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Dear Andrew

**Addendum to ADAS Arboricultural Method Statement, Priory Farm Solar Array, July 2024
report (Reference: ADAS Report_1052545_Axis_Priory Farm Solar Array_AMS_July 2024.pdf)**

Background

This Addendum has been written in support of the Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) produced by ADAS. The AMS was produced as to discharge Condition 21 set out by North Hertfordshire Council as part of the planning approval (ref: 21/03380/FP).

Since the planning approval and subsequent discharge of Condition 21 with the production of the AMS, minor changes were made to the design layout. ADAS has been instructed to review these changes against those which were assessed as part of the AMS. This addendum confirms that the design amendments have been fully reviewed and provides further recommendations, where appropriate.

Tree Survey and Arboricultural Method Statement findings

The initial tree survey, to establish the tree constraints on the site, was carried out by ADAS Senior Arboricultural and Forestry Consultant Arno van Heygen and Assistant Arboricultural Consultant Kelly Hanson on the 25th, 27th and 28th of June 2024. The tree survey was carried out in accordance with the recommendations contained within BS5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations.

The findings of the July 2024 AMS were that of the 356 arboricultural features identified during the survey, three C grade features (G41, H96 and H207) are proposed for partial removals. The partial removals are required for the facilitation of the internal access track development and are all within tolerable limits of RPA loss. As bird nests are protected during nesting season, it is recommended that the partial removals of the features listed above are undertaken outside nesting season (outside of March-September) or following the confirmation of the absence of active bird nesting during this period, from a qualified ecologist.

Furthermore, six U grade features (T64, T73, T74, T82, T202 and T209) are recommended to undergo crown management through selective branch removals. These features pose a moderate risk to the development proposals as they are within target range of the 2.1m deer/ stock fencing and permissive path. Although the features listed above are either dead or in decline, they still provide valuable ecological

benefits, therefore it is recommended that these features undergo crown management through the removal of selective branches to reduce their risks to the deer / stock fencing and permissive path. The remaining U grade features (T140, T142, T154 and T156) pose no risk to the development proposals as they are not within target range of any infrastructure, therefore should not be seen as a material consideration relating to the development.

Updated Design Layout

In May 2025, ADAS produced an updated Tree Protection Plan (TPP) (**Appendix 1**) (ref: ADAS_1052545_Axis_Priory Farm Solar Array_Tree Protection Plan_Fifth Issue_June 2025.dwg) based on the new design layout provided by the client (ref: 3004-01-003 General Arrangement Rev R.dwg). The changes to the design layout associated with this addendum are based on amendments made to the drainage and turning heads.

Additional Impacts to Retained Trees

The updated design layout shows that an area of stock proof fencing will be installed in the western aspect of the main site for the purposes of woodland planting for landscape mitigation purposes. This stock fencing intersects with the RPAs of B grade features T38, T44, T45, T49, T136, T269, T271, T273 and T277 as well as C grade features T47, T52, G50, G51, T243, T244, T245, T246, T247 and T249. The impacts from the installation of tree protection fencing will be minimal and the AMS issued in July 2024 contains an appropriate methodology in **Sections 5.7 and 5.7.1**. This methodology will be followed for these newly established incursions.

Tree Protection

The alterations made to the design layout are shown in the updated TPP (**Appendix 1**) and will not require any changes to the level of tree protection to those listed in the July 2024 AMS, only that the measures will now also apply to B grade features T38, T44, T45, T49, T136, T269, T271, T273 and T277 and C grade features T47, T52, G50, G51, T243, T244, T245, T246, T247 and T249.

The precise location and construction of the tree protection measures will be agreed on site between the appointed arboricultural consultant and Axis and/or their contractors. Where necessary, the arboricultural consultant can mark out the RPAs on the ground to indicate where it is necessary to install the protective measures.

Conclusion

The review of the updated design layout (ref: 3004-01-003 General Arrangement Rev R.dwg) undertaken by ADAS in May 2025 has established that there are minor changes to the impacts posed to B grade features T269, T271, T273 and T277 and C grade features T243, T244, T245, T246, T247 and T249. These changes will not require any additional tree protection measures as the methodology detailed in **Section 5.7 and 5.7.1** contained within the original AMS report (ref: ADAS Report_1052545_Axis_Priory Farm Solar Array_AMS_July 2024.pdf) is suitable to successfully retain these trees.

This Addendum should be read in conjunction with the Arboricultural Method Statement issued in July 2024. Please let me know if you require any further information on this matter.

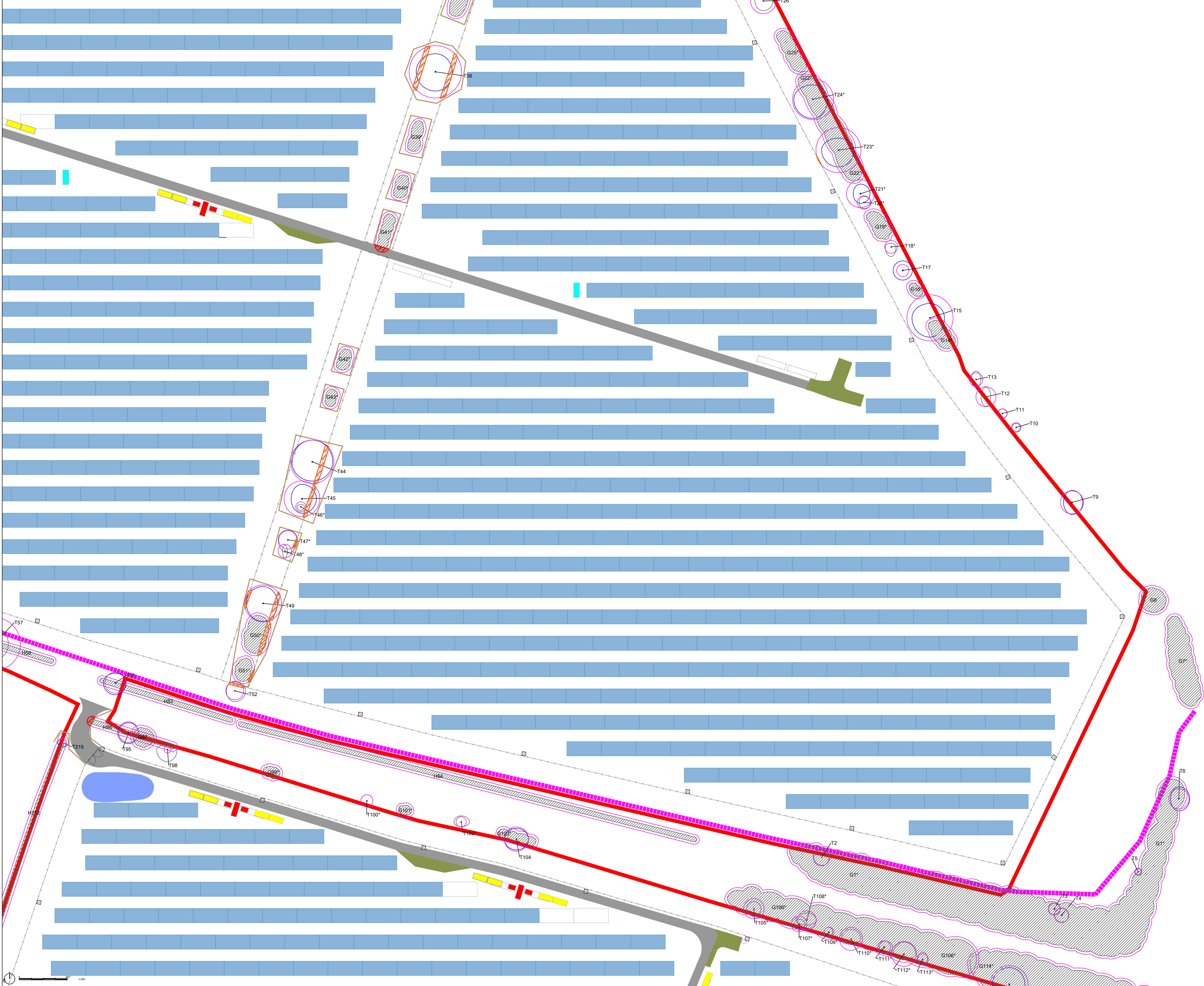
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Appendix 1 - Tree Protection Plan



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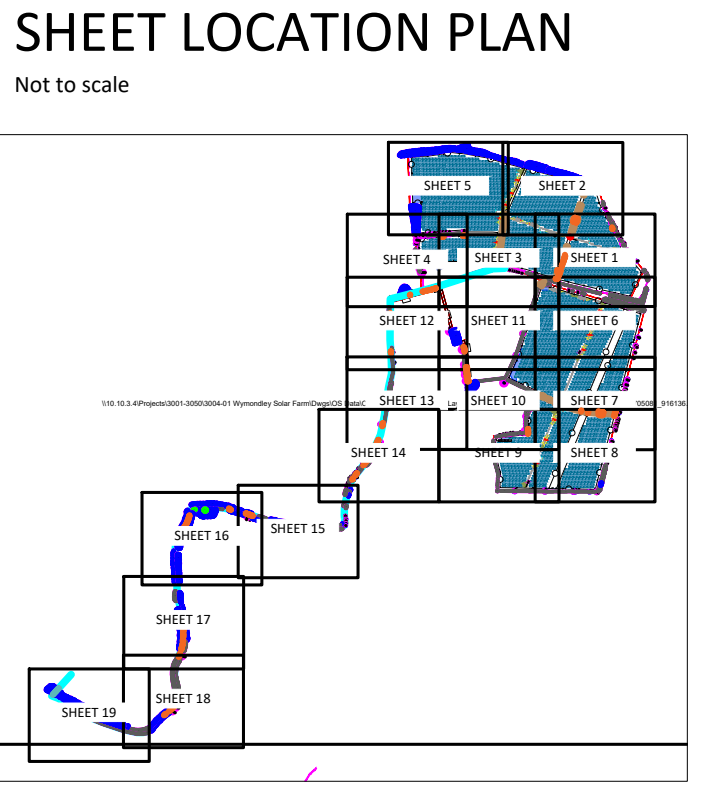
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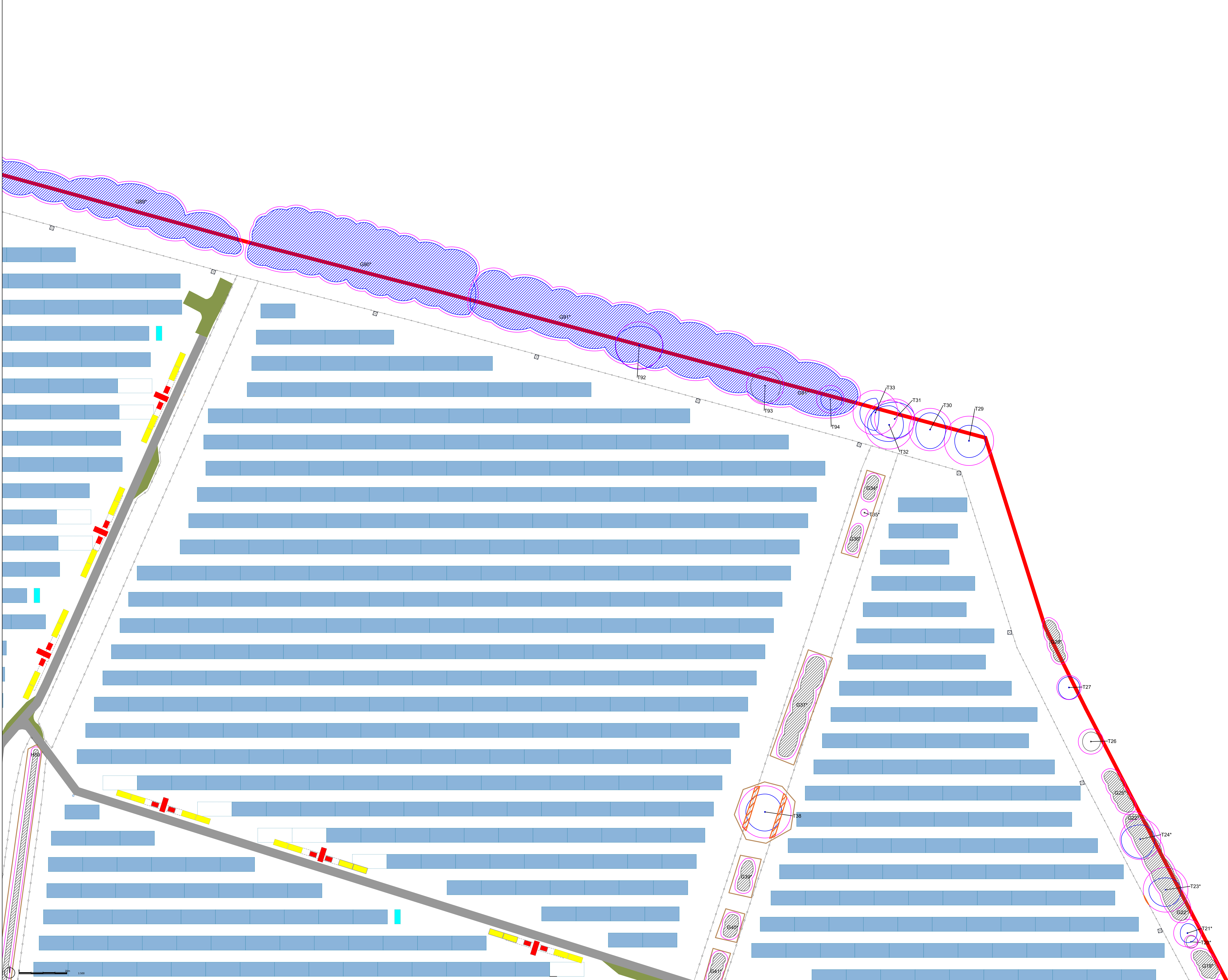


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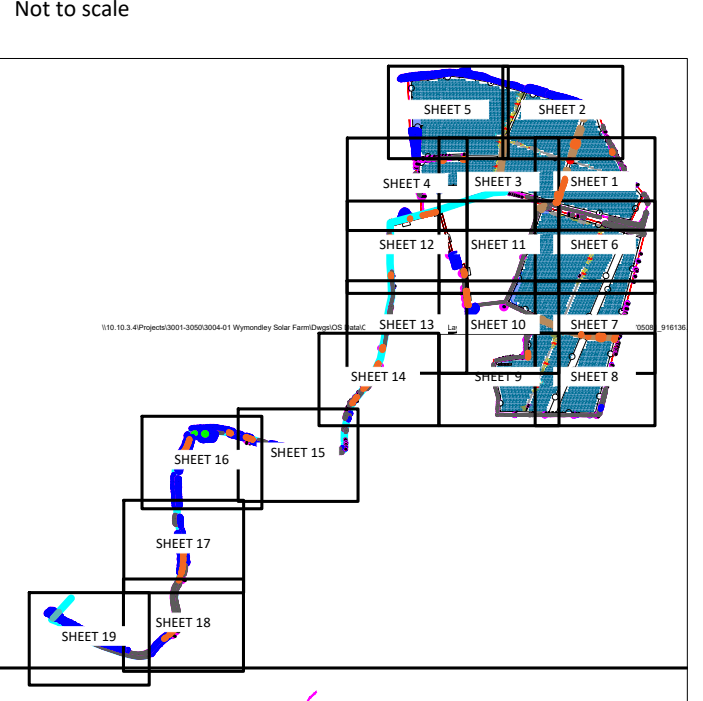
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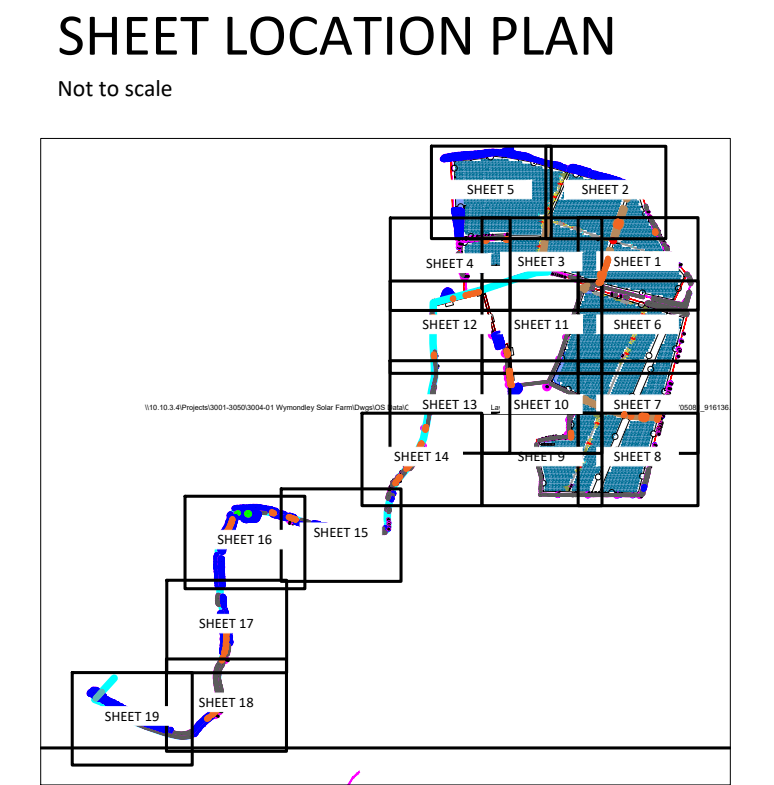
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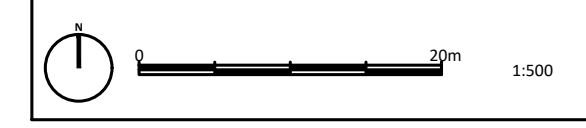
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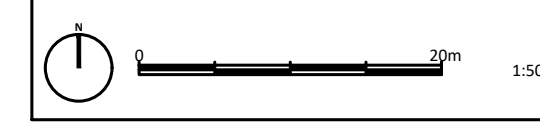
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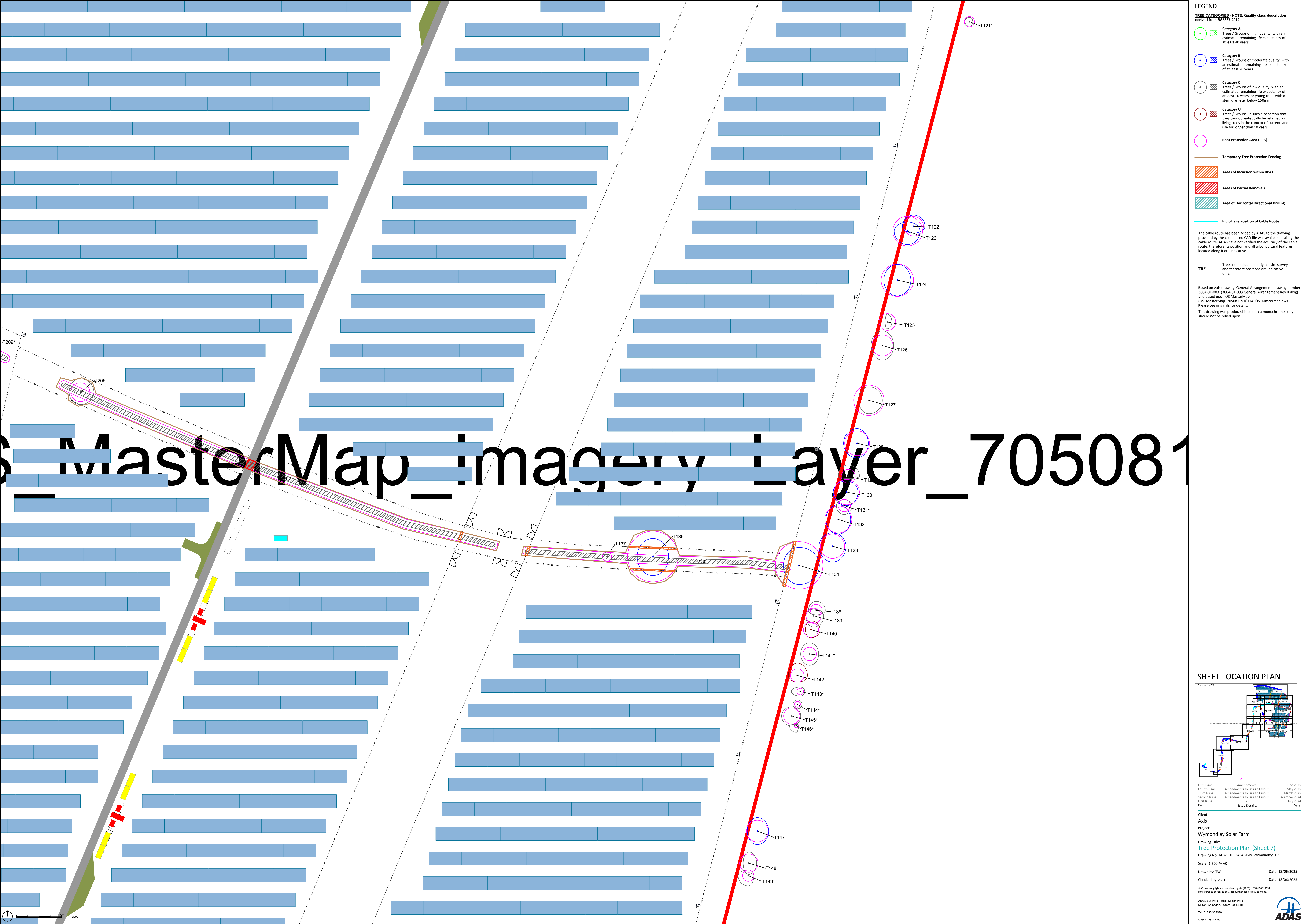
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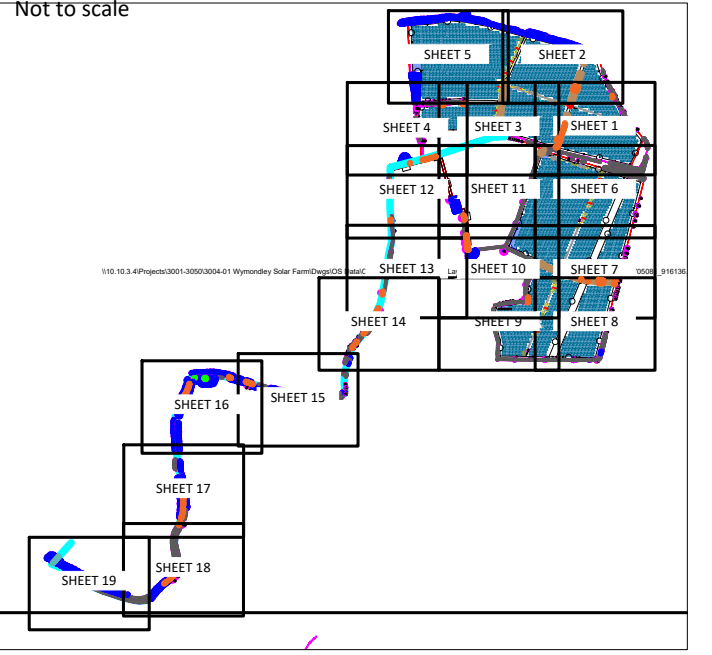
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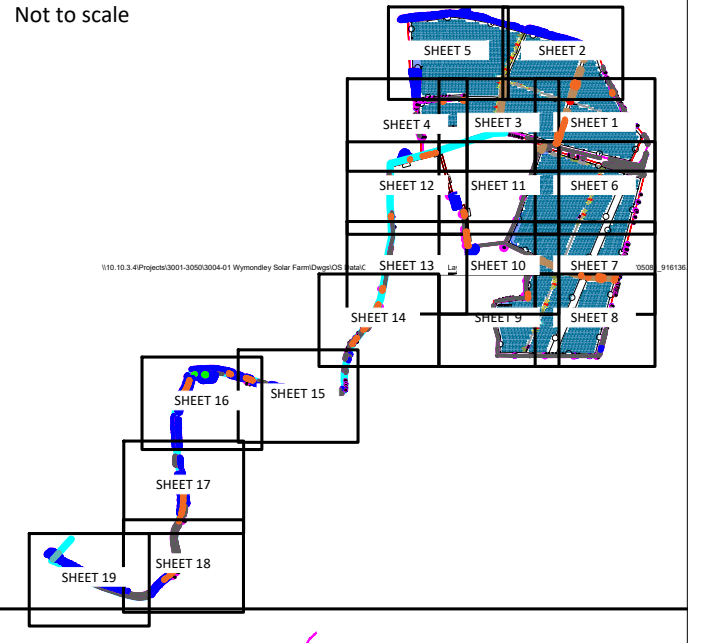
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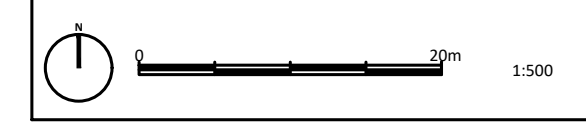
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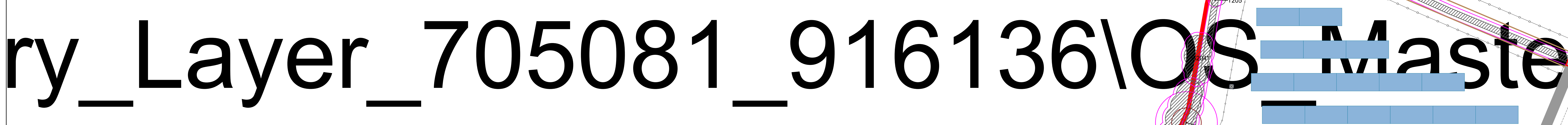
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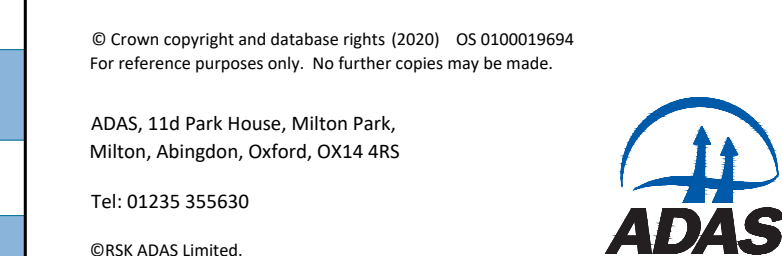


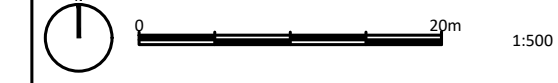


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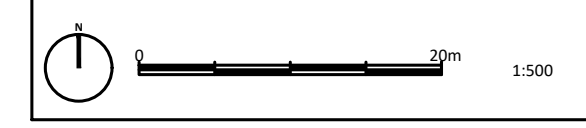


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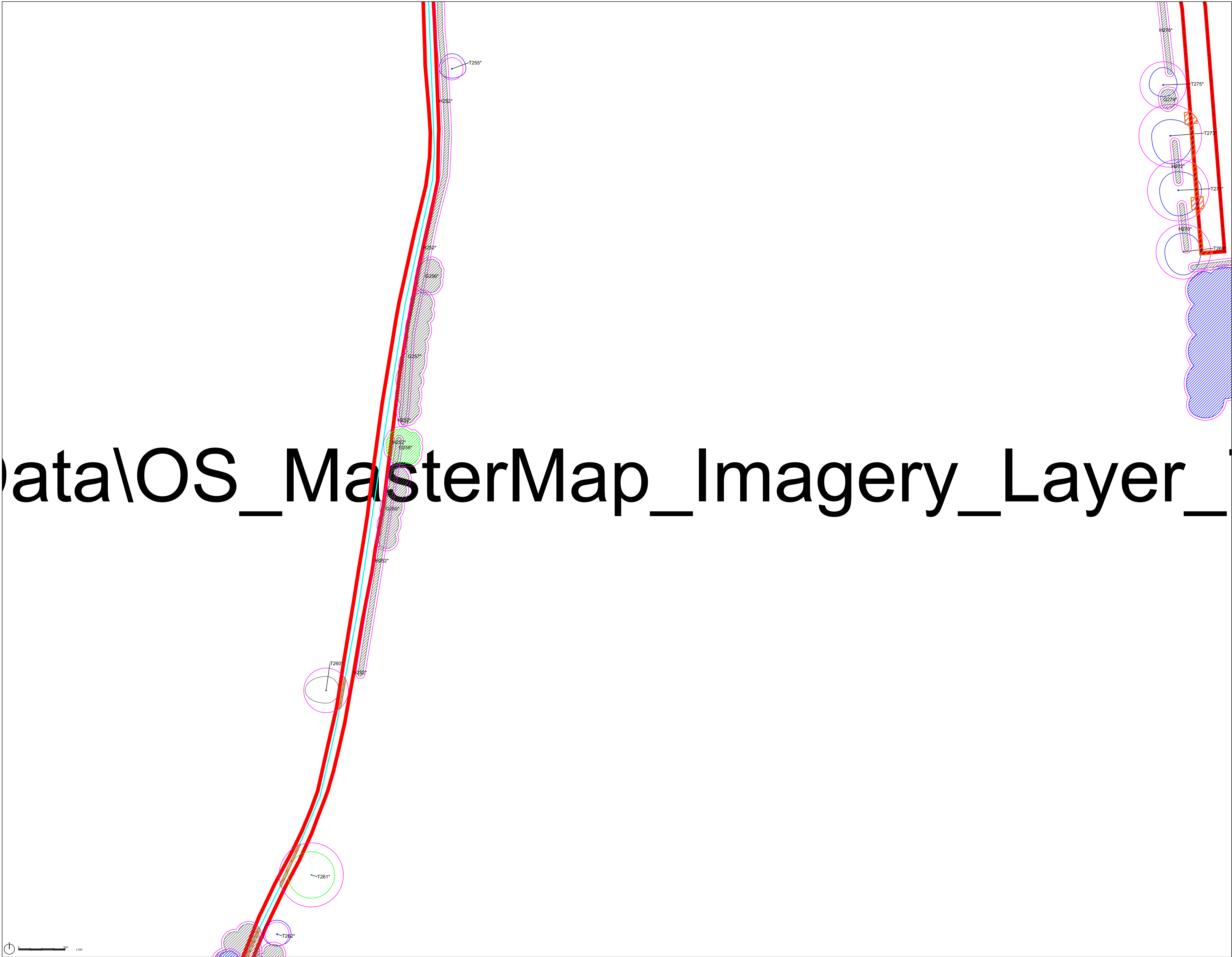
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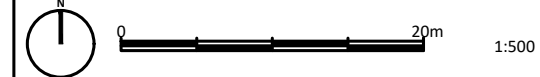
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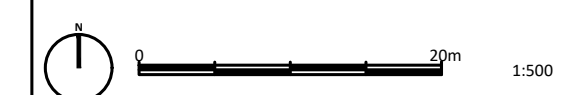
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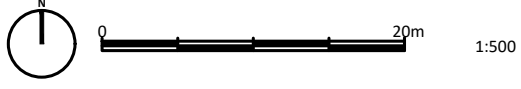
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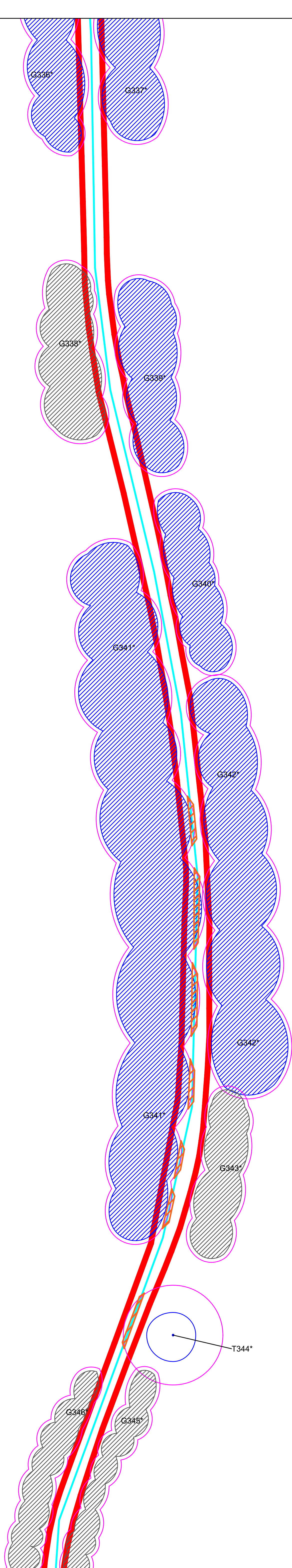
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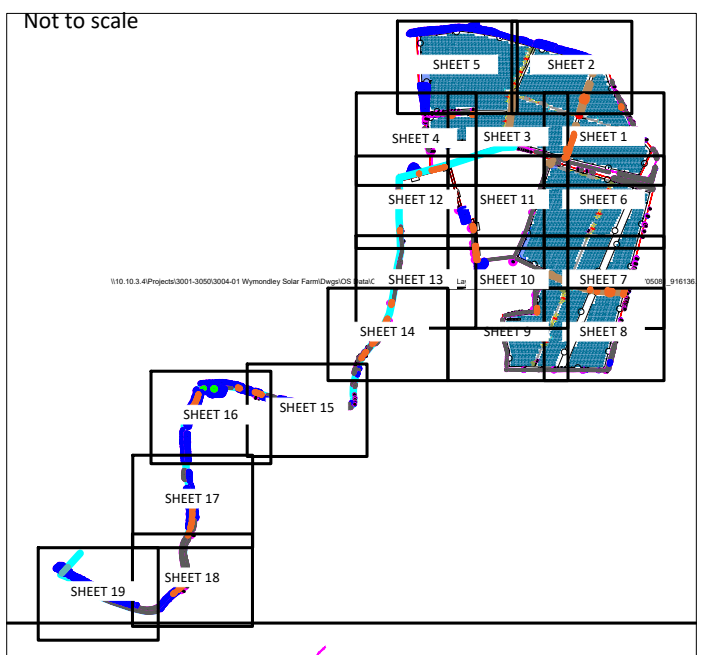
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Figure 1. A schematic diagram of the experimental setup. The subject is seated in a chair and views the screen through a mirror. The screen displays the target and the starting position of the hand. The hand is moved from the starting position to the target position. The distance between the starting position and the target is the reach distance. The distance between the starting position and the mirror is the viewing distance. The distance between the mirror and the target is the target distance. The distance between the starting position and the target is the reach distance. The distance between the starting position and the mirror is the viewing distance. The distance between the mirror and the target is the target distance.

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