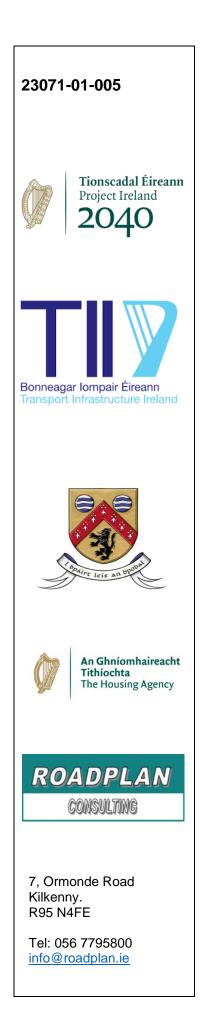
### Derry Road, Durrow.

**Design Report** 

for

### Stage 2 Application

September 2023



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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

This report describes the preliminary design of a Local Improvement Scheme in Durrow, County Laois. A residential development has been proposed at the junction between the national road N77 and the local road Derry Road in Durrow. This development extends south and east of the junction along Derry Road and requires modifications to a section of the N77 national road on approach to and its junction with Derry Road. The road improvements continue along Derry road to reach the proposed residential development access. Figures 1.1 and 1.2 demonstrate the site location.

This design report has been prepared primarily with consideration of the national road and addresses the TII design requirements such as TII DN-GEO-03030 (April 2021) 'Design Phase Procedure for Road Safety Improvement Schemes, Urban Renewal Schemes and Local Improvement Schemes'.

The local and internal roads of this scheme have been designed in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) and with coordination with the DMURS design principles.

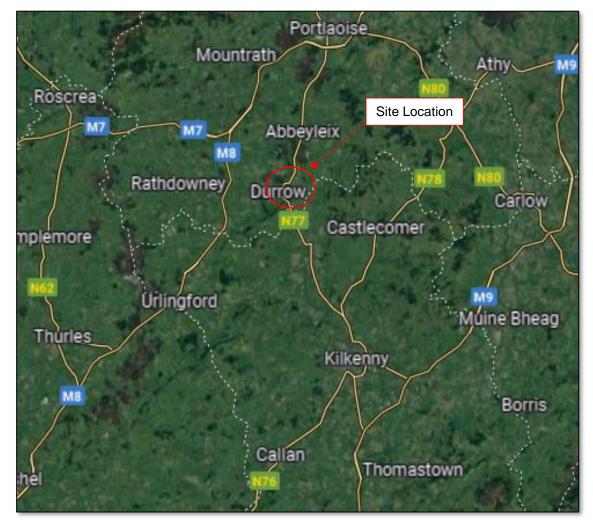


Figure 1.1: Site Location Map

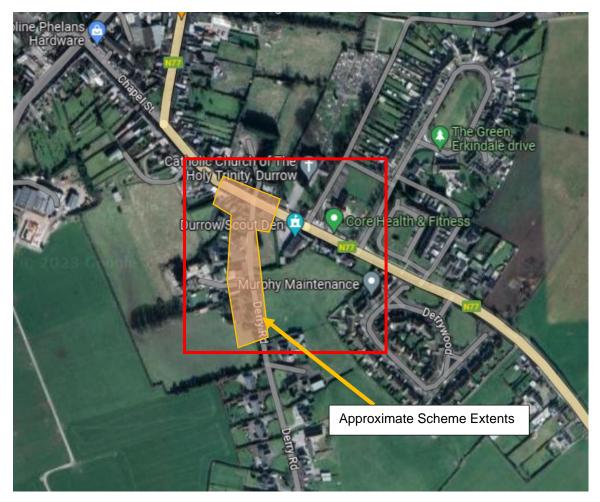


Figure 1.2: Site Location

The proposed scheme aims to improve safety on the N77 and at the N77 / Derry Road junction by increasing the carriageway widths to align with widths along the approaches to the junction, and by providing pedestrian crossing Draft 2 facilities at the junction.

The preliminary design of the scheme is shown on the following drawings which are included at Appendix A:

Drawing number	Drawing Title
23071-01-0000	Cover Sheet
23071-01-0001	Site Location Drawing
23071-01-0002 -0006	General Layout
23071-01-0009	Existing Services
23071-01-0117 - 0120	Longitudinal Sections
23071-01-0125	Cross Sections
23071-01-0500 - 0504	Proposed Drainage
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23071-01-1200-1204	Proposed Signs & Roadmarkings

Table 1.1: List of Preliminar	v Design Drawings
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#### 2. COLLISION HISTORY

Information on road collisions was taken from TII Collision Data records dated between 2018 and 2020.

One collision was recorded with material damage in January 2018, to the west of the junction.

#### 2.1. Collision Rate

The Collision Rate (collisions per 10<sup>8</sup> veh-km) is:

1 (collisions) x 10<sup>8</sup>

365 (days /yr) x 7,724 (veh/day) x 5 (yr) x 1km

11.82 = collisions per 10<sup>8</sup> veh-km

Typical collision rates for the network are provided by TII per the table below indicating that the typical rate for an Urban Two-Lane Road is 20.221 collisions per 10<sup>8</sup> veh-km.

The collision rate for the section of road under consideration over the three-year period is below that figure. It is acknowledged that the rate varies depending on the period of assessment.

Table 2.1: TII Collision Rates

Collision Rates (All Injury Severities) by Reference Population								
<b>Reference Population</b>	Average Collision Rate 2015-2017	Average Collision Rate 2014-2016						
Motorway	1.959 per 100 Million km of Travel	2.060 per 100 Million km of Travel						
Rural Dual Carriageway	2.843 per 100 Million km of Travel	3.531 per 100 Million km of Travel						
Urban Dual Carriageway	8.067 per 100 Million km of Travel	8.437 per 100 Million km of Travel						
Rural Two Lane	7.984 per 100 Million km of Travel	8.439 per 100 Million km of Travel						
Urban Two Lane	18.367 per 100 Million km of Travel	20.221 per 100 Million km of Travel						

#### 3. SCHEME / SAFETY OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this scheme is to improve safety for all road users by focusing on junction improvement, accessible, and safe routes for pedestrians in travelling through the junction and connecting the town centre to the proposed residential development.

The main objectives of this scheme include:

- The provision of junction improvement works at the N77 Derry Road Junction.
- Design of traffic signs, road markings, and other minor ancillary works.

This report should be read in conjunction with the scheme's Preliminary Design Drawings which can be found in *Appendix A* to this Report.

#### 4. EXISTING CONDITION

#### 4.1. Traffic Volumes

A traffic count was undertaken on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2022 along the N77.

The data shows that there is a consistent traffic flow throughout the day, between 7am and 7pm, with flows during peak hours not rising significantly. There is a slight instance of greater traffic travelling eastbound in the early part of the day, with a corresponding greater flow westbound in the evenings, however the data shows that hourly volumes in each direction are generally in the same range during.

The traffic flows during the AM and PM peak hours were abstracted from the surveyed data and are shown in the following table:

Table 4.1: Traffic Survey Summary

Time Period	Eastbound	Westbound	Total
AM Peak (8-9am)	274	233	507
PM Peak (5-6pm)	330	340	670
24-Hour Total	3893	3831	7724

#### 4.2. Speed

The speed limit is 50km/h throughout the scheme.

The traffic count measured 85th percentile speed of 45.78km/h and it is noted that the 85th percentile speed in either direction is within 1 percentile point of the other.

#### 4.3. Horizontal Alignment

The existing horizontal alignment for N77 within scheme extents is 92m long straight with no horizontal curves.

The existing horizontal alignment for Derry Road within scheme extent is around 180m long and consists of a right-hand curve of radius 110m with straights on either side and connects to N77 at the northern end.

#### 4.4. Vertical Alignment

The N77 existing vertical profile within scheme extents has an uphill gradient of around 4% to the West of the junction with and a crest curve followed by an uphill gradient of around 1% till the site extend, East of the junction.

The Derry Road profile has a downhill gradient travelling in northbound with multiple crest and sag curves in between. It has a maximum gradient of around 7.75% and a minimum gradient of 1.5% within the scheme extents.

#### 4.5. Cross Section Crossfall & Superelevation

#### 4.5.1. Cross Section

N77 has an existing carriageway width of 5m with footway of varying width on either side of the road with a minimum footway width of around 0.67m on the southern edge of the road. The westbound lane is widened to about 4.25m tapering down to 2.5m to allow space for vehicles connecting from Derry Road to N77.

The cross section of Derry Road has a carriageway width of between 4.5m to 5m with a footway of varying width along the northbound lane of the road with a minimum width of 1.4m.

#### 4.5.2. Crossfall

Crossfall along both N77 and Derry Road within scheme extent varies from standard 2.5% camber with a normal crown to almost flat surface.

#### 4.5.3. Superelevation

Existing roads are not superelevated within the scheme extents.

#### 4.6. Junctions & Accesses

The N77 has one junction and four access within the site extents.

Derry Road has a number of direct accesses to residential dwellings within the site extents. All junctions and accesses are listed below and shown in Figure 4.2 below.

Local road junctions:

1. Derry Road

Accesses:

- 2. Private Access 1
- 3. Private Access 2
- 4. Catholic Church of The Holy Trinity, Durrow
- 5. Durrow Scout Den
- 6. Private Access 3
- 7. Private Access 8
- 8. Private Access 9



Figure 4.1: Existing junctions and accesses

#### 4.7. Facilities for Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs)

As this is an urban area, the presence and quality of facilitates for VRUs are poor.

Along the N77 there are footpaths on each side of the road. However, the width of the footpaths range from 0.67 meters to 3.13 meters with the majority of the footpaths below DMURS standard width of 1.8 meters. There are also a number of telephone pole in the footpaths, reducing the quality of the facility further.

Along Derry Road, there is one footpath on the western side of the road. The width of the footpath range from 1.4 meters to 3.66 meters There is no footpath facilities on the eastern side of the road.

There are no pedestrian crossing facilities within the scheme extents.

There are also no cycle facilities within the scheme extents.

#### 4.8. Visibility & Sightlines

For a speed of 50km/h the required visibility splays at junctions should, in accordance with the 'Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets', be 45m (measured from 2.4m back from the road edge). This is not currently achieved at the Derry Road junction in respect of sightlines towards the eastern N77 arm of the junction.

#### 4.9. Utilities

There are existing public utilities within the scheme extents that will have to be considered. These include:

- E-Net
- EIR
- Water mains
- Stormwater and Foul
- Gas
- ESB

Further details and service locations are included in the existing services drawings attached in Appendix A.

#### 5. ENVIRONMENTAL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND OTHER CONSTRAINTS

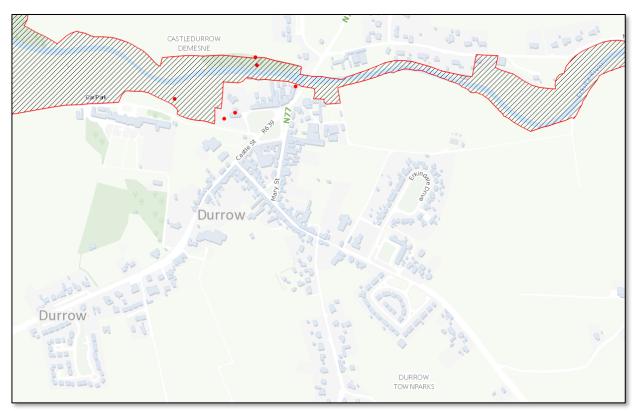
#### 5.1. Appropriate Assessment

A report for the purposes of Appropriate Assessment Screening is being carried out for the project by Laois County Council and impacts on the surrounding environment will be identified therein.

Modifications to the design required as a result of the AA Screening will be incorporated in coordination with Laois County Council.

#### 5.2. Ecological Assessment

The following information was sourced from Geohive database https://webapps.geohive.ie/mapviewer/index.html



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Figure 5.1: Ecological Constraints

The ecological site shown in the image above is the Special Area of Conservation: River Barrow and River Nore SAC, Site Code 002162. This site is located approximately 420m north of the scheme.

There are no Natural Heritage Areas or Special Protection Areas within the site extents nor in its vicinity.

Refer to section 5.1 regarding assessment of potential impacts of the scheme on the SAC.

#### 5.3. Flood Risk Assessment

A preliminary flood risk assessment was conducted by the Housing Agency. The report found the proposed development is appropriate for the level of flood risk subject to mitigation measures being implemented to account for the pluvial flooding risk.

The report can be found in Appendix D of this report.

#### 5.4. Other Environmental Surveys

n/a

#### 5.5. Archaeological Constraints

A Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment was undertaken in respect of the proposed works by Moore Group in August 2023. The report included the following statements:

- There are no World Heritage Site or potential World Heritage Site contained in the Tentative List of Candidate Sites within 5km of the study area.
- There are no National Monuments within 3km of the subject site.
- There are no recorded monuments within 200m of the subject site. The nearest recorded monument is LA029-045----, St. Fintan's Church, and associated graveyard located roughly 400m to the northwest of the subject site.
- It is the authors opinion that the proposed development will not significantly affect the visual amenity of any of these sites/features.

In addition, an Architectural Planning Review was undertaken by the Housing Agency having specific regard to the proposed demolition of an existing property which is classed as an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) and a stone pillar at the N77/Derry Road Junction. This review concluded as follows:

#### Conclusion

The demolition of the existing building will improve the road safety and provide footpaths and safe crossing points for pedestrians in this town centre location. The new building has been designed to respect the vernacular architectural style of the village.

Taking into consideration the road traffic safety concerns outlined above, the low architectural merit of the existing structure, the sensitive design of the new structure and the greatly enhanced road safety and public realm achievable with the proposal, it is considered appropriate to demolish this structure and provide the proposed new dwellings as indicated in the architect's drawings.

Figure 5.2: Architectural Planning Review Conclusion

#### 6. PROPOSED DESIGN

#### 6.1. General

The proposed scheme has been designed in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS). The DMURS provides guidance relating to the design of urban roads and streets.

The following changes are being made to the existing N77 and Derry Road within the scheme extents:

- Road widening along the N77 and Derry Road.
- Footpath improvements on the N77.
- Incorporation of Zebra Crossing on the N77 with zig zag road markings and yield lines provided on approaches.
- Belisha beacon pole and lighting provided on traffic side of each side of crossing.
- Incorporation of eastern footpath and uncontrolled crossings with tactile paving on Derry Road.

#### 6.2. Land Acquisition

No additional land acquisition is required for the scheme. However, the existing ACA house and associated stone pillar will be demolished.

#### 6.3. Horizontal Alignment

The proposed horizontal alignment for both N77 and Derry Road has been designed to maintain the existing route as much as possible.

N77 horizontal alignment is a 92m long straight within the scheme extents while the alignment for Derry Road is 178m long and has straights on either side of a 110m radius right hand curve.

#### 6.4. Vertical Alignment

The proposed vertical alignment for N77 has been designed to match with existing profile. The profile is uphill with maximum gradient of 3.97% and minimum gradient of 0.51%. There are 2 vertical crest curves with a minimum k value of 4.7 conforming to DMURS.

Derry Road has a downhill profile with the lowest point at the junction with N77. The maximum gradient along this road is 7.72% which is provided to match with the existing ground profile. The minimum k value used for sag curve is 6.4 and for the crest curve is 4.7.

#### 6.5. Cross Section Crossfall & Superelevation

#### 6.5.1. Cross Section

The carriageways throughout have been designed in accordance with the DMURS.

In accordance with section 3.2 of the DMURS, the N77 is considered to be an Arterial Street with a low to moderate design speed. Figure 4.55 (carriageway widths) indicates that the standard carriageway width for an Arterial Street ranges from 5.5m to 6.5m.

Derry Road is considered to be a Local Street. Figure 4.55 (carriageway widths) indicate that the standard carriageway width for a Local Street ranges from 5m to 5.5m.

#### 6.5.2. Crossfall

A normal camber of 2.5% will be provided on the on all roads except where deviations are required on approach to tie ins.

#### 6.5.3. Superelevation

No superelevation is required on either N77 or Derry Road in the proposed design as the curves provided in the horizontal alignment are as per DMURS confirming the requirement for radius with adverse camber.

#### 6.6. Facilities for Vulnerable Road Users

A zebra crossing with belisha beacons and lighting is proposed along the N77. The layout and road marking details will be in accordance with CC-SCD-05125.

The need for a crossing of the N77 at this location was assessed in terms of the existing and proposed conditions and potential pedestrian crossing options at this location. The methodology followed included the following:

- 24-hour manually classified vehicle and pedestrian counts data, date 26-July-2022 was assessed.
- Mapping of the area was provided by Laois County Council.
- The current pedestrian facilities were reviewed against the traffic data and issues were identified.
- The need for a controlled pedestrian crossing was evaluated in accordance with chapter 7 of DN-GEO-03084
- Suitable crossing locations and design options were identified, addressing the specific issues present.
- A preferred solution was determined.
- The proposed design was outlined including works required to affected footpaths, lighting, drainage, services, roadmarking and signage.
- Throughout, relevant policies and design guidelines including future proposals in relation to development of the area as well as the most up to date County Development Plan, were taken into consideration.

Issues identified in respect of the existing conditions related to footpath conditions on both sides of the road, roadside conditions and visibility between vehicles and pedestrians, the presence of the parking area and church assess and associated vehicle turning movements, lighting column positions potentially creating visibility issues outside daylight hours.

It was determined that that the existing conditions provide an unsafe environment for pedestrians seeking to cross from one side of the road to the other and leaves the onus with the pedestrians as to where and when is suitable to cross. Following improvement to the N77 as part of the proposed scheme, many of these issues would persist in the absence of a formal crossing location.

A pedestrian crossing needs assessment was carried out in accordance with DN-GEO-03084, and while the calculation does not indicate that a controlled crossing is necessary at the subject location based on the criteria assessed, when factors are taken into consideration such as the approach alignments and speeds, and the inconspicuous nature of the proposed location relative to the adjacent buildings, all of which may lead to delayed recognition of an uncontrolled crossing, the provision of a zebra crossing is recommended.

#### 6.7. Junctions & Accesses

#### 6.7.1. N77/ Derry Road junction:

1. N77 / Derry Road

The junction shall be maintained at the existing location. The easter corner radius has been increased to 6m to accommodate regular movements by a Refuse Truck swept path.

#### 6.7.2. Other accesses:

The following accesses are to be maintained:

2. Private Access 1

- 3. Private Access 2
- 4. Catholic Church of The Holy Trinity, Durrow
- 5. Durrow Scout Den
- 6. Private Access 3
- 7. Private Access 8
- 8. Private Access 9



Figure 6.1: Proposed junctions and accesses

#### 6.8. Visibility and Sightlines

45m visibility splays are accommodated at all junctions and accesses, in line with DMURS requirements for a design speed of 50km/h.

#### 6.9. Drainage

The existing roadside gullies and carrier pipe system along the extents of the scheme will be utilised to drain the proposed scheme, with existing gullies removed and new gullies provided to suit the revised kerb lines. No new carriageway drainage systems are proposed.

#### 6.10. Pavement

The road surface throughout the scheme is proposed to be replaced as part of this project. As the alignment of the various roads generally corresponds with existing alignments, the existing foundation layers will be retained with the surface planned to and a new layer of regulating applied beneath the surface.

#### 6.11. Safety Barrier Risk Assessment and Provision

There are no existing safety barriers within the scheme extents which is in an urban area. In accordance with TII DN-REQ-03079, as there are no exceptional or third-party risks barriers are not preferred and a formal vehicle restraint risk assessment has not therefore been carried out.

#### 6.12. Traffic Signs and Road Markings

Traffic signs (i.e. regulatory, warning and directional) and road markings have been prepared in accordance with the relevant TII Publications and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Traffic Signs Manual (TSM).

#### 6.13. Accommodation Works

Property adjustments are required to the property adjacent (Durrow Scout Den) to the site on the N77. The adjustments include the removal of a stone pillar and relocation of utilities. This accommodation works are required to eliminate a pinch point along the N77, providing consistency for road users and allowing the continuity of a footpath.

Additional Property Adjustments may be required at other accesses to tie into the proposed carriageway.

Damaged Kerbs and Footpaths will be replaced within the site extents.

#### 6.14. Lighting

Additional lighting will be incorporated into the design at the proposed zebra crossing as part of the belisha beacons in accordance with CC-SCD-05138 Belisha Beacon Pole Detail. Illumination of the Belisha Becons shall be in accordance with DN-LHT-03038 Design of Road Lighting for the National Road Network.

#### 6.15. Departures from Standard

This scheme has been designed in accordance with the DMURS and there are no Relaxations or Departures from the DMURS standard associated with the design.

#### 7. ROAD SAFETY AUDIT

A Stage 1 Road Safety Audit was carried out in accordance with the GE-STY-01024 and the recommendations of the audit have been implemented into the design. A copy of the Road Safety Audit is contained in Appendix B.

#### 8. TOTAL SCHEME BUDGET

A cost estimate of the N77 and associated works has been prepared and a breakdown of the estimate is provided in Appendix C of this report. The current cost estimate is €169,544 including VAT.

A full scheme cost estimate shall be provided by the project Quantity Surveyor.

#### 9. PROJECT APPRAISAL BALANCE SHEET

A project appraisal balance sheet is not required for this scheme in accordance with the guidance set out in DN-GEO-03030.

#### APPENDICES

#### **APPENDIX A – Design Drawings**

# **DERRY ROAD, DURROW STAGE 2 APPLICATION, ROAD DESIGN DRAWINGS**

## DRAWINGS

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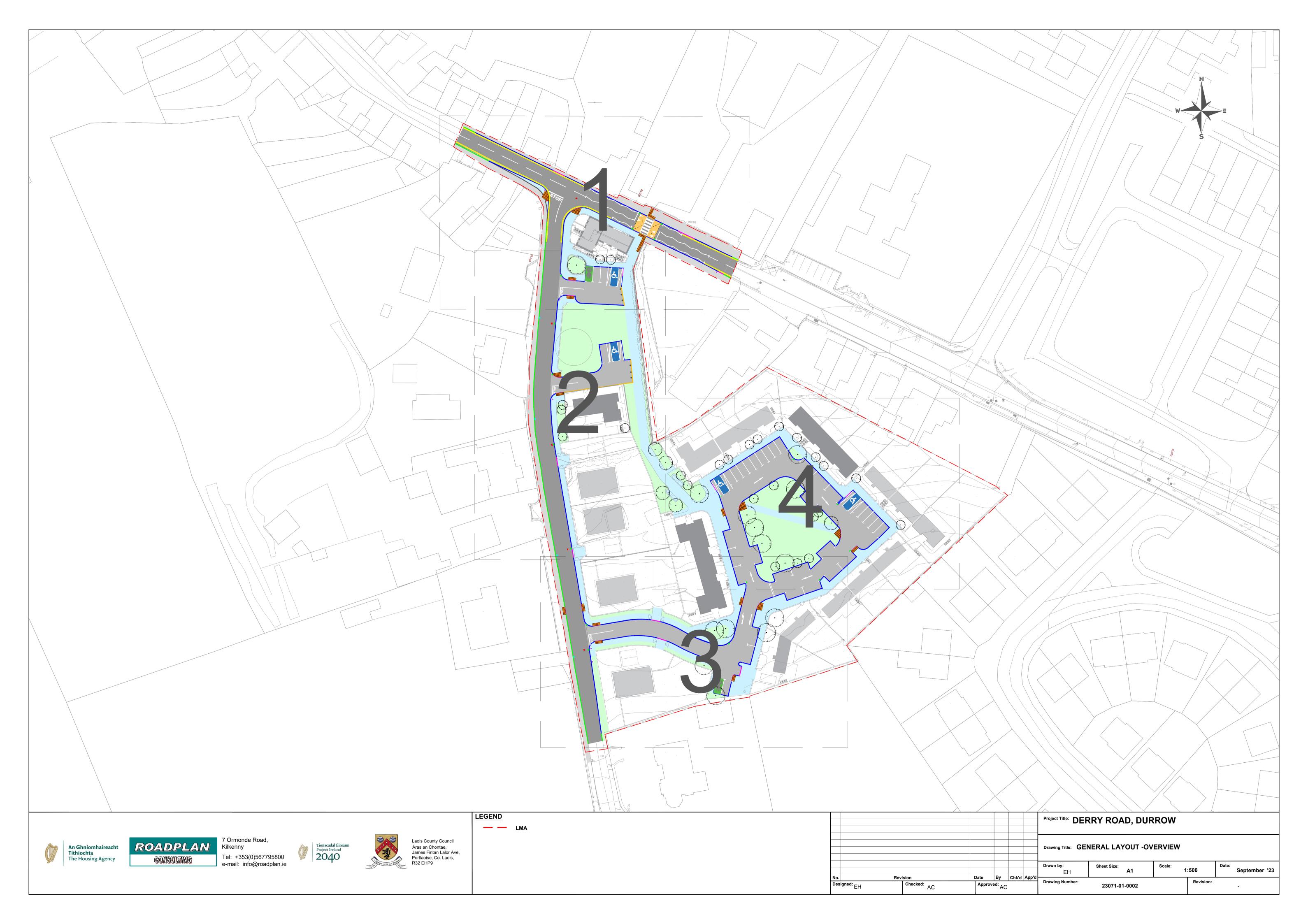


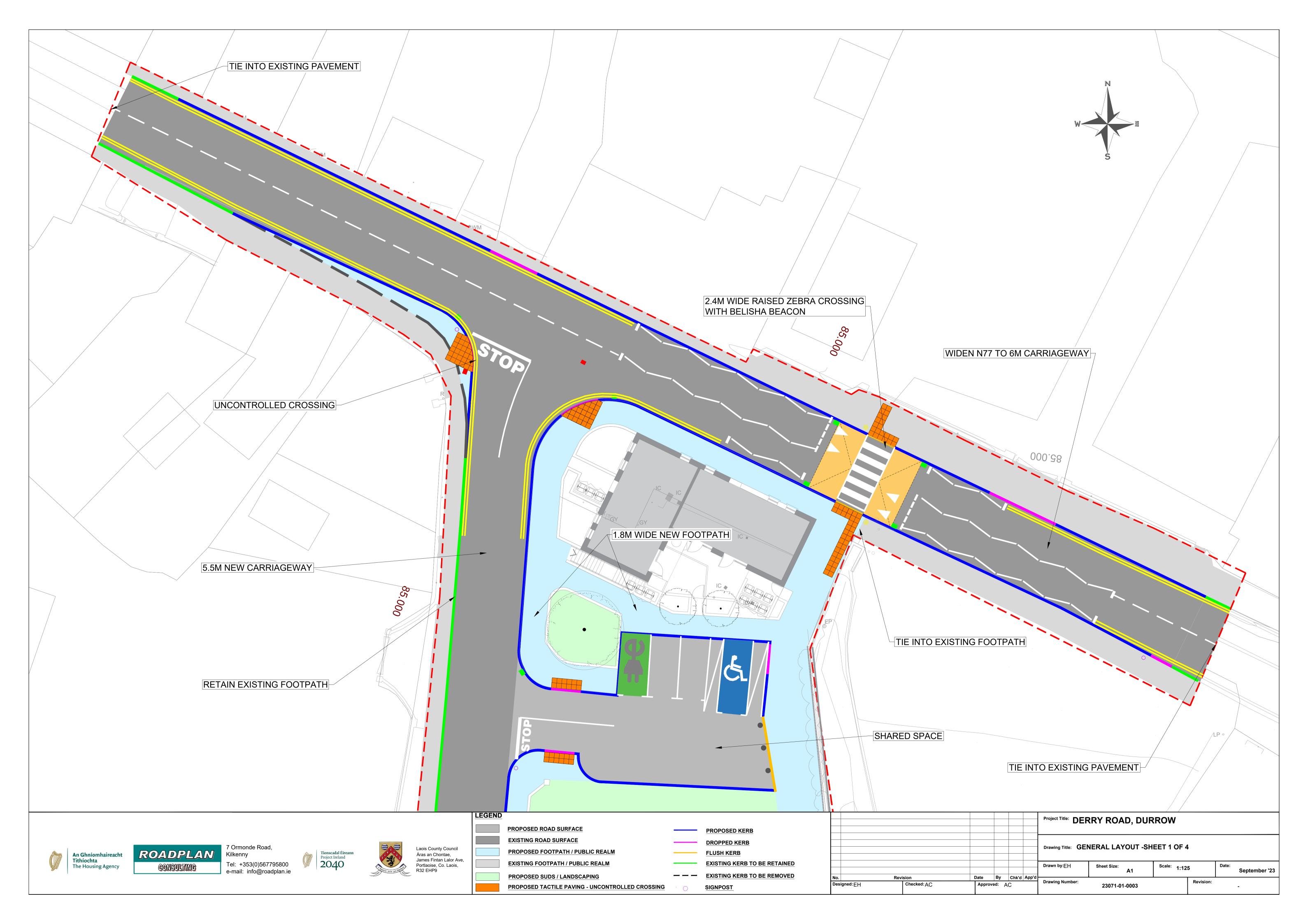


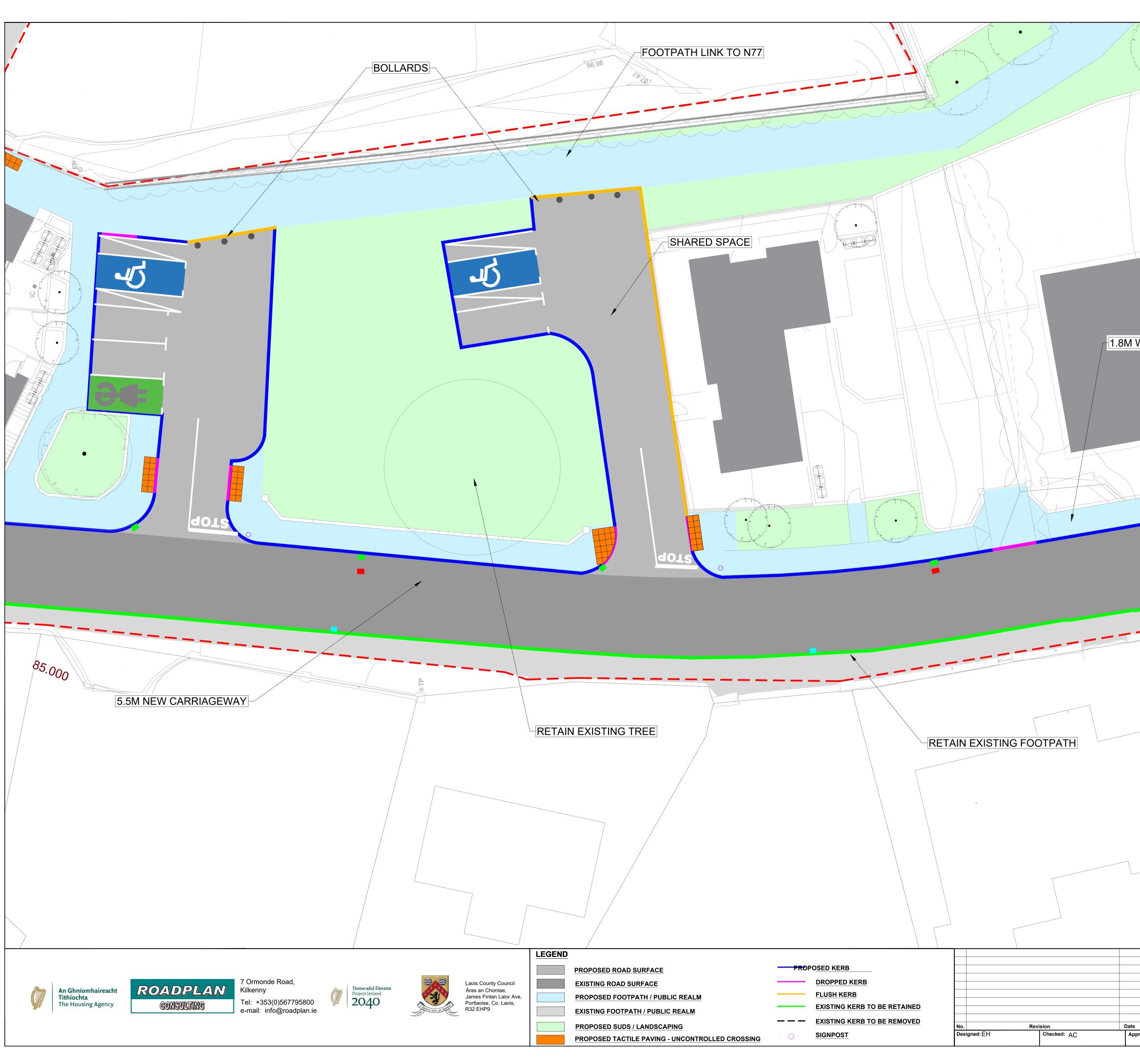
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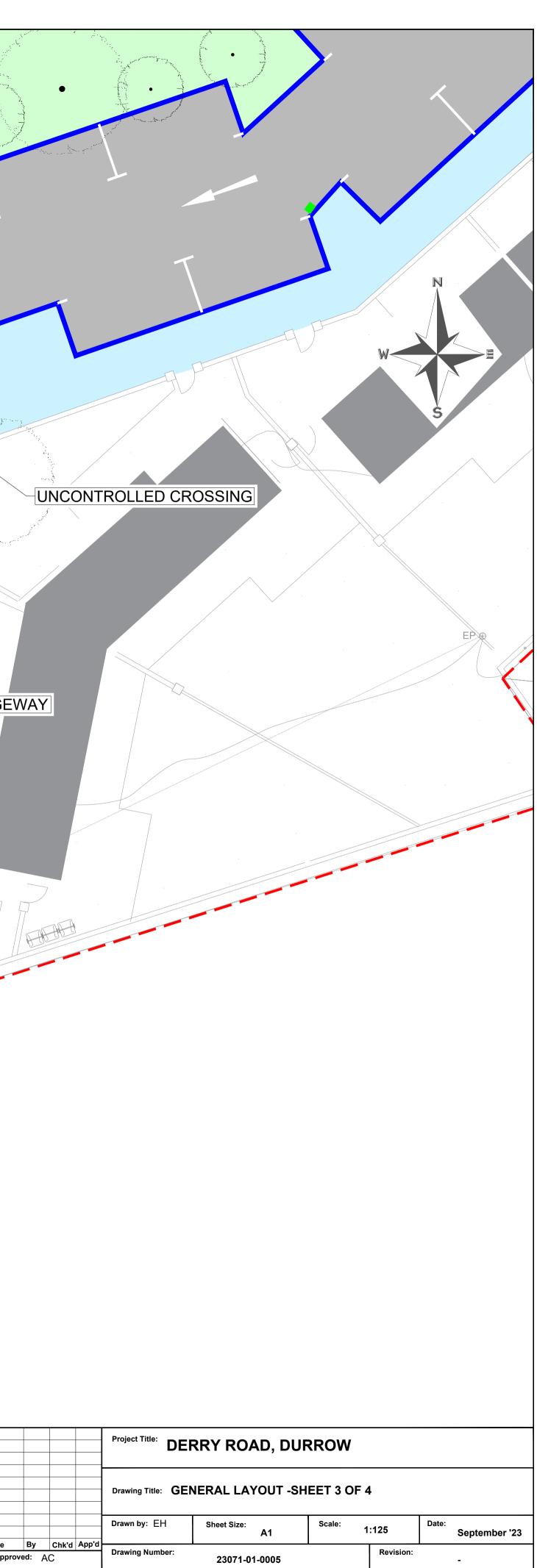


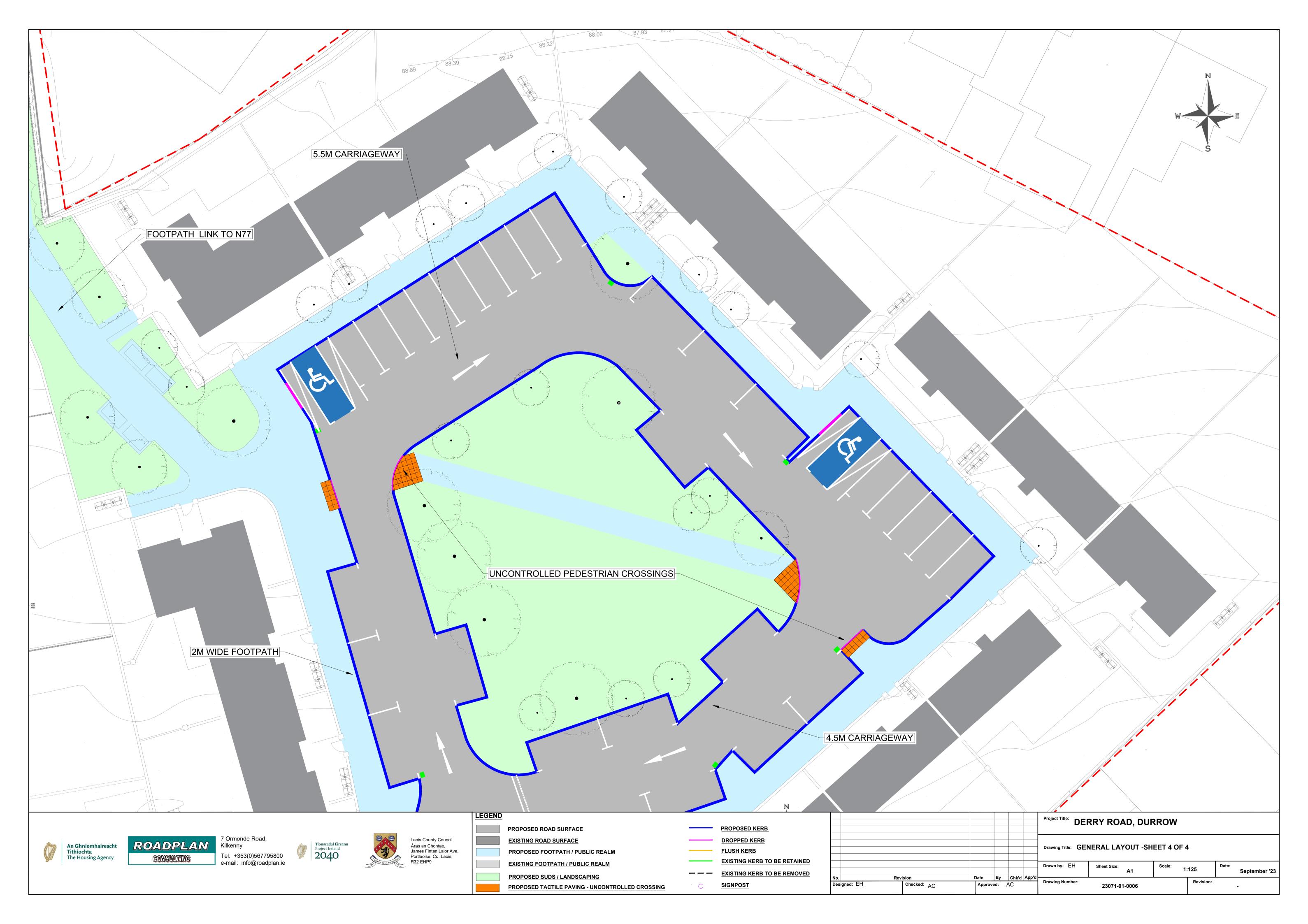


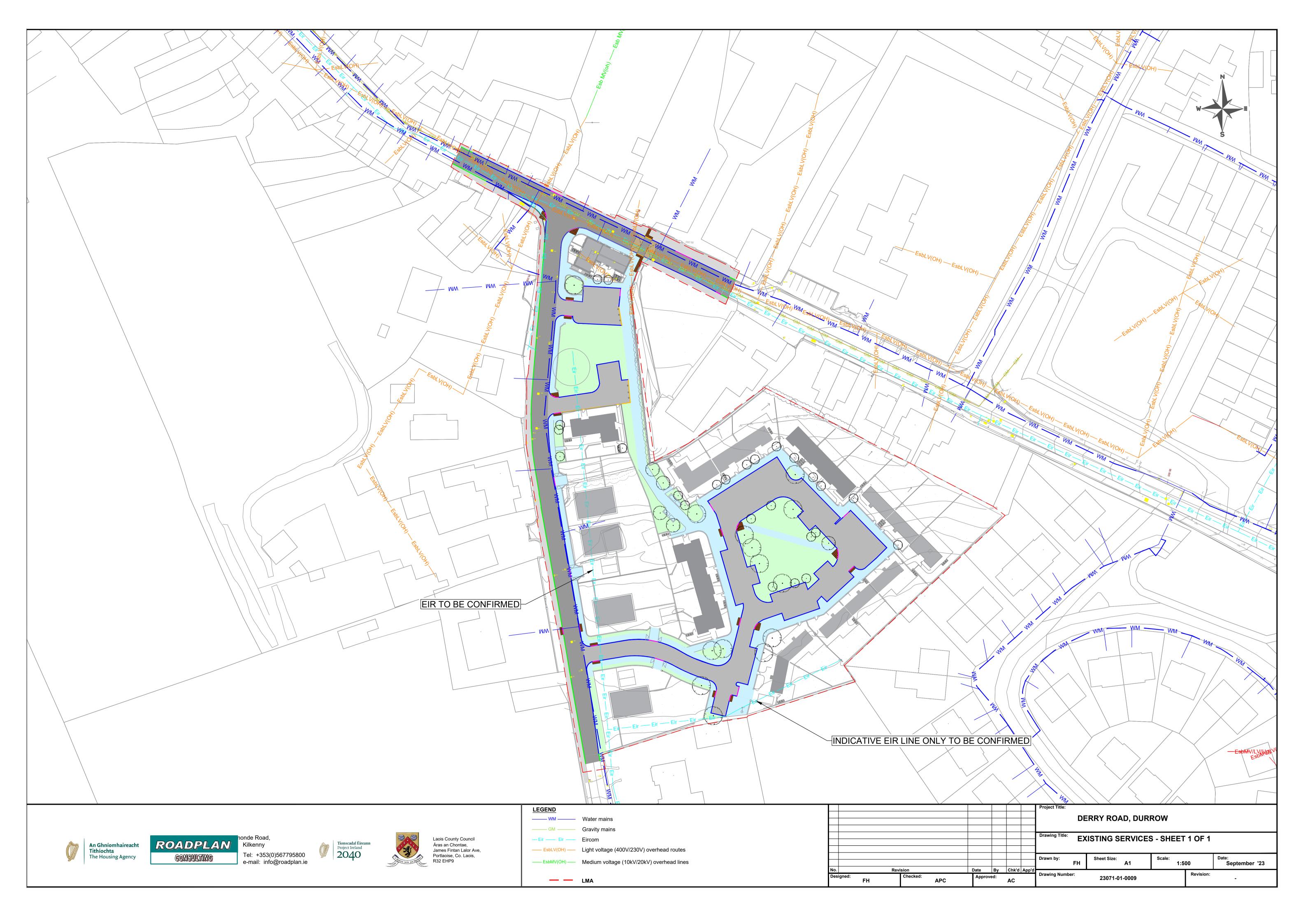
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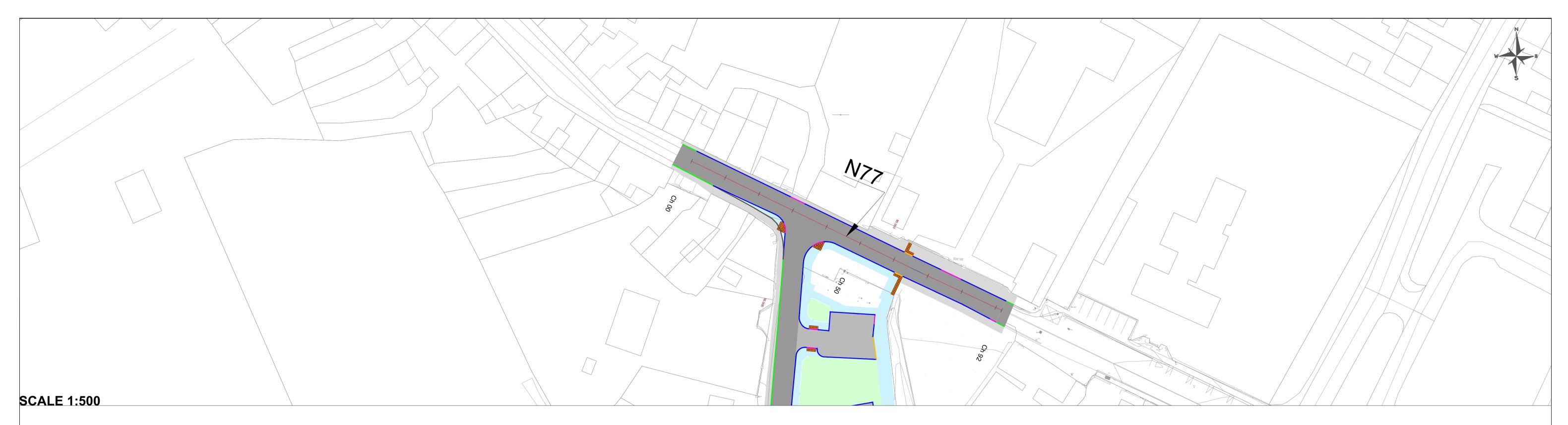


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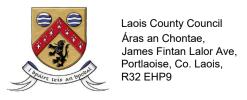


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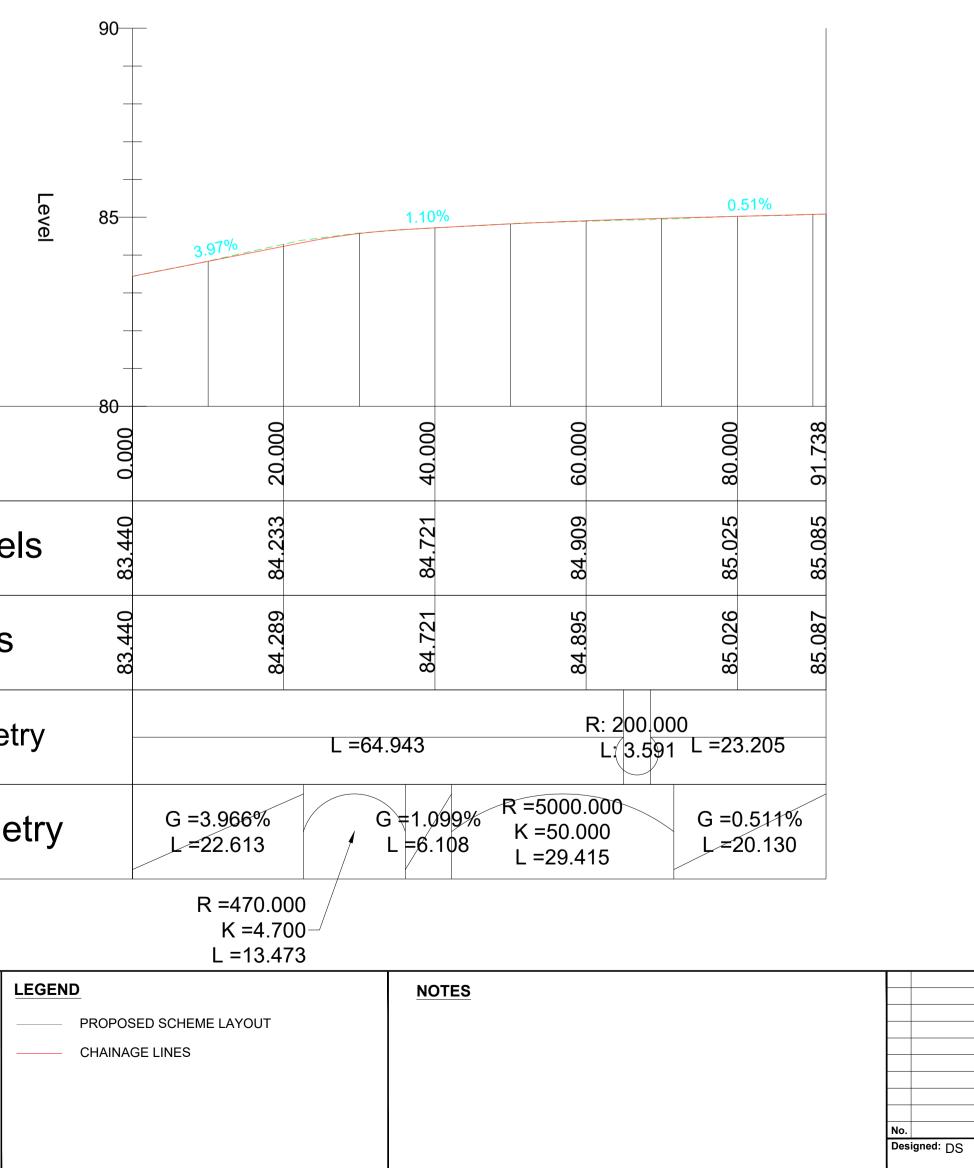


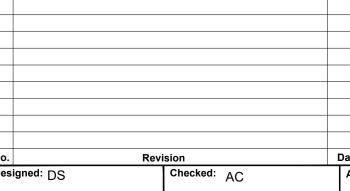
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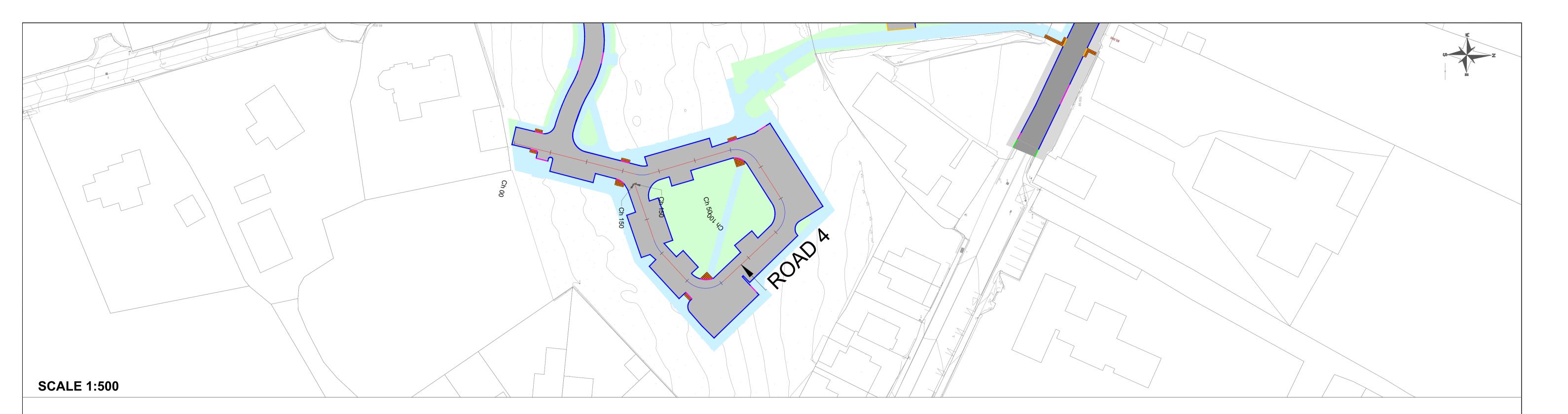
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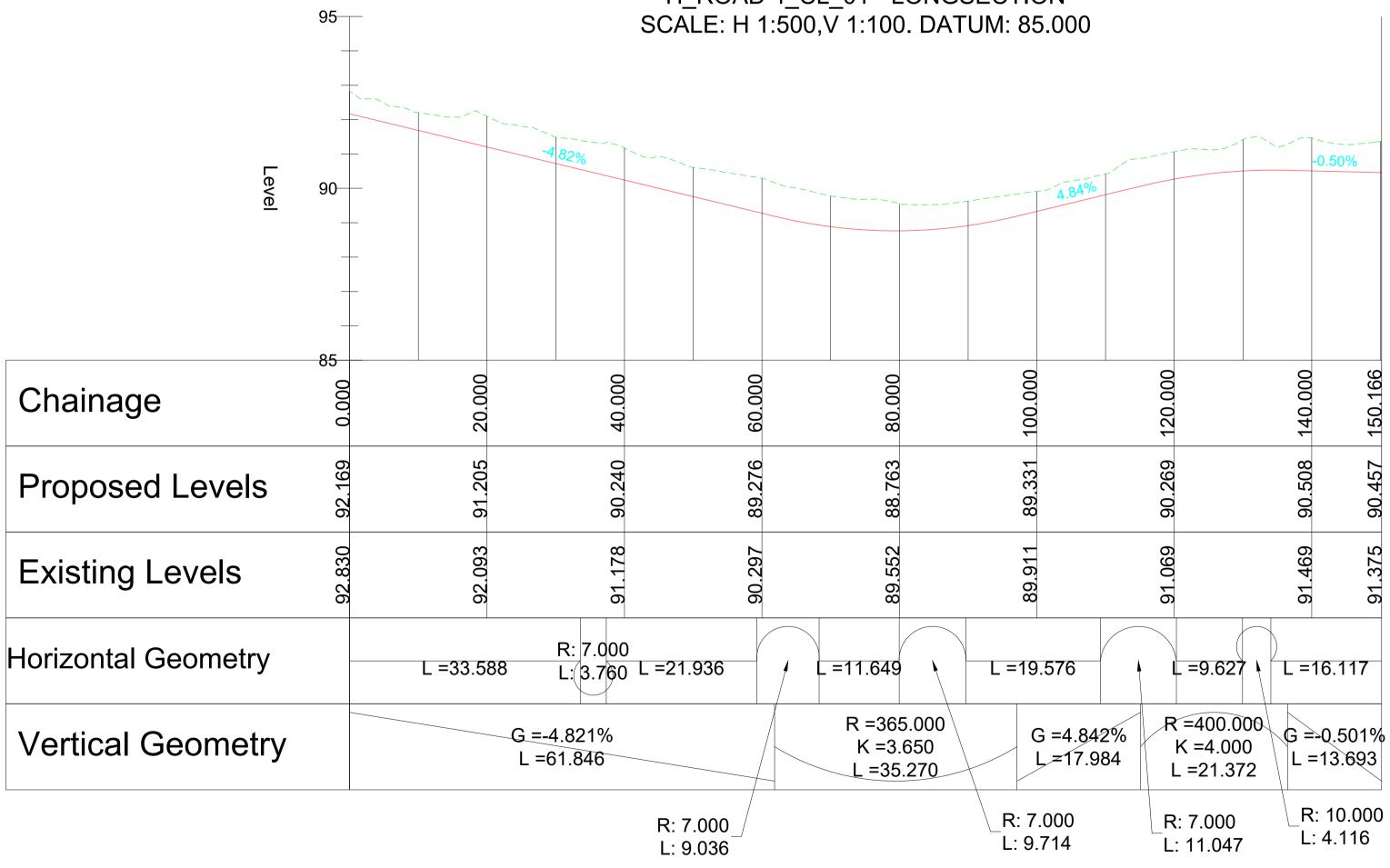
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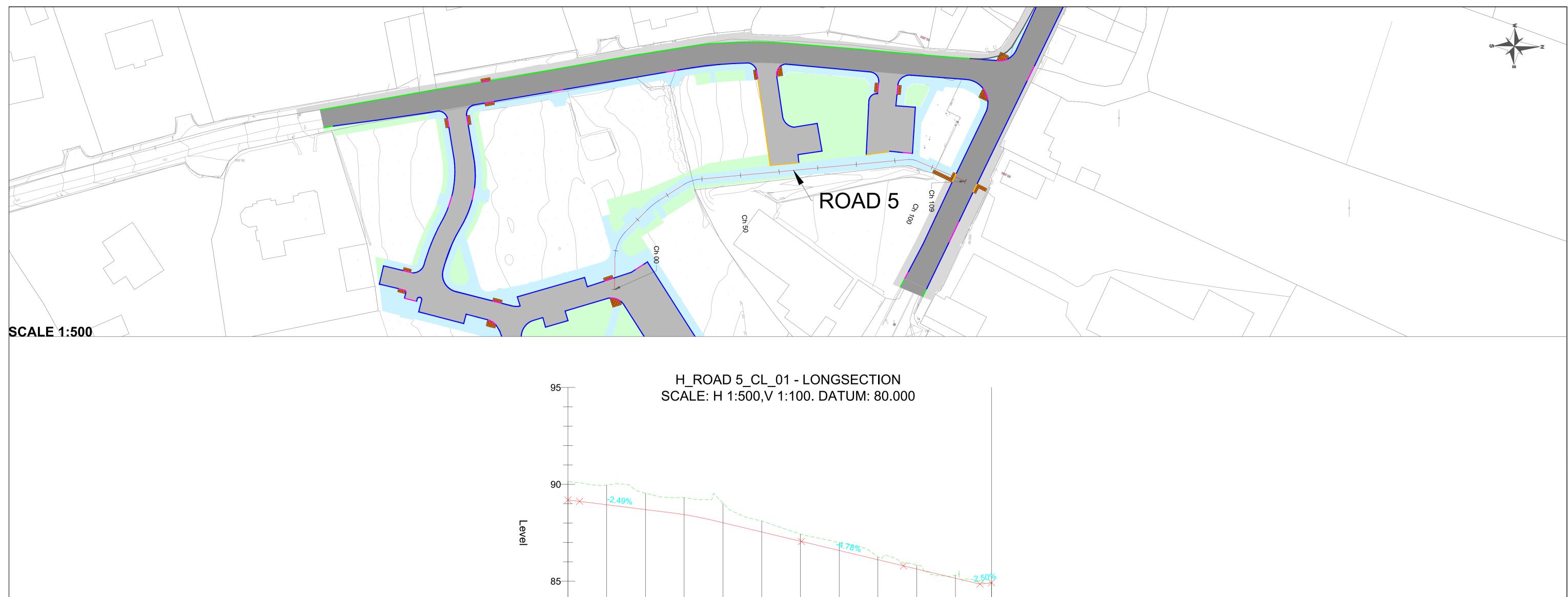


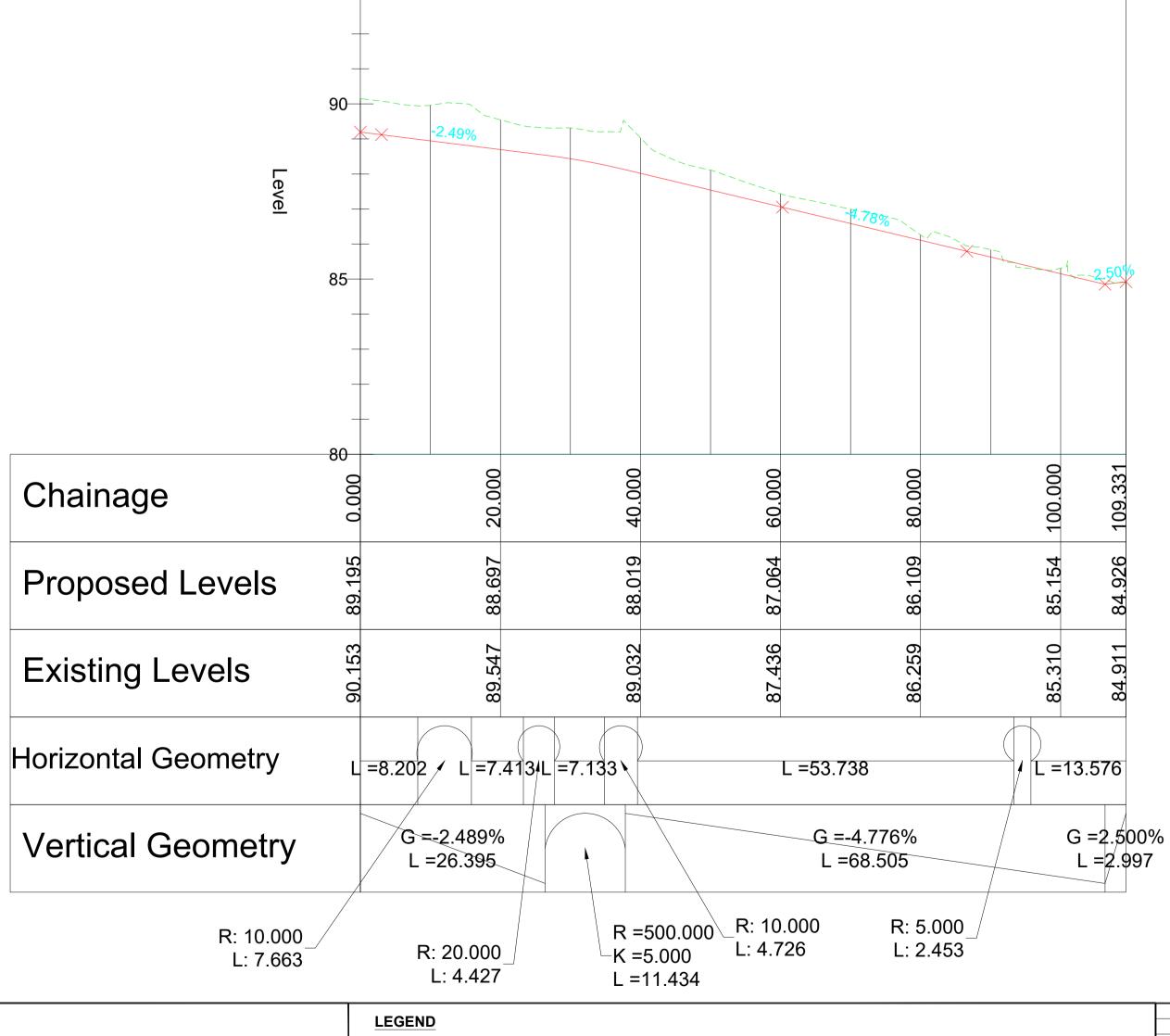
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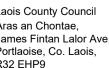
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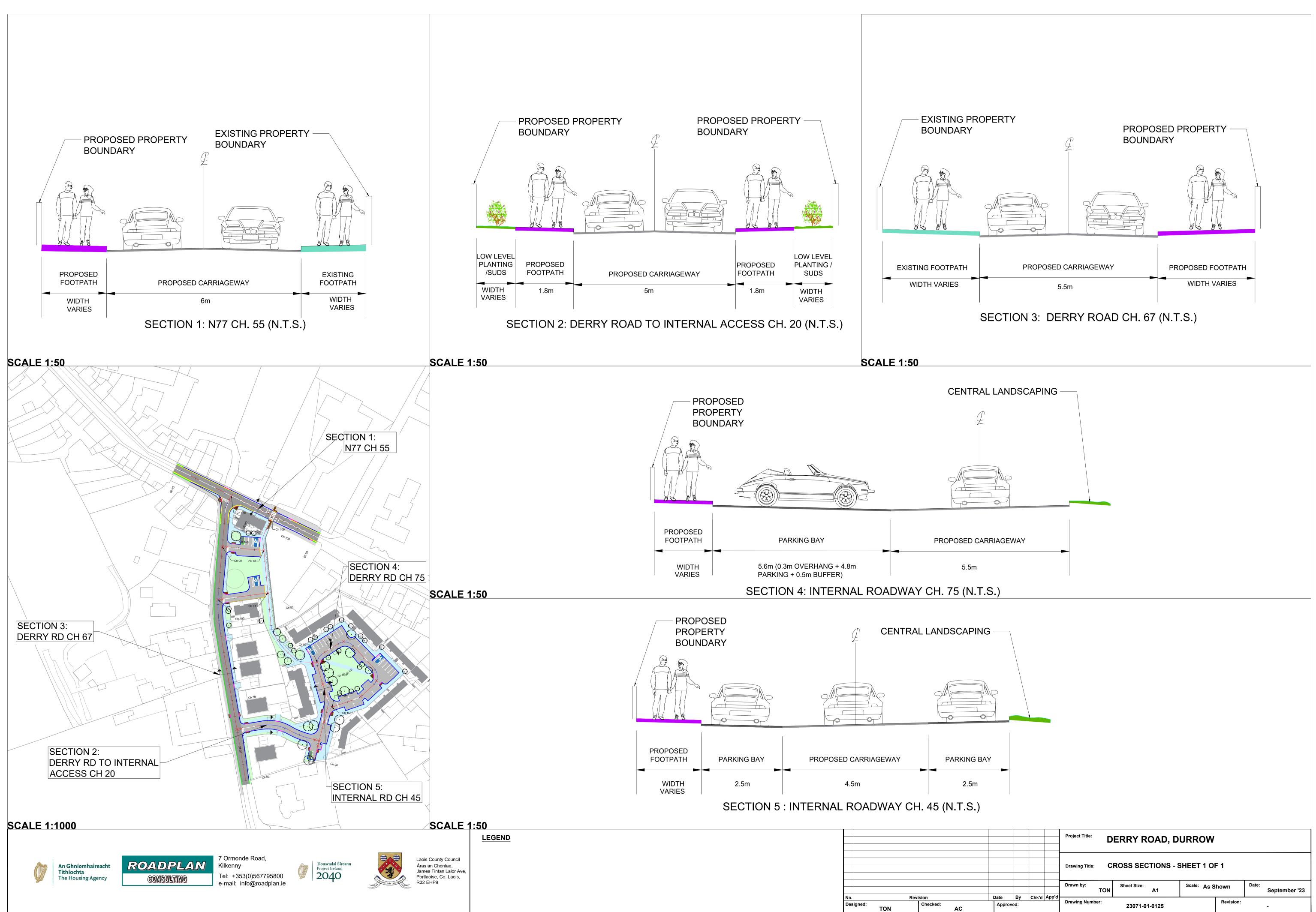


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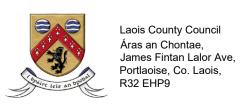


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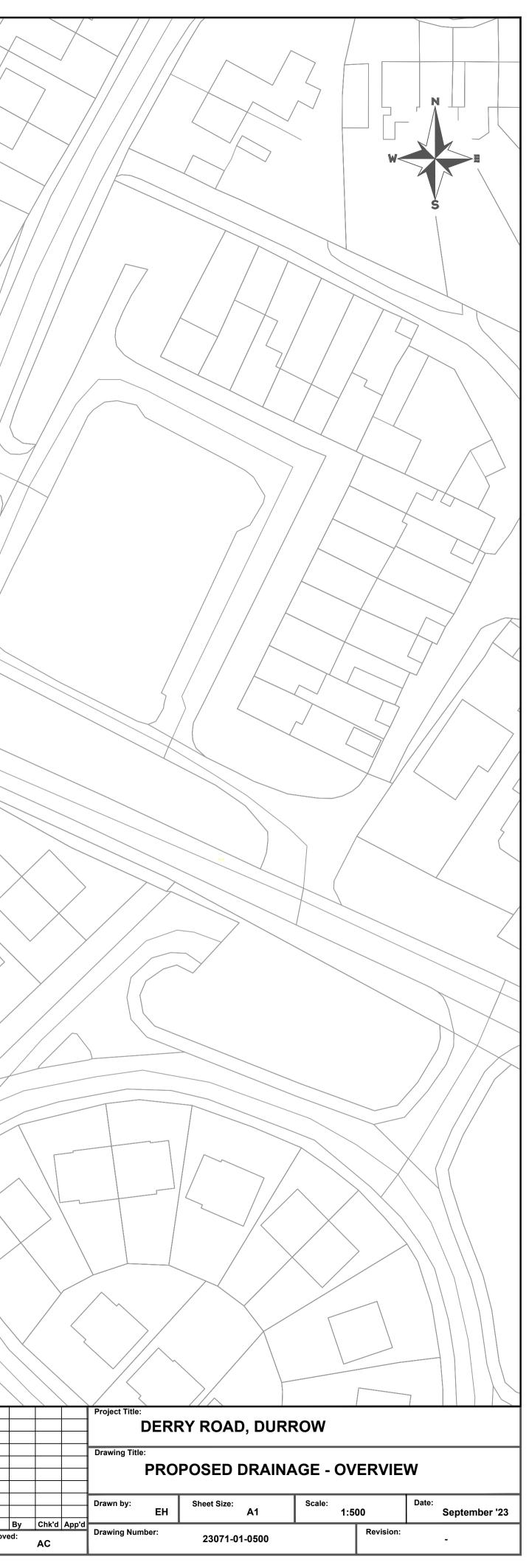




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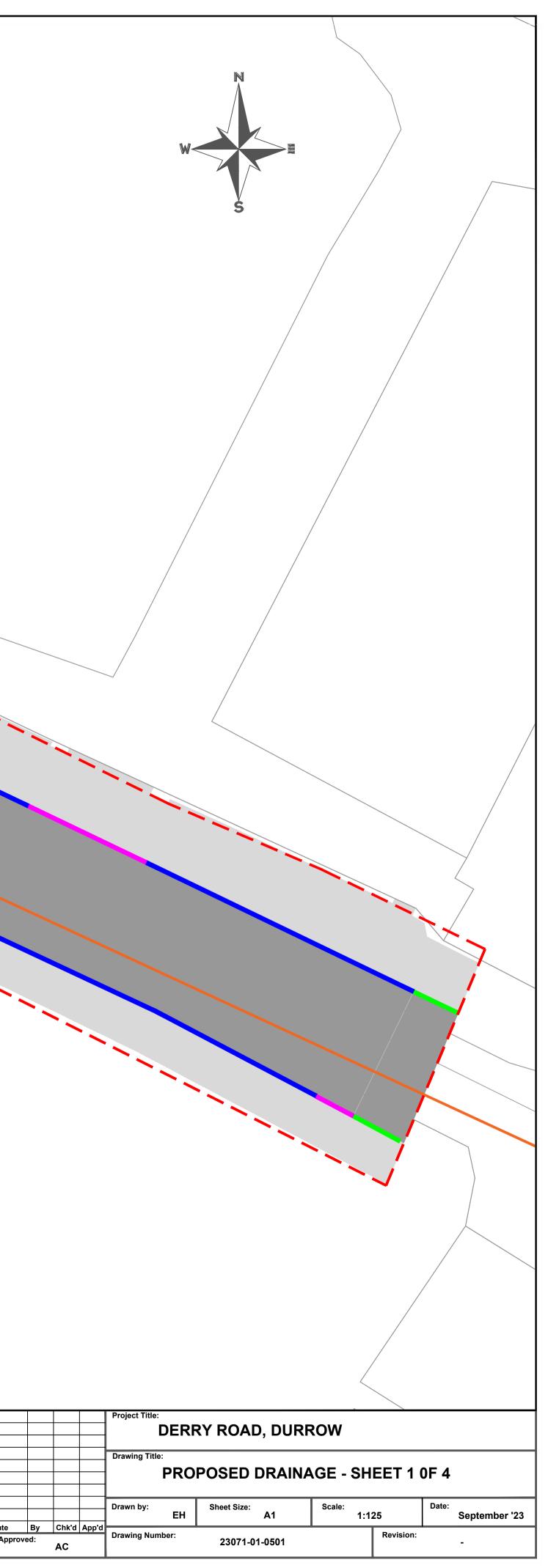


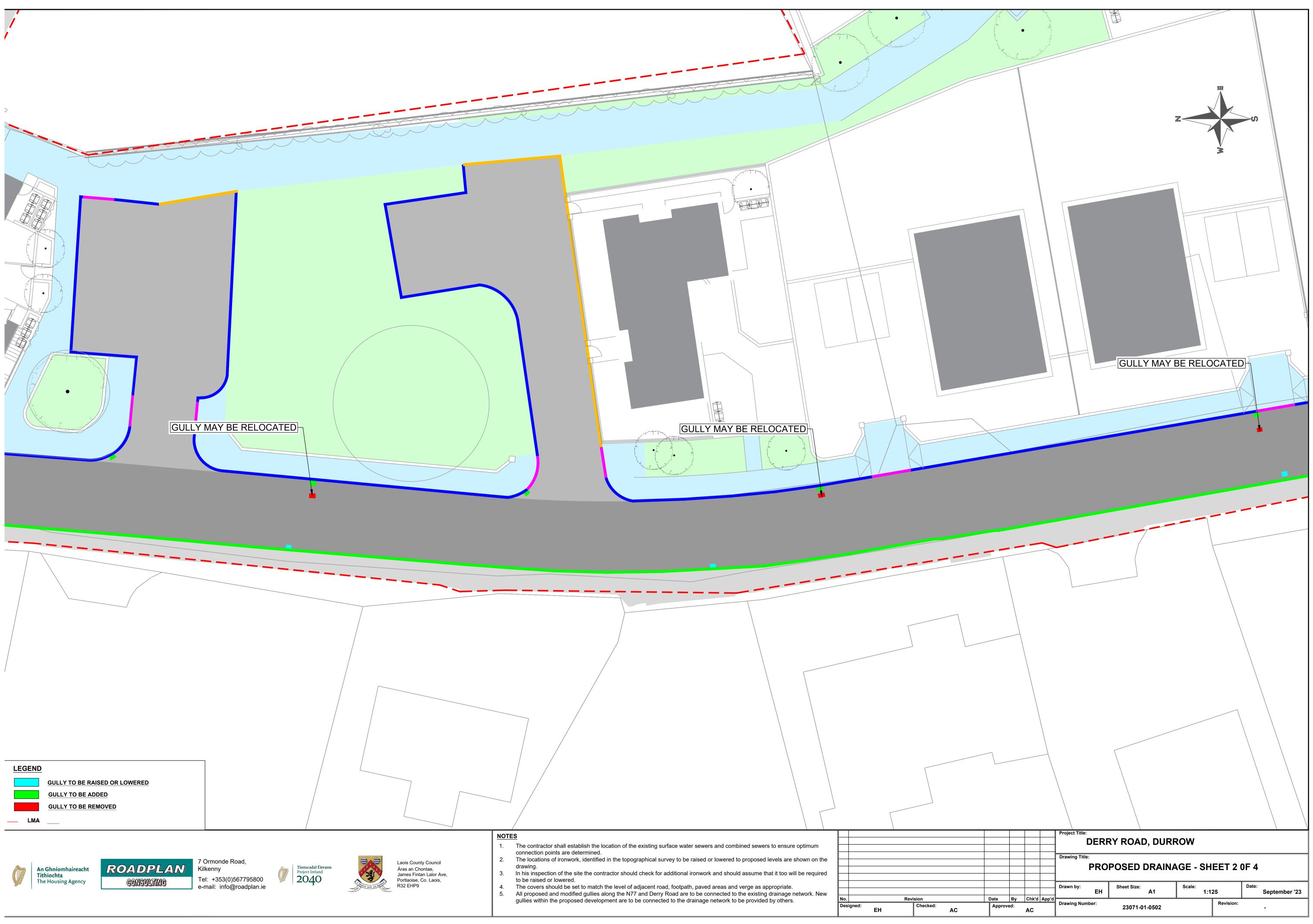
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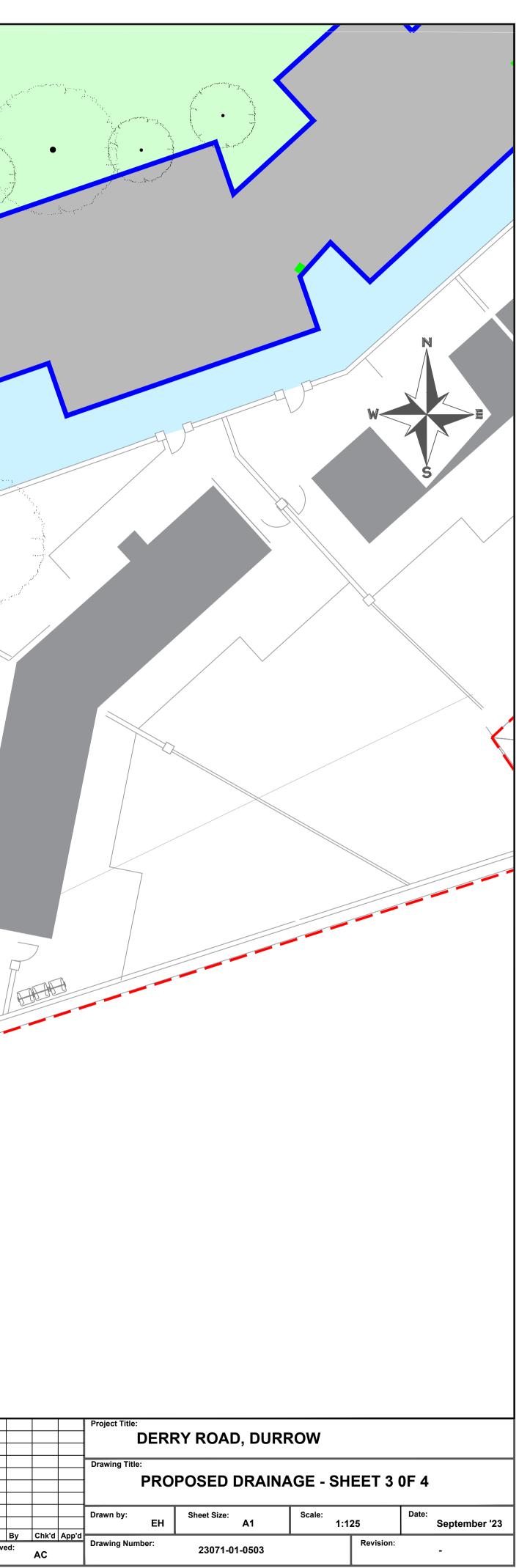


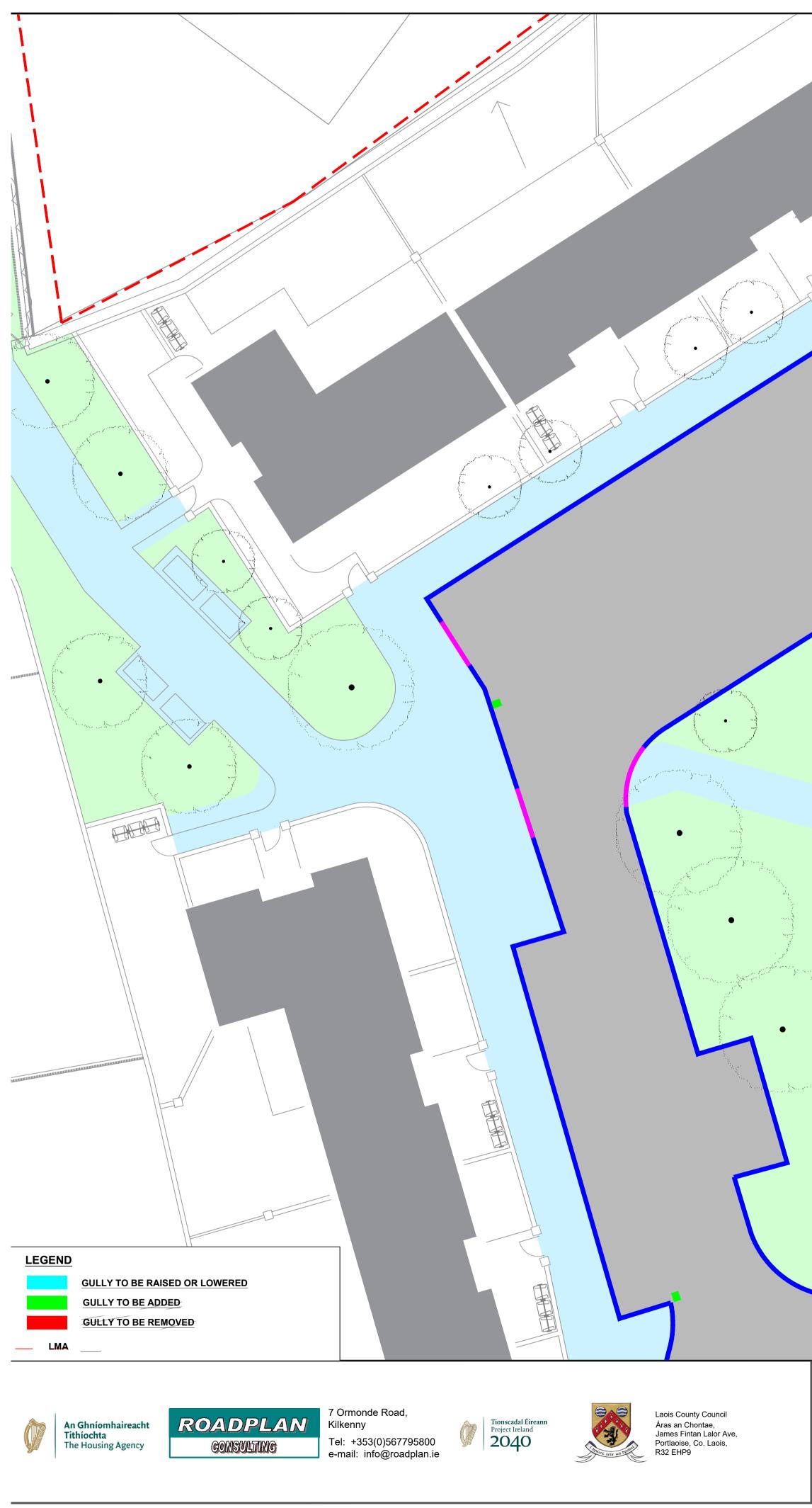
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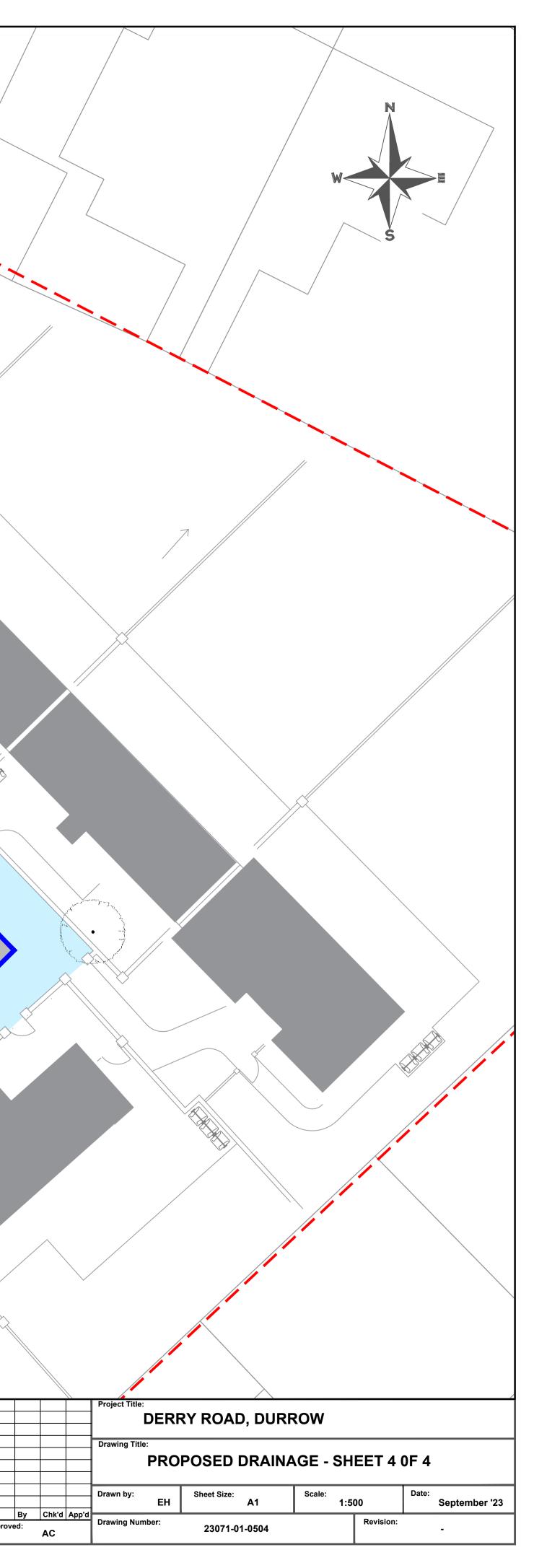
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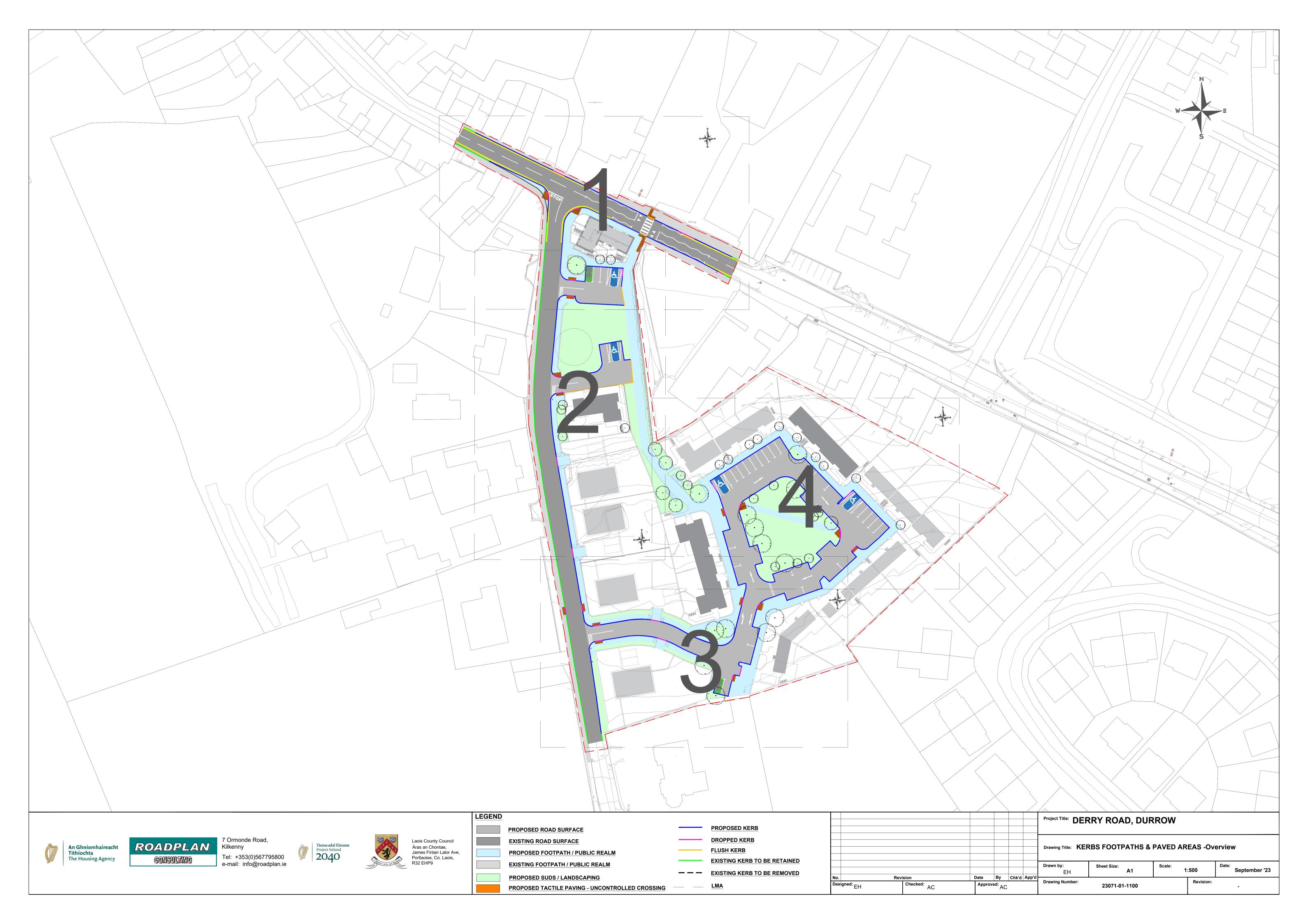
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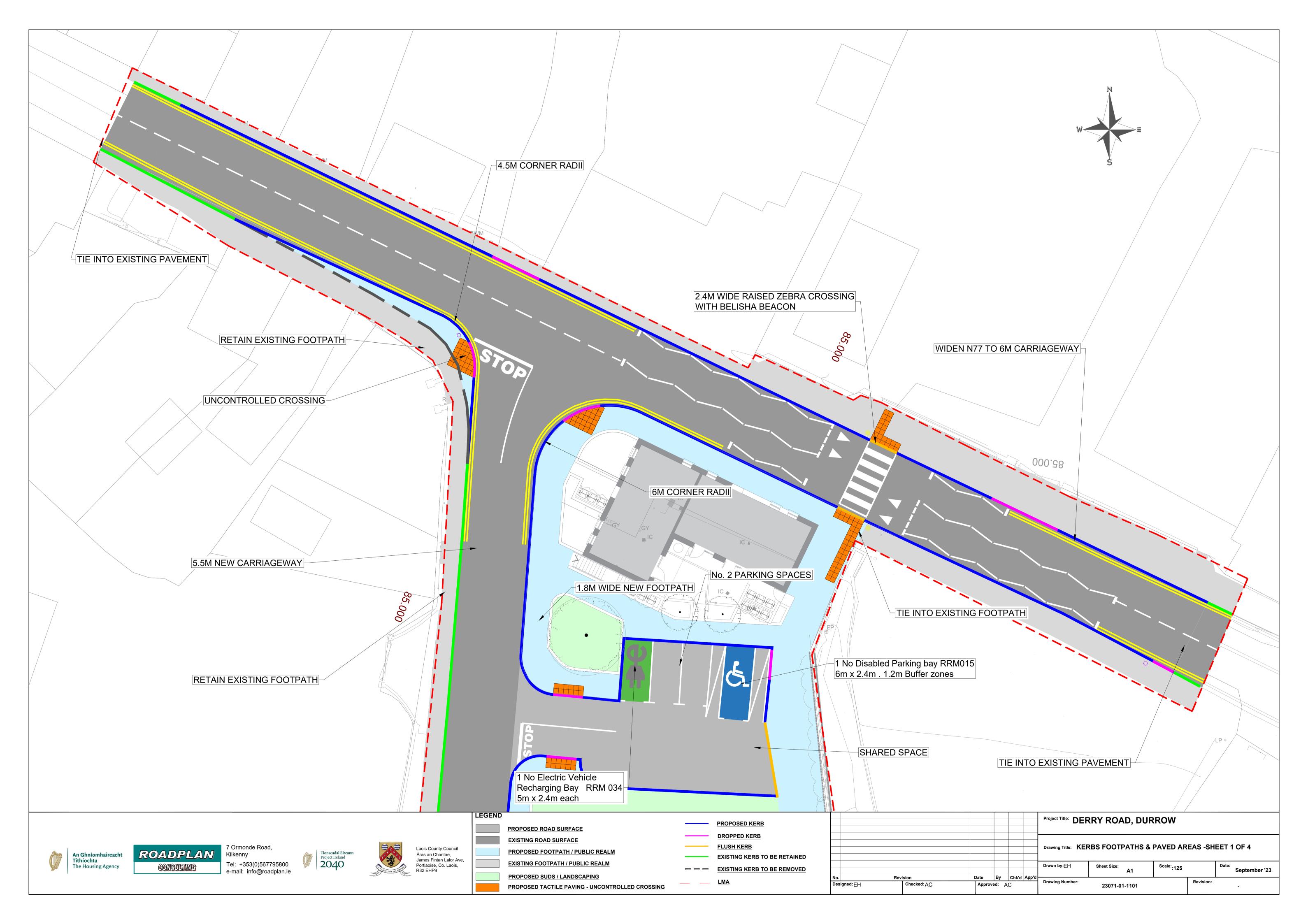


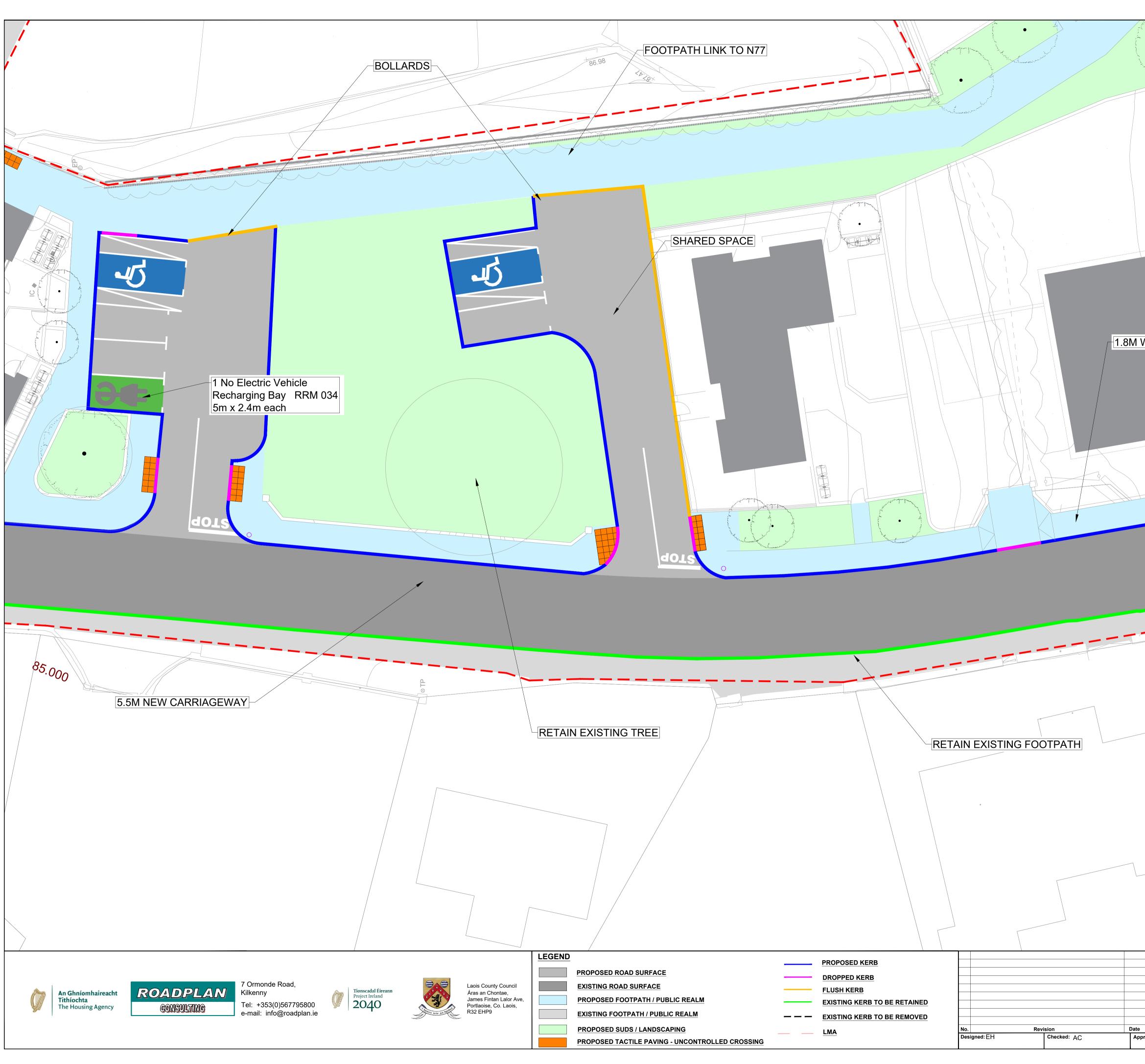


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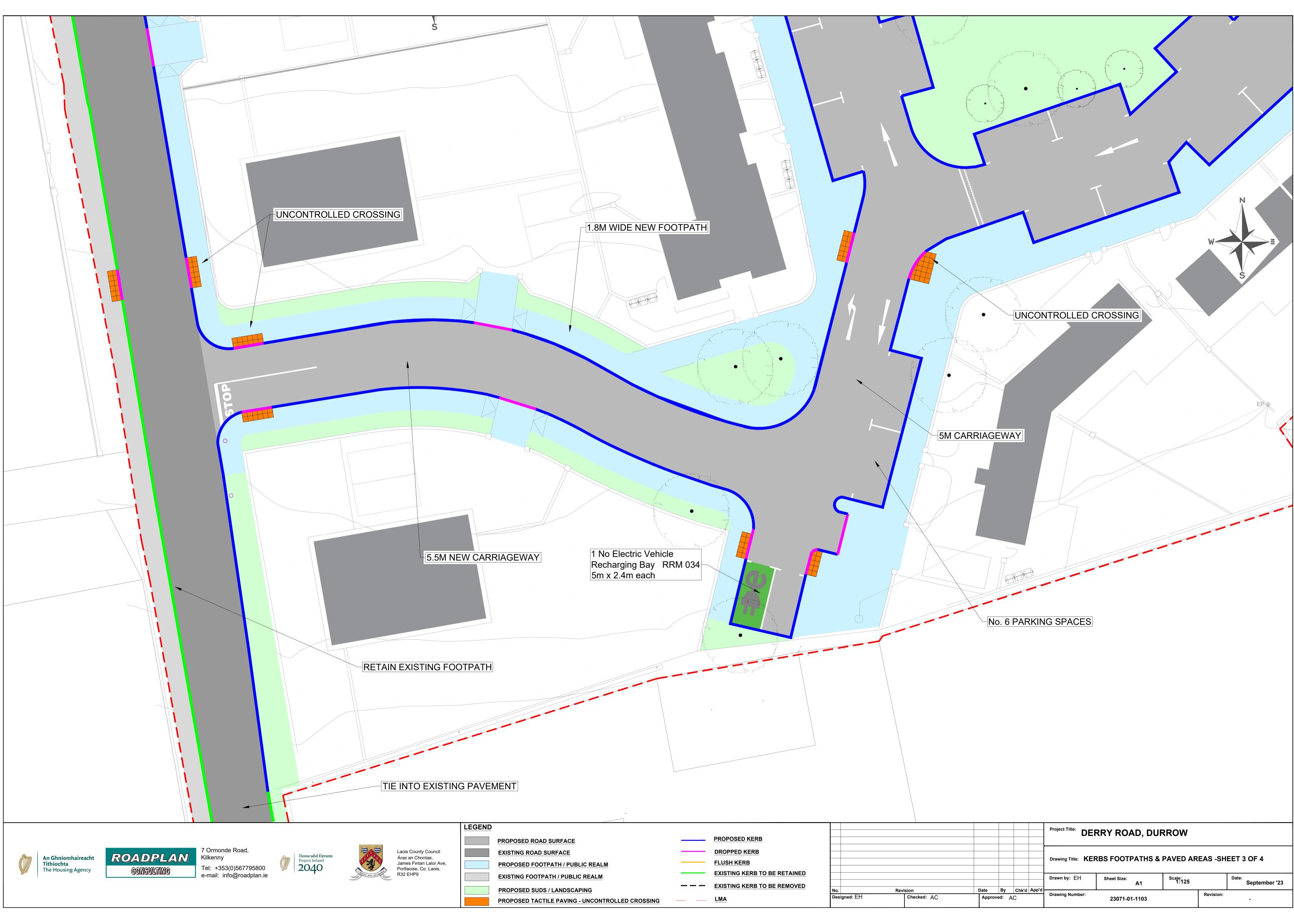




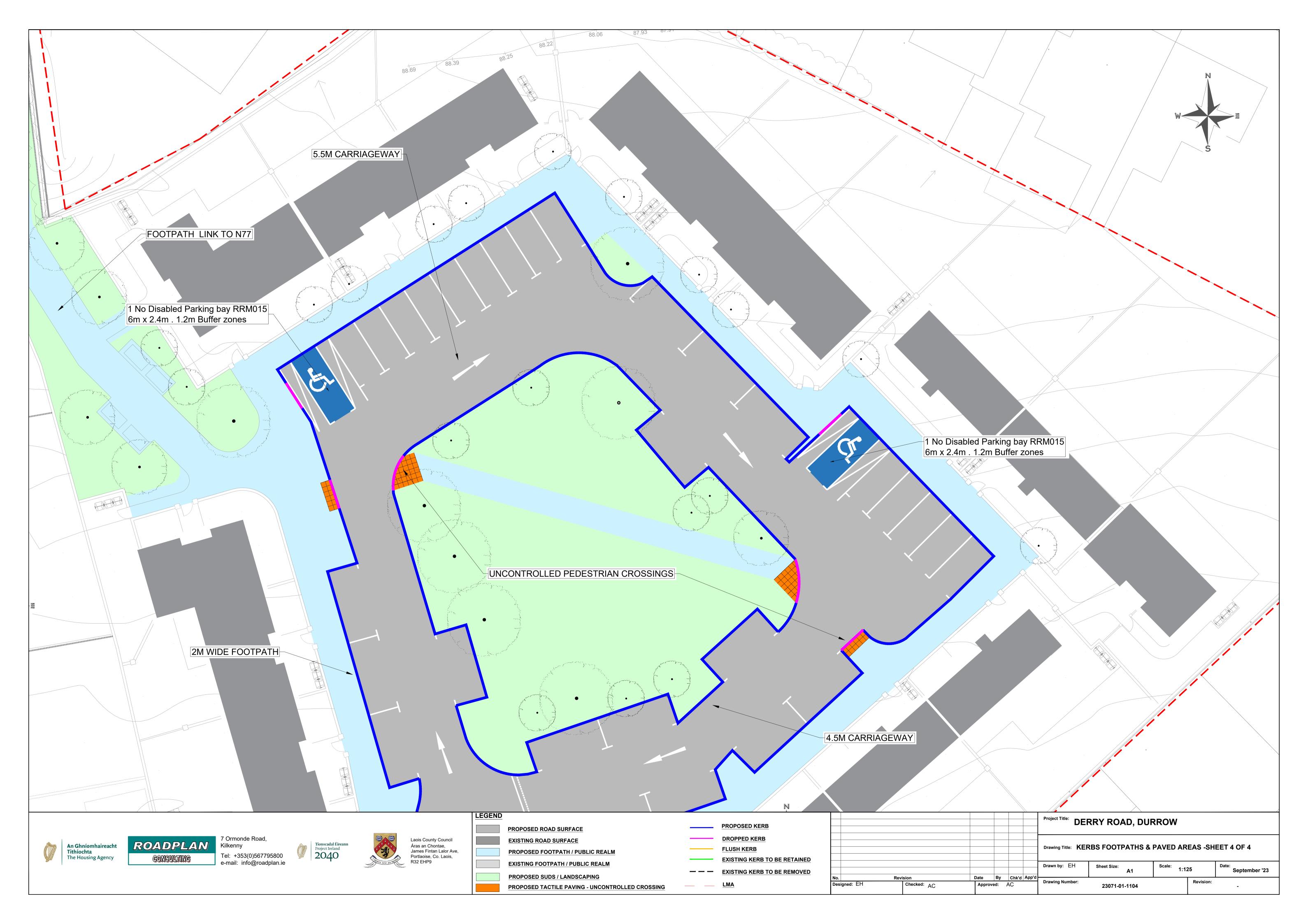


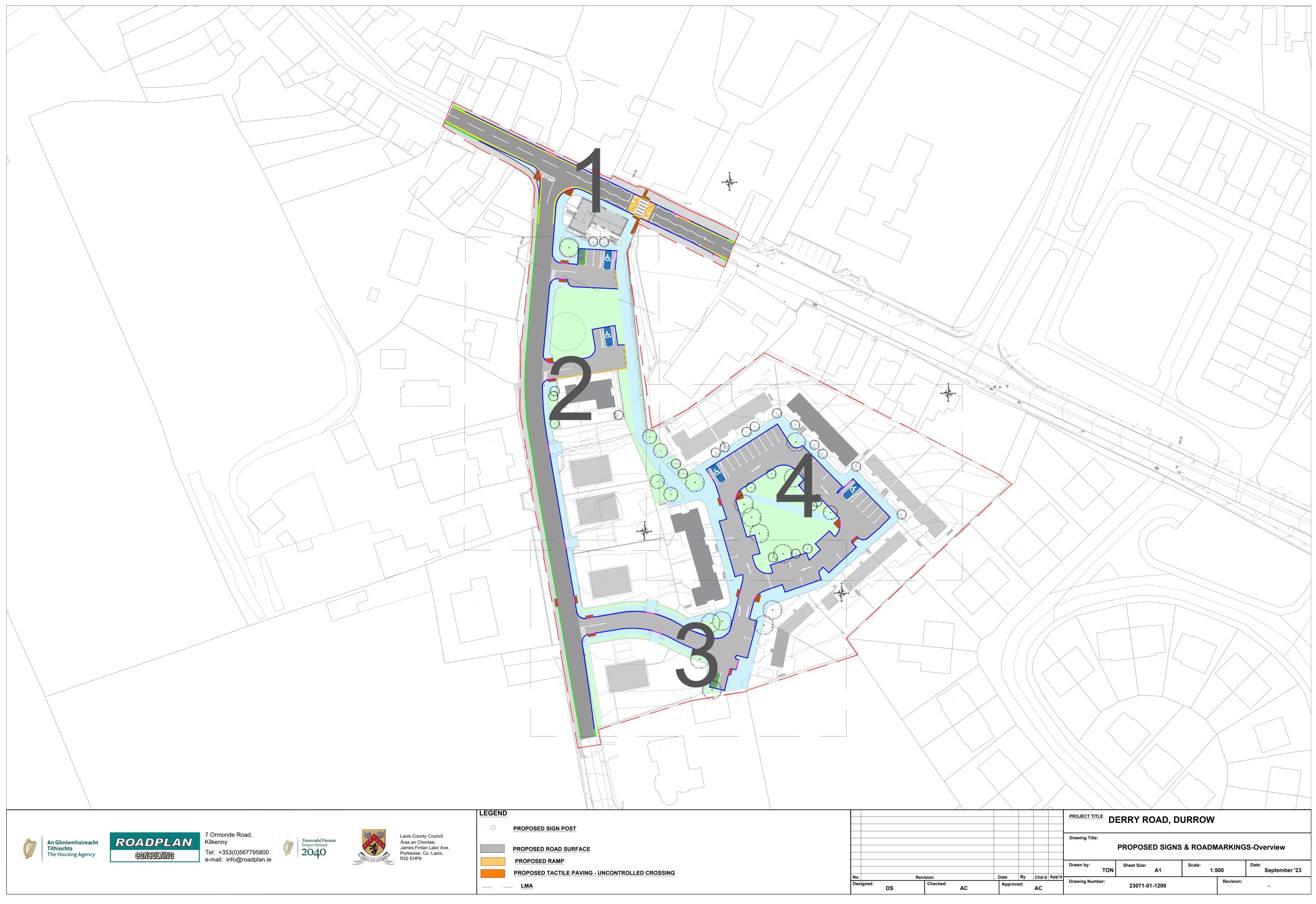


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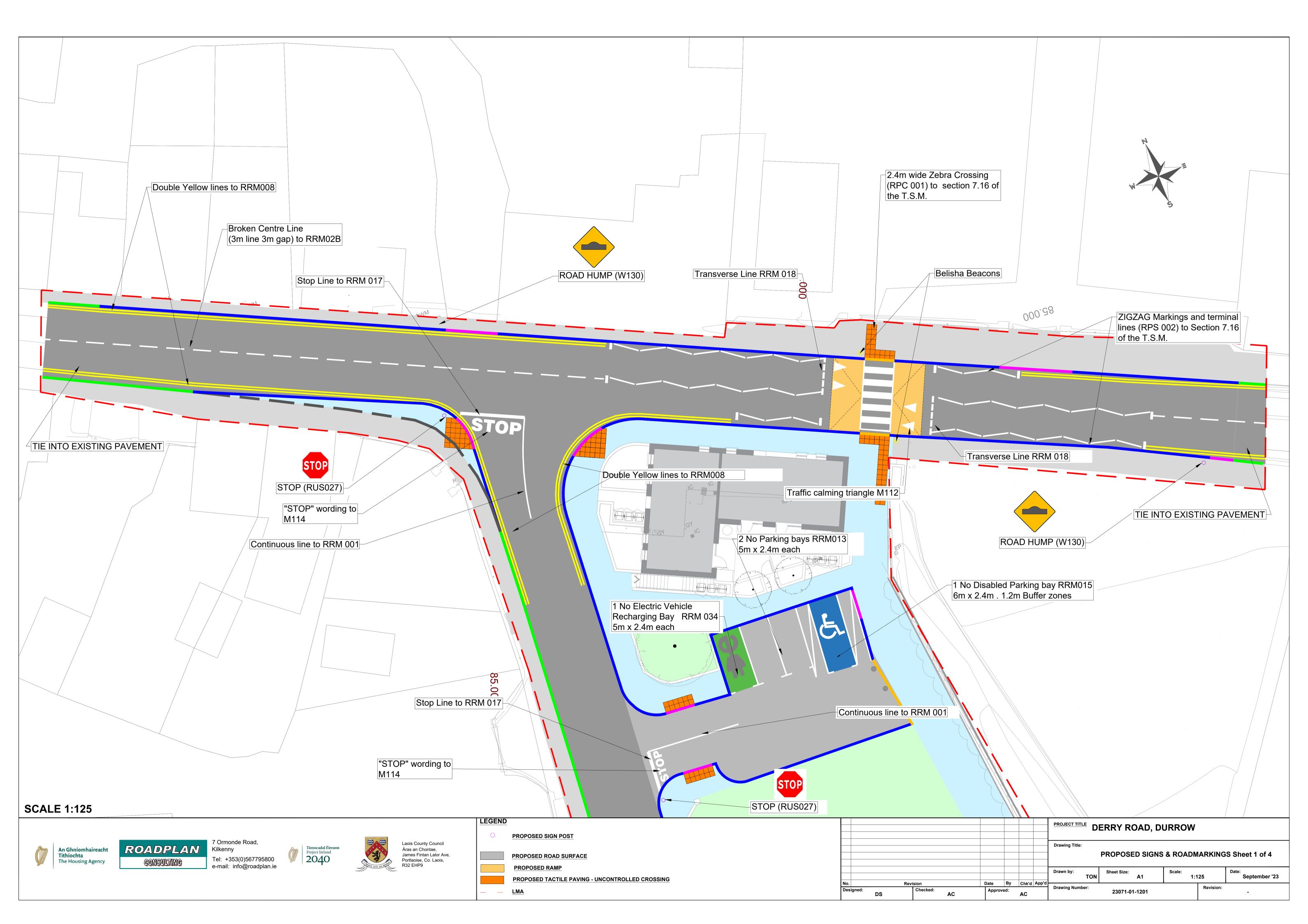


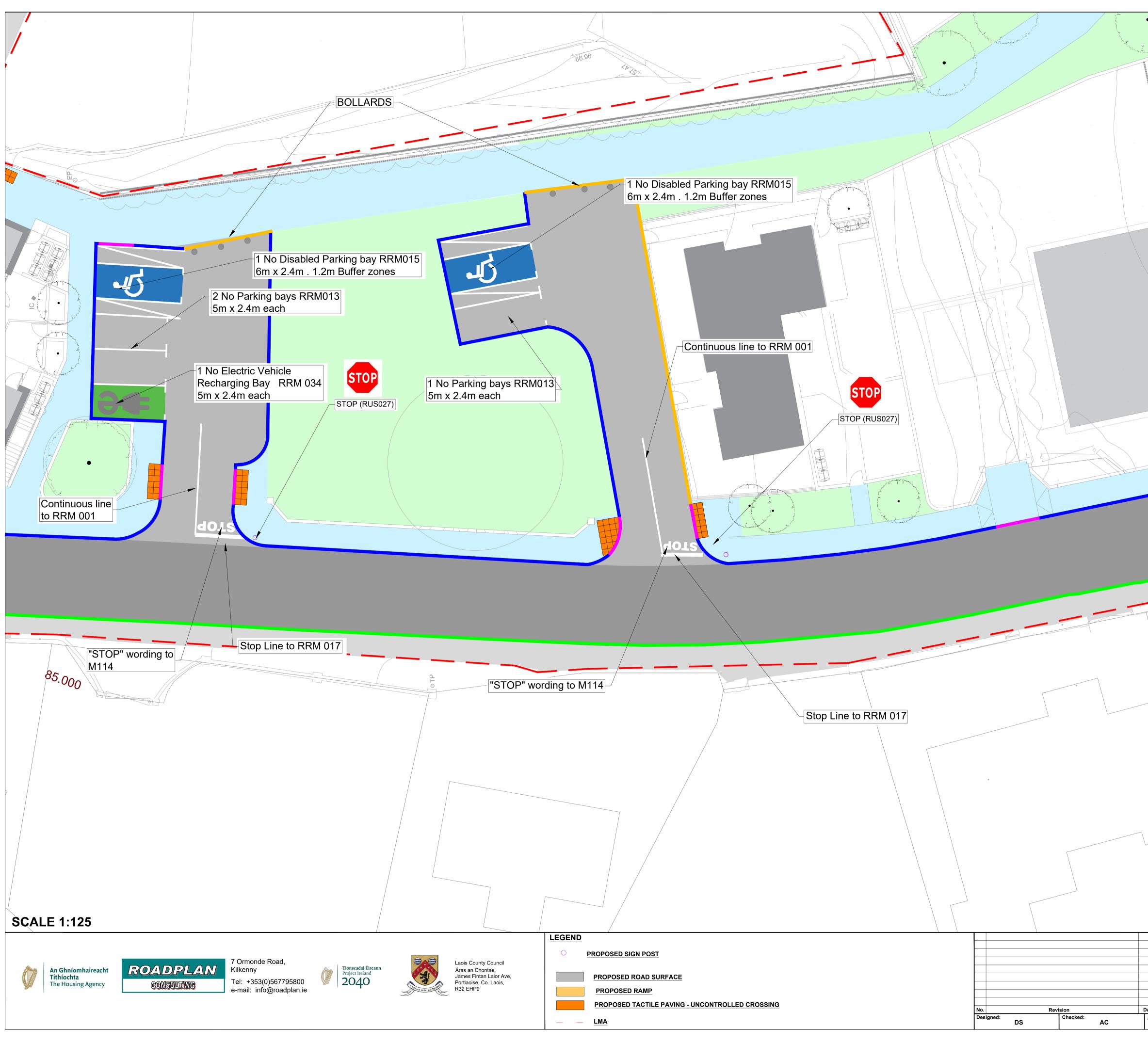
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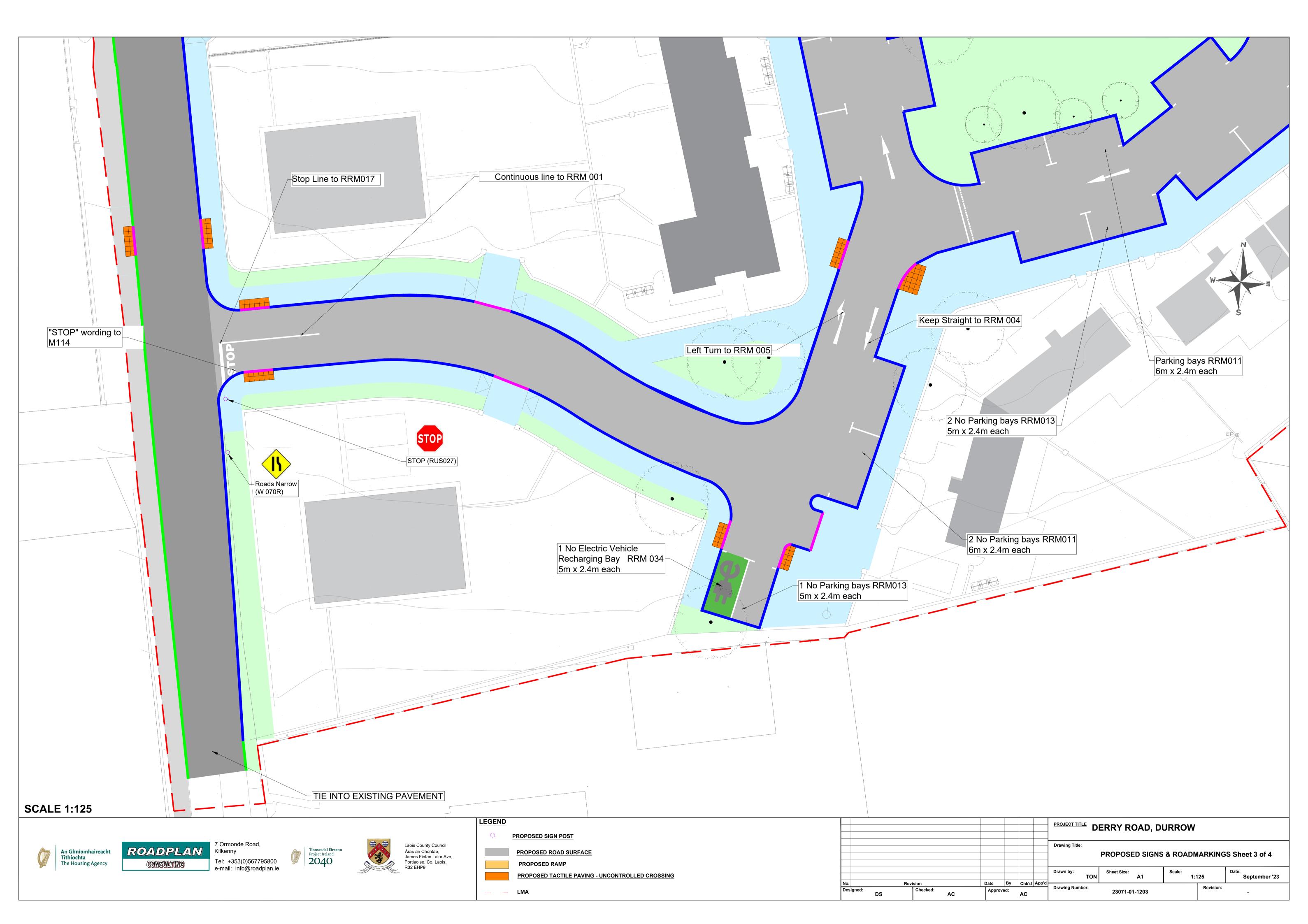


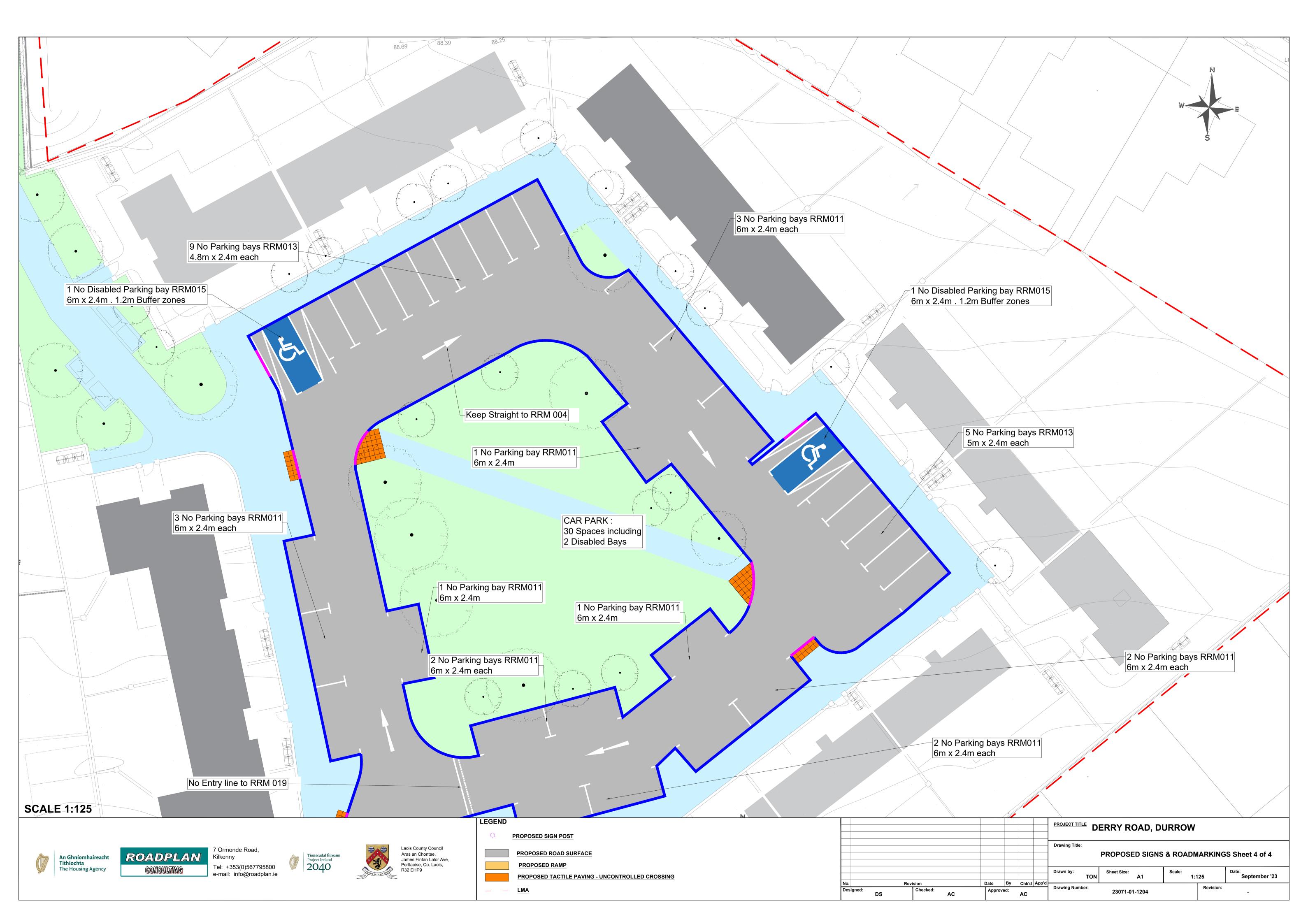
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# APPENDIX B – Road Safety Audit

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# Derry Road Durrow ROAD SAFETY AUDIT STAGE 1

August 2023

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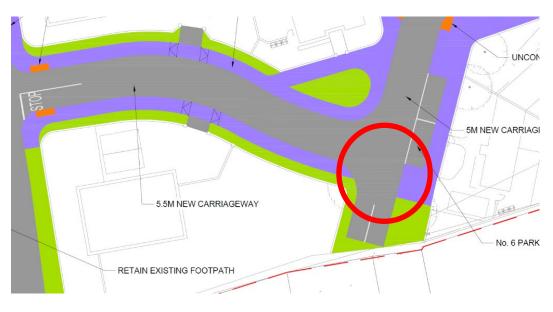
# 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report describes a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit carried out on a Housing Road Access Scheme at Derry Road, Durrow, County Laois, on behalf of Roadplan Consulting. The audit was carried out on the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2023.
- 1.2 The audit team members were as follows:
  - Ray Butler, BE CEng MIEI Auditor Number RB210538
  - Patrick Brennan, BEng MIEI. Auditor Number PB1321187
- 1.3 Both audit team members visited the site on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The audit comprised an examination of the drawings relating to the scheme supplied by Roadplan Consulting and an examination of the site.
- 1.4 The speed limit on Derry Road at the site is 50 km/h.
- 1.5 This Stage 1 / 2 Audit has been carried out in accordance with the relevant sections of TII GE-STY-01024. The team has examined only those issues within the design relating to the road safety implications of the scheme and has therefore not examined or verified the compliance of the design to any other criteria.
- 1.6 All problems described in this report are considered by the audit team to require action in order to improve the safety of the scheme and minimise accident occurrence.
- 1.7 Appendix A describes the audited drawings.

# 2. STAGE 1 / 2 AUDIT

#### 2.1 **Problem**

Dropped kerbs and tactile paving are not provided at the two parking spaces on the corner on the south access road. Wheelchair users or the visually impaired may have difficulty crossing at this location increasing their exposure to motor vehicles and risk of injury due to collisions.



# Recommendation

Provide facilities for vulnerable road users.

# 2.2 **Problem**

Dropped kerbs, to allow people in wheelchairs access to the path leading to the controlled pedestrian crossing on the N77, are not provided. Wheelchair users will have a circuitous route to the crossing increasing their risk of collision with motor vehicles.



# Recommendation

Provide facilities for vulnerable road users.

# 2.3 **Problem**

A disability parking bay is not provided for the houses at area 1 or area 2. This may lead to vulnerable pedestrians having to travel an increased distance to access their dwelling with an increased risk of collision with motor vehicles.



#### Recommendation

Provide a disability parking bay in this area with connectivity both houses.

#### 2.4 **Problem**

Ramps are not provided to allow wheelchair users access the footpath from the disability bays. This may put them at risk of injury from collision with motor vehicles if they travel along the carriageway to access the footpath at the nearest dropped kerb.



#### Recommendation

Provide access ramps at the disability parking bays.

# 3. AUDIT TEAM STATEMENT

3.1 We certify that we have examined the drawings listed in Appendix A and have inspected the site. This examination has been carried out with the sole purpose of identifying any features of the scheme that could be removed or modified to improve the safety of the scheme.

Signed...... Ray Butler

Date ......14<sup>th</sup> August 2023.....

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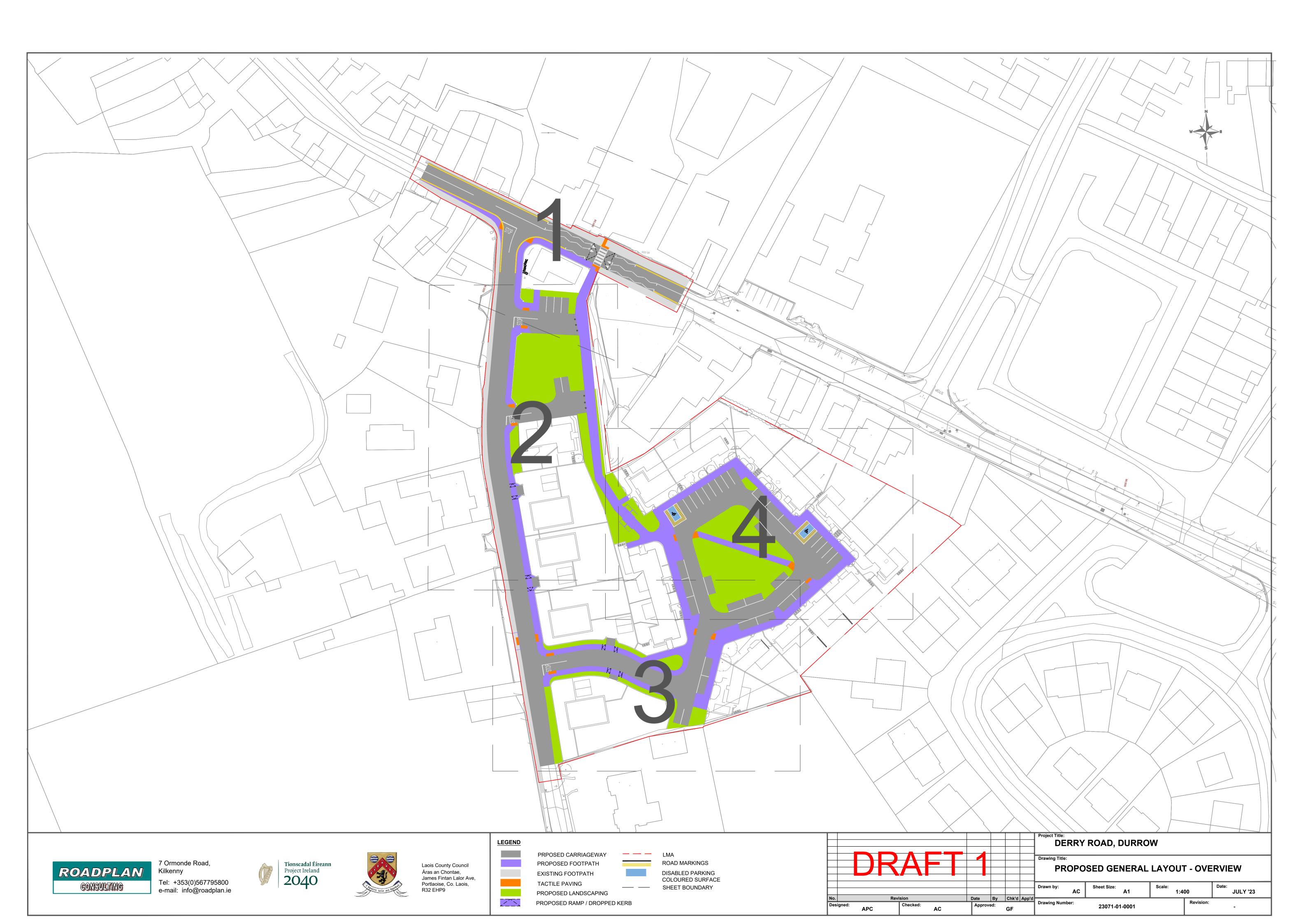
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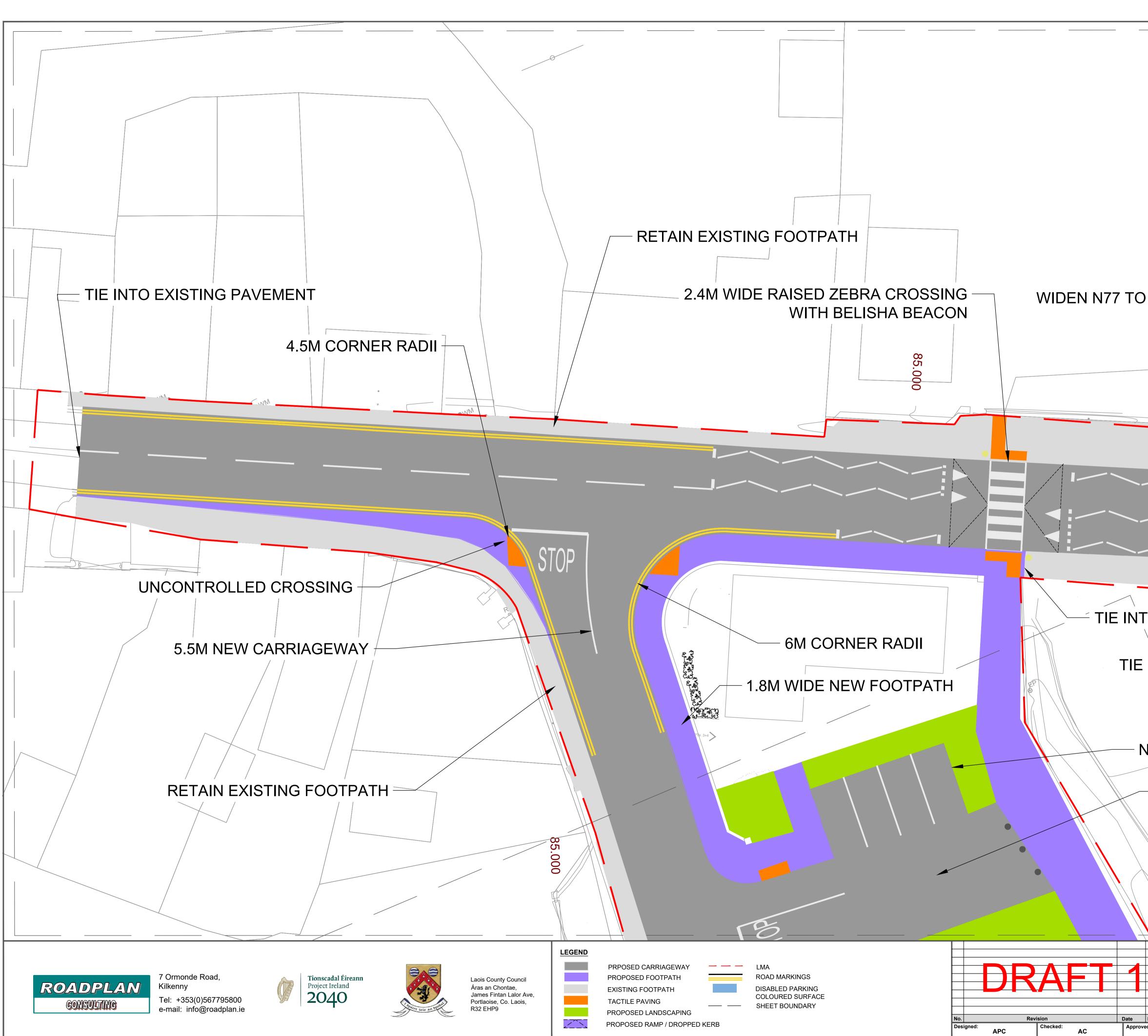
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# List of Drawings Examined

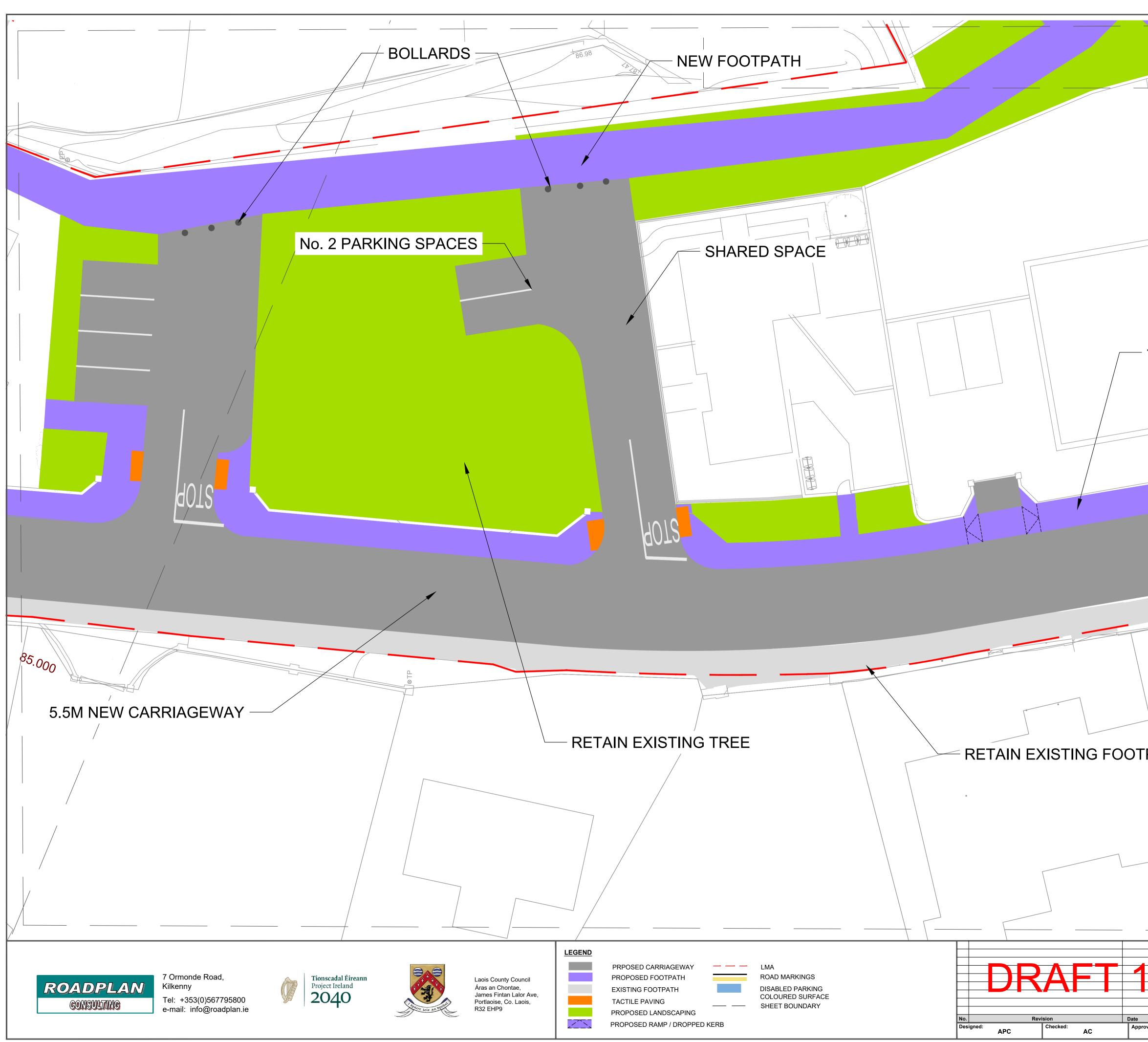
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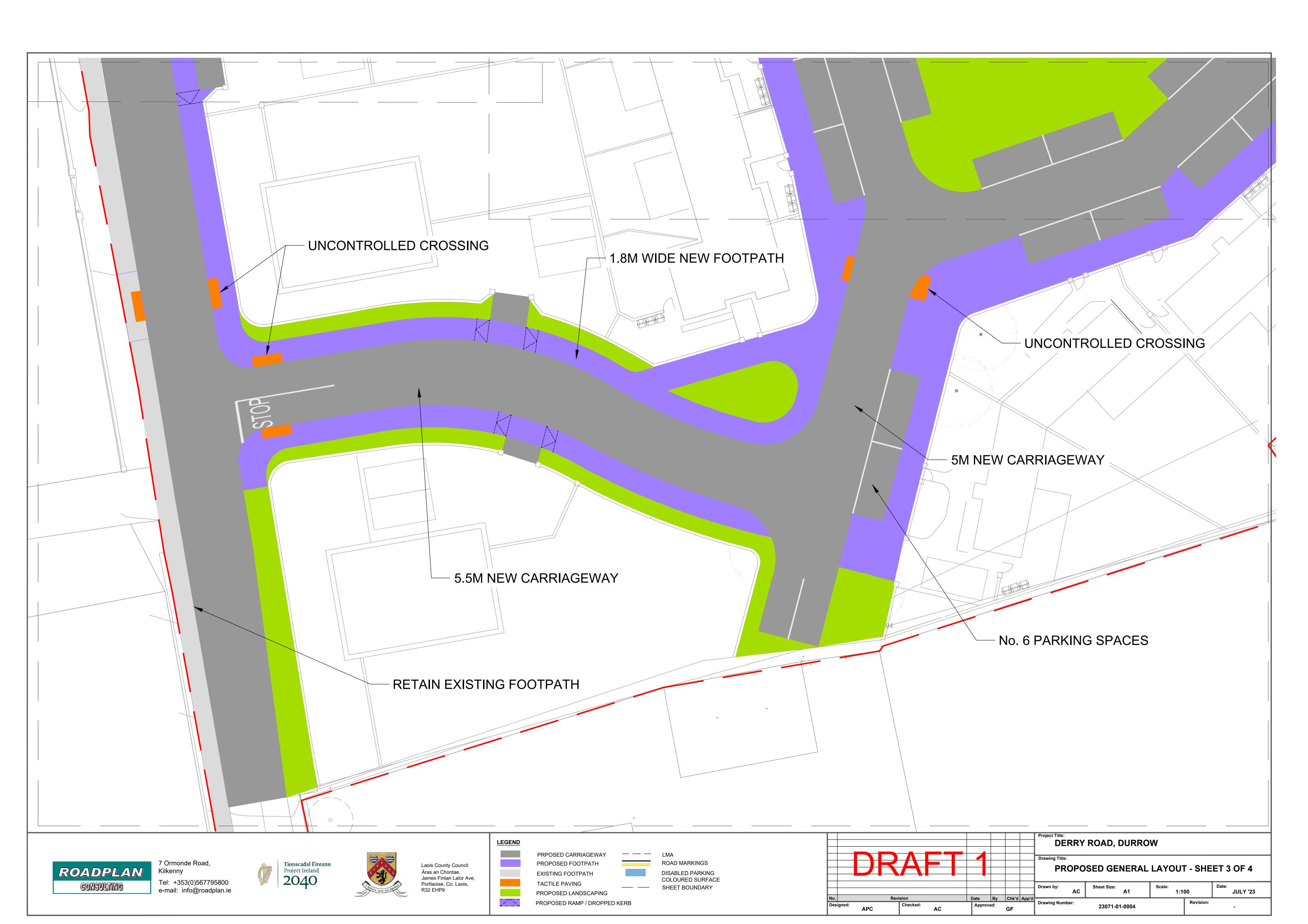




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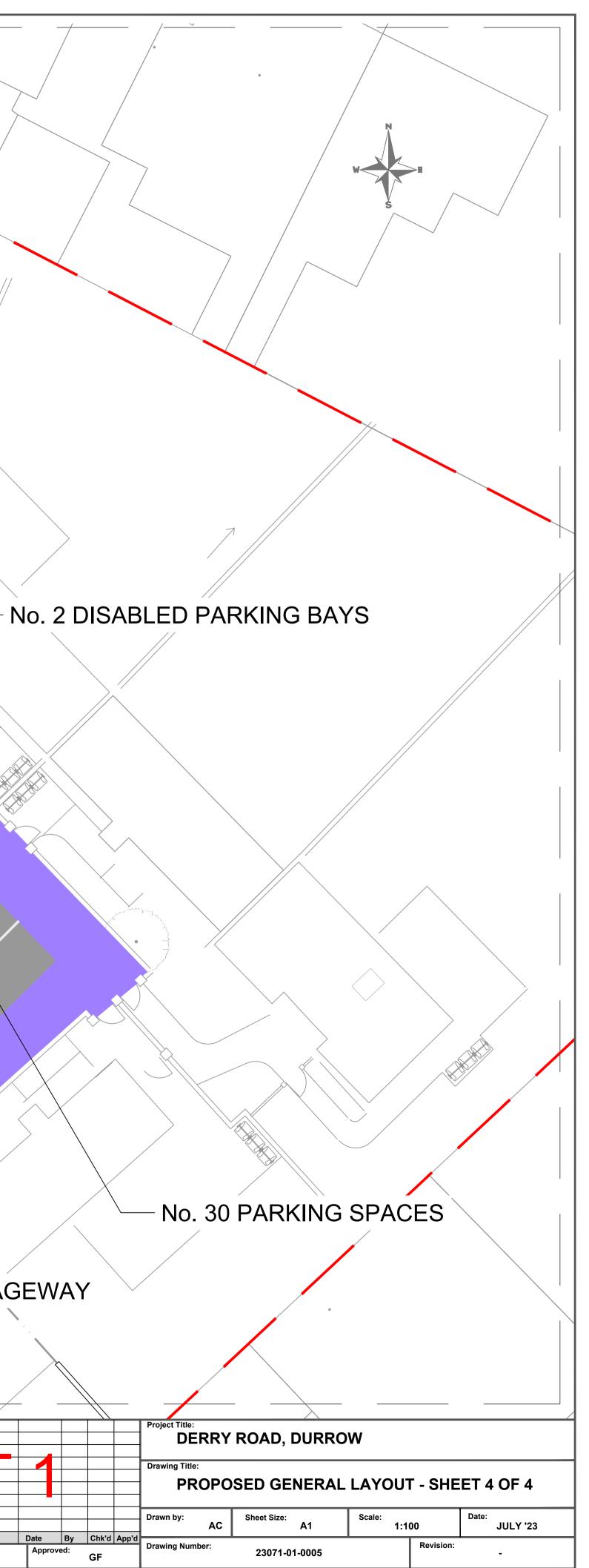
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# 4.5M NEW CARRIAGEWAY

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#### SAFETY AUDIT FEEDBACK FORM

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# APPENDIX D – Flood Risk Assessment



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#### 1.0 Introduction

#### 1.1 Scope

The following report outlines the findings of a preliminary flood risk assessment for a development site at Derry Road, Durrow, County Laois. The study is divided into 2 parts.

- (i) Justification Test
- (ii) Flood Risk Assessment

#### 1.2 Project Overview

The proposed project consists of the construction of 24 No. one and two storey houses, and 4 No. serviced sites for a total of 28 No. dwellings. A new junction with Derry Road as well as a circulation road within the site will also be required. An existing junction of Derry Road and the N77 will also be modified. An existing building at the northern corner of the site will be demolished as part of the project in an enabling works contract prior to the main construction phase.

#### 1.3 Site Location and description

The site is located along Derry Road, near the junction with the N77 in Durrow, County Laois. Lands in the immediate vicinity of the site are generally used for housing, local commerce, and education. The site is accessed via a gate at the northwest corner of the site.



#### Figure 1.1 - Subject Site Location

The southern port of the site is a greenfield site that is used periodically for cattle grazing. There in an existing building at northern part of the site. The south-eastern boundary of the site is made up a blockwork wall for the portion adjacent to the Derrywood Estate and a fence and the gable wall of the house for the remainder. The boundary with Derry Road is a dry-stone wall and hedgerow. The north-eastern boundary with houses along the N77 is generally made up of concrete and masonry walls and light weight fence. There is a level difference between the subject site and the rear gardens of these houses. A retaining wall is required to form this portion of the north-western boundary.

#### 1.4 Topography

The existing site slopes from the southwest corner down towards the north-eastern corner. The proposed site levels will generally follow the current slope directions, but levels will be reduced to allow for shallow road gradients along the new internal roads. Thus, floor levels will generally be lower than existing ground levels. Garden levels may be higher than floor level in order to maintain existing levels along the boundaries. Gardens will incorporate flat sections directly to the rear of the houses and then a raised terrace towards the rear with a retaining wall or bank as needed. Refer to preliminary drawings.

#### 2.0 Justification Test

#### 2.1 Justification Test Requirements

The extract below from the Planning System and Flood Risk Management (PSFRM) guidelines indicates the parameters for defining the Flood Zone for a site.

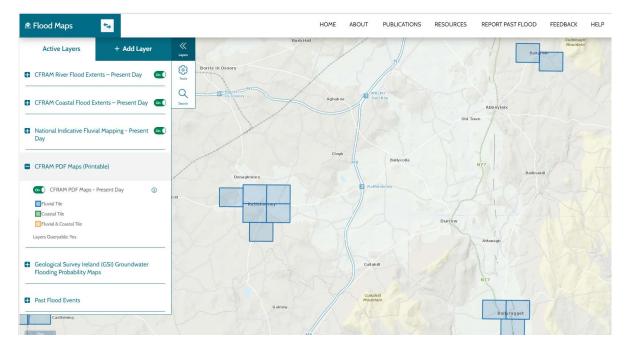
#### Figure 1.2 – Flood Zone Definition per PSFRM Guidelines

*Flood Zone A* – where the probability of flooding from rivers and the sea is highest (greater than 1% or 1 in 100 for river flooding or 0.5% or 1 in 200 for coastal flooding);

*Flood Zone B* – where the probability of flooding from rivers and the sea is moderate (between 0.1% or 1 in 1000 and 1% or 1 in 100 for river flooding and between 0.1% or 1 in 1000 year and 0.5% or 1 in 200 for coastal flooding); and

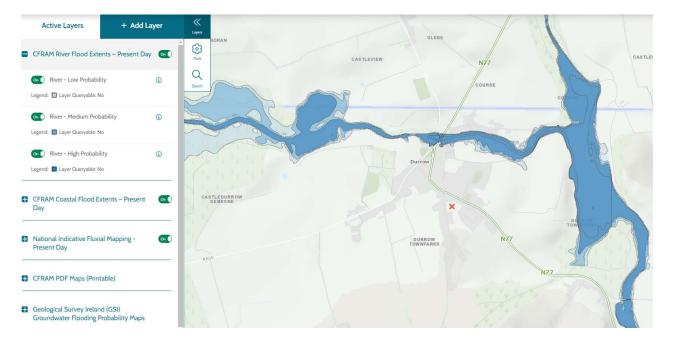
*Flood Zone C* – where the probability of flooding from rivers and the sea is low (less than 0.1% or 1 in 1000 for both river and coastal flooding). Flood Zone C covers all areas of the plan which are not in zones A or B.

There are currently no CFRAMs map available for the subject which would allow the fluvial flood risk probability to be assessed in detail. The nearest available CFRAMs mapping are for Ballyragget, Rathdowney and Ballyroan which are between 8 and 14km from Durrow.



#### Figure 1.3 – Available CFRAMs Data for Site

The preliminary flood extents information available for the Erkina River flood extents is indicated in Figure 1.4. This does not provide detailed information regarding depths. The flood extent does not cover the subject site.





Due to the inland location, it is assumed that there is no coastal flood risk. Thus, the site will be assumed to be Flood Zone C or B. The proposed development is categorised as being highly vulnerable due to the possibility that the residences may be designed/adapted for the elderly or for people with special needs or impaired mobility. A justification test will be carried out as a conservative approach.

	Flood Zone A	Flood Zone B	Flood Zone C
Highly vulnerable development (including essential infrastructure)	Justification Test	Justification Test	Appropriate
Less vulnerable development	Justification Test	Appropriate	Appropriate
Water-compatible development	Appropriate	Appropriate	Appropriate

#### Figure 1.4 – PSFRM Guidelines

Table 3.2: Matrix of vulnerability versus flood zone to illustrate appropriate development and that required to meet the Justification Test. Section 5 of the 2009 DEHLG/OPW Guidelines sets out the recommended criteria to be applied as a "Justification Test" in development management in zoned areas which may be subject to risk of flooding in extreme conditions. There are five criteria set out as part of the justification for development, namely

- Section 2.2 The subject lands have been zoned taking account of the guidelines
- Section 2.3 No increase in flood risk down stream
- Section 2.4 Incorporate measures to minimize flood risk to people and property
- Section 2.5 Include measures to ensure that residual risk can be managed
- Section 2.6 The permitted development addresses the above while maintaining wider planning objectives and good urban design

# 2.2 Zoning and Laois County Council Development Plan

The subject site is zoned RES – to provide for new residential communities in accordance with approved area plans.

# 2.3 No increase in Flood Risk Downstream of Development

The subject site is a greenfield site. The existing paved area is less than that of the proposed development. It is required to limit surface water run-off from the development to that of the greenfield site. It is generally required to ensure surface water discharge from the site is limited to the relevant QBAR for the site – approximately 6 I/s in this instance. It is proposed to attenuate run off from the site before discharging into this drain. SUDs measures will also be employed throughout the development to reduce run off to the minimum. There is an existing surface water drain in the N77 – separate surface water drains from the subject will discharge to this. There is a separate foul/combined sewer in Derry Road. A Preconnection enquiry to Irish Water was made and Confirmation of Feasibility of Connection to this infrastructure has been confirmed. Therefore, run-off from the site will not be more that it is currently.

The site slopes from the southwest corner down towards the north-eastern corner. Existing levels will be maintained insofar as possible however to achieve a gravity connection to the existing sewer in Derry Road, while maintain a minimum of 900mm cover to pipes it will be necessary to raise the ground level at the north-eastern part of the site by up to 1m locally. Retaining walls of minimum height will be required around the boundaries of the site to deal with the level difference and provide screening to the existing dwellings along the N77.

The attenuation tank will provide adequate storage for the 0.01% AEP. Any flood waters from the 0.001AEP which would have drained to the northeast corner of the site will instead fall towards the open space area at centre of the site. This area will be landscaped to provide overland flow routes and areas where flood waters can be stored.

Therefore, there is no material increase in flood risk downstream of the proposed development.

#### 2.4 Measures to minimise flood risk to people and property.

Road levels in front of each shall be a minimum of 150mm below finished floor level. 125mm high kerbs are to be provided along each road edge and driveways will slope upward to the floor levels. Drainage channels should be provided across all door thresholds.

Road gullies should be provided every 160m<sup>2</sup> minimum and these should be located a low point along the roads and at any sharp changes in direction. Additional storge capacity can be provided at the base of embankments in the form of filter drains or shallow swales.

# 2.5 Residual Risk to the Development Area

There is a residual risk to the development area during extreme rainfall events. This residual risk should be mitigated by the proper design of site levels and finishes. Flood resilient urban and building design and construction should be fully utilised.

#### 2.6 Summary of Justification Test

The Justification Test in accordance with the OPW guidelines has been applied to the site and the findings confirm that the proposed development on this site is appropriate.

# 3.0 Flood Risk Assessment

# 3.1 Flood Risk Assessment Methodology

The following Flood Risk Assessment has been carried out in accordance with the OPW Guidelines on the Planning Process and Flood Risk Management. The objectives are to:

- Identify potential sources of flood risk
- Confirm the level of flood risk and identify key hydraulic features
- Assess the impact the proposed development has on flood risk
- Develop appropriate flood risk mitigation and management measures which will allow for the long-term development of the site.

The following studies and publications were consulted as part of the Flood Risk Assessment.

- Historical Flooding Floodmaps.ie (1965)
- Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (CFRAM) (2016)
- Laois County Council Development Plan 2016-2022 PFRA (2016)
- OPW Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (2011)

Sources of possible flooding include coastal, fluvial, and pluvial (direct heavy rain) and groundwater. The components to be considered in the identification and assessment of flood risk are listed below,

- i) Tidal Flooding from high sea levels
- ii) Sewer surcharging
- iii) Fluvial Flooding from water courses
- iv) Pluvial Flooding from rainfall/surface water
- v) Ground water flooding from springs/ raised ground water
- vi) Human/mechanical error flooding to human or mechanical error such as failure of pumps or other drainage and water infrastructure

The likelihood of flooding falls into three categories of low, moderate, and high, which are described in the OPW guidelines and indicated in Figure 3.1.

Likelihood	Low	Moderate	High
Tidal	Where probability < 0.1%	Where probability <	Where probability >
	change of occurring in a	0.1% but < 0.5%	0.5% change of
	year	change of occurring	occurring in a year
		in a year	
Fluvial	Where probability < 0.1%	Where probability <	Where probability >
	change of occurring in a	0.1% but < 1 %	1% change of
	year	change of occurring	occurring in a year
		in a year	
Pluvial	Where probability < 0.1%	Where probability <	Where probability >
	change of occurring in a	0.1% but < 1%	1% change of
	year	change of occurring	occurring in a year
		in a year	

Figure 3.1 – PSFRM Guidelines
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There may be difficulty in defining the risk of flooding due to items iv) and v). However, mitigation measures based on judgment and good practice should be adopted.

# 3.2 Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (CFRAM) (2016)

Records for Historical flooding events in the area were reviewed. An extract from the relevant flood history map is indicated in Figure 3.1 The nearest recorded flood events are listed below

- N77, Durrow Laois County Council Minutes Report 2676 by Area Engineer into areas prone to flooding in Western Laois Area. Extract below
  - W25. N77, Durrow Low lying land floods after heavy rainfall every year. The flooding has been exacerbated by recent development. The road is liable to flood and 1 property is affected. Water gushes into property from the road Flood Id = 2676

#### Figure 3.1 – Local Historical Flood Maps

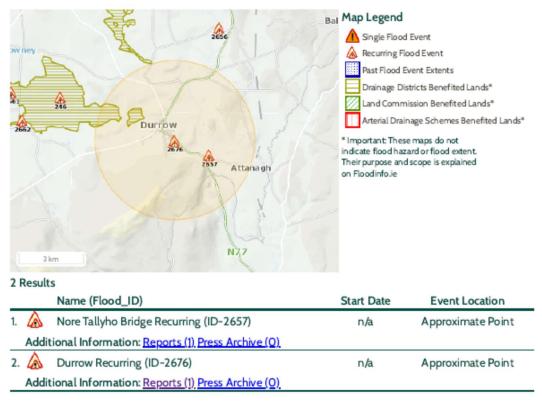
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# Past Flood Event Local Area Summary Report

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This Past Flood Event Summary Report summarises all past flood events within 2.5 kilometres of the map centre.

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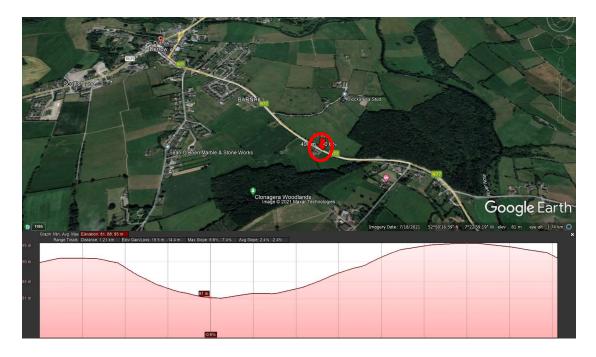


Report 2676 indicates that the flooding occurs at a low-lying section on the road. The reduced level of the road at this location is approximately 81mOD. The longitudinal section of the road in Figure 3.3 shows that the road rises sharply to either side of this location. The road crests again at a point near the entrance to Derrywood before falling towards to the junction with Derry Road.



Figure 3.2 – Satellite Image of N77 – Low point circled

Figure 3.3 – Longitudinal Section Along the N77



# 3.3 Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (CFRAM) (2016)

The National CFRAM study involved detailed hydraulic modelling of river bodies and coastal areas and is the most detailed flood mapping undertaken to date in Ireland. The CFRAM flood maps do not cover the area of the site and as such do not identify any flood risk for the site. The nearest available map is for the town of Ballyragget where limited fluvial and no coastal flooding is indicated.

# 3.4 Sewer Surcharging

Information – local knowledge of sewer surcharging

# 3.5 Tidal Flooding

#### • Source

The site is inland and thus coastal flooding is not considered.

# Likelihood

There is less than 0.1% probability of coastal flooding at the site

# • Consequences

The consequences of tidal flooding could be medium to severe damage to road and properties.

#### • Risk

The risk of tidal flooding is low.

# • Flood Risk Management

The risk of tidal flooding is low. This can be further minimised by overland flow routing and setting finished floor levels at a safe distance above adjacent road levels. Maintenance of all drainage system should be carried out regularly.

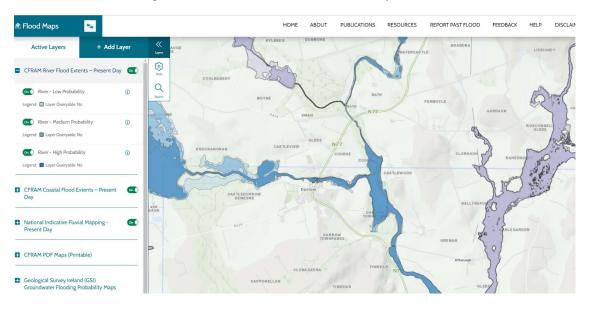
#### Residual Risk

Coastal flooding is not considered.

# 3.6 Fluvial Flooding

#### • Source

The site is located within the Erkina/Nore catchment. The site is approximately 600m to the south of the Erkina. The Nore is approximately 1km to the east.



#### Figure 3.4 – GGSDS – Catchment Map

#### Likelihood

The site is located in Flood Zone C according to the local fluvial flood zone mapping. There is low likelihood of flooding occurring on the subject site if the fluvial flood levels exceed 0.1% AEP. The likelihood of fluvial flooding is therefore low.

#### Consequences

The consequences of tidal flooding could be medium to severe damage to road and properties.

#### Risk

The risk of tidal flooding is low.

#### Flood Risk Management

The risk of tidal flooding is low. This can be further minimised by overland flow routing and setting finished floor levels at a safe distance above adjacent road levels. Maintenance of all drainage system should be carried out regularly.

#### Residual Risk

There is a low residual risk of fluvial flooding.

# 3.7 Pluvial Flooding

# • Source

The source of pluvial flooding is from heavy rainfall.

# • Pathways and Receptors

During periods of extreme prolonged rainfall, pluvial flooding may occur through the following pathways.

	Pathway	Receptor
1	Surcharging of the proposed internal	Proposed development -
	drainage systems during heavy rain	properties and roads
	leading to internal flooding	
2	Surcharging from the existing surrounding	Proposed development –
	drainage system leading to flooding within	properties and roads
	the subject site by surcharging surface	
	water pipes	
3	Surface water discharging from the	Downstream properties and
	subject site to the existing drainage	roads
	network leading to the downstream	
	flooding	
4	Overland flooding from surrounding areas	Proposed development –
	flowing onto the subject site	properties and roads
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5	Overland flooding from the subject site	
	flowing onto surrounding stie	roads

It is proposed to discharge surface water from the proposed site to the existing surface water outfall to the southeast of the site.

# • Likelihood

The site located outside of the 1% and 0.1% AEP flood extents zone on the local pluvial flood risk map.

#### Item 1

The proposed surface water drainage system has been designed to accommodate flows from the proposed development and discharge to the existing drainage system. The proposed attenuation tank has sufficient free board to accommodate the 1 in 100-year rainfall event with an additional allowance of 20% for climate change. The outfall level is circa 4m below the lowest ground level on the site and thus the proposed system has sufficient fall to discharge to the outfall. The likelihood of flooding in this scenario is low.

#### Item 2

As above

#### Item 3

Surface water runoff from the site will be attenuated and control via various measures and thus limited to the current greenfield run-off. The likelihood of surface water discharge from the site leading to downstream flooding is low.

#### Item 4

The OPW records for predictive and historic flood maps have been consulted in relation to flood in the vicinity of the site. The nearest historic flood events are approximately 2km. The site is not in a high or medium probability pluvial flood risk area. The likelihood of overland flooding from the surrounding areas onto the site is low.

#### Item 5

As above.

#### Consequences

The consequences of pluvial flooding could be medium to severe damage to road and properties.

#### Risk

The risk of pluvial flooding is low.

# • Flood Risk Management

The risk of pluvial flooding is low. This can be further minimised by overland flow routing and setting finished floor levels at a safe distance above adjacent road levels. Maintenance of all drainage system should be carried out regularly.

# Residual Risk

There is low residual risk of pluvial flooding.

# 3.8 Ground Water Flooding

#### • Source

During periods of prolonged rainfall ground water may rise. This may reduce the effectiveness of soakaways and other infiltration drains.

# Likelihood/Risk

Geotechnical Investigations did not note a high ground water table. However, infiltration characteristics of the site are poor therefore levels may rise in prolonged wet periods.

#### • Consequences

The consequences of groundwater flooding would be ineffective infiltration where soakaways are used and damage to external landscaping.

#### • Flood Risk Management

Overflows from land drains to the to the drainage systems could be incorporated into the design.

#### Residual Risk

There is a low residual risk of groundwater flooding.

### 3.9 Human/Mechanical Error

### • Source

Inadequate construction and/or maintenance of drainage infrastructure within the site may result in uncontrolled discharge within the site. Similarly, poor maintenance of receptors downstream of the site may result in surcharging of sewers and flooding on the site.

# • Likelihood

This may depend on external factors such as maintenance by third parties.

# • Consequences

The consequences of flooding due to human/mechanical failure could be medium to severe damage to road and properties.

# • Risk

The risk of tidal flooding due to human/mechanical failure is medium to high.

# • Flood Risk Management

Overflow tanks should be provided for pumped systems with 3-4 days storage volume. Pump systems should have a duty and stand-by pump. A suitable development management and maintenance plan should be implemented.

#### Residual Risk

There is a low to medium residual risk of groundwater flooding.

# 3.10 Flood Risk Summary

In accordance with the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the Office of Public Work's jointly published Guidance Document for Planning Authorities - The Planning System and Flood Risk Management – the site is located within Flood Zone B/c and thus Justification Test is required. As such the proposed development for the site is appropriate for the level of flood risk subject to mitigation measures being implemented to

account for the pluvial flooding risk. It is recommended that site levels and house finished floor levels are revised to ensure that floor levels are set at least 150mm above adjacent road levels and that gradients achieve compliance with Part M of the Building Regulations.

Based on the information detailed above the site is at low risk of flooding from coastal, fluvial, pluvial and groundwater sources. There is a medium to high risk of flooding due to human error or mechanical failure. This should be managed via a suitable inspection and maintenance regimen.