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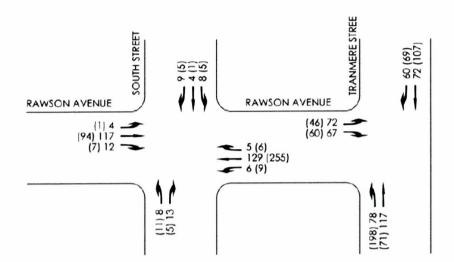
Attention: Mr Mike Wu

Dear Mike.

RE: DRUMMOYNE RESERVOIR LEARNING CENTRE – (LEC CASE NO. 2020/00306306)
REVIEW OF ALTERNATIVE ACCESS OPTIONS

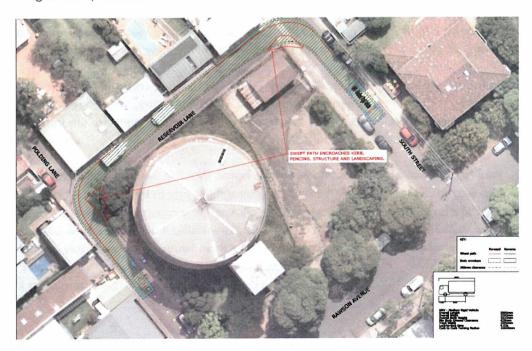
- I have, as requested, looked into how access might or not be gained into the above site
 using an access other than on Rawson Avenue in order to mitigate a perceived heritage
 impact.
- 2. I would, first of all, point out that as far as I am aware, there is no traffic objection to the use of the continued use of existing driveway (albeit widened slightly) on Rawson Avenue, the ramps into the basement and the basement parking layout itself. My review of the layout is contained at **Attachment 1** to this letter. In my view, it is acceptable.
- 3. As far as I am aware, the heritage issue relates to the visual impact of the ramp "opening" into the basement car park adjacent to the heritage structure. Consequently, we have been requested to look at alternative access from the other site frontages namely Reservoir Lane and South Street.
- 4. Prior to undertaking this exercise, we have noted that the traffic report indicates that the two way traffic flows on South Street are currently 27 trips in the AM peak and 17 trips in the PM peak. The two way flow on Rawson Avenue is around 270 in the AM peak) and around 382 in the PM peak. We do not have any traffic flows on Reservoir Lane but I would expect that they would be much lower than South Street (probably no more than a handful of vehicle trips per hour). Similarly, we do not have any traffic flows on Polding Lane but I would expect that they would be comparable to, but probably lower than, South Street.





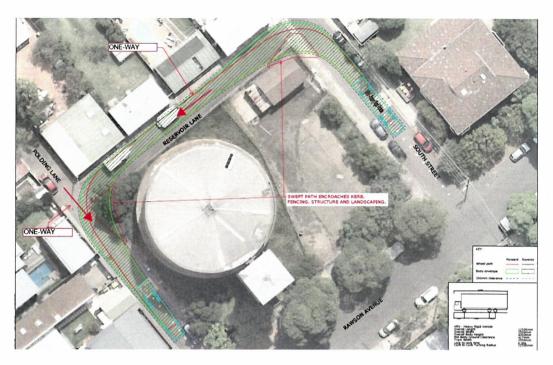
Access from Reservoir Lane

- 5. In order to consider access from Reservoir Lane, we need to consider what vehicles would need to use the lane. Clearly cars already use the lane (albeit generally as a single lane operation with vehicles parked along it) and swept paths confirm that this single file traffic can still physically pass along it.
- 6. The proposed site may however be visited by larger vehicles for garbage collection etc. We have done swept paths for both 8.8m medium rigid vehicles (MRV) and 12.5m Heavy rigid vehicles (HRV). The swept paths show that the turns from South Street into Reservoir Lane and from Reservoir Lane into Polding Lane would require the corner radii be significantly amended.



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- 7. Having said this, we are aware that residents along Reservoir Lane leave their garbage bins along the lane so Council's garbage trucks can presumably negotiate along it.
- 8. We further note that the lane currently displays "No Parking" signage on the site side of the lane but there is unrestricted parking on the side of the residences. As such, the laneway can have vehicles parked along it which could compromise the movement of vehicles.

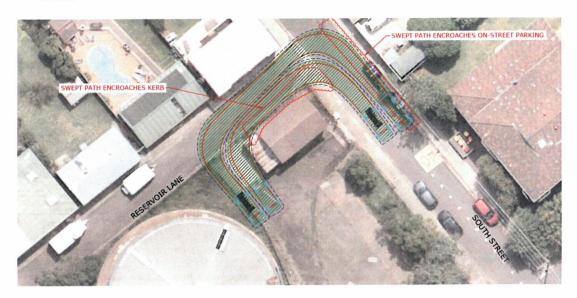


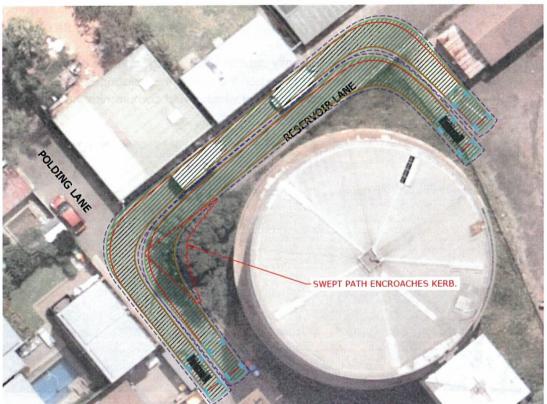
9. I would have concerns about letting childcare vehicles enter and leave the basement car park in both directions on Reservoir Lane.

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10. The swept paths indicate that cars would not be able to leave at the same time as vehicles are entering either at Reservoir Lane / South Street or Reservoir Lane / Polding Street.





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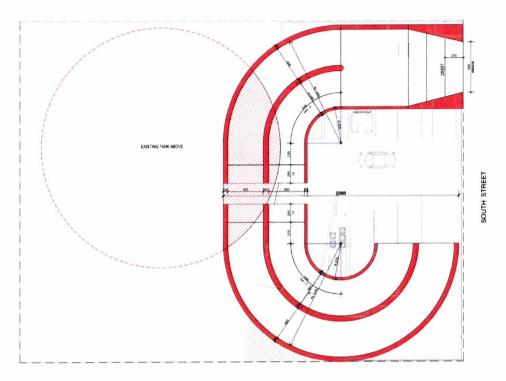


- 11. The effect of introducing such an arrangement would be that, not only would the corners of the intersections need to be widened but parking restrictions would need to be imposed along South Street.
- 12. At present, parking is permitted on both sides of South Street which allow a single lane to operate accommodating two way traffic with opposing vehicles having to give way to each other. Bearing in mind the low traffic flows that currently prevail (i.e., about 1 vehicles every 2 to 4 minutes) this operates satisfactorily. Should the subject proposal allow all vehicles to access the site from either South Street or Polding Lane rather than Rawson Avenue, two way traffic flow would be necessary due to the increase in traffic.
- 13. Operationally the better alternative would be to have a left in / left out on Reservoir Lane which would permit vehicles to turn left into the lane from South Street and turn left from Reservoir Road onto Polding Lane. This would allow much better traffic control to occur.
- 14. The traffic impact assessment reports that the development would generate up to 127 peak hour vehicle trips (i.e., about 64 in and 63 out) in the AM peak and up to 111 in the PM peak hour.
- 15. Consequently, with a one way system, both South Street and Polding Lane could experience an increase in traffic of up to 64 vehicles in the AM peak hour which is an additional one vehicle per minute. This represents a 237% increase on existing traffic flows. This is likely to result in a significant amenity impact on the residents of both streets.
- 16. In addition, the increased volumes of traffic may require the removal of parking from Reservoir Lane and possibly South Street / Polding Lane.

Access from South Street

- 17. The advantage of achieving access from Rawson Avenue (and Reservoir Lane) is that it is possible to use the 45m length of the site (which is greater than the 17m width) to achieve the necessary gradients to reach the basement levels of the car park.
- 18. A driveway from South Street would need to provide a flat level platform of 6m within the site before it could commence a two way ramp. Because of the tightness of the radii which would be necessary to allow vehicles to pass each other, the car park ramps would extend beneath the existing heritage structure which is clearly not acceptable (as shown below).





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19. In addition to provide this driveway, it would be necessary to remove parking on South Street, and similar to the Reservoir Lane option, residential on properties would have the negative impact of 127 vehicle movements in the AM peak hour occurring which is significantly more than they currently experience (i.e., 27 vehicle trips).

Summary

- 20. It is my view that
 - a) Access from South Street would not be possible due to its effects on the heritage structure. It would also necessitate the loss of on-street car parking and the additional traffic would have an effect on the amenity impacts on South Street residents.
 - b) Access from Reservoir Lane may be possible but it would require the imposition of a left in/left out system into / out of the car park, the imposition of parking controls on Reservoir Lane, the possible amendment of radii at the corners of South Street/Reservoir Lane and Reservoir Lane/Polding Lane, the possible introduction of additional parking controls in South Street and Polding Lane and an adverse impact on the amenity of residents on both South Street and Polding Lane.
- 21. Finally, and to provide additional clarity, I have attached the larger versions of the swept path drawings, extracts of which are included in the text, as **Attachment 2**.

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We trust the above is clear but should you have any queries regarding the above or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on 8437 7800.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Hollyoak

Director

Attachment One – Review of car park layout

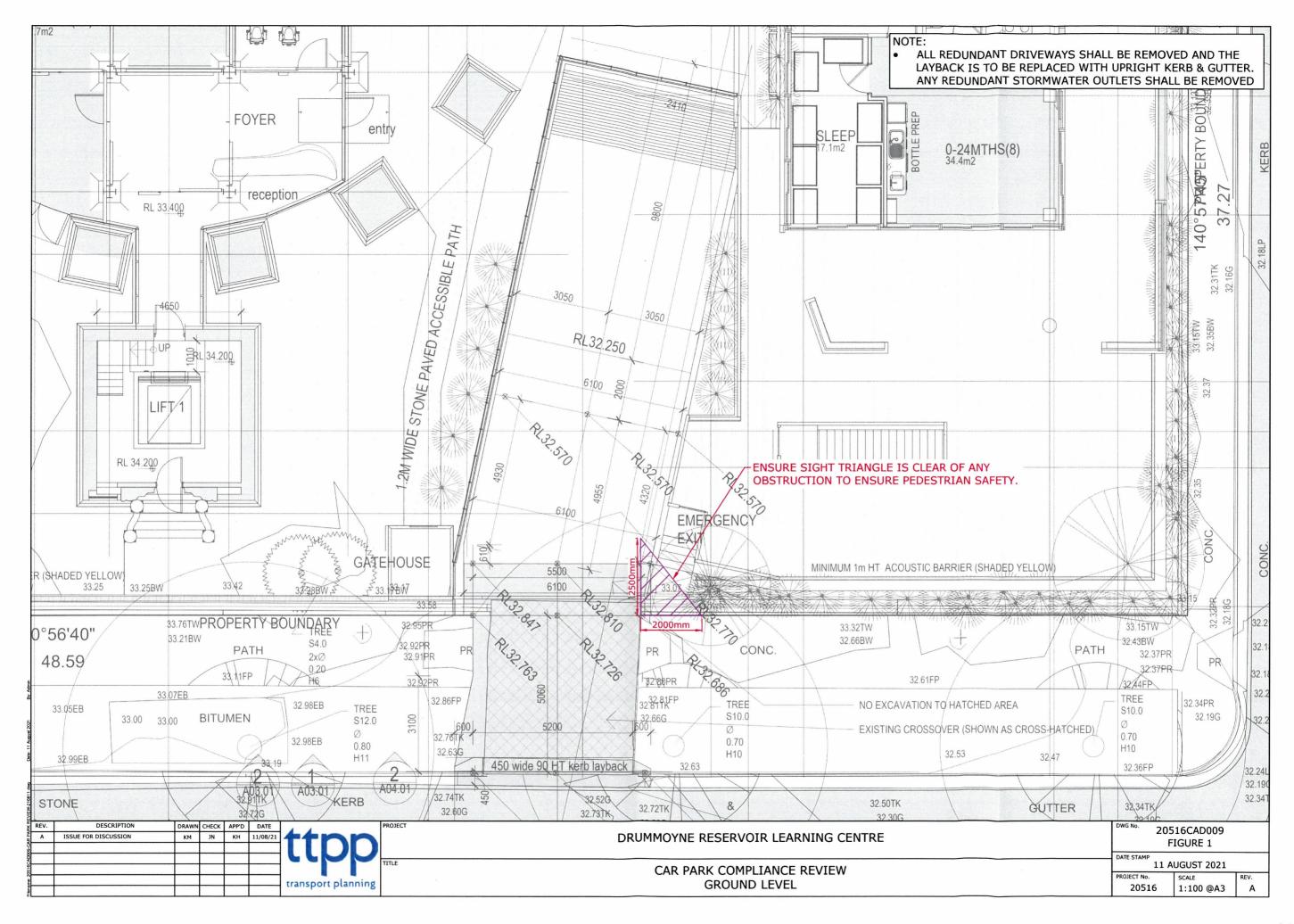
Attachment One - Larger Size Swept Path Drawings

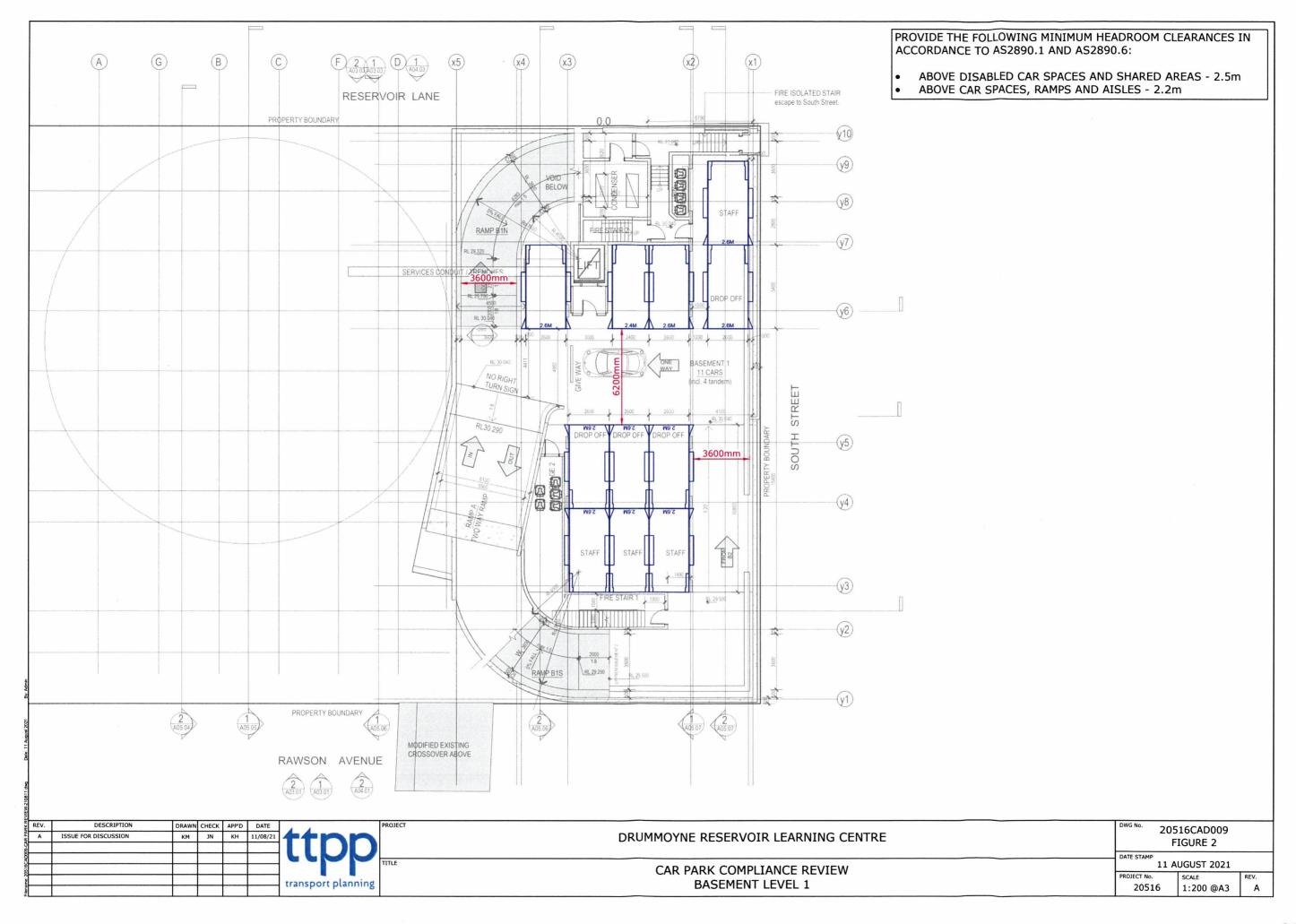


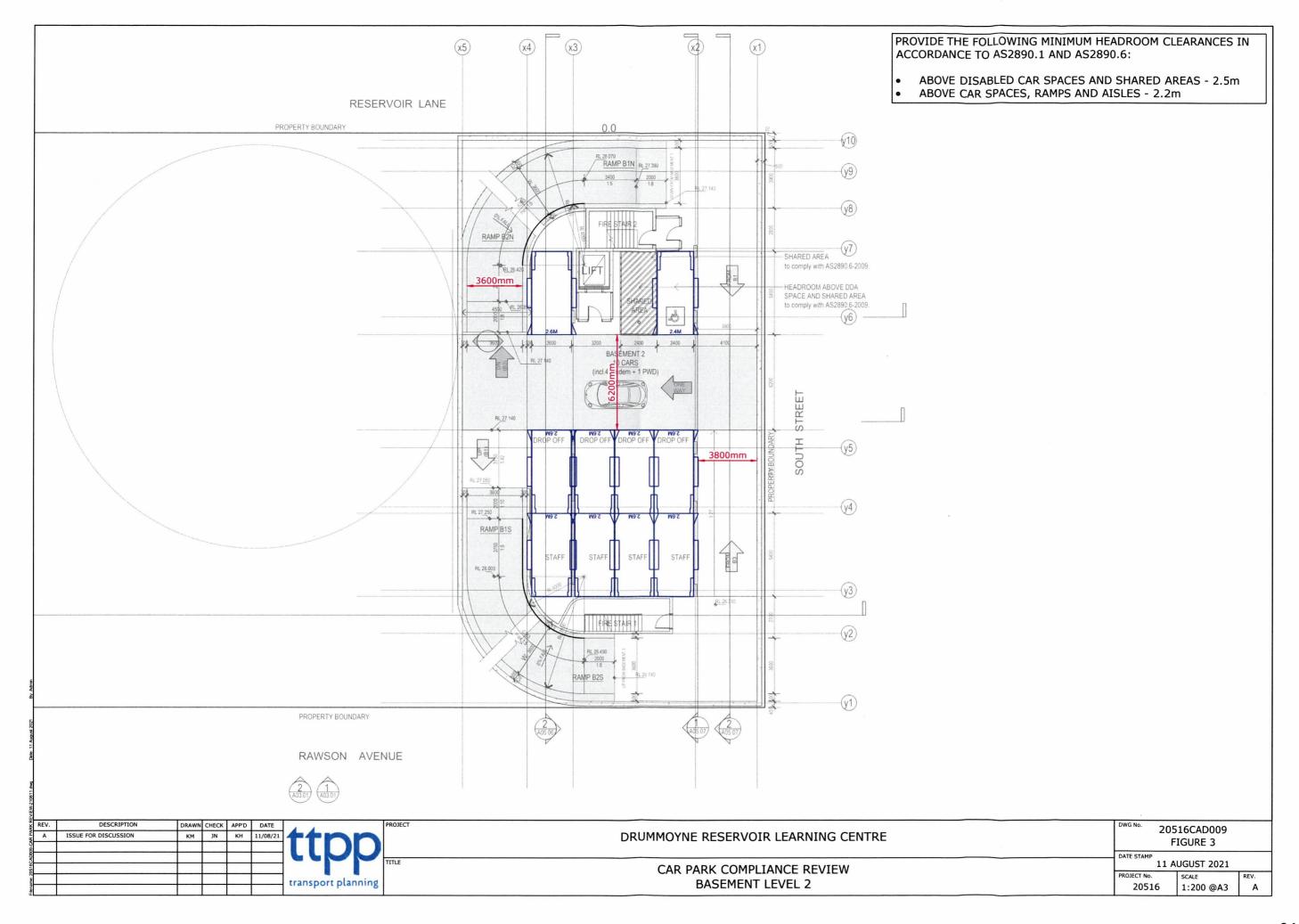
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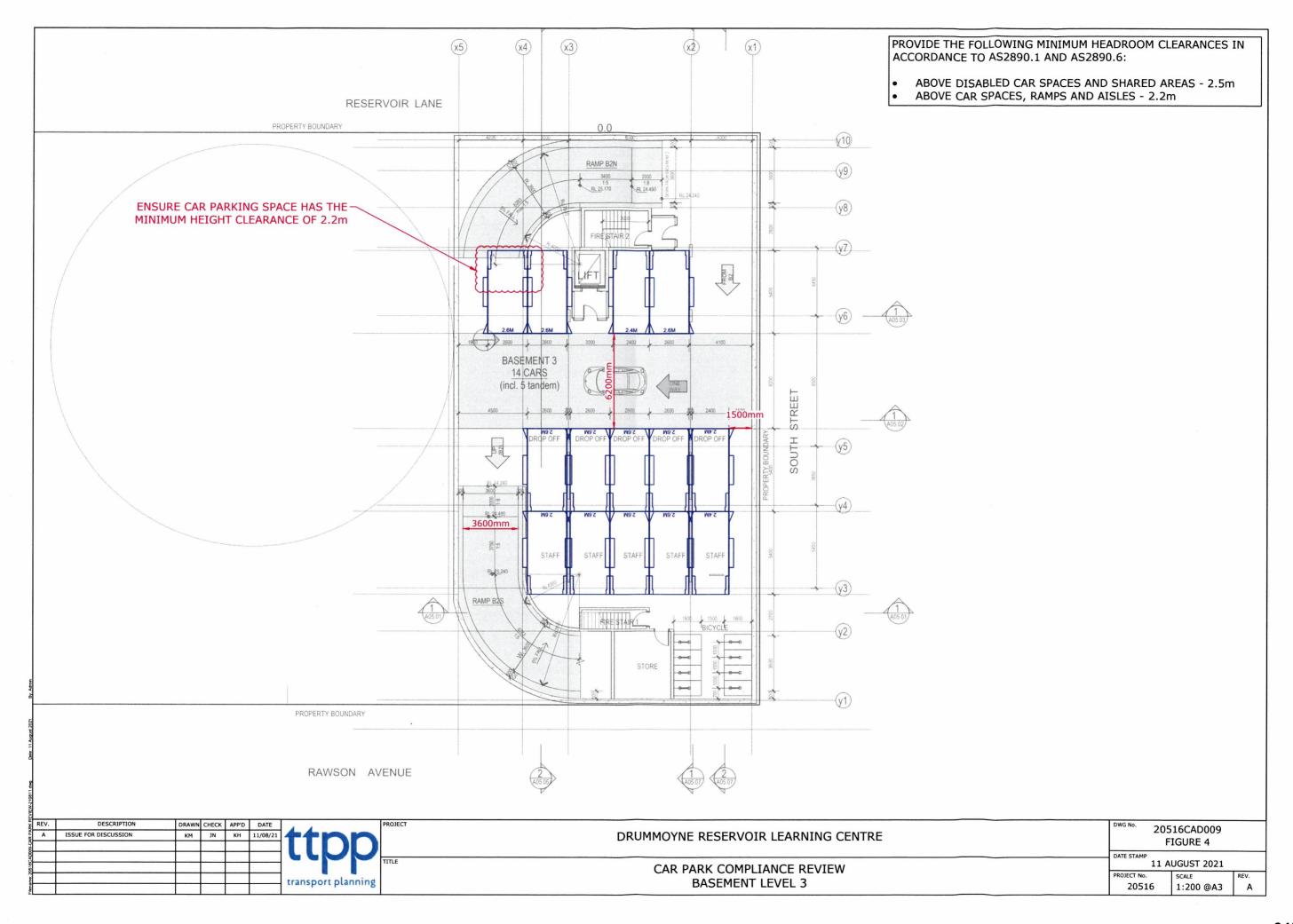
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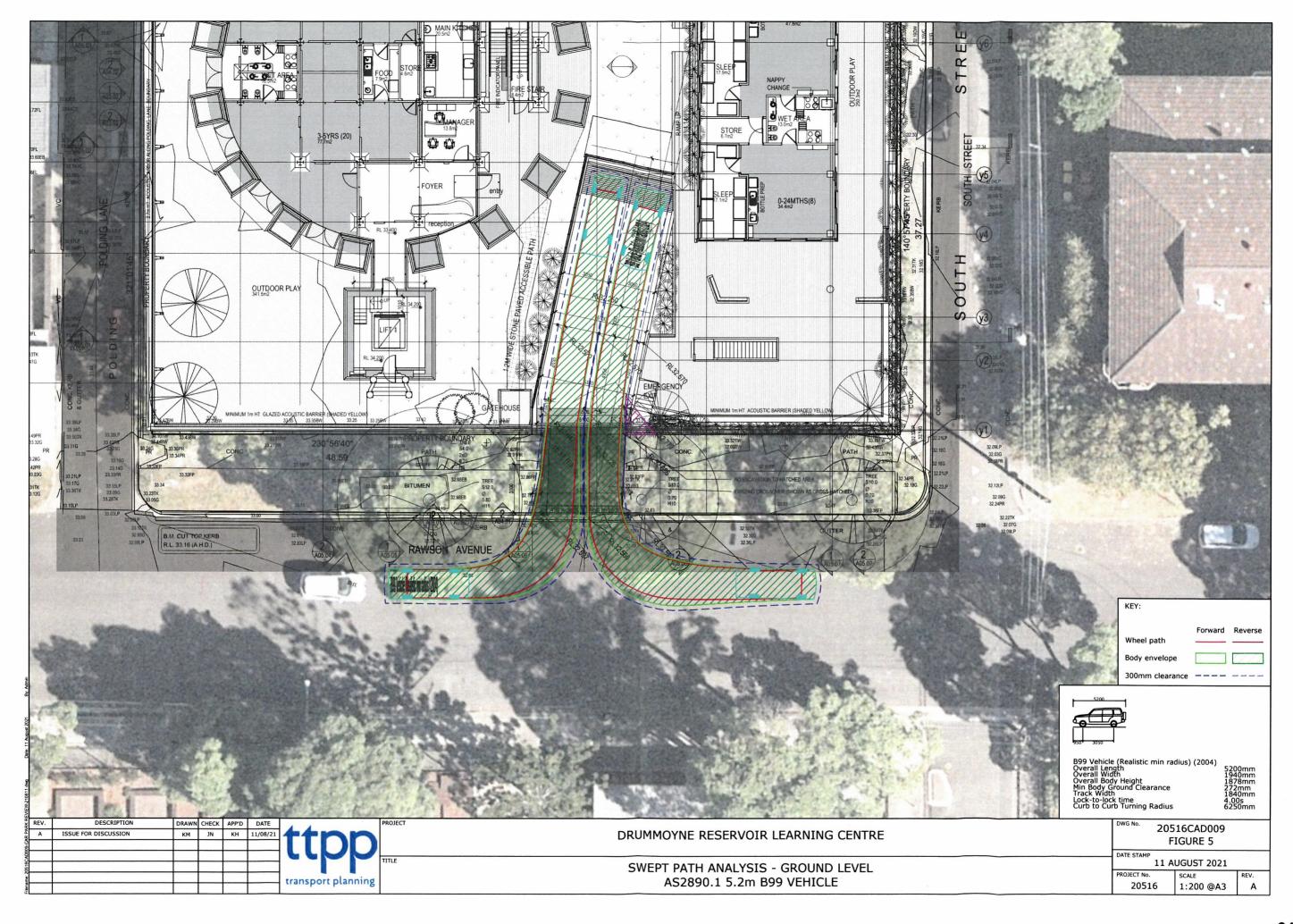
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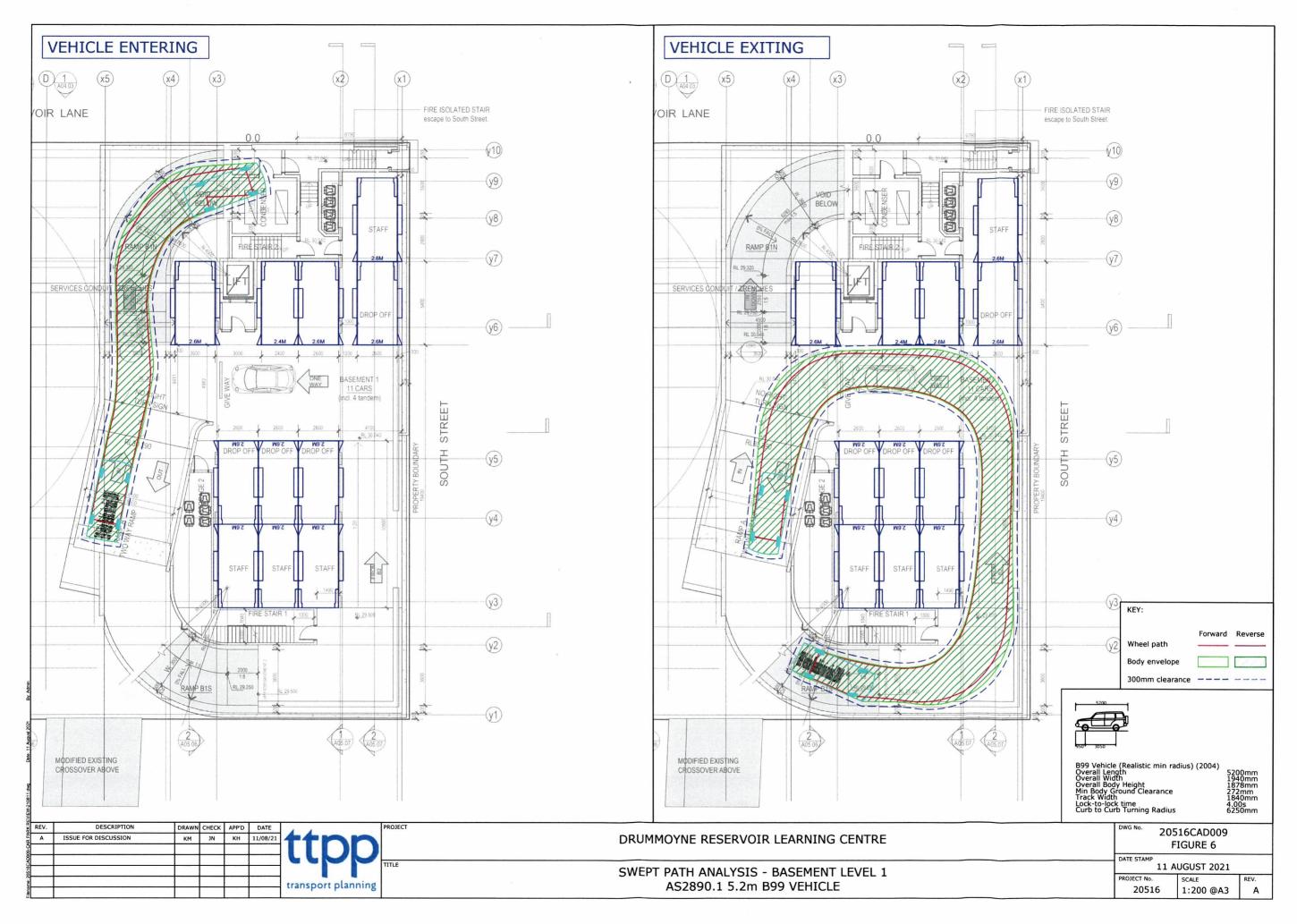


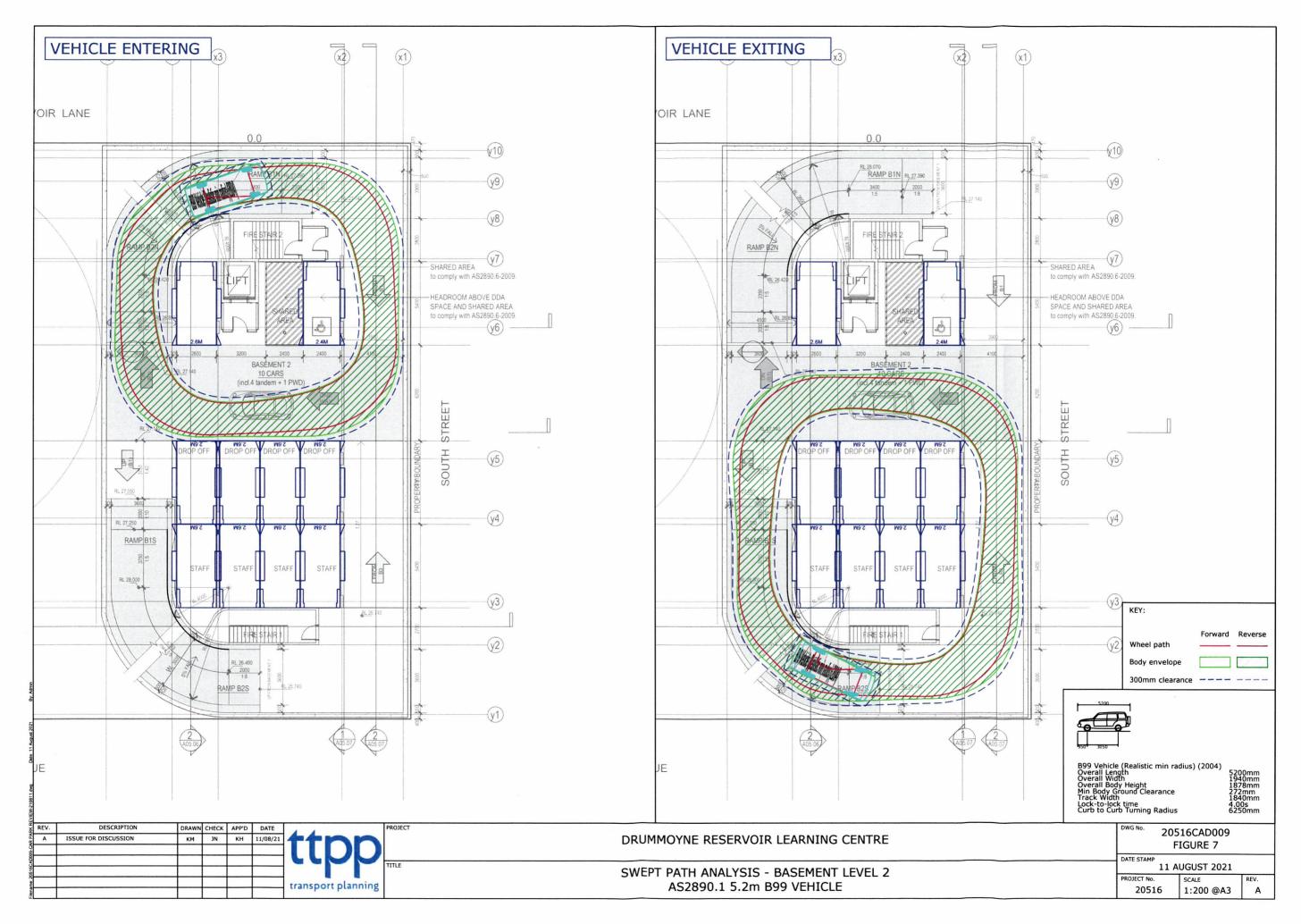


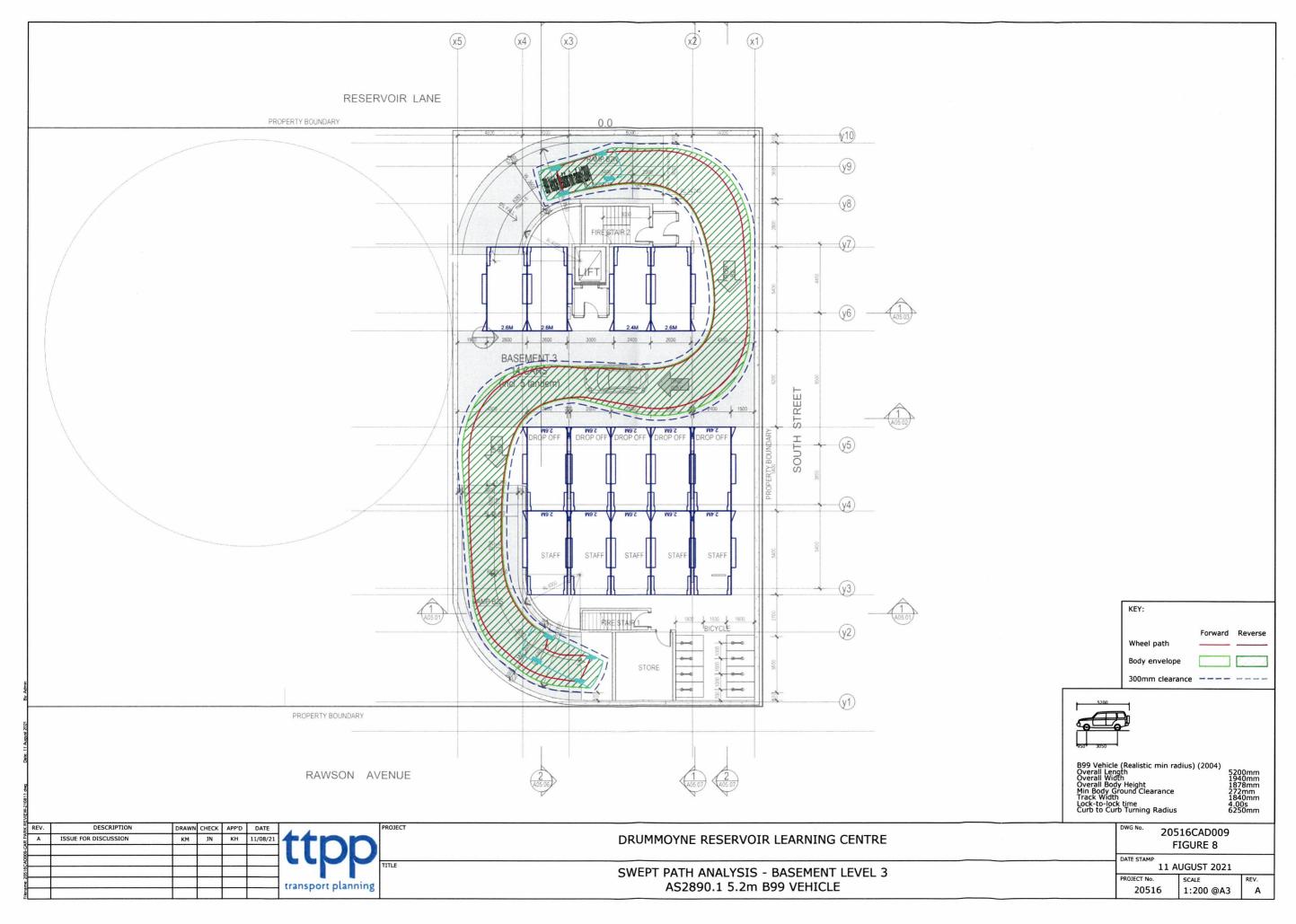


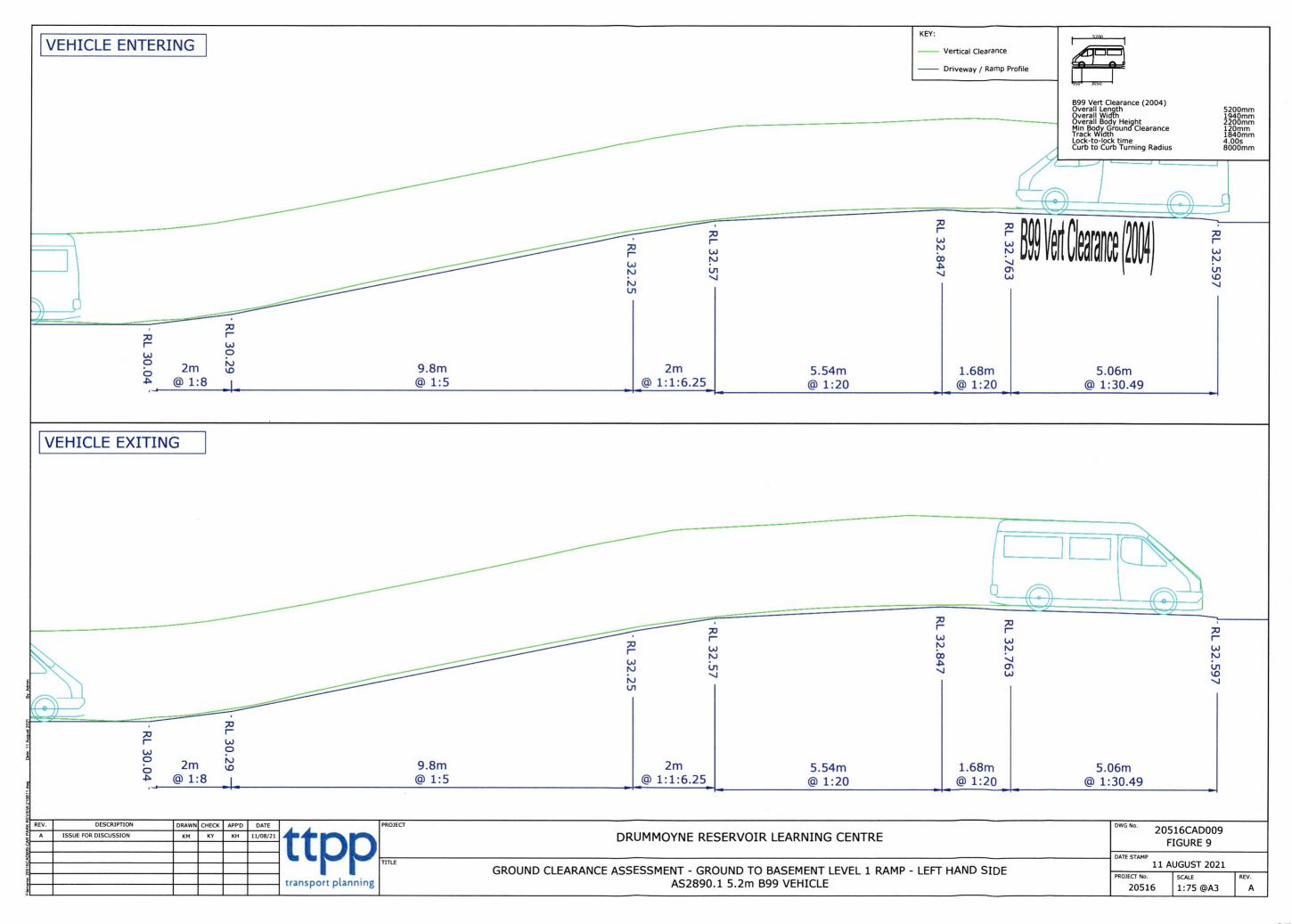


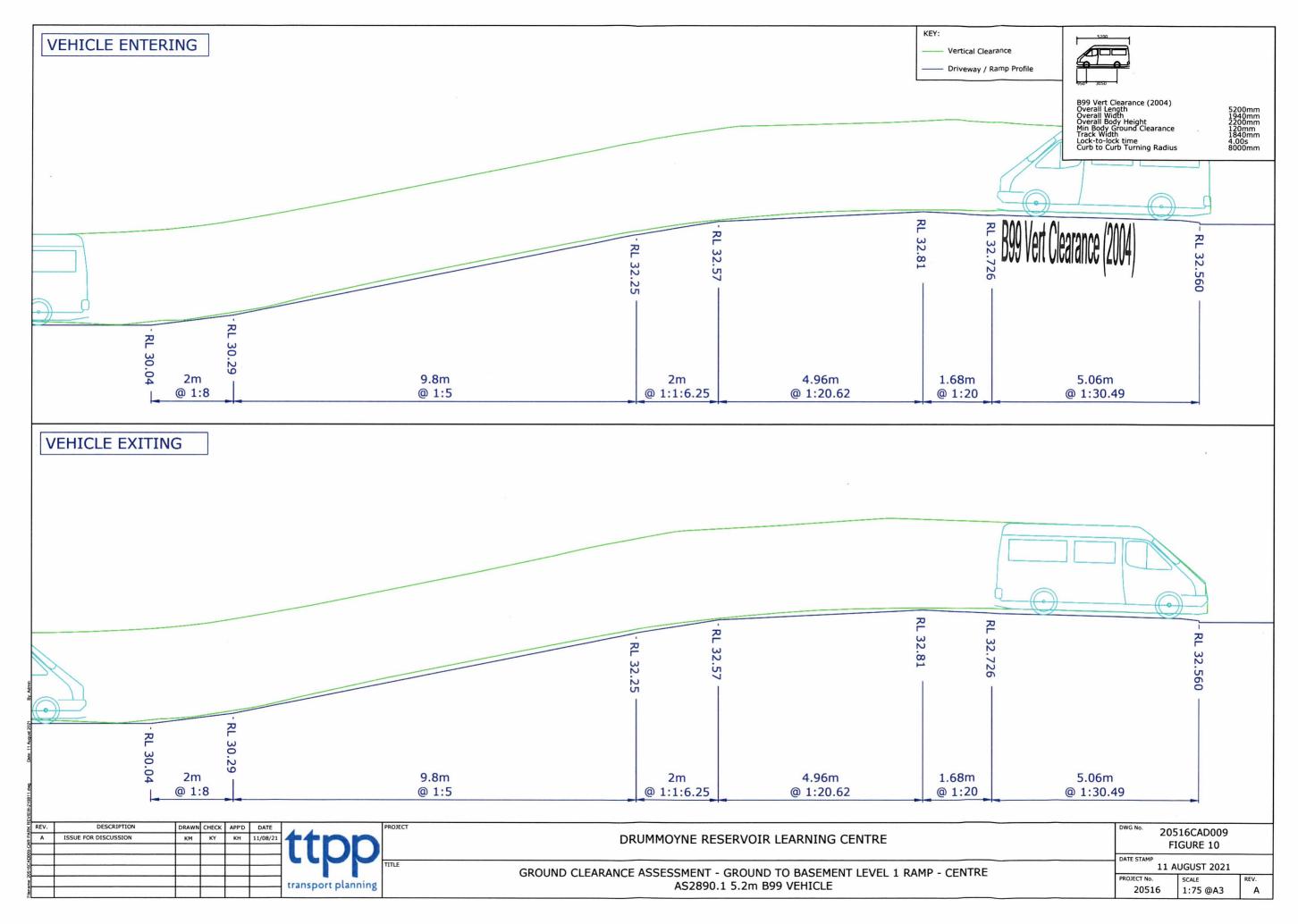


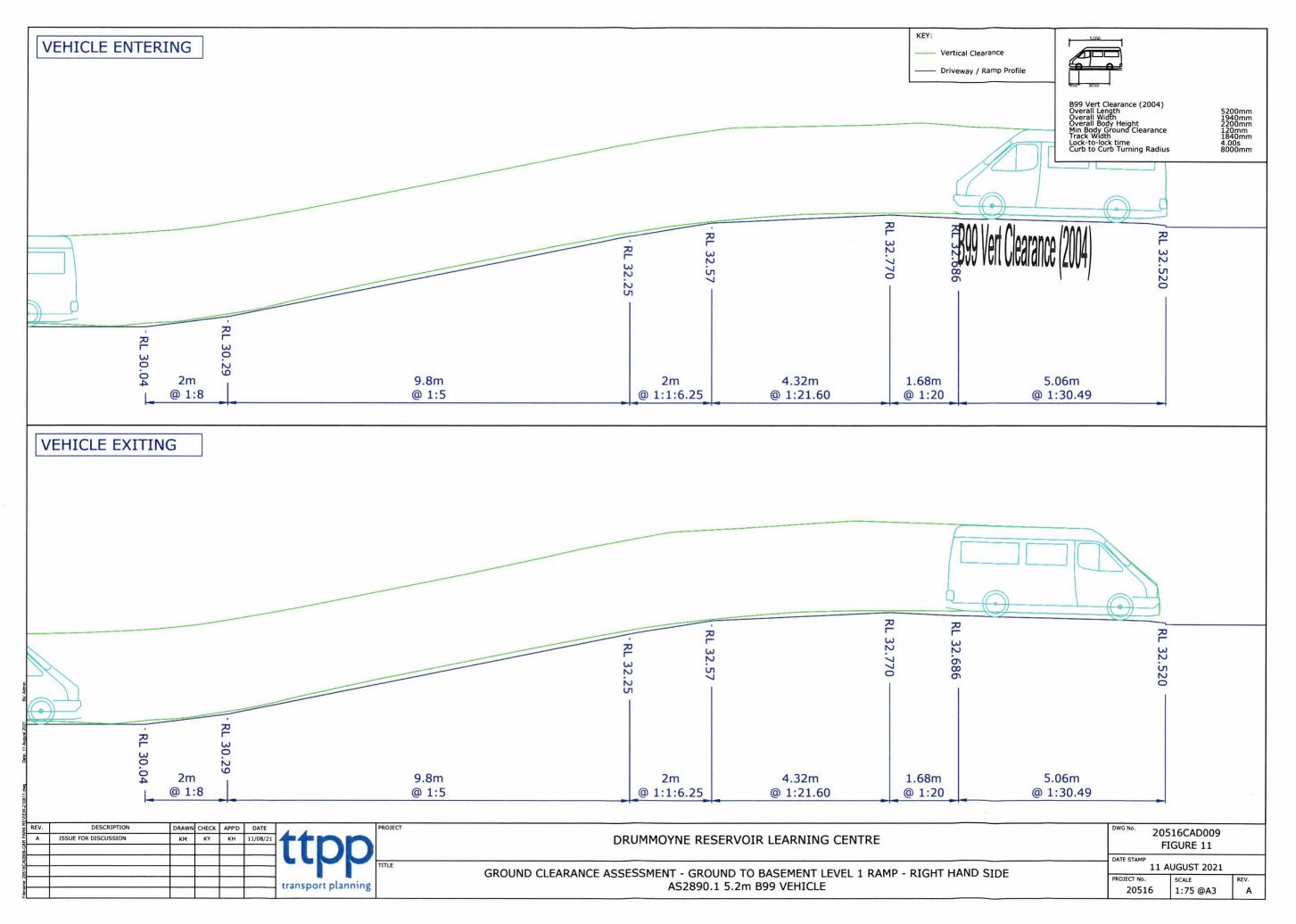


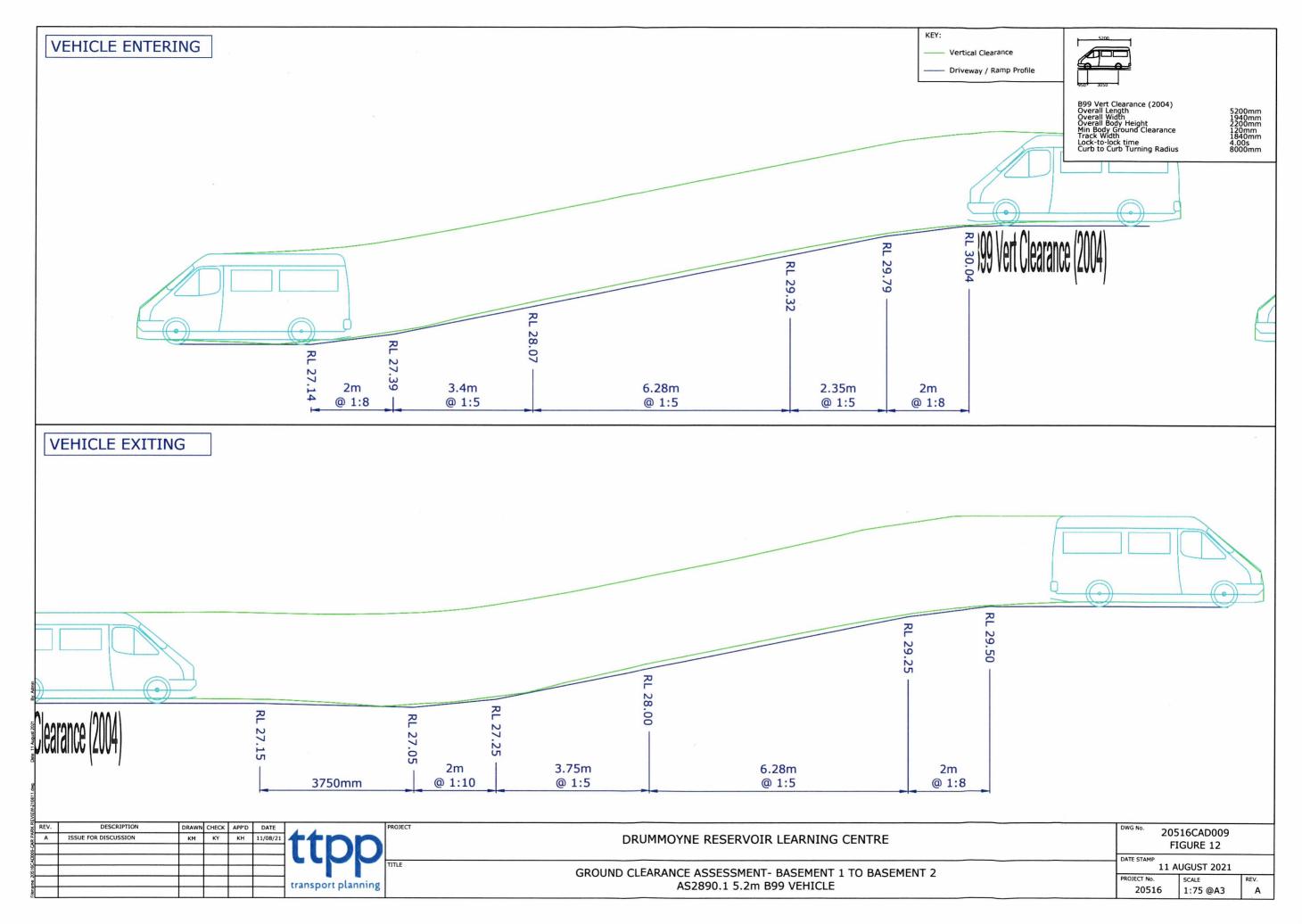


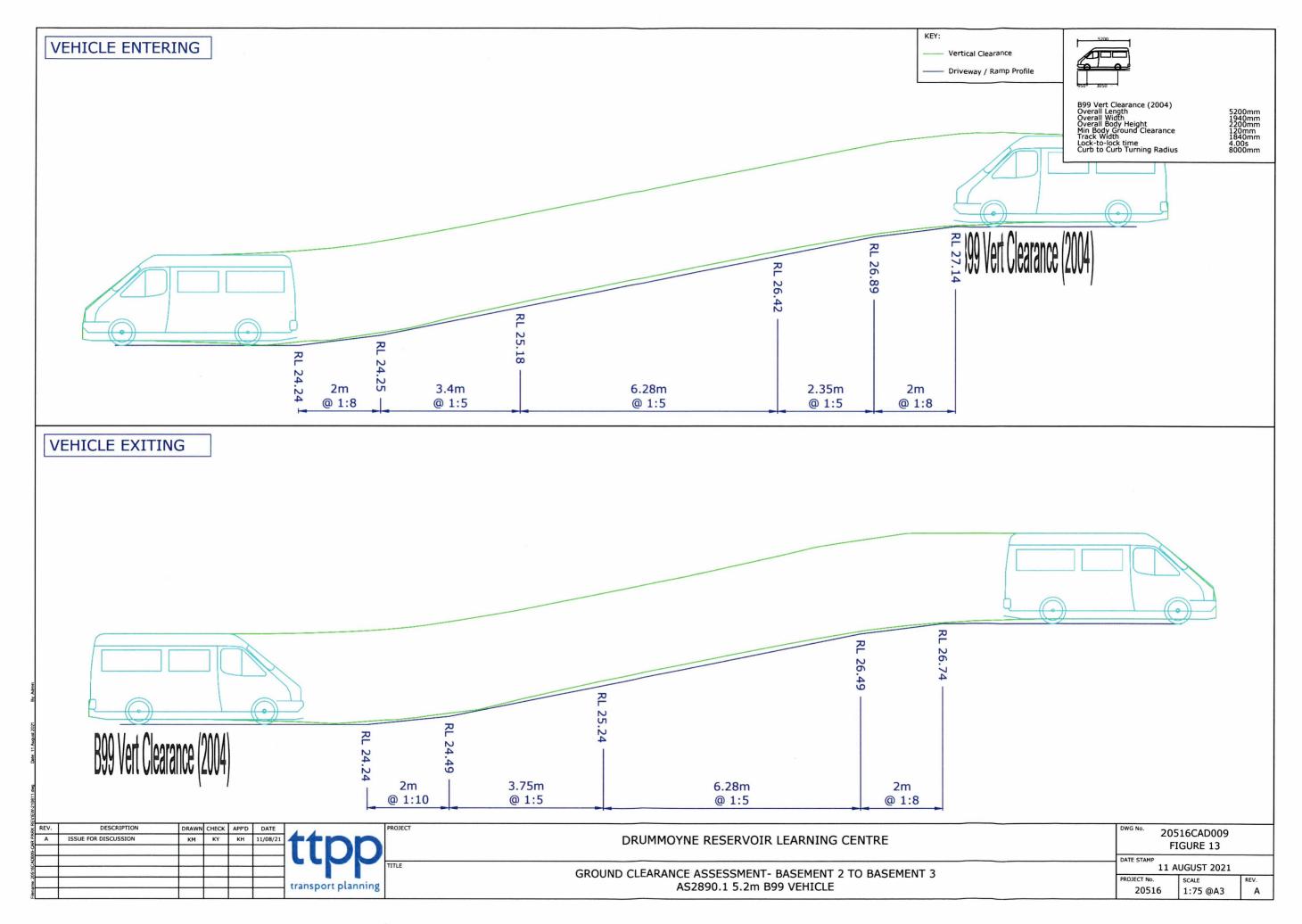














Attachment Two

Larger Scale Swept Path Drawings

