

Section 3 of this report lists 'Problems' identified from the drawings and as a result of the Auditors' site visits relating to the proposed changes to the highway layout and continues with 'Comments', if there are any, that are directly, or indirectly, related to the area (e.g. features/matters within the proposed works or immediate surrounds which the Auditors feel should be brought to the attention of the Designer or other organisations even though they might not pose an immediate risk associated with the proposed works) and which are considered by the Audit Team to warrant attention under the subject proposals, generally by the maintaining authority. On occasions there might be more sensitive issues or issues that fall outside the audit brief but which are of such a nature that Auditors feel should be specifically brought to the attention of the authorities - such issues, if they arise, are usually dealt with in detail in separate correspondence.

- 2.3.10 Any recommendations included within this report should not be regarded as being prescriptive design solutions to the problems raised they are intended only to indicate a proportionate and viable means of eliminating or mitigating the identified problem, in accordance with HD19/15, and in no way imply that a formal design process has been undertaken. There may be alternative methods of addressing a problem that would be equally acceptable in achieving the desired elimination or mitigation and these should be considered in any responses to this report.
- 2.3.11 The supplied preliminary layout drawing of the proposed works is reproduced as the base for the 'Problems' locations Figure at the rear of this report. The audit is, basically, limited to the extent of works shown on the drawing but, additionally, considers selected matters on tie-ins with the immediate connecting roads that the Auditors view as relevant to operation of the overall development.



3 PROBLEMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

'Problems' are reported in the first part of the following section and , if included, 'Comments' on matters of lesser importance are dealt with after that. It should be noted that 'Comment' reference numbers simply continue the number sequence from the preceding 'Problems'.

3.1 Problem 1: Inadequate deflection on vehicle paths

Location: Eastern and northern arms approaches to the roundabout.

Summary: The design layout of the roundabout is such that there is potential for failure

to give way on entry resulting in straight-ahead collisions with roadside

furniture or side-impact or shunt type collisions.

- 3.1.1 For the roundabout entry from the east (Chalkstone Way) the entry path curvature is in the region of 140m and for the roundabout entry from the north the entry path curvature is in the region of 100m, both using the over-run area edge as the vehicle path guide. Such potential approach paths give inadequate entry path curvature to fully-prevent traffic from entering the roundabout at too high a speed or having to resort to late-braking (DMRB standard TD16 also refers).
- 3.1.2 The drawings do not show any traffic calming measures on the development Access Road.
- 3.1.3 Whilst the Auditors do acknowledge that Chalkstone Way is a traffic-calmed road the situation could be hazardous to cyclists, particularly in view of the wide overall circulatory carriageway width as associated with all compact roundabout layouts that are designed to accommodate specific large/long vehicle types, not all of which type might use the subject roundabout and approach roads.
- 3.1.4 The recommendations are that:
 - The roundabout should be re-designed to ensure that vehicle entry paths have radii tighter than 70m radius (such re-design might involve the provision of a larger roundabout); and
 - Traffic calming should be applied to the development Access Road.

3.2 Problem 2: NMUs

Location: NMU paths to/from the development.

Summary: Inadequate provision of NMU facilities could lead to NMU conflicts and/or

NMUs using non-designated routes or making crossings of roads at inadvisable locations with risks of slips, trips and falls injuries.

- 3.2.1 The footway from the development ends at the northwestern quadrant with pedestrians having to cross Chalkstone Way to gain access to the existing footway along the southern side of Chalkstone Way. Not far west of the proposed roundabout is the Westfield Primary Academy school so the Auditors would expect some NMU demand between the development (the Access Road roundabout) and the school which is not catered for in the current proposals unless such trips cross and re-cross Chalkstone Way.
- 3.2.2 The Auditors note that the project Transport Assessment is 'strong' on sustainable travel although the Auditors acknowledge that the scheme is at an early stage of preparation.
- 3.2.3 The recommendation is that:
 - The footway along the western side of the development Access Road should be continued on to the school entrance not far west of the proposed roundabout with, perhaps, enhancement to shared cyclist/pedestrian status.



3.3 Problem 3: Bus stop location

Location: Chalkstone Way west of the roundabout.

Summary: Stationary buses blocking entry to the roundabout could cause risks of

frustrated following vehicle drivers overtaking when unsighted and colliding with traffic exiting the roundabout or even driving the wrong way around

the roundabout.

3.3.1 The existing bus stop west of the roundabout is located only approx. 25m ahead of the roundabout 'Give Way' line and the drawing has no indications of bus stop relocation.

3.3.2 The recommendation is that:

The bus stop should be relocated further west, sufficiently away from the roundabout.

3.4 Problem 4: Speed cushion feature

Location: Chalkstone Way immediately west of the roundabout.

Summary: Proximity of feature to roundabout entry/exit would be a potential

frustration to drivers causing potential rash decision-making or encourage pedestrians to cross the road where no formal crossings is intended and which could surprise drivers and lead to vehicle/pedestrian conflicts.

3.4.1 There is an existing speed cushion arrangement immediately west of the roundabout located only approx. 15m ahead of the roundabout 'Give Way' line and the drawing has no indications of its removal. With a roundabout so close the speed cushion arrangement would appear superfluous and could safely be removed – however, 'Problem 1' relates in respect of speed control on the roundabout approaches.

3.4.2 The recommendation is that:

The speed cushion arrangement should be relocated a short distance further west.



AUDIT TEAM STATEMENT

We certify that this audit has been carried out in conformity with HD 19/15.

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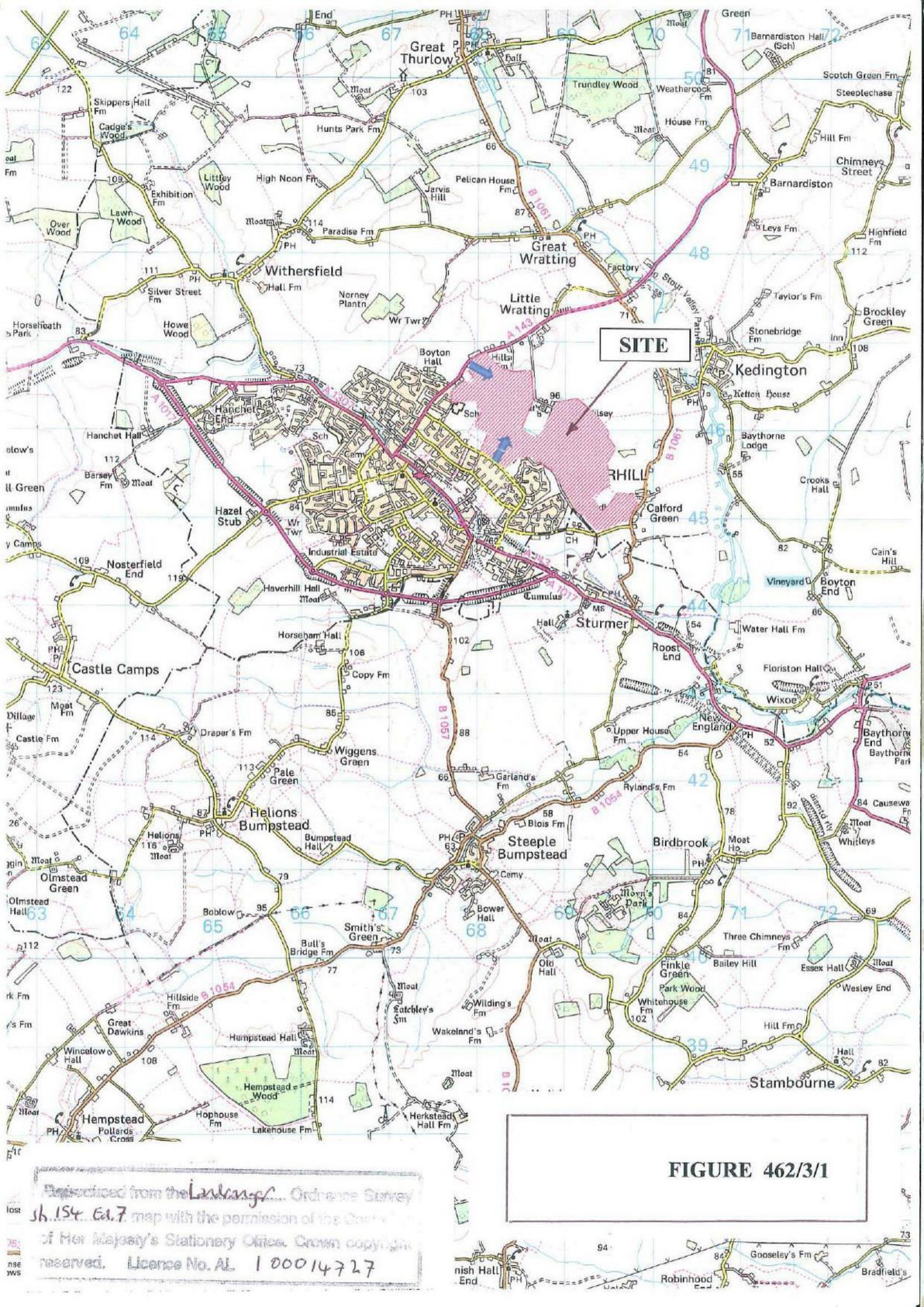
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462/3/1 - SITE LOCATION PLAN

462/3/2 – INITIATING DEVELOPMENT MASTERPLAN

462/3/3 – ILLUSTRATIVE CHALKSTONE WAY CURRENT LAYOUT

462/3/4 – PROBLEMS SHEET DRAWING





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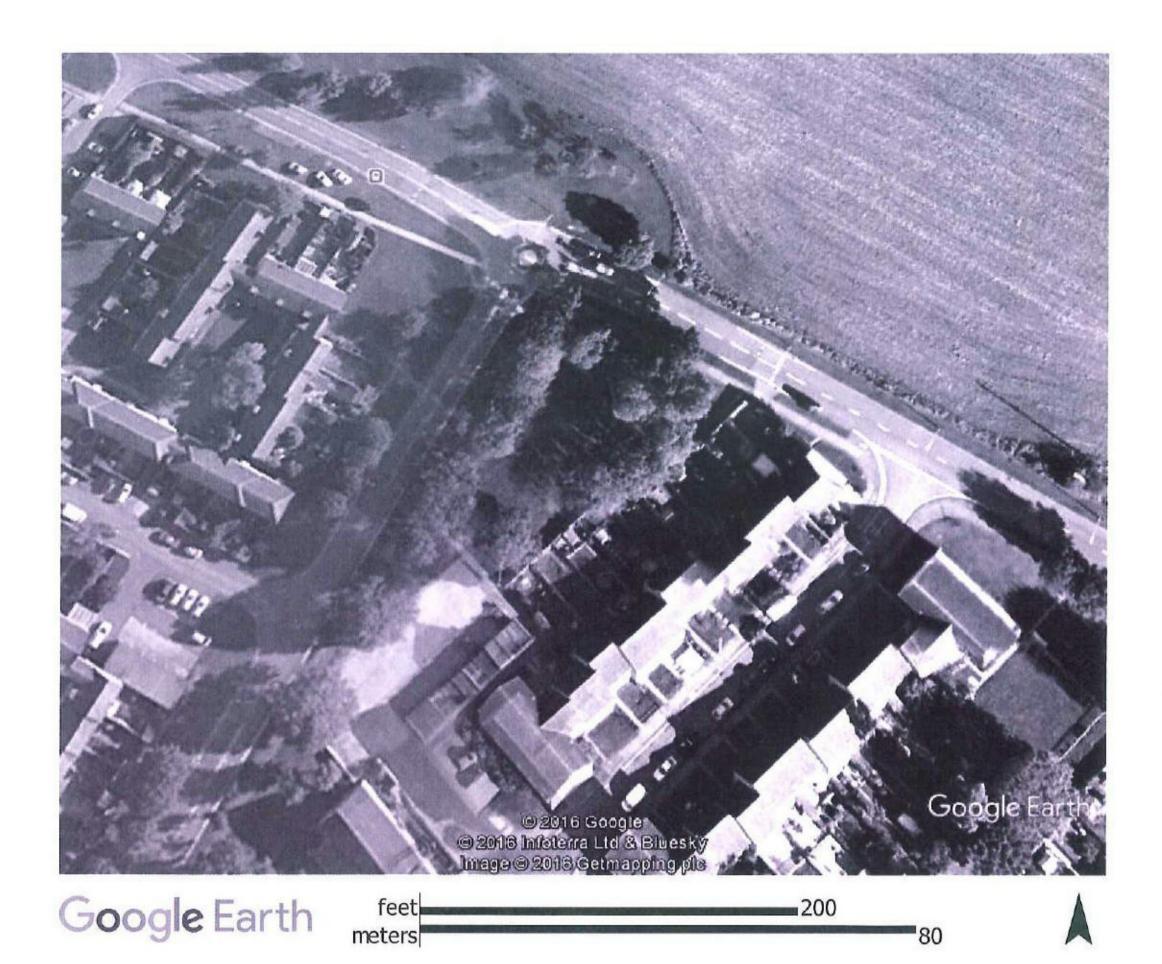
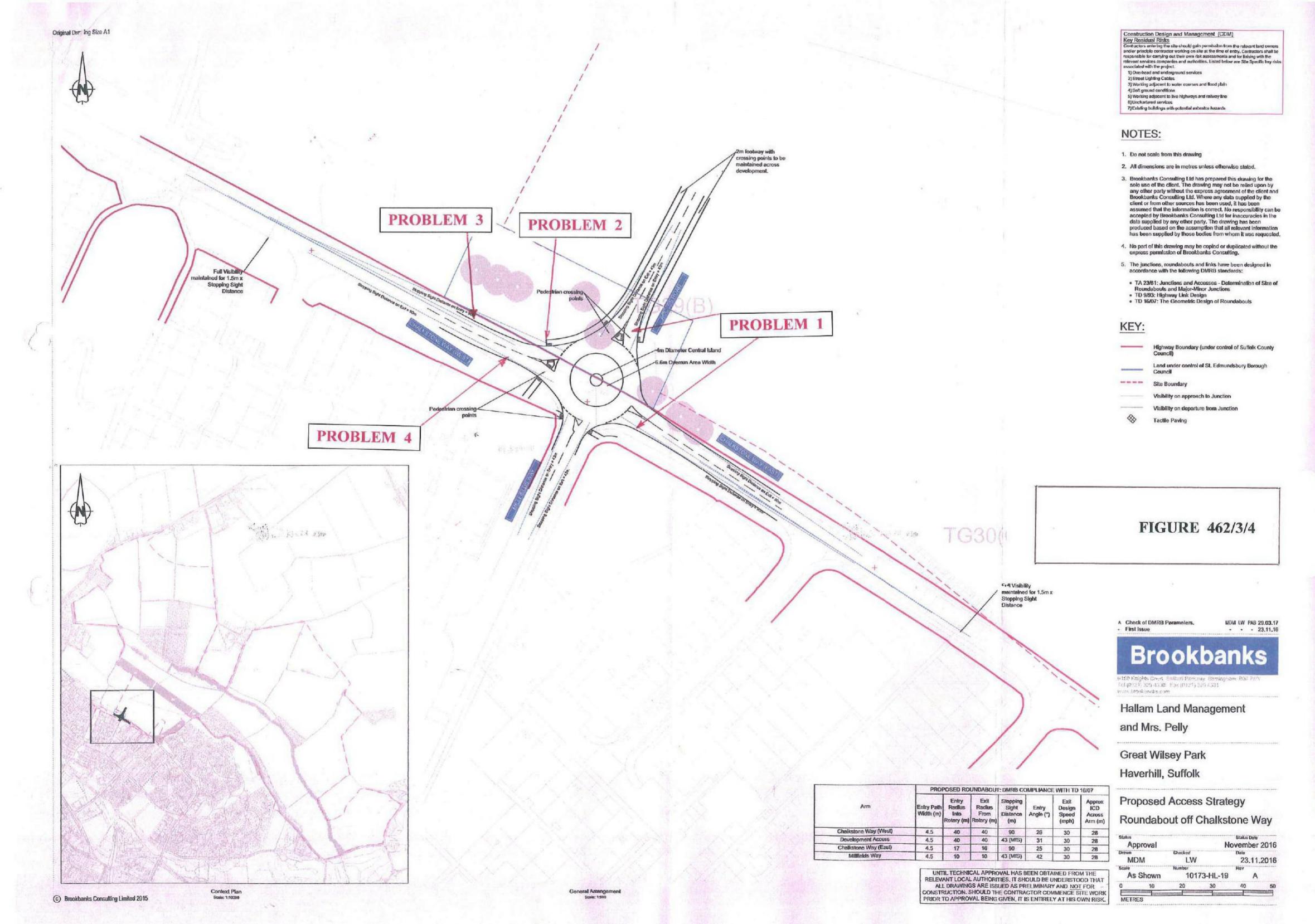
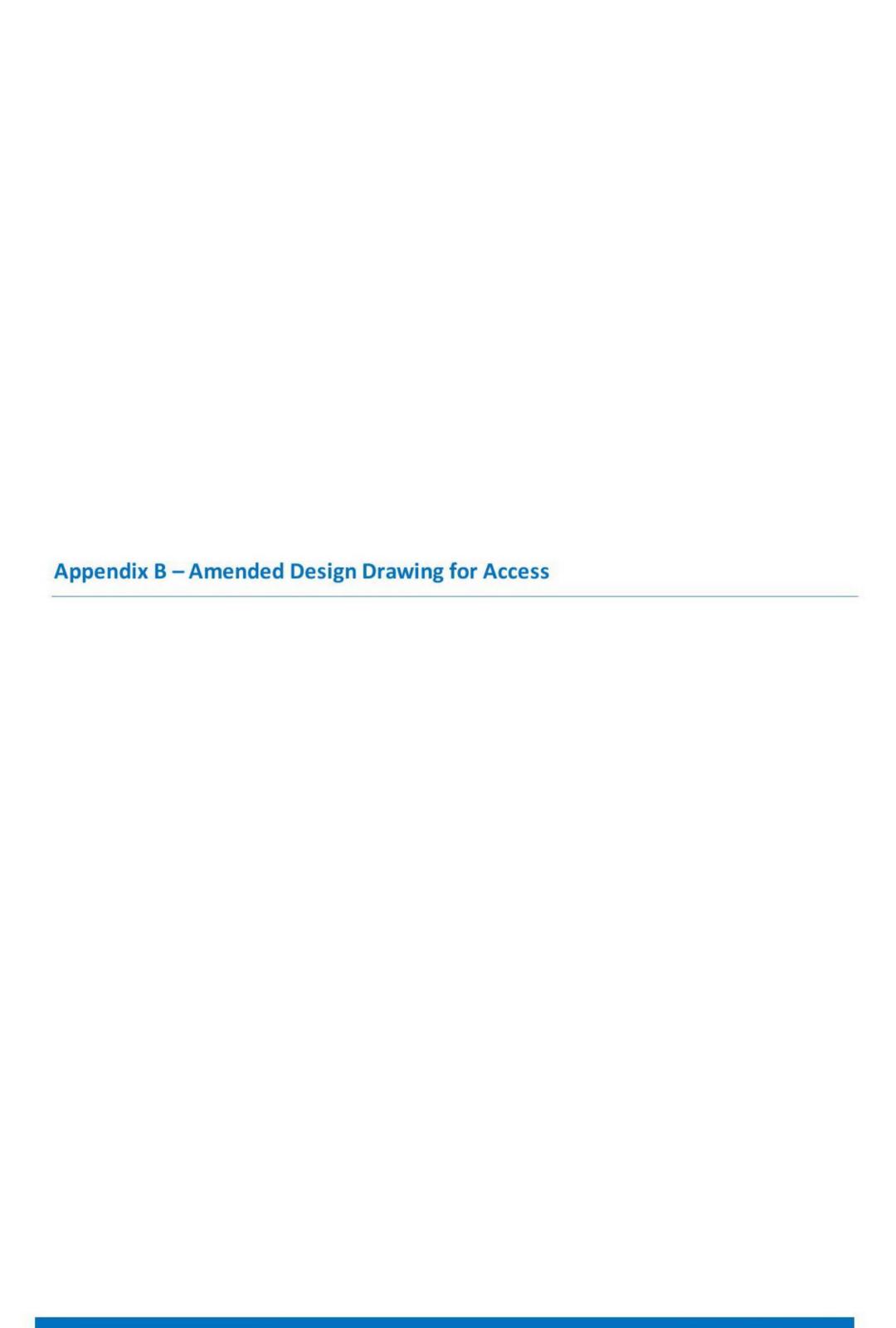


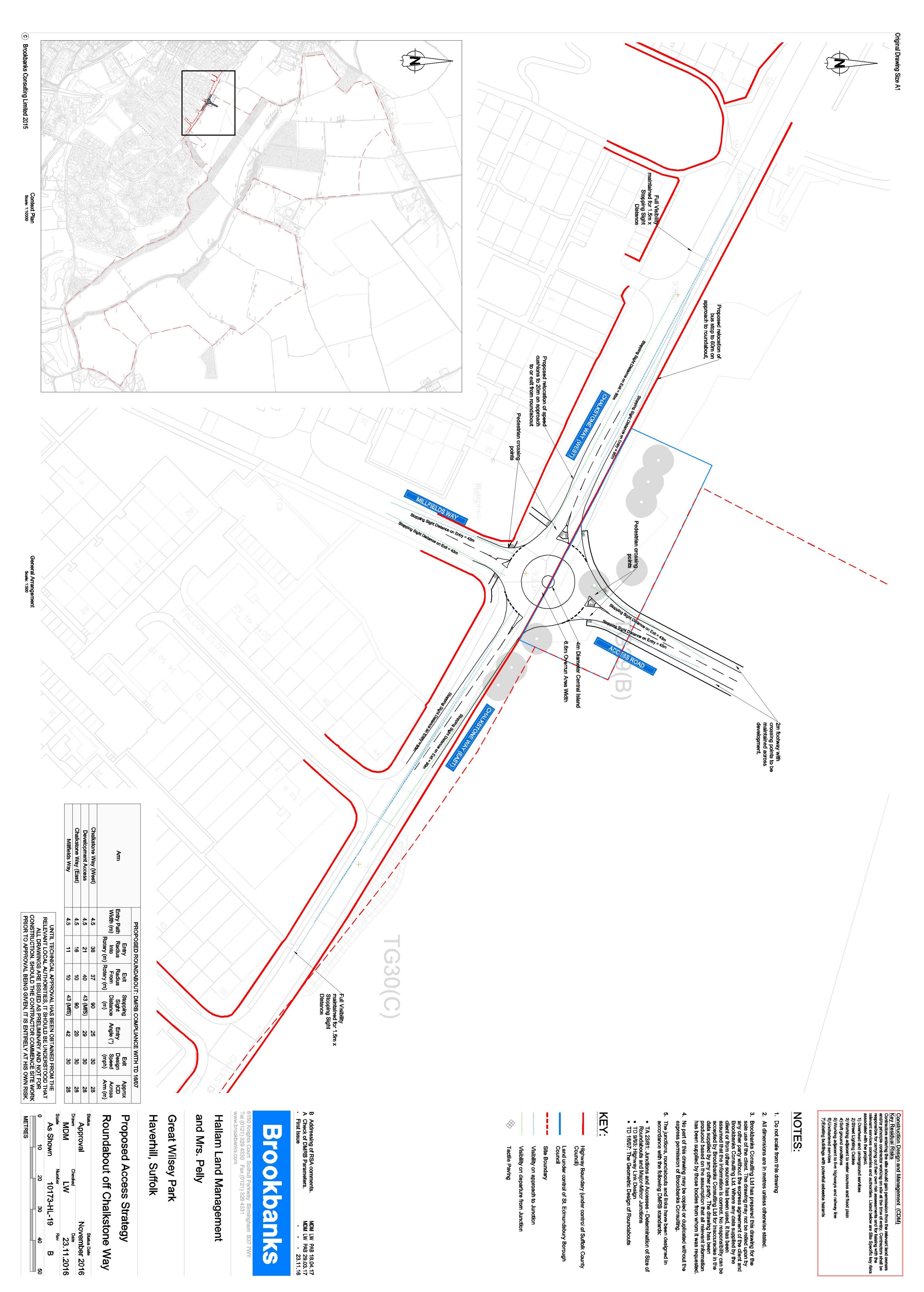
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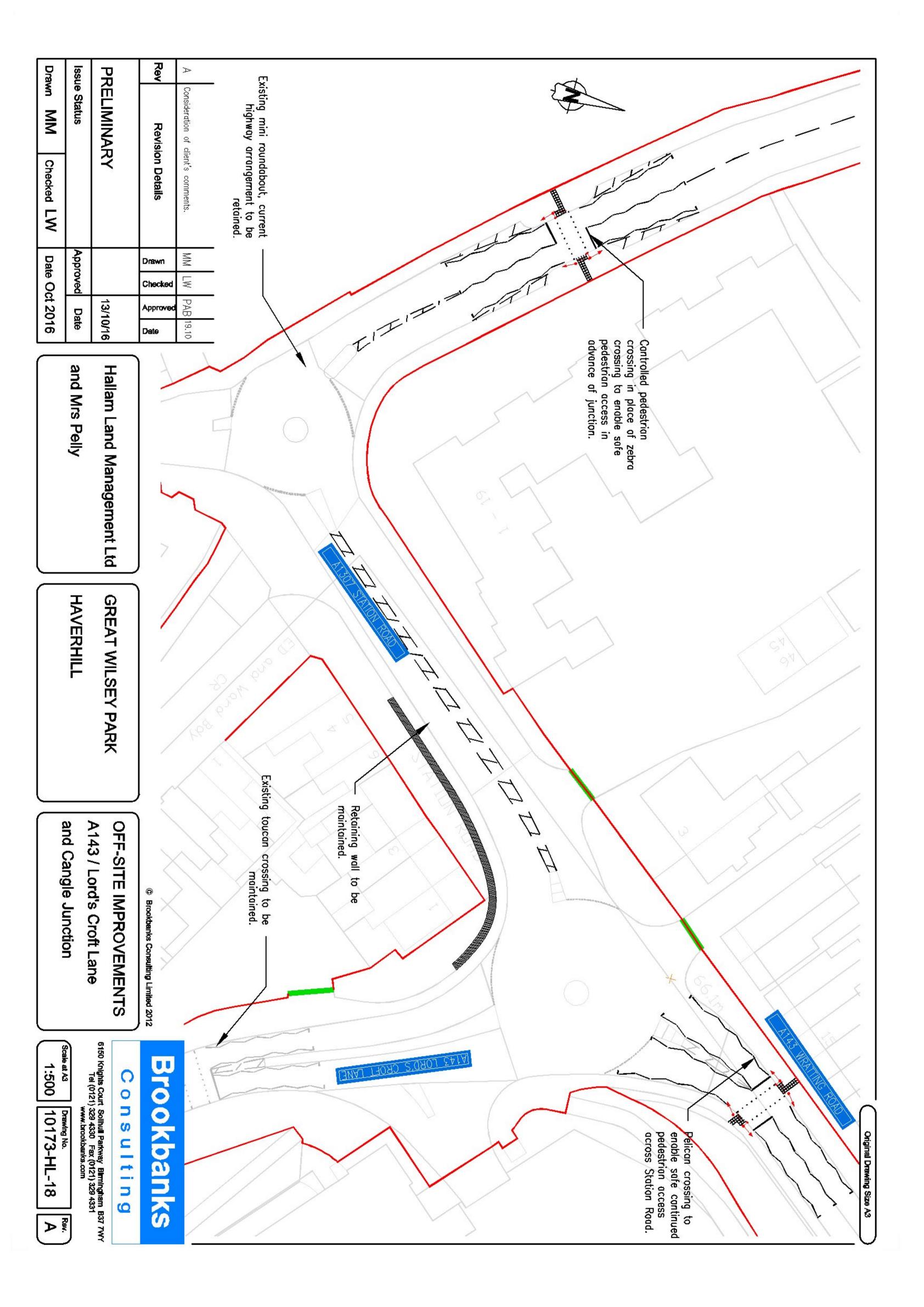
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APPENDIX 5

REVISED A143 WRATTING ROAD JUNCTION WITH LORDS CROFT LANE



APPENDIX 6

PROPOSED WORKS TO A143 WRATTING ROAD AND CHALKSTONE WAY JUNCTION

