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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background and Purpose of Report

An area of land between the M1 motorway and Sheffield Road to the west of Hoyland Common near Barnsley (the site) is to be redeveloped by Newlands Developments (the Client). The proposals for the site comprised the reprofiling of the site to enable the construction of a single large distribution warehouse and other industrial units, with a new link road and associated infrastructure, parking, balancing pond and landscaping. The M1 motorway forms the western boundary of the site and Junction 36 is immediately adjacent to the north/northwestern tip of the site.

The proposed development is covered by planning application **Hoyland West Ref. 2020/0647**.

Applied Geology Limited has been appointed by Newlands Developments to undertake a Ground Investigation and provide professional geotechnical services to assist in the design of the proposed development. The following reports have been prepared and issued:

- a) Desk Study Report Ref. AG3080-19-AJ70, dated January 2020;
- b) Phase 1 Coal Mining Risk Assessment Ref. AG3080-19-AJ77, dated January 2020;
- c) Ground Investigation Report (GIR) Ref. AG3080-19-AK21, dated June 2020.

The above referenced reports were included with the Planning Application. Highways England (HE), in its capacity as a consultee, noted that *“From the plans it appears that the development will require cut into the slope adjacent to our boundary with the potential to destabilise our earthworks”*. HE therefore required Newlands Developments to appoint a Design Geotechnical Advisor to carry out a study of the impact of the proposed earthworks along the HE site boundary.

However, in addition to the above reports, Applied Geology had also been undertaking a Geotechnical Design Report (GDR), which has since been issued as report Ref. AG3080-19-AK36, dated August 2020. Discussions were therefore held with HE and it was agreed that Applied Geology would produce a summary design report for HE regarding the earthworks aspects of the GDR that are relevant to the HE assets.

This Summary GDR has been compiled to address the geotechnical aspects of the proposed development and to present the relevant geotechnical design elements, cross referencing relevant desk study information, factual data and ground conditions contained within the above referenced reports.

The geotechnical design works have been undertaken in accordance with relevant standards including BS5930, BS EN1997, Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works, Specification for Highway Works [SHW]: Volume 1: 1998 [updated 2016] and EN16907-1: 2018 Earthworks. In addition to these documents, reference has also been made to BS6031:2019, BRE FB75 and the requirements of CD 622, albeit the proposed development does not constitute a HE project.

1.2 Summary of Proposed Earthworks

The site is divided into three main areas based on the proposed development but only Plots 1 and 3 border HE property.

The main central area (Plot 1 – also known as ‘Hermes’) is to comprise a large distribution warehouse measuring 375m by 75m and orientated NNW-SSE. There are associated lorry parking areas, a lorry wash, a lorry refuelling area, a staff car park surrounding the proposed building. The finished floor level is currently proposed at 144.5mOD and, therefore, significant earthworks will be required to create a level site area at this elevation.

The part of the site to the north of Tankersley Lane (Plot 3) is also to be prepared to create a level development platform for future light industrial use. It is understood that several small units are proposed in this area, however, development plans have not been finalised. The plateau level in this part of the site is currently proposed at 145.6mOD and will also involve some element of cut and fill.

The initial cut-fill profile was derived using maximum slope angles of 1v:3h and no retaining structures were intended to be used. A nominal off-set from the HE boundary fence line was also assumed to allow access for maintenance and toe/crest drainage.

The following details the proposed changes in ground level adjacent to the HE assets, from north to south:

Plot 3

Alongside the boundary with Junction 36 roundabout and the adjoining A road, the earthworks will result in an increase in ground level of generally between 0 and 2m. Alongside the motorway slip road and north of Tankersley Lane, up to 5m of fill is proposed. Here the motorway slip road is slightly higher than the site/at grade and then is in shallow cut towards the Tankersley Lane bridge.

Plot 1

From Tankersley Lane to approximately where the HV overhead powerlines cross the motorway, the proposed development will be in cut with cut slopes between <0.5m and 6m deep close to the HE boundary. However, the motorway is also in cutting along the same length. South of the overhead lines, the motorway is elevated above the site (on fill) and proposed site levels are also to increase by construction of engineered fill slopes up to 5.5m high close to the HE boundary.

1.3 Geotechnical Category

The proposed development as a whole has been categorised as both Geotechnical Category 2 and Category 3 as defined by British Standard EN 1997-1:2007 Eurocode 7 – Geotechnical Design. This is because it generally involves conventional types of geotechnical structures, earthworks and activities but some parts of the site will involve unusual/difficult ground conditions, high loading conditions associated with the placement of engineered fill and construction of buildings above significant thicknesses of uncontrolled opencast backfill. However, the earthworks adjacent to the HE asset are all considered to be Geotechnical Category 2.

2.0 INITIAL GEOTECHNICAL RISK REGISTER

A Geotechnical Risk Register was derived for the proposed development as part of the Desk Study and GIR process and is included in full in the GIR. The key geotechnical risks that are relevant to the earthworks close to the HE asset were identified as follows:

- Uncertain or variable thickness of Made Ground relating to the opencast backfilling;
- Slope stability, particularly if placing fill over untreated opencast backfill or forming cut slopes within Opencast Backfill;
- Unexpected or high groundwater conditions;
- Unsuitable soils for re-use as engineered fill;
- Difficult excavation of rock in areas of cut.

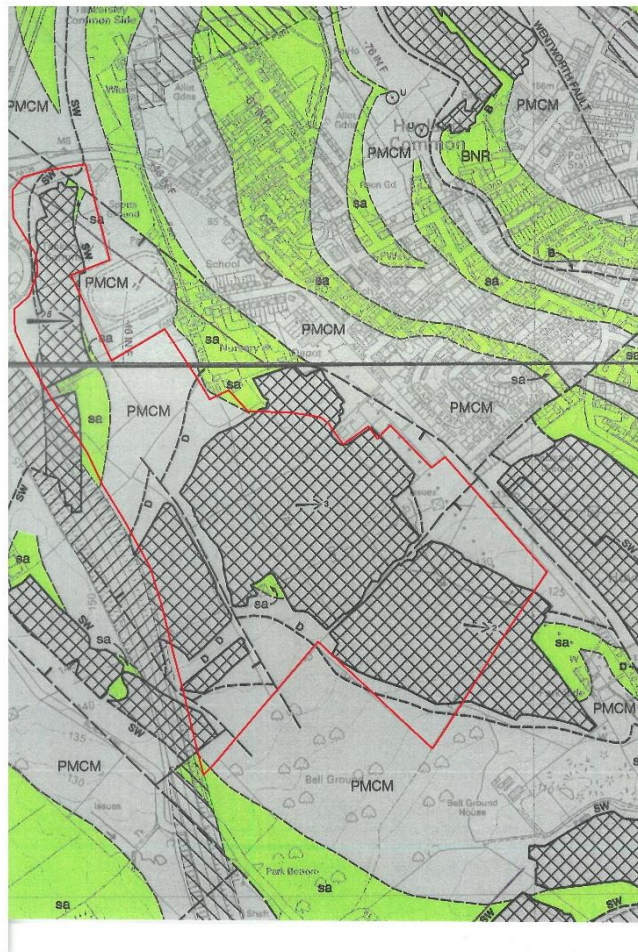
At GIR stage, a qualitative risk level was assigned to each geotechnical hazard/risk, together with possible mitigation measures, some of which relate to work undertaken in the geotechnical design process. An updated geotechnical Risk Register was then undertaken following the geotechnical design stage and is reported in the GDR. The updated risk register relevant to the earthworks alongside the HE asset is discussed in Section 8.0 of this report.

3.0 DESK STUDY AND COAL MINING RISK ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

A Phase 1 Desk Study and Preliminary/Phase 1 Coal Mining Risk Assessment (CMRA) were carried out for the site by Applied Geology (Report Ref. AG3080-19-AJ70, Validated Issue 1 and Report Ref. AG3080-19-AJ77, Validated Issue 1), both dated January 2020. Reference should be made to both reports for full details, however, pertinent information relevant to the HE asset and site boundary are summarised below.

The site was agricultural land before opencast mining was undertaken in the mid to late 1940s with the site being restored to agricultural use by the early 1950s. Tankersley Lane was present by 1855 and the M1 motorway was constructed during the late 1960s.

The site is shown to be underlain by the Pennine Middle Coal Measures Formation, which typically comprises interbedded grey mudstone, siltstone and sandstone with numerous workable coal, ironstone and fireclay seams, which have been historically worked in the area. The stratum is shown to dip by between 2 and 5 degrees to the east. No natural Superficial Deposits are shown to be present on or in the vicinity of the site. Extracts from the BGS maps are shown below:



The site is within a Coal Mining Reporting Area, with much of the site within a Development High Risk Area. A Consultant's Coal Mining Report and relevant abandonment plans have been obtained and form part of the Coal Mining Risk Assessment Report.

Four separate opencast mines are present along sections of the site boundary with the HE asset (the western extents of the redline boundary). Either side of Tankersley Lane and the close to the extreme southwestern end of the HE site boundary, the Swallow Wood Coal Seam was opencast mined. Under the higher ground towards the centre-south the Dunsil Coal Seam (also known as the Harley Seam) was opencast mined. Several small faults are also shown on the BGS maps.

The coal seams generally dip to the east/southeast at shallow angles and therefore the depth of the opencast mines were at their shallowest at their western extents.

No recorded shaft are shown close to the boundary with the HE asset.

The BGS Maps also show the M1 motorway adjacent to the site to be located on Made or Worked Ground.

There are numerous records of past underground mining on and near the site, mostly relating to coal seams, but two relating to ironstone seams, between 23m and 346m bgl. These were last worked between 1857 and 1972 and movements from these workings should have ceased.

No obvious potential sources of contamination were identified by the desk study in proximity to the HE asset. The Coal Authority abandonment plans indicated the opencast backfill materials to comprise natural overburden deposits including “clay, mudstone, sandstone and shale”.

Based on the findings of the Desk Study and Phase 1 CMRA a comprehensive ground investigation was designed with significant focus on determining the location, nature, depth and geotechnical properties of the opencast backfill materials.

The updated Coal Mining Risk Assessment concluded that there is no evidence that the site has been affected by underground mining at shallow depths and that the development should not require a programme of drilling and grouting. Subsidence from deep coal mining of several seams should have ceased. Subsidence due to self-weight settlement of the opencast backfill (in place for c.70 years) should also have ceased by now.

4.0 GROUND INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

The Ground Investigation Report (GIR) was completed for the main site (Plots 1 - 3) and is referenced AG3080-19-AK21 dated June 2020, and includes the following:

- Factual data (including exploratory hole logs, exploratory hole location plan, in situ and laboratory test results, groundwater and ground gas monitoring);
- Interpreted ground conditions (including conjectured geological cross sections.
- Review and discussion on the geotechnical properties;
- Contamination Assessment;
- Updated Coal Mining Risk Assessment;
- Geotechnical risk register.

In the main site area (covering plots 1-3), beneath surface Topsoil, underlying Made Ground typically consisted of opencast backfill. This has been formed through reworking natural materials of the Pennine Middle Coal Measures Formation (PMCM), which has resulted in materials predominantly formed of gravelly clay including cobbles and rare boulders. Where natural in situ soils represented the PMCM were present in unworked areas or below opencast backfill, a weathered clay horizon was generally encountered at shallow depths, increasing to rock strength with depth. Shallow coal seams were encountered in some areas.

The Opencast Backfill included an initial cohesive ‘capping’ layer c. 1.0-1.5m thick was generally present in most areas of opencast backfill across the main site. Underlying materials were variable in the extreme with approximately a third to a quarter of all materials being granular, based on engineering descriptions.

Typical cohesive and granular descriptions can be represented respectively as ‘variably gravelly silty clay with occasional to frequent cobbles’ and ‘variably sandy variably clayey gravel with occasional to frequent cobbles’. Approximately one third of the materials were noted to contain cobbles and where present, they typically constituted approximately 10-20% of the soil volume. The presence of boulders was ‘rare’. From observations generally, an irregular loose macrofabric represented by

'lumps' of cohesive material is inferred. This appears to possibly be associated with small voids or looser material infill at depths above around 4 or 5m below existing levels.

Where the in situ PMCM were encountered near surface, there was an upper 1.0 – 1.5m thick weathered horizon of firm or stiff silty clay which soon became very stiff and friable with mudstone lithorelicts. Localised thin bands of rock strength siltstone or sandstone were sometimes present within this weathered horizon at shallow depths.

Rock strength strata were present below the upper weathered horizon and also below the Opencast Backfill materials, representing the floor of the former quarried areas. These generally comprised extremely weak to weak grey mudstone, siltstone and occasional sandstone interbeds with local coal seams.

In general, groundwater levels within the opencast backfill are considered highly variable. During the investigation work in Plot 3, the backfill materials were largely saturated and groundwater was present at shallow depths (around 1 -3m bgl). Fast inflows were recorded in some trial excavations. In Plot 1, however, the occurrence of groundwater was more localised and mainly towards the base, although occasionally higher level (1 – 4m bgl) inflows, were noted in the centre west near the HE boundary.

Generally, within the opencast backfill, a regime whereby groundwater locally perched on more cohesive fine-grained zones, which can be present at varying depths, is indicated. The levels are also inferred to be significantly responsive to weather and seasonal conditions. Generally higher levels in Plot 3 are likely to be related in part to the lack of existing land drainage.

Within the PMCM, a deeper groundwater regime is present at variable depths, sometimes under a low sub-artesian pressure head.

The geotechnical properties of the opencast backfill and PMCM, based on both laboratory and in situ testing, are covered in detail within the GIR. The main GDR discusses these properties and their variations and derived appropriate design parameters, which are summarised below.

It is emphasized that the Opencast Backfill material is extremely variable in all respects, comprising overburden likely excavated by dragline, roughly stockpiled and returned to the pit via loose tipping. It is unlikely there would have been any control on particle size or any effort made to compact the material. However, the backfill materials have been in-situ for around 70 years, hence self-weight settlement is expected to have completed.

Summary of Adopted Geotechnical Design Parameters

Material type		Unit Weight (kN/m ³)	Saturated Unit Weight (kN/m ³)	Effective Angle of Internal Friction (Degrees)	Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	Unconfined Compressive Strength (MPa)	Poisson's Ratio	Effective Cohesion (kPa)	Deformation Modulus (MPa)	Permeability (ms ⁻¹)
Opencast Backfill	Dry (Upper 5m)	18	20	17 - 19	30 - 50	N/A	0.35	0*7	3.0-10.0*8	4.0 x 10 ⁻⁹ – 5.0 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
	Dry (Lower)	18	20		50 - 100				5.0-12.5*8	
	Saturated	20	20		40 - 60				3.0-10.0*8	
Engineered Fill		20	20	24	75	N/A	0.35	0	10	5.0 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
Pennine Middle Coal Measures	Clay (Upper 1.5m)	21	21	20	60	N/A	0.42	3	6	1.0 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
	Clay (Lower)	21	21	22	135	N/A	0.42	3	13	
	Coal	13	13	25	N/A	2.5	0.40	5	250	1.0 x 10 ⁻⁸
	Rock (Upper 4-8m)	23	23	30	N/A	1.0	0.25	5	100	5.0 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
	Rock (Lower)	25	25	40	N/A	5.5	0.25	5	550	

5.0 CUTTING AND EMBANKMENT STABILITY

Cuttings will be made through both natural Coal Measures strata (soil and rock strength materials) and Made ground comprising opencast backfill materials. Embankment slopes will be constructed of site-derived engineered fill placed and compacted in accordance with the Earthworks Specification, which is included in full as Annex I of both this report and the main GDR report.

5.1 Methods of Analyses

Slope stability analyses were carried out using the GEO5 'Slope' package by Fine software with analyses using Design Approach 1 – reduction of actions and soil parameters and UK – EN1997 settings. Both undrained (short term) and drained (long term) analyses were undertaken.

The initial stage involved generic assessments assuming hypothetical well drained 5m high slopes formed in Engineered Fill and cut into natural soils to give a general indication of safe slope angles. Circular failure surfaces were considered, originating behind the slope crest and 'daylighting' near the toe, using Bishop method. Failure of underlying 'foundation' soils or slopes cut into Opencast backfill were not considered of value in this initial stage and hence were not included.

The detailed analysis stage, based on the ground investigation and proposed development slopes, involved the construction of various model profiles at locations shown on Drawings AG3080-19-07, Annex II. A number of these profiles were analysed in respect of slopes near the western site boundary close to the HE assets.

The model profiles have been created by overlaying the 3D CAD existing topographic survey with the proposed cut and fill levels ('Cut & Fill Contours' Winvic Dwg No 10986b) and importing to the GEO5 software. A variety of analyses methods, including Bishop and Morgenstern-price were undertaken in the detailed analysis stage.

Characteristic soil and rock material parameters used in the slope stability analyses are as set out in Section 3.0 above. Some sensitivity analyses were undertaken and included in the assessments in the main GDR report.

Groundwater is a key factor in slope stability and the groundwater regime and inherent variability resulted in the need to include a relatively large range of conditions in the stability analyses to reflect groundwater levels above those identified in investigations which might represent reasonable worst realistic case. This includes an allowance for the effects of working crest and toe drainage which is assumed to be implemented.

The GEO5 software output comprises a complete report for each analysis undertaken together with a drawing of the model that has been analysed. The GEO5 output reports, presented in Annex III, include full details of methodology, ground profile, soil parameters and resulting stability. Within the output reports, stability is expressed in terms of percentage 'utilization' of resisting forces, determined in accordance with EC 7, where less than 100% is deemed acceptable.

5.2 Generic Safe Gradients and Short Term (Temporary) Stability

The steepest long-term safe slope gradients for hypothetical slopes up to 5m high in a single material type including modelling a groundwater table at or just below the slope toe are assessed as follows:

- Engineered Fill: 1v:3.0h;
- Coal Measures – Clay 1v:2.75h;
- Coal Measures – Rock 1v:1.5h.

These generic safe gradients have been considered alongside the detailed analyses described in the following sections and in the assessment of appropriate design measures.

The analyses in short term (temporary) conditions are presented in the design note in Annex V of the main GDR report. These analyses conclude that the slopes are stable in the short-term condition where in close proximity to the HE assets. However, for the large embankment towards the southern tip of Plot 1, it will be essential that pore pressures are monitored and the rate of filling controlled to maintain short term stability of slopes.

5.3 Plot 1 'Hermes'

5.3.1 Ground Models

Cut slopes in the west

Cut slopes up to around 5.5m in height are required in northern and central parts of the western boundary with the motorway. The required gradients based on the cut/fill model are around 1v:3h at their steepest, slackening to the north and south. These slopes are represented by model sections E-E', F-F' and R-R'. Adjacent to the centre of the proposed building (E-E'), the majority of the slope will be cut into in situ PMCM strata comprising clay in the higher slope separated by a coal seam from rock strength materials in the lower slope. The adjacent motorway is in a cutting inferred to be within in situ PMCM and around 7m in depth. Southwards of this, gradually thickening opencast backfill is present, until at the southern end (F-F'), the entire slope will be cut within opencast backfill materials. However, the modelled slope angles here are much shallower at around 1v:8h. The critical section is represented by R-R', where significant thicknesses of opencast backfill are accompanied by a slope gradient of around 1v:3h.

Fill slopes in the south

Engineered embankment slopes up to about 6.5m high will be formed in the south of the plot. The cut/fill model shows these at gradients of 1v:3h and 1v:3.5h. On parts of the south western facing boundary adjacent to the motorway (which is constructed on a small embankment, the embankment will lie on an area of opencast backfill represented on section O-O'. Section P-P' is modelled through the apex between two slope boundaries, where again the embankment will rest on in situ PMCM strata.

5.3.2 Stability Summary

A summary of the stability analyses for each model section is provided below:

Summary of Stability Analyses – Plot 1 Slopes

Slope	Height (m)	Gradient	Stability (% Utilization)	Comment
Western cut – E-E'	5.5	1v:3h	76 - 83	Stability ACCEPTABLE
Western cut – F-F'	3.0	1v:8h	81 - 94	Stability ACCEPTABLE
Western cut – R-R'	5.4	1v:3h	112 - 116	Stability NOT ACCEPTABLE
Southern fill – O-O'	5.0	1v:3.5h	83 - 105	Stability MARGINAL/NOT ACCEPTABLE
Southern fill – P-P'	6.4	1v:3h	73 - 75	Stability ACCEPTABLE

The analyses on the western cut slopes have demonstrated that whilst the extremities, where either the steeper gradient is cut into natural materials (E-E') or much shallower gradients are cut within opencast backfill (F-F'), are acceptable, the areas between will not achieve an acceptable degree of stability

The southern embankment slope is indicated to be of acceptable stability along the junction between the south west and south east facing slopes, but is very marginal or unacceptable stability in the south west facing slope adjacent to the M1. Where the stability has been assessed as unacceptable, further specific design measures are required and these are evaluated below.

5.3.3 Specific Design Measures

Cut slopes in the west

The stability issues associated with the western cut slopes could be resolved by a combination of slackening the gradient and re-engineering the opencast backfill. These have been considered and ruled out as design options at this time because of potential ground disturbance in close proximity to the HE asset and the effects to the development platform. Retaining structures are therefore required in the design of this boundary slope. The extent of the boundary slope effected is indicated on Drawing No AG3080-19-12, Annex II. Further details are presented in a Design Note (Ref 'Western cut slope', Annex IV).

As the exposed strata in and the stability of the cut slope in this area will vary north to south, the retaining wall details will vary accordingly and a combination of retaining wall height and reduced slope angles will be required to suit the strata and slope geometry. Two of the many possible combinations have been modelled and the revised stability analyses are summarised below:

Summary of Stability Analyses – Section R-R' Re-designed cut slope options

Slope	Retained Height (m)	Gradient of remaining slope	Stability (% Utilization)	Comment
Western cut – R-R'	1.5	1v:4h	Global: 65-72 Upper slope: 88-94	Stability ACCEPTABLE
Western cut – R-R'	2.5	1v:5h	Global: 68-76 Upper slope: 72	Stability ACCEPTABLE

It is anticipated that specialist design & build subcontractors will be appointed by the Main Contractor to design suitable retaining structures, with Applied Geology undertaking global stability analyses of the revised slope profiles.

Fill slopes in the south

The southwestern facing embankment slope will require improvements to the immediately underlying embankment soils. Slopes should be constructed at a gradient of 1v:5h and excavation and re-engineering of the upper 1.0m thickness of opencast backfill is required in this area to achieve an acceptable degree of stability (as confirmed by further analyses). The approximate area of treatment is illustrated on Drawing No AG3080-19-12, Annex II. The revised stability analysis is summarised below:

Summary of Stability Analyses – Section O-O' Re-designed slope

Slope	Height (m)	Gradient	Stability (% Utilization)	Comment
Southern fill – O-O'	5.0	1v:5h	74-92	Stability ACCEPTABLE

Inclinometers are required in the fill embankment slope in the southwest to monitor lateral ground movements alongside settlements and pore pressure dissipation. The locations and details of the required instrumentation are provided on Drawing AG3080-19-13 in Annex II.

5.4 Plot 3

Two sections (A-A' and B-B') were created and analysed in detail for the purposes of assessing the likely magnitude and variations in settlements that could affect the future buildings. At the western end of this plot, embankment fill slopes are to be constructed of engineered fill and will almost entirely be placed on in situ Coal Measures strata. At Section A-A' the engineered fill embankment is only around 2m in height and at Section B-B' up to 3.5m of engineered fill will be placed to create the slopes. Slope angles of 1v:3h are proposed in the engineered fill at these locations and the stability assessments are covered by the generic stability assessment described above. The analyses included modelling of shallow groundwater, which is indicated to be present in this area. Owing to the relatively modest height of these embankments and the favourable degree of stability, instrumentation is not considered necessary.

6.0 DRAINAGE AND GROUNDWATER

Significant groundwater ingress is expected in some excavations and temporary drainage/control measures are necessary during the earthworks.

Dependent on the time of year, standing surface water may be present causing construction difficulties in the low-lying southern apex of Plot 1. Also, some shallow occurrences of groundwater are expected in the centre-west towards the boundary with the M1 cutting, which could impact to an extent on the cut slope required in this area.

In general, sump pumping should be sufficient to maintain excavations towards the western site boundary sufficiently dry during construction.

Permanent drainage measures (to be designed by others) will include both toe and crest drains for the slopes, which will feed into the site drainage system.

7.0 UPDATED GEOTECHNICAL RISK REGISTER

The Geotechnical Risk Register based on the initial version presented in the GIR, has been updated in light of the assessments/design in the GDR and is included in an annex to the GDR.

In respect of the earthworks and the potential impacts on the HE asset, appropriate design has been put forward to mitigate these risks. Where initial slope angles were deemed to be unsuitable slope angles have been reduced, some re-engineering of opencast backfill materials has been specified and/or some small retaining structures have been specified.

Retaining structures are to be designed in detail by the Contractor's specialist subcontractor.

For the larger embankment towards the southwestern corner of the site, slope and settlement monitoring will be undertaken and the data used to monitor stability.

The updated Coal Mining Risk Assessment concludes that there is no evidence that the site has been affected by underground mining at shallow depths and subsidence from deep coal mining of several seams should have ceased.

Should any evidence of former bell pits or mine shafts be encountered during the course of the works, Site Personnel will immediately inform Applied Geology Limited. The area should be cordoned off and work will cease in the vicinity. Applied Geology Limited will attend site (if not already present) to inspect the area, consult with the Coal Authority and, if appropriate, subsequently agree suitable remedial measures.

8.0 GEOTECHNICAL FEEDBACK REPORT

Applied Geology has been appointed to oversee the earthworks operations and, on completion of the infrastructure works, will complete a Geotechnical Feedback Report (GFR) for the whole site. The GFR will include details of the earthworks undertaken, slope monitoring results and any design changes (including global stability checks on specialist contractor designed retaining wall slopes) and will be undertaken in general accordance with CD622.

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ANNEX I

EARTHWORKS SPECIFICATION

A1 General

- A1.1 The classification of soils is to be made with respect to the general requirements given in the Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works, Specification for Highway Works [SHW]: Volume 1: 1998 [updated 2016] for use as Earthworks Material and EN16907-1: 2018 Earthworks. In addition to these documents, reference has also been made to BS6031:2019, BRE FB75 Building on Fill: Geotechnical Aspects, 3rd Edition and Trenter & Charles (1996).
- A1.2 It should be noted and clear reference made to the fact that the engineering performance of an earthworks material can be greatly influenced by the moisture content at the time of assessment and excavation/placement and compaction. With variation in the moisture content, the end performance of a material can be both improved and reduced, and consideration must be given to the management of the moisture as a key element of any earthworks control.
- A1.3 The earthworks is required to result in an allowable bearing pressure for foundation design of up to 150kN/m² with total long-term settlement post construction of no more than 25mm and differential settlement of better than 1:750. This shall include for a ground bearing floor slab with an equivalent allowable bearing pressure of 50 kN/m². The majority of fill to be placed needs to support future buildings or to form significant embankments where settlement needs to be minimised. Therefore, the engineered fill needs to meet the requirements for 'Fill to Structures' – specifically Class 7A or Class 6N materials. It may be feasible in some small areas of the site for Class 1 or Class 2 General Fill or some Class 4 Fill to Landscaped Areas to be placed, however, at this stage of the design all fill must meet the requirement of this Specification. Some Class 6C starter layer materials are also required to replace existing low points in the site and water courses that are to be covered with Engineered Fill.
- A1.4 Fills must not be placed in a frozen condition, but can be used, if acceptable, when thawed. Materials shall not be laid on any surface which is frozen or covered with ice or standing water. No fill shall be placed when the temperature is 0°C or less.
- A1.5 The materials and workmanship specification for the earthworks are to be based on the requirements given in the SHW Series 600-800 documents, unless otherwise amended by this Specification. The Earthworks Contractor must supply information as to the acceptability of all materials incorporated in the works, methods of construction of the works and monitoring of the works in order to satisfy the requirements of this Specification. The Earthworks Contractor must construct the works and undertake all necessary testing in accordance with the Specification.
- A1.6 All work shall comply with the relevant British Standards, Specification for Highway Works Series 600 and other relevant guidance documents and as amended, clarified and defined by this Specification. Where any conflict occurs between the Specification for Highways Works series 600 and this Specification, the requirements defined herein shall take precedence

A2 Acceptance Criteria

A2.1 Sub-formation level - Base of fill (excluding areas being ground improved):

In situ material to achieve:

- i. 3% CBR
- ii. No less than 50kPa Undrained shear strength (if cohesive)

A2.2 Engineered Fill

The cohesive earthworks material shall comply with Class 7A material and meet the following criteria:

Each layer:

- i. No less than 5% CBR
- ii. No less than 75kPa Undrained shear strength
- iii. Moisture content within appropriate range according to material type (see Figures A1.1 to A1.3);
- iv. Dry density within appropriate range according to material type (see Figures A1.1 to A1.3);
- v. Maximum 5% air voids

For Class 7A Engineered Fill placed in embankment areas the following criteria shall also apply:

- vi. Minimum effective angle of friction of 24 degrees.

The granular earthworks material shall comply with Class 6N material and meet the following criteria:

Each layer:

- i. No less than 10% CBR;
- ii. Minimum 95% compaction (based on vibrating hammer tests);
- iii. Moisture content within the range optimum to optimum + 2%, unless otherwise agreed by the Geotechnical Engineer.

For Class 6N Engineered Fill placed in embankment areas the following criteria shall also apply:

- iv. Minimum effective angle of friction of 30 degrees.

After each 1m of Engineered Fill has been placed and at finished fill level, the fill will also need to achieve:

- Less than 4mm settlement at working load (taken as 150 kN/m²) measured by BS1377 incremental plate load test (600mm plate).

A2.3 Base of Cut/At Grade Layer (excluding areas being ground improved)

For Plot 1 external areas, the in situ material is to achieve:

- i. 3% CBR
- ii. No less than 50kPa Undrained shear strength (if cohesive)

For all of Plots 2 & 3 and below the main Hermes building footprint + 5m, the in situ material is to achieve:

- i. 5% CBR

- ii. No less than 75kPa Undrained shear strength (if cohesive)
- iii. Less than 4mm settlement at working load (taken as 150 kN/m²) measured by BS1377 incremental plate load test (600mm plate).

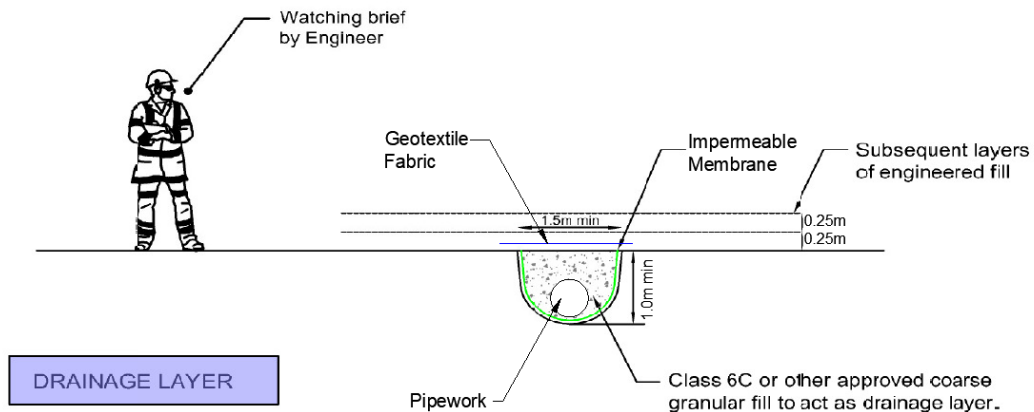
A3 Cut Areas

- A3.1 Prior to the cut exercise being undertaken, the site will need to be stripped of any recent vegetation, topsoil and any ponded water removed.
- A3.2 The base of the cut areas must be inspected for the presence of any soft, loose, or compressible deposits which, if present, must be removed. The exposed subgrade level is to be proof rolled and tested to ensure the above criteria have been met. Any rectification measures, following testing failures, must be proposed in writing by the earthworks contractor and submitted to the Geotechnical Engineer.
- A3.3 Significant variation in materials will be encountered and cut materials need to be segregated based on their geological nature/origin and compliance testing out per material type. All areas being cut must be supervised by an appropriately qualified and experienced person to ensure appropriate segregation of materials and removal of unsuitable materials.
- A3.4 Perched water may be present at varying depths within opencast backfill materials and groundwater may be encountered from within backfill and natural strata in some areas of cut. Temporary dewatering of excavations will be required in places and temporary and permanent slope crest and toe drainage will be required. All water must be controlled to avoid softening of the materials and the sub-formation and be appropriately disposed of.

A4 Fill Areas

- A4.1 Prior to the fill exercise being undertaken, the site will need to be stripped of any recent vegetation, topsoil and any ponded water removed. Then areas of proposed fill must be inspected for the presence of any soft, loose, or compressible deposits which, if present, are to be removed. The exposed subgrade level must be proof rolled and tested to ensure a minimum 3% CBR and 50kN/m² undrained shear strength prior to commencement of the infill operation. Any rectification measures, following testing failures, must be proposed in writing by the earthworks contractor and submitted to the Geotechnical Engineer. No fill is to be placed until the Geotechnical Engineer has approved the subgrade level.
- A4.2 Areas of former hedge lines located within the site to be visually inspected and where areas of obvious desiccation and/or remnant tree roots are observed materials to be excavated and deemed unsuitable (unless suitably modified and screened). The extent of the removal of such features must be agreed with the Geotechnical Engineer before subsequent fill is placed.
- A4.3 For Plot 2, a drainage trench must be installed along the existing line of the water course and along the low points of the site from this water course back to the position of the spring line shown on OS maps – see Dwg AG3080-19-14. Subject to the drainage design, further existing surface water drains in the areas to the northwest of this point may also need to be incorporated. This trench is to comprise a 1m deep trench of minimum 1.5m width with an impermeable liner to prevent infiltration. The trench infill must comprise Class 6C or other approved coarse

granular fill (placed to a method specification) to act as a drainage layer, possibly with suitably robust but flexible plastic pipework within. A geotextile layer must be placed above the Class 6C granular material to prevent mixing of the overlying Engineered Fill. The Geotechnical Engineer shall be contacted to inspect the drainage layer and overlying geotextile before any engineered fill is placed above. This drainage layer will need to be connected to the permanent surface water drainage system near the site boundary. Details of how this will be achieved will be specified by RPS. An indicative sketch is included below for illustration purposes.



- A4.4 Within sloped areas of the site the sub-formation layer must be suitably benched in to ensure the placed fill is keyed into the existing slope/faces. Generally, benching is to be formed at a 1:1 slope and benches to be no taller than 0.5m (2 x layer thickness). Bench heights may need to be reduced if layer thickness is reduced (i.e smaller compaction plant).
- A4.5 Material requiring end-product compaction shall be deposited in layers not exceeding 250 mm uncompacted thickness.
- A4.6 For the large embankments where significant thicknesses of fill are to be placed, the Contractor shall raise site levels in a regular pattern completing each layer over the whole embankment area before commencing the next layer. The rate of fill shall be carefully monitored taking account of pore pressures generated in the underlying soils. As far as reasonably practicable, each layer shall comprise similar source materials to try to reduce the likelihood of different rates of settlements occurring during surcharging for areas of similar fill thickness.

A5 Material Selection

- A5.1 Cut materials will comprise Opencast Backfill Made Ground and variable Coal Measures strata, including rock and some coal seams. Should any unanticipated strata be encountered, and for all imported fills, any new material type must be clearly identified by an appropriately qualified person, who is fully conversant with the ground conditions beneath the site and the requirements of the Earthworks Specification and be stockpiled separately. The Contractor will be responsible for providing all necessary certification to the written satisfaction of the regulatory bodies and the geotechnical Engineer prior to any material to be used as Engineered Fill being imported to the site.

A5.2 For the purposes of this specification, a change in source will be defined by the following:

- Change in the visual appearance of the material.
- Change in the engineering properties of the material, such as Maximum Dry Density, Particle Density etc.
- Change in the particle size distribution of the material based on the grading envelope defined by the SHW.
- Change in the geological composition of the material.

A5.3 The information included within Appendix 1/5 details the minimum testing frequencies required per source. Source approval and placement and compaction requirements for each material type are detailed in the following sections. It is important that all test locations (NGR) and levels (in mOD) are recorded with a reasonable degree of accuracy to demonstrate compliance with the requirements for the different end uses in different areas of the site. Simple grid square references and layer numbers will not be acceptable.

A5.4 It is envisaged that the majority of soils derived from the excavated arisings will grade as Class 2A 'Wet Cohesive' and Class 2C 'Stoney Cohesive' with lesser amounts of Class 2B 'dry Cohesive' general fills. Conditioning or modification is anticipated to be required for some materials to achieve Class 7A compliance, the details of which are to be determined by the Earthworks Contractor using information from the site investigation and trial pads.

A5.5 The upper weathered mudstone is has shown to be plastic with very variable degrees of plasticity and hence moisture control will be critical to material behaviour. Less weathered mudstone/siltstone and areas of the Opencast backfill at any depth will include fragments of rock materials that through handling and compaction is anticipated to break down potentially to create Class 2 grade material. The compaction plant adopted must take into account the requirement to break down weak material and the requirement to seal layers to prevent moisture ingress.

A5.6 Less weathered Coal Measures strata and larger cobbles and boulders within the Opencast backfill will include rock strength material that will probably require crushing and screening to produce materials to be used as Engineered Fill (Class 6N envisaged). However, the less weathered Coal Measures strata can still contain lower strengths materials (between layers of competent rock) that could be broken down as described in A5.5 above.

A6 Unacceptable Materials

A6.1 Unacceptable material Class U shall be materials as defined below and shall not be used in the Permanent Works where the material does not comply with the permitted constituents and material properties of Table 6/1 and Appendix 6/1 for acceptable material. The following unacceptable materials may be generated from the cut operation:

- Class U1: Wet fill material – material falling outside specified moisture content limits must be stockpiled and have moisture content modified e.g. by air drying or, if appropriate, by addition of lime/cement to make suitable.

- Class U1: Dry fill material – material falling outside specified moisture content limits must be stockpiled and have moisture content modified e.g. by addition of water to make suitable.
 - Class U1: Oversize material – cobbles >75mm, boulders and excavated rock.
 - Class U2: Coal, carbonaceous mudstone with a calorific value >2MJ/kg.
- A6.2 Where materials are determined Class U1 they are to be processed (where possible) to achieve acceptance, otherwise the contractor shall make all necessary arrangements for their safe handling and appropriate disposal.
- A6.3 Coal or material with high calorific value is to be separated and sold or disposed off-site (Earthworks Contractor to comply with Coal Authority requirements).
- A6.4 Material shall not be placed within 500mm, or other distance specified by RPS, of concrete, cement-bound materials, cementitious materials or stabilised capping if this is to be used for the permanent works, if when tested in accordance with TRL 447 either:
- The water-soluble sulphate (WS) content exceeds 1.5g/l (asSO₄);
 - The total potential sulphate (TPS) content exceeds 0.6% (as SO₄); or
 - The pH value is <5.5 when tested in accordance with BS1377-3.
- A6.5 Potentially contaminated materials are not envisaged, however, procedures for dealing with such, if encountered, are included in the Geotechnical Design Report.

A7 Source Approval Testing

- A7.1 Some source approval testing has been undertaken as part of the site investigation; however, due to the quantity of proposed cut, additional approval testing will need to be undertaken, as per the frequency given in Appendix 1/5. The grading requirements shall be as per Table 6/1 and Table 6/2 of the SHW.
- A7.2 Acceptance envelopes have been developed for the geological materials and these are included at the end of this Specification. The results of the Contractor's classification testing shall be compared to these acceptance envelopes and, if deemed appropriate by the Geotechnical Engineer, the envelopes will be revised to suit the more recent results or, if materially different, a new acceptance envelope will be defined for any new source.
- A7.3 The moisture content limits shall be sufficient to achieve <5% Air Voids when determined by laboratory analysis in accordance with BS 1377-4:1990: Method 3.5/3.6/3.7 using the 4.5kg rammer or vibrating hammer (as appropriate to the grading) and to meet the dry density values included in the acceptance envelopes. Due to the variable nature of materials, regular checks are to be made on the material prior to placement to ensure that the moisture content is within the acceptability limits as defined for the appropriate material type. In this regard, the use of on-site moisture content testing is advised and moisture content result must be provided to the Geotechnical Engineer within 24 hours of sampling. Should on-site testing be employed, regular calibration with laboratory determined moisture contents must be undertaken with methods agreed with the Geotechnical Engineer.

A7.4 The Contractor shall employ a full-time resident on site testing technician responsible for undertaking the appropriate sampling and on-site testing. Additional technicians shall be provided as the quantity of sampling and testing dictates.

A7.5 Each classification test result shall include the following information in respect of the sample details:

- Geological material type (as per acceptance envelopes);
- Brief description of material;
- Unique sample reference number;
- Date of sampling;
- Location of sample (x,y,z co-ordinates).

Additionally, all information required by the appropriate British Standard test procedure is to be provided.

A7.6 The selection of the appropriate range of moisture contents has largely been determined on the basis of the testing completed during the ground investigation. It is recognised that once the main earthworks program begins, additional test data will become available, which will allow a review of the target range of acceptable moisture contents and classification testing frequencies by the Geotechnical Engineer.

A8 Compaction Trial Pads

A8.1 Prior to commencing the bulk earthworks, trial pads shall be undertaken for each geological type material as agreed with the Geotechnical Engineer to confirm the material suitable for use as Class 7A material. The trial pads will also be used to determine that the proposed layer thickness and number of passes meet the appropriate stiffness as measured by in-situ plate bearing tests. The determination of the in-situ dry density shall be taken from BS 1377-9: 1990, with an appropriate method selected from this standard, however, the Nuclear Density Meter is not to be used during the test pad trials unless undertaken alongside sand replacement tests as part of the calibration process. In situ hand shear vane tests and in situ CBR tests will also be undertaken to confirm compliance.

A8.2 The plate bearing tests shall be undertaken in-accordance with the details presented in Appendix 1/5.

A8.3 The trial pads are to be undertaken in accordance with the following procedure:

1. A trial area measuring approximately 20m x 20m is to be adopted for each material being tested with suitable adjacent areas for manoeuvre of plant.
2. The formation layer must be rolled and validated in accordance with the Specification (50kPa undrained shear strength and 3% CBR).
3. Place a 250mm thick layer of Class 7A material, re survey and compact, as per Table 6/4 for Class 2A/2C (initially).
4. Undertake shear vanes and resurvey compacted layer.
5. Place Second 250mm layer of Class 7A material.
6. Obtain representative samples for laboratory testing to include natural moisture content, particle size distribution, 4.5kg compaction testing, particle density and Atterberg limits.
7. Compact as per layer 1.

8. Carry out in-situ density testing by sand replacement testing at 4No locations.
 9. Undertake shear vanes and resurvey compacted layer
 10. Repeat steps to place layers 3 and 4.
 11. Carry out 600mm diameter plate testing at two locations on layer 4, measure settlements at working load and derive CBR results.
 12. Repeat above steps with additional compactive effort (heavier roller or increased number of passes).
 13. Should the Contractor wish to vary the above, a written procedure must be submitted to the Geotechnical Engineer at least 5 working days in advance for approval.
- A8.4 The appropriate compaction method will be that which meets the end product specification without causing deterioration of the fill.
- A8.5 Some adjustment of compaction methods can be expected as the project proceeds in response to variations in material types and/or moisture content.

A9 Placement and Compaction

- A9.1 Subject to the acceptability of the material for inclusion in the permanent works, the adopted method of placing the materials is to be based upon the guidance given in the SHW Table 6/1 (appropriate method for material class) and Table 6/4 (type and size of roller, no of passes etc.).
- A9.2 During the earthworks phase, accurate records must be kept and provided for inspection to ensure that the appropriate method of compaction has been followed. Included with this information will be records of measurement of the moisture content of the material, prior to placement, showing that the material was within the acceptability limits as determined during the source approval or recording the modification undertaken. The frequency of the testing for the moisture content must be at least daily (for each material type).
- A9.3 The Earthworks Contractor shall provide a dedicated Field-Testing Technician full-time resident on site for the duration of the earthworks programme which, wherever possible, shall be the same person. The testing technician shall be equipped with all in situ testing equipment necessary to undertake any of the in-situ testing required by this Specification. Copies of field test sheets shall be provided to the Geotechnical Engineer at the end of each working day. Certified results for in situ tests shall be provided to the Geotechnical Engineer within 48 hours of completing the tests. Certified laboratory test results for classification tests shall be provided within 5 working days of sampling.
- A9.4 The Earthworks Contractor shall provide test certification that the fill compacted to end product requirements meets a field dry density and air voids content complying with the relevant material acceptance envelopes.
- A9.5 Field dry density shall be measured in accordance with BS1377: Part 9. If nuclear density methods are utilised these shall be confirmed with the engineer following suitable on-site calibration for each geological material type and be supplemented with sand replacement tests after each set of 25 tests.

A9.6 Once the trial pads have suitably demonstrated appropriate methodology, the subsequent layers of fill placed will be tested to confirm the required end product and settlement performance criteria have been achieved. The frequency of such testing shall be as specified in Appendix 1/5, unless otherwise instructed by the Geotechnical Engineer.

A9.7 Each in situ validation test result shall include the following information in respect of the material details:

- Geological material type (as per acceptance envelopes);
- Brief description of material;
- Unique validation test reference number;
- Date of test;
- Location of test (x,y,z co-ordinates).

Additionally, all information required by the appropriate British Standard test procedure is to be provided.

A10 Validation Reporting

A10.1 The Contractor shall provide a validation report on completion on the earthworks for inclusion in the Geotechnical Engineer's Geotechnical Feedback Report.

A10.2 The Contractor's report shall describe the extent of all excavations and filling at the Site and include the results of all laboratory and in situ testing undertaken as part of the works. Copies of all laboratory testing results undertaken shall be included and plans shall be provided indicating the location and extent of all excavations and filling undertaken and all validation test locations. The report shall include the following:

- A brief factual description of the earthworks undertaken, including a description of the site operations, technical specifications of compaction plant used, details of material processing and modification undertaken, time of year and weather conditions encountered and a summary of materials encountered and used as Engineered Fill;
- Daily weather record detailing temperature ranges and precipitation;
- All laboratory classification test records and calibration results;
- All in situ validation test records;
- Details of all ground improvement undertaken and associated validation testing;
- Results of all settlement and slope stability monitoring undertaken (as specified in the GDR);
- Plans showing the surveyed locations of all sampling and in situ testing carried out, the location of any temporary or permanent surface and groundwater drainage features left in place at the end of the earthworks, detailed positions of the opencast highwall and all slope and settlement monitoring instrumentation;
- An as-constructed topographic survey of the finished earthworks levels giving northings, eastings (to NGR) and reduced level (in mOD) to an accuracy of 0.01m across the whole site;

- The completed Materials Management Plan Verification Report including an as-built record of the earthworks undertaken including identification of the various material types placed on site;
- Volume of unsuitable material (if any) removed from the Site together with associated laboratory testing results, waste classification and waste transfer notes, including proof of disposal;
- Volume of material imported to Site (if any) together with all supporting geotechnical and contamination laboratory testing results;
- Copies of all relevant correspondence, licences, permits and/or agreement with Regulators including Local Authority, Environment Agency, Coal Authority.

A10.3 Laboratory and in situ test data shall be provided in AGS electronic format and the Contractor's Validation report shall be provided in pdf format with drawings also provided in AutoCAD dwg format.

APPENDIX 1/5

TESTING REQUIREMENTS AND PLATE LOAD TEST METHODOLOGY

Routine Classification Tests

Test/Property	Frequency of test
Site-won Cohesive Fills – per source	
Organic Content (Loss on Ignition)	1 per 1000m ³ to 10,000m ³ then 1 per 10,000m ³
Full BRE SD1 suite (TRL method)	1 per 10,000m ³
Calorific Value	1 per 10,000m ³
Moisture Content	1 per 1,000m ³
Atterberg Limits	1 per 1000m ³ to 10,000m ³ then 1 per 10,000m ³
Grading Analysis	1 per 1000m ³ to 10,000m ³ then 1 per 10,000m ³
4.5kg rammer compaction tests	1 per 1000m ³ to 10,000m ³ then 1 per 10,000m ³
Particle Density	1 per 1000m ³ to 10,000m ³ then 1 per 10,000m ³
Effective stress parameters (Embankment Fill only)	3 per source then 1 per source per 25,000m ³
Site-generated Granular Fills – per material class	
Organic Content (Loss on Ignition)	1 per 1000m ³ to 10,000m ³ then 1 per 10,000m ³
Full BRE SD1 suite (TRL method)	1 per 10,000 m ³
Moisture content	1 per 1000m ³ to 10,000m ³ then 1 per 10,000m ³
Grading Analysis	1 per 1000m ³ to 10,000m ³ then 1 per 10,000m ³
Vibrating hammer compaction tests	1 per 1000m ³ to 10,000m ³ then 1 per 10,000m ³
Particle Density	1 per 1000m ³ to 10,000m ³ then 1 per 10,000m ³
Los Angeles Coefficient - Clause 635	3 per source then 1 per source per 25,000m ³
Effective stress parameters (Embankment Fill only)	3 per source then 1 per source per 25,000m ³

Notes:

1. Testing frequency to be reviewed as further test results become available.
2. On site moisture content testing assumed with laboratory calibrated equipment.
3. The classification and acceptability criteria for earthworks materials are indicated in Table 6/1 of the Specification for Highway Works. Table 6/1 indicates the required tests and acceptability limits.
4. The classification of earthworks materials into their various classes shall be carried out by the Contractor prior to, and at the point of, excavation for materials to be won from within the Site, and at the point of source for imported materials. Preliminary classification has been carried out during site investigation works and material acceptance envelopes developed.
5. The Contractor shall be responsible for carrying out the testing scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Table 6/1 of the Specification and this Appendix.
6. The Contractor shall seek approval from the Geotechnical Engineer for the proposed testing laboratory.

Validation Tests

Test/Property	Frequency of test	Compliance Criteria
Sub-formation – In-situ Materials at base of Fill – all site		
CBR Assessment using 300mm diameter plate load test	1 per 25m x 25m grid	Min 3%
In situ shear strength by hand vane	Set of 3 on a 25m x 25m grid	Min 50 kN/m ²
Sub-formation – In-situ Materials at base of Cut – external areas Plot 1 and road only		
CBR Assessment using 300mm diameter plate load test	1 per 25m x 25m grid 1 per 25m linear metres on road	Min 3%
In situ shear strength by hand vane	Set of 3 on a 25m x 25m grid 1 per 25m linear metres on road	Min 50 kN/m ²
Fill material – assume all Class 7A – all site		
CBR Assessment using mexe-probe (set of 3) or BS1377 method	1 set per layer on a 25m x 25m grid	Min 5%
In situ shear strength by hand vane (set of 3)	1 set per layer on a 25m x 25m grid	Min 75 kN/m ²
In situ Density *1	1 per layer on a 25m x 25m grid	See compliance envelopes
Air voids	Alongside in situ density	<5%
Incremental 600mm diameter plate load test	1 per 50m x 50m grid after each 1m lift and at final level	<4mm settlement at working load (all locations)
At base of cut below Hermes Building		
Incremental 600mm diameter plate load test	1 per 50m x 50m grid	No criteria – results to confirm settlement assessment

Notes:

1. Field dry density can be made using a nuclear density gauge only if appropriately site calibrated before commencement and subsequently using sand replacement test alongside every 25 NDG tests. A calibration must be done per source material.

600mm Diameter Incremental Plate Bearing Test Methodology

The area of the test shall be compacted in advance using the same techniques and plant which are to be used through the duration of the contract.

- The test shall utilise a 600mm diameter plate;
- The plate shall be bedded upon a hand prepared level surface with any undulations infilled with clean dry sand;
- The working load for the test shall be 150kPa and the load shall be applied such that the plate imposes a uniform pressure for each stage;
- The plant shall be subjected to a bedding cycle of load to 15kPa to minimise the influence of initial bedding settlement;
- The test loading shall be measured using a calibrated load cell with a range consistent with the defined maximum test load;
- The settlement of the plate shall be measured using a minimum of three dial gauges accurate to $\pm 0.05\text{mm}$ spread equally around the circumference of the plate;
- The test loading shall be applied to the plate in the increments shown in the table below. The load shall be kept constant throughout each incremental measurement period. All the load stages shall be applied irrespective of the settlement results obtained.

Loading Stages	Applied Load (% Working Load)	Applied Load (kPa)	Cycle
Stage 1	0	0	Bedding Cycle
Stage 2	10	15	
Stage 3	0	0	2 x Test Cycles (8 Stages per test)
Stage 4	20	30	
Stage 5	40	60	
Stage 6	60	90	
Stage 7	80	120	
Stage 8	100	150	
Stage 9	150	225	
Stage 10	0	0	
Repeat stages 3 to 10			

Following each application of an increment of load, the load shall be maintained at the specified value and the settlement measured at the following intervals: -

- 30 seconds,
- 1 minute
- 2 minutes
- 4 minutes
- 8 minutes
- 16 minutes.

OR until the rate of settlement is less than 0.02mm per minute

The test results (load applied, time, settlement for each of the dial gauges and average settlement) shall be provided to the Geotechnical Engineer in tabular format at the end of the test. Additionally, the ambient temperature throughout the test period shall be measured.

APPENDIX 6/1

EARTHWORKS CLASSIFICATION AND ACCEPTABILITY CRITERIA

TABLE 6/1: (02/16) Acceptable Earthworks Materials: Classification and Compaction Requirements

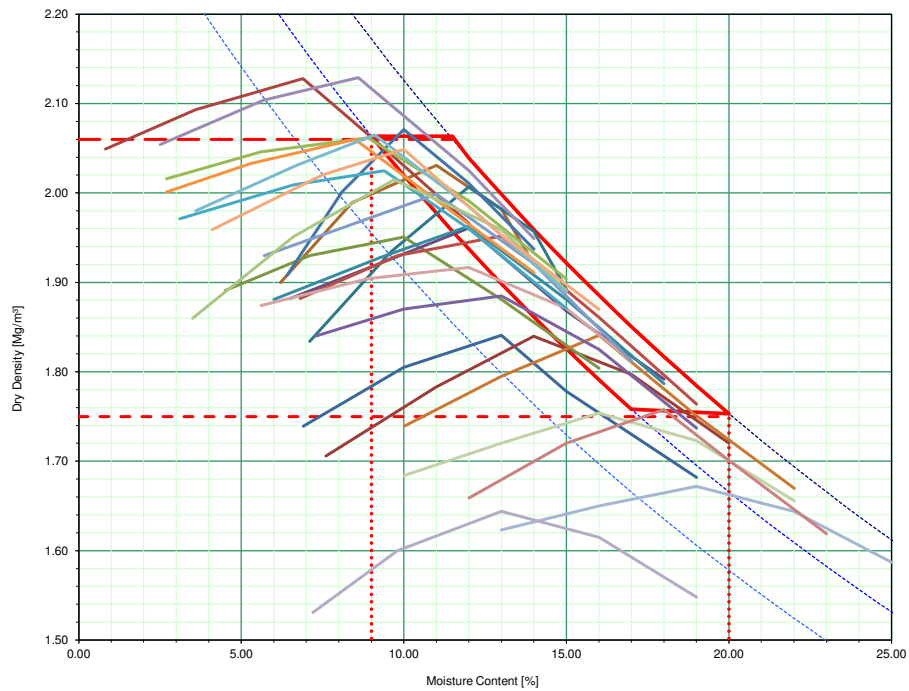
Class				General Material Description	Typical Use	Permitted Constituents (All Subject to Requirements of Clause 601 and contract specific Appendix 6/1)	Material Properties Required for Acceptability (In Addition to Requirements on Use of Fill Materials in Clause 601 and Testing in Clause 631)				Compaction Requirements in Clause 612	Class		
							Property (See Exceptions in Previous Column)	Defined and Tested in Accordance with:	Acceptable Limits Within:					
									Lower	Upper				
S E L E C T E D F I L L	6	N	-	Selected well graded granular material	Fill to Structures	Natural gravel, natural sand, crushed gravel, crushed rock, crushed concrete, slag, well-burnt colliery spoil or any combination thereof. None of these constituents shall include any argillaceous rock.	(i) grading	BS 1377: Part 2	Tab 6/2	Tab 6/2	End product: less than 5% air voids and 95% of maximum dry density of BS1377: Part 4 (vibrating rammer).	6	N	-
						(ii) uniformity coefficient	See notes	10	-					
						(iii) Los Angeles coefficient	Clause 635	-	40					
						(iv) effective angle of internal friction (ϕ')	Clause 636	30	-					
						(v) mc	BS 1377: Part 2 See notes	TBC after compaction testing						
	7	A	–	Selected cohesive material	Fill to Structures	Any material, or combination of materials, other than material designated as Class 3 in the Contract.	(i) grading	BS 1377: Part 2	Tab 6/2	Tab 6/2	End product: less than 5% air voids and 100% of maximum dry density of BS1377: Part 4 (2.5kg rammer) – see acceptance envelopes	7	A	–
						(ii) mc	BS 1377: Part 2 See notes	See acceptance envelopes	See acceptance envelopes					
						(iii) liquid limit	BS 1377: Part 2	-	45					
						(iv) plasticity index	BS 1377: Part 2	-	25					
						(v) organic content	BS 1377: Part 3	-	2					
						(vi) calorific value (MJ/kg)		-	2					
						(vii) effective angle of internal friction (ϕ')	Clause 636	24	-					

Notes

- Where in the Acceptable Limits column reference is made to App 6/1, only those properties having limits ascribed to them in contract specific Appendix 6/1 shall apply. Where contract specific Appendix 6/1 gives limits for other properties not listed in this Table such limits shall also apply.
- The moisture content shall be determined on the material passing the 37.5mm BS sieve. Where BS 1377: Part 2 is specified for mc, this shall mean BS 1377: Part 2 where the material is a soil or BS EN 1097-5 where the material is required to conform to a harmonised European Standard.
- Uniformity coefficient is defined as the ratio of the particle diameters: D₆₀ to D₁₀ on the particle size distribution where: D₆₀ - particle diameter at which 60% of the soil weight is finer D₁₀ - particle diameter at which 10% of the soil weight is finer.

FIGURES – EARTHWORKS ACCEPTANCE ENVELOPES

Moisture Content/Dry Density Assessment - Cohesive Opencast Backfill Materials

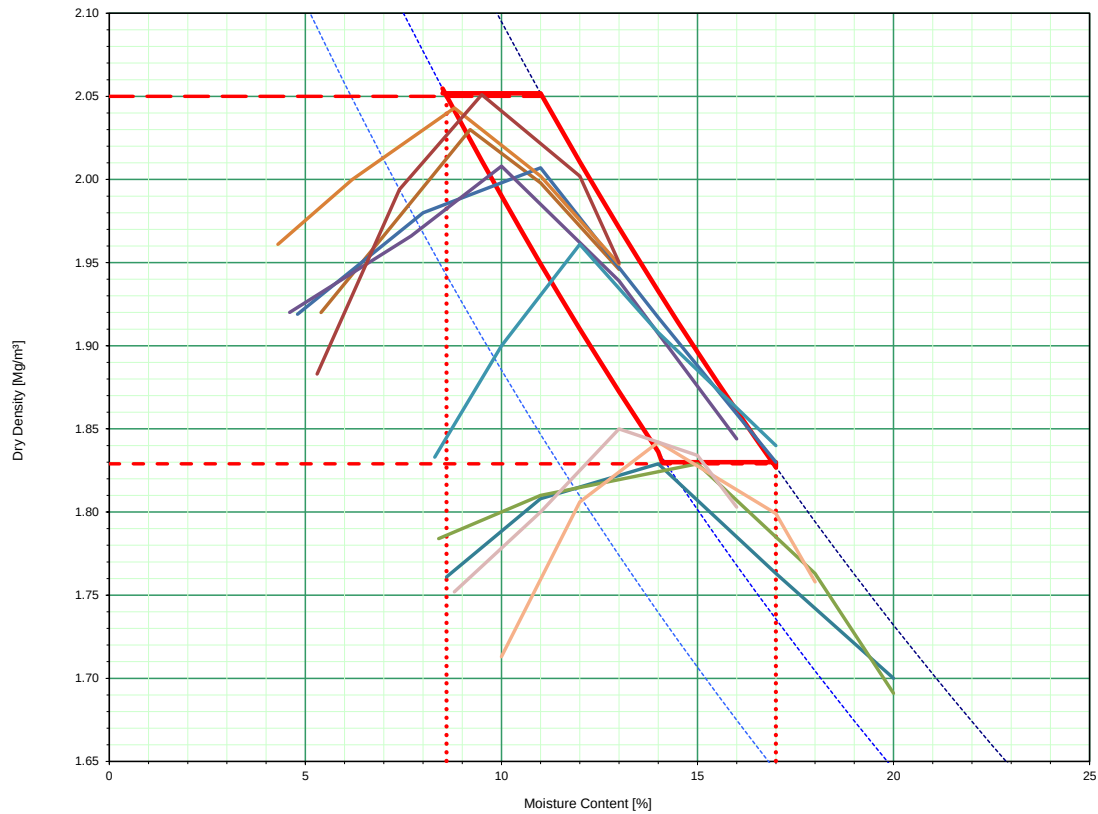


Maximum Dry Density = 2.06Mg/m³
Minimum Dry Density = 1.75Mg/m³
Maximum Moisture Content = 20%
Minimum Moisture Content = 9%

----- Particle Density = 2.70 Mg/m³ ; 0% Air Voids
----- 5% Air Voids
----- 10% Air Voids
- - - - - Maximum Dry Density
- - - - - Minimum Dry Density
- - - - - Lower Moisture Limit
- - - - - Upper Moisture Limit
- - - - - Nominal Acceptance Envelope
TP1002 - 3 m 4.5kg
TP1004 - 3 m 4.5kg
TP1007 - 0.6 m 4.5kg
TP1009 - 2 m 4.5kg
TP10102 - 1.6 m 4.5kg
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TP10169 - 2.5 m 4.5kg
TP10186 - 1.5 m 4.5kg

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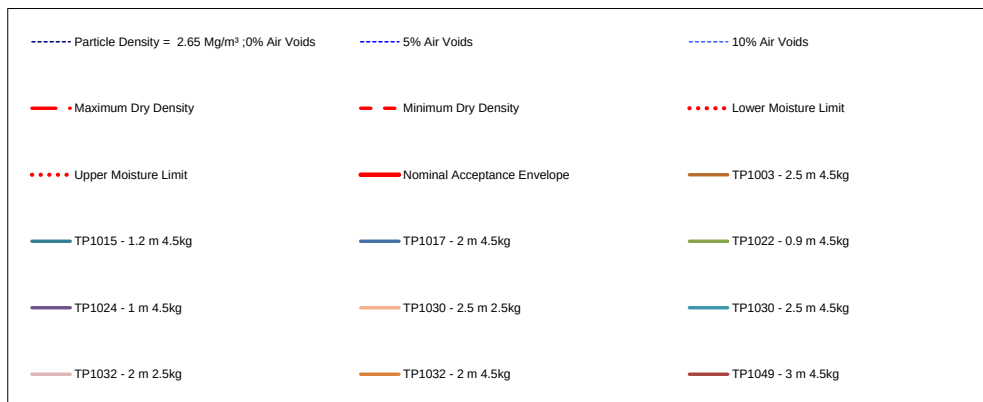


Maximum Dry Density = 2.05Mg/m³

Maximum Moisture Content = 17%

Minimum Dry Density = 1.83Mg/m³

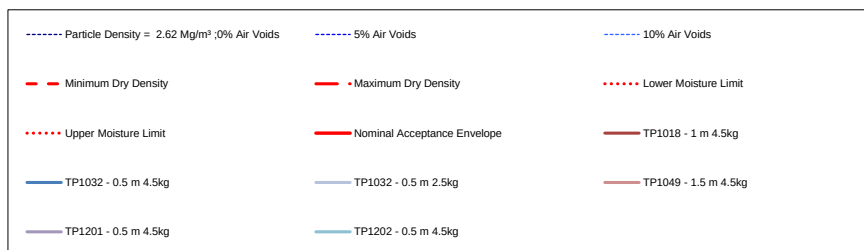
Minimum Moisture Content = 9%



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Minimum Moisture Content = 13%

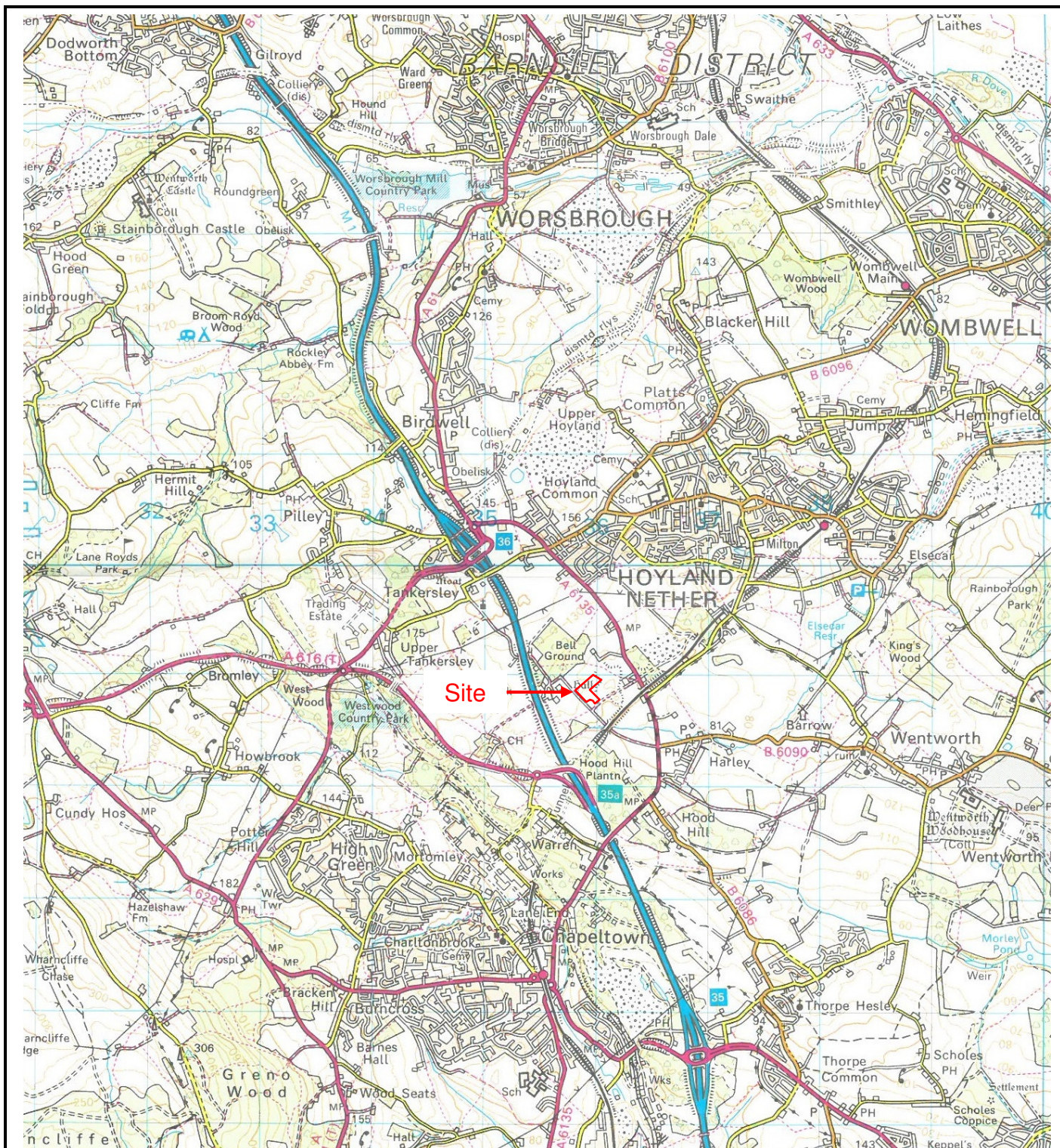


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ANNEX

II



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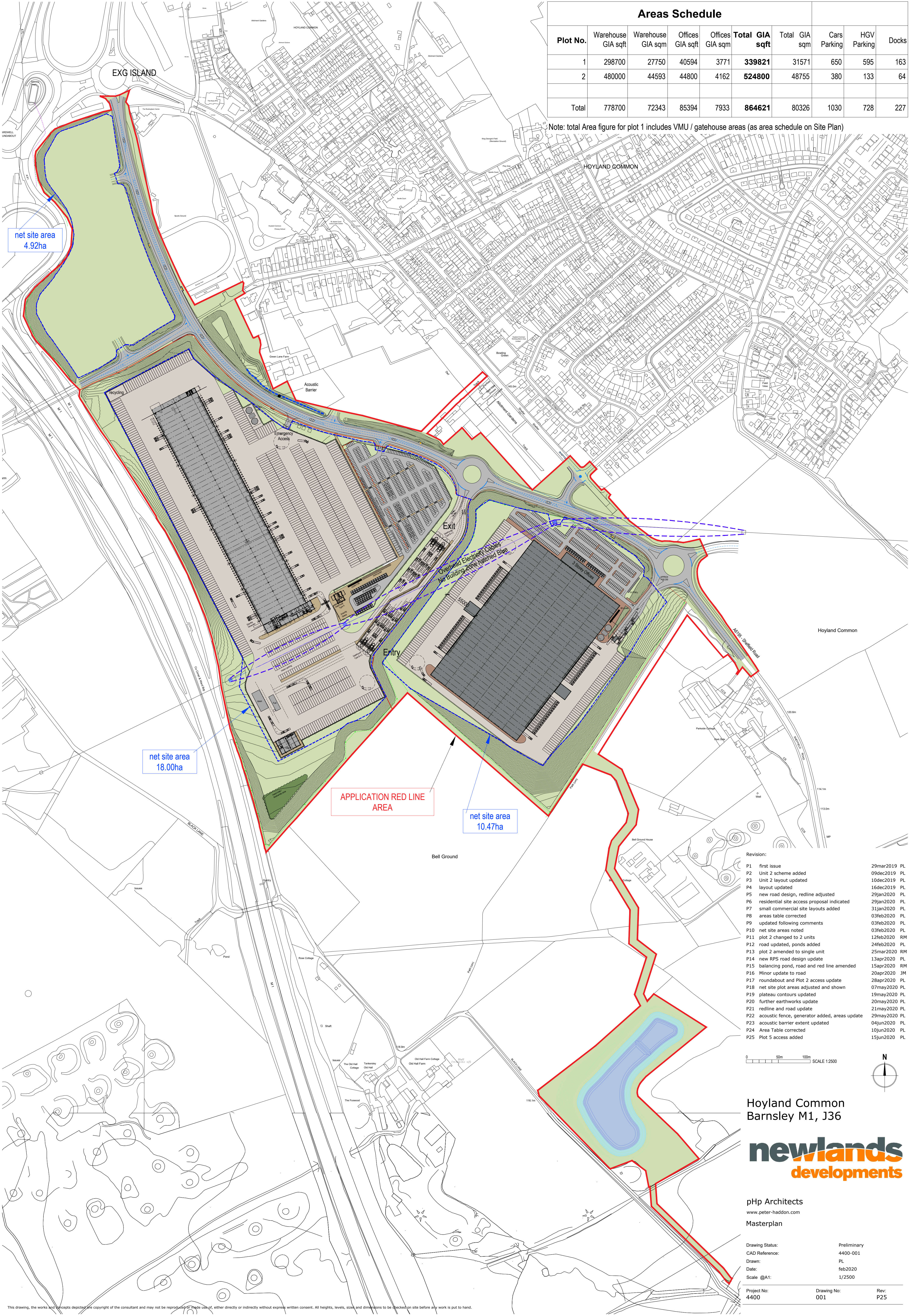
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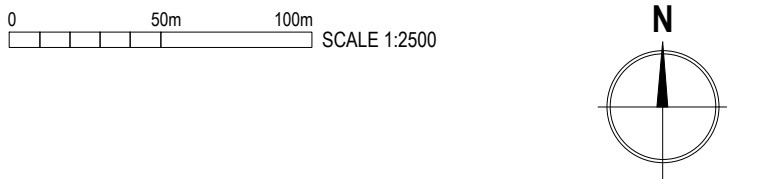
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Areas Schedule									
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1	298700	27750	40594	3771	339821	31571	650	595	163
2	480000	44593	44800	4162	524800	48755	380	133	64
Total	778700	72343	85394	7933	864621	80326	1030	728	227

Note: total Area figure for plot 1 includes VMU / gatehouse areas (as area schedule on Site Plan)

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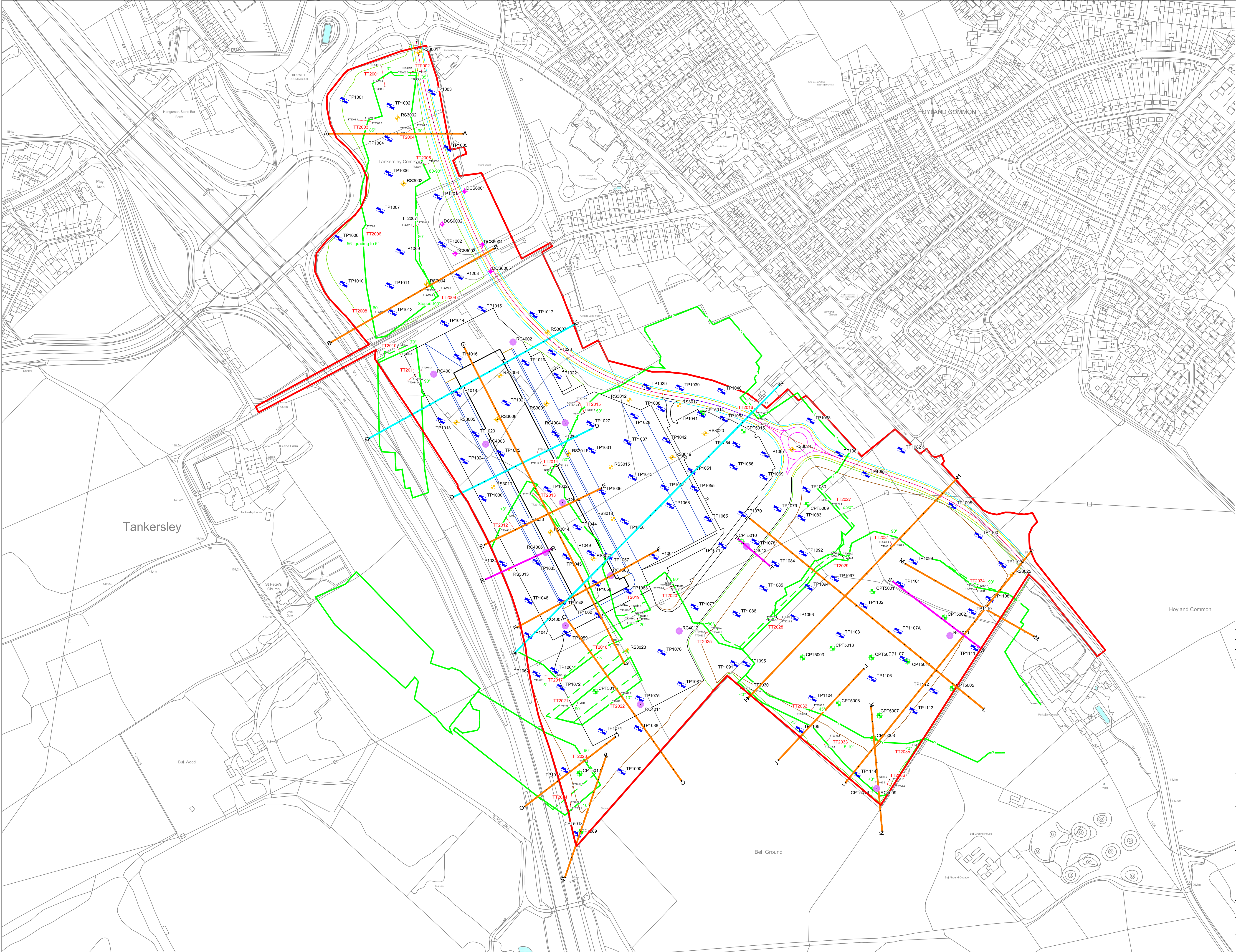
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- Trial Trench
- Rotary (sonic) Borehole
- Dynamic / Sample and Rotary Cored Borehole
- Cone Penetration Test
- Driven Continuous Sampling Borehole
- Section Line (Geological Cross Section and GEO5 Analysis) - refer to drawing AG3080-19-08
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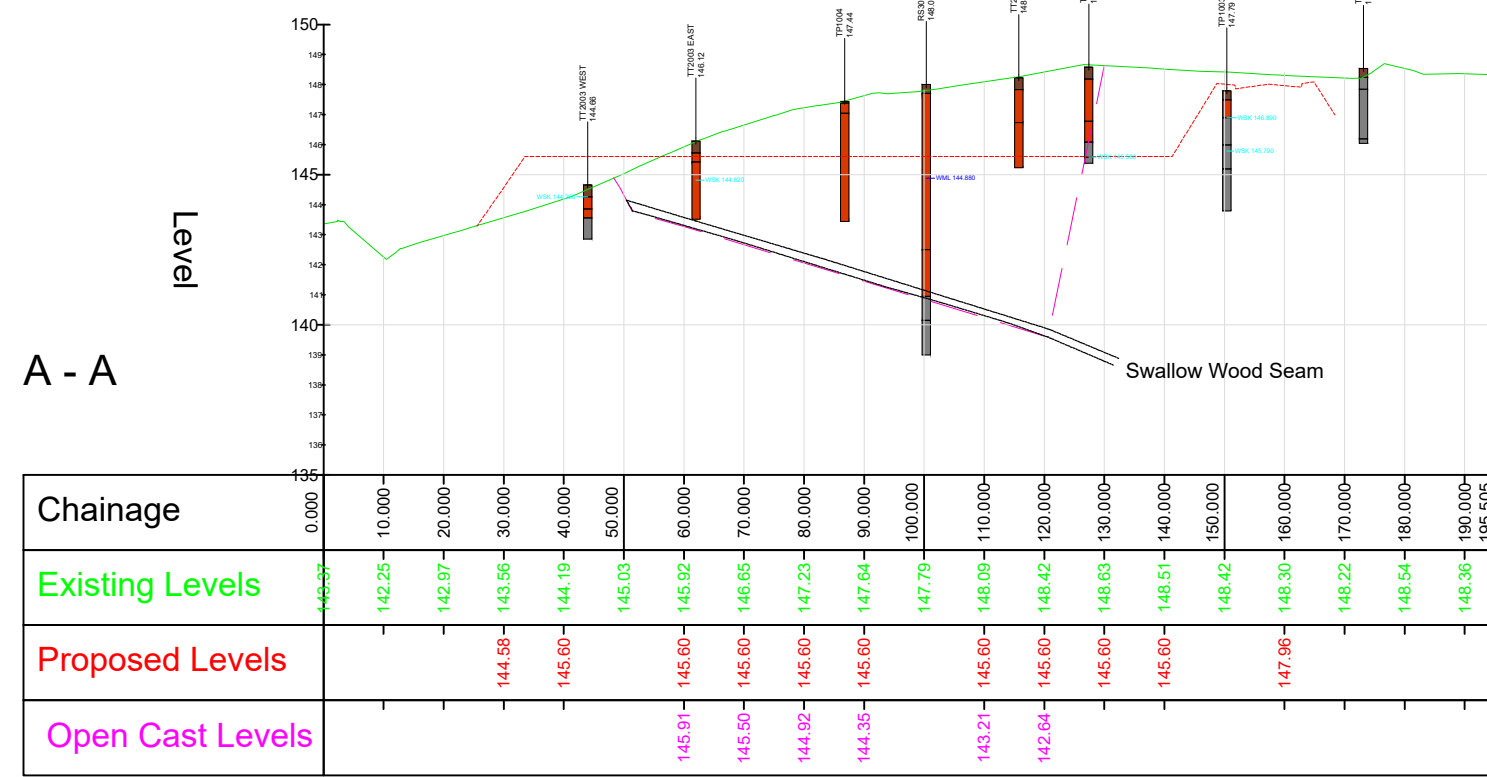
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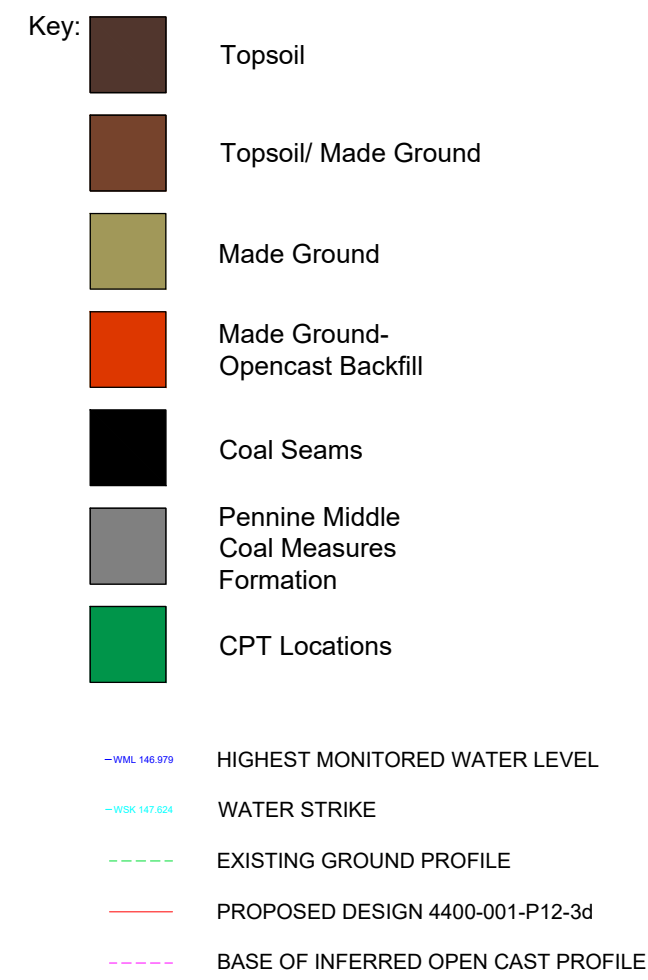
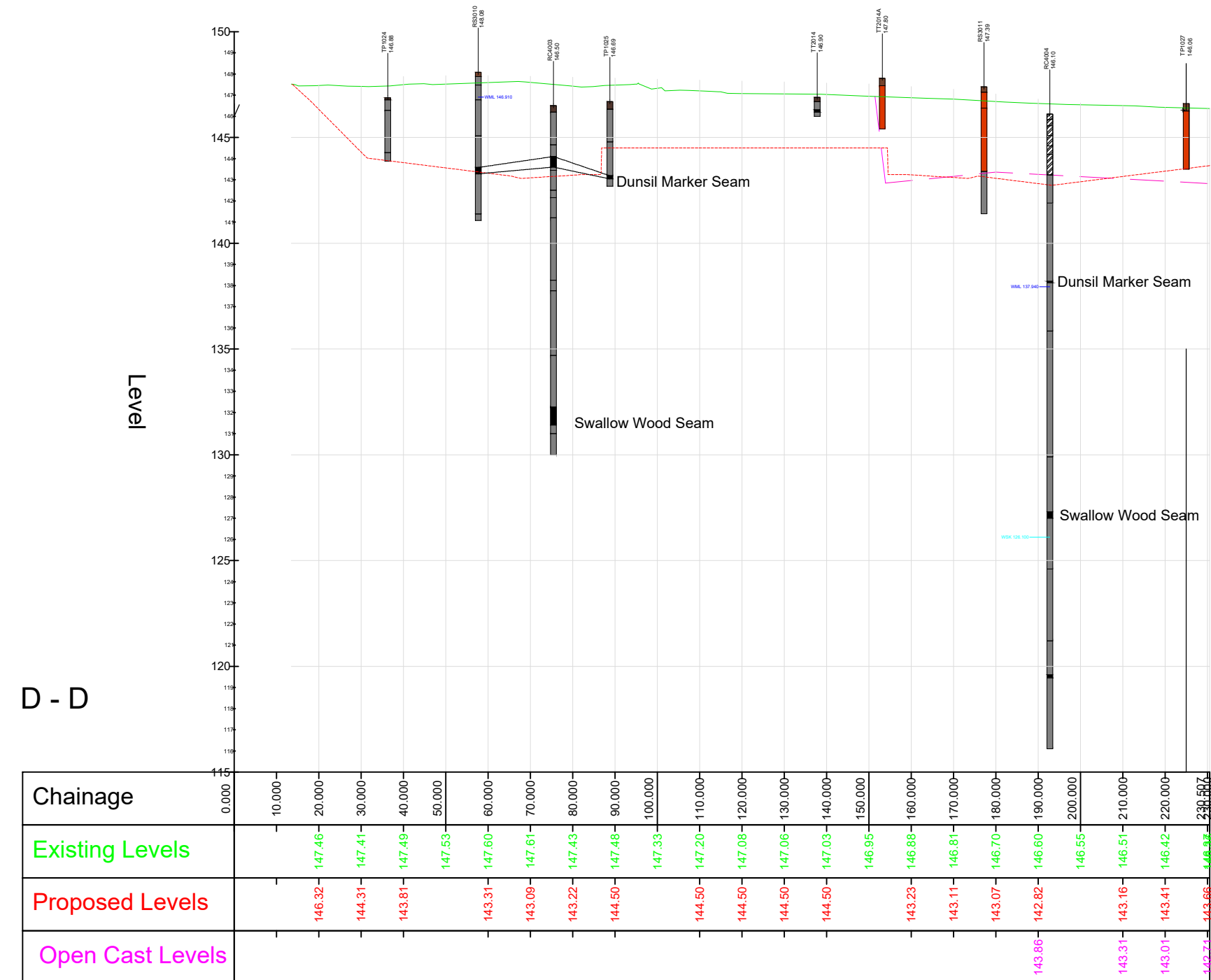
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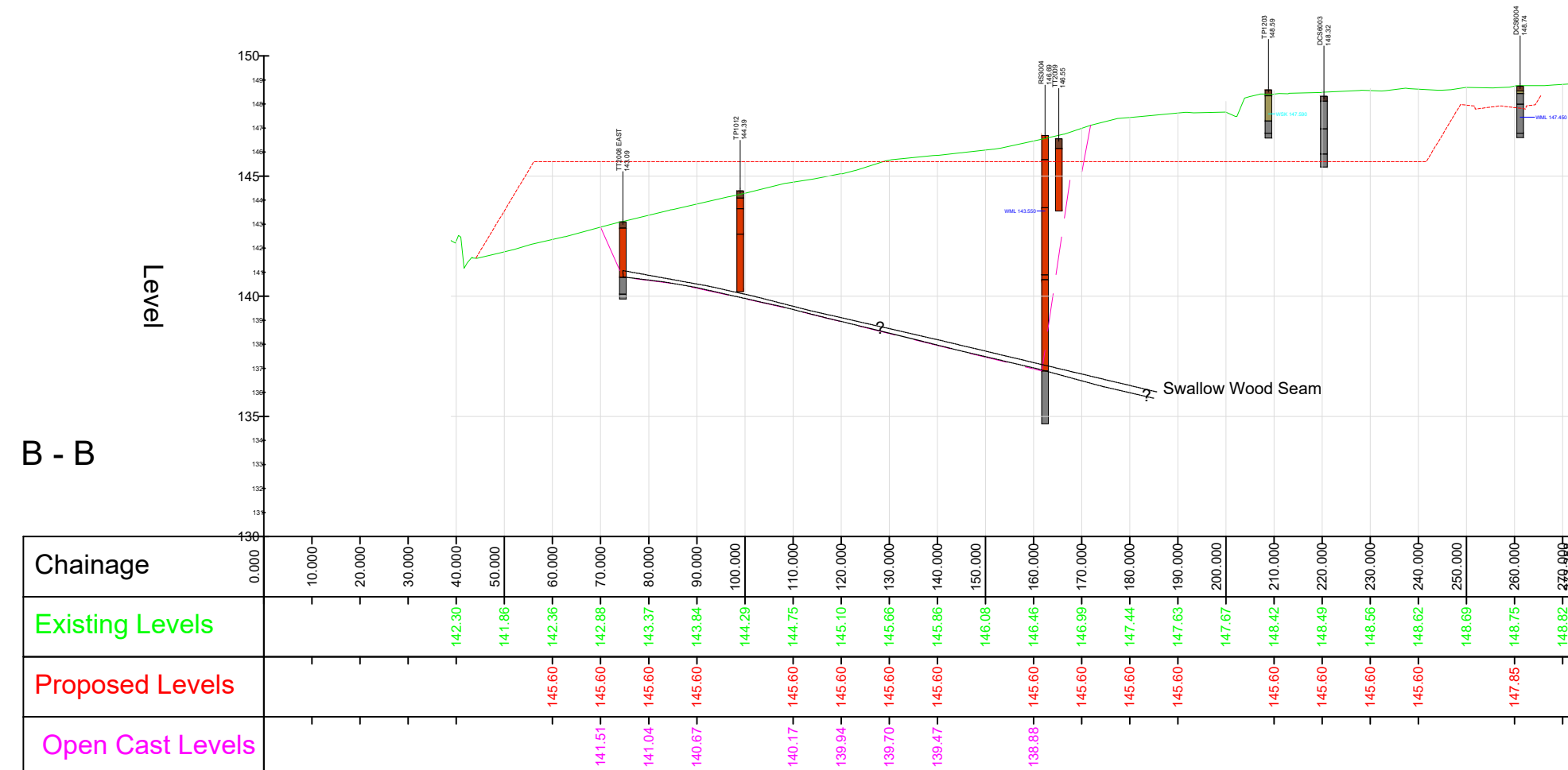
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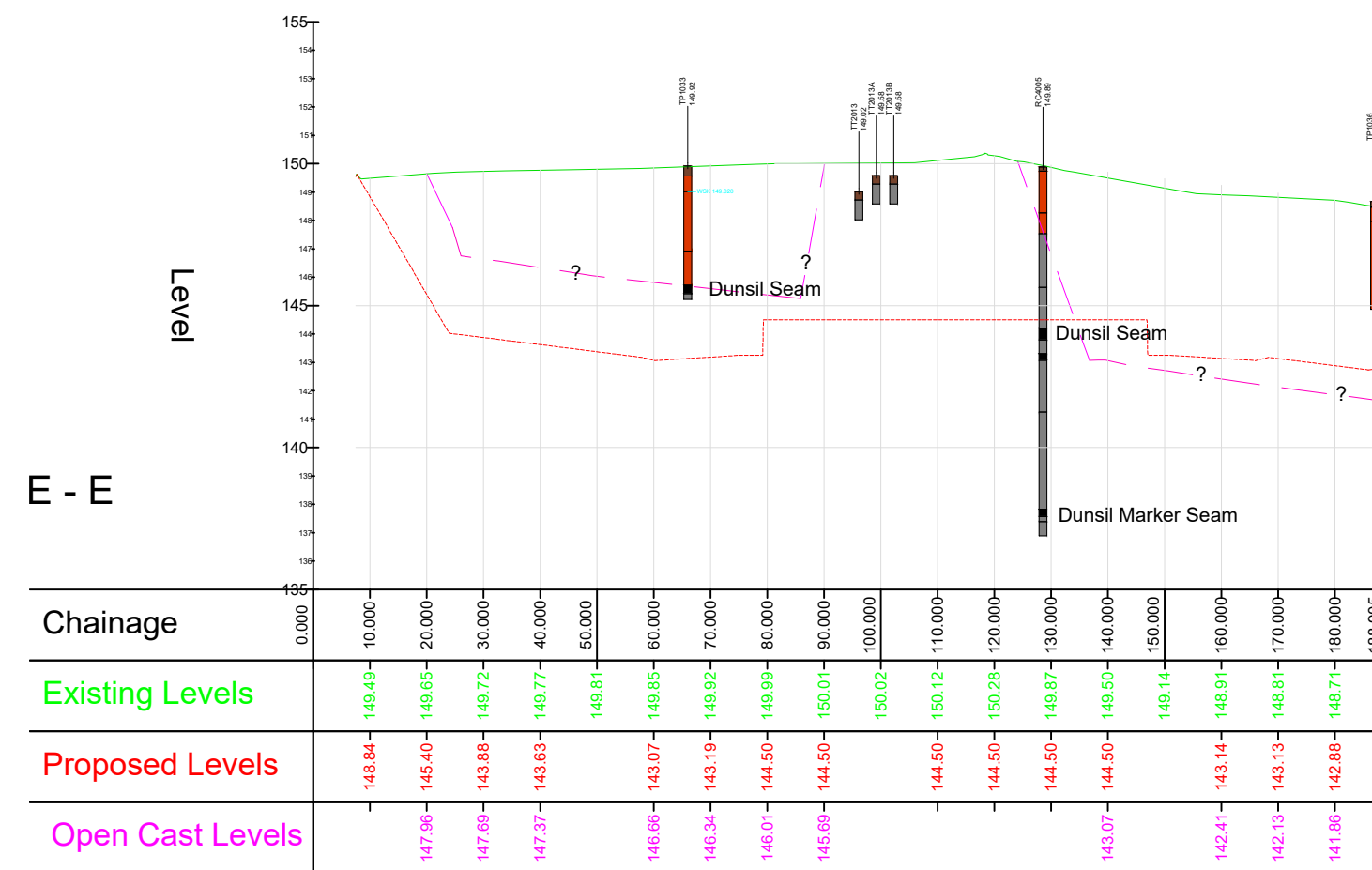
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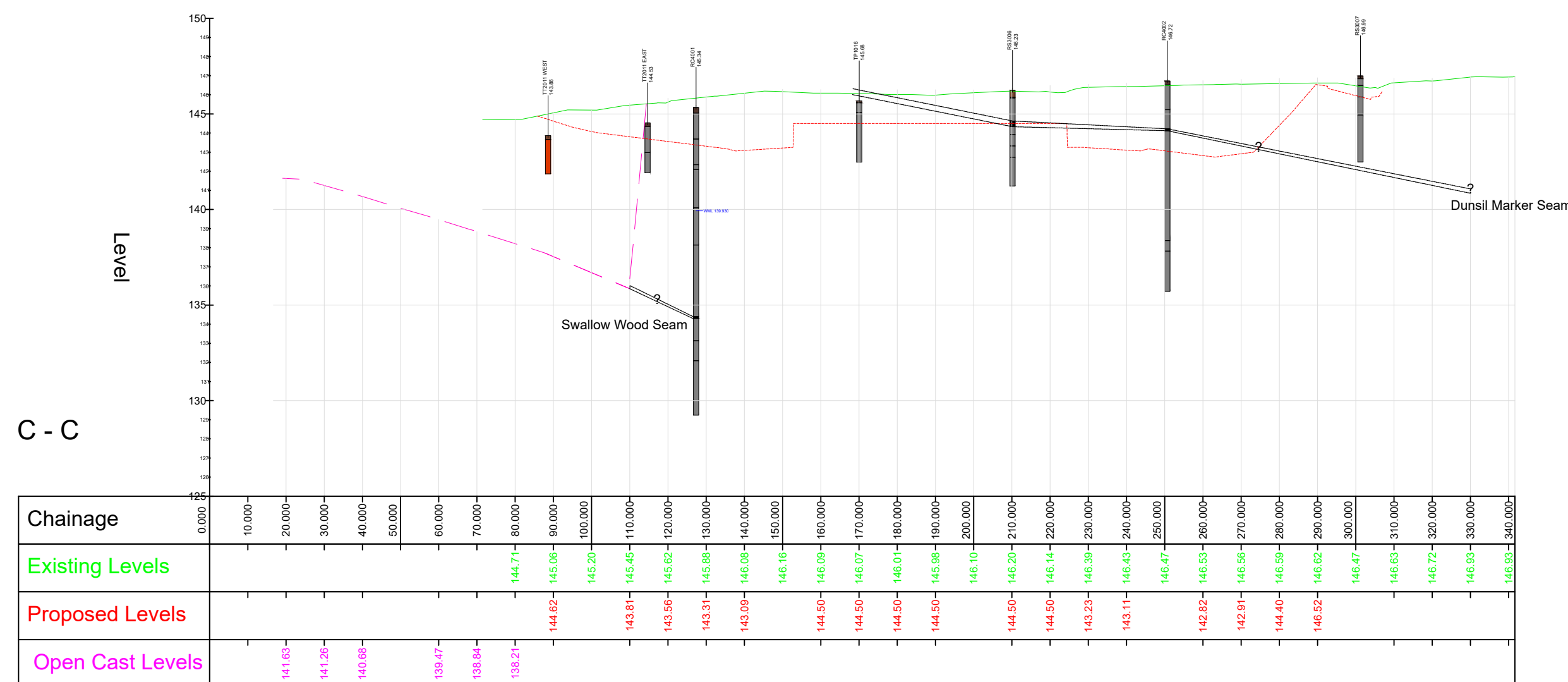
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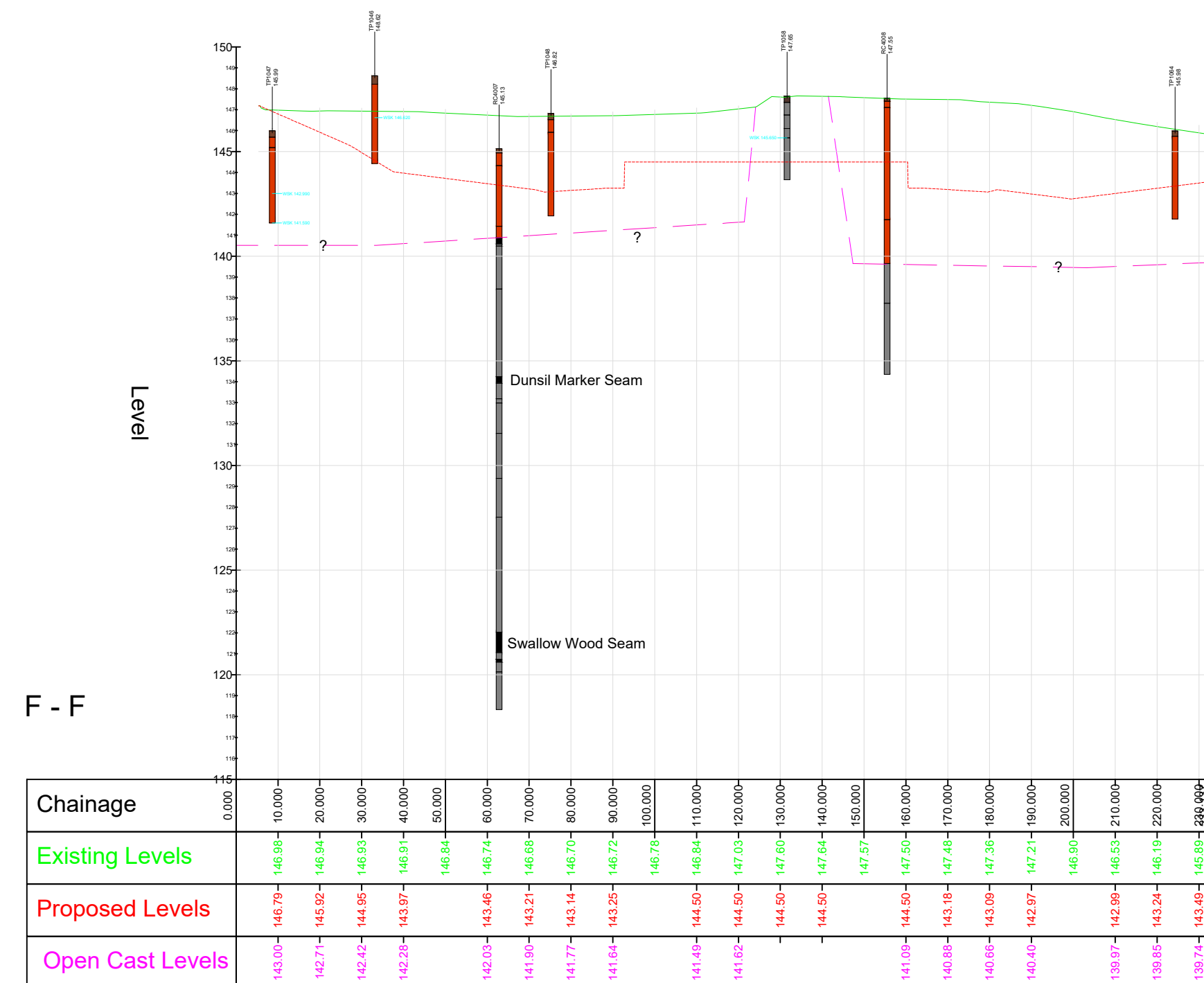
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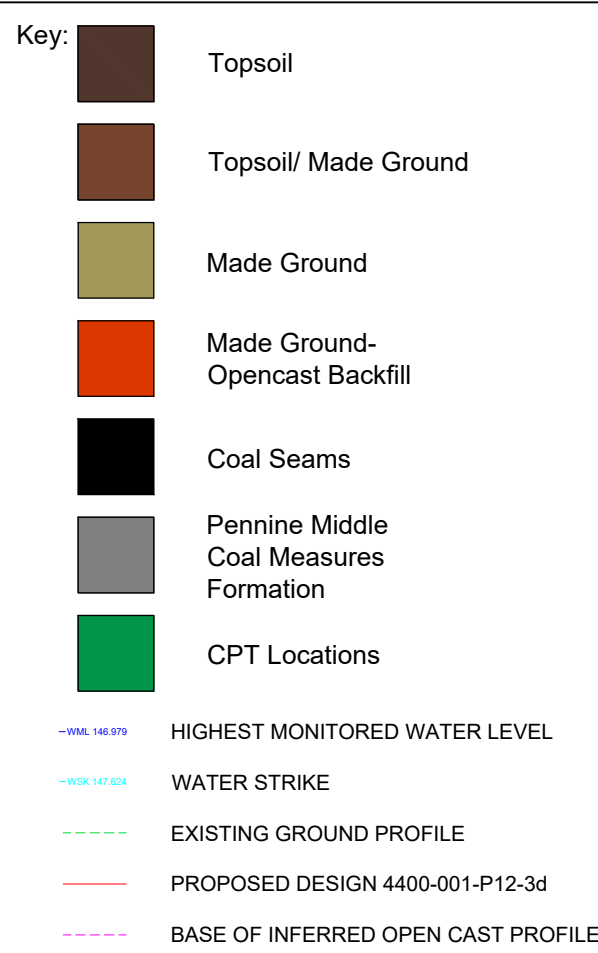
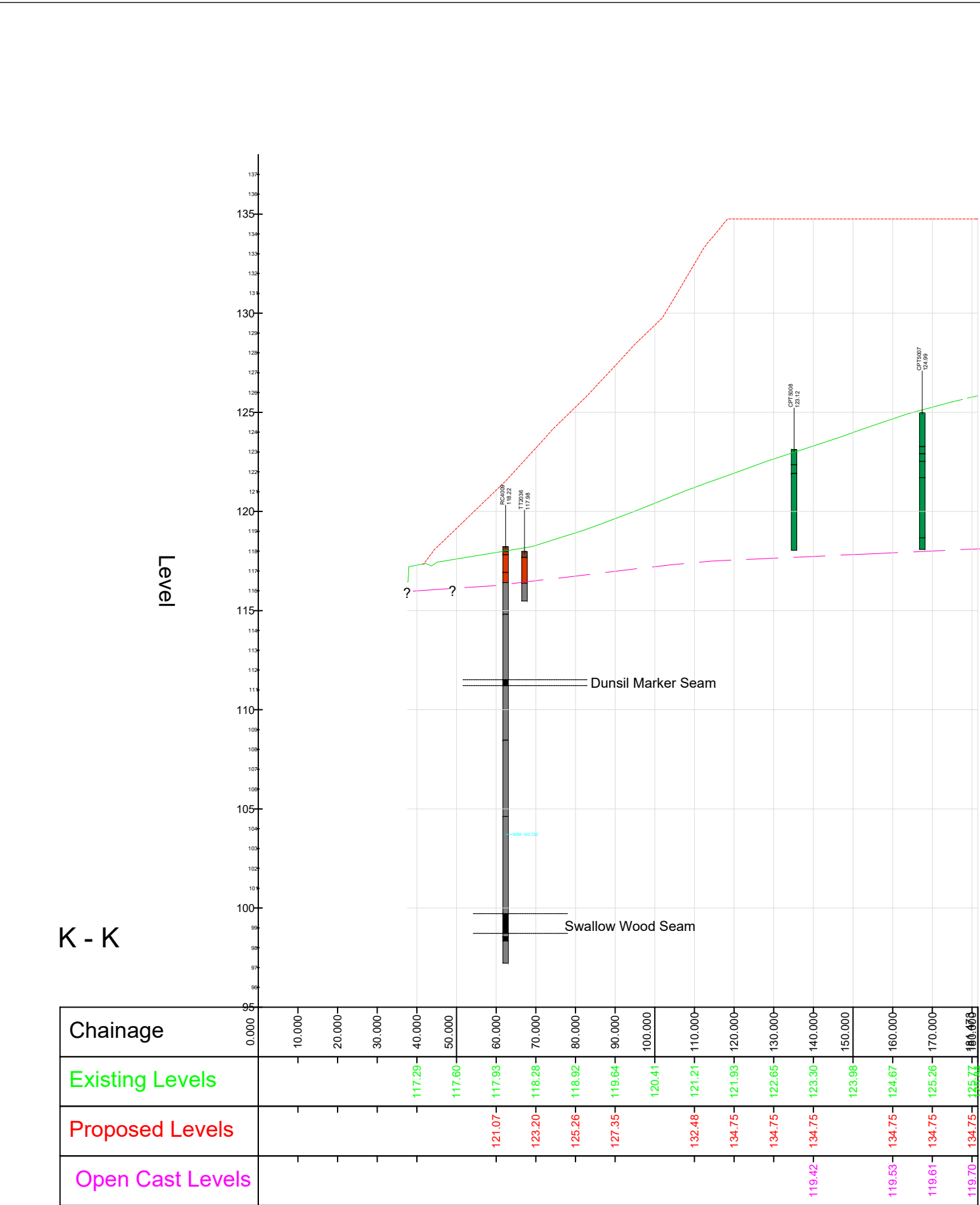
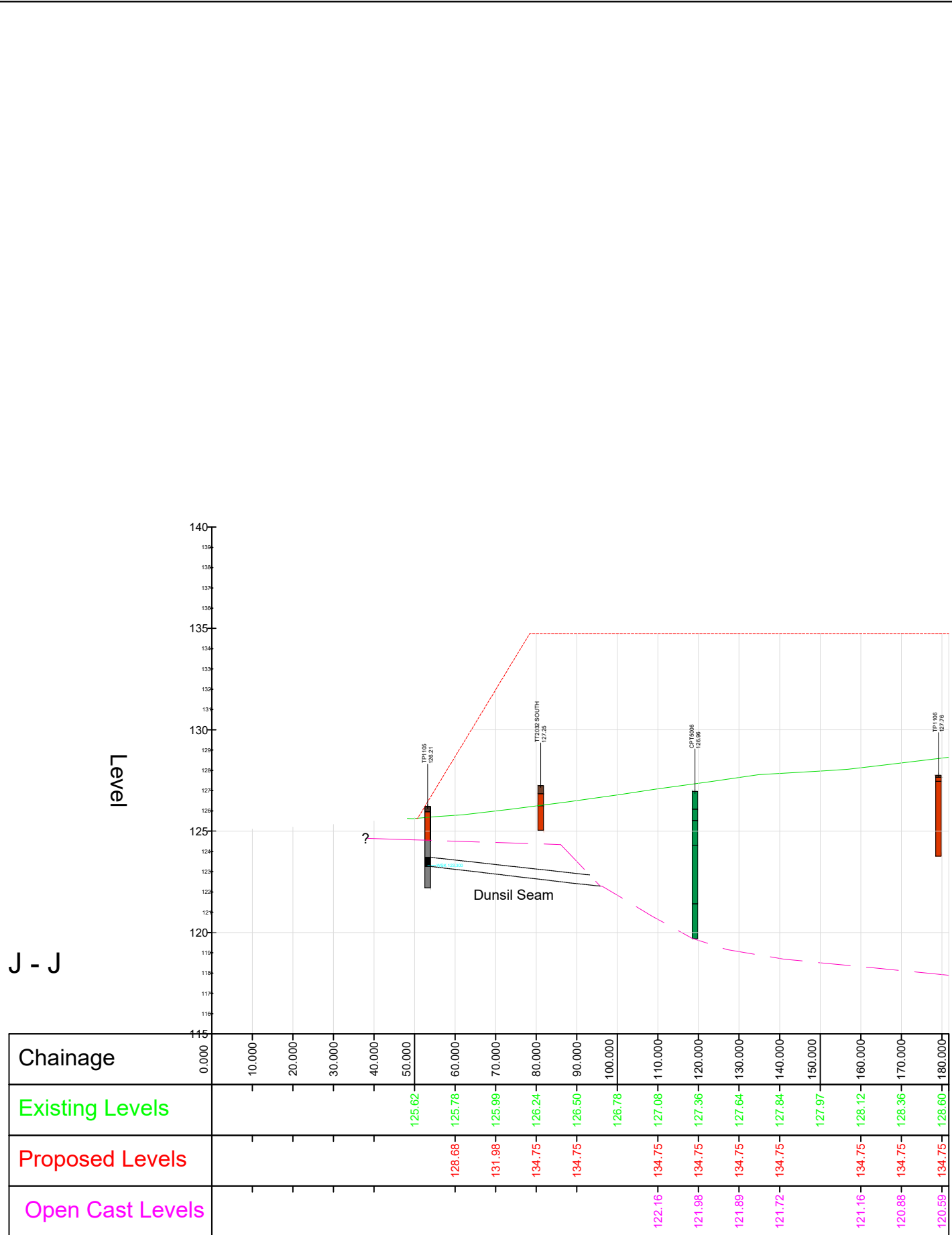
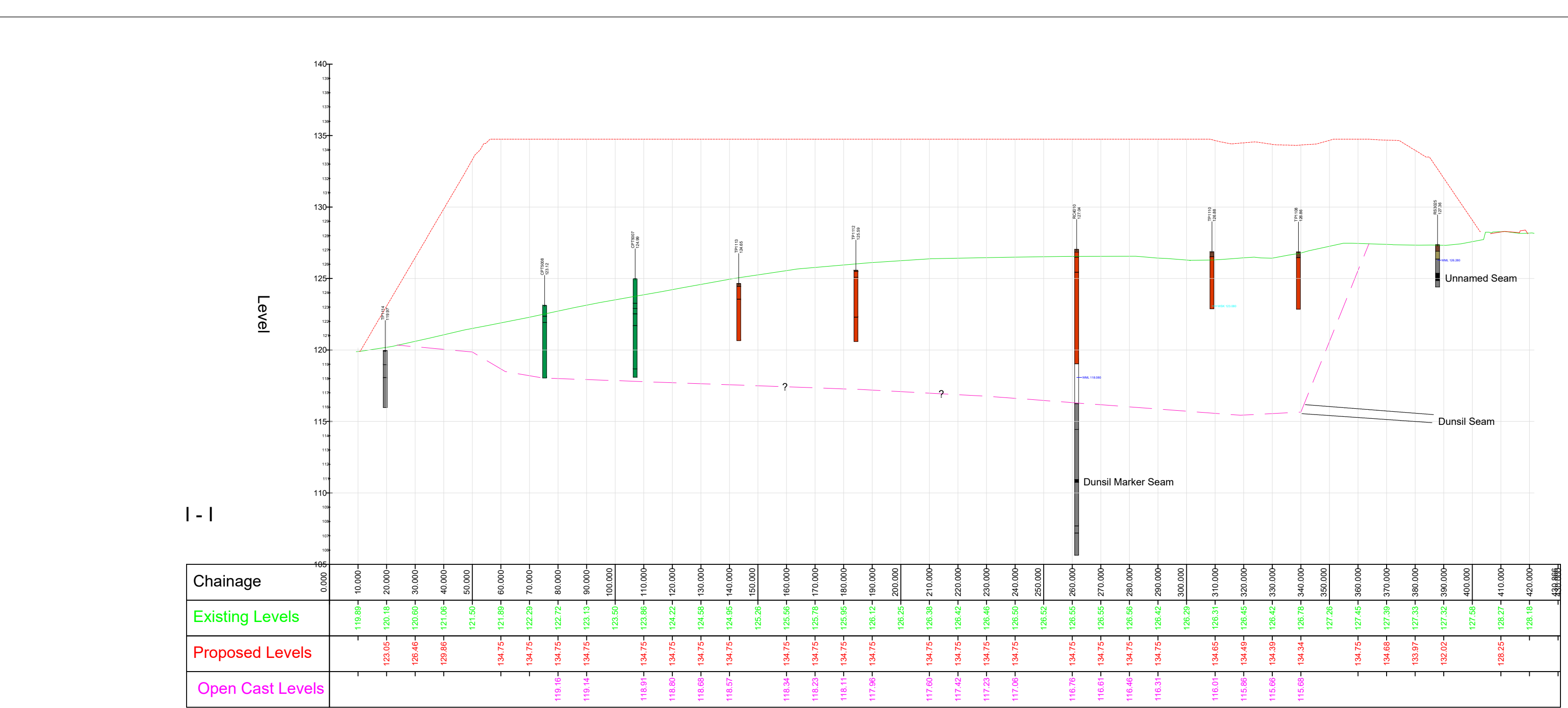
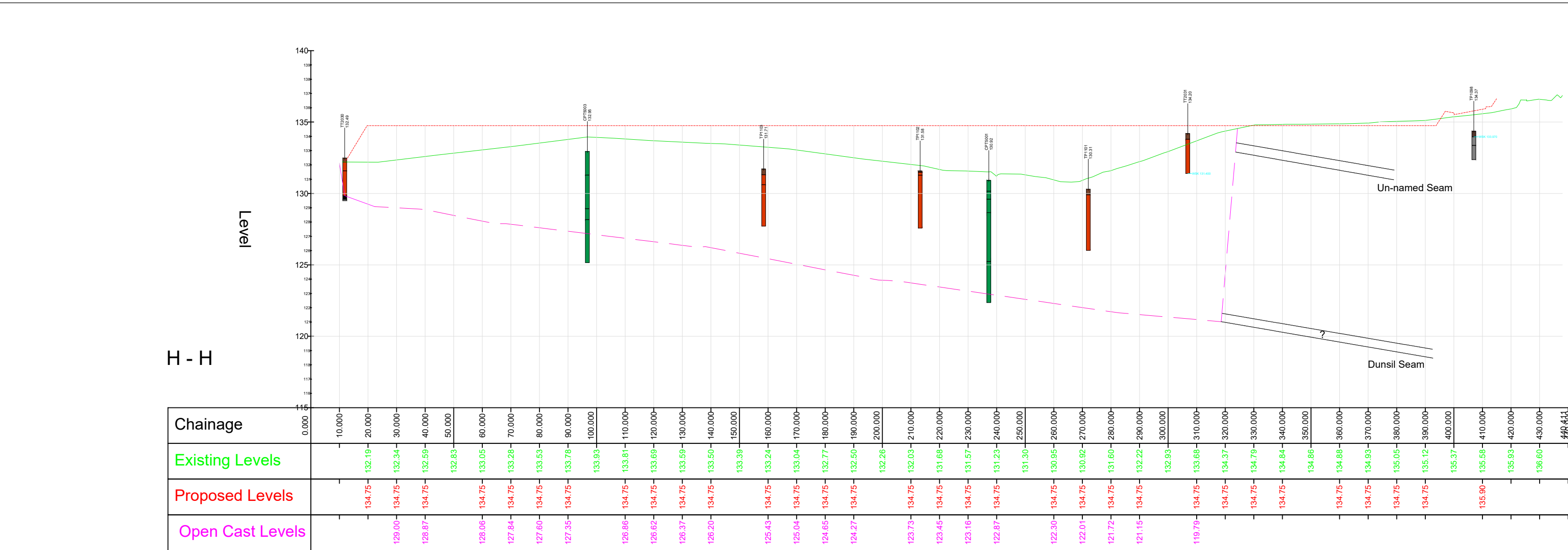
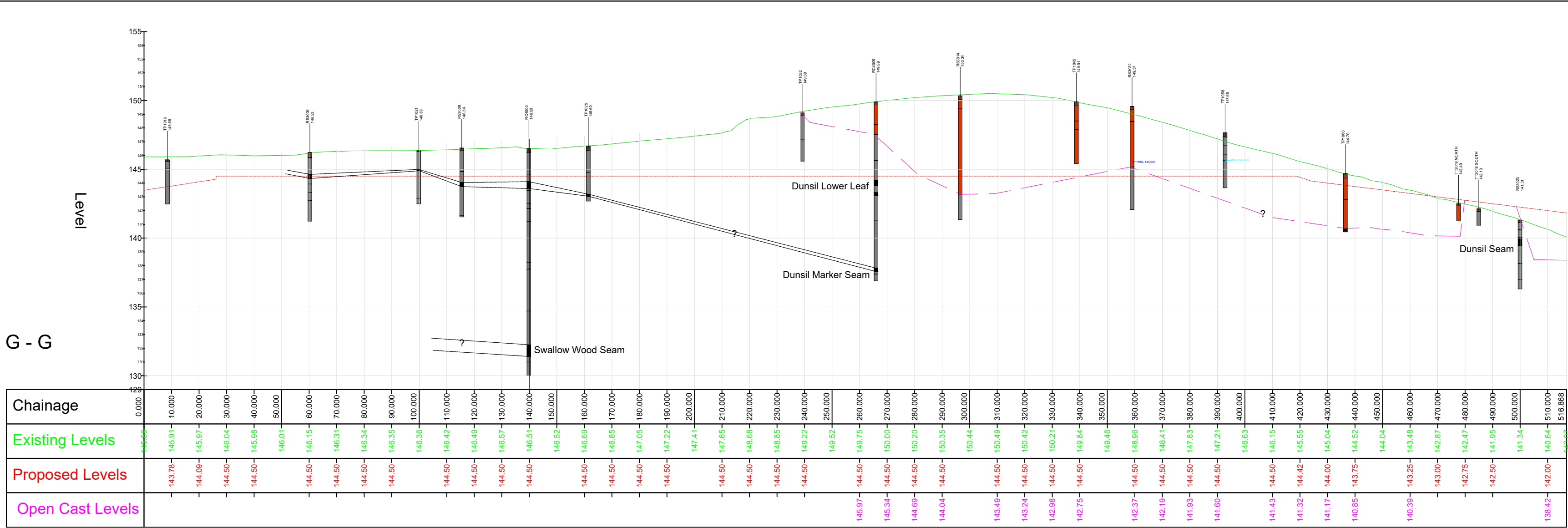
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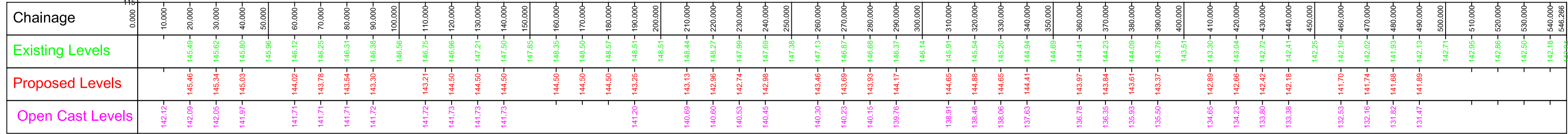
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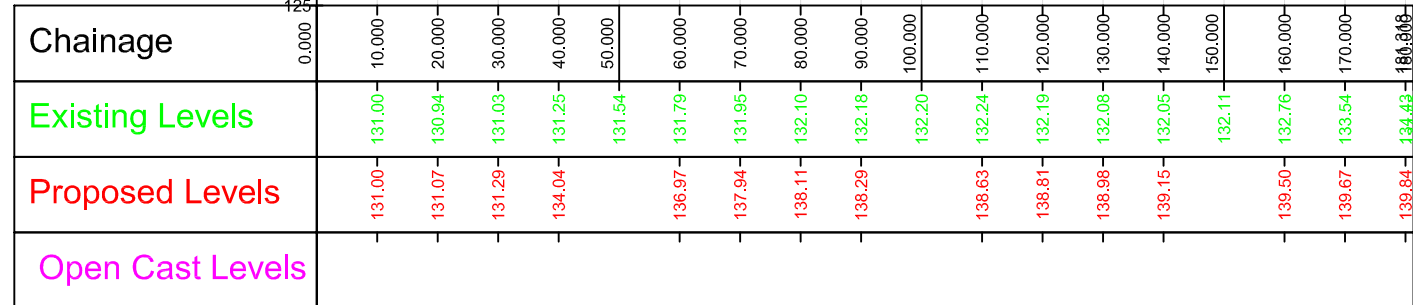
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