Exeter City Council Planning Committee 31st July 2023



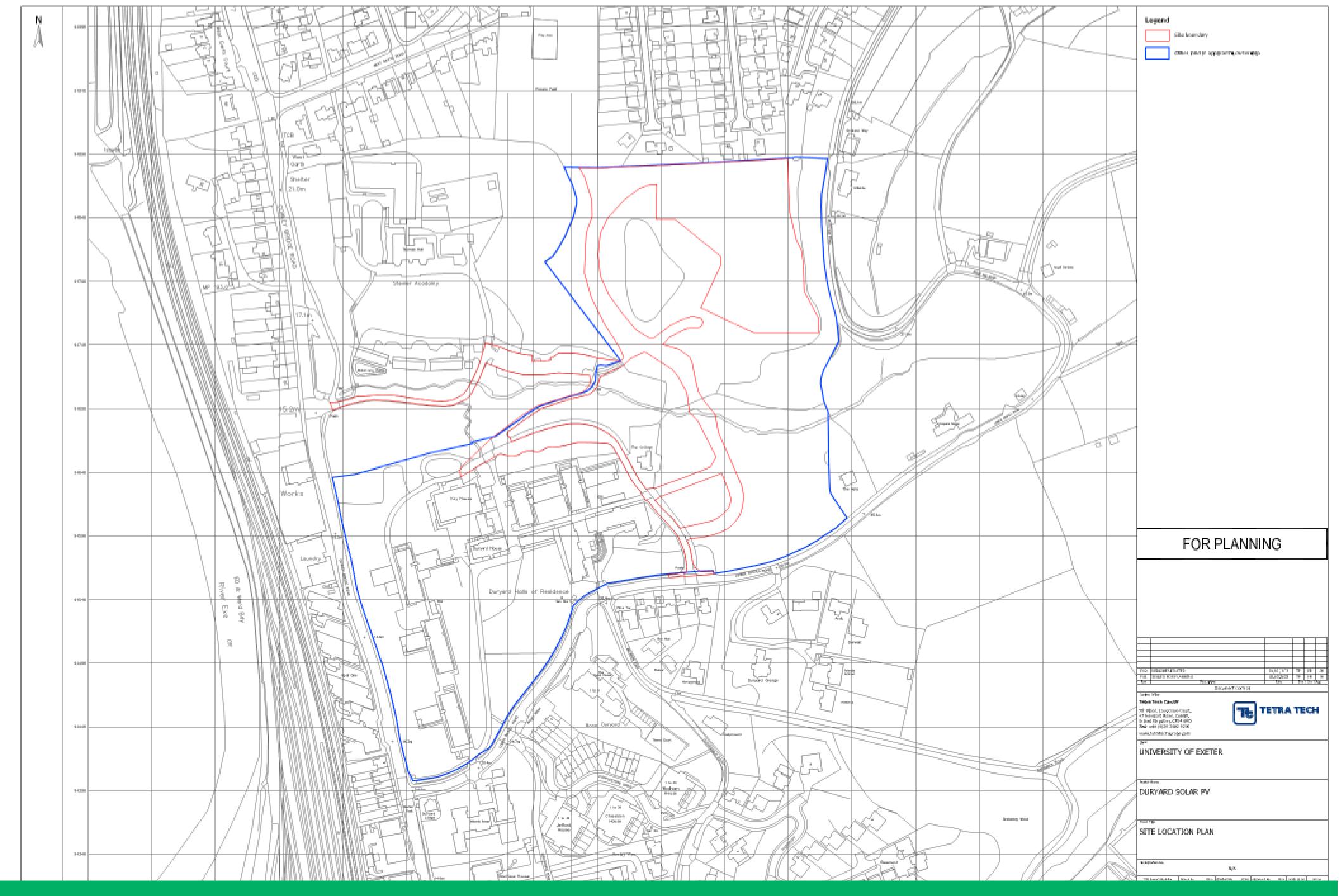
Application 23/0321/FUL

Site: Land On The West Side Of, Belle Vue Road, Exeter, Devon.

Applicant: University of Exeter

Proposal: The erection of a fixed ground mounted Solar Photovoltaic array with an expected capacity of no less than 1.07MWp of generating capacity, a transformer substation, cable run, associated access, fencing, biodiversity measures and ancillary works.

Case Officer: Howard Smith





AERIAL VIEW



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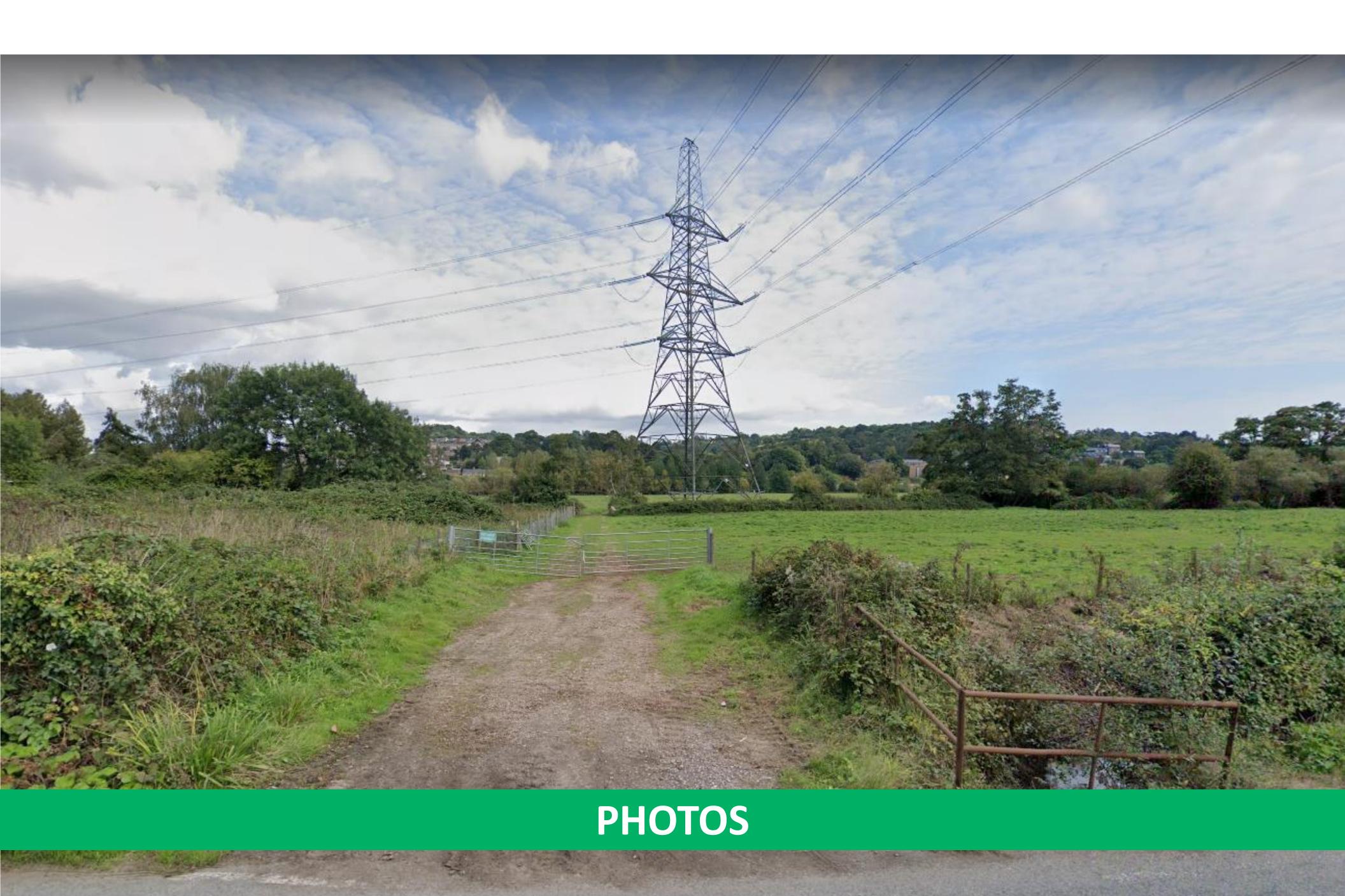
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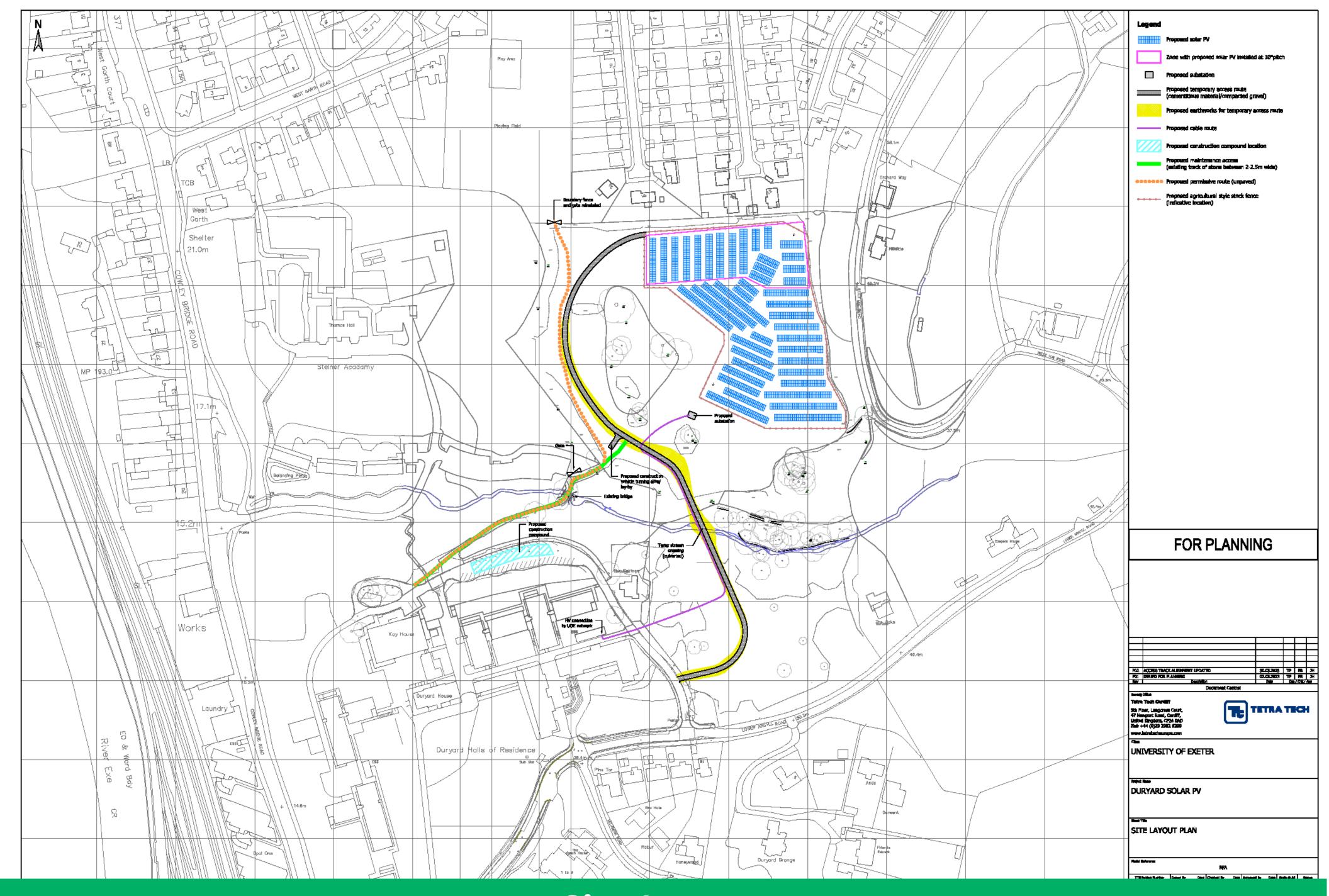
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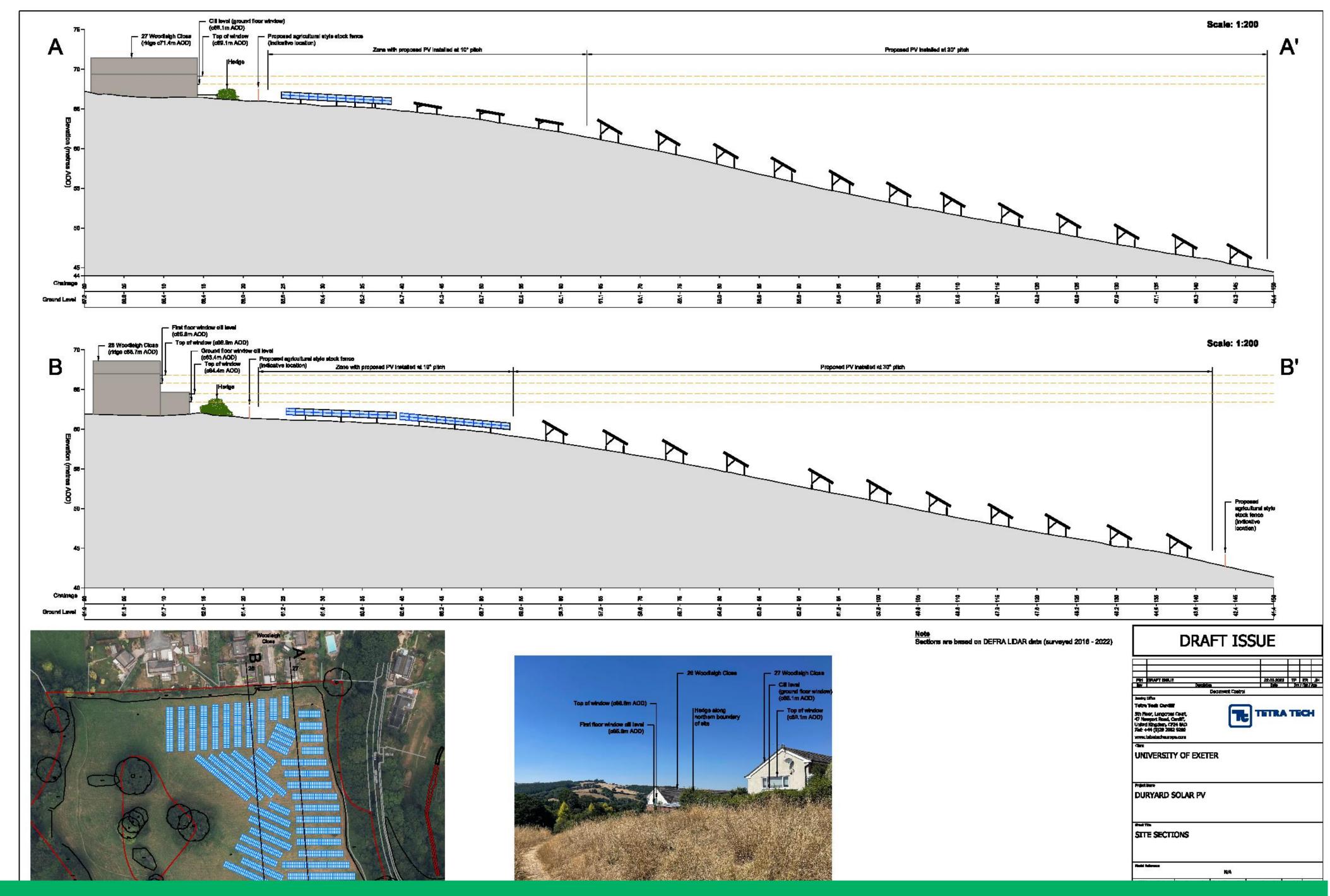
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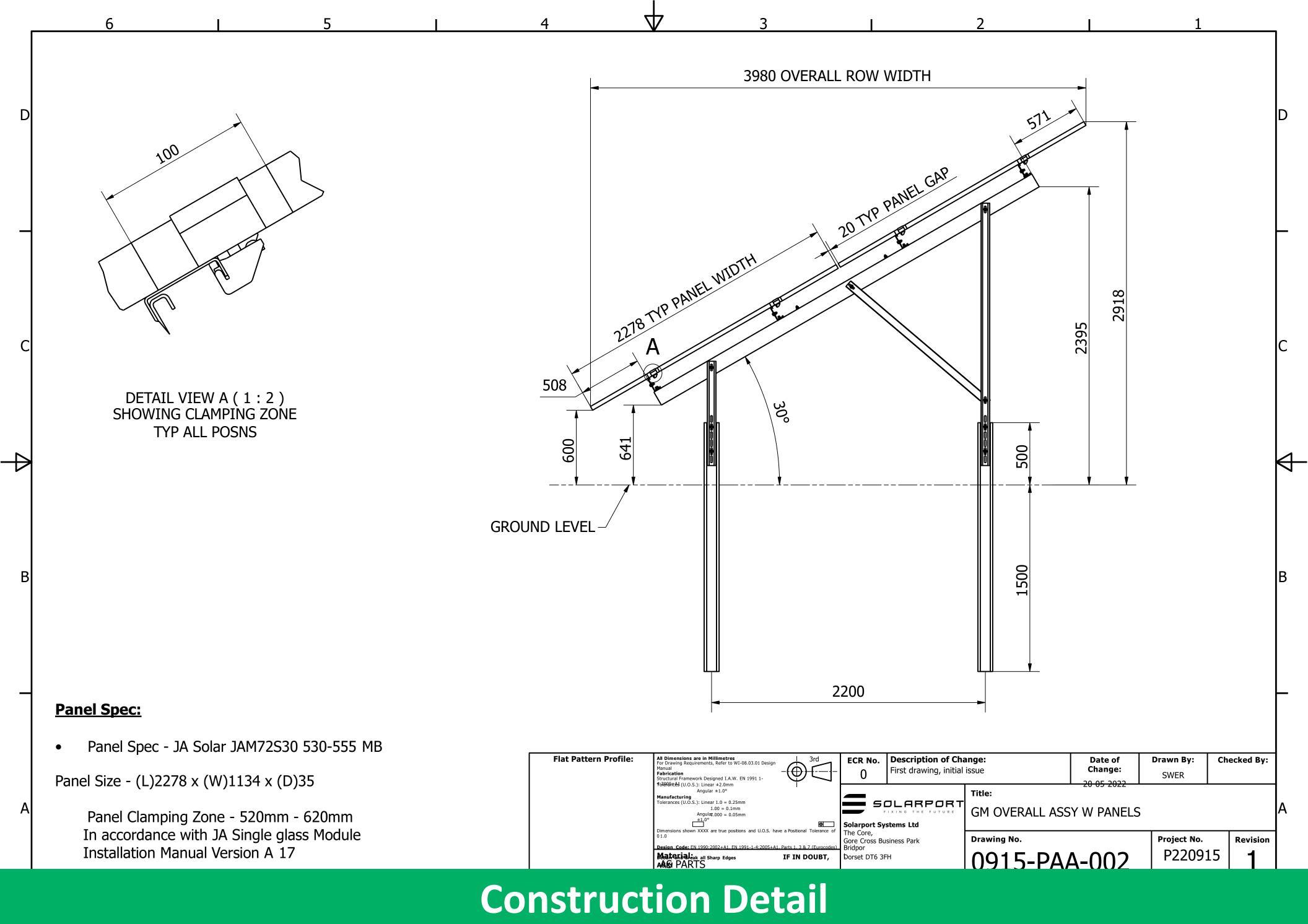
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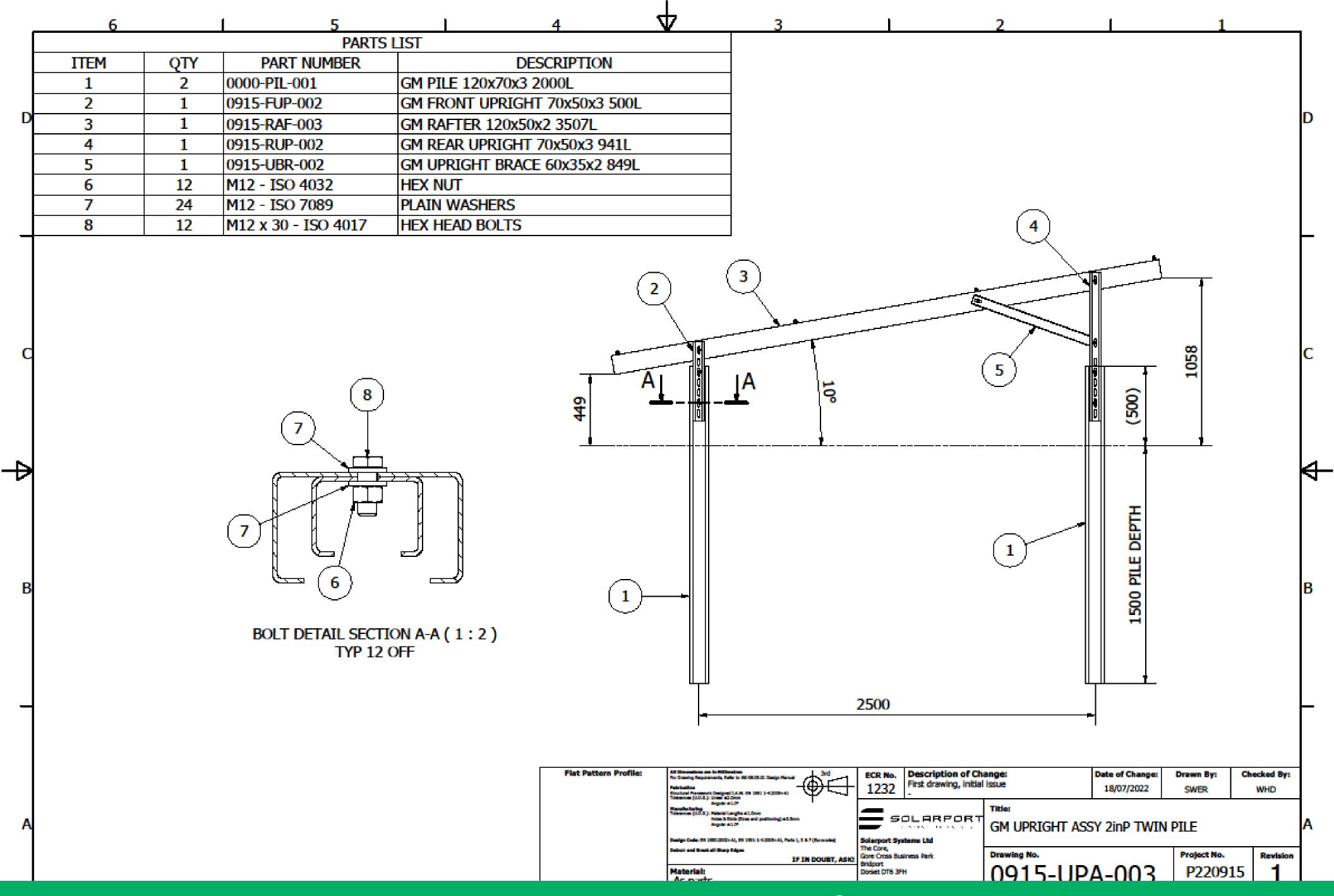


Site Layout

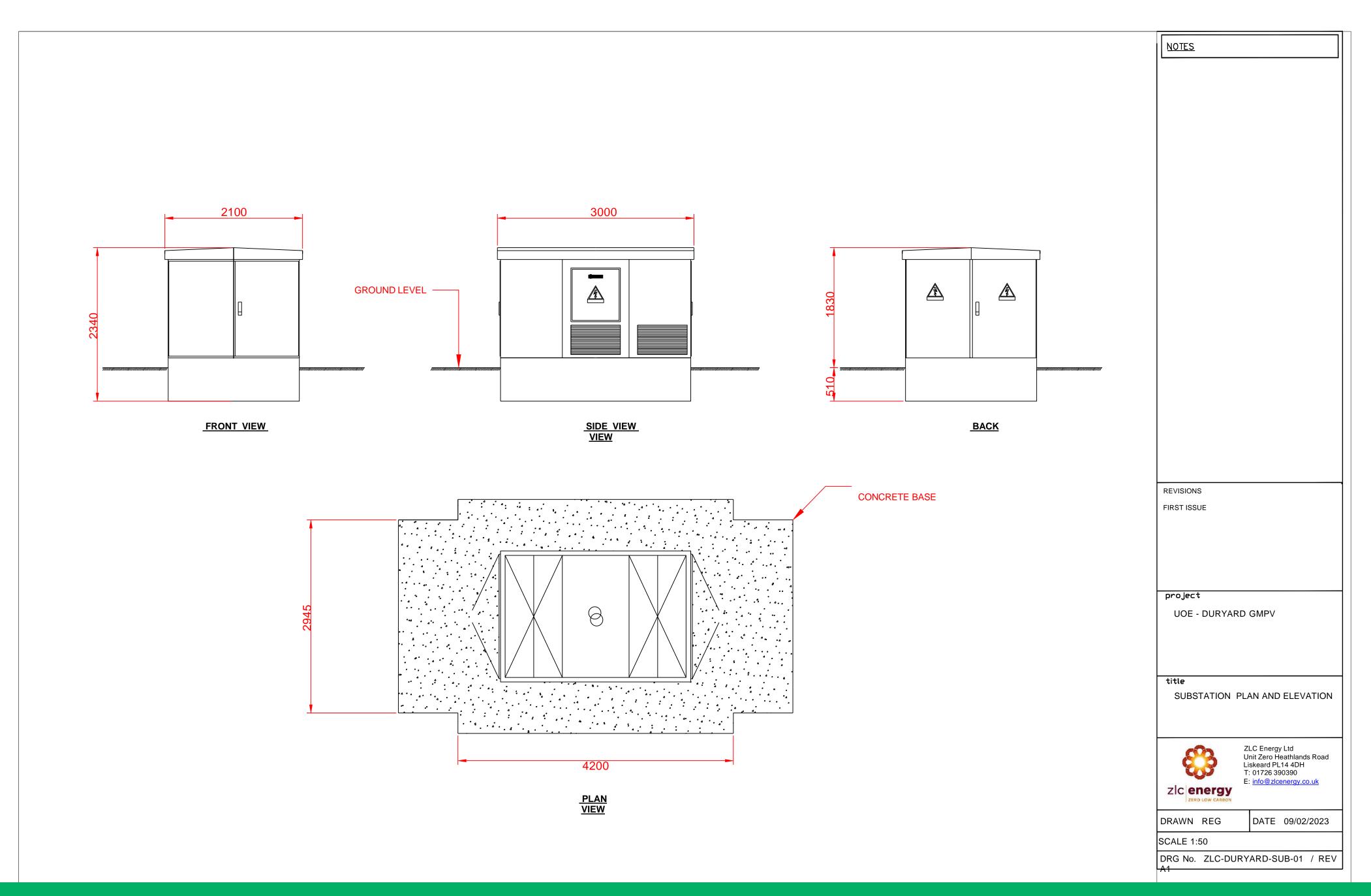


Site Sections

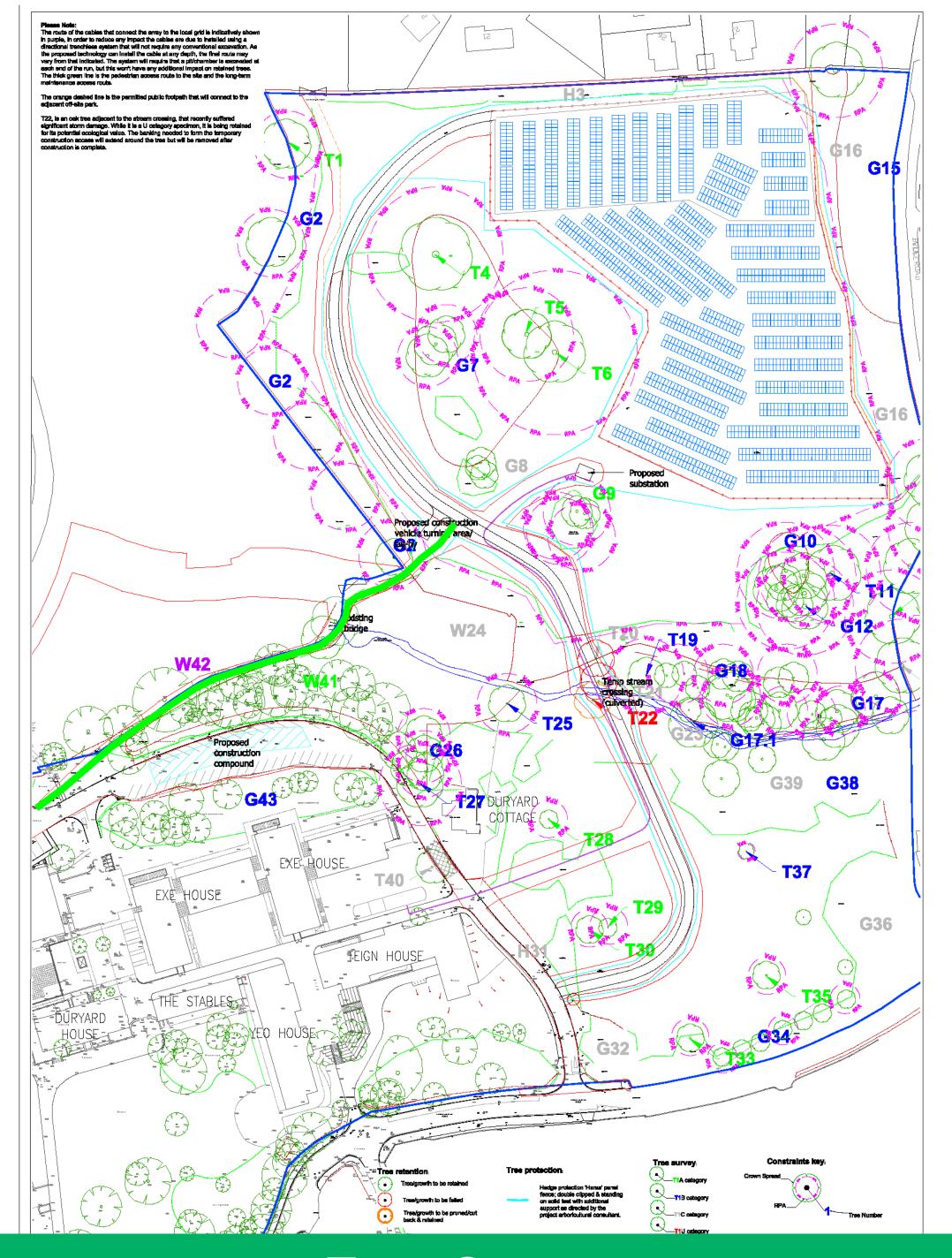




Construction Detail



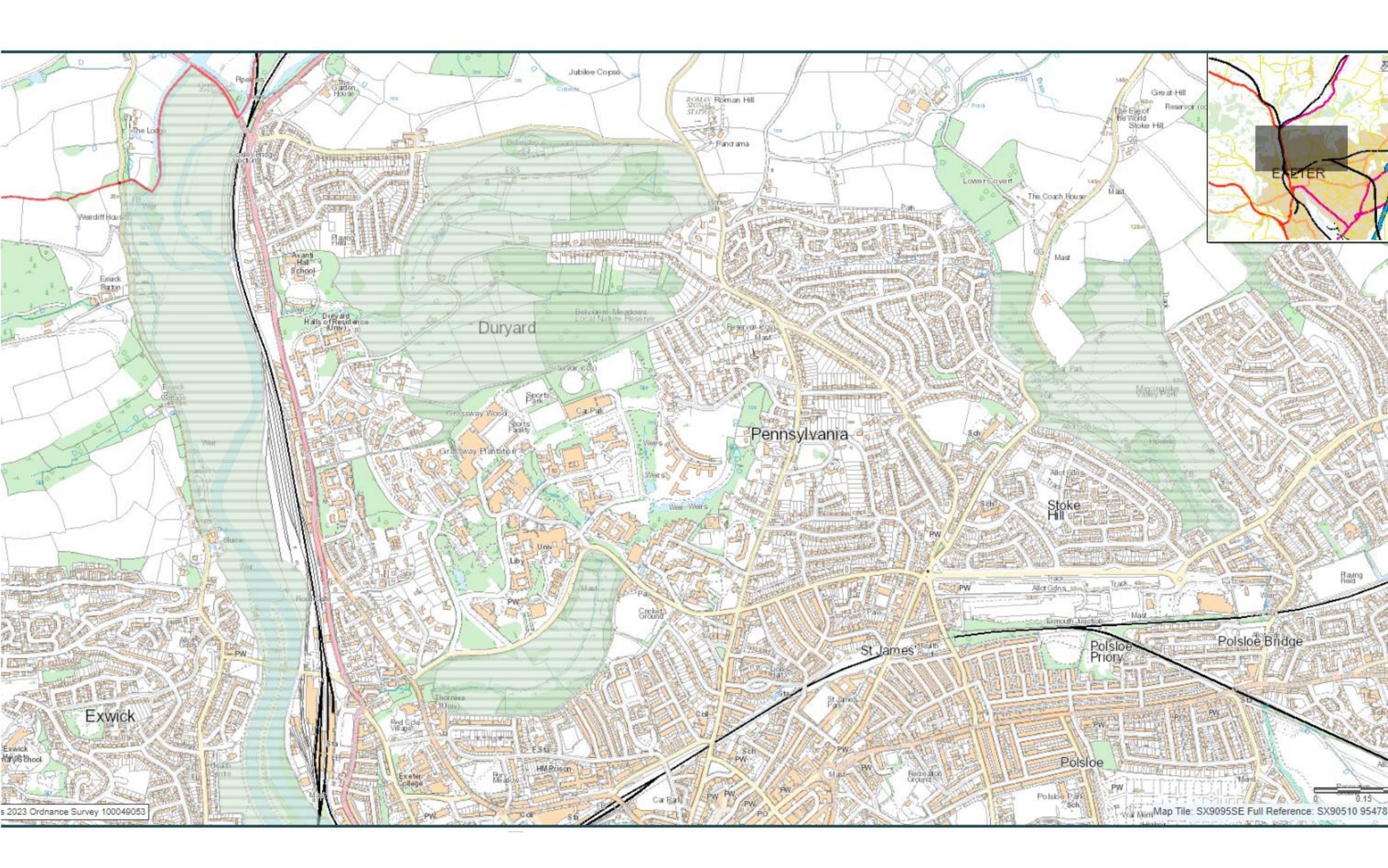
Substation



Tree Survey



Landscape and Biodiversity Enhancements



- Principle of development
- Scale, design, and appearance
- Impact on residential amenity
- Wildlife, Ecology and Biodiversity
- Access

Conclusions

The harms identified through landscape impact on the setting of the city and the rural charterer and appearance of the Duryard valley park mean that the scheme conflicts with policy L1 and LS1 of the Exeter Local Plan 1st Review.

However very substantial weight is given to the benefits of the scheme in terms of renewable energy generation, and hence it is considered that it does comply with policy EN6.

On balance it is therefore concluded that the benefits of the scheme in terms of renewable energy generation outweigh the visual and landscape harm, and the harm to the Duryard Valley Park, and the proposal is therefore considered to be in conformity with the development plan taken as a whole.

Recommendation

APPROVE subject to conditions

RECOMMENDATION