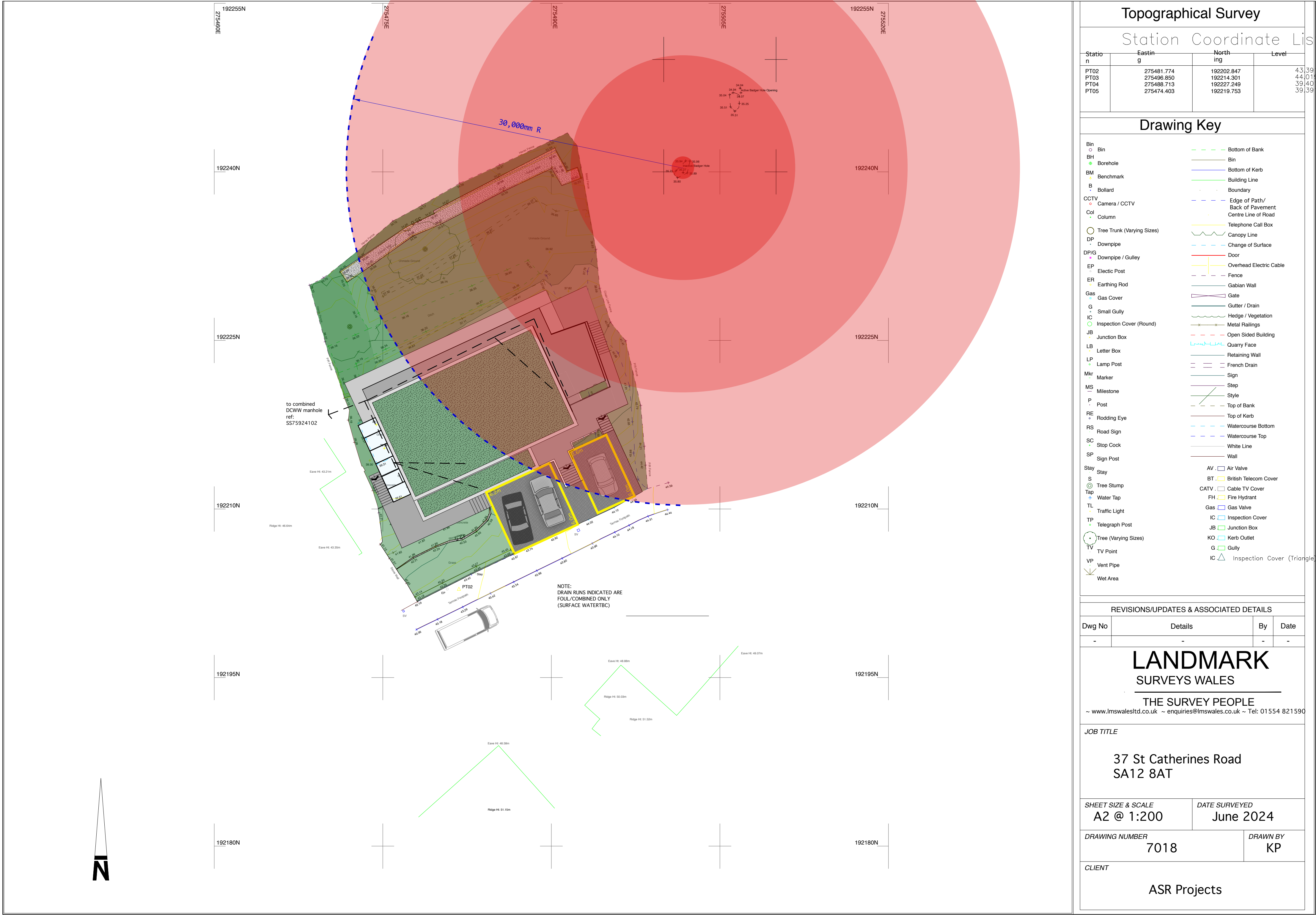




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Work that disturbs badgers is illegal without a licence. Badgers could be disturbed by work near the sett even if there is no direct interference or damage to the sett. Because it is difficult to know what badgers will find disturbing in each particular circumstance, NRW has guidelines on the types of activity which it considers should be licensed within certain distances of sett entrances. The following activities will all require to be licensed:

- Using very heavy machinery within 30 metres of any entrance to an active sett.
- Using lighter machinery (particularly for any digging operation) within 20 metres.
- Light work such as hand digging or scrub clearance within 10 metres.

The illustration on the following page shows how areas around sett entrances can overlap.

There are some activities which can cause disturbance at far greater distances (such as explosives or pile driving) and these should be given individual consideration. As a guide blasting activities within 100m of a sett may require a licence, but the level of disturbance will depend on the type and nature of the blasting and the geography of the surrounding area.