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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 General

1.1.1 SYSTRA has been commissioned by Windburn Wind Farm Limited to undertake an assessment of an identified abnormal loads route to the Windburn windfarm site, which is located within the Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) and Clackmannanshire Council (CC) administrative area. The approximate access site location is indicated by **Figure 1**.

Legend

Site Access

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Figure 1. Site Location

1.1.2 The nearest proposed turbine is approximately 3.3km to the north of the settlement of Alva, 5.2km south of Blackford and approximately 5.6km south-east of the settlement of Greenloaning. The site sits to the south of the A9 trunk road which runs locally between Stirling and Perth. The turbine components would be landed at the existing Rosyth Docks facility which has previously supported the development of onshore windfarms.

1.2 Turbine Transport Requirements

1.2.1 The candidate turbine for the Windburn windfarm is the Enercon E-138 turbine. For the purposes of this assessment the turbine blade and the longest turbine tower section have been assessed as the "worst-case" design components.





Blade Transporter

- 1.2.2 The turbine blade of the E-138 is 67.8m in length and would be loaded onto a specialised blade trailer. The Turbine Delivery Vehicle (TDV) uses a rear dolly which clamps onto the blade. The dolly is not rigidly linked to the tractor unit and can be steered independently.
- 1.2.3 The rear dolly incorporates pendle axles which allow for a secondary rear wheel angle of up to 40 degrees. The TDV is ~79.5m long in total and the dolly is located approximately 53.8m from the rear of the front tractor / trailer unit. The turbine blade would overhang the end of the dolly by ~11m.
- 1.2.4 A drawing of the TDV is provided in **Appendix A** and **Figure 2**.

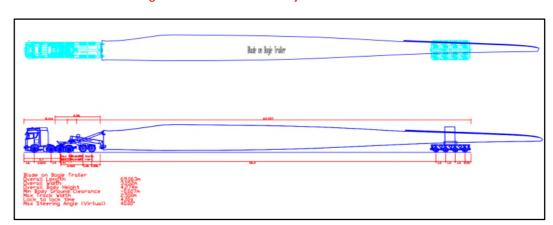


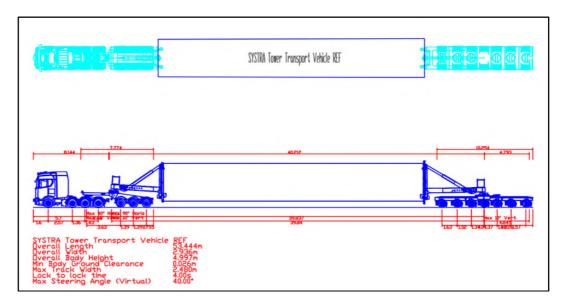
Figure 2. Turbine Delivery Vehicle

Tower Transporter

- 1.2.5 The "worst-case" tower component of the E-138 is Steel Section 2 which is 28.5m in length and has a tapering diameter from 4.02m at the top to 4.16m at the base. The tower sections would be loaded onto a specialised tower delivery trailer. The Tower Delivery Vehicle clamps the tower section at each end and features a tractor unit at the front and a pivotable dolly at the rear.
- 1.2.6 The Tower Delivery Vehicle is ~53.4m long in total. A drawing of the vehicle is provided in **Appendix A** and **Figure 3**.



Figure 3. Tower Delivery Vehicle



- 1.2.7 At this stage in the design process, the haulier of the wind turbine blades is not yet known, nor the exact specifics of the vehicles that they will use. However, from experience of previous developments, and from the details of the components to be moved, it is possible to estimate (with some degree of accuracy) the specifics of the design vehicles that will be used to allow a detailed and accurate route assessment to be undertaken.
- 1.2.8 SYSTRA has used the Autodesk (CAD) extension package AutoTrack to undertake swept path analysis (SPA) for the identified Pinch Points (PP) on the delivery route. The trailer units associated with the design vehicle for the transportation of the blades are extendable so on delivery of the abnormal load, the trailer can be reduced in length. In these circumstances, the Autotracking and route assessment has only been undertaken for the delivery route to the site.



1.3 Assessed Abnormal Loads Route

1.3.1 The Port of Entry (PoE) for the turbine components is Rosyth Docks. The docks have been frequently used for the transportation of large renewable components in the past. The assessed route to site is indicated by **Figure 4** below.



Figure 4. Assessed Abnormal Loads Route

1.3.2 The identified abnormal loads route is set out in **Table 1.**



Table 1. Abnormal Loads Route Sections

SECTION	CUMULATIVE DISTANCE (MILES)
Exit Rosyth Docks onto St Margaret Way	0.0
At the roundabout continue straight on St Margaret Way	0.3
At the roundabout continue straight onto Kind Malcolm Drive	0.6
At the Ferrytoll Junction take the first exit (left) onto the M90 northbound	1.0
At J10 of the M90 (Craigend Interchange) take the lefthand slip to join the M90 spur	28.7
At the Broxden Roundabout take the first exit (left) onto the A9	31.7
Approximately 1mi west of Blackford turn left onto the C468	47.8
At the Carim Lodge turn left onto the access track	50.5



2. SWEPT PATH ASSESSMENT

2.1 Pinch Points

2.1.1 In total, 6 Pinch Points have been identified on the route between the port and where the vehicles turn off the A9 trunk road. The route between the A9 and the Site Access has been subject to a continuous swept path assessment. The Pinch Points that have been assessed are indicated by **Figures 5 to 7** below.

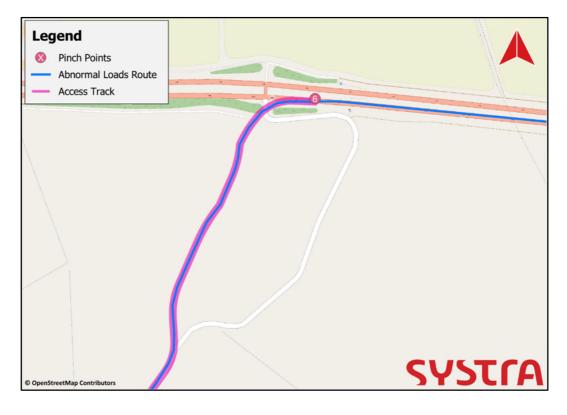


Figure 5. PPs at Rosyth



Figure 6. PP at Broxden Roundabout







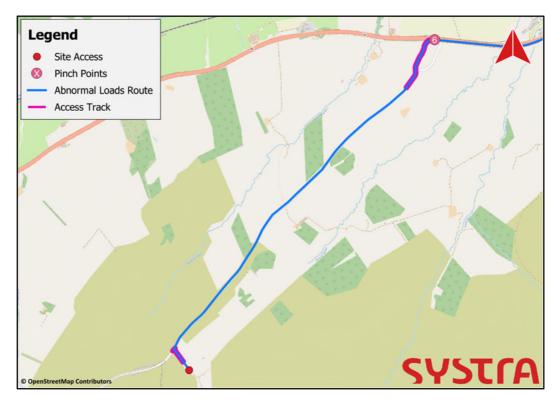


Figure 8. Continuous Section on C468

- 2.1.2 The swept path plans are contained within **Appendix A**. The plans indicate areas of overrun and over-sail, as well as highlighting potential clashes with street furniture and requirements for third-party land.
- 2.1.3 **Table 2 and 3** summarise the findings at each location for the transportation of the tower and blade components, respectively.



Table 2. Pinch Point Summary – Blade Delivery Vehicle

PP	LOCATION	LAT	LONG	STREET FURNITURE REMOVAL	TEMPORARY PAVING / GRADING WORKS	3RD PARTY LAND REQUIREMENTS
01	Roundabout at exit to Rosyth Docks	56.024069	-3.431622	 3no. chevron signs 2no. bollards Fencing	 Hardstanding to be laid on roundabout central island Transition ramps may be required to enable vehicle to mount footway and roundabout islands 	• None
02	Roundabout on St Margaret Way (2 no. swept path plans)	56.021562	-3.424765	1no. traffic sign1no. bollard	 Existing overrun area in roundabout may need to be enlarged. Transition ramps may be required to enable vehicle to mount roundabout islands. 	• None
03	Roundabout at end of St Margaret Way	56.020994	-3.418218	2no. chevron signs2no. bollards2no. traffic signs	 Existing overrun area in roundabout likely to be sufficient – extents to be checked on site Transition ramps may be required to enable vehicle to mount roundabout islands 	• None
04	Left turn onto M90 Slip at Ferrytoll Junction	56.021785	-3.408738	2no. traffic signal headsShort section of railing	• None	• None
05	Left turn onto A9 at Broxden Roundabout	56.387783	-3.487060	 1no. lighting column Short section of roundabout sight screens	• None	• None
06	Left turn onto C468	56.256138	-3.805208	• 1no. traffic sign	Transition ramp required to overrun splitter island	Yes – over-sail of blade on inside of turn. Land Checks required.
Cont.	Continuous section between A9 and Site Access	n/a	n/a	 General vegetation clearing and trimming required along length 2no. gate posts and 1no. property sign at site access 	 New access track to be constructed at northern end Widening of bellmouth required at site access On-line widening required to ensure carriageway width of 5m 	 Yes – third party land requirement for new access track at northern end and widening of bellmouth at site access May be required for on-line widening

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3. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

- 3.1.1 The abnormal load assessment has identified a technically feasible route to the site (in terms of horizontal geometry), which is dependent upon third-party land agreements at two locations. It is noted that this report has focussed on the horizontal alignment of the route. No vertical checks have been undertaken at this point but no major impediments have been identified at this stage and no weight restrictions have been identified on the route at this stage.
- 3.1.2 The most challenging pinch point is departing the A9 onto the new access track, which is dependant on third party land agreements. On-line widening will be required along the length of the single-track C468. This road is typically 3.6m in width and will likely require the verges to be stoned up on both sides of the carriageway to achieve the 4.5m-5m minimum width that the turbine suppliers will generally look for on the delivery route. The adopted highway boundary including verges looks to be typically ~10m so it's likely that this widening could be achieved without third party land requirements.
- 3.1.3 There are also 18 passing places along the 4.4km section of the C468 to be utilised for the Abnormal Loads Route. This equates to one every 240m. The locations of these passing places are indicated by **Figure 9**.

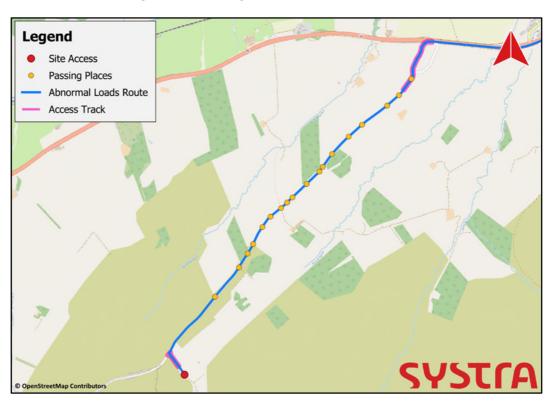


Figure 9. Passing Places on the C468

3.1.4 In the first instance, it is recommended that third-party land enquiries are made at the identified locations and it is also recommended that further engagement is undertaken with Perth and Kinross Council, Clackmannanshire Council and Transport Scotland in relation to the identified route.

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Summary

- If the necessary mitigation measures are made then the route can be navigated by vehicles carrying wind turbine components to the proposed site;
- O Police escort or Pilot car will be required to accompany abnormal loads in order to assist with traffic control and the control of oncoming traffic;
- It is recommended to have adequate warning signs implemented to warn other road users at critical points along the route;
- All hedges, shrubs, bushes, trees and overhanging branches along the nominated routes must be trimmed from within carriageway verges;
- Specific street furniture has been nominated in this report for removal to facilitate over-sailed and 'swept' areas;
- Full carriageway widths must be available along the entirety of the route. Measures to remove parked vehicles must therefore be in place;
- Measures to assist the vehicle negotiating the kerbed changes in level at footways, roundabouts, pedestrian refuges etc. will be required; and
- Steel road plates may be required at locations where the vehicle overruns utility boxes or footways.

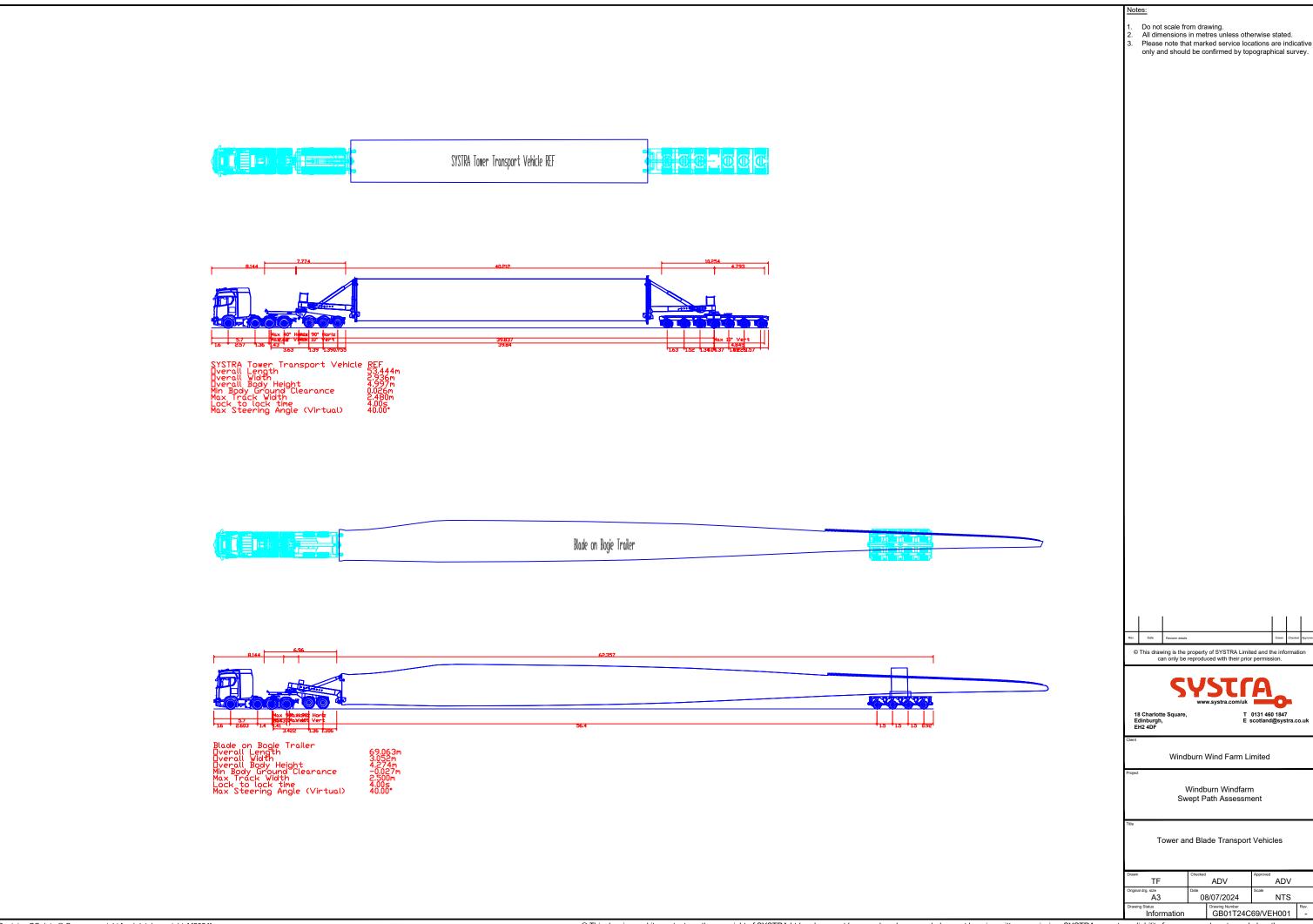


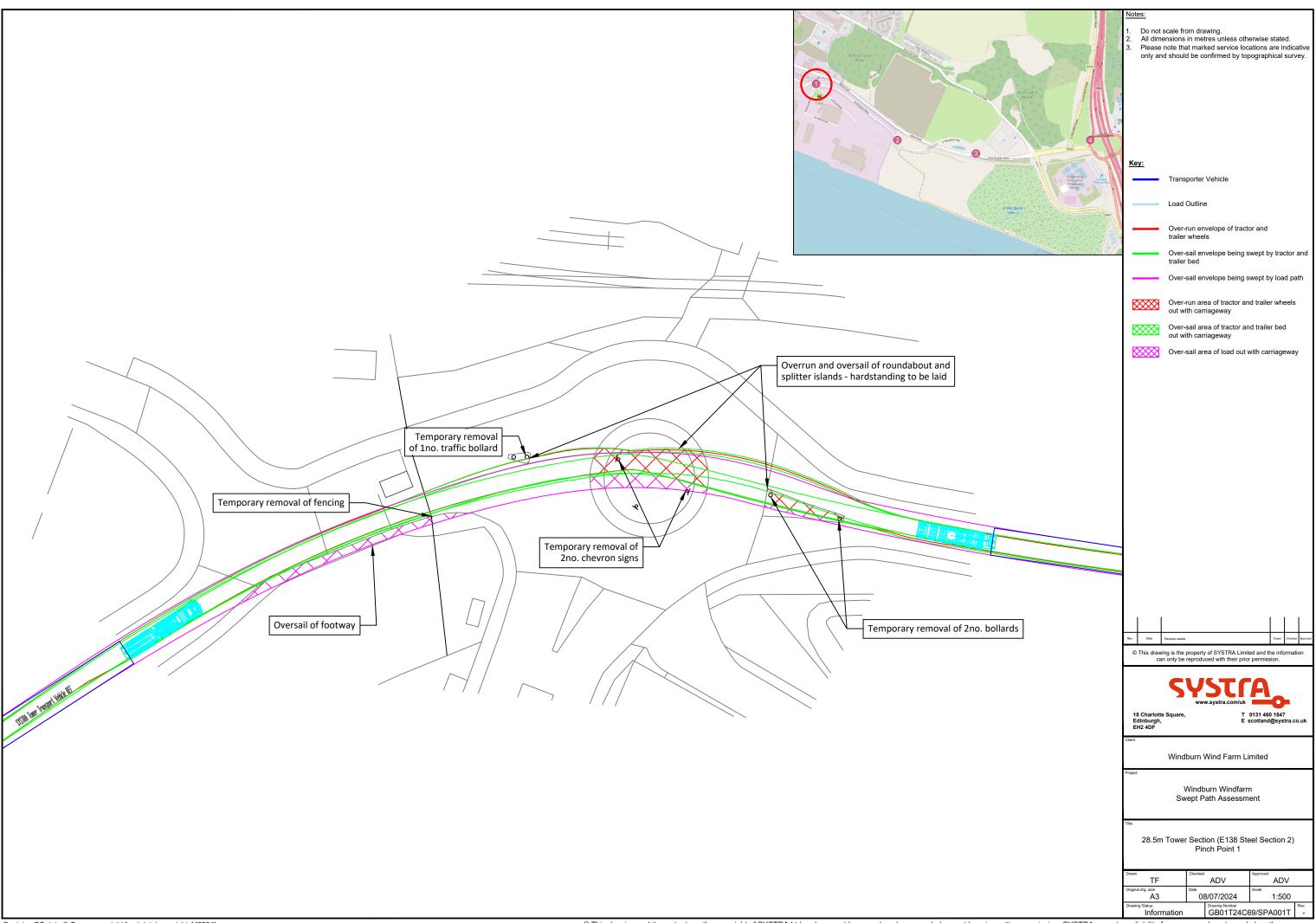
Appendix A – TDV Drawing and Swept Path Assessment

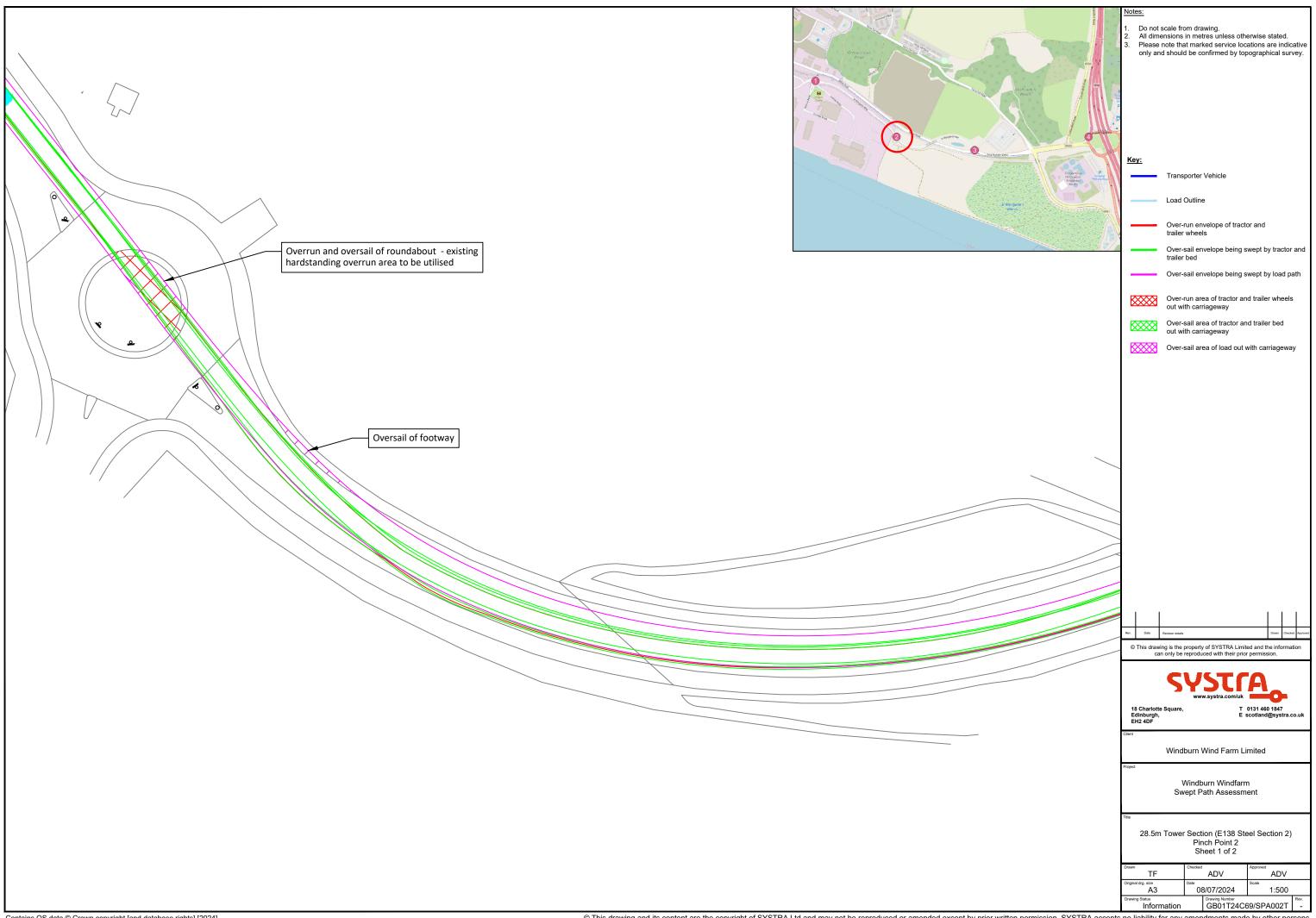
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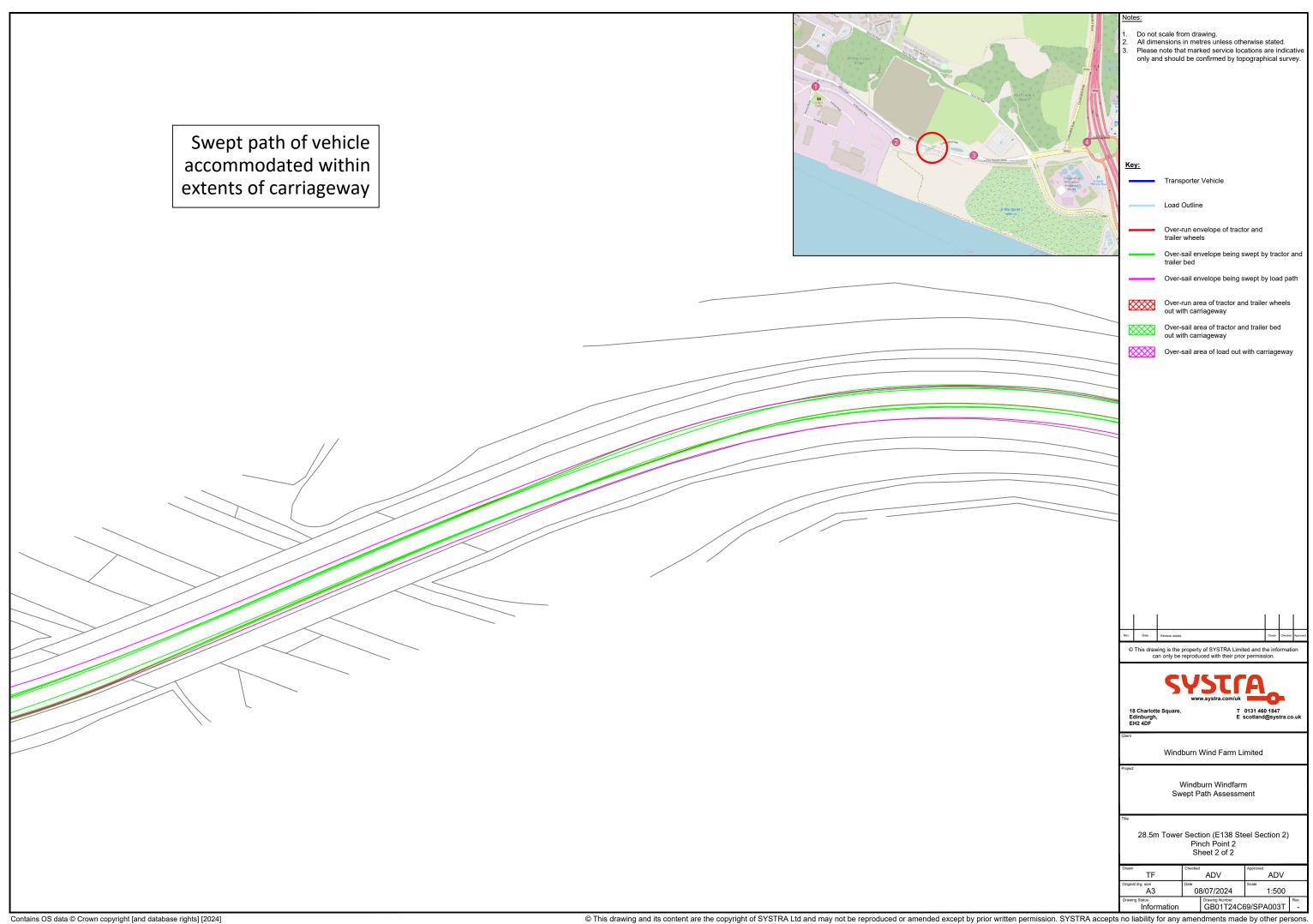
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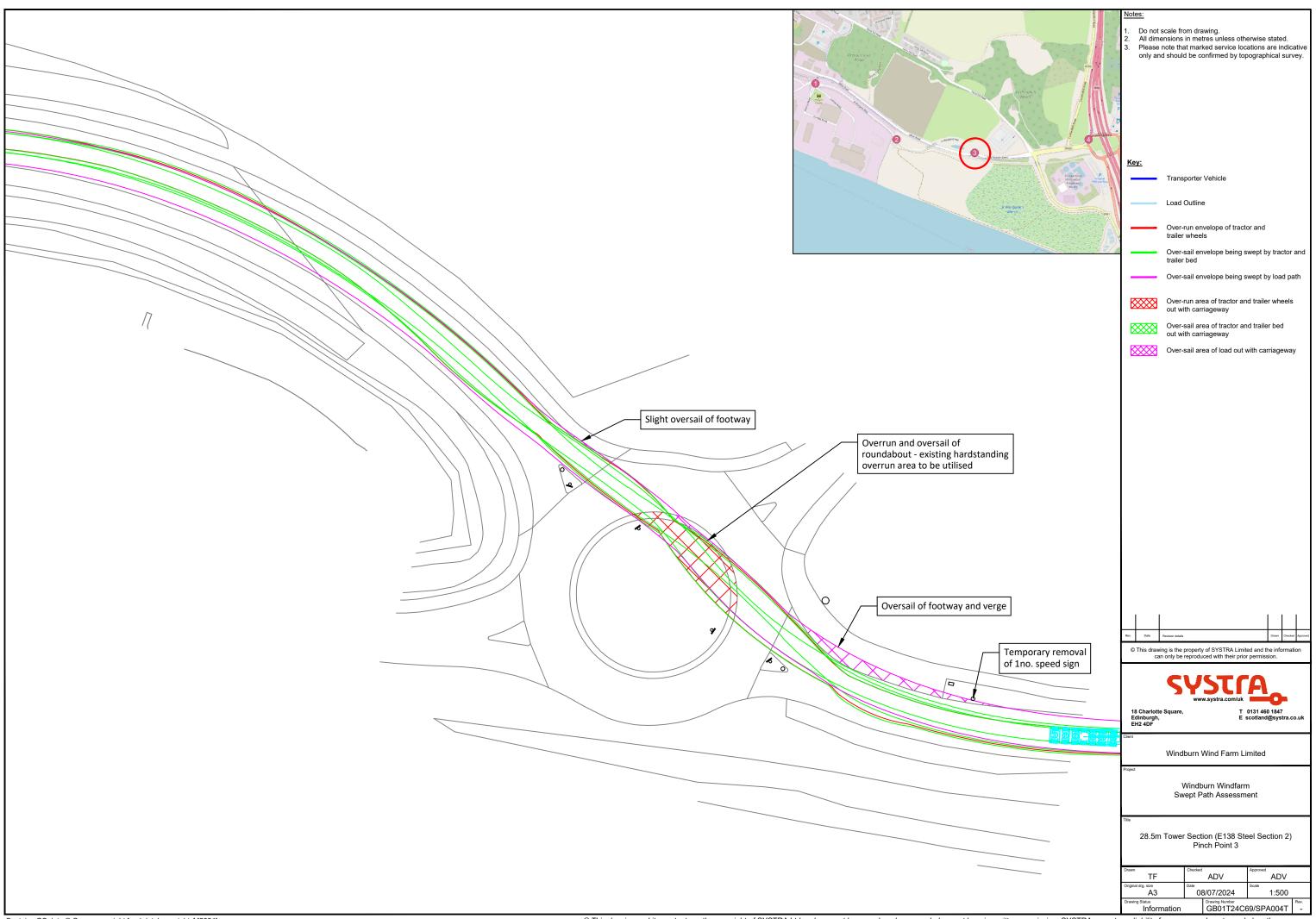
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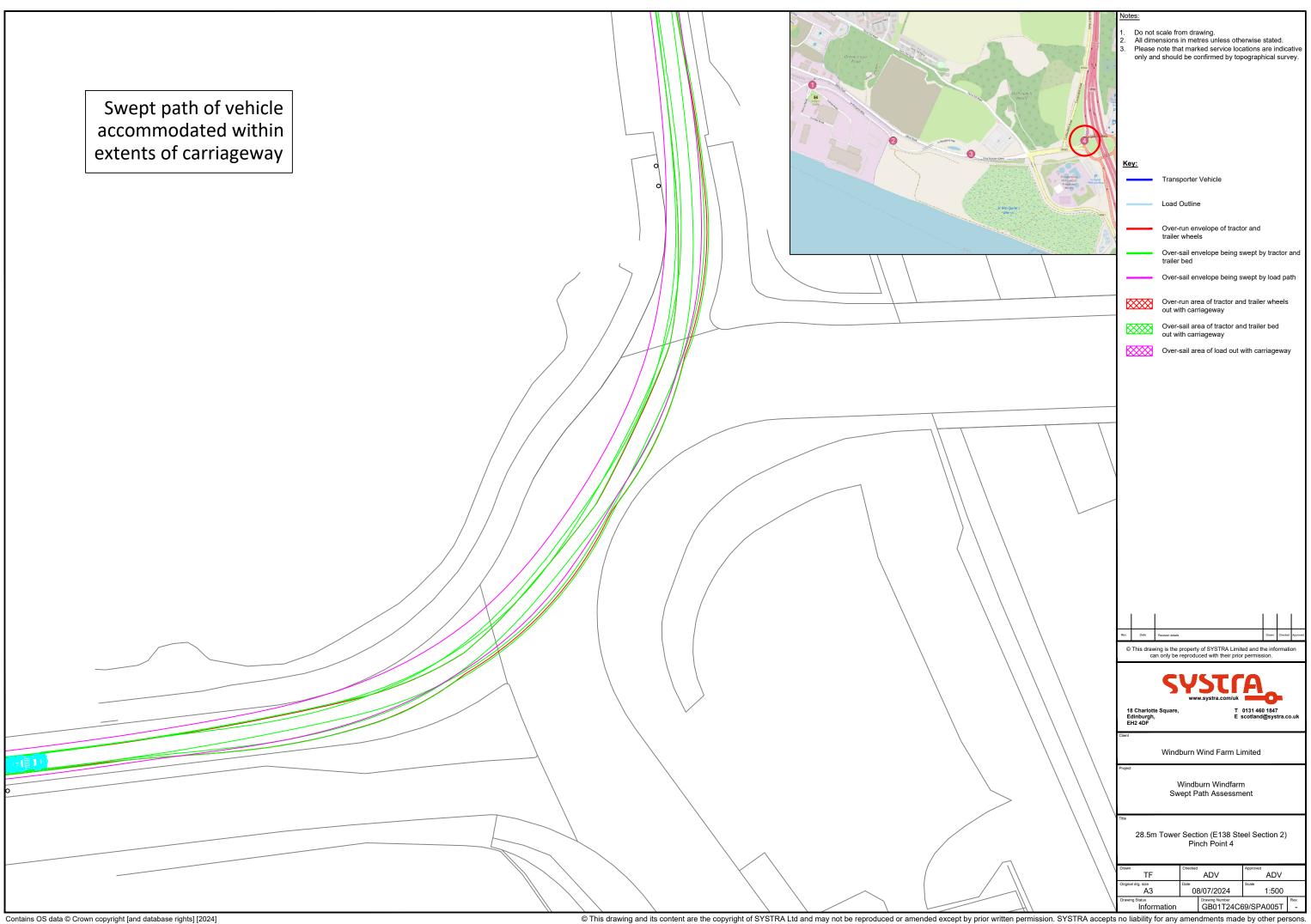


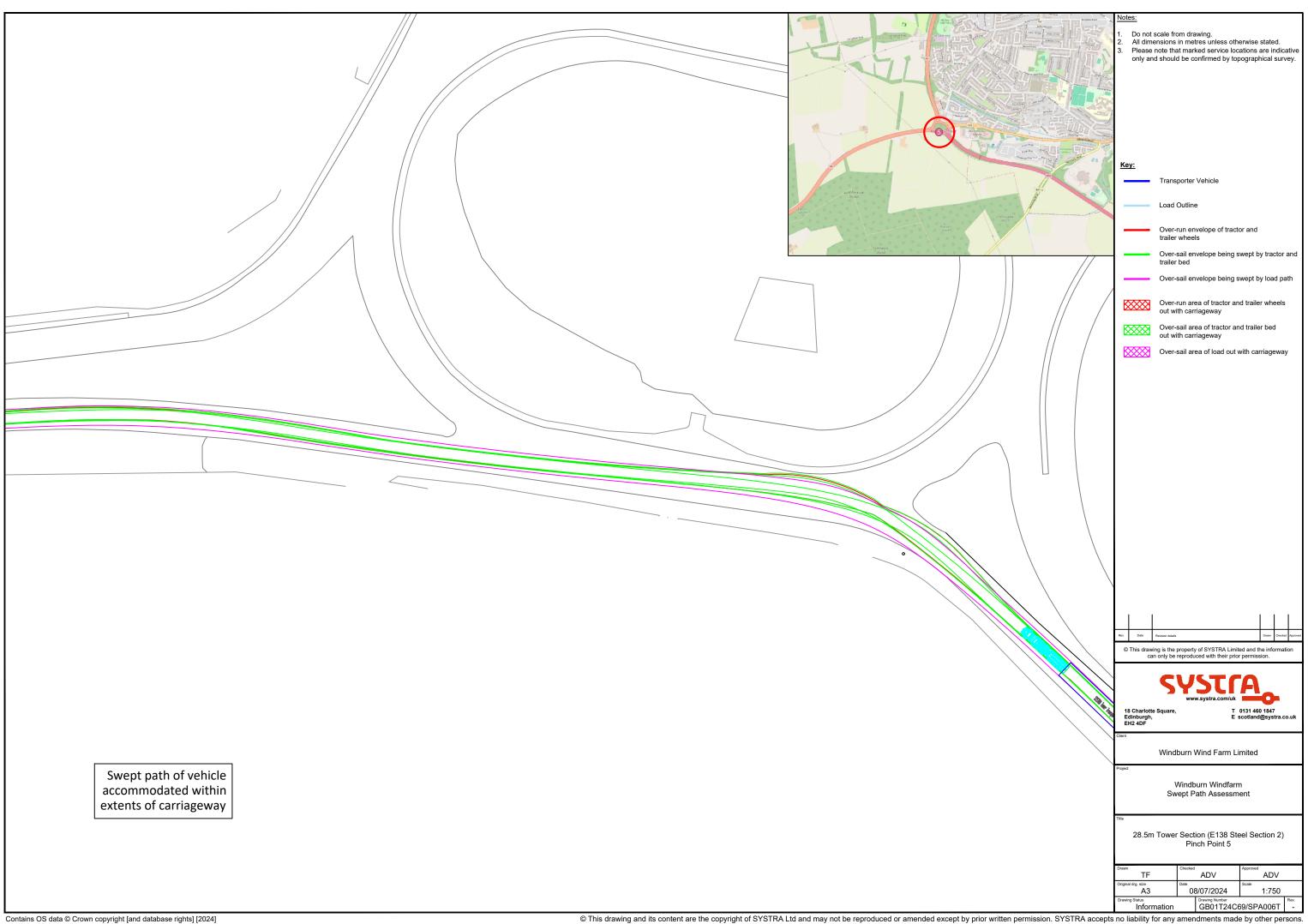


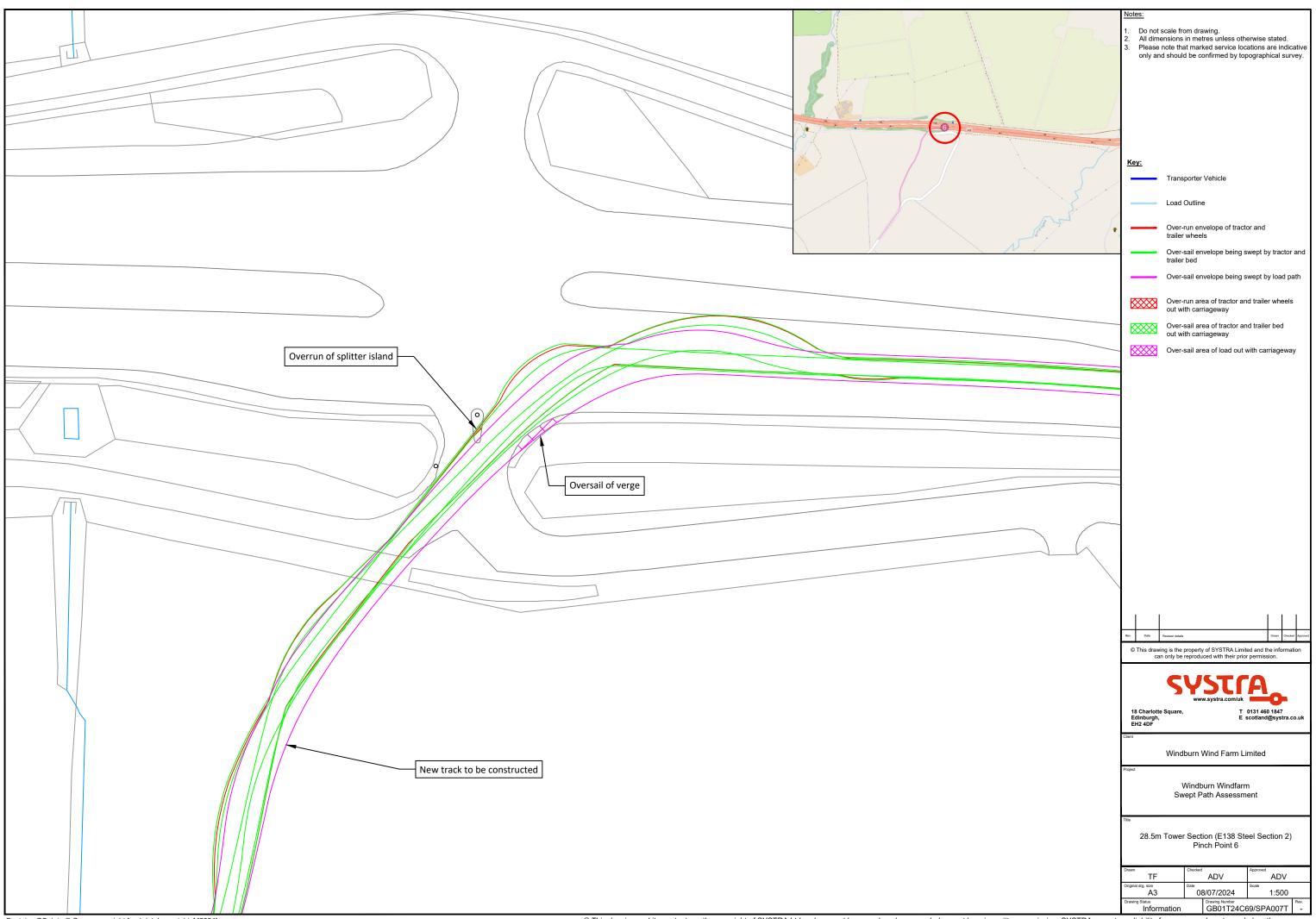


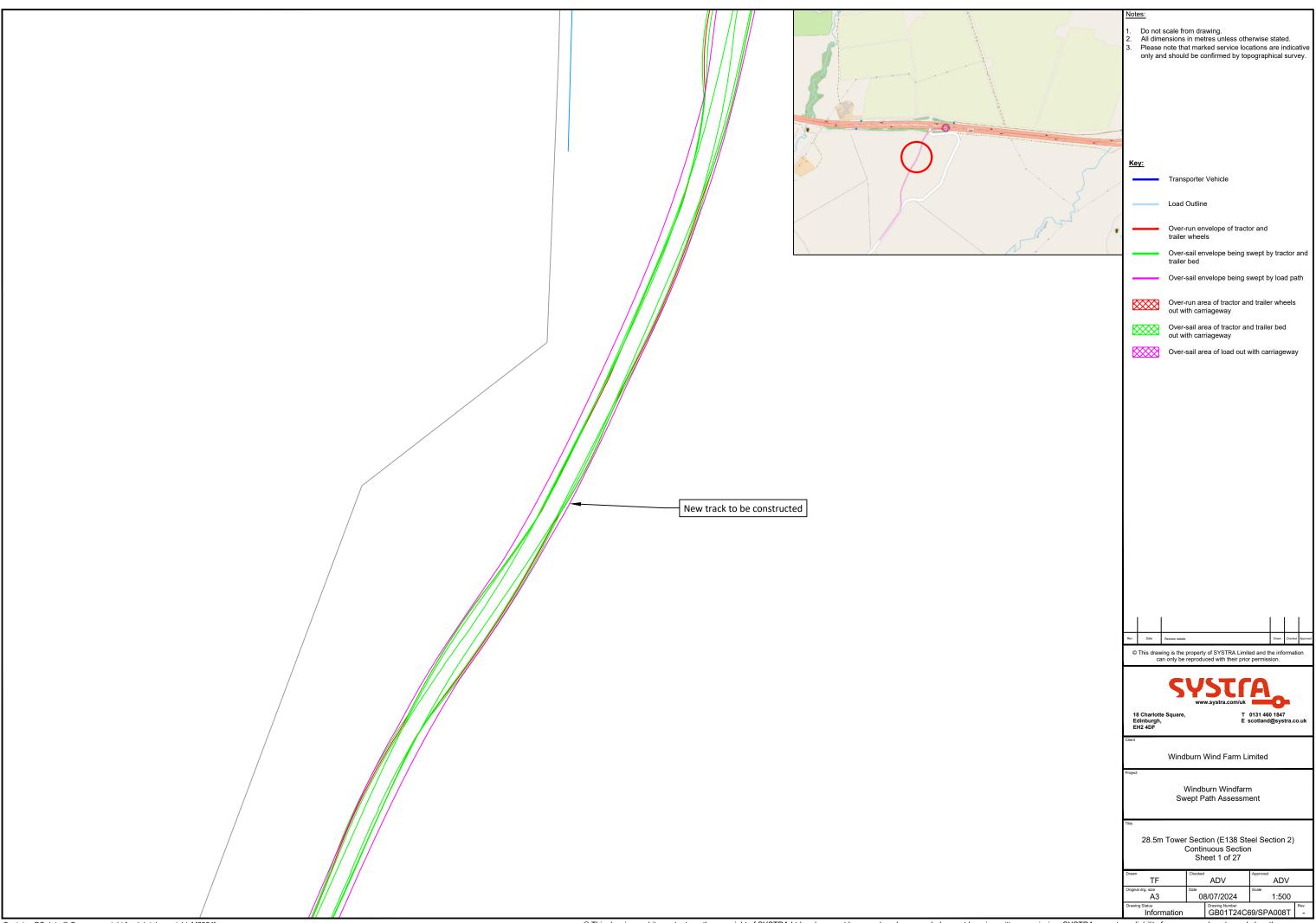


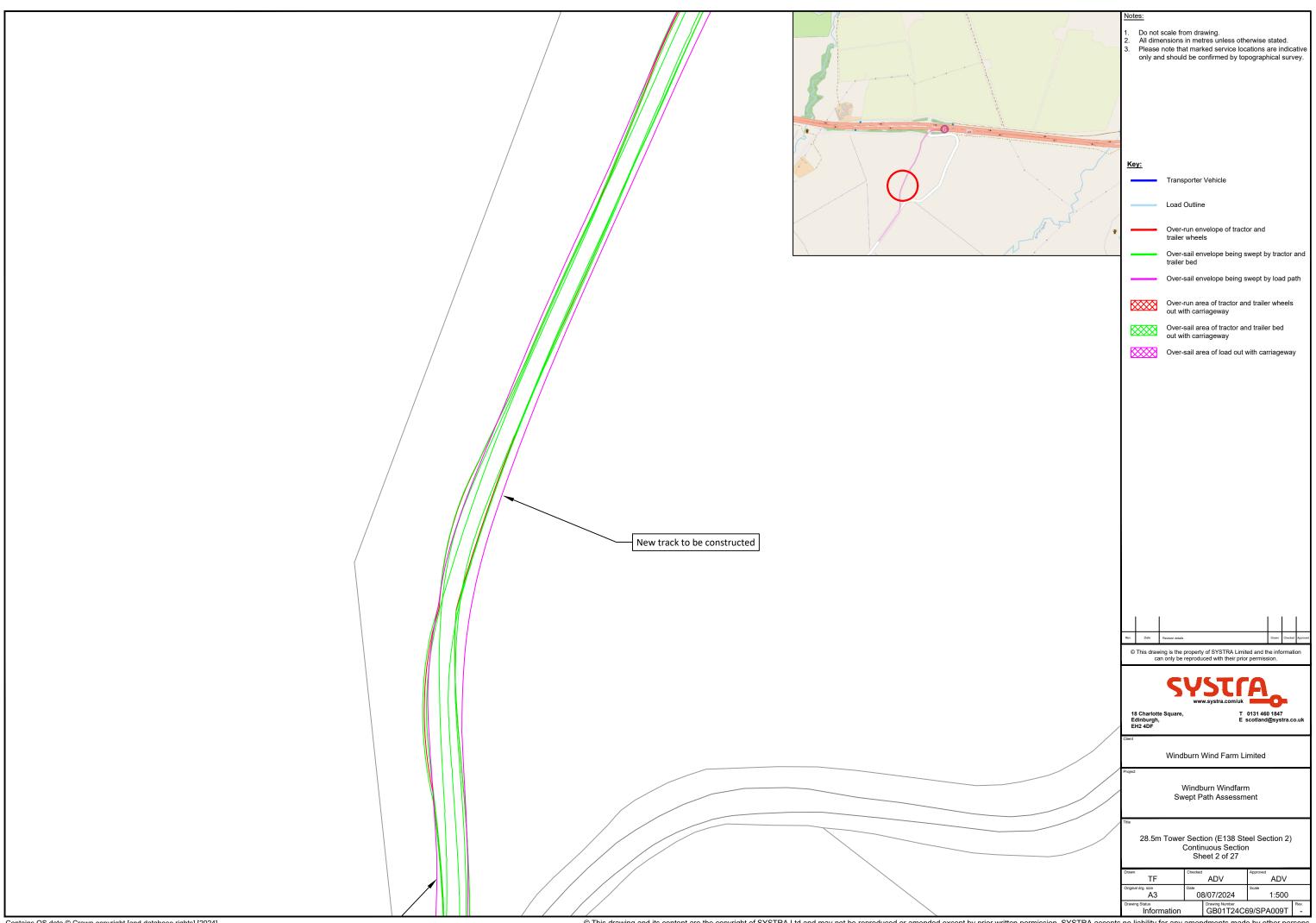


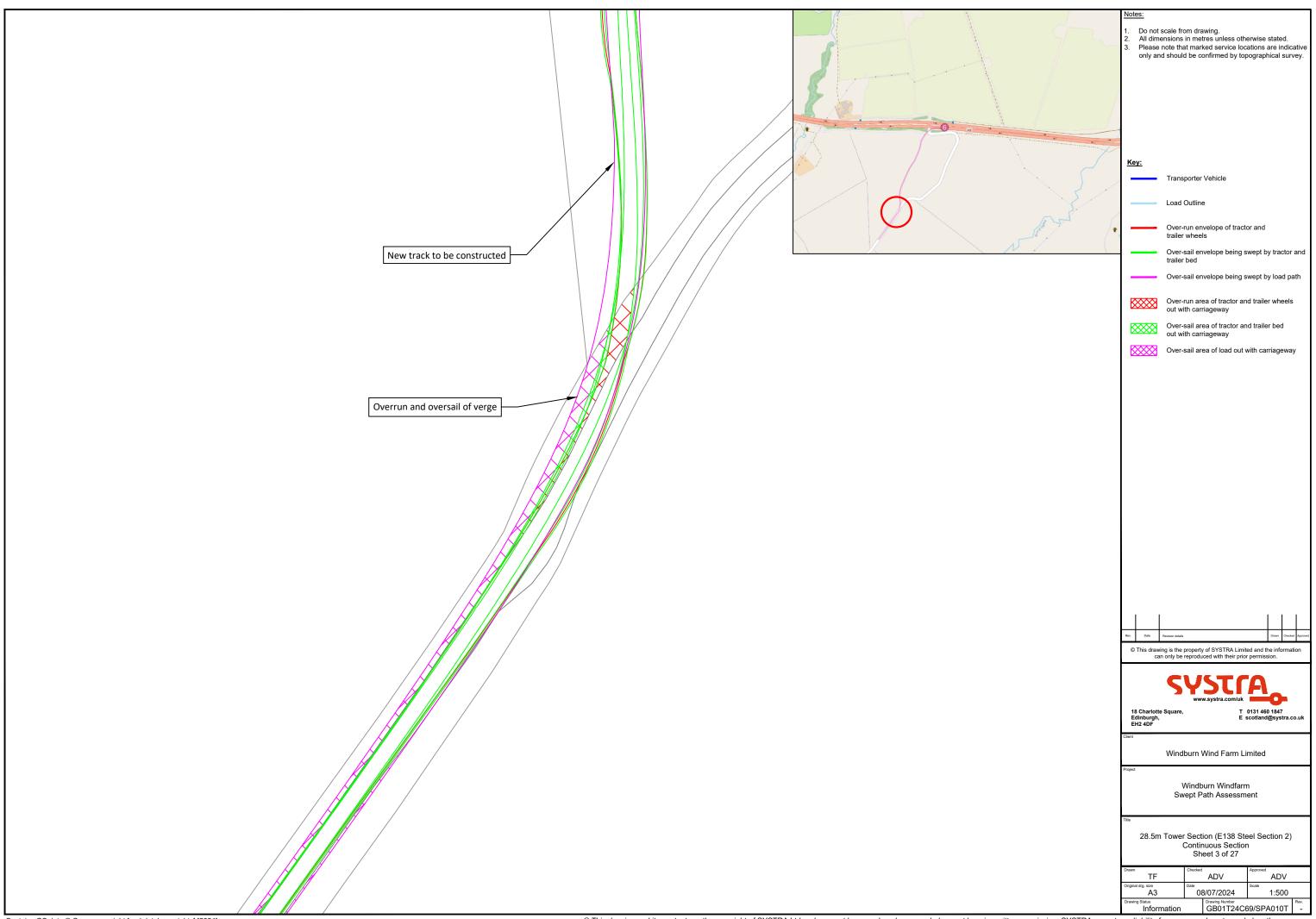






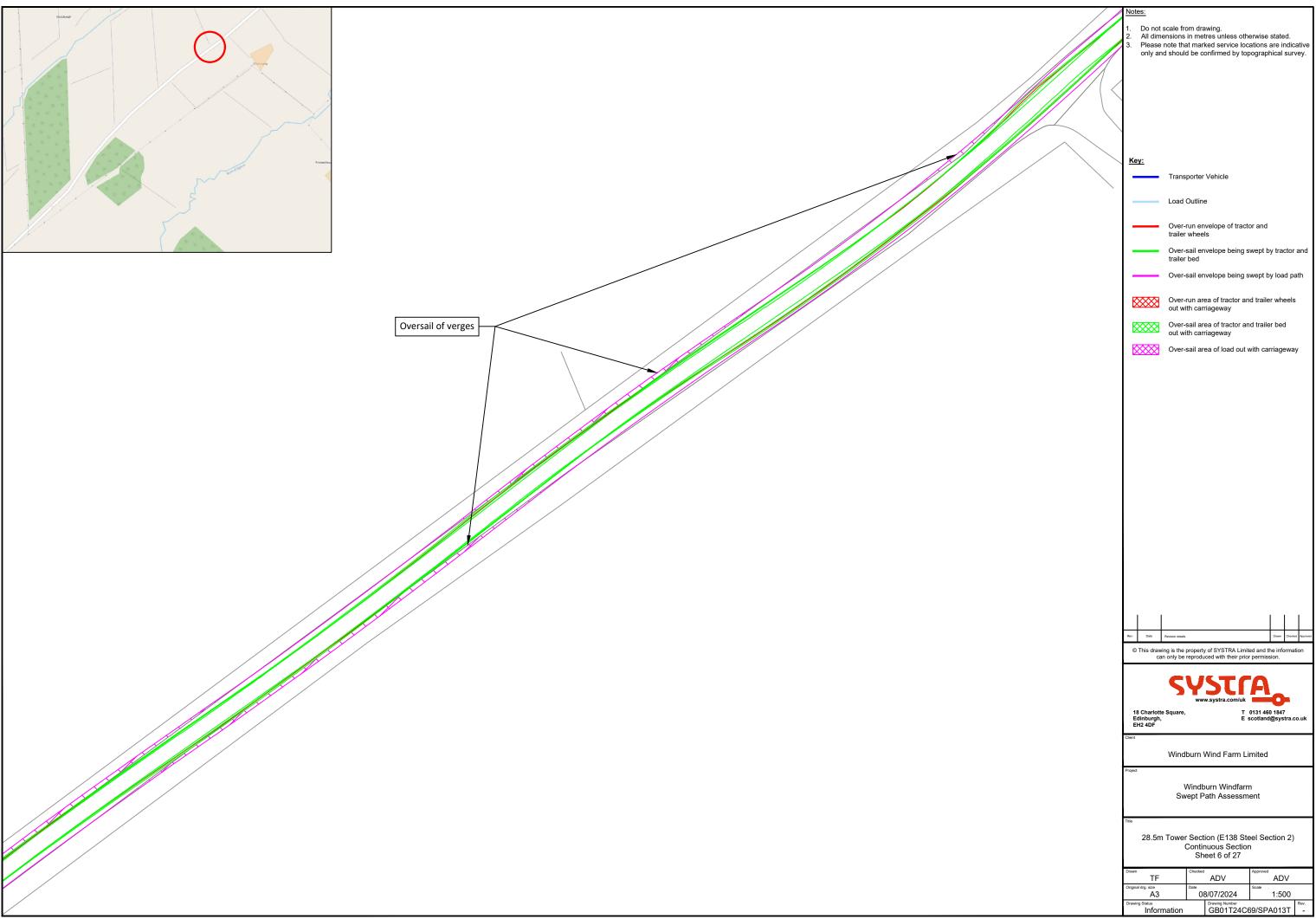


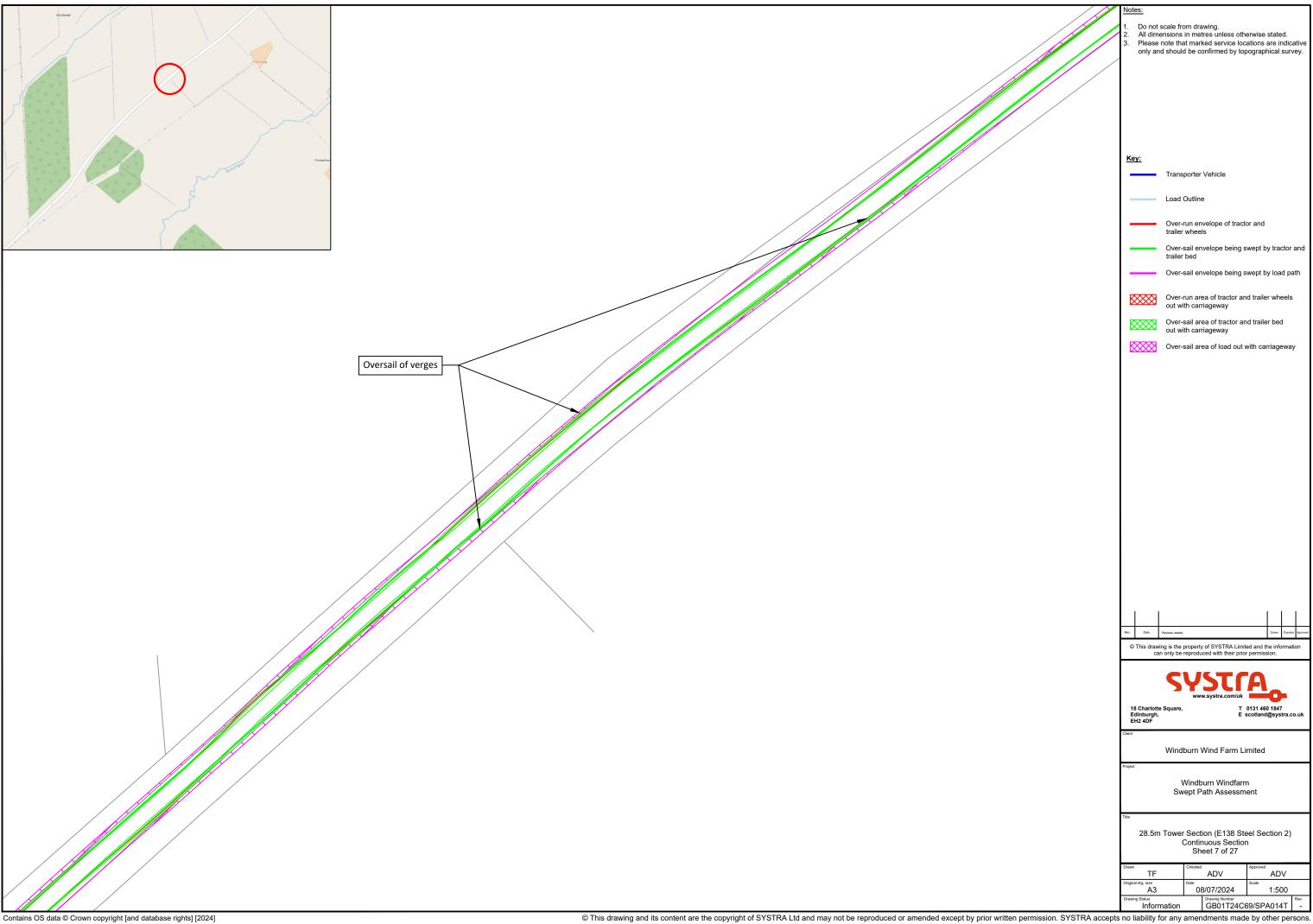










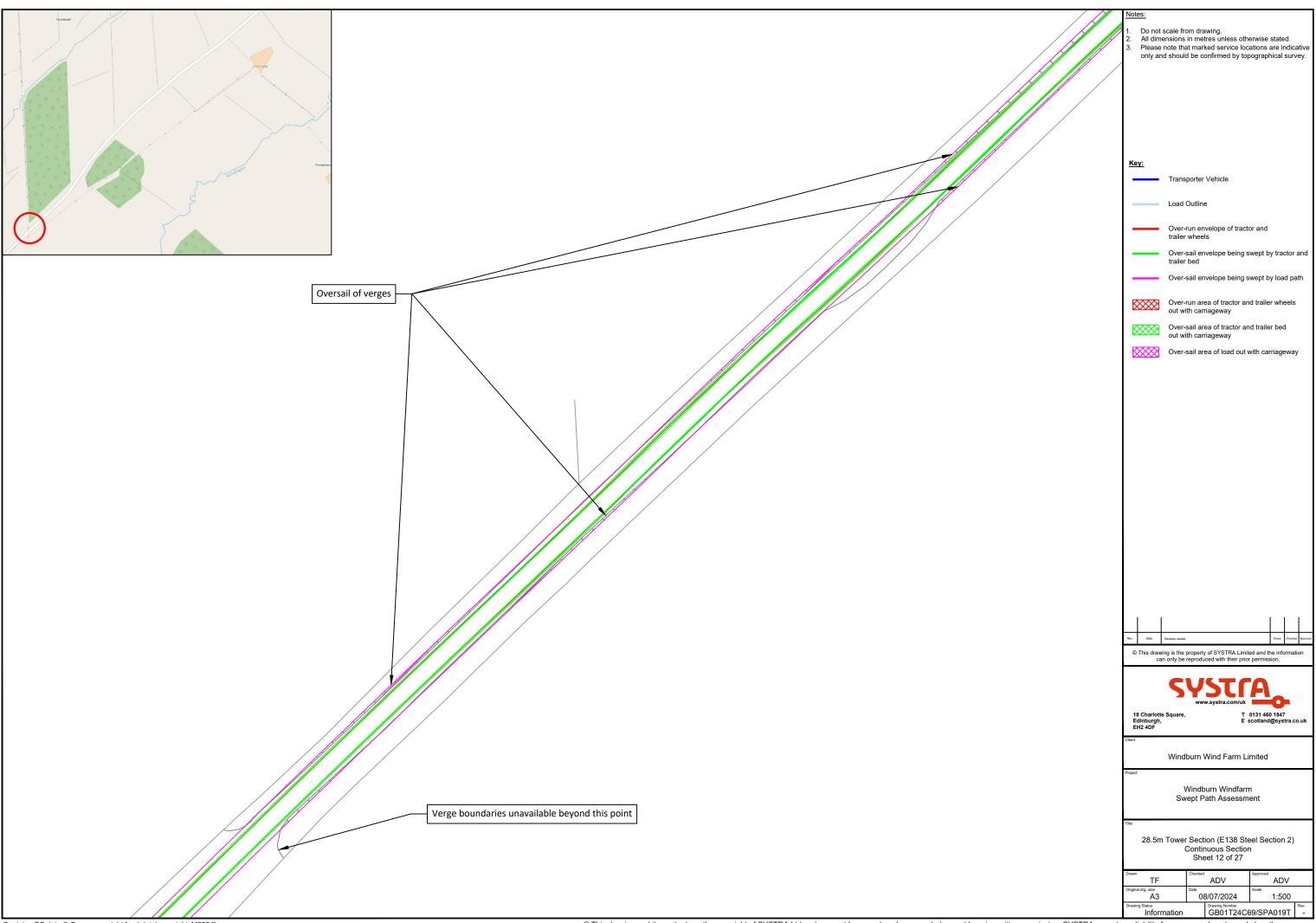


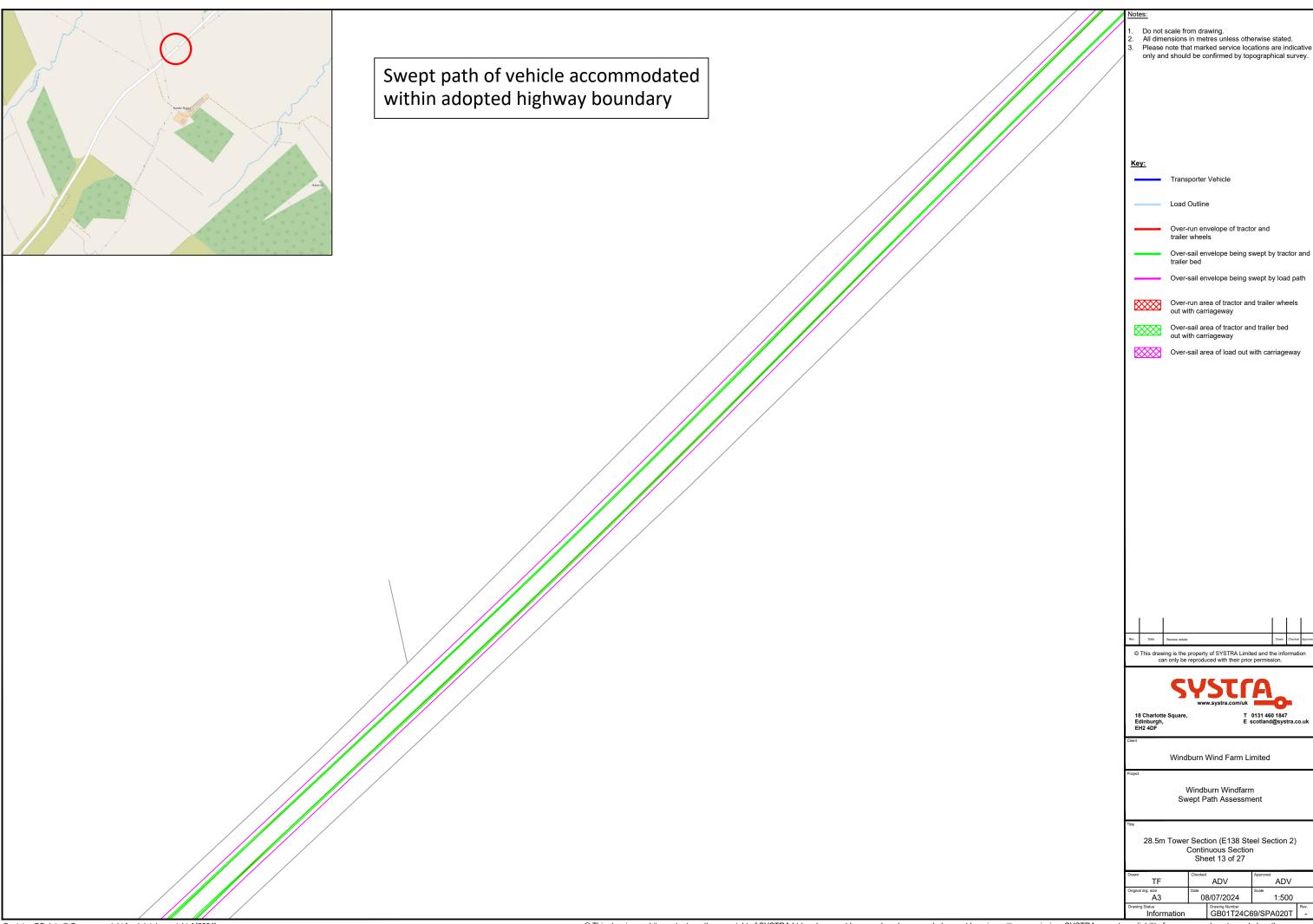


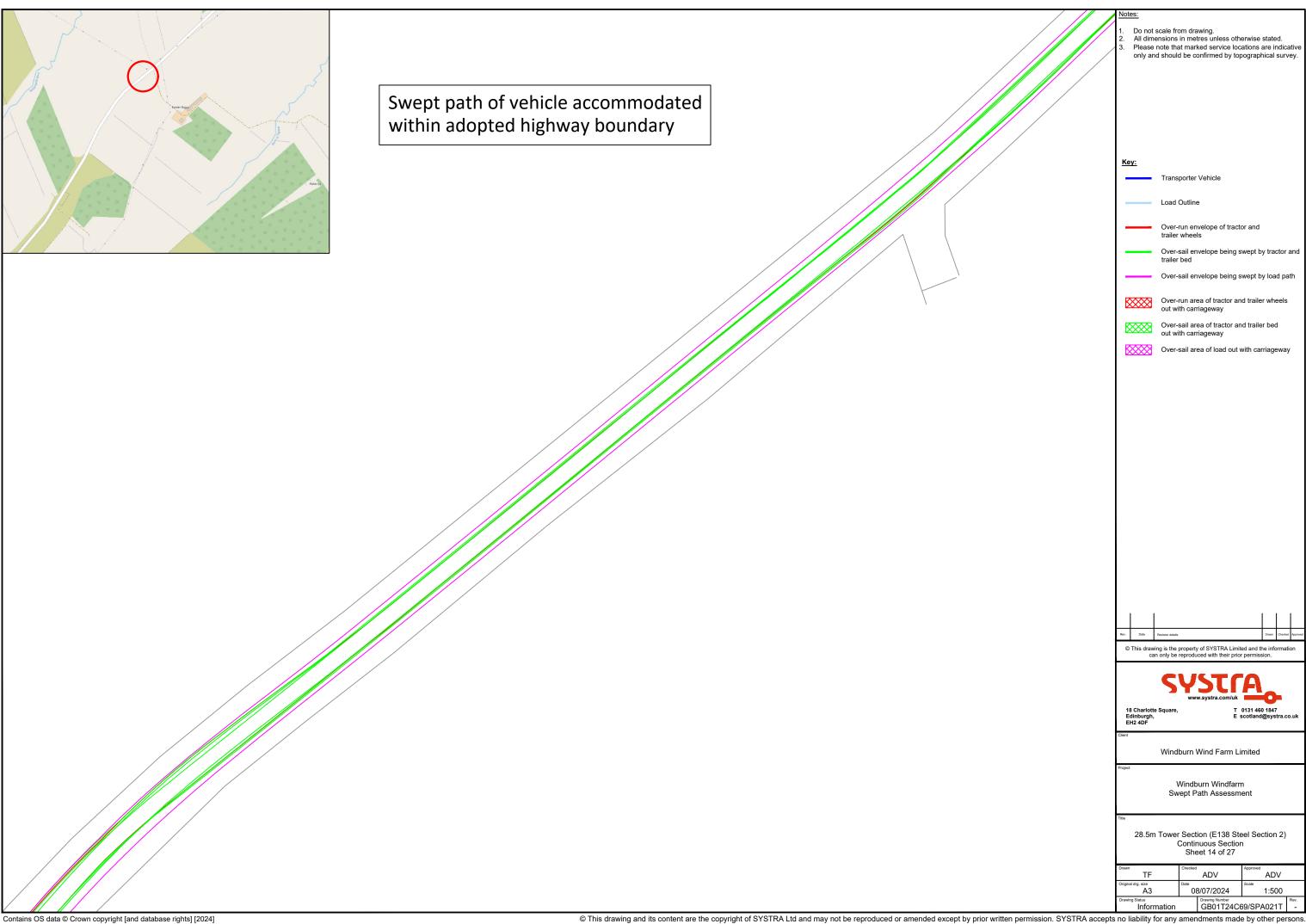


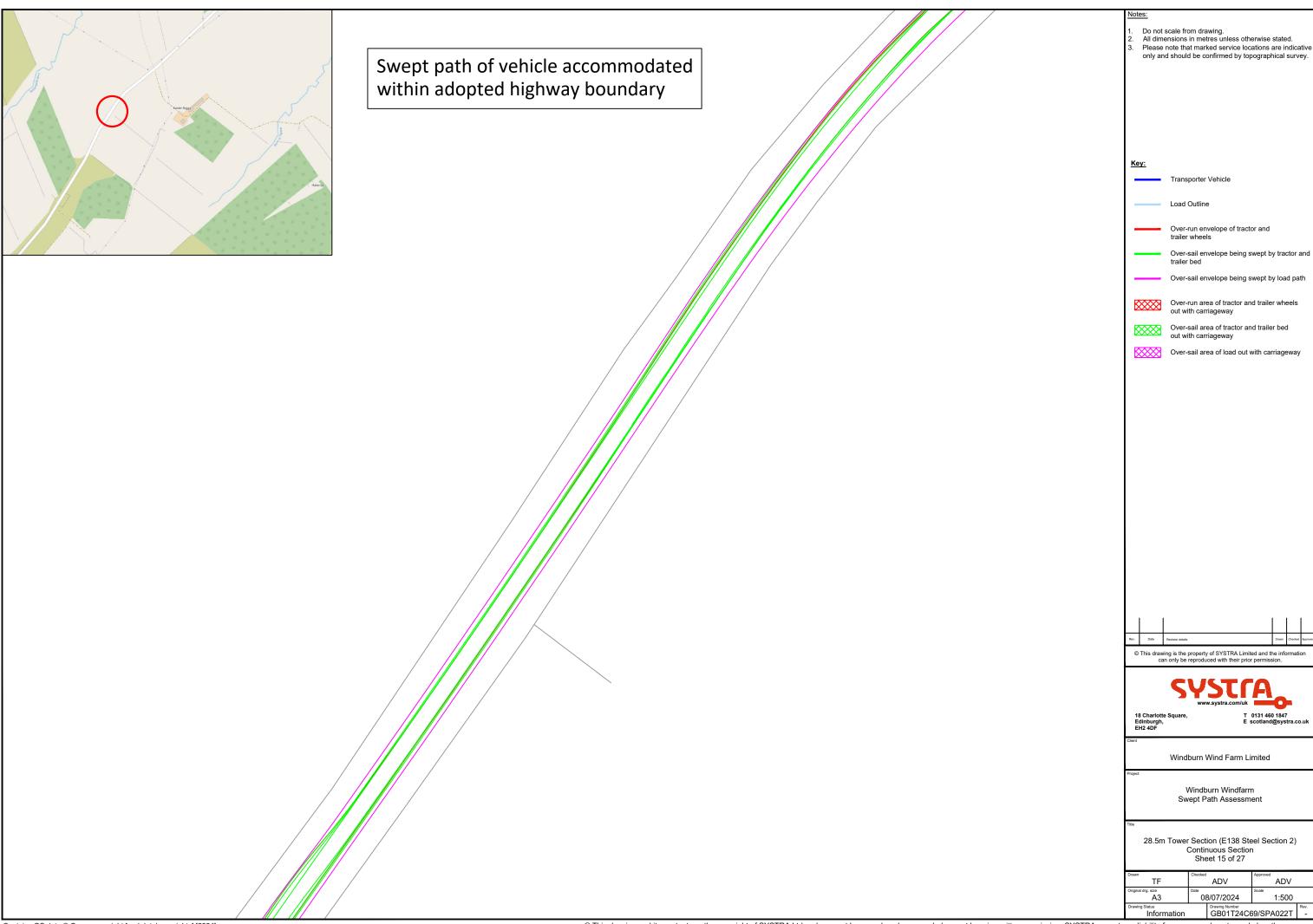


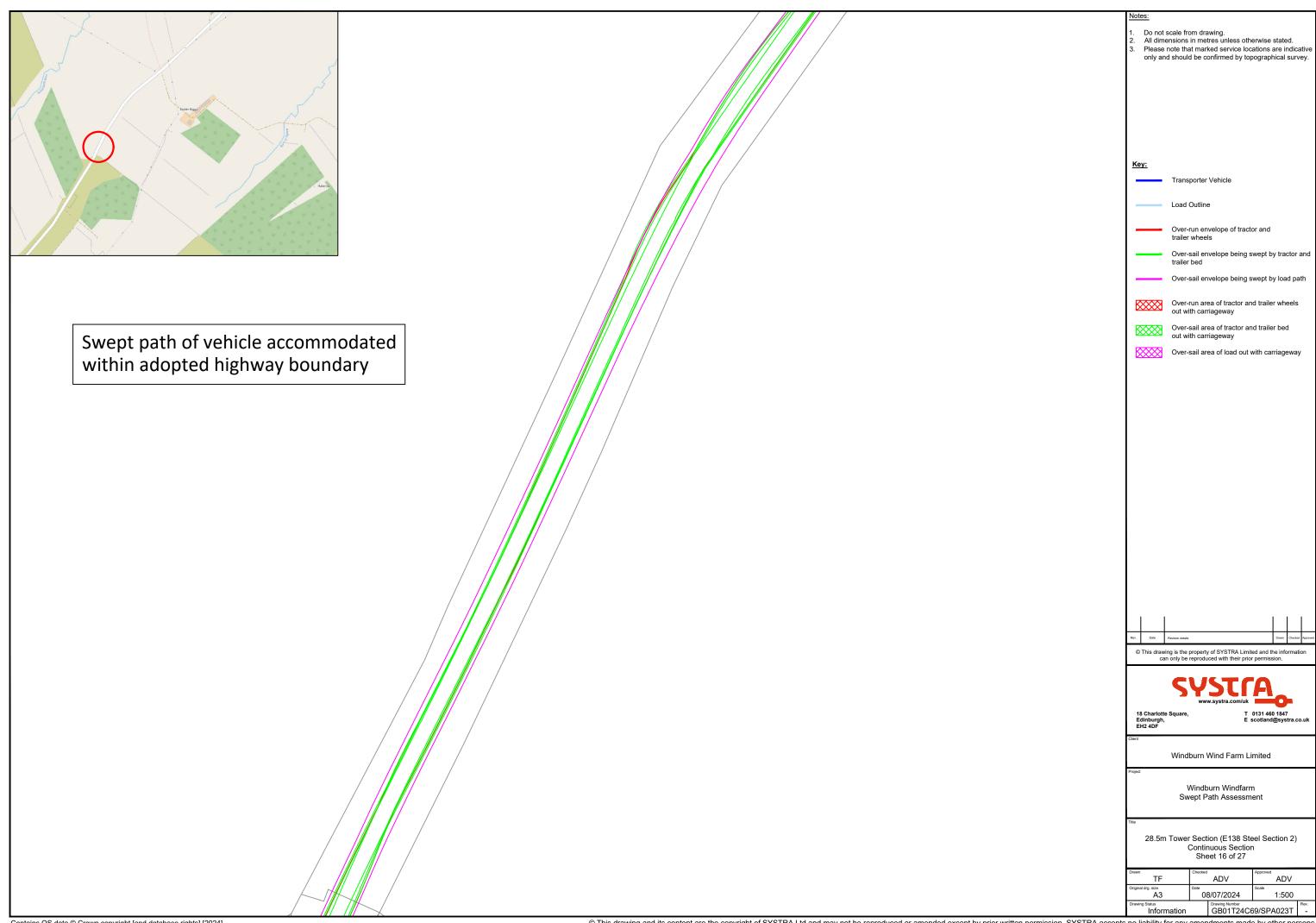








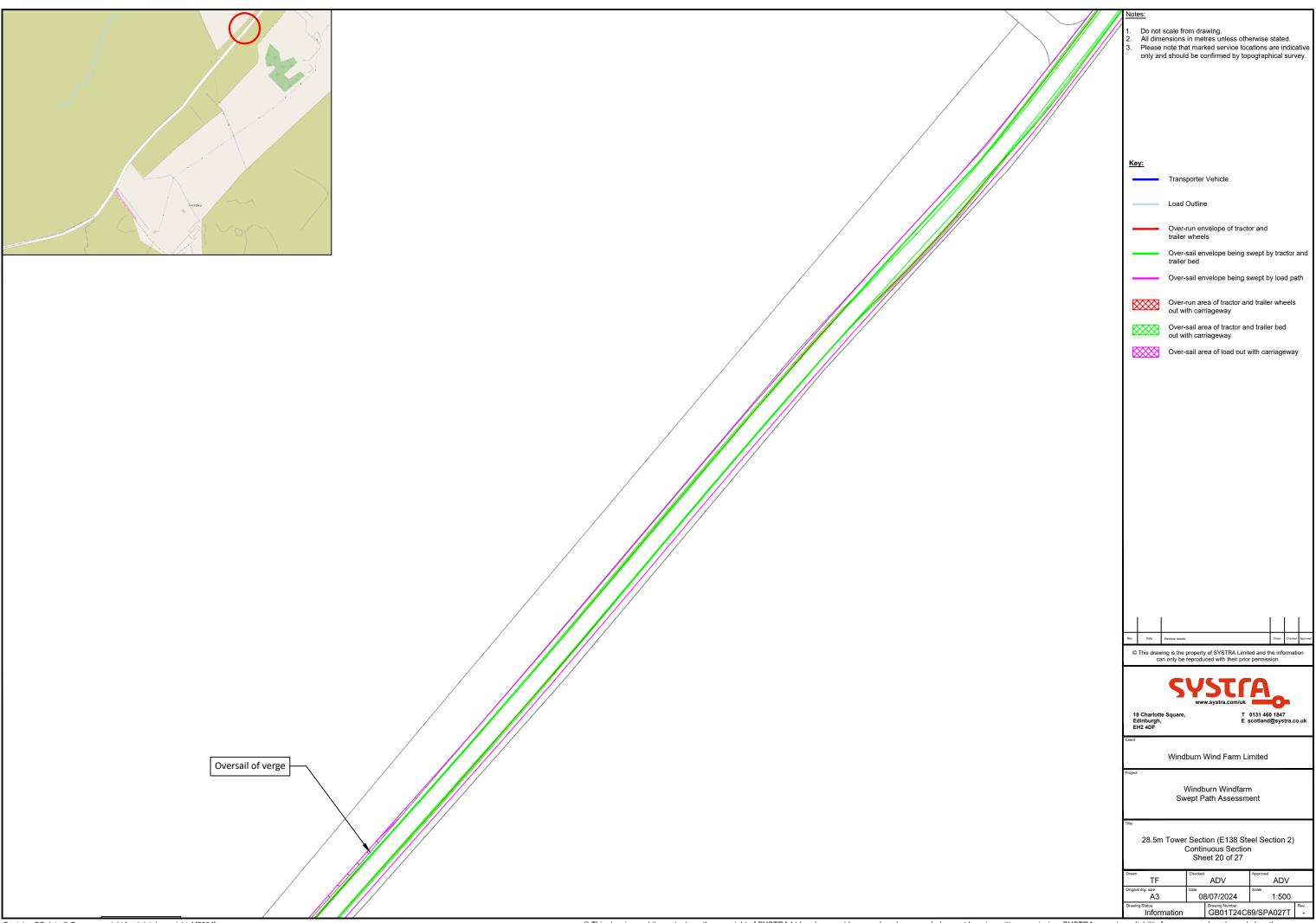










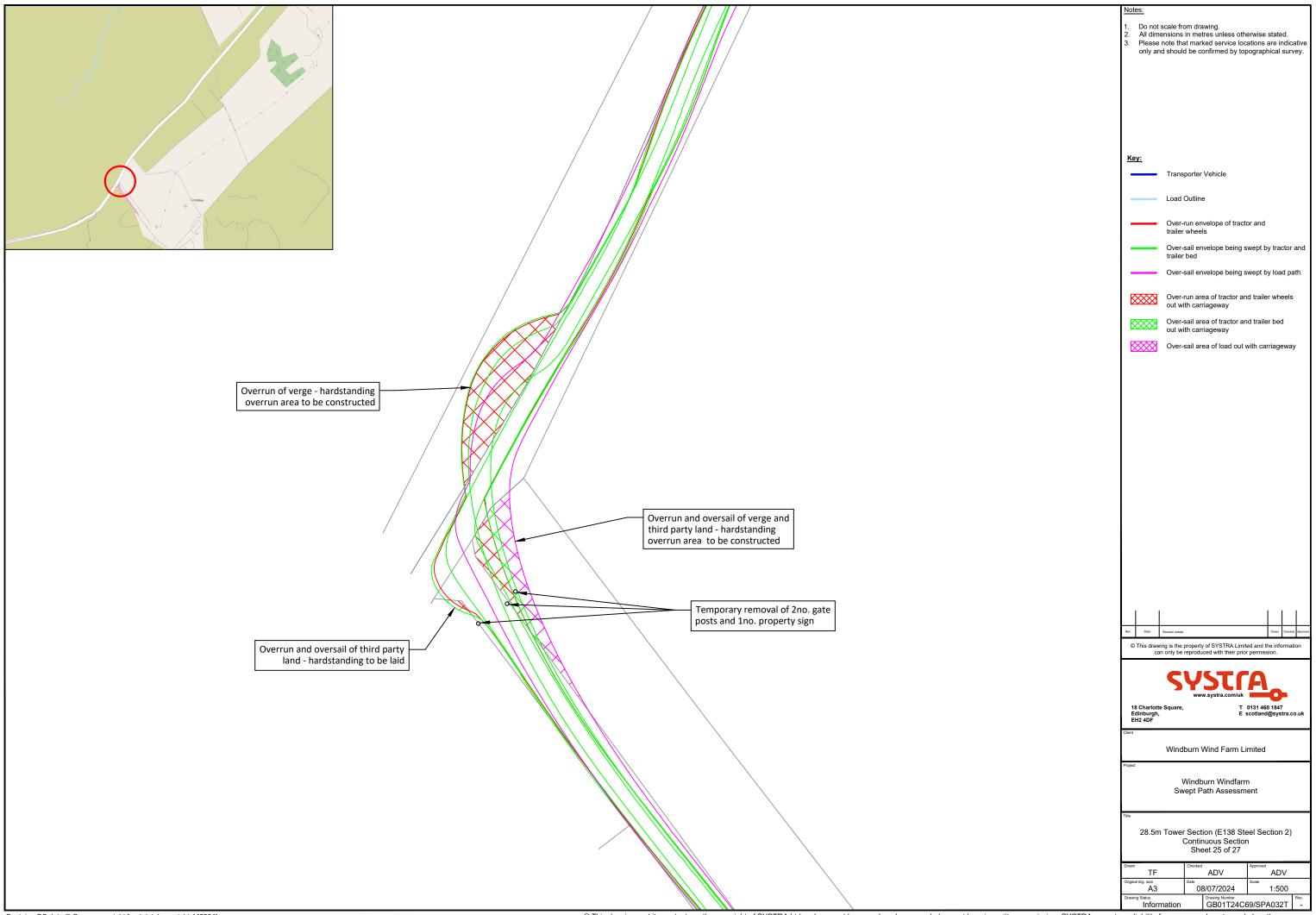




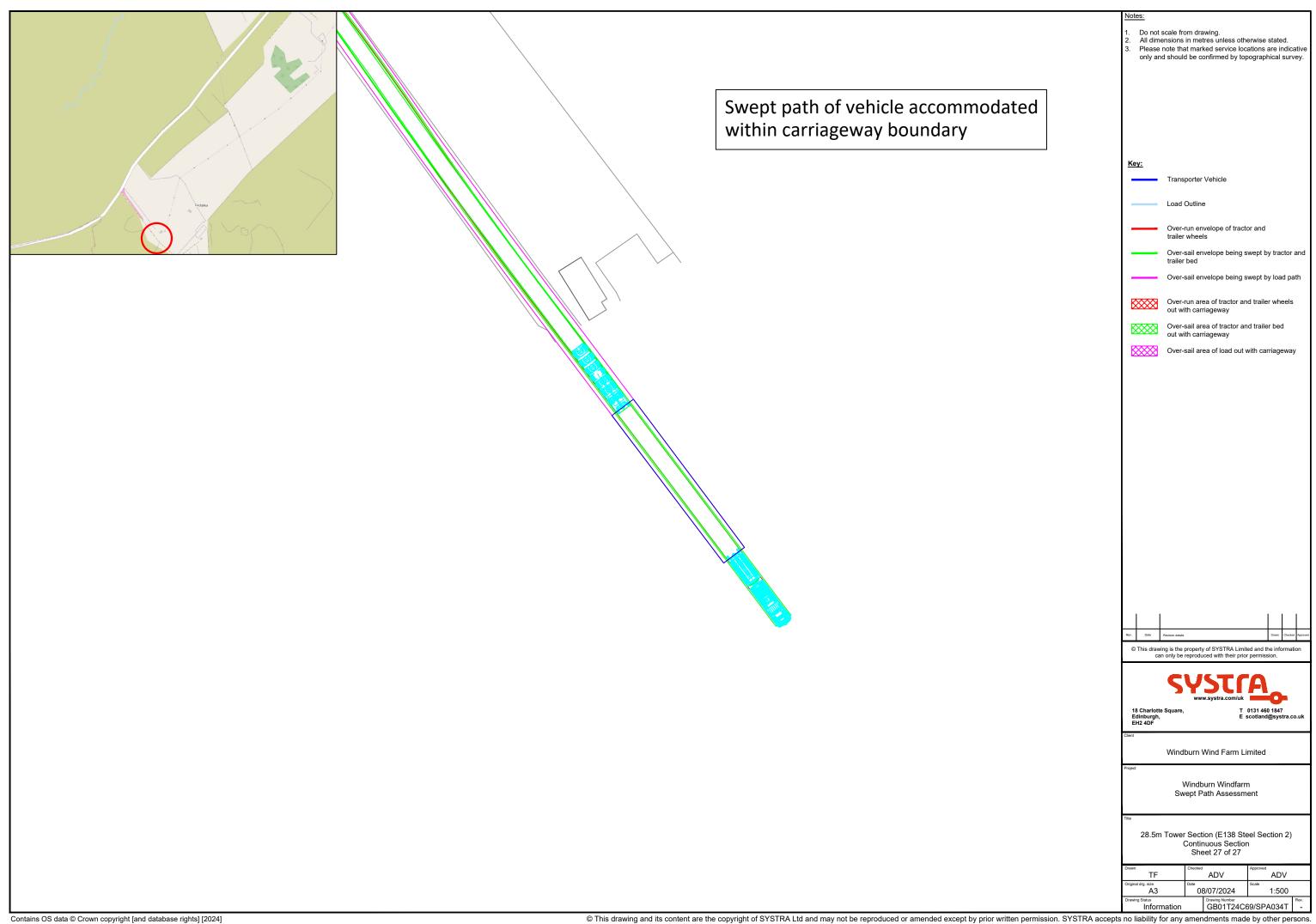


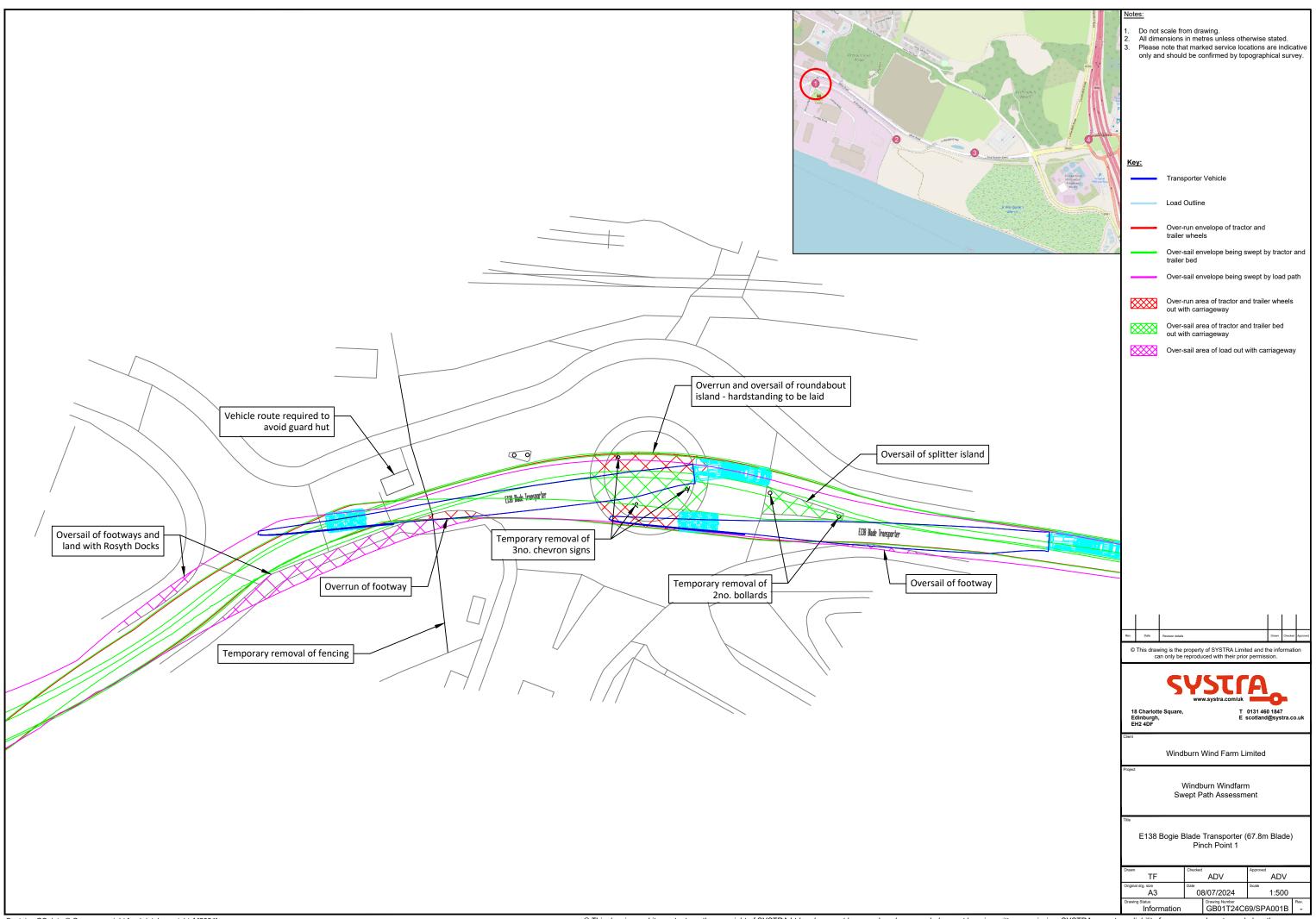


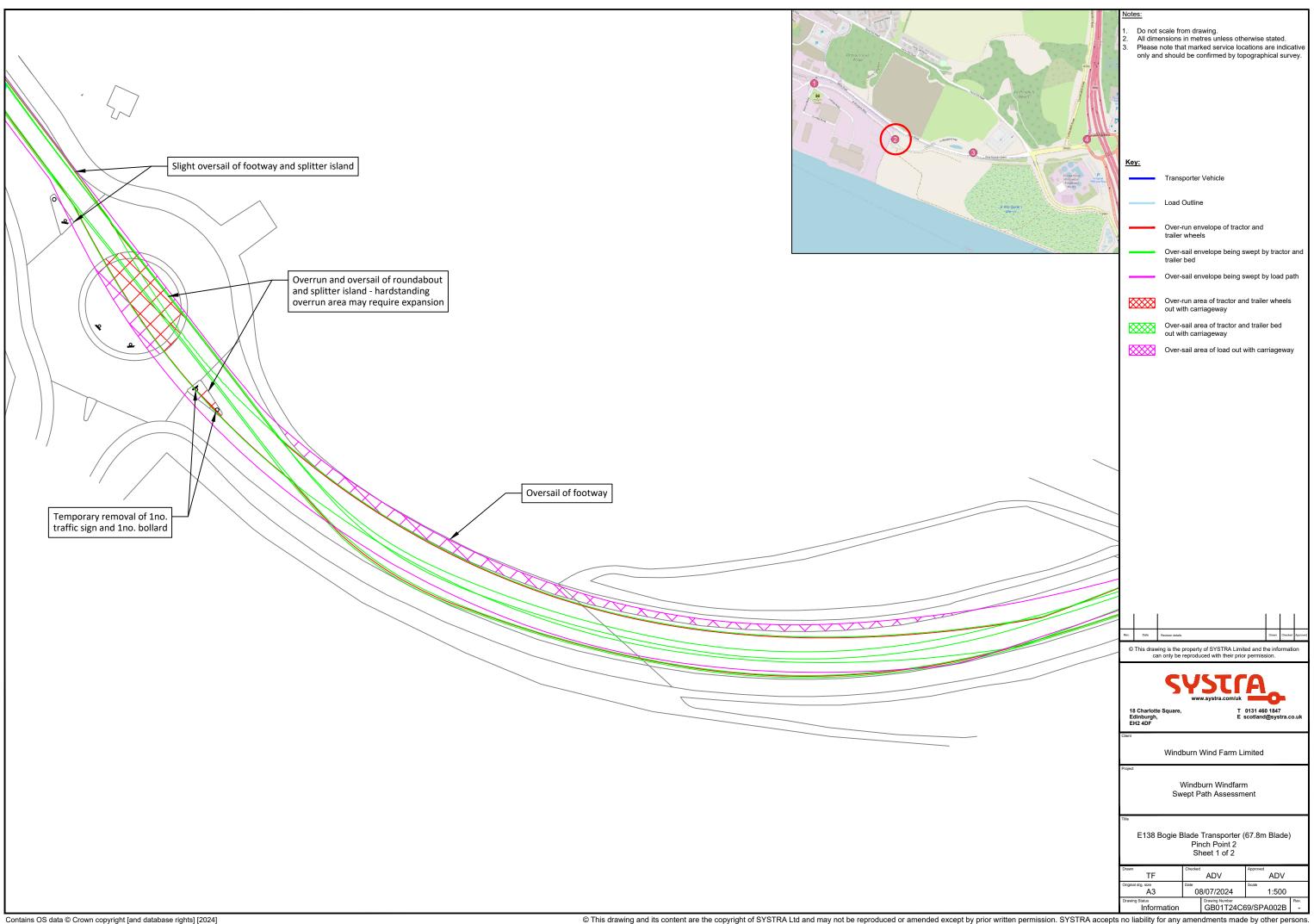


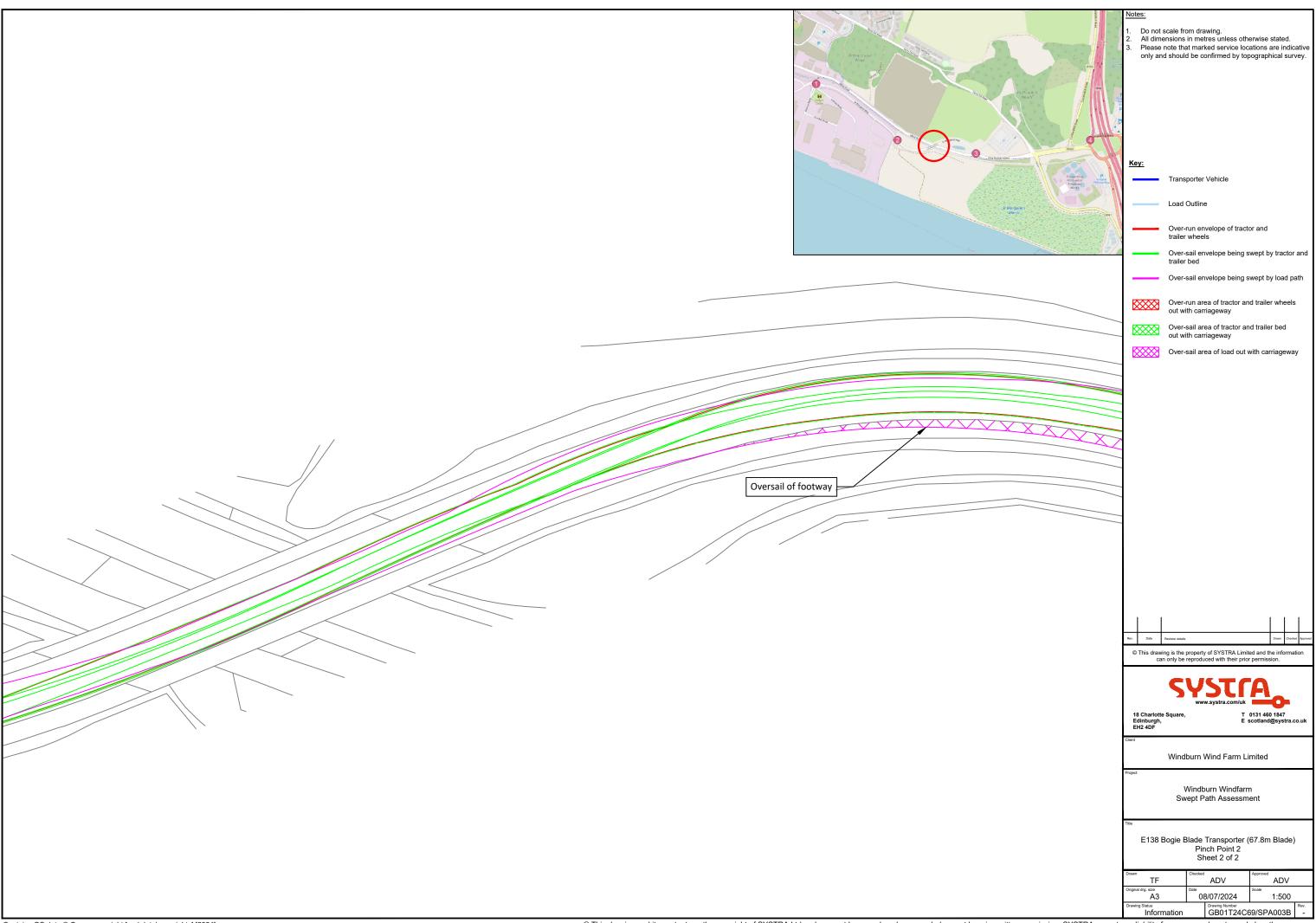


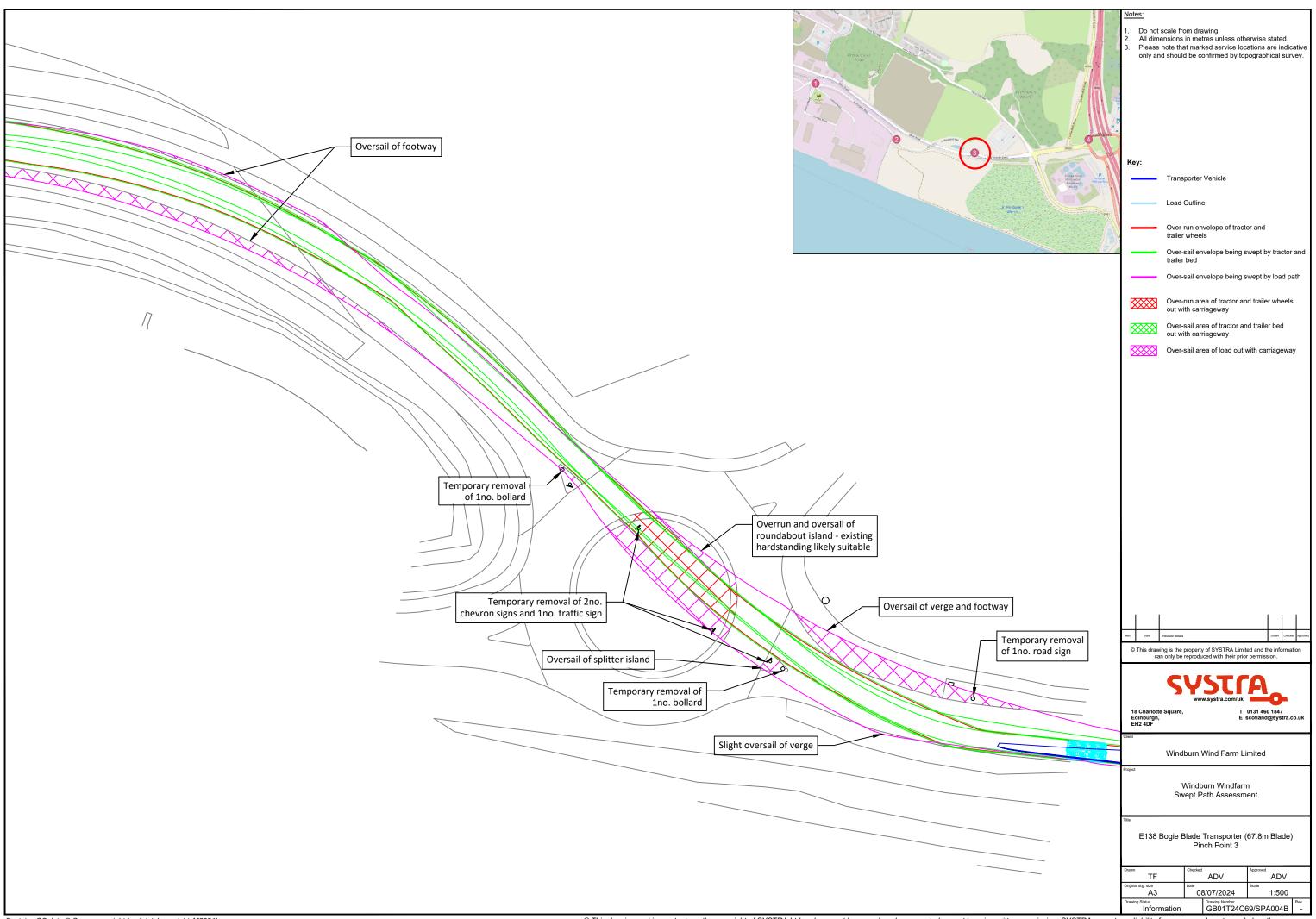


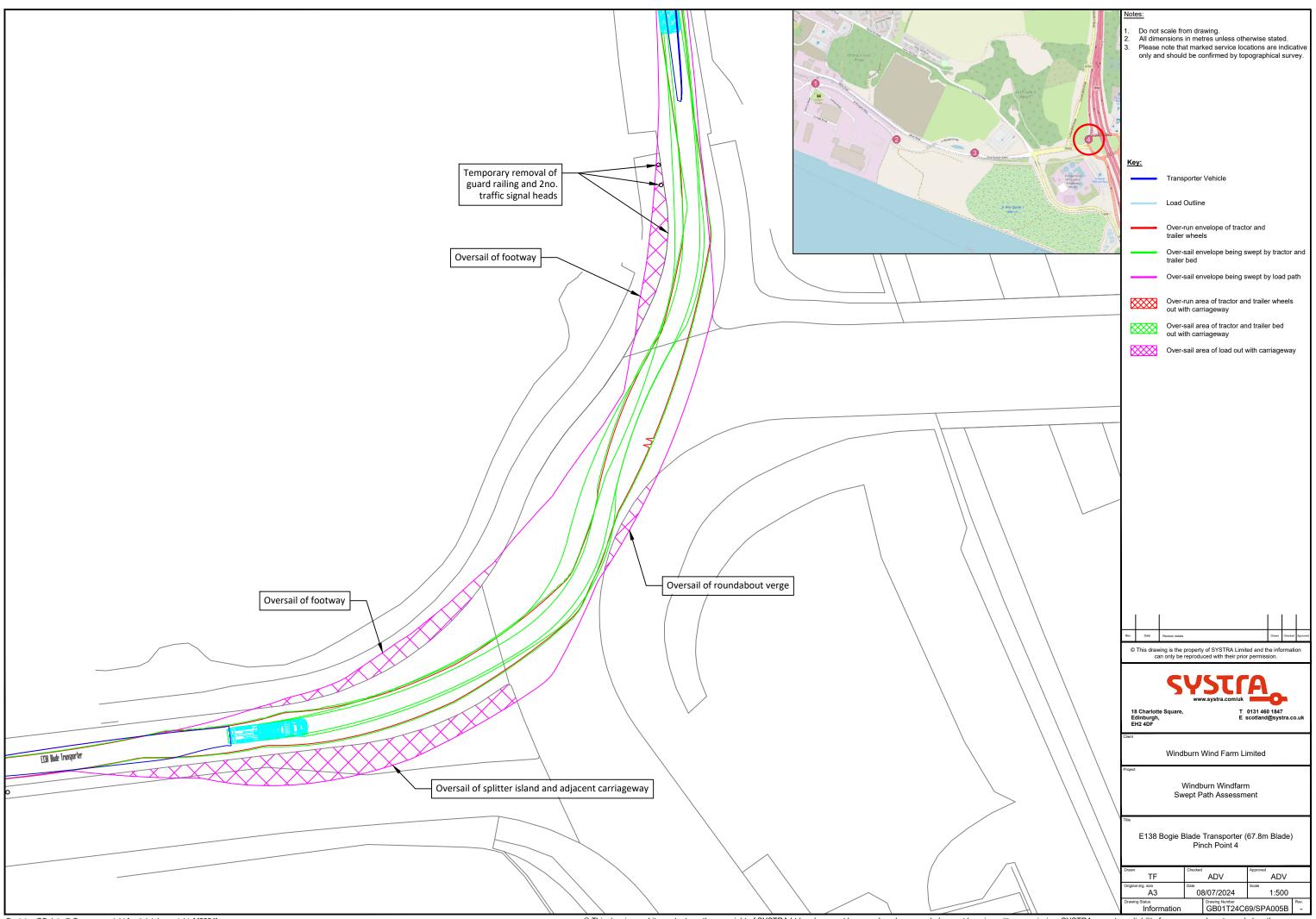


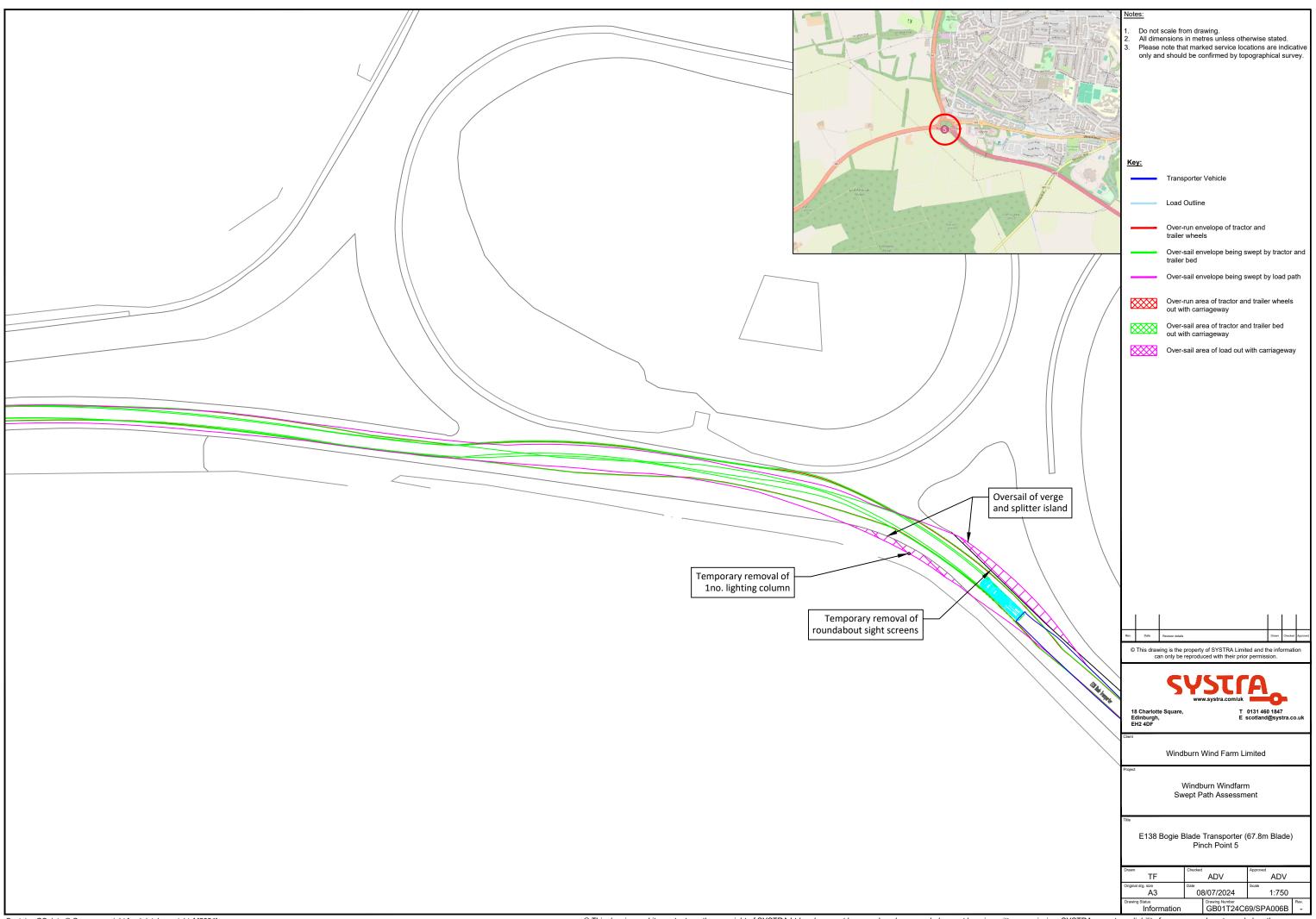


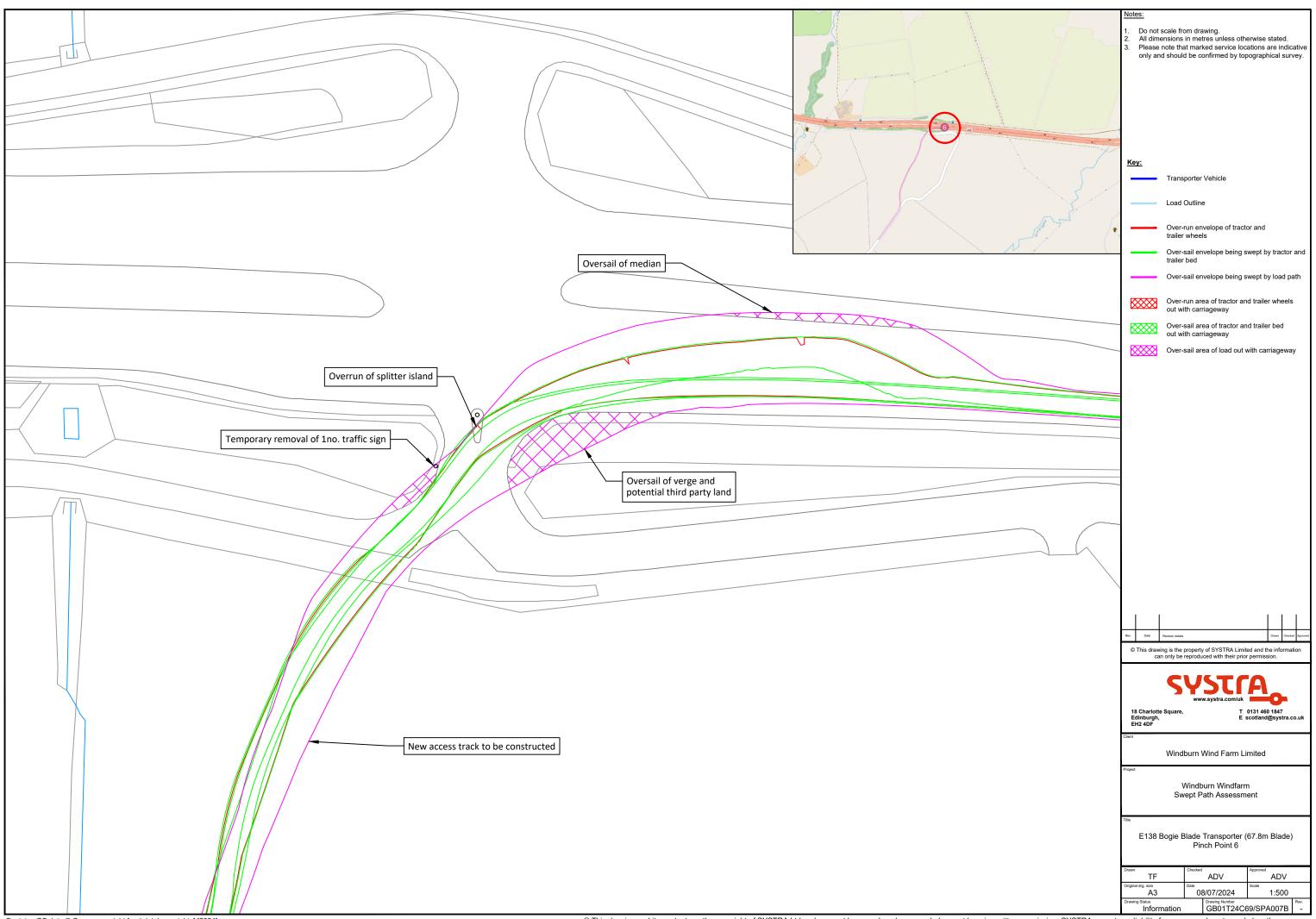


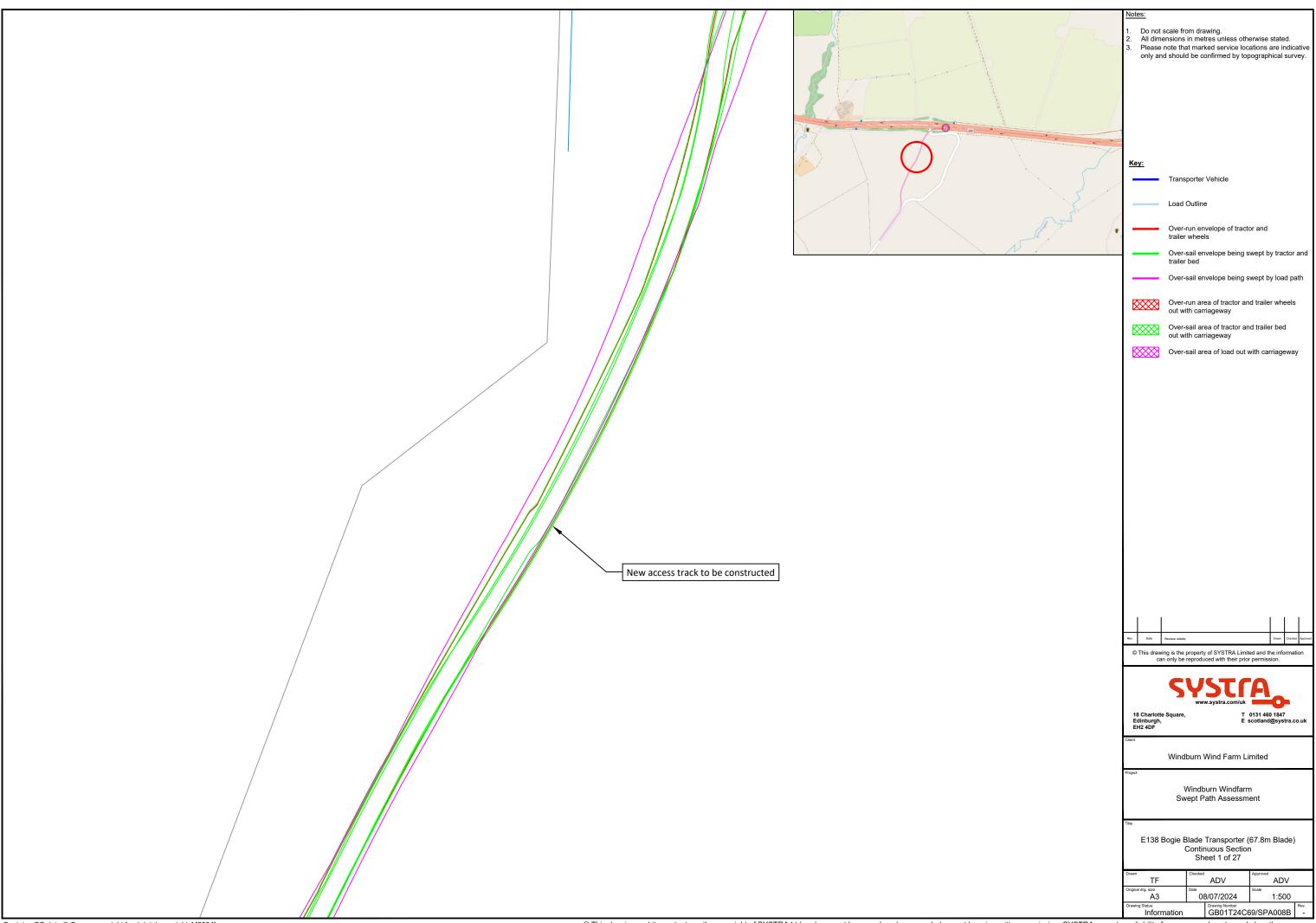


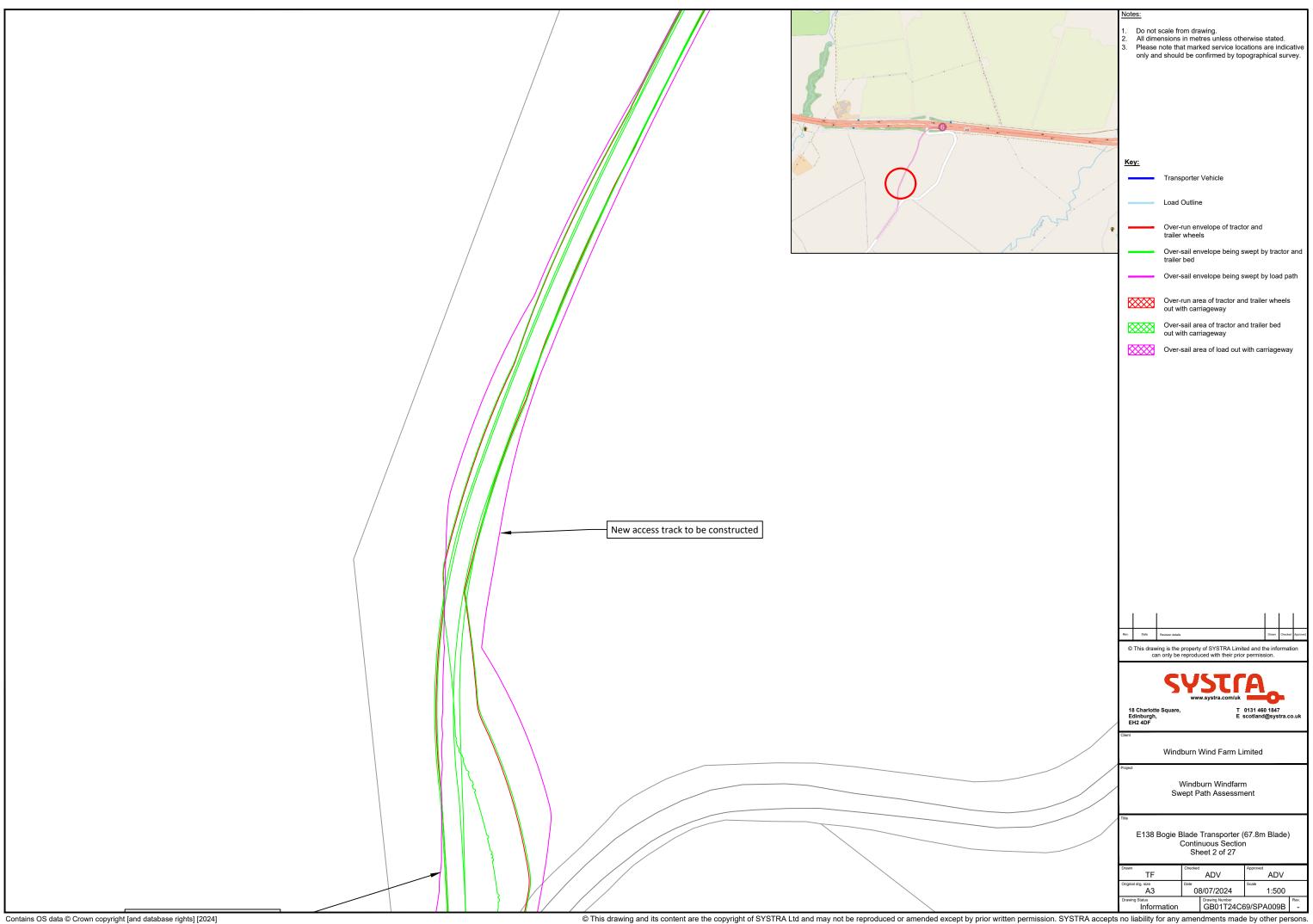


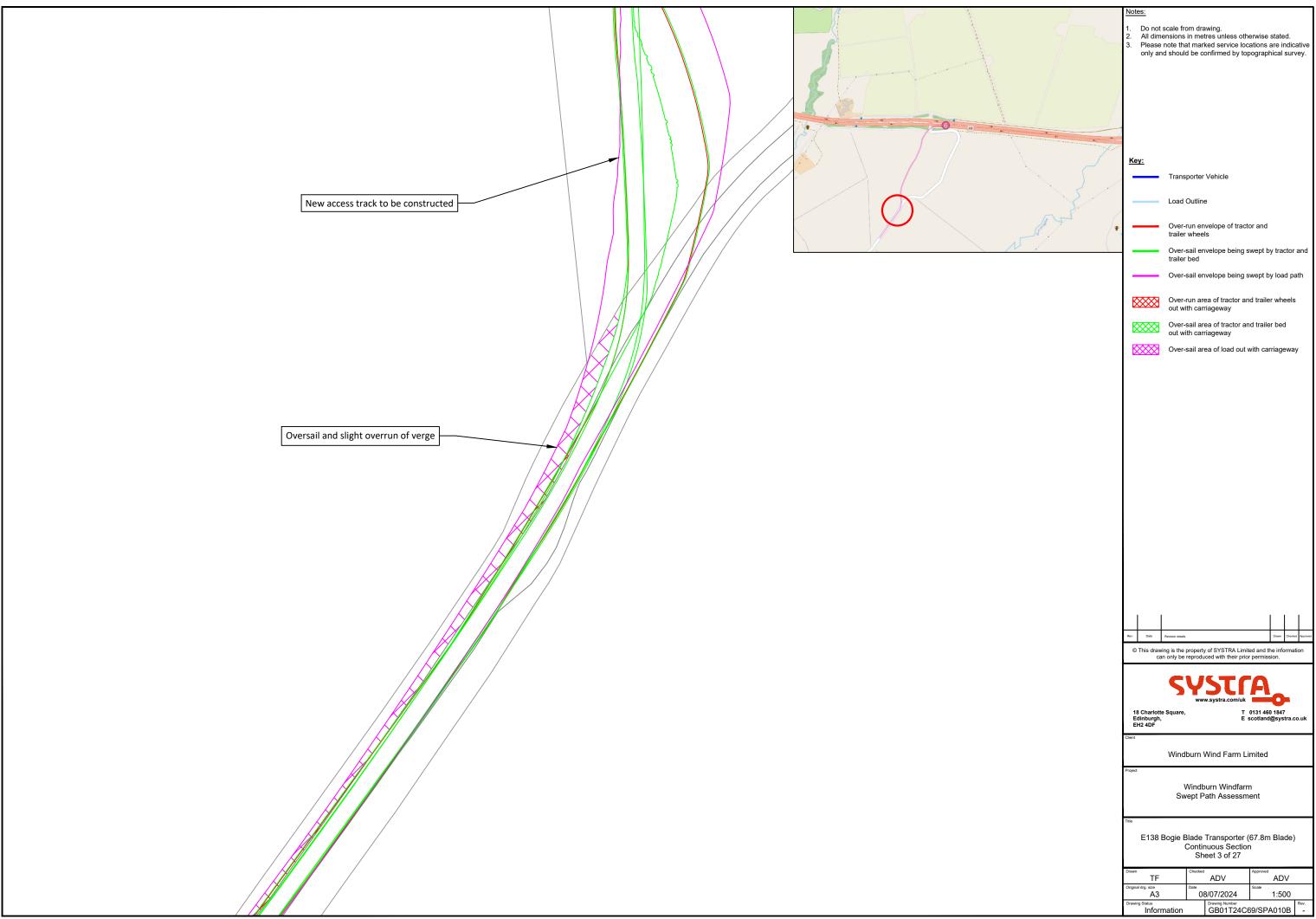


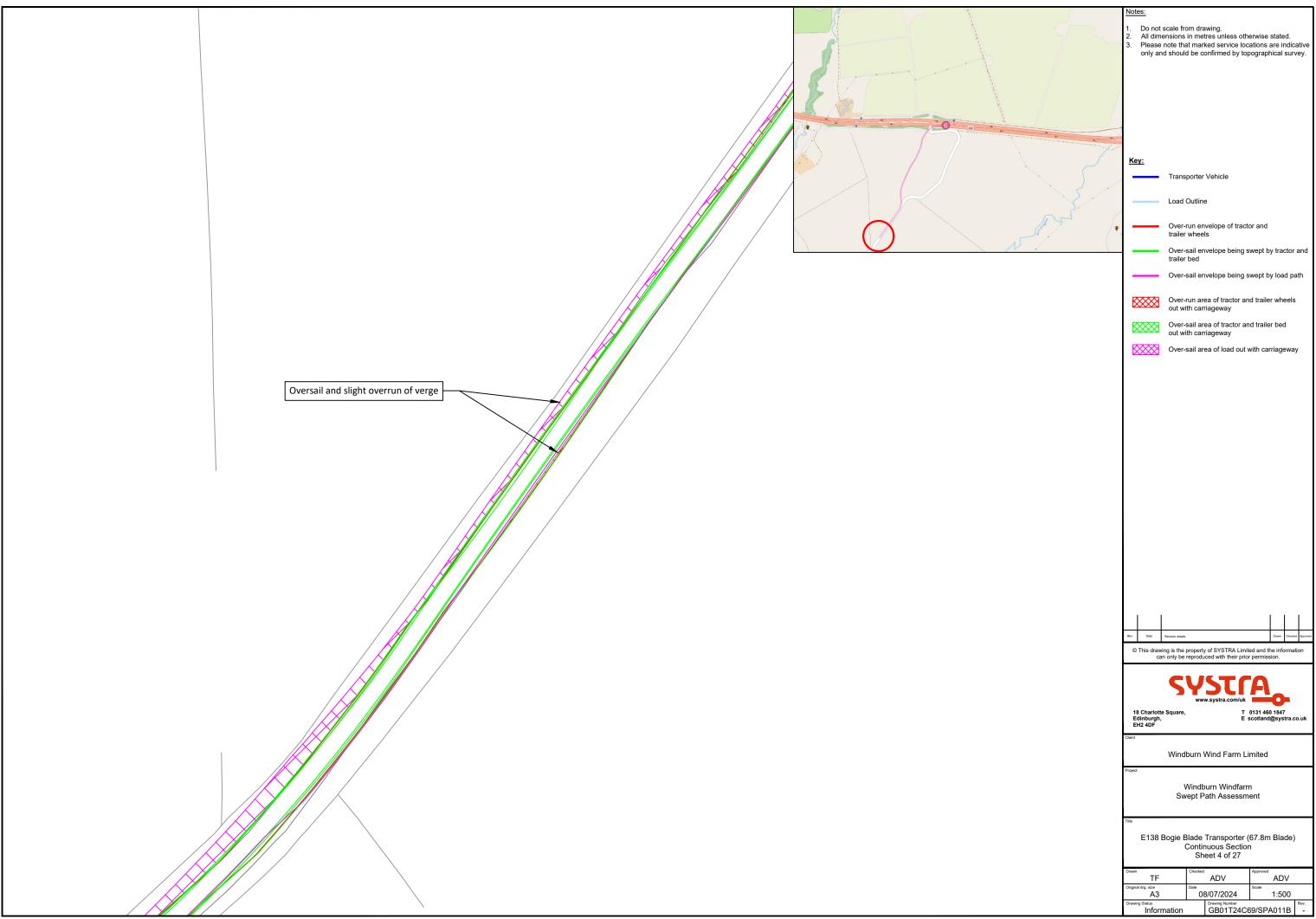




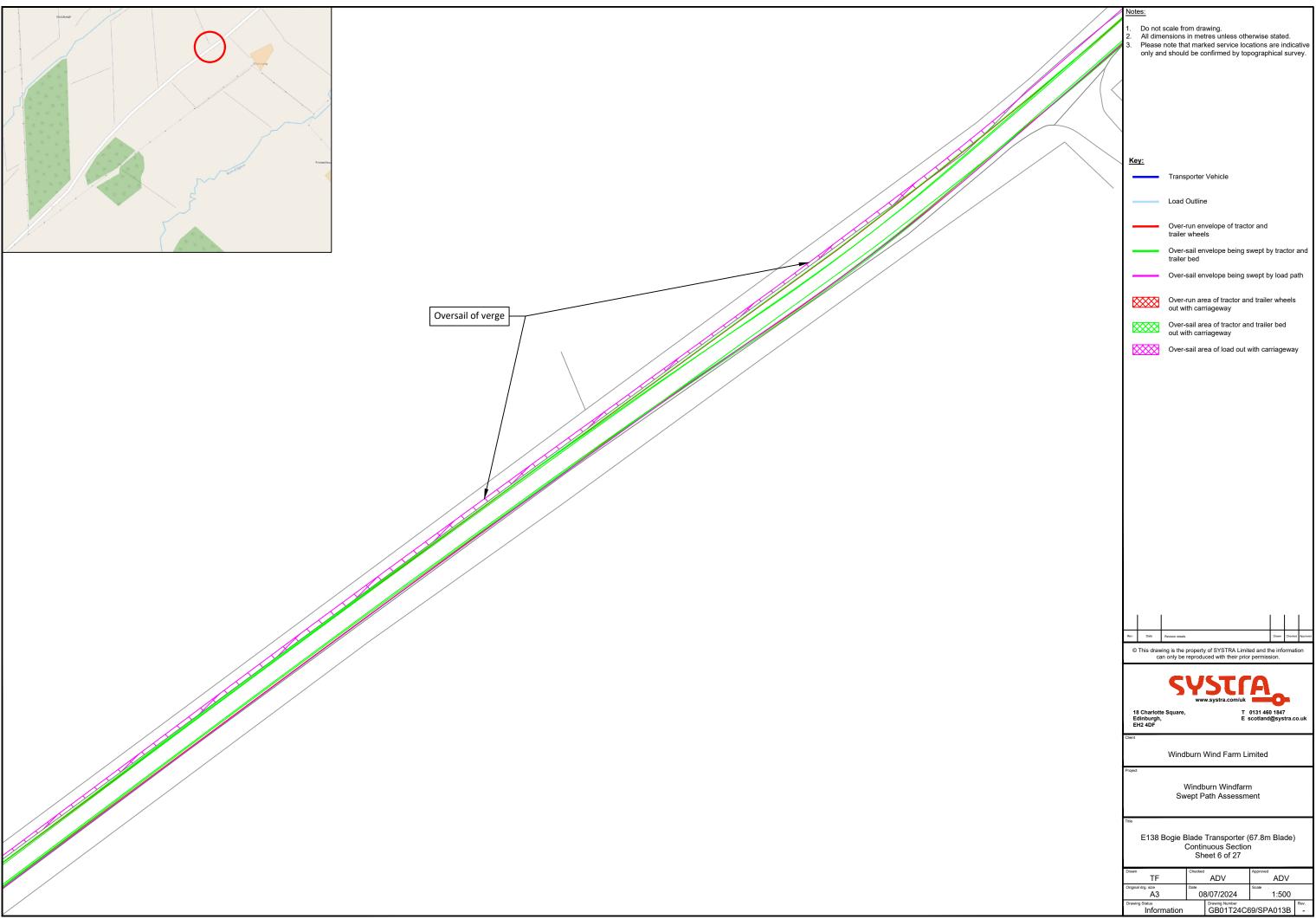
















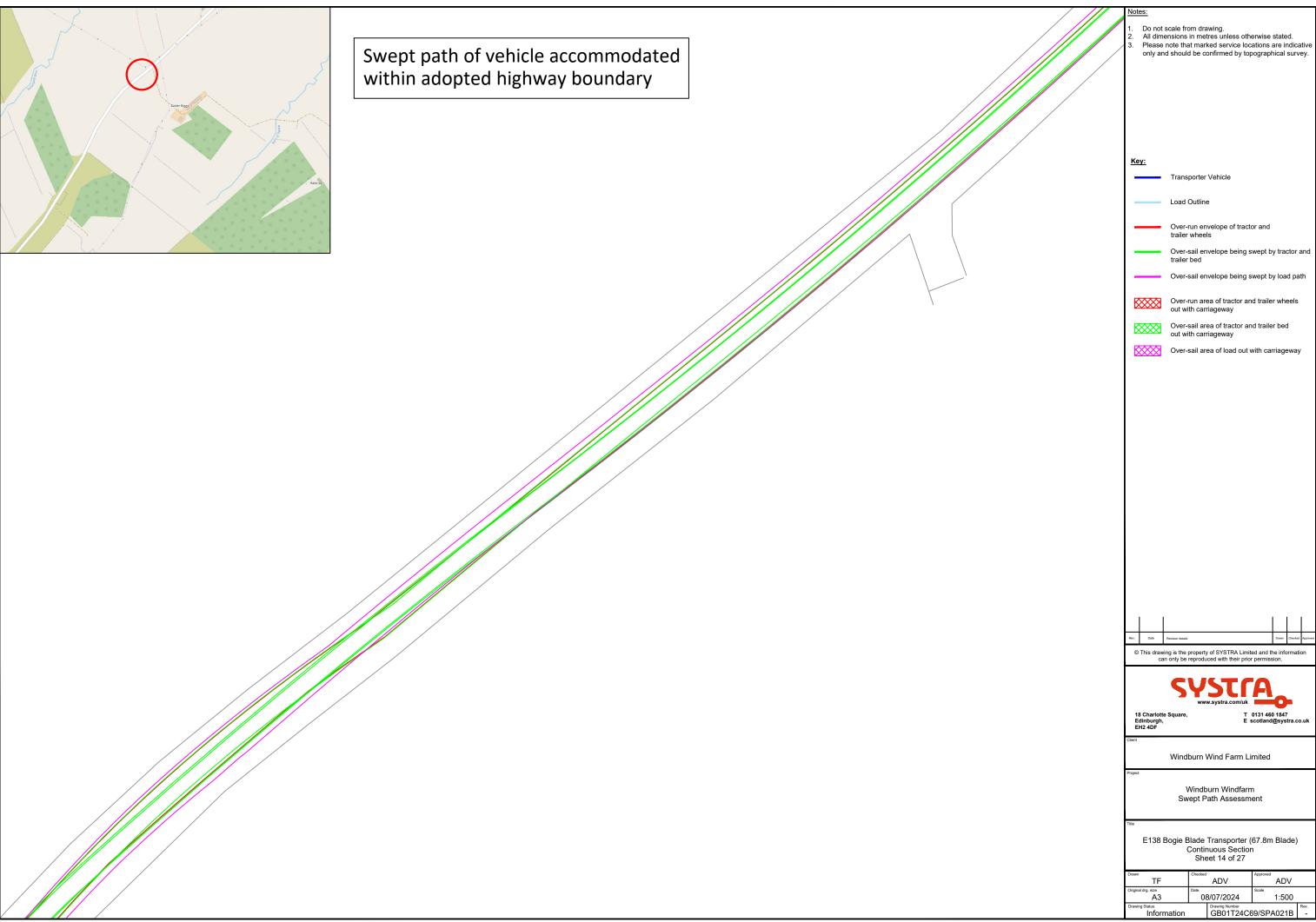






















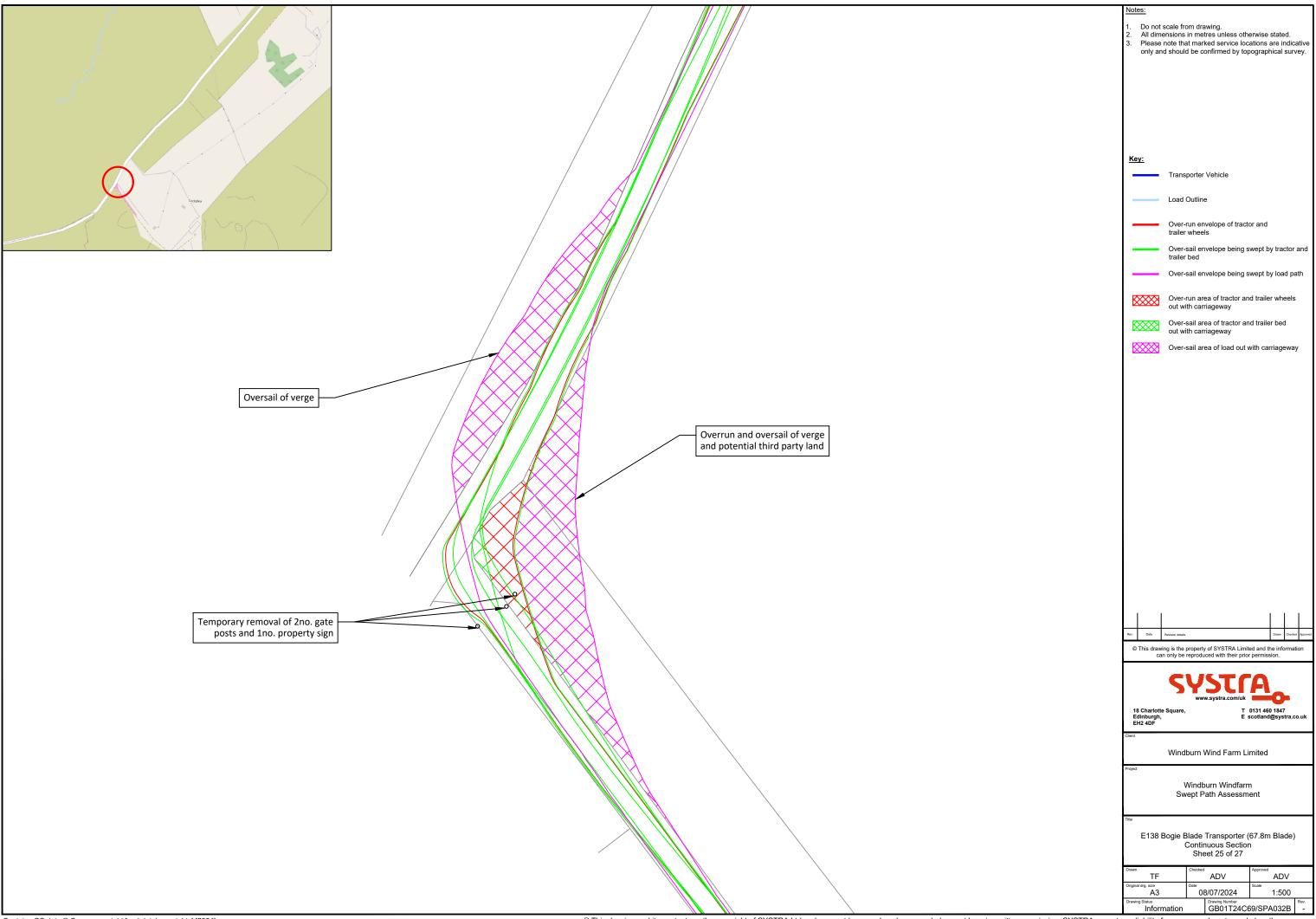




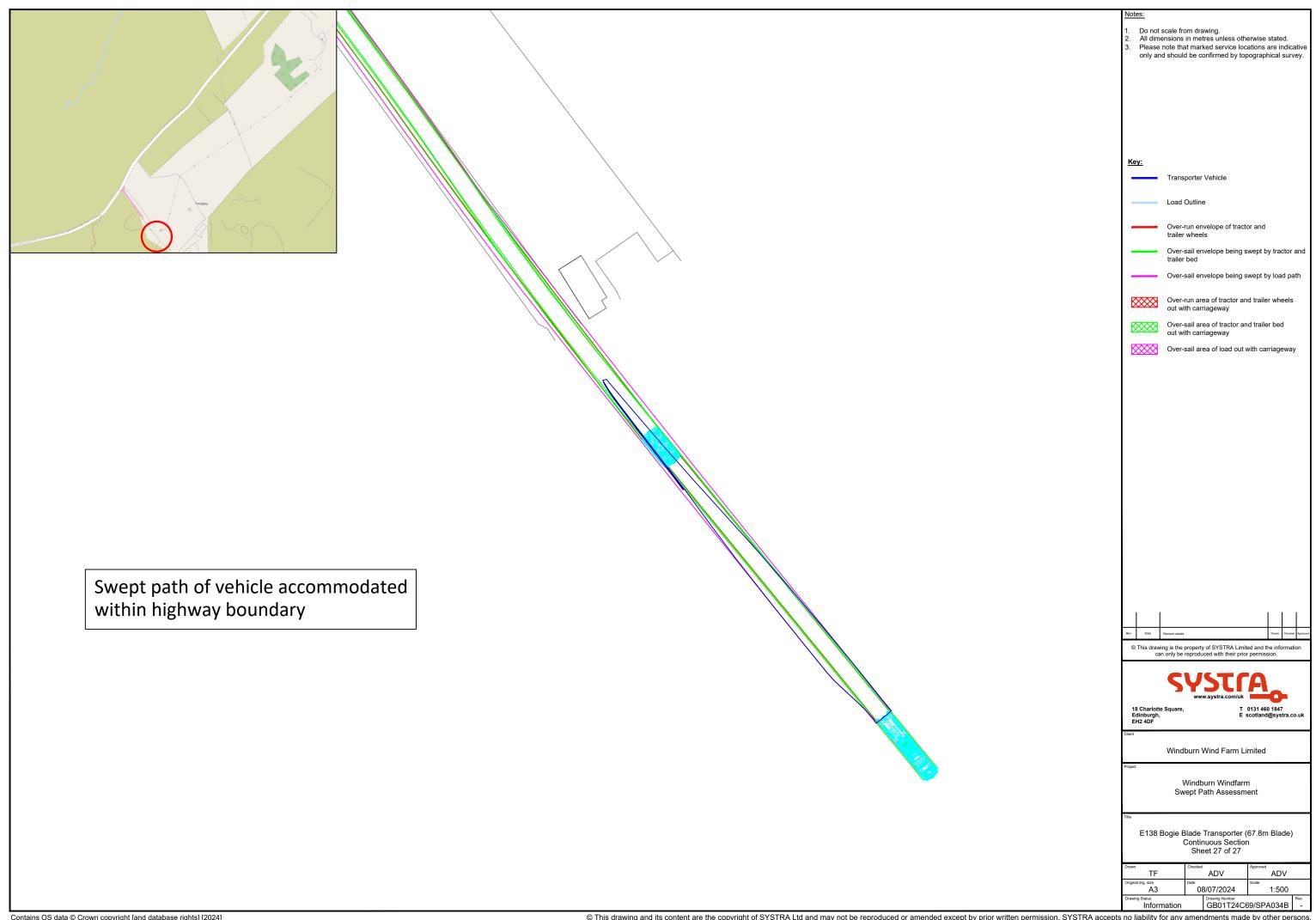












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