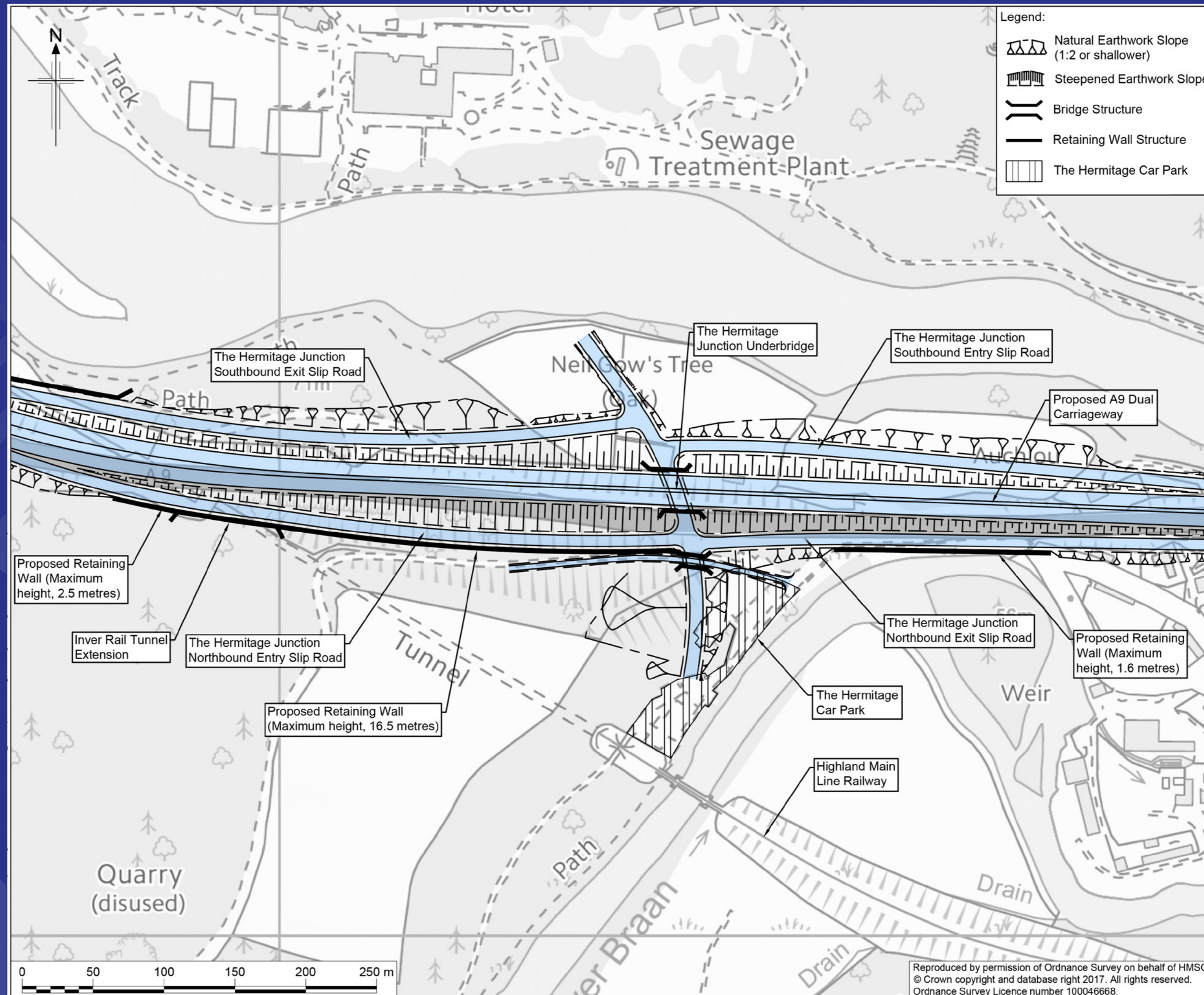


Main features:

- Provides full access to and from The Hermitage and the A9.
- Grade separated junction suitable for Category 7A dual carriageways.
- Maintains continuity of junction type throughout the A9.
- A9 generally at existing carriageway level.
- Location not in accordance with A9 Junction & Access Strategy.
- Does not connect to side road network.
- Retaining walls required to avoid impact on the River Braan (Special Area of Conservation) and The Hermitage, introducing landscape and visual impacts.
- Street lighting not required.
- Landscape and visual impact on The Hermitage Gardens & Designed Landscapes.
- Demolition of residential properties at Inver.
- Impact on existing car park at The Hermitage.
- Impact on Ancient Woodland, impacting habitat for natural species.
- Impact on Highland Main Line railway and Inver Tunnel, increasing construction complexity and cost.
- Insufficient weaving distance to Dalguise Junction to the north and Dunkeld Junction to the south, which may introduce a safety issue.
- Increased land-take within a constrained area (compared to options without a junction at this location).
- Significant expense to provide access to The Hermitage and adjacent land.
- Provides journey time improvements due to 70mph speed limit.



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A9 Dualling Programme

Pass of Birnam to Tay Crossing

The Hermitage Junction Underbridge Option I



Notes:

1. Design shown is a preliminary design and will be subject to further assessment and refinement to ensure compliance with relevant design standards.
2. Design shown is an alternative option suggested by the public. It has been developed for discussion purposes only.
3. Only main features are noted for this option. This list is not exhaustive and there may be more local impacts associated with this option.