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**PLANS AND DOCUMENTS
 referred to in the PDA
 DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL**

Approval no: DEV2012/403

Date: 10 December 2020



Dear Louisa

**RE: FLAGSTONE CITY – STAGE 2D & STAGE 5I: CHANGE APPLICATION
 FURTHER ISSUES RESPONSE (TRAFFIC)**

A change application was lodged with Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) regarding proposed modifications to the Flagstone City Stage 2D and 5I approvals (DEV2012/403/10). A Further Issues Letter was issued by EDQ on the 5th November 2020 regarding the change application to which this letter seeks to address the traffic and transport related items raised.

A revised subdivision plan has been prepared by RPS and is provided at **Attachment A**.

Updated concept design plans to support the response are provided in **Attachment B**.

1.0 RESPONSE ITEMS

Bus Services

1.1. Item 1: Revised Roundabout Design

Provide a revised RPEQ certified design for the proposed roundabout in Stage 2Dii which demonstrates compliance with the following for single unit rigid buses of 12.5m (urban bus) and 14.5m in length (school bus):

- *Department of Transport and Main Roads Road Planning and Design Manual, 2nd Edition, Volume 3 – Guide to Road Design (March 2016);*
- *Department of Transport and Main Roads Supplement to Austroads Guide to Road Design (Parts 3, 4-4C and 6);*
- *Austroads Guide to Road Design (Parts 3, 4-4C and 6);*
- *Austroads Design Vehicles and Turning Path Templates; and*
- *Department of Transport and Main Roads Queensland Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Part 13 Local Area Traffic Management (March 2018).*
- *Chapter 2 - Planning and Design, Section 2.3.2 Bus Route Infrastructure (page 6) of the Department of Transport and Main Roads Public Transport Infrastructure Manual 2015.*

The revised concept design for the roundabout is provided in **Attachment B**.

Design criteria and parameters adopted for the concept design of the proposed roundabout are detailed in Table 1.1. Roundabout signage shall be provided as per the requirements of the *Department of Transport and Main Roads Queensland (TMR) Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)*, with signage to be illustrated on detailed design plans at a later stage.

Table 1.1: Concept Design Criteria & Parameters

Design Standard	Design Criteria	Value	Comment
<i>Austroads Design Vehicles and Turning Path Templates</i>	Design Vehicle (Residential Collector)	12.5m Bus	TransLink also requested that the roundabout design consider requirements of a 14.5m coach.
	Vehicle Clearance	0.5m	-
<i>Austroads Guide to Road Design (AGRD)</i> <i>TMR Supplement to Austroads Guide to Part Design Part 4B (AGRD4B)</i>	Central Island Radius	8m (incl. 2m mountable apron)	Absolute minimum value adopted noting the local road environment
	Circulating Width	6.7m	Circulating width adopted considering a 12.5m HRV expected to have similar requirements to a 12.5m bus
	Entry Radius	<55m	Exit radius significantly greater than entry radius as specified in AGRD Part 4B
	Splitter Island Area	Approx. 3.5m ²	See below

It is noted that the guidelines recommend approach splitter islands be 5-8m² for roundabouts on local street networks. However, in this case splitter islands are proposed for the purposes of containing required signage only with pedestrian refuges not proposed. As such, the small splitter islands are deemed acceptable. This is consistent with a local roundabout recently constructed in the Yarrabilba PDA (i.e. Combs Street / Huggins Avenue).

Swept path diagrams are provided at **Attachment C** demonstrating the following:

- A 14.5m coach can safely manoeuvre around the roundabout wholly contained within the proposed pavement area with use of the proposed mountable apron
- A 12.5m bus can circulate the roundabout within the pavement area without the need to use the mountable apron. However, buses are expected to use the apron for ease of manoeuvring.

A sight distance assessment is also provided at **Attachment D** demonstrating the proposed design achieves the mandatory sight distance *Criterion 1* and *Criterion 2* as required by AGRD4B. It is noted that Criterion 3 is not achieved, however is defined as non-mandatory in AGRD4B.

The information above and the concept design of the roundabout has been reviewed and certified by a *Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland* (RPEQ) as shown in **Attachment B** and countersigned herein.

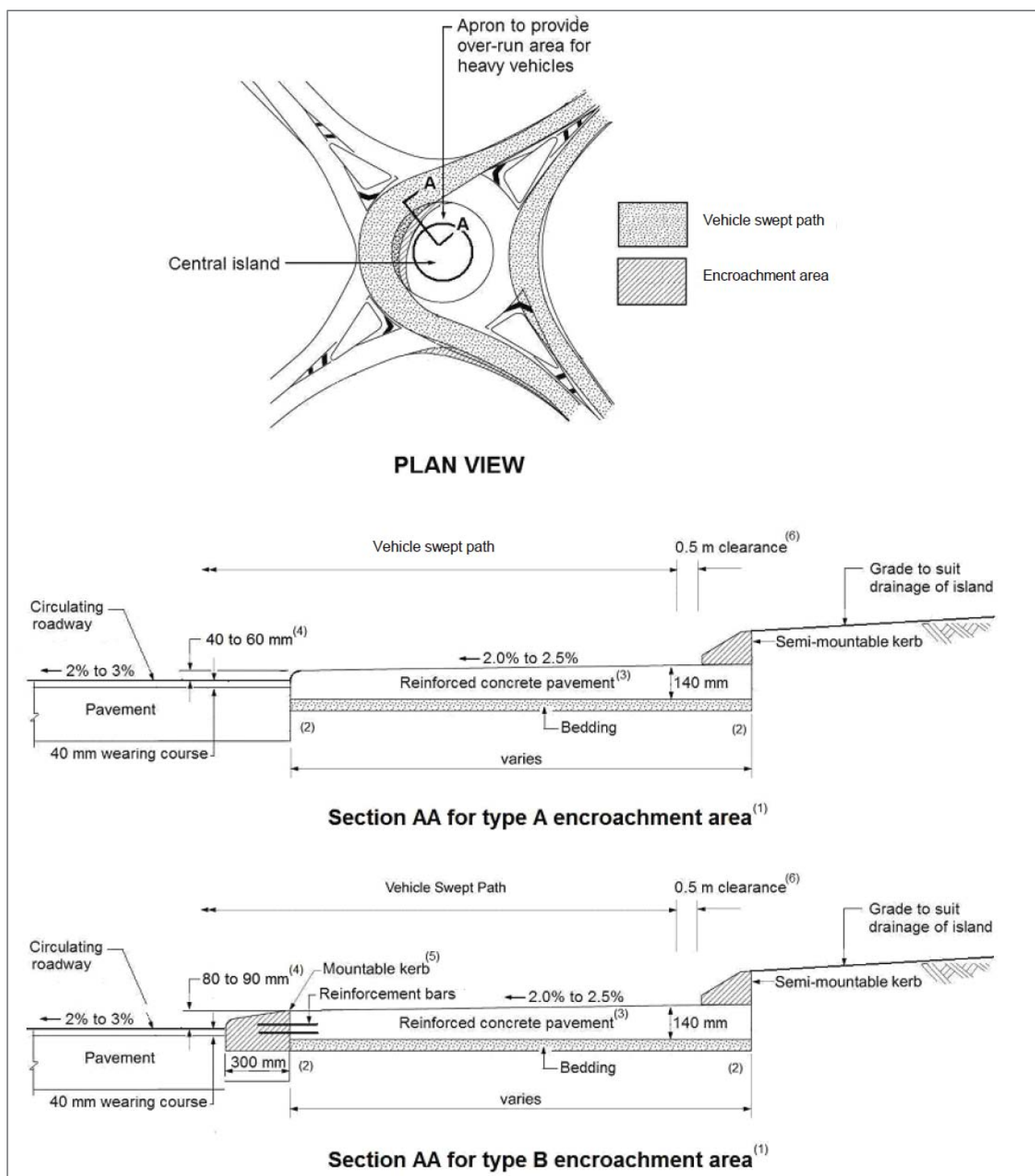
Based on the above, the revised concept design and supporting swept path analysis demonstrate the roundabout is suitable of safely catering for the design vehicles, and addresses EDQ's items.

1.2. Item 1: Clarification Items

The design of the following is to be clarified:

- *the mountable apron and whether there is a change in level (or a lip) between the pavement and mountable section.*
- *the approach islands and whether these are actually raised islands or line marking only.*

A low change in level is proposed between the pavement and mountable apron generally in accordance with AGRD4B Figure 4.11 and TMR's Supplement to this guide. An extract of AGRD4B Figure 4.11 is provided below for ease of reference.



SOURCE: Austroads Guide to Road Design, Part 4B: Roundabouts, Figure 4.11

Figure 1.1: AGRD4B Figure 4.11 Extract: Typical Encroachment Detail & Mountable Apron

This low change in level discourages private vehicles from mounting the apron when circulating thereby improving deflection and reducing travel speed. However, the small lip will not significantly impact buses/coaches circulating the roundabout as it is intended for their use and 12.5m long buses are not required to use the apron to manoeuvre safely around the roundabout.

The proposed mountable apron and lip is similar to the example from the Yarrabilba PDA as shown in Figure 1.2.



Source: Google Street View

Figure 1.2: Darlington Drive / Combs Street / Leland Street Roundabout, Yarrabilba

It is noted that the TransLink *Public Transport Infrastructure Manual* (PTIM) states that traffic calming device are not supported on bus routes in new residential areas. However, while some forms of roundabouts may be used as traffic calming devices, the primary function of the proposed roundabout is access and network permeability.

As discussed above, a 12.5m bus, typically used by TransLink for local services, can circulate the roundabout without the use of the mountable apron remaining entirely within the road pavement. As such, there is not expected to be any adverse impacts to passenger / driver discomfort, service times or any notable noise pollution, nor is there any risk to students / pedestrians considering the design vehicles remain entirely within the road pavement.

1.3. Item 2: Corner Truncation

EDQ does not support the proposed 6 x 3 chord truncation at the corner of Flagstonian Drive and Road 1. This "minimum approach" to corner truncations is usually limited to lower order residential streets. Intersections with higher order roads are required to be provided with larger truncations.

The truncation approved with the earlier Development Approval is considered to be the minimum acceptable outcome as it considers vehicle, pedestrian, cycling movements, particularly in the school am and pm peak periods and does not compromise site distance at this major intersection.

Submit revised plans to reflect the current approved corner truncation.

The entry statement proposed has been modified to be incorporated within the Stage 2Di property boundary and as such, revised plans have been updated reverting back to the approved corner truncation (see **Attachment A**).

Turning Movement into Childcare Lot (Stage 2Di)

1.4. Item 3: Road 1 Central Median

To prevent right hand turn movements into and out of the childcare lot (Stage 2Di) from Road 1 the submitted traffic engineering memo suggests the utilisation of a double centre line, signage, and a left in/left out configured crossover. These prevention measures are considered insufficient to discourage right hand turning movements into and out of the childcare centre lot given the sizable residential catchment across the various Stage 2 residential zones to the north/ north east of the site.

Submit an amended traffic engineering memo that provides for a median along the full length of Road 1 from the Flagstonian Drive intersection up to the proposed roundabout.

As shown in **Attachment B**, a narrow median is proposed along the length of Road 1 from Flagstonian Drive to the proposed roundabout. This narrow median width is proposed noting the constraints of the approved 'Neighbourhood Connector' road reserve and accords with Logan City Council provisions. Furthermore, a wider median facilitating pedestrian storage may encourage pedestrians to cross midblock at this location which is not desirable.

As such, this item is expected to be suitably address in the revised concept plan.

1.5. Item 4: Dedicated Turn Pocket

The submitted traffic engineering memo identifies that the parking lane on Road 1 can be reduced and this road space used as an informal left turn lane into the childcare centre lot (Stage 2Di), thus providing space for vehicles travelling through on Road 1 to pass turning vehicles.

EDQ is not satisfied that the submitted traffic engineering memo has considered in the analysis school peak traffic volumes, including bus movements, or pedestrian movement along the Road 1 footpath, which will have the effect of forcing vehicles to give way and queue on Road 1. Therefore, there is a risk of vehicles queuing on Road 1 back into the intersection with Flagstonian Drive.

Submit an amended traffic engineering memo that provides for a dedicated left turn slot from Road 1 into the childcare centre lot (Stage 2Di).

The concept plans has been amended to include a short auxiliary left-turn (AUL(s)) lane for vehicles entering the childcare centre access from Road 1.

The key AUL(s) design elements proposed are as follows:

- **Storage Length:** 10m
- **Taper Length:** 30m
- **Lane Width:** 3m

The above exceeds minimum requirements for an AUL(s) adopting a design speed of 60km/h. This design is considered highly conservative noting the following:

- As per the original Change Application Technical Memo, a turn warrants assessment indicated that only a Basic Left Turn (BAL) treatment is required
- Noting the posted speed limit of 50km/h (40km/h during school peaks) and the proximity of the Flagstonian Drive intersection, eastbound vehicle speeds are expected to be significantly lower than 60km/h.

The extended taper in proposed design minimises lateral shift for through traffic, with lateral movement required less than 1.5m/s as per the requirements of the AGRD4A.

As such, the proposed AUL(s) concept design is considered to suitably address this item.

1.6. Item 5: Temporary Access to Display Village

The submitted traffic engineering memo relies on the construction of the Road 1 roundabout to facilitate turning movements for vehicles exiting the Display Village. However, the proposed sub staging defers the construction of the roundabout until after the establishment of the Display Village. Therefore it is considered that the only way to facilitate all turning movements for vehicles exiting the Display Village before the construction of the roundabout on Road 1 will be to extend Flagstonian Drive beyond the Road 1 intersection (an appropriate distance) and construct a temporary vehicle turn around within the future Flagstonian Drive road reserve.

Submit an updated traffic engineering memo to reflect this outcome.

An interim extension of Flagstonian Drive is proposed north of Road 1 to facilitate turnarounds in the short-term. This extension will include a temporary turnaround head (cul-de-sac) allowing display village egress traffic to turn around in the event that the display village is established prior to the construction of the proposed roundabout. Car parking may also be accommodated on the western side of the Flagstonian Drive temporary extension subject to ongoing considerations.

This temporary extension will remain in place until Flagstonian Drive is extended north to service lots being delivered in Stage 5. As such, for the period in which the proposed left-in / left-out display village access is in operation, vehicle turnarounds will be possible either by the temporary Flagstonian Drive extension or proposed roundabout.

The concept plan in Attachment B shows an indicative temporary turnaround within the Flagstonian Drive road reserve capable of accommodating a 14.5m bus turnaround (as shown in Attachment C swept paths). This extension concept is indicative only and will be subject to more detailed design in the near future considering other relevant factors.

1.7. Item 6: Advice Note

It is acknowledged that the proposed driveway into Stage 5N (Lot 50021) is temporary. While concerns have been raised about the potential conflict of the driveway with indented bus bay, given this is not a permanent driveway into Stage 5N EDQ is likely to include a condition similar to the one shown below. This condition ensures that the temporary driveway is removed and the indented bus bay is reinstated prior to any bus operations commencing in this stage

EDQ's advice on this matter is noted and acknowledged. It is expected that the specific dates / timing of any such condition will be discussed at this time to ensure this aligns with the delivery of the Display Village and Sales office provisions.

2.0 CONCLUDING STATEMENT

I trust that the above information is sufficient to demonstrate that there are no significant traffic and transport impacts associated with the proposed works to preclude approval and relevant conditioning on transport planning grounds.

The information and plans included herein is expected to suitably address the issues raised by EDQ and accommodate the proposed change application provisions.

As mentioned, the concept design prepared has been reviewed and certified by an RPEQ and has also countersigned this response letter overleaf.

Yours faithfully



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Attachments

A: Revised Subdivision Plan

B: Concept Design Plans

C: Swept Path Diagrams

Attachment A

Revised Subdivision Plan

Attachment B

Concept Design Plans



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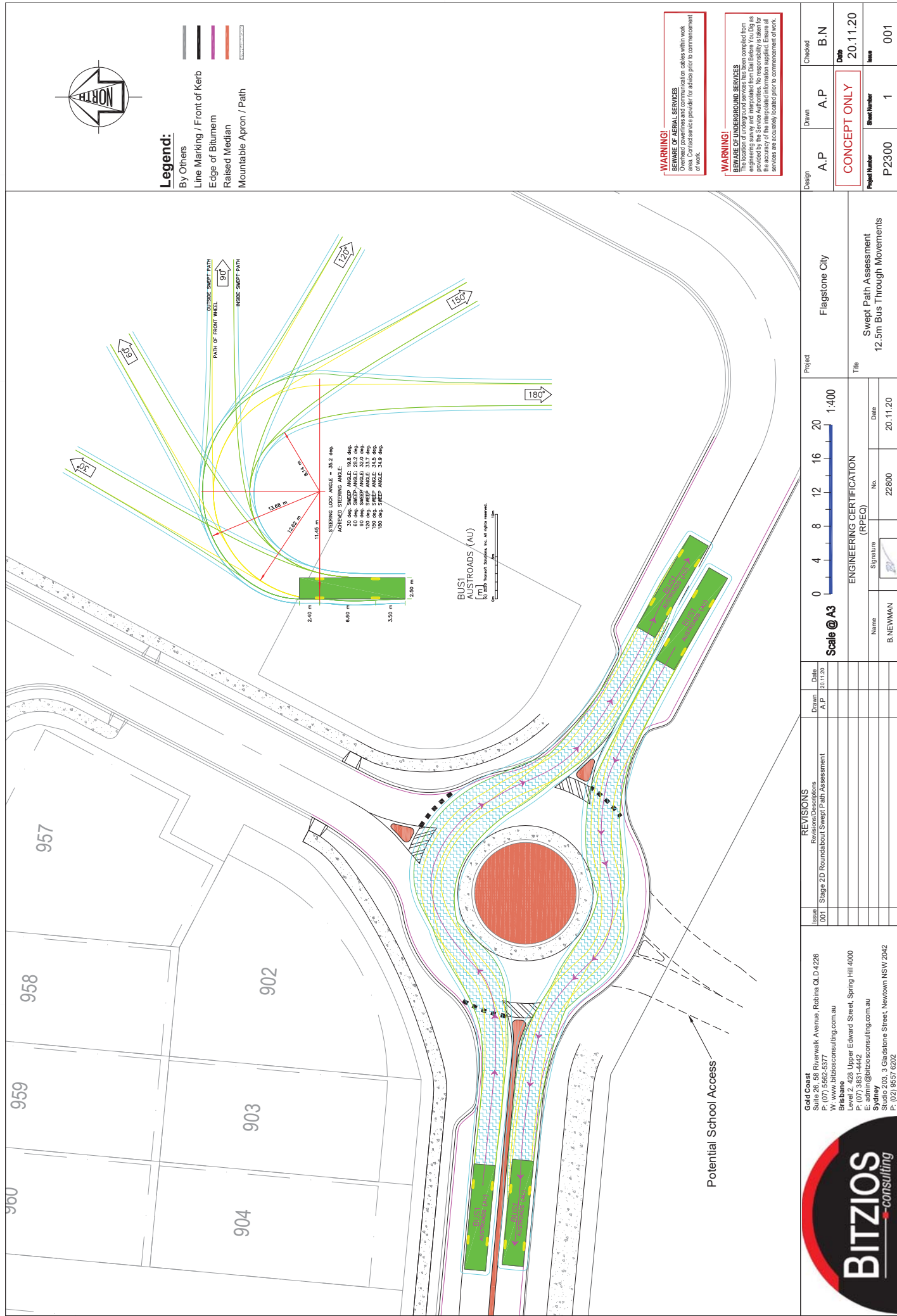
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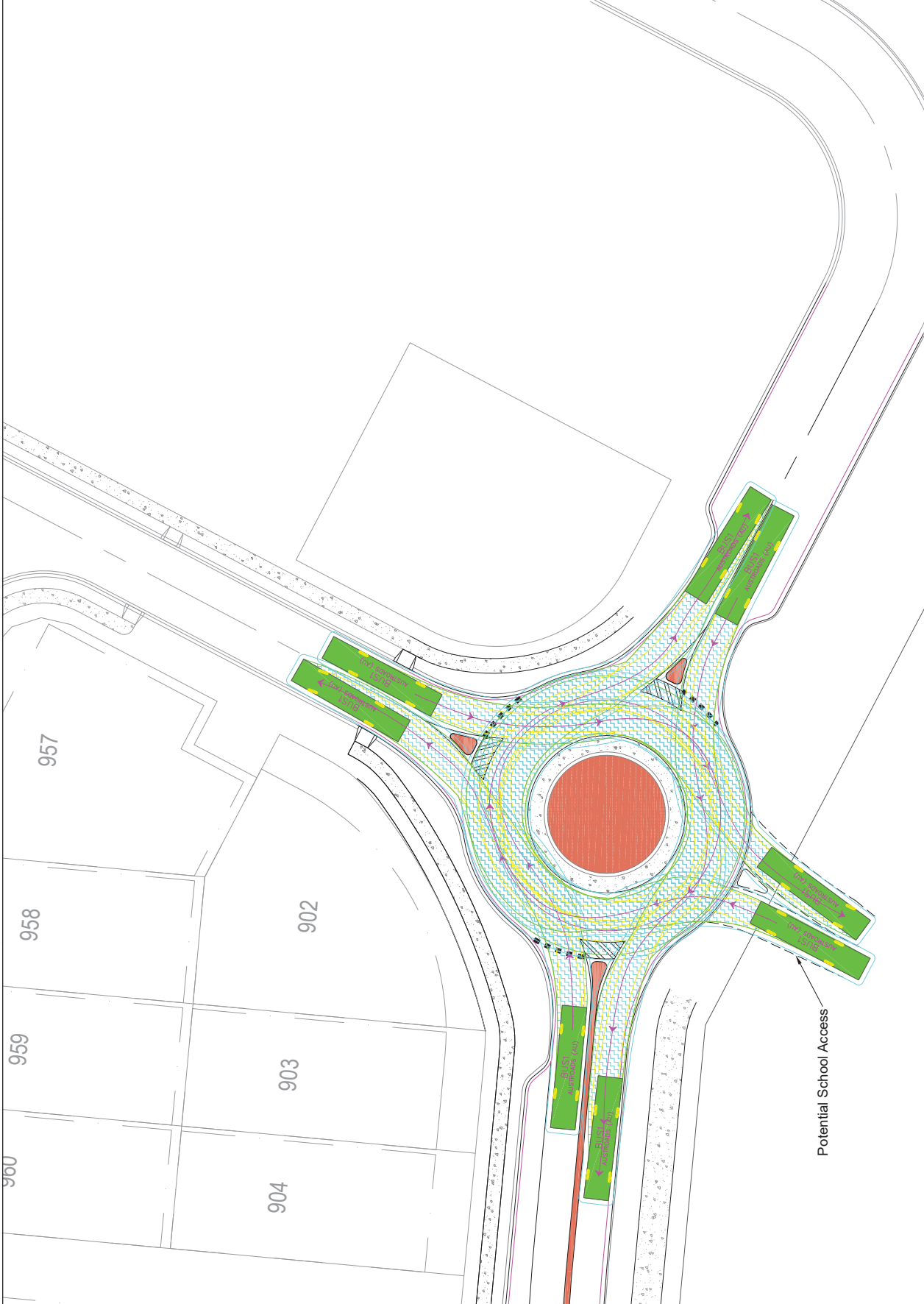
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Attachment C

Swept Path Diagrams





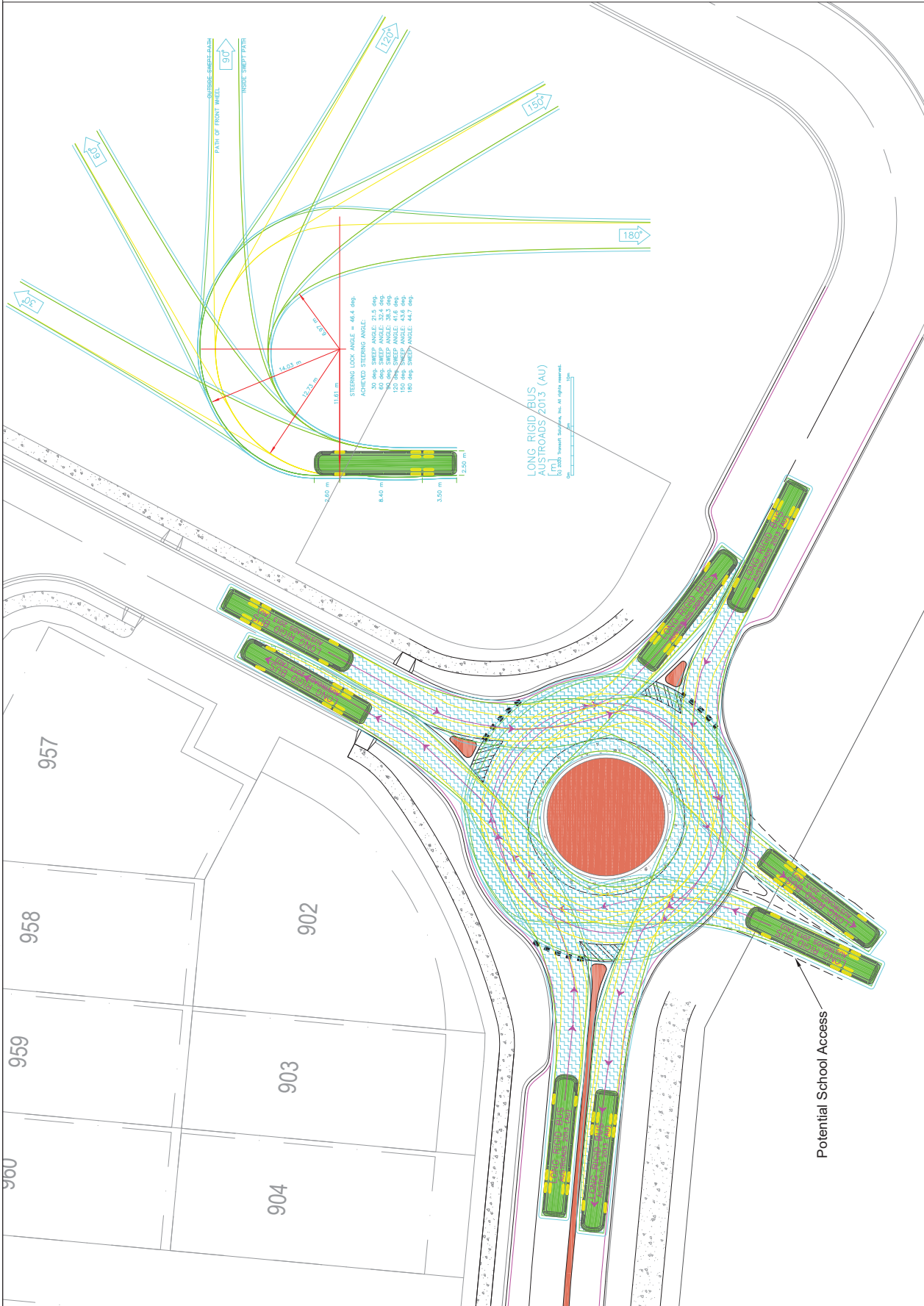
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Attachment D

Sight Distance Assessment

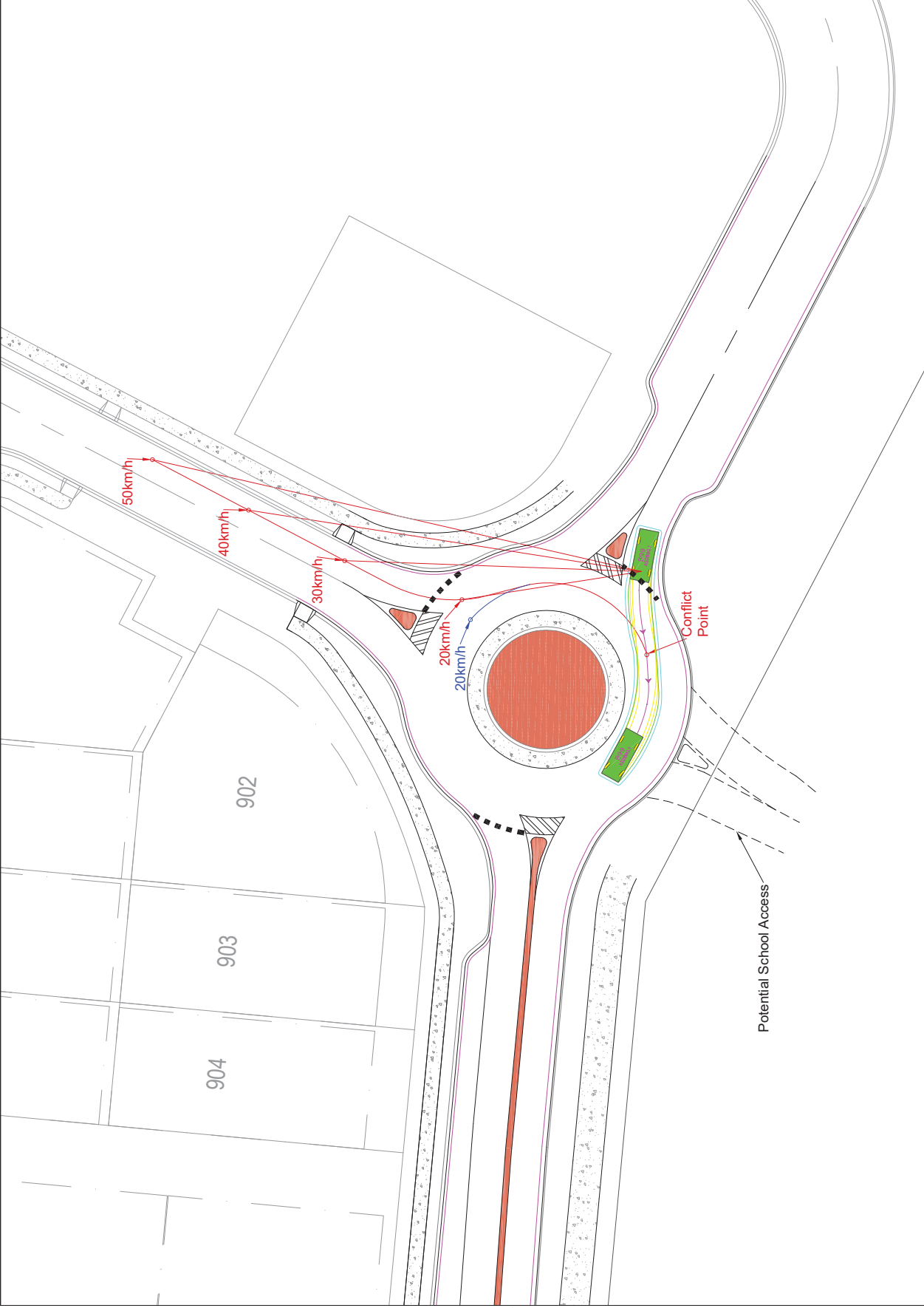


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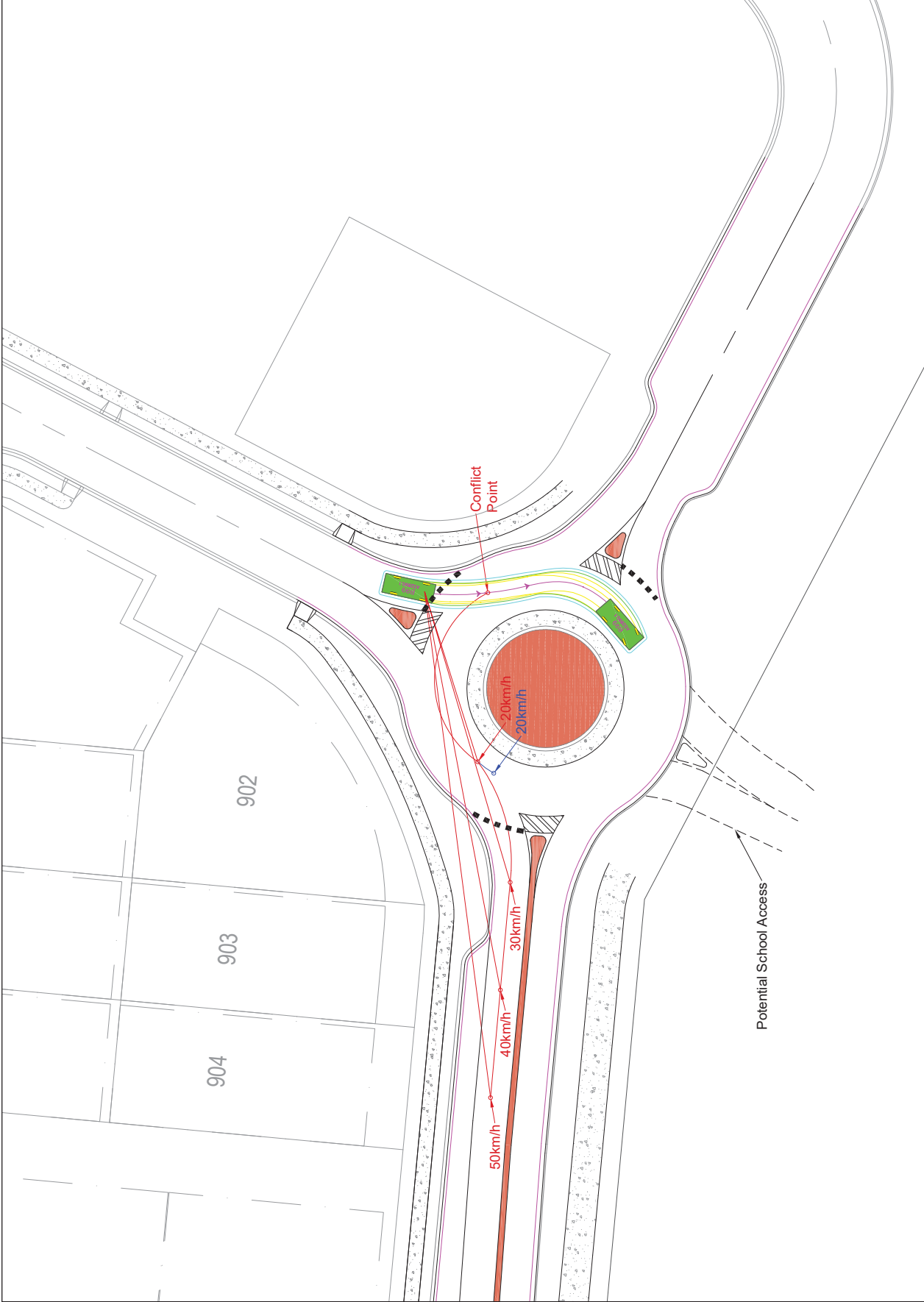


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