

COMMITTEE: **Environment, Planning and Infrastructure**

DATE: **15th November 2011**

DIRECTOR: **Gordon McIntosh**

TITLE OF REPORT: **Various small scale traffic management and development associated proposals (New Works)**

REPORT NUMBER: **EPI/11/292**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is to advise Committee of the need for various small scale traffic management measures identified by officers, residents, local members, emergency services, etc and verified as necessary through surveys by officers. It also brings forward proposals associated with new developments as part of the development management process. In addition to these measures, this report also includes proposals for individual parking spaces for Blue Badge holders which now require to be progressed through the normal legal process for the required Traffic Regulation Order.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:

1. Approve the proposals in principle.
2. Instruct the appropriate officers to commence the necessary legal procedures of preliminary statutory consultation for the traffic regulation orders required as described in this report. If no significant objections are received, then progress with the public advertisement and report the results to a future meeting of this Committee.
3. Instruct the appropriate officers to commence the combined statutory consultation for the traffic regulation order for the list of Blue Badge parking spaces and report back to a future meeting of this Committee.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The current Five Year Business Plan has identified savings from the Road Safety and Traffic Management budget. There has also been a comprehensive review of the Capital Plan which will result in proposals having to await funding for implementation.

Budget	Implementation costs (£)	Maintenance costs (£) after 5 years	Comments
(●) Cycling, Walking, Safer, Streets (Scot Gov grant-funded)	4800	2670	If budgets are not currently available locations will be placed on a priority list for when future funding becomes available
(❖) Developer financed	0	375	Maintenance of these works generally falls to the council maintenance budget when they are on-street restrictions
(➤) Disabled Parking	0	0	Some of these spaces will require to be relined approximately every 10 years at a cost of £100 per space and some will require removal before this time at a cost of £108 per space.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There is a risk that any approved traffic regulation orders may have to re-enter the legislative process if they are unable to be implemented within the statutory implementation time of 2 years from the start of public consultation if funding is insufficient.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

There are traffic management proposals for 6 locations brought forward during the course of routine examination of road safety and traffic flows and 4 proposals resulting from a request from a developer.

There is also one application for Blue Badge spaces within the developer related schemes which do not require a budget.

Key:

- Funded from the Cycling, Walking, Safer Streets grant funded budget
- ❖ Funded by the developer
- Funded from the current Disabled Parking revenue budget
- No funding required

- **The following proposals will be funded from Cycling, Walking, Safer Streets budget**

- **Craigton Road** – Proposal for timed waiting restriction, Mon – Fri; 8am to 6pm

A request was received from a local councillor to have the waiting restrictions on the east leg of the signaled junction at the Springfield Road/Craigton Road junction extended. As the traffic flow on this leg is relatively light it was considered that a waiting restriction covering only the working day would be appropriate leaving the kerbside free for parking outwith these times.

This should improve traffic flow at the junction with a longer section of two lanes queuing at the signals.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £250

Estimated maintenance cost – £250 every 5 years

Ward (11) – Airyhall/Broomhill/Garthdee

Elected members – Townson/Wisely/Yuill

- **Huntly Street** – re-schedule “At any time” waiting restrictions

Ongoing reviews of current restrictions indicate that the on street markings do not accurately reflect the restrictions in the current traffic order schedules. It is proposed to bring the schedule into line with the road marking thereby having no changes to the restrictions on the carriageway

The current restrictions are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - nil

Estimated maintenance cost – no change

Ward (7) – Midsocket/Rosemount

Elected members – Corall, Cormie, Laing

- **Ivanhoe Place** – Proposed relocation of “Permit Only” parking bays and introduction of “At any time” waiting restrictions

Through correspondence from a local resident of Ivanhoe Place it has been highlighted that, because of the number of driveways that have been constructed at the west end of this street, the space between the driveways is not sufficient to accommodate a normal family-sized vehicle. Vehicles are currently being parked between the driveways which results in them overhanging the driveways and creating problems for vehicle access.

It is proposed to implement “At any time” waiting restrictions across these three driveways to mitigate this problem and create a similar length of “Permit Only” parking replacing the “Permit/Voucher” parking to the west of the houses.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £550

Estimated maintenance cost – £550 every 5 years

Ward (11) – Airyhall/Broomhill/Garthdee

Elected members – Townson/Wisely/Yuill

- **Midsocket Lane** – proposed “POLICE” Bay

A request was received from Grampian Police to have a marked “POLICE” bay situated outside the police office on Midsocket Lane. Currently there are no suitable parking places nearby where police vehicles can legitimately park for any length of time. For operational reasons, a parking space is required close to the entry to the building.

Grampian Police will cover the costs of installing the lines on the ground.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - nil

Estimated maintenance cost – £300 every 5 years

Ward (7) – Midsocket/Rosemount

Elected members – Corall, Cormie, Laing

- **Queen's Lane South** – proposed alteration of the operational time of the waiting restriction along the majority of the lane.

It has been highlighted through a number of residents that there are problems in keeping the lane clear of parked vehicles in the vicinity of the Albyn School at certain times during the day. This indiscriminate parking impacts on normal vehicular access but also on access for larger vehicles such as refuse collection vehicles, delivery vehicles to the businesses along the lane and possibly also emergency vehicles.

It is proposed therefore to alter the operational times of the waiting restrictions in this lane from Mon – Fri: 10 – 4 to Mon – Fri 8 – 6 over the majority of the lane on both sides. It is proposed to have short sections of the lane left at Mon – Fri, 10 – 4 as we are aware of parking issues that were highlighted when the restrictions were originally implemented, for a small number of residents along these sections.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £1200

Estimated maintenance cost –£850 every 25 years

Ward (10) – Hazlehead/Ashley/Queens's Cross

Elected members – Farquharson, Greig, Jennifer Stewart

- **Roslin Place** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions

The problem of indiscriminate parking has been identified by both officers and local residents along this cul-de-sac. Vehicles are being parked on both sides of the street but as there is not sufficient width to accommodate parking on both sides of the street, vehicles are being left half-on and half-off the southern footway. Apart from the obvious problem this causes for pedestrians, refuse vehicles/emergency vehicles or any larger vehicle finds it difficult to access the properties furthest from Park Road.

It is now proposed to implement “At any time” waiting restrictions along the south side of Roslin Place and around the turning head to improve vehicular access and pedestrian safety/access.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £2800

Estimated maintenance cost – £2800 every 10 years

Ward (8) – George Street/Harbour

Elected members – Hunter, May, John Stewart

The following proposals will be funded by the developer

❖ **Auchmill Road (Slip road)** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions

As part of the Construction Consent for this residential development “At any time” waiting restrictions are required on the adopted road and also on the access road within the development.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost – N/A

Estimated maintenance cost – £750 every 10 years

Ward (1) – Dyce/Bucksburn/Danestone

Elected members – Crockett/MacGregor/McDonald/Penny

❖ **Bedford Road and University access road** – Proposed “At any time” and “timed” waiting restrictions.

For reasons of access and visibility the Construction Consent for the new University Library development included the progression of “At any time” waiting restrictions on Bedford Road. A timed restriction on the unadopted internal access road off Bedford Road situated to the north of the new library is also proposed.

These measures will protect access for service/delivery vehicles, removing them from the adopted road and therefore enhancing safety for all other road users.

It is therefore proposed to promote these ‘At any time’ and “timed” waiting restrictions.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost – N/A

Estimated maintenance cost – N/A

Ward (6) – Tillydrone/Seaton/Old Aberdeen

Elected members – Collie/Noble/Robertson

❖ **Foresterhill Road/Aberdeen Royal Infirmary Bus Interchange** – Proposed Revised Traffic Management and Bus Lane Arrangements

As a result of discussions between members of LABOF (Local Authorities and Bus Operators Forum – Aberdeenshire and City Councils, First and Stagecoach and NESTRANS) and NHS Grampian representatives, it has become apparent that bus access to the interchange at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary is becoming increasingly difficult due to the increased number of public transport services now serving this location. It is also clear that the traffic management measures implemented by NHS Grampian to restrict traffic along Foresterhill Road are not achieving the desired effect.

Both the NHS and LABOF members are committed to improving public transport infrastructure and services to encourage increased usage of this sustainable mode of transport. Good access to healthcare is also very important to the citizens of Aberdeen and the wider region.

In order to resolve the bus congestion currently being experienced at the interchange at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary (ARI) it has been agreed that the circulating access road requires to be modified. Options were developed and considered by all parties, with a preferred option being developed. This option was agreed as being the most cost effective whilst maintaining the ability to resolve the current difficulties and support the bus operators in continuing to improve bus permeability to the Foresterhill site. This preferred option has been developed and the detailed design/cost estimate currently being prepared, with funding provided by NESTRANS, with a view to implementation next financial year, funding permitting. The adjustments to the interchange are shown on Appendix X, and will be carried out by NHS Grampian (NHSG), with Aberdeen City Council support as required. It is anticipated that the funding for implementation will be provided by NHSG and NESTRANS.

The current restricted access measures along the central part of Foresterhill Road were promoted on behalf of NHS Grampian in an attempt to reduce non-hospital related journeys at the interchange and improve the necessary access to the Foresterhill site. The desired outcome has not been achieved, in part because this type of restriction is very difficult for Grampian Police to enforce but also as it is unlikely to attract a high priority within their other duties.

As with the interchange, several options were developed to try and improve the current situation and deliver the original outcomes of reduced non-hospital related traffic. Following discussions with NHSG and LABOF members, a preferred option, as shown in Appendix Y, includes a series of short sections of bus lane (bus gates) accompanied by physical build outs. This proposed new traffic management arrangement would be much more visible than the current signing arrangements, and given the Council is likely to have the authority to enforce bus lanes through currently progressing decriminalisation legislation, would be able to be enforced more effectively in the longer term. The bus lane/gate would require to operate 24/7, which is consistent with other bus lane/gate locations across the City e.g. King Street. Bus lanes across the City are also now accessible only by

authorised vehicles i.e. buses, coaches, taxis and private hire cars, bicycles and emergency service vehicles.

This proposal will require the promotion of a traffic regulation order which would supersede the current, ineffective arrangements. Subject to the success of this legislation, implementation would be subject to available funding from sources such as NHSG and NESTRANS. This proposal compliments other traffic management arrangements being developed by NHSG across the wider access network around the Foresterhill site.

Enforcement of bus lanes currently resides with Grampian Police, but as mentioned above will shortly be the responsibility of Aberdeen City Council. Maintenance of the carriageways, footways, lining and signing will remain the responsibility of NHSG.

The proposals are indicated on the plans below.

Implementation cost – N/A

Estimated maintenance cost – N/A

Ward (7) – Midstocket/Rosemount

Elected members – Corall, Cormie, Laing

❖ **North Balnagask Road** – Proposed “AMBULANCE” bay

A request has been received from the management at Balnagask House for a dedicated ambulance bay to assist in the safe transfer of patients to and from the home. Residents there are not always able to walk the distance to vehicles parked within the current bays and a dedicated bay, free of visiting cars, would be of great benefit to all.

This would not impact on traffic in the surrounding streets.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below

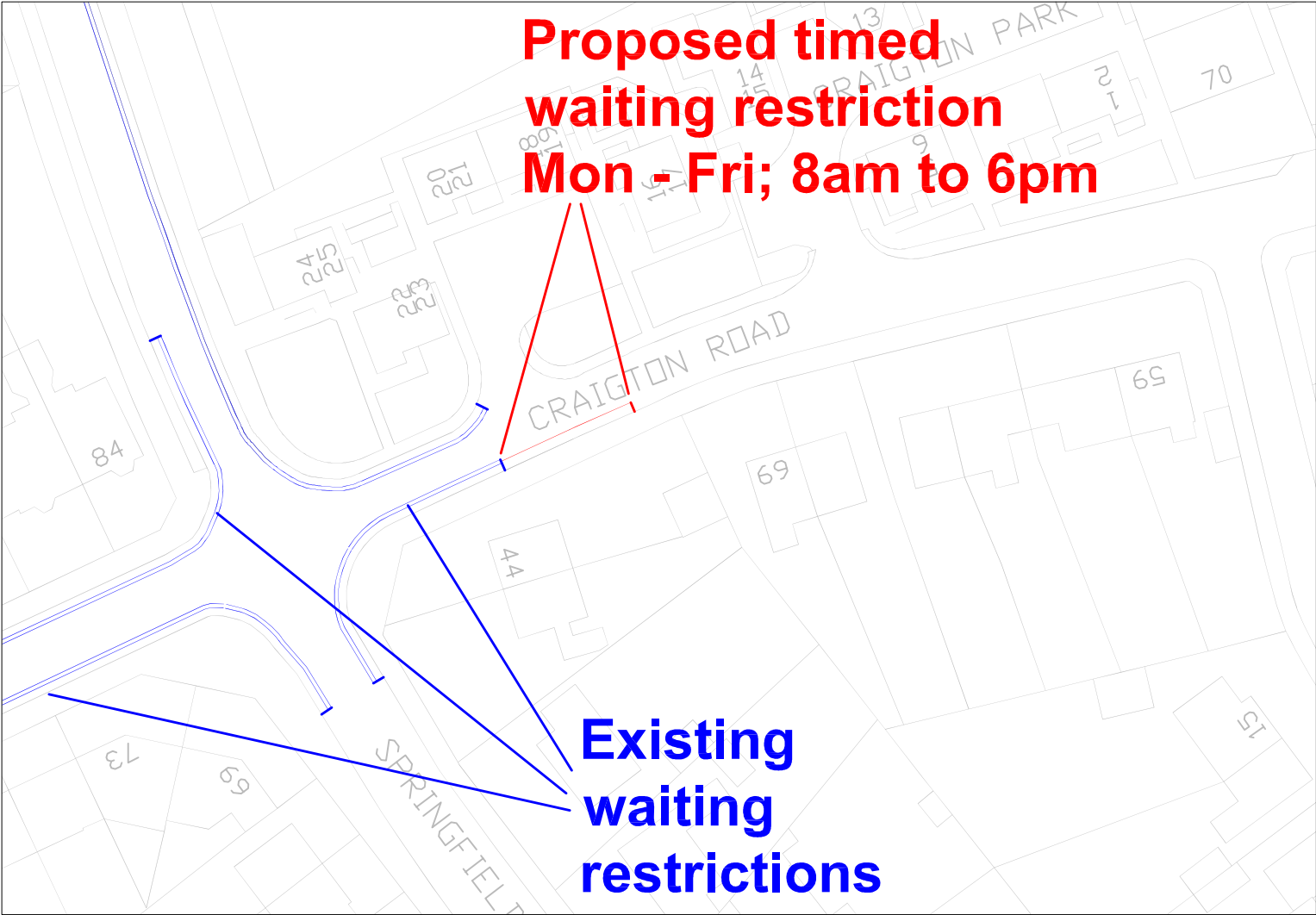
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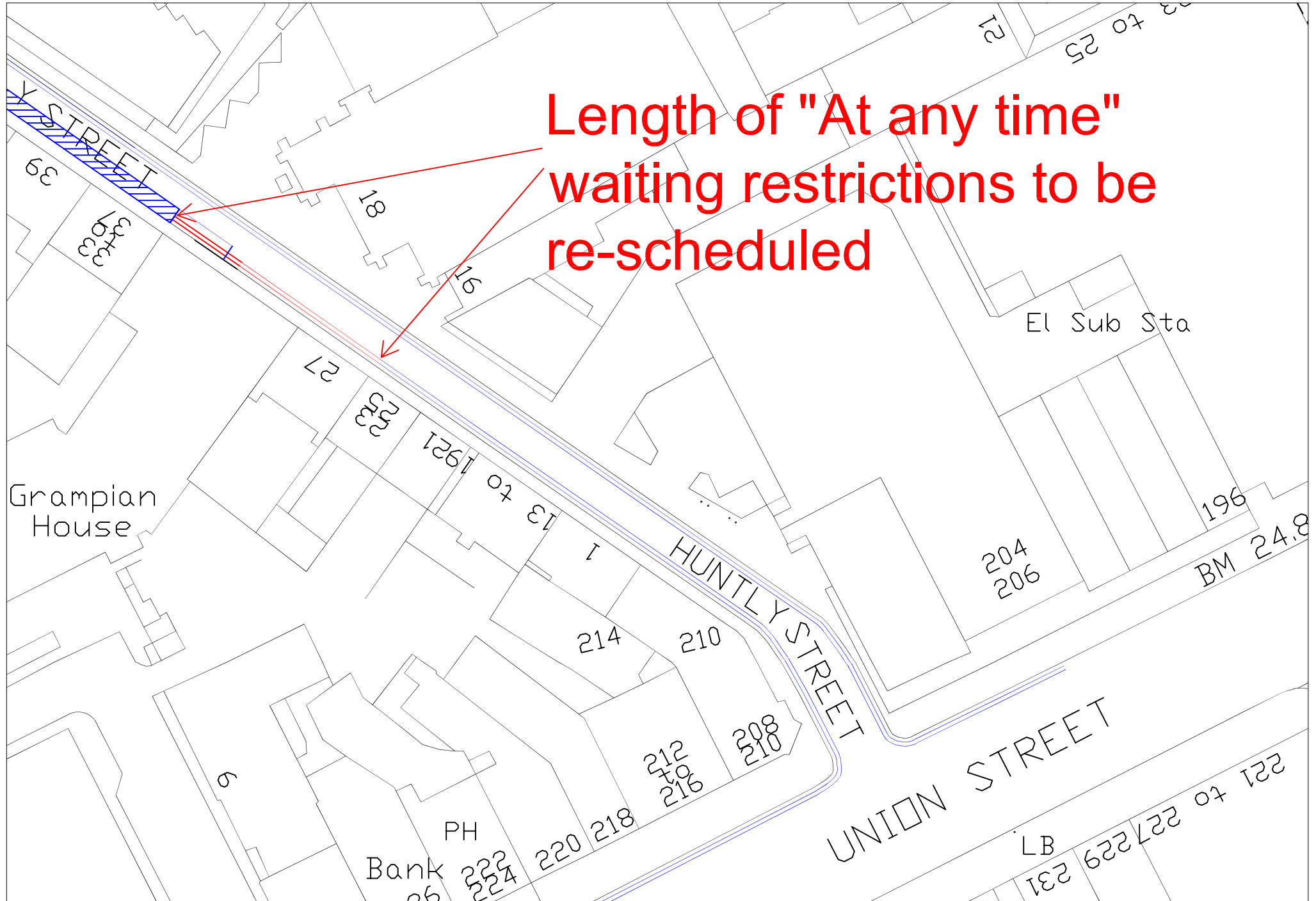
Ward (12) – Torry/Ferryhill

Elected members – Allan, Cormack, Donnelly, Kiddie

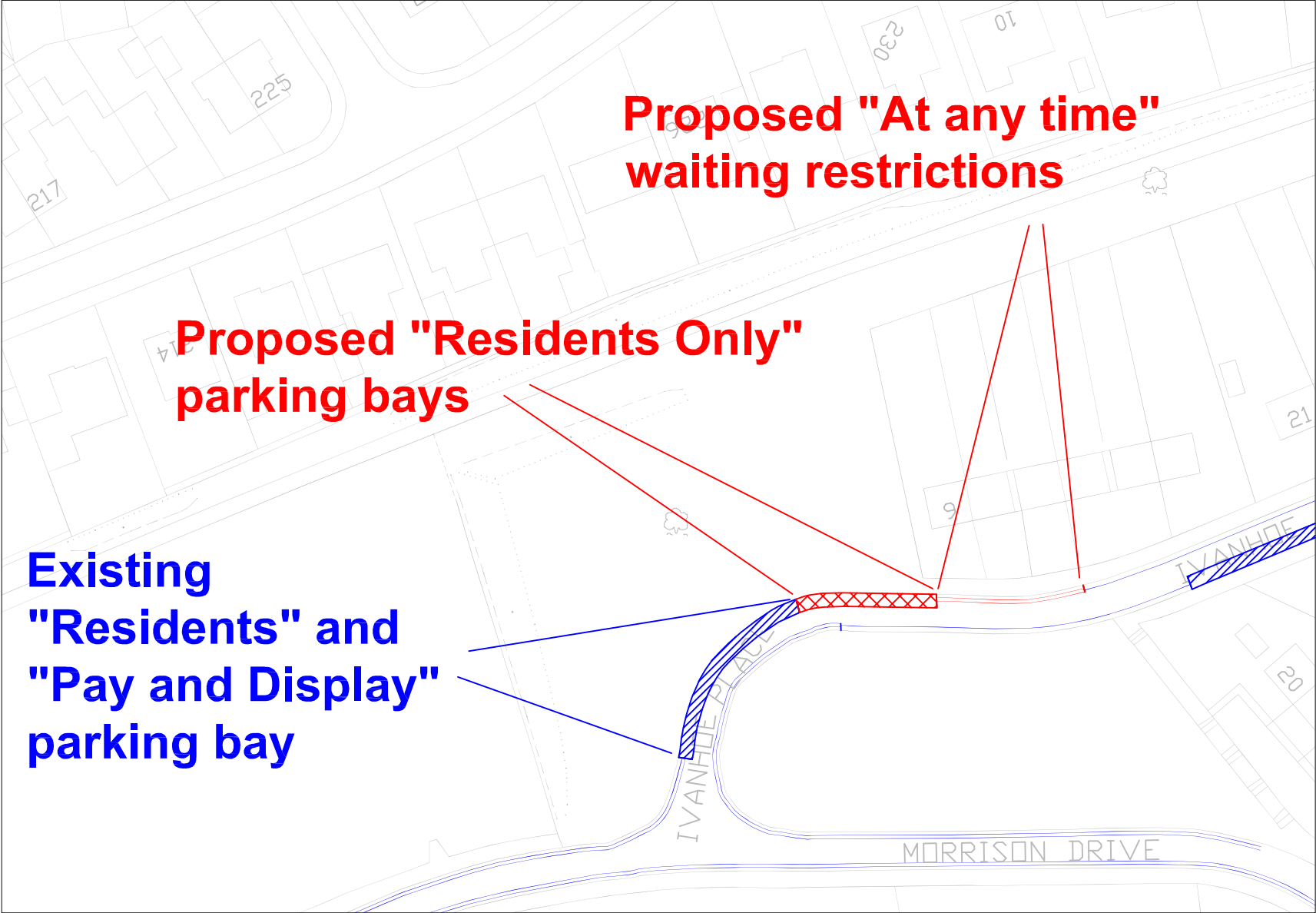
Craigton Road - Proposed timed waiting restriction; Mon - Fri; 8am to 6pm



Huntly Street - "At any time" waiting restrictions to be re-scheduled



Ivanhoe Place - Proposed alteration to parking and waiting restrictions

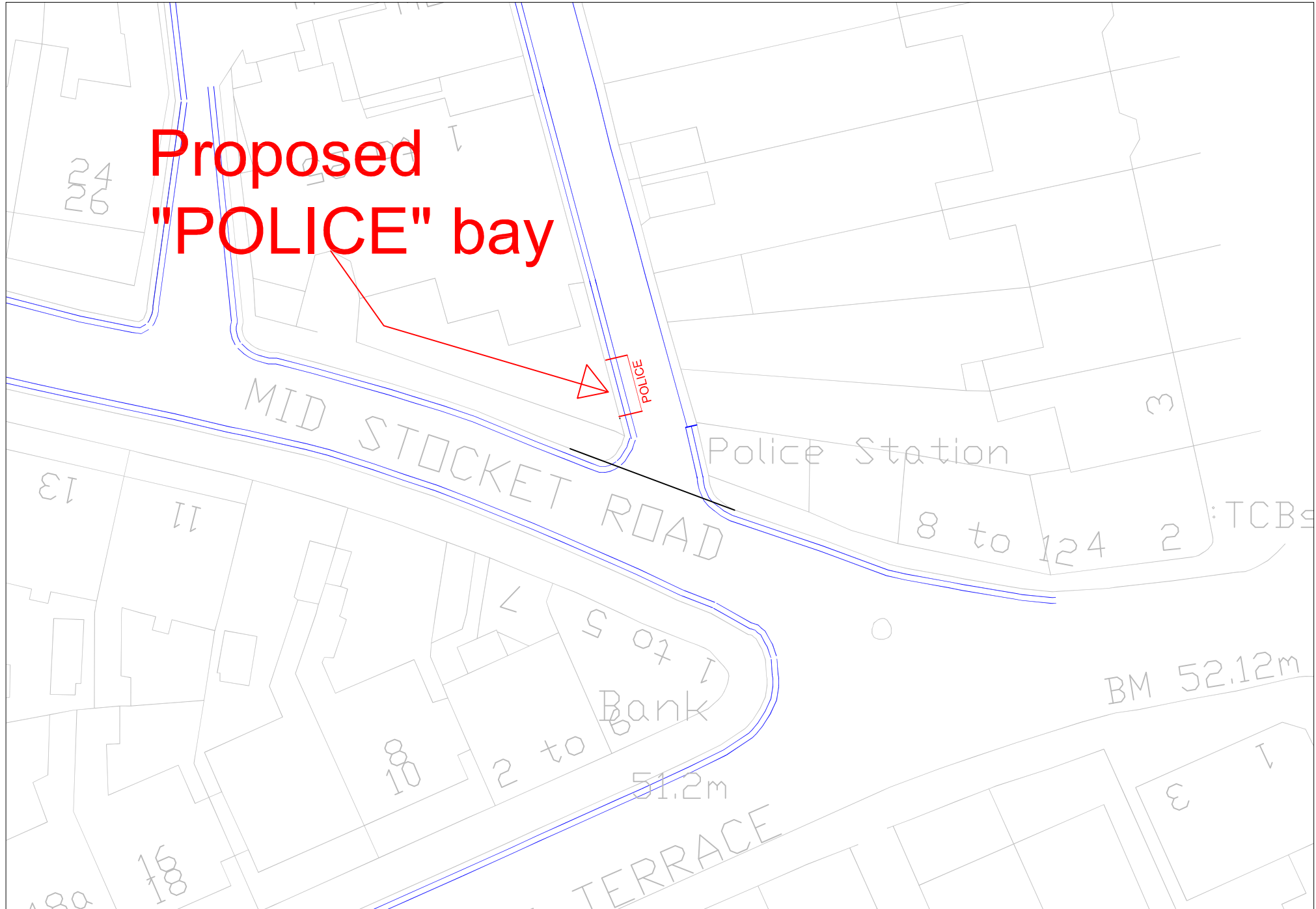


**Proposed "At any time"
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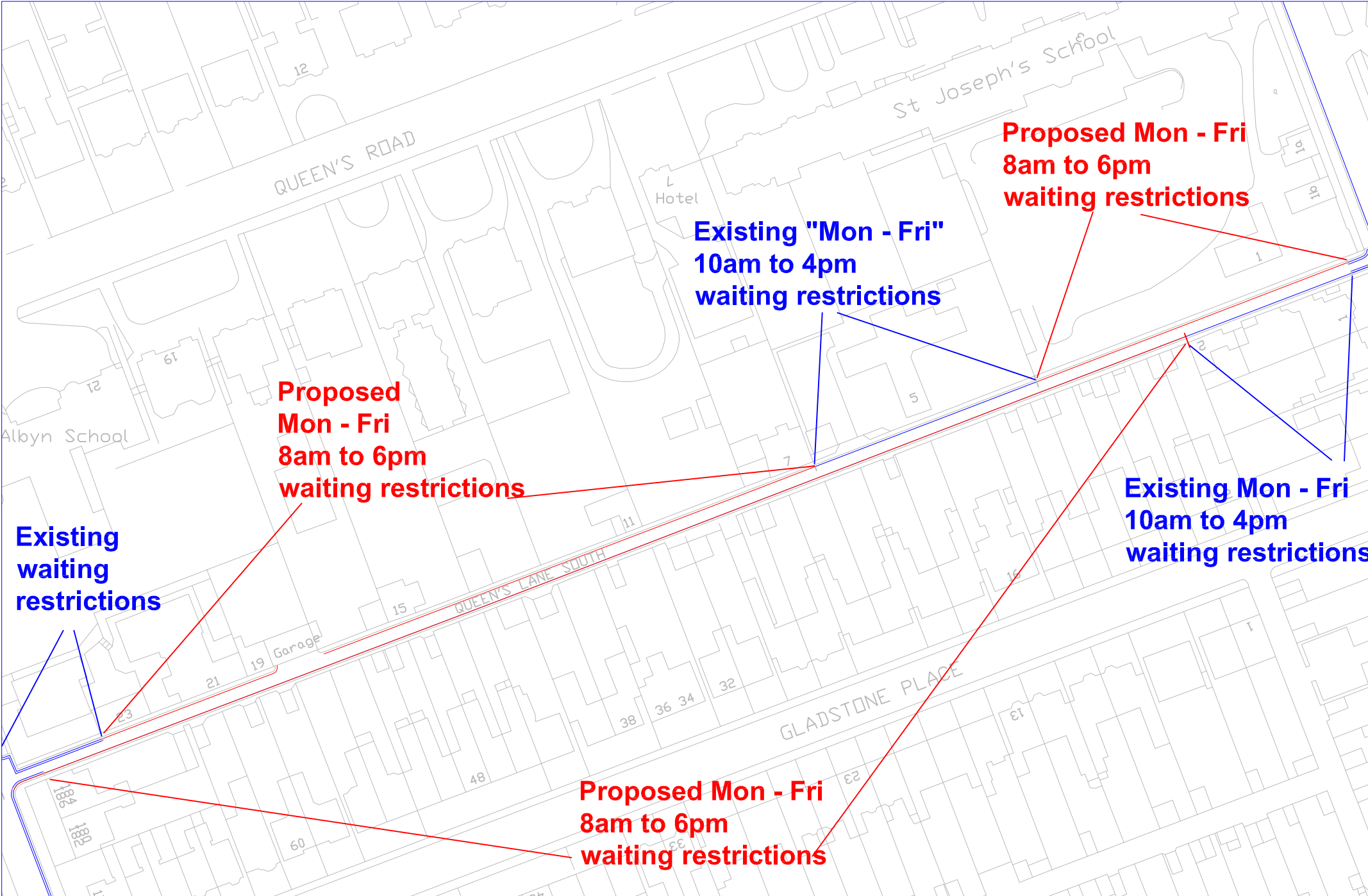
**Proposed "Residents Only"
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**Existing
"Residents" and
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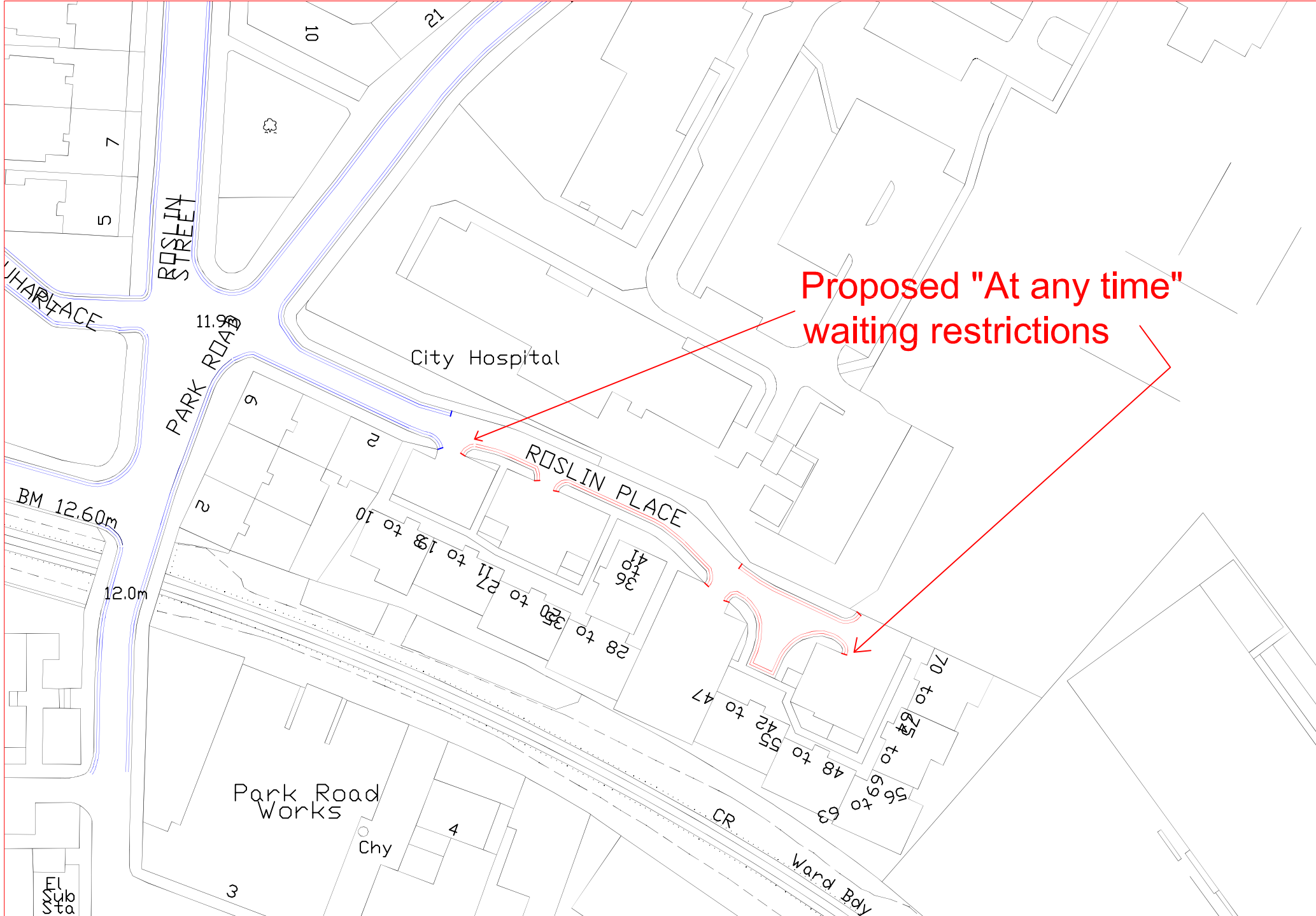
Mid Stocket Lane - Proposed "POLICE" bay



Queen's Lane South - Proposed alterations to timed waiting restrictions

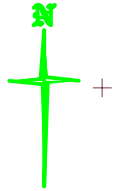


Roslin Place - Proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions

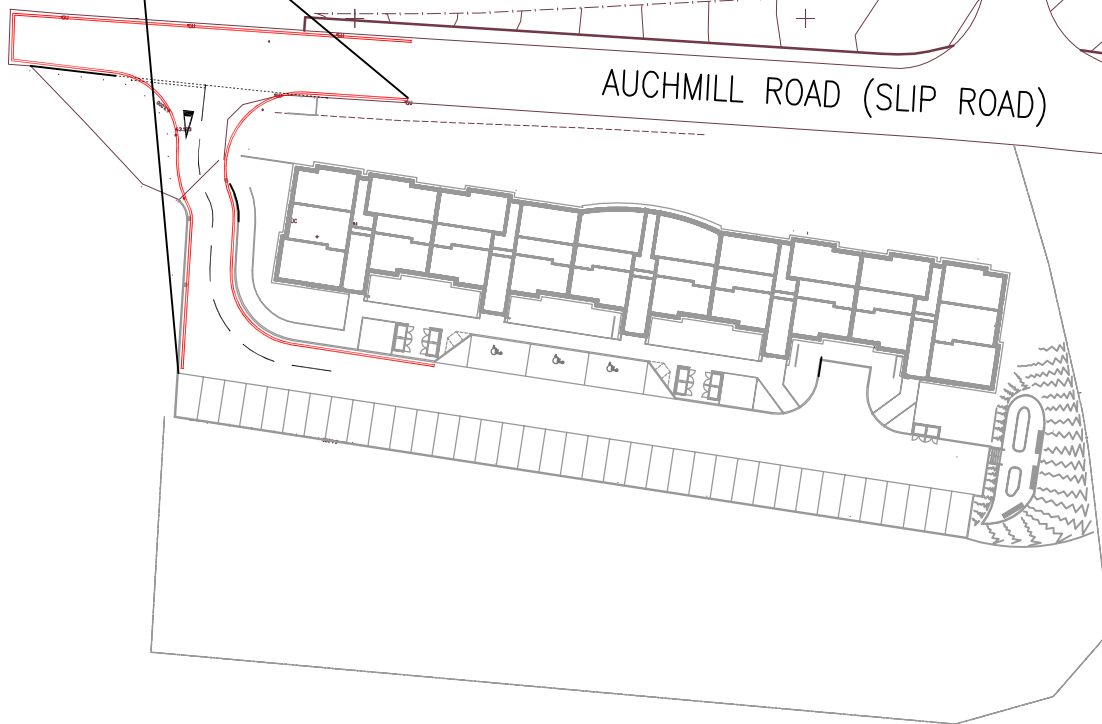


Proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions

AUCHMILL SLIP ROAD – Proposed Waiting Restrictions

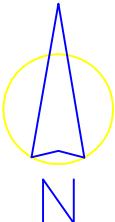


Proposed 'At any time'
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AUCHMILL ROAD (SLIP ROAD)

Bedford Road - Proposed Waiting Restrictions



BEDFORD ROAD

Proposed 'At any time'
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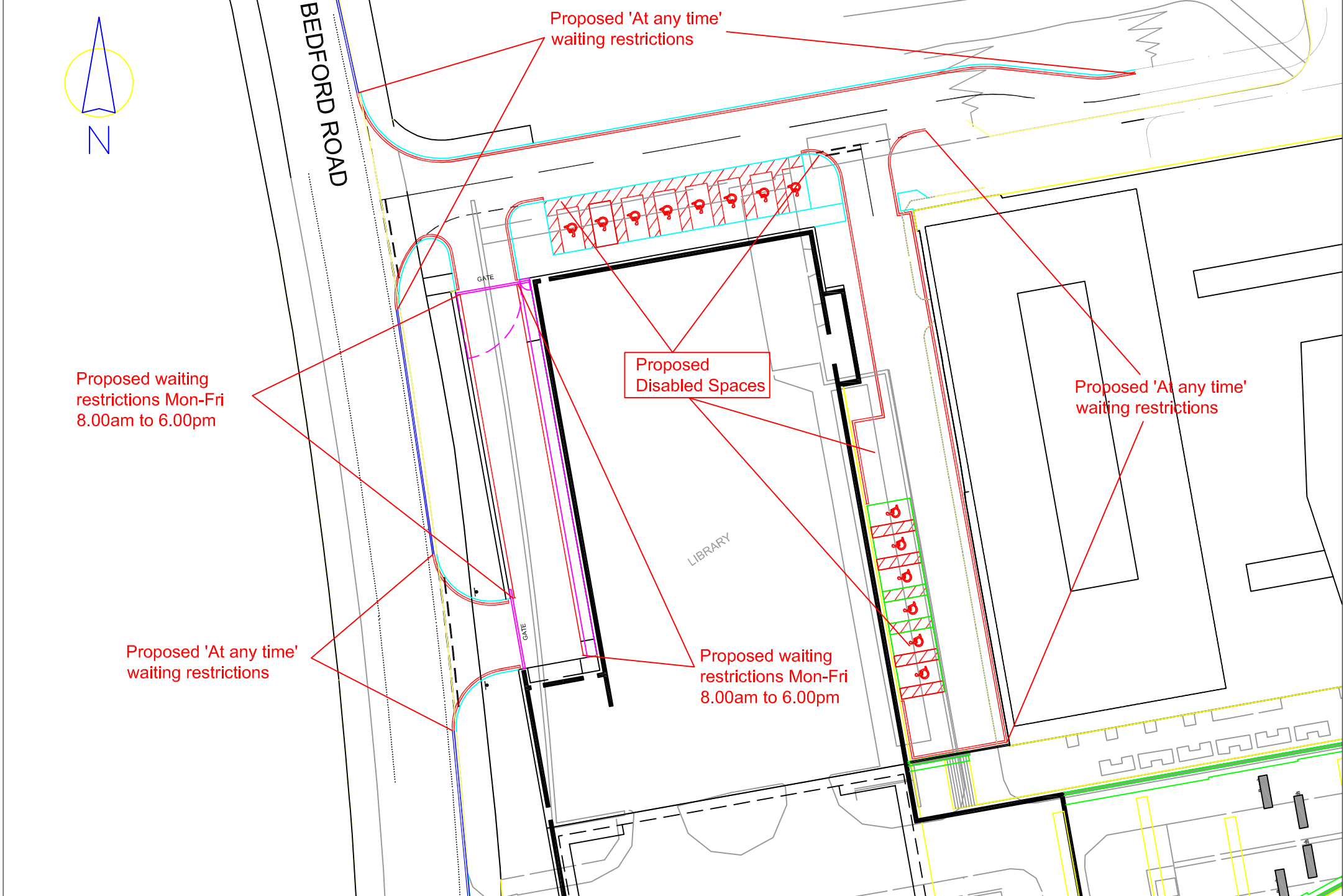
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Proposed
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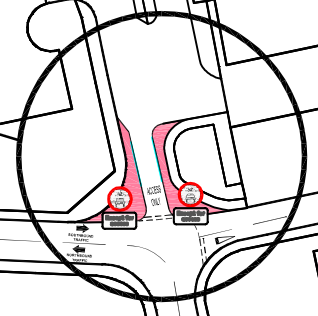
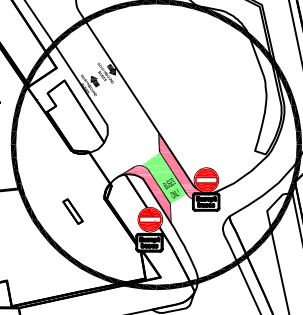
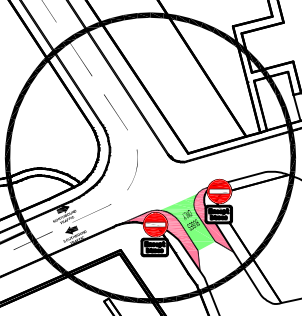
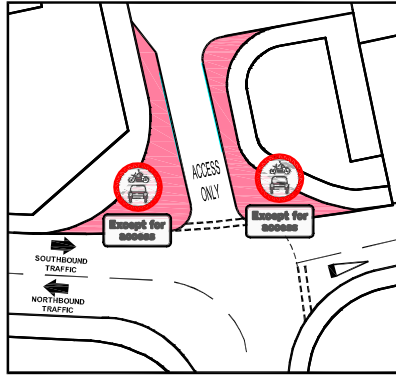
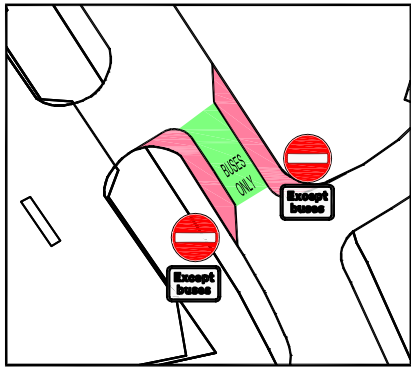
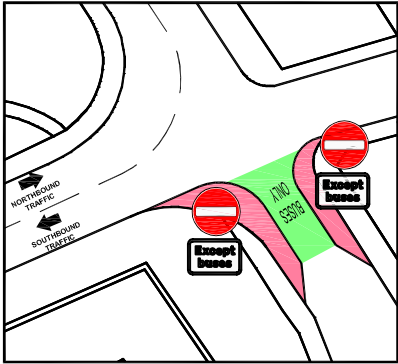
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Foresterhill Road, ARI interchange - Proposed "Prohibition of driving", "No entry" and "At any time waiting restrictions"



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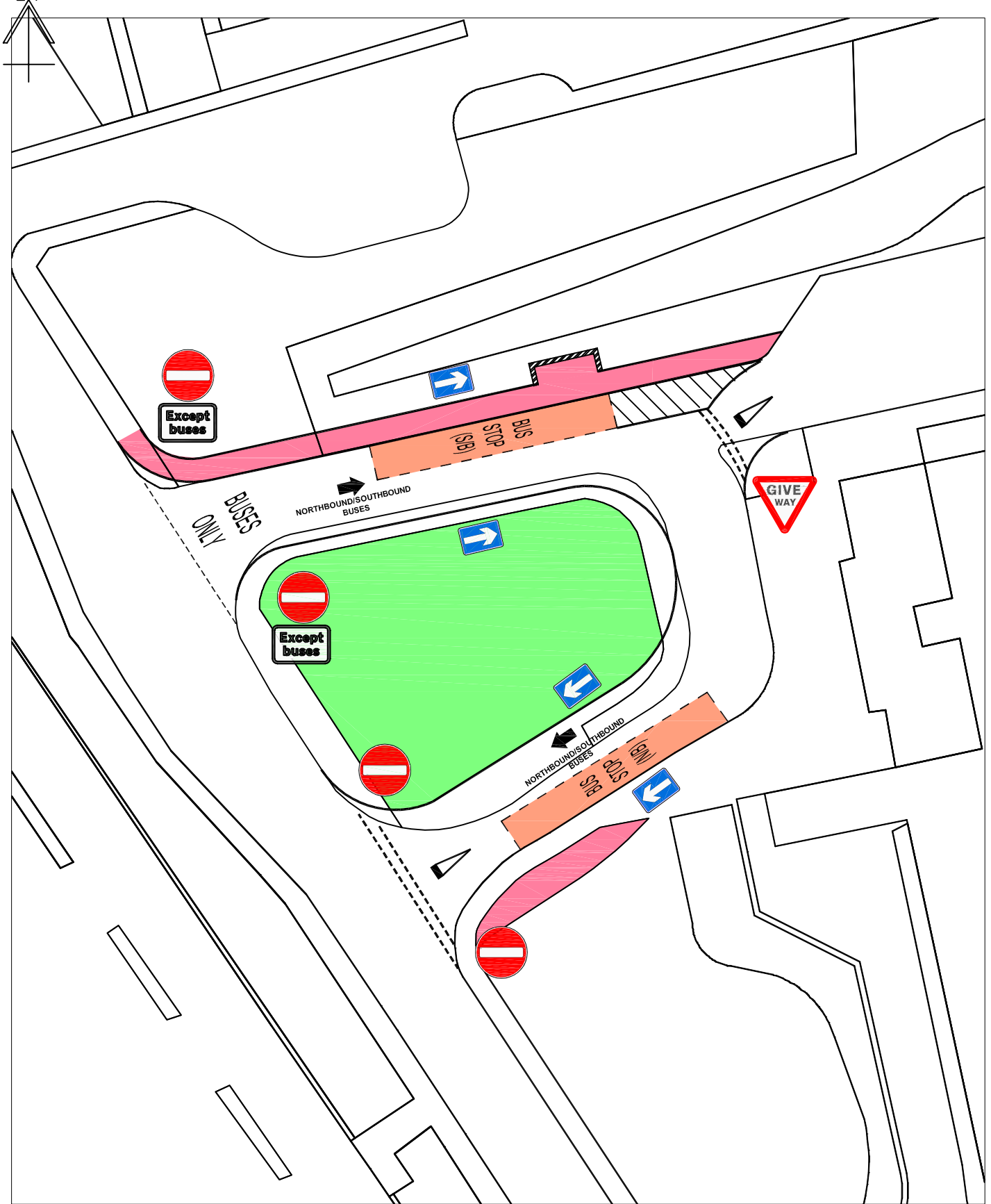
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Foresterhill Road, ARI interchange - proposed "No entry", "One-way" and "At any time" waiting restrictions



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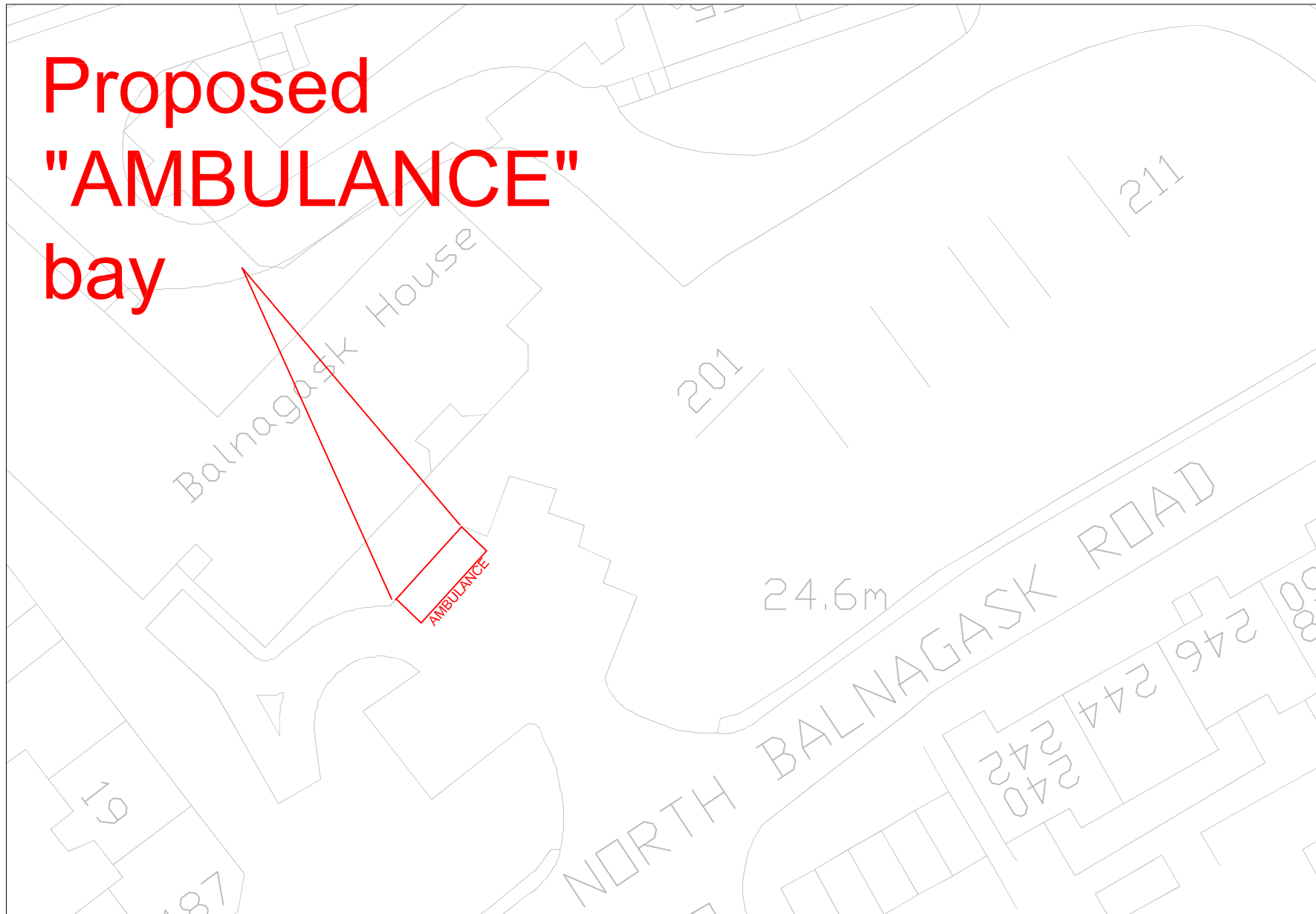
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North Balnagask Road - Proposed AMBULANCE bay



➤ **The following proposals will be funded from the Disabled Parking Revenue budget**

➤ **Disabled parking bays to be provided through the Disabled Persons Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009**

There is one application to be considered at this meeting.

(Plans are not included as, under normal circumstance, are located close to the properties.)

On-street parking – N/A

Non-specific spaces – N/A

Off-street parking – 14 spaces (developer related)

University of Aberdeen Library off Bedford Road

6. IMPACT

This report meets with the local Community Plan objectives to continually improve road safety and maximise accessibility for pedestrians and all modes of transport.

The proposals are in line with the Councils Transportation Strategy to improve safety for all road users by continuing to reduce the number of casualties in traffic collisions.

It is also in accordance with the administration's Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward Looking, under the heading of Transport and highlighted in Paragraph 7.

This report is likely to be of interest to the public in the streets affected by the proposals.

There is no Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment required as this report only recommends that these proposals progress to the Statutory Consultation process therefore there will be no changes effected as a result of the recommendations being approved by the Committee

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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Consultees comments

Council Leader	Councillor Callum McCaig – has been consulted
Convenor	Councillor Kate Dean – has been consulted
Vice Convenor	Councillor John Corall – has been consulted

<u>Local Members</u>	email 25/07/11
Councillor George Adam	Has been consulted
Councillor Yvonne Allan	Has been consulted
Councillor Marie Boulton	Has been consulted
Councillor Bill Cormie (Depute Provost)	Has been consulted
Councillor Barney Crocket	Has been consulted
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Councillor Muriel Jaffrey	Has been consulted
Councillor Alan Milne	Has been consulted
Councillor George Penny	Has been consulted
Councillor Richard Robertson	Has been consulted
Councillor John West	Has been consulted
Councillor John Stewart	Has been consulted
Councillor Kevin Stewart	Has been consulted
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Councillor Alan Donnelly	Has been consulted
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Councillor Neil Cooney	Has been consulted
Councillor Mark McDonald	Has been consulted
Councillor Jennifer Laing	Has been consulted
Councillor Len Ironside	Has been consulted
Lord Provost Peter Stephen	Has been consulted
Councillor Wendy Stuart	Has been consulted
Councillor Gordon Townson	Has been consulted
Councillor Neil Fletcher	Has been consulted
Councillor Kirsty West	Has been consulted
Councillor Aileen Malone	Has been consulted
Councillor Neil MacGregor	<i>- has been consulted and highlighted a minor omission</i>
Councillor Jackie Dunbar	Has been consulted
Councillor Gordon Graham	Has been consulted
Councillor Andrew May	Has been consulted
Councillor James Hunter	Has been consulted
Councillor Norman Collie	Has been consulted
Councillor Jim Noble	Has been consulted
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Councillor John Reynolds	Has been consulted
Councillor Jim Farquharson	Has been consulted
Councillor Jennifer Stewart	Has been consulted
Councillor Willie Young	Has been consulted

Council Officers

Barry Jenkins, Head of Finance, Resources - *has been consulted and queried whether the CWSS budget was the only grant-funded budget and why there were no costs against the disabled spaces*

Jane MacEachran, City Solicitor, Continuous Improvement - has been consulted

Ciaran Monaghan, Head of Service, Office of Chief Executive - has been consulted

Gordon McIntosh, Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure - *is in agreement with the recommendations of this report*

Hugh Murdoch, Head of Service, Shelter and Environment – *has been consulted and made minor alterations*

Margaret Bochel, Head of Planning & Infrastructure, Strategic Leadership – *has been consulted and is in agreement with the recommendations within this report but suggests that further expansion of the accessibility of buses, taxis and cyclists could be highlighted within this section*

Mike Cheyne, Roads Manager - has been consulted

Neil Carnegie, Community Safety Manager - has been consulted

Margaret Jane Cardno, Community Safety Manager - has been consulted

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