

**Public Footbridge south of Village Way**

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**GU6 8AF**



**Design and Access Statement**

**To accompany a Full Planning Application for a replacement public footbridge**

Applicants: Cranleigh Parish Council

September 2025

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION:**

- 1.1 This report has been prepared on behalf of Cranleigh Parish Council, who own and manage the maintenance of the site including the public footbridge.
- 1.2 The Parish Council wish to replace the existing timber footbridge, which is heavily eroded and structurally unsound, with a new widened public footbridge. The existing structure is a trip hazard and requires urgent attention and prevent injury to the general public who use the bridge.
- 1.3 The Parish Council have obtained funding to undertake the improvement Works which will be a benefit to the general public and to the community of Cranleigh. A requirement of receiving funding for the new footbridge is for the replacement bridge to be a minimum of 3m wide. This is to enable safe access and egress across the bridge with individuals passing in both directions at the same time.

## **2.0 LOCATION AND SITE SETTING:**

- 2.1 The application site is situated to the south end of Village Way, south of Cranleigh Leisure Centre, crossing the small river to the Snoxhall Fields further to the south.
- 2.2 The bridge is located along a busy public footpath providing access into the town centre for the public, to the playing fields and community centre, and the wider residential area which surrounds. It also has direct access to the South Downs Link. The existing structure is in extremely poor structural condition and requires replacement to maintain this busy thoroughfare.
- 2.3 The bridge crosses a small river, with trees and shrubbery along the river banks on both sides.

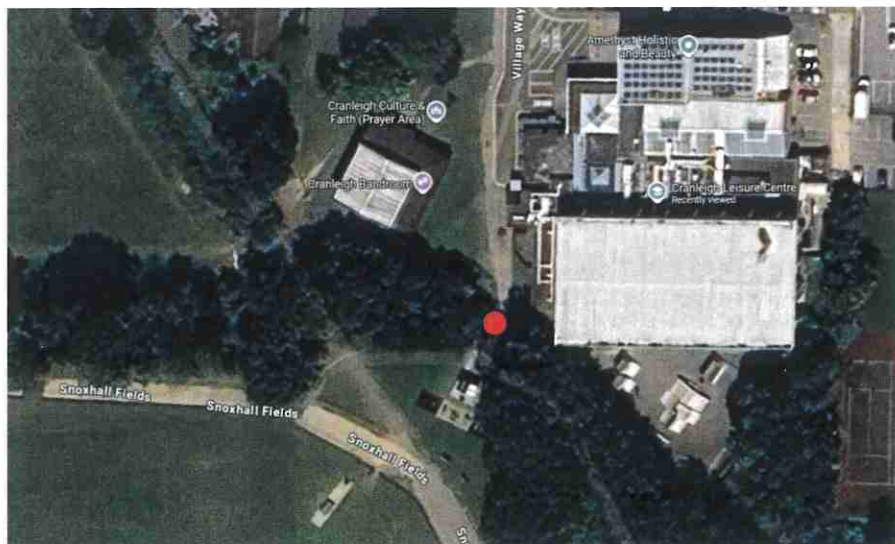


Fig 1: Google Maps Satellite Image showing the location of the footbridge, to the south of Village Way and Cranleigh Leisure Centre and north of Snoxhall Fields.

2.4 The site is not located within a Conservation Area.

### 3.0 PLANNING HISTORY:

3.1 There is no Planning History for this site.

### 4.0 EXISTING STRUCTURE

4.1 The existing structure is a timber framed bridge which spans north-west, with timber framed post and rail handrail and timber slatted board floor finished in felt grip adhesive. The structure finishes abutting a tarmac pathway on both the north and south sides.

4.2 The existing structure is in a very poor condition, with several structural timbers heavily eroded and no longer fixed. Resulting in a spongy feel when crossing the bridge, and several timber boards which dip down when walked on causing a trip hazard.

4.3 The tarmac to the north side of the bridge is falling away from the bridge where the structure below is unsound. This has resulted in a substantial gap between the flooring, causing further potential trip hazards.

4.4 The existing bridge is bounded to the east and west with shrubbery along the river bank, and a pipe duct to the east side and one directly below the bridge that run north to south crossing the river at a slightly lower height than the bridge.



Fig 2: Existing bridge looking south towards the Snoxhall Fields





Fig 3: Existing bridge looking south towards the Snoxhall Fields, showing the tarmac pavement cracking at abutment with the bridge



Fig 4: Existing bridge showing the tarmac pavement cracking at abutment with the bridge



Fig 5: Existing bridge looking north towards Cranleigh Leisure Centre.

## 5.0 PROPOSAL:

- 5.1 The proposal seeks Planning Permission for the construction of a replacement 3.2m wide footbridge to allow users to pass in both directions on foot and by bicycle.
- 5.2 The proposed footbridge is in the location of the existing footbridge, and extends further to the west to be a continuation of the existing tarmac footpath on the north side leading into town. The proposed location prevents any impact on the existing pipe run on the east side of the bridge.
- 5.3 The proposed bridge is to be constructed in steel with a timber effect board finished walkway, to ensure longevity of the project and prevent unnecessary repairs and maintenance required, which would impact the safety and use of the footbridge for the public.

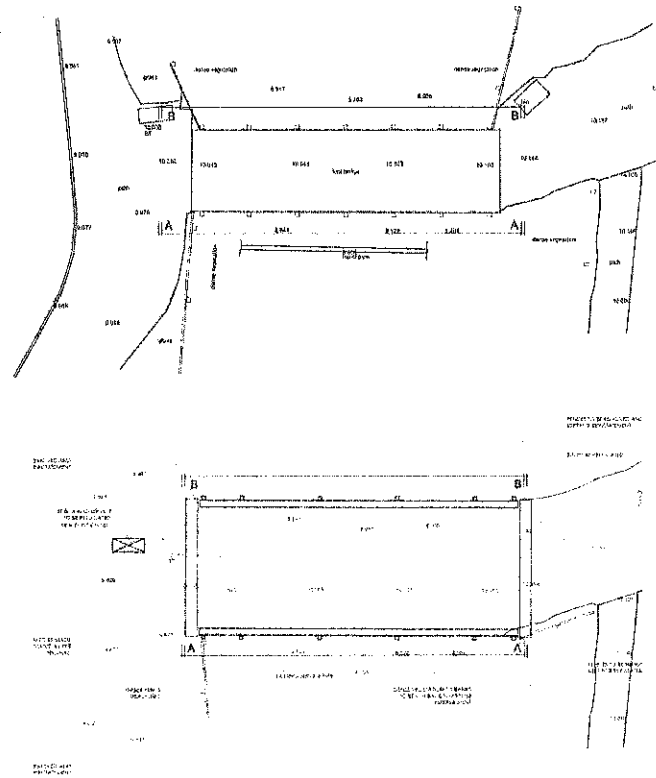


Fig 6: Existing and Proposed Plan

## 5.5 East and West Elevation

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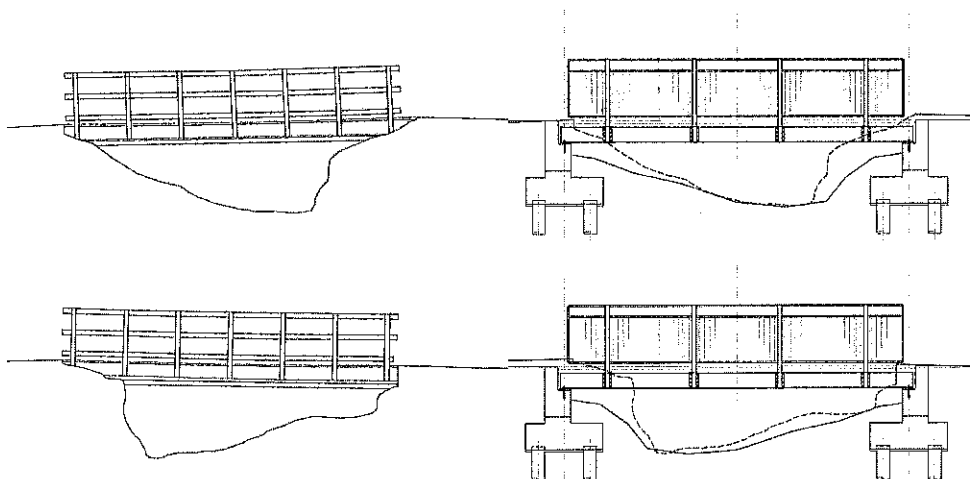


Fig 6: Existing and Proposed east and west Elevations

**6.0 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:**

6.1 Plans and information submitted in support of the application comprise the following:

- 25030/100: Existing Site Plan
- 25030/110: Existing Floor Plan
- 25030/120: Existing Elevations
- 25030/200: Proposed Site Plan
- 25030/210: Proposed Floor Plan
- 25030/220: Proposed Elevations

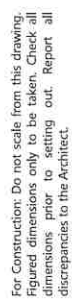
**7.0 CONCLUSION:**

7.1 The existing structure is in a very poor condition, with several structural timbers heavily eroded and no longer fixed, and tarmac falling away at the end of the path. The existing bridge is a trip hazard and unsafe.

7.2 The proposal seeks Planning Permission for the construction of a replacement 3m wide footbridge to allow users to pass in both directions on foot and by bicycle.

7.3 The proposed bridge is to be constructed in steel with a timber board finished walkway, to ensure longevity of the project and prevent unnecessary repairs and maintenance required, which would impact the safety and use of the footbridge.

7.4 The proposal enhances the public realm for the benefit of the wider community of Cranleigh and the safety of public users.



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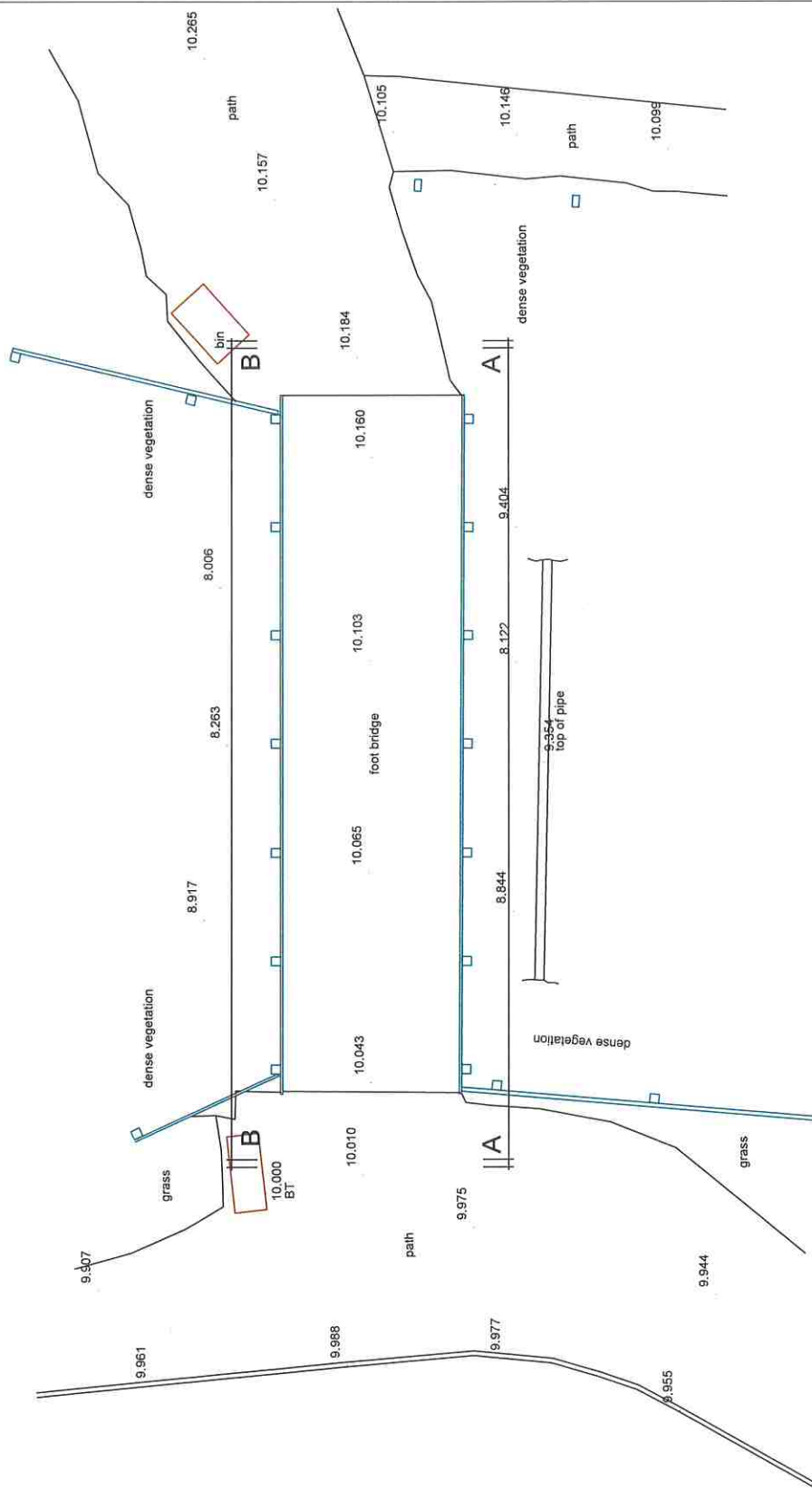
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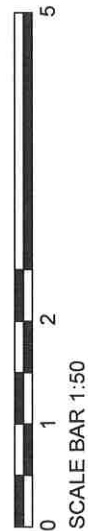
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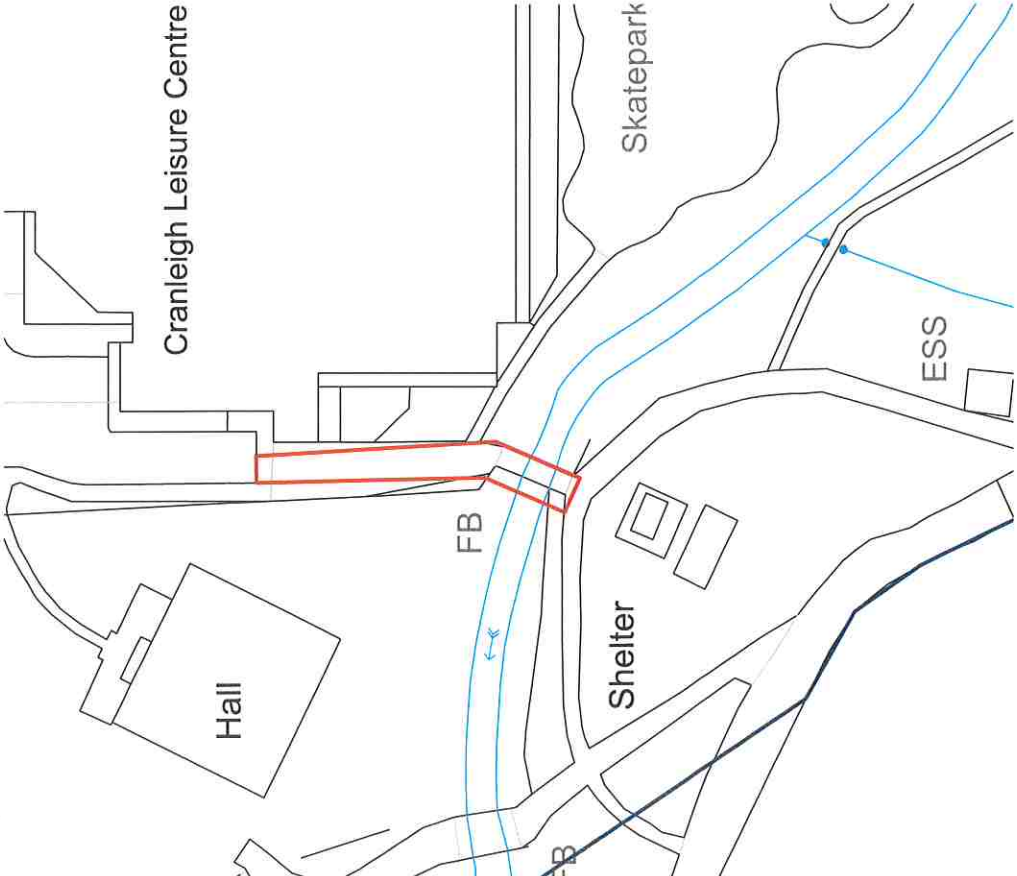
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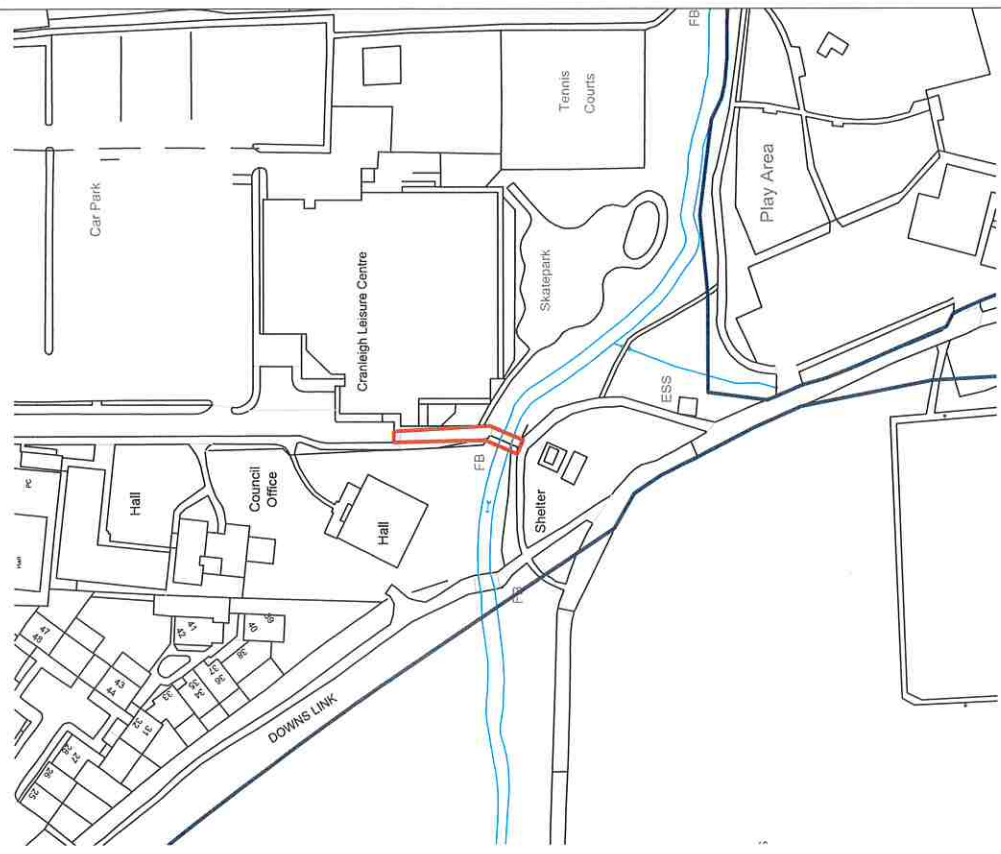






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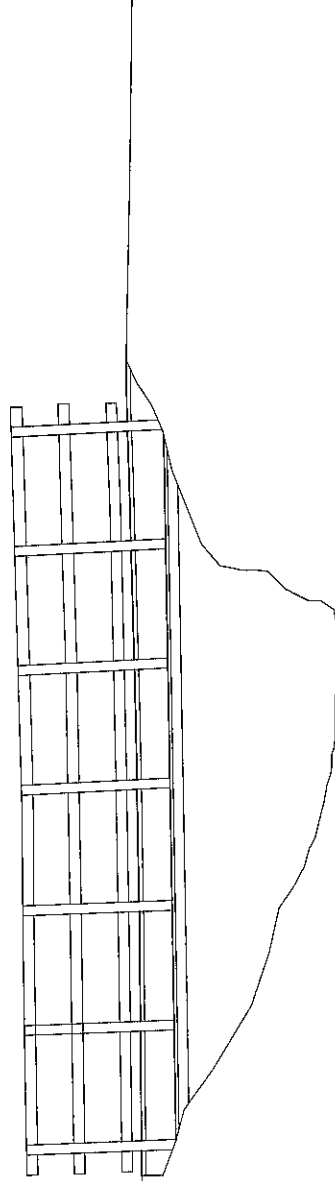
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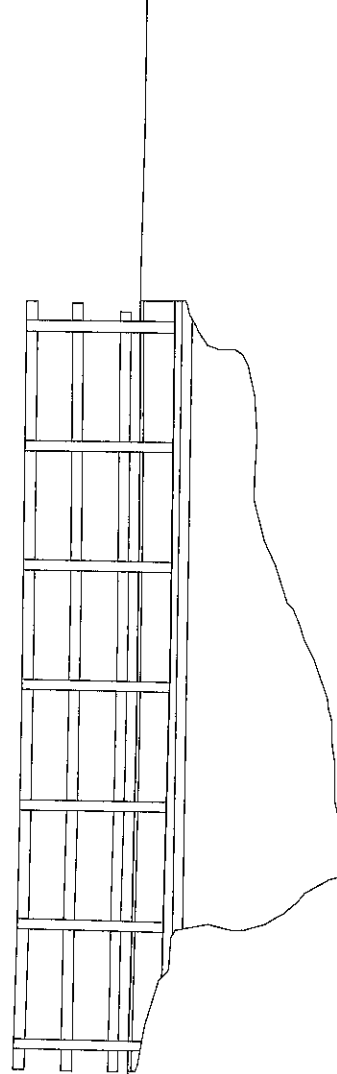
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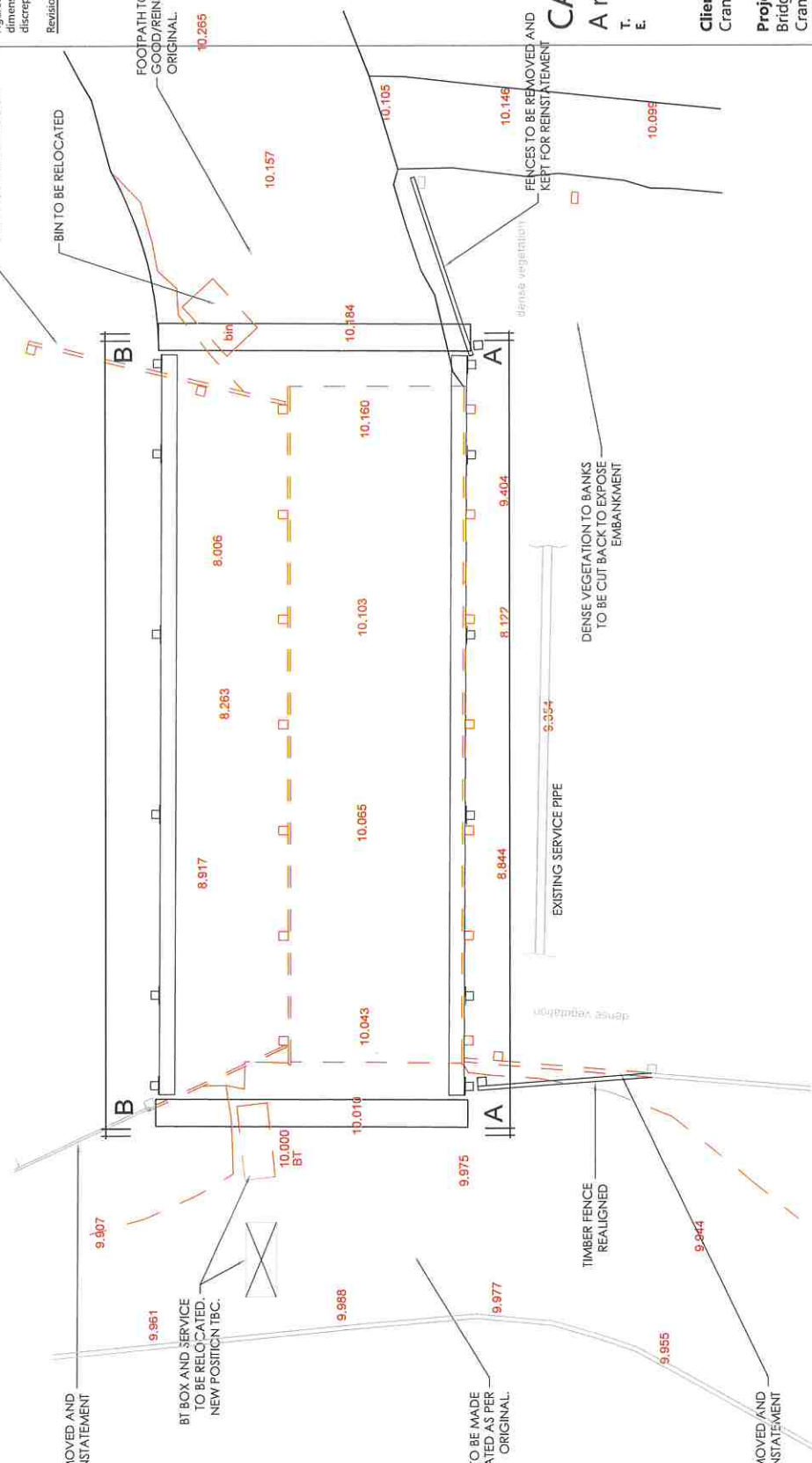
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