

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
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TITLE:	UNIVERSITY & HOSPITAL AREA STUDY - UPDATE		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Sub-Committee on the latest position with regard to the identification of transport issues and potential solutions in the residential areas around the University of Reading and Royal Berkshire Hospital.
- 1.2 A consultation was undertaken in May 2012 on the principle of prioritising parking for local residents through introducing a Residents' Parking Scheme, to include elements of pay and display parking, alongside complementary transport measures in the local area. The scheme was proposed to help address the issues previously identified by residents through the study.
- 1.3 Due to the mixed nature of responses received through the consultation, the study Steering Group took the decision not to proceed with the proposed parking scheme at that time. It was agreed that the study would continue working closely with key stakeholders, including the University and Hospital, to reassess the feasibility of introducing the complementary transport schemes as outlined in the consultation and as supported through feedback received from residents.

- 1.4 This work has continued over the past few years, and alongside detailed discussions with key stakeholders, a second set of proposals has recently been completed. A local consultation including a local exhibition has since taken place in September and October 2015 by the Redlands Ward Councillors on the latest plans.
- 1.5 At the January 2016 meeting of this Sub-Committee, Members approved progression to Statutory Consultation on a series of new parking restrictions located to the west of Alexandra Road (including Alexandra Road) and to not progress the proposals promoted to the east of Alexandra Road due to feedback received during the informal consultation. The Statutory Consultation was completed in May and June 2016.
- 1.6 Following the meeting of this Sub-Committee in March 2016, it was agreed that Officers investigate the introduction of a “permit holder parking beyond this point” scheme in Cardigan Road, Cardigan Gardens and Foxhill Road on a model based on the schemes in some London Boroughs which avoid the need for marked parking bays.
- 1.7 Following the meeting of this Sub-Committee in June 2016, it was agreed to suspend the introduction of the proposals advertised to the west of Alexandra Road until officers have concluded their investigation into potential “permit holder parking beyond this point” restrictions in the narrow roads located to the east of Alexandra Road.
- 1.8 An appropriate model of residents parking scheme has since been identified and this report provides an update on the proposed new residents parking scheme and the likely next steps.
- 1.9 Appendix 1 to 4 - plans of the proposed parking schemes.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee note the report.
- 2.2 That in consultation with the Chair of the Sub-Committee, the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and Ward Councillors, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to carry out a statutory consultation on the proposed new waiting restrictions as shown on Appendix 1, 2, 3 & 4 and in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.
- 2.3 That subject to no objections received, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2.4 That any objections received following the statutory consultation be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

2.5 That in consultation with the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport and Ward Councillors, that the Head of Transportation and Streetcare be authorised to make minor alterations to the proposals following the Statutory Consultation process.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

3.1 To secure the most effective use of resources in the delivery of high quality, best value public service.

4. THE PROPOSAL

4.1 Reading's transport strategy is contained within the LTP 2011-2026, which reviews challenges and opportunities throughout Reading and proposes Local Action Plans to be developed in neighbourhoods to address these challenges. These Action Plan Areas are based on a division of the urban area identified in the LTP 2006-2011, and represent continuity in implementing multi-targeted transport measures throughout Reading.

4.2 The LTP's vision is based on the vision for Reading set out in the Sustainable Communities Strategy by the Local Strategic Partnership. The vision is supported by a number of overarching objectives and enabling policies, which are in turn supported by detailed policies and objectives on a variety of themes, from cycling and parking to road safety and travel information. The policies and objectives for each theme are designed to help identify actions to address issues in local neighbourhoods.

4.3 In line with the LTP, a consultation was undertaken in May 2012 on the principle of prioritising parking in the Hospital and University area for local residents through introducing a Residents' Parking Scheme, to include elements of pay and display parking, alongside complementary transport measures in the local area. The scheme was proposed to help address the issues previously identified by residents through the study.

4.4 Due to the mixed nature of responses received through the consultation, the study Steering Group took the decision not to proceed with the proposed parking scheme at that time. It was agreed to continue with the study and focus on continuing to work closely with key stakeholders, including the University and Hospital, to reassess the feasibility of introducing the complementary transport schemes as outlined in the consultation and as supported through feedback received from residents.

4.5 This work has continued over the past few years, and recently, a second set of proposals were prepared by the Council and presented for consultation by the Redlands Ward Councillors.

4.6 Redlands Ward Councillors promoted the latest set of proposals via a local

leaflet delivered to all properties in the study area, information on the Redlands Councillors website, and a local exhibition took place at St Lukes Church Hall on Monday 28 September 2015 between 5:00pm to 7:00pm supported by Council Transport Officers.

- 4.7 A report was submitted to this Sub-Committee in January 2016 confirming the results of the informal consultation and liaison with the Emergency Services. Members approved progression of the proposals located to the west of Alexandra Road (including Alexandra Road) to Statutory Consultation as these proposals were in general well received. However, due to the feedback received from Residents and the Emergency Services, Members agreed that the proposals to the east of Alexandra Road were not progressed any further.
- 4.8 In May 2016, the Statutory Consultation was carried out on the proposals west of Alexandra Road and the results of the consultation was reported to the Traffic Management Sub-Committee in June 2016. At this meeting, it was agreed to suspend introduction of any new waiting restrictions until officers were able to confirm the status of any potential resident parking scheme in those narrow roads to the east of Alexandra Road.
- 4.9 As reported through various reports to the Traffic Management Sub Committee, those narrow roads where the standard marked bay residents parking scheme could not apply on both sides were Foxhill Road, Cardigan Road, Cardigan Gardens, Donnington Road, Blenheim Road, Hatherley Road, Donnington Gardens and Blenheim Gardens.
- 4.10 Since the January 2016 meeting of this sub-committee, Officers have continue to investigate a type of residents parking scheme where marked parking bays are not necessary which would be appropriate for those roads as detailed in paragraph 4.9 above. Officers have discovered a new scheme in Coventry where similar problems exist, and they have applied a residents parking scheme where marked bays are not applied, and "gateway signs" are displayed notifying road users where the residents parking scheme commences from. This model would be appropriate for all roads detailed in 4.9, however the standard "shared use" residents parking scheme is not possible with this model and if a scheme is approved following consultation, residents of those streets will be required to use their visitor permits for short or long term visitors.
- 4.11 If agreed, a new Statutory Consultation will have to take place on the proposed new residents parking scheme in the roads listed in 4.9 above and shown on Appendix 1 & 2. It is also proposed that the following further items are included in that Statutory Consultation:
- Parking protection (Double yellow lines) in the following roads:-
 - Avebury Square and Lancaster Close. (Shown on Appendix 3 & 4)

- New shared use residents parking scheme in Addington Road between Alexandra Road and Erleigh Road. (Shown on Appendix 1)
- New shared use residents parking scheme in Erleigh Road between Alexandra Road and Addington Road. (Shown on Appendix 1)

4.12 If approved by the Sub-Committee, the Statutory Consultation will take place early October 2016 for a period of 21 days. Consultation notices will be placed on-street within the consultation area, alongside promotion via the Council Website and Social Media platforms.

4.13 If objections are received to the proposals, those objections will be reported to the November 2016 meeting of this Sub-Committee for review. If no objections are received, the new proposals detailed in this report, and the suspended proposals detailed in the June 2016 Traffic Management Sub-Committee report will proceed to implementation early in the new year.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

5.1 The delivery of the projects outlined in this report help to deliver the following Corporate Plan Service Priorities:

- Keeping the town clean, safe, green and active.
- Providing infrastructure to support the economy.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

6.1 The projects have and will continue to be communicated to the local community through local exhibitions and Council meetings.

6.2 Statutory Consultations.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The Statutory Consultation will be completed in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8.1 In addition to the Human Rights Act 1998 the Council is required to comply with the Equalities Act 2010. Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010 requires the Council to have due regard to the need to:-

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;

- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

8.2 The Council has carried out an Equality Impact Assessment scoping exercise and considers that the proposals do not have a direct impact on any groups with protected characteristics.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None relating to this report.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Traffic Management Sub-Committee reports.



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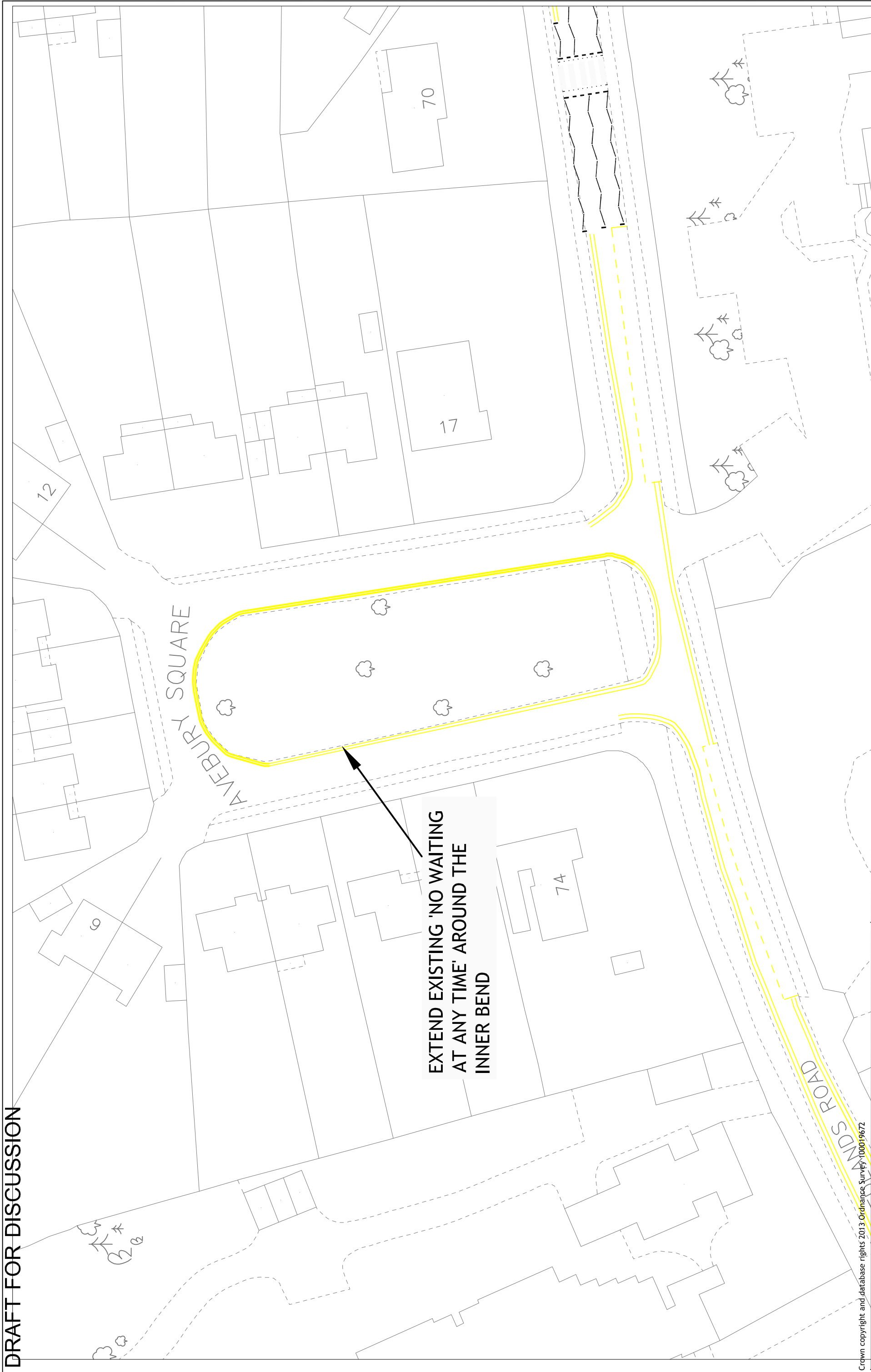
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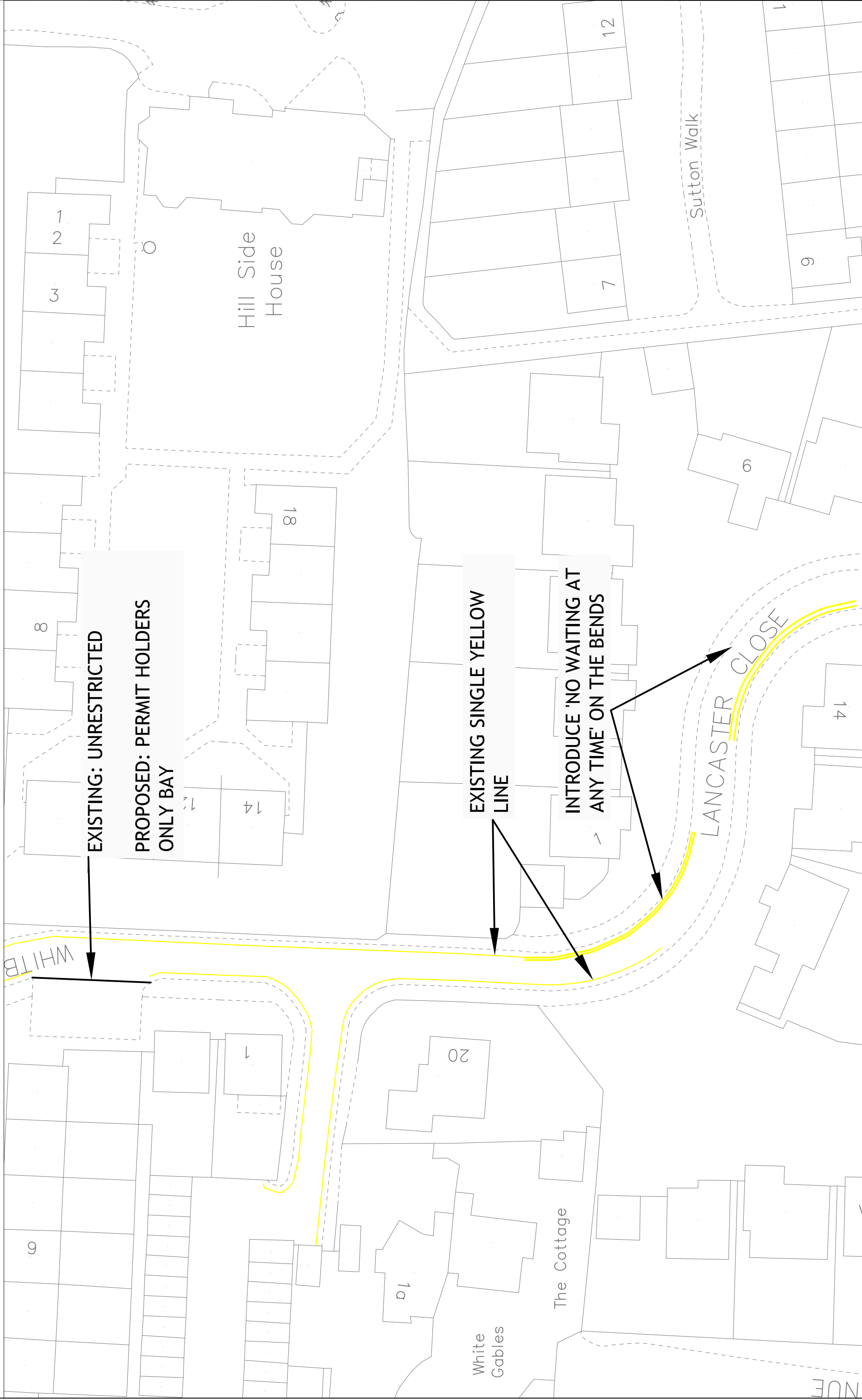
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