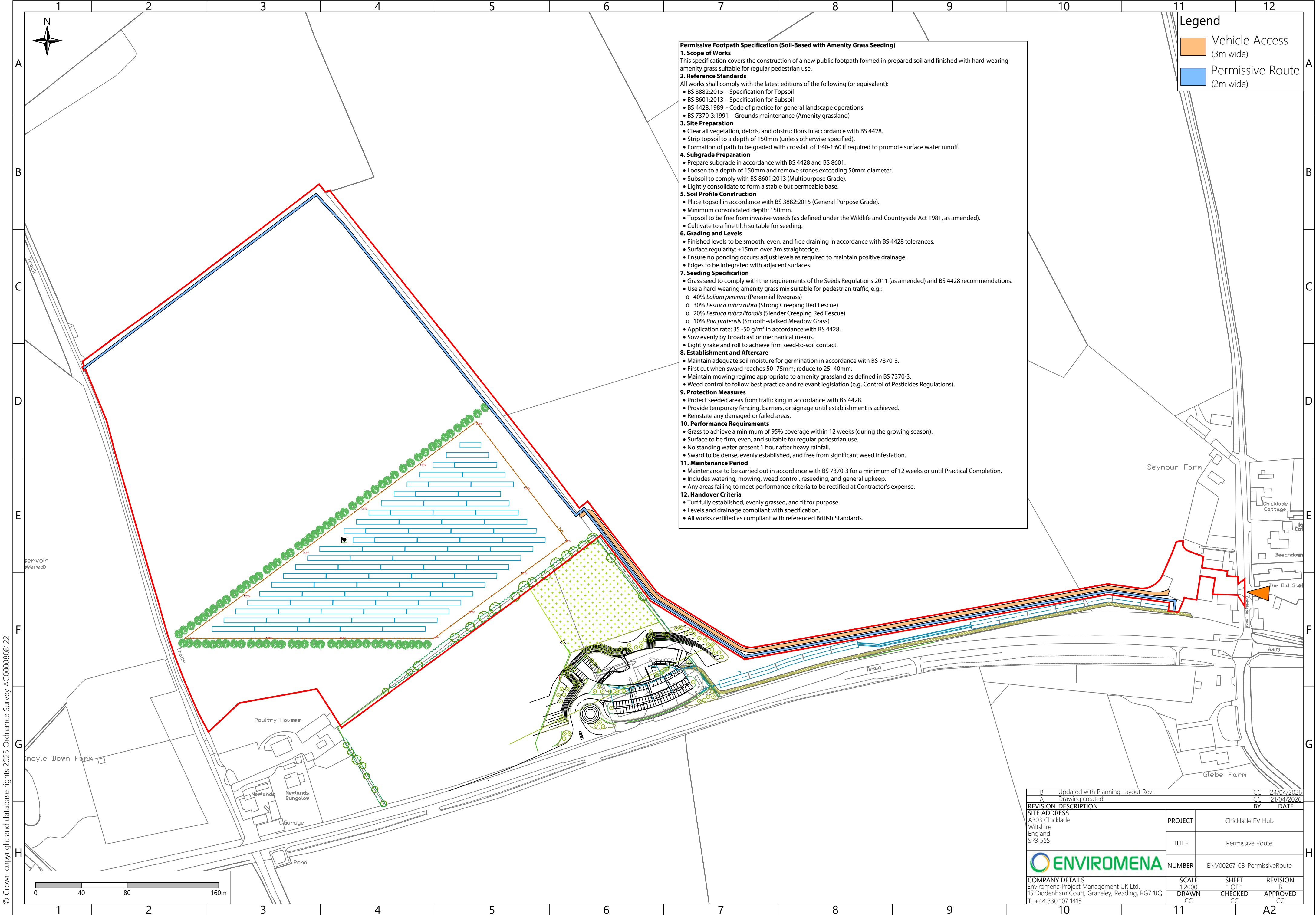




Permissive Footpath Specification (Soil-Based with Amenity Grass Seeding)

1. Scope of Works
This specification covers the construction of a new public footpath formed in prepared soil and finished with hard-wearing amenity grass suitable for regular pedestrian use.

2. Reference Standards
All works shall comply with the latest editions of the following (or equivalent):

- BS 3882:2015 - Specification for Topsoil
- BS 8601:2013 - Specification for Subsoil
- BS 4428:1989 - Code of practice for general landscape operations
- BS 7370-3:1991 - Grounds maintenance (Amenity grassland)

3. Site Preparation

- Clear all vegetation, debris, and obstructions in accordance with BS 4428.
- Strip topsoil to a depth of 150mm (unless otherwise specified).
- Formation of path to be graded with crossfall of 1:40-1:60 if required to promote surface water runoff.

4. Subgrade Preparation

- Prepare subgrade in accordance with BS 4428 and BS 8601.
- Loosen to a depth of 150mm and remove stones exceeding 50mm diameter.
- Subsoil to comply with BS 8601:2013 (Multipurpose Grade).
- Lightly consolidate to form a stable but permeable base.

5. Soil Profile Construction

- Place topsoil in accordance with BS 3882:2015 (General Purpose Grade).
- Minimum consolidated depth: 150mm.
- Topsoil to be free from invasive weeds (as defined under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, as amended).
- Cultivate to a fine tilth suitable for seeding.

6. Grading and Levels

- Finished levels to be smooth, even, and free draining in accordance with BS 4428 tolerances.
- Surface regularity: ±15mm over 3m straightedge.
- Ensure no ponding occurs; adjust levels as required to maintain positive drainage.
- Edges to be integrated with adjacent surfaces.

7. Seeding Specification

- Grass seed to comply with the requirements of the Seeds Regulations 2011 (as amended) and BS 4428 recommendations.
- Use a hard-wearing amenity grass mix suitable for pedestrian traffic, e.g.:
 - o 40% *Lolium perenne* (Perennial Ryegrass)
 - o 30% *Festuca rubra rubra* (Strong Creeping Red Fescue)
 - o 20% *Festuca rubra litoralis* (Slender Creeping Red Fescue)
 - o 10% *Poa pratensis* (Smooth-stalked Meadow Grass)
- Application rate: 35 -50 g/m² in accordance with BS 4428.
- Sow evenly by broadcast or mechanical means.
- Lightly rake and roll to achieve firm seed-to-soil contact.

8. Establishment and Aftercare

- Maintain adequate soil moisture for germination in accordance with BS 7370-3.
- First cut when sward reaches 50 -75mm; reduce to 25 -40mm.
- Maintain mowing regime appropriate to amenity grassland as defined in BS 7370-3.
- Weed control to follow best practice and relevant legislation (e.g. Control of Pesticides Regulations).

9. Protection Measures

- Protect seeded areas from trafficking in accordance with BS 4428.
- Provide temporary fencing, barriers, or signage until establishment is achieved.
- Reinstate any damaged or failed areas.

10. Performance Requirements

- Grass to achieve a minimum of 95% coverage within 12 weeks (during the growing season).
- Surface to be firm, even, and suitable for regular pedestrian use.
- No standing water present 1 hour after heavy rainfall.
- Sward to be dense, evenly established, and free from significant weed infestation.

11. Maintenance Period

- Maintenance to be carried out in accordance with BS 7370-3 for a minimum of 12 weeks or until Practical Completion.
- Includes watering, mowing, weed control, reseeding, and general upkeep.
- Any areas failing to meet performance criteria to be rectified at Contractor's expense.

12. Handover Criteria

- Turf fully established, evenly grassed, and fit for purpose.
- Levels and drainage compliant with specification.
- All works certified as compliant with referenced British Standards.

Legend

Vehicle Access
(3m wide)

Permissive Route
(2m wide)

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