

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**Venue: Town Hall,  
Moorgate Street,,  
Rotherham. S60 2TH**

**Date: Monday, 21st April 2008**

**Time: 2.30 p.m.**

### **A G E N D A**

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006).
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Rotherham Town Centre Strategic Development Framework Interim Planning Statement Consultation (report herewith) (Pages 1 - 4)  
Ryan Shepherd, Senior Planner, to report
  - to seek authorisation to consult on the draft document
4. Award of External Grant Funding to supplement the School Cycle and Adult Training Programme (report herewith) (Pages 5 - 8)  
Ken Wheat, Transportation Manager, to report
  - to inform Cabinet Member of the draining fund grant
5. Proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions on A618 "Pleasley Road, Whiston" (report herewith) (Pages 9 - 18)  
Ken Wheat, Transportation Manager, to report
  - to consider objections to waiting restrictions on A618 Pleasley Road, at Whiston
6. Petition regarding issues on Caine Gardens, Kimberworth (report herewith) (Pages 19 - 26)  
Ken Wheat, Transportation Manager, to report
  - to report results of an investigation into the issues raised in the petition
7. A57 Worksop Road, Todwick (report herewith) (Pages 27 - 30)  
Ken Wheat, Transportation Manager, to report
  - to consider proposed footway link
8. Fitter for Walking Project (report herewith) (Pages 31 - 34)  
Ken Wheat, Transportation Manager, to report
  - to inform Cabinet Member about the fitter for walking project
9. Assessment of the current and future operation of Ravenfield Crossroads including recommendations for improvement (report herewith) (Pages 35 - 42)

- Ken Wheat, Transportation Manager, to report  
- to acknowledge delays and consider options
10. Purchase of Boats at Rother Valley Country Park (report herewith) (Pages 43 - 44)  
Ian Dixon, Manager, Rother Valley Country Park, to report  
- to receive report and approve action
11. Grants for Community Arts Projects: All Wards (report herewith) (Pages 45 - 59)  
Phil Rogers, Director of Culture and Leisure, to report  
- to approve applications  
(Note: this item was originally published as an exempt item. However, following advice from Legal Services the Cabinet Member considered the item in the open session in accordance with item 1 on the agenda.)

**The Chairman authorised consideration of the following item in order to respond to the petitioners.**

12. Petition - re: Erection of residential development at Station Way, Laughton Common. (report attached) (Pages 60 - 63)  
Chris Wilkins, Assistant Development Control Manager, to report.  
- to consider a response to the petition

<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development Services
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2008
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Rotherham Town Centre Strategic Development Framework: Interim Planning Statement Consultation
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	Forward Planning, Environment & Development Services

**5. Summary**

This report seeks authorisation to undertake public consultation on the updated Rotherham Town Centre Strategic Development Framework, which is to be adopted as an Interim Planning Statement

**6. Recommendations**

**That Cabinet Member notes the content of this report and approves public consultation on the Interim Planning Statement**

**That this report be referred to Cabinet for information**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

### Background

Members may recall the report to Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development Services of 17 September 2007 which set out the need to update the Rotherham Town Centre Strategic Development Framework and adopt it as an Interim Planning Statement which will give it weight when making planning decisions.

A draft Interim Planning Statement has now been prepared in consultation with other Service and Programme areas, and with assistance from Yorkshire Forward, CABI and Transform South Yorkshire. The document places the Rotherham Renaissance aspirations within the context of existing planning policy. It provides linkages between various existing and emerging documents and guidance which impact on the town centre, including the Rotherham Integrated Transport Strategy, the Flood Alleviation Scheme, Public Realm Strategy and the Conservation Area Management Plan. It also sets the context for Renaissance activity including the Housing Market Renewal Programme, the relocation of the Council's civic accommodation, and the redevelopment of key sites such as the former Guest and Chrimes site, Forge Island and the existing civic area around Walker Place.

The draft Interim Planning Statement, which may be subject to minor refinement prior to release for consultation, is available to view in the Members' Room from 14<sup>th</sup> April. It is accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal undertaken by Ove Arup which can be made available upon request.

### Summary of the document

Part one sets out the vision and aspiration for the town centre, building on the 10 goals established by the Town Team, as well as establishing the local, regional and national policy context.

Part two summarises key activities and initiatives, including housing, employment, and retail activity and establishes relevant policy guidance points (for example identifying areas where housing may be acceptable or community requirements which may need to be met). The Interim Planning Statement incorporates the recommendations of the Rotherham Integrated Transport Strategy (RITS) and provides guidance as to how these can be implemented.

It also sets out up-to-date guidance with regard to flood risk and the Templeborough to Rotherham Flood Alleviation Scheme. The Environment Agency has committed to take on the future maintenance of flood defences implemented by the private sector, and to assist delivery of the Scheme the Interim Planning Statement includes a "Design Brief for Flood Risk Management Works" which sets out the standards required for flood defences to ensure that they are of the Environment Agency's adoptable standards.

Part three provides detailed guidance for individual sites and areas of change, highlighting future aspirations, setting out the uses which will be acceptable and establishing design and development principles. In particular Bauman Lyons Architects, funded by Yorkshire Forward, have produced a number of options

demonstrating alternative ways that the existing civic area (around Walker Place) may be redeveloped.

Appendix 1 also establishes a range of broad development principles including:

- How development can address the waterside
- Ensuring that accessibility and designing out crime principles are considered by proposals from the outset
- Promoting sustainable design and construction
- Promoting improved design quality through the use of the Building for Life standard.

The next step in the process is to undertake a public consultation exercise.

### Consultation Arrangements

In line with planning regulations, the document will be published for consultation over a four week period from 6<sup>th</sup> May to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2008. RMBC Consultation & Community Involvement Planning Protocol Form 1 has been completed, and the draft document is accompanied by a consultation statement. In accordance with the Statement of Community Involvement consultation methods will include:

- Making the document available to view at Council offices and the central library, and on the Council website
- Consultee notification, including a mail out to interested individuals and organisations from the LDF database
- Copy of document to statutory consultees and other stakeholders
- Targeted consultation exercises including workshops/presentations to the Rotherham South Area Assembly, and hard to reach groups (including workshops targeted at young people and BME communities led by Planning Aid)
- Press release
- Press notices

All feedback and comments will be considered and where appropriate the document revised. This will be detailed in a consultation statement. A report will be brought back to a future Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development Services meeting seeking approval to adopt the document as an Interim Planning Statement.

### **8. Finance**

Aside from officer time the principal costs will derive from consultation requirements such as room bookings and printing costs. These costs (estimated to be around £2000) will be met from the Forward Planning budget.

### **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

A failure to undertake appropriate consultation may reduce the weight which can be given to the Interim Planning Statement as a material consideration in determining planning applications, and jeopardise its potential to contribute towards the revitalisation of Rotherham's urban centre.

### **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The update of the Strategic Development Framework supports the aims of:

- Rotherham Community Strategy

- The Rotherham Regeneration Plan
- the ongoing Rotherham Renaissance programme
- the delivery of the objectives of the South Yorkshire Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder.

It contributes to the following Strategic and Cross Cutting Themes:

- Rotherham Achieving –developing Rotherham town centre as a destination providing a mixed economy of specialist and quality shops, markets, housing and cultural life for all age groups,
- Rotherham Alive – assists aspirations to further improve cultural and leisure facilities, including a new central library, theatre and art gallery.
- Rotherham Safe - reinforces the town centre's role as a place for urban living in attractive environments.
- Rotherham Proud – promotes strong and cohesive communities and develops strong relationships between people of different backgrounds.
- Rotherham Fairness – promotes equality in terms of choice and opportunities.
- Rotherham Sustainable Development – maintains sustainable development.

### **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

1. Draft Rotherham Town Centre Strategic Development Framework Interim Planning Statement
2. RMBC Consultation Protocol Form 1

These documents are available in the Members' Room from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April

The draft Interim Planning Statement has been prepared in consultation with other Directorates and Service areas, Yorkshire Forward, CABE and Transform South Yorkshire.

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**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

1.	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Regeneration and Development Services Matters</b>
2.	<b>Date:</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> April 2008</b>
3.	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Award of External Grant Funding to Supplement the School Cycle and Adult Training Programme</b>
4.	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services, Planning and Transportation Service.</b>

**5. Summary**

To inform the Cabinet Member of the award of a grant for cycle training from Cycling England.

**6. Recommendations**

**That Cabinet Member notes the contents of this report and welcomes the additional funding.**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

Cycling England has been charged by the Government to deliver programmes that encourage more people to cycle safely and more often. Amongst their key activities has been the roll out of "Bikeability" - a new Cycling Proficiency test for school pupils which is now a 3 stage national cycle training standard. Stage 1 training replaces and improves upon the basic Cycling Proficiency test and stages 2 and 3 build up the skills needed to ride confidently and safely on today's busy roads.

Cabinet Member will recall approving the appointment of Pedal Ready, an external team of Accredited National Standard Instructors to provide cycle training for Rotherham schools and colleges and the adult population, in accordance with the newly introduced National Cycle Training Standards. By adopting the new standards, the Council has become eligible to bid for Capital Grants provided through Cycling England and the Bikeability scheme to school children.

In early 2007, Cycling England announced a grant scheme aimed at increasing the amount of Cycle Training (level 2) to school pupils that we already provide especially in socially and economically deprived areas where road safety is often a concern. This is also required by the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan where emphasis is given to targeting casualty reduction in these areas. Appendix A shows the related areas in Rotherham. Following a successful bid in March 2007, the Council was awarded £20k to contribute towards funding additional level 2 cycle training in our deprived areas during 2007/8.

As a result of successfully utilising this extra funding we have bid for further funding for the forthcoming 2008/2009 financial year. The amount of funding bid for was £40,000 as a contribution towards providing extra cycle training to school pupils.

The Council has been informed by the DfT and Cycling England that we have been successful in securing the total amount our funding bid. This essentially means that we now have extra funding available to be added to our existing school and adult cycle training giving us a total amount of £80,000 for training in 2008/09. This will enable us to offer cycle training to more of our schools and pupils.

## **8. Finance**

Cycling England require match funding of the capital grant and this will be met from the existing cycle training budget, via the LTP Integrated Transport capital programme for 2008/09 to the amount of £40,000.

The additional funding will be used to support increased requests for cycle training in mainly deprived areas as a direct result of the School Travel Plan process.



## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

There are no additional risks and uncertainties.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The promotion of School Travel Plans and cycling contributes to the following shared themes in LTP2:

- Road Safety – by improving cycling ability and road safety awareness amongst young people.
- Congestion – by encouraging modal transfer from car (as passenger) to bicycle.
- Air Quality / Environment – by reducing the number and impact of vehicles associated with the school run.
- Improving the healthy lifestyle of pupils – by encouraging cycling to and from school.

Cycle training also contributes to the following Community Strategy themes:

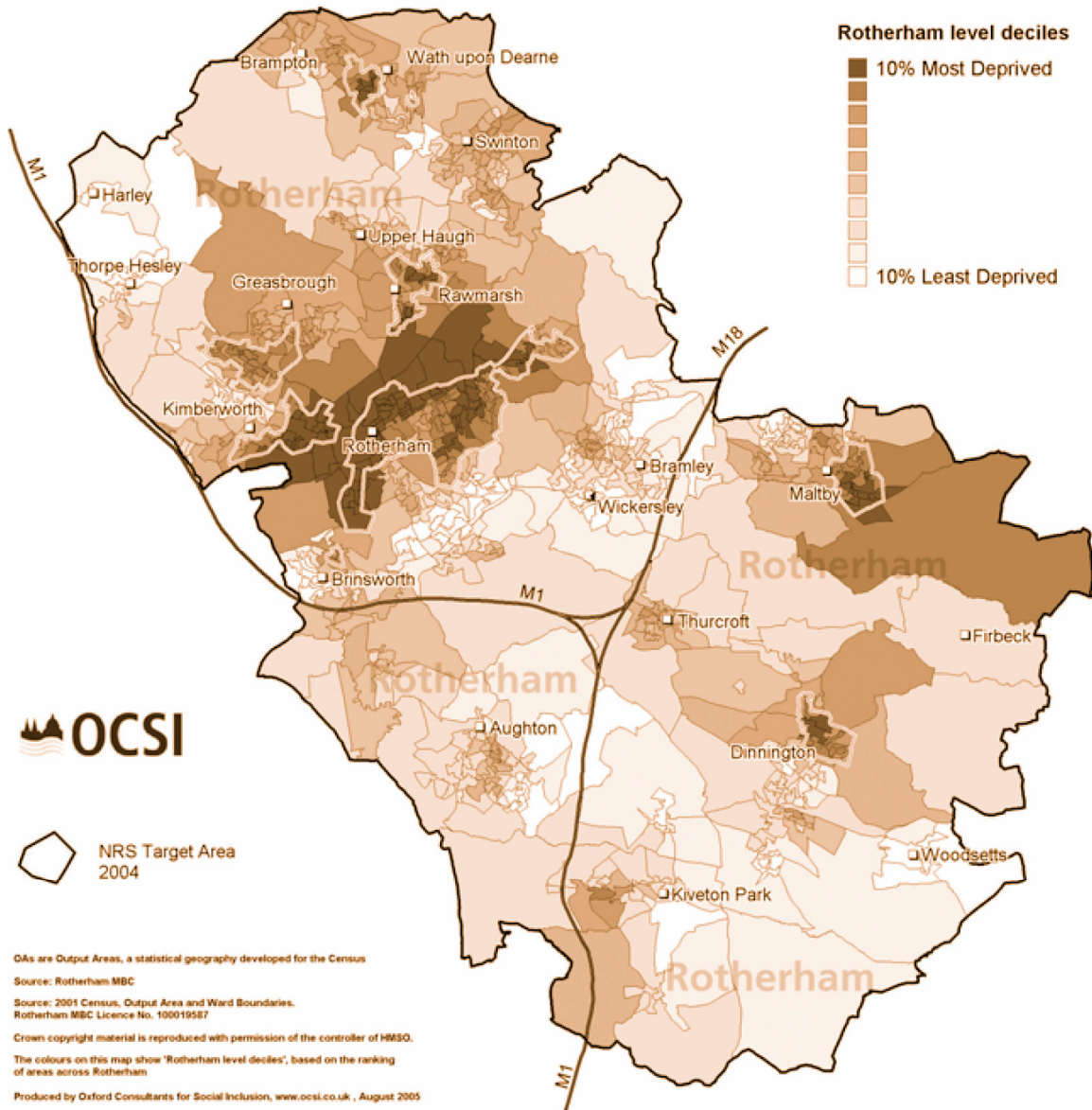
- Rotherham Alive – engaging communities to be healthy and active
- Rotherham Safe – a preventative approach to minimise traffic and cycling accidents.
- Rotherham learning – by providing a life long skill.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Cabinet Member report of 31 July 2006 - Economic and Development Services Matters, School Travel Plans, Procurement of Cycle Training Term Contract

S.Y. Local Transport Plan 2006-2011.

### Rotherham Local Index of Multiple Deprivation (LIMD)



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<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>21 April 2008</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Proposed No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on Pleasley Road, Whiston</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

**5. Summary**

To report the receipt of and consider a number of objections, including a 46 signature petition, against the proposed No Waiting At Any Time restriction on Pleasley Road, Whiston. A copy of the petition is attached as Appendix 'C'.

**6. Recommendations**

**Cabinet Member resolve that:**

- i) In light of objections received the proposed scheme be amended as shown on drawing number 126/18/TT445B, attached as Appendix 'B'.**
- ii) The objectors be informed of the change and reasons.**
- iii) The Assistant Chief Executive of Legal and Democratic Service make the order.**

## 7. Proposals and Details

The proposals for No Waiting At any Time restrictions on Pleasley Road were advertised in the press and on street in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 between the dates of 07 December 2007 and the 04 January 2008. It was during this period of advertisement that the Planning and Transportation Service received a petition containing 46 signatures objecting to the proposal. 41 of the signatures on the petition were residents of Pleasley Road and the remaining 5 were visitors of those residents. Furthermore 8 representations were made by letter or email. The objections received were from either residents of Pleasley Road or the side roads such as The Pieces North and Barfield Avenue.

Originally it was proposed that No Waiting At Any Time restrictions be introduced on both sides of the A618 Pleasley Road from Whiston Crossroads to the junction of High Street as shown on diagram number 126/18/TT445 as Appendix 'A'. The restrictions are proposed in order to ensure that the road layout as a result of the Whiston Crossroads improvement scheme and ensuing improvement to capacity are not impeded. The restrictions were proposed on the North Western section of the road to protect the vehicle detection loops for the traffic lights at Whiston Crossroads, and to ensure that the approach lanes heading to Whiston Crossroads do not get obstructed. It was also proposed that restrictions be introduced on the South Western section to maintain the flow of traffic near to the pedestrian refuges, as parked vehicles would obstruct the free and safe movement of traffic.

The objections received were from either residents of Pleasley Road or a the side roads such as The Pieces North and Barfield Avenue.

There are a number of arguments raised by the objectors, these can be summarised as follows: -

**There is not enough off road parking for residents or their visitors who do not have drives or garages. Particularly families with more than one car.**

The primary purpose of the highway is the movement of traffic hence parking is accommodated when it does not interfere with the safe and efficient movement of traffic. The double yellow lines are proposed to help protect the vehicle detection loops and also to ensure that the proposed two approach lanes to Whiston Cross Roads from Barfield Avenue are not obstructed, as this would have adverse implications in terms of the capacity of the junction. In addition if vehicles are parked on the North Eastern side of Pleasley Road, drivers heading away from Whiston Crossroads would have to enter the opposing traffic lane, which raises both capacity and safety concerns. In addition the double yellow lines ensure that large vehicles can pass a new refuge island that is proposed as part of the scheme close to the junction of Barfield Avenue. Out of the 59 residential houses on this section of Pleasley Road only 13 of them do not have off street parking. The majority of properties on the South Western side of Pleasley Road are able to access off street parking from either service roads to the rear of these properties or directly from Pleasley Road.

**There will not be parking for tradesmen's vehicles.**

**Residents will not be able to load/unload vehicles outside their houses.**

The proposed restrictions are required for the reasons mentioned above, tradesmen will need to park in the nearest available parking space but they will still be able to load and unload on a double yellow line at the kerbside as there are no loading restrictions proposed. The same applies to those residents wishing to load and unload their vehicles.

**Skips will not be allowed on the roadside.**

Skips will still be able to be placed on or next to the highway as long as the skip owners get permission from the council. Streetprides licensing team will check if the area in which they wish to place the skip meets the standards of the highways act 1980 section 139 – Control of builders' skips.

**The adjacent roads (Barfield, The Pieces etc.) are already heavily congested with resident's cars that have no private parking facilities which could become even more congested if residents of Pleasley Road start parking on there too , which could also restrict access for delivery vehicles.**

Due to the availability of significant off street parking on Pleasley Road it was not considered that the amount of parking displaced into surrounding roads will be significant. However, in light of the level of concern the proposed waiting restrictions have been reviewed to consider whether on street spaces could be retained.

It is recommended that in order to maximise on street parking opportunities for residents of Pleasley Road that the double yellow lines are not introduced between Barfield Avenue and The Pieces North, except to protect bus stops and refuges, as shown on diagram number 126/18/TT445B attached as Appendix 'B'. It is considered that the road width is sufficient to retain parking in these sections. In doing this we will retain 140 metres of kerb space, which residents and their visitors can use. However, for the reasons outlined above further sections of the proposed double yellow lines cannot be removed. Because the revised proposals are less onerous than those advertised, it is not considered necessary to re-advertise.

## **8. Finance**

As stated in previous reports, the proposals will be funded from the LTP Integrated Transport Capital budget with a contribution from the revenue budget. It is likely that the implementation of the scheme will be completed in the 2008/2009 financial year.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

Failure to implement the proposed waiting restrictions would result in the potential for the performance of the improved Whiston Crossroads to be impeded by parked vehicles and the potential for obstructive parking adjacent to the proposed and existing pedestrian refuges.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

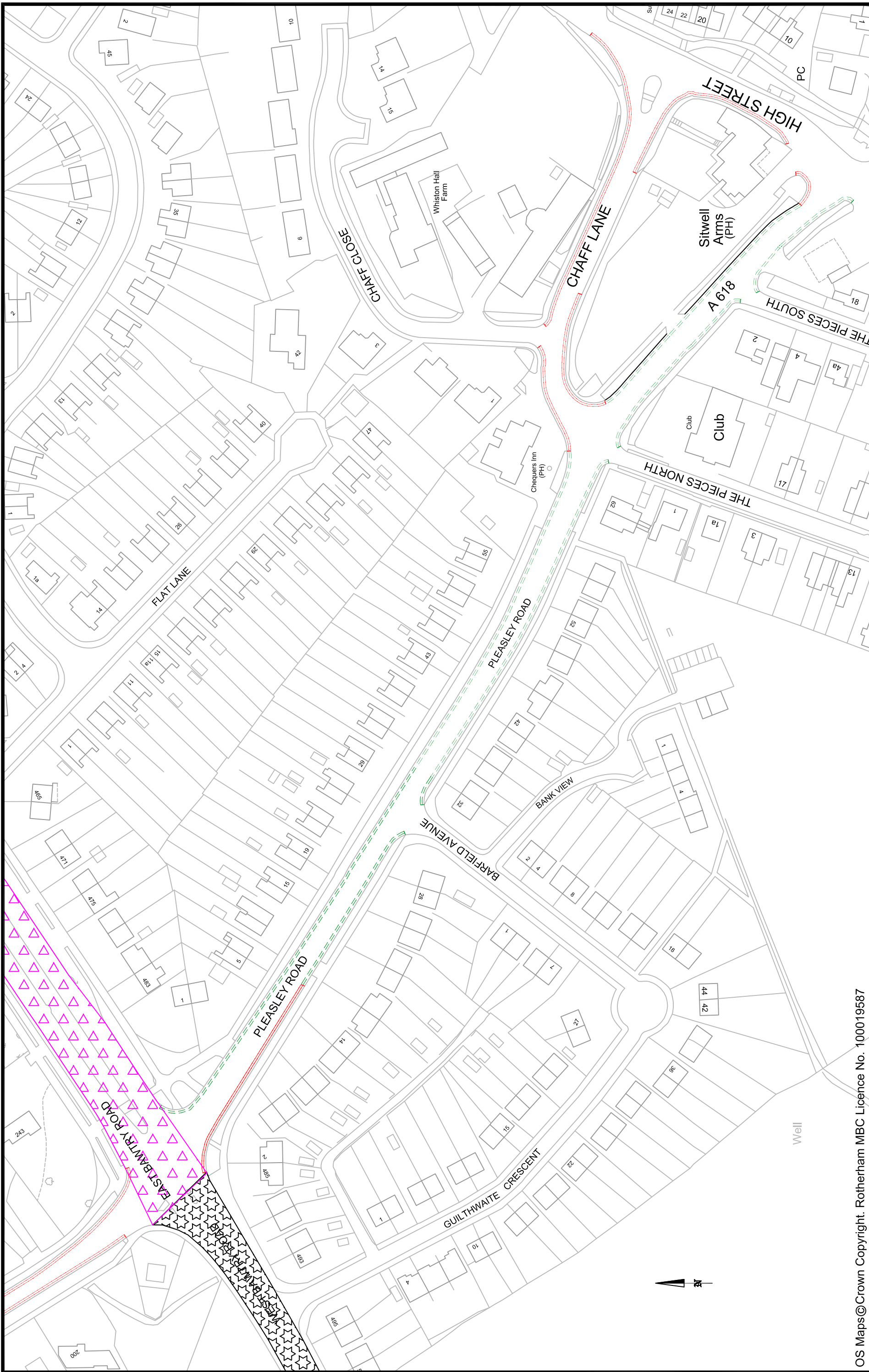
The proposals are in line with the Local Transport Plan policies of reducing congestion and improving road safety.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

- South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan
- Letters of objections

Local ward members were consulted upon the receipt of the petition. Comments were received from Councilor Mannion who agreed with the petitioners and their objection to the proposal.





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Title Proposed no waiting at any time - Pleasley Road

Dwg. No. 126/18/TT445	Rev.	Scales 1:1250 (If A3)
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**KEY:-**

-  Existing 24 hour clearway
-  Existing no waiting at any time
-  Proposed 24 hour clearway (except for buses) (currently being prepared for public advertisement)
-  Proposed no waiting at any time

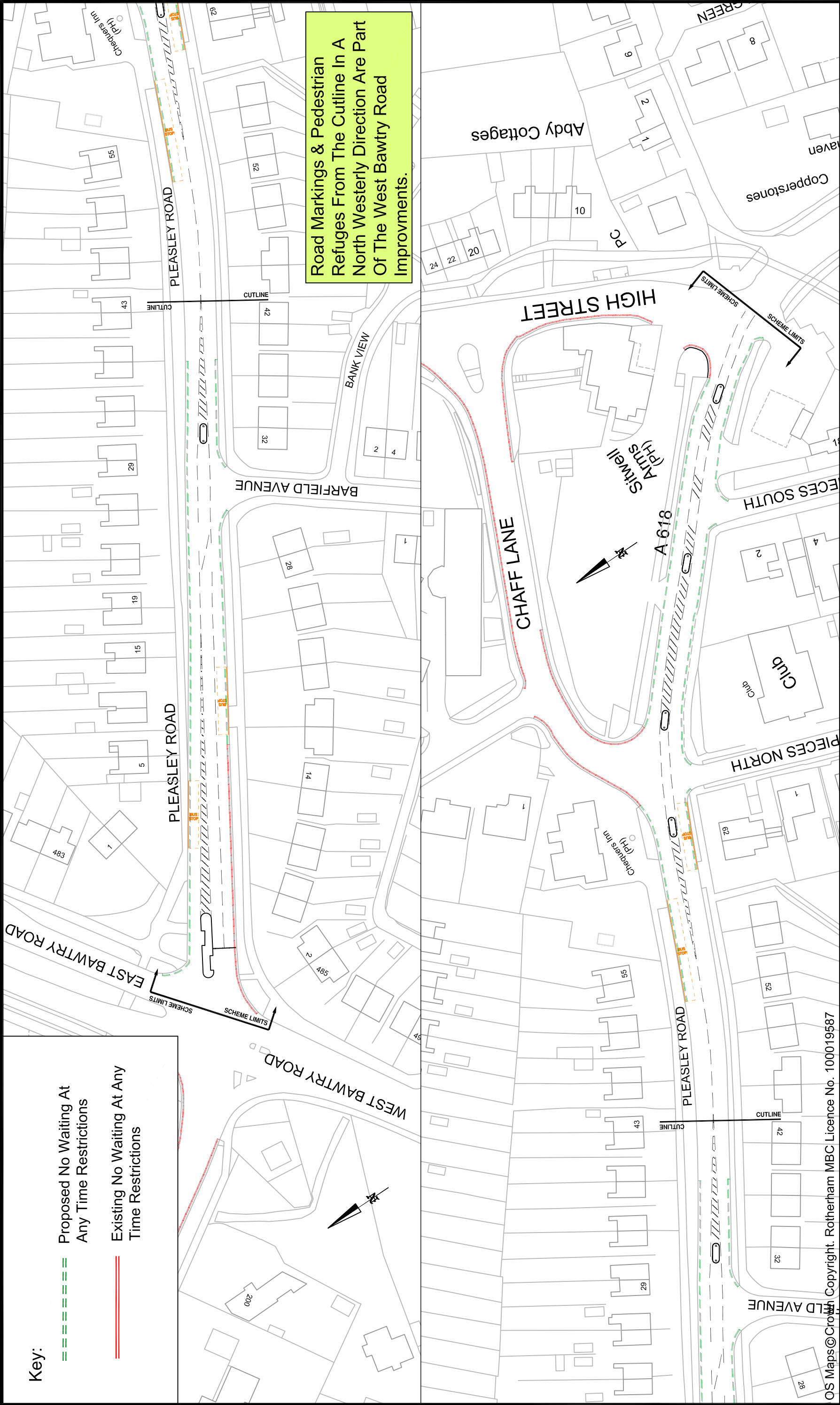
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Road Markings & Pedestrian Refuges From The Cutline In A North Westerly Direction Are Part Of The West Bawtry Road Improvements.

**Key:**

- - - - - Proposed No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions
- Existing No Waiting At Any Time Restrictions

<p><b>Rotherham</b> Metropolitan Borough Council</p> <p><b>Environment &amp; Development Services</b></p> <p><small>Strategic Director: Karl Battersby Bsc (Hons) MRTPL MRTPI</small></p>	<p><b>Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council</b> Environment &amp; Development Services Bailey House, Rawmarsh Road, Rotherham S60 1TD</p>	<p><b>Client:</b></p>	<p><b>Title</b></p> <p>Proposed Waiting Restrictions - Pleasley Road, Whiston</p>
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MR. K. Battersby,  
Planning and Transportation,  
Bailey House,  
Rawmarsh Road,  
Rotherham.

Tuesday, 01 January 2008

Dear Mr. Battersby,

**Re: proposed parking restrictions on Pleasley Road, Whiston, Rotherham. REF: 126/18/1307**

Please find enclosed copy of signatures of Pleasley Road residents who are objecting to the above.

Yours sincerely,

David E. Sotheran (for Pleasley Road residents)

## **Pleasley Road. Proposed Waiting Restriction..**

**Attention: Mr. K. Battersby**

**Your ref: PH/KAC 126/18/1307**

**Pleasley Road residents Objection to Proposed Restrictions on Pleasley Road.**

**We the undersigned object to the above proposals for the following reasons:**

- **There is not enough off road parking for residents who do not have drives or garages. Particularly families with more than one car.**
- **There will not be parking facilities for visitor's cars.**
- **There will not be parking for tradesmen's vehicles**
- **Skips will not be allowed on the roadside.**
- **Residents will not be able to load/unload vehicles outside their houses.**
- **The adjacent roads (Barfield, The Pieces etc.) are already *heavily congested* with resident's cars who have no private parking facilities.**
- **Access for large (inc. emergency), vehicles is very difficult and in some cases impossible to access these side roads without the extra burden of more parked vehicles.**

**Pleasley Road is a two lane carriageway where roadside parking has caused little or no problems in the past for through traffic. Any existing problems are caused by current poor traffic management which can be resolved at little cost and no inconvenience to residents.**

David E. Sotheran. (On behalf of Pleasley Road residents.) 60, Pleasley Road, Whiston. Tel: 374689.

January 1<sup>st</sup> 2008

Pleasley Road residents

Name	Address	
Shirley Beesford	12 PLEASLEY RD	6
Barbara Beesford	12 " "	8
Ruth Swinfa	18 PLEASLEY ROAD	10
Asa	18 PLEASLEY ROAD	11
Shirley	30 PLEASLEY ROAD	14
THOMAS DEAVILLE	7 HESLOW GROVE, THORPE HESLEY (VISITOR)	28
Beatrice Deaville	36 Pleasley Rd	29
GRACE COILEY	33 PLEASLEY RD WHISTON	20
GEORGE COILEY	38 PLEASLEY RD WHISTON	20
SEAN CURWEN	40	24
MALCOLM MOORE	42 PLEASLEY RD WHISTON	25
Elizabeth OX	46	24
RICHARD FOX	46	45
BRIAN ORGILL	48 " " "	52
ANN ORGILL	48 " " "	
SHAUN DAVIES	50 " " "	
DAWN DAVIES	50 " " "	
SHIRLEY KELLY	52 " " "	
MICHAEL KELLY	52 " " "	
David Sotheran	60 Pleasley Road	
ANDREW LOGAN	3 Chelmsford Rd Hylton Castle Sunderland	V
ALAN M BIRLEY	6 PLEASLEY ROAD WHISTON	
G. Kelly	14 " " "	
STUART FARTHING	22	
KETTY BAILEY	26	
Karen Adey	28	
B. Shaw	32 Pleasley Road	
J Green	34 Pleasley Rd	
C. Sagan	58 Pleasley Rd	
M. Green	54 Pleasley Road	36

Pleasley Road residents

Name	Address	
C Jacques	3 PLEASLEY ROAD	
m. Prestin	9 PLEASLEY ROAD	
A m. Prestin	9 PLEASLEY ROAD	
Michael Udell	3 GLEBE ROAD	m. Udell ✓
m. Udell	81 HALLAM ROAD	✓
Christopher Udell	3 Glebe road	C. Udell ✓
Alan Sothman	60 PLEASLEY RD	
Nicki Riley	21 Pleasley Rd	
STEVE RILEY	21 PLEASLEY RD	
LORRAINE OLIVER	35 PLEASLEY RD	L. Oliver
DENNIS OLIVER	35 PLEASLEY RD	D. Oliver
PHILLIP GUILHAM	45 PLEASLEY RD	
HELENA BONNETT	45 PLEASLEY RD	
S Pott's	55 Pleasley Rd	S Pott's
J. WOODSWORTH	51 Pleasley Road	
A JACKSON	51 Pleasley Road	

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<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> April 2008</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Petition regarding issues on Caine Gardens, Kimberworth (Ward 13)</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

### **5. Summary**

To report the receipt and investigation of a 15 signature petition (appendix A) requesting a number of parking measures on Caine Gardens, Kimberworth.

### **6. Recommendations**

**Cabinet Member resolve that:-**

- a) The petition to request a residents parking scheme or waiting restrictions on Caine Gardens not be acceded to, although the request be added to the Transportation Unit's database and considered for future area wide review**
- b) The lead petitioner be informed of the decision and the reasons why**
- c) Ward Members are informed accordingly.**

## 7. Proposals and Details

Residents of Caine Gardens, Kimberworth have submitted a 15 signature petition which identifies a number of issues and requests.

The allegations are as follows:

- Vehicles are blocking the footpath on Caine Gardens that is often used as an access for emergency vehicles.
- Vehicles are being driven onto footway due to there being no room to turn around.
- Drivers are parking their vehicles on the footpaths and grass verges.
- Loud music is being played from parked vehicles.
- Rubbish is being emptied from parked vehicles onto Caine Gardens.

Requests from the petition are as follows:

- Emergency vehicles only signing is erected at the start of the footway that is often used for emergency vehicle access.
- The turning heads are enlarged to accommodate more visitors parking.
- The street is made residents parking only.
- Waiting restrictions be placed on the carriageway.
- The access to Meadowview schools driveway is closed.

Caine Gardens is a cul-de-sac comprising of 45 properties. Most houses along this road do not have driveways and therefore create a demand for parking on-street. A plan of Caine Gardens is attached as appendix B.

Observations at school start and finish times indicate that Caine Gardens is heavily used as a parking location by parents / guardians whilst they drop off or collect children who attend Meadowview Primary School. The parking is heavy but seemingly organised with no evidence of obstructive parking.

The footway that is referred to in the petition as an emergency access has a white H marking at its junction with the highway. The purpose of the H marking is to advise drivers that access is required by vehicles at this point. The marking is however only advisory and not legally enforceable. South Yorkshire Police have the powers to deal with obstructive parking with or without the presence of road markings. As such we do not advise that any further marking is placed on site.

Enlarging the turning heads to provide additional parking would offer very little, Caine Gardens would still be congested at school start and finish times. Furthermore the expense would be large for very little gain.

For a residents parking scheme to be successful it must not only receive considerable support from residents but also operate over a relatively large area. There are two reasons why the size of the scheme is important. When schemes are implemented over a discrete area, for example a single street, the traffic may move to a neighbouring street transferring the problems. Schemes operating over

larger areas are also more cost effective to enforce and therefore the costs of permits can be reduced.

Our current priority is to successfully introduce residents parking controls in and around Rotherham Town Centre in areas that experience high parking stresses as a result of all day commuter and visitor parking. As such resources do not permit us to investigate this matter further at this time. However, once these schemes are completed we will be in a position to prioritise further areas for review and Caine Gardens will be included within our database of potential streets for consideration.

The grass verges along the southern kerb line of Caine Gardens are not part of the highway boundary. Therefore the transportation unit do not have any jurisdiction to harden the verge, place wooden posts within the verge or implement a traffic regulation order. Observations on site suggest that some vehicles are parking on the grass verge but there is little evidence of any damage.

If waiting restrictions were used for the protection of driveways, there would be many short, isolated lengths of yellow line around the Borough. Consequently they would be very difficult to enforce effectively and such measures are not, therefore, considered viable. Waiting restrictions are usually placed on the carriageway on routes with a large volume of traffic so as not to cause significant delay to the movement of traffic.

Closing the pedestrian access to the school driveway is not recommended as this would cause the parking to displace further onto the already busy Meadowhall Road, which would result in further traffic problems and an increase in road safety problems.

### **8. Finance**

If no action is taken there are no financial implications associated with this report.

### **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The Planning and Transportation Department may continue to receive requests for a residents parking scheme on this road.

### **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

None

**11. Background Papers and Consultation**

A copy of the petition is attached as Appendix A.

Ward councillors have been consulted on receipt of the petition. Councillor Akhtar commented on the petition;

*'The petition highlights a number of issues relating to parking problems, which have been raised with me by the residents at my ward surgeries.*

*So I would support the petitioners' requests subject to a full consultation with all the residents of Caine gardens.'*

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# APPENDIX A

## Customer complaint form

1 About you

Your name [REDACTED] RESIDENT'S

OF CAINE GARDEN'S

Address and postcode

[REDACTED] CAINE GARDEN'S

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (evening) DITTO

Phone number (day) [REDACTED]

2 Your complaint

Which service is your complaint about?

[REDACTED]

Type of complaint

VEHICLE'S COMPLETELY BLOCKING ACCESS FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES. VEHICLES PARKING ON THE GRASSED AREA'S BY PARENT'S PICKING UP CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL. SOME VEHICLE'S BEING DRIVEN ON FOOTPATHS TO GAIN EXIT DUE TO NO ROOM TO TURN ROUND. VISITORS TO CERTAIN

ADDRESSES ON CAINE GARDEN PARKING ON FOOTPATHS WHEN AND FOR HOW LONG THEY WANT.

BY TANGOR

W.D. HARRIS

TERRY JONES

J.P. BOREN

A. SANDERSON

GARY JONES

R. SANDERSON

M. SANDERSON

K.B. SANDERSON

J. SANDERSON

L. SANDERSON

A. SANDERSON

M. SANDERSON

J. SANDERSON

L. SANDERSON

1. I AM THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE SIGNED THE COMPLAINT FORM ARE AVAILABLE.

I HAVE GIVEN MY NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER AS A CONTACT

By Tony Jor

11 9 JAN 2008

EXCESSIVE 'LOUD MUSIC' NOISE FROM PARKED VEHICLES.

EVERYTHING RUBBISH AND CAR ASHTRAY'S FROM PARKED CAR'S ONTO GARDEN'S, ROADWAY AND GRASSED AREAS WHICH ARE ONLY ACCESS TO HALF OF THE BUDCAWLOW'S.

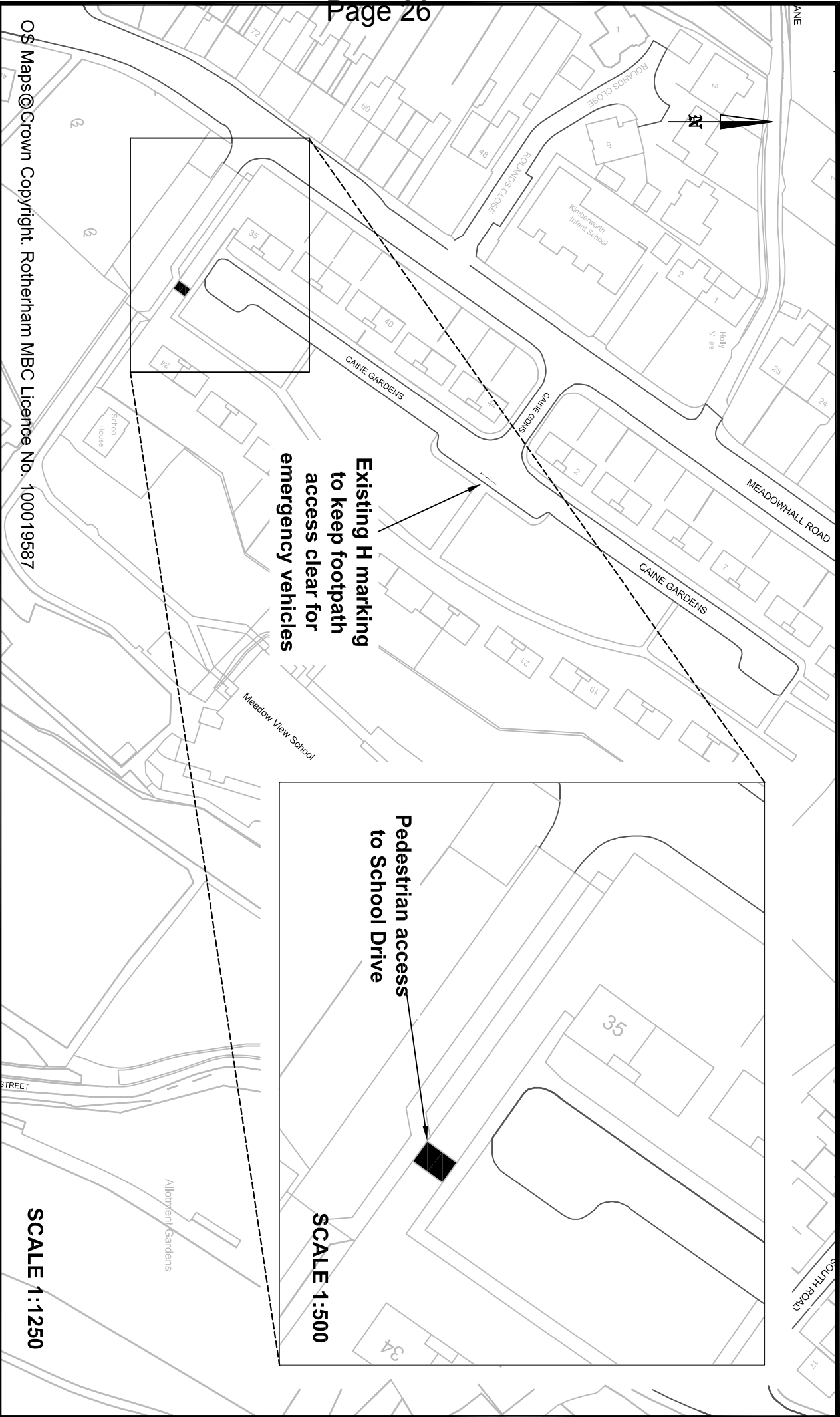
3 How do you think we should respond to your complaint?

Please use this section to tell us what you think that we should do about your complaint.

DOUBLE YELLOW LINE  
ONE SIDE OF ROADWAY.  
SIGN'S TO INDICATE  
EMERGENCY VEHICLES  
ONLY ON THE FOOTPATH'S.  
POST OFF CRASSED AREAS  
PARALLEL WITH THE ROAD  
EXTEND VISITOR PARKING  
AREA AND MAKE RESIDENT  
PARKING ONLY.  
BLOCK OFF EXIT FROM  
CAINE GARDEN'S TO SCHOOL  
DRIVE NO POINT IN PARKING  
ON CAINE GARDEN'S.

This leaflet can be made available in large print, Braille, audio tape and we will provide minicom, induction loops and text-talk facilities at all of our offices. We will translate all documents into different languages within 10 working days, and in urgent cases, arrange for a translator to communicate the information. We will also use a National Interpretation Service to communicate with customers whose first language is not English and provide same gender interviews where customers prefer it.

Signed ..... Date .....



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SCALE 1:500

Existing H marking  
to keep footpath  
access clear for  
emergency vehicles

Pedestrian access  
to School Drive

Client:

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council  
Environment & Development Services  
Bailey House, Rawmarsh Road,  
Rotherham S60 1TD

# APPENDIX B

Title  
**Annotated Location plan of Caine  
Gardens, Kimberworth**

Dwg. No. **126/RN/PET5/APP-B**

Scales  
(if A4) **Various**

Drawn **CA(P&T)** Date **April 2008**

Chd. by



Strategic Director  
Karl Battersby, Bsc (Hons) MPhil, MScPFI

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Regeneration and Development Services Matters</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>21 April 2008</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>A57 Worksop Road, Todwick – Proposed footway link; Ward 18, Wales Ward</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

**5. Summary**

To inform Cabinet Member of the proposal to construct a length of footway on the A57 Worksop Road, Todwick at its junction with Goosecarr Lane to improve facilities for pedestrians.

**6. Recommendations**

**It is recommended Cabinet Member resolve that:**

- i) The objection to the proposed footway link be not acceded to;**
- ii) Detailed design be carried out, and for the scheme to be implemented.**
- ii) The scheme be funded from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Programme for 2008/09.**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

Pedestrians are currently experiencing difficulty in crossing the A57 Worksop Road near its junction with Goosecarr Lane, Todwick. At present there is a grassed verge on the South side of Worksop Road. It is proposed to replace the grass verge with a footway, approximately 20m in length. In addition two new pedestrian drop crossing points will be constructed at the Eastern end of the proposed footway and on the existing footway on the Northern side of Worksop Road to improve pedestrian crossing facilities. A plan showing the proposed scheme is attached as Appendix A.

Cabinet Member will be aware of the Councils major scheme proposal to dual this section of the A57 Worksop Road between M1 Junction 31 and Todwick Crossroads, but this proposal will not be affected by the major works.

## **8. Finance**

The scheme is estimated to cost £5,000, with funding for the works identified being available from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Programme for 2008/09.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The limited timescale available for constructing the footway link, which will have to be carried out during the annual A57 maintenance closure may prevent the footway link from being constructed during the intended timescale.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

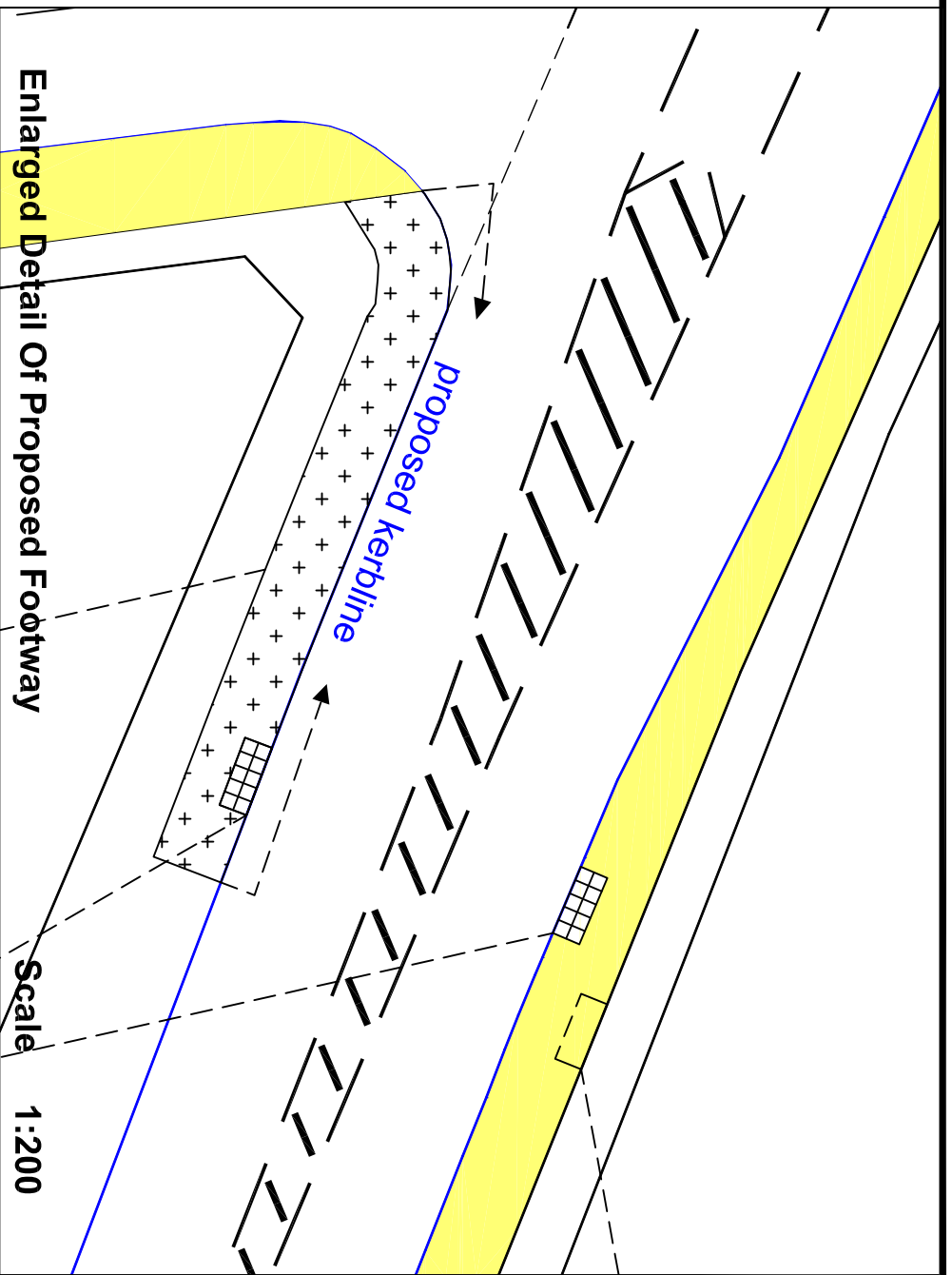
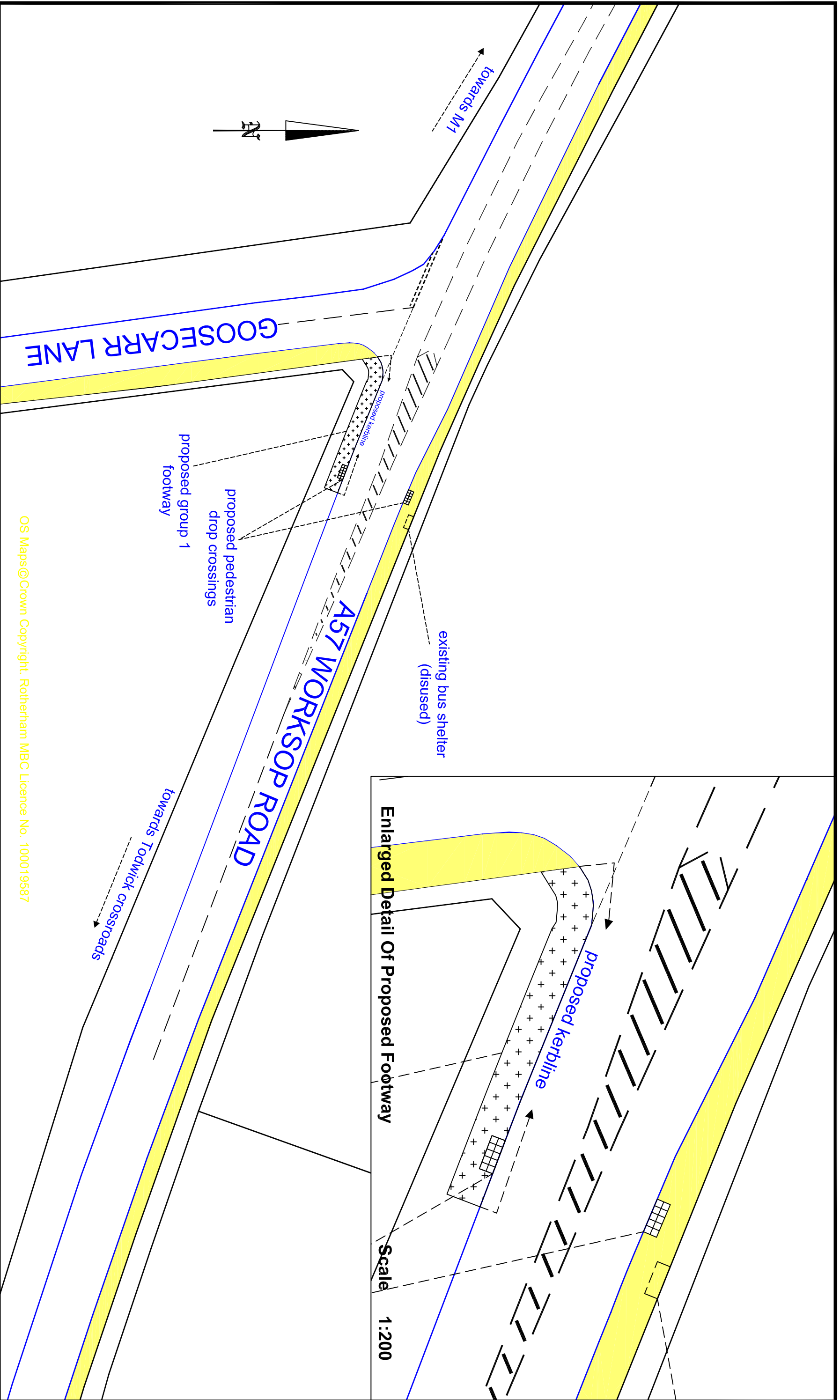
The proposed scheme is in line with the Local Transport Plan objectives for improving road safety, particularly for vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Consultations have been carried out with the emergency services, local ward members and Todwick Parish Council on two schemes. The first scheme included a pedestrian refuge on the A57, however, as a result of concerns from South Yorkshire Police about the close proximity of Heavy Goods Vehicles passing either side of pedestrians stood on the refuge, due to the narrowness of the carriageway lanes either side of the refuge, this was subsequently omitted. The second scheme which saw the refuge omitted received an objection from Todwick Parish Council, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B.

The reason for Todwick Parish Council objecting to the proposed scheme is that they 'object to the revised proposal or to any crossing not providing complete pedestrian segregation such as by a footbridge'. However, as you will be aware it would be difficult to justify providing a footbridge in view of the proposed A57 Worksop Road improvement works which will result in vehicle numbers on this particular stretch of carriageway being substantially reduced through the re-routing of traffic onto the new road. As a consequence, the need for pedestrian and vehicle segregation will be removed. In the meantime, improvements can be made to crossing facilities, by installing a footway link which will enable pedestrians to cross away from the junction with Goosecarr Lane

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Key:

- Existing Footway
- Proposed Footway

  
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Title			
<b>A57 Workstop Road, Todwick – Proposed footway</b>			
Dwg. No.	126/A57	Rev.	
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## **TODWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

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Clerk and Financial Officer

Strategic Director  
RMBC  
Economic and Development Services  
Bailey House  
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26 March 2008

Dear Sir

### **Pedestrian Crossing – A57 Worksop Road, Todwick**

Thank you for your letter dated 3 March 2008.

The Parish Council objects to the revised proposal or to any crossing not providing complete pedestrian segregation such as by a footbridge.

Yours faithfully

Rod Walker  
Rod. Walker



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<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> April 2008</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Fitter for Walking Project</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

**5. Summary**

To inform Cabinet Member about a 4 year “Fitter for Walking” project partnership between Rotherham Borough Council and Living Streets.

**6. Recommendations**

**(i) That Cabinet Member endorses the participation in the Fitter for Walking Project.**

**(ii) That a copy of this report be referred to Cabinet member for Streetpride and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel for information.**

## 7. Proposals and Details

The organisation “Living Streets” (formerly the “Pedestrians Association”) has a remit to champion the use of streets and public spaces for people on foot. They strive to ensure that public realm and infrastructure meets the needs of communities in terms of function and use and ‘sense of place’. Following a successful bid for Big Lottery funding, (Wellbeing theme), Living Streets has committed support to a Fitter for Walking pilot project with up to twelve local authorities in five regions across the UK. Rotherham MBC and Doncaster MBC have been listed by Living Streets as the two local authority participants in the Yorkshire and Humberside area because both Councils offer good prospects for improvement in walking levels as a result of commitments or ongoing actions associated with the Local Transport Plan, the Housing Market Renewal Master-planning processes, the Area Assembly network, links with Primary Care Trusts, existing Streetpride initiatives and other Council services such as Greenspaces.

The project aims to increase the number of walked journeys lasting up to about 15 minutes. Journeys can include most types of walking trips such as those to local shops, to public transport facilities, or places of work and schools. In order to achieve an increase, Living Streets and the Council will identify and work with up to 24 communities over a 4 year period.

A prime focus of the project is the development of community street audit groups in selected areas. This will involve local people assessing local streets to ascertain the existing level of use by pedestrians and how use could be increased. In addition, existing features such as street lighting, street furniture, and crossing places will also be assessed. The objective is to take into account good points, identify problems and contribute to solutions. The audit will be carried out in the context of establishing a range of possibilities, not a set of requirements. A fundamental principle of the project is to help communities improve their local environment. Communities will be encouraged to apply for a ‘Fitter for Walking’ Standard for their neighbourhood. To achieve the Standard, communities will need to pass a threshold to show that they have assessed their neighbourhood, and have developed and implemented practical steps for improvement taking into account financial/time/ resource constraints. The standard will become a catalyst to promote increased walking. It is envisaged that community groups will be encouraged to lead community activities such as:

- Promoting walking trips to local shops and other places
- Having “clean up days”
- Organising Street events
- Liaising with schools
- Becoming more involved with bodies such as the Council Care Trusts

Living Streets published a job advert for a Fitter for Walking Regional Coordinator position for the South Yorkshire region on the 21st February 2008. The post was advertised in local / regional papers as well as the Society Guardian and national websites. Living Streets will make an appointment in May 2008. The post holder will work the identified community groups by providing hands on support and will also work with Local Authorities and their identified partners.

## 8. Finance

The total amount of grant funding secured by Living Streets to deliver the project is £315,790 over four years. This will cover various elements including:

- A Fitter for Walking Officer and associated costs for other staff (all employed by Living Streets)
- Funding to produce supporting materials for participating communities
- Local events
- Independent evaluation

A small amount of approx £40K has also been set aside by Living Streets and will be roughly split between Rotherham and Doncaster Councils. This comprises funding to support volunteers and activities in the target communities. Both Rotherham and Doncaster Councils have each been asked to identify a modest amount of match funding over the four year life of the project in the following amounts:

- Year 1 £0
- Year 2 £12k
- Year 3 £14k
- Year 4 £16k

The match funding is not about “new money” and it can be made up through a combination of both capital and revenue funding including existing allocations, accommodation for the Fitter for Walking Officer and local authority staff time. It can also include any identified capital programme spend in the selected community areas e.g. from the Local Transport Plan walking / accessibility capital allocation. Therefore, the overall financial impact of the project is minimal.

## 9. Risks and Uncertainties

As such, the Council has no obligations to underwrite the scheme other than to support the scheme within the funding and community frameworks identified above. Therefore, the project presents no unmanageable risk or uncertainty.

Living Streets have set the following outcomes for the project:

- 48 communities in each target local authority areas supported to make their local environment ‘Fitter for Walking’ and promote walking to the local community.
- Targeted local authorities to provide better information and/or services to some or all of our Fitter for Walking communities.
- 5,300 people in our target communities starting to walk or walking more in their local community.
- 60 professionals provided with practical tools, so they benefit from learning accrued throughout the project.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The promotion of walking is a key part of the Local Transport Plan LTP – especially for promoting or improving links to shops, services and public transport. Walking also contributes to the healthy living and sustainability / climate change agendas and the Alive theme of both the Community Strategy and Area / Community Plans, these being particularly relevant in areas where Housing Market Renewal Masterplans are being developed.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Consultation will take place with a Other Council Services and external partners to extend interest and participation in the project.

- Streetpride
- Neighbourhoods - Housing Market Renewal Team
- Greenspaces
- Adult Services - Active Health Team
- Primary Care Trust

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<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> April 2008</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Assessment of the current and future operation of Ravenfield Crossroads including recommendations for improvement.</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

### **5. Summary**

An assessment of the operation of Ravenfield crossroads using current and predicted future year traffic flows with an evaluation of potential changes to the junction.

### **6. Recommendations**

- **Cabinet Member acknowledges the extent of the delays at this junction and the need for improvements.**
  - **That a signalised junction be identified as the preferred option and be progressed to detailed design for inclusion in the 2008/09 Local Transport Plan Programme.**
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## 7. Proposals and Details

'Ravenfield Crossroads' is the junction of B6093 Moor Lane and Holling's Lane/ Braithwell Road east of Rotherham.

Congestion and safety at the Ravenfield Crossroads have been concerns of the local community for some time. The Ravenfield Parish Community Plan (2000) highlights the thoughts of the local community and in this plan the crossroads was identified as a "danger spot". The community's preferred solution was to either install traffic signals or a roundabout.

Traffic surveys have been undertaken to quantify the extent of queues and delays at the junction and it has been shown to be overcapacity. In particular traffic entering the junction from Braithwell Road experiences severe delay in the morning and evening peak periods. If traffic levels were to continue to increase, as is predicted regionally and nationally, then these delays are only likely to become worse.

Feasibility designs have been undertaken to investigate possible improvements to the operation of the junction. These included options to widen the approaches of the side roads, change the junction form to a roundabout and the implementation of traffic signals. The options have been modelled and assessed using current and predicted future year traffic flows to properly understand the benefits/disbenefits of each.

### Options assessed

#### **– Widened entries from Braithwell Road and Holling's Lane (Appendix 1)**

The construction of a short additional lane on approach to the giveway line would allow more opportunity for the right turning traffic from the minor roads to wait at the junction without blocking the movement of the other turns and vice-versa. However, whilst analysis has shown that this widening of the side roads would give operational benefit in capacity terms, the conflicts associated with cross movements would remain.

#### **– Mini Roundabout (Appendix 2)**

All the approaches to this junction are currently subject to a 40mph speed limit. The provision of a mini roundabout is only suitable on roads with lower speed limits or with lower approach speeds. There is a desire from the local community for a change in the speed limit to 30mph but in any case the assessment of this option has shown that changing the junction to a mini roundabout would not provide a nett benefit. It concluded that existing delays would be transferred from the side roads to the main road and that a mini roundabout would not operate as efficiently as the minor arm improvements.

#### **– Roundabout (Appendix 3)**

A roundabout would require land outside of the highway and associated costs are likely to be prohibitive as significant works would be required to achieve the appropriate deflection and entry angles. The assessment concluded that this option whilst operating well below capacity would be providing excess capacity for a large

cost. The lower cost options provided benefits just as satisfactory for both current and future years.

**– Traffic Signals (Appendix 4)**

The option to widen the side roads showed that a capacity improvement was likely but that it would still be subject to cross movement conflicts. Signalising the junction would remove some of these conflicts. A traffic signal controlled junction could remove the turning conflicts associated with a priority junction and should improve the safety of the junction. Signals are also able to cater for the differing pattern of traffic flow throughout the day ensuring priority is assigned as required. Results from this feasibility assessment indicate that a signal controlled junction could operate satisfactorily. Traffic signals would provide guaranteed 'green time' to the side roads reducing delay and driver frustration and has the potential to include pedestrian stages which could be investigated further. This is obviously of great benefit to the local community from a pedestrian accessibility standpoint especially considering the locales of the shops and Post Office. This would also be a popular option with the local residents as it was identified as a preferred option in the Ravenfield Parish Community Plan.

It is clear that Braithwell Road is the approach suffering from severe congestion at this junction. The volume of traffic and the current layout do not allow efficient progress through the junction. A comparison of the assessment results for Braithwell Road shows that all of the four options would reduce delay on this arm but with varying degrees of success and differing consequences.

In terms of overall improvement to this area the most effective option assessed here in terms of the cost, traffic and the local environment is to signalise the junction. Therefore, it is recommended that this be the option that is developed further and progressed into a suitable detailed design for future implementation.

## **8. Finance**

This junction has been identified for improvement in the Local Transport Plan Programme 2008/09. Funding for improvements, provisionally estimated at £150,000, would be from LTP Integrated Transport Budgets.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

No change to this junction will likely see delays continue to increase and the turning conflicts associated with priority crossroads will remain.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

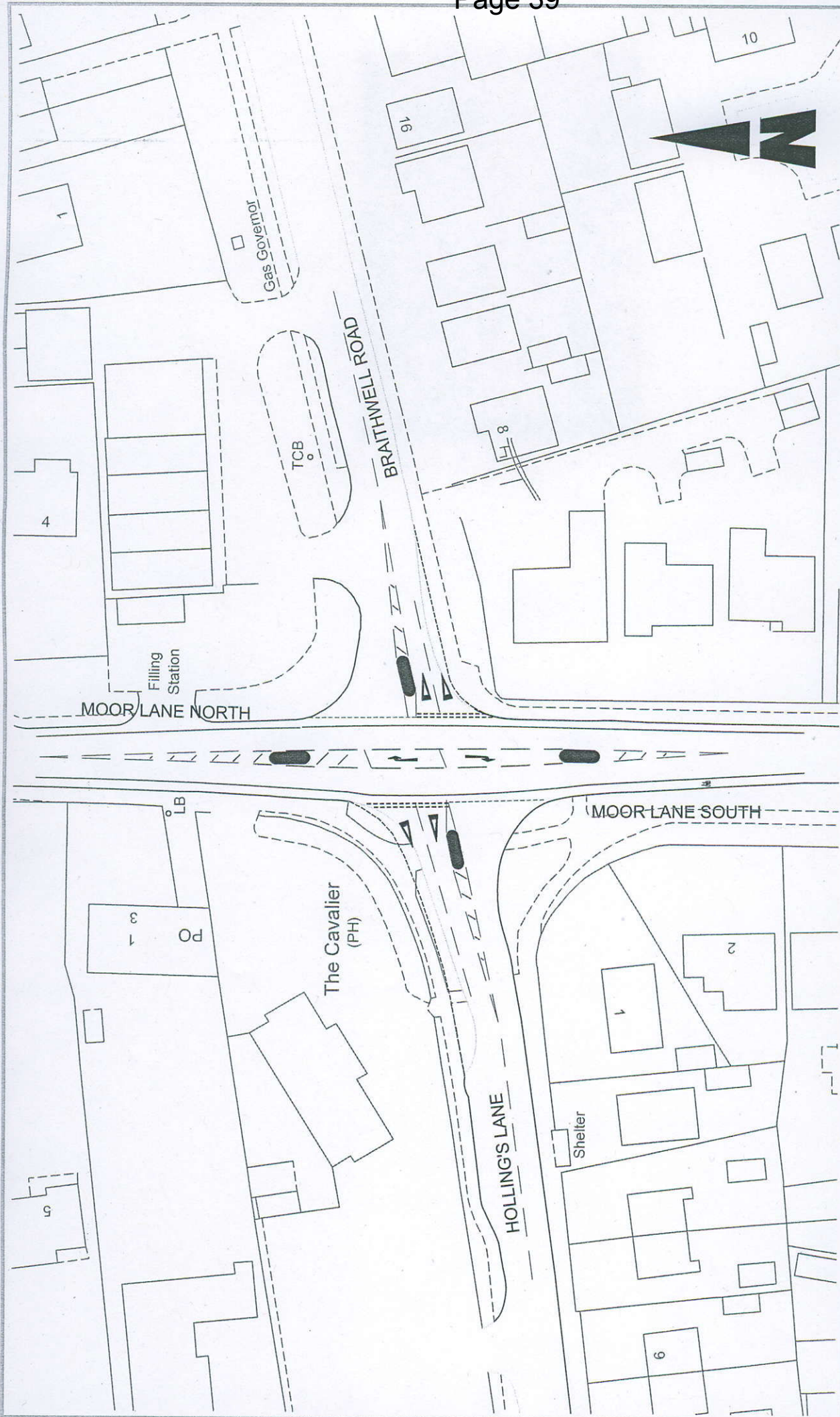
A reduction in congestion and improved accessibility are key themes of South Yorkshire's second Local Transport Plan – treatment of this junction would be in line with this and the Council's themes, particularly SAFE.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Ravenfield Parish Community Plan 2000

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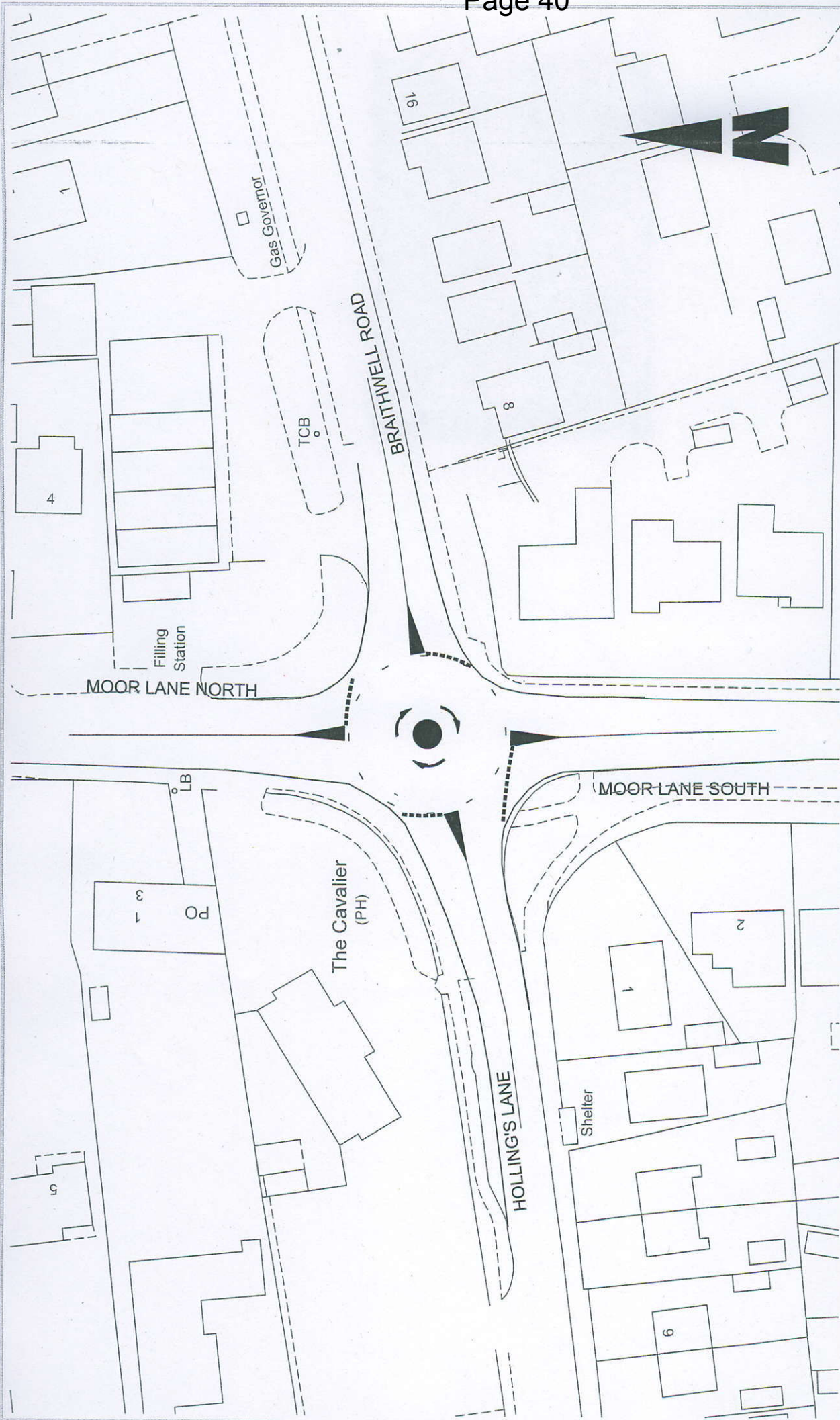
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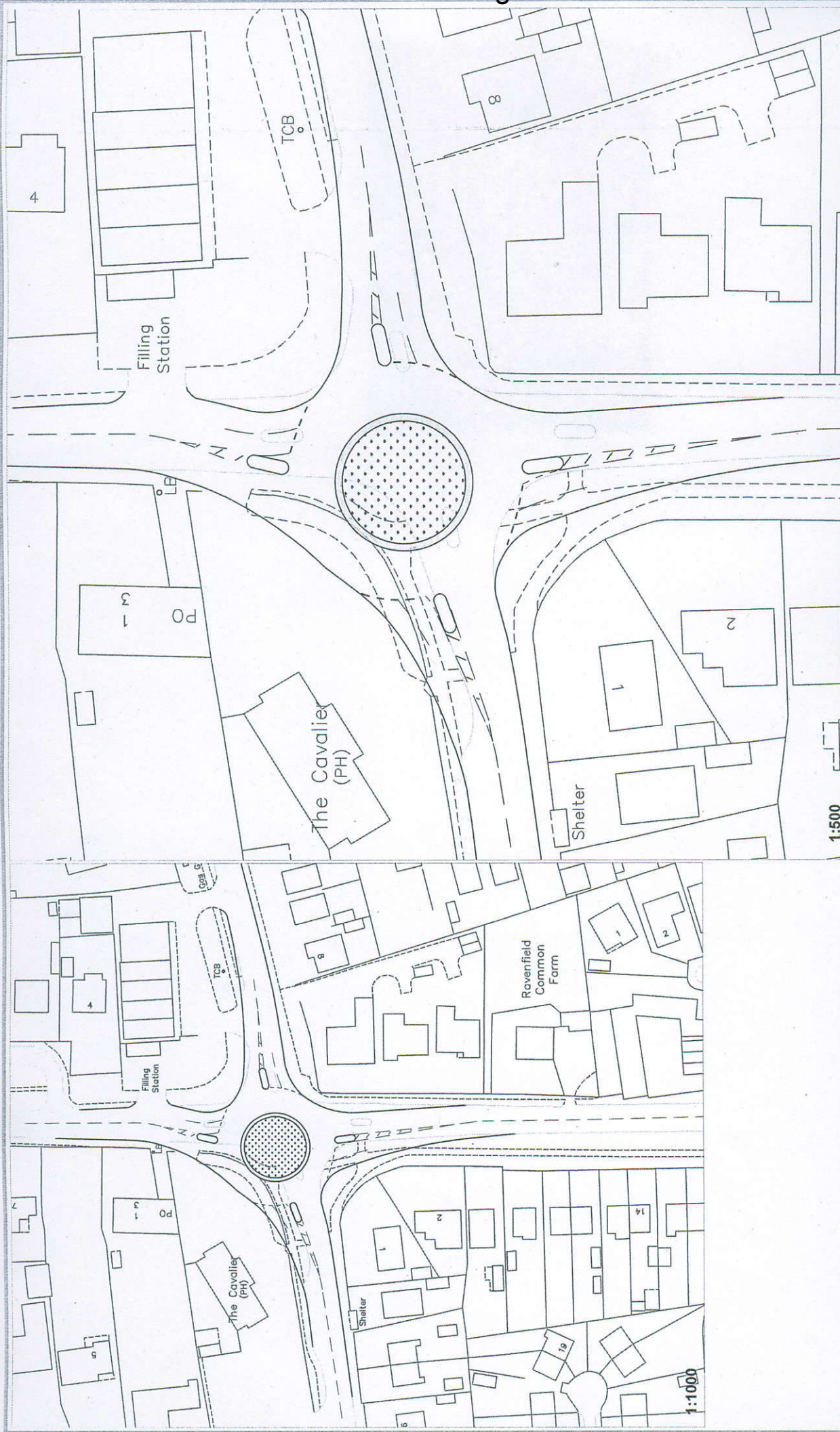


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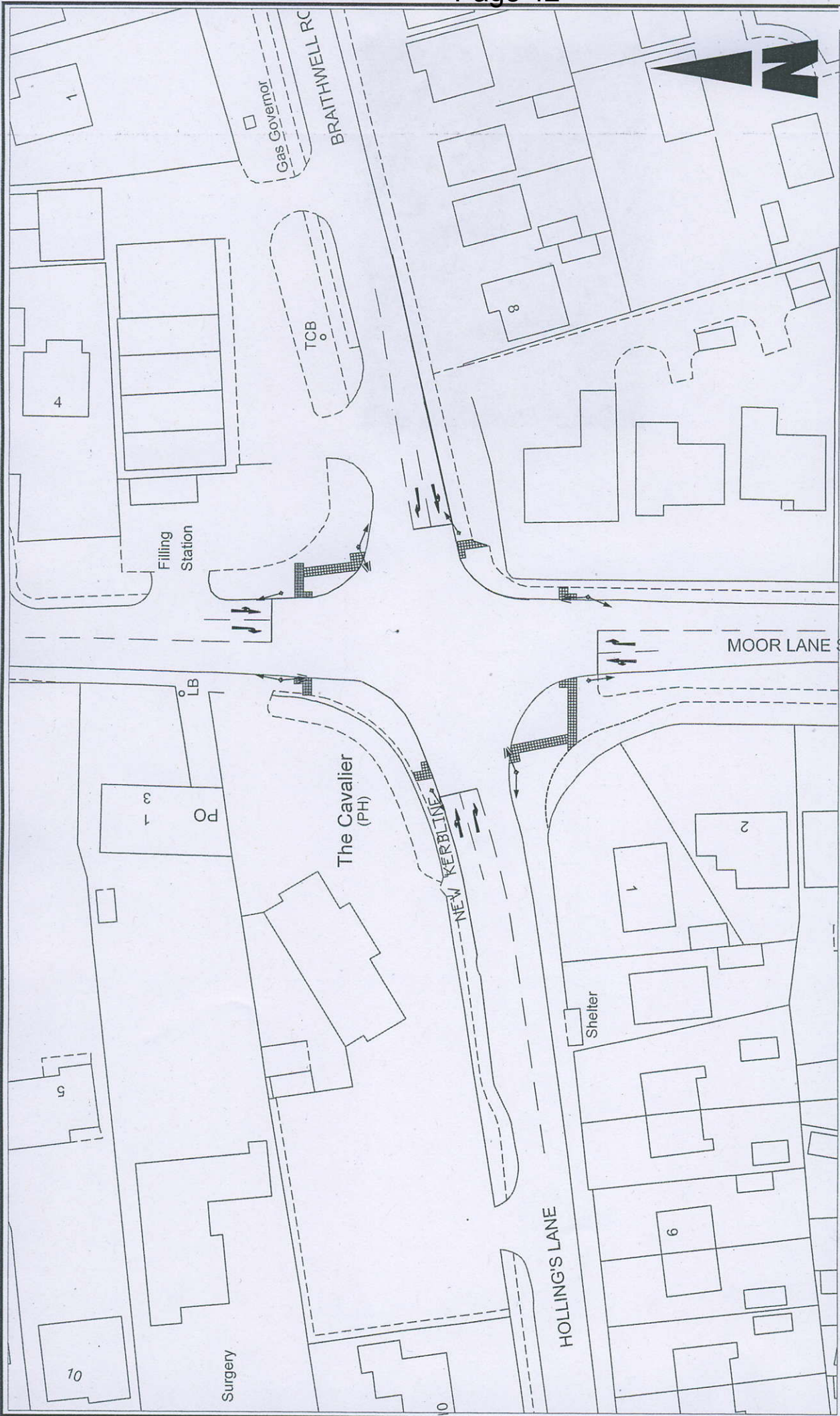



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**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Regeneration &amp; Development Services</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Purchase of Boats at Rother Valley Country Park</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>Environment &amp; Development Services</b>

**5. Summary**

Approval is sought to retrospectively invoke Standing Order 38.1 which allows exemption from normal contract standing orders. This is in respect of the purchase of four boats from Performance Sailcraft Europe Ltd for use at Rother Valley Country Park.

**6. Recommendations**

**That Members receive this report and approve invocation of Standing Order 38.1 in respect of the purchase of boats from Performance Sailcraft Europe Ltd**

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## **7. Proposals and Details**

Rother Valley Country Park continues to pursue a boat replacement programme to allow the Watersports Centre to conform to Royal Yachting Association (RYA) accreditation requirements and thereby continue to deliver RYA courses. This has necessitated the purchase of four Laser Bahia sailing boats, which meet the required standard, to replace the Wayfarer boats that have been in use at the Watersports Centre for approximately nine years.

These boats can only be purchased from Performance Sailcraft Europe Ltd based in Northamptonshire.

The purchase of two took place in February in order to ensure delivery in time for pre-season preparation. The other two will be purchased in April. However, it is now recognised that this was done in advance of agreement to exempt the purchase from normal contract standing orders, this report seeks Members approval to retrospectively suspend Contract Standing Orders so that the purchase could not be viewed as being in contravention of the said orders. Other comparative quotes were sort but only laser make and sell the craft.

## **8. Finance**

The cost is £8439.90 for two boats already purchased. Two further boats are due to be purchased in April, also at a cost of £8439.90. These prices include a corporate discount.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

Failure to purchase these boats would have exposed Rother Valley Country Park to a risk of RYA not accrediting the centre for running sailing courses, and this would have had an adverse affect on both the status and financial performance of the Watersports Centre.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The course of action being pursued will ensure compliance with Council Standing Orders.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

This matter has been discussed and agreed with Head of Financial Services and Legal Services.

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<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> April 2008</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	Grants for Community Arts Projects: All Wards
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	Environment and Development Services

**5. Summary**

The Awarding of Grants for Community Arts Projects, in accordance with the scheme approved by Members in the meeting of February 3 2004. This is the fifth year of this small arts grants scheme, managed by the Community Arts Service, resourced by funds originally routed through Arts Council England.

**6. Recommendations**

**That the Cabinet Member considers the grant applications outlined in the report.**

## 7. Proposals and Details

The grants scheme, Funding Arts In Rotherham (FAIR) was publicised in local press, and, and in the Arts and Heritage newsletter, Muse.

This year there are 21 applicants, an increase of 6 applications on 2007. Ten of the applicants have not applied before. The applicants are requesting a total of £15,765, to contribute to total project costs of £177,986. Most of the groups will be applying for additional funds to support their projects, or are using the FAIR grants as match funding on which to base applications to Arts Council England and other funders, and to lever funds into the Rotherham area. Several of the groups we are working with as part of the Community Arts, Arts in Health Impact Study, have applied for funds to assist in match funding the Arts Council England Award.

Groups from all wards are been encouraged to apply, though priority is given to those with disadvantaged communities, to assist in having an impact across the Borough. In recent years we have particularly aimed at groups operating in the South of Rother Valley West and Rother Valley South, to complement current development work in those areas. Seven of the applications are wholly based on, or contribute to work in this area.

The award recommendations are suggested on the basis of whether the projects support creative activity, whether the project would support the sector through the employment of local artists, or whether the project would raise the profile of Rotherham as a cultural destination and improves the quality of life.

Six of the applications are for projects with a primary aim to improve mental and physical health and well-being. Two of the projects are to work with children or adults towards Community Cohesion. Twelve of the projects focus on work with Children and Young People, and one focuses on Early Years. One project supports work with older people.

Each year, all projects will be required to complete a report to enable us to monitor the amount of arts activity in the Borough and the success of this scheme. **(Appendix 2)**. As this is the fifth year of the scheme, in addition this year we will be evaluating the value of the scheme as a whole, in accordance with the Cabinet Report of 2004 establishing the conduct of the scheme. A report on this will be prepared for later in 2008.

The grant scheme and awards ceremony offer the opportunity for publicity about the arts contributing to community regeneration, and about an improvement in the provision for the arts and communities locally. The summer issue of 'Muse' Magazine will also have a special feature about the scheme and groups who have benefited.

It is hoped that successful applicants can receive their awards from the Cabinet Member or other suitable Rotherham MBC representative, at an arts promotional event. Groups who received an award in 2007 will be invited to perform or display their work.

## 8. Finance

The funds to support the scheme were originally paid to as a membership subscription to Arts Council England (ACE), to then be deployed by ACE in the area. As part of a partnership agreement with ACE, the funds are retained to be distributed by Rotherham MBC. The annual budget for this purpose in 2007 £10,200.



It is recommended that the following amounts be granted to applicants. A fuller explanation of each project is included as **Appendix 1**. Some groups have special conditions attached to their grants, which will be explicit in the conditions of acceptance. A template of this is included in **Appendix 3**.

**Summary of Recommendations** (Projects in South Rotherham indicated by an asterix)

<b>Summary</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Total Project cost</b>	<b>Amount Recommended</b>
<b>ACTIVATE</b> To support magic workshops and a presentation to the community in Rawmarsh	£693	£693	£0
<b>Al-Muneera</b> To support a Digital art project with young Asian girls.	£747	£837	£620
<b>Aston Youth Centre</b> To develop skills and accreditation and to promote more positive use of graffiti.	£770	£1,587	£0
<b>Churches Conservation</b> To work with children towards the National Big Draw in October.	£800	£2,260	£600
<b>Colin Yates Big Band</b> To support a 17 piece swing and jazz band to perform.	£800	£4,284	£0
<b>Danes View Centre</b> To support community arts classes in a sheltered housing area.	£500	£1,700	£400
<b>Dinnington Old Library Women's Grp</b> To provide creative visual arts activities for women with mental health problems.	£800	£1,680	£700
<b>Kiveton Town Centre Girls Group</b> To support a media and health project with girls.	£800	£3,000	£700
<b>Little Treasures</b> To develop creative movement and play activities between parents and children in Dinnington.	£800	£1,730	£780
<b>Maltby Minors</b> To support a summer drama and music scheme and presentation to the community.	£800		£500
<b>On the Road Again Productions</b> To support drama workshops with disadvantaged young people (about their lives and barriers to education and employment.	£800	£850	£750
<b>Open Minds Theatre</b> To support childrens' workshops with international artists as part of the Colouredome Festival.	£800	£55,682	£700
<b>Rotherham Arts</b> To support workshops and activities as part of series of Summer Season events.	£800	£800	£800
<b>Rotherham Ethnic Drumming</b> To support open drumming and performance workshops towards a performance at the Cultural Diversity Festival.	£754.8	£1,955	£750
<b>Rotherham Open Art Renaissance</b> For materials to enable volunteers to create a community arts studio space in St Ann's building.	£600	£4,000	£0
<b>Rotherham (Metro) Community theatre</b> To support creative writing workshops for older people.	£500	£900	£300

<b>Rotherham Youth Dance Network</b> To support dance activities across the borough and contribute to an event at the Civic Theatre, the commissioning of a DVD of the event for Big Screen and to promote dance activities in rural areas.	£800	20200	£700
<b>SD Crew Fundraising Support Group</b> To support a Dance group to travel to Las Vegas to represent Britain in an International Competition.	£800	£25,018	£0
<b>Together Group</b> To support creative activities with women recovering mental health needs.	£800	£1,830	£700
<b>Wath Festival/Dearne Culture</b> To develop a youth showcase at the WathWworld Music and Community Festival.	£800	£36,380	£700
<b>Vuka Africa Arts</b> To support the development of a workshop and video pack for schools based on the production of 'Dreams', about the experiences of people in Zimbabwe.	£800	£12,600	£500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£15,765</b>	<b>£160,215</b>	<b>£10,200</b>

## 9. Risks and Uncertainties

- Authenticity of group: Community Arts staff have discussed applications with the applicants to ensure that the applications are authentic, and where necessary to develop groups, assist with project management, equal opportunities and other issues, and make recommendations to groups on leverage of other funds.
- Quality of applications: This is an opportunity for the staff to work with local groups and artists to develop the group's application, both artistically and in the quality of project management.
- Adverse publicity: Staff will work with groups and artists to ensure that the arts projects are not politically motivated, do not contain offensive material, and are of a sufficient quality to attract positive publicity for both the groups and the Council.
- Compliance with guidelines and conditions: Community Arts staff will monitor each project to ensure that groups are complying with special conditions. Groups who do not comply may have their funds reclaimed and will not be supported from future grant schemes.
- The grant scheme was been the subject of an Internal Audit review in 2005, to ensure that the scheme complied with best practice and with financial regulations. The scheme was deemed to be managed appropriately and the recommendations made have been adopted.

## 10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The Project contributes to:

**Rotherham Achieving** by supporting events promoting cultural diversity and regeneration through supporting and rewarding our Creative Industries.

**Rotherham Learning**; Through delivery of workshops in music, performance and the visual arts with children and the public.

**Rotherham Alive;** by supporting high profile, inspiring, creative and fun events across the borough, and supporting projects with a benefit to mental and physical well-being

**Rotherham Safe;** by providing confidence raising activities for young people, giving them creative means of expression and providing diversionary activities.

**Rotherham Proud;** by raising the profile of Cultural Rotherham, providing events, supporting Artists in the area, and showcasing talent that Rotherham can be proud of.

The scheme supports the **Community Strategy Priority Areas for Action** by stimulating a culture of learning and development to ensure maximum benefit for local people and businesses, and ensuring that individuals and communities enjoy a better quality of life.

The scheme supports the **Corporate Plan** by opening up learning opportunities for all and raising educational achievement and skill levels, and supports the **Cultural Services**.

### Objectives

- To support the formal and informal learning of all sectors of the population through special creative learning experiences for children and adults.
- Develop projects that support the growth of cultural industries and cultural tourism in Rotherham, through more and higher quality of events in the area and establishing Rotherham as a Cultural Destination.
- Increase the levels of participation of excluded or vulnerable individuals, groups and communities in the services we provide, by providing creative and accessible activities for the community.

### Sustainability

Some groups have received funding for a second year. This is to promote the development of the group and to support sustainability.

The Community Arts Service works to support the groups and to ensure a continuing impact from the scheme, through supporting groups to develop within and beyond the projects and to lever in further funds from the Arts Council and other sources.

### Equalities and Diversity

- All groups are encouraged to consider and are advised on, their venues, constitutions and marketing to ensure equal access for all.
- The scheme proactive supports socially or physically disadvantaged people

### Regeneration

The project contributes to sustainable neighbourhoods by providing workshops and raising aspirations, and giving access to high quality participatory events.

Local provision of Arts activities, workshops and events, especially where these involve community celebration or include issue-based or intergenerational work, act as a tool for community engagement, community development and capacity building. The Arts Council supports arts-based projects where cultural activity supports work in Growth Areas and Housing Market Renewal Areas as identified in the Government's Sustainable Community Plan.

Projects also provide learning activities and opportunities to learn new skills, and increasing self confidence and a willingness to participate.

This is an annual programme. The programme is funded by an existing budget allocation. The programme should be continued until sufficient capacity has been built locally within communities and community arts groups, to bypass local grant systems in favour of national schemes.

**11. Background Papers and Consultation**

See attached Appendices.

**Appendix 1 Summary of Projects and conditions of grant funding.**

**Appendix 2 Sample Project Report Form**

**Appendix 3 Sample Conditions of Acceptance.**

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**Appendix 1 Summary of Projects and conditions of grant funding.**

**ACTIVATE** has applied for £693 out of total projects costs of £693 to pay for artists' fees and publicity in a project to support magic workshops and a performance for and by children 10 - 14 in Rawmarsh and Parkgate.

The Principal Officer, Community Arts does not recommend an award because the creative element was not as strong as other current applications.

**Al-Muneera** has applied for £747 out of total projects costs of £837 to pay for artists' fees and venue hire in a Digital Art project with young Asian girls.

The Principal Officer, Community Arts, recommends that the group is awarded £620 for work which will provide an opportunity for Asian girls to build skills and confidence in new media and to play an active part in the community.

**Aston Youth Centre** has applied for £770 out of total project costs of £1,587 to pay for graffiti artists sessions, staffing and materials in a project to develop skills and accreditation and to promote more positive use of graffiti in Aston, Swallownest, Aughton, Fence

The Principal Officer, Community Arts does not recommend an award because the application was clearly from the Youth Centre, not the children, and it is not our policy to fund other Rotherham MBC organisations. In addition, we have reservations about funding graffiti projects, as they are traditionally seen as a scapegoat for any subsequent graffiti in the area, which is demoralising for children and young people who have taken part.

**The Churches Conservation** has applied for £800 out of total projects costs of £2,260 to pay for artists fees in a project to work with communities in Wentworth, Laughton Common and Dinnington to use churches as a venue for work with children towards a Big Draw event in October.

The Principal Officer, Community Arts, recommends that the group is awarded £600 for work which will provide an opportunity for creative participation by children in a National event, and will help raise the profile of Rotherham.

**Colin Yates Big Band** has applied for £800 out of total projects costs of £4,284 to pay for the hire of the Arts Centre in a project to give local people the opportunity of hearing a 17 piece swing and jazz band in Rotherham

The Principal Officer, Community Arts does not recommend an award because the application was for funds to pay the Arts Centre hire fee, which is already being charged at a subsidised rate. In addition the application was for a performance only, and did not include people learning new skills or in the creation of new music.

**The Danes View Centre** has applied for £500 out of total project costs of £1,700 to pay for materials, tutors and expenses to run arts sessions for the local community in a sheltered housing area, and recruit new tutors.

The Principal Officer, Community Arts, recommends that the group is awarded £400 to provide opportunities for creative activities for disadvantaged people, contributing to improved well-being.

The following special conditions are attached to the award:

- That the group look to paying an appropriate fee to tutors.

**Dinnington Old Library Women's Group** has applied for £800 out of total projects costs of £1,680 to pay for artists fees and venue hire in a project to use arts and crafts to improve mental and physical well being, assist relaxation and provide a focus for social activities in Dinnington.

The Principal Officer, Community Arts, recommends that the group is awarded £700 to match the Arts Council England funding granted to Community Arts to implement the Arts in Health impact Study, and for the groups' exit strategy for that project.

**Kiveton Town Centre Girls Group** has applied for £800 out of total project costs of £3,000 to pay for artists fees' and equipment in a project to use Media and Drama in a project to examine the media manipulation of images of women.

The Principal Officer, Community Arts, recommends that the group is awarded £700 for work which will educate girls and young women, increase their confidence in themselves and their body image, and promote a healthy lifestyle. This applicaton has been made for funding to match the Arts Council England funding granted to Community Arts to implement the Arts in Health impact Study, and for the groups' exit strategy for that project.

**Little Treasures** has applied for £800 out of total project costs of £1,730 to pay for artists fees and materials in a project in Thurcroft to develop movement and play activities between parents and children and encourage imaginative play.

The Principal Officer, Community Arts, recommends that the group is awarded £780 for creative and positive play with children and to establish a habit of pleasurable excercise and acivity in young children. This application has been made for funding to match the Arts Council England funding granted to Community Arts to implement the Arts in Health impact Study, and for the groups' exit strategy for that project.

**Maltby Minors** has applied for £800 out of total project costs of £4,200 to pay for tutors for summer workshops in Drama, Oratory and Music, and a presentation to families and the local Community in a project tutors in to create a performance of Annie to be staged at the Wesley Centre

The Principal Officer, Community Arts, recommends that the group is awarded £500 for work which will provide creative opportunities for young people and increase their self confidence and improve self expression.

**On the Road Again Productions** has applied for £800 out of total project costs of £850 to pay for artist fees, edit costs and materials in drama workshops with disadvantaged young people (12 - 25) to create a one-act-play about their lives and barriers to education and employment.

The Principal Officer, Community Arts, recommends that the group is awarded £750 for work aimed at providing a forum for young adults in difficult circumstances to express themselves and to use drama to examine their situation in life and making decisions.

**Open Minds Theatre** has applied for £800 out of total project costs of £55,682 towards workshops with internationally renowned performers and artists to work with disadvantaged children and young people as part of the Colourdome Festival in Rotherham Town centre

The Principal Officer, Community Arts, recommends that the group is awarded £700 for work which will provide creative activities for local children, and raises the profile of Rotherham as a Cultural Destination.

**Rotherham Arts** has applied for £800 out of total project costs of £5,800 to pay for artists fees, workshops and activities as part of series of Summer Season events.

The Principal Officer, Community Arts, recommends that the group is awarded £800 for work which will support the active participation in the Voluntary Arts in Rotherham, as well as a range of events for local and regional audiences.

**Rotherham Ethnic Drumming** has applied for £755 out of total project costs of £1,955 to pay for facility/tuition/instrument loan in a project To support workshops sharing the skills of different cultures with all communities as part of the development of the Cultural Diversity Festival in Broom Valley/Sitwell

The Principal Officer, Community Arts, recommends that the group is awarded 750 for work which will support active participation in the arts by young people, leading to a performance..

**Rotherham Open Art Renaissance** has applied for £600 out of total project costs of £4,000 to pay for materials to support volunteers to create a community rehearsal space/visual arts studio space in St Ann's building.

The Principal Officer, Community Arts does not recommend an award because the application is not for direct engagement in creative arts activity.



**Rotherham (Metro) Community theatre** has applied for £500 out of total projects costs of £900 to pay for Artists fees for creative writing workshops in a project to support creative writing workshops and publicity for Buss Pass Arts events for older people.

The Principal Officer, Community Arts, recommends that the group is awarded £300 for tutors' fees for creative writing workshop in Treeton.

**Rotherham Youth Dance Network** has applied for £800 out of total project costs of £20,200 to pay for Artist fees for creative dance classes, where children will devise a performance at the Civic Theatre, and comission a DVD of the event for Big Screen and to promote dance activities in rural areas.

The Principal Officer, Community Arts, recommends that the group is awarded £700. RYDN was developed to support and raise funds for dance development across Rotherham, including Kimberworth and Wales. We are keen to see the group develop and are supporting them to apply for further funds from Arts Council England and other sources.

**SD Crew Fundraising Support Group** has applied for £800 out of total projects costs of £25,018 to pay for a Laughton Common Dance group to take part in an International Dance Competition Los Angeles.

The Principal Officer, Community Arts does not recommend an award because the application is not for direct engagement in a new, creative arts activity. However the Community Arts Service will work with the group to access funding from other sources, for instance, the British Council.

**The Together Group** has applied for £800 out of total project costs of £1,830 to pay for artists' fees and materials to support creative activites with women in Dinnington, with mental health needs.

The Principal Officer, Community Arts, recommends that the group is awarded £700 for work which will use arts as a tool to aid relaxation, reduce depression and improve social interaction, increase confidence and improve mental and physical well being.

**Wath Festival, Dearne Culture** has applied for £800 out of total project costs of £36,380 to pay for artists' fees and materials to support a Youth Showcase at the Wath World Music and Community Festival.

The Principal Officer, Community Arts, recommends that the group is awarded £700. This grant has been agreed as part of a three year programme of support for Wath Festival and the establishment of a programme of workshops throughout the year, and will be used as match funding for larger applications to the Arts Council England and other sources.

**Vuka Africa Arts** has applied for £800 out of total projects costs of £12,600 to pay for the development of workshops and a video pack for schools based on the production fo 'Dreams', about the experiences of people in Zimbabwe.

The Principal Officer, Community Arts, recommends that the group is awarded £500 for expenses involved in providing children with participatory drama workshops with artists from Zimbabwe, to promote tolerance and understanding. The group has been referred to Community Arts Officer, Cultural Diversity, for advice.

The following special conditions are attached to the award:

- That Vuka Africa Arts route all monies through Open Minds Theatre Company, who have been appointed their mentor organisation as part of the Creative Networks! project, and that no fee or monies shall be paid to any member of Vuka except for legitimate expenses.

# Funding Arts In Rotherham Project Report



Group .....

Telephone .....

Contact Name: .....

E-Mail .....

Position .....

Web links .....

Address: .....

Do you have any specific communication needs? Eg minicom, or other language

Postcode .....

## Project Summary

Please write a short summary of your project. Include whether you think the project was successful and how, any problems you encountered and how you overcame them, and any changes you made to your project . Continue on another sheet if you wish.

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Do you have any recommendations for future improvements or follow up work?

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Please list any artists you employed, or who contributed arts skills to your project

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## How did you publicise your project?

- leaflets       newspapers       word of mouth       radio
- posters       television       local newsletters      internet
- other (please specify).....

Which method of advertising do you think was most effective?.....

How In your estimation, how many people.....	... actively participated in the project - for example, in workshops	... benefited otherwise - for example, as an audience at an exhibition or event.
All people		
children (under 16)		
older people (over 55)		
people with a disability		
socially or economically disadvantaged		
of an ethnic minority		
living in a rural area		

Please list any groups or organisations you worked with or who supported you.

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How many workshops, rehearsals or consultations did you run? .....

Where were these held? .....

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How many events, performances or exhibitions did you run? .....

Where were these held? .....

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How did you monitor the progress and success of your project?

- questionnaires     numbers in audience     numbers attending workshops  
 audience surveys     project diary     other (please specify).....

**Please enclose with your report:**

- Accounts of the project -Income and expenditure
- Samples of any publicity material ( including press coverage)
- Photographs, videos, tapes or other documentation of the event or progress of the project

**On completion of your report, please sign it and return it to:**

Rotherham Community Arts Service,  
 Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council  
 Central Library and Arts Centre,  
 Walker Place,  
 Rotherham, S65 1JH.

Signature.....  
 Name and title .....  
 Date .....

## CONDITIONS

Rotherham MBC is pleased to be able to assist community groups, arts organisations and artists across the Borough through the Funding For Arts In Rotherham (FFAIR) Scheme, supporting and developing the arts and cultural sector and helping to make Rotherham a creative place.

The Principal Officer Community Arts is keen to ensure that she is able to support your project from an informed position. Please therefore give careful consideration to the conditions of the grant as listed below, which are designed to ensure that we are fully informed of your progress and that Rotherham MBC is supporting arts initiatives appropriate to the Borough.

In addition, please be aware that if the project is not managed in accordance with the conditions below, Rotherham MBC will be entitled to a return of the Grant monies.

### Special Conditions

1. An acknowledgement of our support, using the logo and wording as provided, must be used in all publicity material.
2. Where grant aid is used for the employment of staff or workers, the Council must be invited to participate in the selection and interview procedure.
3. Access must be given to Officers of the Council to assess the project for which grants have been awarded. Please give the Principal Officer, Community Arts dates to visit your project in progress and for final events.
4. All groups receiving a grant will be required to complete a project report form (enclosed) on the completion of the activity. With longer term projects, regular updates must be provided
5. Grants must not be used for publicity for any political party or religion or for the publication of any material which is capable of being defamatory.
6. Grants must be used only for the purpose for which they have been awarded. Please ensure you discuss with the Principal Officer Community Arts any intention to make a significant change to your proposed project.
7. The applicant must implement equal opportunities practices.
8. Projects will be encouraged to make use of professional arts practitioners in some part of the activity.
9. Projects must normally be open to the public.

### 10. Conditions specific to your application

1 *Example* Please provide evidence of applying to other funders for funding to support your work.

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development Services Meeting</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>21 April 2008</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Petition re: Erection of residential development at Station Way Laughton Common. Wards affected: Dinnington</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Service</b>

**5. Summary**

A petition has been received from residents on Glaisdale Close, Laughton Common about how planning applications for residential development on Station Way have been handled by the Council.

**6. Recommendations**

That the report be noted and a letter be sent to the first name on the petition setting out the responses to the issues raised.

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## 7. Proposals and Details

This report relates to a letter and petition received from residents on Glaisdale Close relating to planning applications on land at Station Way, Laughton Common, for residential development. I will address each issue raised by the residents in turn.

(i) Conduct of Planning Officer.

The residents have raised concern about the professional conduct of the Case Officer. The case officer in respect of the original application was Rudolf Liebenburg, who has since left the Authority. I spoke to Rudolf at the time of the original complaint about his attitude and behaviour and he assured me that he had not intended to appear intimidating. I subsequently rang two of the local residents and apologised on his behalf for any misunderstanding.

(ii) Information left off report:

The residents note that the report submitted to members in respect of the original application (RB2005/2410) did not include all the comments received from residents. These were going to be reported verbally at the Meeting though the application was deferred for a site visit. The report was subsequently amended such that the report considered by Members at the site visit included all the relevant issues raised by objectors.

(iii) Plans inaccurate:

Plans submitted with the application did not indicate that there was a rear access to properties on Station Road. However, there is no requirement for plans to accurately show all nearby access points that are not within the application site. Residents pointed out the access during the site visit and it had already been considered by the Transportation Unit when they commented on the proposals.

(iv) Professional/personal opinion of Transportation Officer:

Residents consider that the appeal against the refusal of the original planning application should be determined on factual issues and not personal views. At the appeal the Inspector asked for the professional and personal opinion of the Transportation Officer regarding proposed parking provision on site. The Officer indicated that in his opinion (professional and personal) the provision was acceptable, though clearly this was at odds with the refused application as Members felt that provision was insufficient. I cannot comment on what weight the Inspector gave to this opinion in making his decision.

(v) Revised application:

At the appeal, the issue of the provision of a turning head was discussed and the residents note that the turning head provision discussed (close to Station Road junction) was not provided when the revised planning application (RB2007/0441) was submitted. Whilst provision of a turning head was discussed at the Inquiry it did

not form part of the appeal being considered and there were no plans in front of the Inspector at that time. The applicant was open to submit a revised scheme with the turning area in a position to suit his needs, to be considered as part of the revised application process.

(vi) Time taken to determine application:

The residents note that the revised planning application was not determined in the relevant time period. Whilst the Council aims to clear all major applications within 13 weeks it is accepted that some will exceed this target.

(vii) Determination of RB2007/0441:

It is claimed that some points of concern were not considered fully by the Planning Service. I wrote the report for Planning Board Members and am satisfied that all relevant issues were covered in the report. The residents have referred to the original planning permission for the erection of residential development and roads/sewers on Glaisdale Close, granted in 1970 (RH1969/4275B). I do not consider that this permission is relevant when considering the current application proposals. The residents are concerned that the previous Inspector's decision influenced the decision to approve the amended application. This decision is a material consideration that has to be taken into account as part of the decision making process.

(viii) Closure of Station Way:

The residents are opposed to the closure of Station Way "to facilitate a developer's commercial gain" and consider it would contravene the conditions of build as set out in the planning permission for the bungalows on Glaisdale Close (RH1969/4275B). The road closure was fully considered as part of the planning application process and residents can object to the closure as part of that separate process. Any commercial gain for the applicant is not a material planning consideration and had no bearing on the recommendation to Members or their ultimate determination to grant planning permission.

## **8. Finance**

Costs were awarded against the Council in respect of the original application at the planning appeal. A further refusal of planning permission in respect of the revised scheme could have led to a further award of costs against the Council.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

Interested parties can pursue a judicial review if procedures carried out to come to the decision made on the planning application were not followed correctly and all material considerations not taken into account accordingly. A formal complaint could also be submitted (potentially leading to Ombudsman decision) if internal procedures are not carried out accordingly. I am satisfied that all procedures have been carried out as appropriate.



## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

BVPI 109 relates to speed of determining planning applications and feeds into CPA scoring. BVPI 204 relates to success rate for appeal decisions. Both BVPIs are relevant in this instance.

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Relevant reports to Planning Board for two planning applications and appeal decision (and related costs letter) in respect of first proposal which was refused by the Council.

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