

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Report Head of Policy and Projects

by:

To: East Area Committee on 19 August 2010

Wards: Abbey, Coleridge, Petersfield, Romsey

Environmental Improvements Programme

1.0 DECISIONS TO BE MADE

Staffordshire Street

Decision: *To agree to implement the improvement scheme at an estimated cost of £85,000 and agree to the County Council developing a residents parking scheme for Staffordshire Street.*

Perne Road

Decision: *Carry out public consultation and present the results to the next Area Committee, once a new location is agreed with the promoting Councillor.*

New Schemes to be Implemented

Decision: *To select new schemes from Section 5.0 of this report for implementation subject to positive consultation.*

2.0 BUDGET

Please see over.

EAST AREA COMMITTEE

Environmental Improvements Programme 2010-2011

Total Budget Available to 31/3/11 **£436,199**

ADOPTED PROJECTS	COMPLETE	Total Spend Previous Years £	Forecast Spend 2010/11 £	TOTAL SCHEME COST £	Approved Budget £
Mill Road Hanging Baskets 2010		0	7,210	7,210	7,210
Cherry Hinton Road Shop Forecourts		5,650	64,350	70,000	70,000
Rope Walk		41,699	3,756	45,455	47,000
Riverside Conflict Reduction Scheme		60,000	60,000	120,000	120,000
Cavendish Road		26	14,974	15,000	15,000
Staffordshire Street Verge Parking		2,117	72,883	75,000	75,000
Devonshire Road Cycle Bridge Planting		41	17,459	17,500	17,500
total cost to implement adopted projects			240,632		
Uncommitted Budget			195,567		
SCHEMES UNDER DEVELOPMENT*		Total Spend to Date £	Total Estimated Cost £		
Perne Road Pedestrian Crossing		900	65,000		
total estimated cost of projects in development		900	65,000		
Uncommitted Budget			130,567		

***Projects agreed by Cttee to be investigated, but no budget committed. Costs shown are estimated and will depend on detailed design and site investigation. N.B. The estimated costs shown above are merely given as a rough guide until the projects can be designed and costed.**

3.0 UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF EXISTING SCHEMES

3.1 Riverside conflict reduction and environmental improvement scheme

The tree protocol procedure is currently being followed to consult on the proposed removal of trees affected by this scheme, due to the proposed realignment of the carriageway. The consultation leaflet is attached to this report, the deadline for responses is Monday 23rd August 2010.

3.2 Cherry Hinton Road Shop Forecourts

A draft agreement has now been issued as part of a trader's consultation. There have been some concerns expressed over the planting of two new trees, predominantly due to the expected masking of shop front windows. We are currently in discussion with those concerned, in order to come to an agreement with each individual landowner, to enable the scheme to move forward.

Subject to the result of this consultation, a wider local consultation will be carried out and the scheme constructed subject to a positive outcome in the autumn.

4.0 APPROVED SCHEMES REQUIRING DECISIONS

4.1 Perne Road

Traffic Signal Engineers from the County Council have now produced a draft layout plan for consultation, attached to this report in Appendix 1. The location of the crossing has been amended following the outcome of a road safety audit. The bus stop on the northbound carriageway can remain in its current location, however the bus stop on the approach to the roundabout will have to be relocated to a location further north. Officers now propose to consult with the promoting Councillor to agree on the location of the crossing prior to public consultation. The current estimated cost of this scheme is £65,000.

Recommendation: To carry out a public consultation and present the results to the next Area Committee, once a new location is agreed with the promoting Councillor.

Decision: Carry out public consultation and present the results to the next Area Committee, once a new location is agreed with the promoting Councillor.

4.2 Staffordshire Street

A public consultation has now been completed on this scheme. A general consultation on the proposed improvement scheme as well as a separate wider consultation on a residents parking scheme were carried out. The results of both consultations can be found in Appendix 2 of this report.

75% of respondents were in favour of the proposed parking bay scheme, based on a 21% response.

73% of respondents were in favour of the introduction of a County Council residents parking scheme for the Staffordshire Street area as a whole, based on a 20% response.

A small number of comments were received relating to the proposal to remove the existing trees in order to construct the parking bays. Officers recommend that the current tree proposals be maintained, as the construction of the new parking bays does not enable the root structure to remain intact for any of the existing trees. New more appropriate trees will be planted in their place.

It has also been established that BT apparatus is likely to have to be diverted as part of this scheme. The cost for this work is estimated at £10,000. This has increased the cost of this scheme to £85,000.

Recommendation : *Committee agree to implement the improvement scheme at an estimated cost of £85,000 and agree to the County Council developing a residents parking scheme for Staffordshire Street.*

Decision: *To agree to implement the improvement scheme at an estimated cost of £85,000 and agree to the County Council developing a residents parking scheme for Staffordshire Street.*

5.0 NEW SCHEMES IN DEVELOPMENT FOR ADOPTION

The initial development of new schemes for 2010/11 is now complete and the preliminary designs with estimated costs are summarised below.

5.1 Highway Verges

A walkabout with Councillors and Officers took place during June to review the condition of verges within the Whitehill Estate, Greville Road and Birdwood Road. The drawings attached in Appendix 3 of this report illustrate the proposals that have been approved in principle by the Highway Authority. The current estimated costs for implementing these improvements are as follows:

Abbey Ward

Rayson Way - £3,000
Rawlyn Road - £8,500
Galfrid Road - £6,500
£18,000

Romsey Ward

Greville Road - £16,500

Coleridge Ward

Birdwood Rd & Chalmers Rd - £59,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED SCHEME COST - £93,500

5.2 Yellow Lining

The proposed waiting restrictions for Stone Street and Fairsford Place are attached in Appendix 4 of this report. It has been established that Ainsworth Place is not public highway and as such no traffic regulation orders can be made. The current estimated cost of implementing these waiting restrictions is £3500.

5.3 Rustat Road Footpath

A design has been developed and discussed with Cycling Officers and the County Council, which is attached in Appendix 5 of this report. The current estimated cost for this scheme is £10,000.

5.4 Mill Road Cemetery

Cambridge City Council, Trustees and Friends of Mill Road Cemetery work closely together to agree continued protection and enhancement of Mill Road Cemetery. Funding was received in 2009 by the Heritage Lottery fund (£49,000) to support the development of a new website, educational material, tree planting and signage to aid further knowledge of the site and encourage more visitors. The additional money allocated from East Area Committee will enable significant memorials to be repaired, which will have an aesthetic impact on the site. It is proposed that priorities for repairs will be agreed with the Trustees and Friends and Faculty application made to the Diocesan for approval. The current proposed grant is £5000.

5.5 Romsey Planting

Site inspections have taken place to assess the remedial works to the edging and bollards of the planting areas in the north Romsey area as well as the condition of the planting itself. The area of north Romsey includes all planting areas between Mill Road and Coldhams Lane and Ross Street and Cromwell Road and is shown on the attached plan in appendix 6 of this report.

The estimated cost of the repairs to the edging and bollards is £12,000 and the cost of refurbishment of the planting including topsoil improvement, replanting where necessary, mulching and maintenance would be £10,000.

5.6 Ashbury Close to Golding Rd Cycle Route

The drawings attached in appendix 7 of this report show two options for the layout for this scheme. The first being a separate cycle only route through the green areas and a second option, widening of the existing footway into a segregated 4m route. Both options involve the loss of parking spaces at either end, this has been offset by the creation of replacement parking spaces elsewhere.

The estimated costs for each option are as follows:

Option 1 - Cycle Only route through green space - £34,500

Option 2 - Widened 4m segregated route - £47,500

Following consultation with Cycling Officers and the Highway Authority, it is recommended that option 1 be the preferred option. However, Officers suggest that both options are sent out to public consultation and the results presented back to the Area Committee to determine the preferred option.

5.7 Burnside Toad Crossings

The lowering of the kerbs and sloping of the adjacent verge at four points along Burnside is estimated to cost £2500.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF NEW SCHEMES - £184,000

CURRENT AVAILABLE BUDGET - £120,567

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- APPENDIX 1 - Perne Road Pedestrian Crossing Layout
- APPENDIX 2 - Staffordshire Street Consultation Results
- APPENDIX 3 - Highway Verge Scheme Proposals
- APPENDIX 4 - Stone St & Fairsford Place Waiting Restrictions.
- APPENDIX 5 - Rustat Rd Footpath Extension Layout
- APPENDIX 6 - Romsey Replanting Area Plan
- APPENDIX 7 - Ashbury Close to Golding Rd Cycle Route Options
- APPENDIX 8 - EIP Eligibility Criteria

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Equal Opportunities Implications:** These are taken into account on individual schemes.
- b) **Environmental Implications:** All of the projects seek to bring about an improvement in the local environment.
- c) **Community Safety:** This has been included as one of the assessment criteria agreed by Committee and is considered on each project.

8.0 INSPECTION OF PAPERS

To inspect or query the background paperwork or report, please contact,

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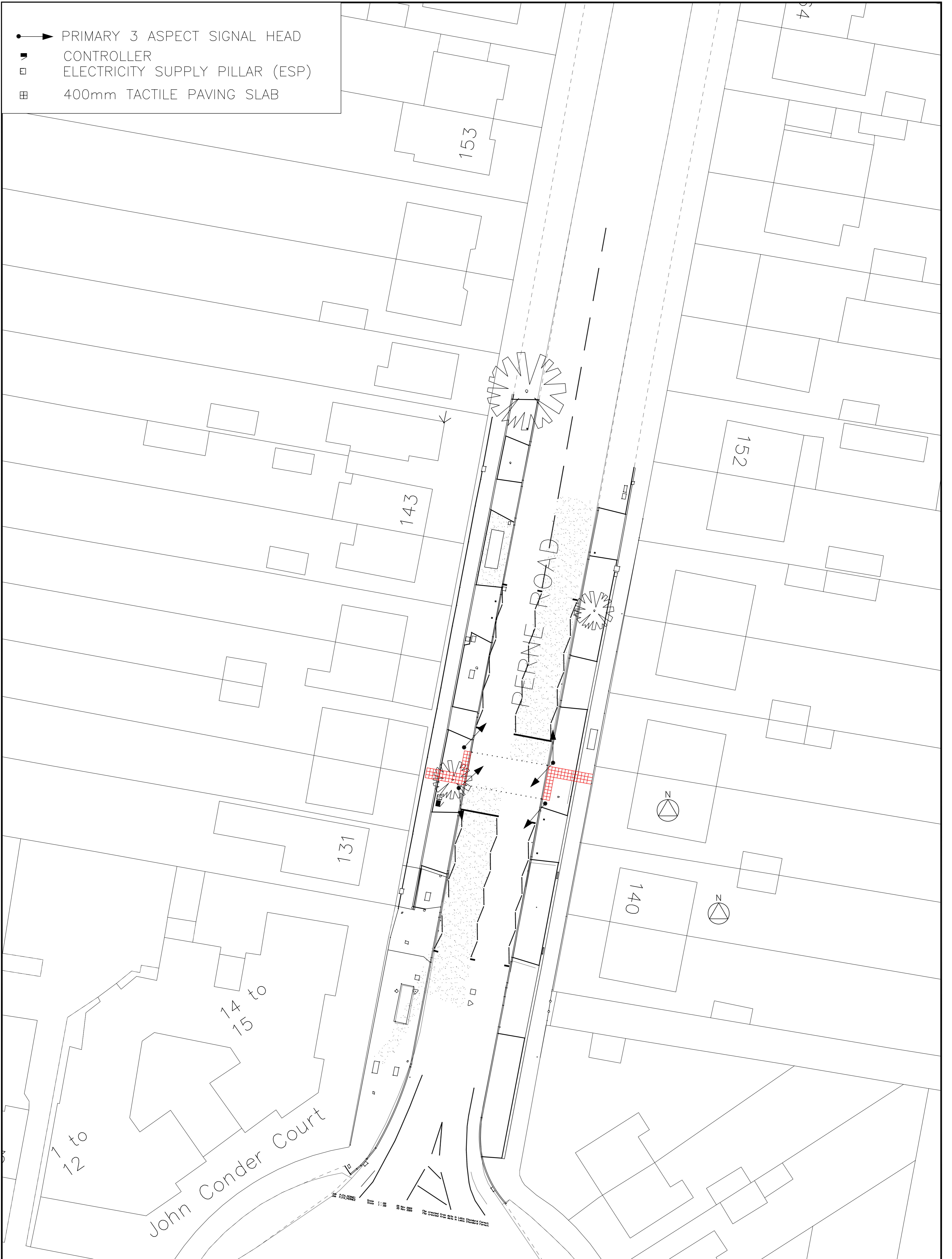
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APPENDIX ONE

Perne Road Pedestrian Crossing Layout

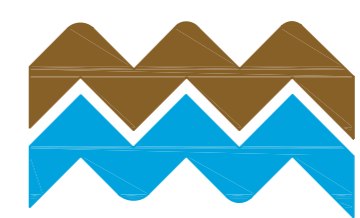
- ▶ PRIMARY 3 ASPECT SIGNAL HEAD
- CONTROLLER
- ELECTRICITY SUPPLY PILLAR (ESP)
- ▣ 400mm TACTILE PAVING SLAB



**PERNE ROAD
PRELIMINARY DESIGN**

Paper Size
A1
PERNE

Date Ref. Revisions



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APPENDIX TWO

Staffordshire Street Consultation Results

Staffordshire Street Parking & Planting Trees

Period in which people could respond: 19th July – 6th August 2010.

Consultation Questionnaire Responses

Number of consultation documents delivered: 75

Number of consultation documents returned: 16 (21%)

The results are as follows;

	Number of Households	Percentage of responses
<i>Support</i>	12	75%
<i>Oppose</i>	4	25%
<i>Unsure</i>	0	0%

Consultation Comments in relation to the design of the scheme

1. Why can't residents have a free parking scheme with permits?
2. The street needs more parking
3. Need severe penalties for non-residents who parking in this area.

Consultation Comments in relation to the felling of three trees and planting of 5 new trees

1. Mature trees should take priority over anything else
2. The Crab apples are dangerous to the elderly and make such a mess
3. Large tree outside 7 Donegal should be retained and the parking placed around it.
4. Would like to see trees outside Donegal retained.
5. Sad to see trees go but understand the need for more residents parking. Welcome planting of replacement trees.

Staffordshire Street Residents' Parking Scheme

Period in which people could respond: 19th July – 6th August 2010.

Consultation Questionnaire Responses

Number of consultation documents delivered: 225

Number of consultation documents returned: 44 (20%)

The results are as follows;

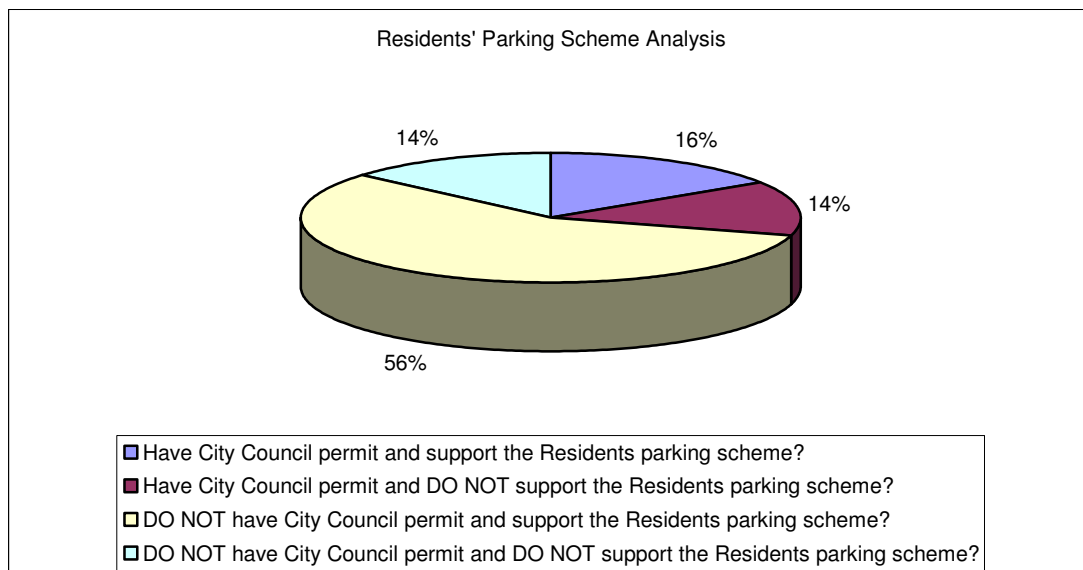
In response to, "Would you support a Residents' Parking Scheme in your area?"

	Number of Households	Percentage of responses
<i>Support</i>	32	73%
<i>Oppose</i>	12	23%

In response to, "Do you have a City Council parking permit?"

	Number of Households	Percentage of responses
<i>Yes</i>	13	30%
<i>No</i>	31	70%

The chart below shows how the residents responded.



APPENDIX THREE

Highway Verge Scheme Proposals

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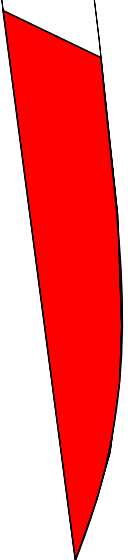
Existing vehicular crossing

GALFRID ROAD



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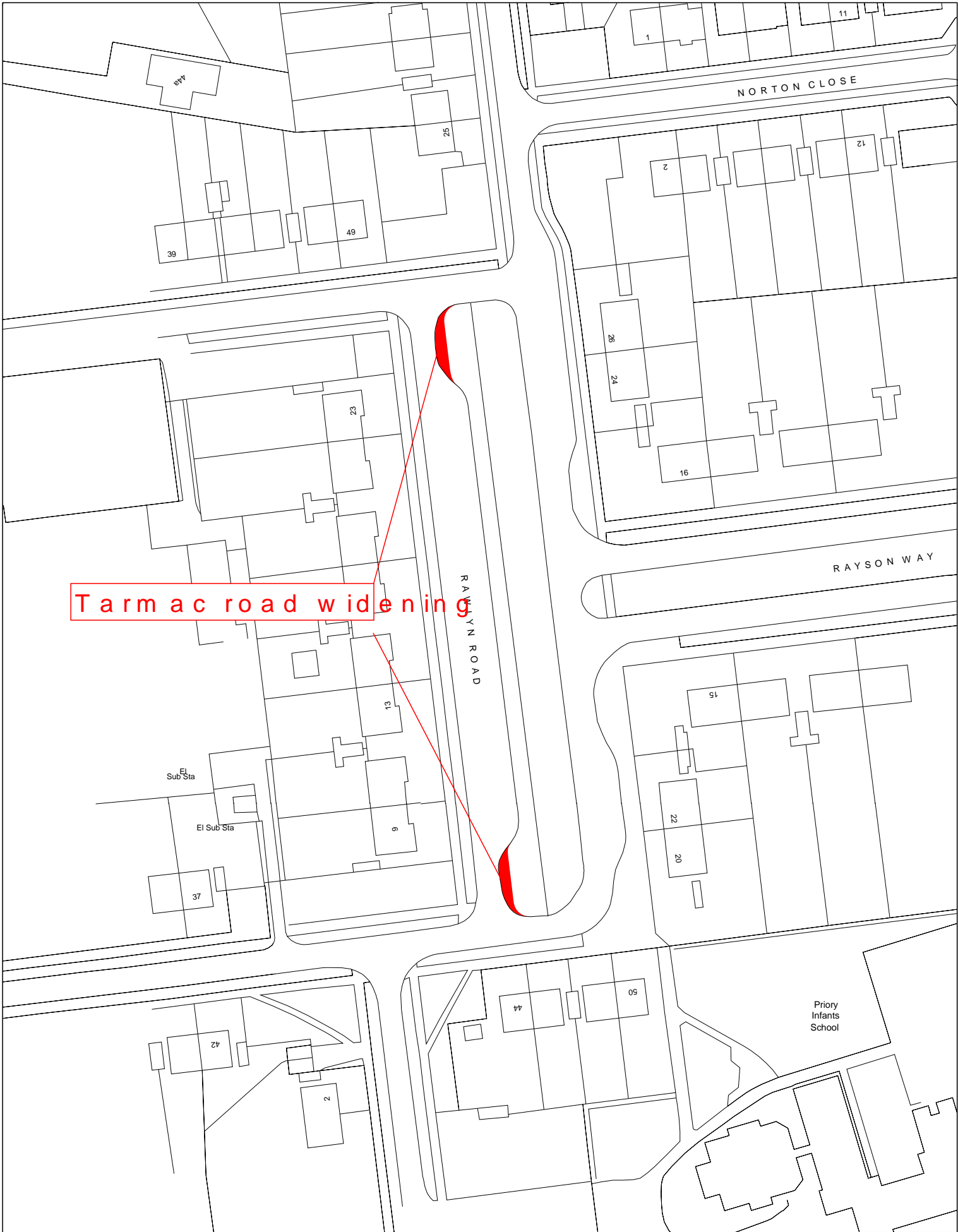
Blockwork surfaced lay-by

WHITEHILL ROAD





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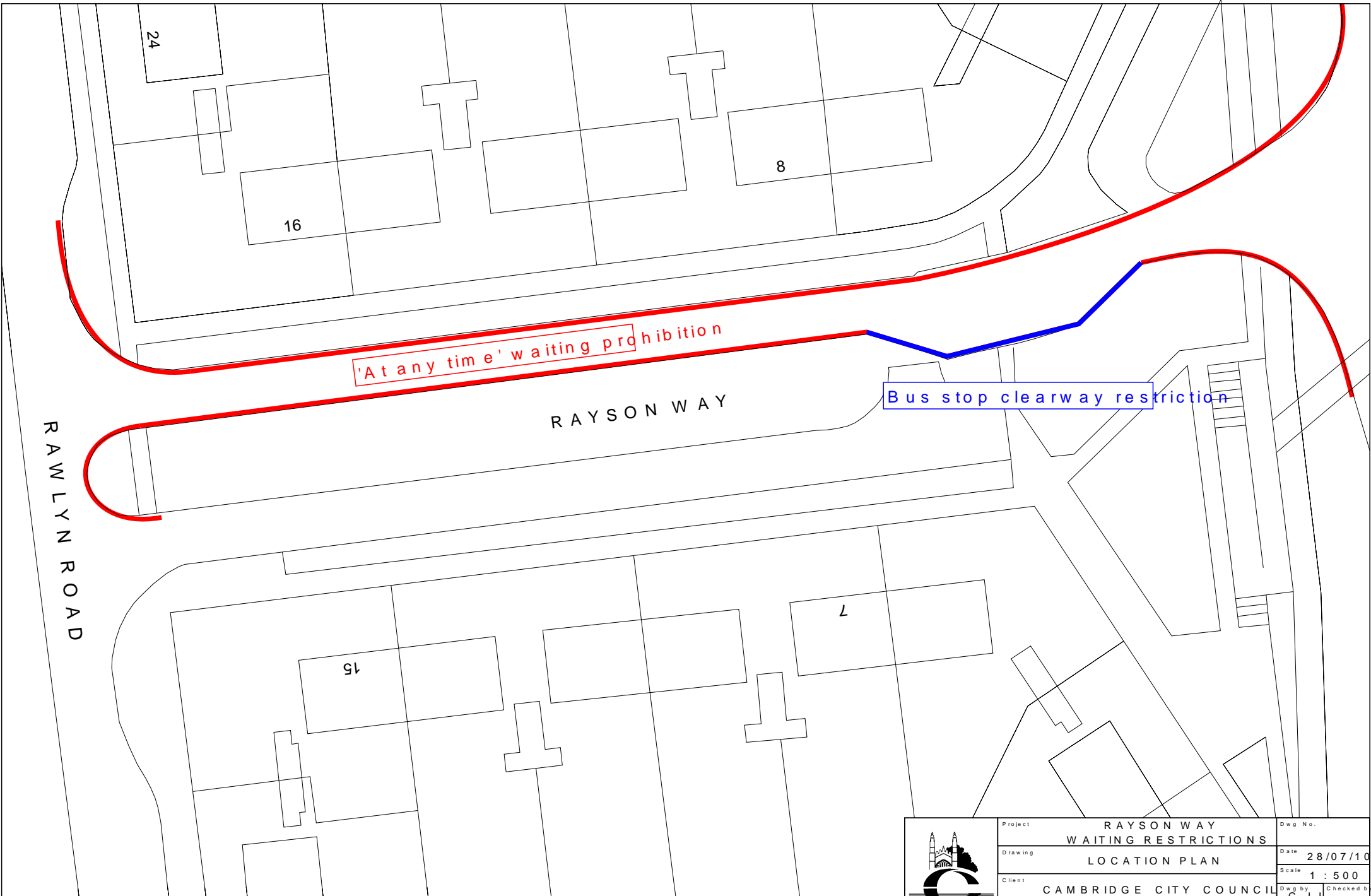
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Tarmac road widening

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'At any time' waiting prohibition

Bus stop clearway restriction

RAYSON WAY

RAWLYN ROAD

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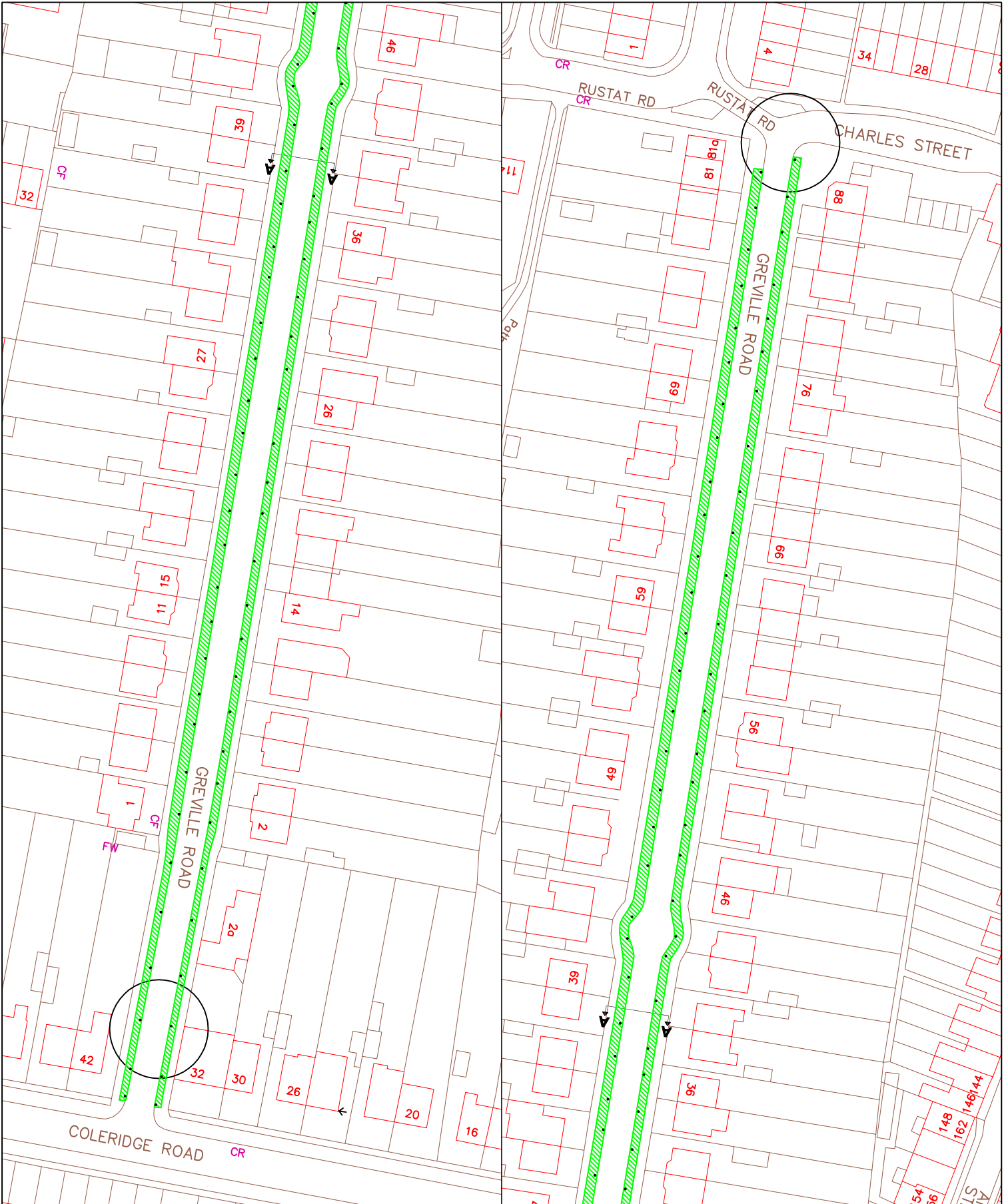
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○ Proposed double yellow lines

▨ Proposed verges to be repaired and seeded.

● Proposed wooden bollard

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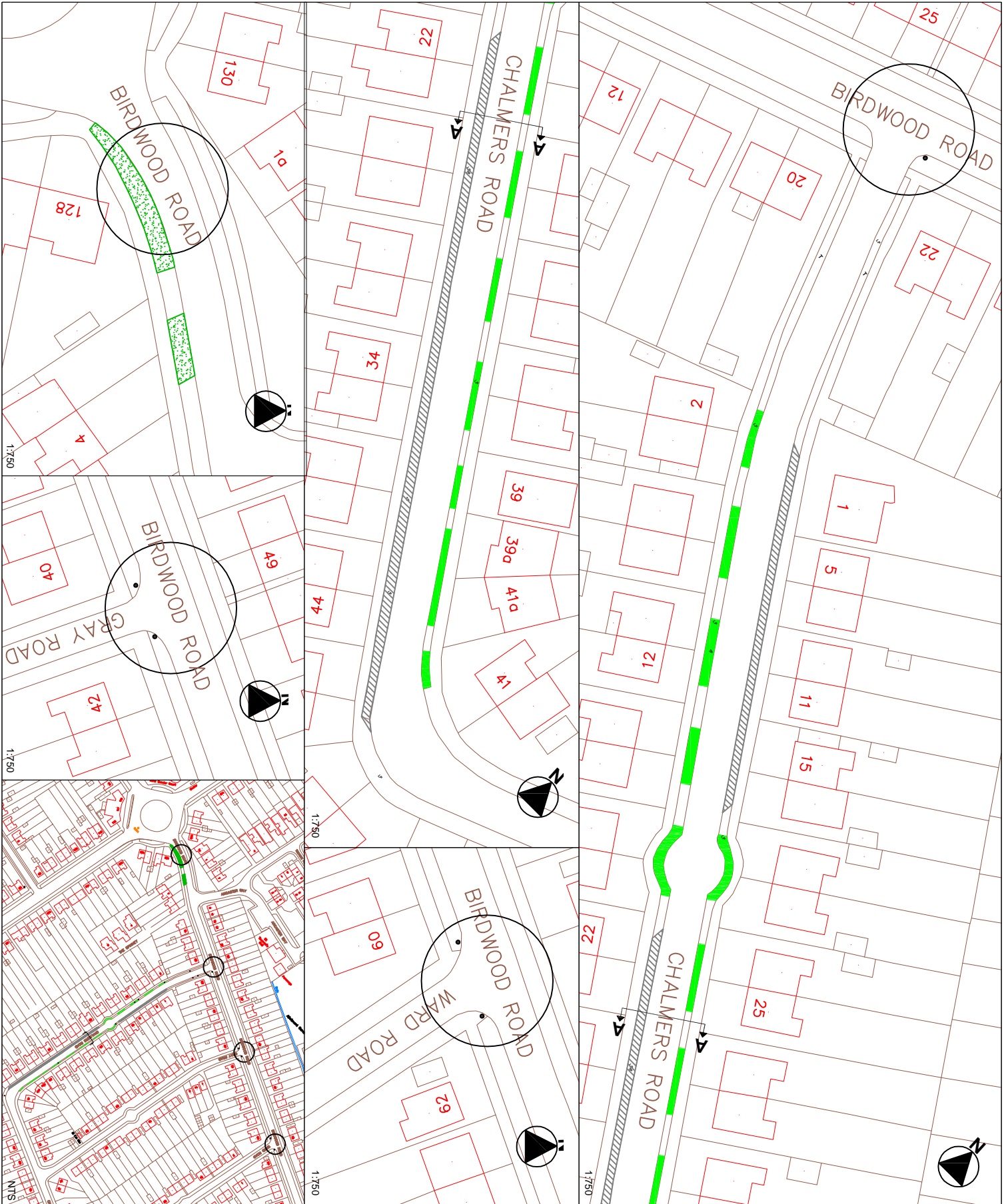
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 Verges Improvements

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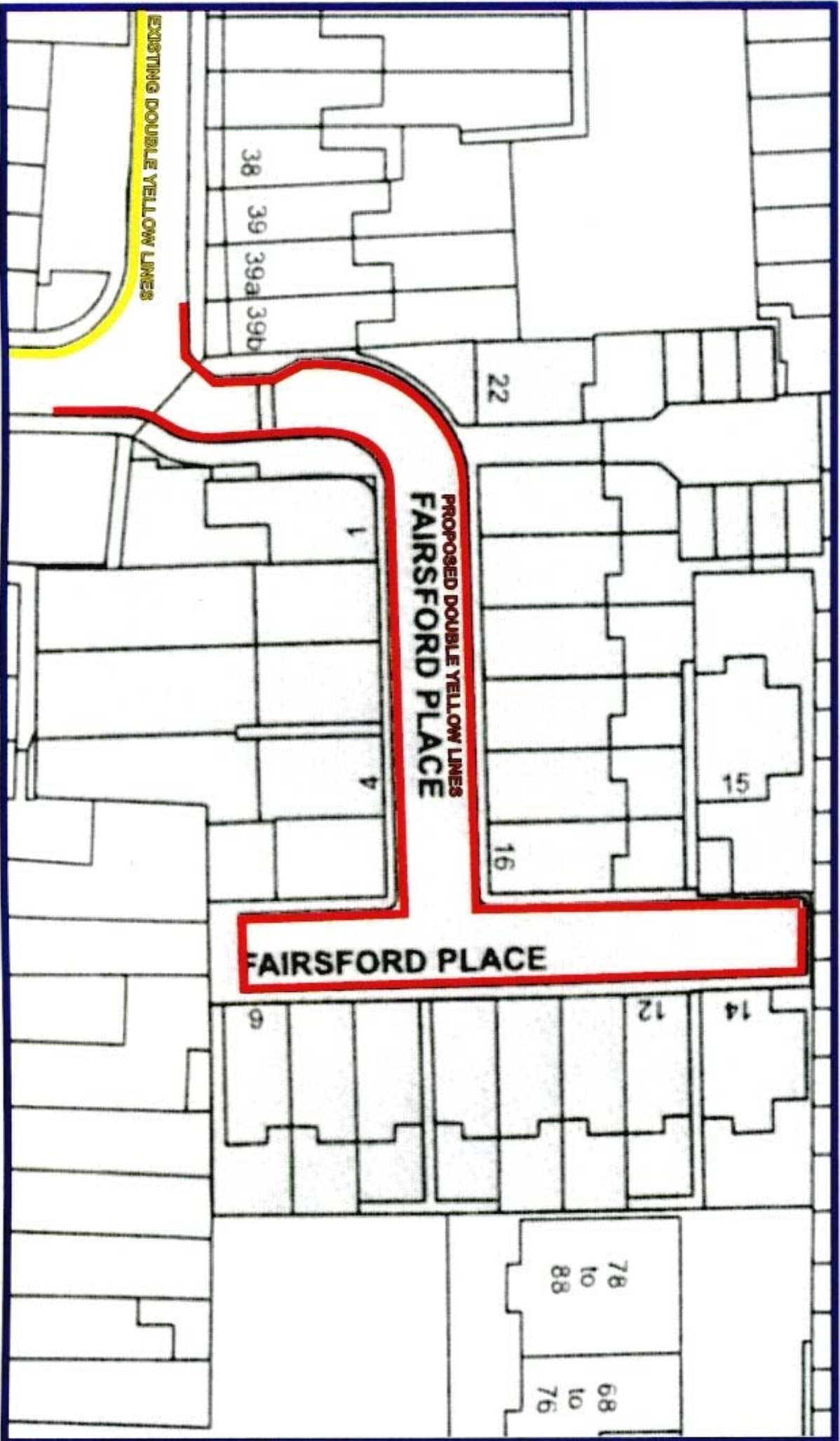
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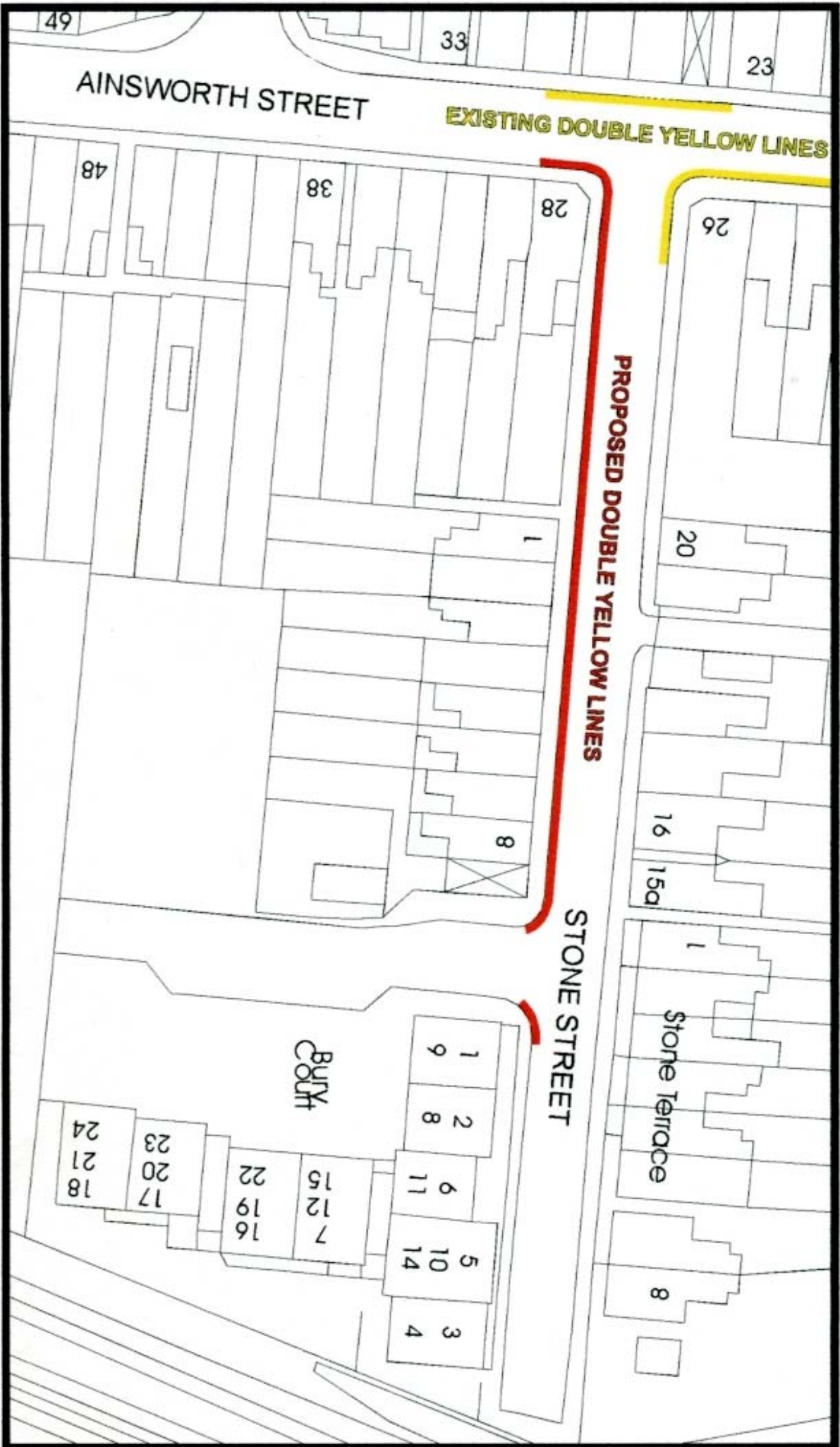
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- Proposed double yellow lines
- Proposed Verges repair, Strengthening & re-seeding
- Proposed Verges repair
- Proposed hard-standing to replace the existing verges
- Proposed wooden bollard

APPENDIX FOUR

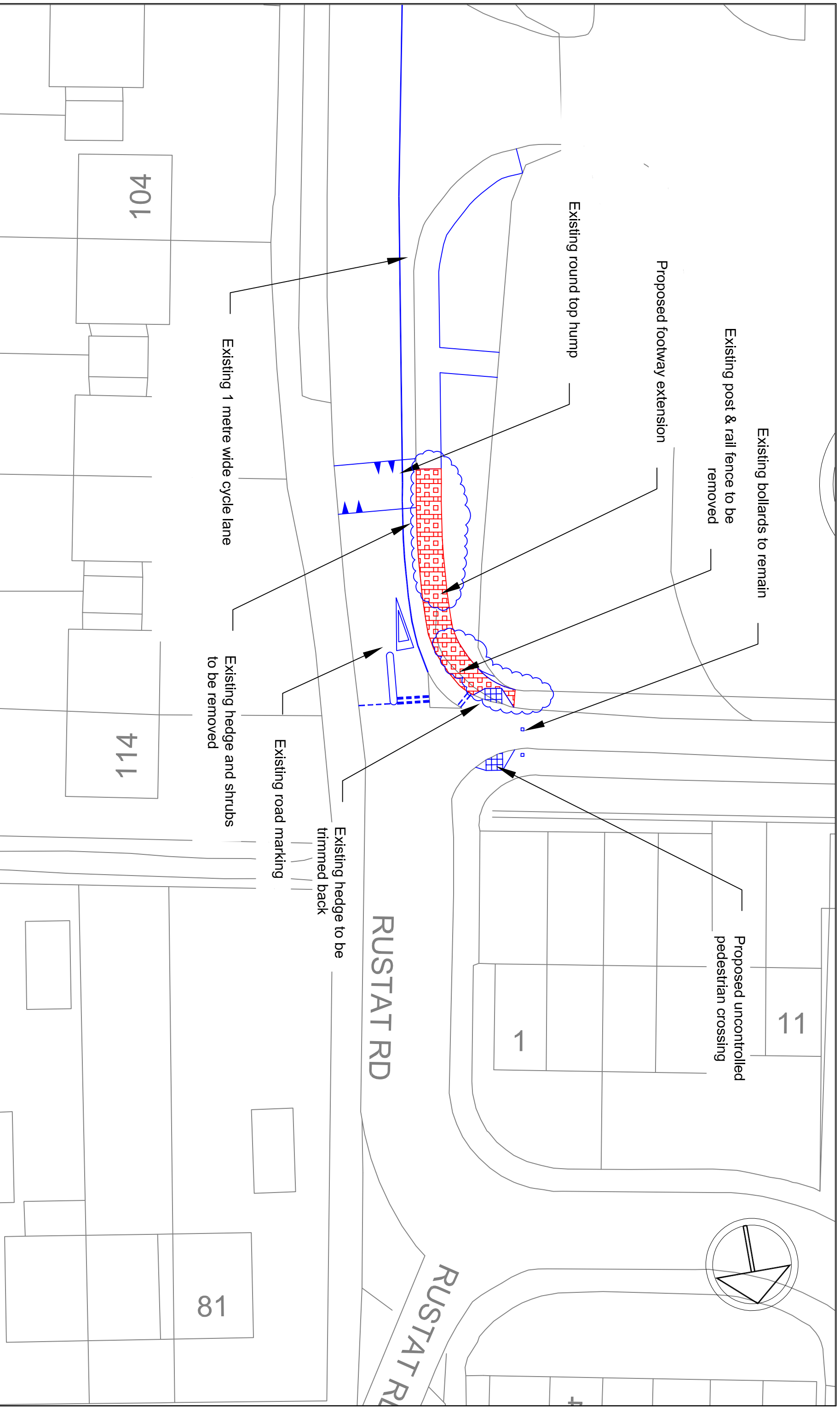
Stone St & Fairsford Place Proposed Waiting Restrictions





APPENDIX FIVE

Rustat Road Footpath Extension Layout



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 Drawing: **Proposed Footway Extension**
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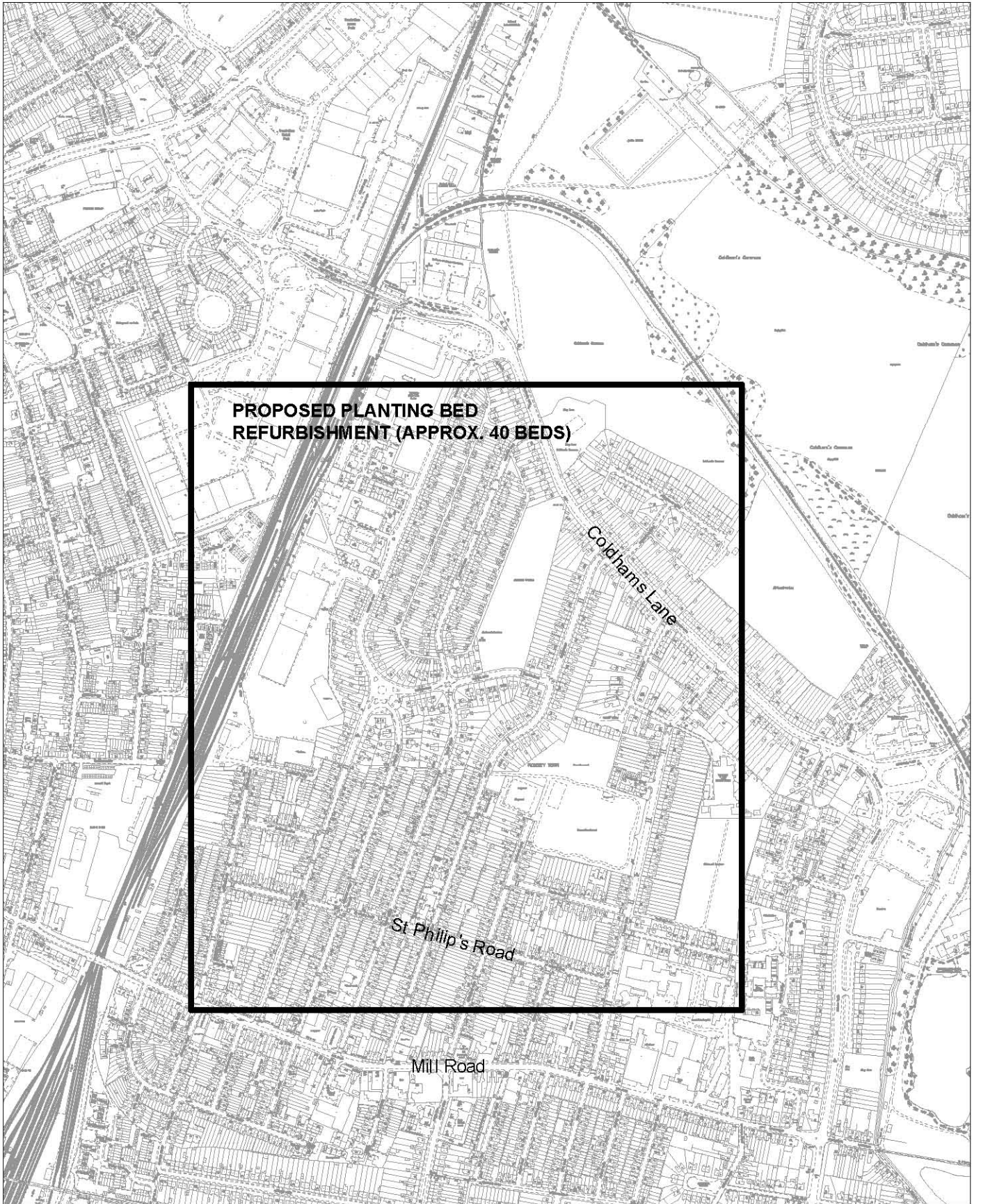
Romsey Area Replanting Plan

**PROPOSED PLANTING BED
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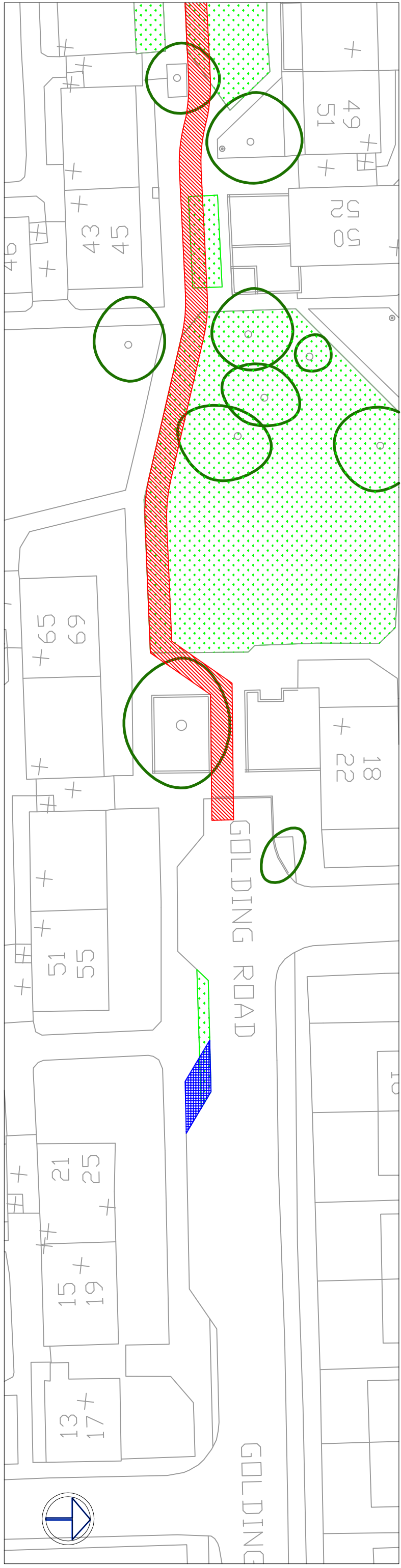
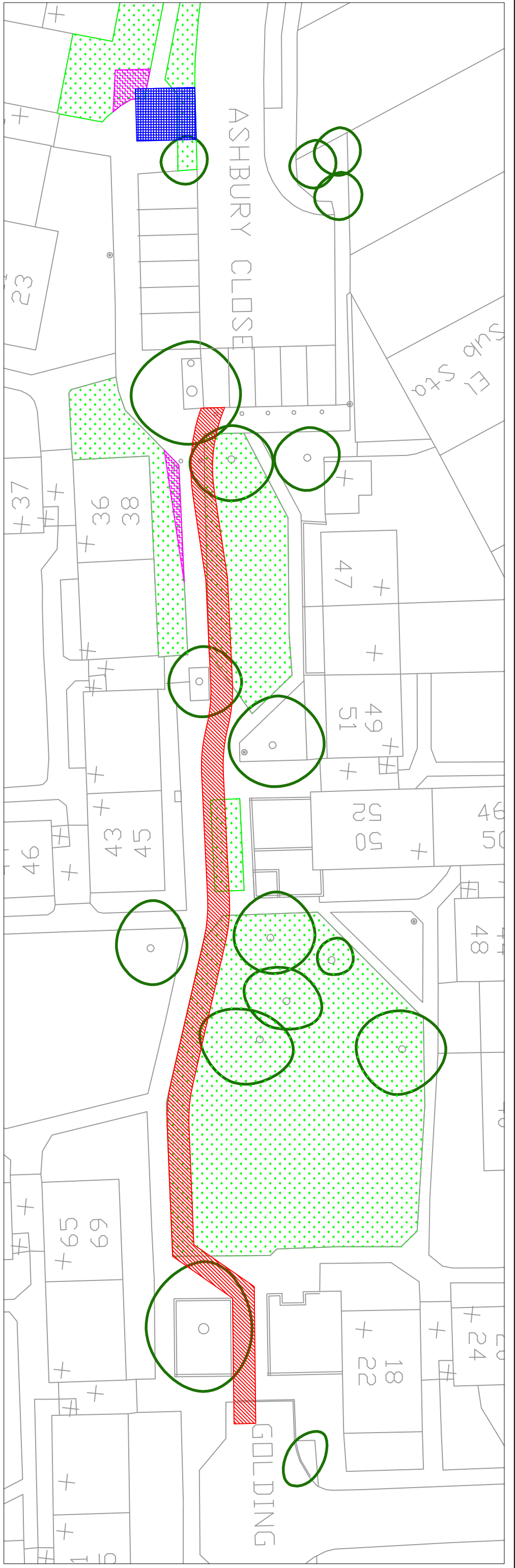
St Philip's Road

Mill Road








APPENDIX SEVEN

Ashbury Close to Golding Road Cycle Route Options



Key

	Existing Tree Canopy		Proposed Footway
	Proposed Cycle Path		Proposed Car Parking Bays
	Existing Grass / Planting Areas		

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Project: **Ashbury Close to Golding Road**

Drawing: **Cycleway and Footway**

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APPENDIX EIGHT

EIP Eligibility Criteria

APPENDIX 8

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA - as agreed by Executive Councillor (Environment) on 18 March 2003 with amendments agreed 22 March 2005

The essential criteria for consideration of funding of Environmental Improvement works are:

- Schemes should have a direct, lasting and noticeable improvement to the appearance of a street or area.
- Schemes should be publicly visible and accessible.
- Schemes must have the owners consent if on private land – unless there are exceptional circumstances by which Area Committee may wish to act unilaterally and with full knowledge and responsibility for the implication of such action.
- Schemes must account for future maintenance costs.

Desirable criteria – potential schemes should be able to demonstrate some level of:

- Active involvement of local people.
- Benefit for a large number of people.
- 'Partnership' funding.
- Potential for inclusion of employment training opportunities.
- Ease and simplicity of implementation.
- Potential for meeting key policy objectives (e.g. improving community safety or contributing to equal opportunities).

Categories of scheme ineligible for funding:

- Where a readily available alternative source of funding is available.
- Revenue projects.
- Schemes that have already received Council funding (unless it can be clearly demonstrated that this would not be 'top up' funding).
- Works that the City or County Council are under an immediate obligation to carry out (e.g. repair of dangerous footways)
- Play areas (as there are other more appropriate sources of funding including S106 monies)

The following categories of work were agreed as being eligible for funding by the Area Committees:

- Works in areas of predominately council owned housing
- Works to construct lay-bys where a comprehensive scheme can be carried out which not only relieves parking problems but achieves environmental improvements.