

CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

Venue: Training Room,
3rd Floor, Bailey House,
Rawmarsh Road,
ROTHERHAM. S60 1TD

Date: Monday, 7th June, 2010

Time: at the rising of the Joint meeting
– approximately 10.40 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. Opening of e-tenders and offers (Pages 1 - 2)
4. Minutes of a meeting of the Rotherham Local Development Framework Members' Steering Group held on 23rd April, 2010 (Pages 3 - 7)
5. Minutes of a meeting of the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel held on 23rd April, 2010 (Pages 8 - 9)
6. Business Continuity Promotion within Rotherham (Pages 10 - 12)
Alan Matthews, Emergency and Safety Manager, to report.
- to provide an update on the work being undertaken by the Emergency and Safety Team to promote the principles of Business Continuity to local agencies.
7. Road Safety Education, Training and Publicity (Pages 13 - 17)
Sandra Crofts, Road Safety Officer, to report.
- to inform the Cabinet Member of work undertaken by the Road Safety staff – September 2009 to April 2010.
8. Manvers Way, Manvers - Conversion of existing footway to Shared Use Cycle/pedestrian footway (Pages 18 - 20)
Tom Finnegan-Smith, Acting Transportation Unit Manager, to report.
- to seek authorisation to convert the existing northern footway on Manvers Way to a shared use cycle/pedestrian footway.
9. A6021 Wickersley Road/Broom Road Accessibility Improvement (Pages 21 - 29)

Matthew Lowe, Engineer, to report.

- to report a proposal to undertake a series of accessibility improvements along the A6021 Wickersley Road and Broom Road.

10. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following item is likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006) (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular individual (including the Council)):-

11. Town Centre Business Grants (Pages 30 - 35)

Bernadette Rushton, Retail Investment Manager, to report.

- to seek approval to award Rental Contribution and Capital Grant.

12. Town Centre Business Grants (Pages 36 - 39)

Bernadette Rushton, Retail Investment Manager, to report.

- to consider the application for grant.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning & Transportation
2.	Date:	7TH JUNE, 2010
3.	Title:	OPENING OF E-TENDERS AND OFFERS
4.	Directorate:	Chief Executive's

5. Summary

The purpose of this report is to record the following:-

- (i) opening of e-tenders for Plant Hire (2nd tranche)
- (ii) opening of offers for the former Kimberworth Nursery, Meadowhall Road, Kimberworth

5. Recommendation:-

That the action of the Cabinet Member in opening the e-tenders and offers be recorded.

7. Proposals and Details

The following were opened by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Transportation

on 15th April, 2010:-

- e-tenders for Plant Hire (2nd Tranche)

on 19th April, 2010:-

- offers for the former Kimberworth Nursery, Meadowhall Road, Kimberworth

8. Finance

To secure value for money.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Service implications should top soil not be available for works and projects.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

In accordance with financial and contractual requirements.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

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**ROTHERHAM LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK STEERING GROUP
Friday, 23rd April, 2010**

Present:- Councillor Sharman (in the Chair); Councillors Dodson, Jack and St. John.

together with:-

David Edwards	Area Environmental Planning Team Leader
Ken MacDonald	Solicitor
Bronwen Peace	Planning Manager

1. APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor Austen	
Councillor Pickering	
Councillor Smith	
Councillor Whelbourn	
Councillor Wyatt	
Andy Duncan	Strategic Policy Team Leader
Neil Finney	Technical Assistant
Helen Sleigh	Senior Planner

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19TH MARCH, 2010

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th March, 2010.

Resolved:- That the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

4. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK MEMBERS' STEERING GROUP - CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consideration was given to a report, presented by David Edwards, Area and Environmental Planning Team Leader, setting out proposed revisions to the Local Development Framework Members' Steering Group Constitution and Terms of Reference.

Reference was made to the appendices which set out the current constitution and delegation scheme (Appendix 1) and proposed

constitution and terms of reference (Appendix 2).

Those present discussed the primary purpose of the Steering Group and noted changes in Government Guidance and Regulations since the establishment of the Group.

It was pointed out that the Planning Advisory Service had recognised the value of the Steering Group, together with corporate support and adequate resources, as essential pre-requisites to the successful delivery of the LDF.

Ken MacDonald, Solicitor, pointed out that Cabinet had expressed the desire to see a review of the operation and constitution of this Group. The Delegation Scheme for the Director of Planning was also being reviewed as part of the annual review of the Council's Constitution. It was hoped that together with the current review of the LDFSG's constitution and terms of reference this would lead to adoption of the respective revised proposals following the "full" Council meeting on 21 May, 2010. It was pointed out that the revised constitution and terms of reference for this Group would reflect the recent changes outlined above, and continue to facilitate the timely delivery of the Core Strategy and Allocations DPD. It was confirmed that the ultimate decision making remained with Cabinet and with recommendation(s) to full Council.

Resolved:- (1) That the proposed revisions to the Local Development Framework Members' Steering Group Constitution and Terms of Reference, as now detailed in Appendix 2 to the submitted report, be forwarded to Cabinet for consideration.

(2) That Cabinet be asked to recommend to Council adoption of the revised LDF Members' Steering Group Constitution and Terms of Reference.

5. EMPLOYMENT LAND REVIEW - UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report, presented by David Edwards, Area and Environmental Planning Team Leader, relating to an update of the 2007 Employment Land Review.

He explained that the review had been undertaken to form part of the evidence base which will support and inform preparation of the Local Development Framework, and inform planning decisions. The main purposes of the review were:-

- (i) assess the current position
- (ii) assess future Employment Land required to meet projected employment levels
- (iii) consider future allocations

Reference was made to the impact of the recession and the take up of

allocated development sites and major windfalls. It was reported that it was anticipated that around 250 hectares of employment land may be required to meet the needs of the LDF period to 2027 and 5 hectares of land may be required to accommodate forecast office space requirements.

It was pointed out that the Employment Land Review did not commit the Council to any future uses and site recommendations would need further consideration as part of preparing the LDF Final Draft Core Strategy and the Site Allocations Document. Currently details of individual sites were not available as these would be part of the consultation process. It was, however, pointed out that there was no specific requirement to consult on this particular part of the LDF but once consulted upon the Employment Land Review would form part of the evidence base for the LDF.

The Steering Group was advised of an anticipated delay in the consultation period due to work pressures within the Forward Planning Section. Therefore the updated Employment Land Review would be consulted on mid year.

Members present commented on:-

- the need to begin to identify specific sites and map them
- the need to explain why Greenfield sites would be needed for employment land
- the reasons for the review
- the technical nature of the documents
- the consultation strategy and proposed timescale
- the current economic position and house building sector
- the difficulty in trying to forecast to 2020 and beyond
- the Regional Spatial Strategy housing and employment land targets and Growth Point and how realistic was it that the Council could meet the trajectory
- the need for better community/estate design

Resolved:- (1) That the Steering Group notes this report and the contents of the Employment Land Review Update.

(2) That the consultation strategy for the Employment Land Review Update be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

(3) That a further report and maps be submitted to the June meeting of the Steering Group.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The following items were raised:-

- (i) South Yorkshire Residential Design Guide – Better Places to Live in South Yorkshire 2001

Bronwen Peace, Planning Services Manager, reported that Transform South Yorkshire (TSY) had issued a draft update of this guide and was seeking to move forward to consultation. It was pointed out that this was a technical document covering standards for residential design, sustainability, access etc. The purpose of the Guide was so that developers and local authority officers could assess planning applications and it would also help inform LDF policy making.

It was reported that TSY would make the consultation arrangements and provide materials, therefore Rotherham's role would be to act as facilitator.

Resolved:- That Rotherham act as facilitator for the consultation process in respect of this Design Guide subject to no significant costs being incurred.

(ii) Car Parking Standards

David Edwards, Area and Environmental Planning Team Leader, reported that since the Transportation Section had issued interim Parking Standards in 2002, both PPG 13 and the Regional Spatial Strategy had lead to amended Standards. It was therefore suggested that a Supplementary Planning Document be issued, and approval was sought to prepare and consult on the revised local Standards.

The consultation draft would be submitted to a future meeting of the Steering Group for consideration.

Members present commented on:-

- reducing the number of car parking spaces
- strategies to encourage other modes of transport
- overspill into adjacent streets at new Council developments
- the role of car parking in regeneration of town centres

(iii) Joint Waste Plan

David Edwards, Area and Environmental Planning Team Leader, referred to Minute No 10 of the meeting of the Steering Group held on 18th September, 2009, in respect of the above.

He explained that the proposed consultation had not yet taken place. He confirmed that there had been no substantial changes to the document and it was now proposed to consult mid year 2010 on this document.

Ken MacDonald explained that this was a significant Development Plan Document and would come forward for an Examination in Public in due course. It was important that the Council complied with the regulations and consultation requirements of the LDF process.

The Steering Group and Cabinet note the proposed consultation.

7. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Steering Group be held on FRIDAY, 18TH JUNE, 2010 at 10 a.m., Bailey House.

**HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY PANEL
FRIDAY, 23RD APRIL, 2010**

Present:- Councillor R. S. Russell (in the Chair); Councillors Dodson, P. A. Russell, Sharman, Smith, Whelbourn and Wootton; Mrs. R. Asquith, Mr. S. Frere and Mr. P. Waterworth (UNISON), Mr. C. Booth and Mr. P. Scholey (GMB), Mrs. S. D. Brook (NASUWT), Mr. J. W. Clay (ATL) and Mr. K. Moore (AMICUS)

Apologies for absence were received from The Mayor (Councillor Ali), Councillor Swift, Mrs. J. Adams (NUT), Mr. M. Eyre (GMB) and Mrs. C. Maleham (UNISON).

19. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15TH JANUARY, 2010

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel, held on 15th January, 2010, be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

20. HEALTH AND SAFETY BULLETIN

Consideration was given to the Health and Safety Bulletin, containing recent articles and reports of legal cases relating to health and safety.

The following items were highlighted:-

- matters of interest from the Health and Safety Executive;
- myth of the month (slips and trips; risk assessment);
- recent Court Cases.

Resolved:- That the Principal Health and Safety Officer distribute copies of the bulletin throughout the Authority and also publish the bulletin on the Council's Intranet web site.

21. HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY PANEL - OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND PROCEDURES

The Panel considered a report, presented by the Senior Health and Safety Officer, summarising issues dealt with by the Emergency and Safety Team since the last Panel meeting:-

- attendance at various schools (tree felling scheme; road traffic incident; investigating minor accidents);
- delivery of fire safety training;
- reference to the safety features of the newly-acquired refuse collection vehicles.

Resolved:- That the information be noted.

22. STATISTICS OF ACCIDENTS, INJURIES AND INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE TO EMPLOYEES

The Senior Health and Safety Officer presented the graphs and statistics which illustrated the following details:-

(a) Incident totals for Borough Council Employees - January 2008 to February 2010 – including a breakdown for Children and Young Peoples' Services, Neighbourhood and Adult Services, Economic and Development Services, Corporate (including RBT) and Finance;

(b) Violence to Borough Council employees - January 2008 to February 2010; and

(c) Incidents involving members of the public, pupils, work placements, schemes and other – January 2008 to February 2010.

It was suggested that a trend line be included on the graphs.

Resolved:- That the statistical information be noted.

23. REPORTS ON VISITS OF INSPECTION HELD ON 19TH MARCH 2010

Consideration was given to matters arising from the visits of inspection made by the Panel on Friday, 19th March, 2010.

The report included the responses provided by Service Areas to the various issues raised at the inspections.

Particular reference was made to:-

(a) Laughton Community Primary School – a further visit to this School was required in respect of lone working by kitchen staff;

(b) Dinnington Primary School – Health and Safety Officers would undertake a further visit of inspection to this School;

(c) Maltby Academy – the Academy would be entering into a service level agreement with the Borough Council, in respect of health and safety advice;

(d) St. Mary's Catholic Primary School – the response to several reported items needed to be updated;

(e) Carr Hill waste disposal and recycling site, Greasbrough – the Panel welcomed the improvements to the layout of this site.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Transportation
2.	Date:	7 June 2010
3.	Title:	Business Continuity Promotion within Rotherham
4.	Directorate:	Environment & Development Services

5. Summary

To provide an update on the work being undertaken by the Emergency and Safety Team to promote the principles of Business Continuity to local agencies.

6. Recommendations

The work being undertaken to promote Business Continuity to the business and voluntary sector communities be noted and endorsed and that continued support be provided to the Emergency & Safety Team fulfil to this element of responsibility in line with the requirements of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

7. Proposals and Details

As a Category 1 responder, the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 places various statutory duties on local authorities. One such duty is to promote the principles of Business Continuity to businesses and voluntary agencies within their local area thereby helping to enhance the resilience of the local community.

Business Continuity CD

Historically, much work has been undertaken in this area particularly hosting seminar events and workshops and the distribution of promotional literature. To continue to meet this duty the Emergency and Safety Team, in conjunction with partners from the Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce and Rotherham Investment and Development Team (RiDO), has led on the development of an interactive Business Continuity CD. This CD has been designed as an information depository, providing a wealth of resources, useful Web links and reference documentation to assist and encourage organisations in the development of their internal Business Continuity arrangements.

Distribution of the CD has commenced via partner networks, direct to the business community totalling 2,100, including:

- 1,600 delivered to the Barnsley & Rotherham Chamber of Commerce membership in early April.
- 300 being distributed by RiDO through their Business Development department.
- 200 via the RiDO Flood Alleviation work

Work to identify further avenues in which to promote the CD via key partners and groups such as the Environment Agency, HSE and Multi Agency Flood Plan Group is currently being addressed. The Corporate Communications Team has also been approached with regard to promotion in the Rotherham News publication.

Flood Awareness Leaflet – Is Your Business Prepared?

To further meet this statutory duty, a flood awareness leaflet aimed at encouraging local businesses to better prepare for and deal with, the consequences of such an emergency has also been developed. The leaflet provides case studies of two local businesses who were affected by the flooding of 2007 and gives a personal account of how their Business Continuity planning and preparedness helped the organisation to recover.

This literature currently features on the Rotherham MBC and partner websites and further proposals are being investigated in line with the above work stream.

8. Finance

The CD development and associated costs, incurred from the RBT Design Studio, has been fully met by the Emergency and Safety Team as a designated work stream via standard budgetary procedures.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There are no specific risks and uncertainties linked to this piece of work. The council must continue to promote Business Continuity to the business and voluntary sector to comply with the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The issues contained within this report support the council's main theme of Rotherham Safe.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Consultation with the Business Continuity Promotion within Rotherham Working Group

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Regeneration and Environment
2.	Date:	7th June 2010
3.	Title:	Road Safety E.T.P. update – All Wards
4.	Directorate:	Environment & Development Services

5. Summary

To inform member of the work undertaken by the Road Safety ETP staff between September 2009 and April 2010

6. Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member notes the contents of the report and refers to Regeneration Scrutiny Panel for information.

7. Proposals and Details

We are continuing to establish strong links with other agencies and partners in order to extend road safety education throughout the Borough.

Education

Schools

We have provided:

- Talks and demonstrations of crossing roads using miniature equipment for infant children and playgroup children at High Greave, Whiston Worrygoose, Our Lady and St Joseph's, Catcliffe, Maltby St Marys R.C. Swallownest, Dinnington St Josephs, laughton, Aston Fence, Canklow, Meadow View, Arnold Centre Schools, Harthill, Rockingham, Mommas, Daisy Chain, Toddletime playgroups, Thorpe Hesley mother and toddler group and Wath childminders group.
- A general road safety talk for year 6 pupils at Rawmarsh St Josephs Primary.
- Road safety assemblies at Thurcroft Junior on cycling and seat belt safety, Wath schools regarding previous pedestrian training and Anston Greenlands and Thrybergh Fullerton on being safe and seen.
- Assistance with topic work, including a talk on crossing safely, a traffic counting exercise and follow up work with infant children at Whiston Worrygoose school.
- Road safety input into topic work at Aston Springwood primary School.
- Assistance with a project on transport for pupils at Thurcroft Infant School. This involved travel to and from Sheffield on the bus, train and tram, and included a visit to Victoria quays to see the barges.
- Leaflets for parents of children starting school in September.
- Input into a year 5 topic that looked at safety around Wickersley Northfield School. This culminated in a special open day for parents.
- This Way That Way an interactive play based on the green cross code for year 5 pupils. This was sponsored by the South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership and was provided for the following schools; Dinnington St Josephs R C, Maltby Craggs, Roughwood, Thurcroft, Our Lady and St Joseph's, Sitwell, Rawmarsh Thorogate, Kilnhurst St Thomas', Swinton Fitzwilliam, Wales, Anston Hillcrest, East Dene and Wath Central.
- A scenario based on safer crossing procedures, using a puffin crossing correctly and speed and distance, for 3000 year 6 children at Crucial Crew . A similar scenario was also provided for several groups of special needs children.
- Road safety input leading up to the relevant badge for Wath Cubs.
- "Choices", an interactive play for several groups of students at RCAT and Rother Valley Colleges, and Thrybergh Comp.
- "Jackie's story" a true life story of the terrible consequences of drinking and driving for students attending Rother Valley College (4 groups) and Winterhill school, public service students (2 groups)
- A presentation including safety in cars for work skills pupils at RCAT.

- Various driving presentations for six groups of students at Oakwood School.
- A presentation on driving, attitudes and obligations for 3 groups of students at RCAT and a group attending Starting point project.
- A project looking at the cost of collisions on the road for 2 groups of Public Service students at Winterhill School.
- Road safety information and assistance at the freshers fairs at RCAT, and Rother Valley Colleges.
- Input at a safety day at Thomas Rotherham College.
- A scenario, as part of the “Prison me, no way” package run by the Prison Service and SY Police at Thrybergh and Brinsworth Comps.
- Advice at the Wingfield School wellbeing event.
- “Who’s to blame”, a multi agency package covering the consequences of an accident, culminating in a court room scenario. This was provided for the 300+ year 8 students at Wingfield Comp.
- A scenario based on driving and attitudes as part of the “on four wheel”s” project held at Winterhill (300 students) and Wingfield (60 students) schools and Wath (40 students) young peoples group.
- Assemblies at Swinton Comp for years 7, 8 and 9 based on safe travel to and from school.
- Two sessions with Youth Offenders covering consequences of actions in respect of vehicle crime and accidents.
- Pills, thrills and automobiles a play based on the consequences of drug driving for Wales, Maltby, Thrybergh, Swinton, Aston, Brinsworth, Wingfield, Saint Pius schools and RCAT and Dearne Valley Colleges.
- “Sporting Chance”, a new production commissioned by the South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership and aimed at year 8 students. The production covers distractions and shows the consequences of using a mobile phone whilst crossing a road. It was trialled at Dinnington and Wales Comps.
- “Dummy Run” aimed at year 7 students and covering issues faced by young people when crossing roads. Sponsored by South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership, the play was provided for the following schools; Oakwood, Winterhill, Saint Pius X RC, Thrybergh, St Bernards R C, Swinton, Aston, and Rawmarsh Comps
- A scenario at the crucial crew event for approximately 100 adults aged 50+.

Training

We have provided:

- Pedestrian training for a group of parents and children at High Greave Infant School.
- Pedestrian training for year 4 pupils at West Melton, Wath CE, Victoria, Our Lady and St Joseph’s, Central Schools
- Walking bus training for staff at Dinnington and Broom Valley Primary Schools.
- Information on the Walking Bus for parents at Ravenfield.

Publicity

We have provided:

- Assistance with the production and distribution of S.Y campaign materials aimed at young drivers, drink drivers, motorcyclists and pedestrians.
- Banners to schools bearing various messages discouraging parents from parking on school keep clear markings.
- Information on topical subjects, new legislation and current initiatives for the local media.
- A display on drink/driving at the annual CAMRA real ale festival held at Oakwood School in February
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Partnership working

We:

- Continue to meet regularly with Road Safety Officers from all authorities within the Yorkshire and Humber region to promote ETP on a regional basis
- Continue to work with the other 3 South Yorkshire Authorities and the emergency services to promote road safety on a local basis.
- Provided leaflets, booklets and training aids for use at S Y Fire Service station open days.
- Have assisted in the provision of “Drive for Life” presentations for young people at various locations in Rotherham. The scheme is South Yorkshire based and has been sponsored by the Department for Transport for the past two years. This funding ran out at the end of March, however, further funding has been secured from the South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership to enable the project to continue for another year. The project is provided by representatives from the organisations making up the South Yorkshire Roads Safer Partnership.
- Have met with Sheffield University Psychology Department to discuss different ways of evaluating the Drive for Life package.
- Attracted much media interest when “Drive for Life” was provided for academy players at Sheffield Wednesday and Barnsley Football Clubs. We are waiting for confirmation of a date from Rotherham and Doncaster Football Clubs to provide the package for their players.
- Provided a “Drive for Life” presentation aimed at older drivers and held at the United Reform Church, Stag.
- Have secured funding from the S Y Safer Roads Partnership that has enabled us to employ a Road Safety Assistant for one year. Main duties will include working with students in the 11-16 year age group and leading on a project aimed at 75+ pedestrians on the A631.
- In conjunction with Doncaster MBC we have been involved in an advertising campaign aimed at 11-13 year old pedestrians along the A633 and A630 routes. This highlights the dangers of using mobile phones, MP3 players etc when crossing roads.
- Assisted the Safety Camera Partnership with a presentation on cameras and how funding from speed awareness courses has provided road safety resources throughout South Yorkshire. This was given to Councillors attending the Transport Users Group.

Future events

- A meeting is to be held with partners to discuss road safety input into schools in Dinnington.
- We intend to use the recently produced school gate risk assessment information to target schools based on a worst first criteria
- In order to enhance our input in the community we intend to work more closely with our partners and improve the co-ordination of the work we do, with the aim of further reducing the number of casualties on our roads

8. Finance

The revenue budget funds staff and an allocation of approximately £27,000 for resources to support ongoing work.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There is a risk that any future budget reductions could affect the scope and amount of work carried out which in turn could affect our ability to contribute towards the achievement of casualty reduction targets.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The proposals are in line with the Council's themes of Alive, Safe and Achieving and the objectives set out in the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan, for improving road safety, accessibility and social inclusion.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Local Transport Plan
South Yorkshire Road Safety and Casualty Reduction Strategy

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Economic Development, Planning and Transportation Matters
2.	Date:	7th June 2010
3.	Title:	Manvers Way, Manvers; Ward 19 Conversion of Existing Footway to Shared Use Cycle / Pedestrian Footway
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To seek authorisation to convert the existing northern footway on Manvers Way Manvers, to a shared use cycle / pedestrian footway.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member is asked to resolve that

- 1. The results of the consultation exercise be noted.**
- 2. Authority be given for the detailed design to be carried out and for the scheme to be implemented.**
- 3. Note that the scheme is to be funded by a neighbouring authority as part of their Community Infrastructure Funding.**

7. Proposals and Details

As the Manvers area continues to develop, it is recognised that the developments will increase the number of trips generated for all modes of traffic. The surrounding residential areas include those situated across the borough boundary in Barnsley such as Bolton Upon Dearne, Goldthorpe, Darfield etc. As part of their successful bid for Community Infrastructure Funding, Barnsley MBC have identified a number of accessibility improvements that link these residential areas to the proposed new Dearne Academy School in Barnsley and to the existing and future developments along Manvers Way. These links include both improved pedestrian and cycle links. Consultation between Officers from Barnsley and Rotherham MBC have resulted in outline proposals being generated some of which fall within the borough boundary of Rotherham. One of these proposals includes converting the existing northern footway on Manvers Way which is currently designated as pedestrian use only to shared pedestrian / cycle use (the southern footway is already a segregated pedestrian / cycle footway). It is accepted that some cyclists particularly those of school age will choose to cycle on the footway in this area rather than on carriageway. In view of the fact that the footway in this area is 2m wide it is proposed to change the legal status of this footway to shared use which legally permits cyclists to use the footway. This width is in accordance with the Rotherham Cycling Strategy as it is not expected that cycle flow will be greater than 100 cycles per hour or pedestrian numbers greater than 300 pedestrians per hour. The proposal extends from the entry to the Old Moor RSPB Centre to the junction with the Manvers roundabout at Bolton Road, Manvers (see appendix A).

8. Finance

It is estimated that the works will cost approximately £10,000 and funding is available from Barnsley MBC's Community Infrastructure Funding

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The scheme must be implemented before March 2011 to receive full funding from Barnsley MBC. Delays in receiving approvals may result in the scheme not being implemented before this date

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The proposed scheme is in line with the Councils' main themes of Alive, Safe and Achieving and also accords with the Equalities Policy.

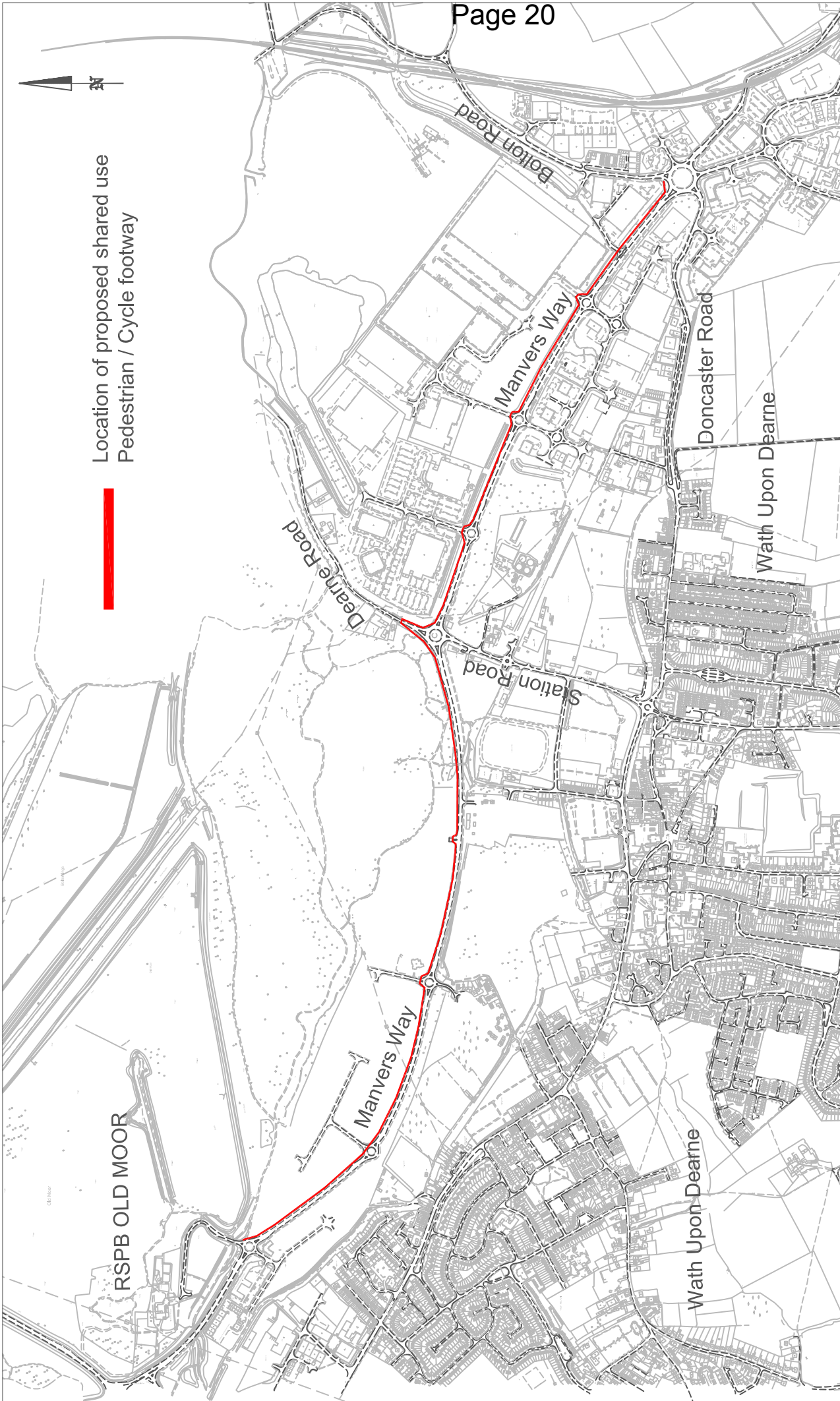
11. Background Papers and Consultation

Consultation with the South Yorkshire Police and Ward Members has been undertaken with regard to the proposal. No objections to the scheme have been received as a result of any of these consultations.

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Location of proposed shared use
Pedestrian / Cycle footway



Title		Manvers Way Manvers	
Dwg. No.		122/A6023.020/1	
Scales (if A4)		NTS	
Drawn	N Davey	Date	May 2010
Chd. by			

Client:

Appendix A

Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
 Environment & Development Services
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Strategic Director:
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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Economic Development, Planning and Transportation
2.	Date:	7 June 2010
3.	Title:	A6021 Wickersley Road/Broom Road Accessibility Improvements
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To report a proposal to undertake a series of accessibility improvements along the A6021 Wickersley Road and Broom Road

6. Recommendations

Cabinet Member is asked to resolve that:

- i) detailed design and consultation be undertaken on the schemes identified in this report**
 - ii) any traffic orders required as a consequence of the proposals be consulted upon and implemented if no objections received**
 - iii) further reports on each scheme be submitted for consideration by Cabinet Member**
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7. Proposals and Details

The A6021 Broom Road/Wickersley Road is currently an alternative route to the A631 Bawtry Road/East Bawtry Road/West Bawtry Road route to travel between Rotherham centre and the east of Rotherham. It also forms a key part of the Rotherham-Worksop and Rotherham-Maltby Key Bus Routes.

A series of measures are being investigated to improve accessibility along the A6021 and these are detailed below.

Broom Road

On Broom Road concerns have been expressed about parked cars preventing the bus from pulling up at the bus stops and causing problems for the elderly and people with pushchairs and wheelchairs when trying to get on the bus. The school crossing patrol at Rudston Preparatory School also has problems operating due to a pedestrian island, the width of the road and parked vehicles.

The removal of the pedestrian island would allow the school crossing patrol to cross children over the full width of the road in one go, rather than in two stages as at present and would give them more control over children's safety. Discussions will be held with Rudston Preparatory School and the Facilities Services team regarding this change.

It is proposed to introduce bus stop and crossing point build-outs together with an additional pedestrian island to improve accessibility and to introduce sheltered parking. A wider uphill lane would also be provided for cyclists.

It is also proposed to narrow the carriageway at the school crossing patrol to simplify its operation. An indicative layout for this scheme is attached as Appendix A.

Wickersley Road between Broom Avenue and Stag roundabout

Site observations have shown that evening peak traffic queues for the Stag Roundabout junction can stretch back towards the Middle Lane South junction. These queues cause delay to the bus services on the Rotherham to Maltby and Rotherham to Worksop Key Bus Route by preventing it from reaching the existing bus lane.

In order to improve reliability of the bus service it is proposed to extend the current part time bus lane to the signal controlled pedestrian crossing on Wickersley Road. A plan showing the layout of this scheme is attached as Appendix B.

South Yorkshire Police have been consulted on the extension to the bus lane and they have no objections to the proposal. The scheme has also been discussed with SYPTTE and bus operators at the Rotherham Key Routes meeting and received support.

Stag Roundabout

Regular complaints are received from local residents about how difficult it is to cross A6021 Wickersley Road and A6123 Herringthorpe Valley Road at Stag Roundabout. There is currently a zebra crossing on the western Wickersley Road arm of the roundabout with uncontrolled crossing points on all other arms. Several shops, a pharmacy and a Doctors Surgery are located around the roundabout and access to these is hampered by difficulties in crossing at the roundabout. In the three year period prior to 31 December 2009 two slight pedestrian injury accidents occurred at on the Herringthorpe Valley Road south arm of Stag roundabout.

To improve pedestrian access to local facilities at the Stag roundabout it is proposed to introduce zebra crossings on the remaining three arms of the roundabout. An indicative layout for this scheme is attached as Appendix C.

A pedestrian crossing assessment was undertaken in summer 2006 on the Herringthorpe Valley Road arm of the roundabout and this met the criteria for a controlled pedestrian crossing.

The two proposed zebra crossings on the south side of Stag roundabout have not been assessed against the Council's criteria; however in the interests of accessibility and consistency they have been included in the scheme.

Wickersley Road between Stag Roundabout and Brecks Roundabout

This section of Wickersley Road is residential in nature and is served by the previously mentioned bus service although opportunities to cross the road are limited and this may discourage people from using public transport.

To improve access to the bus service and to community facilities it is proposed to introduce two pedestrian islands close to bus stops. It is also proposed to change one existing bus lay-by to a half width bus lay-by in order to improve bus service reliability. Drawing numbers 129/19/TT265a and 129/19/TT265b.2 showing the layout of this scheme are attached as Appendix D and E.

Some consultation has been undertaken with the Public, Ward Members and Cabinet Member on this proposal as part of South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive's ongoing consultation on improvements to bus stops.

General

In addition to the improvements discussed above it is proposed to make the existing bus stops more accessible particularly to those with mobility problems. As previously reported to Cabinet Member on 19 April 2010 (minute number 149 refers) we are also investigating the appropriateness of the current speed limit along the A6021 allied to these improvements.

It is anticipated that each of these schemes would be delivered during the 2010-2011 financial year. Once detailed design and consultation on each scheme has been completed a separate report will be made to Cabinet Member.

8. Finance

A total of £450,000 has been identified to fund this scheme; £350,000 from the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Strategic Pot for 2010-2011 and £100,000 from the Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Capital Programme for 2010-2011.

The delivery of each element of this route treatment is subject to the detailed cost estimates no exceeding the original budget of £450,000. Should the individual costs exceed £450,000 a prioritisation exercise will have to be undertaken to determine which is implemented.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

As these proposals are at a preliminary stage there are various issues than can affect delivery for instance unforeseen Statutory Undertakers apparatus requiring diversion or an adverse reaction from the public when consulted.

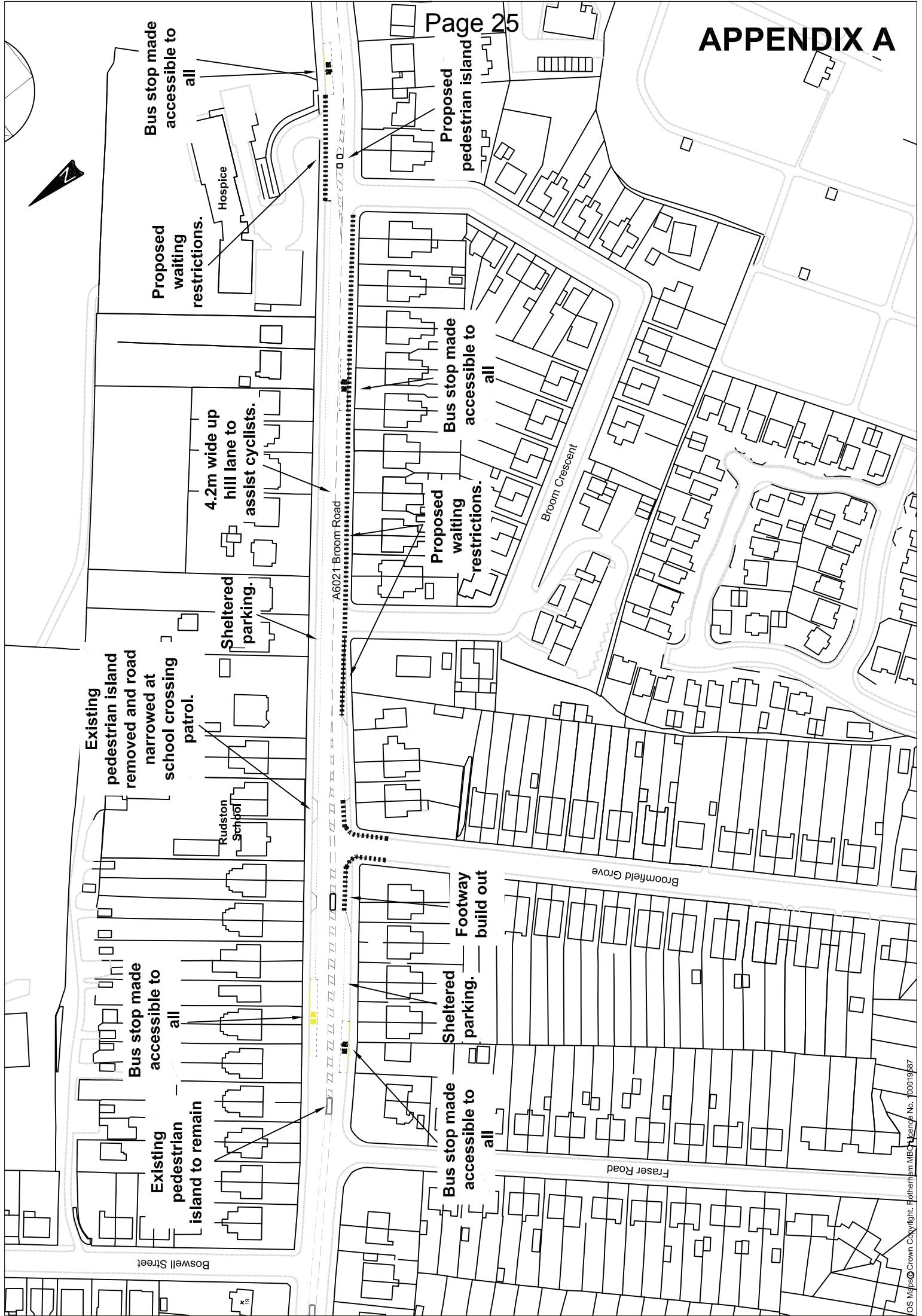
10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The proposals are in line with objectives set out in the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

- Appendix A Plan showing indicative layout of the proposed works on Broom Road
- Appendix B Plan showing proposed extension to the existing bus lane on Wickersley Road
- Appendix C Plan showing indicative layout of the proposed pedestrian crossings at Stag roundabout
- Appendix D Plan number 129/19/TT265a showing the layout of the proposed works on Wickersley Road (Plan 1 of 2)
- Appendix E Plan number 129/19/TT265b.2 Rev A showing the layout of the proposed works on Wickersley Road (Plan 2 of 2)

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Key

Existing	
Proposed	

- Prohibition of verge parking
- No waiting 8am-6pm Mon-Fri
- No waiting at any time
- Bus lane 4:30pm-6pm Mon-Fri
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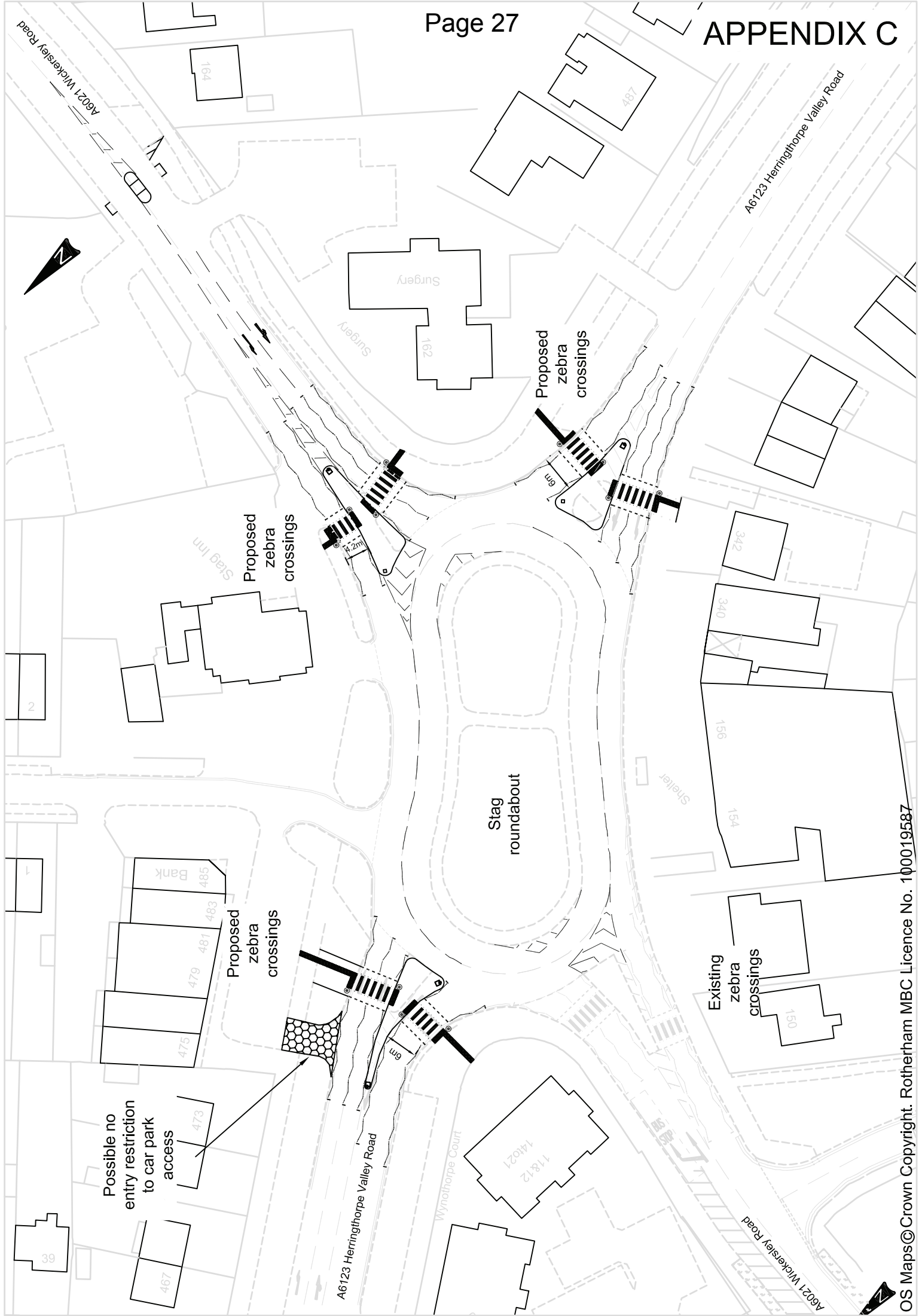
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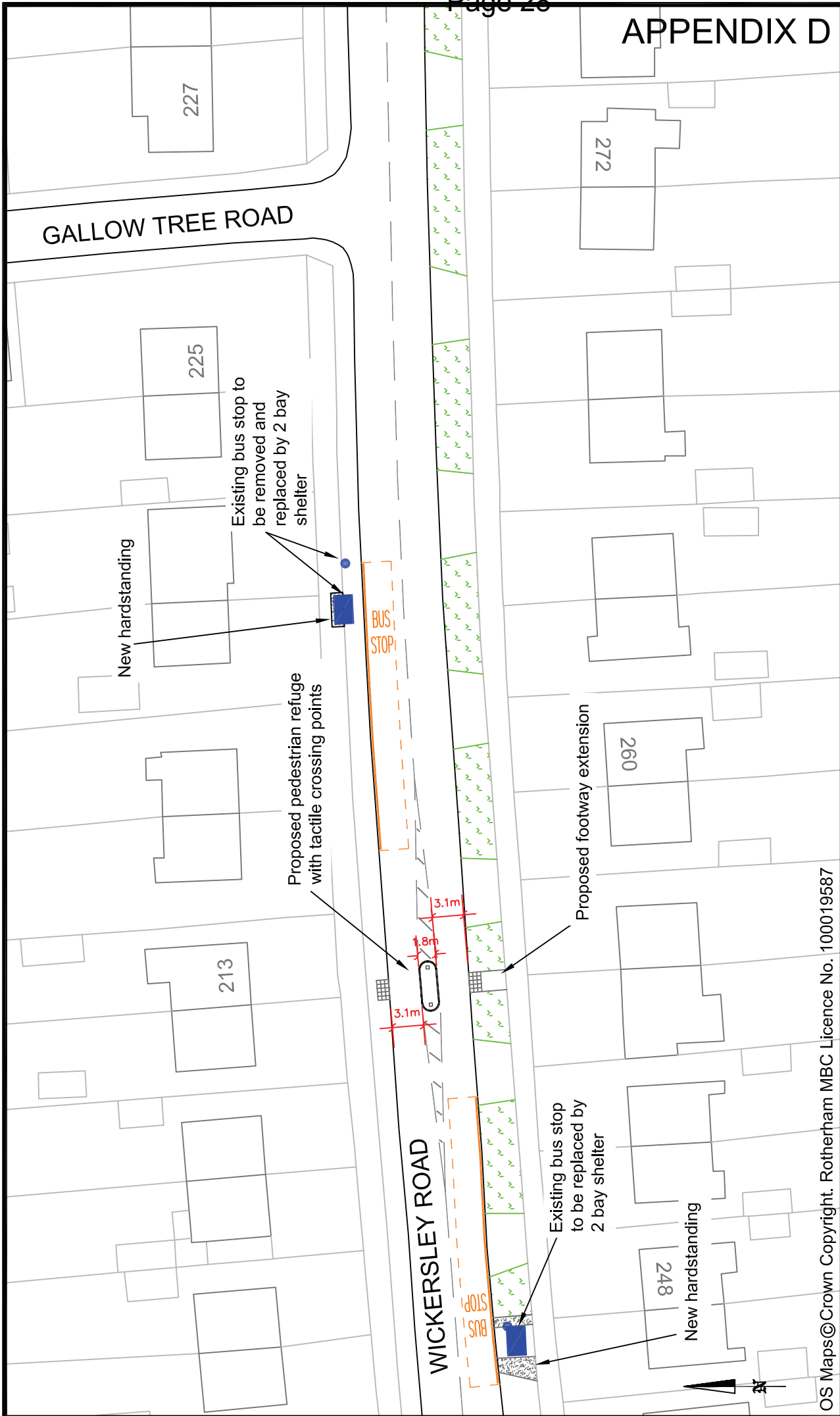
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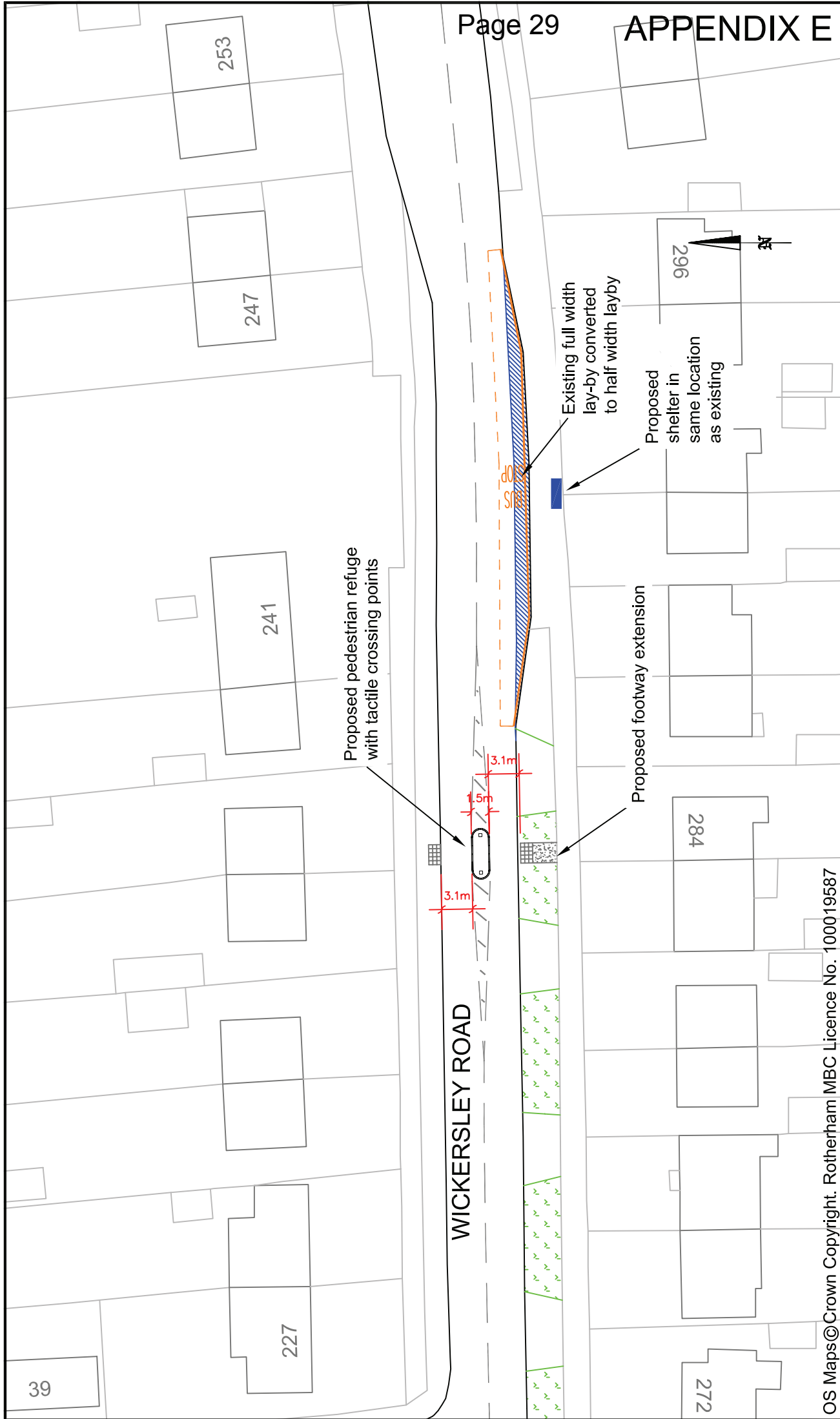
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