



DEAN VALLEY WALKWAY : First Phase Feasibility Study
for Dean Valley Regeneration Limited

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Dean Valley walkway is part of a wider historic designed landscape that includes the three adjacent gardens of Moray Bank Gardens, Dean Gardens and Belgrave Crescent Gardens. The designed landscape – falling within the Edinburgh World Heritage site – is the subject of a Conservation Statement (Peter McGowan Associates July 2015) and a Biodiversity Scoping Study (Sue Bell Ecology July 2016).

This ‘Proposed Dean Valley Renovation: First Phase Feasibility Study’ follows on from these two pieces of work and focuses on the Council-owned pathway (the gardens are not owned and accessed publicly) between Dean Village and St Bernard’s Bridge (see Location Plan on page 4).

The path is an important walking route in north Edinburgh and has in more recent years become a shared cycle and pedestrian path and part of the city’s cycle network.

As identified in the Conservation Statement, elements of the designed landscape are affected by reduced maintenance and management practices, especially within the council-owned area. In particular, self-seeded trees have caused damage to the retaining wall supporting the path, the railings and the footpath surface.

This feasibility study is based on condition surveys of walls, railings and surfacing – identifying damage and surface water drainage issues. Repairs and remedial works are recommended and costed. Costs are presented in a separate document.

NOTE: All plans/drawings included in this report are reduced in size to fit the page size and are not to the scale indicated on the drawing.

1.1 Issue of Final Report

During consultation at draft report stage, the extent of trees proposed for felling was looked at with the CEC Trees and Woodlands Officer in April 2017. The number of trees for felling was generally accepted but a couple of large elm trees were amended in status for this final report submission to be retained and managed rather than felled. It will be essential to physically mark trees proposed for felling and agree this with CEC at the appropriate stage prior to any felling work commencing.

It was noted during the visit with the Trees and Woodland Officer (April 19th 2017) that since the survey associated with this report, felling had already occurred around St Bernard's Well with significant stumps left in place. It was not known who had done this work.

In addition, and since this visit with CEC, tree works have been carried out at the Dean Village end of the path, with ash trees severely cut. A damaged wall, noted for repair in this document, has also recently been pointed, apparently with cement and not lime mortar.

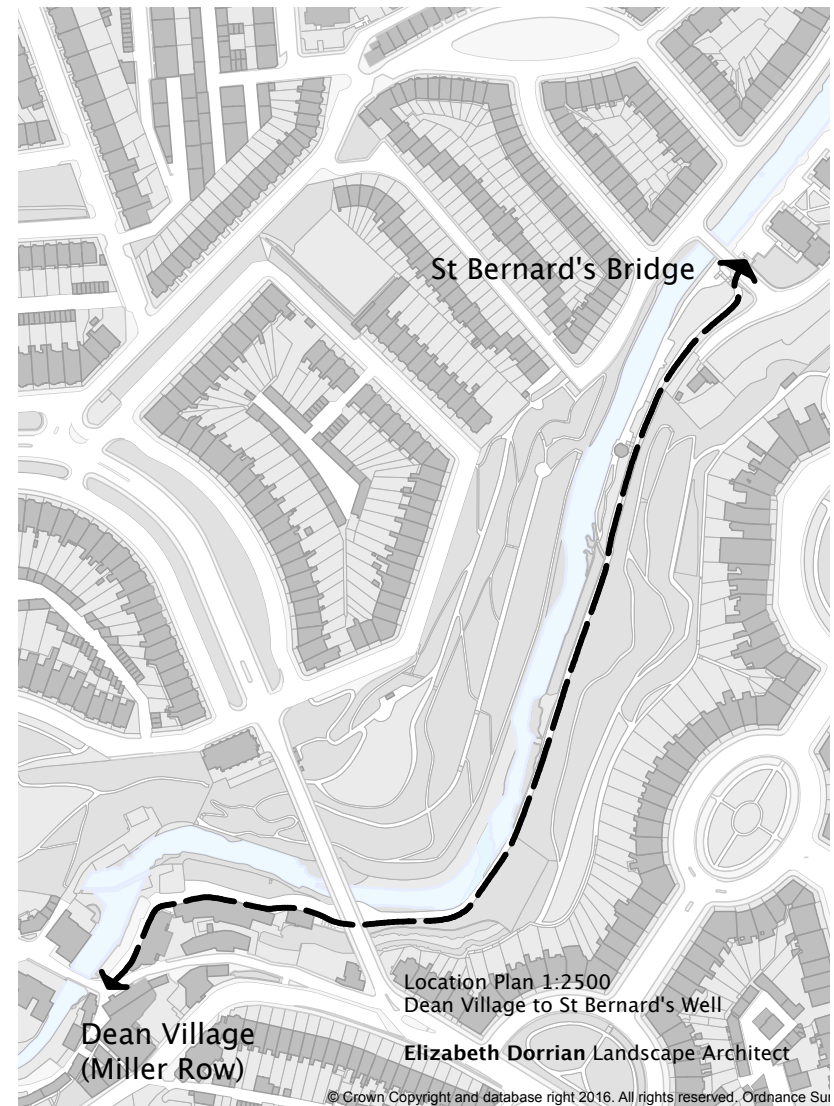
It is apparent that – whilst work is being done – a co-ordinated approach is urgently needed to avoid the further detriment of this World Heritage designed landscape.



Tree cutting carried out near Lindsay's Mill since this survey
(Photo June 16th 2017)



Wall repair carried out since this survey
(Photo June 16th 2017)



2.0 SURVEYS

The site was visited four or five times between December 2016 and February 2017. The earliest time visited was 9am and the latest time approximately 2.30pm, all on weekdays.

Surveys were carried out to meet requirements of the brief but also informal observations on use of the pathway were made. During these times on site the path was in constant use but numbers of users varied with greater numbers in the period mid-morning to lunchtime. The users included cyclists – mostly single but at least one ‘recreational’ group – joggers, dog-walkers, adults with pre-school age children, recreational walkers and walkers obviously using the route to reach a destination. No conflicts of users were observed with the single exception of a cyclist entering the path below St Bernard’s Bridge from Saunders Street and not being aware of pedestrians walking down from the upper path. This could be solved by placing an obstruction (bollard) below the bridge forcing cyclists to move out and away from the end of the upper footpath.

Since the surveys were conducted, some felling of trees has been carried out in the proximity of St Bernard’s Well. The tree survey included in Appendix Four is therefore already out of date. Another tree (T2 in this study) has been severely cut since the survey and presents an ugly view. Clearance of ivy along the railing base has also been carried out in places since the survey period.

2.1 PARAPET AND LANDSCAPE WALLS

Natural stone walls are a feature of the path at the Dean Village end and they are of varied condition. Damage has occurred in places as a consequence of invasive tree roots and along some stretches pointing has deteriorated. Some repairs have been carried out previously with cement mortar and it is important that lime mortar is used in any future work. Survey information and recommended repairs are recorded in **Appendix One**.

2.2 RAILINGS

A survey of railings was carried out in terms of repairs needed and is presented later in this report (**Appendix Two**). It is confirmed that the height of the railings – 1.4m – meets the guidance for railing height beside a cycleway.

2.3 PATH ROUTE AND SURFACING

The pathway itself must function successfully in terms of facility to both cyclists and pedestrians. It is well-used because it works both as a practical route and as a picturesque route.

Problems with the walkway are currently down to, a) poor surface water drainage in specific locations, b) leaf litter building up and covering the surface which in turn holds more water, c) damage to the path surface by tree roots, and d) conflict between cyclists and pedestrians.

Guidance from Sustrans about shared cycle and pedestrian routes is summarised in **Appendix Six**.

2.3.1 Pathway width

The walkway currently meets the recommended minimum 3m width of a shared route along most of its length and averages 3.2m. The section where it is less than 3m is on the newest section of path linking upper and lower routes at St Bernard's Bridge. Here it is 2m, made to feel narrower by the inward curve of the railing. This link offers the barrier-free route to connect the path with Stockbridge and in this capacity has to be shared.



Grass verge to main path at St Bernard's Well



Link path

The only opportunity to widen the main path is in the location of St Bernard's Well where there is a grass verge on the side adjacent to the gardens (ref photo on previous page). It is advised however that the visual amenity of having a grass verge here outweighs the physical benefits of widening the path (which is still within the minimum recommendation) albeit that the grass suffers from overrun.

Recommended removal of ivy from the base of railings especially around St Bernard's Well (Appendix Two) will have the effect of making the pathway feel wider.

Guidance does not recommend that a shared route of the average 3.2m width available be segregated i.e. no surface demarcation for separating cyclists and walkers; the width would need to be a minimum of 7m for this to be successful.

With regard to the link path currently narrower than 3m – the least intrusive means of widening this section would be to re-position the handrail so that it sits approximately 300mm further from the path edge. The curve on the top rail means it would still function effectively, but it would physically increase the width of the pathway to some degree. With this option no increase on the actual surfacing would be necessary, simply a footing at each post. If the path were to be widened to 3m it would be a significant operation and the path would begin to look out of proportion at this location. Having a restricted width could be regarded as a benefit by reducing speeds on this sloped section of the path.

2.3.2 Pathway Surface

In terms of surfacing, the existing surface – black tarmac – is one of the most appropriate. Consideration has been given to some of the other recommended surfaces. For example, a lighter aggregate resin-bonded finish would lighten the feel of the path (already noted as having a dark, damp feel) but it has a high initial cost, would wear off in time leaving a patchy appearance and repairs would inevitably show up. In addition, a sensible means of maintaining and cleaning the footpath surface would be use of a pavement sweeper and this would reduce the lifespan of a resin-bonded aggregate finish. It is advised that the existing surface is in a good enough condition along its length to be subject to local repairs only where necessary. In time, more general re-surfacing may need to be carried out.

Cyclist feedback (1 email comment) advises that the link path at St Bernard's Bridge which is surfaced with resin-bonded aggregate is in fact more slippery than other sections of the path in icy conditions. It may be prudent to re-surface this section with tarmac to match the rest of the path when the existing surface reaches the end of its lifespan.

Sett surfacing at the Dean Village entrance was considered for alteration but it was concluded that it is in good enough condition to not require re-laying and that its localised settlement and potential slippery surface will in fact be advantageous in slowing cyclist speeds.

The section of pathway under the Dean Bridge and past Randolph Cliff is reported as being particularly slippery in winter conditions. Improved surface water drainage around Dean Bridge will alleviate this but signs warning of winter ice would be advisable (see section 3.0).

The area immediately below the Dean Bridge is very wide and more like a vehicle road space. Sketch proposals are included in **Appendix Five** illustrating an option for visually reducing the width of this space, tied in with improving the condition and appearance of the banking below the bridge. This has not been costed as part of this exercise.

Surface repairs recommended and costed as part of this study are outlined in **Appendix Three**.

2.4 SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE

Proposals for surface water drainage improvements are based on the use of whin sett channels, both improving those that are already there (re-laying or re-routing) and adding additional channels in. This is a low-intervention method that uses the existing palette of materials and open ditched channels are easy to maintain – a pavement sweeper can be used effectively. This choice of approach also doubles up as a means of slowing cyclist speeds; a number of channels are introduced across the path at the Dean Bridge end thus introducing a ‘rumble strip’ effect on what is a straight length of path where speed could be built up.

Details of the proposals are included in the drawings in **Appendix Three**.

2.5 RETAINING WALLS

The condition of the main retaining walls supporting the path is affected in a number of places by trees growing within the structure. Remedial work is noted on drawings included in **Appendix Three**.

2.6 TREES

Old photographs and prints of the Dean Valley indicate that tree cover was confined to the valley sides with no trees growing in the river channel itself. This is a dramatic difference from today's landscape where many trees are growing on the water margin and within walls and structures along the river side. But today's landscape is important as wildlife habitat within the city, supported by council policy, so tree clearance to the extent required to restore the designed landscape is not an option and would not be desirable.

At present, City of Edinburgh Council have only a small number of existing trees along the pathway numbered and surveyed based on condition in relation to health and safety issues for trees growing in public places.

The Conservation Statement recommends that a comprehensive tree survey and management plan be carried out for the Dean Valley designed landscape to include all trees both in Council ownership and within the gardens.

The scope of this feasibility study does not cover the scale of tree survey required to meet this recommendation; instead, trees that are causing damage to structures and surfacing have been identified and noted for removal or management.

City of Edinburgh Council's 'Trees in the City Action Plan' notes in policy 9 that the council will not carry out works to trees, or fell them unless it is necessary to do so. When works are carried out the reasons for the work shall be documented and recorded. Policy 14 allows for making safe unacceptable trip hazards.

A table noting the trees observed during this study records reasons for any proposed removal (Ref **Appendix Four**) i.e. whether the tree is causing damage to surfacing, railings and/or walls.

The resultant list of trees has been cross-referenced with recommendations in the Biodiversity Scoping Study and the Conservation Statement. Many of the trees noted for removal are small, sapling trees with the aim of preventing future damage and their contribution to habitat and landscape are currently limited due to their small size. Other, larger trees will have an impact on tree cover and habitat but their removal will not by any means result in a bald landscape; tree cover along the river corridor will be maintained, highlighted as beneficial to bats. No trees growing at lower levels on banking (as opposed to structures) have been identified for removal, thus maintaining the valuable habitat associated with these e.g. fish spawning sites amongst exposed tree roots; holts, resting sites and general cover for otters at water level, and; perches for kingfishers.

One tree listed for 'management' (T47) is noted in the Biodiversity Scoping Study target note 21 (photo location 31) as being a low-moderate potential bat roost and will need to be assessed more closely prior to any tree surgery work. Indeed, in line with recommendations in the Biodiversity Scoping Study, all trees noted for removal in this proposal should be assessed by an ecologist and considered in terms of habitat value, especially as potential bat roosts, before removal.

Removal of trees recommended within this report do not specifically address views in the designed landscape but will inevitably open up the river views and can be seen as a first phase to be followed by another assessment specifically about views.

Removal of the trees on this list will also help to 'lighten' the walkway which currently has a damp and dark feel all year round, but will not distract from the enjoyment of walking amongst trees.

CEC's Trees and Woodland Officer has looked at the list of trees proposed for removal and – after a couple of amendments included in this final version of the report – is in general agreement. They advise that it is essential that trees are physically marked at the time of any proposed felling and checked with the Woodland Officer prior to work commencing.

City of Edinburgh Council's 'Trees in the City Action Plan' notes in policy 40 that the Council will endeavour to maintain its tree stock. It would be possible to plant new trees in the area of the former Greenland Mill, introducing further native species.

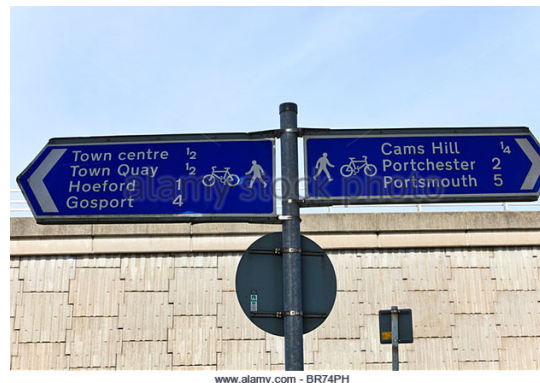
Positioning of any new trees here would need to be considered in relation to the rock face of Randolph Cliff; this feature is important to the picturesque landscape and the ultimate aim would be to clear vegetation from the rock itself in order to re-reveal its dramatic nature. Trees planted near the base should not obscure this feature in the long term and species with a shorter ultimate height such as alder and wild cherry should be considered.

3.0 SIGNING

The main need for improved signing appears to be to make it clear that the path is for shared use by both pedestrians and cyclists. Simple signing at access points in the same style as other city-wide cycle/path route signing should be introduced (Directional Signs) and additional signing (Information Signs) along the route should be placed as reminders that the route is shared and for cyclists to use a bell as well as warning of icy winter conditions. Refer to Plan in **Appendix Seven**.



Existing sign at Dean Village access – no reference to cycle use



Standard signs used on shared cycle and pedestrian routes



4.0 STREET FURNITURE

There are a number of benches at the St Bernard's Well end of the path where there is more space and it would not be appropriate to introduce any more along the main length. There is the opportunity to replace a missing bench close to St Bernard's Well but it is not an ideal location and removing the remains of the tarmac plat would be more appropriate.

There are two different styles of bench in use. The standard Council-favoured style is located on the lower level by St Bernard's Well and when this area is looked at in more detail (recommendations in the Conservation Statement are for this area to be restored to the layout of 1888) the style of bench should be re-considered.



Bench on upper path



Standard Council-style bench on lower path

Litter bins are limited to each end of the path and this is appropriate given the impracticality of access for emptying. Likewise there are no specific dog waste bins along the length of the path. Despite this limited provision there was no sign of dog waste and minimal litter noted during the survey periods.

5.0 LIGHTING OF THE WALKWAY

The walkway is currently unlit and this has been the case throughout its history.

A recent, albeit limited, survey of local residents recorded the desire of some participants for lighting along the path and because the path is part of the cycling infrastructure of the city, Sustrans recommend lighting.

Any lighting proposals must take into consideration the following:

- a) The path is part of a designed landscape within the Edinburgh World Heritage site and requires design sensitivity.
- b) The woodland and river habitats are important in the biodiversity of the city and any intervention must not adversely affect habitat.
- c) Introduction of power to this relatively remote landscape will be costly.

5.1 LIGHTING PROPOSALS

It can be argued that there is no place for lighting in terms of preserving the habitat and upholding the character of a very unique 'nature' experience in the heart of the city but also because this is a route of choice for users, rather than necessity, with no residential properties accessed from it.

A low-key solution and one requiring no electrical installation is that of solar-powered ground stud lighting (ref. **Appendix Eight**). These have been used on the Union Canal towpath in the west of Edinburgh by CEC. The towpath is a Heritage site also requiring similar sensitivity similar to the Dean Valley walkway. Here the ground studs are spaced at 10m intervals.

It is proposed that most of the length of the walkway has ground stud lights on both sides defining the edges of the path, and with red studs at the location of the raised sett crossings which prevent a potential hazard in the dark.

At the Dean Path end of the pathway lighting is proposed as recessed in to the existing stone boundary walls with power sourced from street lighting on Bells Brae.

It is also proposed that a light is fixed on the underside of St Bernard's Bridge, and that two are fixed on to the Dean Bridge; these will require planning/listed building consent.

5.2 LIGHTING SPECIFICATION

A specification and outline method of work can be found in **Appendix Eight**.

6.0 ST BERNARD'S BRIDGE TO STOCKBRIDGE

This stretch of the path is along Saunders Street, a residential no through road with limited traffic but significant numbers of parked vehicles.

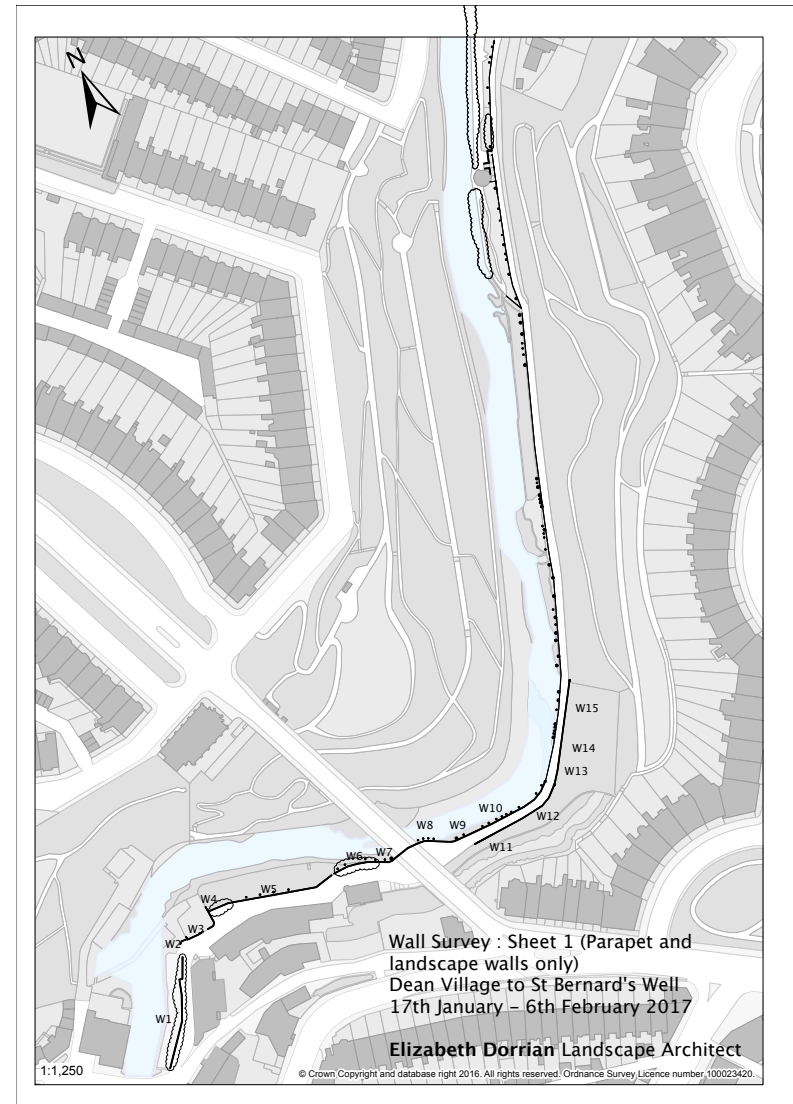
It would be desirable to keep cyclists on the road surface and not on the pavement.

The pedestrian experience on the pavement can be improved by re-locating large refuse hoppers on to the street side rather than the river side where they currently create an obstruction. Projections of the pavement between parking bays could be removed, a new street level surfacing such as setts put in place and bins located here, thus removing the obstruction but also avoiding the need to access the pavement for emptying the bins.

There is a pedestrian pinch point at the corner of Stockbridge where the pavement is relatively narrow. Widening the pavement here, and thus narrowing the vehicle junction width, would not be recommended as it will create difficulties for larger vehicles turning left from Saunders Street. A table junction i.e. 'wall to wall' surfacing at pavement level – taking away kerb lines – could be considered and designed in such a way that it would also benefit the weekly Sunday Market.

Tree removal from the river retaining wall is required along this stretch also, on both left and right bank.

APPENDIX ONE: Parapet and Landscape Walls Survey



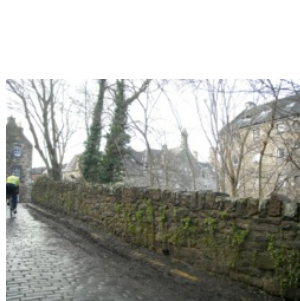
WALL SURVEY 17th January – 6th February 2017

To be read in conjunction with **Wall Survey Sheet 1** and **Wall Survey Photo Sheet**

NOTE: All wall repairs to be carried out using lime mortar

Ref. No	Comments	Proposals
W1	Max 1.45m high. Patchy pointing. Live tree stumps damaging top of wall	Remove cope, clear stumps, replace cope and re-point east face of wall - approx 24 lm
W2	Part of Lindsay's Mill, not included in survey.	-
W3	Part of Lindsay's Mill, not included in survey.	-
W4	Part of Lindsay's Mill, not included in survey but live tree stumps still in wall.	-
W5	42m of wall .85m- 1.1m high with rounded cope.	Re-point 9.5 lm within overall length
W6	12m of av. 1.1m high wall with rounded cope covered by vigorous ivy	Remove ivy and re-point as necessary
W7	Wall .8m high lifted and damaged by adjacent tree.	Re-build 5m length
W8	Wall .94m high lifted and damaged by adjacent tree.	Re-build 2m length
W9	Wall 1.03m highlifted and damaged by adjacent tree.	Re-build 3.5m
W10	Wall 1.15m high lifted and damaged by adjacent tree & generally poor pointing	Re-build 2m length and re-point along 35 lm
W11	Retaining wall 1.07m high with missing cope over 11m	Fit rounded cope to match existing
W12	38m retaining wall 1.34m high with cope. Patchy pointing.	Re-point
W13	17m retaining wall .65m high with no cope and lower than adjacent wall	Build up to 1.15m incl. rounded cope
W14	Retaining wall 1.15m high with cope	-
W15	31m retaining wall .65m high, flat concrete cope and lower than adjacent wall.	Build up to 1.15m incl. rounded cope

WALL SURVEY AND REPAIRS – parapet and landscape walls. For retaining walls refer to Engineer's drawings.
To be read in conjunction with **Wall Survey Sheet 1** and **Wall Survey and Repairs**



W1



W1



W2



W3



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W5



W6



W7



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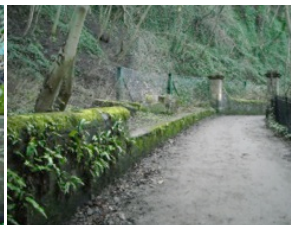
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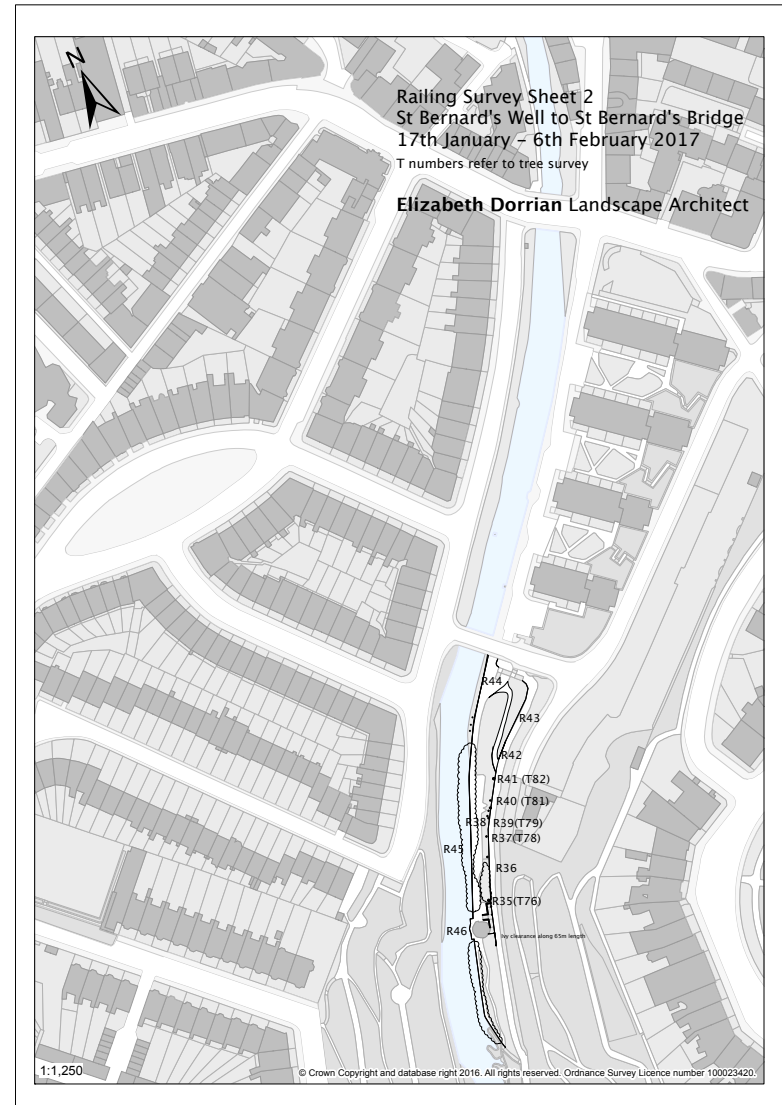
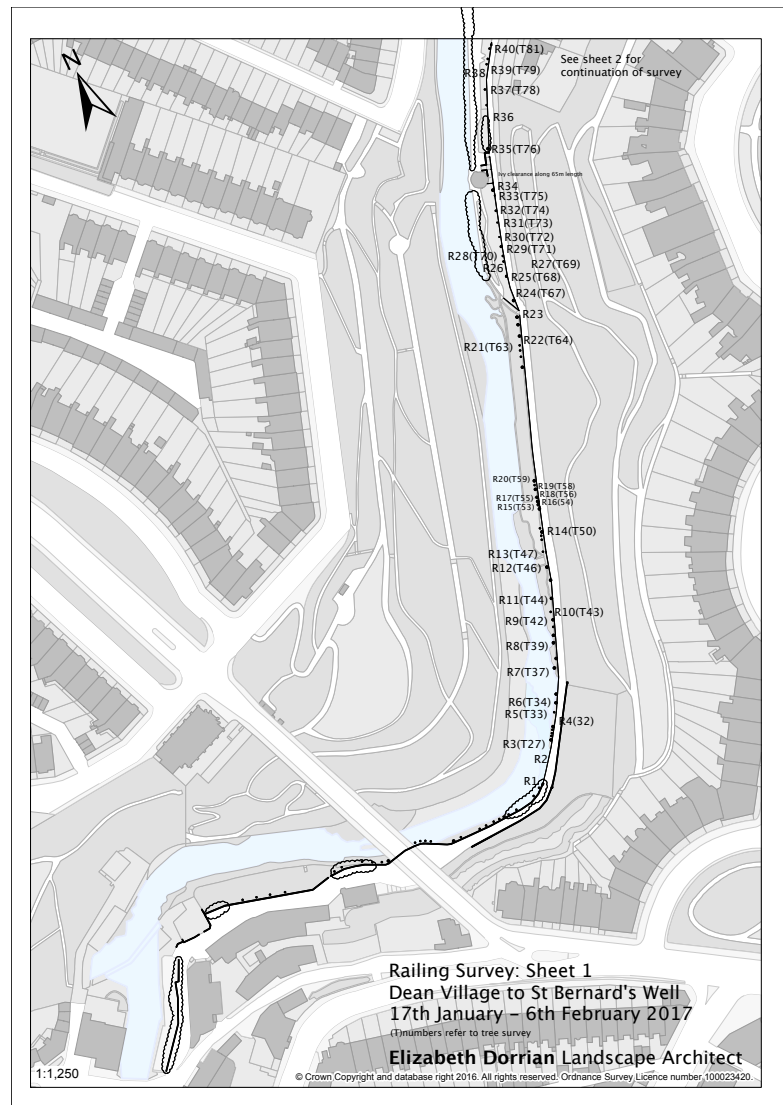


W13 and 14



W15

APPENDIX TWO: Railing Survey



RAILING SURVEY 17th January – 6th February 2017

To be read in conjunction with Railing Survey Sheets 1 and 2, Railing Survey Photo Sheet and Tree Survey

Standard railing panel is 1.84m long (See photos of other styles)
 Uprights are 20mm diam with pointed top @ 103mm centres and 1400mm high
 Posts and rails are 50mm flat bar with decorative finial
 Base rail is 50mm angle bar
 Panels are bolt-fixed to uprights, allowing dismantling for repair/re-setting
 Following repair, all railings to be cleaned and re-painted



Ref. No	Comments	Proposals
R1	Broken bolt at fixing with pillar	Re-place bolt
R2	5no unmatched uprights	Re-place uprights with new to match
R3	2 no panels lifted Ash tree (T27) close to railings	Remove tree and re-align railings
R4	1 panel lifted Ash tree (T32) in base of railings	Remove tree and re-align railings
R5	Beginning to lift 1 panel. Elm(T33) in base of railings	Remove tree and re-align railings
R6	No damage but sappling (T34) in base of railing	Remove sappling
R7	4no panels lifted. Large elm (T37) close by.	Remove tree and re-align railings
R8	2 panels lifting. Elm (T39) growing in base.	Remove tree and re-align railings
R9	2 panels and base lifting. Elm tree (T42) growing in to railings.	Remove tree and re-align railings
R10	Elm (T43) growing through back support	Remove one trunk affecting railing
R11	Sycamore (T44) growing on rail support stone	Remove tree & stabilise support stone
R12	2 panels lifting. Caused by large elm tree with basal growth (T46)	Retain tree and re-align railings
R13	2 panels lifted by large sycamore (T47)	Tree to be managed, re-align railings
R14	3 panels lifted. Caused by Elm (T50)	Remove elm tree (retain ash tree growing with elm) and re-align railings
R15	3 panels lifted. Caused by Elm (T53)	Remove tree and re-align railings
R16	Elm (T54) growing in base; no current damage to railings	Remove tree to prevent future damage
R17	Elm (T55) growing in base; no current damage to railings	Remove tree to prevent future damage

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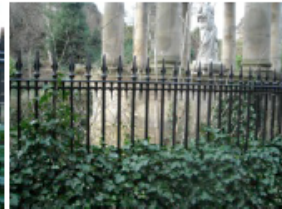
R18	3 panels lifted and bowed towards river caused by Ash (T56) and	Remove tree and re-shape railings
R19	Sycamore (T58) damaging base of railing; part of damage as R18	Remove tree and re-shape railings
R20	Base and 1 panel lifted caused by re-sprouting elm stump (T59)	Remove tree and re-align railings
R21	2 panels lifted. Caused by Ash (T63)	Remove tree and re-align railings
R22	Re-sprouting elm stump (T64) causing 2 panels to lift	Remove tree and re-align railings
R23	Railings beside river access in good condition	
R24	Elm (T67) beginning to lift 1 panel	Remove tree and re-align railings
R25	Support post base dislodged and causing two unstable panels	Repair stonework below base (ref. Engineer's dwg)
R26	Part of finial lost and 1 complete panel mis-matched	Repair finial and replace uprights
R27	Elm (T69) beginning to lift railing base and bending top rail	Remove tree and re-align railings
R28	Elm tree (T70) lifting 2 panels	Remove tree and re-align railings
R29	Elder (T71) growing at base of railing	Remove tree
R30	Elder (T72) lifting one panel	Remove tree
R31	Elder (T73) growing at base of railing	Remove tree
R32	Elder (T74) growing through railings	Remove tree
R33	Elder (T75) growing at base of railing	Remove tree
	Base of railings covered in ivy growth, holding moisture against metalwork	Clear ivy along 65m length
R34	Railings between stone pillars in good condition	
R35	Re-growth from tree stump (T76) pushing up rail	Remove stump
R36	Single upright bent	Replace 1 upright
R37	Elder (T78) growing into railing – no damage yet	Remove tree
R38	Concrete base broken away at rear	Repair base (ref. Engineer's dwg)
R39	Sapling ash(T79) and sycamore (T80) lifting 1 panel	Remove trees and re-align railings
R40	Multi-stemmed elm (T81) lifting path and concrete railing base	Remove tree & repair base (ref. Engineer's dwg)
R41	Ash tree (T82) growing through railings	Remove tree and repair uprights/re-align panel
R42	6 new panels in good condition	
R43	Railings in good condition	
R44	4no missing finials on 'feature' railings	Replace finials with copy of original
R45	Horizontal tubular style railings in good condition.	Ivy removal from river-side over 30m total length
R46	Decorative railing panels in good condition	







R33(T75)



R34



R35(T76)



R36



R37(T78)



R38



R39 (T79 and T80)



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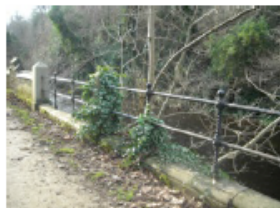
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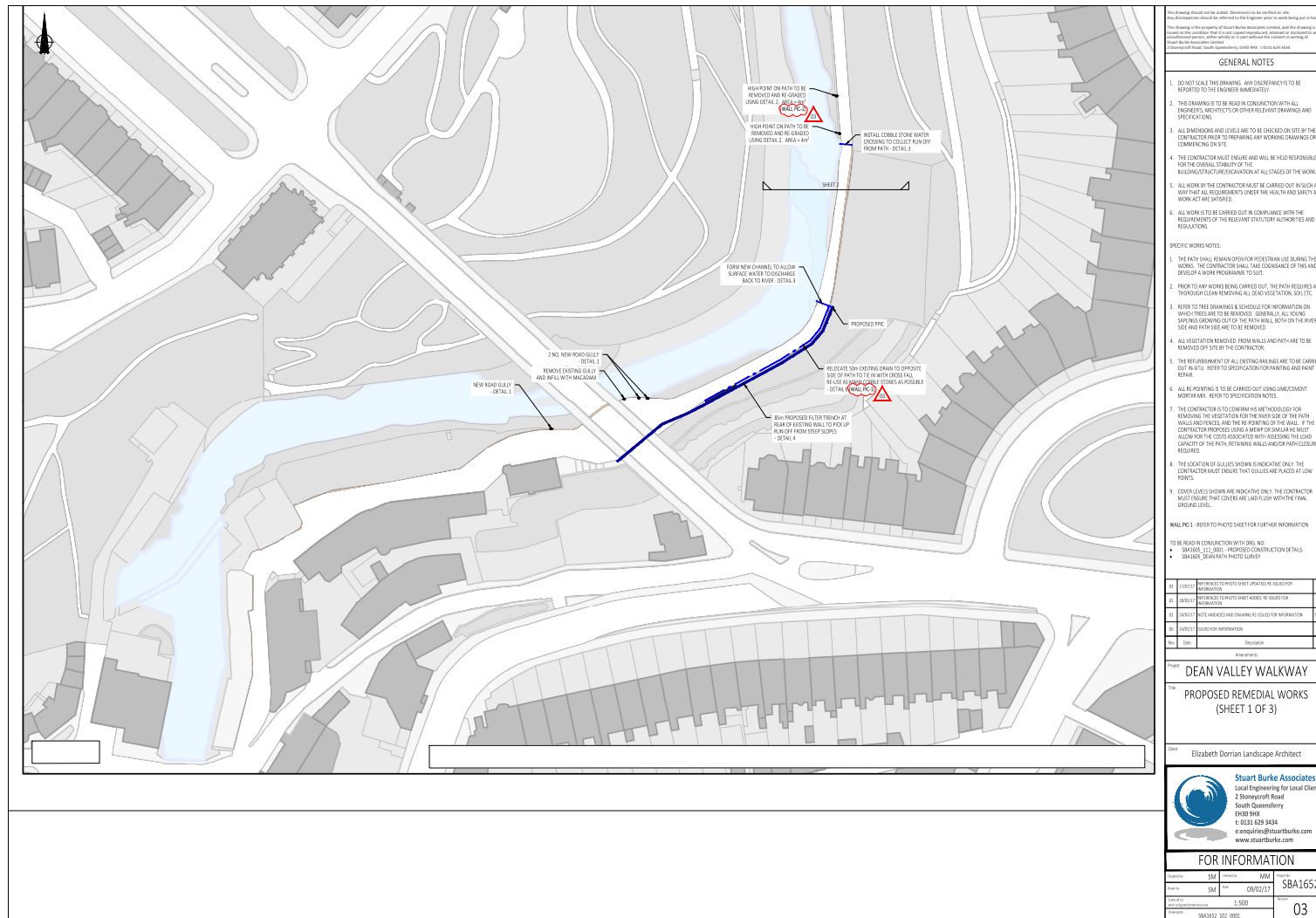
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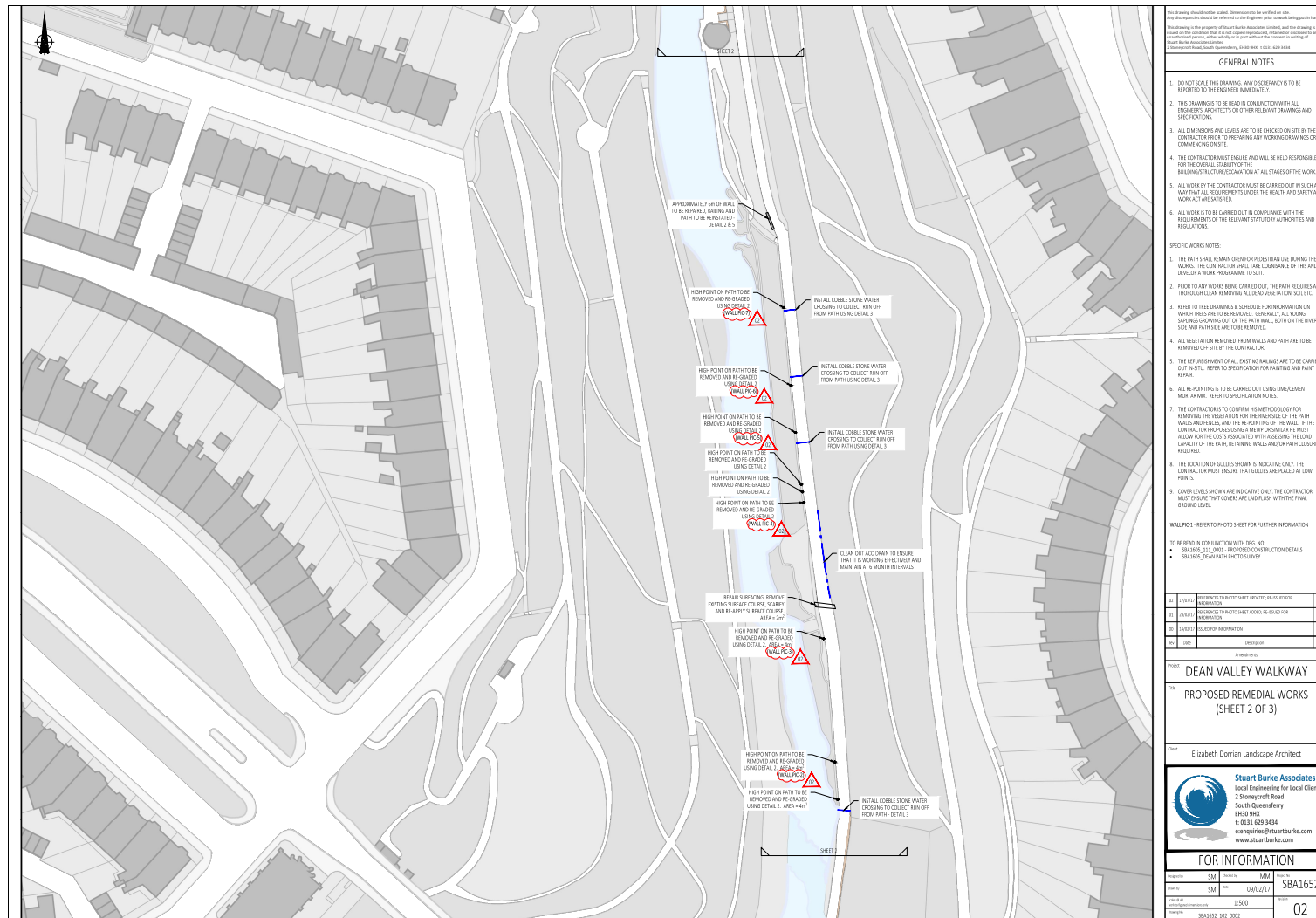


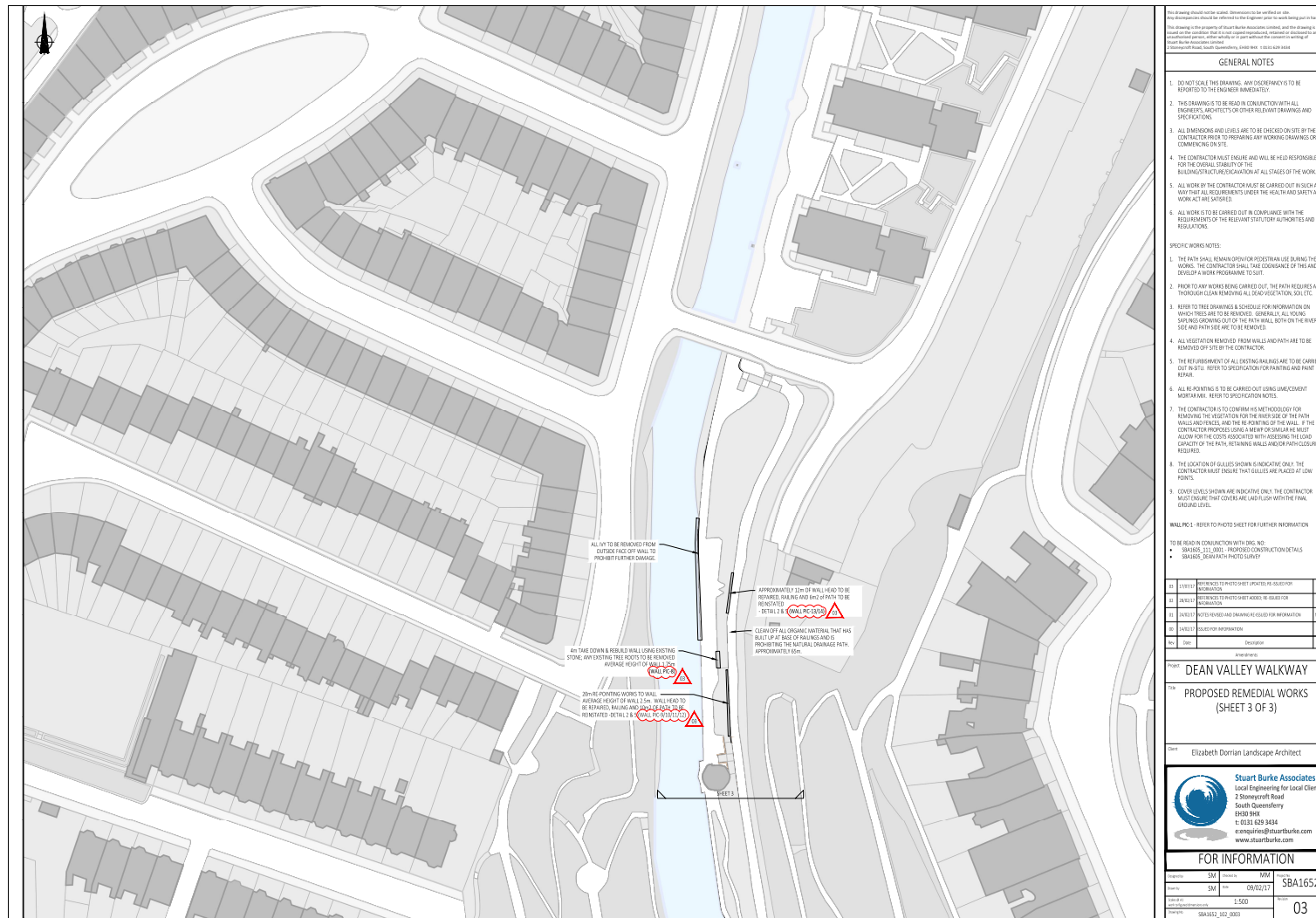
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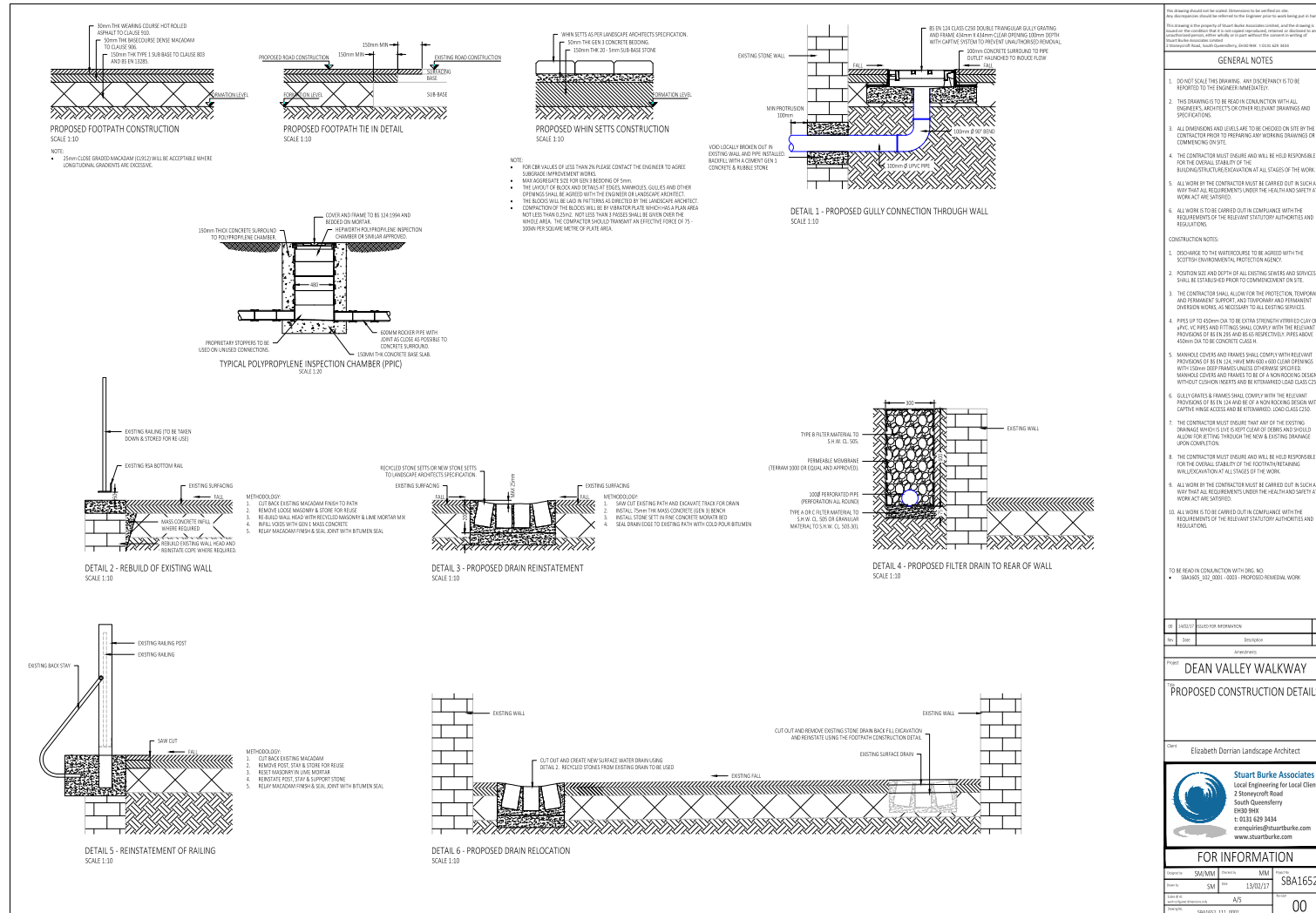
APPENDIX THREE: Surfacing, Drainage and Structural Walls

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Wall Pic-2



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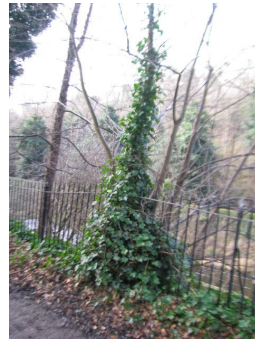
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Wall Pic-10



Wall Pic-11



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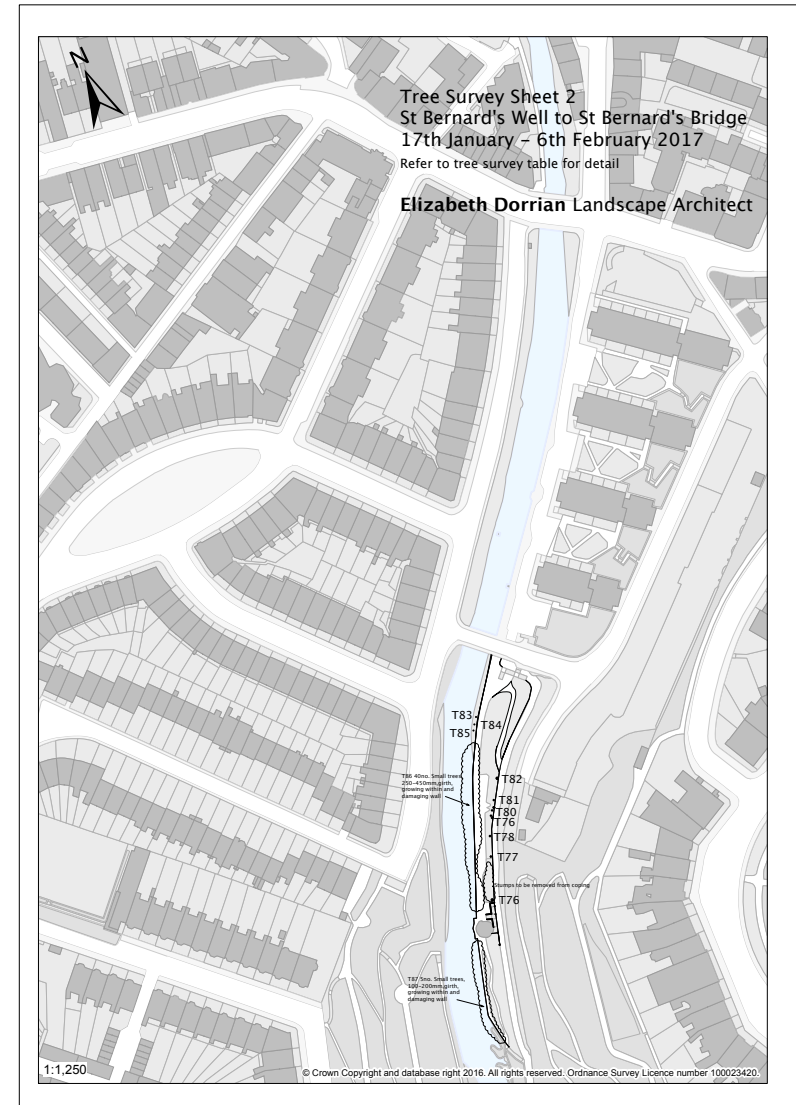
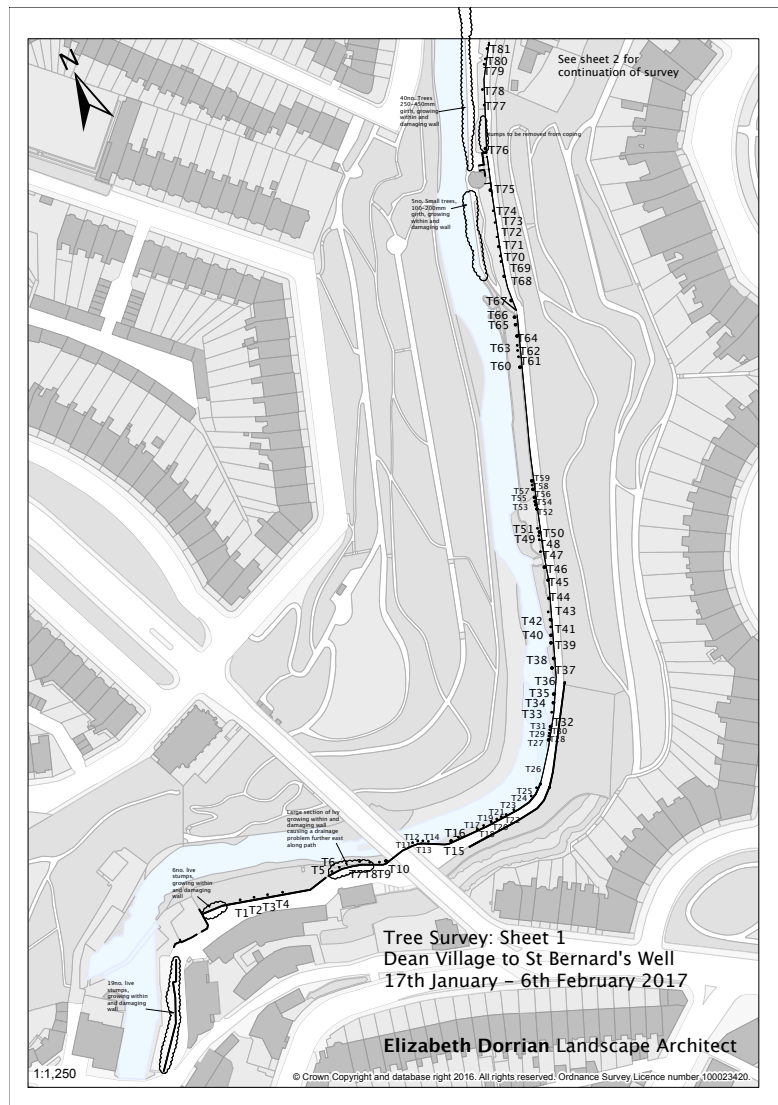


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APPENDIX FOUR: Trees



TREE SURVEY 17th January – 6th February 2017

To be read in conjunction with Tree Survey Sheets 1 and 2

NOTE : No trees were physically numbered or tagged and when works are to be carried out this exercise must be done and agreed by City of Edinburgh Council prior to any felling

Tree (No.)	Species	Approx Girth (mm)	Corresponding ref no. on CEC Easytreev Survey	Damaging Wall	Damaging Railing	Damaging Footpath	Comments	Action
T1	Elm (<i>Ulmus glabra</i>)	500		✓			Growing within and causing damage to wall	To be removed
T2	Ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)	550					Ivy covered, leaning towards building	Main limb leaning towards building to be removed Since survey, tree has been severely cut back by others
T3	Ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>) Sapling	150–200		✓			Growing within and causing damage to wall	To be removed
T4	Ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>) Sapling	150–200		✓			Growing within and causing damage to wall	To be removed
T5	Ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)	200		✓			Not growing within wall, but in close proximity	Retain tree
T6	Ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)	200		✓			Not growing within wall, but in close proximity	Retain tree
T7	Ash (<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>)	800–900		✓			Blocking views of bridge and damaging wall. Ivy could cause wind sail effect.	To be removed

T8	Elm (Ulmus glabra) multi-stem	250		✓			Not growing within wall, but in close proximity	Retain tree
T9	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	700		✓			Growing within and causing damage to wall	To be removed
T10	Elm (Ulmus glabra) Multi-stem	850		✓		✓	Growing within wall and lifting kerb (W7)	To be removed
T11	Elm sappling (Ulmus glabra)	150		✓			Growing within wall (W8)	To be removed
T12	Alder (Alnus glutinosa) multi-stem 3 x limbs	350		✓			Growing within and damaging wall (W8)	To be removed
T13	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	300		✓			Growing within and damaging wall (W8)	To be removed
T14	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	250		✓			Growing within and damaging wall (W8)	To be removed
T15	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	900		✓			Growing within and damaging wall (W9)	To be removed
T16	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	450–500		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T17	Elm (Ulmus glabra) Double trunk	600 750		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T18	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	200		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T19	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	550		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T20	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) 2 saplings	100		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T21	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	750		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T22	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	900		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T23	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	700		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T24	Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus)	400		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed

T25	Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus)	350		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T26	Saplings	200		✓			7No.saplings growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T27	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) Double-stem	900 at base before split		✓	✓		Growing within and damaging wall and lifting 2no. railings (R3)	To be removed
T28	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	650		✓			Growing within wall, but not a concern	Retain tree
T29	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	650		✓			Growing within wall, but not a concern	Retain tree
T30	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	650		✓			Growing within wall, but not a concern	Retain tree
T31	Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus) Multi-stem	650					Growing within the embankment and not a concern	Retain tree
T32	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	200–250			✓	✓	Damaging base of railing and lifting 1no. panels (R4)	To be removed
T33	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	200			✓		Damaging railings, beginning to lift 1no. panel (R5)	To be removed
T34	Sapling	100			✓		Growing within base of railing (R6)	To be removed
T35	Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus) Multi-stem, 6–7 limbs	4550		✓			Growing within wall	To be removed
T36	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	200		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T37	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	1500	18		✓	✓	Lifting 4no.panels (R7)	To be retained and worked round (important tree). Re-assess in 10yrs.

T38	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	650		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T39	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	450			✓	✓	Growing in base of railings and lifting 2no. panels (R8)	To be removed
T40	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	550	17	✓			Growing within wall	Tree to be retained, remove 1No. limb
T41	Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus) Multi Stem	650		✓			Growing within wall, but not a concern	Tree to be retained and managed
T42	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	1250			✓	✓	Lifting 2no. panels and growing into railings (R9)	To be removed
T43	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	550			✓		Limb growing through railing (R10)	Limb to be removed
T44	Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus)	650			✓		Growing on railing stone support (R11)	To be removed
T45	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	550		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T46	Elm (Ulmus glabra) multi-stem	500– 800			✓	✓	Lifting 2no.panels (R12)	To be retained and worked around. Important tree.
T47	Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus)	1650	16		✓		Damaging railing and lifting 2no.panels (R13) Noted as potential bat roost (Biodiversity Scoping Study 2016)	Tree to be retained and managed
T48	Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus)	500		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T49	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	550		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T50	Elm (Ulmus glabra) Intertwined with Ash	800			✓	✓	Lifting 3no.panels (R14)	Elm to be removed Retain Ash

T51	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	1200		✓		✓	Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T52	Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus)	550		✓		✓	Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T53	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	650			✓	✓	Damaging railings and lifting 3no.panels (R15)	To be removed
T54	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	400		✓	✓		Growing within potential future damage to railing (R16)	To be removed
T55	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	350		✓	✓		Growing within potential future damage to railing (R17)	To be removed
T56	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	600	15		✓	✓	Damaging railings lifting 3no. Panels (R18)	To be removed
T57	Elm (Ulmus glabra) Multi-stem	500		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	Tree to be retained and managed. Upper trunk to be removed, lower to be retained
T58	Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus)	200			✓		Damaging base of railing (R19)	To be removed
T59	Elm (Ulmus glabra) Re-sprouting stump	250	13		✓	✓	Damaging base and lifting 1no. Panels (R20)	To be removed
T60	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	250		✓		✓		To be removed
T61	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	200		✓		✓		To be removed
T62	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	500	112	✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T63	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	350– 400	14		✓	✓	Lifting 2no. Panels (R21) Damaging base and	To be removed

T64	Elm (Ulmus glabra) Sprouting stump	300		✓	✓		Lifting panels (R22)	To be removed
T65	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	150		✓	✓		Sapling	To be removed
T66	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	150		✓	✓		Sapling	To be removed
T67	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	250		✓	✓		R24	To be removed
T68	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	200			✓			To be removed
T69	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	350		✓	✓		R27	To be removed
T70	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	300		✓	✓		R28	To be removed
T71	Elder (Sambucus nigra)	200		✓			R29	To be removed
T72	Elder (Sambucus nigra)	200		✓			R30	To be removed
T73	Elder (Sambucus nigra)	250		✓			R31	To be removed
T74	Elder (Sambucus nigra)	200		✓			R32	To be removed
T75	Elder (Sambucus nigra)	150– 200			✓		Between stone pillars in the railing R33	To be removed
T76	Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus) Resprouting Stump	500		✓			R35	To be removed
T77	Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus)	350			✓			To be removed
T78	Elder (Sambucus nigra)	150			✓		Damaging railings R37	To be removed
T79	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	250			✓		Damaging railings R39	To be removed
T80	Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus)	200			✓			To be removed

T81	Elm (Ulmus glabra) Multi stem	350			✓		Damaging railings R40	To be removed
T82	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	350– 400			✓	✓	Growing on path and into railings R41	To be removed
T83	Elm (Ulmus glabra)	200		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T84	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	200		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T85	Ash (Fraxinus excelsior)	200		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T86	40 No. Saplings	250– 450		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed
T87	5No. Saplings	100– 200		✓			Growing within and damaging wall	To be removed

APPENDIX FIVE: Proposals below Dean Bridge



Path appears more like vehicle space due to extent of tarmac



Bollards to be retained, plus one drop bollard. New surface follows joint line in tarmac.



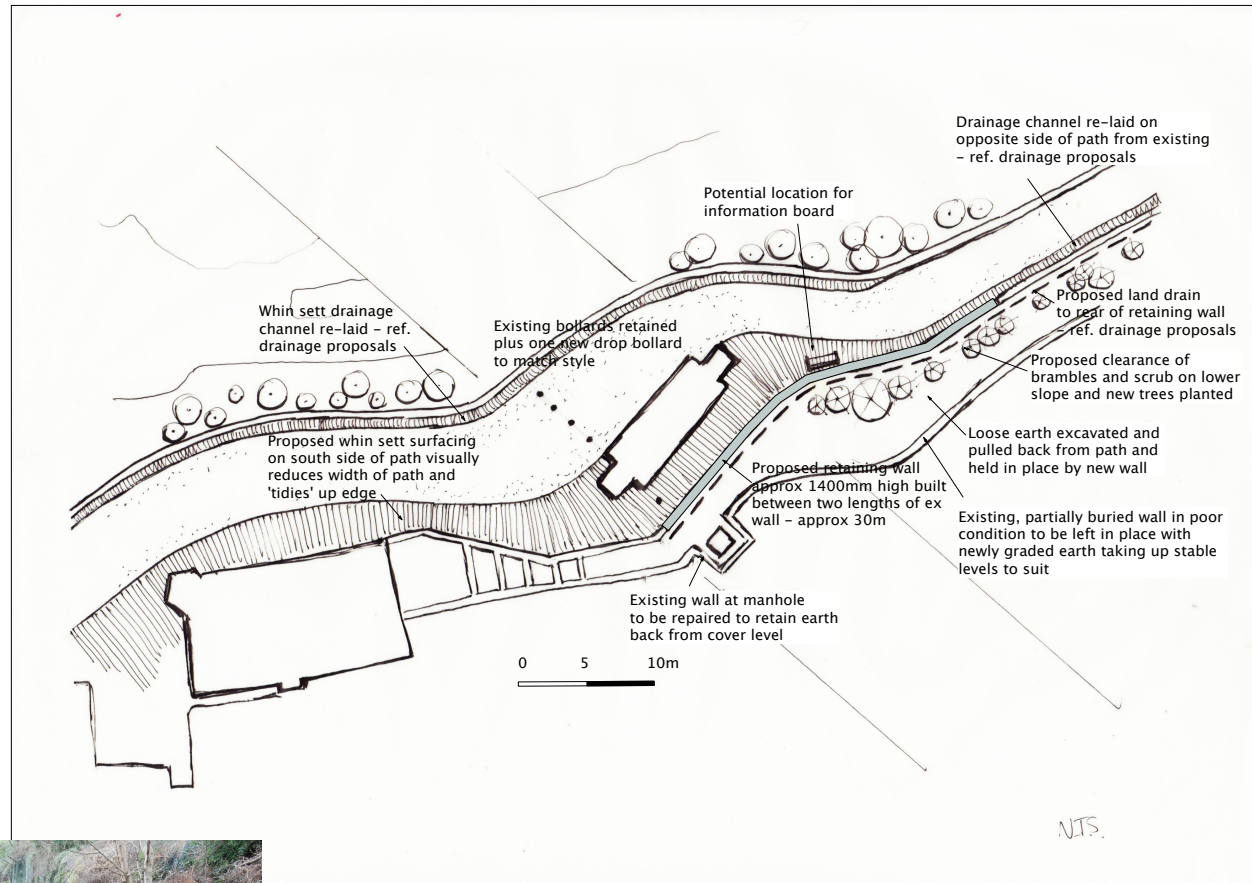
Vegetation requires clearing and earth pulled back and retained



Existing retaining wall to be extended beyond base of bridge



Existing manhole requires wall to be built around to retain earth



Dean Valley Renovation Project Proposals for area below Dean Bridge

Elizabeth Dorrian Landscape Architect

APPENDIX SIX: Summary of Sustrans Technical Advisory Notes

Dean Valley Restoration Project 20.01.17

Notes from list of source material thought relevant to the project

Sustrans Design Guidance Ref:

Connect2: project set up to overcome and change people's thoughts on shared surface and the benefits it brings.

Key Areas of Guidance Relevant to Dean Valley:

- Design to the 5 core principles of Coherence, Directness, Safety, Comfort and Attractiveness
- Design for cyclists of all abilities with particular emphasis on those less confident
- Provide adequate space for cyclists
- Design for a non-standard cyclists
- Reallocation of space from the carriageway rather than from pedestrians
- Critical Lane widths/pinch point widths to be avoided
- Coherent signage of routes
- Importance of funding for maintenance and management of routes

Cycle By Design

Minimum width for two way cycle track – 2.5m

Traffic free cycle path – minimum width 3m (Where cyclists pass each other or 2 abreast, 0.5m separation is recommended)

Clearance when passing fixed objects-

- 0.5m from vertical feature over 600mm
- 0.25m from vertical feature between 150mm – 600mm
- 0.2m from kerb up to 150mm high
- Flush (nil)

Design Speed

A design speed of 12mph is appropriate for a local access route where there is likely to be significant interaction with pedestrians.

Scottish Government – Designing Streets**Key Considerations**

Distinctive	Street design should respond to local context to deliver places that are distinctive
Safe & Pleasant	Streets should be designed to be safe and attractive places
Easy to Move Around	Streets should be easy to move around for all users and connect well to existing movement networks
Welcoming	Street layout and detail should encourage positive interaction for all members of the community
Adaptable	Street networks should be designed to accommodate future adoption
Resource Efficient	Street design should consider orientation, the integration of sustainable drainage and use attractive, durable materials that can be easily maintained
Safe & Pleasant	<p>Pedestrian & Cyclists: Street use hierarchy should consider pedestrian first and private motor vehicle last</p> <p>Reduce Clutter: Signs & street markings should be kept to a minimum and considered early in the design</p> <p>Street lighting should be as discreet as possible, But provide adequate illumination</p>
Drainage	<p>Drainage: Streets should use appropriate SUDS techniques relevant to the context in order to</p>

	<p>minimise environmental impacts</p> <p>Planting: Street design should aim to interact natural landscape features and foster positive biodiversity</p> <p>Materials: Materials should be distinctive, easily maintained, provide durability and be of a standard and quality to appeal visually within the specific context</p>
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Street Design

Surface Water Drainage:

When considering the management of surface water, designers, developers and authorities need to take account of PAN 6: Planning and Urban Drainage, Scottish Planning Policy and the Water Environment & Water Service and the Flood Risk Management Act 2009.

Planting:

If possible, semi mature trees should be planted. Slow growing species with narrow trunks and canopies above 2m should be considered. Maintenance agreements for all planted areas need to be established.

Materials:

- Easy to maintain
- Safe for purpose
- Durable
- Sustainable
- Appropriate to context
- Provide clear street definition and hierarchy

Aggregates

Specification For Highway Works (SHW) Spec:

Sustrans generally supports the use of recycled aggregates or materials that would otherwise be considered waste – only done however when aggregate has been chosen carefully and the delivery route is no longer than the quarried aggregate.

Path Surfaces

Standard Surface Options:

Asphalt	Combination of bitumen and aggregate – tends to deform rather than break, should base subside or wash out.
Bitumen - Macadam	Combination of Bitumen & aggregate. (DBM Dense Bitumen Macadam)

Thickness of each layer of path construction needs to be adapted to each individual location.

Alternative Surface Options

Path Surface Problem	Possible Alternative Surface
Appearance/ Colour of Blacktop not suitable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloured bitumac/ asphalt • Clear bitmac/ asphalt • Foamed bitumen products • Resin bounded surface • Some self-binding surfaces
Sealing of ground is undesirable, creating more impermeable surface, additional runoff ect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Path side drains • Porous Asphalt • Some self-binding surfaces • Reinforced Grass
Sustainable sources are desirable/ environmental concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blacktop with recycled contents • Foamed bitumen products • Some self-binding surface • Vegetable based binders in blacktop

No easy Access for trucks carrying hot asphalt/extended laying time is needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coldlay asphalt/cutback bitumen asphalt • Foamed bitumen products • Self-binding products
Path close to trees or other reasons that prevent excavation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realign further from trees • No dig construction

Sealed surfaces are more expensive to construct, but their future maintenance to costs are appreciably lower than unsealed surfaces. Unbound surfaces are at least 50% more expensive than bound surfaces, based on a whole life comparison.

Sustrans default surface is machine laid DBM or HRA

Segregation of Shared Use Routes

Definitions:

- **A segregated shared use path** is a facility used by pedestrians and cyclists with some form of infrastructure of delineation in places designed to segregate the two modes
- **An unsegregated shared use path** is a facility used by pedestrians and cycles without any measure of segregation between modes. It is designed to enable pedestrians and cyclists to make use of the entire available width of the path.

Widths

Unsegregated – min 3m

Segregated – min 7m (3.5m cyclist – 3.5m pedestrian)

Benefits for Unsegregated Paths (Sustrans):

- Pedestrians walk in groups and more likely to ignore segregation unless widths are adequate
- More considered behaviour is observed
- Segregation routes can encourage territorial behaviour
- Narrow segregation routes have high levels of non-compliance
- Unsegregated routes may be cheaper to construct and maintain due to less complex engineering
- Unsegregated routes require fewer signs and markings

A Guide to Controlling Access

Definition of route according to highway users rights:

Type of highway along Water of Leith – Foot/path & Bridleway, Access to Land, Cycle Way (Pedestrains may or may not have right of way over a cycle track – in this case they do)

Access control to slow cyclists can be inappropriate, other techniques to achieve the same outcome include – signage, markings on path, putting a wiggle (chicane) into the path and speed bumps.

Speed Bumps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes a route less attractive to motorcycles • Encourages cyclists to reduce speed, a hazard
Design Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear and tear issues • Users may pass round the outside causing wear • Drainage
Single Row of Bollards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use to prevent access to path by cars and vans. • Also used as mounting point for any necessary traffic signs
Design Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clear space between the bollards is important to their efficece • Important that bollards contrast in colour with its surroundings with reflective strips • Min 1000mm high • At least one is removable for safety access • Choice of materials to suit location • Robust enough

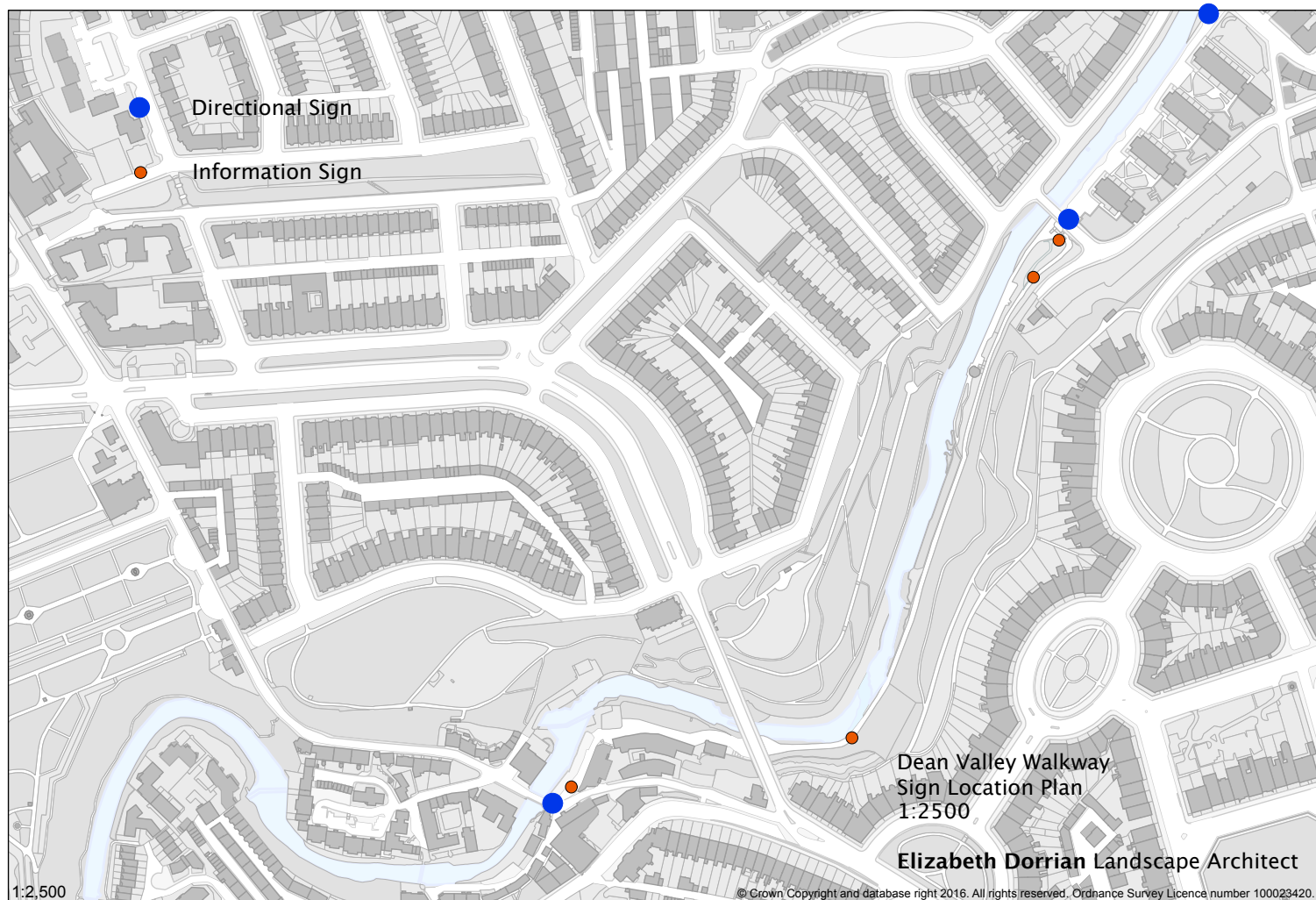
Staggered Bollards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used to act as a deterrent to motorcycle use and to encourage cyclists to slow down
Design Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As single row bollards Spacing to allow for movement and still be affective
Chicane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To act as a deterrent to motorcycle use and to encourage cyclist to reduce speed Opportunity to introduce elements (art ect) into the structure
Design Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depth of chicane to be considered to restrict different users Best practice to havethe first barrier of the chicane on the nearside of the path, encourages users to slow down before entering Be aware of access of mobility scooters

Legislation Related to the Provision of Access Controls

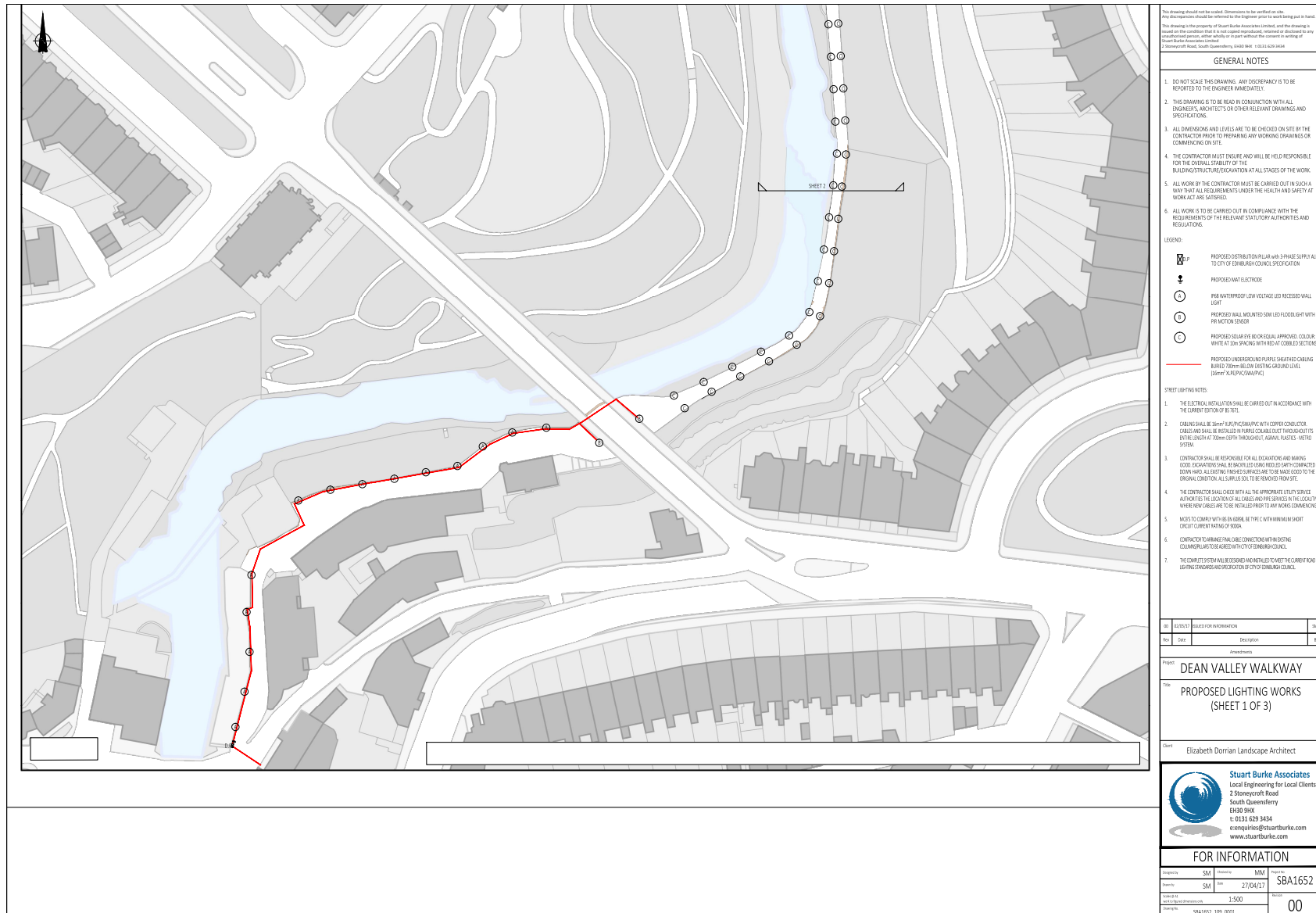
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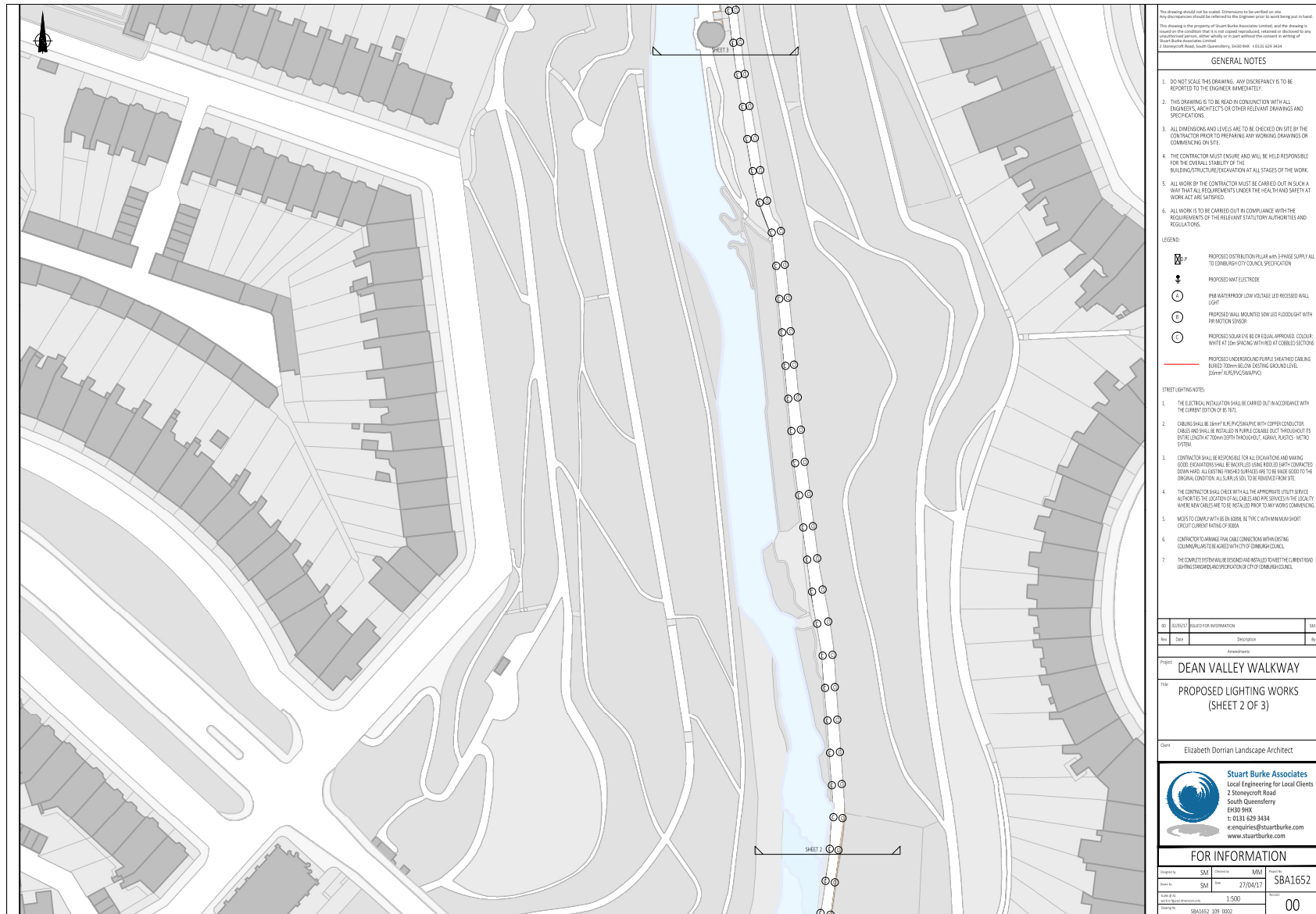
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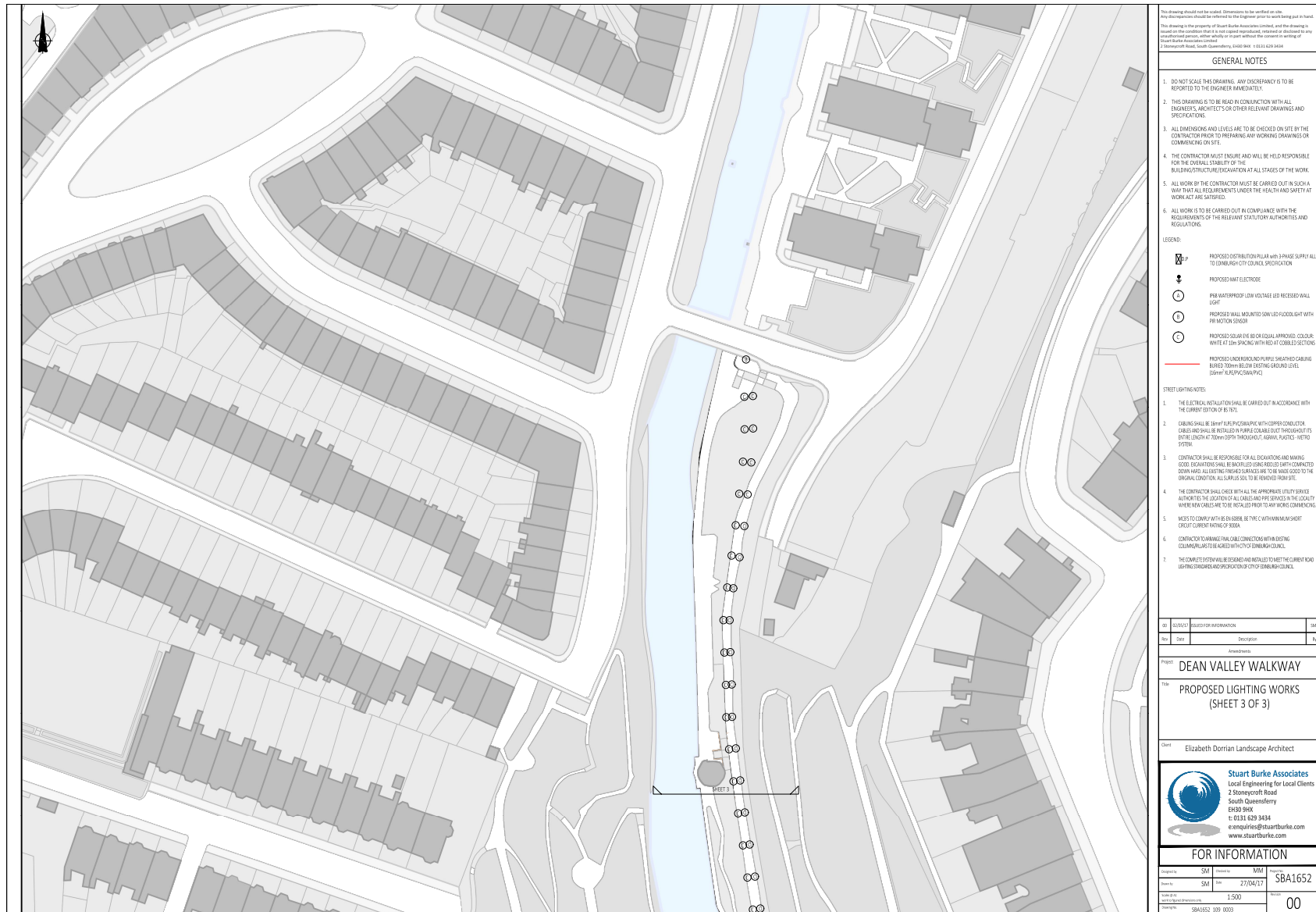
APPENDIX SEVEN: Signing Proposal Plan



APPENDIX EIGHT: Lighting Proposals







1.0 Lighting Specification

1.1 Recessed wall lights

Materials

275m lighting cabling (16mm² XLPE/PVC/SWA/PVC) buried 700mm below existing cobbles. (Allowance to be made for removal, storage, trenching, installation of cable, backfilling & reinstatement of existing cobbles)

14 No. IP68 Low Voltage LED Recessed Wall Lights

25m of 25mm Galvanised steel conduit including galvanised saddles and fixtures for wall mounting cable to recessed lights

Method

- Wet cut existing wall at desired height 100mm wide x 80mm tall x 125mm deep
- Run lighting cable up face of wall in galvanised steel conduit (face fixed) with suitable fixing brackets
- Install recessed wall light and connect to cable
- Seal around recessed wall light

1.2 Solar Eye 80

Materials

84 No. White Solar Eye 80

12 No. Red Solar Eye 80

Method


- Dry cut existing surfacing with 80mm milling tool bit to a depth of 30mm
- Install solar stud using a 2 part all weather adhesive
- Leave to cure for a minimum of 24 hour period at ambient temperatures prior to use

1.3 Flood lights

Materials

3 No 50W LED Flood Lights with PIR Movement Sensor
Distribution Pillar to City of Edinburgh Council Specification
Allowance for Earthing (Electrical Contractor to confirm requirements)

Please note that the cabling design for the recessed lights/floods should be undertaken by a suitably qualified electrical engineer and our design is shown as indicative for information only.




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Clearview Intelligence offers a range of solar powered road studs to suit a wide variety of applications with both embedded and surface mounted products.

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Increased visibility

Using ultra bright LEDs (Light Emitting Diodes) to provide up to ten times greater visibility than traditional retro-reflective studs, and unlike conventional retro-reflective road studs, SolarLite studs do not rely on vehicle headlight efficiency to perform effectively.


At a speed of 100km/h (62mph) this can increase the time a driver has to react from 3.2 seconds to over 30 seconds.

Key Benefits

- Superior distance visibility of road layout ahead compared to retro-reflective studs
- Reliable all night, all year round performance
- Lower lifetime costs than traditional road studs
- Long lasting, carefree operation
- Maintains superior visibility even in poor weather conditions and on wet roads
- Decreases night time accidents by over 70%
- Allows additional reaction time to respond to changing road layouts
- Reduces erratic driving behaviour and smoothes braking along winding roads
- Enhances driving experience, making drivers feel safer and more able to travel at night
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Case Study

Edinburgh Towpath Delineation



Background

The Union Canal is a 31.5 mile (50.7 km) canal in Scotland, from Lochrin Basin and the Leamington lift bridge in Fountainbridge, Edinburgh to Falkirk, where it meets the Forth and Clyde Canal.

In June 2008, British Waterways Scotland decided to market the area between Edinburgh Quay and Ashley Terrace Bridge as Edinburgh Canal Quarter. With the canal now largely restored for both boating, walkers and cyclists on the towpath, it is enjoying a new lease of life. Supported by funding from Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN), a non-profit making Environmental Body registered to fund projects which are eligible under the Landfill Communities Fund, the section of towpath between Harrison Park and Viewforth has been widened and resurfaced allowing improved and safer shared use for walkers, cyclists and wheelchair users.

This section of towpath leads directly to the City Centre and is very popular. The towpath is also part of the 10,000 mile national cycle network. However, with the towpath being so close to the water's edge, safety is a major consideration for towpath users, especially during the hours of darkness. Given the aesthetic impact on the location and the rising electricity costs of traditional street lighting, this was deemed not suitable and an alternative, less invasive and more sustainable solution was sought.

Key Benefits

- Increased towpath visibility of up to 900m for pedestrian, cyclists and wheel chair users
- Increased safety in the hours of darkness
- The flush profile of the studs are less than 4mm ensuring they are unobtrusive to bicycle wheels, walkers and are wheelchair friendly

Solution

This 2.5km stretch of the Union Canal towpath has been significantly improved from a night time safety perspective with the installation of 560 Bi-Directional SolarLite Active Road Studs, which now delineate both edges of the towpath to provide cyclists and pedestrians with more clearly defined guidance and visibility of the path ahead for up to a distance of 900m.

Powered by energy harvested during daylight hours through solar panels built into the surface of the studs, the SolarLite Active Road Studs automatically illuminate during the hours of darkness. With the studs embedded into the surface of the canal towpath and sitting only 4mm proud of the surface, they maximise night time visibility whilst ensuring they are unobtrusive and inoffensive to the towpath's users.

The majority of studs are white studs installed at 10m intervals to mark the edges of the towpath, with red studs at 5m intervals warning of hazards such as the towpath narrowing on approaches to over bridges and finally green studs highlighting towpath entrances and exits. All stud locations were positioned carefully to avoid any impact on the original materials of the canal such as mileposts or cobbled areas.

As the Union Canal is a Heritage site, great care was taken during installation to protect the natural historic fabric and the local environment. Working within the guidelines set out by British Waterways Scotland and ever mindful of the importance of this site, installation was completed within just two weeks using portable core drilling equipment. All flushing water and debris from the installation was collected and removed from site in containers for safe disposal to avoid any pollution to the canal itself.

More and more people use the waterway year-round for leisure and commuting to work, so we are extremely pleased with the benefits of installing these small compact solar-powered LED studs within the new upgraded sections of towpath.

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