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Marine Licence Application for Construction Projects

Version 1.0

Marine (Scotland) Act 2010







Acronyms

Please note the following acronyms referred to in this application form:

BPEO Best Practicable Environmental Option
EIA Environmental Impact Assessment

ES Environmental Statement
MHWS Mean High Water Springs
MMO Marine Mammal Observer
MPA Marine Protected Area

MS-LOT Marine Scotland – Licensing Operations Team

PAM Passive Acoustic Monitoring
SAC Special Area of Conservation
SNH Scottish Natural Heritage
SPA Special Protection Area

SSSI Site of Special Scientific Interest WGS84 World Geodetic System 1984

Explanatory Notes

The following numbered paragraphs correspond to the questions on the application form and are intended to assist in completing the form. These explanatory notes are specific to this application and so you are advised to read these in conjunction with the Marine Scotland Guidance for Marine Licence Applicants document.

1. Applicant Details

The person making the application who will be named as the licensee.

2. Agent Details

Any person acting under contract (or other agreement) on behalf of any party listed as the applicant and having responsibility for the control, management or physical deposit or removal of any substance(s) or object(s).

3. Payment

Indicate payment method. Cheques must be made payable to: The Scottish Government.

Marine licence applications will not be accepted unless accompanied by a cheque for the correct application fee, or if an invoice is requested, until that invoice is settled. Target timelines for determining applications do not begin until the application fee is paid.

4. Application Type

Indicate if the application is for a new construction site or an existing construction site. Provide the existing or previous consent/licence number and expiry date if applicable.

5. Project Details

- (a) Give a brief description of the project (e.g. construction of a new sea outfall).
- (b) Provide the total area of proposed works in square metres.
- (c) Provide the proposed start date of the project. The start date will not be backdated, since to commence a project for which a licence has not been obtained will constitute an offence, which may result in appropriate legal action. A licence is normally valid for the duration of the project but not exceeding 3 years. If a project will not be completed before a marine licence lapses, it will be necessary for licence holders to re-apply for a further licence to continue any ongoing work at least 14 weeks prior to the expiry date of the licence. Target duration for determination of a marine licence application is 14 weeks.
- (d) Provide the proposed completion date of the project.
- (e) Provide the cost of the works seawards of the tidal limit of MHWS. This estimate should only cover



work taking place below the tidal level of MHWS and must take into consideration the cost of materials, labour fees etc.

(f) Describe the location of the proposed works. Include a list of the latitude and longitude co-ordinates (WGS84) of the boundary points of the proposed project. WGS84 is the World Geodetic System 1984 and the reference co-ordinate system used for marine licence applications. Co-ordinates taken from GPS equipment should be set to WGS84. Coordinates taken from recent admiralty charts will be on a WGS84 compatible datum. Ordnance survey maps do not use WGS84. In a few cases, (e.g. laying of long pipelines) it may only be practicable to supply co-ordinates for the start and end points.

Example: For positions read from charts the format should be as in the example: 55 55.555'N 002 22.222'W (WGS84). The decimal point specifies that decimals of minutes are used and the datum is stated explicitly. If seconds are used then the format should be as in the example: 55°55'44"N 2°22'11"W (WGS84).

It is important that the correct positions, in the correct format, are included with this application, as any errors will result in the application being refused or delayed.

To supplement your application, please provide photographs of the project location and submit these with your application. Please also provide a suitably scaled extract of an Ordnance Survey Map (1:2,500 scale but not more than 1:10,000) or Admiralty Chart which must be marked to indicate:

- o the full extent of the works in relation to the surrounding area;
- latitude and longitude co-ordinates defining the location of the works;
- the level of MHWS;
- o any adjacent SAC, SPA, SSSI, MPA, Ramsar or similar conservation area boundary.

Drawings and plans will be consulted upon. If they are subject to copyright, it is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain necessary approvals to reproduce the documents and to submit suitably annotated copies with the application.

Sewer outfalls, discharge pipes for industrial waste etc. The size and description of the pipe must be shown on the longitudinal sections and also details of its supports, foundations, methods of jointing and details of any tidal flaps.

Bridges over tidal waters: An elevation with longitudinal and cross-sections of the bridge to a suitable scale must show the dimensions of the spans and width of piers, etc. above and below MHWS and the maximum and minimum heights of the undersides of the superstructures above MHWS. The headroom above MHWS and the width of span of the nearest bridges, if any, above and below the site must be stated.

Tunnels under tidal waters: The longitudinal section of the tunnel must show the distances between the bed of the river or estuary and the top of the tunnels. Cross-sections must show the internal and external dimensions of the tunnel and particulars of construction. When a proposed future dredging level is known this must also be shown on all sections.

Overhead cables: Catenary must be supplied in addition to the site plan showing the minimum clearance of the cable at MHWS and the electrical clearance allowed.

- (g) Indicate if the project is located within the jurisdiction of a statutory harbour authority and provide details of the statutory harbour authority where relevant.
- (h) Provide a full method statement, including schedule of works and the ultimate fate of the structure.
- (i) Provide assessment of the potential impacts the works may have, including interference with other uses of the sea. Please include details of areas of concern e.g designated conservation areas, such as a SAC, SPA, SSSI, MPA or Ramsar site and shellfish harvesting areas. Further guidance on designated conservation areas can be obtained from SNH at this website:



http://gateway.snh.gov.uk/sitelink/index.jsp and guidance on shellfish harvesting areas can be obtained from http://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/ with regards to the Shellfish Waters Directive (2006/113/EC) which has parameters set to protect the water quality in which edible shellfish are grown.

Applicants should also be aware of the need to pay due regard to coastal and marine archaeological matters and attention is drawn to Historic Scotland's Operational Policy Paper HP6, "Conserving the Underwater Heritage".

Any application for beach replenishment works must be cross checked as to whether the proposed site is a designated bathing water site. If so, all physical works should ideally be done outwith the Bathing Water Season (1st June to 15th September). Further guidance on the Bathing Waters Directive (2006/7/EC) can be obtained from http://apps.sepa.org.uk/bathingwaters/.

Where there are potential impacts from the works, please provide details of proposed mitigation, such as use of MMOs or PAM, in response to potential impacts.

6. Deposits and/or Removals

- (a) Complete the table to indicate all permanent substances or objects to be deposited and/or removed from below MHWS. If you propose using types of substances or objects for which a specific box is not provided in the table, please describe the nature of such substances or objects in the box marked "other".
- (b) Please indicate the method of delivery of any substance(s) or object(s) to be placed below MHWS.
- (c) Where the proposed work involves salt marsh feeding, beach replenishment or land reclamation the description of the substances or objects must include details of its chemical quality. Where the substances or objects have not been chemically analysed, MS-LOT may request representative samples for analysis or require the applicant to arrange for analyses to be undertaken before the marine licence application can be determined.
- (d) If temporary deposits are required, please provide details as with the permanent deposits above. The temporary deposit location details (Latitude and Longitude WGS84) must be added to the form, and the period of time the site will be used must be provided. If granting a licence, MS-LOT will include on the document details of any area that has been approved as a temporary deposit site.

7. Disposal of Dredged Substance(s) or Object(s) at Sea

- (a) If you are proposing to dispose of any excess substance(s) or object(s) arising from the project at sea, a separate marine licence will be required (see Dredging and Sea Disposal application form). The granting of a marine licence for construction projects does not imply that a marine licence for sea disposal will also be granted as different assessment criteria are used to determine each type of application. If a separate application is being submitted for dredging and sea disposal then this must be accompanied with a BPEO report.
- (b) Provide the quantity of dredged substance(s) or object(s) for sea disposal in wet tonnes.

Noise Monitoring 8.

Under the Marine Strategy Regulations (2010), there is now a requirement to monitor loud, low to mid frequency (10Hz to 10kHz) impulsive noise. Activities where this type of noise is produced include seismic airguns, other geophysical surveys (<10kHz), pile driving, explosives and certain acoustic deterrent devices. Where noisy activity is being undertaken, you must complete an initial registration form for the noise registry which allows you to provide details on the proposed work. Completion of a 'close-out' form, which allows licensees to provide details of the actual dates and locations where the activities occurred, is also required within 12 weeks of the completion of the 'noisy' activity or, in the case of prolonged activities such as piling for harbour construction or wind farms, at quarterly intervals or after each phase of foundation installation.

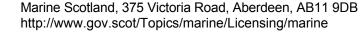
These forms can be downloaded from:

http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/science/MSInteractive/Themes/noise-reduction

Marine licence applications will not be accepted until this form has been completed and submitted.







Statutory Consenting Powers

Please describe in the answer to this question what (if any) statutory responsibilities you (or your client) have to consent any aspect of the project.

10. Scotland's National Marine Plan

Scotland's National Marine Plan has been prepared in accordance with the EU Directive 2014/89/EU, which came into force in July 2014. The Directive introduces a framework for maritime spatial planning and aims to promote the sustainable development of marine areas and the sustainable use of marine resources. It also sets out a number of minimum requirements all of which have been addressed in this plan. In doing so, and in accordance with article 5(3) of the Directive, Marine Scotland have considered a wide range of sectoral uses and activities and have determined how these different objectives are reflected and weighted in the marine plan. Land-sea interactions have also been taken into account as part of the marine planning process. Any applicant for a marine licence should consider their proposals with reference to Scotland's National Marine Plan. copy of Scotland's National Marine Plan be found can http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2015/03/6517/0

Indicate whether you have considered the project with reference to Scotland's National Marine Plan and provide details of considerations made with reference to the policies, including but not limited to General Policies 7 and 13 (GEN 7 and GEN 13), that have been considered. If you have not considered the project with reference to Scotland's National Marine Plan please provide an explanation.

11. Pre-Application Consultation

Certain activities will be subject to public pre-application consultation. Activities affected will be large projects with the potential for significant impacts on the environment, local communities and other legitimate uses of the sea. The new requirement will allow those local communities, environmental groups and other interested parties to comment on a proposed development in its early stages – before an application for a marine licence submitted. Further information be obtained http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0043/00439649.pdf

If applicable, please provide your pre-application consultation report with your application.

12. Consultation (other than carried out under pre-application consultation)

Provide details of all bodies consulted and give details of any consents issued including date of issue.

13. Environmental Assessment

(a) Under the Marine Works Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations 2007, there may be a requirement for certain projects to undergo an EIA and produce an ES. If EIA is required, MS-LOT will not determine a marine licence application until the EIA consent decision in respect of the marine licence application has been reached. Please confirm if the project falls under Annex I or II of Directive 85/337/EEC: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32011L0092&from=EN in relation to the Marine Works (EIA) Regulations 2007.

Marine licence applications for proposals which fall under the regulations will not be accepted unless a screening opinion has been issued in relation to this.

(b) Please indicate if an EIA has been undertaken and whether it was for the marine licence application to which this application relates or for any other EIA regulator (e.g local authority). Please attach any previous ES to the application.

MS-LOT will not determine a marine licence application until the EIA consent decision in respect of any regulated activity associated with the marine licence application has been reached.

14. Associated Works

Indicate whether the application is associated with any other marine projects (e.g. land reclamation, marine/harbour construction works, dredging and sea disposal etc). If this is the case, provide reference/licence number for the related marine projects.





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It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain any other consents or authorisations that may be required.

Under Section 54 of the Marine (Scotland) Act 2010, all information contained within and provided in support of this application will be placed on a Public Register. There are no national security grounds for application information not going on the Register under the 2010 Act.

Publ	lic Register			
-	Do you consider that any of the information contained within or provided in support of this application should not be disclosed:			
(a)	for reasons of national security;	YES NO		
(b) provi	for reasons of confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where sided by law to protect a legitimate commercial interest?	such confidentiality is YES NO		
	ES , to either (a) or (b), please provide full justification as to why all or part of the ided should be withheld.	he information you have		





WARNING

It is an offence under the Act under which this application is made to fail to disclose information or to provide false or misleading information.

Target duration for determination is 14 weeks. Please note that missing or erroneous information in your application and complications resulting from consultation may result in the application being refused or delayed.

Marine licence applications will not be accepted unless accompanied by a cheque for the correct application fee, or if an invoice is requested, until that invoice is settled. Target timelines for determining applications do not begin until the application fee is paid.

Declaration

I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief that the information given in this form and related papers is true.

Signature



Date

15 May 2018

Name in BLOCK LETTERS

GARY McCANN

Application Check List

Please check that you provide all relevant information in support of your application, including but not limited to the following:

•	Completed and signed application form	✓
•	Project Drawings	✓
•	Maps/Charts	1
•	Co-ordinates of the boundary points of the area of harbour jurisdiction (if you are a statutory harbour authority)	7
•	Method Statement	✓
•	Photographs of the location of the project	
•	Additional information e.g. consultation correspondence (if applicable)	✓
•	Noise Registry – Initial Registration Form (if applicable)	√
•	Pre-application Report (if applicable)	
•	Environmental Statement (if applicable)	V
	Payment (if paying by cheque)	







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	Email:			
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2.	Agent Details (if	any)		
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3.	Payment			
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	Applicant	Agent	Other	
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1. Applicant Details

•	consent/licence number and expiry date:
Consent/Licence Number	Expiry Date
Project Details	
a) Brief description of the project (e.g. c	onstruction of a new sea outfall):
b) Total area of the proposed works (in	quare metres):
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c) Proposed start date (Target durati	on for determination of a marine licence application is 1
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Latitude and Longitude co-ordinates (WGS84) defining the extent of the project (continue on Appendix 01



6. Deposits and/or Removals

(a) **Permanent** substance(s) or object(s) to be deposited and/or removed from below MHWS (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

	Depo	osits	Remo	ovals
Type of Deposit/Removal	Description	Quantity & Dimensions (metric)	Description	Quantity & Dimensions (metric)
Steel/Iron		No.		No.
		Dimensions		Dimensions
		Weight (kg/tonnes)		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Timber		No.		No.
		Dimensions		Dimensions
		Weight (kg/tonnes)		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Concrete		No.		No.
		Dimensions		Dimensions
		Weight (kg/tonnes)		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Plastic/Synthetic		m ²		m ²
Clay (< 0.004 mm)		Volume (m ³)		Volume (m³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Silt (0.004 ≤ Silt < 0.063 mm)		Volume (m³)		Volume (m³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Sand (0.063 ≤ Sand < 2.0 mm)		Volume (m³)		Volume (m³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Gravel (2.00 ≤ Gravel < 64.0 mm)		Volume (m ³)		Volume (m³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Cobbles (64.0 ≤ Cobbles < 256.0		Volume (m³)		Volume (m³)
mm)		Weight (kg/tonnes)		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Boulders (≥ 256.0 mm)		Volume (m³)		Volume (m³)
		Weight (kg/tonnes)		Weight (kg/tonnes)





Pipe		Length (m)		Length (m)
		External		External
		Diameter		Diameter
		(cm/m)		(cm/m)
Other (please describe below):			
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(b) Method of delivery of substa	ance(s) or object(s):			
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(c) For work involving salt ma	rsh feeding, beach	replenishment of	r land reclamation	please provide the
following information relating	g to the substance(s	s) or object(s) to b	e deposited:	
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Particle size:				
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If YES, please include the				- <u> </u>
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(d) Temporary substance(s) o	r object(s) to be de	posited below MI	HWS (continue on	a separate sheet if
necessary):				

Type of Deposit	Description	Quantity & Dimensions (metric)
Steel/Iron		No.
		Dimensions
		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Timber		No.
		Dimensions
		Weight (kg/tonnes)



Concrete		No.
		Dimensions
		Weight (kg/tonnes)
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Cobbles		Volume (m ³)
(64.0 ≤ Cobbles < 256.0 mm)		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Boulders		Volume (m ³)
(≥ 256.0 mm)		Weight (kg/tonnes)
Pipe		Length (m)
		External Diameter (cm/m)
Other (please describe below):		
Disposal of Dredged Substance		
(a) Do you intend to apply for a dredged substance(s) or objection	marine licence for sea disposal of ect(s) as part of the project?	YES NO
If YES, please specify nature of	substance(s) or object(s) (e.g sand	l, gravel, silt, clay, rock etc.):
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(b) Quantity of substance(s) or o	object(s) (wet tonnes):	
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A separate marine licence application will be required to be submitted for sea disposal.



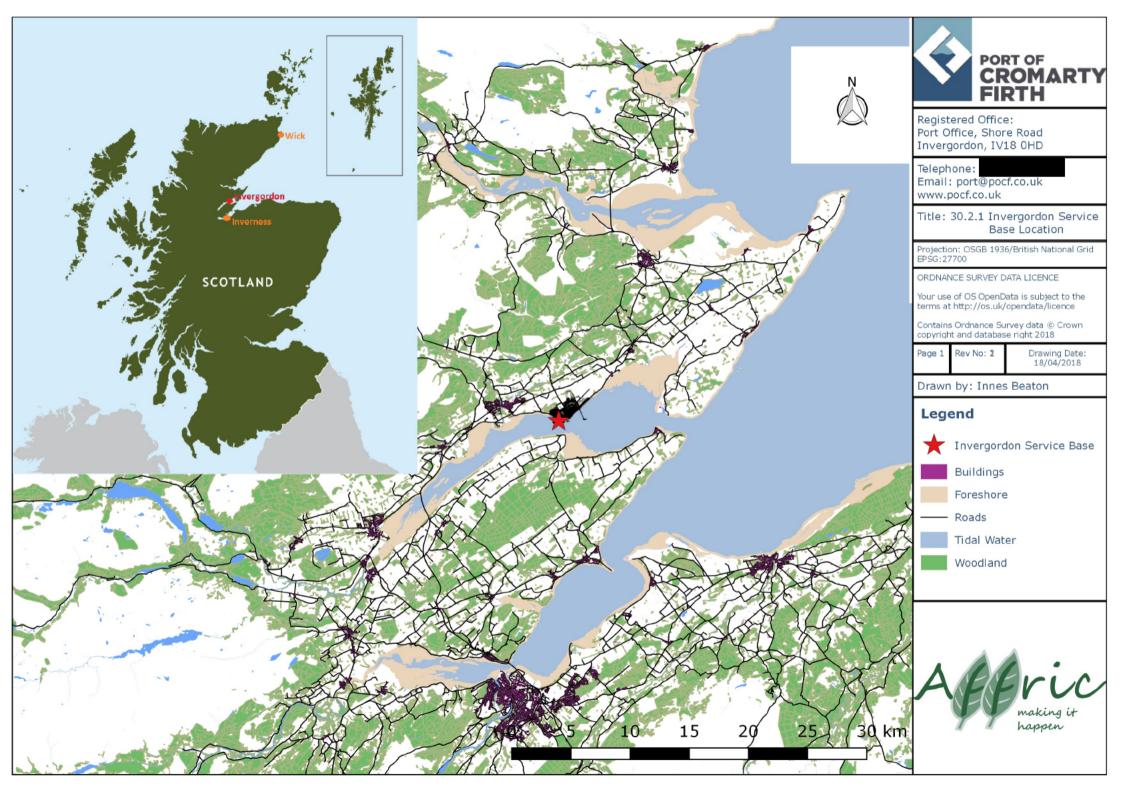
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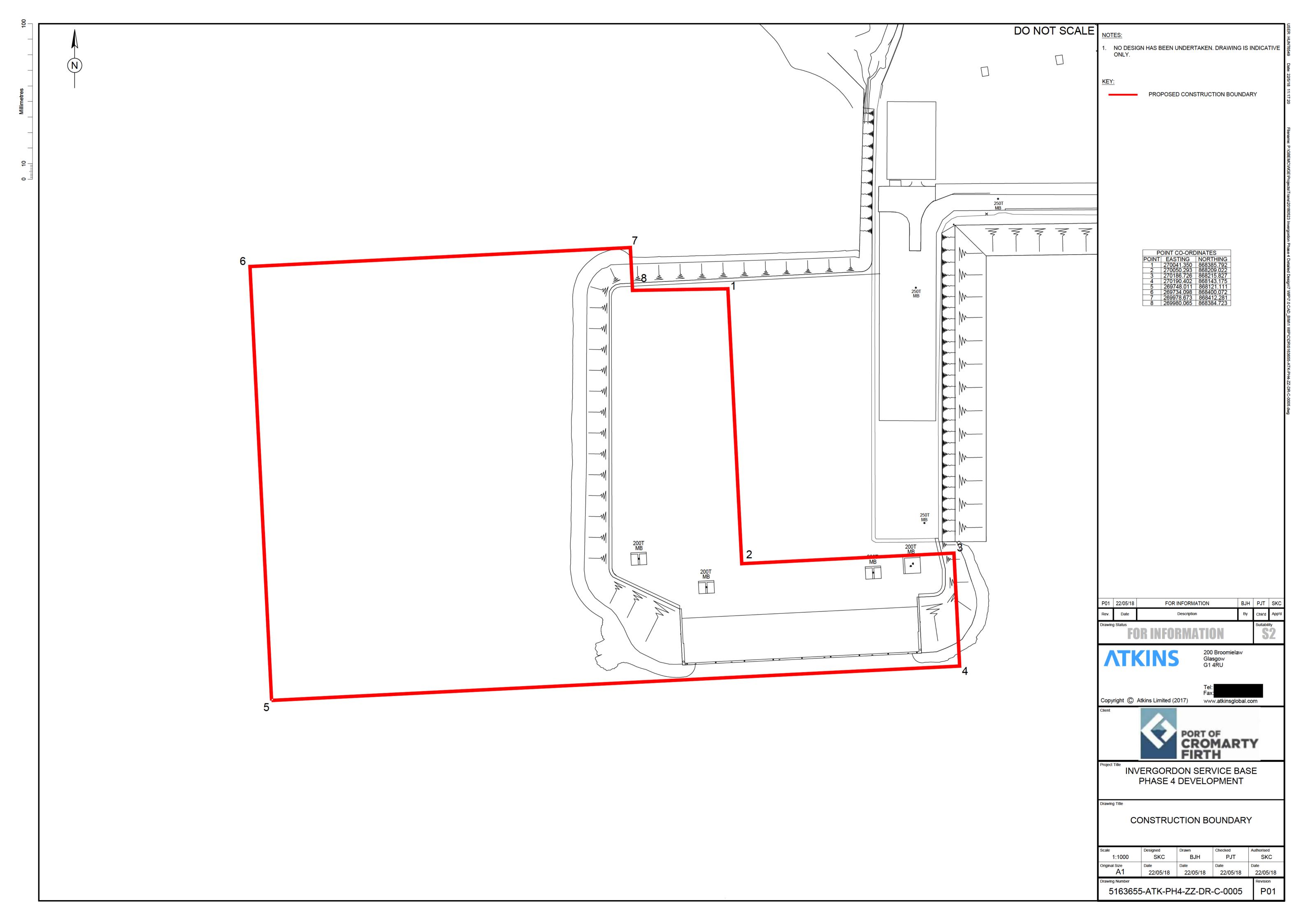
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If YES, which please indicate the noise generating activities and so	
Noise Generating Activity	Sound Frequency (Hertz)
Use of Explosives	
Use of Accoustic Deterrent Devices	
Piling	
Other (please describe below):	
If you have ticked YES , please complete the Noise Registry – Initial http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/marine/science/MSInteractive/Theorems	
Marine licence applications will not be accepted until this form	has been completed and submitted
Statutory Consenting Powers	
Do you, or (if appropriate) your client, have statutory powers to cons	sent any aspect of this project?
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11.	Pre	e-Application Consulta	ation			
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12.	Со	onsultation				
	Lis	st all bodies you have co	nsulted and provide cop	ies of corresponden	ce:	
13.	En	vironmental Assessm	ent			
	(a)	Does the project fall un	der Annex I or II of the E	EIA Directive?		
		Annex I	Annex II	Neither		
		If ANNEX I or ANNEX	II, please provide the sc	reening opinion issu	ed to you in r	elation to the project.
	(b)	Has an EIA been under	rtaken:			
			application to which this ator (e.g local authority)	application relates		YES NO NO YES NO
14.	As	ssociated Works				
	Pro	ovide details of other rel	ated marine projects, inc	cluding reference/lice	ence numbers	s (if applicable):



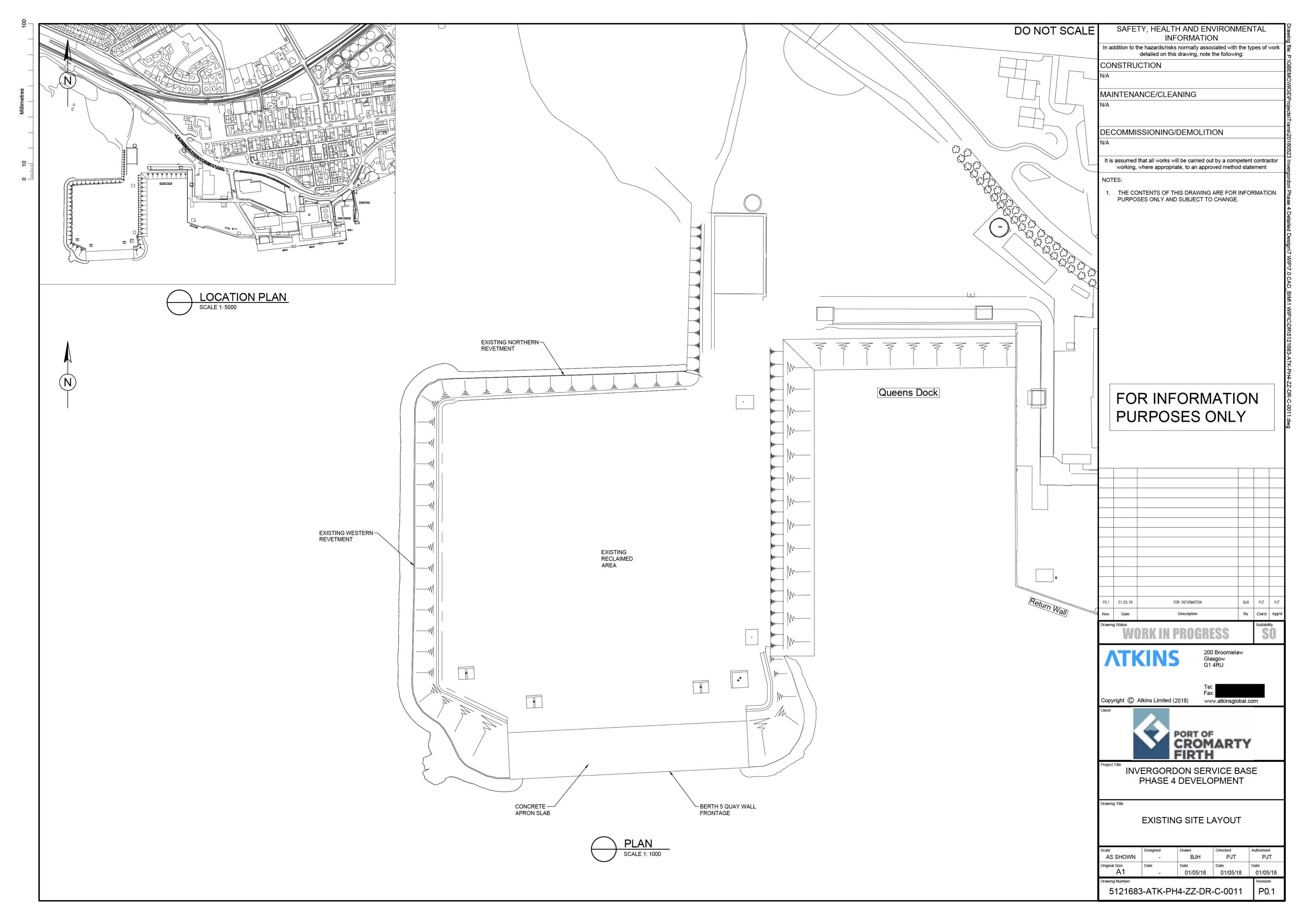


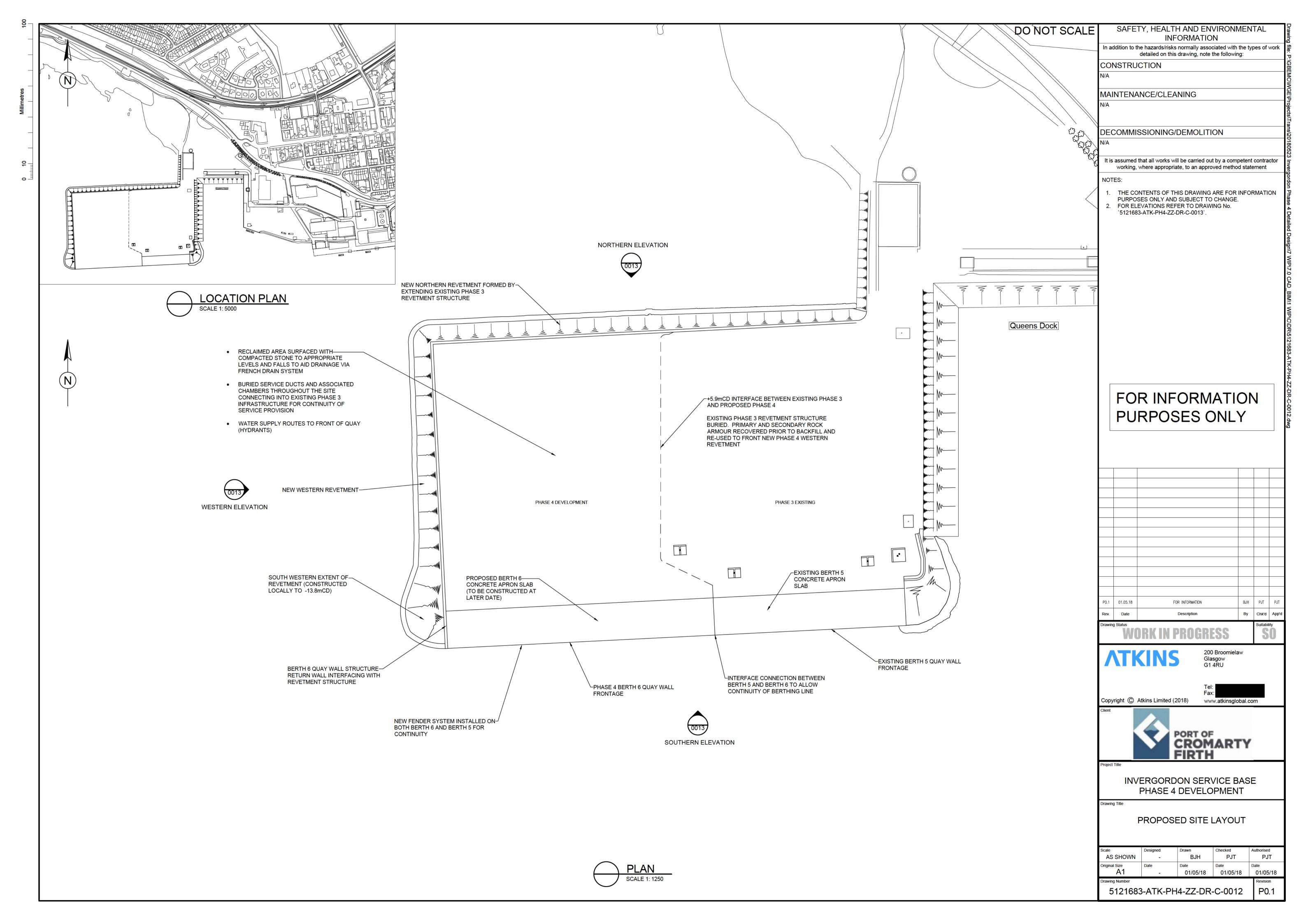


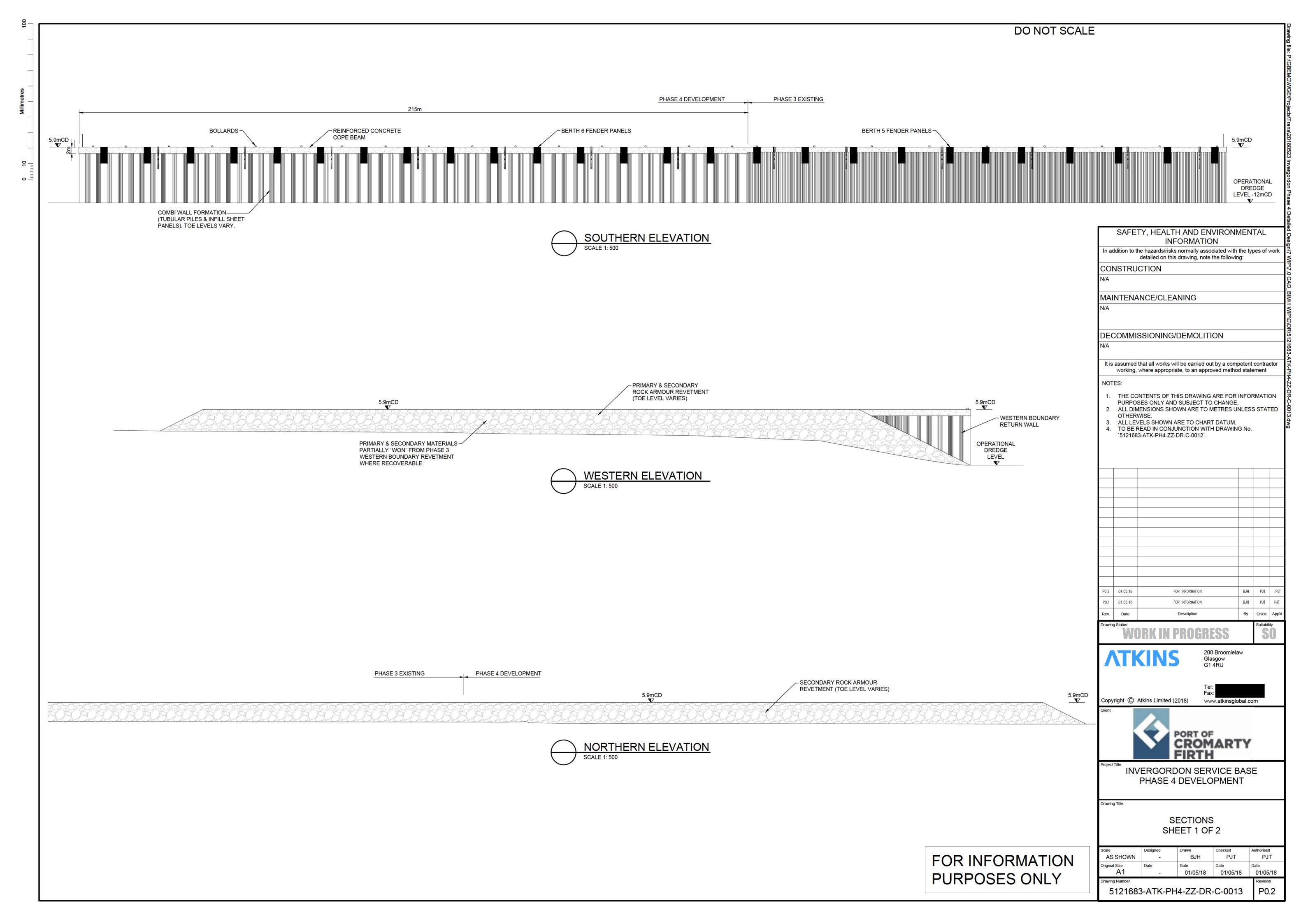
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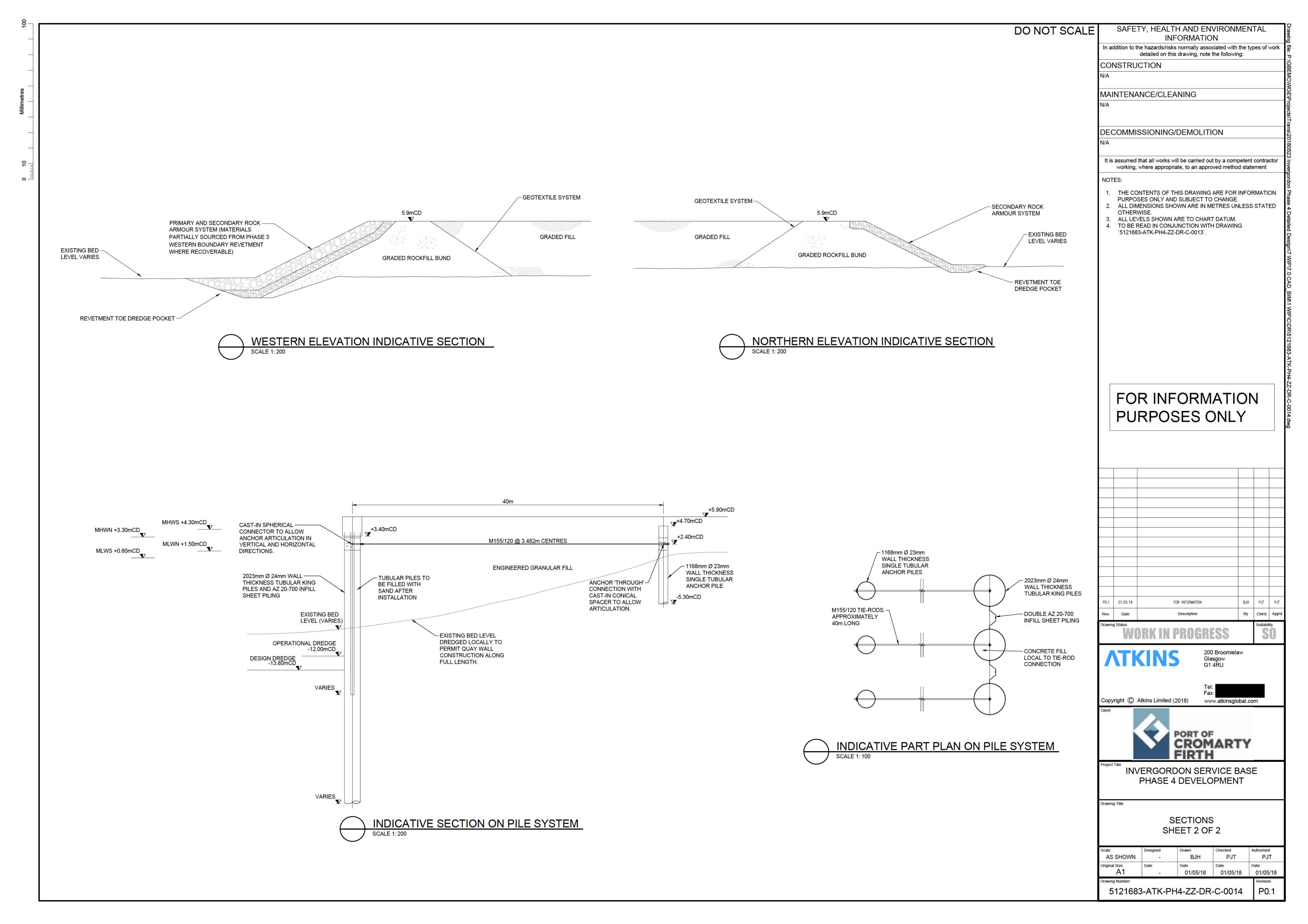
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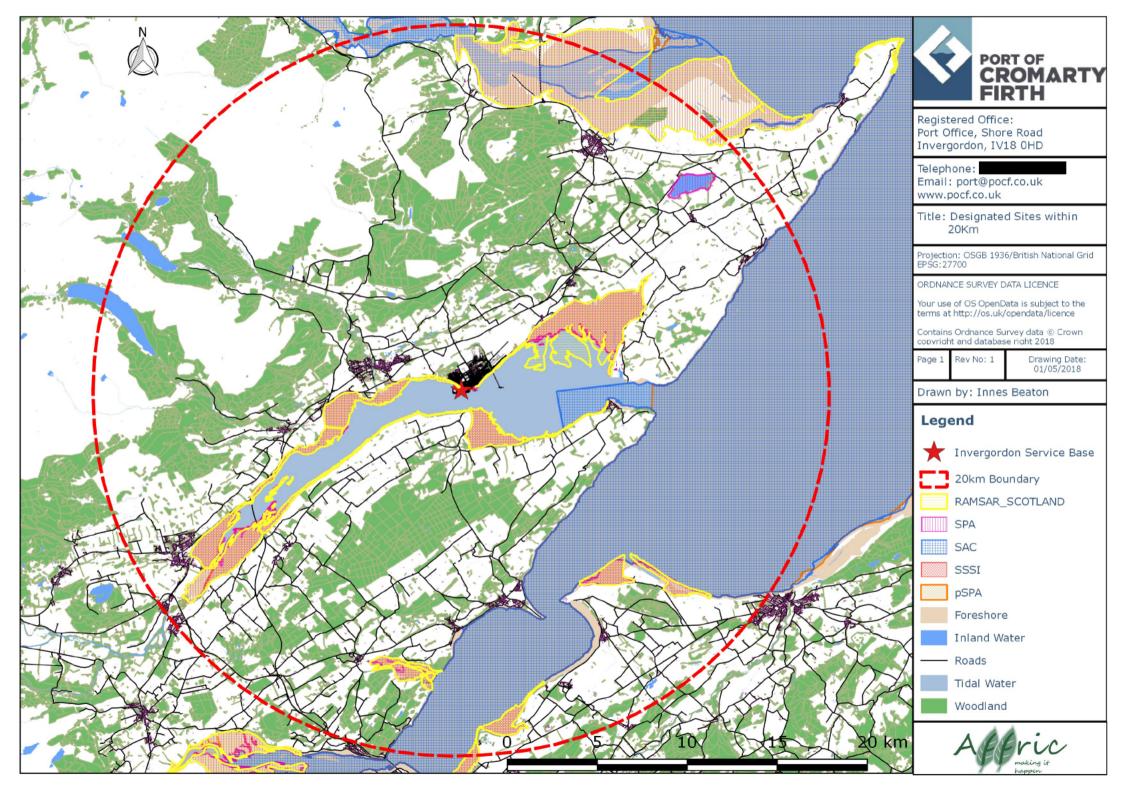
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4	N57°41.059" W04°10.728"	NH70190 68143
5	N57°41.040" W04°11.186"	NH69734 68121
6	N57°41.190" W04°11.195"	NH69734 68400
7	N57°41.201" W04°10.949"	NH69978 68412
8	N57°41.186" W04°10.947"	NH69980 68384











Summary of Designated Nature Conservation Sites

Site	Designation	Distance and Direction	Feature Category/Feature
Cromarty Firth	SSSI	Immediately adjacent	Designated for non-breeding birds (bar-tailed godwit, red-breasted merganser, redshank, whooper swan, and wigeon), littoral sediment (coast/saltmarsh), and littoral sediment (marine/mudflats and sandflats).
Cromarty Firth	SPA	Immediately adjacent	Designated for breeding osprey and common tern and non-breeding whooper swan, bar-tailed godwit and greylag goose. Also designated for its non-breeding waterfowl assemblage comprising wigeon, pintail, scaup, red breasted merganser, knot, curlew and redshank.
Morangie Forest	SPA	5km N	Designated for supporting breeding population of Capercaillie
Moray Firth	SAC	5km E	Designated for inshore sublittoral sediment (marine/subtidal sandbanks), and mammals (marine/bottlenose dolphin <i>Tursiops truncatus</i>).
Alness River Valley	SSSI	5km NW	Designated for broadleaves, mixed and yew woodland (upland mixed ash woodland).
Kinrive- Strathroy	SSSI	5km N	Designated for coniferous woodland (native pinewood) and fen, marsh and swamp (wetland/springs including flushes).
Loch Achnacloich	SSSI	6km NW	Designated for fen, marsh and swamp (wetland/open water transition fen), and standing open water and canals (eutrophic loch).
Loch Achnacloich	SAC	6km NW	Designated for standing open water and canals (naturally nutrient-rich lakes or lochs which are often dominated by pondweed).
Moray Firth	pSPA	10km E	Designated for breeding and non-breeding European shag, and non-breeding common eider, common goldeneye, common scoter, great northern diver, greater scaup, long-tailed duck, red-breasted merganser, red-throated diver, Slavonian grebe, and velvet scoter.
Pitmaduthy Moss	SAC	10km NE	Designated for coniferous woodland (bog woodland).
Rosemarkie to Shandwick Coast	SSSI	10km E	Designated for breeding birds (cormorant), broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland (upland birch woodland), palaeontology (mesozoic palaeobotany), stratigraphy (Callovian), structural and metamorphic geology (moine), supralittoral rock (coast/maritime cliff), supralittoral sediment (coast/sand dunes), and vascular plants (purple oxytropis Oxytropis halleri).
Whiteness Head	SSSI	12km SE	Designated for non-breeding birds (bar-tailed godwit, and knot <i>Calidris canutus</i>), geomorphology (coastal geomorphology of Scotland), littoral sediment (coast/saltmarsh), and littoral sediment (marine/mudflats), supralittoral sediment (coast/sand dunes), and supralittoral sediment (coast/shingle).
The Dens	SSSI	12km S	Geomorphology (mass movement).
Dam Wood	SAC	14km SW	Designated for broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland (upland/juniper on heaths or calcareous grasslands), fen, marsh, swamp (upland/base-rich fens).

Dam Wood	SSSI	14km SW	Designated for dwarf shrub heath (lowland wet heath).
Dam Wood	SAC	14km SW	Designated for broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland (upland/juniper on heaths or calcareous grasslands), fen, marsh, swamp (upland/base-rich fens).
Ardersier Glacial Deposits	SSSI	14km SE	Quaternary geology and geomorphology (quaternary of Scotland).
Loch Eye	SSSI	15km NE	Designated for non-breeding birds (greylag goose, whooper swan and standing open water and canals (eutrophic loch).
Loch Eye	SPA	15km NE	Designated for non-breeding birds (greylag goose, whooper swan).
Lower River Conon	SSSI	15km SW	Designated for broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland (wet woodland), fen, marsh, swamp (wetland/open water transition fen), and littoral sediment (coast/saltmarsh).
Conon Islands	SAC	15km SW	Designated for broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland (alder woodland on floodplains).
Monadh Mor	SSSI	15km SW	Designated for coniferous woodland (native pinewood).
Monadh Mor	SAC	15km SW	Designated for bogs (wetland/very wet mires often identified by an unstable "quaking" surface), and coniferous woodland (bog woodland).
Roskill	SSSI	15km SW	Fen, marsh, swamps (grassland/fen meadow).
Talich	SSSI	16km NE	Designated for broad-leaved mixed and yew woodland (wet woodland).
Munlochy Bay	SSSI	17km S	Designated for non-breeding birds (greylag goose Anser anser and Wigeon Anas penelope), littoral sediment (coast/saltmarsh), and littoral sediment (marine/mudflats).
Inner Moray Firth	SPA	17km S	Designated for breeding (osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>) and non-breeding birds (common tern, goldeneye, goosander, greylag goose, red-breasted merganser, redshank, scaup, bar-tailed godwit, cormorant, curlew, waterfowl assemblage, oystercatcher, and teal.
Allt nan Caorach	SSSI	18km W	Designated for broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland (upland birch woodland).
Ben Wyvis	SSSI	18km W	Designated for breeding birds (dotterel <i>Charadrius morinellus</i>), bogs (upland/blanket bog), mosaic (upland assemblage), quaternary geology and geomorphology (quaternary of Scotland), standing open water (dystrophic and oligotrophic lochs) and canals and vascular plants (vascular plant assemblage).
Ben Wyvis	SAC/SPA/SSSI	18km W	Designated for bogs (upland/blanket bog), dwarf shrub heath (upland / dry heaths), inland rock (tall herb communities), inland rock (plants in crevices on acid rocks), inland rock (acidic scree), montane habitats (alpine and subalpine heaths), montane habitats (montane acid grasslands), and standing open water and canals (clear water lakes or lochs with aquatic vegetation and poor to moderate nutrient levels).
Longman and Castle Stuart Bays	SSSI	20km S	Designated for breeding birds (cormorant, goldeneye, red-breasted merganser, redshank, wigeon, littoral sediment (coast/saltmarsh), littoral sediment (marine/eelgrass beds), littoral sediment (marine/mudflats).
Kildrummie Kames	SSSI	20km SW	Designated for broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland (upland/juniper scrub), fen, marsh, swamp (wetland, open water transition fen), quaternary geology and

			geomorphology (quaternary of Scotland), and standing open water and canals (eutrophic loch).
Dornoch Firth and Morrich More	SAC	20km NE	Designated for inshore sublittoral rock (marine/reefs), inshore sublittoral sediment (marine/subtidal sandbanks), littoral sediment (coast/Atlantic salt meadows and glasswort/other annuals colonising mud and sand), littoral sediment (marine/estuaries), mammals (otter Lutra luta), mammals (marine/harbour seal Phoca vitulina), supralittoral sediment (coast / coastal dune heathland and dunes with juniper thickets).
Dornoch Firth and Loch Fleet	SPA	20km NE	Designated for breeding birds (osprey, and non-breeding birds (dunlin, greylag goose, wigeon, bar-tailed godwit, curlew, oystercatcher, and teal).
Craigroy Burn	SSSI	20km N	Designated for broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland (upland birch woodland).
Loch Ussie	SSSI	20km SW	Designated for broad-leaved, mixed and yew woodland (upland oak woodland), and standing open water and canals (oligo-mestrophic loch).
Loch Ussie	SAC	20km SW	Designated for standing open water and canals (clear water lakes or lochs with aquatic vegetation and poor to moderate nutrient levels).

