



OUTLINE CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (CEMP) BHLARAI DH WIND FARM EXTENSION

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Glossary

The following defines terms used throughout this document:

The Development – All aspects of the proposed Bhlaraidh Wind Farm Extension construction project.

The Employer – The entity commissioning the construction of the wind farm and associated civil infrastructure. That is, SSE Generation Ltd.

The Contractor / Principal Contractor (PC) – The Contractor responsible for Civil Infrastructure and the Principal Contractor as defined in the Construction (Design & Management) Regulations 2015.

Development Runoff – Surface water runoff from site infrastructure that may contain suspended solids, silt or other organic matter that requires treatment before discharging to the water environment.

Greenfield Runoff – Surface water runoff from adjacent undisturbed land that does not require treatment prior to discharging to the environment.

Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) – The ECoW is an independent specialist appointed by the Employer, typically with an ecological background, albeit with practical experience of broad environmental issues associated with construction. In accordance with relevant planning conditions, applicable regulations and best practice, the ECoW monitors environmental compliance and provides advice to the Employer and Contractor where required. The ECoW role and associated responsibility is outlined in this document.

Geotechnical Engineer – The Geotechnical Engineer is a technical specialist appointed by the Contractor. The Geotechnical Engineer monitors the construction works, ensuring that excavations and material stockpiles are managed in an appropriate manner to prevent the occurrence of material instability and peat slides. The Geotechnical Engineer provides advice to the Employer and Contractor where required. The Geotechnical Engineer role and associated responsibility is outlined in this document.

Reinstatement – Reinstatement works are generally undertaken during construction and aim to redress damage inflicted on the landscape as part of the construction process. Reinstatement is undertaken as soon as possible following the construction works in each area, such as the re-dressing of road and track verges and turbine bases (and other areas that may be disturbed as a result of the construction process). Re-seeding / hydro-seeding may be part of reinstatement measures where redressing proves unsuccessful.

Restoration – Restoration works are generally defined as long-term measures aimed to restore (and in some instances improve / enhance) the ecological status of the development with regard to species and / or habitat. Restoration measures will be largely covered in the site's Habitat Management Plan (HMP), where applicable. Re-seeding / hydro-seeding may be part of restoration works where reinstatement works are found to have been unsuccessful with regard to establishing plant growth.

Ground Water Dependent Terrestrial Ecosystem – wetlands which are ecologically critically dependent on groundwater.

Part 1: Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)

1. Introduction

1.1. CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1.1.1 This document provides information relating to Construction Environmental Management (Part 1: CEMP) and Construction Method Statements (Part 2: CMS) for the proposed Bhlaraidh Wind Farm Extension. This document has been prepared to inform the Planning Authority and statutory consultees of the proposed management methods to be employed during the construction of the Development.
- 1.1.2 The principal objective of this document is to provide information on the proposed infrastructure and to detail appropriate measures in the avoidance, minimisation and control of adverse, environmental impact associated with the Development. Furthermore, this document aims to define good practice as well as specific commitments relating to environmental protection as identified in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).
- 1.1.3 The CEMP will be updated following planning consent and completion of updated pre-construction surveys where required. The CEMP forms part of the Civils Works Contract (hereafter, the Contract). The methods and principles contained herein, as well as within referenced legislative instruments and published guidance documents, are adhered to by the *Contractor* in developing and refining the detailed design, construction method statements and other plans relating to environmental management as required by the Contract.
- 1.1.4 The *Contractor* submits all relevant information as detailed in this document to the *Employer* for acceptance in accordance with the Contract provisions. No works will commence prior to the *Employer's* acceptance.
- 1.1.5 Once approved, the *Employer* provides the *Contractor* with an electronic copy of the CEMP which the *Contractor* maintains for the duration of the works.
- 1.1.6 This document is read and implemented onsite in conjunction with industry best practice, published guidance documents, and other documents referred to within the CEMP (Section 17 Reference Documentation).

1.2. ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND STRUCTURE OF THE CEMP

- 1.1.1. The *Contractor* appoints an appropriately competent person or persons (*Contractor's* Site Environmental Representative) to undertake relevant environmental tasks as detailed in this document prior to, during and upon completion of the construction works. It shall be assumed that the role will be a full-time role and the relevant person will be based on site unless otherwise agreed by the *Employer* prior to commencement of construction.
- 1.1.2. The *Contractor* demonstrates the competence of the Site Environmental Representative to the *Employer* via submission of relevant information (e.g. CV, training records, membership records) for acceptance prior to commencement of construction works.

- 1.1.3. The *Contractor* is responsible for obtaining all necessary consents, licences and permissions for their activities as required by current legislation governing the protection of the environment.
- 1.1.4. A copy of this document and related files and documents will be kept in the site offices for the duration of the site works and will be made available for review at any time. Upon completion of the construction works, the *Contractor* submits a complete electronic copy of the final set of information to the *Employer* for their records.
- 1.1.5. Where the *Contractor* has standard documents within their own company / corporate Environmental Management Plan which might cover a particular requirement of this CEMP, these will either be inserted or cross referenced within the relevant Section of the CEMP (produced following consent to include further commitments).
- 1.1.6. A Checklist has been included in Section 18, providing the *Contractor* with a summary of the minimum information to be provided to the *Employer*.
- 1.1.7. The information / documents listed in the Checklist represent the minimum information to be provided to the *Employer* / Planning Authority at the stages indicated in the Checklist.

2. Project Environmental Constraints

2.1. SCHEDULE OF MITIGATION, COMMITMENTS REGISTER AND PLANNING CONDITIONS

- 2.1.1 A range of mitigation measures, designed to avoid or minimise potential environmental impacts conveyed by construction of the Development are detailed within the EIAR, (summarised in Chapter 16, Schedule of Environmental Commitments).
- 2.1.2 Following receipt of planning consent, the Schedule of Environmental Commitments will be incorporated into a Commitments Register which will detail all mitigation measures referred to in the EIAR, any EIAR Addenda or Further Environmental Information, pre-construction survey reports; and any other additional documentation provided to and approved by the Planning Authority prior to commencement of construction.
- 2.1.3 The Commitments Register will also include all environmental management requirements which may be detailed in Planning Consent Conditions.
- 2.1.4 The *Contractor* will adhere to all requirements in Part 1 of this CEMP and adopt and implement the construction methods and measures outlined in Part 2: Outline Construction Method Statements (CMS).

3. Correspondence, Records and Reporting

3.1.1 The *Contractor* provides a complete record of all relevant communication and reports associated with all aspects of environmental management and implementation of this document. As a guide, the following records will be maintained:

- **Minutes and attendance record** of start-up meeting (onsite meeting prior to commencement of construction works). Attendance required by *Employer*, *Contractor*, ECoW and all other relevant personnel responsible for environmental management during the project.
- Weekly rolling **Environmental Risk Log** including look ahead activities with required mitigation (including weather forecasts). This is required to be discussed and recorded at scheduled weekly construction meetings. This will cover all environmental sensitivities, including ecology and water quality. This will include a supporting Environmental Risk Map.
- **Communication Plan** (Section 16.3.2)
- *Employer and Contractor Audit Reports* (Section 3.2)
- **Record of Toolbox Talks and Training** (Section 4.2)
- **Dust / noise monitoring records**
- **Waste Management Records**, as defined in (Section 6)
- **Drainage Maintenance Register**
- **Water Quality Monitoring Records**, documenting the *Contractor's* visual checks of waterbodies as outlined in Bhlaraidh Wind Farm Extension Pollution Prevention Plan (Section 8.5).
- **Excavation Register** (Section 14.3)
- **Geotechnical / Peat Risk Register** (Section 14)
- **Licenses and Consents** - copies of all permissions, consents, licenses and permits, including related correspondence. (Section 1.1.3)
- **Regulatory Authority visits (e.g. SEPA, NatureScot), observations and communications**
- **Environmental Departure Register**, as defined in Section 4.3 Management of Change.
- **General Correspondence** - all other relevant internal and external communication records relating to environmental management issues and implementation of the CEMP.

3.2. ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS

3.2.1 Audits may be completed at any time by the *Employer*, but at least one per quarter. All completed audit forms (and records of corrective action and close outs) must be filed. The *Contractor* undertakes a programme of environmental audits to satisfy conformance with CEMP principals, including audits of their sub-contractors.

3.3. RISK ASSESSMENT & METHOD STATEMENTS

- 3.3.1 The *Contractor* provides Risk Assessments and Method Statements (RAMS) for all works and tasks prior to these being undertaken. These documents will take into account all of the environmental aspects of the planned works and shall address all committed mitigation measures as a minimum.

3.4. NOTICE BOARDS

- 3.4.1 The *Contractor* provides and maintains project environmental notice board(s) which are positioned to ensure that all operatives have the opportunity to review a notice board on a daily basis. As a minimum this will include one notice board to be placed in each compound.
- 3.4.2 The environmental notice boards are maintained by the *Contractor's* Environmental Representative and shall be updated at least monthly. As a minimum, the notice boards contain:
- Description of the key environmental risks and intended risk mitigation measures;
 - Accompanying Environmental Risk Map illustrating the location of the key risks and required exclusion zones / buffer zones and location of emergency response equipment, as required by the CEMP; and
 - Key contact numbers and responsible personnel identified within the Environmental Incident and Emergency Response Plan (EIERP).

4. Site Induction

- 4.1.1 The *Contractor* ensures that all contractor employees, sub-contractors, suppliers, and other visitors to the site are made aware of the content of this document that is applicable to them. Accordingly, environmental specific induction training will be prepared and presented to all categories of personnel working and visiting the site.
- 4.1.2 As a minimum, the following information will be provided to all inductees:
- Identification of specific environmental risks associated with the work to be undertaken on site by the inductee (e.g. exclusion zones, fuel handling, spill kit locations, sensitive habitats, drainage control/mitigation, spill control, silt pollution control, waste minimisation and recycling, reporting of environmental observations).
 - Environmental Incident and Emergency Response Plan (including specific Environmental Communication Plan requirements and reporting of incidents).
- 4.1.3 Based on survey data collected throughout the planning and pre-commencement Development phases, the *Employer* develops an **Environmental Constraints Map** illustrating land constraint by environmental sensitivities (e.g. exclusion zones) and provides these maps to the *Contractor*. The *Employer* provides updated survey data to the *Contractor* when available, e.g. throughout the ecological survey season.
- 4.1.4 Informed by the Environmental Constraints Maps, the *Contractor* provides an Environmental Risk Map illustrating environmentally sensitive areas and potential sources of pollution (e.g. water buffers, designated refuelling areas, location of spill kits, concrete wash out areas, fuel tanks etc.). The Environmental Risk Map will be used during the induction and prominently displayed in the compound areas. In consultation with the ECoW, the *Contractor* updates the map as required. In accordance with Section 4.2.3, any update will trigger a toolbox talk to clearly communicate the change and offer opportunity for any necessary clarifications.

4.2. TOOLBOX TALKS & TRAINING

- 4.2.1 During construction, in order to provide on-going reinforcement and awareness training, the above topics, along with any other environmental issues which arise onsite, will be discussed at regular toolbox talks.
- 4.2.2 Toolbox talks and training will be delivered by specialist personnel onsite (e.g. ECoW, Geotechnical Engineer, *Contractor's* Site Environmental Representative, etc.) as required.
- 4.2.3 The *Contractor* submits a schedule for toolbox talks at least one week prior to commencement of works. The proposed schedule – to be considered as a live document - shall be consistent with the programme of works. Additional toolbox talks shall be added as required based on circumstances such as unforeseen risks, repeated observation of bad practices, perceived lack of awareness and pollution event.

- 4.2.4 Specifically, the *Contractor* provides, as a minimum, the following environmental training:
- Training on the use of spill kits (on ground and in surface waters), to be provided on a regular basis (to account for staff/subcontractor changes etc). Training to be undertaken by a suitably qualified individual; and
 - Training on silt mitigation e.g. installation of silt fencing etc., silt mitigation measures to relevant construction / site staff.
- 4.2.5 The *Contractor* maintains records of all toolbox talks and training and makes these records available to the *Employer* if so requested

4.3. MANAGEMENT OF CHANGE

- 4.3.1 During the construction of the Development, it is considered reasonable to presume that certain eventualities will partially or fully preclude the implementation of specific standards and processes outlined herein. In these events, the *Contractor* provides justification to the *Employer* outlining the reasons for any departure and details a proposed alternative approach that does not compromise environmental protection. The alternative proposals shall only be adopted following consideration and acceptance of the *Employer* and the ECoW and Geotechnical Engineer where relevant.
- 4.3.2 The *Contractor* maintains an **Environmental Departures Register** that details the rationale for the change, the agreed alternative approach and demonstrates approval from relevant parties, including the *Employer* and ECoW. It is noted that material changes will require consultation with the Planning Authority and relevant consultees. The *Contractor* includes any additional requirements in the Environmental Departures Register and updates method statements to detail how compliance with the consent shall be maintained.

5. Pollution Prevention and Mitigation

5.1. CAR LICENSING & POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (PPP)

- 5.1.1 All site discharges are regulated under the Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (the “CAR” Regulations) and the Water Environment (Miscellaneous) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. A licence will be sought from SEPA prior to the commencement of any operations on-site.
- 5.1.2 A PPP will be prepared for Bhlaraidh Wind Farm Extension in accordance with guidance provided by SEPA for Construction Sites¹ and will include (not be limited to) the measures set out within this section of the CEMP.
- 5.1.3 Depending on the time available between contract award and construction start, the *Employer* may act as Responsible Person until such time as a *Contractor* is appointed, at which point the license and Responsible Person nomination will be transferred to the *Contractor*. Upon transfer of the license, the *Contractor* will prepare any further site/works-specific plans, and documents to update the PPP dependent on their design of the Works.

5.2. RESPONSIBILITY

- 5.2.1 The *Contractor* is responsible for pollution prevention for the duration of the contract and until such time as permanent measures, such as permanent drainage and silt mitigation controls, are deemed to be adequate and appropriately constructed.
- 5.2.2 This responsibility will include the actions of any third party who is sub-contracted by the *Contractor* or otherwise involved in the project.
- 5.2.3 It is the responsibility of the *Contractor* to contact SEPA, other statutory and non-statutory bodies in the vicinity of and downstream of the Development so that the requirements and interests of these parties are adhered to and protected throughout the duration of the Contract.
- 5.2.4 The *Contractor* is familiar with and executes works in accordance with the guidance provided in the SEPA Pollution Prevention Guidelines and other guideline documents as detailed in Section 17.
- 5.2.5 The *Contractor* ensures that all staff and subcontractors working on site will be familiar with pollution prevention and mitigation measures as detailed in this document; this includes subcontractors, *Employer's* direct contractors and other *Employer's* representatives working on the site.

¹ <https://www.sepa.org.uk/media/340359/wat-sg-75.pdf>

5.3. GENERAL POLLUTION PREVENTION MEASURES

5.3.1 The following points (not exhaustive) indicate general pollution prevention measures in accordance with those highlighted within the guidelines referenced in this document and the EIAR. Pollution Prevention measures relating to specific tasks are also detailed in the respective sections of this document.

- Any material or substance which could cause pollution, including fuels/oils, wet cement, raw concrete or silty water will be prevented from entering groundwater, surface water drains or watercourses by the appropriate use of and appropriate placement of (temporary) silt fences, cut-off drains, silt traps and drainage to vegetated areas where appropriate. Any sign of failing water treatment measures or sight of silted or contaminated water entering any watercourse on site will be reported immediately in accordance with the **Communication Plan** (Section 16.3.2).
- Any silty water generated on site will ideally be settled out as much as possible through drainage mitigation measures (silt traps, etc.) and channelled into vegetated (not blanket bog or similarly protected) areas at least 50m where possible, but no less than 10 metres, from watercourses.
- External fuel delivery lorries will only be allowed as far as the site compound where there will be a covered refuelling area equipped with an impermeable base.
- Fuel transfer / refuelling will be undertaken by specifically trained and competent staff or undertaken under competent supervision.
- Areas of waste oil / fuel / chemical storage and permanent refuelling will be located 50m away from watercourses or drainage paths. Where this is not possible, advice will be sought from the ECoW and a minimum distance will be agreed with the *Employer*. Such storage areas will be sited on an impervious base to prevent the downward percolation of contaminants to natural soils and groundwater.
- All refuelling will be carried out at least 50 metres from watercourses. Where this buffer distance cannot be achieved a minimum distance will be agreed with the ECoW. Fuel pipes on plant, outlets at fuel tanks etc will be regularly checked and maintained to ensure that no drips or leaks to ground occur.
- Spill kits will be available within each plant on site and also located close to identified pollution sources or sensitive receptors (fuel storage areas, water course crossings, etc).
- Irrespective of the buffer distance and location of refuelling, interceptor drip trays (or similar, e.g. plant nappies, – open metal drip trays are not acceptable) will be available. Interceptor drip trays will be positioned under any stationary mobile plant to prevent oil contamination of the ground surface or water.
- All stockpiled materials will be stored in designated areas and isolated from any surface drains and a minimum of 50 metres away from watercourses. Where this buffer distance cannot be achieved a minimum distance will be agreed with the ECoW. Aggregate or fine materials storage with dust or run off potential will be enclosed and screened/sheeted.

- Washing-out of concrete wagons on site shall only be permitted when the *Contractor* has provided a designated, suitably prepared wash-out area with signage identifying the area as suitable for concrete wagon wash-out.
- The concrete 'washout' in the designated area shall not be emptied into any watercourse and shall be disposed of in accordance with the Site Waste Management Plan.
- Tools, equipment or materials will not be washed in watercourses. Mortar mixing and material storage areas must be away from watercourses.

5.4. COSHH

- 5.4.1 The *Contractor* is responsible for ensuring that all materials ordered or brought to site listed as hazardous under the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations are accompanied with a hazardous information sheet. The *Contractor* complies with the COSHH Regulations.

5.5. POLLUTION MONITORING & CONTROLS

- 5.5.1 The *Contractor* carries out regular inspections of oil/fuel storage areas and plant. The frequency and responsibility for undertaking these inspections will be recorded by the *Contractor* and communicated to the *Employer* prior to commencement of the works.
- 5.5.2 To ensure compliance of the works with this document and pollution prevention requirements, the *Employer* regularly monitors the *Contractor's* works. **Should the *Employer* identify any failure to comply with the requirements of this document or the *Contractor's* own method statements the *Employer* may stop the associated works until such time as the failure is rectified.** Any associated cost or time delay incurred will be borne by the *Contractor*

6. Waste Management

6.1. SITE WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (SWMP) IMPLEMENTATION AND RECORDS

- 6.1.1 In accordance with best practice, the *Employer* requires a Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP) to appropriately document and control waste at construction sites. The SWMP will consider all waste arising from the Development.
- 6.1.2 The SWMP provides details on how waste reduction shall be implemented at the site and how this shall be monitored throughout the construction phase. The *Contractor's* nominated Site Environmental Representative takes responsibility for implementation and monitoring of the SWMP.
- 6.1.3 The *Contractor* utilises only certified waste carriers / waste contractors and maintains records of these contractors (carriers, transfer station, waste recipient etc) as part of the SWMP documentation onsite.
- 6.1.4 The requirements of the SWMP are communicated to all site operatives during their induction. Furthermore, all operatives onsite attend waste reduction toolbox talks on a regular (e.g. quarterly) basis to increase awareness of recycling / waste reduction.
- 6.1.5 The SWMP includes the following as a minimum:
- Identification of the *Employer*, the *Contractor*, the person(s) who drafted the SWMP and the person(s) who will be responsible for its implementation, monitoring and review during and upon completion of construction works.
 - The minimum percentage recycling level expected by the *Employer*, currently set as 70% of all materials removed from the site (measured in terms of tonnage).
 - Various materials will be required to facilitate construction and support the provision of welfare at the site. In the interest of promoting sustainability via the supply chain and minimisation of waste, the *Contractor* investigates opportunity for procurement of materials with reduced or reusable/returnable packaging. Where such opportunities are realised, the *Contractor* provides details in the SWMP.
 - Waste inventory and procedures to address the following:
 - i a description of each waste type expected to be produced in the course of the project, with the relevant European Waste Catalogue code assigned to it;
 - ii an estimate of the quantity (tonnage) of each different waste streams / type of waste expected to be produced during each construction activity;
 - iii a written statement demonstrating what actions are to be taken to minimise the volume of each type of waste produced prior to commencement of the activity generating the waste.
 - Identification of the waste management actions proposed for each different waste type, including re-using, recycling, recovery and disposal. For example, minimum provisions should include:

- i provision of bins to segregate waste and recyclable materials within all welfare facilities in-line with the preliminary, non-exhaustive waste streams identified in Section 6.3.3;
 - ii provision of separate, suitably robust skips for general waste and separate recyclable materials within the primary site compound in-line with the preliminary, non-exhaustive waste streams identified in Section 6.3.3;
 - iii management of expected and unexpected hazardous/special waste. i.e. provision of secure bunded containers to store waste oils / fuels / lubricants and oily rags prior to removal from site.
 - iv re-use of materials such as concrete formwork and reinforcement “seating” steel.
 - v material arising from excavation works may be reused as fill material where suitable (and not posing environmental risks);
- A site plan showing all waste disposal/recycling locations and material storage areas.
- Identification of the proposed Waste Contractor and the requirements imposed on them, i.e. completion of Waste Transfer Notes (WTN).
- WTN for all materials removed from site comprising the following information:
 - i European Waste Catalogue (EWC) codes;
 - ii description of waste removed from site;
 - iii date and time waste removed from site;
 - iv weight (in tonnes) of waste removed from site;
 - v name of Waste Contractor Operative;
 - vi location of waste disposal site which is to be used; and
 - vii weigh of waste / recyclable material, i.e. waste facility will include weight bridge.

6.2. SWMP MONITORING AND AUDITING

- 6.2.1 For monitoring and auditing purposes, the *Contractor's* Site Environmental Representative implements and maintains a Waste and Recycling Record under the SWMP. As a minimum, this includes a record of all waste leaving the site for either landfill disposal or recycling, including copies of all WTN in-line with the requirements of Section 6.1. The Waste and Recycling Record will be maintained and kept up-to-date by the *Contractor's* Site Environmental Representative.
- 6.2.2 The *Contractor's* Site Environmental Representative checks the contents of the site waste and recycling skips on a weekly basis to ensure waste is being correctly segregated. Non-compliance will be highlighted at the weekly progress meeting and appropriate actions taken e.g. a toolbox talk to all site operatives. Furthermore, the *Employer* and *Contractor* audit the waste disposal chain to demonstrate compliance

with the responsibilities outlined in Duty of Care for Waste² and refers to the good practice principals detailed in A Simple Guide to Site Waste Management Plan³.

- 6.2.3 Waste management will be a recurring agenda item for all regular meetings as required by this document. The *Contractor's* Site Environmental Representative provides an update on the achieved percentage of recycling and any actions that are required to be implemented.
- 6.2.4 Waste management is monitored by the *Contractor's* Site Environmental Representative and reviewed monthly against the estimate set within the *Contractor's* detailed SWMP. Where necessary, changes are implemented in order to revise site activities if performance is below the set recycling target.
- 6.2.5 Where monitoring highlights a risk of release of harmful material to the environment, the *Contractor* implements immediate remedial measures to prevent such releases. In the event that a release has occurred, the *Contractor* implements the Environmental Incident and Emergency Response Plan (EIERP) outlined in the Bhlairidh Wind Farm Extension Pollution Prevention Plan (PPP).

6.3. ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION WASTE STREAMS

- 6.3.1 A number of different waste streams are likely to arise during construction. The *Contractor* identifies all waste streams and provides an estimate of expected waste volumes for each waste type generated within the waste stream.
- 6.3.2 The *Contractor* ensures all relevant information is taken into account in preparing their SWMP (for example intrusive ground investigation data, supply chain assessments, options appraisals etc).
- 6.3.3 The section below sets out a non-comprehensive list of waste streams that typically arise during construction of an onshore wind farm:
- waste from welfare facilities, e.g. food waste, paper, plastics, glass and other typically domestic refuse and sewage;
 - concrete;
 - waste chemicals, fuel and oils;
 - packaging, e.g. paper, plastics and wood;
 - waste metals; and
 - cleaning activities, e.g. polluted water from plant, vehicle and wheel washes.

² <http://www.netregs.org.uk/environmental-topics/waste/duty-of-care-your-waste-responsibilities/what-is-the-duty-of-care-for-waste/>

³ <http://www.netregs.org.uk/media/1718/a-simple-guide-to-site-waste-management-plans.pdf>

7. Temporary Drainage

7.1. SCOPE AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1.1 The *Contractor* submits all temporary drainage designs and drawings as required to comply with conditions of the CAR Construction Site License and PPP.
- 7.1.2 The *Contractor* undertakes maintenance of all temporary and permanent drainage solutions as and when required at a frequency at least weekly whilst *Contractor* maintains a **Drainage Maintenance Register** and issues this to the *Employer's* Project Manager on a weekly basis.
- 7.1.3 The *Contractor* designs all new permanent drainage to accommodate a 1:200 year + climate change storm event, as a minimum. Temporary drainage should be as required to comply with SEPA guidance and must accommodate a 1:30 year event as a minimum but may be designed to accommodate larger flows depending on the specific site conditions.
- 7.1.4 The *Contractor* designs and constructs a drainage system including all silt mitigation measures necessary to prevent the pollution of existing drainage systems and watercourses for construction and post construction activities.
- 7.1.5 As a minimum all temporary drainage is installed as the track is constructed, where possible the permanent drainage is installed as the works progress. In the event that temporary drainage is installed at the time of construction, the permanent drainage is installed within 3 months of that section of track being completed.
- 7.1.6 All drainage associated with the works, except for that carrying purely greenfield run-off, is not permitted to discharge directly into any existing drainage or watercourse.
- 7.1.7 Except where necessary to facilitate the crossing of a watercourse or otherwise agreed with the ECoW, works will typically be undertaken outwith 50m of any watercourse identified on the 1:50,000 OS map.
- 7.1.8 The *Contractor* does not discharge water on either a temporary or permanent basis unless they have acceptance from the relevant landowners and the ECoW, and complied with the requirements of the relevant Authorities, Utilities and Service Providers.
- 7.1.9 The *Contractor* does not discharge any drainage within 50m of a watercourse unless accepted otherwise by the *Employer's Project Manager* and the ECoW.
- 7.1.10 Access for livestock to each watercourse is maintained or replaced where required as a result of the design and execution of the works.

7.2. CLEAN WATER DIVERSION

- 7.2.1 Where possible, greenfield run-off will be kept separate from silty water or other potentially contaminated water. Where appropriate, interceptor ditches and other

drainage diversion measures will be installed – in advance of any excavation works – in order to collect and divert greenfield run-off away from construction disturbed areas.

- 7.2.2 The *Contractor* channels separately silty and clean water drainage to vegetated areas at least 50 metres from watercourses to allow the settlement of solids. Where settlement over vegetation is not ecologically sound (e.g. involving intact blanket bog, requiring only rain-fed nutrients), or is not practical or adequate to deal with the volume of silt generated, the *Contractor* provides and maintains silt traps or settlement lagoons.

7.3. SILT MITIGATION AND SETTLEMENT PONDS

- 7.3.1 The *Contractor* erects and maintains silt fences to protect all watercourses, which may be affected by the works. The *Contractor* maintains these weekly to the satisfaction of the *Employer's* Project Manager and the ECoW.
- 7.3.2 The *Contractor* undertakes maintenance of all temporary and permanent drainage solutions as and when required and at a frequency of at least weekly, creates and manages a Drainage Maintenance Register and issues this to the *Employer's* Project Manager and ECoW on a weekly basis.
- 7.3.3 Silt laden run off should be expected from any areas of recently exposed soil or rock. This silt laden run-off will be captured and directed via berms or ditches towards specially constructed sediment control structures.
- 7.3.4 Siting of settlement ponds will take into consideration access requirements for reinstatement and maintenance (for example: periodic silt removal, expansion of ponds or incorporation of additional silt mitigation measures, etc.).
- 7.3.5 The *Contractor* discusses and agrees the location of lagoons and other drainage mitigation measures with the ECoW prior to associated works taking place.
- 7.3.6 Details of typical settlement ponds and silt mitigation measures are indicated on Figure 2.1.1 Silt Attenuation & Settlement Measures in Appendix 1 in this CEMP. Additional filtration measures may include flow attenuation measures such as weirs, rock bars and / or anchored and embedded straw bales within settling ponds or between series of ponds.

7.4. BORROW PIT DRAINAGE

- 7.4.1 Schematic representation of a typical borrow pit drainage arrangement is provided in Figure 2.1.2, in Appendix 1.
- 7.4.2 The *Contractor* incorporates interceptor (cut-off) drains to prevent water ingress to the area of works from the surrounding topography.
- 7.4.3 The *Contractor* incorporates a toe drain to control water ingress and flow around the base of the excavation.
- 7.4.4 The *Contractor* channels borrow pit drainage to settlement ponds located a minimum of 50m from any watercourse.

- 7.4.5 The *Contractor* constructs all necessary drainage prior to commencing excavation of the borrow pit.

7.5. TURBINE FOUNDATIONS AND CRANE HARDSTANDINGS

- 7.5.1 Schematic representation of a typical turbine base and crane hardstanding drainage arrangement is shown on Figure 2.1.3 in Appendix 1. Further details on relevant construction methods are provided in Part 2 of this CEMP.
- 7.5.2 Foundation excavations for turbines are generally below the level of the surrounding ground and hence surface water ingress from up slope or groundwater seepage may occur, leading to standing water within the base of the excavation.
- 7.5.3 A 'permit to pump' procedure will be in place prior to water being pumped from an excavation. The *Contractor* seeks the ECoWs approval prior to granting a 'permit to pump'.

7.6. CONSTRUCTION COMPOUNDS, SUBSTATION AND CONTROL BUILDINGS

- 7.6.1 Schematic representation of a typical drainage arrangement around construction compounds and welfare/ control building excavations are provided on Figure 2.1.4 in Appendix 1. Further details on relevant construction methods are provided in Part 2 of this CEMP.
- 7.6.2 As with tracks and borrow pits, greenfield run-off and development run-off will be kept separate and appropriate silt mitigation measures will be deployed. Pumping of water from excavations is subject to a 'permit to pump' (see 7.5.3).
- 7.6.3 The construction compounds will be free draining and contain an impermeable bunded area draining to oil interceptor (or similarly robust alternative) for bulk fuel storage and maintaining vehicles and plant. Any alternative to a bunded area suggested by the *Contractor* must be agreed with the *Employer*.

7.7. ACCESS TRACK DRAINAGE

- 7.7.1 The *Contractor* designs all new drainage to be installed alongside the access tracks, where appropriate. The dimensions of the ditches will be sized to accommodate the development run-off from site infrastructure and greenfield run-off from adjacent ground resulting from a 1:200 year + climate change storm event.
- 7.7.2 The *Contractor* designs the frequency of permanent relief drains crossing the access tracks to ensure the longitudinal track drainage ditches do not surcharge during the 1:200 year + climate change storm event.
- 7.7.3 The *Contractor* installs all permanent drainage concurrently with all adjacent infrastructure, in particular the *Contractor* installs the permanent drainage in tandem with the access track construction such that no section of access track is trafficked until the associated drainage is complete.

- 7.7.4 If the *Contractor* constructs any parts of the works without its designated drainage system in place, or a sufficient temporary alternative, the *Employer's* Project Manager may instruct the *Contractor* to exclude all non essential traffic from that area until the drainage system is in place.
- 7.7.5 The *Contractor* provides pipe culverts for cross drainage. Pipe culverts extend beyond the edge of access track construction materials by at least 1m. Check dams are installed immediately above a cross drain inlet.
- 7.7.6 The *Contractor* provides silt traps / catch pits at the inlet of all cross drains to prevent the pipes becoming blocked and prevent erosion at the inlet points. Silt traps / catch pits are designed to allow access by gully suckers to remove silt during the operational phase of the wind farm and are designed to present no risk to livestock and animals, whilst permitting unrestricted water flow into the catch pit.
- 7.7.7 The *Contractor* provides erosion protection at all inlets and outlets to protect against the erosive force of flow during high rainfall events. The type of erosion protection may vary and will be influenced principally by the flow capacity of the culvert / relief drain, velocity and turbulence of flow and sensitivity of the outfall environment.
- 7.7.8 The *Contractor* erects and maintains silt fences to protect all watercourses, which may be affected. The *Contractor* maintains these.
- 7.7.9 All drainage channels are sufficiently wide as is practicable to allow wildlife to safely enter/exit the channel. Slope angles are a minimum of 1(v):3(h), except where the *Contractor* can demonstrate a more efficient design.
- 7.7.10 The *Contractor* provides scour / erosion protection to slow the flow of water.
- 7.7.11 The *Contractor* provides permanent check dams / water bars (flow barriers or dams constructed across the drainage channel) at regular intervals within drainage ditches. Check dams are required in order to reduce the velocity of water and therefore allow settlement of coarser sediment particles, as well as silt at low flow conditions. Reduction in velocity will also prevent scouring of the drainage channel itself.
- 7.7.12 Check dams are constructed of clean aggregate graded 50mm – 300mm and are embedded into the side walls and invert of the excavation by at least 100mm. The number and location of check dams is dependent on the slope gradient, flow velocity and volume of water, the minimum frequency of check dams will generally be such that the top of the downstream check dam is level with the toe of the next check dam upstream.
- 7.7.13 Greenfield run-off and development run-off will be kept separate where possible and will be channelled separately to suitably vegetated areas at least 50 metres from watercourses to allow the settlement of solids on site. Schematic arrangements for tracks and watercourse crossings are illustrated in Figure 2.1.5 in Appendix 1.

7.8. PEAT AND SOIL STORAGE DRAINAGE

- 7.8.1 The *Contractor* considers the location of any temporary peat or soil storage areas such that erosion and run-off is limited, leachate from the stored material is controlled and stability of the existing ground, particularly in peatland areas, is not affected. The *Contractor* also gives consideration to the impacts of poor drainage control in any areas where peat is used in reinstatement (Sections 14 and 15).
- 7.8.2 Interceptor ditches, down slope drainage collection systems, containment berms (embedded where appropriate), and appropriate drainage mitigation measures will be required as with other infrastructure described above.
- 7.8.3 The *Contractor* carefully selects the locations and design the peat and other spoil storage requirements including methods for reinstatement works and incorporated drainage elements. Such design will be prepared in consultation with the ECoW and *Employer* prior to works commencing.

8. Water Quality Monitoring

8.1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1.1 In line with best practice, the *Employer* undertakes surface water quality monitoring where an impact on surface water bodies cannot be ruled out. The *Employer* considers it best practice to obtain baseline surface water quality data prior to commencement of the works, and to monitor water quality during the works in order to identify any significant changes of water quality which may be attributed to the construction works.
- 8.1.2 The surface water monitoring programme is implemented and maintained by the *Employer* and undertaken by an environmental consultant appointed by the *Employer*.
- 8.1.3 Where a decrease in water quality resulting from construction works is observed the *Contractor* will undertake remedial measures and will bear the costs of all associated sampling and investigation. The *Contractor* may wish to undertake confirmatory sampling and analysis at any point during the works at his own cost.
- 8.1.4 A surface water monitoring plan will be prepared following receipt of planning consent. The plan will detail proposed monitoring locations, monitoring frequency and analytical parameters based on the findings of the EIAR and any subsequently submitted documents / information. The Water Quality Monitoring Plan will be submitted to the Planning Authority and SEPA post-consent / pre-commencement of works as part of the updated CEMP.

8.2. SURFACE WATER QUALITY MONITORING LOCATIONS

- 8.2.1 Monitoring of water quality will be carried out on selected watercourses; specific monitoring locations will be identified post-consent during the detailed design phase (pre-commencement of works).

8.3. MONITORING FREQUENCY AND ANALYTICAL PARAMETERS

- 8.3.1 Pre-construction monitoring is likely to be undertaken at least monthly for at least 3 months prior to construction to establish a baseline.
- 8.3.2 Construction phase monitoring is likely to be undertaken at least monthly commencing within 2 weeks of start of works, and ad-hoc if deemed necessary, e.g. following a pollution incident.
- 8.3.3 Post-construction monitoring is likely to be undertaken monthly for at least 3 months following completion of the main civil construction works.
- 8.3.4 Monitoring of specific locations may cease within 3 months of works ceasing in a particular area, following consultation with SEPA where necessary.

- 8.3.5 The surface water quality monitoring will include the monitoring of field parameters at each location prior to the collection of water samples at each location for analysis at a UKAS accredited laboratory.
- 8.3.6 The field parameters monitored during each monitoring round and obtained via use of a hand-held monitoring device, are pH, electrical conductivity, temperature, and dissolved oxygen. Monitoring results will be recorded in the field.
- 8.3.7 Water samples at each location will be obtained and submitted to a UKAS accredited laboratory. Generally, analysis for the following parameters will be undertaken:

Table 1 Proposed Laboratory Analytical Parameter

Analytical Test	Rationale
Electrical conductivity	Useful indicator of the overall salinity of surface or spring water
pH	Overall water quality parameter which could indicate effects on water acidity due to changes in land use and disturbance of peatlands.
Temperature	General physical indicator
Dissolved oxygen	Likely to be high in all streams but needs determining as an important indicator of water quality.
Turbidity	Measurable on site, and the most noticeable indicator of impact to a water course
Total suspended solids (TSS)	TSS: measure of water quality for construction developments and hence a TSS limit is generally specified for discharges from construction sites.
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	Measure of possible releases from disturbed peat turf and peat.
Dissolved organic carbon (DOC)	Key component of carbon cycle and known to be sensitive to development on peatland. Organic carbon can help to reduce metal toxicities. May correlate closely with colour.
Soluble iron	Solubility can be affected by pH. High iron concentrations may precipitate out if physical conditions change.
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	Nutrient, known to occur as pulse after ecosystem disruption.

Analytical Test	Rationale
Total reactive phosphorus (orthophosphate)	Standard nutrient parameter, known to occur as pulse after ecosystem disruption and may lead to eutrophication (algal blooms).
Nitrate	End product of nitrogen pollution. Principal nutrient and standard nutrient parameter. Indicator of background pollution and needed for assessing any impact of ground disturbance during construction.
Soluble Aluminium	Solubility affected by pH. Of concern in forested areas where low pH of surface water can lead to significant levels of aluminium.
Chloride as Cl	Indicator of rainfall inputs and site weathering, often related to geology of catchments, partly controls electrical conductivity readings.
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) (CWG by GC-FID)	Monitor impact from potential hydrocarbon releases on site during construction works.

8.4. SURFACE WATER QUALITY MONITORING REPORTS

- 8.4.1 A monthly monitoring report on the findings of the monitoring exercises will be prepared and provided to the *Employer* and the *Contractor* within 1 week of receipt of analytical results.
- 8.4.2 The pre-construction monitoring results will inform baseline values (average and maximum baseline levels), and the monthly monitoring reports for the period covering the construction and post-construction works will highlight any results exceeding the baseline conditions.

8.5. CONTRACTOR'S VISUAL AND FIELD WATER QUALITY MONITORING

- 8.5.1 The *Contractor* ensures that all personnel and visitors on site are encouraged (at site inductions) to report visual indications of changes in water quality (e.g. discolouration or other evidence of contamination) in any watercourses on site.
- 8.5.2 The *Contractor* undertakes visual inspections of the watercourses on site, including the monitoring locations referred to in section 8.2 above, at least once a week. The *Contractor's* monitoring records will include the following minimum information:
- Antecedent and current weather conditions;

- Current construction activities within the vicinity and in particular up stream or up gradient of the observation point;
- Visual assessment of water colour, turbidity and flow rate;
- Evidence of chemical contamination;
- Visual evidence of silt or sediment pollution within the water column or on the bed of the watercourse/standing water body.
- Details on any communication, corrective action and / or mitigation undertaken as a result of any water quality issues observed during the monitoring visit.

8.5.3 Where evidence of pollution is observed to the water environment, emergency response procedures will be implemented and the incident will be reported to the *Employer* within 30minutes (Section 16). Remedial measures will be implemented immediately and details of action taken will be recorded.

8.6. PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES (PWS)

8.6.1 All surface water PWS sources are located at least 1km from construction works. The following were identified within the EIAR as having remote hydraulic continuity with the development and / or the existing access track, however impacts are predicted to be negligible following implementation of pollution prevention mitigation measures as defined within this outline CEMP.

Table 2 Private Water Supplies

PWS Identifier	Source NGR	Source Type	Notes
PWS02	237419 817911	Surface Water	Sourced from Allt Loch a' Chrathaich. Existing tracks to be used are within the catchment.
PWS03	237795 816887	Surface Water	Sourced from Allt Bhlaraidh. Existing tracks to be used are located within the catchment extents.
PWS04	238298 816844	Surface Water	Sourced from Caochan na Muic. Existing tracks to be used are located within the catchment extents.
PWS06	245528 819187	Surface Water	Sourced from Allt Saigh. The Development is partially within the upper catchment.

- 8.6.2 Measures to prevent pollution of water, as prescribed in sections 5 and 7, minimises the risk to PWS sources. Onsite visual monitoring of water quality by the *Contractor*, ECoW and monthly monitoring programme (detailed earlier in this section) will note any deterioration to water quality during construction to enable appropriate action to be taken.
- 8.6.3 If the quality of a PWS is suspected or shown to be negatively affected by the works the *Contractor* ceases to works upstream of the supply until an alternative drinking water supply has been provided to the user(s) of the PWS and the cause of the PWS pollution has been identified and remediated.
- 8.6.4 In the event of a pollution incident, the *Contractor* notifies all potentially affected downstream users. Local residents will be kept informed of construction activities via the Community Liaison Group (CLG) which will be established prior to the commencement of construction to facilitate engagement between the Developer, the Contractor and local residents / representatives of communities who may be impacted by construction activity.
- 8.6.5 Where supplies are affected or disrupted as a result of pollution arising from the construction works on the wind farm site, the *Contractor* arranges for an alternative water source to be installed until such time as the existing supply is reinstated to an appropriate quality.
- 8.6.6 Where it is demonstrated that disruption of a supply has been caused by works, the *Contractor* bears all costs associated with additional sampling, monitoring and installation of temporary or alternative supplies.

9. Watercourse Crossings

9.1. GENERAL

- 9.1.1 The Controlled Activities (Scotland) Regulations 2011 regulate activities in or in the vicinity of rivers, lochs and wetlands, including engineering activities like river crossings and culverting. Works may require (depending on the nature of the works) Registration with, or a Licence from, SEPA.
- 9.1.2 The *Contractor* produces a detailed Water Course Crossing Plan prior to commencement of the works, i.e. detailed plans for each of upgrades or new built structures. The *Contractor* submits these plans to the *Employer* for acceptance.
- 9.1.3 The *Contractor* obtains all necessary permissions and CAR licenses/authorisations as required prior to the execution of any works affecting a watercourse.
- 9.1.4 The ECoW is consulted with regard to all Watercourse Crossing works. The ECoW carries out surveys immediately prior to construction or upgrading to identify areas of mammal activity in watercourses.

9.2. DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

- 9.2.1 The *Contractor* adheres to general good practice in Watercourse Crossing design in line with relevant guidance, in particular CIRIA and Scottish Government publications (Section 17), taking into account various requirements summarised below:
 - All watercourses over which the access roads cross will be routed through culverts or under bridges appropriately sized and designed not to impede the flow of water and allowing safe passage for wildlife;
 - Culvert design will be over-engineered so that it can be sunk into the bed of the watercourse allowing riverine substrate to stabilise on the floor of the culvert (i.e. leaves the watercourse in as natural condition as possible);
 - Low maintenance; and
 - Visually in keeping with the surroundings.
- 9.2.2 All river crossings will be designed to convey a minimum 1:200 year + climate change storm event, and individually sized and designed to suit the specific requirements and constraints of its location.

Culverts

- 9.2.1 The design of all culverts is in accordance with CIRIA Report 689. Inlet and outlet will be as 'Headwall' design type as stated in the Report for all watercourse crossings. Multiple pipe culverts are not permitted.
- 9.2.2 The natural bed and banks of any existing watercourse will remain unaffected by any new structure.

Bridges

- 9.2.1 The *Contractor* consults and complies with the requirements of the relevant Statutory Authorities, Utilities and Service Providers, including the onsite ECoW and the *Employer* for the construction of any culverts or bridges.
- 9.2.2 The *Contractor* provides watercourse crossing structures (i.e. bridges) with sufficient clear span as to ensure no works are required within the one metre of the watercourse, unless accepted in writing by the *Employer's* Project Manager.
- 9.2.3 The *Contractor* designs all new and upgrades any existing structures spanning watercourses to accommodate the flow resulting from the 1:200 year + climate change storm event. The *Contractor* designs these structures to ensure they do not to affect any existing floodplain or the downstream flow characteristics of the watercourse.
- 9.2.4 Where the *Contractor* demonstrates the passing of the unrestricted flow from the 1:200 year + climate change storm event negatively affects the downstream catchment the *Contractor* designs the access track and associate drainage to ensure any surcharging during the 1:200 year + climate change storm event does not jeopardise the structural integrity of any assets while protecting the downstream catchment.

Erosion Protection

- 9.2.1 Erosion protection is generally required at the outlet of the culvert (and to a lesser extent at the inlet). However by appropriately sizing and designing the structure erosion can be minimised reducing the need for any engineered protection.
- 9.2.2 Where possible the design will avoid using artificial bank reinforcement, and the watercourse kept as natural as possible.
- 9.2.3 Bank protection measures, may require authorisation (under the Controlled Activities Regulations). If required, authorisation will be obtained by the *Contractor*.

10. Ecological Protection

10.1. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 10.1.1 Implementation and monitoring of Habitat and Species Protection Plans will be the responsibility of the Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW). The ECoW will be a qualified ecologist and a Member of the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (IEEM).
- 10.1.2 The ECoW is appointed and employed by the *Employer*, the appointment being subject to approval by the Planning Authority after submission of details of qualifications and experience. The role and duties of the ECoW are further detailed in Section 10.5 below.
- 10.1.3 The *Contractor* is required to comply with all control measures detailed within any Habitats or Species Protection Plans.

10.2. HABITAT AND SPECIES PROTECTION PLANS: DEFINITIONS, COVERAGE AND SCOPE

- 10.2.1 Species protection may be defined as the set of measures used to minimise the risk of disturbance, injury or death to species of nature conservation interest. Particular attention is paid to species protected under UK and Scottish legislation, including European Protected Species⁴.
- 10.2.2 Habitat protection may be defined as the set of measures used to minimise the risk of damage or destruction to the terrestrial and aquatic habitats of the site, including groundwater dependent terrestrial ecosystems (GWDTE), and downstream ecosystems.
- 10.2.3 The generally applicable and best practice protection and mitigation measures to be applied at the site are summarised below. Following receipt of Planning Consent the relevant habitat and species protection plans will be revised and updated to incorporate site specific requirements as detailed in the EIAR and stipulated in relevant planning conditions, together with any mitigation requirements identified during post-consent (pre-works) species surveys.

10.3. HABITAT PROTECTION PLANS

Aquatic Habitats

- 10.3.1 The purpose of the aquatic habitat protection plan is to maintain high water quality to support aquatic habitats used by any existing aquatic species like otters, water voles

⁴ The Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994 (as amended)

and fish and associated eco systems, both within the development site and downstream of the site, including salmon spawning grounds.

- 10.3.2 Fish populations will be monitored pre-construction, during construction and post-construction. The design and duration of the fish monitoring programme will be finalised post consent through consultation with key stakeholders, such as Marine Scotland Science (MSS) and the Ness District Salmon Fisheries Board and will follow MSS monitoring guidelines.

Terrestrial Habitats

- 10.3.1 Protection of terrestrial habitats (through avoidance and minimisation of damage and loss) like active blanket bogs, GWDTE is required as these habitats are recognised as important under the EC Directives.
- 10.3.2 All site working practices need to consider their possible effects on sensitive habitats and soils and mitigate significant negative effects as far as is reasonably possible.
- 10.3.3 Micrositing of infrastructure and/or the configuration of the construction working areas within the Development will seek to avoid localised ecological sensitivities wherever possible. This will include, but will not be limited to:
- Maximising the distance of infrastructure and the associated construction working areas from watercourses, and water vole burrows.
 - Maximising the distance of infrastructure and the associated construction working areas from the two small areas of M11 and from areas of M15b habitat.
 - Minimising the extent of construction work within blanket bog.
- 10.3.4 The single, small juniper plant that would be damaged or destroyed as part of the access track upgrade will be transplanted into a nearby area of habitat outwith the area where works are proposed. If additional juniper plants are identified, and are likely to be harmed by the development, then these will also be transplanted into a nearby area.

Habitat Protection Measures

- 10.3.1 Proposed measures for both aquatic and terrestrial habitat protection are generally as follows:
- A 50m buffer will typically be maintained between working areas, machinery and watercourses where possible except at watercourse crossing points (any buffer zones less than 50m have to be authorised by the ECoW, the minimum buffer zone is 10m). Buffer zones will be demarcated, where necessary, by the ECoW. The *Contractor* will discuss and agree the requirement for demarcation with the ECoW and the *Employer* prior to commencement of any works.
 - Details on watercourse crossings design and work, taking into account habitat and species protection are provided in Section 9 of this CEMP;

- A Water Quality monitoring programme, to be implemented prior to commencement of the construction works and undertaken in the pre, during and post construction phase of the development is detailed in Section 8 of this CEMP;
- Construction activities around watercourses will adhere to general good practice measures and Pollution Prevention Guidance produced by SEPA. Relevant guidance documents are referenced in Section 17 of this CEMP;
- Pollution prevention measures will be installed and maintained as appropriate, Sections 5 and 7 provide details on pollution control and drainage mitigation measures; and

10.3.2 The *Contractor* ensures the protection of habitats as detailed in this CEMP. The *Contractor*:

- Includes information on habitat and species protection and legal requirements in the daily inductions and toolbox talks, in consultation with the ECoW (see Section 10.5).
- Ensures that all staff, contractors, subcontractors and visitors are aware of the emergency response procedures to be followed in the event of a pollution incident.
- Microsites development infrastructure to reduce the damage to sensitive habitats, in consultation with the ECoW and the Geotechnical Engineer, as necessary.
- Makes best use of excavated turf and peat as part of reinstatement procedures (see Sections 14 and 15 Excavated Materials and Reinstatement).
- Adheres to buffer distances relating to watercourses / lochs / springs and species as detailed in this CEMP and revisions thereof.
- Prevents discharge or run-off of silty or polluted water to ground / habitat / watercourses.
- Consults the ECoW ahead of any clean water discharge to ground / habitat / watercourses.

10.4. SPECIES PROTECTION PLAN

Birds

10.4.1 All bird species are protected by law.

10.4.2 Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (Appendix 1) it is an offence to kill them or damage their nests and eggs. Species listed in Schedule 1 of the Act are specially protected, so that it is an offence merely to disturb them while nesting. However, if disturbance to the nest of any other bird species without special protection were sufficient to prevent parent birds from incubating their eggs or feeding their nestlings, so that the brood died, this could be regarded as an offence under the 1981 Act.

10.4.3 If construction commences before the end of the breeding season the *Contractor* provides bird deterrence measures prior to the start of the breeding season. If works do not begin until the end of the bird breeding season, the *Contractor* undertakes those checks required.

- 10.4.4 A Breeding Bird Protection Plan, and specific protected bird species plans (where required), will be developed and agreed with NatureScot prior to commencement of construction. These will follow pre-commencement surveys carried out by a suitably qualified ornithologist.

Mammals

10.4.1 Otters and Water Voles - Pre-Construction measures:

- Within 8 months prior to commencement of the development on site (or during the suitable survey period prior to commencement of works), a pre-construction otter and water vole survey will be carried out by the *Employer*. This will be conducted by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist. Surveys will not be undertaken during, or after heavy rain or periods of flood.
- If required, the ECoW will make relevant licence applications (e.g. licence to disturb) to NatureScot on behalf of the *Employer* and will oversee and/or undertake related mitigation measures in accordance with any licence obtained.
- Prior to works commencing, the ECoW marks buffers around all known otter shelters (and water vole burrows, if applicable) using a marking method and distance approved by the planning authority in consultation with NatureScot.

10.4.2 Otters and Water Voles - Measures during construction:

- The *Contractor* informs the ECoW at least one week ahead of works commencing in or near watercourses and consults the ECoW on any mitigation measures required as part of the works.
- The *Contractor* does not commence construction activities and blasting within 100m from a watercourse used by otters until two hours after sunrise, ceasing two hours before sunset; machinery lights will be directed away from watercourses. Sunrise and sunset time can be obtained from the internet (www.timeanddate.com).
- The Contractor ensures that:
 - all open excavations are ramped to enable easy exit by otter and other species;
 - culvert pipes stored on site are capped, or if caps are not available, pipes are stored vertically, to prevent otter entrapment;
 - design of any permanent or temporary lighting is such that it is directed away from watercourses and that an unlit corridor of 30m either side of watercourses is maintained.
- During the construction period, the ECoW carries out further checks, including checks ahead of the construction front.
- The ECoW maintains a mapped record of checked areas and a log of otter and water vole surveys and informs the *Contractor* and *Employer* as soon as possible of any potential restrictions and limitations to the planned works as a result of the checks/survey findings.

- The ECoW notes key areas of otter and water vole activity and any potential shelters outwith a licensable distance from construction and monitors activity at these areas and shelters regularly during construction.
- All site personnel report any sightings of otters and water voles and any potential otter shelters / water vole burrows encountered on site to the ECoW as soon as possible.

10.4.3 Other Species (Bats, Mountain Hares, Reptiles etc) - Pre-Construction Measures

- Within 8 months prior to commencement of the development on site (or in relevant suitable species survey season, prior to commencement of works) pre-construction species surveys relevant to those species identified in the EIAR will be carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist on behalf of the *Employer*.
- If required, the ECoW will make relevant licence applications to NatureScot on behalf of the *Employer* and will oversee and/or undertake related mitigation measures in accordance with any licence obtained.
- Pre-works survey findings will further inform any additional mitigation measures deemed necessary for the construction works phase. This information will be included in the updated CEMP (post-consent).

10.5. THE ECOLOGICAL / ENVIRONMENTAL CLERK OF WORKS (ECOW)

Background and Term of Appointment

- 10.5.1 The *Employer* considers it best practice to provide an ECoW for the duration of the construction works, irrespective of whether or not this role is required as part of a Planning Consent. The ECoW ensures that records are maintained to support key decisions and advice given to the *Contractor*.
- 10.5.2 The ECoW will generally be appointed 3-4 months prior to work commencing on site. The role will be full-time for the duration of the main construction period (construction of infrastructure and associated facilities) and may be reduced to a part time role (2-4 days/week) thereafter (turbine deliveries, electrical works etc) subject to *Contractor* performance and general consensus between ECoW, *Employer* and the Planning Authority (where required).
- 10.5.3 The ECoW will be a member of the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (IEEM) with suitable experience.

ECoW tasks

10.5.1 Overview

- 10.5.2 The ECoW advises and assists the *Contractor* in avoiding, minimising and mitigating adverse effects. The *Contractor* consults with the ECoW prior to undertaking specific works as detailed below and considers the ECoW's advice at all times.
- 10.5.3 Where the ECoW disagrees with works being undertaken by the *Contractor*, resulting in a breach of planning conditions or measures detailed in the EIAR and the CEMP, the ECoW informs the *Employer* immediately. On advice of the ECoW the *Employer's* Project Manager may halt the works or parts thereof.
- 10.5.4 The following are anticipated to represent the main tasks which translate these aspects of the role into action. This list is not intended to be exhaustive and will require modification during the construction period as and when circumstances dictate.

10.5.5 Micrositing

- 10.5.6 The ECoW (in consultation with the Geotechnical Engineer, if applicable and required) advises on micro-siting, where required. The *Contractor* consults the ECoW prior to micro-siting being undertaken.

10.5.7 Drainage Management and Watercourses

- 10.5.8 The ECoW conducts weekly inspection of site pollution prevention measures (silt fences, settlement ponds, check dams, splash boards etc) and visually assesses their effectiveness. This includes inspection of water management measures installed by contractors such as excavation pumping and diversion channels.
- 10.5.9 In advance of works, the ECoW assesses habitats and species on ground that may be affected by drainage management and reviews drainage management proposals, including drainage required at temporary peat storage and reinstatement works in advance of such works commencing.
- 10.5.10 In advance of any works near or crossing a ditch or watercourse the ECoW surveys the condition of the watercourse and protected terrestrial and aquatic species, using an established specialist if necessary.

10.5.11 Excavated materials and reinstatement

- 10.5.12 The ECoW reviews working areas and access route corridors.
- 10.5.13 The ECoW agrees proposals for side casting and temporary excavated material storage areas as development proceeds.
- 10.5.14 The ECoW monitors the condition of stored turf and agrees any required hydroseeding specification, including seed mix and fertiliser quantities, if required, in liaison with NatureScot.
- 10.5.15 The ECoW will map all areas reinstated using GIS, maintaining this record throughout the construction period and provide electronically to the *Employer* at handover. This

will include areas reinstated using turves, hydro seeded, or still to be seeded within 2 Year defect period.

10.5.16 The ECoW establishes fixed point photography locations for future monitoring of reinstated areas, with baseline photographs taken on completion of construction and prior to commissioning.

10.5.17 The ECoW (or other qualified *Employer's* representative) undertakes a final inspection as described in Section 15.3.

10.5.18 Ecological Protection Tasks

10.5.19 The ECoW erects and maintains markers and notices for limits around watercourses, exclusion zones and other areas with protected species or habitats; the ECoW also considers requests and granting of permission to enter within any habitat and protected species exclusion zones established at the site.

- The ECoW conducts weekly checks for protected species and sensitive habitat (e.g peatland, watercourses) within and adjacent to construction areas, and maintains a register of all habitat inspections carried out.
- The ECoW implements any species and habitat protection plans and checks compliance with control measures detailed therein. The ECoW also executes the terms of any Licence to Disturb which might be required.

10.5.20 On-site communication and liaison with Consultees

10.5.21 The ECoW will always inform the *Employer's* Project Manager and *Contractor* of areas of particular concern, who will then make a decision as to the subsequent action.

10.5.22 The ECoW is involved in the delivery of biodiversity-related Toolbox Talks as part of the site induction process. All staff will know of the circumstances when the ECoW should be contacted, and the relevant phone numbers.

10.5.23 The ECoW liaises with the statutory consultees as required and agreed with the *Employer* in line with any Planning Authority requirements (if applicable).

10.5.24 Meetings and Recording

10.5.25 The ECoW attends a weekly (or fortnightly, if agreed) meeting which will include representatives from the *Employer*, *Contractor*, sub-contractors. The purpose of these meetings is to:

- review the effectiveness of mitigation / controls as construction progresses in the context of ecological and environmental mitigation;
- discuss construction programme for the following week / fortnight look-ahead and agree actions on these matters.

10.5.26 The ECoW keeps a record of the following:

- animal sightings and signs (including birds, in addition to other site ornithological monitoring), particularly those noted in searches one or two days in advance of construction;

- weekly checks on the effectiveness of silt and pollution prevention measures;
- the habitats of ground to be developed via survey at least a week in advance of construction work;
- record of tasks carried out and written record of all verbal advice given.

10.5.27 The ECoW maintains a **GIS database** of key recordings made during the construction period. Field records will use, if necessary, differential GPS technology captured into a field GIS system.

10.5.28 The ECoW assists the *Employer* with the supply of relevant information for compliance assessment.

10.5.29 The ECoW provides monthly reports throughout the construction period to the *Employer*. On completion of construction works, the ECoW produces a final report to the *Employer* documenting the environmental and ecological effects of the construction period. The evidence for effects will be based on findings included in the minutes of weekly/fortnightly meetings, together with other recording information maintained by the ECoW. The report will relate results to residual effects predicted in the site's EIAR documents. The report will be made available to the *Contractor* and the Planning Authority.

11. Archaeological Protection

- 11.1.1 The nearest heritage asset, identified within the EIAR, is over 1km from the Development. The potential for unrecorded archaeological features and artefacts remains.
- 11.1.2 Any construction works involving ground disturbance will pay due attention to the potential presence of unknown features or structures. In the event of an unexpected discovery, work will halt in proximity to the finding. The *Contractor* will inform the *Employer* and Archaeological support will be provided as required by an Archaeological Consultant appointed by the *Employer*.
- 11.1.3 Where required, and if applicable, the Archaeological Consultant will prepare a methodology for the identification, preservation and recording of archaeological remains at the site ('Written Scheme of Investigation' (WSI)). The contents of the WSI will generally be agreed with the Planning Authority's archaeologist and measures prescribed undertaken prior to recommencement of works in proximity to the finding as appropriate.

12. Forestry Works

- 12.1.1 No forestry works are required as part of the Bhlaraidh Wind Farm Extension development.
- 12.1.2 Should minor tree works or clearance be required at a later date (e.g. if required for public road improvements on the turbine delivery route), environmental requirements for the works will be detailed in a separate method statement to be provided by the *Contractor*.

13. Land use and Public Access

13.1. AGRICULTURAL LAND

- 13.1.1 The *Contractor* liaises with relevant landowners prior to commencement of works. The *Contractor* undertakes a site walk-over of relevant areas with the landowner (and *Employer* as appropriate).
- 13.1.2 The *Contractor* will provide a risk assessment for all works on agricultural land, identifying potential hazards/sensitive areas and proposed mitigation measures, as identified in liaison with the landowner.
- 13.1.3 The risk assessment, method statements and mitigation measures will address the following potential issues (this is not an exhaustive list and the *Contractor* will amend as applicable):
- General access restrictions (gates, fences, unstable ground);
 - Stock movement (type of stock, numbers, location of stock and requirements/timetable for movement, access restrictions, specific risks e.g. cattle/bulls etc);
 - Season-dependending risks/restrictions (lambing season, deer stalking etc);
 - Cattle grids and gates (proper use, repair and installation of cattle grids, gates etc);
 - Fencing (requirement for removal/replacement/repair of fencing, location of electrical fencing etc); and
 - Surface water (drainage, surface water bodies, livestock drinking water supplies and routes).

13.2. PUBLIC ACCESS

- 13.2.1 An Outdoor Access Plan is provided within the EIAR which details how existing public access would be managed during the construction and operation of the Development. This will be reviewed prior to commencement of construction by the *Contractor* and all required measures will be implemented to ensure safe access is managed and/or maintained during construction.

14. Excavated Materials

- 14.1.1 In advance of each main phase of works, the *Contractor* (in consultation with ECoW, and other specialists where required, e.g. Geotechnical Engineer), provides a method statement detailing expected volumes, material classification, storage and reuse procedures for the excavated materials anticipated from that particular work area. This includes information on soil and peat types, volumes, temporary storage areas and a management / reinstatement scheme for peat reuse areas, including:
- plans showing the details of peat/soil stripping and excavation at the site and the storage and proposed use and replacement of peat (including borrow pit areas), topsoil and subsoil; and
 - a method statement setting out the measures to protect peat during excavation, storage and handling.
- 14.1.2 The assessments undertaken to support the Development contains information on expected soil types and volumes requiring excavation and reuse as part of the construction works. The *Contractor* utilises this information and any additional investigation findings post-consent when planning the works.
- 14.1.3 The *Contractor* liaises with SEPA on all aspects of waste management, if required, to ensure compliance with all appropriate regulatory controls prior to and during construction works.
- 14.1.4 The *Contractor* maintains a Geotechnical / Peat Slide Risk Register.

14.2. CLASSIFICATION OF EXCAVATED MATERIALS

- 14.2.1 Excavated soils, peat and rock are a definite requirement for reinstatement onsite in landscaping and re-profiling works and in order to minimise visual impacts and facilitate habitat and ecological restoration.
- 14.2.2 Classification of excavated materials depends on their status and identified re-use in reinstatement works. In order to ensure compliance with relevant waste legislation, excavated materials will require to be classified onsite. Four initial classes of excavated materials may be identified during construction:
- **Turf:** Surface layer of living vegetation and underlying fibrous subsoil.
 - **Mineral Soil:** Highly variable composition, which will depend on underlying geology, depositional environment or provenance if made ground. Refer to British Soil Classification System BS5930: 1999, "Code of Practice for Site Investigations" (Table 13).
 - **Upper layer of peat:** The upper layer of a peat bog in which organic matter decomposes aerobically may be fibrous or pseudo-fibrous (plant remains recognisable), spongy, of low strength although consolidated, retains integral structure and can stand unsupported when stockpiled >1m. Such material is generally found within the top 1m of peat, although may extend beyond this to

depths of up to 2m depending on the degree of decomposition and degree of humification of the peat.

- **Deeper layers of peat:** In the deeper layers of peat in which organic matter decomposes anaerobically. Material is unconsolidated, amorphous (recognisable plant remains absent), plastic, has high water content and low tensile strength and is unable to stand unsupported >1m when stockpiled.

- 14.2.3 When defining excavated materials suitability for reuse, the *Contractor* considers the material classes defined in Chapter 2 of the Management of Extractive Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2010. Any material that is not immediately suitable for a predetermined use without the requirement for treatment (e.g. dewatering) is classed as waste and requires to be dealt with in accordance with the *Contractor's* Site Waste Management Plan.
- 14.2.4 Detail relating to the peatland landscape, characteristics of the peat and expectant excavation and reuse volumes is outlined in the Bhlaraidh Wind Farm Extension Peat Management Plan.

14.3. EXCAVATION ACTIVITIES

- 14.3.1 The *Contractor* creates, and maintains, an **Excavation Register**, which is updated weekly and details the location and extent of all open excavations and the current and original location of all stockpiled material. The *Contractor* makes this available to the *Employer* upon request.
- 14.3.2 The *Contractor* pays special attention to the risk of slope instability and peat slides and follows the advice and guidance of the Geotechnical Engineer. The *Contractor* ensures that under all conditions, the ground surface stability is fully maintained both during and post-construction.
- 14.3.3 The *Contractor* undertakes sufficient additional studies and intrusive Site Investigations, where required, to establish the prevailing ground conditions across the Development and the likely ground conditions following completion of the construction work. This includes geotechnical and geo-environmental investigations, hydro-geological and hydrological investigations or other assessments to ensure that the ground conditions are fully documented and integrated into the infrastructure design. Particular attention should be paid to peat or similar organic deposits, even where ground is perceived to be gently sloping, especially where signs of instability are evident, e.g. peat pipes, relic failures, ponding surface water, cracks and slumps.
- 14.3.4 The *Contractor* undertakes turf and soil stripping and excavation works in accordance with best practice as described in relevant guidance documents in Section 17, in particular; Developments on Peatland: Guidance on the Assessment of Peat Volumes, Reuse of Excavated Peat and the Minimisation of Waste (2012).
- 14.3.5 The *Contractor* employs a construction management team and plant operators of proven experience of working in an upland environment, including a working knowledge of peat management and drainage, excavation (including cable trenches),

track construction and reinstatement and restoration. All operatives will be aware of the potential for peat instability and the perceived slide risk, as classified in the Bhlaraidh Wind Farm Extension Peat Hazard Landslide Risk Assessment.

- 14.3.6 All cabling works require drainage mitigation, materials handling and pollution prevention measures, as prescribed. To minimise habitat damage, cable trenches will be designed to prevent creation of preferential drainage channels for sub-/surface flows and constructed to minimise ground disturbance.

14.4. HANDLING AND TEMPORARY STORAGE OF EXCAVATED MATERIALS

- 14.4.1 The *Contractor* undertakes the excavation of soils in such a manner as to avoid cross contamination between distinct horizons. The different soil horizons are kept and stored separately for use at a later date.
- 14.4.2 During and after excavation, the *Contractor* plans the storage, haulage and reuse of excavated material to minimise material movement around the site. Where possible, immediate reuse is preferable to temporary storage.
- 14.4.3 Turves are stripped and handled with care such that damage to the living vegetation mat is prevented or minimised as far as possible, encouraging successful vegetation reestablishment. The turves shall be stored with the living component facing upwards and stacking shall be avoided. The intrinsic value of preserving turves for subsequent reinstatement shall be regularly reinforced by the ECoW.
- 14.4.4 Where material is not required for immediate reinstatement, temporary storage may be required. To minimise handling and haulage distances, where possible excavated material will be stored local to the site of excavation and / or local to the end-use site where it is required for re-profiling, reinstatement or ecological restoration purposes (e.g. areas allocated for restoration in the Development's Habitat Management Plan). The *Contractor* agrees storage location(s) with the ECoW and Geotechnical Engineer prior to commencement of main phase of works. The storage location will be subject to scrutiny against known constraints, e.g. sensitive habitats, archaeological features and areas of peat slide risk.
- 14.4.5 Stripped materials will be carefully separated to keep peat and other soils apart, and stored in appropriately designed and clearly defined, separate stockpiles.
- 14.4.6 Temporary storage locations will be appropriately located and designed to minimise impact to sensitive habitats and species, prevent risks from material instability (particularly in peatland areas) and runoff into watercourses.
- 14.4.7 Stockpiles will be isolated from any surface drains and a minimum of 50m away from watercourses, unless otherwise agreed with the ECoW. Stockpiles will include appropriate bunding to minimise any pollution risks where required.

- 14.4.8 Peat will not be stockpiled at a height greater than 1m and turf will be stored separately. The *Contractor* ensures reinstatement compliments existing ground levels and mirrors natural topography as far as reasonably practicable.
- 14.4.9 Turves must be stored vegetation-side-up and must not be allowed to dry out. The *Contractor* and the ECoW monitor (weekly during dry periods) the condition of stored turves and peat. Where desiccation is evident, as determined by the ECoW, the *Contractor* provides a means of irrigation to ensure the continued viability of the turves and peat.
- 14.4.10 Where the excavated material is identified to be required elsewhere in restoration works, although re-use is not imminent, the *Contractor* may assess specified areas within the working borrow pit suitable temporary storage locations. The *Contractor* ensures that the handling of the stored material is kept to a minimum and appropriate drainage, pollution prevention and material stability measures are designed prior to the temporary deposition of the material, ensuring material is maintained in a suitable condition for future use.

14.5. CABLING WORKS

- 14.5.1 Turbines are likely to be connected by electrical circuit 'arrays', with the output connecting to the new on-site substation. The cabling will generally be located alongside the site access tracks where suitable, or as presented in the EIAR, unless otherwise agreed with The Highland Council (THC) in consultation with SEPA and the site ECoW.
- 14.5.2 Cabling would typically be laid in trenches of varying width (depending on the number of cables) and approximately 1m in depth. These trenches would also carry earthing and communications cables. Subject to detailed survey and considering topographical, geological and engineering constraints, cable plough methods of installation will be employed where ever possible for all cable routes which deviate from access tracks.
- 14.5.3 Cables would be laid directly in trenches with a sand surround and then backfilled with excavated sub-soil and peat topsoil. Alternatively, cable ducts could be installed underground. Backfill materials would be as per those aforementioned, and the cables pulled through following completion of the duct installation or cables could be installed directly into the ground by use of cable ploughs. Earthing cables and communications cables would be included in the same trench.
- 14.5.4 The method of cable installation for cross-country cable routes will be determined based on detailed ground truthing and ground investigation data. The method selected will be depend on electrical and civil engineering properties along the route and may include a combination of: direct ploughing; ducting and / or direct burial. The preference will be towards ploughing as this presents the least impact in terms of ground disturbance.

- 14.5.5 Prior to cabling works commencing in any area, the cabling *Contractor* walks each cable route section and consults with the ECoW to verify any updates to Environmental Constraints maps and to identify all sensitive areas (e.g. soft ground, watercourses, watercourse crossing points, steep slopes) and all other potential constraints and sensitive receptors which may be impacted by his works. The cabling *Contractor* provides detailed design information, route plans and RAMS to the *Employer* for all sections of cross country cable route prior to commencement of works.
- 14.5.6 Trenches will be reinstated as soon as possible to minimise the time they are left open and to avoid trenches acting as conduits for surface water, causing erosion and potential silt run off.
- 14.5.7 The cabling *Contractor* stores excavated materials in close proximity to the excavated trench, however, consideration will be given to minimising impact to sensitive habitats and species, prevent risks from material instability (particularly in peatland areas) and run off into watercourses.
- 14.5.8 The cabling *Contractor* carefully strips soils to avoid cross contamination between distinct horizons. Once excavated, the *Contractor* avoids double handling and unnecessary haulage of soil and turves where possible. Turves shall be stripped and handled with care such that damage to the living vegetation mat is prevented or minimised as far as possible.
- 14.5.9 Distinct horizons of soil (subsoil and topsoil) or peat (catotelmic, acrotelmic and turves) will be stored in separate stockpiles. The maximum permissible height for stockpiles will be 2m. Stockpiles will be formed avoiding excess consolidation during placing and with naturally stable side slopes. Turves must be stored turf side up and must not be allowed to dry out.
- 14.5.10 The cabling *Contractor* reinstates trenches and vegetation using the turves or soils stripped and stored during the cable trench excavation. Turves with their intrinsic seed bank will ensure reinstatement of vegetation as reinstatement of cable trenches will be undertaken immediately following cable installation (usually within 1 week of trench excavation).
- 14.5.11 To maintain local hydrological conditions and hydraulic connection in sensitive habitats (e.g. near GWDTEs) mitigation may be required within the trench. This may include clay plugs/ peat bunds to prevent the trenches from becoming a preferential flow path for water flows. The number of in trench cut-offs or bunds to be installed will be proportionate to the gradient of the trench section and take into account the elevation differential to avoid excessive head on the clay plugs/peat bunds. Where wetlands with more discrete groundwater flows are intercepted (e.g. spring and flush habitats) a clay plug may be placed immediately either side of the spring or flush feature to maintain the original hydrological conditions/flows within the wetland on either side of the cable trench.

- 14.5.12 Where cable trenches cross watercourses, consideration will be given to directional drilling where possible as this offers reduced risk to the water environment and minimal reinstatement.

14.6. PEAT STABILITY

- 14.6.1 In the absence of good practice methods, general construction activities can have a destabilising influence on peat and result in peat slides. Consequently, the following general measures shall be adopted to minimise the risk of peat slide:
- An appropriately qualified and experienced Geotechnical Engineer (Section **Error! Reference source not found.**) will be appointed throughout the construction phase to provide specialist advice and guidance pertinent to peat stability.
 - Raise construction staff awareness of the issues surrounding the peat environment and slide susceptibility, i.e. highlight peat slide risk assessment information (e.g. peat instability indicators, best practice and emergency procedures) in tool box talks with relevant operatives e.g. plant operators.
 - To prevent the accelerated degradation and erosion of peat, off-track plant movements shall be minimised as far as reasonably practicable.
 - The *Contractor* develops an emergency plan relating to peat slide, providing instructions for site staff in the event of a peat slide or discovery of peat instability indicators.
- 14.6.2 Maintaining existing hydrological regimes is an important consideration in minimising peat slide risk. Consequently, the following measures shall be adopted:
- All existing drainage paths shall be maintained and where necessary, directed through the constructed track via cross-drains incorporated at appropriate intervals.
 - Robust temporary and permanent drainage systems shall be designed by the *Contractor*, incorporating the philosophies outlined in this CEMP.
 - The drainage arrangements will ensure against the concentration of flows and /or result in over-/under-saturation of the peat.
 - Measures shall be put in place to ensure drainage systems are well maintained, to include the identification and demarcation of zones of sensitive drainage or hydrology in areas of construction.

15. Reinstatement

- 15.1.1 The *Contractor* undertakes all reinstatement works associated with the Development. Reinstatement works are those undertaken during and upon completion of construction in any area and aim to redress any damage inflicted on the landscape as part of the construction works.
- 15.1.2 Where practicable, reinstatement and re-profiling of, and around, infrastructure will be undertaken as the work front progresses, or as soon as is practical following substantial completion of discrete works areas. Early reinstatement and re-profiling are encouraged to minimise visual impact, reduce requirements for temporary storage / stockpiling of soils and to promote reestablishment of vegetation as early as possible.
- 15.1.3 Reinstatement is primarily undertaken using in-situ and site-sourced materials (turves and peat). Reinstatement of vegetation will be focused on natural regeneration utilising peat or other vegetated turves or soils stripped and stored with their relevant seed bank. To encourage stabilisation and early establishment of vegetation cover, where available, peat turves or other topsoil and vegetation turves in-keeping with the surrounding vegetation type will be used to provide a dressing for the final surface.
- 15.1.4 Where turve redressing proves unsuccessful or where turves are lacking due to prevalence of extensive erosion features and associated bare peat, re-seeding (e.g. hydro-seeding) will be part of reinstatement measures (Section 15.2). Where erosion has resulted in the wholesale loss of the peat resource and exposures of mineral soil are evident, re-establishing peat horizons will be required prior to the application of seed.
- 15.1.5 A minimum of 6 months prior to commencement of turbine commissioning phase, in consultation with the ECoW, the *Contractor* provides a **Reinstatement and Re-Profiling Plan** detailing the adopted approach for reinstating: track verges; turbine bases; construction compounds; storage areas; borrow pits; cable trenches; other disturbed areas and obsolete construction features (such as drainage ditches, settlement ponds or other sediment control measures, concrete wash out pits and other features which may not be required as part of the permanent works). The Reinstatement and Re-Profiling Plan will provide details on method (including timings) for replacement of turves and re-seeding where appropriate. The plan shall provide information relating to the implemented reinstatement work, therefore the development of this plan shall not diminish requirement or conflict with the principal outlined in Section 15.1.2, i.e. obligation for punctual reinstatement as the works progress.
- 15.1.6 All aspects of the Development incurring disturbance from the construction works shall be subject to reinstatement. Temporary construction features shall be reinstated within 6 month of final turbine commissioning, unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Authority.

- 15.1.7 Where deemed suitable, and in accordance with the Bhlaraidh Wind Farm Extension Peat Management Plan, excavated peat from cut and fill sections of infrastructure will be used for redressing infrastructure embankments. No mineral soil (especially clay-rich soils) will be used for dressing the side slopes of tracks to prevent silt runoff. Considering local topography, the *Contractor* ensures that reinstated embankments and temporary construction features compliments surrounding landform and avoids creation of patently engineered construction edges.
- 15.1.8 Where feasible, to prevent erosion via scour from runoff and facilitate vegetation re-establishment, any down-slope embankments will be graded such that the slope are shallow-tapered and there is a gradual transition with the surrounding / existing ground profile. The *Contractor* avoids the creation of steep, unvegetated embankments. Where these are entirely unavoidable, the *Contractor* incorporates suitably designed erosion protection measures in consultation with the Geotechnical Engineer. The *Contractor* avoids the introduction of any synthetic liners, unless deemed unavoidable from a safety or engineering integrity perspective.
- 15.1.9 Outline design proposals for borrow pit re-profiling, including details on reinstatement material origin and classification, placement method, final ground profiles and surface dressing will be submitted by the *Contractor*, signed-off by the Geotechnical Engineer and agreed by the ECoW prior to commencement of re-instatement. Once available, these details shall be incorporated into the Bhlaraidh Wind Farm Extension Borrow Pit Scheme of Work.
- 15.1.10 The *Contractor* maintains comprehensive records of the location, depth and volumes of all materials used in reinstatement and restoration of the borrow pits, including photographic evidence.
- 15.1.11 Prior to completion, the *Contractor* removes every piece of litter or waste and cleans the site. In addition, the *Contractor* will reinstate (to as near original condition as possible) grassed areas and other natural vegetation, gates, fences and other property affected temporarily by the works.
- 15.1.12 Any accidental damage or other construction effects are repaired and reinstated or restored by the *Contractor* to the *Employer's* satisfaction and in accordance with the Planning Consent and any agreements with the landowners, all prior to taking over by the *Employer*.

15.2. REGENERATION

- 15.2.1 Where reseeding is required, in consultation with NatureScot and SEPA, the ECoW shall specify a suitable seed mix.
- 15.2.2 Where there are insufficient turves for top dressing, hydro-seeding may be an acceptable method of vegetation reinstatement. The *Contractor* submits proposals for re-seeding, including seed mixes (as specified by the ECoW) and application methods, to the *Employer* and ECoW for acceptance. The *Contractor* ensures that selection, approval and procurement of seed mix is undertaken in a timely manner

(e.g. in the summer prior to a seed application the following spring) to ensure that seed application is undertaken as early as feasibly possible following ECoW recommendation.

- 15.2.3 In areas disturbed by construction activities. i.e. notwithstanding the HMP peatland restoration works, the *Contractor* is responsible for the success of the regeneration measures, including reinstatement, re-vegetation / hydro-seeding etc. post-construction.

15.3. REINSTATEMENT MONITORING

- 15.3.1 Throughout the construction period the ECoW records the method of reinstatement undertaken in each area, further detail of this duty is provided in Section 10.5.
- 15.3.2 Within three months of completion of reinstatement works in any area, the ECoW inspects the *Contractor's* reinstatement efforts to determine satisfactory placement of sub-soil, topsoil and turves or seed distribution. The ECoW makes recommendation to the *Employer* and *Contractor* for additional effort, e.g. re-seeding.
- 15.3.3 The *Contractor* undertakes remedial works if the ECoW determines that initial reinstatement is sub-standard or unlikely to deliver required vegetation establishment within at least one growing season. Furthermore, the ECoW records any areas where bare soil/peat prevail and where preferential drainage pathways have been created or are likely to form post construction. The *Contractor* ensures that such areas are adequately protected from scour and sediment mobilisation that could potentially overwhelm the permanent drainage. The *Contractor* designs and implements appropriate protection measures.
- 15.3.4 The ECoW (or other qualified *Employer's* representative) undertakes a final inspection of all reinstated areas at the end of the first growing season following completion of reinstatement. All inspections and monitoring will be compared to baseline fixed point photography locations established by the ECoW prior to commissioning.
- 15.3.5 The *Contractor* undertakes remedial works within the two-year defects period if the final inspection finds that the establishment of vegetation is not satisfactory. Examples of unsatisfactory vegetation establishment may include failed turfs due to poor reinstatement practices or drying out, slow or poor natural regeneration due to inadequate topsoil / subsoil resource, or injurious weeds are evident.

16. Environmental Incident and Emergency Response

16.1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 16.1.1 The *Contractor* prepares a detailed Environmental Incident and Emergency Response Plan (EIERP) in line with SEPA's Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPP) GPP21, in particular sections 2.1.-2.4. and GPP22.

16.2. SEARS AND ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITING

- 16.2.1 An SSE Safety and Environmental Awareness Report (SEAR) is required to be completed for any potential or actual environmental incident or emergency which occurs or is noted on site. Blank SEAR forms will be provided by SSE Renewables.

16.3. SUMMARY SHEET FOR MACHINERY / PLANT OPERATORS

- 16.3.1 The *Contractor* provides a 1 page Summary Sheet containing the key information for incidents response to be used as a quick reference for any on-site personnel witnessing an incident. A laminate copy of this Summary Sheet will be located with all plant / machinery / on-site vehicles.
- 16.3.2 A **Communication Plan** (to be followed in the event of a spillage) will be provided by the *Contractor*, in liaison with relevant stakeholders and will be provide to the *Employer*, according to the Contract provisions, prior to commencement of the site works.
- 16.3.3 Key Information to be provided to the *Employer's* Project Manager and/or the ECoW within 30 minutes of an incident (irrespective of the scale / severity of the incident):
- E.g. What substance was spilled;
 - Approximate volume and time of spillage;
 - Accurate Location of spill (GPS or grid reference if possible, or bridge ID/number referenced on map etc);
 - All measures taken;
 - Help required i.e. manpower, machinery, expert advice, disposal, etc; and,
 - Whether the spill has reached a watercourse.

17. Reference Documentation

SEPA

- SEPA Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPPs) & Pollution Prevention Guidelines (PPGs):
 - GPP01 Understanding your environmental responsibilities – good environmental practices
 - GPP02 Above ground oil storage tanks
 - PPG03 Use and design of oil separators in surface water drainage systems
 - GPP04 Treatment and disposal of wastewater where there is no connection to the public foul sewer
 - GPP05 Works and maintenance in or near water
 - PPG06 Working at construction and demolition sites
 - PPG07 Safe Storage – The safe operation of refuelling facilities
 - GPP08 Safe storage and disposal of used oils
 - GPP13 Vehicle washing and cleaning
 - PPG18 Managing fire water and major spillages
 - GPP21 Pollution incident response planning
 - GPP22 Dealing with spills
 - GPP26 Safe storage - drums and intermediate bulk containers
- Developments on Peatland: Guidance on the Assessment of Peat Volumes, Reuse of Excavated Peat and the Minimisation of Waste, a joint publication by Scottish Renewables and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Version 1 January 2012.
- Good Practice During Wind Farm Construction, A joint publication by Scottish Renewables, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Forestry Commission Scotland, Historic Scotland, 4th Edition 2019;
- SEPA Regulatory Position Statement, Developments on Peat, National Waste Policy Unit, 9 February 2010.
- Engineering in the Water Environment, Good Practice Guide, Construction of River Crossings, First edition, SEPA, April 2008.
- Prevention of Pollution from Civil Engineering Contracts: Special Requirements publication (SEPA, 2006)
- Duty of Care for waste, SEPA

NatureScot:

- Floating Roads on Peat, Forestry Civil Engineering and NatureScot, August 2010.
- Constructed tracks in the Scottish Uplands, March 2005.

British Standards Institute (BSI):

- Code of Practice for Earth Works, BS6031:2009
- Code of practice for noise and vibration control on construction and open sites. Noise, BS5228-1: 2009.

Forestry Commission:

- Forests and Water UK Forestry Standard Guidelines, 5th Edition 2011

CIRIA Publications:

- Control of Water Pollution from Construction Sites – Guide to Good Practice (SP156)
- Control of Water Pollution from Construction Sites – Guidance for Consultants and Contractors (C532)
- Control of Water Pollution from Linear Construction Projects – Technical Guidance (C648)
- Control of Water Pollution from Linear Construction Projects – Site Guide (C649)
- Culvert Design Guide, C689, CIRIA, 2010;
- Environmental Good Practice – Site Guide (C650)
- The SUDS Manual (C753)
- Site Handbook for the Construction of SUDS (C698)

Additional Relevant Guidance:

- Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) Practitioner Series No.11: Waste Management: A Guide for Business in the UK, September 2008.
- Generic monitoring programme for monitoring watercourses in relation to onshore wind farm developments, Marine Scotland Science, April 2018
- River Crossings and Migratory Fish: Design Guidance, Scottish Government, April 2000.
- WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme):
http://www.wrap.org.uk/construction/tools_and_guidance/site_waste_2.html
- www.wasteonline.org.uk
- www.wasteawarescotland.org.uk
- www.defra.gov.uk/Environment/waste/

Regulations:

- The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 (as amended) ("CAR").
- The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011, A Practical Guide, SEPA, Version 7.1, March 2014.

18. Checklist – Required *Contractor's* Information

18.1.1 The information listed in the Table 3 below will be provided by the *Contractor* to the *Employer* according to the provisions of the contract, as indicated.

Table 3 Required *Contractor's* Information

Pre-commencement of works:	Yes/No
Name and CV of nominated and appropriately qualified person for site based single point of contact for all environmental matters (Section 1.2)	
Communication Plan (Section 16.3.2)	
Risk Assessment & Method Statements (Section 3.3)	
Schedule of toolbox talks (Section 4.2)	
Environmental Risk Map (Section 4.1.4)	
A Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP, Section 6)	
Details of proposed waste contractors and site plan showing waste collection / storage points (Section 6)	
Drainage Maintenance Register (Section 7)	
Watercourse crossing plans and CAR licences/authorisations (Section 9)	
Excavation / Reinstatement plans (Section 14 and 15)	
Environmental Incident and Emergency Response Plan (Section 16)	
During and post-completion of works:	Yes/No
Records of relevant communication, meetings and reports (Section 3)	
Records of site inductions and tool box talks (Section 4.2)	
Records of communication with SEPA, NatureScot (Section 3)	
Environmental Risk Map (updated, Section 4)	

Pre-commencement of works:	Yes/No
Records of all environmental checks/inspections (Section 5 and 8)	
COSHH documentation (Section 5.4)	
Site Waste Management Plan and related information (Section 6)	
Drainage Maintenance Register (Section 7)	
Records of water quality monitoring (Section 8)	
Excavation Register (Section 14)	
Records of borrow pit reinstatement (Section 15)	
Reinstatement and Re-Profiling Plan (Section 15)	

18.1.2 Note: The above list only relates to requirements of this CEMP. As part of the Contract, other information provisions will be required from the *Contractor*

Appendix 1 Typical Schematic Drainage Design Drawings

Figure 2.1.1 Silt Attenuation & Settlement Measures

Figure 2.1.2 Borrow Pits

Figure 2.1.3 Turbines and Hardstanding

Figure 2.1.4 Substation Platform / Construction Compound

Figure 2.1.5 Access Track and Watercourse Crossing

Figure 2.1.6 Access Track Cross Section

Part 2: Outline Construction Method Statements (CMS)

19. Introduction

19.1. GENERAL

- 19.1.1 The following sections describe the general methods of construction which are stipulated in the *Employer's* Civil Technical Requirements generally included in the Civils Work Contract forming the basis for the *Contractor's* detailed design.

19.2. WORKING HOURS AND NOISE

- 19.2.1 The working hours for construction activities may be restricted as part of planning consent. Typically normal working hours will be limited to between 07.00 and 19.00 hours Mondays to Fridays, and 07.00 to 14.00 hours on Saturdays. There shall be no construction traffic movements to or from the site outwith these hours or on Sundays. In the event of work being required outwith these hours, e.g. abnormal load deliveries, commissioning works or emergency mitigation works, the Planning Authority will be notified prior to these works taking place, wherever possible.
- 19.2.2 Operation of crushing equipment located within / next to borrow pits will generally be limited to 08:00 to 18:00 hours Monday to Friday and 08:00 to 13:00 on Saturdays, with no operation on Sundays.
- 19.2.3 Any blasting on site shall only take place between the hours of 10:00 to 16:00 on Monday to Friday inclusive and 10:00 to 12:00 on Saturdays with no blasting taking place on a Sunday unless otherwise approved in advance in writing by the Planning Authority.
- 19.2.4 Any plant and equipment normally required for operation at night (23:00 - 07:00), e.g. generators or dewatering pumps, shall be silenced or suitably shielded to ensure that the night-time lower threshold of 45 dB, $L_{Aeq,night}$, as defined in BS5228, shall not be exceeded at the nearest noise-sensitive receptors.
- 19.2.5 Local residents will be informed of the proposed working schedule, where appropriate, including the times and duration of any abnormally noisy activity that may cause concern.

19.3. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

- 19.3.1 The works shall be undertaken in strict accordance with the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations "PUWER" (as amended) covering all types of plant and equipment found on construction sites.
- 19.3.2 All site operatives will be appropriately trained and experienced and hold certification of training achievement issued by Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) or other construction industry approved schemes.

- 19.3.3 Best practicable means of reducing noise emissions from plant, machinery and construction activities, as defined in BS5228 will be employed.
- 19.3.4 A non-exhaustive list of plant that may be utilised during the construction activities detailed in this Construction Method Statement is as follows; 360° tracked excavators, tipper trucks, dumper trucks, tractor dozers, vibratory rollers, ground ripping plant, mobile crushers and screeners.

20. Site Access Construction

20.1. SIGNAGE

- 20.1.1 Sufficient signage will be employed on site, for both site personnel and the public, to clearly define the boundary of the works where they coincide with areas accessible to the public.
- 20.1.2 Ecological awareness signs (e.g. potential otter crossing) are also required at speed limit signs in certain areas of the site.

21. Onsite Preparatory Construction

21.1. INTRODUCTION

- 21.1.1 Onsite preparatory construction concerns the formation of the Temporary Construction Compound (TCC) and associated works required to establish the site offices, welfare facilities and storage arrangements for materials, plant and equipment in connection with the wind farm construction phase.
- 21.1.2 The TCC is a temporary work for the duration of the construction phase of the project. Following commissioning, the TCC shall be dismantled and all plant, welfare facilities and equipment removed from the site. Reinstatement of this area shall be in line with the requirements stated within Part 1 of this CEMP or as otherwise agreed with the *Employer*. The eastern portion of the main construction compound at the site entrance will be reinstated to the current condition such that it can be utilised by the estate as a permanent hardstanding area.
- 21.1.3 The main TCC will comprise of site offices for the Principal *Contractor*, the Wind Turbine Supplier (WTS), any other sub-contractors, project support staff (i.e. the ECoW) and *Employer*, together with all the necessary welfare facilities for the workforce.
- 21.1.4 Where required, imported crushed rock will be used to construct the TCC (and the access track to the TCC), to allow a safe compound (with working welfare) to be established prior to any major borrow pit works.
- 21.1.5 The *Contractor* and any subcontractors will be familiar with, and take account of, the planning conditions relevant to the construction works and the requirements of the CEMP prior to construction work commencing.
- 21.1.6 Prior to the works commencing at site, a pre-condition survey of the existing tracks and associated field boundary features (fences, walls and gates) will be undertaken by the *Contractor* in conjunction with the *Employer* and landowners, where appropriate, to visually record the existing conditions. This will entail the preparation of a Pre-condition Survey Report, which will include text, diagrams and photographs clearly referenced to the locations at site.

21.2. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND PREPARATION

- 21.2.1 The *Contractor* designs and constructs an area of hardstanding, as specified in the Civil Works Information, of sufficient load bearing capacity, as the construction compound(s). Where appropriate a geo-textile layer is used to maximise the effectiveness of stone removal when the compound is removed.
- 21.2.2 The compound(s) include all Site accommodation and welfare facilities, bunded fuel tanks and other liquid storage areas with segregation, bunded refuelling areas, general and protected storage areas, vehicle parking, security, lighting and services, communications and laboratory/testing or holding facilities, signage, pedestrian and

vehicular circulation routes, and safety barriers. The *Contractor* provides recycling facilities at the Site compound and professional collection thereof.

- 21.2.3 The compound(s) are free draining with oil interceptors and contain a bunded area for maintaining vehicles and plant, or other pollution control measures, as appropriate / required to protect existing water courses and private water supplies.
- 21.2.4 The typical construction activities associated with the TCC are detailed below:
- Stripping of any topsoil / peat and careful stockpiling of this material as per CEMP requirements.
 - Excavating the remaining superficial soil materials and stockpiling of this material on the surrounding undisturbed area in accordance with CEMP requirements.
 - Installation / construction of temporary surface water drainage in accordance with CEMP requirements.
 - Laying and compacting crushed rock in layers to form a hardstanding. Crushed rock material will have a low fines content to reduce the risk of sediment contamination.
 - Delivery of offices, mess area, toilets and associated infrastructure on flat bed lorries.
 - Erection of offices, mess area, toilets, and installation of all bunded areas to contain generator and fuel stores.
 - Erection of fencing around the perimeter of the main TCC.
 - Following the completion of all construction activities, the TCC shall be reinstated according to the methods set out in the CEMP.
- 21.2.5 Welfare facilities will be provided for site operatives under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 including sanitary conveniences, washing facilities, drinking water, changing rooms and accommodation for clothing not worn during working hours and rest facilities.
- 21.2.6 Toilets during the construction phase will be chemical toilets or soakaway, depending on ground suitability and discussion with SEPA. The waste will be emptied on a regular basis by a registered waste disposal contractor. Toilets will be located within the TCC areas.
- 21.2.7 Potable water will be supplied via a borehole or surface water extraction subject to licences/authorisations obtained from SEPA under CAR. The water will be used for messing purposes during the construction phase.
- 21.2.8 If additional water is required to be impounded and / or abstracted from site water bodies for site based activities (i.e. dust suppression, etc), the CAR Regulations apply and advice will be sought from SEPA prior to any abstraction.
- 21.2.9 The duration of the works may extend into winter months. If required, external lighting will be required to be provided at the TCCs. Lighting columns will be erected in proximity to security gates and any site offices / welfare facilities and stores. Compound lighting shall face inwards to reduce light pollution and environmental impact effects.

- 21.2.10 All areas of the site including accommodation areas shall be kept clean and tidy with a regime of good housekeeping established to facilitate mobility of personnel and plant/equipment around the site and eliminate potential hazards and environmental pollution.

22. Borrow Pits

22.1. GENERAL METHOD OF WORK

- 22.1.1 To construct the access tracks (including passing bays) and formation of new hardstanding areas for the crane pads and site construction compounds crushed rock is required. It is proposed to source this material, where possible, from on-Site borrow pits, to reduce the need to import materials. In addition, and where suitable, some rock types may be utilised as a source of aggregate for concrete batching for the turbine foundations.
- 22.1.2 Site surveys of each borrow pit location have been undertaken and details of the position, size, potential yield and restoration proposals have been developed. "Areas of Search" have been developed for each consented borrow pit location within which the maximum extents of the borrow pit shall be situated.
- 22.1.3 Following assessment of information from a further ground investigation, the precise location and details of the borrow pits, including maximum size and depth, a fully detailed plan incorporating contours and a programme of implementation will be submitted to and approved in writing by the Planning Authority.
- 22.1.4 The rock will be extracted using recognised quarrying techniques and crushed to provide the required properties (material size or "grade"). The rock extraction method will vary from location to location, and is dependent upon the nature of the material encountered, depth of weathering and level of fracturing. A combination of digging, ripping and blasting shall be utilised, followed by crushing, as appropriate.
- 22.1.5 The borrow pit works will be subject to significant health, safety and environmental constraints, including:
- Segregation and fencing off of processing plant with only authorised personnel permitted to enter. These works will be carried out on a level working platform.
 - Bunding and fencing of borrow pit high wall to prevent plant / personnel falling into the void.
 - Surface water / drainage mitigation to prevent pollution, silt run off and inundation into the void.
 - Exclusion zones implemented during blasting works.
 - Fitting of spray bars to the processing plant to keep dust down during dry / windy periods.

22.2. BORROW PIT ESTABLISHMENT

Demarcation

- 22.2.1 Prior to any borrow pit works beginning at each location is shall be surveyed and the "Area of Search" pegged out.

- 22.2.2 Once the extent of the borrow pit will be established a temporary Heras type fence shall be erected to this boundary with appropriate warning signs. Where necessary a Rylock sheep fence shall be erected to protect grazing livestock from entering the working area. All fencing and warning signs will be checked on a regular basis and repaired/replaced as necessary.
- 22.2.3 Once a proposed borrow pit location has been surveyed and pegged-out, the ECoW shall be consulted prior to any further development of the location. Once the ECoW have given their approval for the demarked location, borrow pit preparation may commence.

Borrow Pit Preparation

- 22.2.1 Surface vegetation (turves) shall be cut and placed to one-side. This material shall be monitored, and watered (as appropriate) to be retained for reinstatement purposes once the borrow pit workings are completed.
- 22.2.2 The removal of the existing superficial soil materials ("overburden") would typically be undertaken using a combination of crawler tractor dozers and backtrackers with the material loaded by mechanical loading shovel onto 30 tonne articulated dump trucks and transported (within the "Area of Search" of the individual borrow pit) to designated stockpile locations adjacent to the worked area and retained for reinstatement purposes. Where different overburden materials are present these will be stored according to type. Overburden shall be stockpiled carefully, with consideration given to slope gradient, proximity to watercourses or other sensitive receptors, and shall avoid loading areas of deeper (> 1m deep) peat. This excavated overburden will be lightly tracked to seal the windrows to prevent erosion.
- 22.2.3 Care will be taken not to traffic undisturbed soils unnecessarily and to limit the working area as far as possible to avoid unnecessary ground excavation and disturbance.

Drainage

- 22.2.1 Borrow pit drainage requirements are detailed within the drainage section 7 of this CEMP.

Programme of Implementation

- 22.2.1 Borrow pits will not be opened up until rock extraction is required and each borrow pit will be restored as quickly as possible following completion of extraction works. Borrow pits shall be established as the works progress in accordance with their proximity to the active areas of work.
- 22.2.2 Where it is necessary to cease production in borrow pits and return later in the works to extract rock for a particular product, the borrow pit will be securely fenced off during this period of inactivity.

- 22.2.3 Borrow pits will be reinstated as soon after cessation of production as possible. However, in some instances borrow pits may be required to be kept open for longer, these would be agreed with the ECoW in advance.

Borrow Pit Working

- 22.2.1 Following the exposure of the rock head, the material will be dealt with either by digging, ripping or blasting, or a combination of techniques. A combined approach may be required due to variability in the strength and integrity of the rock within individual pits and from pit to pit.
- 22.2.2 Ripping will be carried out with large tractor dozers, typically a CAT D9 fitted with a towed ripper. Following passes by this ripper, a 360° excavator will load the broken material into dump trucks for transportation to the pre-crusher stockpile. Where the gradients are too steep or heights of faces inappropriate for ripping, a 360° excavator located at the bottom of the working face may be utilised to “pick” the rock face. In both cases where any pieces are too large for the crusher, they will be broken with a 360° excavator fitted with a hydraulic breaker.
- 22.2.3 A maximum of 5m high benches would be worked in accordance with standard construction practice. Where the rock is prohibitively resistant to allow digging or ripping, blasting will be undertaken. This would be undertaken by a competent specialist sub contractor utilising good blasting practice and would be in compliance with the relevant health and safety regulations (The Quarries Regulations 1999) and other relevant provisions. The blasted rock will subsequently be ripped/dug as required and treated as described above. Blasting operations will be kept to an absolute minimum and only utilised where in-situ rock material cannot feasibly be removed by mechanical equipment.
- 22.2.4 Mobile crushing and screening plant will be established within each borrow pit and all crushing and grading and stockpiling of material will take place within the confines of the identified borrow pits.
- 22.2.5 Stone excavation will be carried out using a 45 tonne or 65 tonne excavator loading dump trucks for haulage to the processing plant. The processing plant will be located adjacent to the extraction area with an area cleared to stockpile the processed material. The processing operation will comprise of:
- Initial screening to segregate the oversize material requiring crushing
 - Secondary breaking of large rocks using a hydraulic breaker attached to a tracked excavator.
 - Crushing of oversize rock using a mobile tracked crusher and secondary screening if required using a 3 way split screen.
- 22.2.6 A number of products will be produced in this operation including:
- Track base material (nominally 125mm down product)
 - Track topping material (nominally 50mm down product)

- Belt end fines for cable sand
 - Clean single size product for aggregates if the rock type permits
- 22.2.7 Each product will be separately stockpiled. Due to the limited available space at most of these locations it is intended to match as closely as possible processing productions with the capacity to incorporate the product into the works whilst maintaining a cushion to allow for plant down time etc.
- 22.2.8 The stockpiled material won within each borrow pit will be transported to its location of use, with the broad spread of borrow pits ensuring that travel distances are minimised.

22.3. REINSTATEMENT

- 22.3.1 The borrow pit areas will be backfilled in accordance with reinstatement plans to be provided by the *Contractor*.
- 22.3.2 On completion of the backfilling with construction spoil, surface profile restoration will be undertaken using the stockpiled overburden materials dozed back into place and finished off with turves.
- 22.3.3 The *Contractor* will provide records of the borrow pits reinstatement works (original levels, reinstated levels, material utilised) to the *Employer*.
- 22.3.4 All borrow pits (unless specifically requested by the ECoW) shall be reinstated as soon as possible after the working of them is complete. Once reinstated a borrow pit shall be inspected periodically to monitor for any settlement or surface erosion that may occur, or deterioration of the surface vegetation.
- 22.3.5 Consideration shall be given to the need for watering a restored area during prolonged dry periods, to encourage re-establishment of vegetation. Should the ECoW identify any unacceptable degradation to a reinstated borrow pit then further restoration management techniques shall be considered, including re-profiling of the surface or reseeded of vegetation, as appropriate.

23. Wind Turbine Generators and Anemometer Mast Foundation Construction

23.1. CONSTRUCTION OF TURBINE FOUNDATIONS

- 23.1.1 The Wind Turbine Generators (WTG's) will be erected on reinforced concrete gravity foundations.
- 23.1.2 Proposed turbine foundation locations are inspected by the *Contractor* to ensure that all potential ecological and archaeological constraints have been identified, demarcated and/or mitigated for prior to the on-set of construction in that area. The final location of the turbines will be within approved micro-siting allowances of the consented positions in accordance with Planning Conditions. The turbine coordinates are supplied by the *Employer* and any proposed micro-siting by the *Contractor* must be first agreed with the *Employer*. The regularity of inspections (hourly, daily, weekly, as appropriate) during construction shall be determined in advance for each particular section, based on anticipated ground conditions, known ecological or archaeological sensitive receptors, prevailing weather conditions, and anticipated rate of progress.
- 23.1.3 Construction of the turbine foundations shall be the responsibility of the *Contractor*.
- 23.1.4 The limits of each of the foundation excavations will be surveyed and pegged out at least two weeks in advance of any proposed works, and the ECoW shall be consulted to ensure all necessary pre-construction checks have been completed.
- 23.1.5 The depth of concrete will vary across the base, depending on its shape and dimensions, tapering from around 0.5m at the outer edges to around 2m where it meets the central plinth. A maximum of 750m³ of concrete will likely be required for each turbine foundation. Concrete will be batched on site. All concrete works shall implement pollution prevention controls in line with the CEMP.
- 23.1.6 The turbine foundation design will minimise the excavation requirement where appropriate.
- 23.1.7 The position of each turbine will be clearly marked on co-ordinates provided by the *Employer* and agreed with the Planning Authority.
- 23.1.8 The typical construction activities associated with the turbine foundation are detailed below:
- Stripping of surface vegetation (turfes) and careful stockpiling of this material as per CEMP requirements.
 - Excavating the remaining superficial soil and rock materials and stockpiling of this material as per CEMP requirements.
 - The stockpiled materials are to be retained for reinstatement purposes.
 - Soil will be excavated to a depth of approximately 3.5 metres. Where rock is encountered this will most likely be removed by mechanical excavation to the required depth and material stockpiled as described above. The potential impacts

associated with the use of hydraulic breakers or other such vibratory equipment in the vicinity of sensitive ecological receptors or watercourses shall be assessed and appropriate mitigation measures implemented where required in consultation with the ECoW.

- The foundation design is based on the most efficient use of materials and local ground conditions. From geotechnical investigations it has been shown that bedrock is at or near surface over the majority of the site.
- Temporary fencing shall be erected at locations where there are safety implications for any persons likely to be present on the site e.g. around open excavations. Signage will be displayed clearly to indicate deep excavations and any other relevant hazards associated with the foundation excavation works.
- Following excavation, levels will be set to allow the blinding concrete to be placed and finished to the required line and level as per the WTS requirements.
- The formwork will be pre-fabricated of sufficient quality and robustness to allow repeated use. Formwork will be cleaned after each use and re-sprayed or painted with mould oil within the blinded foundation excavation prior to being fixed in place. The placement of containers with mould oil will be strictly monitored to ensure that storage is only in bunded areas (i.e. in the TCC) on sealed hardstanding as required by the CEMP. Spraying of mould oil and storage of such sprayed materials will be undertaken in such a way as to avoid pollution.
- Sulphate resistant concrete or other suitable concrete, as appropriate for the prevailing ground conditions, will be used in the turbine base. Prior to pouring the base concrete, the overall quality of the steel fixing will be checked to ensure there is sufficient rigidity to cope with the weight of personnel and small plant during the pour. The quantity, size and spacing of the reinforcement bars will be checked against the construction drawings to ensure compliance with the design detail. The position of the foundation insert, or other appropriately designed foundation mechanism supplied by the turbine manufacturer will be checked to ensure that the level is within the prescribed tolerances. A check will also be carried out to make sure the correct cover from edge of reinforcement to edge of concrete is maintained throughout the structure. A splay will be formed on all external corners.
- The line of ducts will be checked so as not to leave sharp corners that will cause cable snagging and that all bend radius comply with the design illustrated on the construction drawing. All earthing cable or strip connections will also be examined to prove their adequacy to withstand the rigors of the concrete placing process.
- The concrete pour will commence after the blinding concrete has been cleaned of debris and other loose material. Vibrating poker will have been checked to ensure they are fuelled by compressed air and in good working order. The pour will proceed under the control of the *Contractor*. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be worn by the site operatives and as detailed in the Construction Phase Health & Safety Plan. Pouring will follow best working practice procedures and fresh concrete will be protected from hot and cold weather as required. All concrete works shall implement pollution prevention controls in line with CEMP requirements

- Shutters will be carefully loosened, removed and cleaned no earlier than 24 hours from the finish of the pour.
- Backfilling to the turbine base will proceed in layers of approximately 0.3 metres with compaction as necessary.

23.1.9 A checklist for each foundation will be prepared to show compliance with the documents of each step of the installation process. These lists, once completed, will be stored in the *contractor's* QA file along with relevant cube test results, and be available for inspection at all times.

23.1.10 Following the completion of all construction activities, the area surrounding the base shall be reinstated according to CEMP requirements.

24. Access Track Construction

24.1. INTRODUCTION

- 24.1.1 The overall site design has been developed in accordance with recommendations adopted from the EIAR and to reflect the requirements and specifications for transporting wind turbine components to the consented turbine locations.
- 24.1.2 The extent of construction disturbance will be limited to around the perimeter of, and adjacent to, access track alignments, including associated earthworks, and shall be monitored by the ECoW as required.
- 24.1.3 Proposed access track alignments will be inspected by the *Contractor* and ECoW prior to the on-set of construction in that area. The regularity of inspections (hourly, daily, weekly, as appropriate) during the construction period shall be determined in advance for each particular stretch, based on anticipated ground conditions, known ecological or archaeological sensitive receptors, prevailing weather conditions, and anticipated rate of progress.
- 24.1.4 In general, as part of the design mitigation wherever practicable all proposed site infrastructure has been sited at least 50m from any watercourse.

24.2. GENERAL CONSTRUCTION CRITERIA

- 24.2.1 It is anticipated that all access tracks will be constructed from aggregate won from local excavations and constructed to the best practices for wind farm access tracks. If site won material does not conform to required engineering specification for the final running surface then imported crushed rock material may be required
- 24.2.2 In general, the internal site track layouts have been designed to reflect the contours and design criteria established by the WTS. The internal track length at site will be kept to a minimum to follow the existing topography and tie-in with infrastructure.
- 24.2.3 Access tracks shall be constructed to a minimum running width of 4.5m, plus shoulders of approximately 0.5m on either side, to accommodate the maximum transport requirements and specifications of the WTS. Track shoulders are typically up to a width of 2m to accommodate cabling along the access track alignment. This may increase slightly to accommodate cabling along the access track alignment and/or tie in with existing topography on cross slope tracks.
- 24.2.4 The access tracks would be designed to incorporate passing places that would be suitable for construction plant and 4x4 traffic (approximately 18no. at 25m x 3m).
- 24.2.5 Access tracks will be formed from a sub-base of general fill won from local excavations and finished off with a cap-stone / wearing course of graded crushed rock, to provide suitable delivery of the WTG components. Wearing course stone shall be of a suitable material that is not susceptible to breaking down / weathering to a high fines content material.

- 24.2.6 Maintenance of the running surface will be carried out on a regular basis, as required, to prevent undue deterioration. Loose track material generated during the use of access tracks will be prevented from reaching watercourses by maintaining an adequate cross fall on the tracks. Periodic maintenance of tracks by way of brushing or scraping will be carried out to minimise the generation of wheel ruts. In dry weather, dust suppression methods may be required for track and hardstanding areas. The site access tracks, hardstandings and trackside drains will be inspected on a daily basis by the *Contractor*. Records of such inspections will be held onsite.
- 24.2.7 Where floating roads are installed, the *contractor* will denote this on the site's 'as built's'.

24.3. UNSTABLE GROUND

- 24.3.1 Unstable ground is herein considered to be any ground conditions encountered along the proposed alignment, or within the immediate vicinity and influence, of the access tracks that has insufficient strength in its existing state to support the proposed load conditions or to remain in-situ for the duration of the construction works, or that has experienced natural failure (i.e. not as a consequence of the wind farm construction works) prior to, but along the alignment of, or within the immediate vicinity and influence of, the proposed access track alignment such as to require re-alignment of the works, or major civil engineering solution to maintain the proposed alignment.
- 24.3.2 If any unstable ground is encountered during access track construction, the following procedure shall be adopted:
- Access track construction in the immediate area of the unstable ground shall cease with immediate effect;
 - The *Contractor* immediately consults a suitably qualified and experienced Geotechnical Engineer; and
 - If relocation within approved micro-siting allowances of the proposed access track alignment is possible and acceptable to the ECoW, without potential for further ground instability to occur, then construction may recommence along the newly agreed alignment, and any stabilisation / mitigation measures that may be required of the unstable ground shall occur in parallel.

24.4. TRACK CONSTRUCTION

- 24.4.1 Access tracks will be formed on suitable underlying material (soil or rock with sufficient bearing capacity) in the following manner:
- Stripping of surface vegetation (turves) and careful stockpiling of this material as per CEMP requirements.
 - Excavating the remaining superficial soil materials (overburden) and stockpiling this material as per CEMP requirements.

- Where different overburden materials are present these will be stored according to type. This material will be monitored and watered (as appropriate) to be retained for reinstatement purposes.
- The exposed suitable track formation shall have rock fill material tipped from dumper trucks directly onto the proposed access track alignment; and
- This material will then be either spread by a dozer or placed by a hydraulic excavator and compacted in layers, typically using vibratory rollers.

24.4.2 Turning areas will be formed to facilitate the turning of dumper trucks. These turning areas can serve as passing places during the construction period before being reinstated at the end of the works using subsoil/topsoil.

Legend

- Silty water
→ Clean water

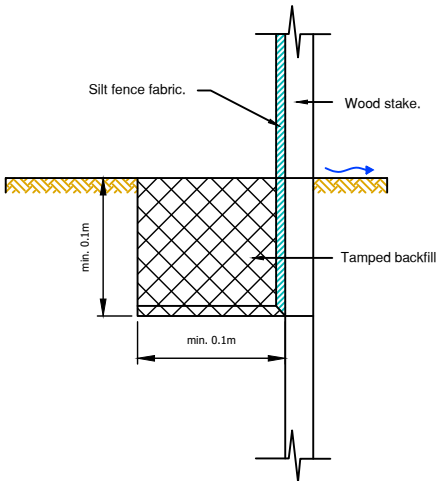
Notes

1. Dimensions and number of settlement ponds or requirements for flow attenuation measures will depend on volume and velocity of water and silt load characteristics.

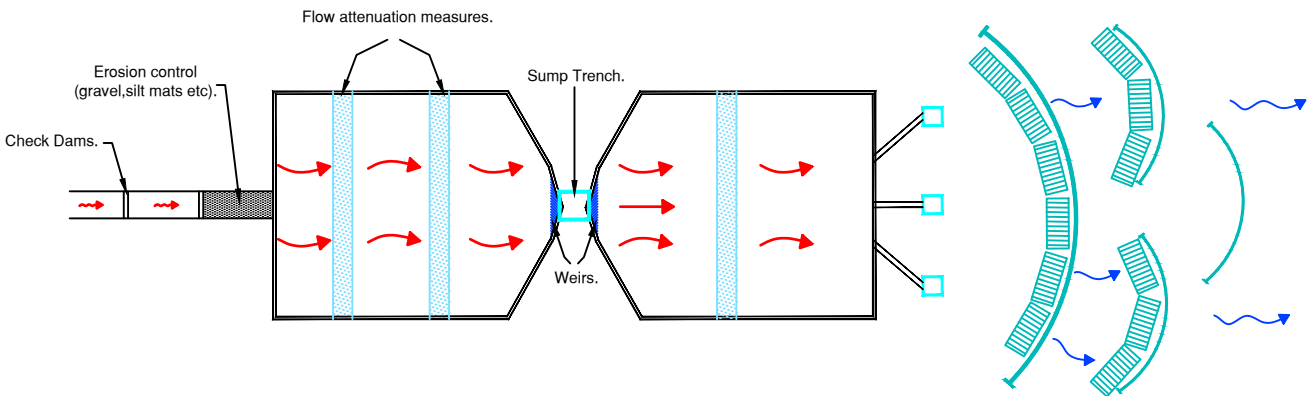
Figure 2.1.1
Typical Schematic Drainage Design - Silt
Attenuation & Settlement Measures

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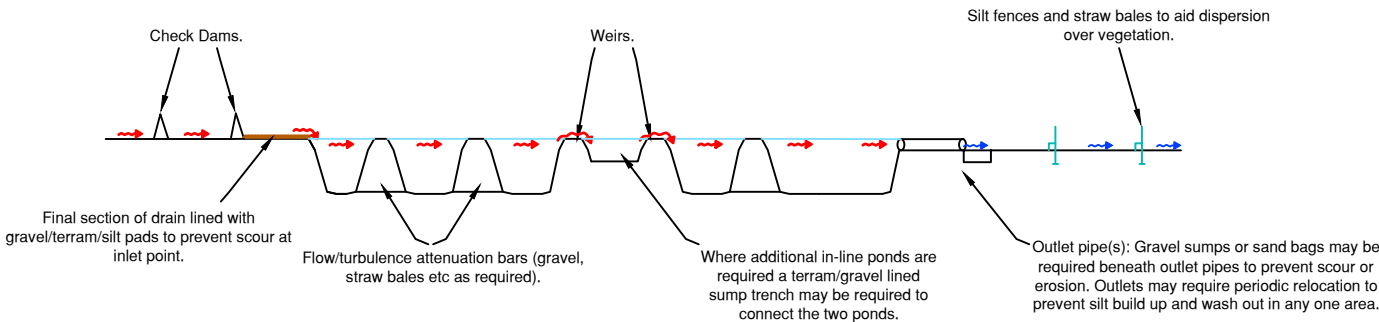
Silt Fence Detail.



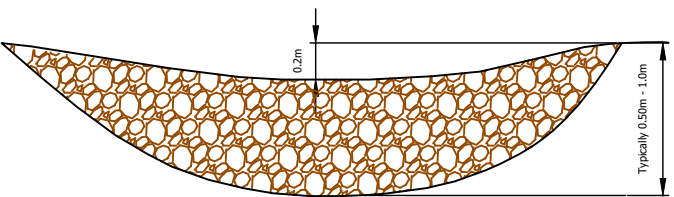
Plan View: In-line Settlement Ponds
(typical for higher flow, higher silt load conditions).



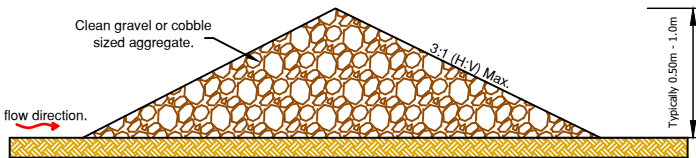
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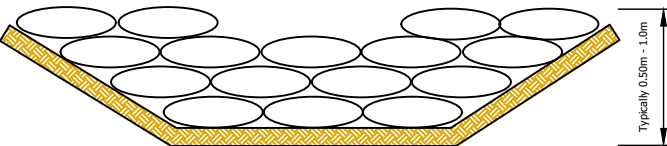
Rock Check Dam Elevation.



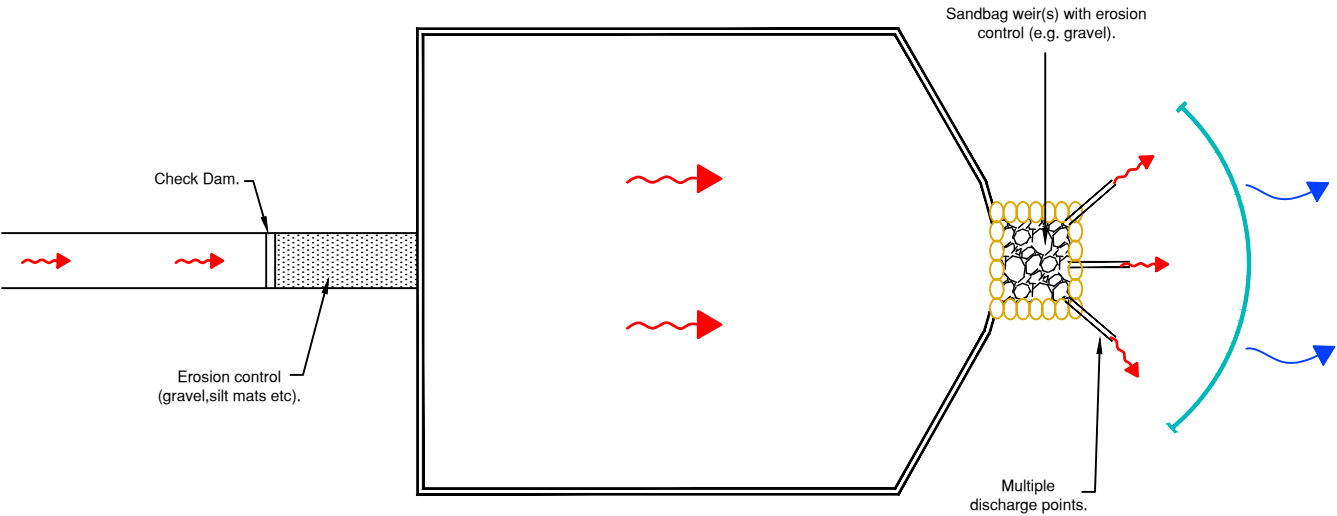
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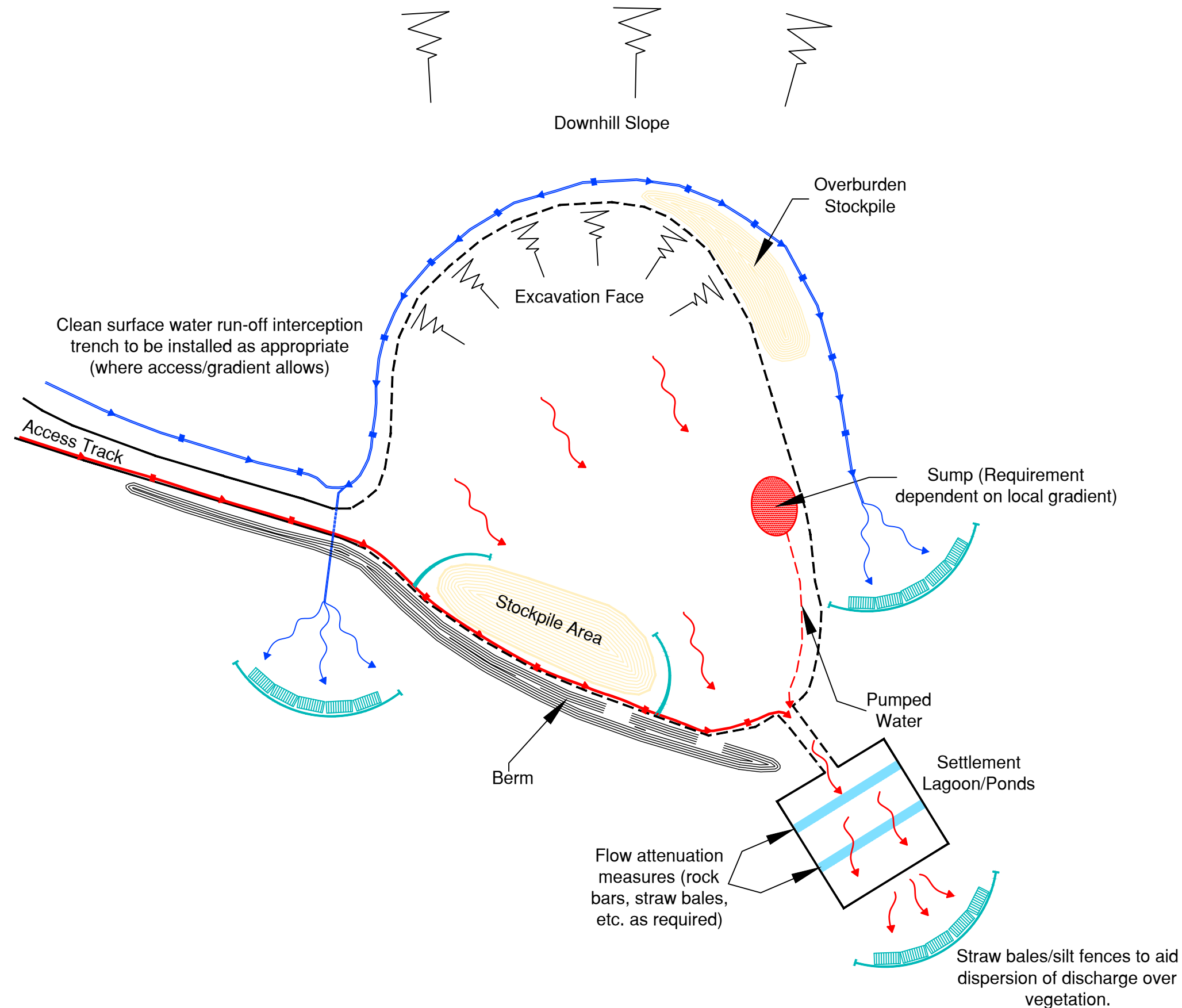


Sand Bag Check Dam
Elevation.



Plan View: Single Settlement Pond.
(Typical for low flow, low silt, load conditions).





Legend

- Borrow pit boundary
- Potentially silty run-off/drainage
- + Check dams
- Clean water run-off/drainage
- Silt fence and/or straw bales to aid dispersion (and protect stockpile)

1. Borrow pit configurations will vary from that indicated on this drawing (for instance borrow pits are likely to be off-line of continuing access tracks); However, the general principles of clean / dirty water drainage segregation, stockpile erosion and run off control, and general sediment and silt control shall apply irrespective of the final borrow pit configuration.

Figure 2.1.2
Typical Schematic Drainage Design -
Borrow Pits

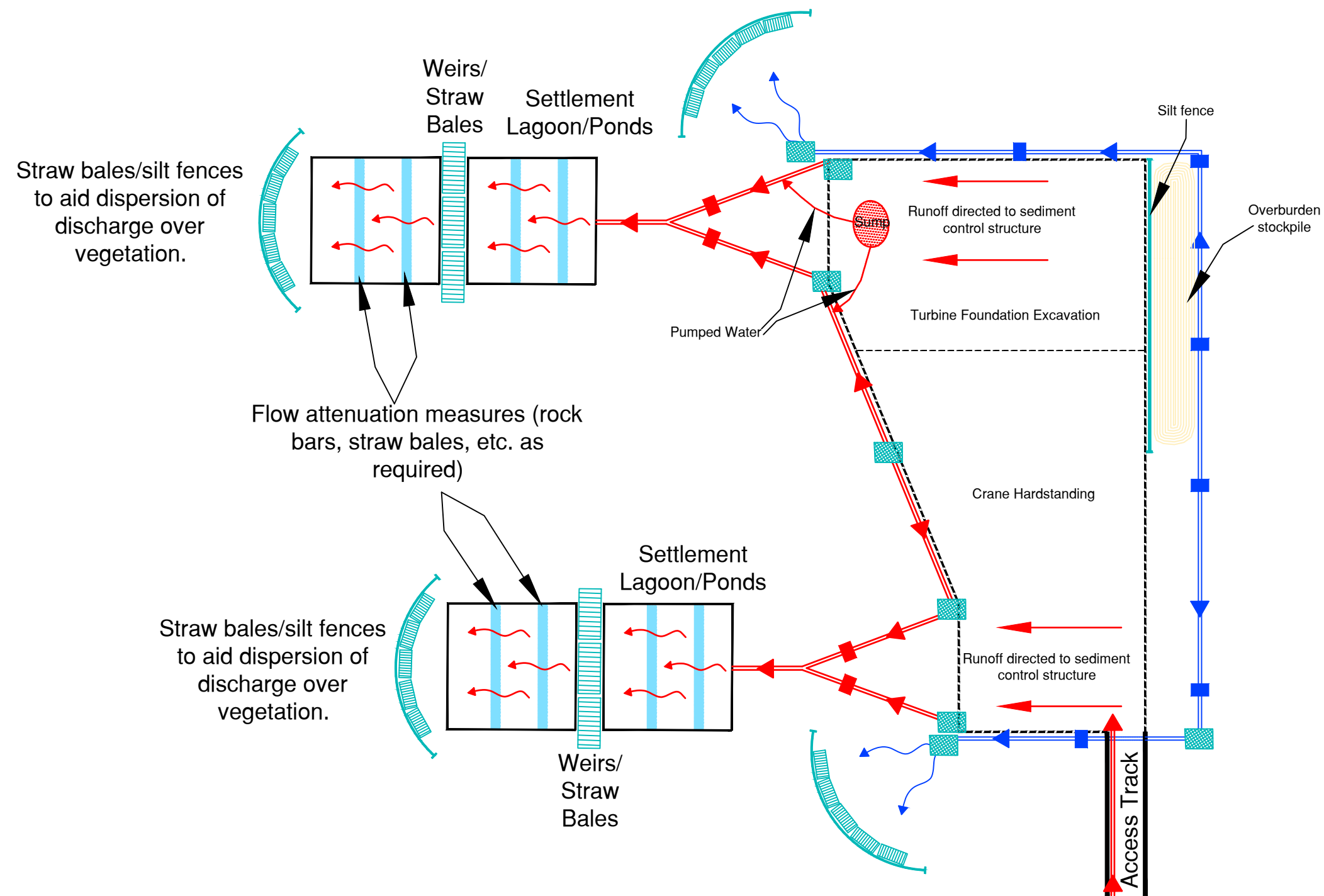
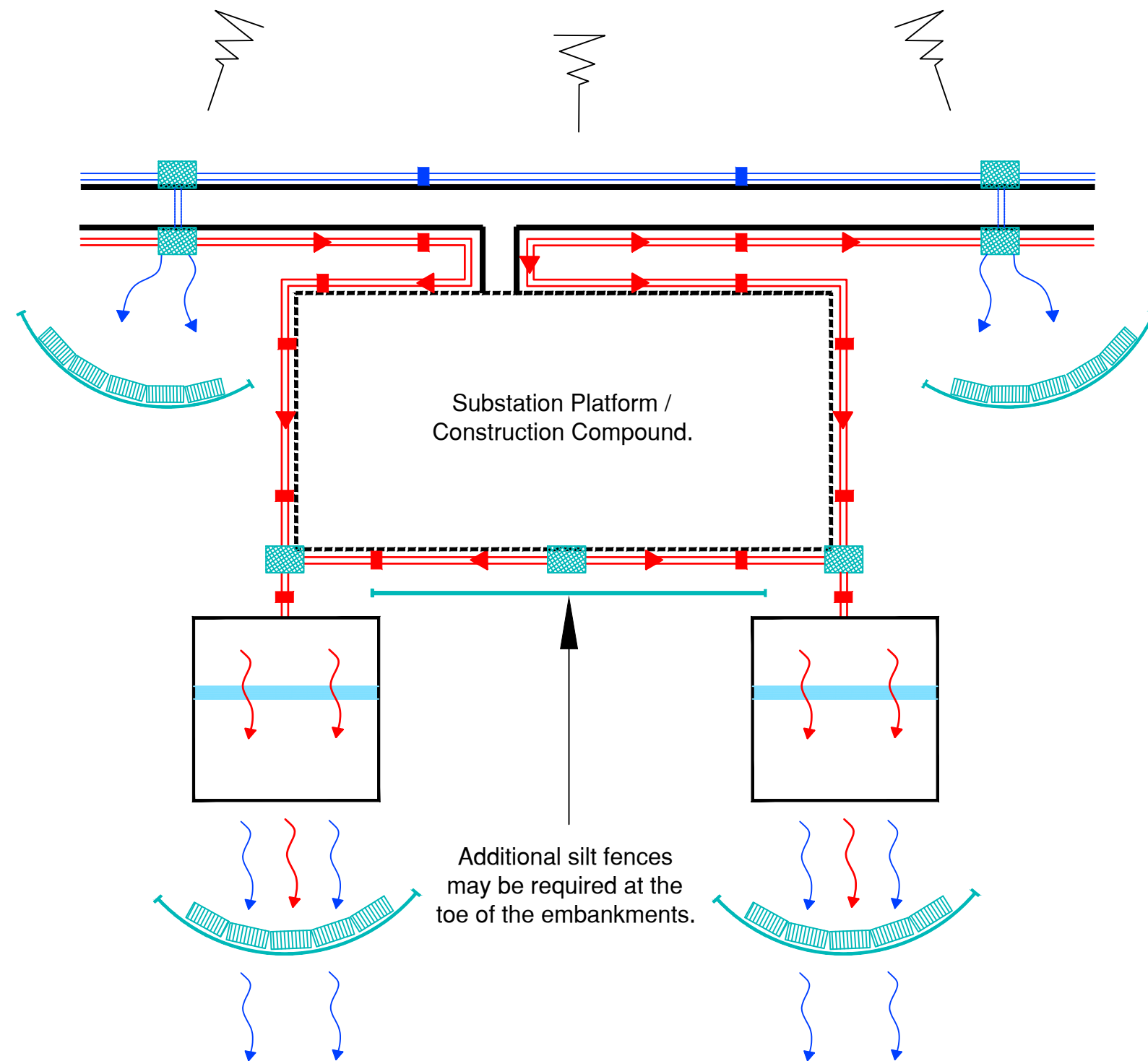


Figure 2.1.3
Typical Drainage Design - Turbines
And Hardstanding



Legend






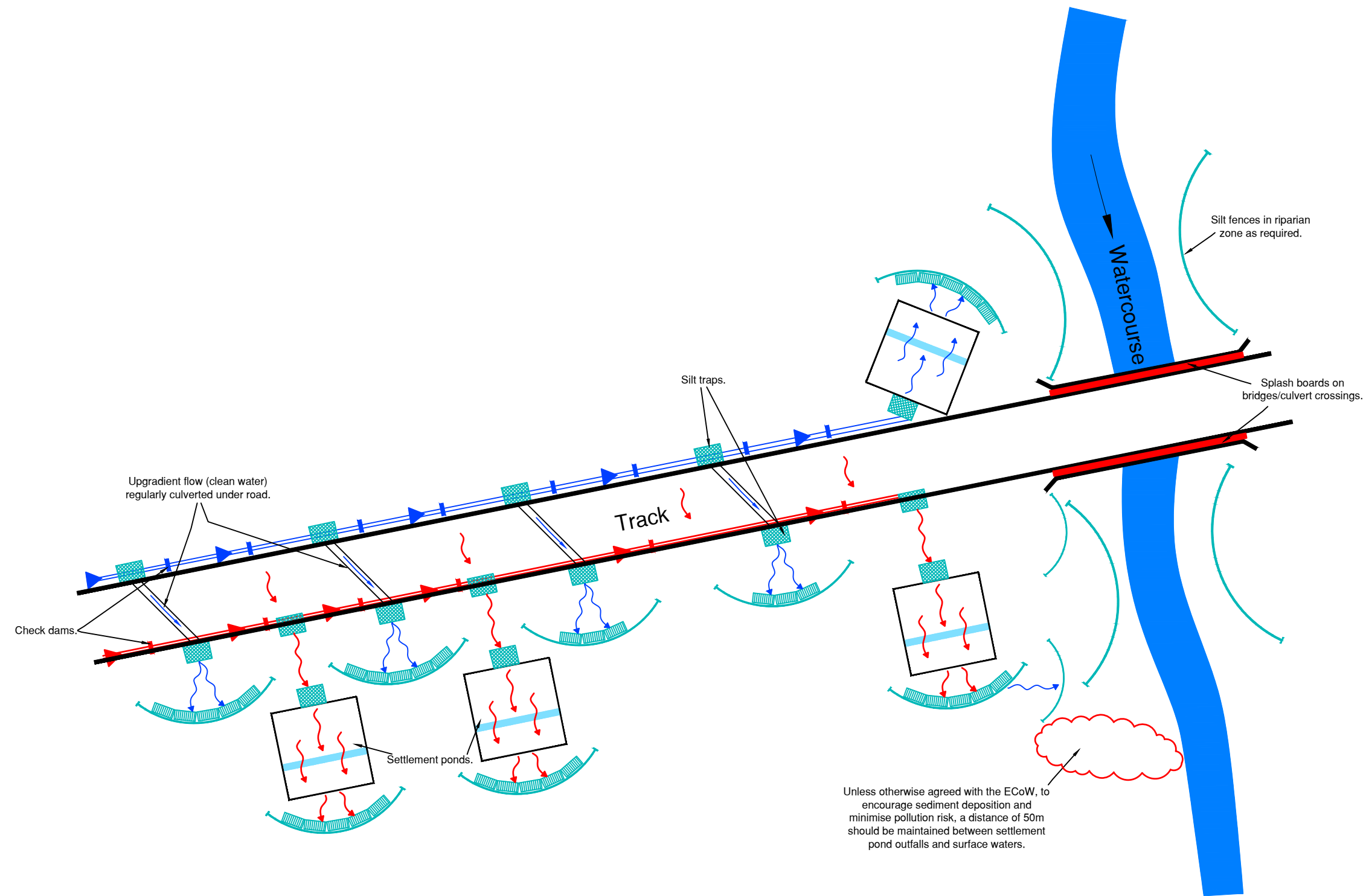
-  Potentially silty run-off/drainage
-  Clean water run-off/drainage
-  Silt fence and/or straw bales to aid dispersion (and protect stockpile)
-  Check dams
-  Silt traps

Figure 2.1.4
Typical Drainage Design - Substation
Platform / Construction Compound



Legend

- Silty water
- Clean water
- Silt trap
- ~ Silt fence and straw bales

Notes

1. In order to reduce volumes of potentially silty laden run-off, 'clean' (upgradient) surface run-off to be kept away from exposed soil areas and separated from construction works run-off where possible.
2. Typical details for settlement ponds, check dams and silt fences are shown in Figure 7.6.

Figure 2.1.5
Typical Drainage Design - Access
Track And Watercourse Crossing

Notes

1. Refer to Figure 01 for typical details of settlement ponds, check dams and silt fences.
2. Refer to Figure 02 for further details on track drainage arrangements.
3. Where topography or other constraints preclude the segregation of clean / dirty water drainage (as illustrated on this drawing), the road surface cross fall shall be towards the upslope drainage ditch. Flow rates and volumes within such a combined drainage system may be higher and therefore sediment and silt attenuation measures shall be implemented accordingly to control expected increase in flow, erosion and sediment / silt load.

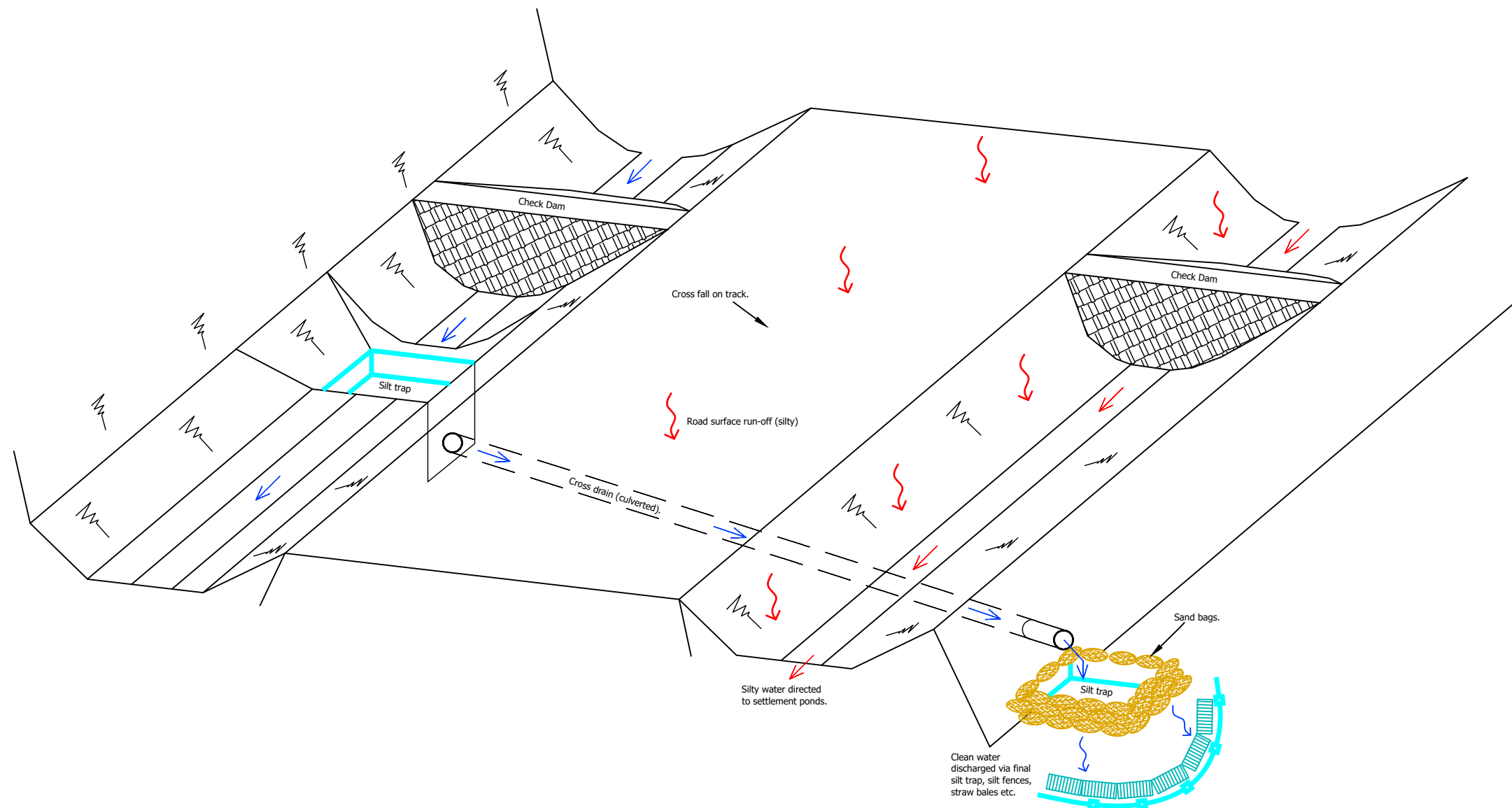


Figure 2.1.6
Typical Drainage Design - Access
Track Cross Section

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