# Item 6: Saltlands Depot, Saltlands, Western Way, Bridgwater, TA6 3JG

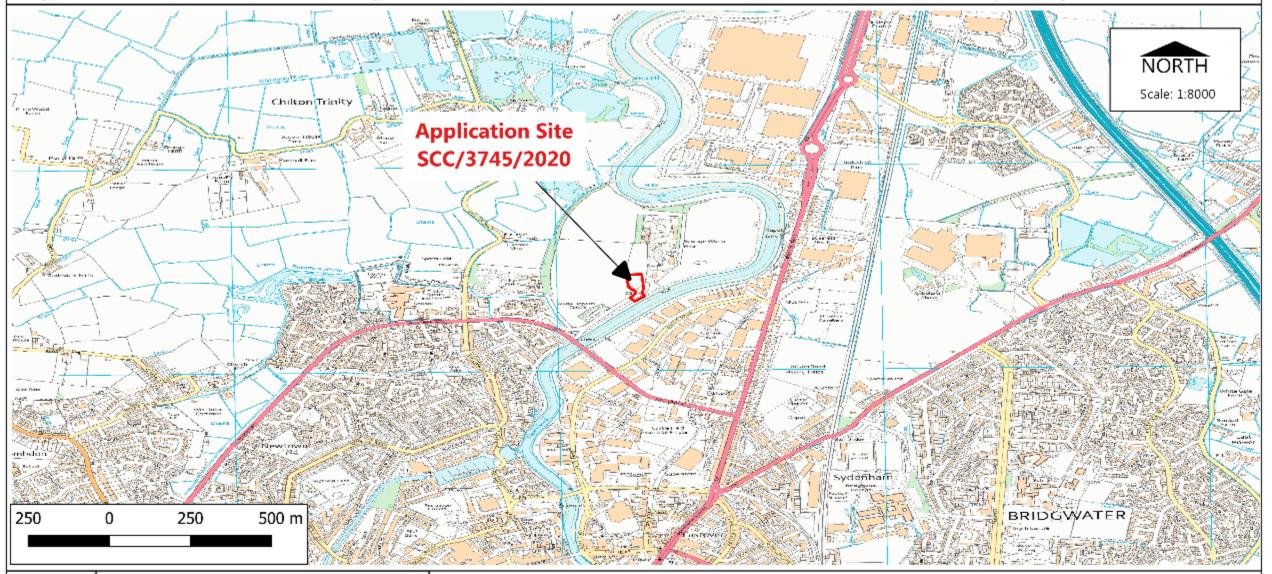
Application number: SCC/3745/2020

<u>Application Proposal</u>: Redevelopment of site to provide relocated school transport depot. Works include; surfacing, drainage, lighting, fencing, installation of office building and associated works.



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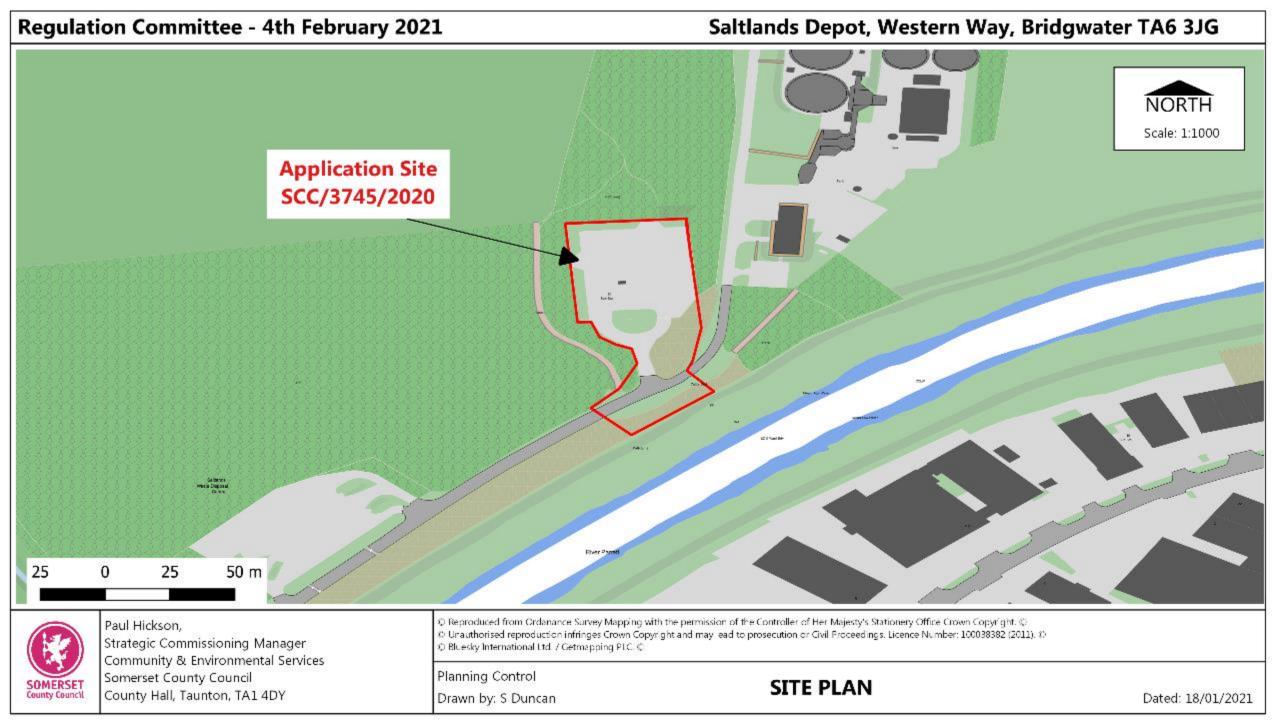
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### LOCATION PLAN

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### **AERIAL PLAN**

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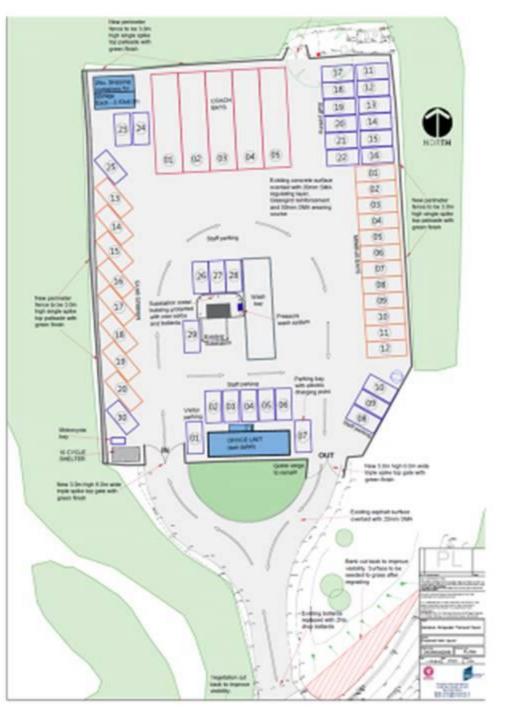
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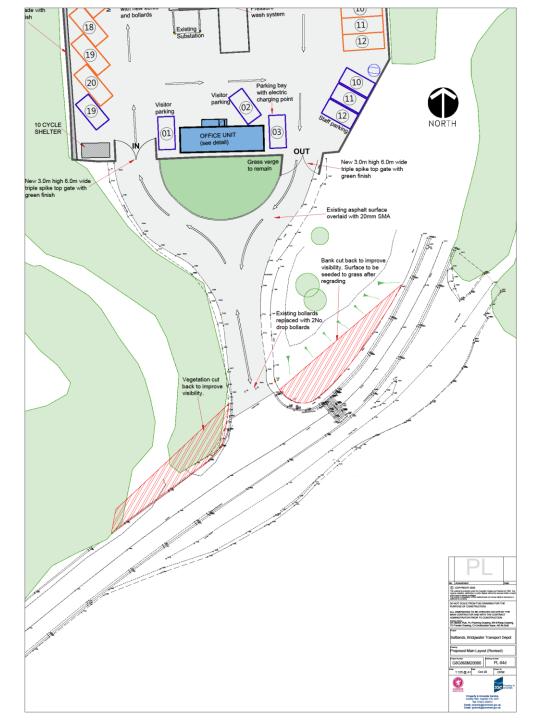
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### Item 6: Block Plan showing proposed parking spaces

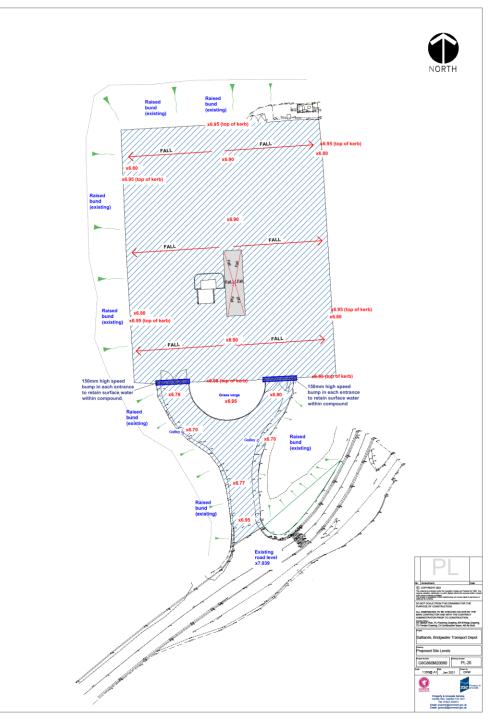




Item 6: Block Plan showing 'in and out' arrangement for vehicles.

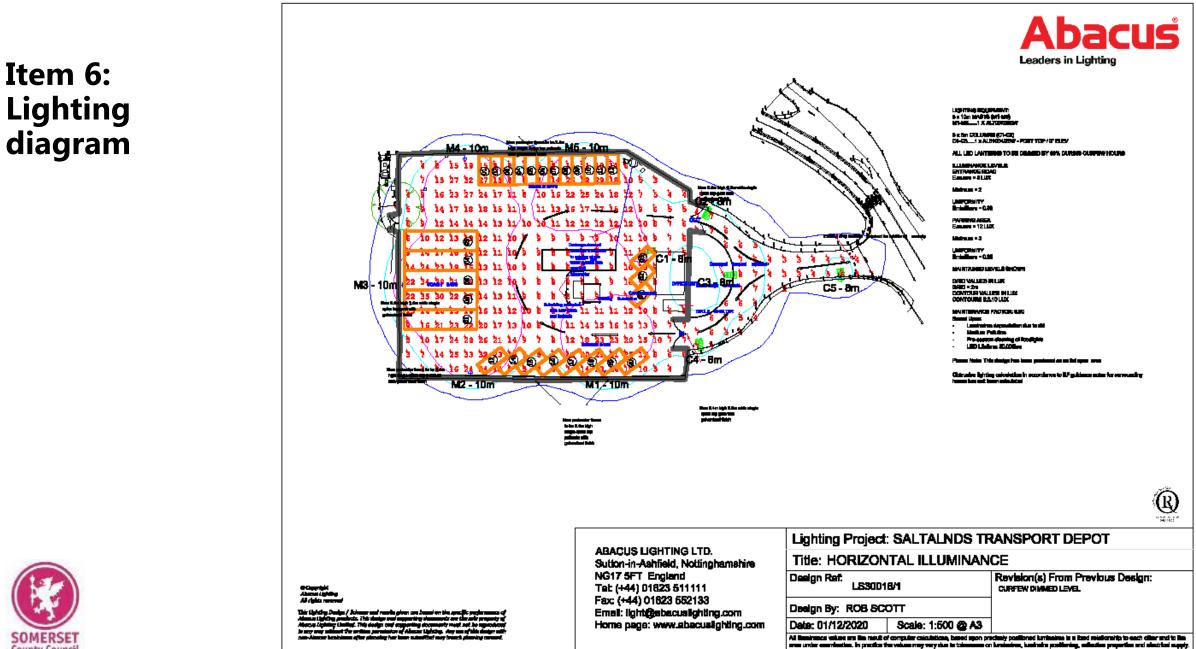






### Item 6: Site levels





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## Item 6: Photographs 1 & 2



Site notice placed opposite site



Standing near entrance to site looking back up road towards the water transfer site (tip)

# Item 6: Photographs 3 & 4





Gateway opposite site

Hedgerow screening site to road

## Item 6: Photographs 6 & 7





Gates at entrance to site

Informal layby opposite site

# Item 6: Photographs 8 & 9-

site





Entrance to neighbouring site – Wessex Water

# **Item 6: Key Issues**

- Planning policy considerations and Principle of Development In accordance with advice in NPPF – development on previously developed land – only reasonable use. Also in accordance with SP2 (Spatial strategy for Sedgemoor) Economic benefit. Far more preferable than previous site. Sustainable location
- Visual Impact Minimal well screened site with dense hedgerow and tree boundaries
- Impact on surrounding residents/uses Minimal given its semi- industrial location and good road network
- Contamination Dealt with via a suitable planning condition
- Highway Safety and associated impacts No objection from County Highways subject to suitable conditions
- Flood Risk LLFA objection has been overcome with conditons and informatives.



# **Item 6: Officers Recommendation**

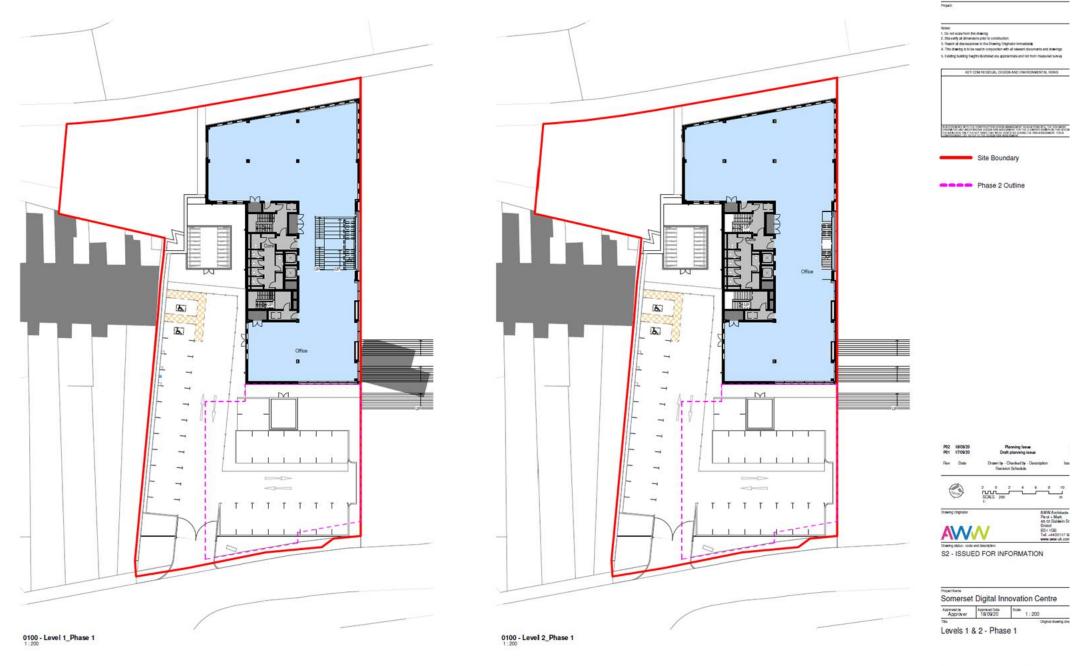
- Somerset Transport is a key activity for Somerset County Council and therefore a county planning matter to be determined under Regulation 3 planning powers.
- The site has not been occupied for a substantial time and is a brownfield site capable for beneficial use enabling an essential service to be provided for Somerset County Council. The proposed development would contribute to meeting the requirements of the Sedgemoor District Local Plan as it is in accordance with Policy S4.
- The site has some beneficial characteristics for a proposed bus depot. It is well screened and some distance from residential properties which aids in the control of any eventual amenity and landscape impacts.
- The site also has an established, suitable access that allows it to be considered in proximity to the Strategic Road Network as defined in the Sedgemoor District Plan (2019).
- In Planning policy terms it is not against any of the strategic or development management policies in the Sedgemoor Local Plan and is in accordance with the objectives of the NPPF.
- It is the officer view that the principle of this proposal is acceptable.











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