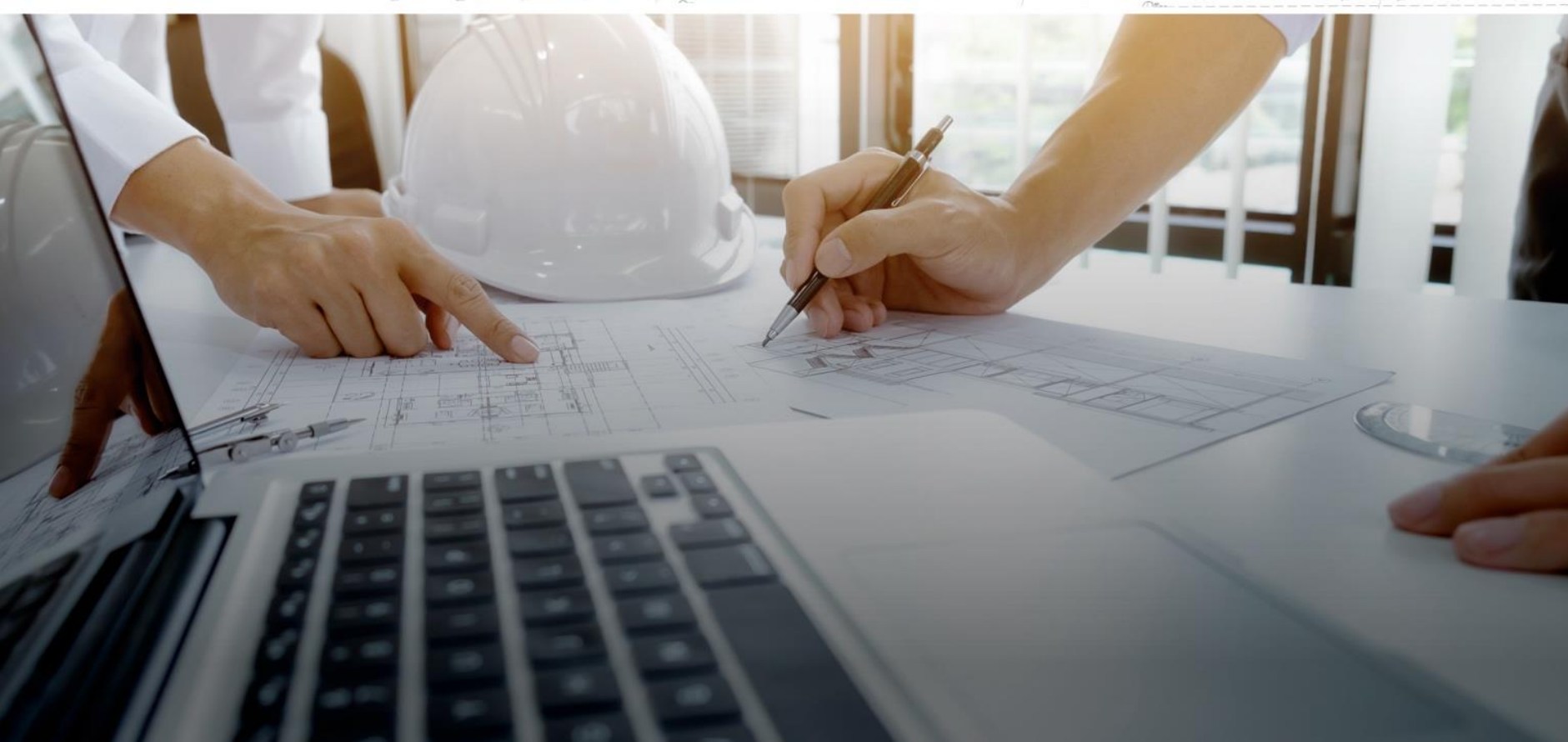




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HAPAS Certificate

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Product Sheet 1

TOBERMORE RETAINING WALL SYSTEM

SECURA GRAND CONCRETE BLOCK WALL SYSTEM FOR REINFORCED SOIL RETAINING WALLS AND BRIDGE ABUTMENTS

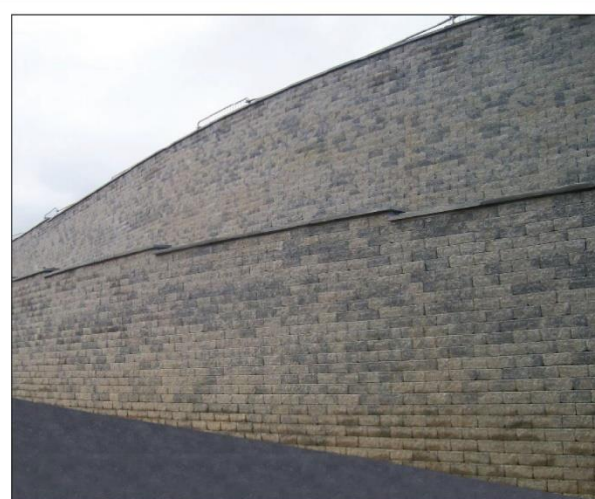
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(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

This Certificate relates to the Secura Grand Concrete Block Wall System for reinforced soil retaining walls and bridge abutments, comprising modular concrete block facing units, Fortrac Geogrids, graded granular material and compacted fill. The system is used for the construction of reinforced soil retaining walls and bridge abutments up to a maximum height of 9 metres.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with HAPAS requirements
- factors relating to compliance with Regulations where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.



KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Mechanical properties — the method of connection between the geogrids and concrete block facing units has been assessed and long-term connection strength values determined for various wall heights and concrete block/geogrid combinations. The interface shear capacity between adjacent concrete block facing units in between layers of geogrid reinforcement has been assessed and is satisfactory (see section 7).

Performance of geogrids — the short- and long-term tensile strength of the geogrids, resistance to installation damage, weathering and environmental effects, and soil/geogrid interaction have been assessed. Data and reduction factors for use in design are given in Certificate 13/H197, Product Sheet 1 (see section 7).

Durability — when designed and installed in accordance with the provisions of this Certificate, the system will have adequate durability for its intended use as a retaining wall or bridge abutment (see section 9).

The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the system described herein. This system has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

Date of Third issue: 12 May 2022

Originally certificated on 18 March 2015

Hardy Giesler
Chief Executive Officer

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Securely Engineered

3X LOCK

Secura benefits from a three-way lock which provides connections through the wall for exceptional structural stability.

1. Aggregate Action

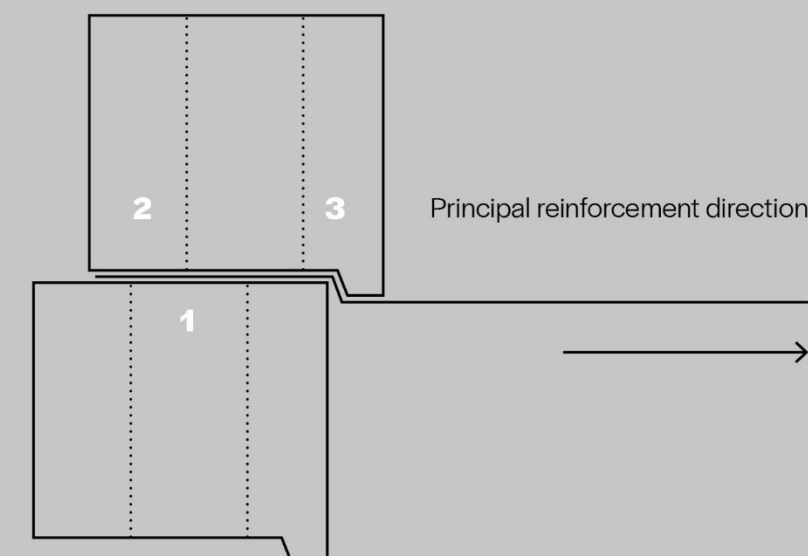
The granular aggregate fill in the hollow core of the Secura Grand blocks plays an important role in the integrity of the wall. Interaction between the geogrid and the aggregate acts as a lock, resisting movement.

2. Friction Lock

Under loading, the geogrid's ribbed texture grips the coarse surface of the Secura block creating friction to further resist movement.

3. Nib Lock

Secura's rear retaining nib, which effectively resists forward movement of the block, also acts as a clamp when under load, maintaining the engagement with the geogrid.



Secura's geogrid reinforced wall design provides the perfect balance between performance, buildability and long-term durability.

Tobermore – Secura Design Proposal

Client: LR Design
Site: Plumpton Cottage Bury
Date: 29/07/2025
Reference: TSE-02532

Dear Sir / Madam,

The following is our proposal for the above project. We have been asked to provide estimated quantities and indicative sections for the retaining walls at the proposed '**Plumpton Cottage Bury**' site.

We propose a Tobermore Secura Grand retaining solution and have considered Secura Grand retaining walls with a maximum retained height of **2.7m**.

We have included concept sections indicative of the retained heights of **2.7m** for the Tobermore Secura Grand retaining walls these can be seen within this document. We have also included any specific construction details that we have identified within the site.

These concept drawings **do not take into consideration site specific soil conditions or slope geometry**, any specific concerns about site conditions are to be discussed at formal design stage.

For external corners Secura Grand corner blocks would be required in addition of Secura Grand Blocks. Coping blocks are optional but highly recommended for aesthetic purposes.

The quantities provided in this document are an approximate preliminary estimate of the proposed wall dimensions based off the provided information. All wall details should be confirmed prior to any appointment of a formal design with one of our engineering partners. This document **does not take into consideration wastage**, additional material should be considered within procurement, **contractors are responsible for their own procurement** and must review quantities prior to ordering.

Tobermore – Secura Design Proposal

Value Engineering Opportunities and Site-Specific Comments:

After reviewing the provided information and producing this document we have provided comments on details we believe to be of use to the wall installer and client. These comments can be found below.

1. We have included a cross section showing how our system would work here.
2. Wall sections under 1m of retained height with no additional loading or surcharge could possibly be constructed as a gravity wall. This would be confirmed by a geotechnical engineer, at formal design stage, after site conditions have been reviewed.
3. If using the geogrid reinforcement method, the geogrid used in construction must match that as specified by the appointed geotechnical engineer at formal design stage.

Assumptions:

This document, and the designs within, have been produced based on the following assumptions. Any specific concerns about site specific conditions are to be looked at on appointment of a formal design with one of our partner geotechnical engineers. Initial SI reviews can be performed prior to detail design.

Assumption	Notes
1	Foundation and retained material are assumed to be founded on inorganic clays, low to medium plasticity, gravelly, sandy, silty, lean clays with a friction angle of 28°.
2	We have not reviewed any provided SI report for the purpose of this preliminary design. Any specific concerns regarding ground conditions will be accommodated at formal design stage.
3	Maximum load of 10kPa offset 300mm from the rear of the upper course of blocks.
4	Max 1:10 crest slopes present.
5	Max1:10 toe slopes present.
6	Any building or structure in a retained zone does not impart loading onto the wall.

Tobermore – Secura Design Proposal

Wall Quantities:

The estimated total quantities for the walls are as follows:

Total Wall Estimate:

59.0m² of Tobermore Secura Grand Blocks and **20.3m** of Secura Grand Copings.

Main Wall Breakdown:

Wall ID	Length (m)	Max Retained Height (m)	Area (m ²)	Geogrid (m ²)	Concrete Backfill (m ³)
Wall 1	20.3	2.71	59.0	294.0	-
Totals	20.3	-	59.0	294.0	-

Notes:

- ‘Concrete Backfill’ quantities are provided where geogrid tails are not feasible. Geogrid quantities have been reduced accordingly.
- These quantities have been provided on a preliminary basis only and must not be used for procurement purposes. This document does not take into consideration wastage, additional material should be considered within procurement. Contractors are responsible for their own procurement.

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Aggregate Quantities:

Wall ID	Levelling Pad (m ³)	Reinforced Fill (m ³)	Drainage Fill (m ³)	Concrete Backfill (m ³)	Retained Fill (m ³)
Wall 1	3.6	110.1	23.5	-	23.0

Totals	3.6	110.1	23.5	-	23.0
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Additions:

Wall ID	Fence Post Sockets (No. - 2m Centres)	Construction Adhesive Tubes (No.)	Geocomposite / Geotextile (m ² - Concrete Sections)
All Walls	10	5	-

Notes:

- 'Levelling Pad' quantities have been calculated based on a 600x300mm pad, exact levelling pad dimensions would be confirmed at formal design stage.
- 'Reinforced Fill' quantities are for use on geogrid walls only, the specification of fill will be confirmed by a geotechnical engineer at formal design stage. Class 6i granular material is the standard specification of reinforced fill.
- Core fill will be drainage aggregate if a geogrid or gravity wall and no fines concrete if a concrete backfill wall – This has been added to either 'Drainage Fill' or 'Concrete Backfill'.
- 'Concrete Backfill' quantities are provided where geogrid tails are not feasible. Geogrid quantities have been reduced accordingly.
- Retained Fill has been calculated from a 75° cut angle and is to be backfilled with site won material. If a shallower cut angle is required, doubling this quantity would account for a 60° slope and tripling this quantity would account for a 45° slope.
- These quantities have been provided on a preliminary basis only and must not be used for procurement purposes. This document does not take into consideration wastage, additional material should be considered within procurement. Contractors are responsible for their own procurement.

Tobermore – Secura Design Proposal

What are EPDs?

An EPD is a document that lays out the environmental performance or impact of a construction product or material over time.

EPDs allow construction industry professionals to compare the environmental impact of different products and materials and make informed decisions about which to choose for their project.

For us here at Tobermore, it also means we can use the data from an EPD assessment to reduce the impact of our products and deliver ever-more sustainable options for the industry. We have calculated the estimated manufacturing and transport carbon for this specific project which is as follows:



This project generates a total manufacturing + transport carbon of 3,677.32kgs or 36.7tonnes.

Formal Design Appointment:

This document is not for construction and is provided on a preliminary basis - We are partnered with a network of Geotechnical Engineers who can be commissioned to produce full construction drawings.

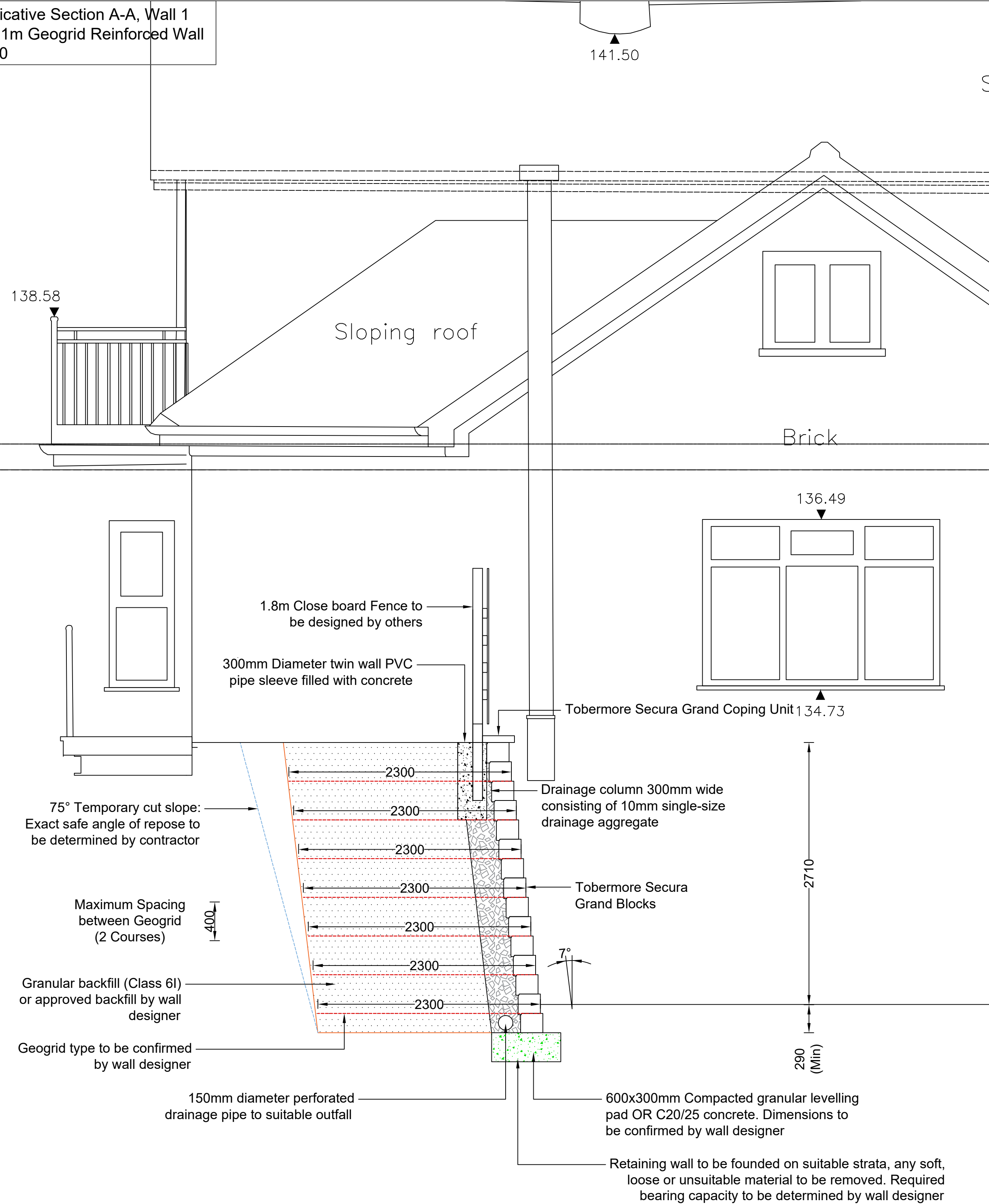
Tobermore can provide a fee for an indemnified formal design upon request and can put customers in contact with the assigned engineer to progress the designs. An indemnified formal design can include wall elevations, location plan, bespoke cross-sections, and all relevant calculations.

Drawings:

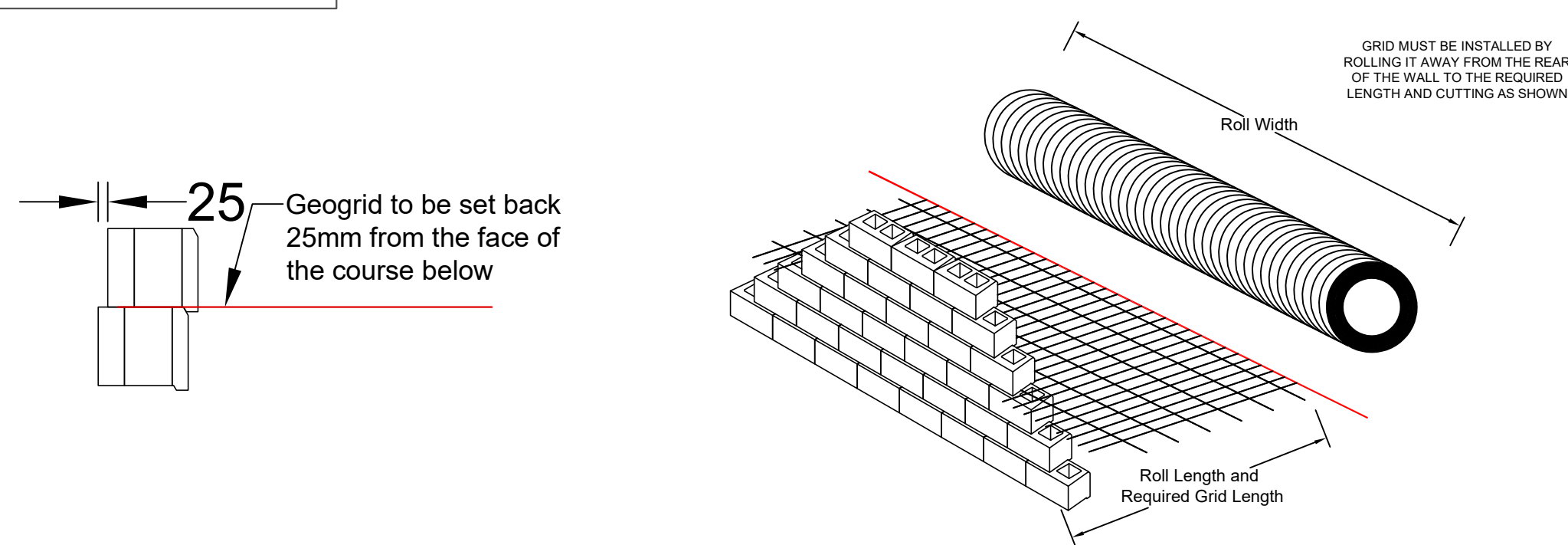
In addition to the provided wall quantities, we have produced the below drawings to aid with the design process.

We have also included relevant drawings depicting specific construction details to aid with the design process, indicative locations of any details have been denoted on the attached wall location plan.

Indicative Section A-A, Wall 1 2.71m Geogrid Reinforced Wall 1:50	
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Geogrid Placement Detail:

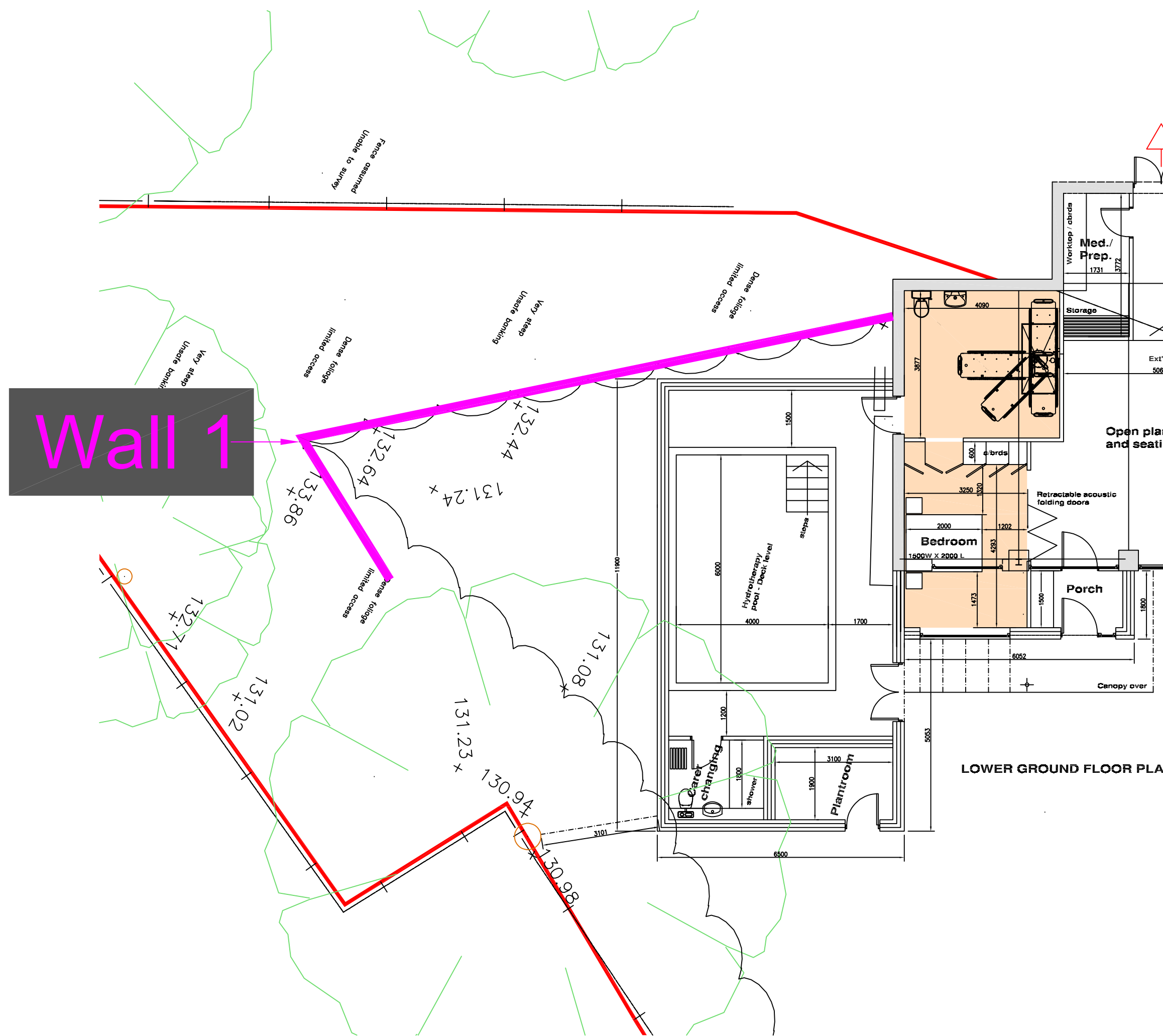


Indicative Tobermore Secura Grand Wall Locations

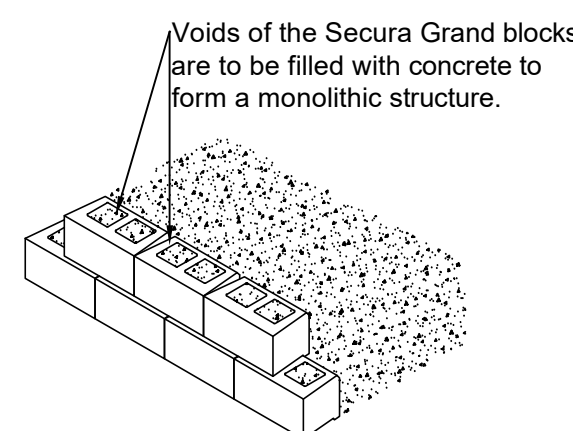
All slope geometry, setting out and required offsets to be confirmed by the Principal Contractor and/ or Client's Consulting Engineer prior to construction. The Principal Contractor and/ or Client's Consulting Engineer must also confirm the locations of all services prior to construction and ensure that none will be affected by the wall and its installation.

Wall Location Plan Key:	1:100
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Tobermore Walls



NHBC Concrete Infill Detail:



Concrete Backfill Rules:

1- Concrete specification to match that as specified by the appointed geotechnical engineer at formal design stage. A typical specification can be found in the Tobermore Technical guide available at www.tobermore.co.uk

2- The concrete backfill must be poked into the voids in and behind the Secura blocks to create a monolithic structure.

3- This detail is to only be implemented on walls that require NHBC approval OR where geogrid tails are not feasible.

Disclaimer:

- 1- ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN mm UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.
- 2- FOR INSTALLATION REFER TO THE TECHNICAL GUIDE AVAILABLE FROM www.Tobermore.co.uk
- 3- ALL REFERENCES ARE TO THE LATEST BRITISH STANDARD AND EUROPEAN STANDARDS.
- 4- ALL DESIGNS SHOULD BE CHECKED BY A QUALIFIED ENGINEER.
- 5- SPECIALIST DESIGN ADVICE SHOULD BE SOUGHT PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.
- 6- TOBERMORE CONCRETE Ltd WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE USE OR RELIANCE ON THIS DRAWING.
- 7- REFER TO THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.

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Tobermore Secura Grand Retaining Wall Details

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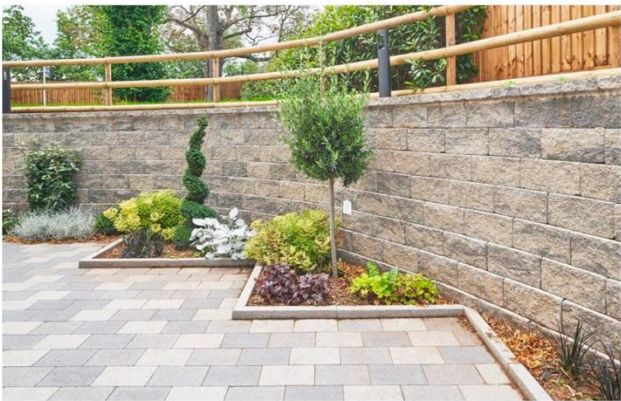
Secura Maintenance Overview

Secura segmental retaining walls are an excellent choice due to the requirement of very little maintenance. However, where any specific requirements have been set out in the project engineers wall design, these should be adhered to. Such requirements are as follows:

- Routine cleaning of the drainage pipe at the rear of the wall is important, to ensure free drainage.
- Routine inspections should ensure copings are soundly secured and any loose copings should be suitably re-fixed.
- Visual inspection for any movement in the wall should be included in the site maintenance regime

Comparison against Concrete Crib, Wood Crib, Root Lok and Gabion:

Benefits	Secura Grand	Masonry	Reinforced concrete wall	Gabion wall	Crib Wall
Attractive stone finish	✓	X	X	X	X
Mortarless option	✓	X	X	✓	✓
Maintenance free	✓	X	X	✓	✓
Speed of construction	✓	X	X	X	X
Cost effective	✓	X	X	✓	X
Simplicity on-site	✓	X	✓	✓	X
Reduced efflorescence	✓	X	X	✓	✓



Secura Grand

Technical excellence lies at the core of the Secura segmental retaining wall system and Tobermore have engineered every aspect of its design to provide total assurance for the specifier. Secura's innovative segmental block format delivers many benefits in addition to its core functionality.

Why Secura Retaining Walls?

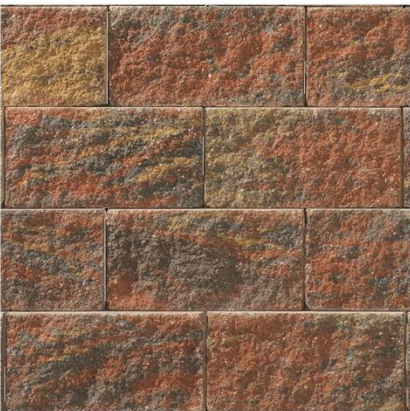
- ✓ Cost effective retaining wall product
 - ✓ Quick to install
 - ✓ Mortar-free installation
 - ✓ Builds up to 9m retained height
 - ✓ Engineered for strength
- ✓ Attractive stone finish with a range of colour options
 - ✓ Vibrant long-lasting colours
 - ✓ Full design and technical support available
 - ✓ BBA HAPAS approved
 - ✓ Can be combined with Geogrid to form reinforced soil walls for retaining structures

Colours, Size and Accreditation

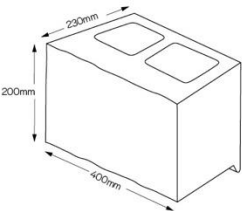
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Disclaimer

The design of any retaining wall requires the input of an engineer to assess the unique conditions of every site in respect of loads in conjunction with site and soil conditions. The advice and typical wall designs included here are for information only to assist estimating and initial planning but should not be used for construction.

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Thank you for considering Tobermore, Secura Grand for your site.

Regards, Tobermore.





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