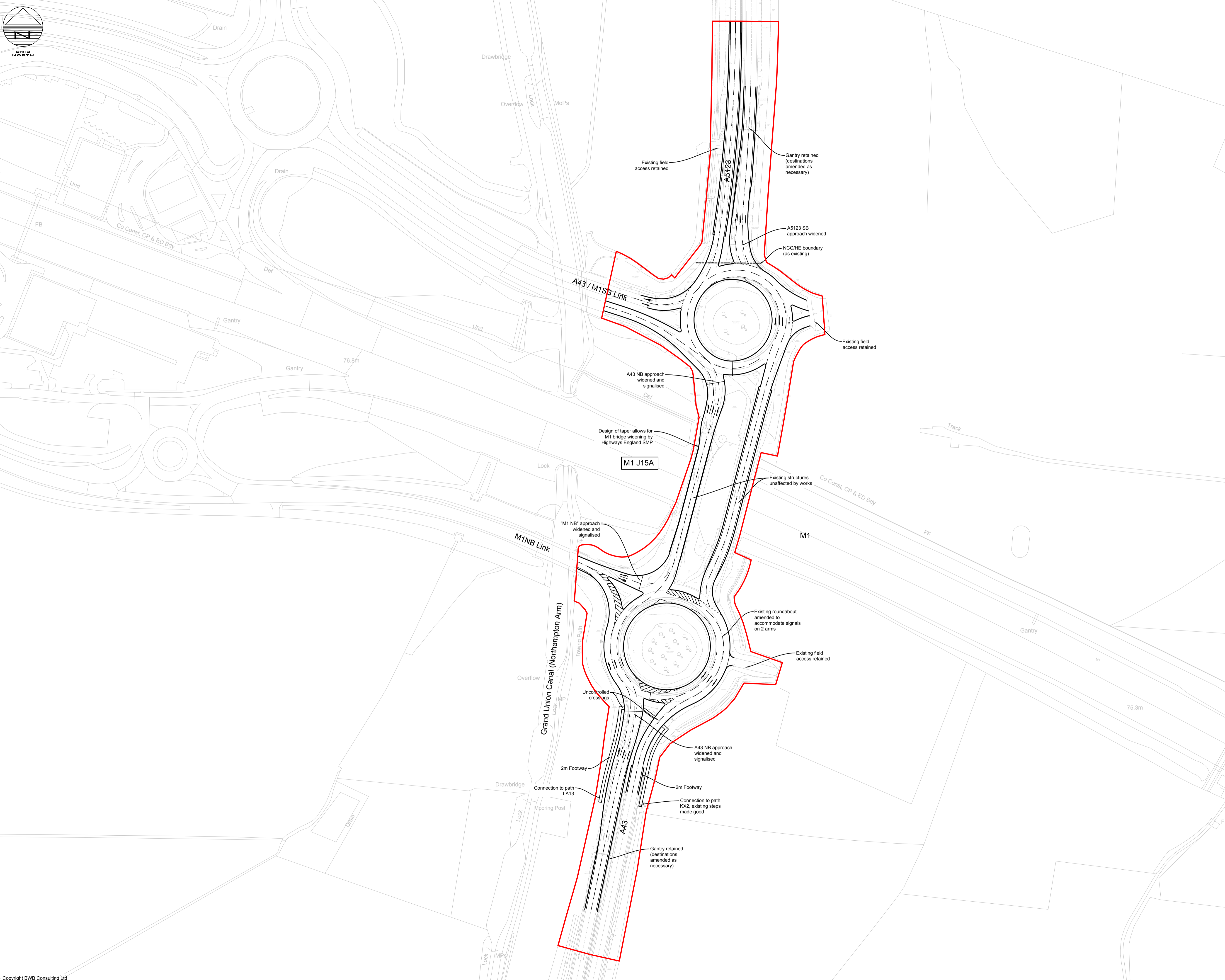
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| P3 | 21.12.17 | Layout amended to reflect topographical survey | PG | SRH |
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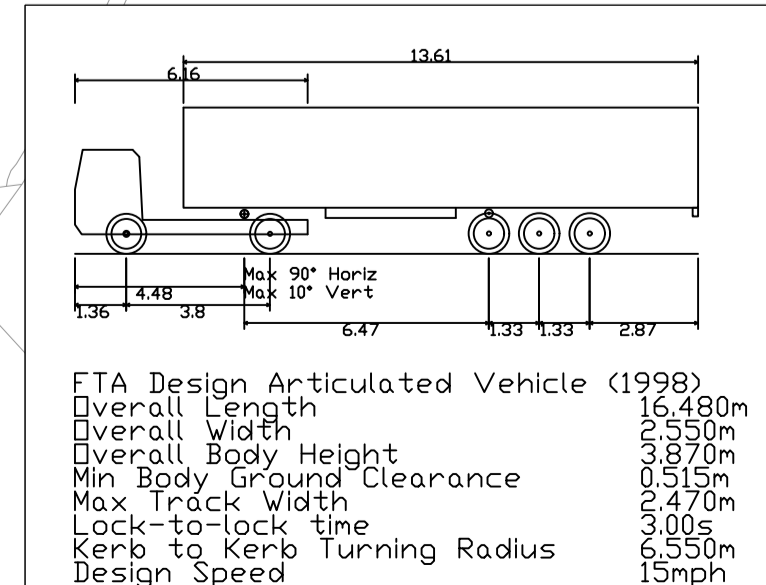
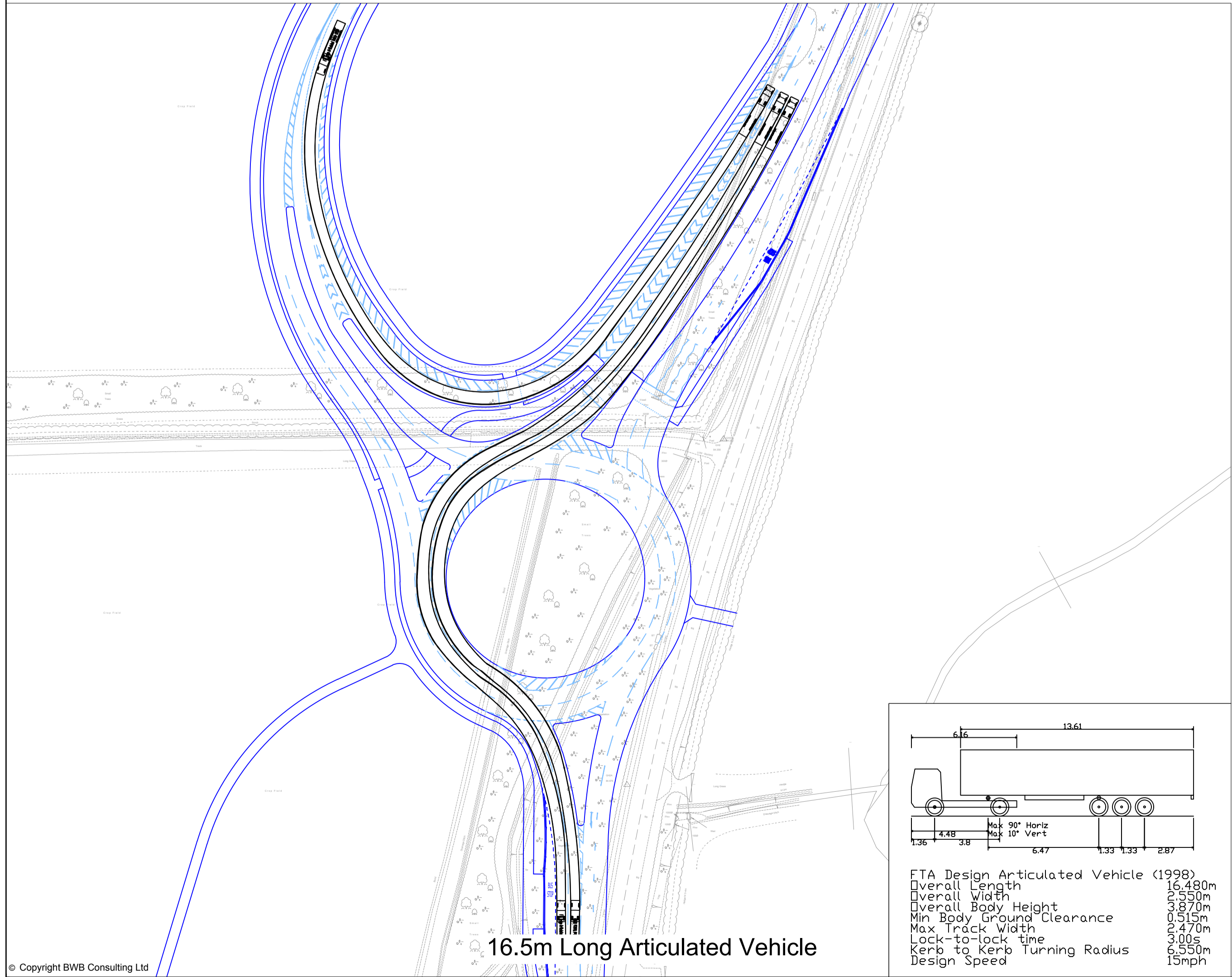
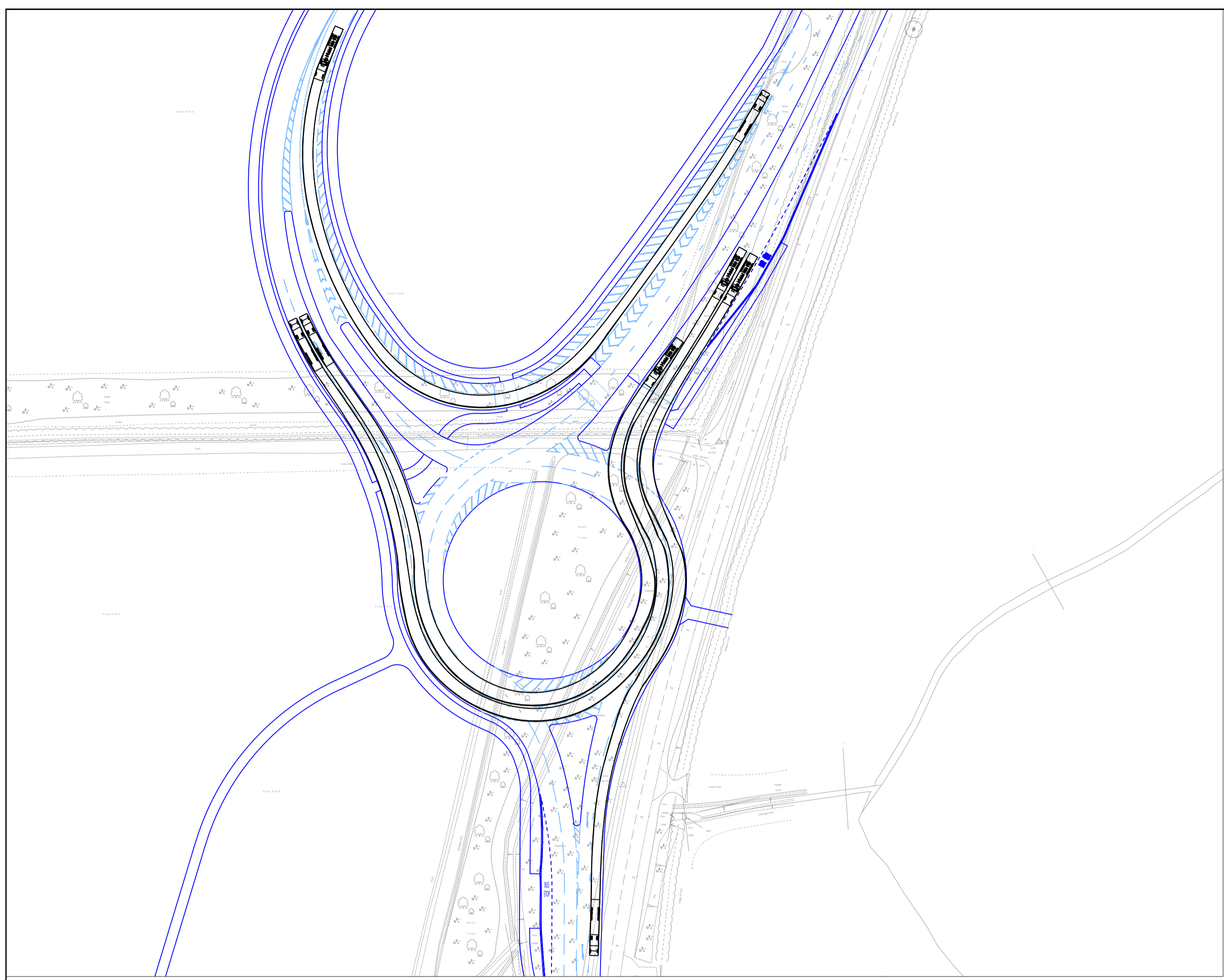
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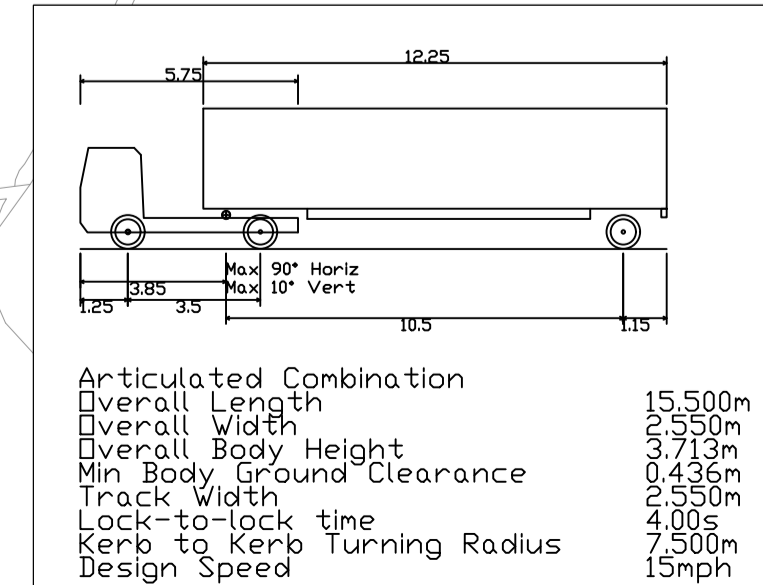
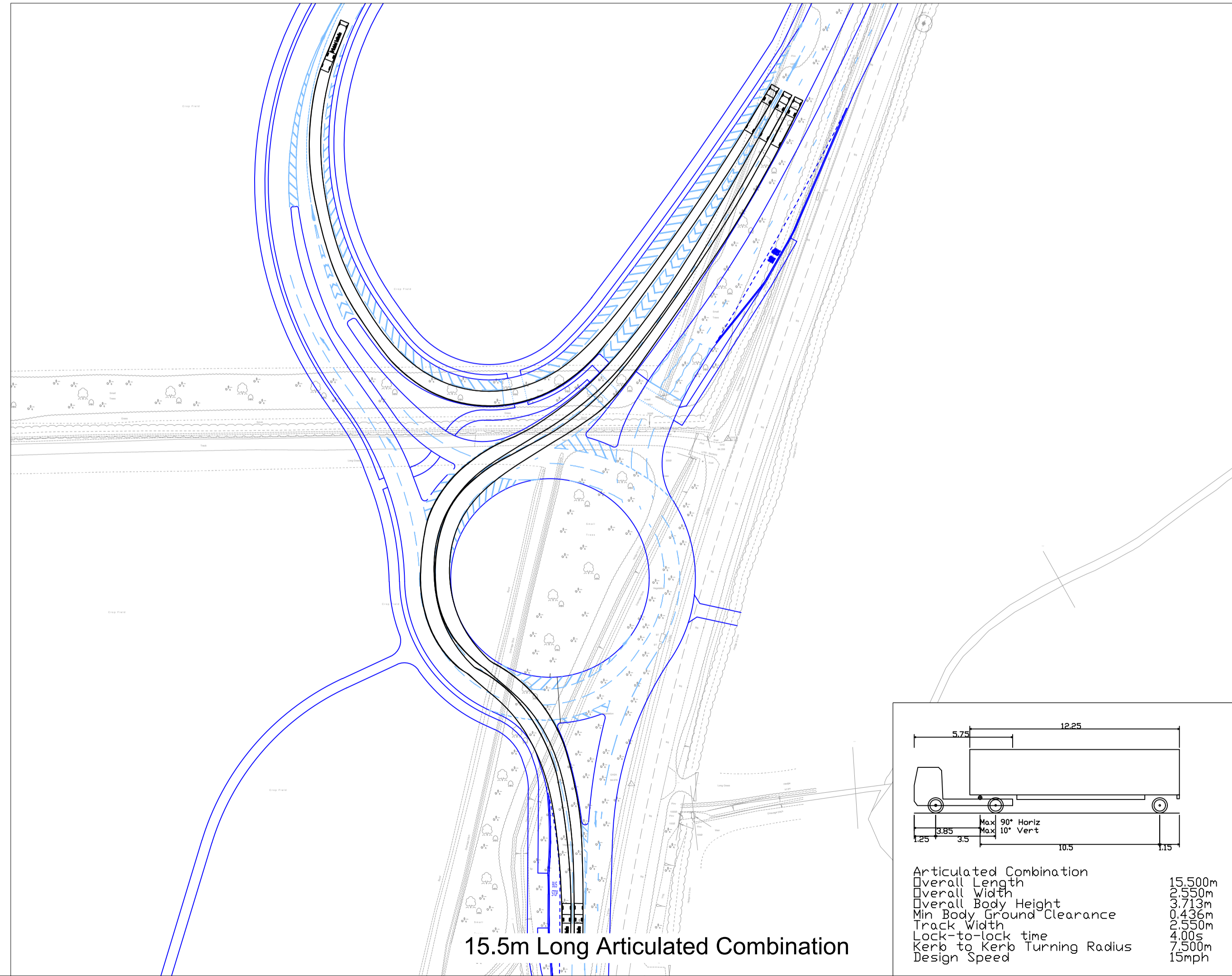
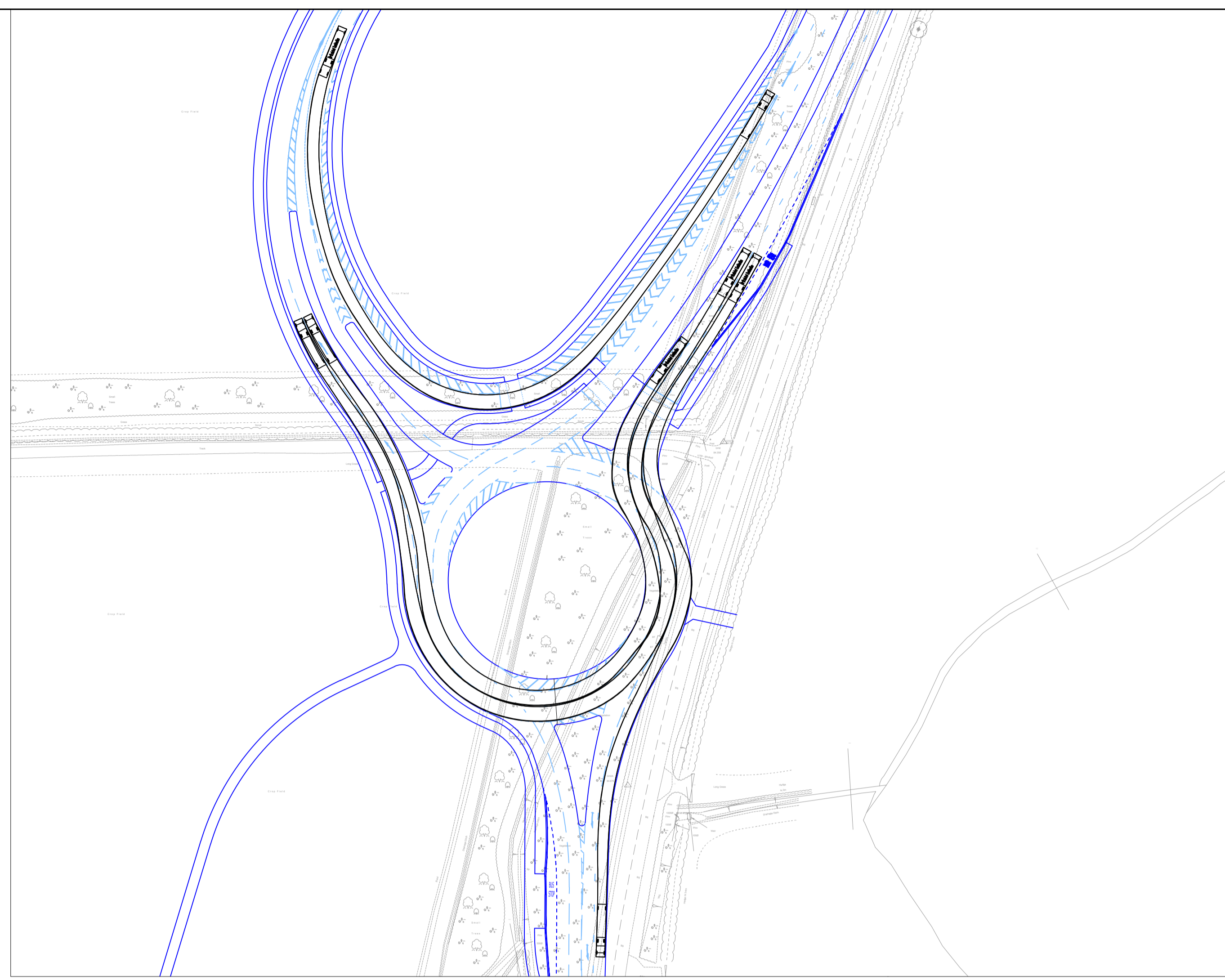
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APPENDIX B

Appendix B: Vehicle Tracking drawings



16.5m Long Articulated Vehicle



15.5m Long Articulated Combination

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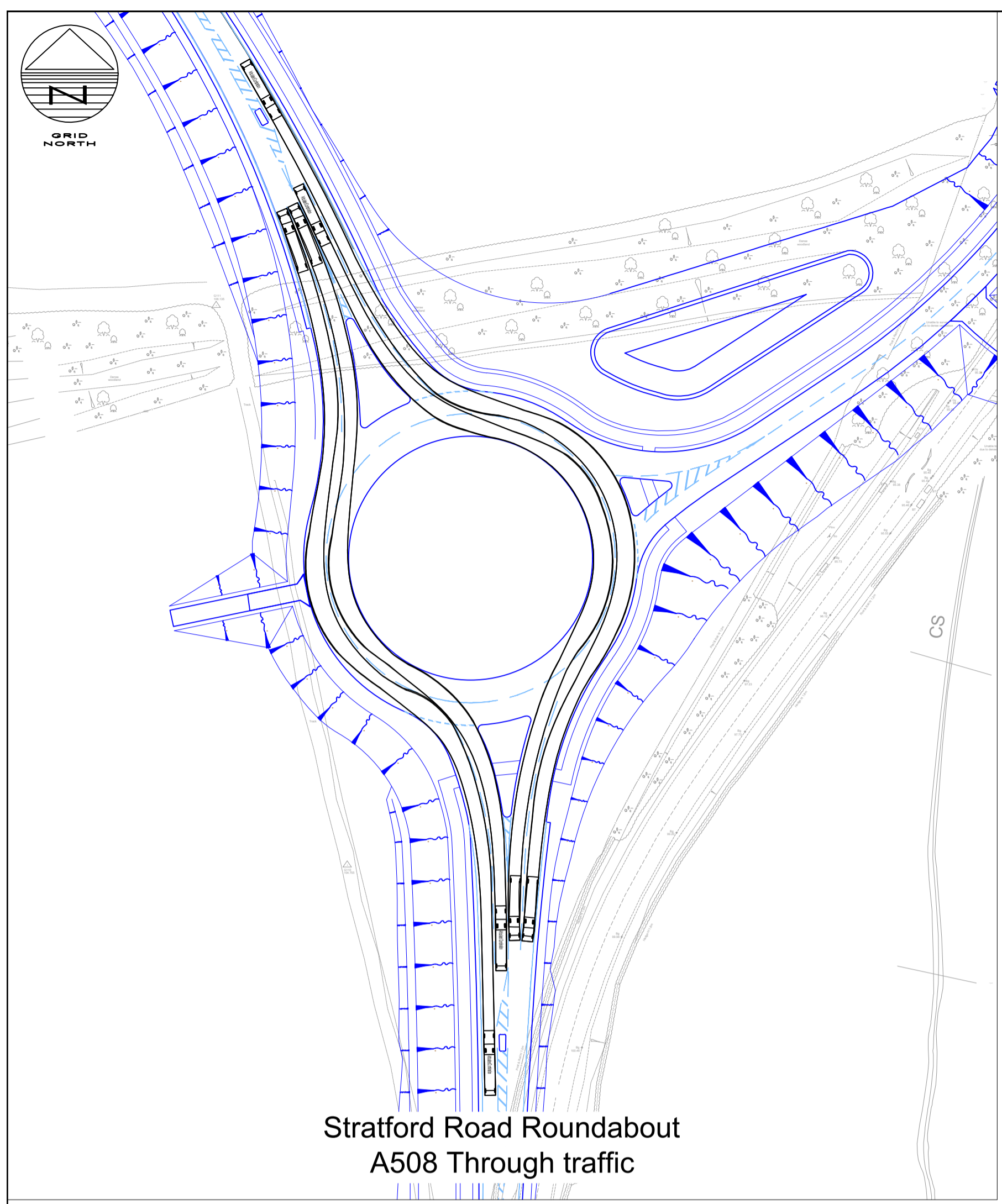
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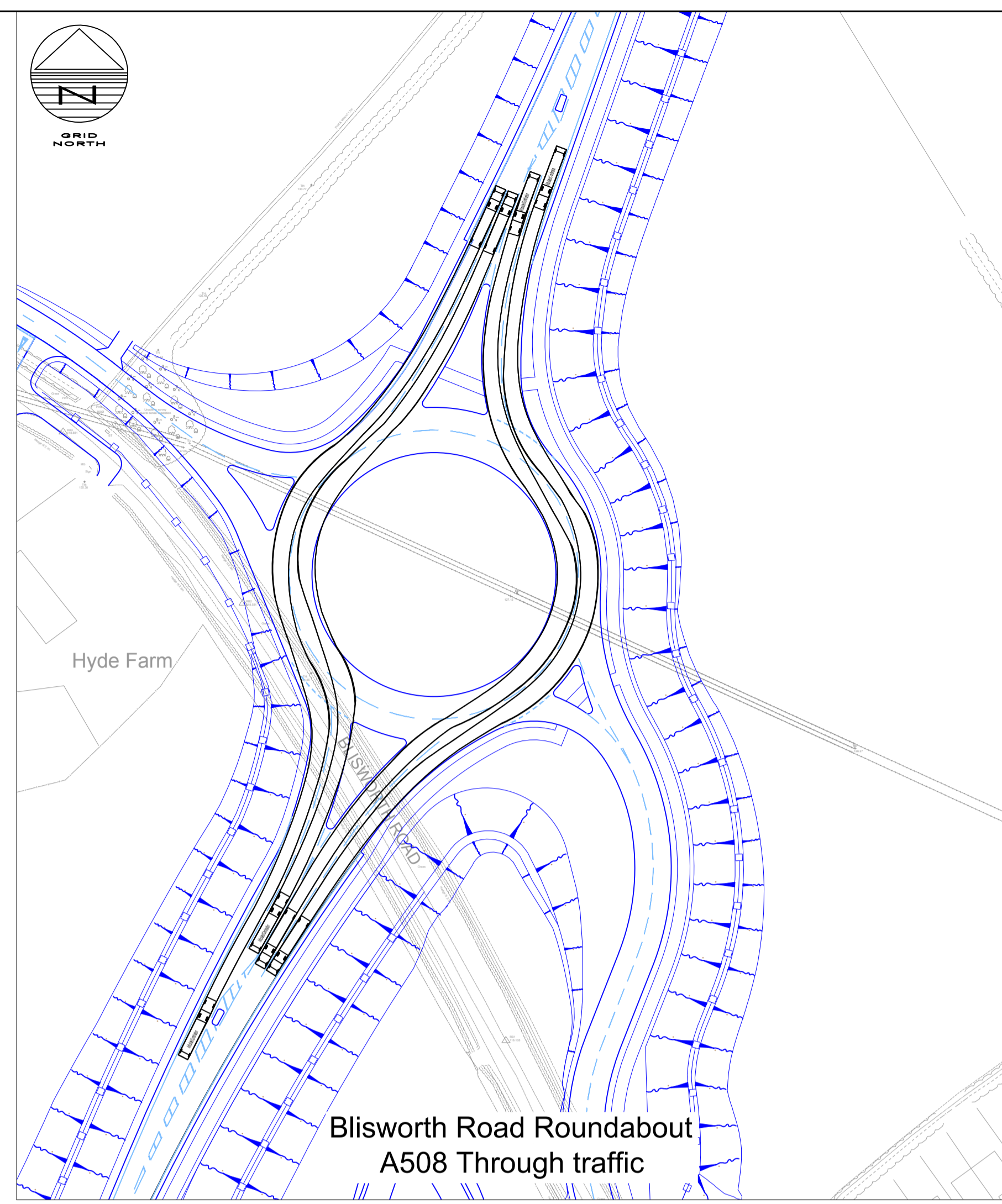
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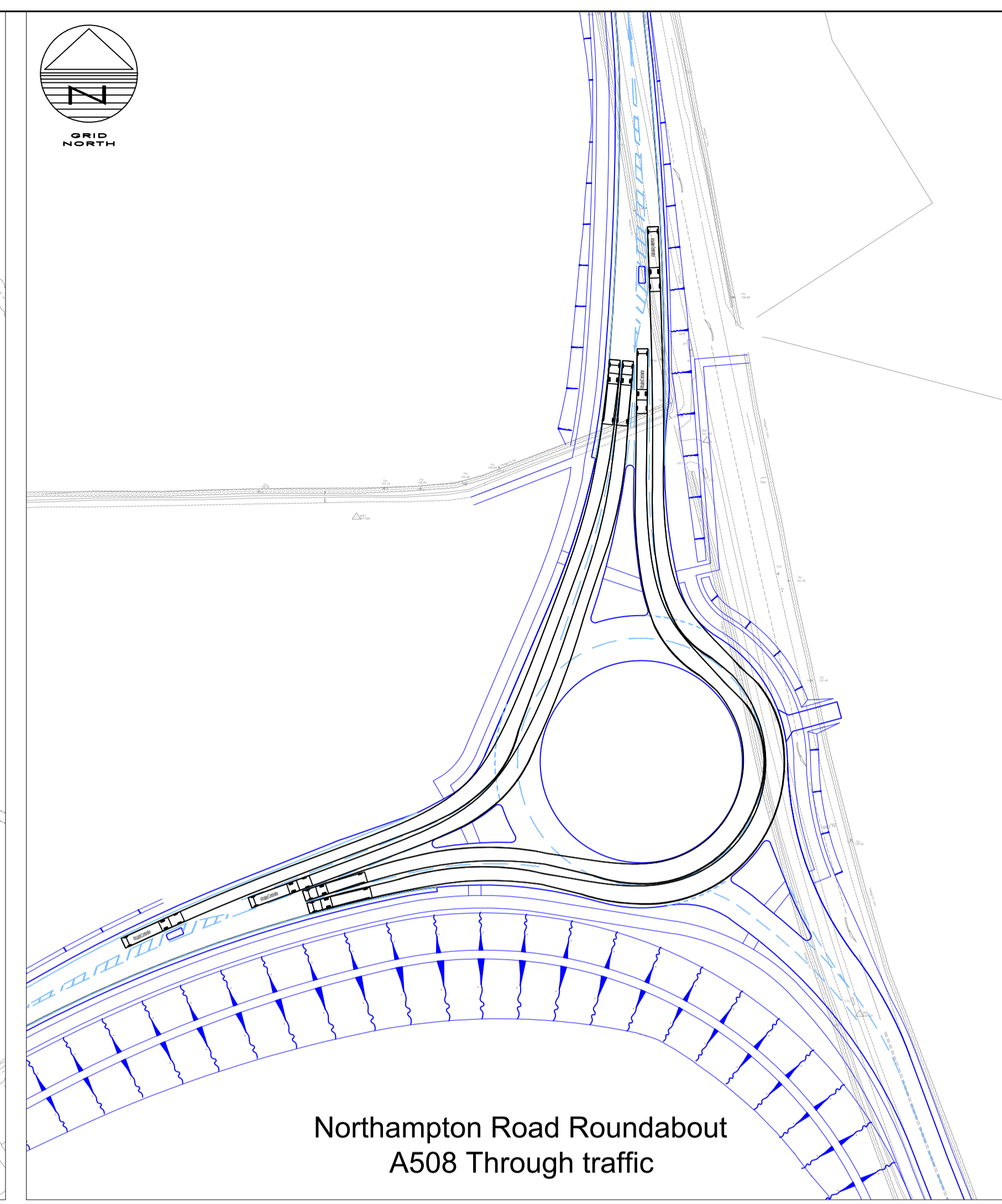
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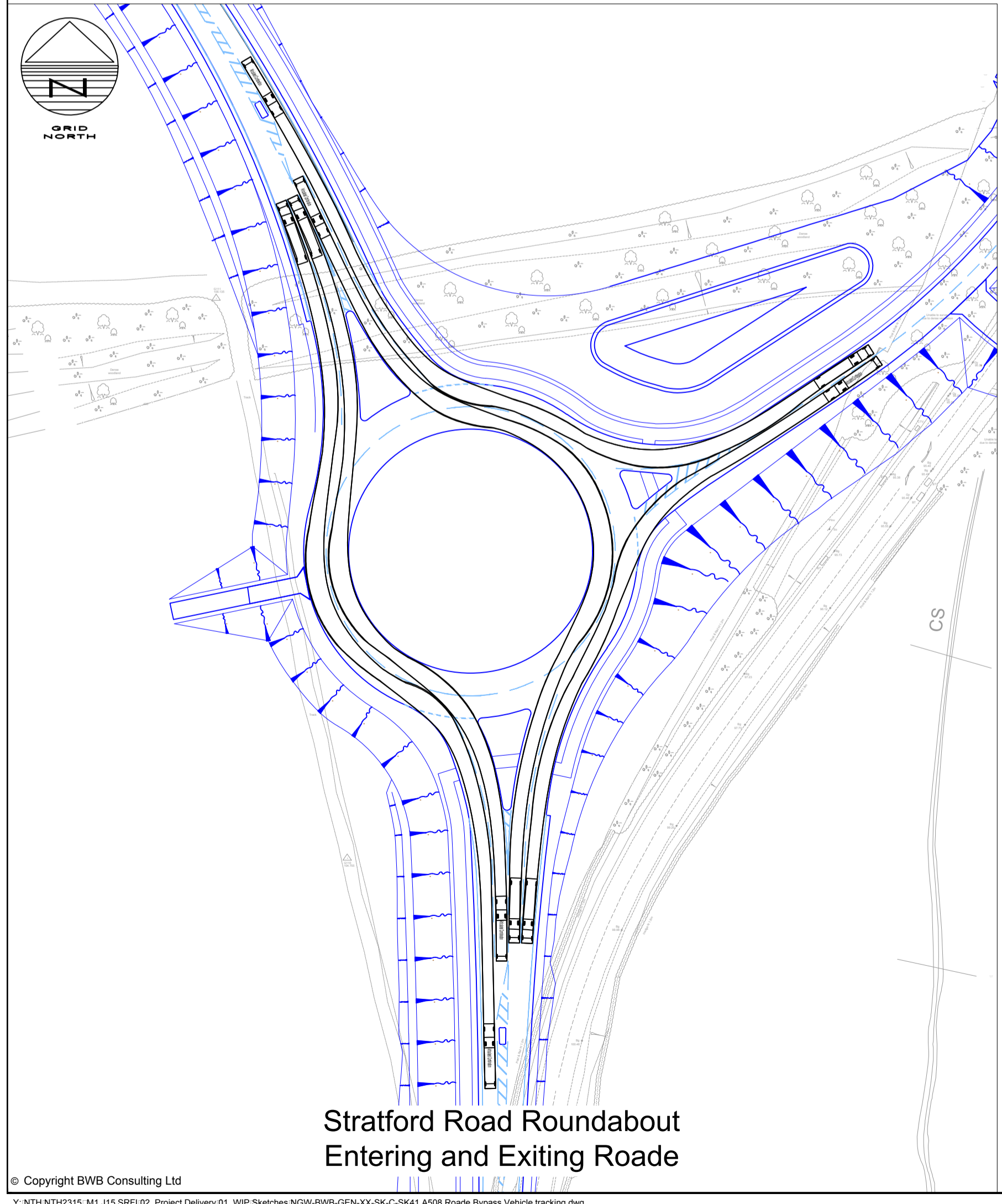
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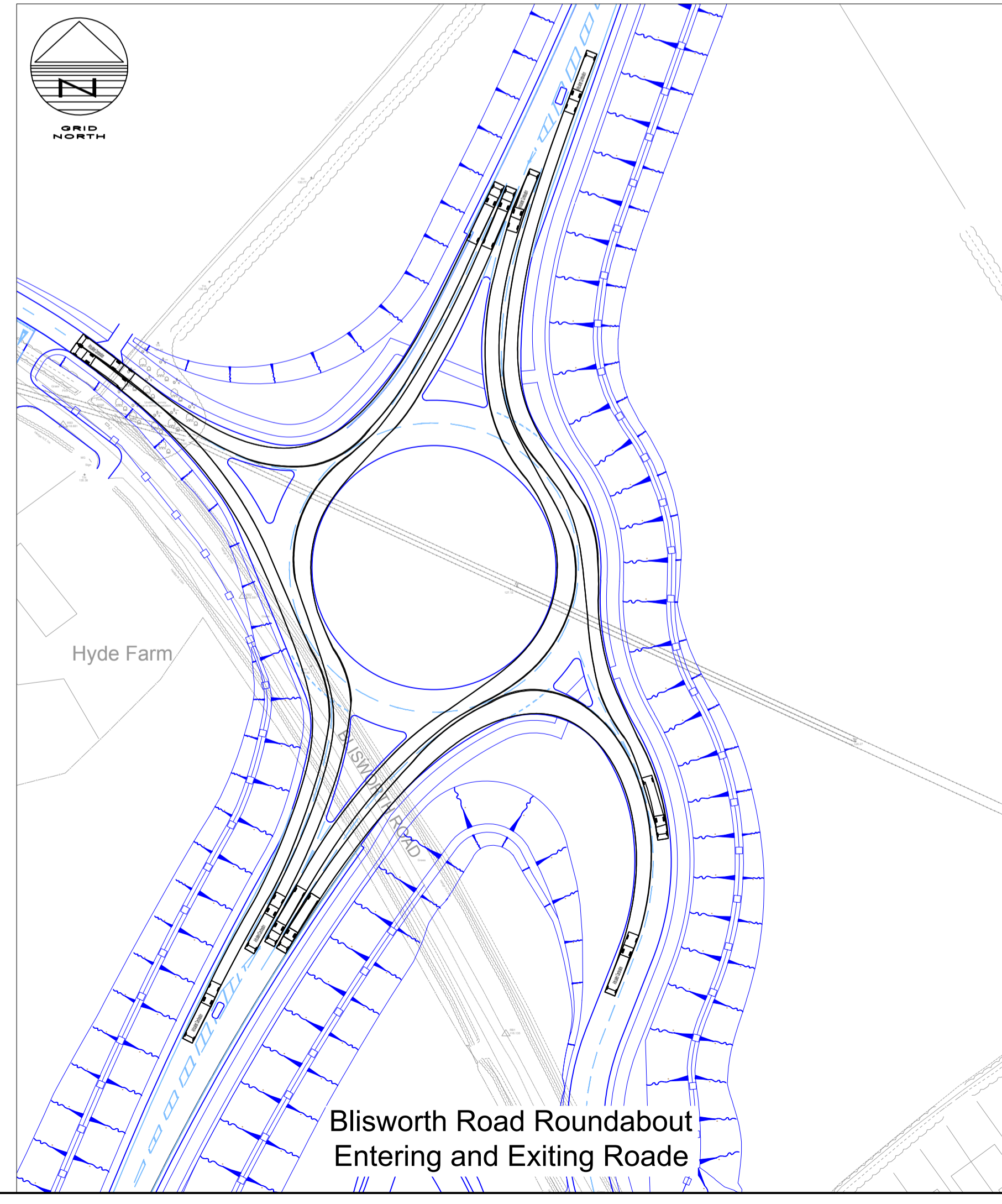
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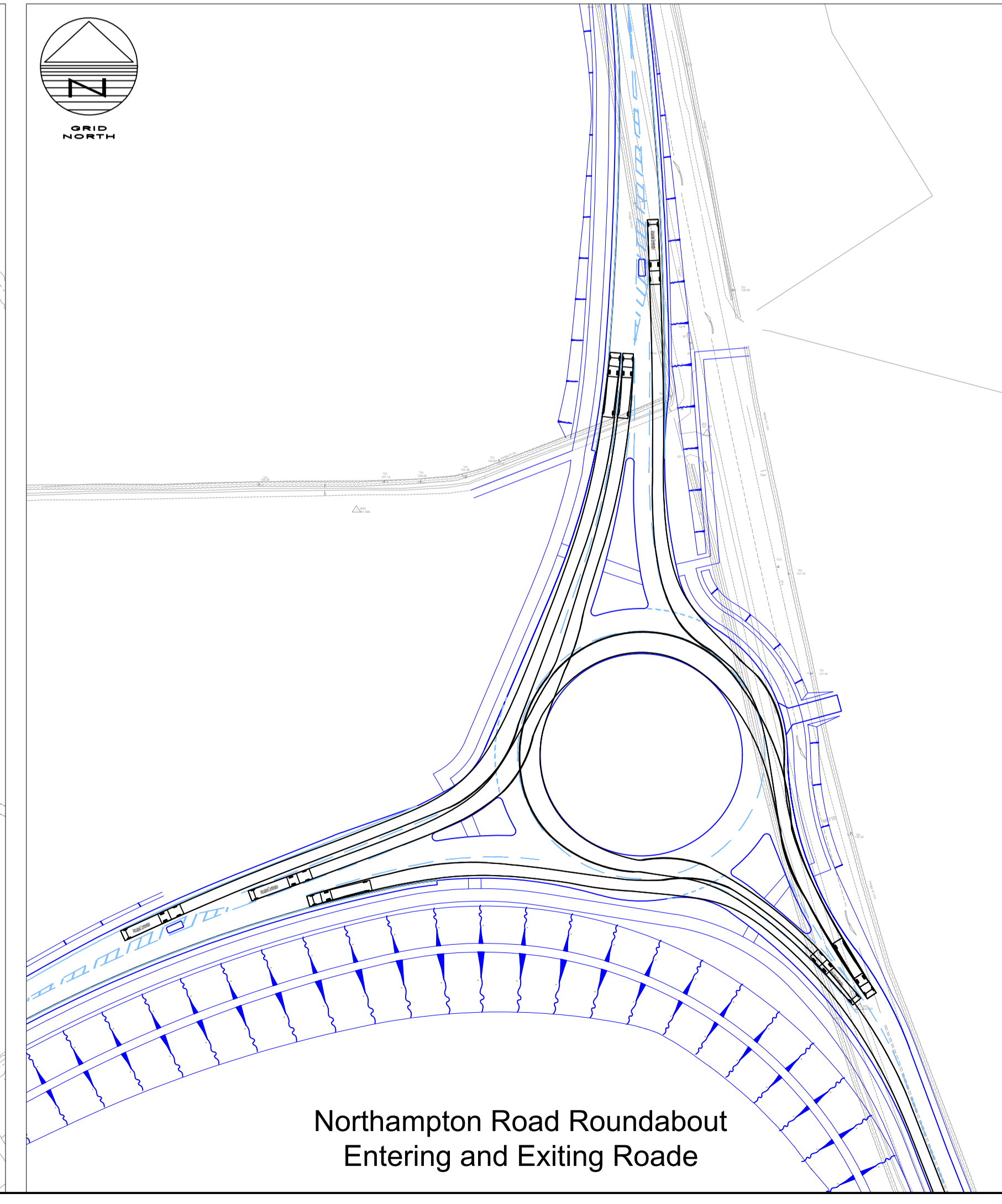
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Stratford Road Roundabout
Entering and Exiting Road



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Northampton Road Roundabout
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Articulated Combination
Overall Length 15.500m
Overall Width 2.550m
Overall Body Height 3.713m
Min Body Ground Clearance 0.439m
Track Width 2.550m
Lock-to-lock time 4.00s
Kerb to Kerb Turning Radius 7.500m
Design Speed 15mph

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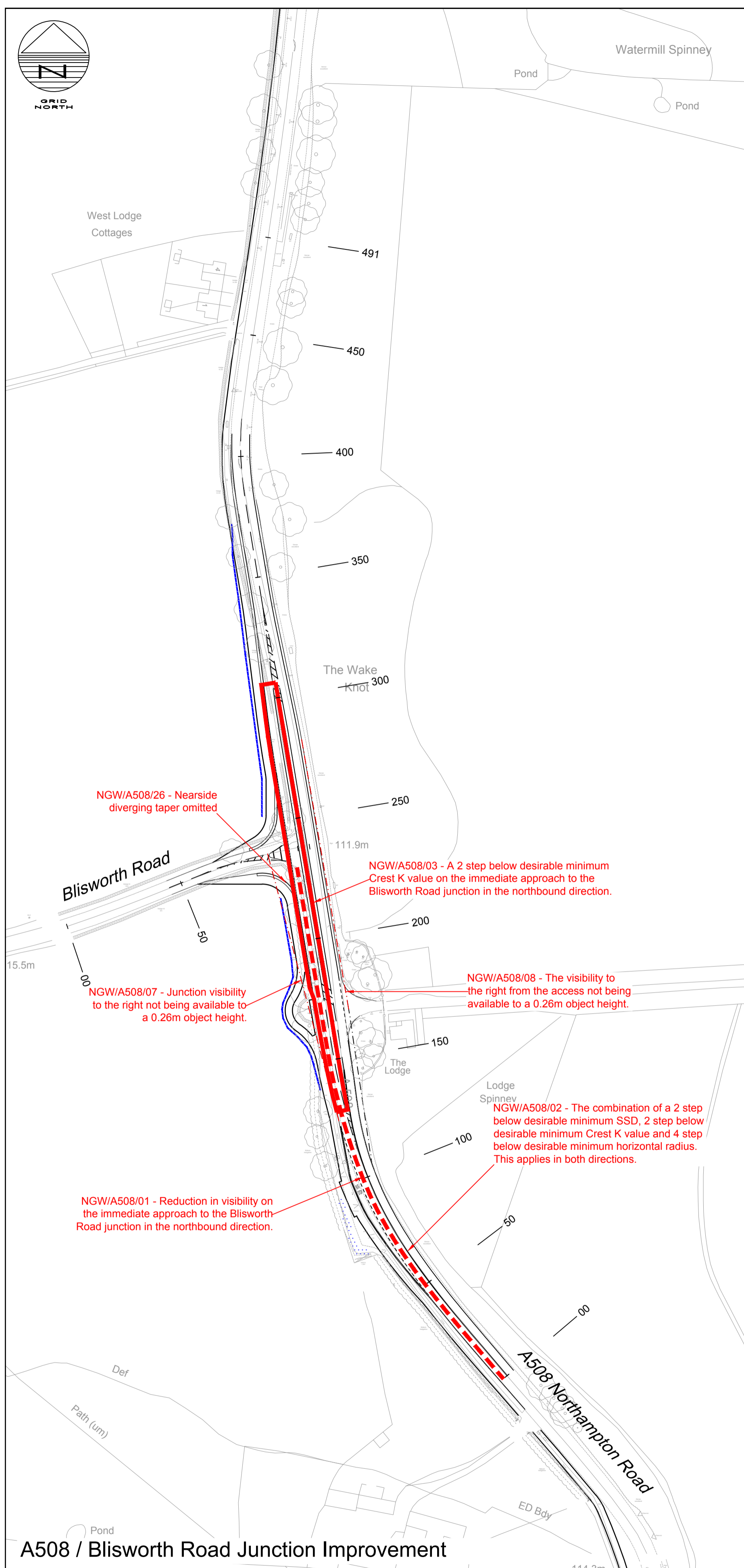
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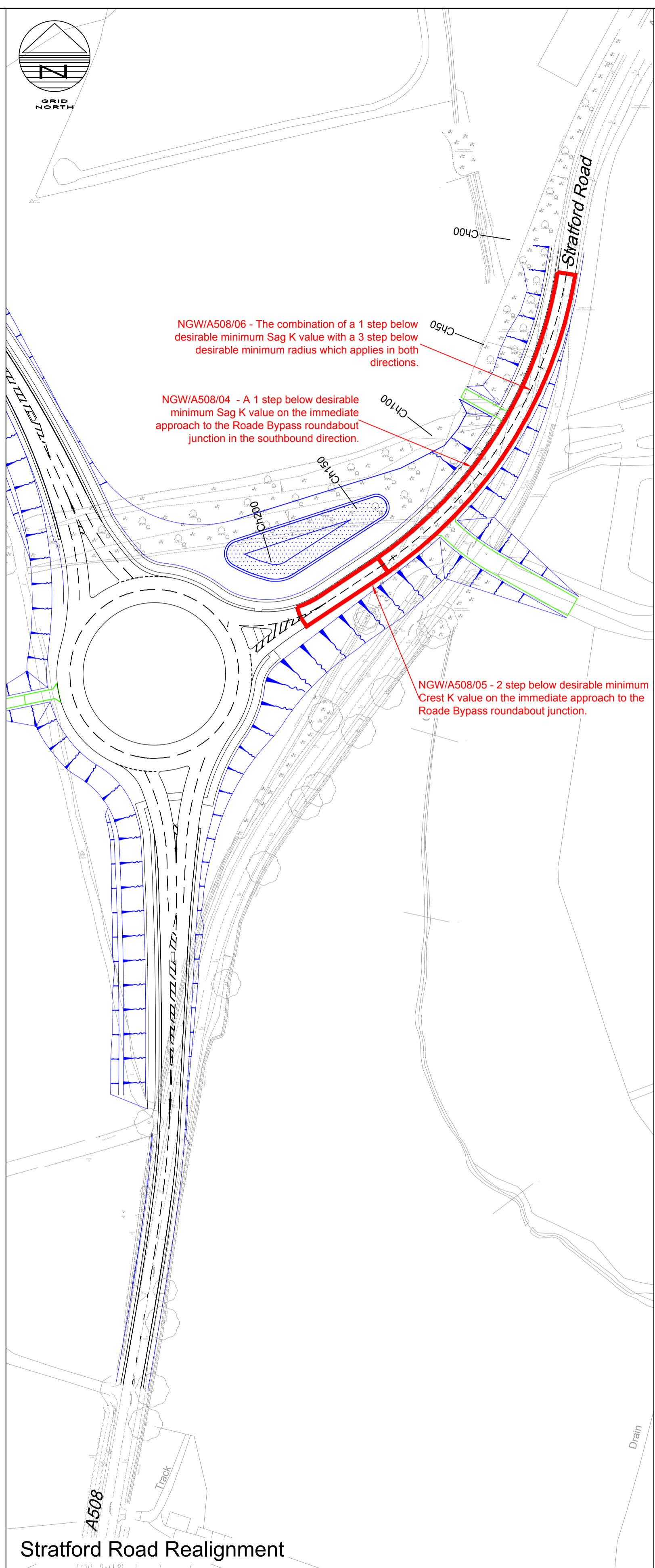
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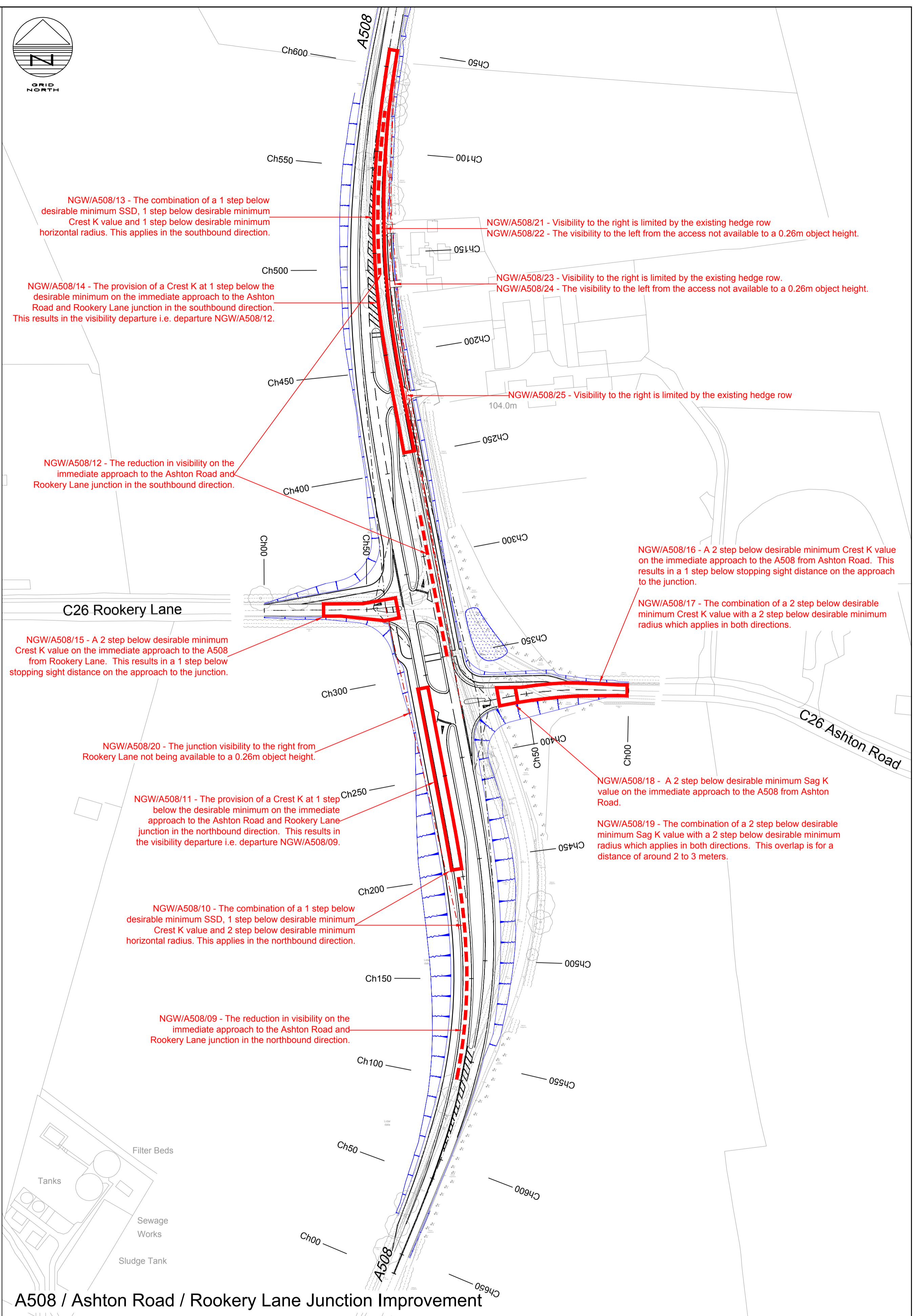
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A508 / Blisworth Road Junction Improvement



Stratford Road Realignment



A508 / Ashton Road / Rookery Lane Junction Improvement

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