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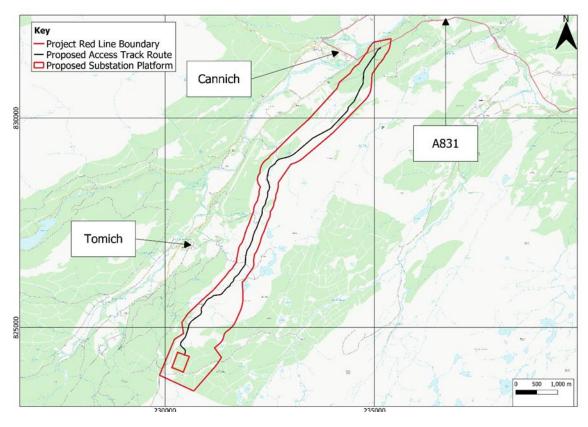
#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 General

- 1.1.1 Fairhurst have been appointed by BAM Nuttall to prepare a Drainage Strategy Report to inform the drainage design proposals at the Bingally 400kV Substation in the Scottish Highlands. The site is part of Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) £7bn upgrade of their onshore electricity transmission infrastructure.
- 1.1.2 The development forms part of a proposed 400kV upgrade from the existing 275kV network between Beauly and Denny. The proposed substation at Bingally forms part of this network route.
- 1.1.3 This report has been compiled to outline the drainage strategy for the substation platform to support the planning application for the proposed electrical substation at Bingally. An addendum to this report will be provided at a later date which will include the drainage strategy for the access track to the substation platform.

#### 1.2 Site Location

1.2.1 The proposed Bingally substation site is situated approximately 2.5km South of the village of Tomich. The site access is via a proposed 9.5 km long access track off the A831, 1.5km east of the town of Cannich within the Highland Council Area. A plan of the location of the proposed development in relation to the local area is provided in **Figure 1**.



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Figure 1 - Indicative Site Location



1.2.2 The site area within the red line boundary is approximately 619 Ha. The proposed substation platform covers an area of approximately 11.5 Ha, excluding earthworks and associated peat cell storage. The remainder of the site is allocated to material storage and a new forestry access track. Refer to proposed site layout drawings in **Appendix 1** for details of the proposed platform and surrounding site arrangements.

#### 1.3 **Design Considerations**

- 1.3.1 The Drainage Strategy has been prepared to define the scheme for the site with regards to the proposed drainage channel realignments, surface water and foul water drainage. The report will consider the overall drainage strategy for the proposed substation platform.
- 1.3.2 Please refer to **Section 5** for the design strategy, philosophy and required specifications and requirements in which the proposed drainage strategy follows.

#### 1.4 Drainage assumptions within the Substation

- 1.4.1 The drainage design within the Bingally substation fence line has been carried out by Patterson Reeves & Partners (PRP). Assumptions have been made during the drainage design to allow for the proposed SuDS design for the site, whilst coordinating with the internal drainage design. Assumed details include:
  - All oily water or water requiring specific treatment due to operations within the substation platform fenceline shall be treated sufficiently inside the fenceline as part of the PRP drainage design. The run-off shall then connect to the proposed Fairhurst designed SuDS drainage outside of the substation platform fenceline for attenuation purposes;
  - All surface water run-off from hard standing surfaces within the substation platform fenceline will discharge to the SuDS drainage outside of the fenceline, and tie-in points shall be coordinated between PRP and Fairhurst;
  - All surface water run-off from the unbound areas within the substation platform shall percolate through the substation filter material, and leave the platform via filter drains. The dimensions, details and flow rates leaving the filter drains are provided by PRP and will be incorporated into the drainage design outside of the substation fenceline. It is assumed that the filter material is providing sufficient treatment to the run-off before leaving the substation boundary, as per the PRP design, and can discharge directly to a nearby water feature should the discharge flow rates remain below the equivalent greenfield rate.
  - PRP will discharge to the north fenceline of the substation platform, and coordinate with the proposed external drainage design.



#### 2.0 EXISTING SITE DESCRIPTION

#### 2.1 Existing Site Description

- 2.1.1 The current site is located in an area of moor and woodland with areas of boggy land and peat. In June 2023 a wildfire burned through an estimated 80km² of the surrounding area. This resulted in a large section of woodland being burned down or the charred remains being felled. The remnants of the fire can still be seen on site as scorched earth and burnt wooden embers.
- 2.1.2 The existing access to the proposed substation area is via forestry tracks originating from the village of Tomich. Several tracks lead to either the north or the south side of the proposed substation area.
- 2.1.3 Multiple unbound access tracks are situated throughout the red line boundary of the overall site, extending in numerous different directions. However, currently there are no uninterrupted access provisions to the proposed substation site from the A831.
- 2.1.4 There are no existing residential dwellings or farm buildings within the site boundary.
- 2.1.5 An existing site layout plan can be seen in drawing BING4-LT521-SEBAM-DRAI-ZZ-D-C-0158 in **Appendix 2**.

#### 2.2 Site Topography

2.2.1 The topography around the substation within the redline boundary varies in direction and gradient. The existing ground levels range from approximately 333mAOD to the east of the site to approximately 264mAOD at the north west of the platform/layout areas. There is an area to the south of the proposed substation platform that falls to approximately 306mAOD.

#### 2.3 Ground Conditions

2.3.1 Ground investigation information has been taken from the Fairhurst – Geo-environmental Desk Study Report (Doc no. BING4-LT521-SEBAM-ZZ-ZZ-RPT-G-0001). The present site is a mixture of woodland area, boggy land, numerous watercourses, peat, and rock.

#### Peat

- 2.3.2 Peat can be found over a large percentage of the proposed site. Recent ground investigations have shown that the peat reaches thicknesses of up to 7m at the north west area of the site. Further investigation is required but, it is likely that the peat areas will require some removal and replacement with suitable fill below structures.
- 2.3.3 Areas where peat does not require removal should be left in-tact. Due to the possibility of removal leading to the release of carbon into the atmosphere, peat should only be removed if there are no suitable alternatives.

#### Groundwater

2.3.4 Groundwater is present at shallow levels on site. Borehole investigation show groundwater levels ranging from 0.10mbgl to 3.20mbgl. The groundwater is also usually encountered below areas of peat. Due to the shallow depths of the groundwater, careful management



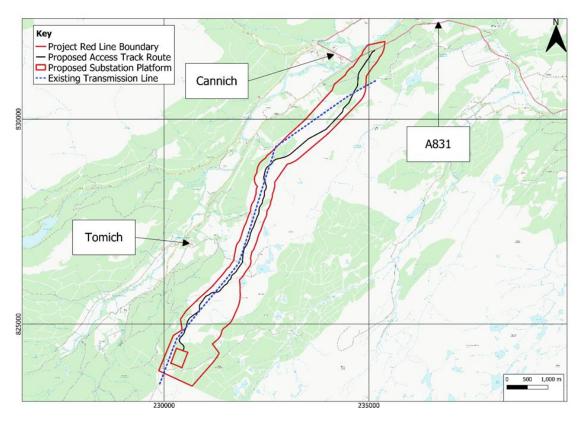
will be required during the construction phase (particularly with any excavations) with long term management plans required for the post-construction phase.

#### 2.4 Flood Risk

- 2.4.1 A review of SEPA Flood Maps shows no fluvial flood risk within the location of the proposed substation development. The Flood Maps also show some discreet areas likely to experience minor surface water (pluvial) flooding.
- 2.4.2 A Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) and Drainage Impact Assessment (DIA) shall be undertaken for the scheme, which shall provide full details of the flood risk across the site, and the corresponding impact.

#### 2.5 Utilities

- 2.5.1 There are no private water supplies or foul water systems located at the proposed substation site, within the proposed substation platform boundary. It is also assumed that any underground cables associated with the transmission line will run in parallel with the transmission overhead structures.
- 2.5.2 A proposed electrical and fibre optic cable will be buried below the proposed access track from Fasnakyle Electricity Distribution Station. Construction of this utility will be managed by the project manager and construction manager. **Figure 2** below shows the pathway of the transmission overhead line and its location within the proposed platform area.



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Figure 2: Plan of existing transmission line



2.5.3 During both the planning and construction phases, the proximity of the overhead lines to the platform must be taken into consideration. *Health and Safety Executive guidance note G56: Avoiding danger from overhead power lines* must be followed during the planning and construction phases.



#### 3.0 EXISTING WATERCOURSES AND DRAINAGE FEATURES

#### 3.1 Watercourses

- 3.1.1 Although there are several watercourses and small tributary channels present within the entire site boundary, no channels are directly affected by the proposed substation platform layout and require realignments or diversions. A tributary of the Allt an Rathain is located adjacent to the substation, on the south west side, but will only accommodate drainage outfalls. Similarly, a tributary of the Allt a' Bhuachaille is located to the north of the substation, and is proposed to accommodate drainage outfalls.
- 3.1.2 Refer to **Appendix 2** for details on existing tributaries near the proposed substation platform.
- 3.1.3 Due to the extensive area and numerous informal surface water drainage channels in the region, there may be further drainage paths within the platform area which have not been identified using OS maps or visual inspection (It should be noted that a range of tributaries are not visible on the 1:50,000 scale OS maps). A detailed investigation of the site is required prior to detailed design.
- 3.1.4 Several existing watercourses and tributaries are impacted by the substation access track, but are discussed in *BING4-LT521-SEBAM-DRAI-ZZ-RPT-C-0004 Drainage Strategy:*\*\*Access Track.

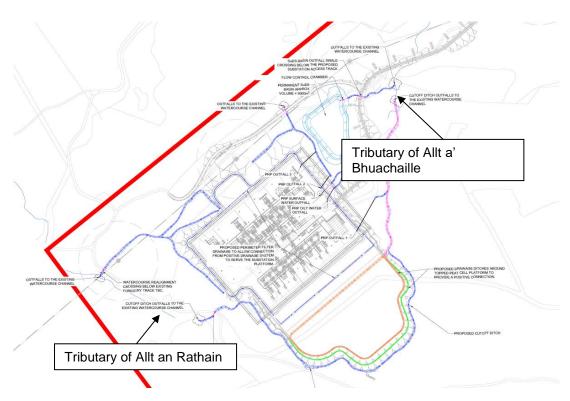


Figure 3: Location of tributary of Allt an Rathain and Allt a' Bhuachaille



#### 3.2 **Drainage Features**

- 3.2.1 Multiple land ditches can be seen throughout site, and are in mainly rectangular form.

  Outfalls from these ditches could not be located whilst on site.
- 3.2.2 Due to the extensiveness of the site, further investigation would be required to confirm the location and details of all culverts on site prior to detailed design.



#### 4.0 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

#### 4.1 Proposed Substation Platform

- 4.1.1 To upgrade the existing Beauly to Denny overhead line from 275kV to 400kV, additional substations are required for the line to be able to connect to the upgraded circuit.
- 4.1.2 The proposed Bingally 400kV substation development consists of a platform of approximately 11.5ha area which will sit at a formation level of 323mAOD with a finished platform level of 324mAOD. The 11.5ha area does not include engineered slopes or adjacent access track.
- 4.1.3 The proposed arrangement at Bingally (including proposed permanent drainage) is shown below in **Figure 4**. A full proposed general arrangement layout can be found in **Appendix 1** for the proposed site. Proposed drainage shall be discussed in further detail in Sections 5-10, with proposed substation platform drainage drawings in **Appendix 4**.

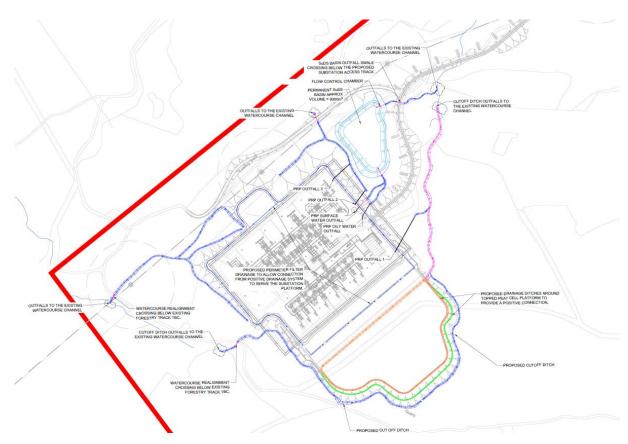


Figure 4: Bingally 400kV Proposed Substation Layout

4.1.4 The proposed substation platform shall be formed of a build-up of a minimum of 1m crushed rock and will be predominantly free draining material. This makes up part of the PRP drainage philosophy, who are the designers of the drainage inside the fenceline of the substation platform. The substation will contain of several buildings and hardstanding areas



- which will be impermeable. It is assumed that the PRP substation platform drainage design includes remediation measures for any oil that may contaminate run-off.
- 4.1.5 The drainage for the internal fenced area of the substation platform will be designed by Patterson Reeves & Partners (PRP). See Figure 5 for PRP drainage layout. This can be found, along with their associated drainage philosophy, in **Appendix 3**.

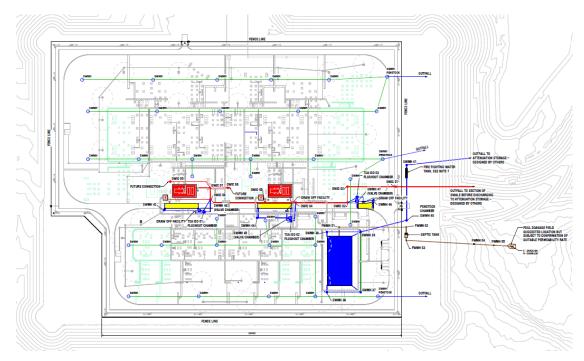


Figure 5: PRP Proposed Substation Layout - BING-LT521-SEBAM-DRAI-XX-LAY-0001

#### 4.2 Proposed Access Tracks

- 4.2.1 The substation will be accessed from the A831 prior to the village of Cannich. The main substation access track will be approximately 9500m in length to the substation. Details for the access track and drainage strategy will be addressed in a supplementary Drainage Strategy at a later date.
- 4.2.2 Access tracks within the proposed substation layout will be provided for maintenance of proposed SuDS basins and other SuDS features.
- 4.2.3 It is assumed that access tracks where the gradient exceeds 8% will have a sealed surface, in accordance with SSEN Specification. Gradients < 8% will have an unsealed surface. SSEN specifications state that unbound material type 2 sub-base is used. This will be confirmed by the contractor.
- 4.2.4 Proposed access tracks are to be predominantly adopted by Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS).
- 4.2.5 SuDS access tracks will be unsealed unless stated otherwise by the contractor.



#### 5.0 PROPOSED DRAINAGE

#### 5.1 **Drainage Strategy**

5.1.1 The principles of the drainage strategy for the new 400kV substation at Bingally in the Highlands will be to replicate the existing quality and quantities of run-off presently at the site wherever it is reasonable and practical to do so. All post development run-off shall also be dispersed in accordance with local authority guidelines (The Highland Council), SEPA guidelines, and SSEN Specifications (SSEN Drainage Specifications: Document SP-NET-CIV-502).

#### 5.2 **Drainage Strategy Contents**

- 5.2.1 The drainage strategy will cover the following:
  - Natural run-off collection and diversion (where required);
  - Platform surface water run-off drainage collection and routing; and
  - SuDS basins, cut-off drains & ditches for treatment and attenuation.
- 5.2.2 For the permanent drainage design, drainage from the substation platform has been designed to assume the run-off will percolate through the granular fill of the substation platform and connect into the external SuDS network. Full details of the substation platform is being designed by others (PRP) and has not been received in full. Fairhurst have received instruction from SSEN to assume the substation platform as 100% impermeable, for the purposes of the drainage design. Surface water and oily water run-off from the hard standing roofs, roads and bunded areas within the substation fence line are to discharge into the proposed drainage swales following suitable treatment, which is included in the PRP drainage design. Full details of the Drainage and SuDS Strategy can be found in Section 7.
- 5.2.3 Drainage from temporary buildings, layout areas and temporary access roads is also considered. Further details of the temporary drainage strategy can be found in **Section 8**.

#### 5.3 **Design Philosophy**

- 5.3.1 In addition to SSEN drainage specification and Local Authority guidelines, the proposed surface water design has been designed to follow the philosophy detailed in CIRIA: The SuDS Manual C753 wherever possible. The manual states:
  - Wherever possible, run-off should be managed at source (i.e. close to where the rain falls) with residual flows then conveyed downstream to further storage or treatment components where required.
  - The passage of water between individual components should be through the use of above ground conveyance systems (e.g. swales and rills).
  - Pipework may be a more suitable option depending on the specific scheme, especially where space is limited.
  - Pre-treatment (the removal of litter and sediment) and maintenance are vital to ensure the long-term and sustained effectiveness of all SuDS components.
  - Overland flow routes may also be required to convey and control floodwater safely during extreme events.



#### 5.4 **Design Specifications and Requirements**

- 5.4.1 The design shall adhere to the relevant SSEN specifications to meet the client's requirements. These specifications are listed below:
  - SP-NET-CIV-502 Drainage Specification
  - SP-NET-CIV-503 Pavements and Roadways
- 5.4.2 The following publications has also been considered in design decisions in accordance to SSEN SP-NET-CIV-005 Drainage Specification:
  - The SuDS Manual: CIRIA C753
  - The Highland Council: Flood Risk & Drainage Impact, Supplementary Guidance
  - SEPA: Scottish Flood Hazard and Risk Information
  - SUDSWP: Water Assessment and Drainage Assessment Guide
- 5.4.3 The SSEN Drainage Specification, document number SP-NET-CIV-502 states the following with regards to design requirements:
- 5.4.4 "The strategy shall identify the levels of flood protection for the site. As a minimum these shall include:
  - 1 in 200 year rainfall period protection for operational areas
  - 1 in 1000 year rainfall return period protection for critical equipment
  - 1 in 200 year rainfall return period for off-site flooding"
- 5.4.5 SSEN specifications state that both the platform and access road should be considered operational areas.
- 5.4.6 Highland Council flood risk guidance states that "in line with SPP, all new developments need to be free from unacceptable flood risk for all flood events up to the 1 in 200-year return period (including an allowance for climate change). And that the post-development run-off rates do not exceed the pre-development run-off rate and volume for a previously undeveloped site."
- 5.4.7 The Highland Council flood risk and drainage guidance states that "formal on-site storage should be provided up to the 1 in 30-year return period event and attenuation measures should be designed such that SuDS features will not surcharge during a 30-year return period rainfall event." However, the drainage design has accommodated on-site storage of up to and including the 1 in 200-year return period storm with a discharge rate equivalent to the 1 in 2-year return period, to accommodate SSEN Specifications.
- 5.4.8 Climate change allowances have been added when considering the proposed surface water drainage design within the development site. The SEPA climate change allowances for flood risk assessment in land use planning, version 4, Table 2 recommends a 42% uplift for rainfall data at Bingally, which falls within the North Highland basin region. This climate change allowance shall be considered during surface water drainage design as required by SEPA guidelines.



#### 5.5 **Outfall Options**

5.5.1 The options available for discharging surface water are recommended by *CIRIA: The SuDS Manual C753* hierarchy. The hierarchy with relevant site considerations are summarised in **Table 3** below:

Table 1: CIRIA: The SuDS Manual C753 Outfall Heirarchy

Outfall Method	Suitability	Comments
Infiltrate run-off back into	Suitability is not known at this	Conclusive infiltration tests are
the ground.	time as no infiltration test have	required prior to confirming if
	been completed.	this option is available at the
		Bingally development site.
Discharge run-off to	There are a number of	A number of outfalls may be
watercourse	watercourses located across	required to allow for this option,
	the site. Based on the	along with confirmation of
	proposed surface water design	levels detailed design stages.
	and development levels,	
	outfalls can be achieved to	
	nearby watercourses following	
	suitable approvals.	
Discharge run-off to	There are no known Scottish	Not feasible.
surface or combined	Water sewers at the site	
sewers.	location so there could be no	
	discharge to a sewer network.	
Discharge run-off into	Further investigations and	Not feasible.
existing water features	agreements would be required	
such as ponds.	to consider this outfall option.	



#### 6.0 DRAINAGE STRATEGY: PLATFORM

- 6.1.1 The drainage of the substation platform has been designed by Patterson Reeves and Partners (PRP). Information provided in the PRP drainage philosophy shows the platform to be constructed with a 1m free-draining granular material to provide infiltration through the platform, acting as a drainage blanket. It has been assumed this will be positively drained to the proposed surface water drainage design outside of the substation fenceline.
- 6.1.2 Flows from the run-off from proposed building roofs and pumped flows from the bunds and tanker standing areas are positively drained into pipework which are sized to prevent any surface flooding during a 1 in 1000-year return period storm. The philosophy of the surface water drainage strategy is to replicate the green equivalent field run-off rates.
- 6.1.3 Foul drains associated with oily water within the substation platform have positive drainage to a Klargester treatment plant to be fitted with a remote monitoring early fault detection system. Oily water will discharge in to the external drainage network once fully treated.
- 6.1.4 Further information can be found on the drainage drawing provided by PRP, and can be referred to in **Appendix 3**.
- 6.1.5 Calculations have been carried out by Fairhurst to estimate the attenuated volume of surface water run-off from the platform to the maximum allowable discharge rate. This has been coordinated with flow information provided by PRP for the platform area. Following completion of geotechnical assessment across the site, the final volumes will be determined during the detailed design stage.



#### 7.0 DRAINAGE STRATEGY: SuDS

#### 7.1 Specifications

- 7.1.1 The SuDS and attenuation system on site had been designed in accordance with:
  - SSEN Drainage Specification document SP-NET-CIV-502.
  - CIRIA, The SuDS Manual (C753)
  - Highlands & Argyll Local Flood Risk Management Plan

#### 7.2 Simple Index Analysis (SIA) Tool

- 7.2.1 All proposed SuDS schemes are designed in compliance with CIRIA C753, The SuDS Manual (2015). The Simple Index Analysis (SIA) Tool has been developed by SEPA to assess the suitability of proposed SuDS components at a development and to minimise any risks to the water quality of any receiving waterbodies.
- 7.2.2 Outputs from the SIA study for each area are detailed below for the substation platform.
- 7.2.3 It is assumed that PRP are dealing with all required treatment of the substation platform site operations, including for any required specialist treatments. For example, oily water treatment shall be designed and contained within the substation platform by others (PRP). Therefore, it is assumed Fairhurst will provide suitable treatment for both low trafficked roads, and simple industrial roofing.
- 7.2.4 As detailed in Section 6, Information provided by PRP drainage philosophy shows the platform is to be constructed with a 1m free-draining granular material to provide infiltration through the platform and will act as a drainage blanket. This has been included to the SIA tool as a filter drain for design purposes.

Table 2: SIA Tool Summary Table - Platform (Roads)

Run-off area land-use description	Platform: Roads			
Pollution hazard indices:	Hazard Level	Suspended Solids	Metals	Hydrocarbons
	Medium	0.7	0.6	0.7
Pollution mitigation indices (Swale):		0.5	0.6	0.6
Pollution mitigation indices (SuDS Basin):		0.4	0.4	0.4
Total mitigation Index:		0.9	0.9	1.0
Sufficiency:		Sufficient	Sufficient	Sufficient



Table 3: SIA Tool Summary Table - Platform (Roofs)

Run-off area land-use description	Platform: Commercial / Industrial Roofing (High Potential for Metal Leaching Assumed)			
Pollution hazard indices:	Hazard Level	Suspended Solids	Metals	Hydrocarbons
	Low	0.3	0.8	0.05
Pollution mitigation indices (SuDS basin):		0.5	0.5	0.6
Pollution mitigation indices (Filter drain):		0.4	0.4	0.4
Total mitigation Index:		0.9	0.9	1.0
Sufficiency:		Sufficient	Sufficient	Sufficient

7.2.5 Both Table 1 and Table 2 above show that sufficient treatment has been proposed for the substation platform based on the assumptions stated in paragraph 7.2.4.

#### 7.3 Attenuation

- 7.3.1 Overland flow and excess surface water flow from the platform will be collected by perimeter drainage around the extent of the substation platform, and discharged to the proposed SuDS basins, before being attenuated to nearby existing water channels at the required discharge rate. It should be noted that prior to this, it is expected that surface water run-off shall percolate the proposed minimum 1m drainage blanket across the site before reaching the substation platform perimeter drainage.
- 7.3.2 In accordance with the guidelines, SuDS basins have been designed to store surface water run-off for up to a 1:200-year return period with the inclusion of an additional 42% climate change allowance in line with SEPA recommendations.
- 7.3.3 Due to the scale of the site, a proposed SuDS basins is located to the north of the platform. Calculations have shown that a storage volume of approximately 8000m³ is required at the SuDS basin.
- 7.3.4 See **Appendix 4** for the Proposed Drainage Layout.

#### 7.4 Discharge Rates

7.4.1 Discharge rates from the SuDS basins has been calculated as 59.8 l/s. This is the equivalent pre-development Greenfield run-off rate from the platform area for the 1 in 2-year flood event, based on the existing catchment falling towards the outfall location on the tributary of the Allt a' Bhuachaille.

#### 7.5 **Basin Design**

7.5.1 The SuDS basin has been designed following guidance from CIRIA, The SuDS Manual (C753). Basins have been designed to a 2m depth. This includes a minimum 0.3m freeboard allowance and will provide 1.7m water depth for storage.



#### 8.0 DRAINAGE STRATEGY: TEMPORARY DRAINAGE

#### 8.1 Temporary Platform Drainage

- 8.1.1 Temporary drainage at the platform area has been designed to collect and control surface water run-off during the construction phase of works.
- 8.1.2 The temporary drainage network consists of:
  - Conveyance ditches around the temporary laydown areas. These have been
    designed to collect any run-off from the laydown areas. Run-off will then disperse to
    settlement lagoons (locations to be determined) prior to discharging to the existing
    watercourse.
  - Temporary piped crossings under access tracks.
  - Temporary settlement lagoons (locations to be determined) to remove silts and suspended solids prior to discharge to the receiving watercourses.
- 8.1.3 The location of the proposed settlement lagoons will be determined during detailed design prior to the commencement of works. These will be designed in accordance with CIRIA C648 & C649 Control of water pollution from linear construction projects, to provide the required settlement volume and discharge rate for the construction works suspended solid run-off for up to the 1 in 20-year return period, with checks for a 1 in 30-year return period.
- 8.1.4 It is anticipated to clean and reuse one temporary settlement lagoon to the north-east of the platform as the permanent SuDS basin, whilst ensuring the suitable storage volume is achieved.



#### 9.0 DRAINAGE STRATEGY: GROUND WATER

- 9.1.1 SEPA flood maps indicate areas where groundwater could influence the duration and extent of flooding from other sources. The proposed site is situated out with groundwater influenced flood extent shown on these maps apart from at the northern end of the proposed track where it approaches the A831.
- 9.1.2 The 1:50,000 British Geological Society (BGS) digital mapping shows that the substation site is underlain by sedimentary bedrock, comprising the Tarvie Psammite Formation. The BGS 1:625,000 hydrogeology map classifies this as a low productivity aquifer with small amounts of flow occurring predominantly through near surface fractures and discontinuities.
- 9.1.3 The BGS identifies that superficial deposits across the site, where present, are predominantly Glacial Till. Glacial Till is more prevalent in the southern half of the site. Overlying both bedrock and Glacial Till are pockets and areas of Peat.
- 9.1.4 Please refer to Geo-Environmental Report No. BING4-LT521-SEBAM-ZZ-ZZ-RPT-G-0001 for details on potential for groundwater flooding.
- 9.1.5 Considerations for groundwater as part of the surface water drainage design are to be finalised upon completion of ground investigations on site. An indicative groundwater seepage rate has been incorporated into the drainage model to consider potential seepage from the cut slope at the platform, but will be finalised at detailed design.

#### 9.2 **Design Considerations**

- 9.2.1 Groundwater has been observed to be shallow at the proposed substation site and throughout the site. Due to the shallow groundwater depths, careful management will be required to ensure excavation stability during construction and also in the long-term e.g., culvert operation, slope stability and any groundwater changes which may cause flooding or dewatering of localised peat.
- 9.2.2 Please refer to Geo-Environmental Report No. BING4-LT521-SEBAM-ZZ-ZZ-RPT-G-0001 for further recommendations on dealing with groundwater.



#### 10.0 DRAINAGE STRATEGY: FOUL WATER MANAGEMENT

- 10.1.1 Foul water drainage management within the substation platform has been designed by Patterson Reeves & Partners (PRP). Refer to drawing BING4-LT521-SEBAM-DRAI-XX-LAY-C-0001 in **Appendix 3**. PRP design philosophy references the foul design shall comply with Sewers for Scotland. However, it should be noted that the foul drainage within the site does not connect to multiple dwellings and will not be adopted by Scottish Water. The PRP drainage philosophy also states that foul drains are to be 100mm diameter and will drain by gravity to a KLARGESTER BA BIODISC 750 package treatment plant.
  - 10.1.2 During construction, the office and welfare facilities will be connected to a septic tank to contain the foul water from the facilities. Full design details are to be determined once the contractor has provided details for the temporary design arrangements.



#### 11.0 MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

All surface water drainage features will require regular maintenance to ensure the features can maintain their drainage capabilities. The frequency of a maintenance schedule varies depending on the feature and can become less regular over time again, depending on the feature type. The SuDS Manual (C753) provides recommended maintenance requirements, which is summarised below.

#### 11.1 Swales/Ditches

Table 4: Maintenance Schedule, Swales/ Ditches, The SuDS Manual (C753)

Maintenance Schedule	Required Action	Frequency
Regular Maintenance	Inspect inlets/outlets and overflows	Monthly
	for blockages and clear if required	
	Litter and debris removal	Monthly/as required
	Grass cutting – to retain grass	Monthly (during growing
	height within specified design	season) or as required
	range.	
	Manage other vegetation and	Monthly at start then as
	remove nuisance plants	required
	Inspect infiltration surfaces for	Monthly/as required
	ponding, compaction & silt	
	accumulation. Record areas where	
	ponding occurs for >48 hours.	
	Inspect vegetation coverage	Monthly for 6 months then
		quarterly for 2 years then half
		yearly
	Inspect inlets and facility surface	Bi-annually
	for silt accumulation. Establish	
	appropriate silt removal	
	frequencies	
Occasional Maintenance	Reseed areas of poor vegetation	As required of if bare soil is
	growth and alter plant types to	exposed over 10% or more of
	better suit conditions if required	swale treatment area.
Remedial Maintenance	Repair erosion or other damage by	As required
	re-turfing or re-seeding.	
	Re-level uneven surfaces and	As required
	reinstate design levels.	
	Scarify and spike topsoil layer to	As required
	improve infiltration performance,	
	break up silt deposits and prevent	
	compaction of the soil surface	
	Remove build-up of sediment on	As required
	upstream gravel trench, flow	
	spreader or at top of filter strip.	
	Remove and dispose of oil or	As required
	petrol residues using safe standard	
	practices	



#### 11.2 SuDS Basins

Table 5: Maintenance Schedule, SuDS Basins, The SuDS Manual (C753)

Maintenance Schedule	Required Action	Frequency
Regular Maintenance	Inspect inlets/outlets and overflows	Monthly
	for blockages and clear if required.	·
	Inspect inlets and facility surface	Monthly for first year then
	for silt accumulation. Establish	annually or as required
	appropriate silt removal	
	frequencies.	
	Inspect banksides, structures and	Monthly
	pipework for evidence of physical	
	damage	
	Litter and debris removal	Monthly
	Grass cutting (spillways and	Monthly (during growing
	access routes).	season) or as required.
	Grass cutting (meadow grass in	Bi-annually (Spring, before
	and around basin).	nesting season then again in
		Autumn)
	Manage other vegetation and	Monthly, at start then as
	remove nuisance plants.	required
	Check any penstocks and other	Annually
	mechanical devices.	
	Tidy all dead growth before start of	Annually
	growing season	
	Remove sediment from	Annually or as required
	inlets/outlets and forebay	
	Manage wetland plants in outlet	Annually
	pool – where provided	
Occasional Maintenance	Re-seed areas of poor vegetation growth.	As required
	Prune and trim any trees and	Every 2 years or as required.
	remove cuttings	Every 2 years or as required.
	Remove sediment from	Every 5 years or as required
	inlets/outlets, forebays and main	(likely to be minimal
	basin when required	requirements where effective
	,	upstream source control is
		provided).
Remedial Maintenance	Repair erosion or other damage by	As required
	re-seeding or re-turfing	-
	Realignment of rip-rap	As required
	Repair/rehabilitation of inlets,	As required
	outlets and overflows	
	Relevel uneven surfaces and	As required
	reinstate design levels	



#### 12.0 CONCLUSION

- 12.1.1 This drainage strategy report shows the proposed drainage infrastructure and the methodology behind the designs. Design parameters have also been included in this report and appropriate guidelines have been observed in order to influence the design process.
- 12.1.2 Fairhurst are responsible for all surface water drainage proposals outside of the substation platform boundary fence. All drainage inside the fenceline is designed by others (Patterson Reeves and Partners (PRP)).
- 12.1.3 The proposed permanent surface water drainage has been designed in accordance with The Highland Council, SEPA and SSEN guidance. Greenfield run-off rates and attenuation volumes to be stored up to and including the 1 in 200-year return event storm. This has contributed to the SuDS design throughout the scheme allowing for the sizing of the attenuation basin of up to 8,000m³ storage capacity. Swales / ditches shall convey surface water, and discharge treated surface water run-off into the existing channels / drainage ditches across the site in 2 no. locations.
- 12.1.4 The temporary surface water design has also been considered. This consists of conveyance ditches around the temporary construction 'laydown area' platforms, which then discharge to settlement lagoons. The settlement lagoons have been designed to allow the settlement of suspended solids prior to discharge to the natural environment, for up to the 1 in 20-year storm event, with a check also for the 1 in 30-year event.
- 12.1.5 Foul water drainage has been designed by PRP within the substation platform. Further details can be found in the design philosophy provided by PRP in drawing BING4-LT521-SEBAM-DRAI-XX-LAY-C-0001, in **Appendix 3**.

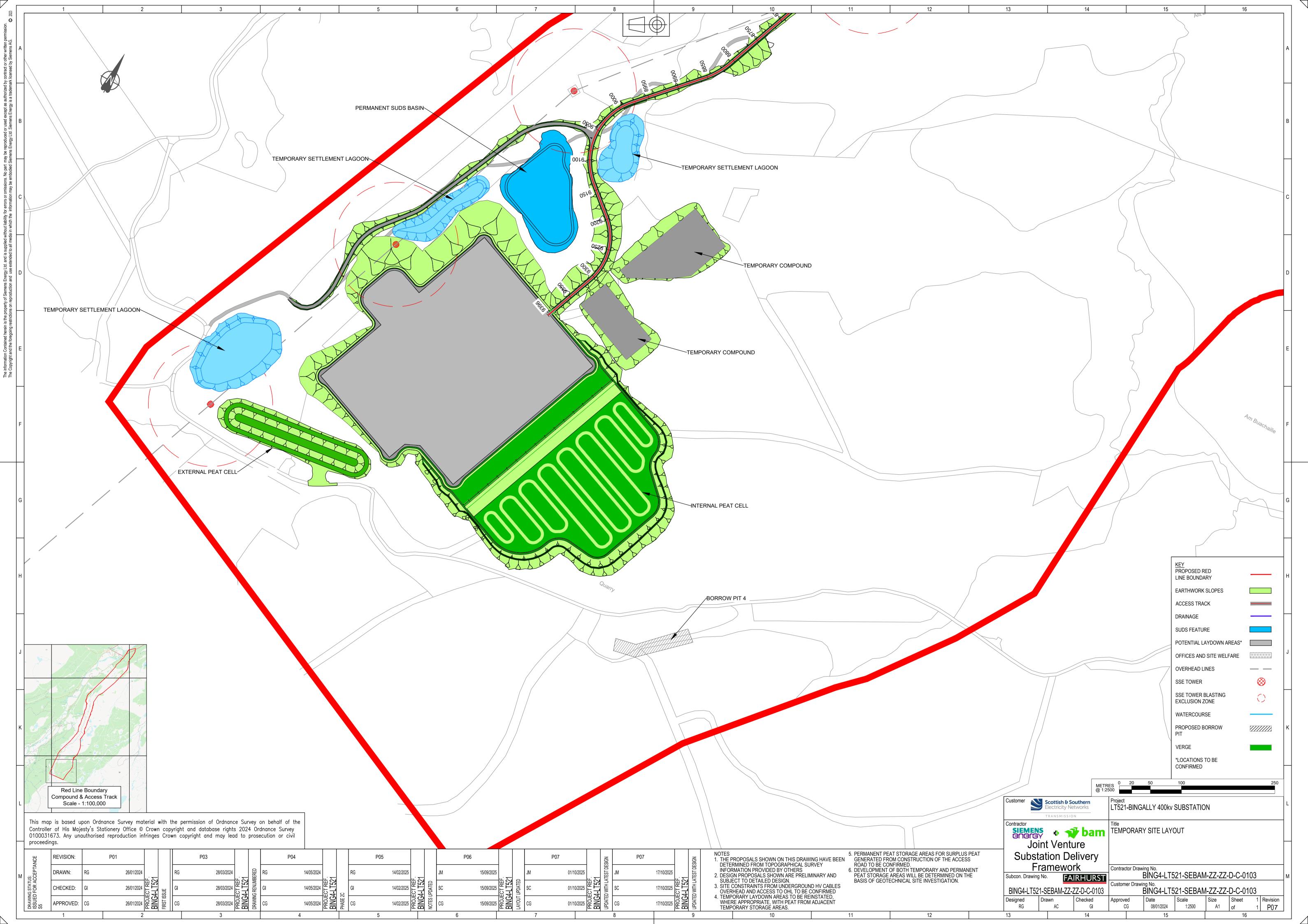


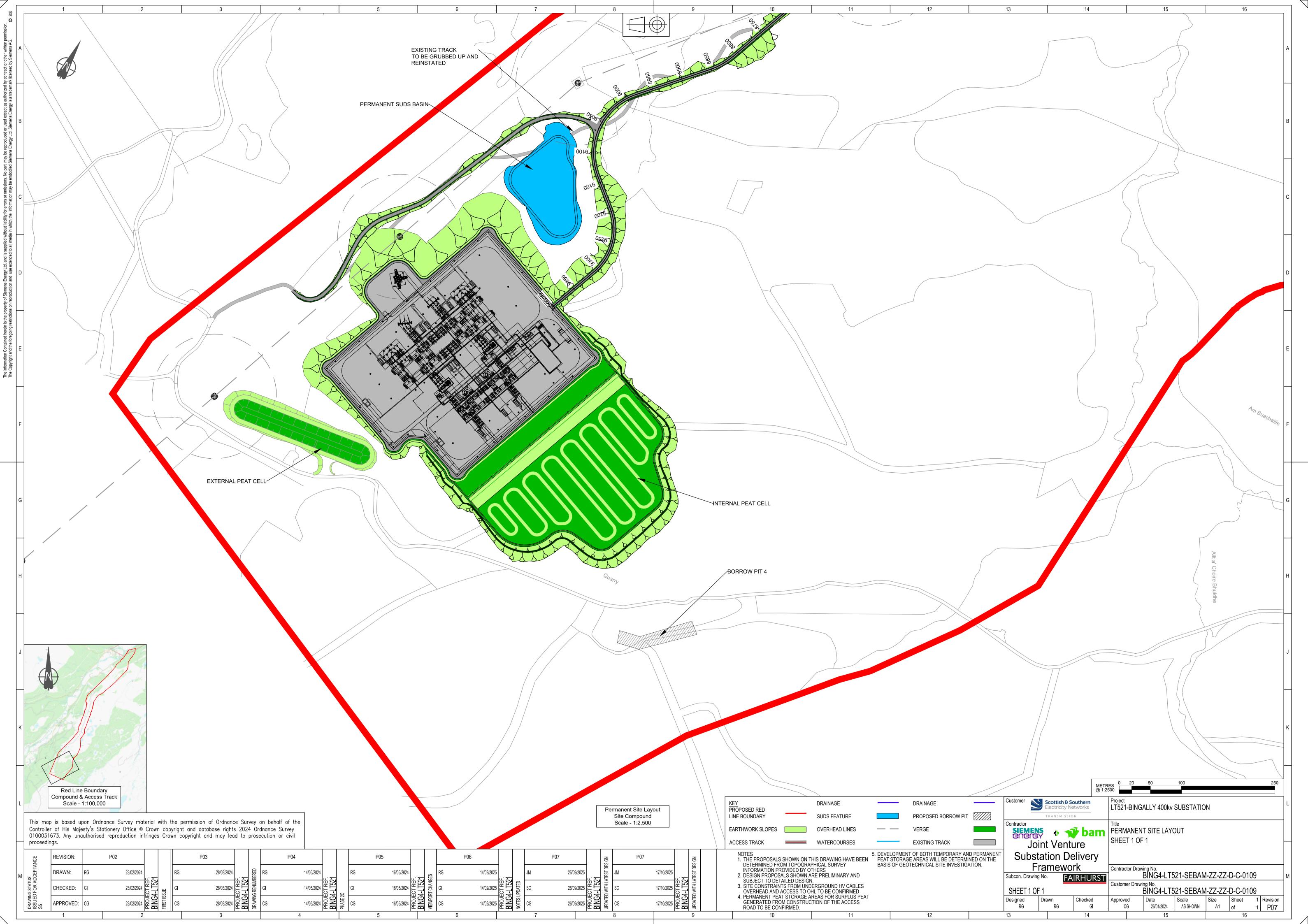
#### 13.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

**Table 6: Reference Documents** 

Document Name	Reference	Publisher	Date of Publication
Drainage Specification	SP-NET-CIV-502	SSEN	July 2023
Climate Change	Version 3	SEPA	April 2023
Allowances for Flood Risk			
Assessment in Land Use			
Planning			
The SuDS Manual	C753	CIRIA	2019
The Highland Council:	N/A	The Highland Council	2023
Flood Risk & Drainage			
Impact Assessment:			
Supplementary Guidance			
Highlands & Argyll: Flood	/A	SEPA	December 2021
Risk Management Plan			
Water Assessment and		Sustainable Urban	N/A
Drainage Assessment		Drainage Scottish	
Guide		Working Party (SUDSWP)	
Avoiding danger from	Guidance Note G56	Health and Safety	2013
overhead power lines.	(Fourth Edition)	Executive	

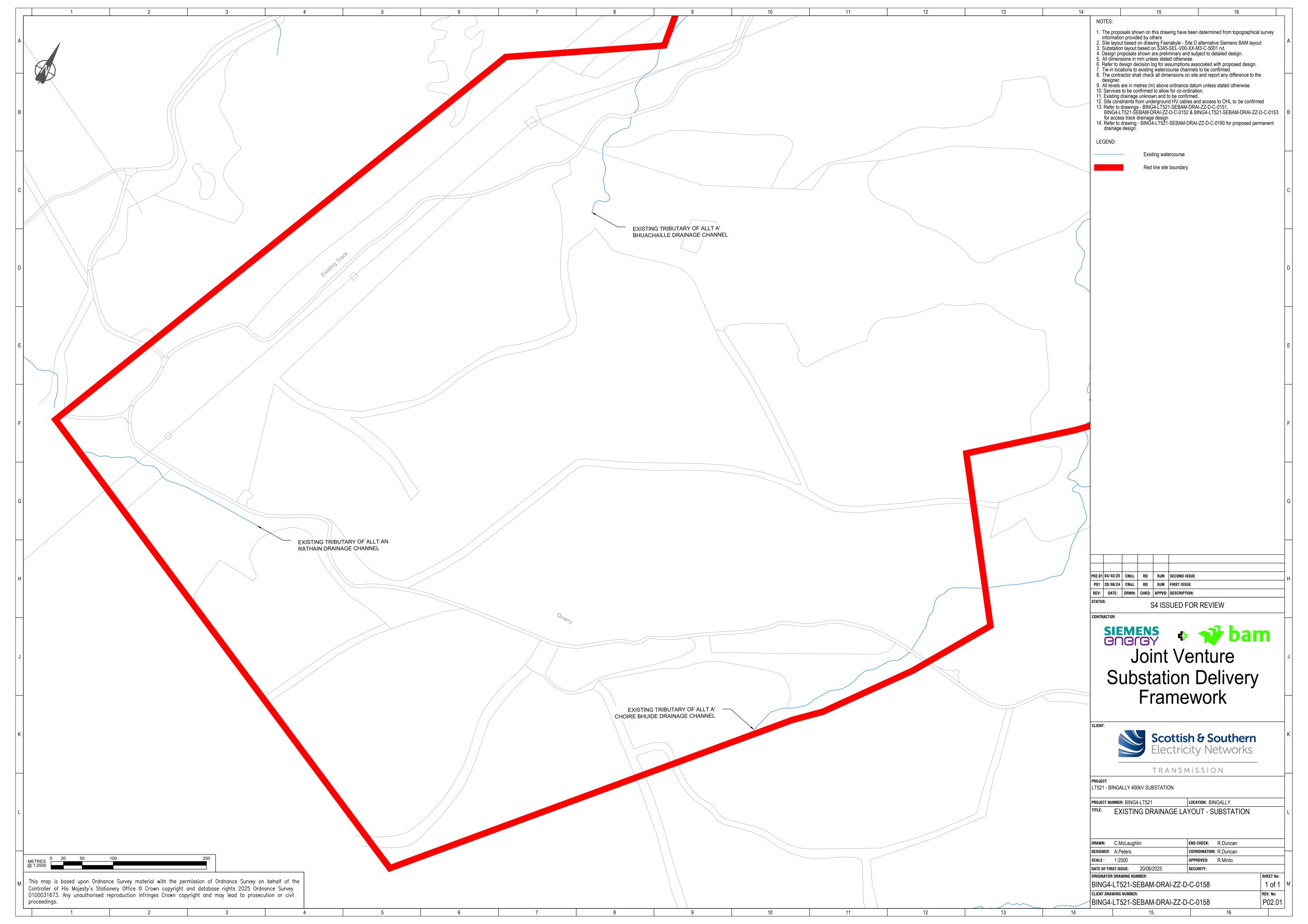
# **Appendix 1** Proposed Site Boundary and Layout





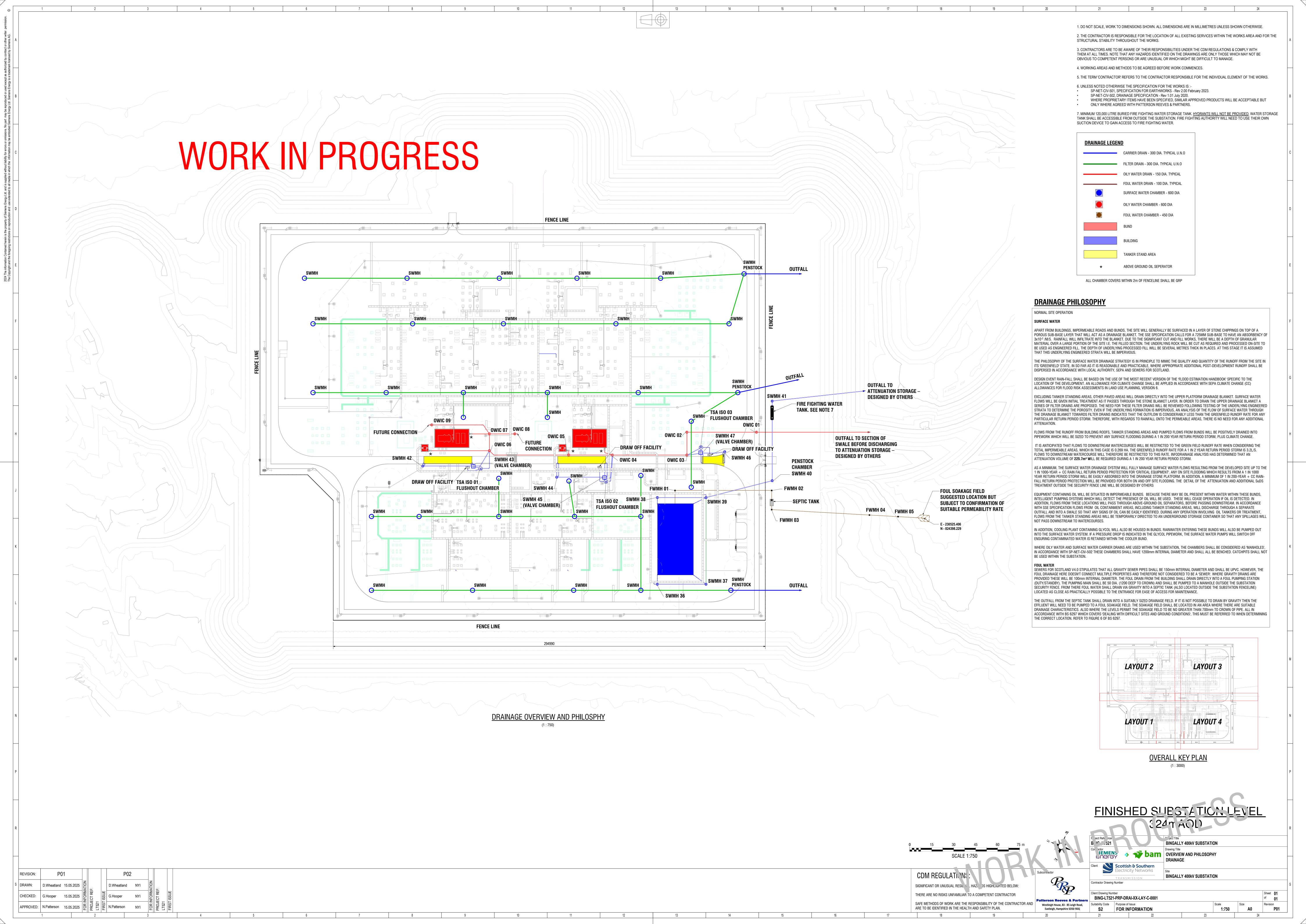


## **Appendix 2** Existing Drainage Layout





## **Appendix 3** Proposed PRP Layout Drawing





## **Appendix 4** Proposed Drainage Drawings

