# LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD PLANNING COMMITTEE Date: 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 Report of Head of Planning Contact Officer: Andy Higham Claire Williams Jennie Rebairo Bush Hill Park

**Ref:** 19/01904/VAR **Category**: Major

LOCATION: Church Street Tennis Courts, Great Cambridge Road, N9

**PROPOSAL:** Variation of condition 02 of approval ref: 17/03256/RE4 to allow revisions to southern boundary involving introduction of a vehicle barrier, inclusion of fence line and formation of a chicane to cycle lane.

# **Applicant Name & Address:**

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#### RECOMMENDATION:

That in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992, the Head of Development Management/the Planning Decisions Manager be authorised to GRANT deemed consent subject to conditions.

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#### 1.0 Note for Members:

1.1 Although a planning application for this type of development would normally be determined by officers under delegated authority, in accordance with the scheme of delegation, the application is reported to the Planning Committee for determination as it is a Council application.

#### 2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992, planning permission is deemed to be GRANTED subject to the following conditions:
  - 1. Time Limit
  - 2. Approved Plan
  - 3. Boundary Treatment and Noise Mitigation
  - 4. Remediation Strategy
  - 5. Verification Report
  - 6. Monitoring and Maintenance Plan Contamination
  - 7. Not previously identified contamination
  - 8. No infiltration of surface water
  - 9. Managing boreholes
  - 10. Burials in cemetery
  - 11. Construction Methodology
  - 12. Cycle parking
  - 13. SuDS
  - 14. Tree Protection Plan and Arboricultural Method Statement

#### 3.0 Executive Summary

- 3.1 The report seeks approval to a scheme involving alterations to the site boundary located on the southern side of the site running parallel with the public footpath which serves Firs Farm. This includes the straightening of this section of boundary and fencing, leaving an open area of land between the public footpath and boundary to the Cemetery. Works also Include a chicane with vehicle access barrier and timber knee rail. Alterations proposed allow better and safer access to Firs Farm.
- 3.2 The reasons for recommending approval are:
  - i) The development allows improved safer access to Firs Farm.
  - ii) Works are in keeping with the layout of the cemetery and surrounding area.
  - iii) No impact on adjoining neighbouring properties.
  - iv) No impact to existing landscaped area or biodiversity.
  - v) No impact on highway, cycle and pedestrian safety.

#### 4.0 Site and Surroundings

- 4.1 The site comprises an area of land currently occupied by 14 tennis courts adjacent to the A10 Great Cambridge Road and is bounded by Edmonton Cemetery to the west and the A10 Great Cambridge Road to the east. Residential dwellings are sited to the south of the site and adjoining Skateboard Park to the north.
- 4.2 The site is designated Metropolitan Open Land but is not in a Conservation Area or involve a listed building and is not a Listed Building.



Figure 1 – View of public footpath accessing Firs Farm Via Great Cambridge Road

4.3 Ground works have started under Ref: 17/03256/RE4 for the extension of existing cemetery

# 5.0 Proposal

- 5.1 Consent was granted under application Ref: 17/03256/RE4 in March 2018 for the extension of existing cemetery involving the removal of 14 tennis courts. This application is a variation of Condition 02 (approval plans) of this previous approval to allow revisions to southern boundary of the cemetery shown in black on the submitted plan 377-AL-A-00-XX-DR-L-0005 P22 attached to report.
- 5.2 The application states that changes to the southern boundary are to improve the adjacent access to Firs Farm. The relocation of the cemetery boundary effectively reducing the area of the cemetery extension, would not impact on the layout of the cemetery or the number of plots. However, there would be changes

- to the public footpath which serves Firs Farm. This includes a 3m wide swing arm lockable vehicle barrier to allow maintenance to Firs Farm.
- 5.3 Works also include a new chicane and a 0.6m high timber knee rail to slow cyclists down as they approach Great Cambridge Road. Fencing details approved under the original permission Ref: 17/03256/RE4 including 3 metre wire mesh fencing and 1.5 metre steel bow top fencing along the new boundary linking into the existing cemetery fencing follow the line of the new boundary.

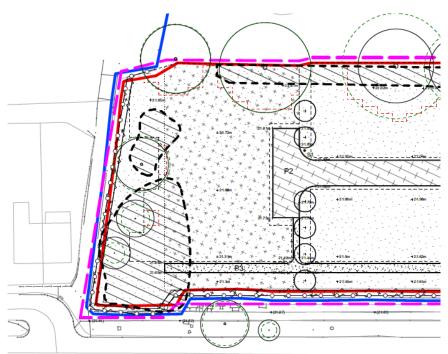


Figure 2 – Approved layout under the original planning permission ref. no.17/03256/RE4

5.4 Revised plans have been received for this application which push the vehicle barrier and chicane further back towards Firs Farm.

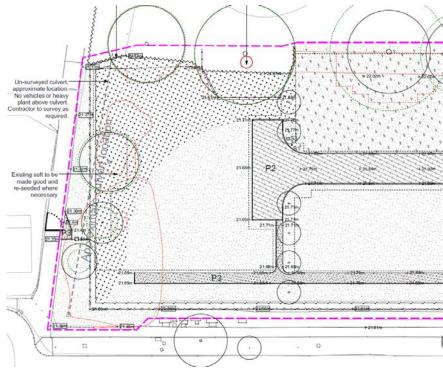


Figure 3: Proposed new layout under the current application 19/01904/VAR

#### 6.0 Relevant Planning History

- 6.1 17/03256/RE4 Extension of existing cemetery involving removal of 14 tennis courts Granted with conditions and works have commenced on site.
- 6.2 18/02995/CND Details submitted pursuant to application ref: 17/03256/RE4 for Boundary treatment (3), Remediation Strategy (4) (Part discharge 4.1 and 4.2 only), Construction Management Plan (11) and Tree Protection (14) in relation to the extension of existing cemetery involving removal of 14 tennis courts Granted
- 6.3 18/03158/CND Details submitted pursuant to planning application ref: 17/03256/RE4 comprising no infiltration (8), burials (10) and SuDS (13) in respect of extension of existing cemetery involving removal of 14 tennis courts Granted
- 6.4 18/04710/CND Details submitted pursuant to planning application ref: 17/03256/RE4 comprising monitoring and maintenance plan (Condition 6.1 set out in Environment Agency letter dated 3rd January 2019), in respect of extension of existing cemetery involving removal of 14 tennis courts Granted
- 6.5 18/04214/NMA Non-material amendment to planning application ref: 17/03256/RE4 to allow changes to condition triggers relating to the following conditions: Remediation Strategy (4), Monitoring and Maintenance Plan (6) and Cycle parking (12) Granted

- 6.6 19/01542/CND Details submitted pursuant to ref: 17/03256/RE4 comprising remediation strategy (4.3 and 4.4) in respect of extension of existing cemetery involving removal of 14 tennis courts Pending consideration
- 6.7 19/04343/CND Details submitted pursuant to ref: 17/03256/RE4 comprising remediation strategy Condition (4.3 and 4.4) and managing boreholes Condition 9 in respect of extension of existing cemetery involving removal of 14 tennis courts Pending consideration

#### 7. Consultation

#### Public:

7.1 Consultation letters have been sent to 175 neighbouring and nearby properties. No responses have been received.

# 7.2 Internal Consultations:

Tree Officer – No objection
Traffic & Transportation – No Objection

# 8.0 Relevant Planning Policies

# 8.1 <u>Draft London Plan</u>

A draft London Plan was published on 29 November 2017 for consultation purposes with a deadline for consultation of 2 March 2018. The current 2016 (The London Plan consolidated with alterations since 2011) is still the adopted Development Plan, but the Draft London Plan is a material consideration in planning decisions. The significance given to it is a matter for the decision makers, but it gains more weight as it moves through the process. It is anticipated that the publication of the final London Plan will be in March 2020, and as such its weight, as a material consideration, is increasing.

#### 8.2 The London Plan (2016)

3.19: Sports facilities

6.9: Cycling

6.13: Parking

7.4: Local character

7.5: Public realm

7.6: Architecture

7.17: Metropolitan open land

7.19: Biodiversity and access to nature

7.21: Trees and woodlands

## 8.3 Core Strategy (2010)

CP11: Recreation, leisure, culture and arts

CP 25: Pedestrians and Cyclists

CP30: Maintaining and Improving the Quality of the Built and Open

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CP32: Pollution

# 8.4 <u>Development Management Document (2014)</u>

DMD16: Provision of new community facilities

DMD 37: Achieving High Quality and Design-Led Development

DMD 38: Design process

DMD 45: Parking Standards and Layout DMD47: New Roads, Access and Servicing

DMD49: Sustainable Design and Construction Statements

DMD50: Environmental Assessment Methods DMD64: Pollution control and assessment

DMD68: Noise

DMD78: Nature conservation
DMD79: Ecological Enhancements
DMD 80: Trees on Development Site

DMD 81: Landscaping

# 8.5 Other Material Planning Considerations

National Planning Policy Framework (2019) National Planning Policy Guidance

#### 9.0 Analysis

- 9.1 This report considers the issues that arise from the proposed variation to the original consent having regard to national, regional and adopted local planning policies and other material considerations. The analysis only relates to the proposed changes to the originally approved scheme.
- 9.2 The main issues for consideration regarding this application are as follows:
  - Design and Impact on the Character of the Surrounding Area:
  - Neighbouring Amenity
  - Trees, Landscaping and biodiversity
  - Highways

# Effect on the Character and Appearance of the Surrounding Area

9.3 The changes to the southern boundary are minor and involve moving the previous boundary further north. This creates an area of land that runs along the

- boundary with the footpath to remain open. To control access, a vehicle barrier and chicane along with a fence line to the front of the now open area are to be introduced. Revisions are proposed to improve the adjacent access to Firs Farm.
- 9.4 The relocation of southern boundary and fence line will have no impact on the character of the area or layout of the cemetery. The vehicle barrier, chicane and fence line would not be out of place and are common requirements to restrict vehicle movement into public areas.
- 9.5 The changes are considered minor not having an impact on the character and appearance of the surrounding area and are considered acceptable having regard to Local Plan Policy CP30 and Development Management Plan Policy DMD37.

#### Neighbouring amenity

- 9.6 The closest residential property is No. 44 Kipling Terrace. The relocated boundary fencing will be sited away from the boundary with No. 44 and will have no additional impact.
- 9.7 The existing footpath will remain, and the introduction of the vehicle barrier would be positioned to the rear of No. 44 and would not be visible above the rear fence to this property. It is considered the works to the existing footpath would not therefore impact on the amenities of No. 44 Kipling Terrace or surrounding properties.

#### <u>Access</u>

9.8 The proposals raise no issues in terms of highway safety.

#### Landscaping and Biodiversity

9.9 Policy CP36 of the Core Strategy commits to 'protect, enhance, restore or add to biodiversity with the Borough'. This is reaffirmed in the DMD Policies 78 and 81. The relocation of the fence would now cut through an existing overgrown area of vegetation. Whilst it is regrettable, the introduction of further soft landscaping within the original permission will act as an area to house wild habitat. This is also offset given the wet lands that can be found within the adjoining Firs Farm Park.

# 10.0 CIL

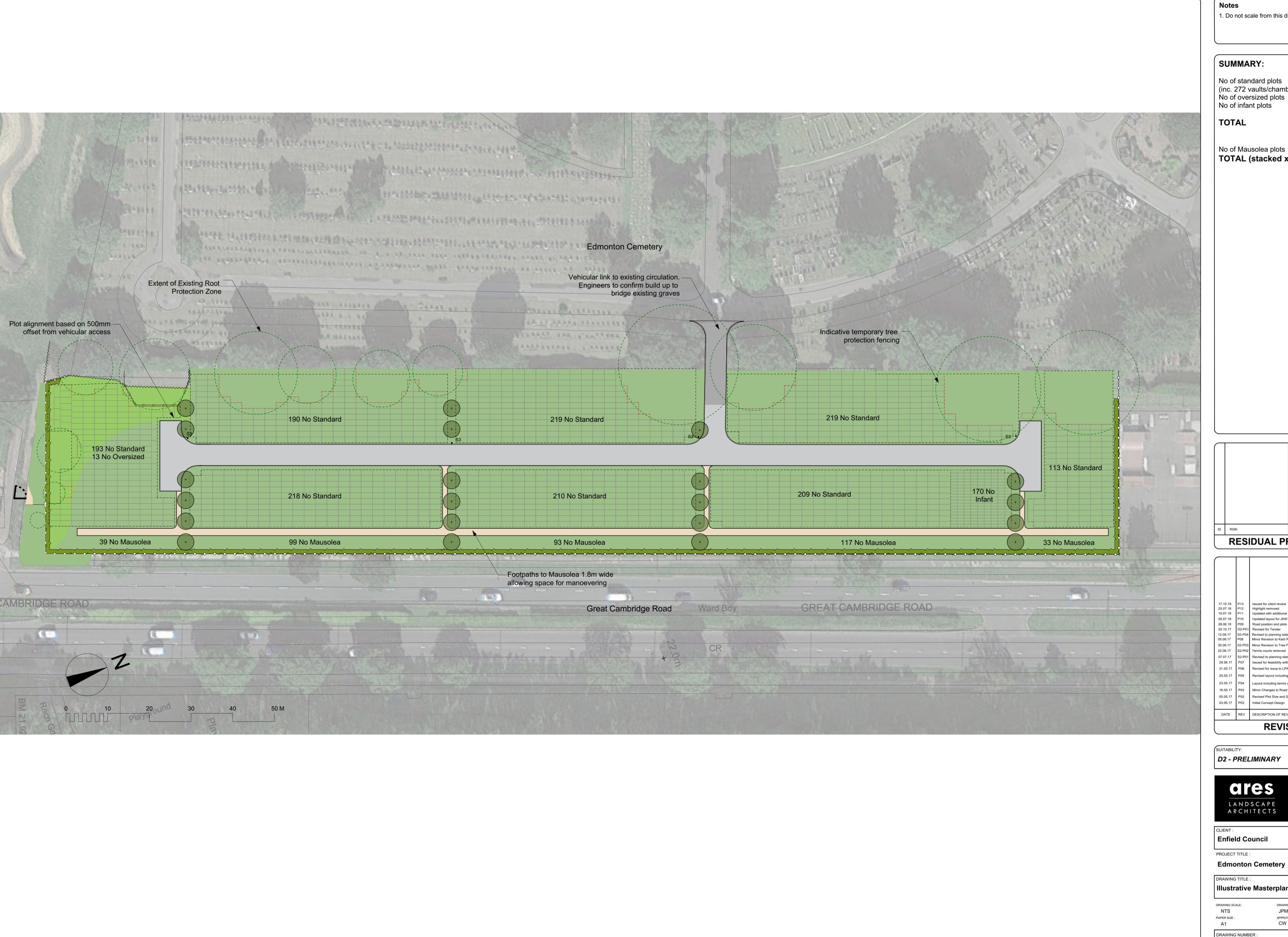
10.1 The development is not CIL liable because there is no additional floorspace created.

#### 11.0 Conclusion

11.1 The proposed variation of condition 2 of the consent granted under 17/03256/RE4 is considered to be relatively minor and will not result in any harm

to the character of the area, highway safety or to the amenity of adjoining dwellings. Furthermore, it is considered they alteration would not in any material increase in the effects of the development especially noting the acknowledged need for burial space when judged against the parent permission.

11.2 As a result, the proposal is recommended for approval



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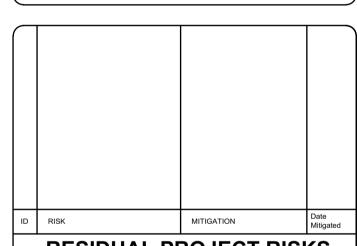
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10.07.18	P11	Updated with additional plots	cw	
05.07.18	P10	Updated layout for JKW and drainage	CC	cw
28.06.18	P09	Road position and plots updated for drainage	CC	cw
20.10.17	D2-P01	Revised for Tender	cw	
12.09.17	S2-P04	Revised to planning status	cw	
05.09.17	P08	Minor Revision to Kerb Radii at Accessway	JM	CW
30.08.17	S2-P03	Minor Revision to Tree Fencing Note	JM	cw
22.08.17	S2-P02	Tennis courts removed	cw	
07.07.17	S2-P01	Revised to planning status	CW	
29.06.17	P07	Issued for feasibility with Arborist	JPM	CW
31.05.17	P06	Revised for issue to LPA	CW	
25.05.17	P05	Revised layout including plot layout	cw	
23.05.17	P04	Layout including tennis courts	cw	
16.05.17	P03	Minor Changes to Road Layout	JPM	cw
05.05.17	P02	Revised Plot Size and General Layout	JPM	CW
03.05.17	P03	Initial Concept Design	JPM	cw
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# REVISIONS

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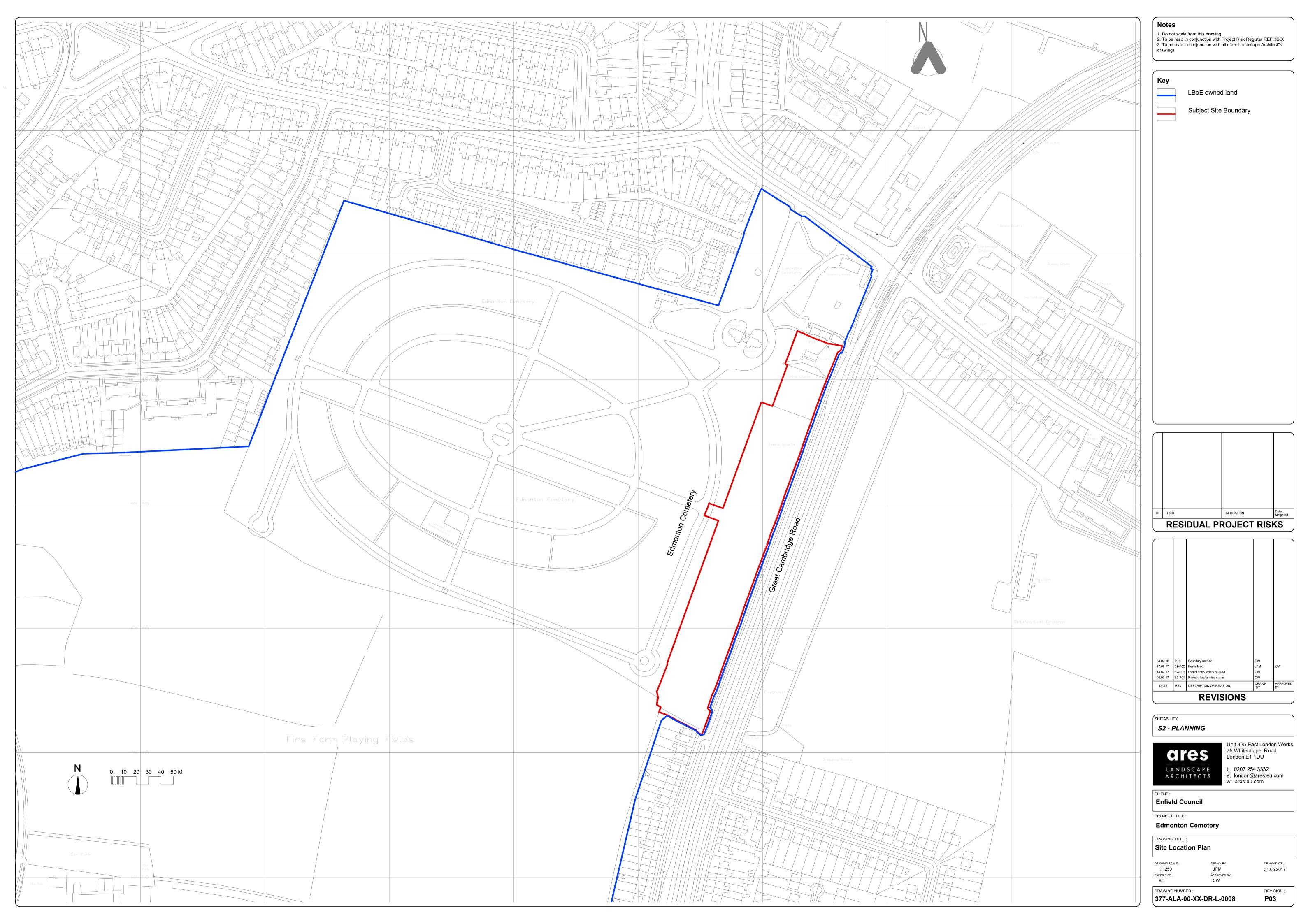
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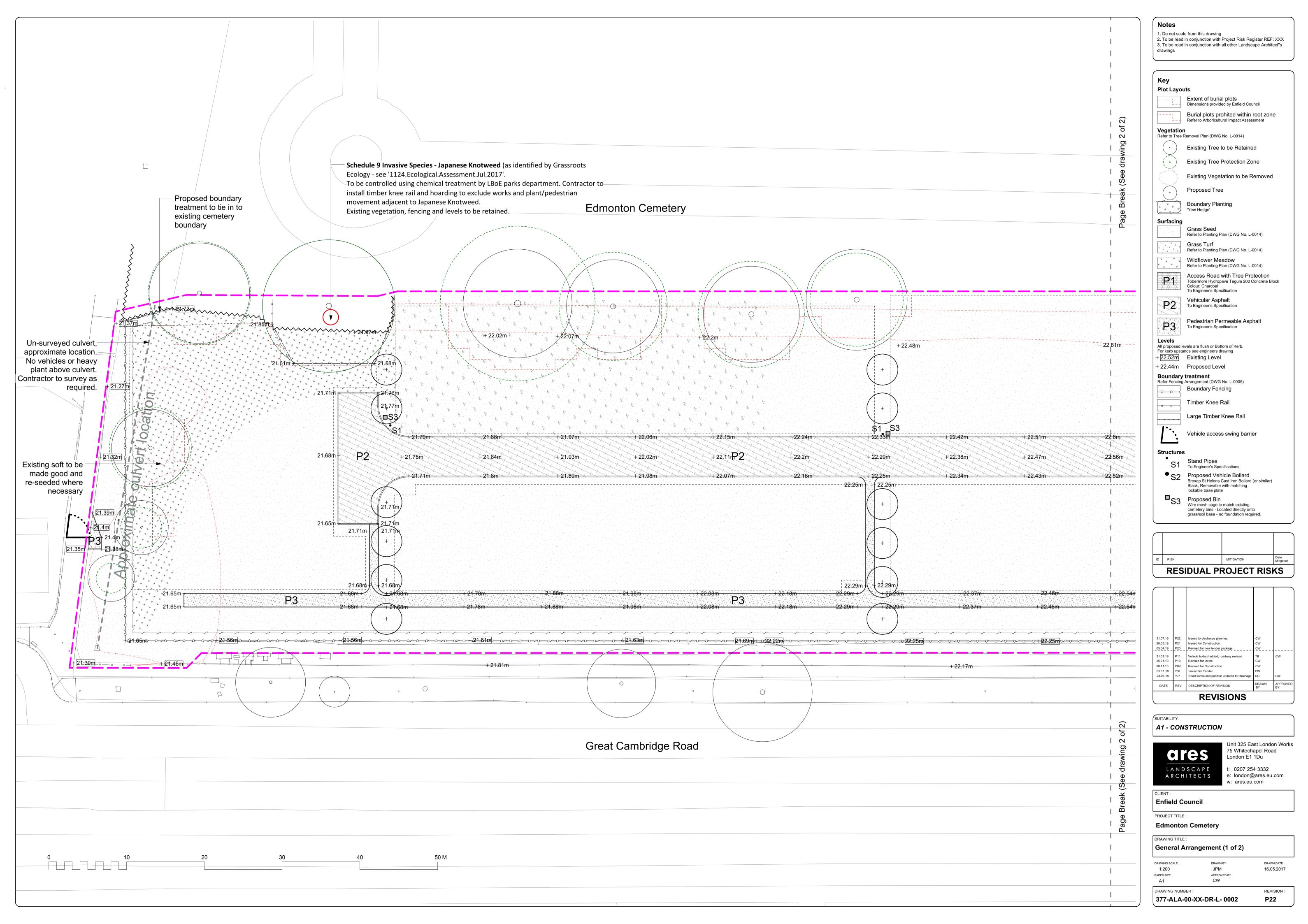
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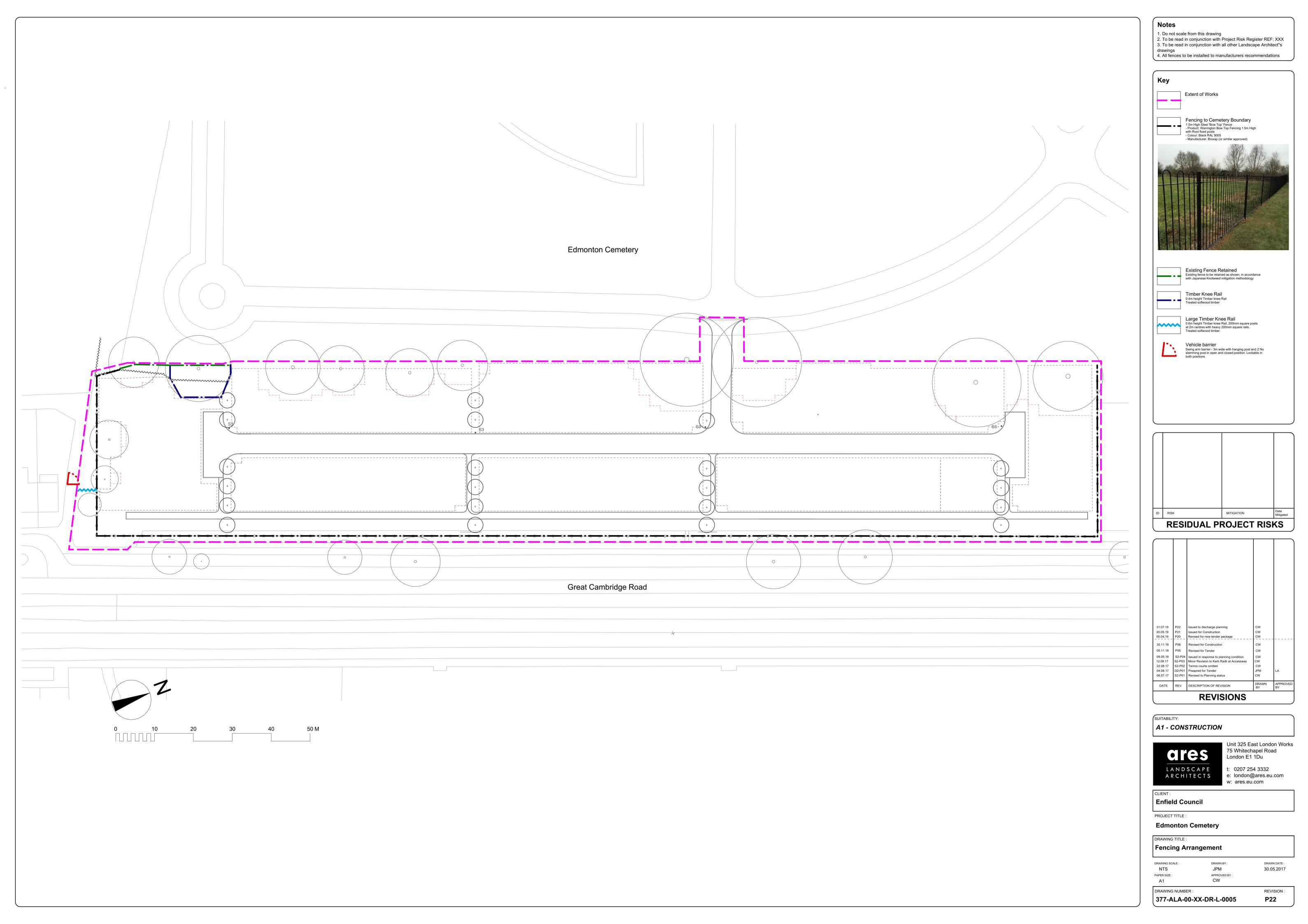
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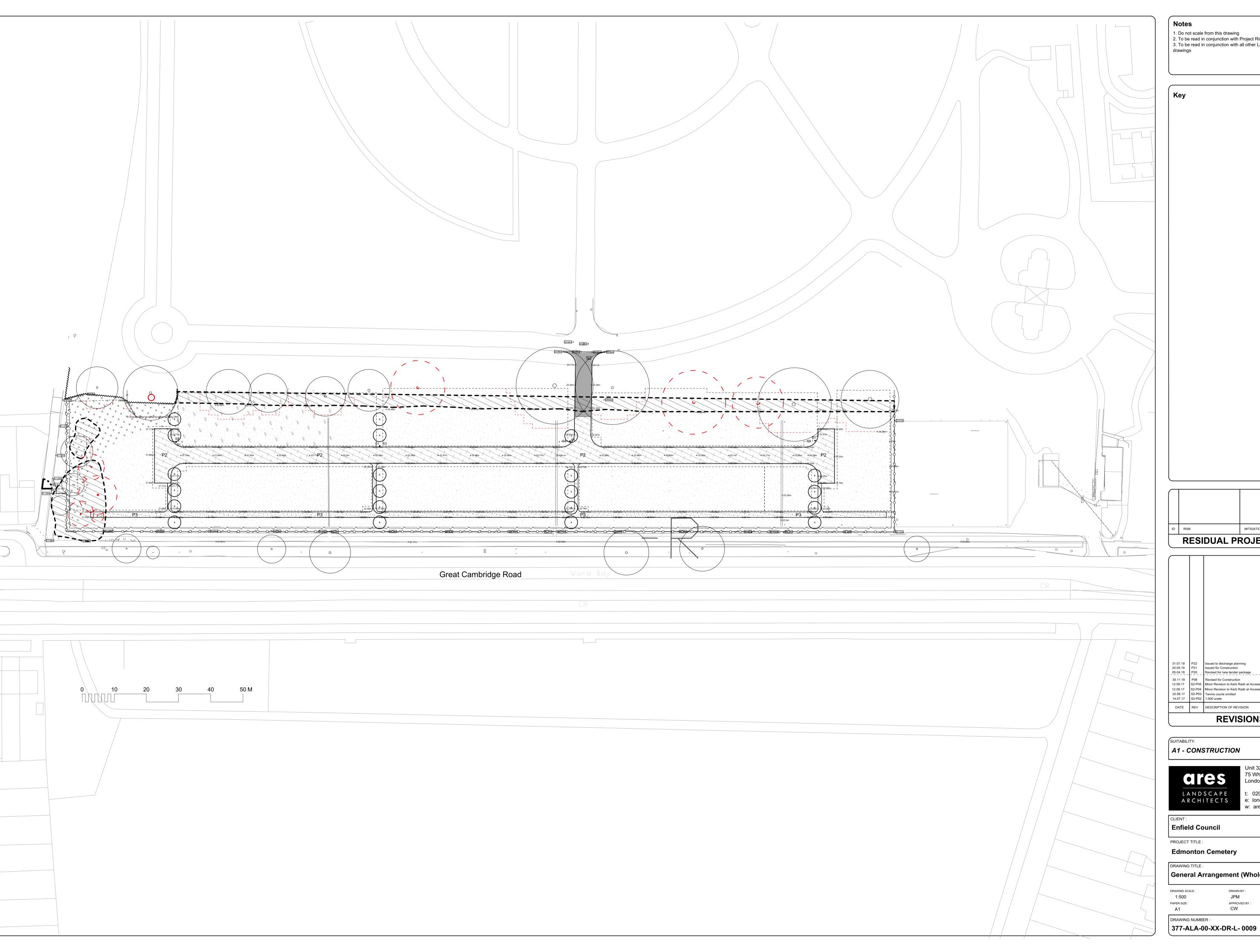
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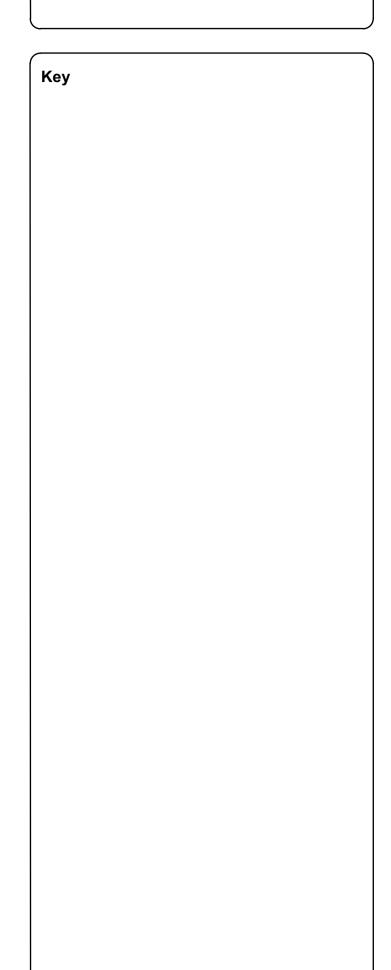


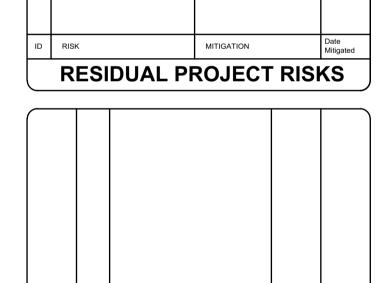


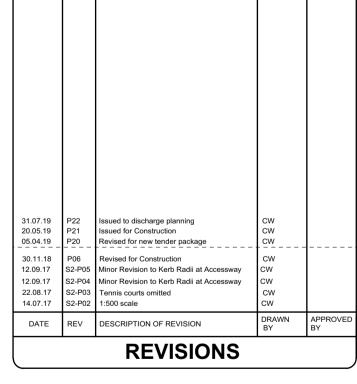




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