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> 7<sup>th</sup> January 20 22 BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Sir / Madam

## PROPOSAL FOR NEW FARM ACCESS AT MANOR FARM MAIN ST, STOKE DRY

I write to you on behalf of my Client, Mr. T. Joule, regarding the above proposal. This letter is prepared in support of a forthcoming application to Rutland County Council [RCC] by Marrons Planning. Highway Access Solutions [HAS] have been retained to provide highways and transportation advice regarding the proposed development

Our Client wishes to reposition / enhance the main Manor Farm access track such that this is of a higher quality and located further from nearby residential dwellings. Marrons Planning previously submitted a pre-application inquiry in this regard during October 2021 (this being supported by HAS). We understand that RTCC Highways have raised no concerns in relation to the proposal. The intent of this letter is therefore simply to reiterate our key findings, for the public record, and as part of our Client's application.

### **Existing Conditions**

#### Main Street

Main Street is a typical, minor rural distributor road, which serves to link the A6003 (to the east) to the hamlet of Stoke Dry and the environs of Eye Brook Reservoir (to the southwest). HAS have obtained a copy of the local public highway boundary plan from RCC Records team, and a copy of this is provided at Enclosure A.

The main Street carriageway is adequately maintained and typically has a width of between 4.5m and 5m, just sufficient to allow the passage of two-way traffic. In the vicinity of the site, Main Street is derestricted, notionally permitting speeds of up to



60mph at the site frontage. However, owing to its width, variable alignment, nearby junction with the A6003 and limited forward visibility at local bends (owing to the presence of the adjacent field boundaries), traffic speeds along the route are typically much slower than this.

Representatives of HAS visited the site on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021, undertaking a vehicle speed survey from the existing site access between 1315 and 1615 hours. The results of this survey are included here at Enclosure B. Traffic flows were found to be very light, with only 73 readings being taken during the survey (these comprising almost all vehicles passing the site). The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speeds recorded were below 30mph on each approach to the site.

A preliminary examination of the 'CrashMap' website indicates that no Personal Injury Collisions [PICs] have occurred anywhere with 1km of the site droning the period from 2015 to mid-2020 inclusive. This area obviously includes the existing site access and A6003 / Main Street junction.

Overall, HAS consider Main Street typical of similar routes throughout the County and surrounding region, and of adequate standard to accommodate low levels of movements by local residents and by agricultural machinery.

### Farm Track / Access

The existing farm track serving Manor Farm (from Main Street) is located around 95m east of the A6003 and formed from concrete. It lies to the immediate east of a residential dwelling associated with Manor Farm. The access was widened at some point during the past decade, and it should be noted that the images shown on Google Streetview therefore do not reflect the current layout. Photographs of the access in its current form are therefore included at Enclosure C of this letter.

The access has a wide entry radius to its eastern side, but no similar provision to its western side (likely owing to most machinery arriving and departing via the nearby A6003). A wide gate is located around 14m from the public highway boundary (around 17m from the Main Street carriageway). The track currently passes within 5.5m of the adjacent dwelling, with resultant amenity (and potentially structural) impacts on this arising from heavy agricultural machinery.

Recently, the concrete surface has begun to deteriorate, especially along the boundary of the adjacent residential property. This prevents passage by two-way traffic, and is potentially hazardous to light vehicles. As the track enters the farmyard (around 110m north of Main Street), it has severely limited forward visibility, owing to the positioning of a nearby hedge. Additionally, there is poor intervisibility between the track and the entrance to the driveway of the adjacent dwelling (which shares the access junction at Main Street with the farm track).

#### Proposed Development – New Farm Access Track

Our Client proposes the creation of a new Farm access track, located around 60m west of the A6003 and 40m east of the new property, as shown at Drawing Number HAS//2/11-017/12. The creation of this new track would necessitate the repositioning of a single telegraph pole located within the public highway boundary.

The majority of the existing access track would be broken up and the land re-seeded with appropriate grass, etc. A short section within the existing farm gate would be retained to serve the new paddock formed between the nearby dwelling and the new access track (in order that the surface inside the existing gate does not deteriorate, potentially leading to the passage of mud onto the public highway).



The new farm access track would be of at least 5.5m width, allowing two-way passage by heavy vehicle and agricultural equipment. Entry radii of 10m would be provided, with additional 10m long / 1:10 'lead-in tapers (the western of these being 'squared off' to meet the existing access to its west). Further along the track (prior to entering the Manor Farm yard) forward visibility suitable for vehicle speeds of at least 20mph would be maintained.

The surfacing of the track would utilise bound material for a distance of at least 25m beyond the public highway boundary. Similarly, any new gates would be sited at least 15m beyond the highway boundary. In this manner vehicles would be able to wait clear of the highway whilst the gates are opened / closed.

With regards to access visibility, own at **Drawing Number HAS/21-017/13** and **/14** show 2.4m x 59m visibility splays, suitable for approach speeds of up to 37mph (i.e. significantly higher than those recorded by the HAS speed survey). In the case of the splays to the west of the access, both nearside and offside tangential splays are also shown.

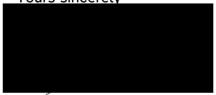
The proposed track would offer a higher-quality, safer access to Manor Farm, and segregate this from the nearby residential dwelling (also slightly reducing the amenity/ noise impacts of agricultural machinery on a third-party dwelling at 'Dun Elm').

### **Closing Remarks**

The combined layout of works associated with the replacement dwelling and new farm access track are shown at **Drawing Number HAS/21-017/15**. HAS consider that the new access would offer amenity benefits to local housing, operational benefits Manor Farm and improve the safety of the overall layout significantly. Based on the pre-application response received, we trust that RCC Highways broadly concur with our findings.

I trust this letter has provided you with sufficient information for your own purposes and to support our Client's application. Should you need any further information or require clarification on any particular point, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Enclosed Drawings Drawing Numbers HAS/21-017/12 thru /15 RCC Public Highway Boundary Plan

Enclosure B HAS Speed Survey Results

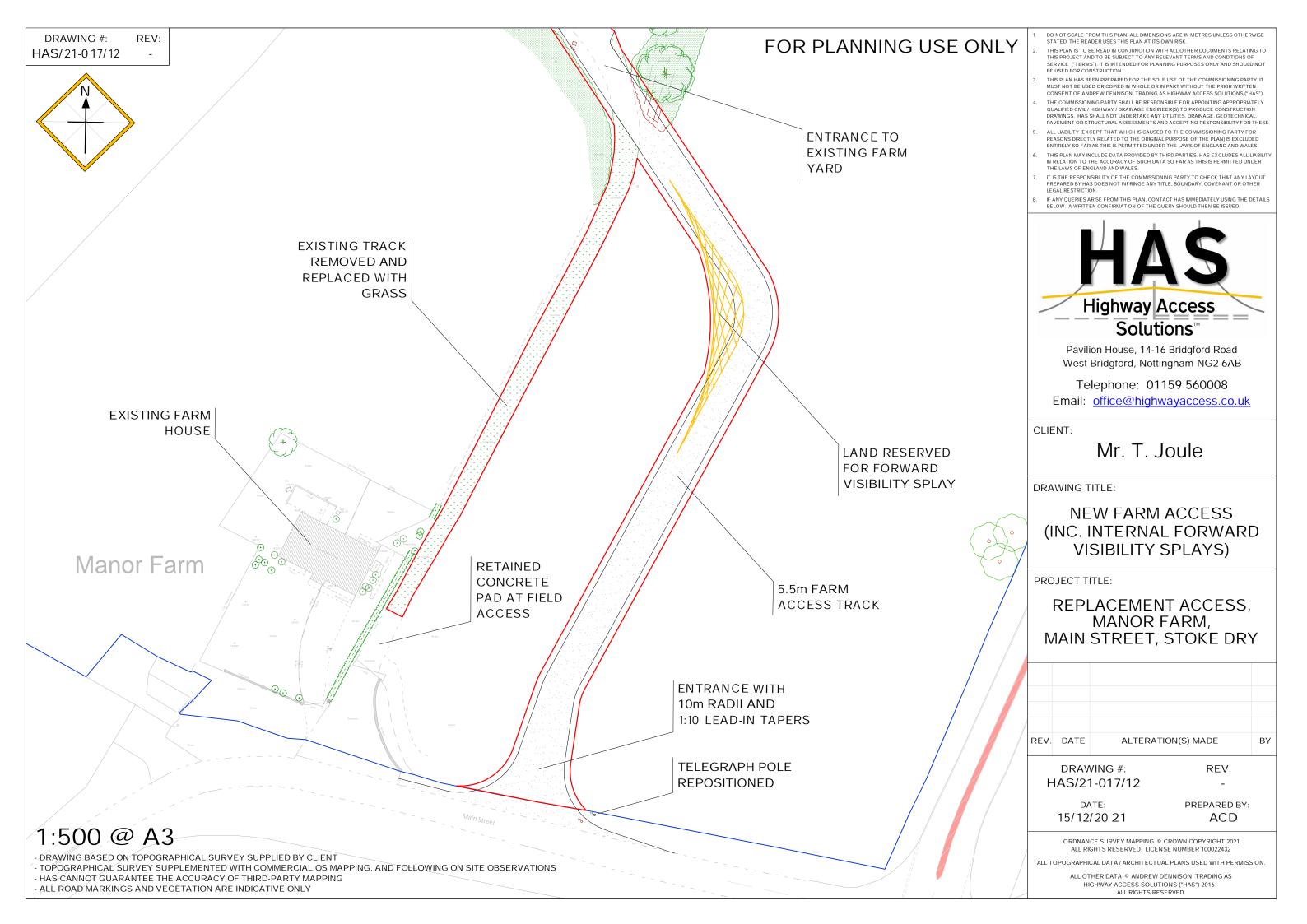
**Enclosure C** Site Photographs

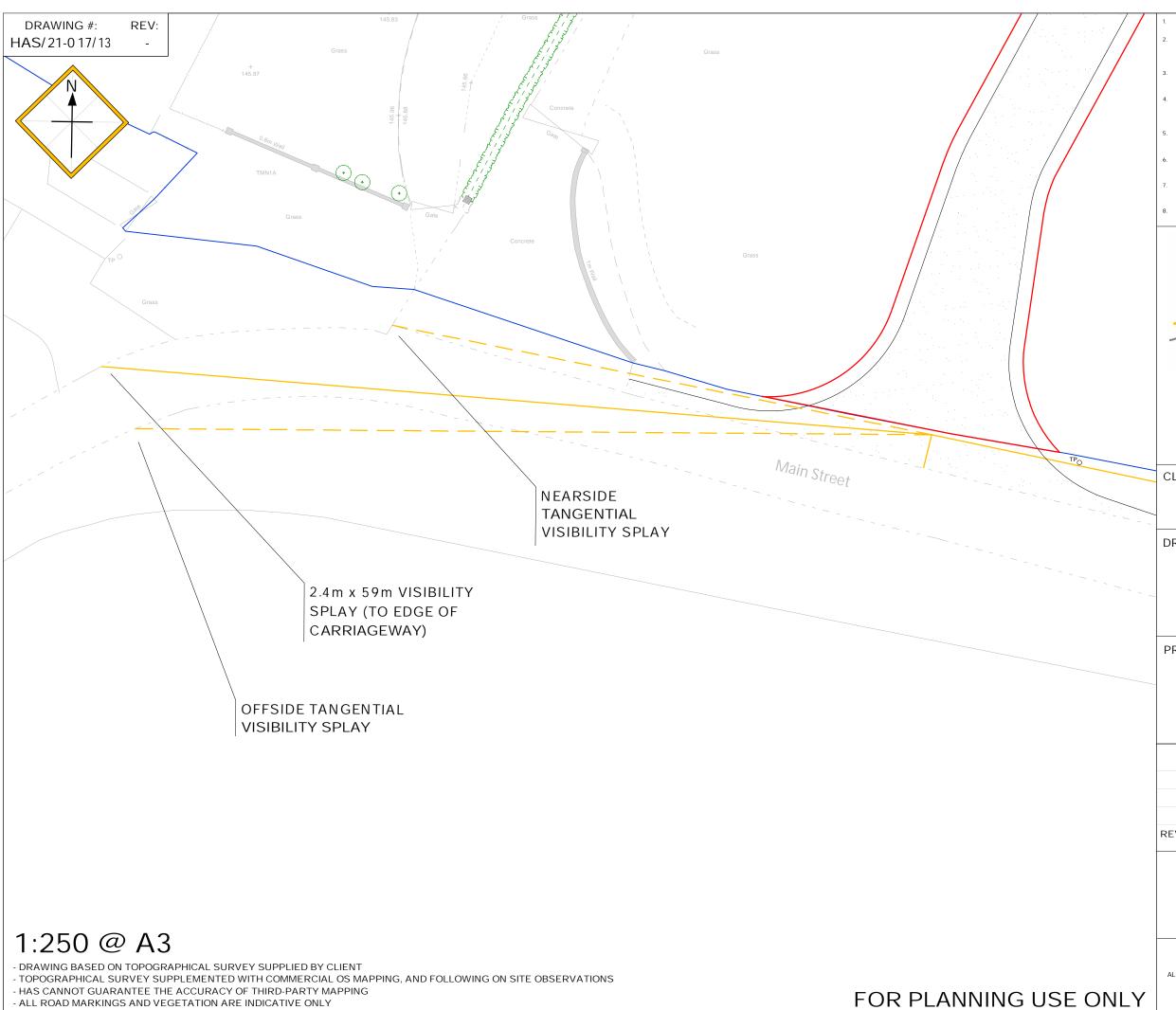
cc Mr. B. Mullin / Ms. M. Simpson (Marrons Planning)

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Mr. W. McCormack (Project Architect)



# DRAWINGS DRAWING NUMBERS HAS/21-017/12 THRU/15





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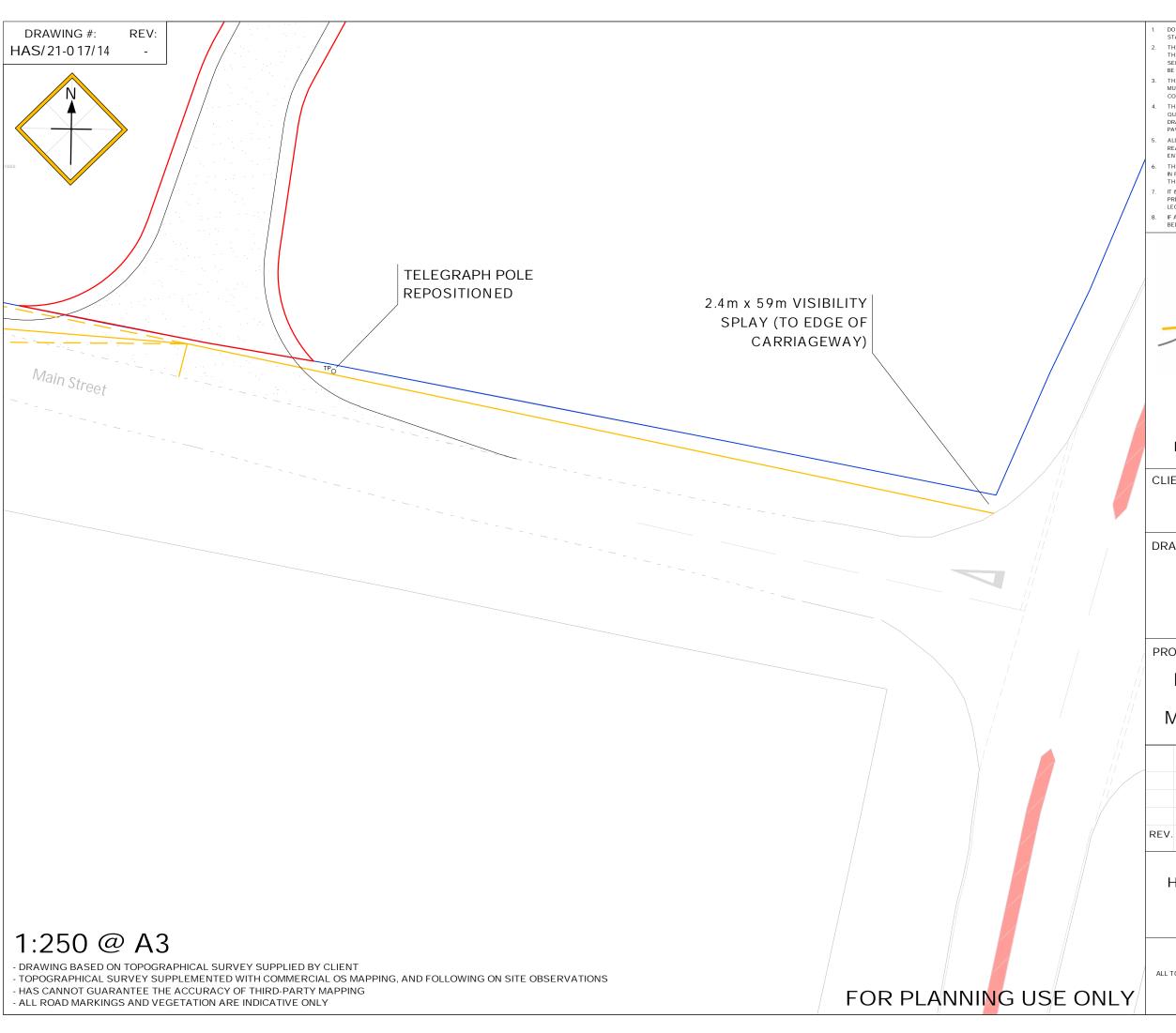
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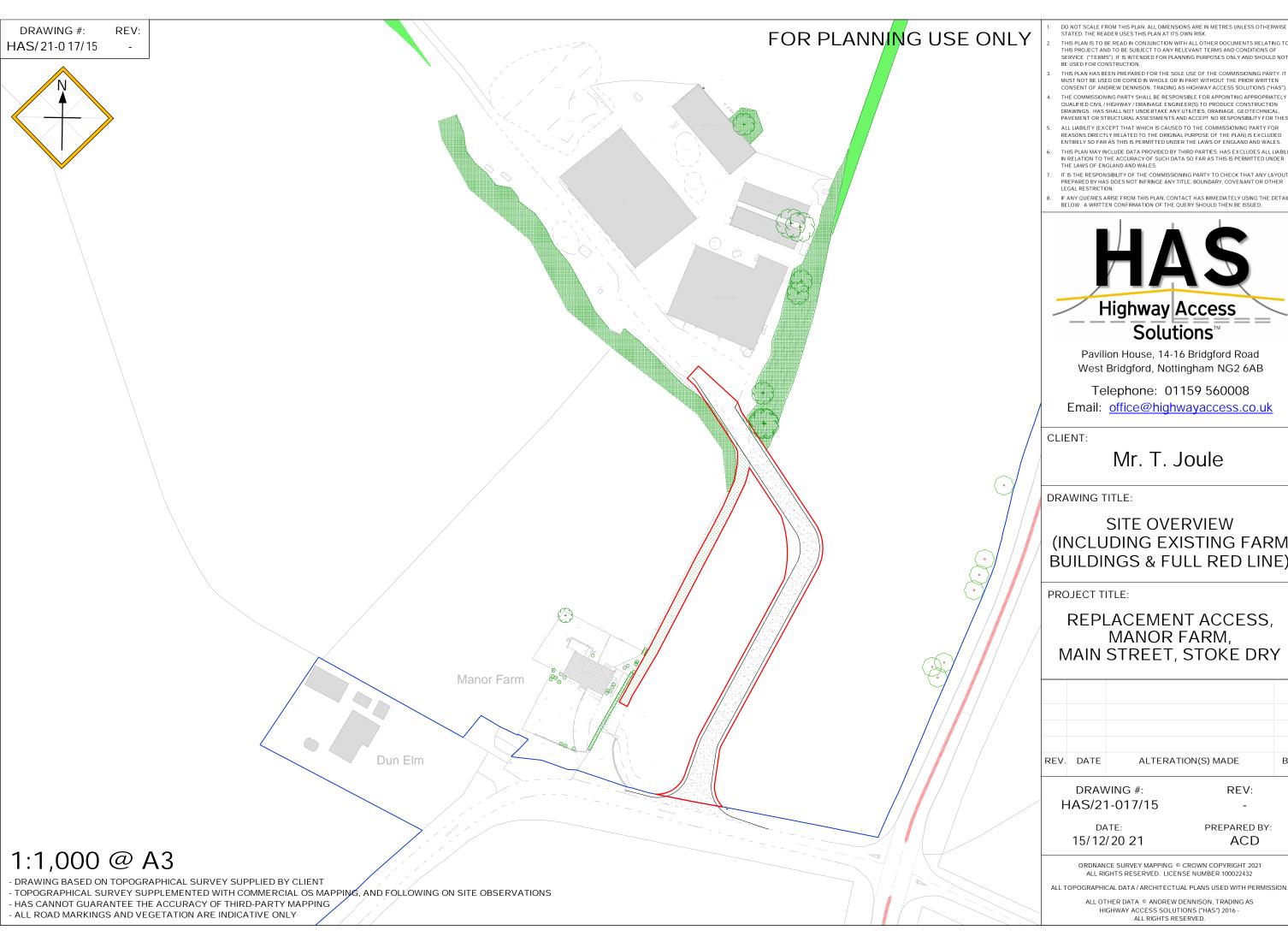
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SITE OVERVIEW (INCLUDING EXISTING FARM **BUILDINGS & FULL RED LINE)** 

REPLACEMENT ACCESS, MANOR FARM, MAIN STREET, STOKE DRY

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# ENCLOSURE A RCC PUBLIC HIGHWAY BOUNDARY PLAN





# ENCLOSURE B HAS SPEED SURVEY RESULTS

Observed	# of	Mean / SD	
Speeds	Readings	Factors	
(mph)			
Х	f	fx	fx <sup>2</sup>
< 15	0	-	-
15	0	0	0
16	0	0	0
17	1	17	289
18	1	18	324
19	1	19	361
20		0	0
21	1	21	441
22	3	66	1452
23	1	23	529
24	3	72	1728
25	2	50	1250
26	0	0	0
27	2	54	14 5 8
28	3	84	2352
29	4	116	3364
30	1	30	900
31	2	62	19 22
32	1	32	10 24
33	0	0	0
34	0	0	0
35	0	0	0
36	0	0	0
37	0	0	0
38	0	0	0
39	0	0	0
40	0	0	0
41	0	0	0
42	0	0	0
43	0	0	0
44	0	0	0
45	0	0	0
46	0	0	0
47	0	0	0
48	0	0	0
49	0	0	0

Observed	# of	Mear	n/SD
Speeds	Readings		tors
(mph)			
Х	f	fx	fx <sup>2</sup>
50	0	0	0
51	0	0	0
52	0	0	0
53	0	0	0
54	0	0	0
55	0	0	0
56	0	0	0
57	0	0	0
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78	0	0	0
79	0	0	0
80	0	0	0
81	0	0	0
82	0	0	0
83	0	0	0
84	0	0	0
85+	0	-	-
Total S	26	664	17394



Road: Main Street, Stoke Dry
Direction: Northeastbound traffic
Time: 1315-1615 hours
Date: Wednesday 28th April 2021
Weather: Cool / Clear

#### Mean Speed

$$\overline{x} = \frac{\sum fx}{\sum f} = 25.5 \text{ mph}$$

#### Standard Deviation

$$S_x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum f - 1} \times \left(\sum fx^2 - \frac{[\sum fx]^2}{\sum f}\right)} = 4.2 \text{ mph}$$

#### 85th %ile Spot Speed

$$P_{85} = \overline{x} + S_x = 29.7 \text{ mph}$$

#### Wet Weather 85th %ile Spot Speed

Wet 
$$P_{85} = (\overline{x} + S_x) - 2.48 = 27.2 \text{ mph}$$

Data Integrity

85th %ile / Mean Speed should equal 1.10 to 1.25

85th %ile / Mean Speed = 1.1

Standard Deviation / Mean Speed should equal approx 0.17

Standard Deviation / Mean Speed = 0.16

TABLE 1a: MANUAL SPEED SURVEY RESULTS MAIN STREET, NORTHEASTBOUND TRAFFIC

Observed	# of	Mear	n/SD
Speeds	Readings	Factors	
(mph)	rteadings	1 40	
Х	f	fx	fx <sup>2</sup>
< 15	0	-	-
15	0	0	0
16	1	16	256
17	0	0	0
18	2	36	648
19	2	38	722
20	1	20	400
21	3	63	1323
22	6	132	2904
23	4	92	2116
24	5	120	2880
25	4	100	2500
26	4	10 4	2704
27	5	135	3645
28	2	56	1568
29	2	58	1682
30	3	90	2700
31	1	31	961
32	1	32	10 24
33	0	0	0
34	1	34	115 6
35	0	0	0
36	0	0	0
37	0	0	0
38	0	0	0
39	0	0	0
40	0	0	0
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42	0	0	0
43	0	0	0
44	0	0	0
45	0	0	0
46	0	0	0
47	0	0	0
48	0	0	0
49	0	0	0

Observed	# of	Mear	n/SD
Speeds	Readings		tors
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Х	f	fx	fx <sup>2</sup>
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51	0	0	0
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80	0	0	0
81	0	0	0
82	0	0	0
83	0	0	0
84	0	0	0
85+	0	-	-
Total S	47	1157	29189



Road: Main Street, Stoke Dry
Direction: Westbound traffic
Time: 1315-1615 hours
Date: Wednesday 28th April 2021
Weather: Cool / Clear

#### Mean Speed

$$\overline{x} = \frac{\sum fx}{\sum f}$$
 = 24.6 mph

#### Standard Deviation

$$S_x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\sum f - 1} \times \left(\sum fx^2 - \frac{[\sum fx]^2}{\sum f}\right)} = 3.9 \text{ mph}$$

#### 85th %ile Spot Speed

$$P_{85} = \overline{x} + S_x = 28.5 \text{ mph}$$

#### Wet Weather 85th %ile Spot Speed

Wet 
$$P_{85} = (\overline{x} + S_x) - 2.48 = 26.1 \text{ mph}$$

Data Integrity

85th %ile / Mean Speed should equal 1.10 to 1.25

85th %ile / Mean Speed =

Standard Deviation / Mean Speed should equal approx 0.17

Standard Deviation / Mean Speed = 0.16



## ENCLOSURE C SITE PHOTGRAPHS





1) View East along Main Street (from existing access) Note widened access radii and A6003 in rear-of-shot



Yiew Southwest along Main Street (from existing access)
 Note verge overrun owing to absence of entry radii





↑ 3) View of site frontage, looking northeast along Main Street Note shared residential / agricultural access in centre-of-shot



 Additional view east along Main Street Note existing access at left-of-shot





5) View looking south towards Main Street along existing Farm Access Note severely degraded paving and harsh cutting back of hedgerow



↑ 6) Rear view of existing residential dwelling from Farm Access Note proximity of dwelling to access track