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Date Wednesday 22nd January 2025

Ref: JH/NHRR/JC

Dear Geoffrey,

**The Lincolnshire County Council (A1461 North Hykeham Relief Road) Compulsory Purchase Order 2024 ("CPO")**

**The Lincolnshire County Council (A1461 North Hykeham Relief Road) (Classified Road) (Side Roads) Order 2024 ("SRO")**

**These are referred to either separately as the CPO and the SRO or collectively as the Orders**

**Your clients:**

**Margaret Lilly and Geoffrey Bishop as Trustees for the JF Lilly Will Trust, Paul Robert Lilly, Margaret Lilly, Christine Lilly, and Grange Farmers Ltd.**

I write to thank you for your written comments dated 20 November 2024, which have been forwarded to me, as the Promotor's representative, by the Department for Transport following your objection to the above Orders. Following the closure of the Objection period into the Scheme proposals, the Council has considered with care the various objections and representations made including those made by yourselves. The Council has decided, however, that the basis for proceeding with the Scheme is sound, especially given the advantages that flow from it, and will therefore be progressing the Scheme including the pursuit of any public inquiry into the proposals should that be necessary.

In respect of the comments you have submitted, seven points of discussion are noted in respect of Lincolnshire County Council's ("LCC" or "the Council") proposal to bring forward the North Hykeham Relief Road ("NHRR" or "the Scheme"). These matters have been all been discussed with the Council's representatives and that dialogue is ongoing.

In looking at your concerns it is important to recall the purposes underlying the promotion of the Scheme itself. The NHRR is intended to assist the sustainable economic growth of Lincoln

and Lincolnshire and reduce congestion in and around North Hykeham and the surrounding villages. The scheme will improve journey time reliability by providing additional network capacity and route choice, in particular for east-west movements, as well as journey time savings on longer trips around or bypassing the Lincoln urban area. The NHRR is a vital part of Lincolnshire's plans to support the growth of its priority economic sectors and unlocks the South West Quadrant Sustainable Urban Extension. This development, which is dependent on the delivery of the NHRR, is an essential part of the housing supply within Central Lincolnshire, providing approximately 2,000 dwellings and up to 5ha of additional general employment land, along with retail and community uses including a new primary school, open space and formal sports pitches.

I wish to take this opportunity to address the seven points of discussion which you have raised in your letter to help you to understand the Council's position in respect of them. We would hope that you would then be able to reconsider the matters you have raised to see if you would wish to present them as objections to any public inquiry which may be necessary.

1. Your first point of discussion is that details of the noise mitigation fencing to the south of the farmhouse are required.
  - 1.1. The noise mitigation adjacent Grange Farm is provided by a reflective acoustic fencing adjacent to the eastbound carriageway, 3.0m in high and 390m in length. Between the acoustic fencing and the highway boundary are, a grassed embankment, drainage ditches, a hedgerow comprising native planting and the boundary fence. Within the hedgerow, there will also be native hedgerow tree planting. This is shown on the Landscape Masterplan sheets 13 and 14 attached at Appendix A.
2. Your second point of discussion is that there are irrigation mains to the east of and west of the A607 which will be cut off by the Scheme. The irrigation mains need to be extended under the Scheme to the retained land for the benefit of irrigation.
  - 2.1. All statutory undertaker's apparatus has been identified and will be diverted by the appropriate authority as part of the Scheme. Searches with statutory bodies did not reveal the existence of any such mains and no other information has been supplied either to demonstrate the evidence of such mains.
  - 2.2. Should the irrigation mains referred to be in private ownership, these will need to be assessed by the Council, designed, and then constructed in accordance with that assessment and agreed design.
  - 2.3. The Council has not previously been made aware of any such mains but if that is the case it will take the necessary steps to deal with it.
  - 2.4. Discussions to locate and identify the irrigation mains are ongoing.
3. Your third point of discussion is that the CPO shows the Council obtaining title to all the plots whereas there have been indications that some plots may only be required temporarily and therefore can be entered by way of licence. You confirm that your client would wish to enter into an agreement whereby those plots not required on a permanent basis are occupied on a licence basis.
  - 3.1. In seeking to promote the Scheme, the Council must ensure that it has all the land and rights it needs to allow the Scheme to be built. As set out in the Statement of Reasons, the Council has no powers at present to seek to acquire land on a temporary basis and therefore to bring forward the proposals the land and rights shown in the CPO are required.

- 3.2. Nevertheless, the Council is committed to acquire affected parties' interests voluntarily. This approach extends to the temporary occupation of land and as such the Council will continue the ongoing discussions to negotiate licences.
4. Your fourth point of discussion is that further detail is required on the type of fencing and hedging and confirmation as to who will be responsible for the maintenance of those features once the scheme is complete.
- 4.1. The Scheme boundary will generally be demarked by a post and rail fence. This fence protects a hedge which is planted within the Scheme boundary. Over time that hedge will form a suitably robust boundary feature between the road and the adjacent land, making the fence redundant from a highway perspective. Should the landowner require the fence to be maintained (for example where stockproof fencing is supplied), this will need to be undertaken by the landowner.
5. Your fifth point of discussion is that there is a proposal to link plot 297 to the Viking Way with a cycle route, however the Viking Way in itself is a footpath not a path open to cycles. The proposed access does not allow for the farm access to the retained land to the west of plot 316.
- 5.1. This point of discussion arises from a misunderstanding of the Scheme proposals. The route referred to as linking plot 297 to the Viking Way, is a footpath not a cycle route and is necessary to continue the Public Right of Way. It has been granted planning permission in the form that it is following extensive public engagement and discussion with the Council's Rights of Way officers.
- 5.2. The footpath is located in plot 297 which is identified in the Statement of Reasons as being land which is capable of being offered back and, as described in point 3.2 above, is subject to ongoing negotiations to occupy by way of licence.
- 5.3. That being the case, there will be a strip of land in your clients' ownership which can be used to access the retained land west of plot 316. That strip of land is approximately 22m wide, which is wide enough to allow for all modern farm vehicles.
6. Your sixth point of discussion is that the Council has not clarified how access will be obtained to the land to the south of plot 316. It is assumed plots 305, 311 and 313 will be returned to your clients.
- 6.1. Access to all of the land to the south of the new road has been taken into account and will be provided as part of the Scheme. Access to the land is taken from the A15 Sleaford Road and is provided by PMA 13 as shown on SRO Plans 11 and 12.
- 6.2. For clarity, plots 305 and 311 are required for the Scheme on a permanent basis. Plot 313 is identified in the Statement of Reasons as being land which is capable of being offered back and, as described in point 3.2 above, is subject to ongoing negotiations to occupy by way of licence.
7. Your seventh point of discussion is that the Council has not considered the effect of the scheme on the field drainage.
- 7.1. Accommodation works are not matters for the Public Inquiry to consider as they will be the subject of private arrangements with the landowner as appropriate at a subsequent stage.
- 7.2. However, the Council has considered field drainage and that will form part of the accommodation works. In addition, and following discussions with you, the Council has appointed a land drainage specialist to identify and design those accommodation works being the reinstatement of field drainage.

I would hope that this letter addresses the concerns that you have raised and provides you with the information necessary to enable you to formally withdraw your objection. If you would wish to do so, please write to the Department for Transport at the following address:

Secretary of State for Transport  
National Transport Casework Team  
Tyneside House  
Skinnerburn Road  
Newcastle Business Park  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
NE4 7AR

Alternatively you could send an email to them at [nationalcasework@dft.gov.uk](mailto:nationalcasework@dft.gov.uk) and I would ask you to copy Adam Lakin in at [adam.lakin@bentleyprojectmanagement.co.uk](mailto:adam.lakin@bentleyprojectmanagement.co.uk)

In the meantime, if you have any questions with regard to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the project team who are managing this element of the Scheme on behalf of the Council.

- Adam Lakin, Project Manager for NHRR  
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- Tom Aylmer, Land Agent for NHRR  
[tom.aylmer@darleyassociates.co.uk](mailto:tom.aylmer@darleyassociates.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

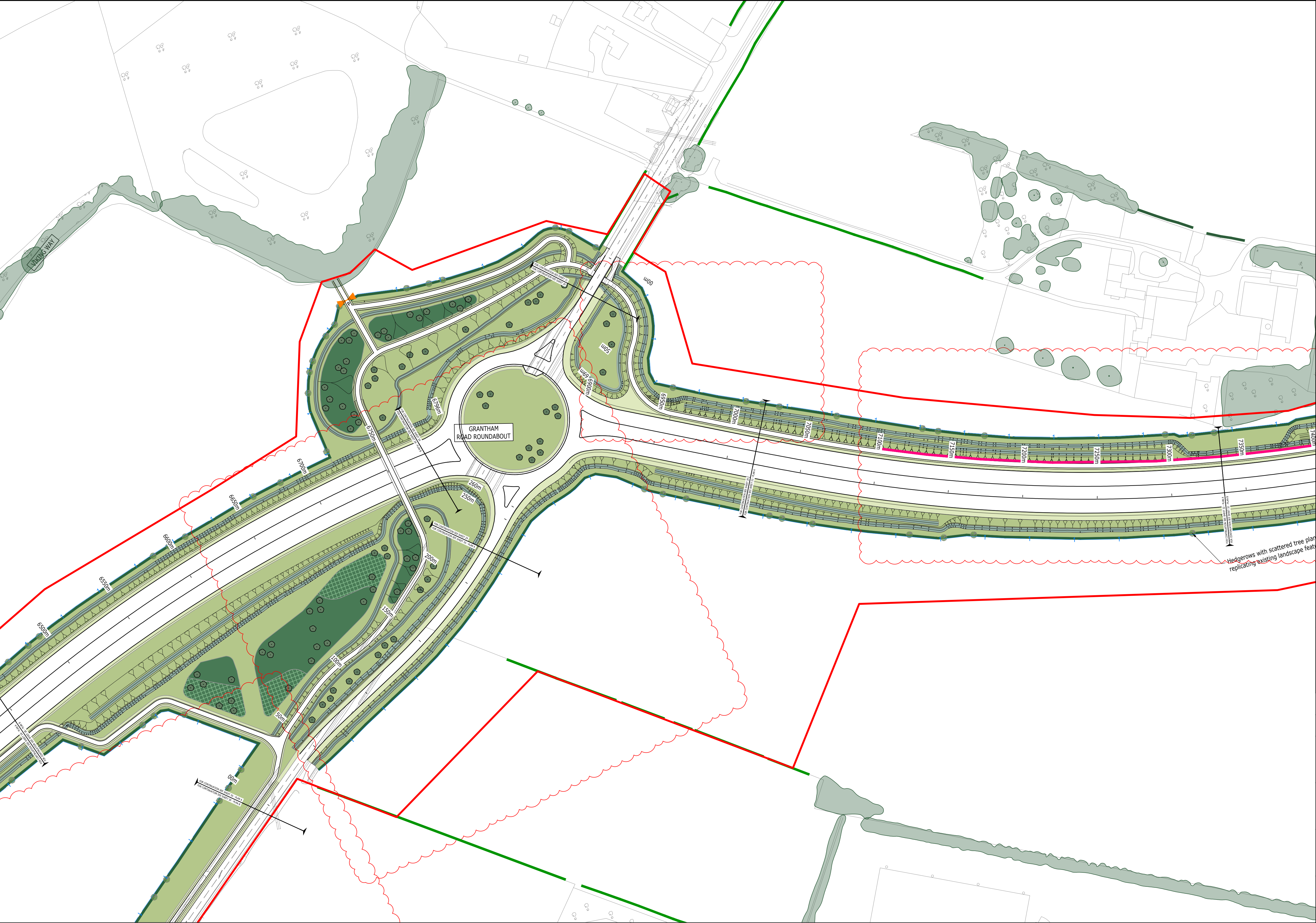
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#### APPENDIX A

Landscape Masterplan Sheet 13  
Landscape Masterplan Sheet 14





Drawing Legend:

Red Line Boundary

EXISTING

Trees not affected by the proposed development with Root Protection Area

Hedgerows not affected by the proposed development

PROPOSED

Woodland Planting

Woodland Edge Planting

Native Tree Planting

Native Hedgerow Tree Planting

Native Hedgerow

Amenity Grassland

Wildflower Enriched Grassland

Wet Grassland

Wildlife Pond

Marginal Planting

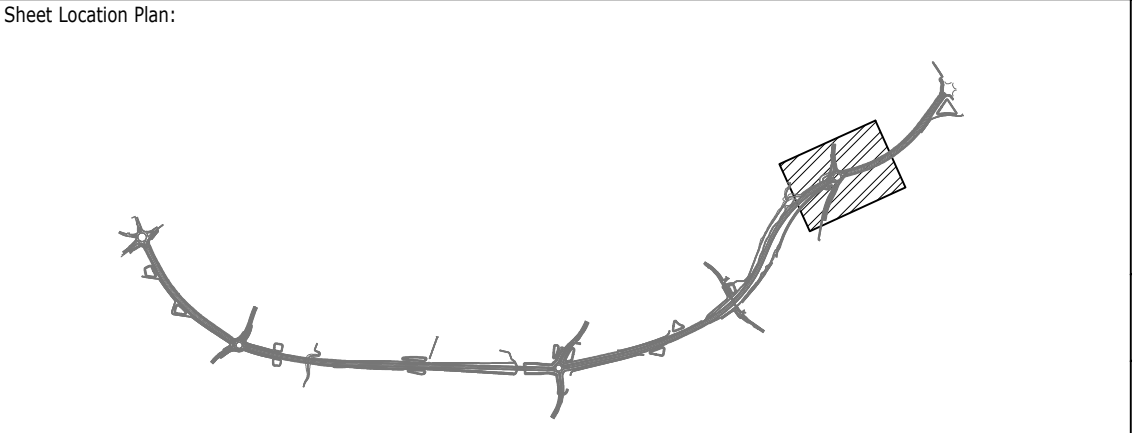
Insect Mounds

Amphibian Hibernacula

Fencing (Ramboll Drawing)

Acoustic Fencing (Ramboll Drawing)

Gates (Ramboll Drawing)



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Notes

All remaining agricultural land to be returned to pre existing condition post completion of works

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See NHRR-TEP-ELS-HYKE-DR-LS-30032 for Detailed Planting Design.

See NHRR-TEP-ELS-HYKE-DR-LS-30038 for Ecological Mitigation Details.

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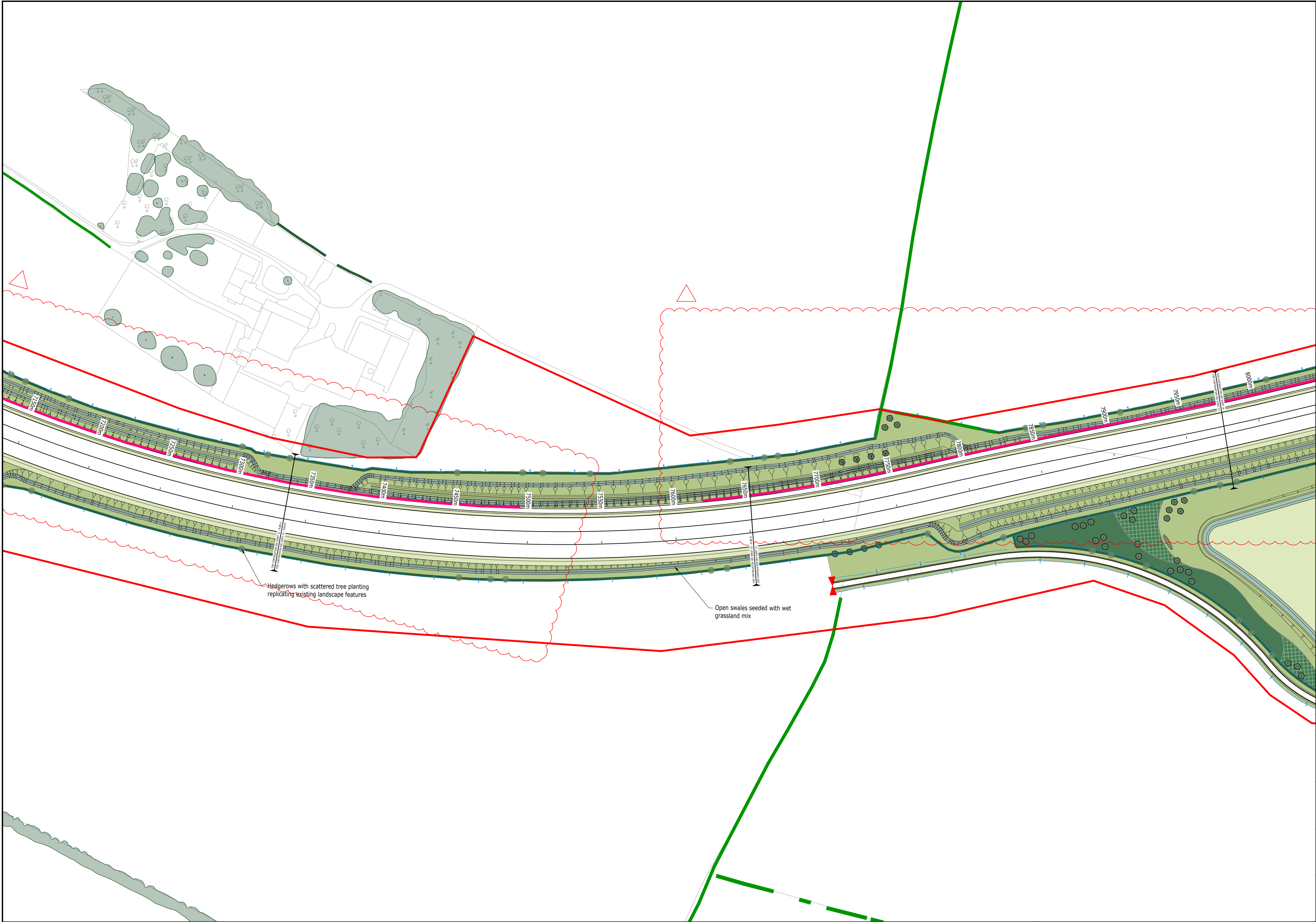
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Sheet Location Plan:

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