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# A3 Design Drawings

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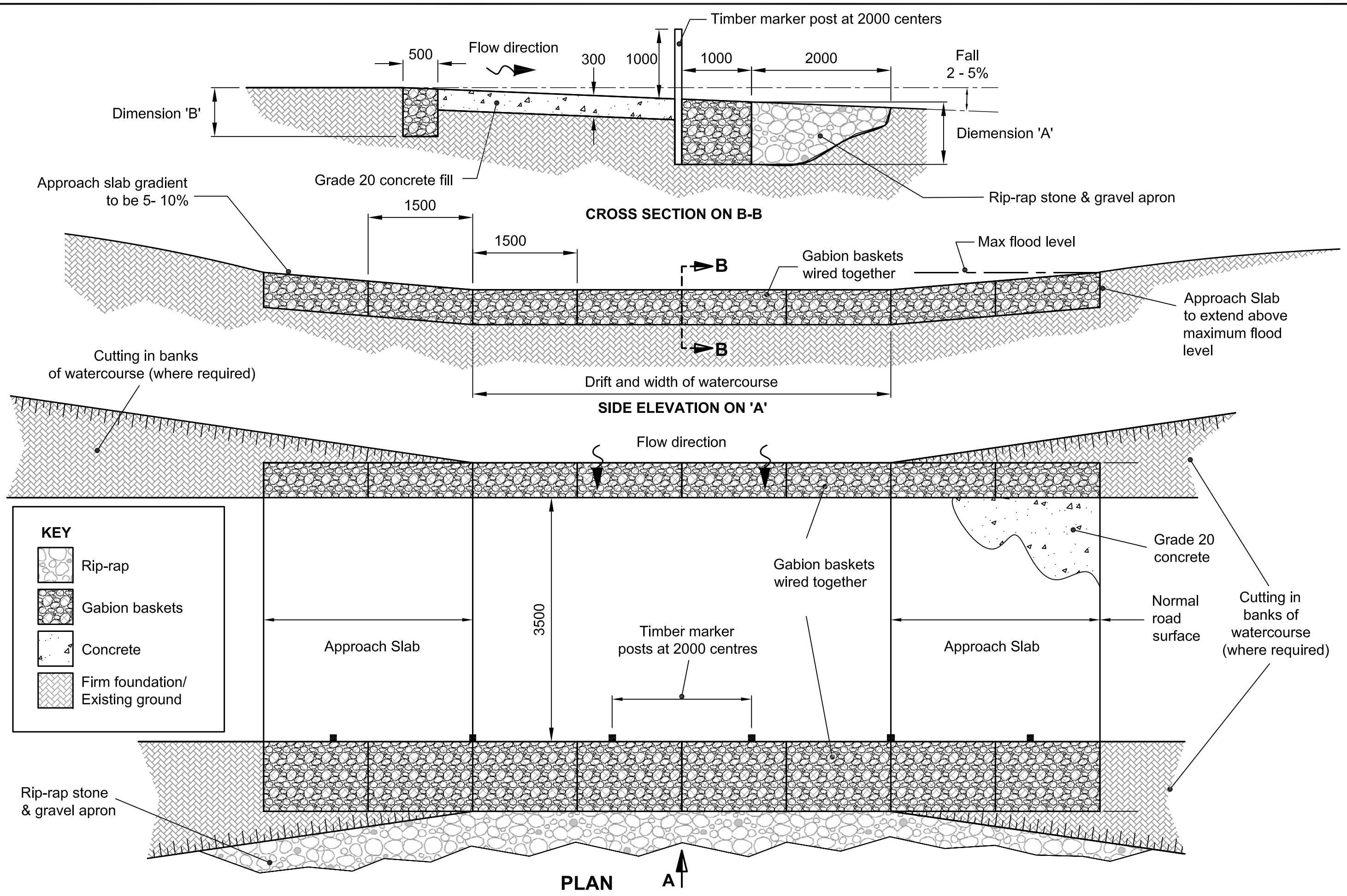
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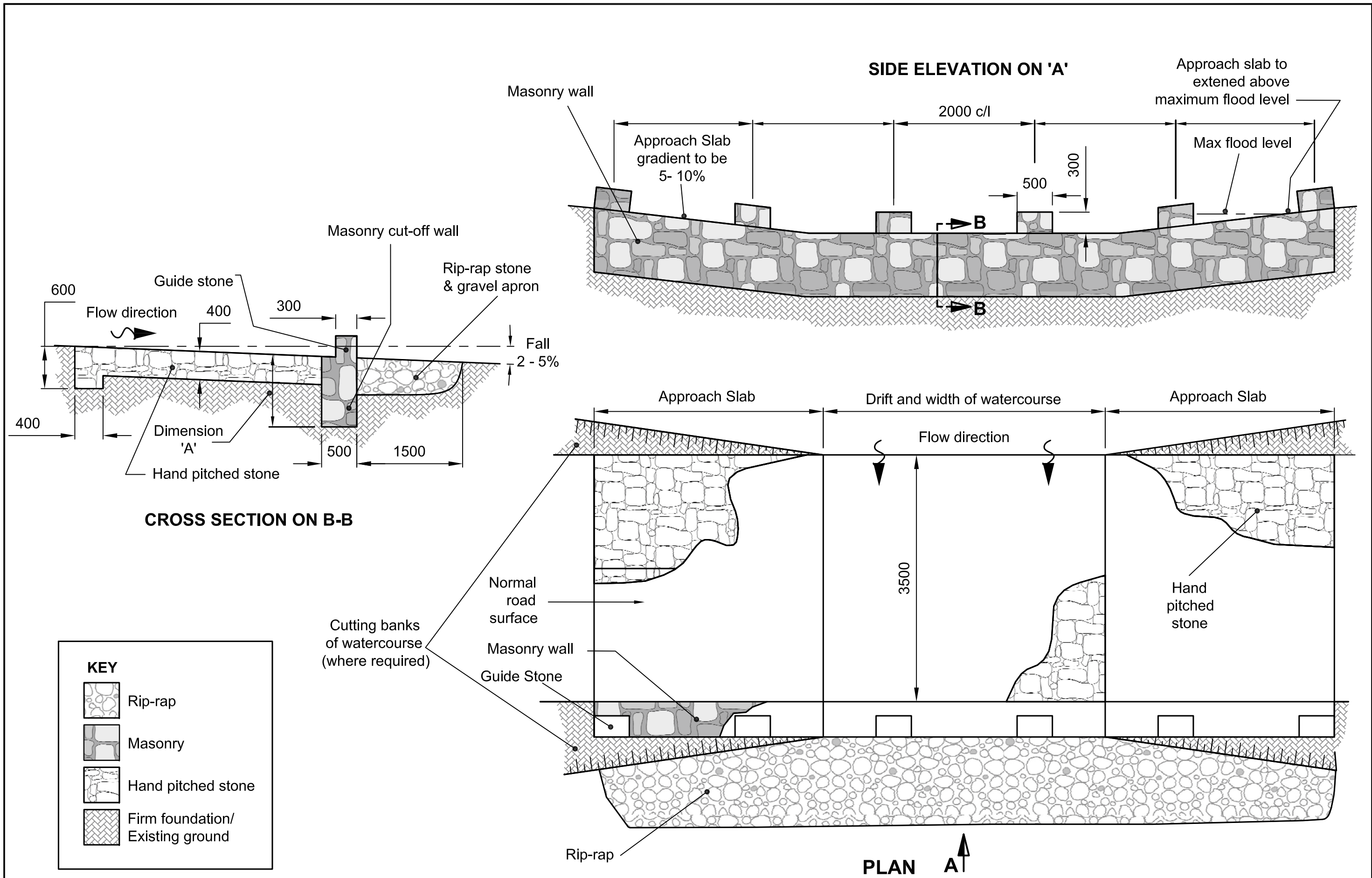
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**NOTES:** (1) All dimensions in mm. (2) Drift warning sign to be placed on approaches 100m before drift. (3) Top of Gabion Baskets to be placed at the level of stream bed maximum flood level (to be 5 or 10 years flood depending on road importance). (4) Dimension 'A' - 1m - 1.5m depending on scour risk. (5) Dimension 'B' - 0.7m - 1m depending on scour risk. (6) Gravel fill to be compacted in 150mm layer. (7) Drift running width may be increased according to national standards. (8) Gabions may be substituted by masonry or concrete cut-off walls.

Low cost structures for Rural Roads	<b>Gabions Drift</b> Concrete & Gabions for high velocity flows.	Scale: 1 : 50 (at A3)
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**NOTES:** (1) All dimensions in mm. (2) Dimension 'A' - 1m - 1.5m depending on scour risk. (3) Rip-rap downstream protection may be substituted for hand pitched stone, reinforced with vegetation. (4) Guide stone to be painted white. (5) Maximum flood level to be 5 or 10 years flood depending on road importance. (6) Drift warning sign to be placed on approaches 100m before drift. (7) Top of drift to be at existing stream bed level (8) Drift running width may be increased according to national standards.

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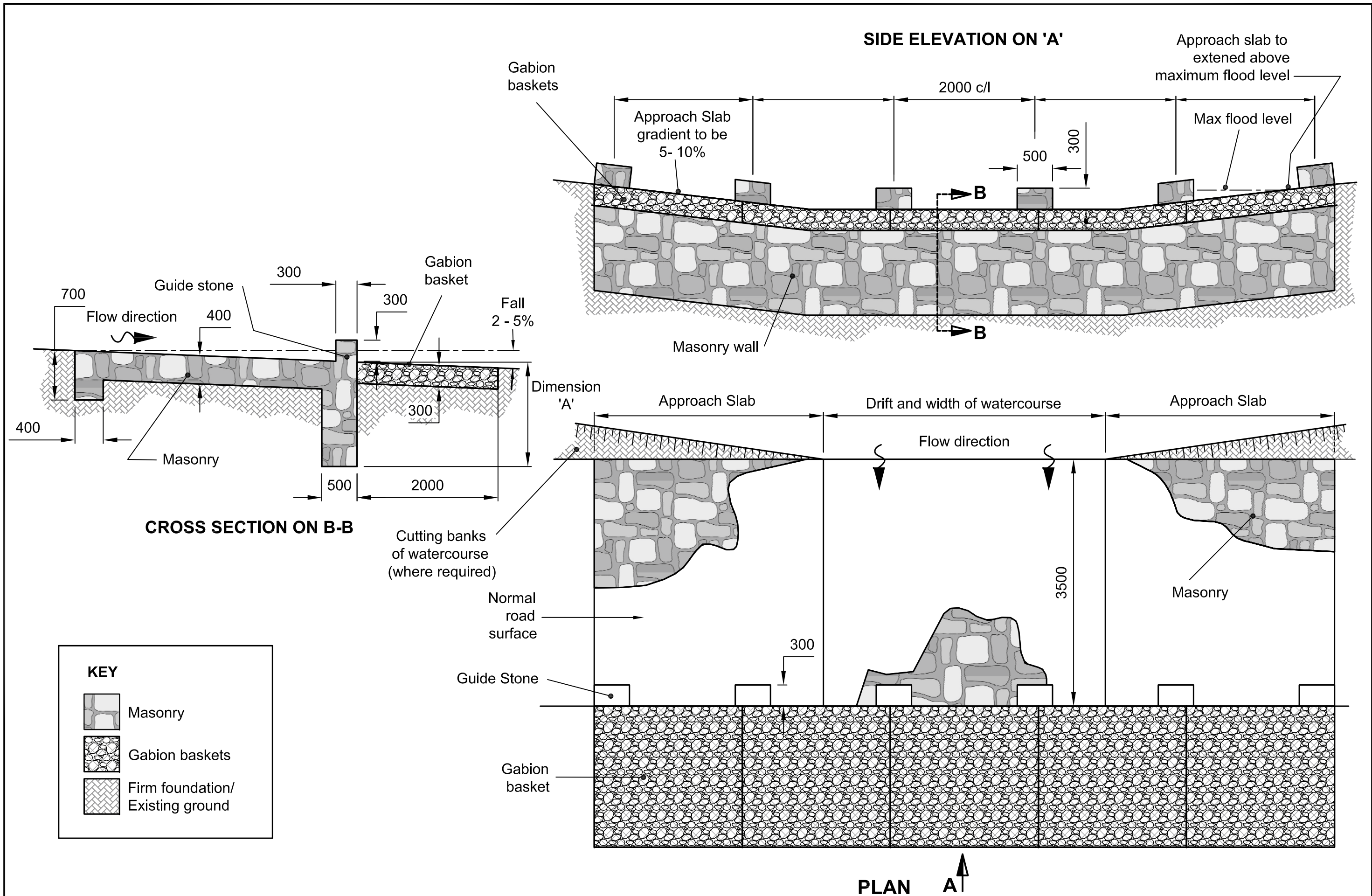
**Pitched Stone Drift**

Natural stone & gravel for occasional small and low velocity flows.

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**NOTES:** (1) All dimensions in mm. (2) Dimension 'A' - 1m - 1.5m depending on scour risk.  
 (3) Gabion downstream protection may be substituted by rip-rap. (4) Guide stone to be painted white.  
 (5) Drift warning sign to be placed on approaches 100m before drift.  
 (6) Maximum flood level to be 5 or 10 years flood depending on road importance. (7) Top of drift to be at existing stream bed level.  
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**Masonry Drift**

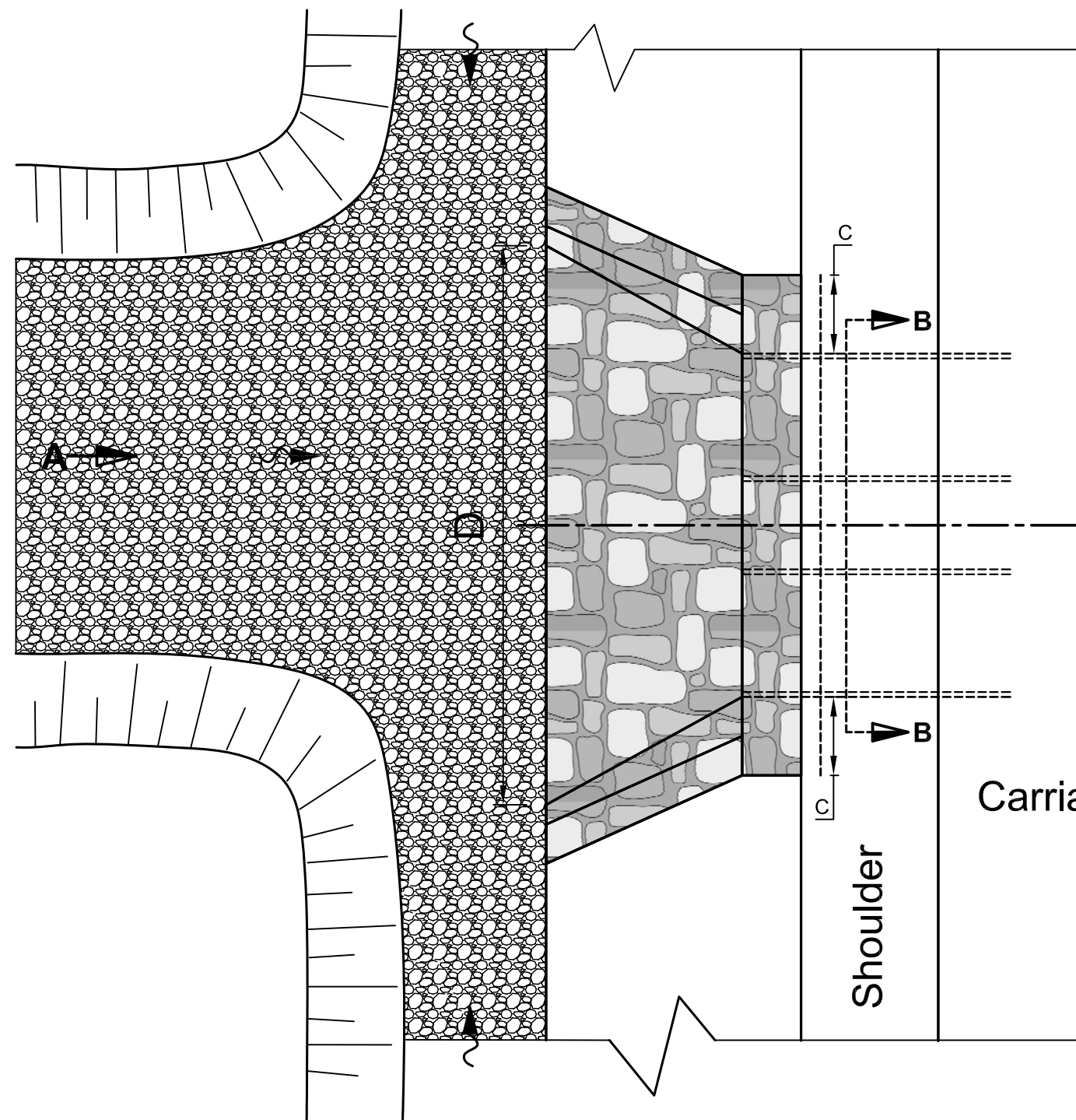
Cement bound natural stone, alternative solution to concrete.

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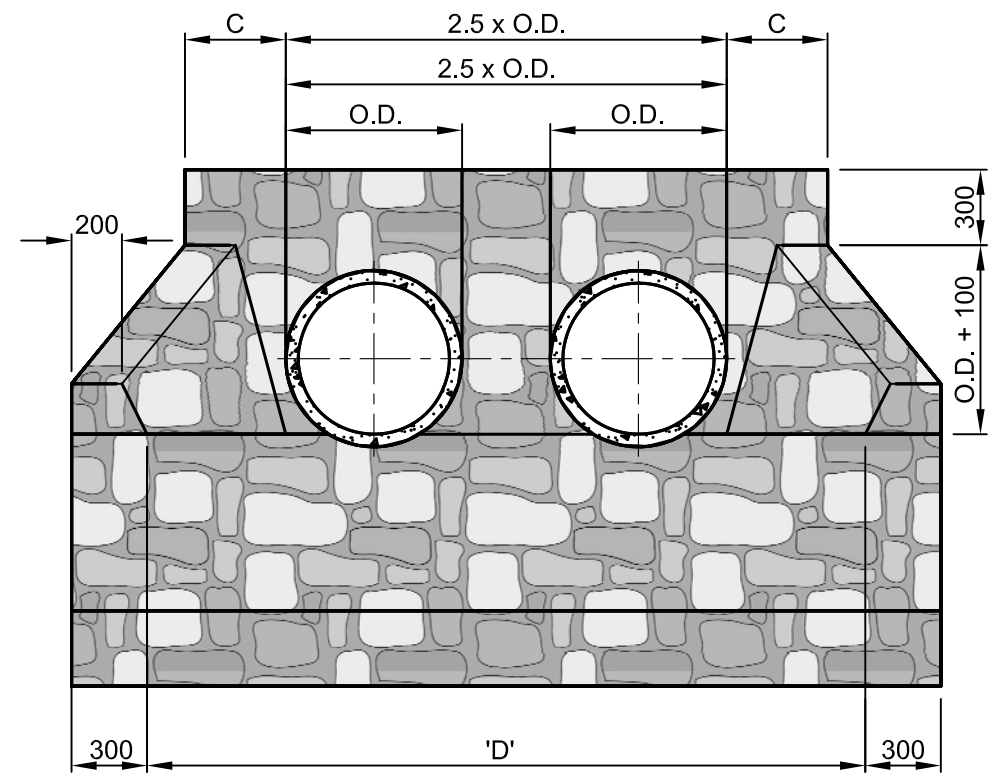
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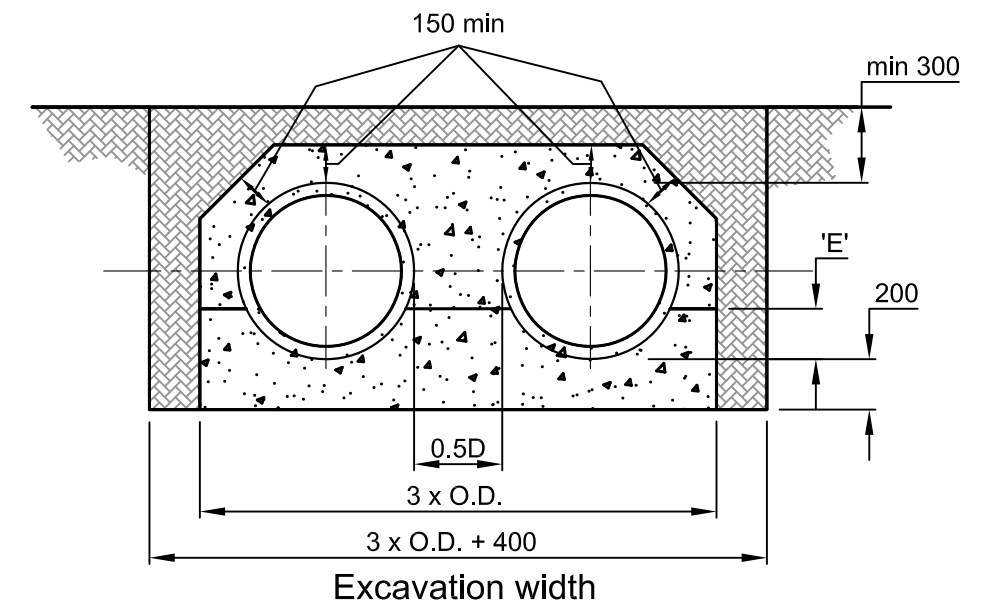




**PLAN VIEW**



**END ELEVATION ON A**



**CROSS SECTION ON B - B**

KEY			
	Concrete		Rip-rap
	Masonry		Firm foundation/ Existing ground

**Table of dimensions (mm)**

Pipe Diameter	A	B	C	D	E
600	400	1000	400	2500	200
900	450	1630	500	3880	300
1200	500	2280	600	5280	400

**NOTES:** (1) All dimensions in mm. (2) Refer to Drg. 2.1 for general culvert arrangement. (3) O.D. - Outside Diameter, I.D. inside Diameter.  
 (4) Pipes may consist of the following: ● plain concrete pipes with concrete surround 600 ● reinforced concrete pipes with concrete bed and haunch ● cast in situ internally formed pipes of class 10 concrete of minimum 200mm thickness - refer to Drg. 2.3.  
 ● corrugated metal pipes. ● timber stave pipe. (5) Refer to section 8.5.4 for bedding and cover requirements of pipes.  
 (6) Arrangement shown for stream culvert. Relief culvert similar but without side drain downstream to culvert on high side of road.  
 (7) Culvert pipe invert slope - Min 2% Max 5%.

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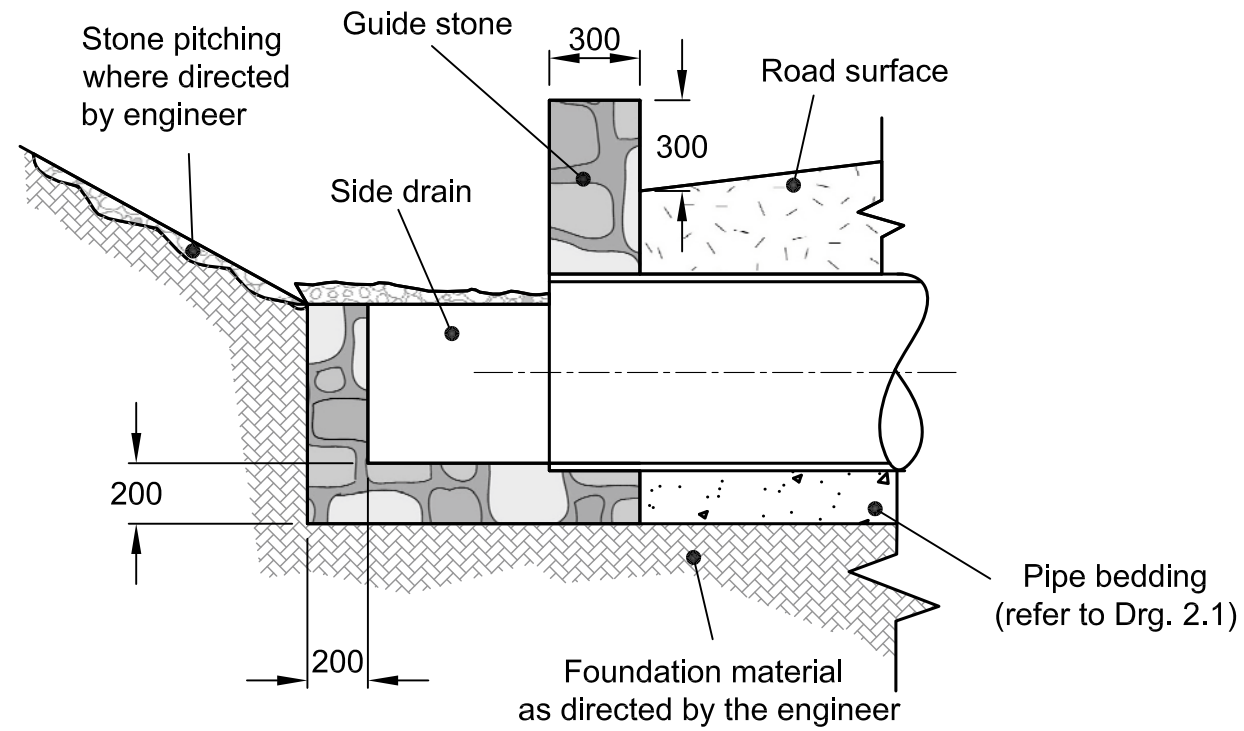
**Culvert Alternative Arrangements**

Twin barrel culvert - for high flow

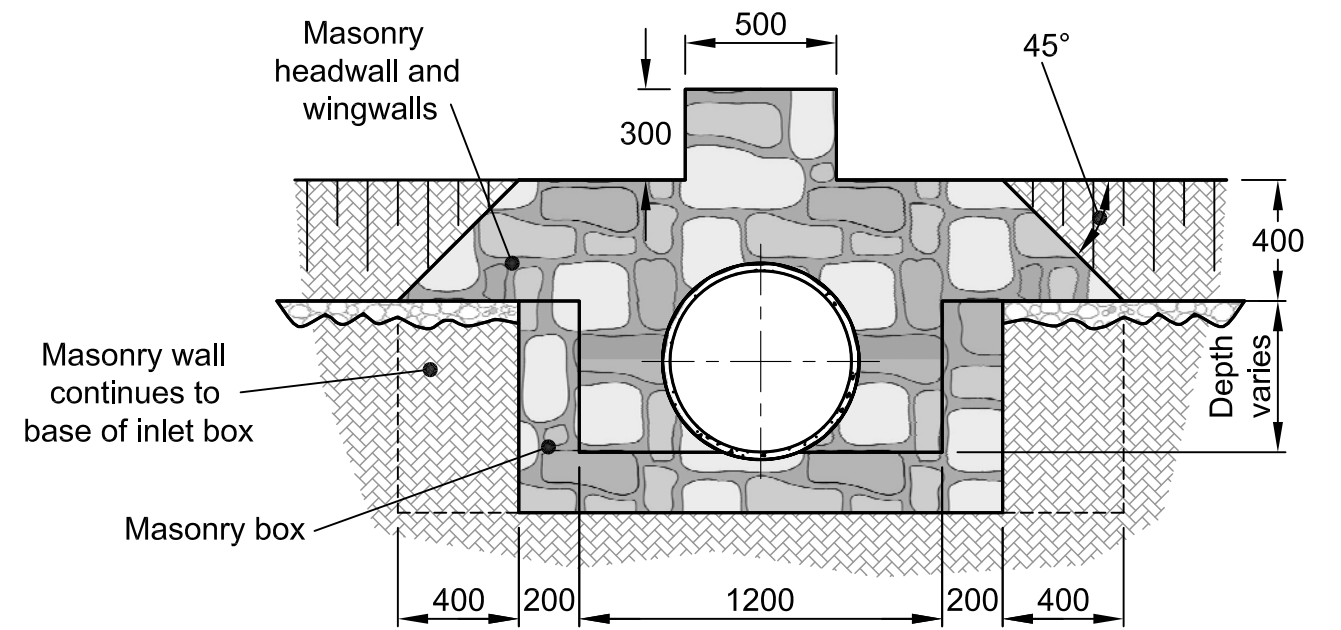
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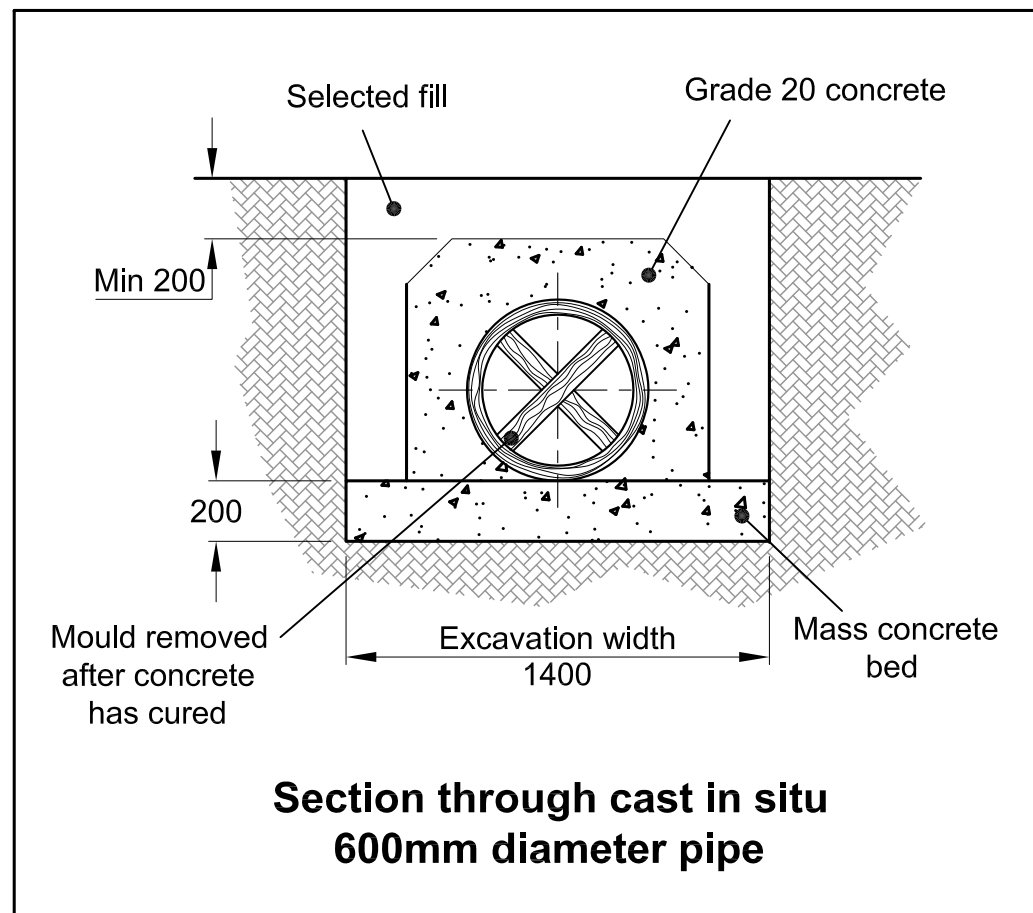
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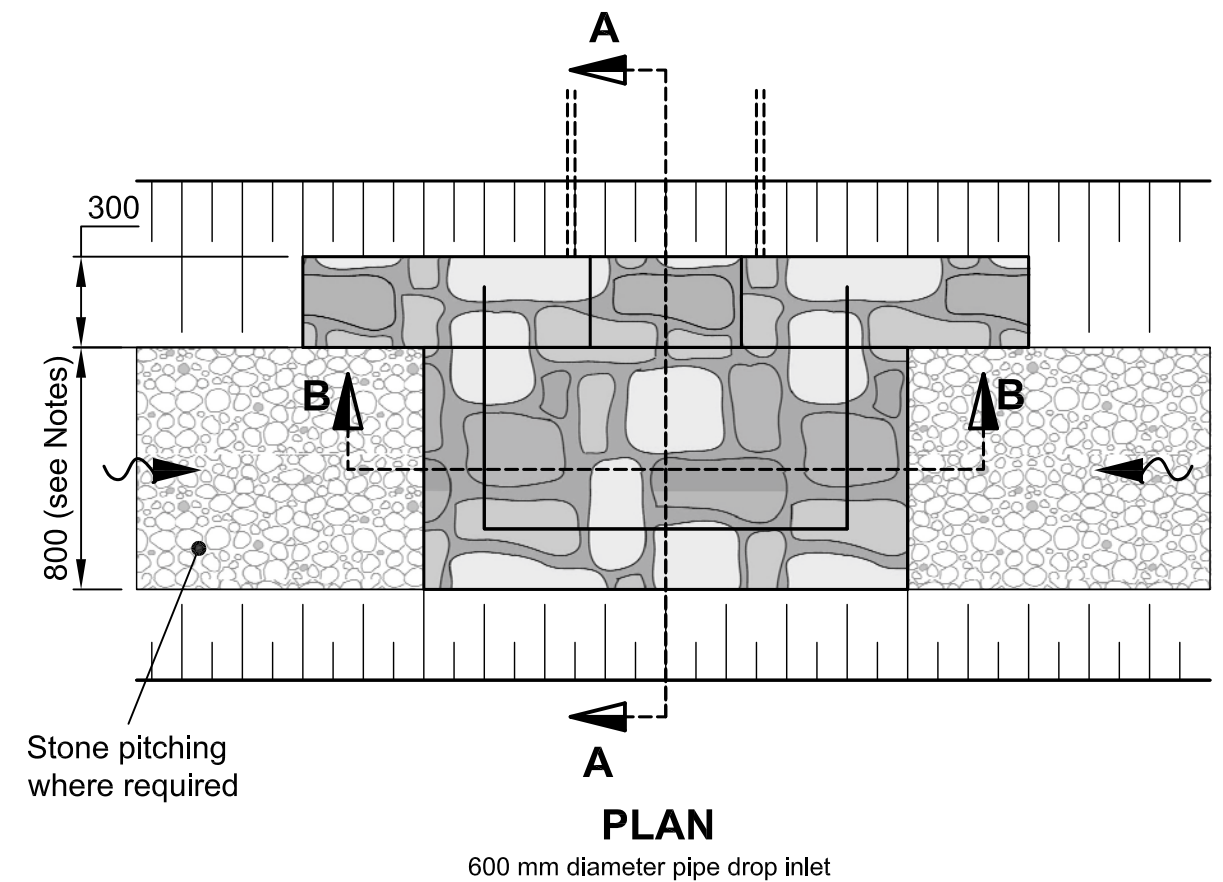
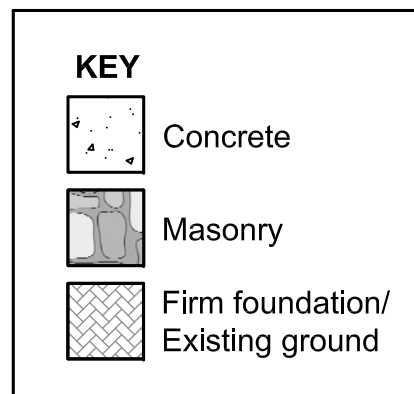
**CROSS SECTION ON A - A**



**CROSS SECTION ON B - B**



**Section through cast in situ  
600mm diameter pipe**



- NOTES:**
- (1) All dimensions in mm.
  - (2) On cast in situ pipes, the minimum thickness of concrete surround to be 200mm, and minimum cover above concrete to be 200mm.
  - (3) \*width of drop inlet may be increased from 800mm according to width of side drains.
  - (4) Depth of drop inlet determined by site conditions.
  - (5) Refer to drawing 2.1 for general culvert arrangement.
  - (6) Culvert pipe invert slope - Min 2% Max 5%.

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**Culvert Alternative Arrangements**  
Drop inlet - for steeply sloping and flat ground, and cast in situ pipes

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