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## 1. Background

There is agreement between the Premier, the Minister for Transport and Sydney Trains that

 the Sydney Harbour HighLine (SHHL) will extend from Waverton Station to Luna Park; and be built and used in conjunction with Sydney Trains and Transport Heritage NSW.

During 2016, meetings were held with State & Federal Government Members and the SHHL Association representatives.

During 2016 and 2017, a series of public meetings with local residents was conducted by the SHHL Association.

In February 2017, a proposal was put by the SHHL Association to Mr Chris Muir, Chief of Staff for the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure.

• Mr Muir advised
'I can confirm that the Minister and Sydney Trains
have agreed that work to create a walking path
along the Lavender Bay Spur can commence on
the side where tracks have been removed before
the active rail line is closed on the other side of
the spur.'

In March 2017, the Premier and Ms Felicity Wilson MP guaranteed the Lavender Bay rail line will remain in public hands.

During 2017, Felicity Wilson convened two Committee meetings of stakeholders to discuss the establishment of the SHHL. In August 2017 Mr Howard Collins, Chief Executive of Sydney Trains confirmed:

- Sydney Trains wants continued access to the rail line from Waverton Station to Luna Park
- The rail line will remain a Government asset.
- Sydney Trains will share the corridor with the SHHL providing there is a fence separating walkers from the trains.
- Sydney Trains does not want any pedestrian crossings on the rail line.
- Sydney Trains will conduct a detailed analysis and costing of the project that will be completed within months.
  - This analysis will be carried out by and at the cost of Sydney Trains. However, Sydney Trains does not have the funding for construction of the SHHL walking trail.
- The appointment of Mr Rino Matarazzo as Sydney Trains' representative on the project.

In November 2017, Mr Matarazzo presented a highlevel analysis of the track to the Committee and raised a number of issues.

In December 2017, Messrs Howard Collins and Rino Matarazzo of Sydney Trains met with Ian Mutton and David Bowman of the SHHL Association. During this meeting

 Mr Matarazzo provided a copy of the high-level analysis, completed in August 2017, which he had presented to the Committee in November.

In March 2018, Mr Matarazzo advised that Sydney Trains had started investigation work for the relocation of the troughing.

 He advised that this work will take 4 months to complete.



## 2. SHHL Association Report at March 2018

The SHHL Association reviewed the Sydney Trains analysis dated 15th August 2017 that was released to the Association on 22nd December 2017. It now submits this Report outlining details of the SHHL based on the information available to it at this stage.

#### 2.1 Design requirements

Distance of safety fe	nce from mid rail line			
Engineering Standard Track ESC 215 ASA 6.12		Sydney Trains	SHHL Design	
3.0 metres		3.2 metres	3.2 metres	
Width of walkway – 2 wheelchairs width				
Australian Standards 1428.2	North Sydney Council	Sydney Trains	SHHL Design	
1.8 metres	1.5 metres	2.5 metres	2.5 metres	

Ingress / Egress locations	North of line	Wheelchair access
Union Street	Yes	Yes
Dumbarton Street	Yes	Yes
Lavender Crescent	Yes	Yes
Wendy's Secret Garden	Yes	No

#### 2.2 Design approach – summary of proposed works

It is intended that there be a fence separating trains from pedestrians for the full length of the HighLine.

- The proposed fence will be 1.8 metres high colorbond pool-style fence as currently installed along the rail boundary with Dumbarton Street.
- The fence setback of 3.2 metres requested by Sydney Trains is met along the whole of the line (or the fence is located immediately to the north of a stanchion) except below the Victoria Street Bridge (and the tunnel, which is addressed below) where the available space permits a fence line of 3 metres (which is in accordance with ASA 6.12) and a walkway of 1.81 metres (which is in accordance with ASA 1428.2 and North Sydney Council pathway code) for a distance of approx. 4 metres

The land from the dividing fence and the walkway on the northern side, where possible, will be landscaped.

The HighLine will extend to, but will not go beyond, the Commodore Crescent Bridge.

Older stanchions do not impede the fence setback and pathway requirements but in some cases are located in the landscaping corridor. It would be an advantage if they were replaced with new stanchions on the southern side of the rail corridor.

- It is suggested that older unused stanchions be removed.
- Should the newer stanchions not be moved then the pathway will be aligned so that the stanchions do not encroach onto the walkway.

It is intended that there be four access points, three of which will provide wheel chair access, and all will conform to Sydney Trains' design requirements.

#### 2.3 The walkway

#### 2.3.1 Union Street entrance to the HighLine to Pedestrian Overbridge (Plan 1)

The Union Street entrance provides a link for pedestrians to the Waverton Parklands, Balls Head, the Coal Loader and Waverton Station.

Wheelchair access will be an integral part of this entry point.

#### 2.3.2 Pedestrian Overbridge to the John Street bridge (Plan 2)

Where there is work required to meet Sydney Trains width requirements, excavation of the cliff face will be undertaken.

- From measurements available the quantity of excavation, if any, will be minimal. A suspended walkway will be built at the John Street bridge to meet Sydney Trains walkway width requirements
- This walkway will be located where the previous rail line was constructed.

#### 2.3.3 John Street bridge to Victoria Street bridge (Plans 2 & 3)

The landscaping will reach to the edge of Dumbarton Street.

Wheelchair access will be an integral part of this entry point.

Access to Sawmillers Reserve will be via Victoria Street bridge.

• Where needed, a footpath will be built that provides access to Victoria Street bridge.

#### 2.3.4 Victoria Street bridge to the western end of the Tunnel (Plan 4)

The land on the northern side of the rail line rises, in part, steeply

- Land beyond the embankment is generally maintained by neighbouring owners.
- A security fence will be erected between the landscaped HighLine and the neighbouring properties on Queens Avenue.

Discussions have been held with some of these residents. These residents support the HighLine concept and the landscaping approach.

#### 2.3.5 The Tunnel

The tunnel is one of the major features of the HighLine.

For residents, the tunnel links

- the western parks and reserves of Sawmillers Reserve, Waverton Park, Carradah Park, Berrys Bay, Balls Head Reserve and Lookout and the Coal Loader with
- the eastern parklands being Quibaree Park, Watt Park, Clark Park and Wendy's Secret Garden

For tourist groups, the tunnel with its cathedral ceiling provides a range of exciting opportunities. Although we are in the early days of design concepts we envisage the tunnel will be a significant tourist attraction that offers a visual display similar in style and quality to that seen in the Argyle Cut during Vivid.

• For example, the display on the southern wall and roof of the tunnel over its length of 310 meters might trace the history of the three peninsulas and the two bays from Milsons Point to Balls Head. It could highlight both the Aboriginal history through to white settlement and the Maritime history through to the building of the rail line and the Bridge.

Tunnel concerns expressed by Sydney Trains

Sydney Trains has raised concerns relating to the use of the tunnel by pedestrians:

- Safety
- Security
- Air Quality
- Emergency Access
- Lighting
- Drainage
- Anti-social behaviour

#### Safety

- The HighLine will be closed after dark, at least from Dumbarton Street to Wendy's Secret Garden.
- Sydney Trains' speed limit is 40 kms p/h; trains operate at less than this speed particularly in the tunnel.
- · There will be a fence separating the rail line from the walking trail.

#### Security

- · See safety (above) and lighting (below).
- · CCTV will be installed along the length of the tunnel
- The tunnel meets the requirements of ASA 6.12 by providing a mid-rail to fence distance of 3 metres (there are no stanchions in the tunnel and the 3 metres set back conforms to the code).

#### Air Quality Control

• The advice to hand is that the natural ventilation of the tunnel meets applicable clean air standards.

#### **Emergency Access**

To be further investigated.

#### Lighting

· The lighting in the tunnel will meet international safety and design standards.

#### Drainage

 New drainage will be installed in conjunction with the pathway and fencing works.

#### Anti-social behaviour

See Security and lighting (above).

#### 2.3.6 East of Tunnel to Wendy's Secret Garden (Plans 5 & 6)

Lavender Crescent access is currently used by Sydney Trains personnel and vehicles. It is proposed that this access will be open to the HighLine and will offer a point of entry to Watt Park, Quibaree Park and the Peter Kingston walkway.

Wheelchair access will be an integral part of this entry point.

Sydney Trains has proposed the existing pathway from the Lavender Crescent entry to Wendy's Secret Garden be closed to the public. It is proposed that:

- this pathway be shared by the public and Sydney Trains.
- the vacant land immediately adjoining Wendy's Secret Garden and the Sydney Trains Depot be used for a café and amenities with access through to the Garden.
- The first stage of the HighLine walking path would then commence/terminate at this point. The second stage will commence from this location when Sydney Trains allow access to the corridor currently occupied by Line 6.

The Wendy's Secret Garden entry will also provide access for pedestrians from Harbourview Crescent.

#### 2.3.7 Wendy's Secret Garden to Luna Park (Plan 7)

A major entry point was previously proposed from Harbourview Crescent using spoil from McMahons Point Metro Shaft. This landscaping over the southern lines provided a ramp to the HighLine at the Luna Park end while still preserving two operational lines for Heritage Trains and rehabilitation of the original platform. This proposal was rejected by Sydney Trains.

Therefore, the second stage will see the walkway extended below the Cliff Street rock face, over the Line 6 corridor, to the Luna Park boundary through to the Boardwalk and Harbour Bridge.

## 3. Information required from Sydney Trains

To comply with Sydney Trains requirements for the location of the HighLine the existing service troughing on the northern side will need to be relocated. We seek from Sydney Trains.

- · Confirmation that troughing will be relocated to the southern side of line.
- Advice as to whether existing galvanised iron stanchions and the older stanchions may be relocated to the southern side of the line.
- · Removal of older unused stanchions.
- Cost of the above work.
  - Commencement date and time to complete.

## 4. Operation of HighLine

The HighLine walking trail once completed will link, via the tunnel, parks under the care of North Sydney Council adjacent to Lavender Bay with those parklands and community facilities adjacent to Berrys Bay and Balls Head.

Howard Collins has advised that Sydney Trains does not wish to operate or maintain the High Line.

Hence, it is appropriate that the HighLine, a linear park, should be under the care of North Sydney Council. North Sydney Council has indicated its in-principle agreement to such an arrangement.

## 5. Next Steps

#### Following:

- the guarantee given by the Premier with respect to the land remaining in public hands,
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The next steps are:

- 1. Committee to meet monthly to review progress
- 2. Before the next Committee meeting (on 18 April 2018)
  - a. Appoint a Development Manager
  - b. Engage a Quantity Surveyor to review costings
  - c. Commission a survey that positions the fence separating walkers from trains
  - d. Sydney Trains to complete planning to relocate services and stanchions to the southern side of the line.
  - e. Ms Wilson to secure from the Premier:
    - i. preliminary funding for the above tasks; and
    - ii. in-principle full project funding.
  - f. A project application for North Sydney Council approval to be prepared.
- 3. Government to include the land in the existing lease for Wendy's Secret Garden.

# Appendices

Location Photographs and Perspectives			
Plans 1 to 7 and Sections			

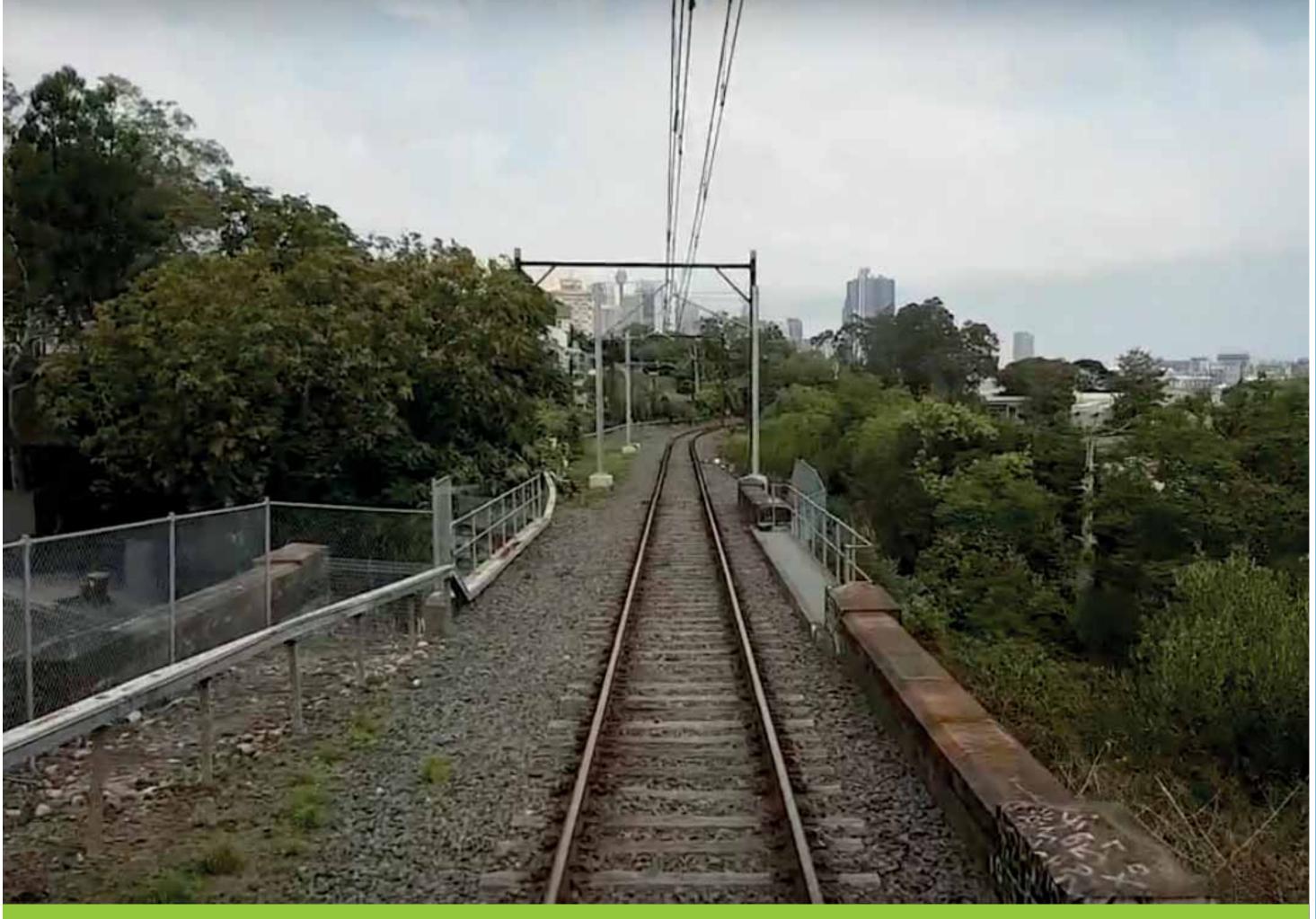


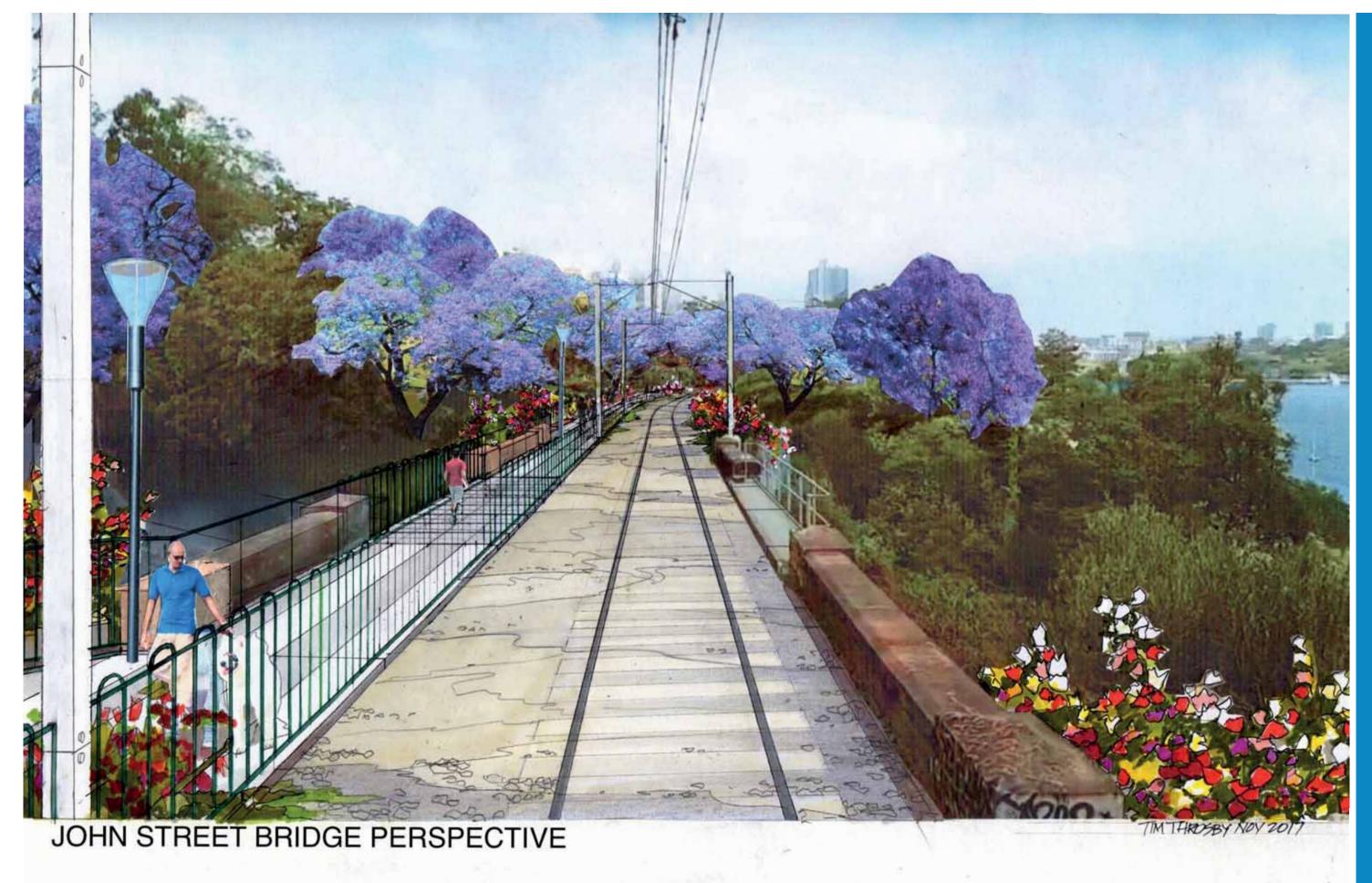


















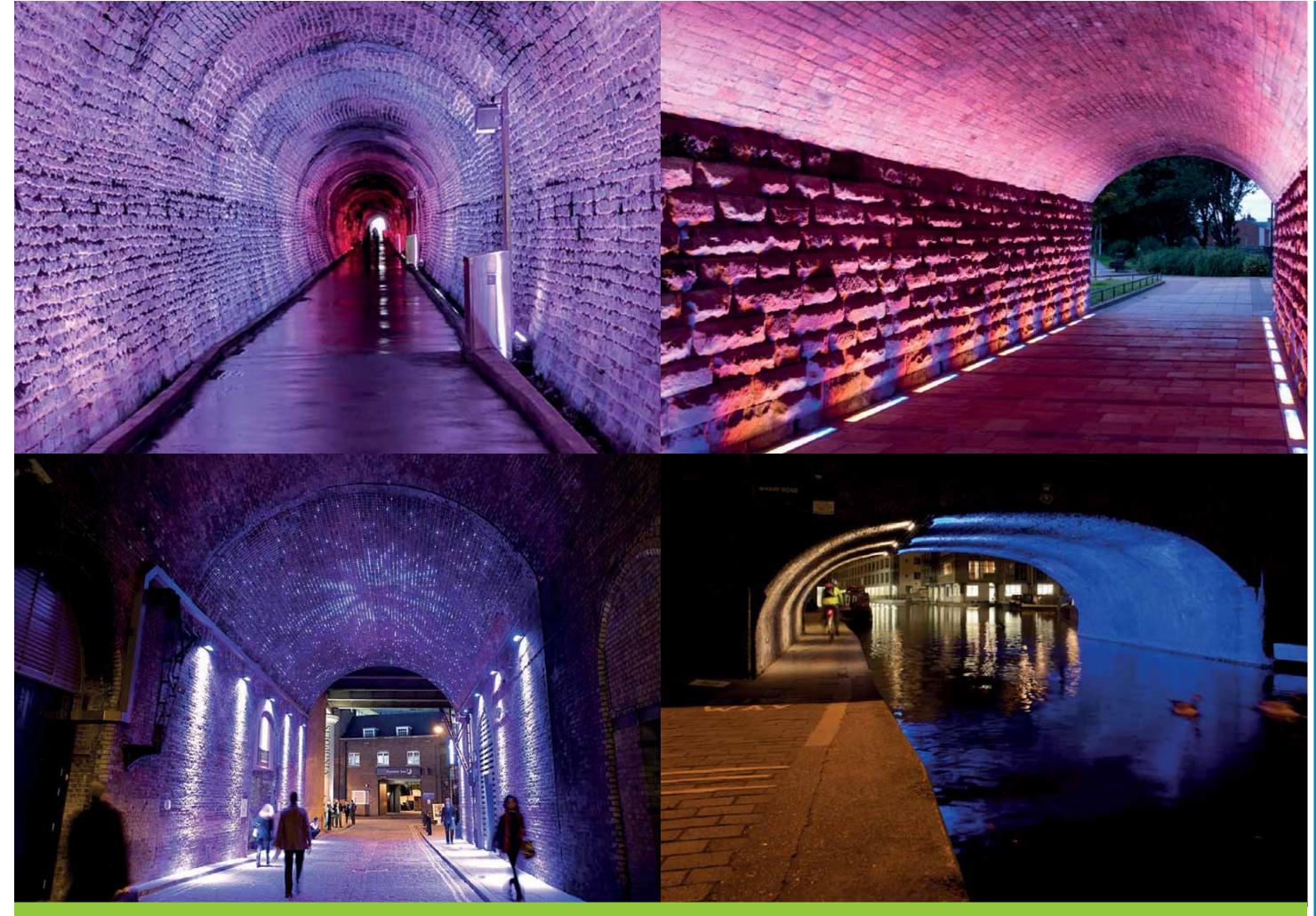






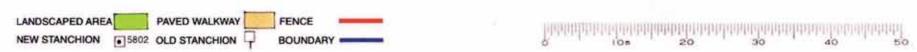


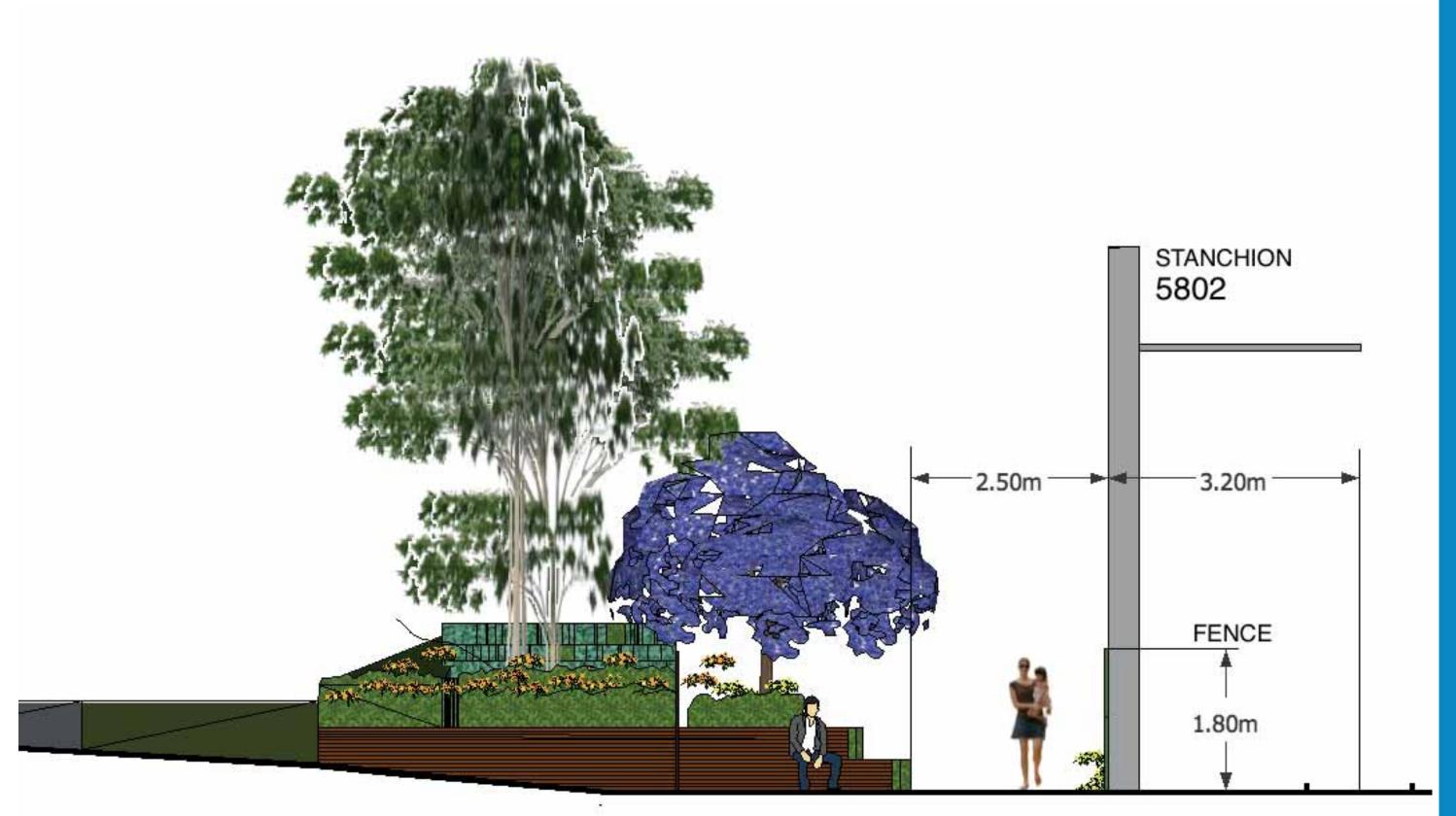
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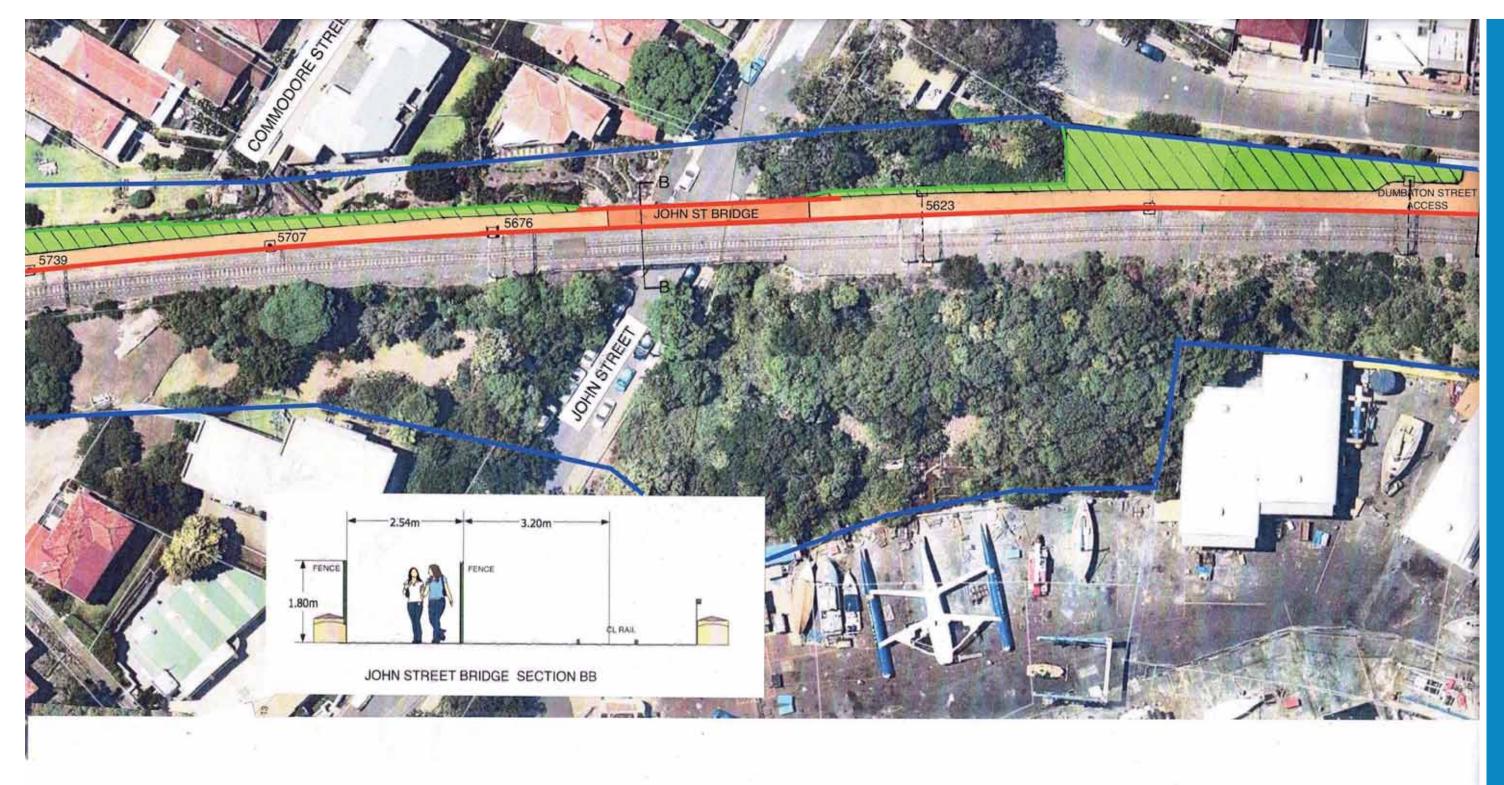








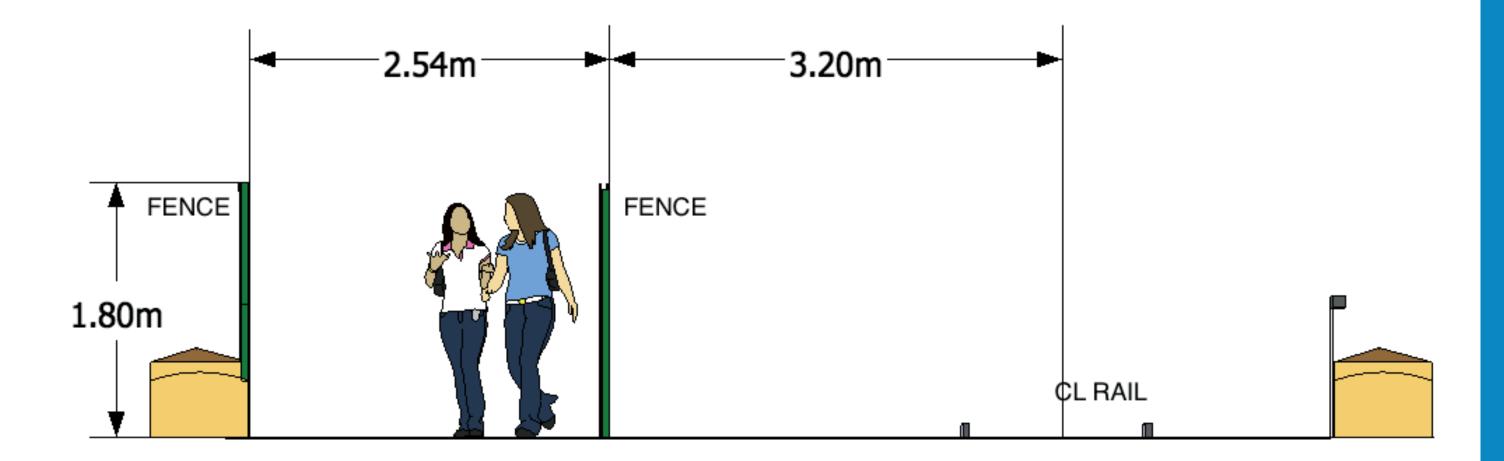
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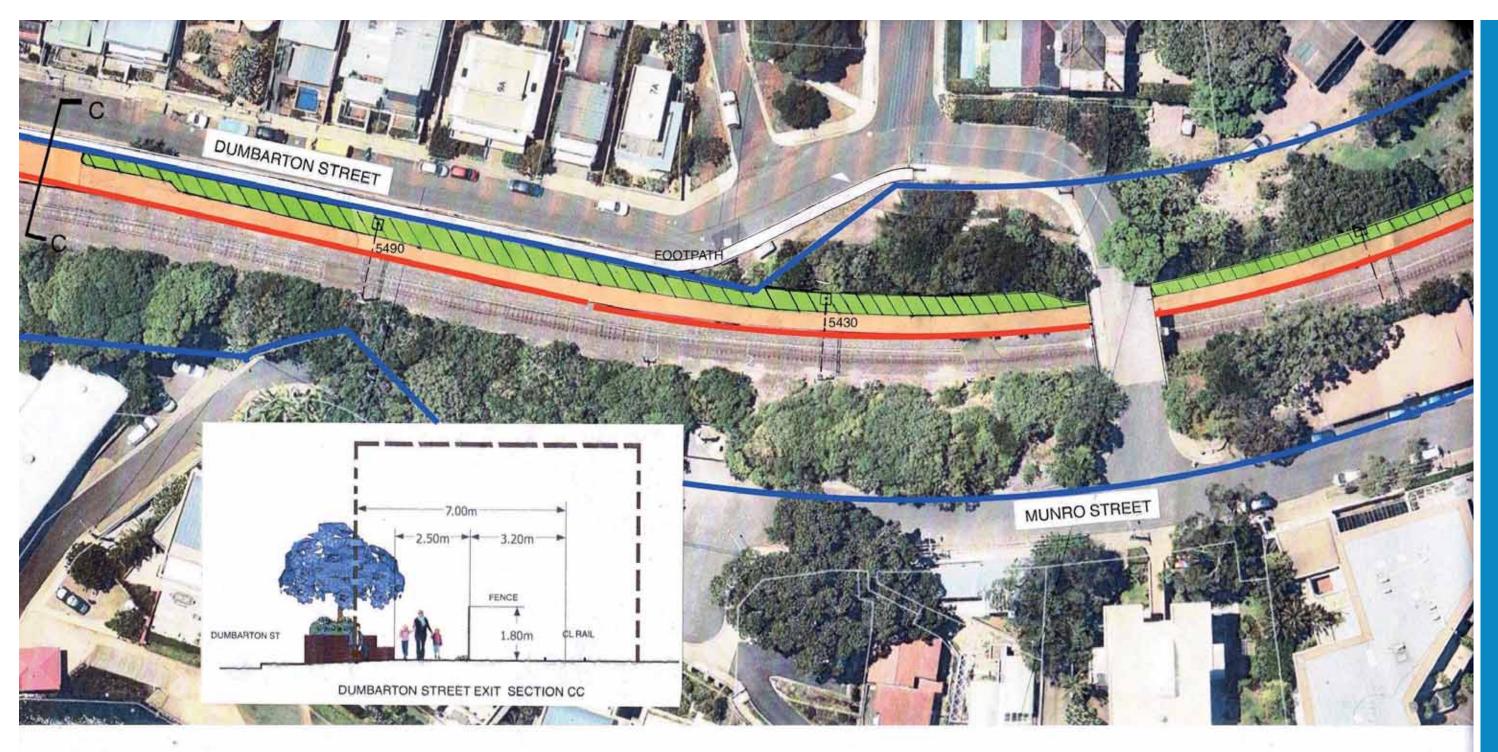
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SYDNEY HARBOUR HIGHLINE

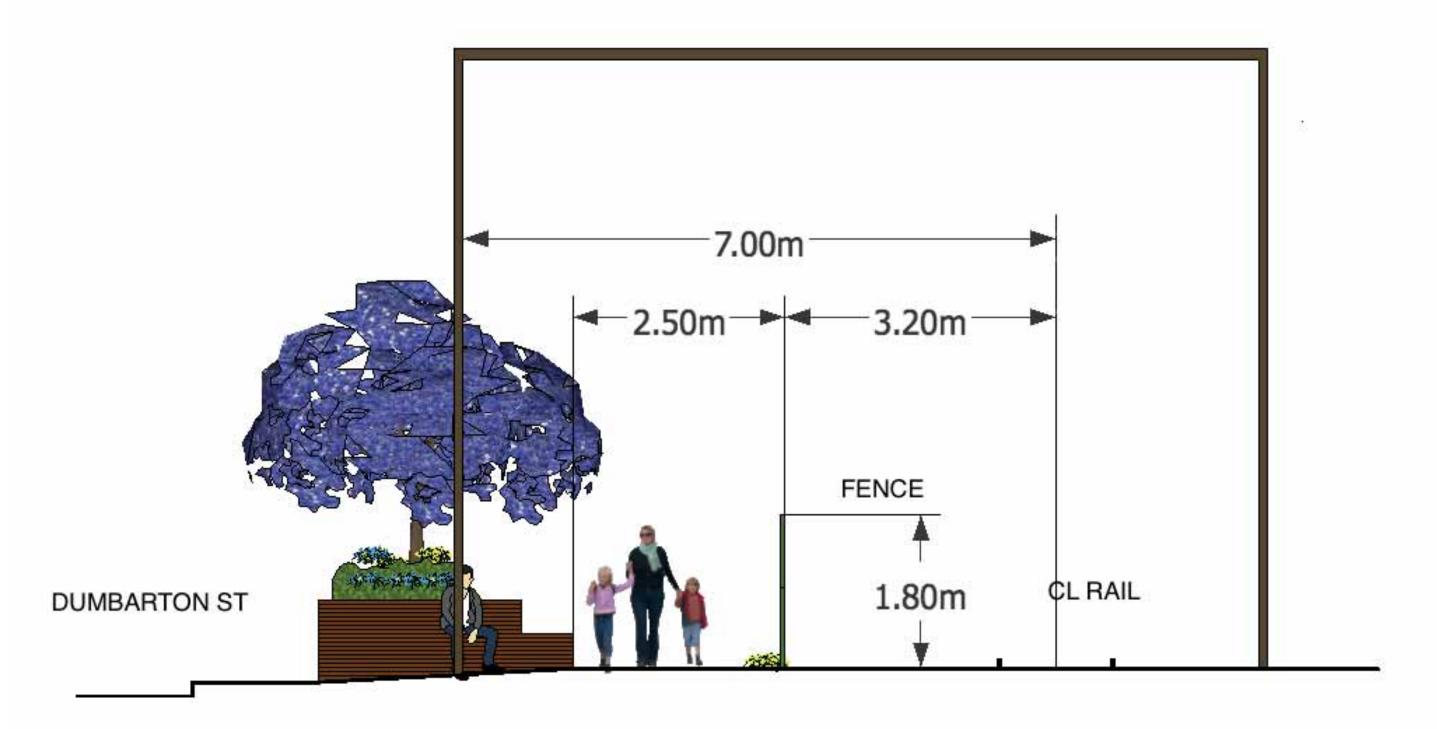


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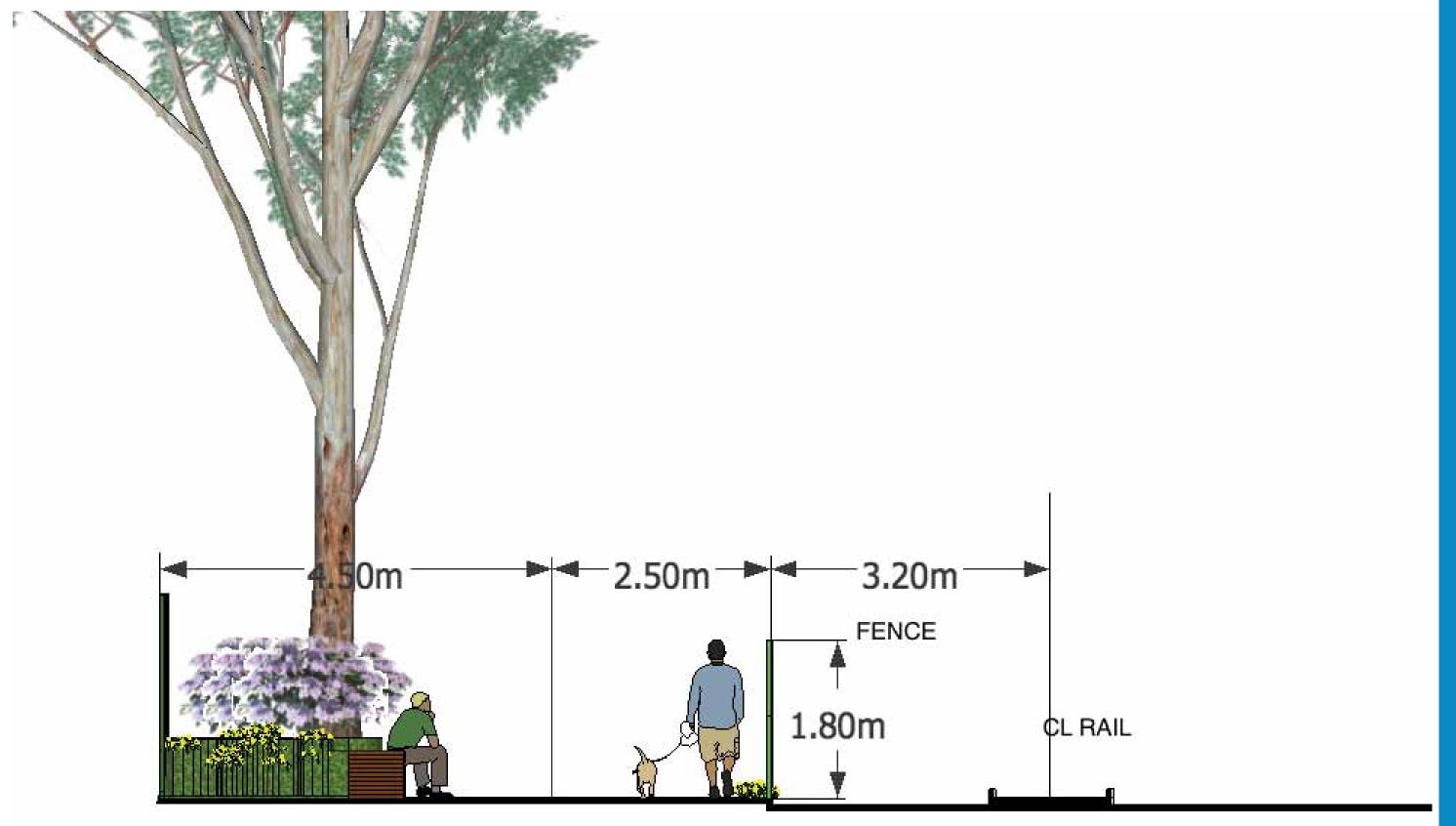
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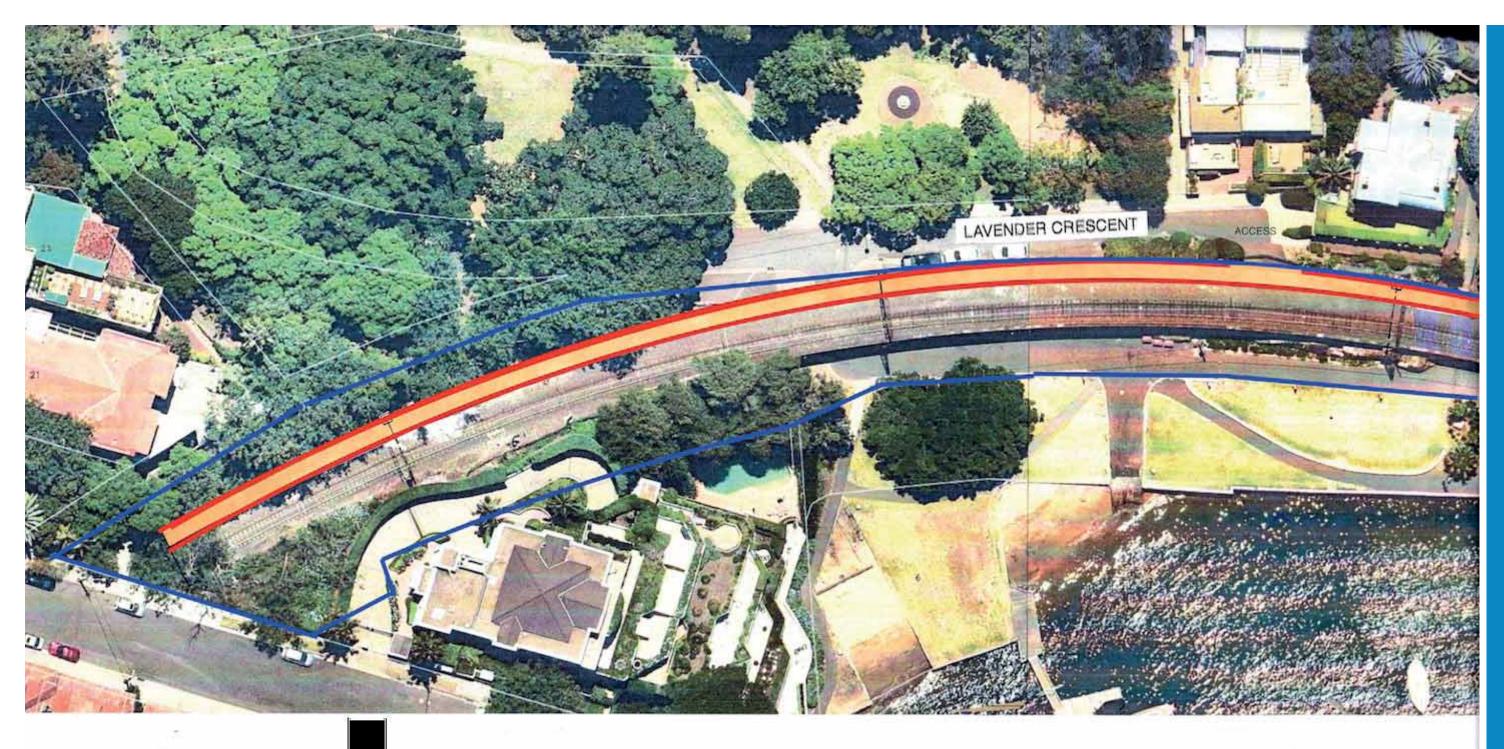


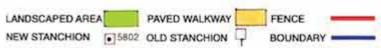
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QUEENS AVENUE SECTION DD





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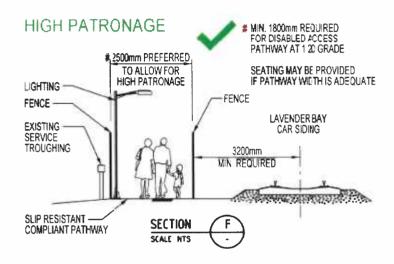
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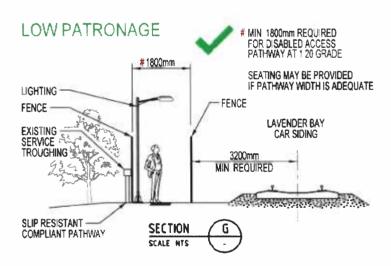
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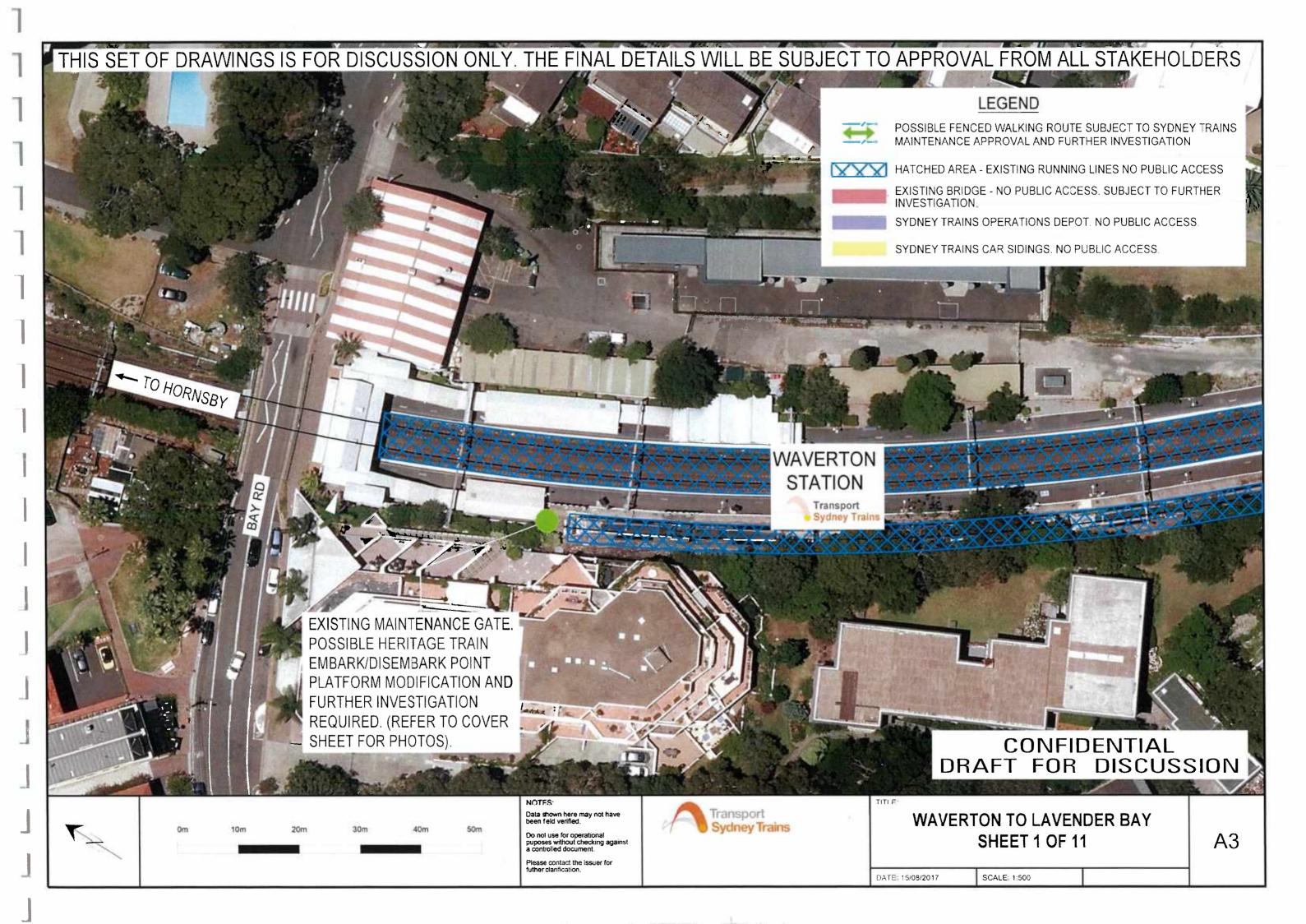
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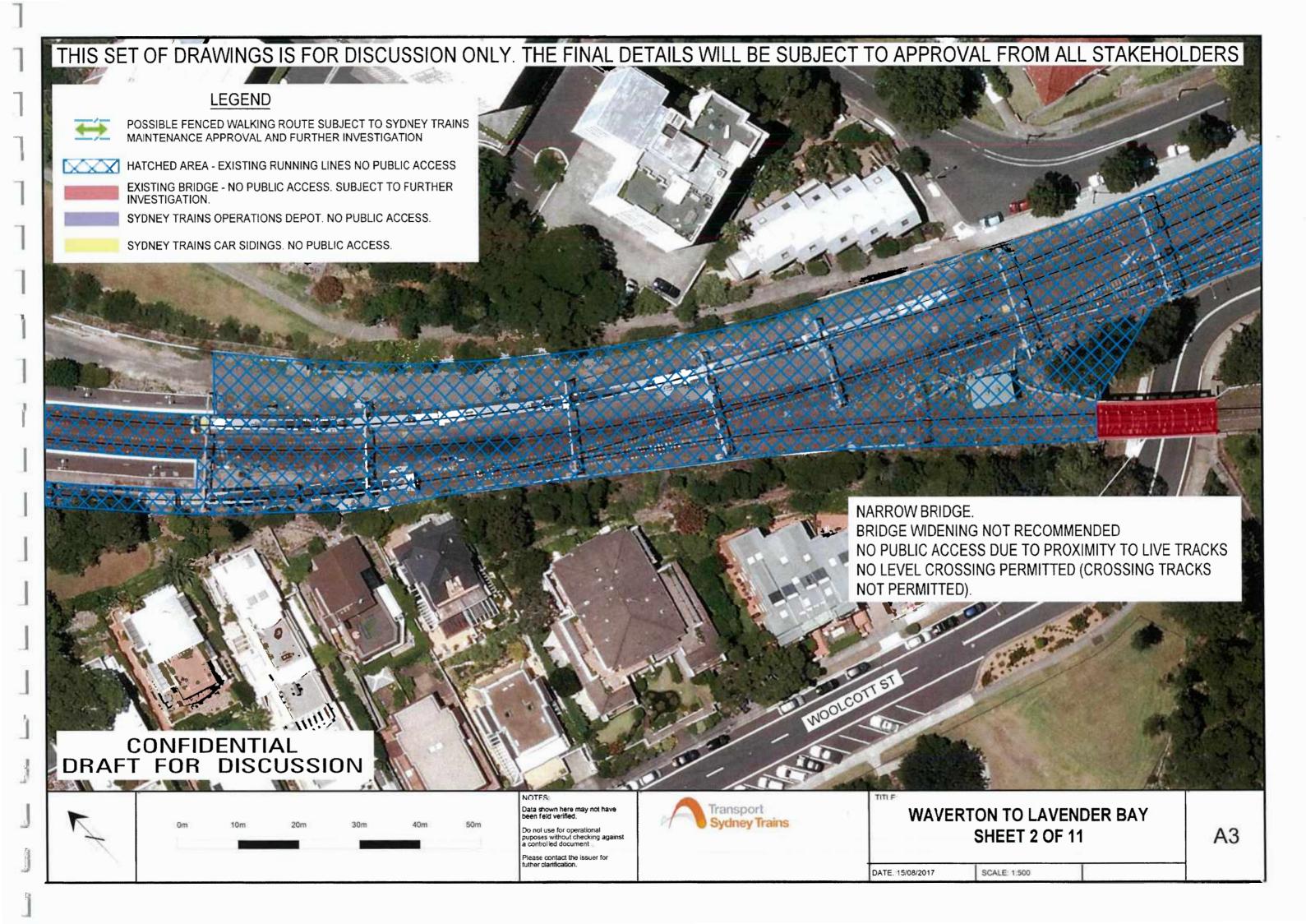
- 1. High Patronage usage Minimum 2500mm clearance to allow for Disabled Access
- 2. Low Patronage usage Minimum 1800mm clearance to allow for Disabled Access

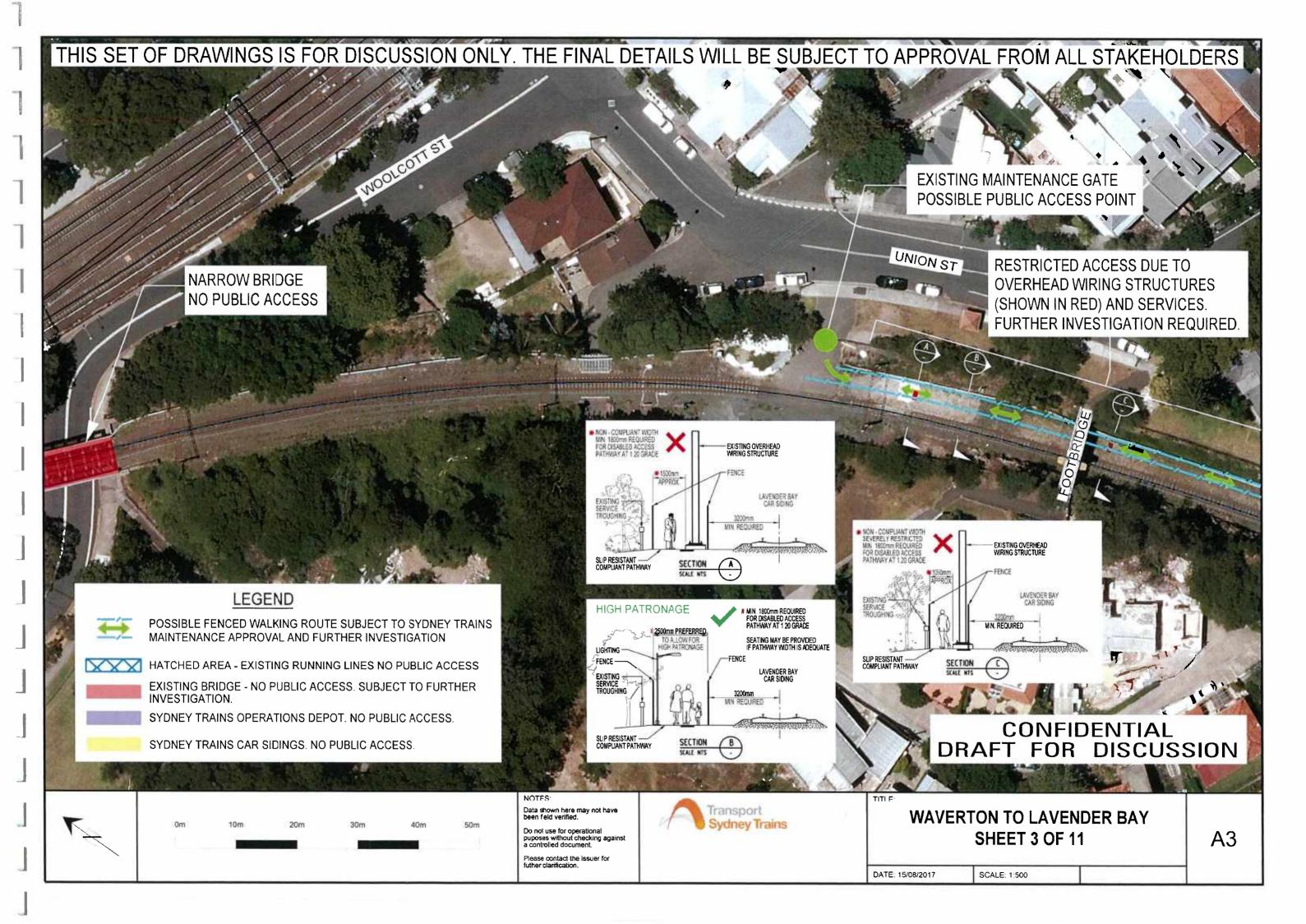
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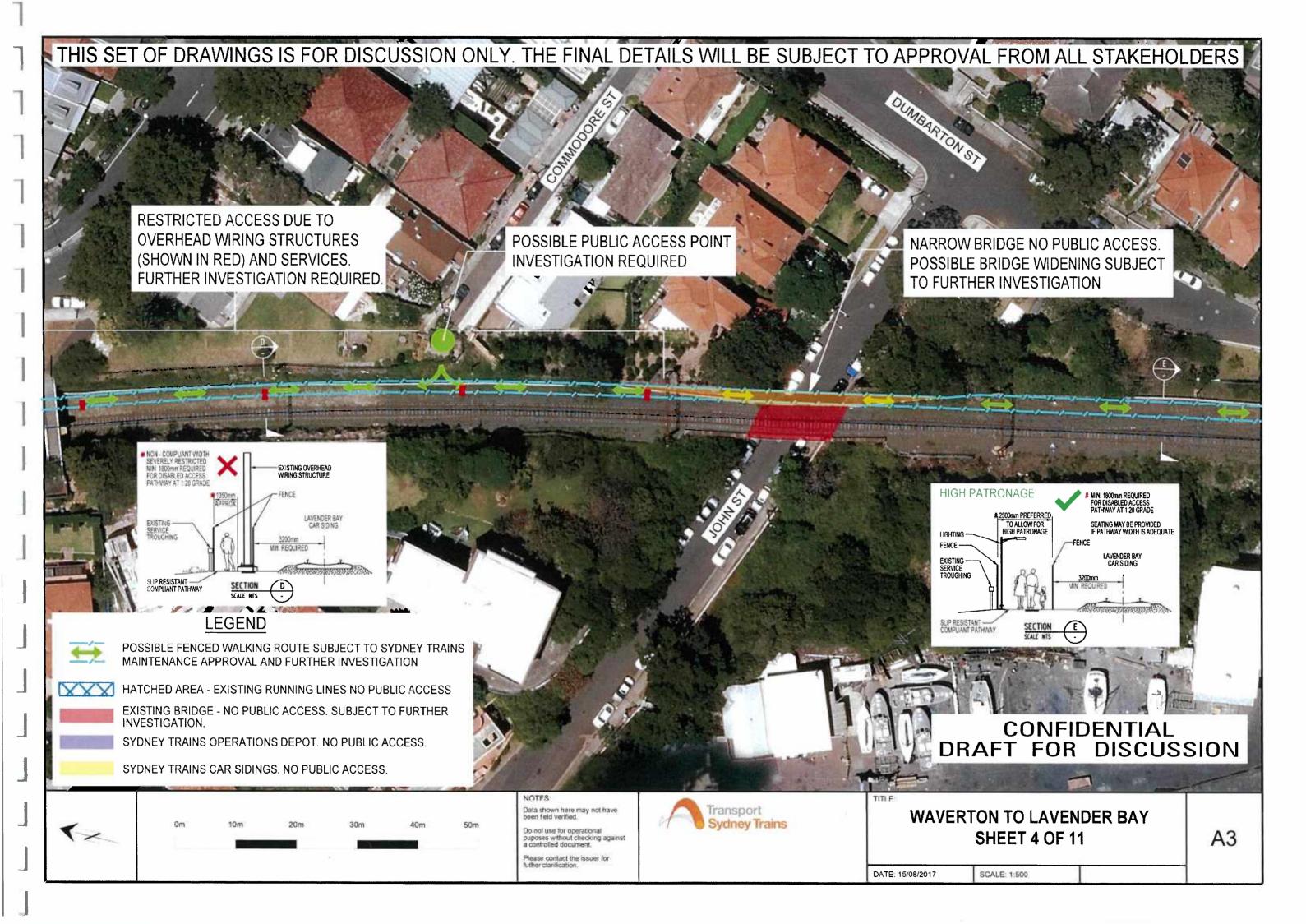


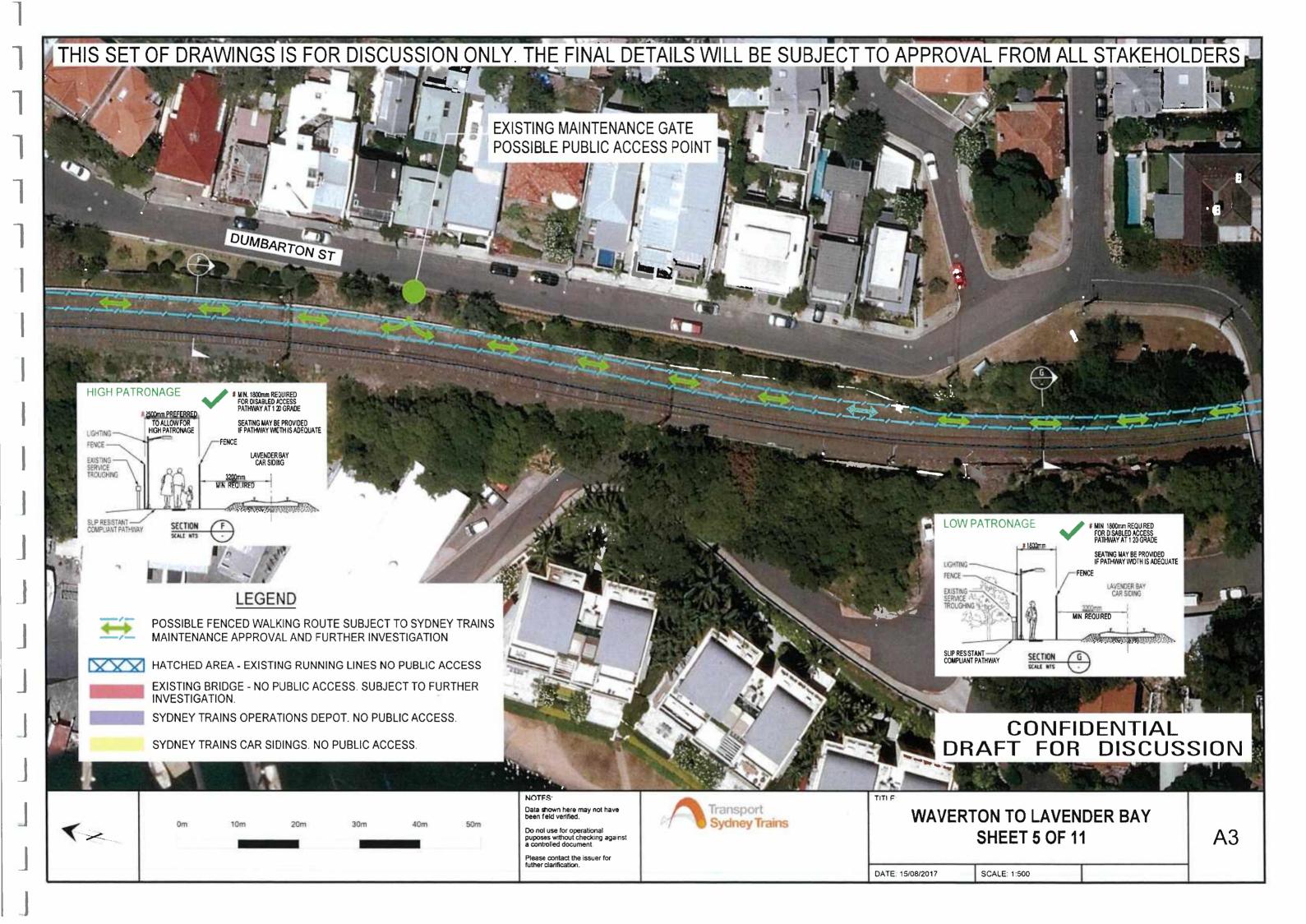


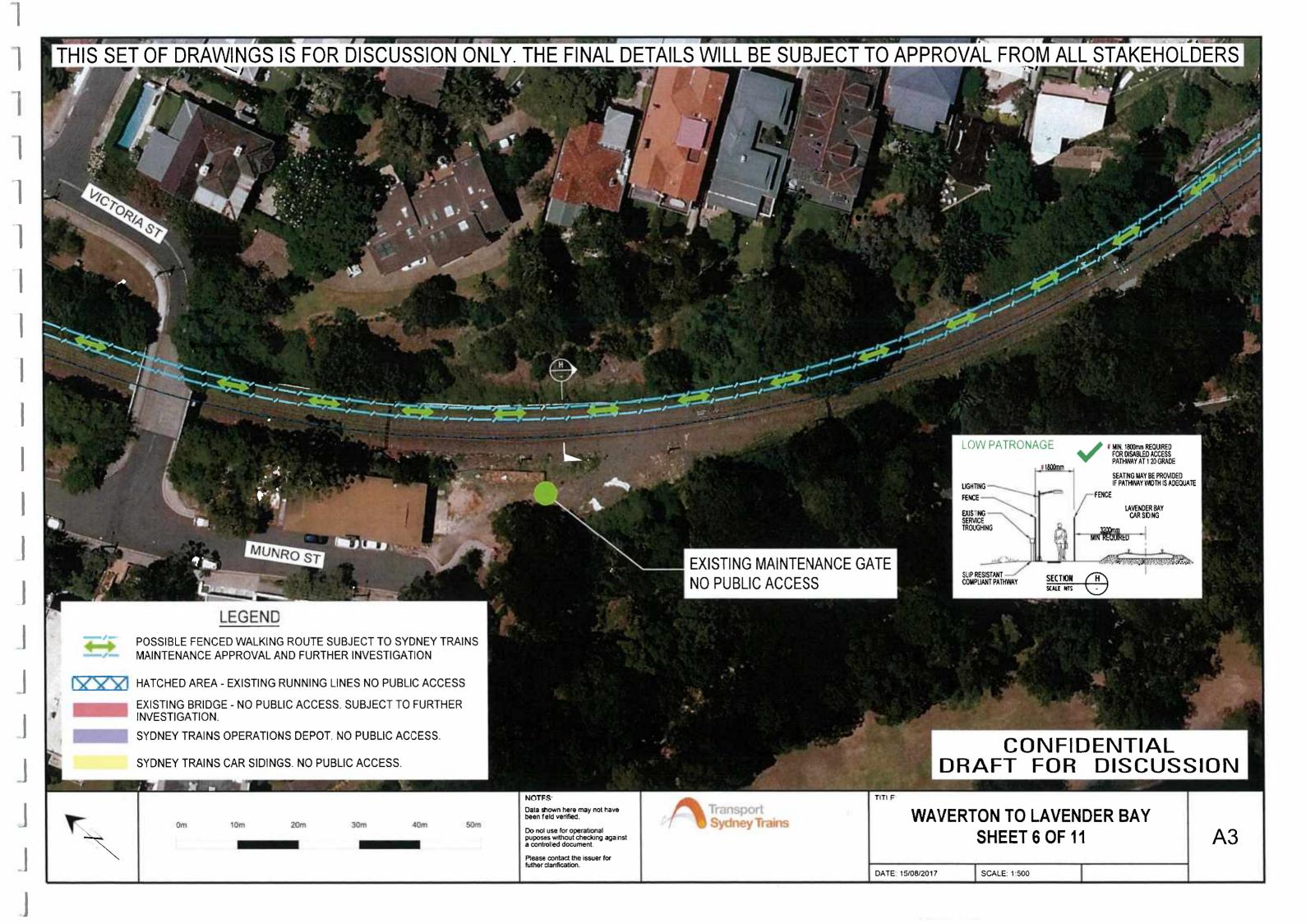


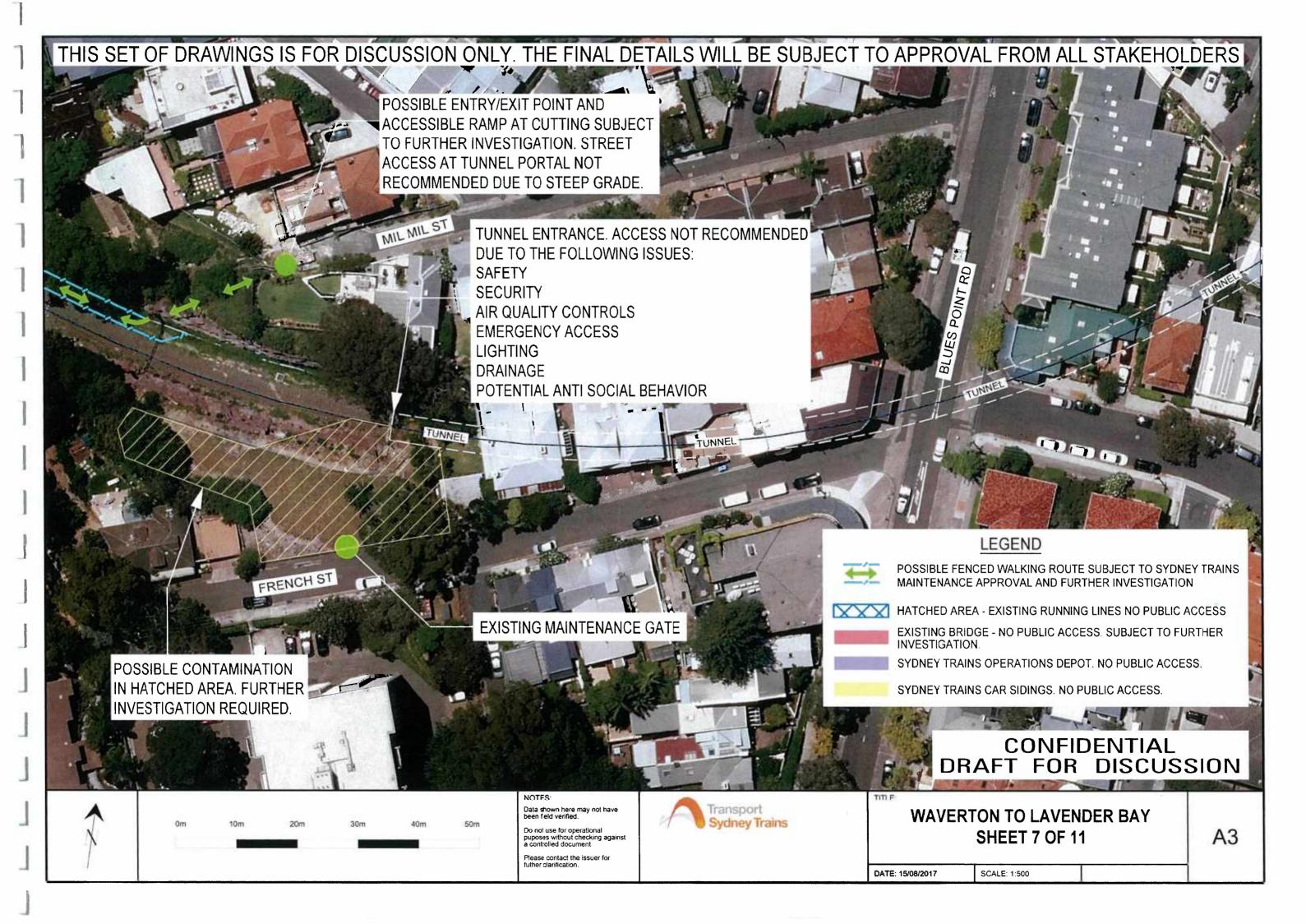


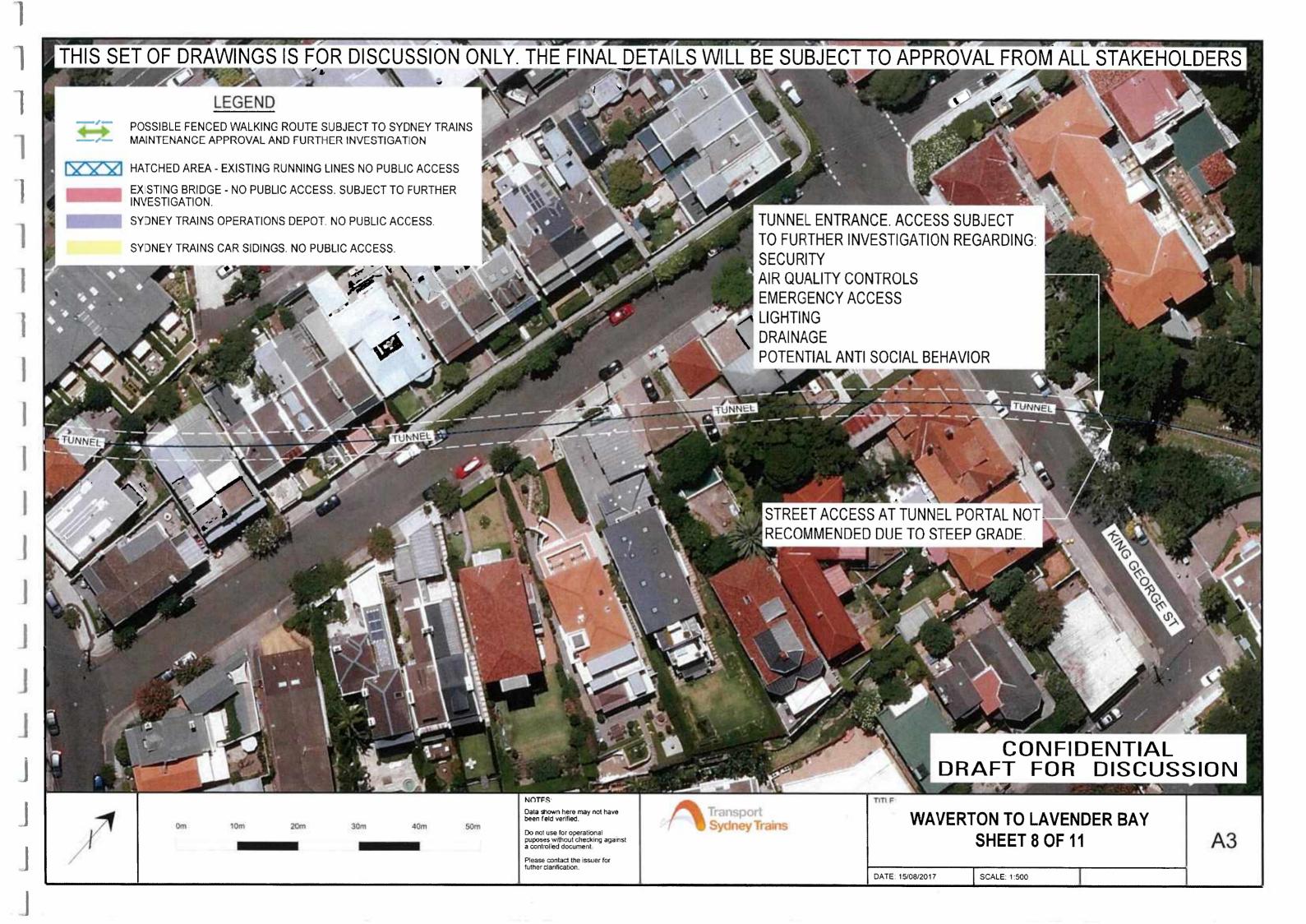


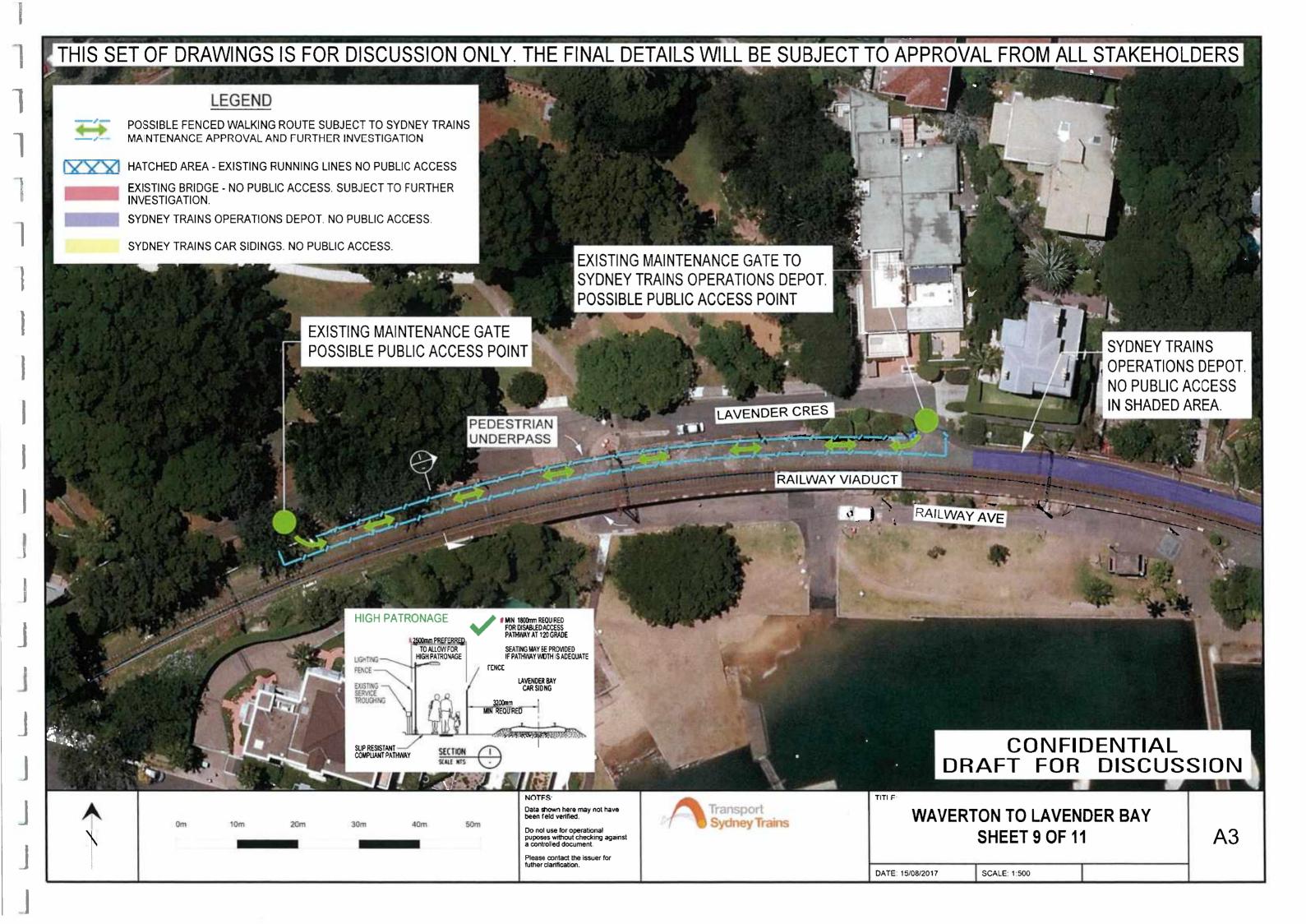


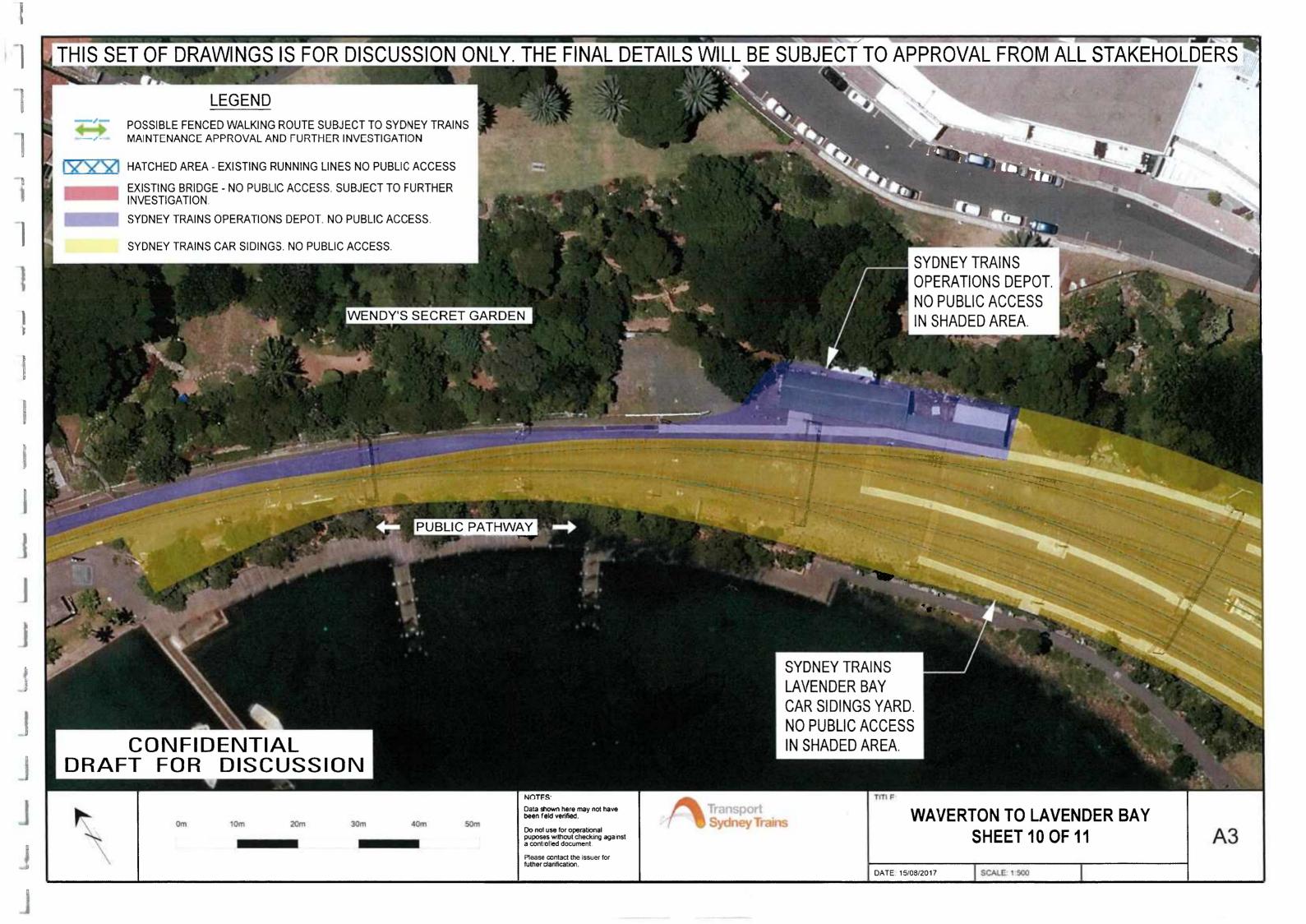


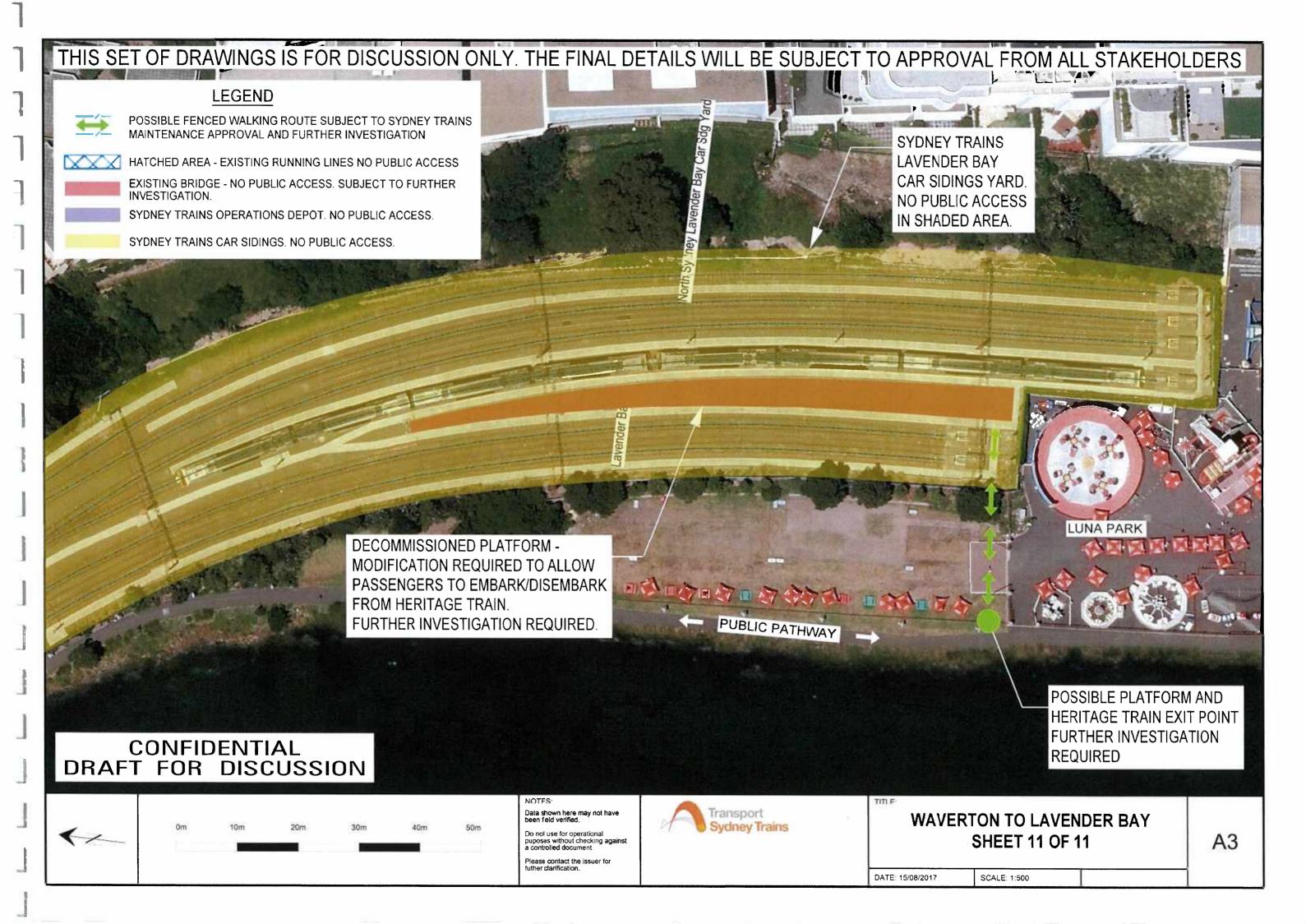










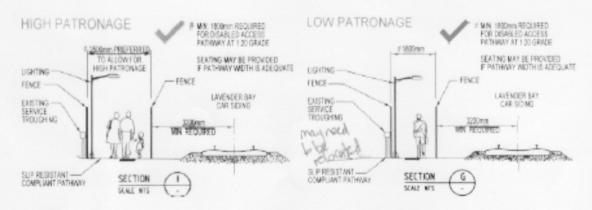


## Areas being investigated as possible options/stages for pedestrian walkway/s

### Option 1: North Side Pathway

Reference 'Sheet 2' (extending to sheet 1 & 3 where possible)

Requirements, pathway as specified in your drawings, lockable, with lightweight pedestrian bridge and optional lighting (services etc to be relocated). Cost estimate required.

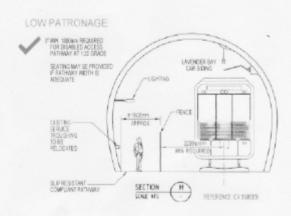


### Option 2: Tunnel Walkway

Reference 'Sheets 3 & 4'

Requirements, pathway as specified in your drawings, lockable, with lighting and (services etc to be relocated) segregating the track with a pedestrian pathway. Cost estimate required.

Note: if option 2 is possible, an additional risk assessments etc will be required to ensure adequate ventilation, security and any other safety concerns are appropriately addressed.



### Option 3: South Side Pathway

Reference 'Sheet 10'

Requirements, shared access pathway from street to Wendy's Secret Garden, lockable, with optional lighting if not currently available. Cost estimate required.

### Option 3a: South Side Pathway

Reference 'Sheet 10'

Requirements, a dedicated pathway (hatched area) from street to Wendy's Secret Garden, lockable, with optional lighting if not currently available eliminating the need for stairs. Cost estimate required.

# **Option 4:** North Side Platform & Access Pathway Reference 'Sheet 11'

Requirements, island platform over existing platform footings (possibly heritage), connected to an accessible pathway/ramp, lockable, and connecting to the public pedestrian pathway. Cost estimate required.

