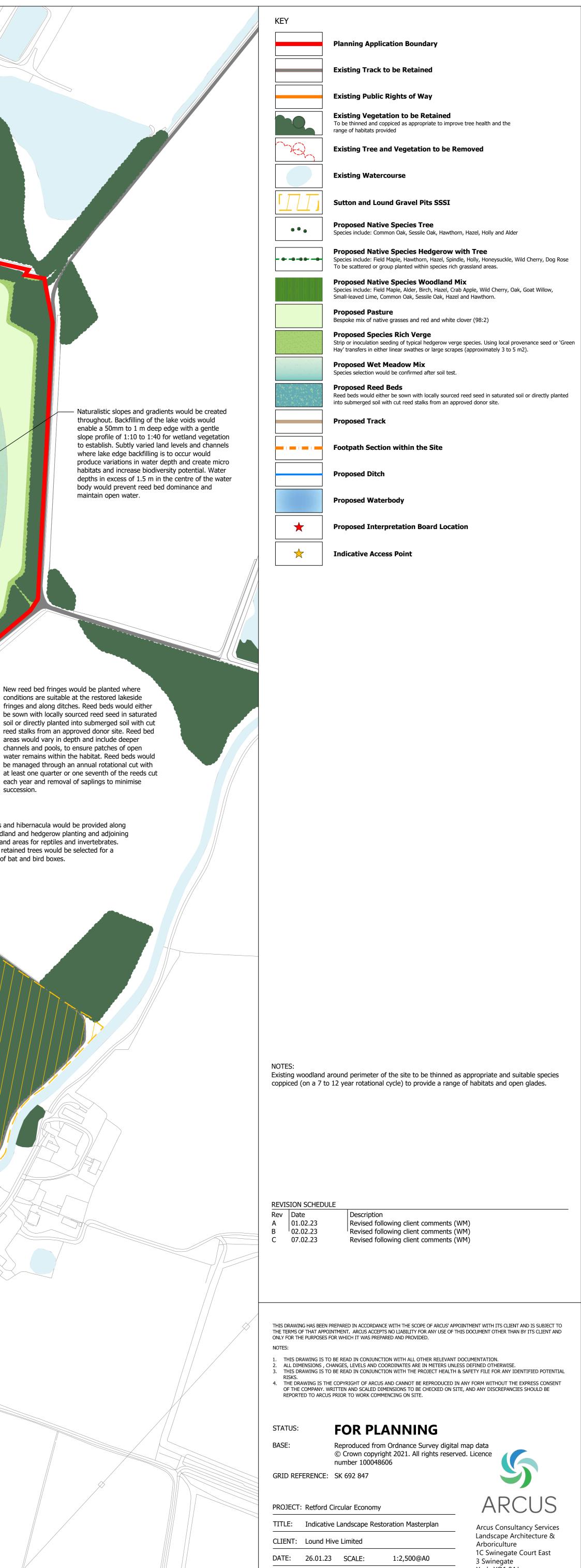


conditions are suitable at the restored lakeside fringes and along ditches. Reed beds would either be sown with locally sourced reed seed in saturated soil or directly planted into submerged soil with cut reed stalks from an approved donor site. Reed bed areas would vary in depth and include deeper channels and pools, to ensure patches of open water remains within the habitat. Reed beds would be managed through an annual rotational cut with at least one quarter or one seventh of the reeds cut each year and removal of saplings to minimise succession.

- Log piles and hibernacula would be provided along the woodland and hedgerow planting and adjoining the wetland areas for reptiles and invertebrates. Suitable retained trees would be selected for a number of bat and bird boxes.

Graded edges to be established adjacent to woodland areas and along hedgerows. Strip or inoculation seeding or the use of local provenance 'Green Hay' transfers in either linear swathes or large scrapes (approximately 3 to 5 m2) would be used. This would enable floristically diverse areas to be established and spread out naturally.

Livestock Handling Area



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