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4.12 PRECINCT 11: HUME HIGHWAY TO BEECH ROAD

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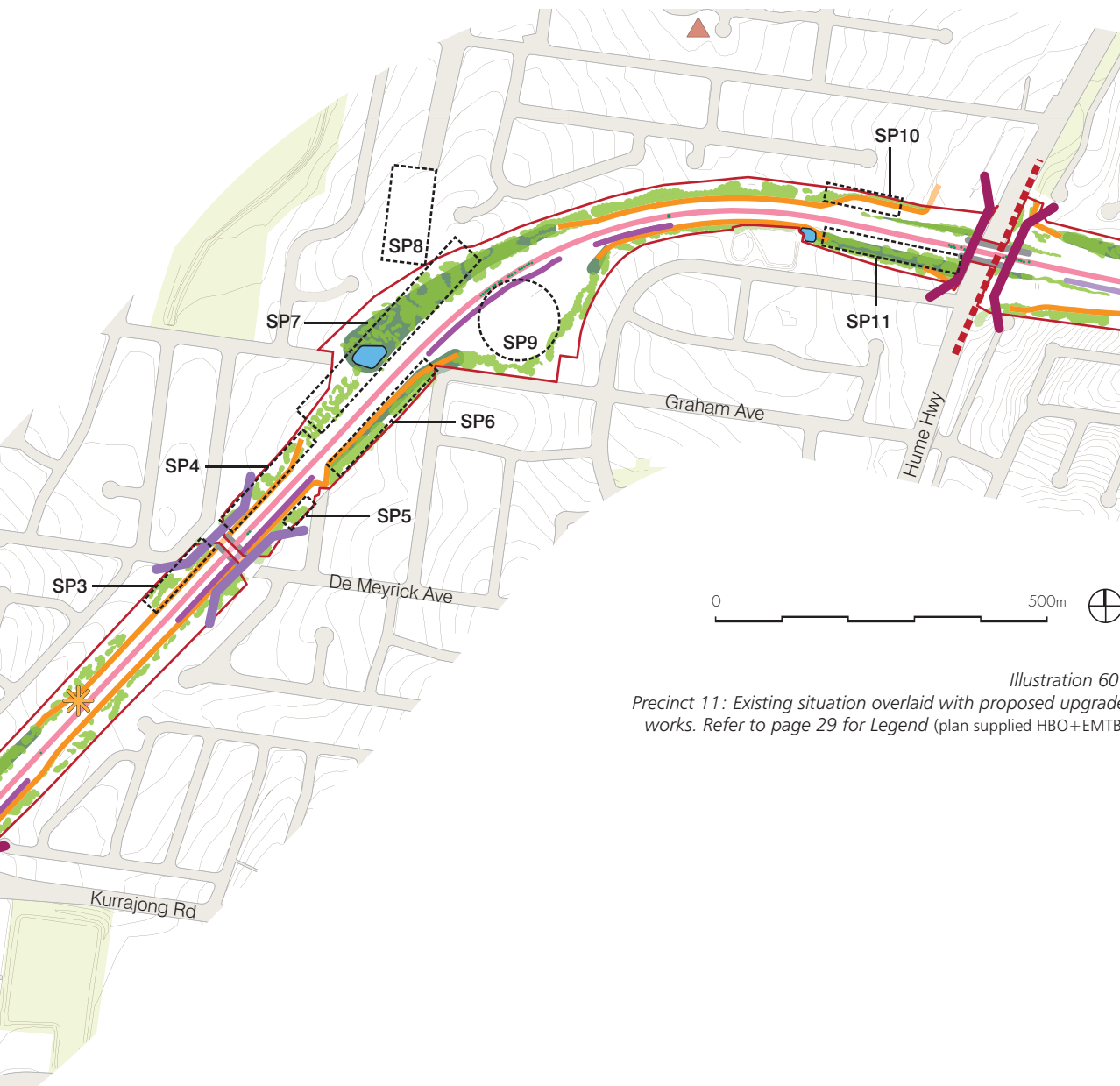


Illustration 60:
Precinct 11: Existing situation overlaid with proposed upgrade
works. Refer to page 29 for Legend (plan supplied HBO+EMTB)

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4.13 PRECINCT 12: BEECH ROAD TO CAMDEN VALLEY WAY

4.13.1 Existing Landscape Character

This precinct of the motorway forms part of the major interchange with the M7 and Camden Valley Way.

The corridor is generally open with grassed verges and minimal tree planting. The character of this precinct is dominated with infrastructure associated with the M7, including a westbound overpass off ramp and an overpass linking the M7 with the westbound lanes.



4.13.2 The Project

Some pavement widening would be undertaken in this precinct. Just prior to Beech Road, the Motorway reverts back to two lanes. The median widens to tie back into the existing median at Camden Valley Way.

Planting is to be enhanced to provide a gateway to the Motorway and to differentiate it from the overall bushland character of rest of the corridor.

Adjustments to existing water quality/detention basins is required on both the northern and southern sides of the Motorway in this precinct.



Illustrations 61 - 62:

Character images of the Beech Road to Camden Valley Way precinct: sedimentation basin and MY noise wall, missile screen on Camden Valley Way

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4.13.3 Landscape Character Assessment

Sensitivity

Due to the landscape character of this precinct being predominately a motorway, as described in 4.13.1, and the minor nature of the proposed upgrade, the precinct will have low sensitivity to the proposed changes as described below.

Magnitude

The proposed upgrade in this precinct would include a slight increase in pavement width. The other visual indicators to the upgrade will be possible line marking modifications.

Overall, the qualitative assessment indicates that the magnitude of the proposed upgrade would potentially be negligible due to the minimal changes taking place.

Landscape Character Impact

The qualitative assessment indicates that the landscape character impact of the proposed upgrade in this precinct is likely to be negligible due to the low sensitivity to change of the precinct the and the negligible magnitude of the works.

Precinct 12: Beech Road to Camden Valley Way	
Sensitivity	Low
Magnitude	Negligible
Landscape Character Impact	Negligible

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