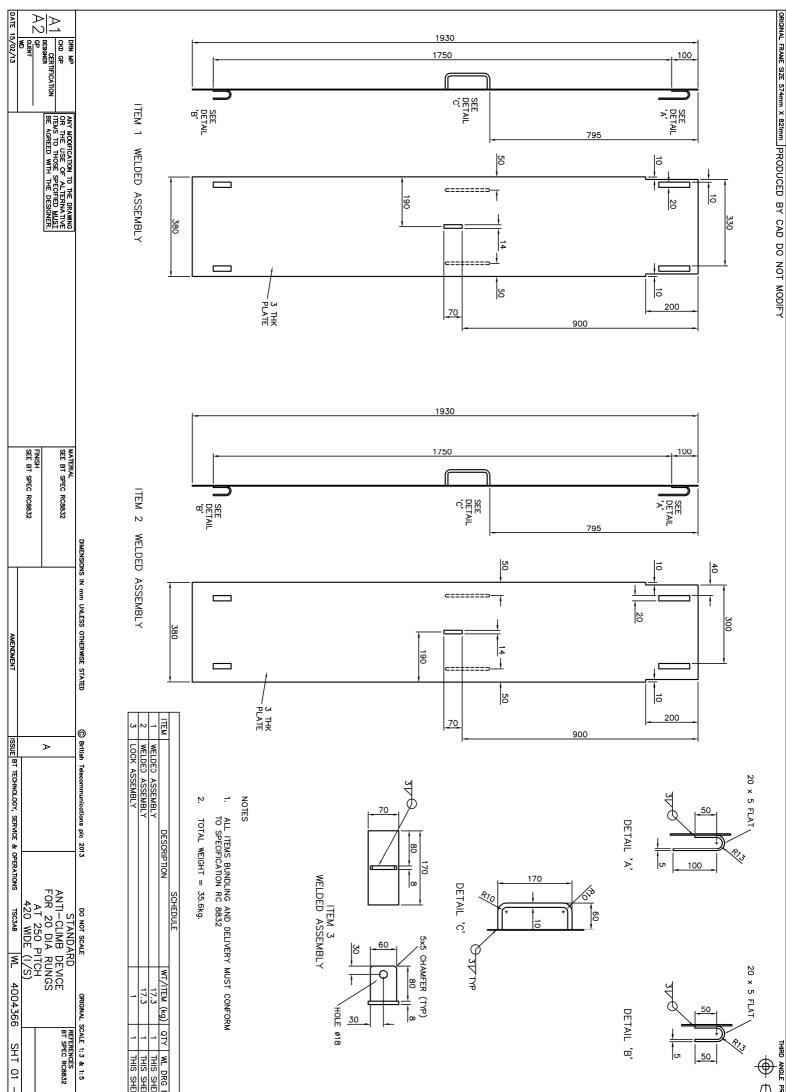
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Condition 6. Details of Groundworks and foundations. Consultation, English Heritage.

The tower is of a generic open lattice design, for which the chosen supplier has provided indicative loads imposed on the foundation. From these imposed tower loads a foundation is currently being designed to suit the expected ground conditions, derived from knowledge shared by a contractor based on St Mary's. The foundation is proposed to be approx. 1.75m square in plan, and 1.1m deep. The footprint of the foundation, as shown on the planning application drawing WL4004628 sht 2 is contained within an area that is understood to be landscaped ground following construction of the adjacent fire station building. Information from the contractor suggests that this landscaped ground extends down to approx 1m deep before a shallow layer of fractured rock is encountered. The proposal is to excavate down to the fractured rock and level this off to cast the foundation, with the top surface of the foundation (tower datum) thus being slightly (approx. 100mm to 200mm) above the surrounding general ground level. The area to be excavated for the foundation will be approx. 2m square, the voids around the cast foundation being backfilled with the excavated material.

In addition to the excavation for the tower foundation, a trench will be dug between the tower and the DSLAM cabinet, this is across the landscaped ground and a tarmacadam surfaced roadway.

Additional question raised in email from Andrew King, 10th July: '*Detail, if any, of how the structure would be made safe from the potential for the public to scale it*'. BT's standard practice is to fit anti climb devices to all towers, which take the form of plates secured by padlocks preventing access to the climbing ladder. A drawing of a typical example is attached:



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