

**CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND
TRANSPORTATION**

Venue: Training Room, 3rd Floor, Date: Monday, 5th October, 2009
Bailey House,
Rawmarsh Road,
ROTHERHAM.

Time: 10.30 a.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 Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended March 2006) to the Local Government Act 1972.
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. Petition for 20 mph speed limit, Meadow View Drive, Ravenfield. (report attached) (Pages 1 - 6)
Ken Wheat, Transportation Unit Manager, to report.
 - to report receipt of petition and recommendations for an alternative option.
4. Woodsetts Road, North Anston - Petition about vehicle speeds within 30mph section. (report attached) (Pages 7 - 12)
Ken Wheat, Transportation Unit Manager, to report.
 - to report receipt of a petition relating to the speed of vehicles.
5. B6463 Todwick Road, Dinnington - proposed equestrian crossing. (report attached) (Pages 13 - 16)
Ken Wheat, Transportation Unit Manager, to report.
 - to seek approval for implementing an equestrian crossing.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Economic Development, Planning and Transportation matters
2.	Date:	5th October 2009
3.	Title:	Petition for 20mph limit on Meadow View Drive, Ravenfield; Ward 14 Silverwood
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To report receipt of a petition for a reduction in the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph on Meadow View Drive, Ravenfield.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member is asked to acknowledge receipt of the petition and resolve that:

- **The request for a reduction in the speed limit not be acceded to for the reasons given in this report.**
 - **An alternative option to implement an improved form of junction control as shown on drawing no: 128/19/TT263 be implemented**
 - **The lead petitioner be informed accordingly.**
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7. Proposals and Details

In July 2009 the Transportation Unit received a 52 signature petition for a reduction of the 30mph speed limit to 20mph on Meadow View Drive, Ravenfield. The 52 signatures on this petition are from households on Meadow View Drive, The Paddocks and Bellwood Court. The lead petitioner states that the residential nature of the road environment and the number of young children in this area are the main reasons for this request. Appendix A gives the covering letter and first page of the petition.

A meeting with the lead petitioner followed on 20th August to listen to their concerns and advise on the regulations and practicalities of their request. South Yorkshire Police are responsible for enforcing speed limits and when the council, acting as the Highway Authority, look to promote a change it is preferable that they support the change. Their and our approach to 20mph limits, as laid out in the South Yorkshire Speed Management Plan, is that they should essentially be self enforcing. This means that there should be speed reducing measures such as humps or cushions or that the road is designed in a fashion that would ensure lower speeds. Meadow View Drive is a straight road approximately 100metres in length and does not have a history of accidents. Currently, we would be unable to justify the lowering of the speed limit as a pre-emptive measure or promote the installation of traffic calming measures as we target our schemes and funding at proven accident hotspots in the first instance.

However, having inspected the location, it is apparent that the perceived 'problem' area is the northern end of Meadow View Drive where the road splits into two without any prescribed form of junction control. Taking into account the almost unanimous desire by the residents for some form of action, it is considered that the introduction of junction priority to slow vehicles down on the approach at this point will force the driver into assessing the area more than they do currently. The introduction of a give-way marking on Meadow View Drive as shown on drawing no: 128/19/TT263 (Appendix B) should achieve this.

8. Finance

The cost of providing these markings is small and can be funded from the Council's signing and road maintenance budget for 2009/10

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Without the implementation of the recommended measures residents will continue to feel that this road is dangerous and continue to lobby for action.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Treatment of this junction and situation would be in line with the Council's and community's Themes, particularly Safe. In addition, the proposal is in line with the

objectives set out in the SYLTP and the associated Road Safety and Casualty Reduction strategy for improving road safety and managing traffic.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Ward 14 Silverwood Councillors were made aware of the petition and offered an opportunity to comment. No comments have been received.

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30 June 2009

Dear Sir

RE: PETITION TO RMBC FOR A REDUCTION IN THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT ON MEADOW VIEW DRIVE, RAVENFIELD FROM 30 MPH TO 20 MPH

I attach a petition, signed by residents of Meadow View Drive, and associated cul-de-sacs of The Paddocks and Bellwood Court, Ravenfield, requesting that Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council give consideration to a reduction to the posted speed limit on Meadow View Drive from the existing 30 mph to 20 mph.

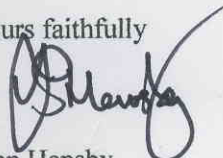
Meadow View Drive, which is accessed via the main thoroughfare of Braithwell Road, is not a through-road and leads solely to the cul-de-sacs of The Paddocks and Bellwood Court.

The developments of Meadow View Drive, The Paddocks and Bellwood Court are approximately seven years old and comprise a mixture of Town, Semi and Detached properties. Accordingly there is a higher than average number of young children who play outside in the area and we believe that a reduction to the posted speed limit would add to a safer environment for them. This is the main, but not the sole, reason for our request.

As lead petitioner I would like to request a meeting with Officers from Planning and Transportation to discuss the request.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.


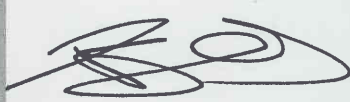
Yours faithfully

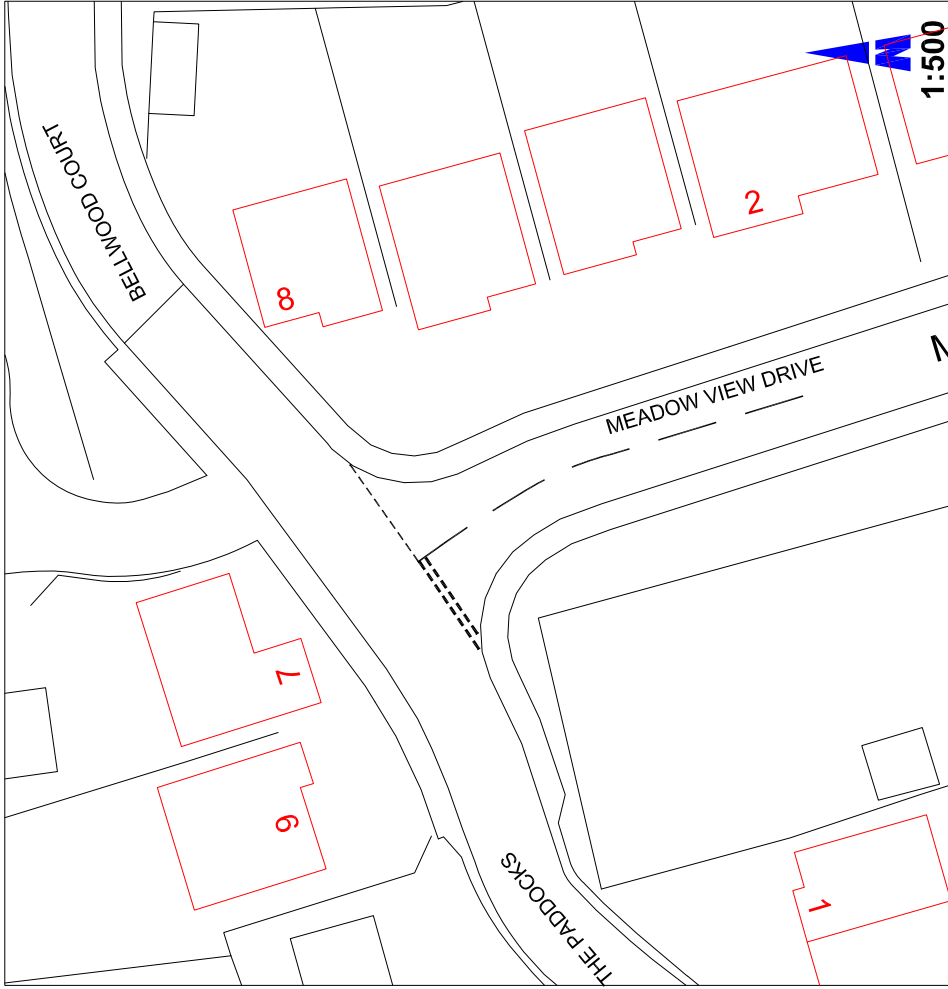


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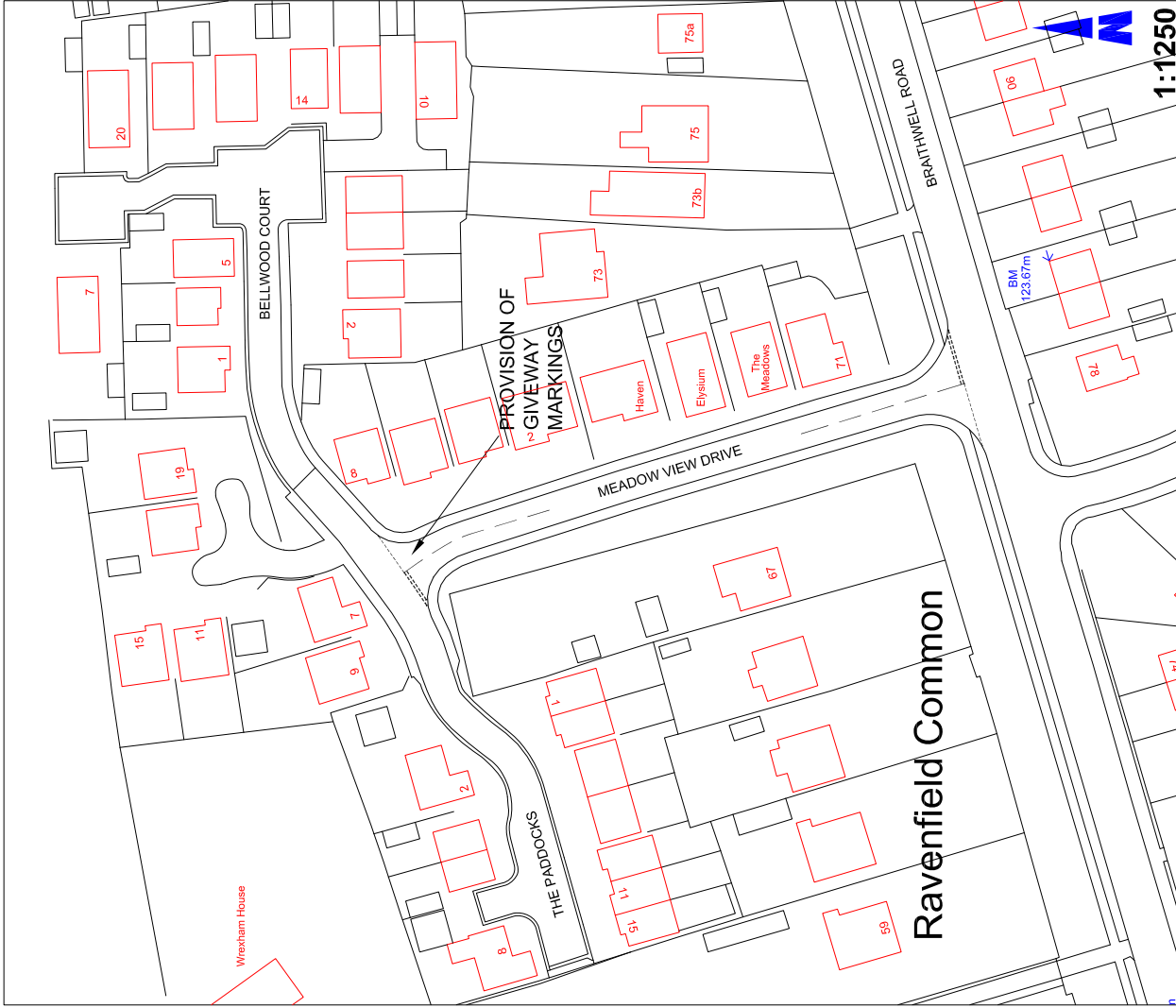
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We, the undersigned residents of Meadow View Drive, and associated cul-de-sacs of The Paddocks and Bellwood Court, are petitioning Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council to request a reduction in the posted speed limit on Meadow View Drive from the existing 30 mph to 20 mph

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Steven Newsom	"	S Newsom
WES BULLIVANT	15 THE PADDOCKS " "	W Bullivant
Lee Thomas	9 The Paddocks " "	L. Thomas.
P Bridgeman	7 THE PADDOCKS "	P Bridgeman.
D ALLEN DALLON.	6 THE PADDOCKS, RAVENFIELD. - 11 -	D Allen Dillon.
J. Brady	5 The Paddocks	
P. Brady PHILIP BRADY	5 THE PADDOCKS	P. Brady



PROVISION OF A NEW GIVEWAY MARKING AT NORTHERN END OF MEADOW VIEW DRIVE, RAVENFIELD COMMON



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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Economic Development Planning and Transportation matters
2.	Date:	5 October 2009
3.	Title:	Woodsetts Road, North Anston - Petition; Ward 1, Anston & Woodsetts
4.	Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To report the receipt of a petition and report on action to alleviate an alleged problem with speeding traffic on Woodsetts Road, North Anston.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member resolves that:-

- i) Approval be given for this site to be investigated as a potential location for the introduction of a Portable Vehicle Activated Sign, which can be rotated amongst other sites with similar concerns;**
- ii) The petitioner be informed about the outcome of their petition, and our proposal to investigate the introduction of a Portable Vehicle Activated Sign.**

7. Proposals and Details

A 67 signature petition and covering letter, attached as Appendix A, requesting action to alleviate a growing problem with speeding traffic on Woodsetts Road, North Anston, was received in the Transportation Unit on 5 August 2009, the main concern of which relates to the residential area located within the 30mph speed limit.

Information obtained from our accident database indicates that there have been no reported Personal Injury Accidents along this stretch of road within the last 5 years.

However, as a result of the petition, two speed surveys have been taken using a hand held speed gun.

The first speed survey was taken approximately half way between Nursery Road and Lakeland Drive, the result of which showed that the 85th percentile speed of vehicles (the speed at which 85% of vehicles travel at, or below) was 36mph in each direction. The second speed survey was taken towards the eastern side of the residential area, approximately 100 metres from the change of speed limit, and indicates that the 85th percentile speed is 42mph towards Nursery Road and 46mph towards the Tropical Butterfly House.

Although both of the speed surveys indicate that a large percentage of motorists are exceeding the speed limit, this location would not meet the necessary criteria and national guidance for enforcement by the Safety Camera Partnership. However, as the speeds are above an appropriate level for the road it is considered necessary to investigate the introduction of measures to improve compliance with the speed limit.

It is therefore recommended that investigations be carried out into the feasibility of introducing a Portable Vehicle Activated Sign which can initially be alternated between two locations along Woodsetts Road. The signs will be positioned to detect vehicles entering the built-up area and activate when a vehicle is detected at a speed above the pre-set threshold.

The sign itself would display a 30mph roundel and inform motorists to 'Slow Down'.

8. Finance

The estimated cost of introducing a Portable Vehicle Activated Sign, rotated between two locations on Woodsetts Road is £4,000, with funding for the sign coming from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Capital Programme 2010/11

9. Risks and Uncertainties

As Vehicle Activated Signs do not physically reduce vehicle speeds there may be a minority of motorists who choose to ignore the message displayed on the sign and will continue to exceed the speed limit. Furthermore, the impact from such signs may reduce overtime.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The scheme is in line with objectives set out in the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan, and the associated Road Safety and Casualty Reduction Strategy, for improving road safety and managing traffic. In addition, the proposal is in line with the Councils' main themes of Alive, Safe and Achieving; and also accords with the Equalities Policy.

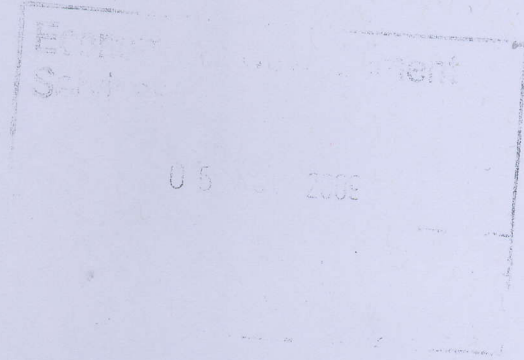
11. Background Papers and Consultation

Appendix A: Petition and covering letter

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06 July 2009

Dear Sir/Madam

Reference: Speeding problem – Woodsetts Road, North Anston

On behalf of the undersigned (see attached sheet) I would herewith appeal for your action to alleviate a growing problem with speeding traffic on Woodsetts Road, North Anston.

For most of its length from the Cutler (Public House) junction this road has a 30mph limit rising to the National Speed Limit (60mph) after the residential area towards Woodsetts. However, an increasing number of motorists accelerate well before the derestriction and travel at 40mph plus in the 30mph zone.

I believe this is creating “an accident waiting to happen” situation because of the following pertinent factors:-

- The road is used by many school children and elderly people on their way to and from School and shops respectively.
- There is a dip in the road near the Lakeland Road junction which obscures vision for pedestrians crossing the road and vehicles emerging onto Woodsetts Road from Lakeland Road.
- There have been accidents (One I believe some years back – was fatal) on a frequent basis.
- Two busy side roads emerge onto Woodsetts Road along the 30mph section.
- A care home for the elderly and infirm is sited on the 30mph section.

If steps are not taken soon I fear that there will be further accidents and possibly fatalities which could be avoided if action is taken now.

I note that Woodsetts and Kiveton Park (neighbouring villages) both have self operating speed advice signs sited on the approach(es) to their villages and observations seem to indicate that these do have a “calming” effect on the majority of drivers who might otherwise be tempted to “put their foot down” in a 30mph zone.

However there are several other measures you may consider viable in controlling this speeding problem and I look forward to your positive response in the near future.

Yours sincerely

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We the undersigned are concerned with the speeding problem and danger incurred to residents/pedestrians on Woodsetts Road, North Anston

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DEREK POWELL	32 " "	D Powell
PAUL POWETT.	58 " "	U.P. Powett
JANET LAKE	68 " "	J. Lake
DAVID ROBINSON	72 " "	D Robinson
ALBERT TYSON.	74 " "	A Tyson
S POTTER	80 " "	S Potter
D LAMBLEY	86 " "	D Lambley
S TAYLOR	90 " "	S Taylor
L FARRAND	102 " "	L Farrand
E. KNOX	94 " "	E. Knox
JOEL CANA	64 " "	J. Cana
L BRADBURY	4 WHITE GATE	L Bradbury
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L MITCHELL	3 WHITE GATE	L Mitchell
P MARSHALL	54 WOODSETTS ROAD	P Marshall
H. JOHNSON	52 WOODSETTS RD	H. Johnson
K MARSHALL	42 " "	K Marshall
E. TURNER	38 " "	E. Turner
G. RIMMINGTON	28 " "	G. Rimmington
Y. RIMMINGTON	" " "	Y.A. Rimmington
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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Economic Development Planning and Transportation matters
2.	Date:	5 October 2009
3.	Title:	B6463 Todwick Road, Dinnington – Proposed Equestrian Crossing; Wards 1 and 4, Anston & B6463 Todwick Road, Dinnington – Proposed Equestrian Crossing; Woodsetts, and Dinnington
4.	Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To report the results of consultations carried out on the proposed Equestrian Crossing on the B6463 Todwick Road, Dinnington, associated with the Thurcroft Trail.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member resolves that:-

- i) **Results of the consultation be noted;**
- ii) **Approval be given to approach the land owners during this financial year, with a view to purchasing the necessary land associated with the bridle path alongside Bookers Way, and subject to costs being commensurate with our estimate that we progress with the purchase of the land;**
- iii) **Approval be given for detail design to be carried out and for the Equestrian Crossing to be implemented during the 2010/11 financial year.**

7. Proposals and Details

As part of the Thurcroft Trail it is proposed to introduce an Equestrian Crossing on B6463 Todwick Road between the junctions of Houghton Road and Bookers Way, as indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A.

The crossing will provide pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians with a formal location in which to cross the B6463 Todwick Road when using the trail and will also include 'holding areas' either side of the crossing to enable segregation between horses and other road users.

In addition, it is also proposed to introduce a separate bridle path along part of Bookers Way approximately 55 metres in length, subject to the successful purchase of land. This bridle path will run along the back of the existing footway enabling equestrians to join Bookers Way away from the junction with Todwick Road, or gain access to the crossing at a formal location. The path itself will be constructed from Toptrec material (a recycled material made from selected waste products from highway reconstruction and maintenance works), or similar, which is suitable for horses, and will be partitioned from the surrounding grassed area / footway by a fence.

8. Finance

The scheme is estimated to cost approximately £105,000, with a contribution of £57,000 being made available by Yorkshire Forward. This contribution forms part of the funding associated with the bridge replacement works which took place on Todwick Road two years ago. £48,000 of the funding will be made available from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Capital Programme for 2009/10 and 2010/11 which includes an allowance for land.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

If the purchase of land to provide holding areas either side of the crossing and the separate bridle path along Bookers Way is unsuccessful this will affect the layout of the crossing and will restrict the amount of segregation between pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians in the area. This would then require a crossing to a lower standard being provided.

The estimated cost is dependent upon the need to divert Statutory Undertakers' apparatus and the purchase of land associated with the proposed bridle path and holding areas alongside Bookers Way.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The scheme is in line with objectives set out in the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan, and the associated Road Safety and Casualty Reduction Strategy, for improving road safety and managing traffic. In addition, the proposal is in line with the Councils' main themes of Alive, Safe and Achieving; and also accords with the Equalities Policy.

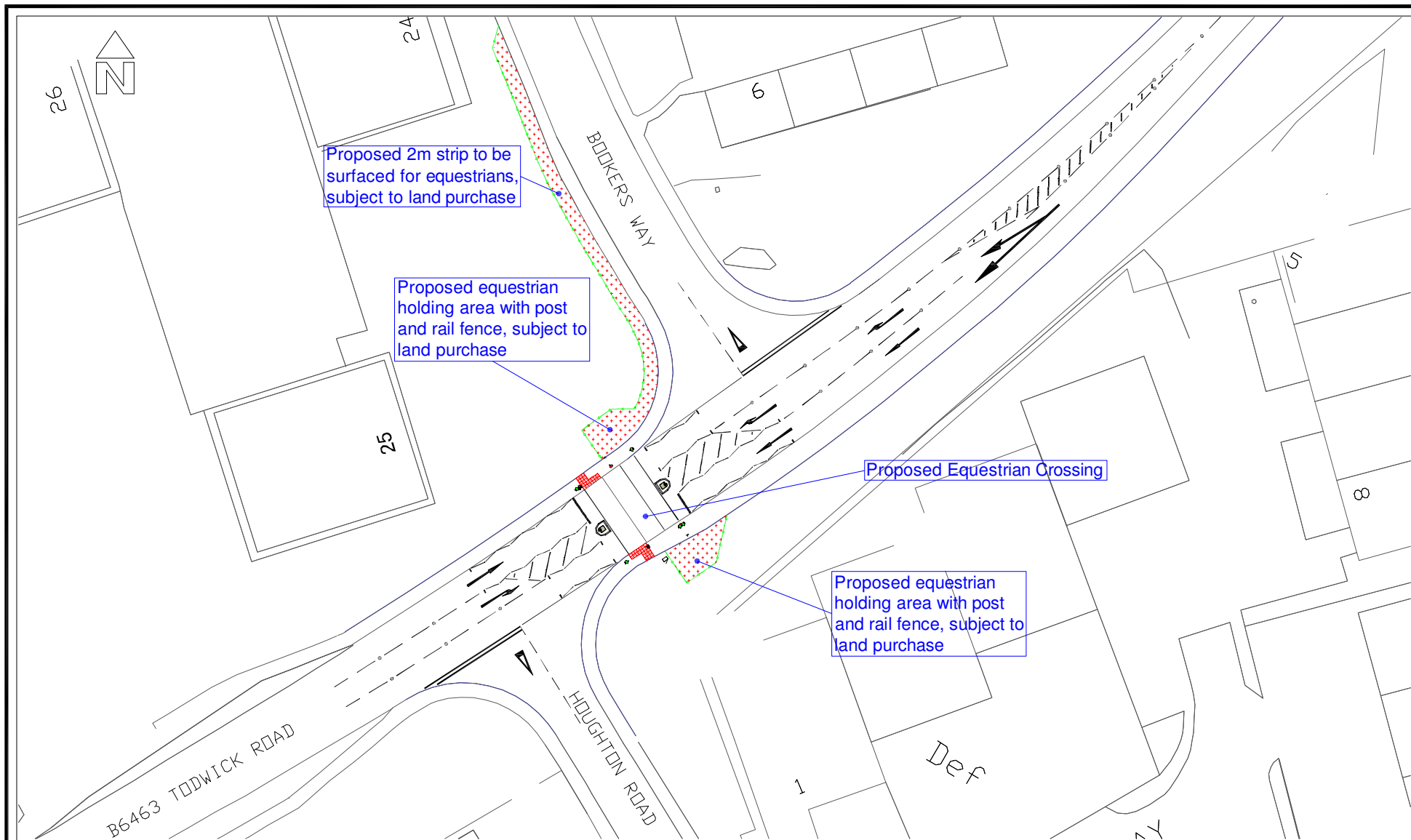
11. Background Papers and Consultation

Following completion of the railway bridge replacement works on the B6463 Todwick Road, and the subsequent speed limit reduction, work on completing the Thurcroft Trail is continuing to progress, with improvements being made to existing footways and bridleways along the route, which will eventually form links with other routes around the area, such as the Trans Pennine Trail

Consultations on this crossing have been carried out with the emergency services, Local Ward Members, Anston and Dinnington Parish Councils, and the Passenger Transport Executive.

From this consultation no objections to the scheme have been received.

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