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PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, MOANBAUN, MOUNTRATH, CO. LAOIS

Road Safety Audit Stage 1/2

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report describes a Stage 1/2 Road Safety Audit carried out at the proposed housing development at Moanbaun, Mountrath, Co. Laois. The audit was carried out on 23rd of January 2024 in the offices of Roadplan Consulting, Kilkenny.
- 1.2 The audit team members were as follows:
 - Dermot Donovan, BE CEng FIEI
 Auditor Number DD50250
 - George Frisby, BE CEng MIEI
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- 1.3 Both audit team members visited the site on the 22nd January 2024. The audit comprised of an examination of the drawings relating to the scheme supplied by Hayes Higgins Partnership and an examination of the site.
- 1.4 The speed limit on Moanbaun Close is 30 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 contains copies of the audited drawings.

2. STAGE 1/2 AUDIT

2.1 **Problem**

Priority at the existing junction that will serve the proposed development is not defined at present, nor do the drawings show that it is to be defined. Collision risk could increase if drivers fail to give way.



Recommendation

Provide STOP control on the minor arm of the junction.

2.2 **Problem**

Pedestrians accessing the Derrymore Gardens housing estate have to cross the Moanbaun Close access road. There is a rudimentary crossing in place at present; tactile paving is present, but the footpath is not dished. The drawing does not show if the existing crossing is to be retained or improved. The absence of a crossing could increase road safety risk for pedestrians.



Recommendation

Provide an adequate crossing for pedestrians.

2.3 **Problem**

The section of Moanbaun Close – the road section that extends to Derrymore Gardens – is relative long and straight. Traffic speed could be relatively high. The gate to Derrymore Gardens was closed on the day of the site visit but it is assumed that it could be open to traffic at some time. Road safety risk could be increased by high vehicle speeds.

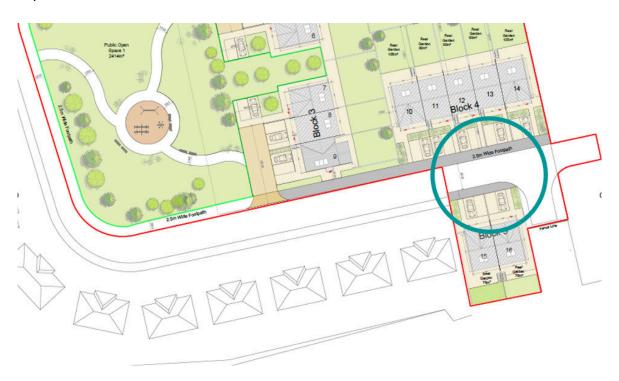


Recommendation

Provide traffic calming on this section of road to ensure that motor vehicles travel at an adequately slow speed.

2.4 **Problem**

A crossing is not shown to be provided between Block 5 and Blocks 1 to 4 to the north for accessing the residential units. For example, there is no crossing to serve the desire line between Block 5 and the play area within the open space. The absence of a crossing could increase road safety risk for pedestrians, particularly those with a visual or mobility impairment.



Recommendation

Provide a simple crossing at a convenient location.

2.5 **Problem**

It is not clear that a refuse vehicle can turn safely at Block 1. Concrete blocks have been placed at the end of the cu-de-sac and would hinder a turning manoeuvre. If a refuse truck needs to reverse along Moanbaun Close it could pose a road safety risk to vulnerable road users.





Recommendation

Ensure that a system is in place for refuse collection that avoids the need for a lengthy reversing manoeuvre.

2.6 **Observation**

New tactile paving and dished footpaths have been placed at the access to Woodbrook. The drawing does not show that they are to be retained but it is assumed that they will.



2.7 **Observation**

Some proposed dwellings are terraced and do not have exterior access to rear yards. Bike parking and storage may need to be provided at the front of the dwelling.

2.8 **Observation**

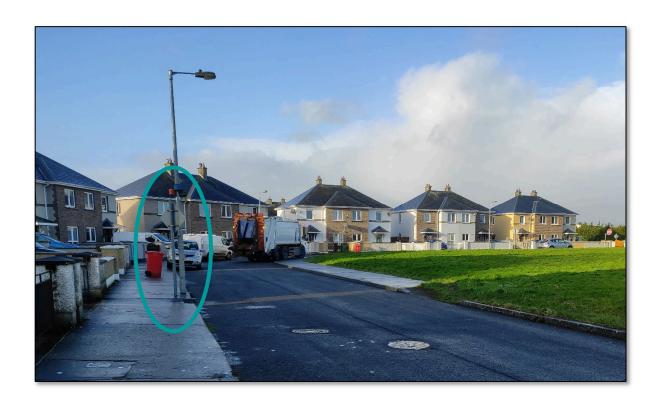
At Block 5 the existing and proposed footways do not align. It is assumed that this will be corrected in the detail design.



2.9 **Observation**

The existing Road Hump warning sign on the south side of Moanbaun Close is misorientated; it faces inbound traffic instead of outbound. It should be turned to face the correct direction.





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 Semot Smoton Dermot Donovan

Date9th February 2024.....

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4. SAFETY AUDIT FEEDBACK FORM

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Paragraph No. in Safety Audit Report		To Be Completed by Audit Team Leader		
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2.1	Yes	Yes		Yes
2.2	Yes	Yes		Yes
2.3	Yes	Yes		Yes
2.4	Yes	Yes		Yes
2.5	Yes	Yes		Yes

Safety Audit

Signed off

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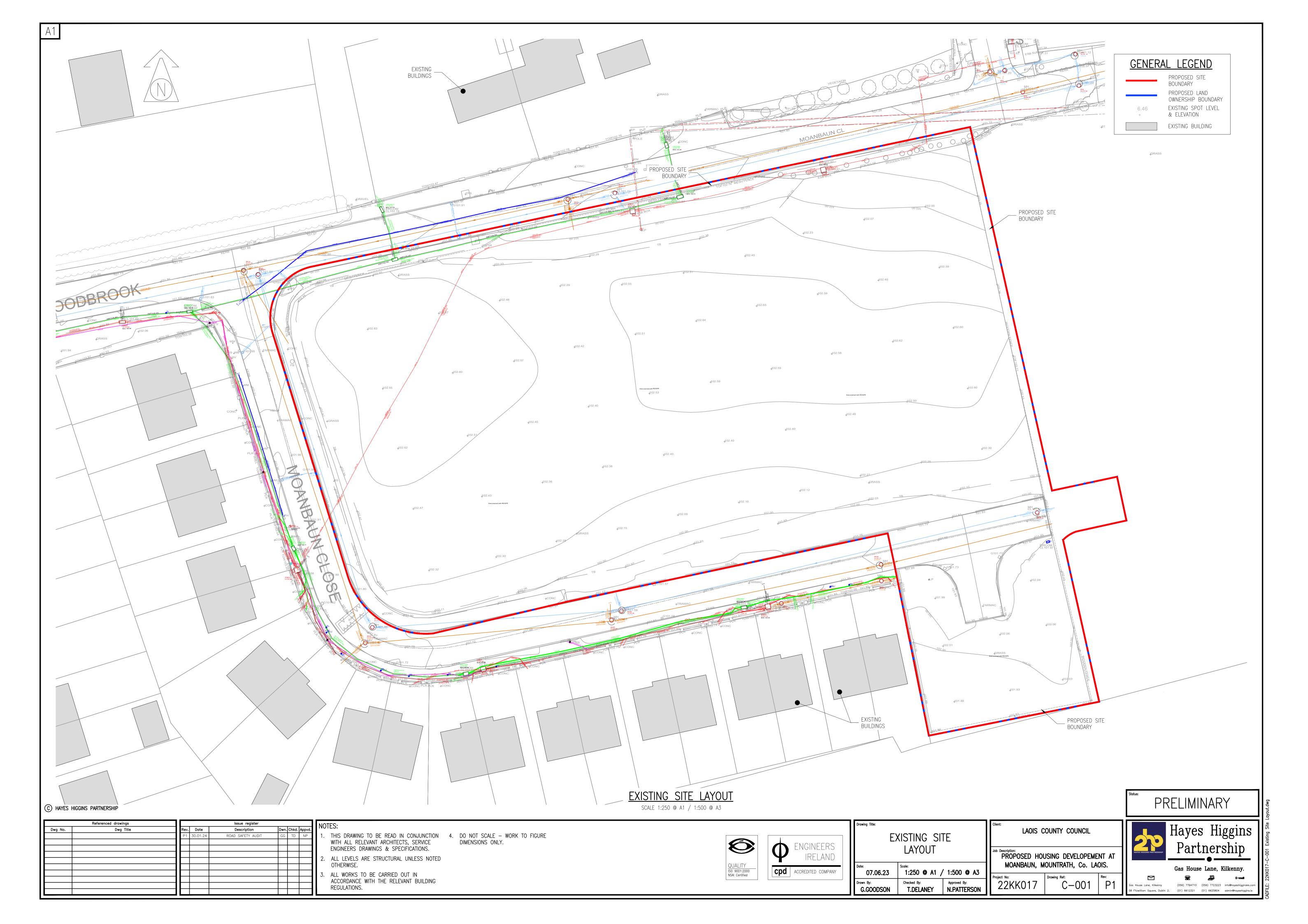
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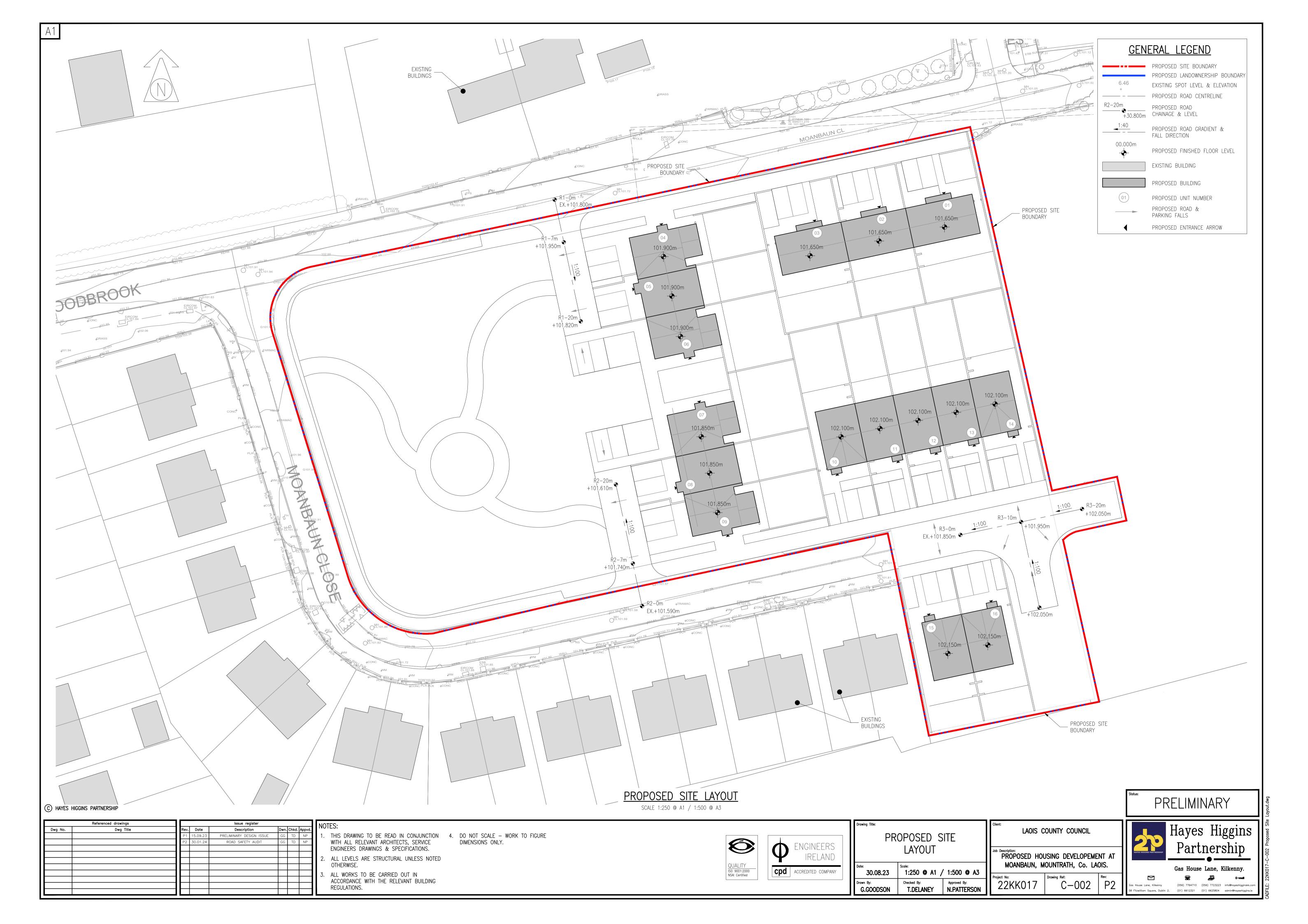
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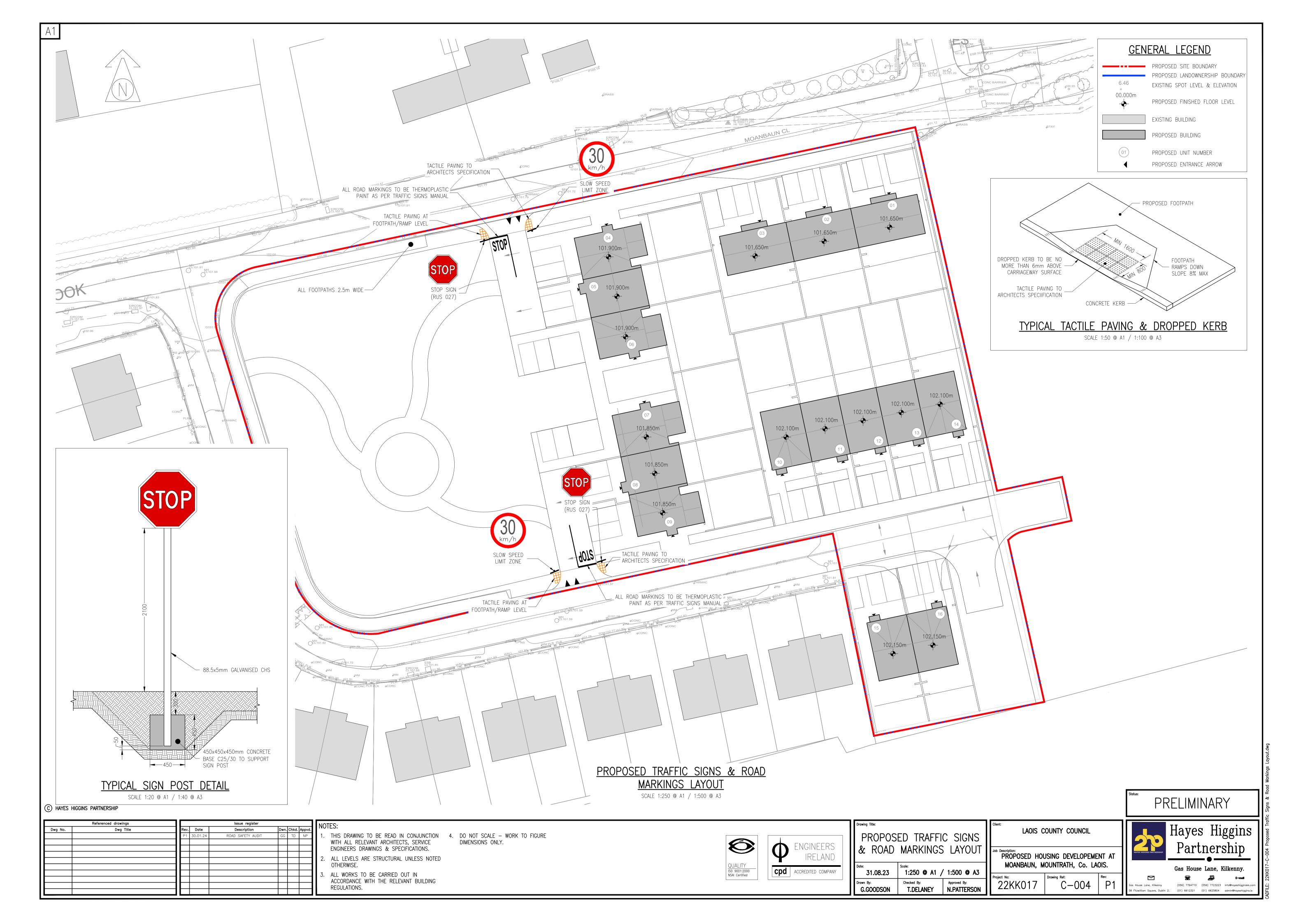
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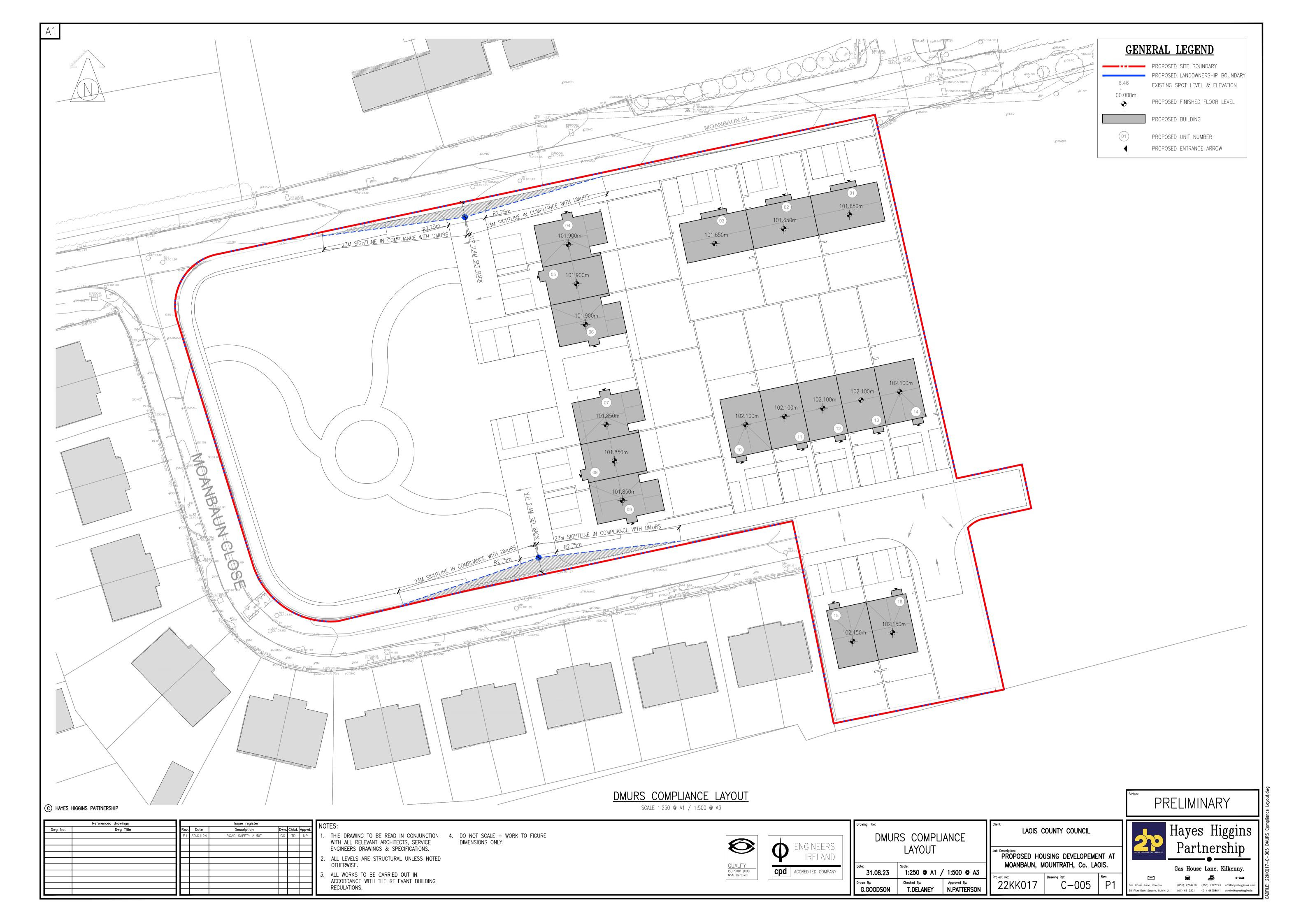
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C-001	P1	Existing Site Layout
C-002	P2	Proposed Site Layout
C-004	P1	Proposed Traffic Signs & Road Markings Layout
C-005	P1	Dmurs Compliance Layout
C-015	P2	Proposed Drainage Layout

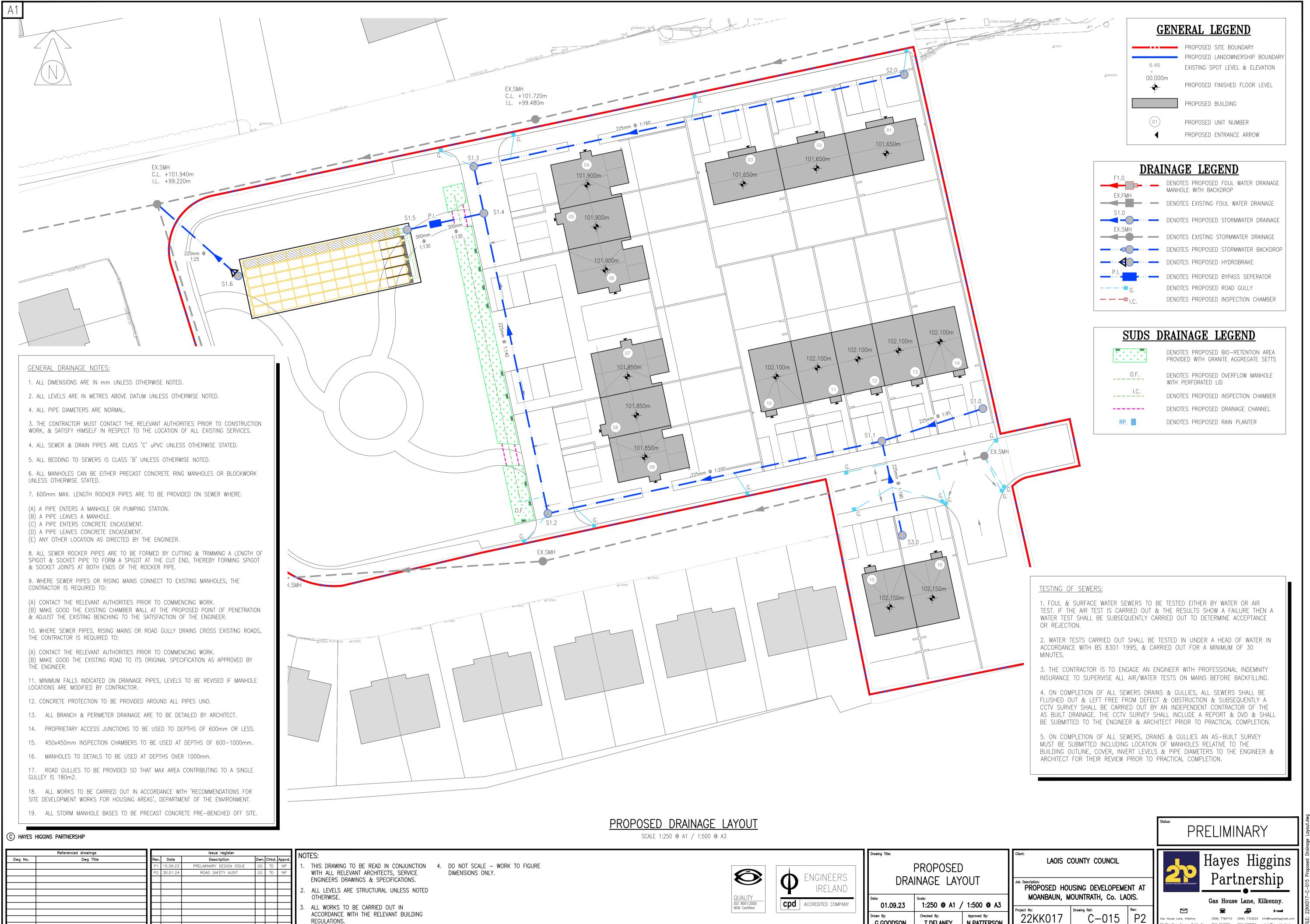












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