

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: **Environment, Planning and Infrastructure**

DATE: **11th September 2012**

DIRECTOR: **Gordon McIntosh**

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

REPORT NUMBER: **EPI/12/144**

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 (£)	Additional maintenance costs (£) after 5 years	Comments
(●) Cycling, Walking, Safer, Streets (Scot Gov grant-funded)	3,730	2,250	If budgets are not currently available locations will be placed on a priority list for when future funding becomes available
(❖) Developer financed	-	8,155	Maintenance of these works generally falls to the council maintenance budget when they are on-street restrictions
(➤) Disabled Parking	7,500	3,750	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 locations brought forward during the course of routine examination of road safety and traffic flows and proposals resulting from requests from developers.

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**

- **Balnagask Road** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions

Visibility issues when exiting from the Community Centre has been highlighted by a member of the public through a local Councillor. A short section of “At any time” waiting restrictions on either side of the access road will improve the visibility at this location.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £100

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £100 every 5 years

Ward (12) – Ferryhill/Torry

Elected members – Allan/Dickson/Donnelly/Kiddie

- **Burnbrae Crescent and Hallfield Road** – Proposed waiting restrictions, “Mon – Fri; 8:00am to 10:00am” and “At any time”

The refuse collection service is experiencing serious difficulties in manoeuvring their vehicles round these roads on collection days. Similar problems would therefore be experienced by delivery vehicles and emergency vehicles should they also require access.

Discussions were held with operation officers for this service with a view to using a smaller collection vehicle in this area. However, it was concluded that this was not possible due to limited access to these vehicles and the following restrictions would therefore be the preferred solution.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £1700

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £650 every 5 years

Ward (3) – Kingswells/Sheddocksley

Elected members – Cameron/Delaney/Ironside

- **Cranford Road** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions

It has been highlighted, through the City Wardens, that vehicles are being parked indiscriminately on the slip road outside the take-away premises on the corner of Cranford Road at Great Western Road, and in some cases causing vehicles to reverse out onto Great Western Road. The slip road is not wide enough to allow parking on one side and a vehicle to pass and installing waiting restrictions along the length of this slip road, on both sides, will allow the City Wardens to address this issue.

These restrictions would not affect the ability to load and unload to the premises from this slip road.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £180

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £180 every 10 years

Ward (11) – Airyhall/Broomhill/Garthdee

Elected members – Taylor/Townson/Yuill

- **Crown Street** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions

Historically there have been parking spaces behind the footpath along the front of Crown House to allow the Royal Mail vans easy access to park off-street. A single yellow line protected this parking for the Royal Mail during the day but allowed residential parking along the kerb-side in the evenings and on a Sunday when the Royal Mail vans were not in use.

Crown House was developed into residential apartments and the parking spaces were allocated to its residents, however the waiting restrictions remained unchanged, “Mon – Sat; 8am to 6pm”.

The residents' parking requirement is not restricted to these times and they need access to their parking spaces at all times and the kerbside waiting restrictions require to reflect this with "At any time" waiting restrictions.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £160

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £80 every 5 years

Ward (12) – Ferryhill/Torry

Elected members – Allan/Dickson/Donnelly/Kiddie

- **Denmore Gardens** – Proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions

In recent times the indiscriminate parking on Denmore Gardens, and in particular at the access road to the Council Depot, has increased to a point where access to the depot is becoming difficult and hazardous on a regular basis.

Vehicles should be kept clear of the junctions in accordance with the Highway Code, however this is not happening and the implementation of "At any time" waiting restrictions should resolve this access problem.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £550

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £550 every 5 years

Ward (2) – Bridge of Don

Elected members – Jaffrey/Reynolds/Stuart/Young

- **Duthie Terrace**– Proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions

Complaints have been received from elderly residents in Duthie Court about access to these houses being restricted by vehicles parking too close to the exit and also opposite the exit. Short sections of "At any time" restrictions to both sides of the exit should improve access significantly.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £100

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £100 every 5 years

Ward (11) – Airyhall/Broomhill/Garthdee

Elected members – Taylor/Townson/Yuill

- **Fonthill Road Car Park** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions

There is currently a turning area within this car park that has been hatched to indicate that it requires to be kept clear of parked vehicles. It has been observed by officers that vehicles are currently being parked on this area and at present the city wardens are unable to prevent this from occurring.

This hatching requires to be removed and be replaced by “At any time” waiting restrictions in order that enforcement can take place and normal turning movements allowed within the car park.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £100

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £50 every 5 years

Ward (12) – Ferryhill/Torry

Elected members – Allan/Dickson/Donnelly/Kiddie

- **Hazledene Road** – Prohibition of Driving (except for access)

A request was received from the Housing and Environment Service to have through access restricted along this road.

This road is maintained by Housing and Environment as a private road and previously carried a large number of commuter vehicles to and from the City in the peak hours. However, the condition of the road surface has deteriorated to such an extent now that it is unsuited to allow commuter traffic to use this road, hence the request to have access restricted.

It is not anticipated that repairs will be carried out in the foreseeable future to a standard that would allow it to reopen to all traffic and the prohibition of driving would be permanent.

Access will be maintained to the car parks servicing the forest walks and to any private land /property as required, and pedestrian and cycle “through” access will also be maintained.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £nil

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £nil

Ward (10) – Hazlehead/Ashley/Queen’s Cross

Elected members – Corall/Greig/Stewart/Thomson

Elected members – Adam/Blackman/Dunbar

- **Howes Drive** – Proposed - “At any time” waiting restrictions

Residents have highlighted through their local member that a small number of residents are parking on the grassed area damaging the surface.

It is now proposed that a section of “At any time” waiting restrictions be progressed over this area to remove this indiscriminate parking and reduce the damage to the grassed amenity area.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £350

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £350 every 5 years

Ward (4) – Northfield

Elected members – Carle/ Dunbar/Graham

- **Oakhill Crescent** – Proposed revocation of “Residents Only” parking bay and proposal of “At any time” waiting restrictions.

As part of an extension to the Foresterhill Controlled Parking Zone, Oakhill Crescent had parking and waiting restrictions installed along its length and within the turning circle at the end of the cul-de-sac. At the outset the turning area was proposed to have “At any time” waiting restrictions implemented over the entire area. Residents were unhappy with this proposal and objected to it as they thought it would be too restrictive on their ability to park at their homes. With the support of the local member at that time, a single “Resident Only” parking bay was implemented at one end of the turning area.

Recently, however, it has been accepted by the same residents that the original proposal was correct and they now wish to have that space removed, and replaced with “At any time” waiting restrictions. The parking space does currently impede the turning movements in this cul-de-sac

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £180

Estimated additional maintenance cost – minimal

Ward (7) – Midsocket/Rosemount

Elected members – Cormie/Forsyth/Laing

- **St Clements Street, access to private business** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions

It was brought to the attention of the Council that double yellow lines had been laid on a private access just beyond the public carriageway and without consultation with Aberdeen City Council. Vehicles have been parking on this private access causing problems to the business and their delivery vehicles hence their actions in laying these lines on their ground.

The presence of these lines, although on private ground, have resulted in the vehicles which previously parked within the access, now parking closer to the carriageway and blocking the dropped kerb in place to aid pedestrians/disability scooters/buggies along the footway.

Discussions were held with the company and agreement made that the Council would extend the companies lines to cover the dropped kerb and the business was happy for their lines to be taken through the legal process and included in a Traffic Regulation Order that the City Wardens can enforce.

The advantage in this from the Council viewpoint is that we will not then have sections of yellow lines that appear to be on the road that the City Wardens cannot enforce but the public expect to be enforced.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £70

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £230 every 5 years

Ward (8) – George Street/Harbour

Elected members – May/Morrison/Morrison

- **Sunnybank Road at Sunnybank Primary School** – Revocation of “Pay and Display” parking bay and replacement with timed waiting restriction.

Sunnybank Primary School houses the facility for children with hearing difficulties and special need and many of these children travel some distance across the City to attend this school. This often involves a larger than normal number of children arriving at school by taxi and this causes regular access problems. Requests have been received from staff members at the school to adjust the restrictions outside the school to try and resolve some of these issues.

There are existing “SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR” zig-zags across the access points and waiting restrictions to prevent vehicles being parked outside the school all day and a short section of “Pay and Display” parking. Once the parking bay is full the section of waiting

restriction is not long enough to accommodate the number of vehicles required to transfer these children to the school. Additional kerbside drop-off space is required.

It is therefore proposed to remove the length of the “Pay and Display” parking bay and replace it with a 24m length of timed waiting restriction, Mon – Fri; 8am to 4pm. This will prevent long-term parking but will allow vehicles to drop-off and pick-up outside the school during the operational times of the restriction.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £240

Estimated additional maintenance cost – nil

Ward (6 and 8) – Tillydrone/Seaton/Old Aberdeen and George Street/Harbour

Elected members – Grant/Milne/Noble and May/Jean Morrison/
Nathan Morrison

The following proposals will be funded by the developer

- ❖ **Balmoral Terrace Nos 11 - 13** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions

As part of the Construction Consent for this development “At any time” waiting restrictions are required to protect the newly formed access from parked vehicles and to maintain visibility.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost – nil

Estimated maintenance cost – £120 every 5 years

Wards (11) – Airyhall/Broomhill/Garthdee

Elected members – Taylor/Townson/Yuill

- ❖ **Elphinstone Road** - Proposed “At any time” waiting restriction

Currently there is a timed waiting restriction along the west side of Elphinstone Road (which is a one-way street) and these restrictions have been in place for many years. After construction of the new library a raised crossing point was installed across Elphinstone Road and is being very well used. The timed waiting restriction, however, has not been altered and now vehicles are parking on either side of the crossing point and in some instances blocking visibility for drivers approaching the pedestrian crossing point.

“At any time” waiting restrictions are required to improve the visibility and therefore safety at this pedestrian crossing point.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £nil

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £250 every 5 years

Ward (6) – Tilldrone/Seaton/Old Aberdeen

Elected members – Grant/Milne/Noble

❖ **Foresterhill Road** – extension to the 20mph speed limit

Currently there is an 20mph speed limit on the loop road around the main car parks on the Foresterhill site.

Discussions on the permanent traffic management within the Foresterhill site have highlighted the need to extend this 20mph speed limit to the north and south of this loop road. This will result in a 20mph speed limit over the entire road from Westburn Road northwards to Ashgrove Road West.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

Implementation cost - £nil

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £minimal

Ward (7) – Midsocket/Rosemount

Elected members – Cormie/Forsyth/Laing

❖ **Kingswells, Prime Four development** – Proposed “40mph speed limit”, “right-turn ban”, “one-way” restriction and “At any time” waiting restrictions.

As part of the consents for this major development to the west of Kingswells, there are a number of traffic restrictions required to be implemented on completion of the engineering works.

The proposals are indicated on the 3 plans below.

Implementation cost – nil

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £7700 every 5 years

Wards (3 and 9) – Kingswells/Sheddocksley and Lower Deeside

Elected members – Cameron/Delaney/Ironside and Boulton/Malik/Malone

❖ **Regent Walk** – Proposed “At any time” waiting restrictions

As part of the consent for this development there is a requirement for “At any time” waiting restrictions to replace the section of Mon – Fri; 8:00am to 6:00pm waiting restrictions. This is to allow a cycle lane to be incorporated along the south side of Regent Walk.

The proposals are indicated on the plan below.

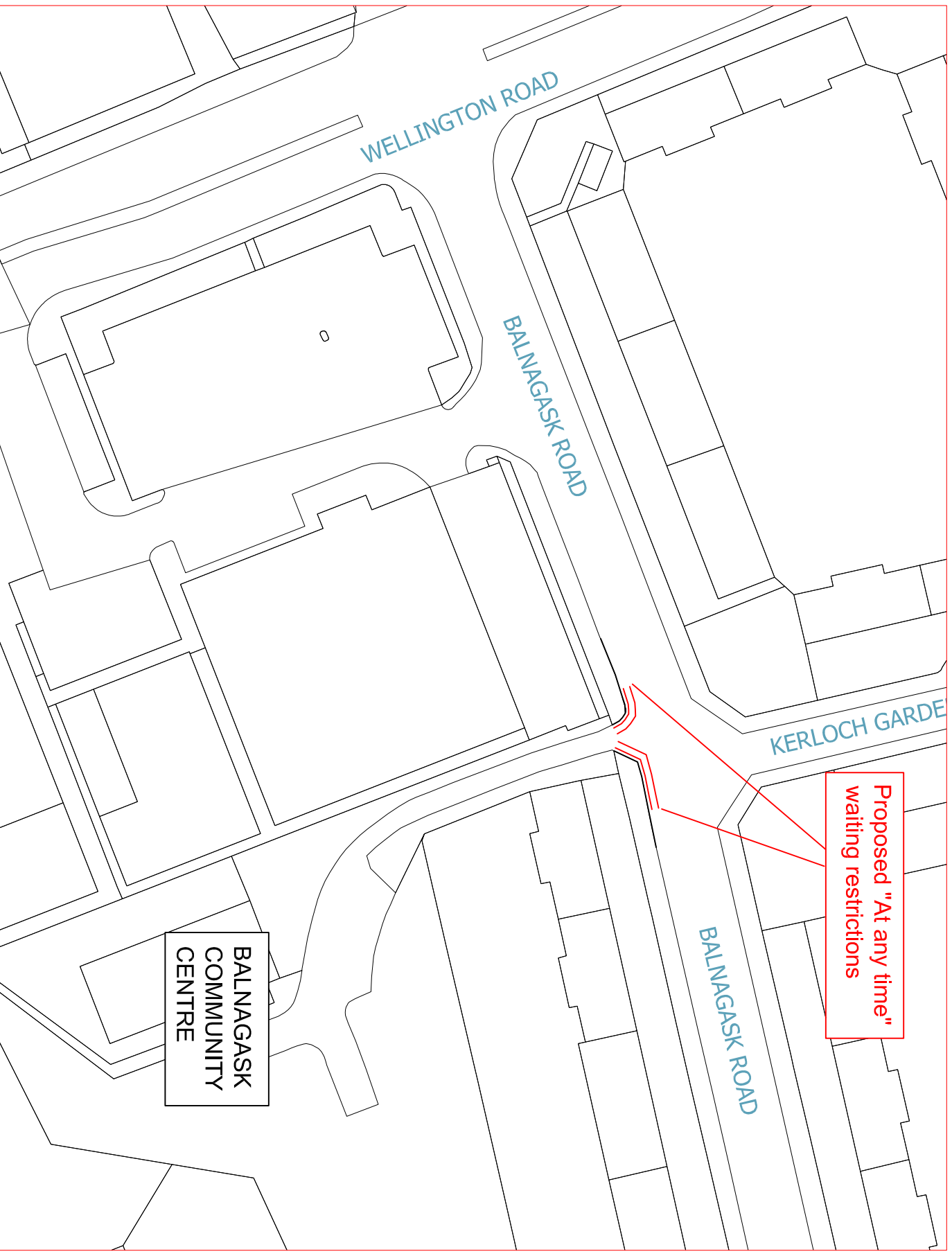
Implementation cost – nil

Estimated additional maintenance cost – £85 every 5 years

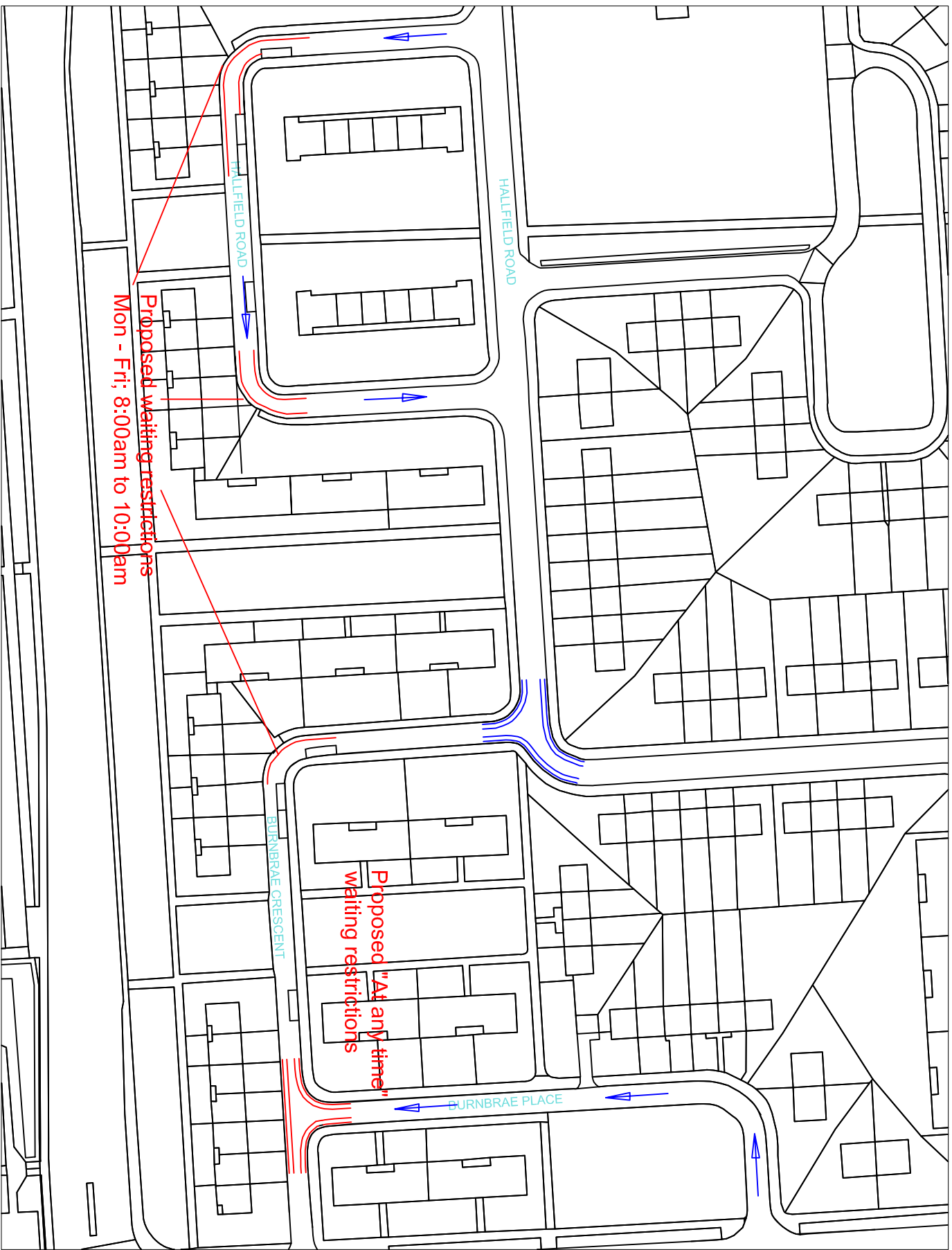
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Elected members – Grant/Milne/Noble

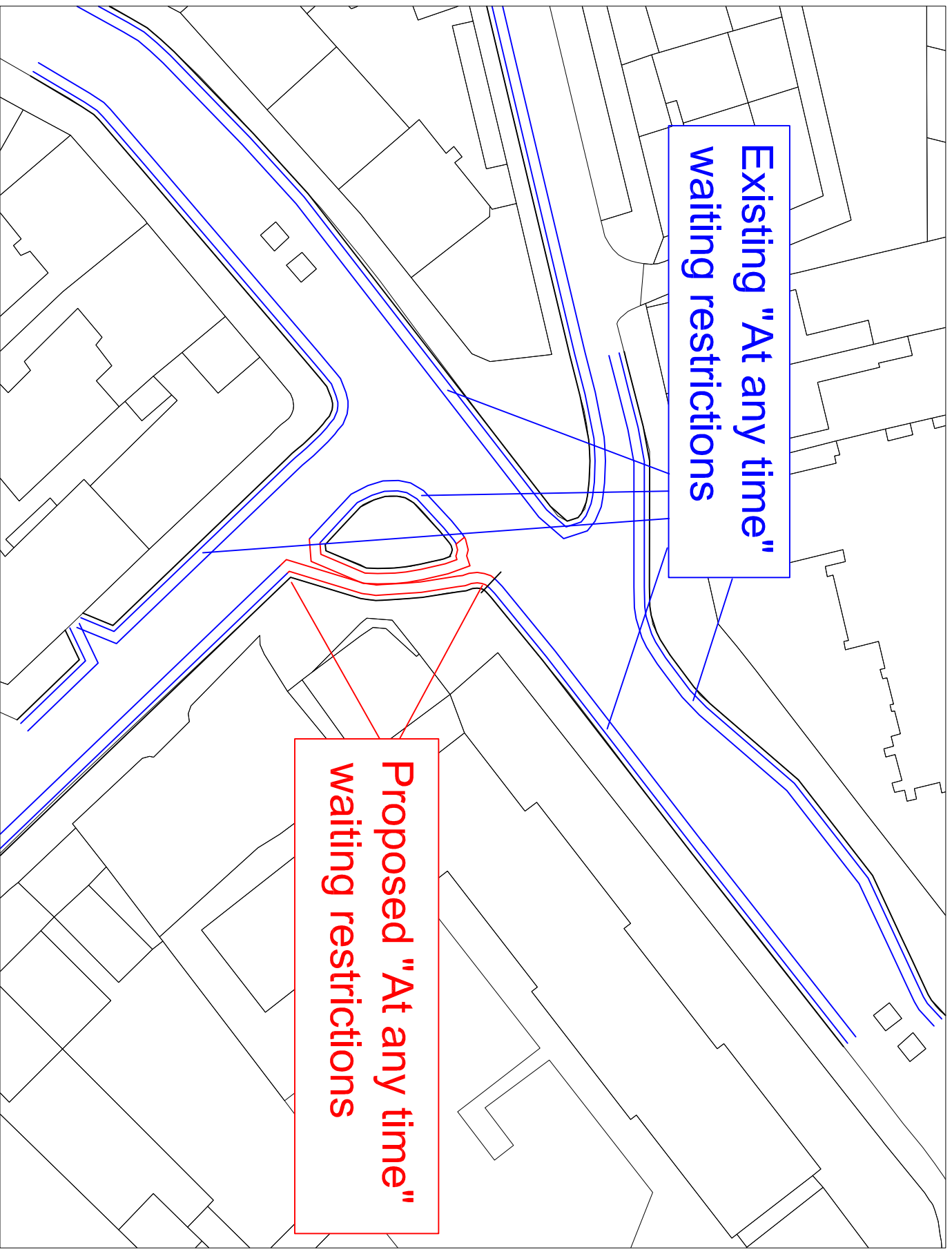
Balnagask Road - Proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions



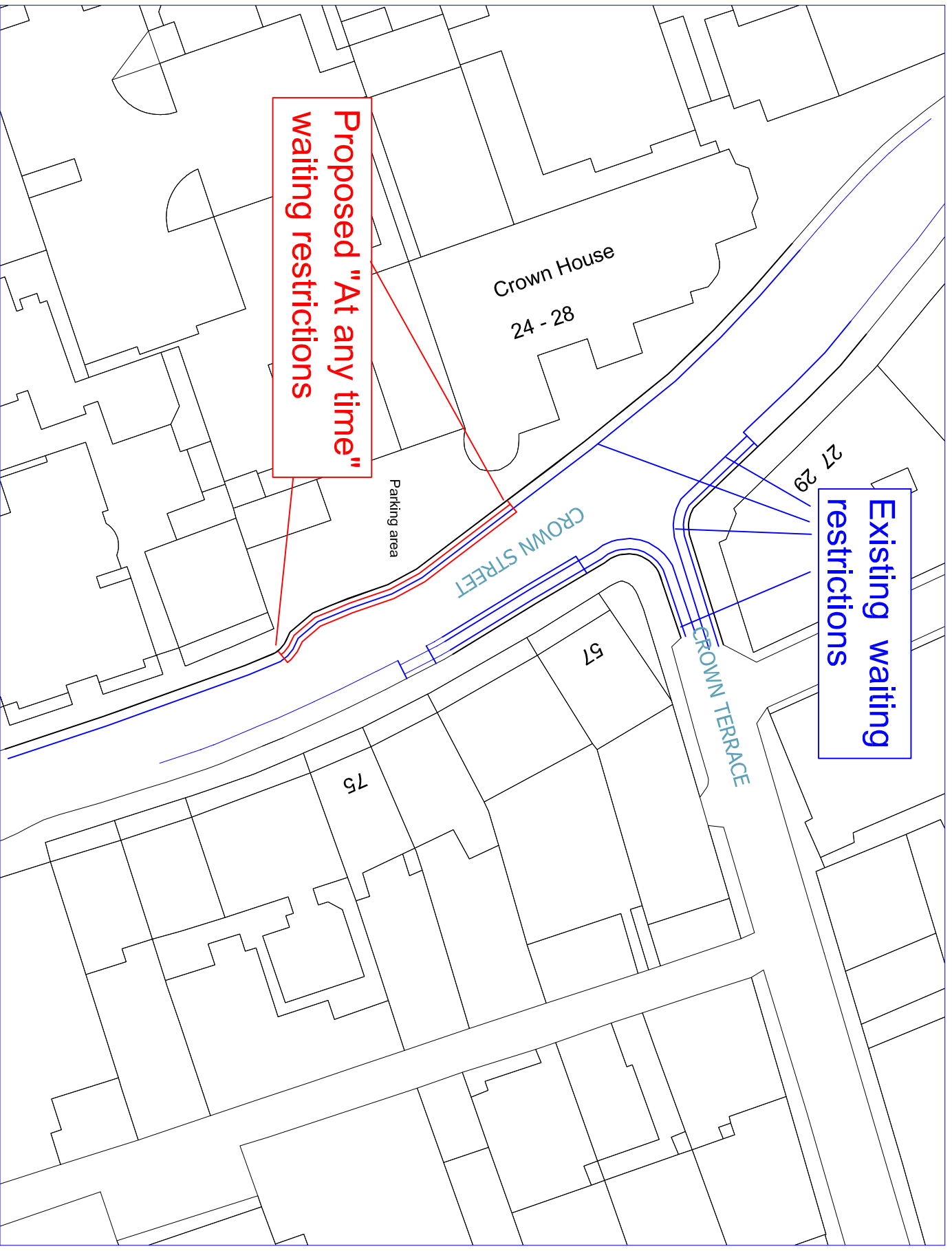
Burnbrae Crescent/Hallfield Road - Proposed waiting restrictions



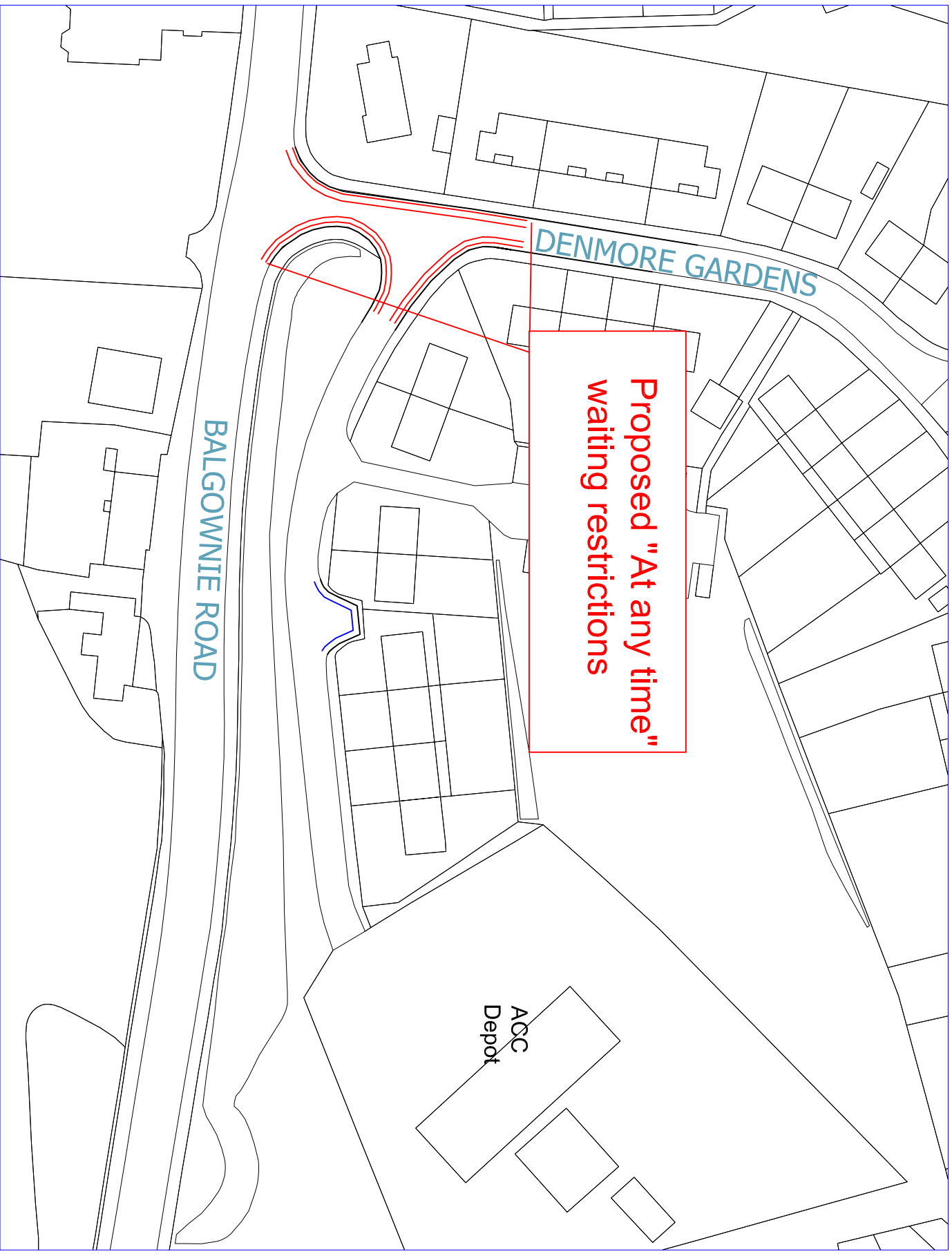
Cranford Road - Proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions



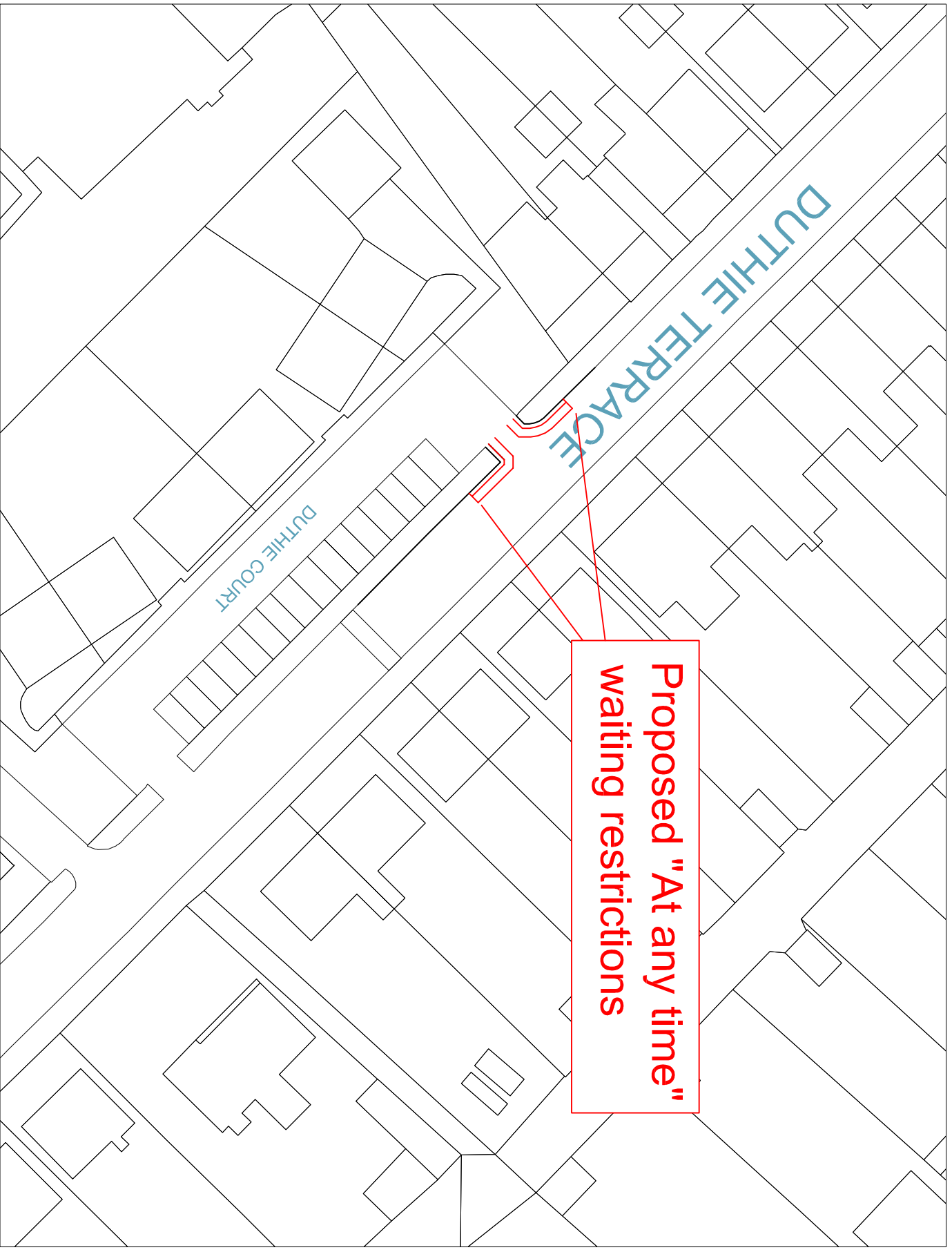
Crown Street - Proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions



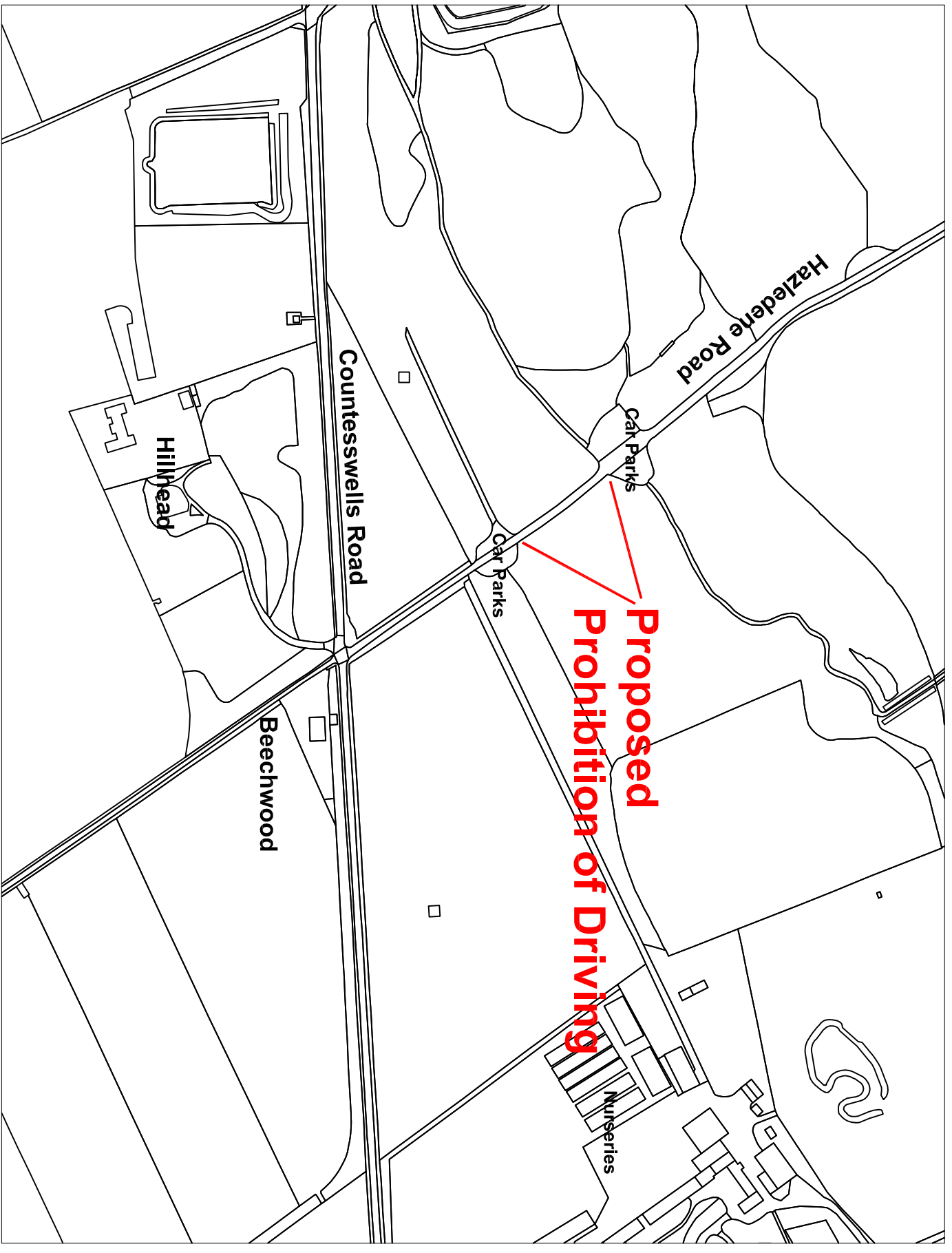
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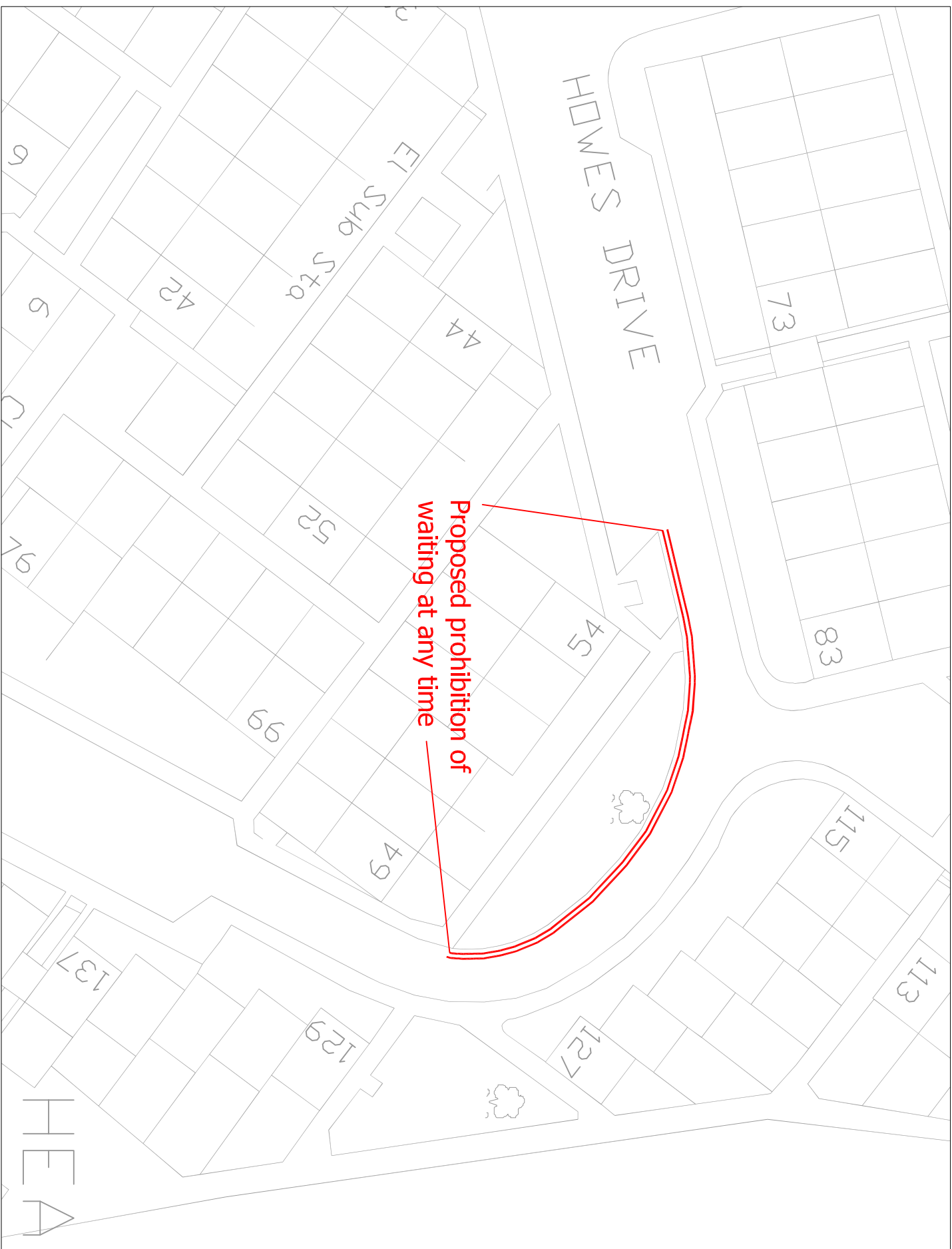
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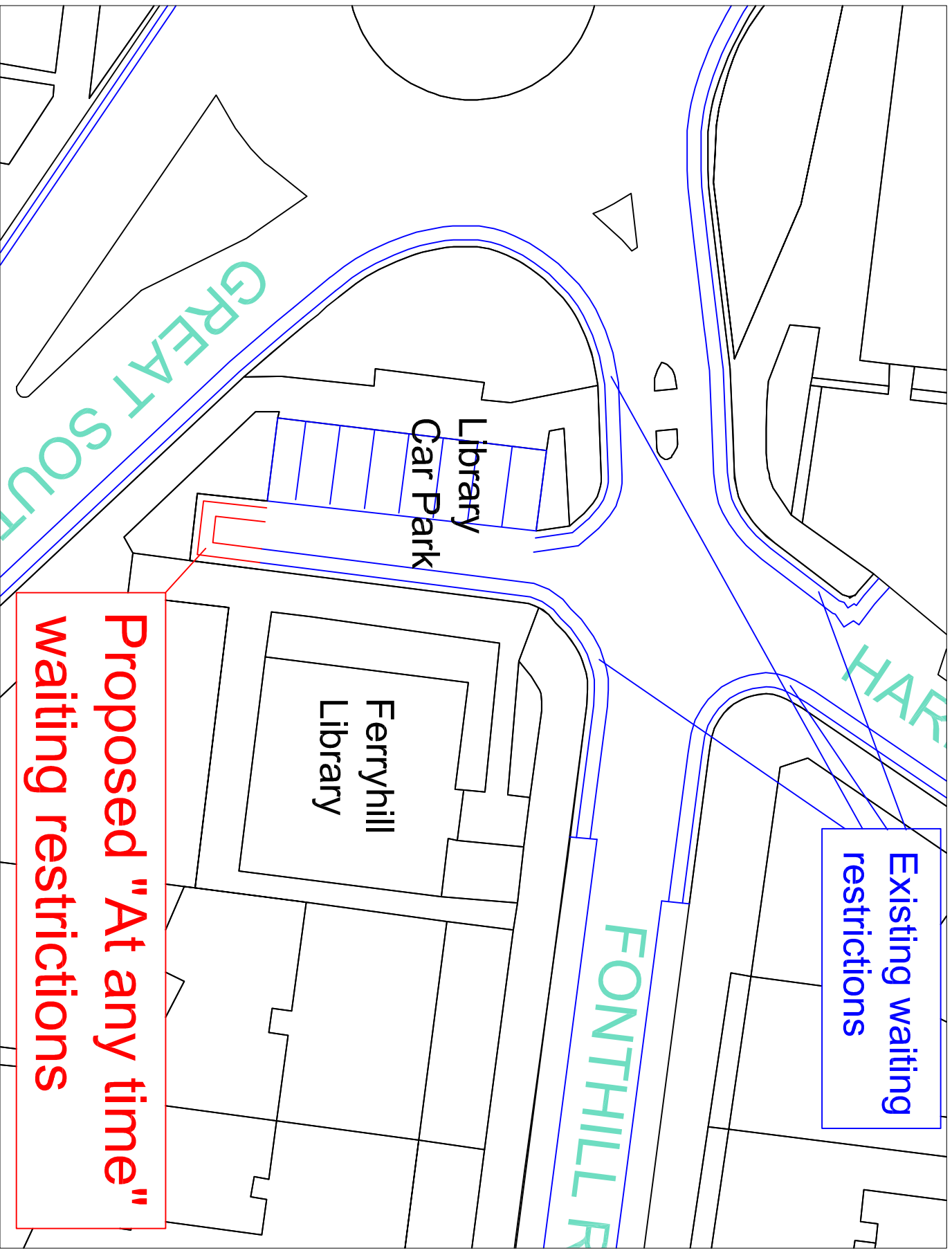
Hazledene Road - Proposed Prohibition of Driving (except for access)



Howes Drive - Proposed length of prohibition of waiting at any time



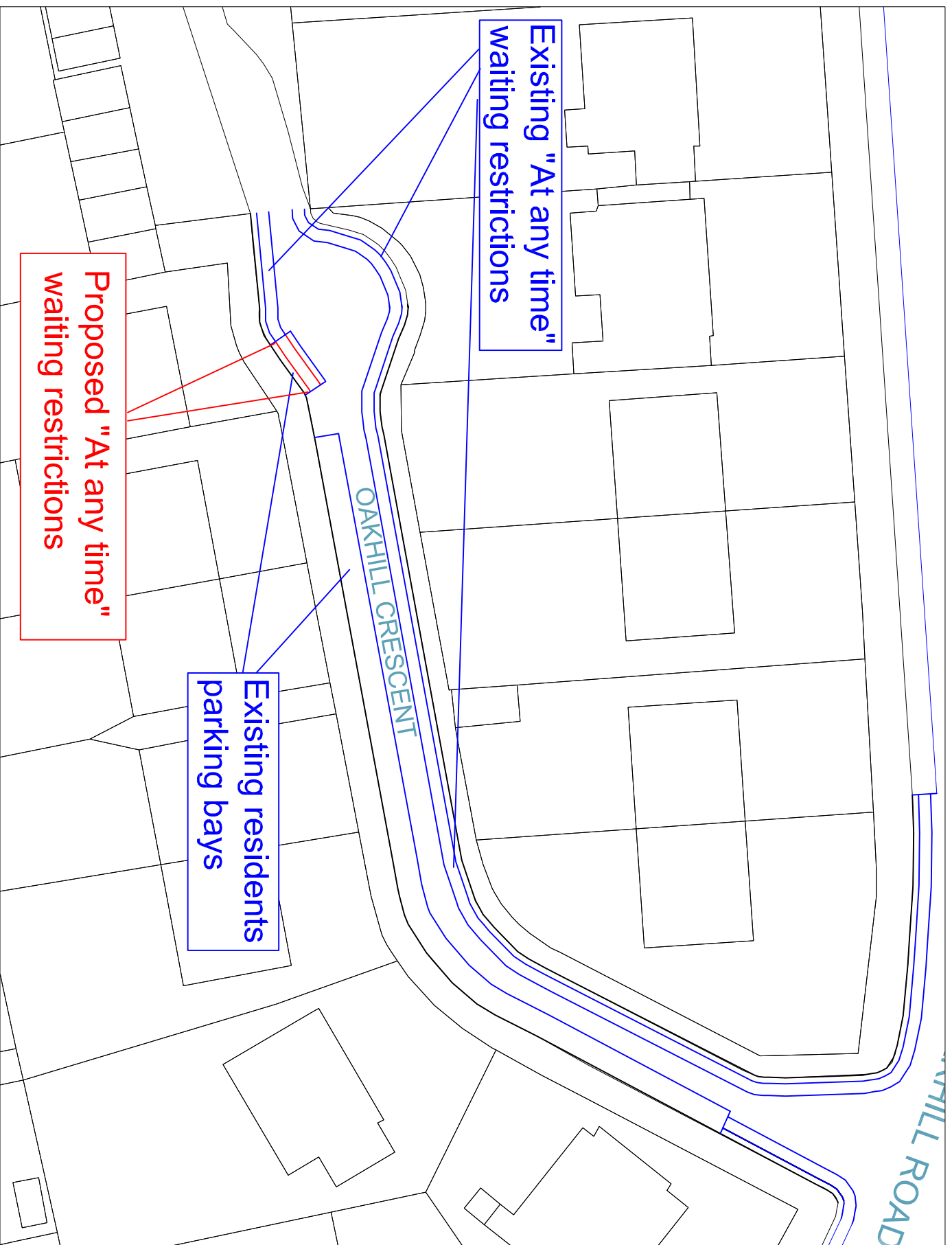
Fonthill Library Car Park - Proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions



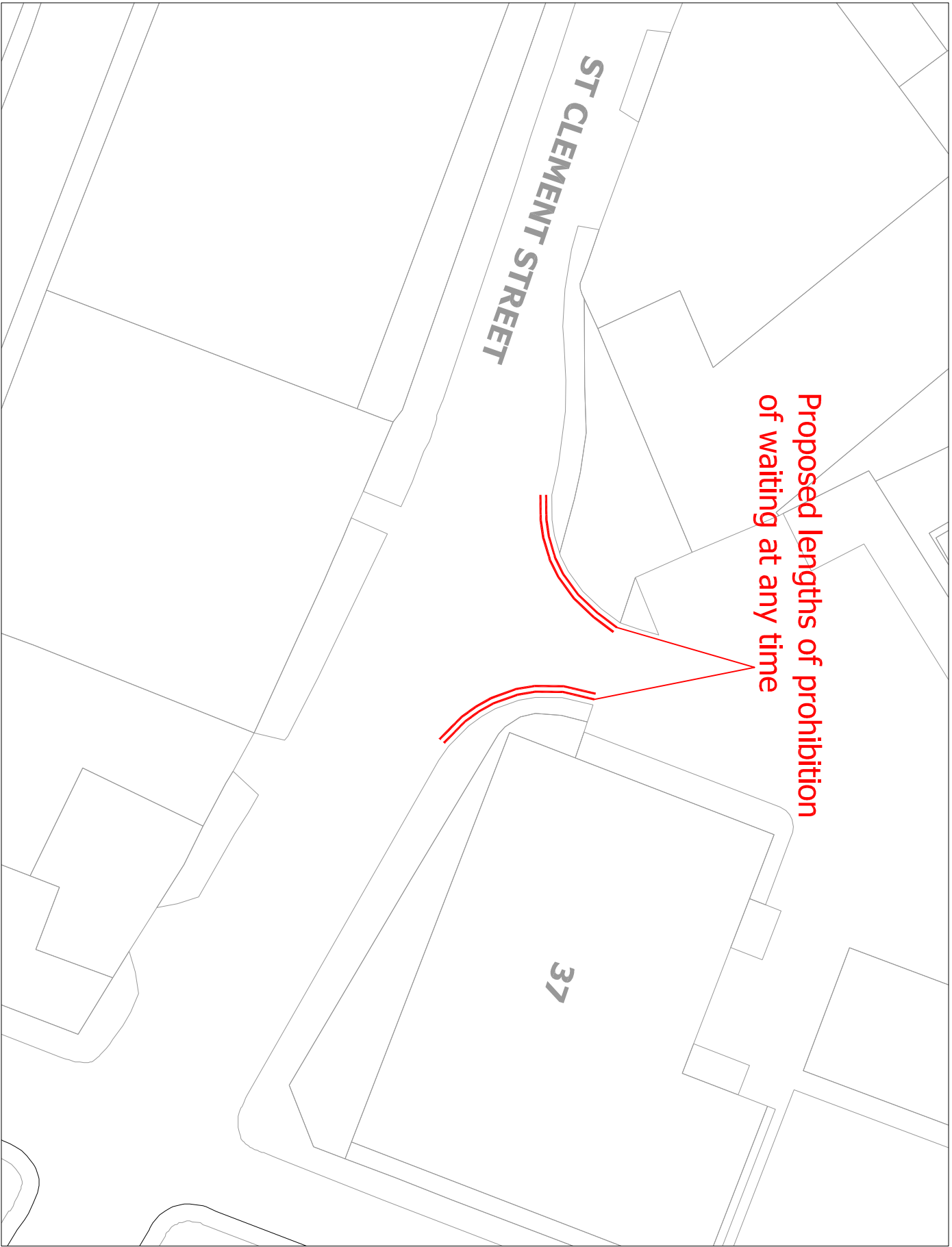
Existing waiting restrictions

Proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions

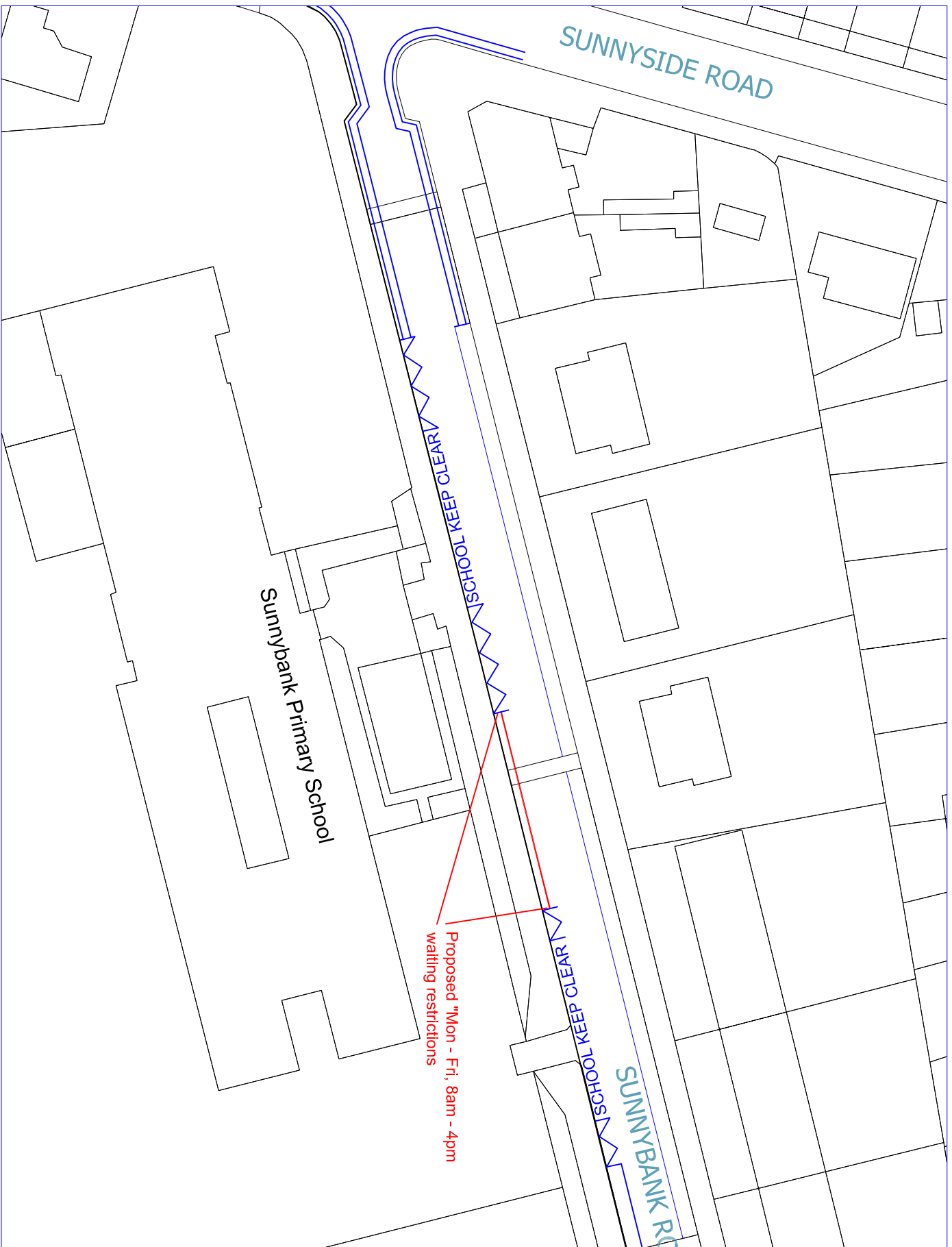
Oakhill Crescent - Proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions



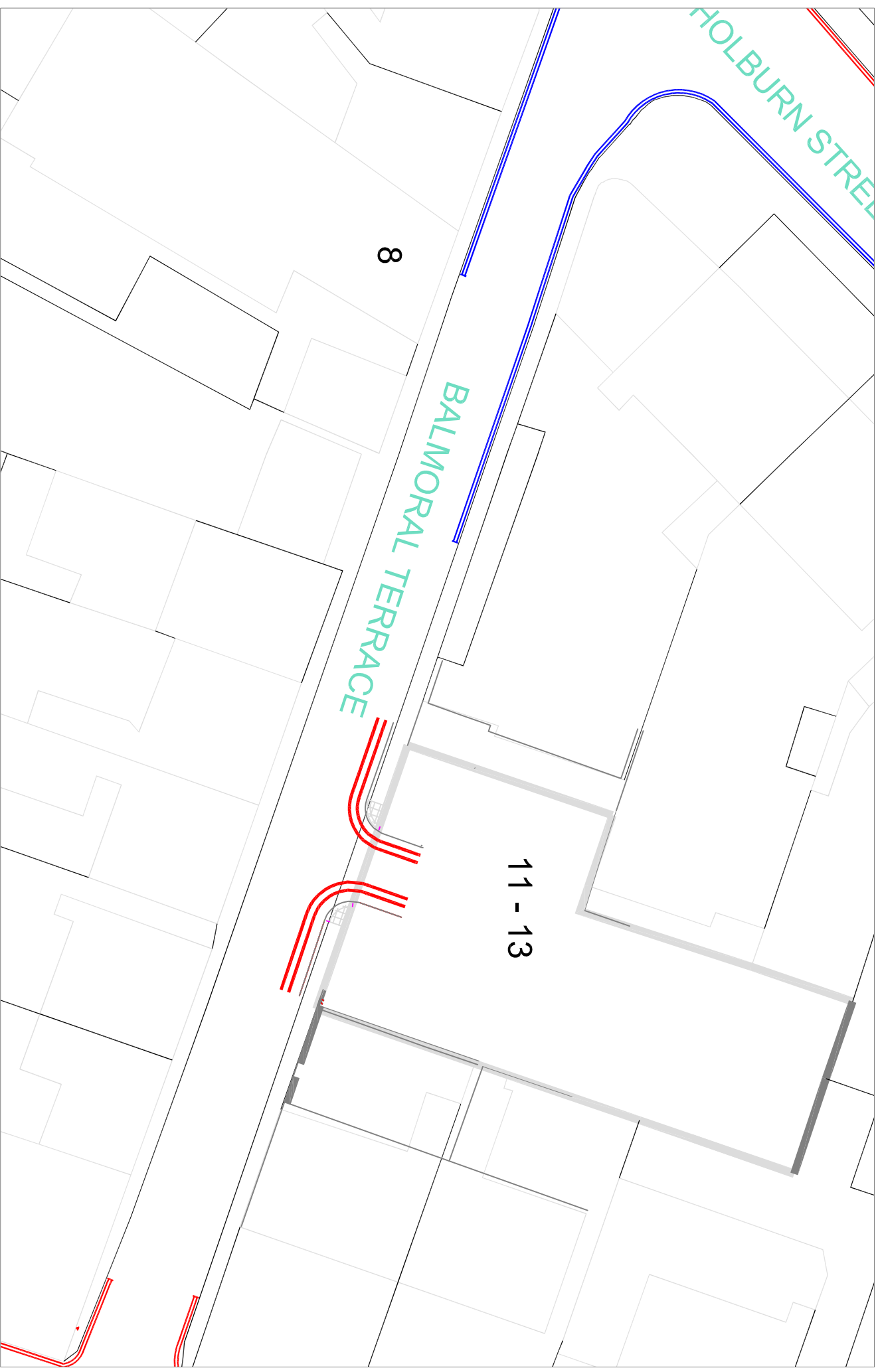
St Clement Street - Proposed lengths of prohibition of waiting at any time



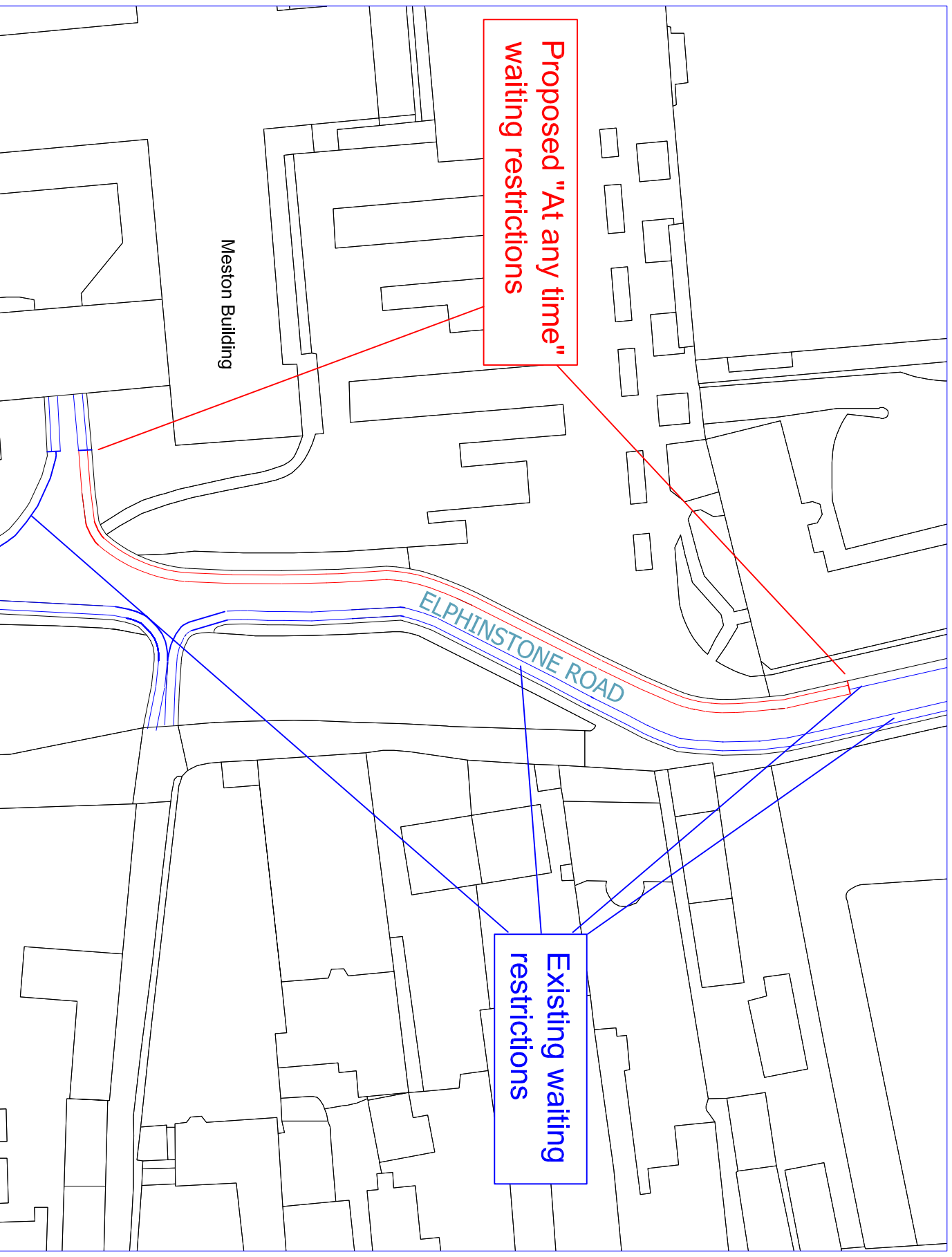
Sunnybank Road - Proposed Mon - Fri, 8am to 4pm waiting restrictions



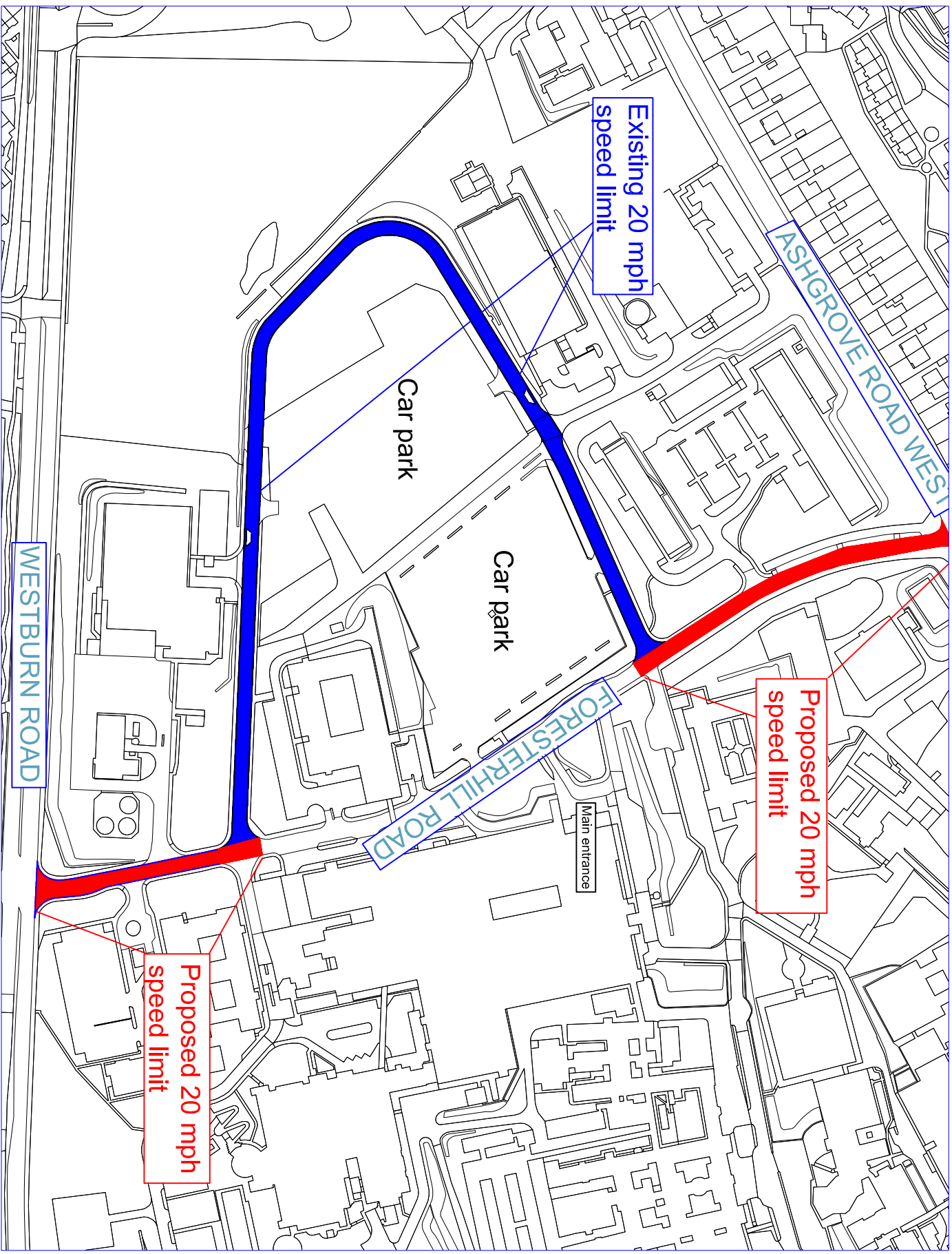
Balmoral Terrace - Proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions



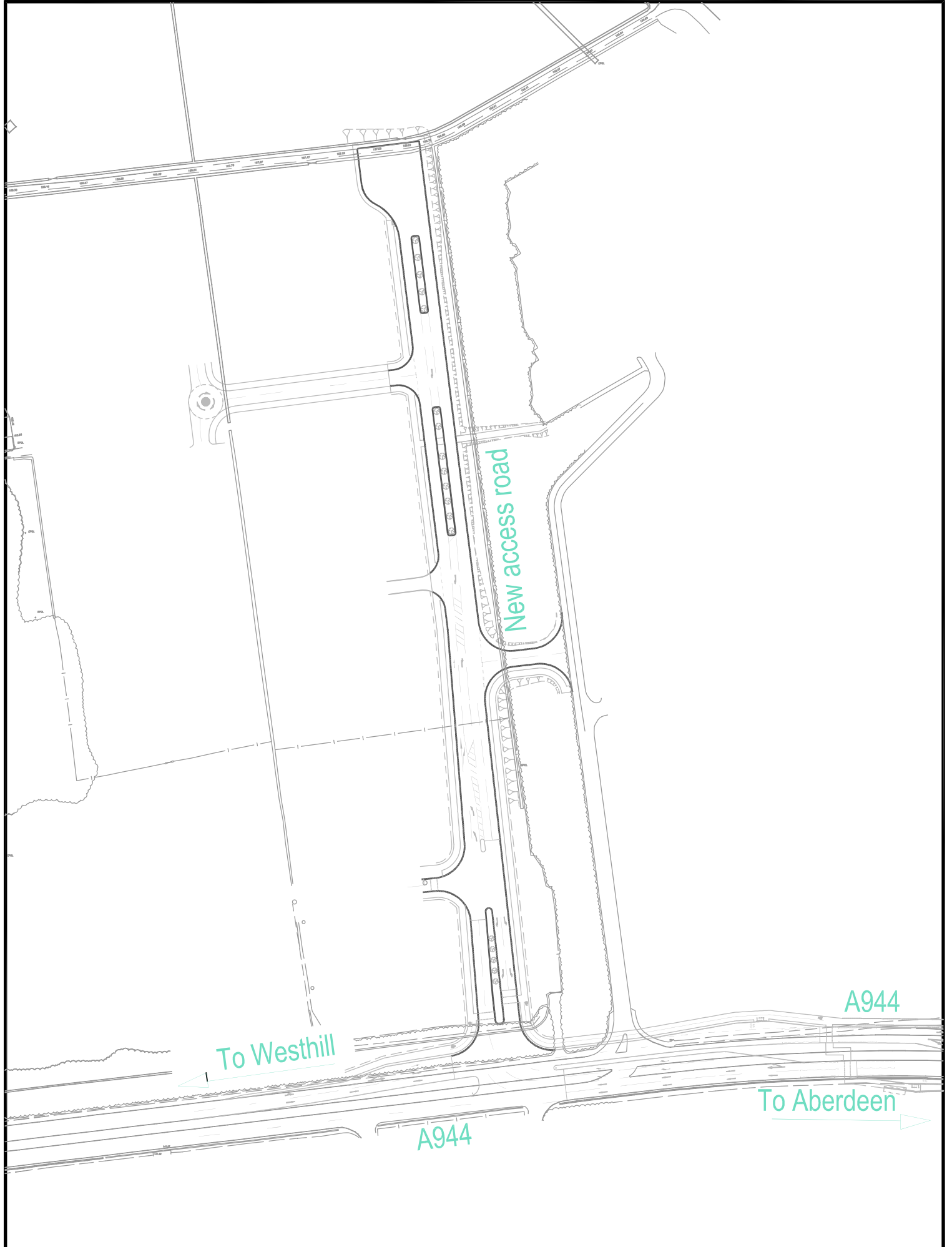
Elphinstone Road - Proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions



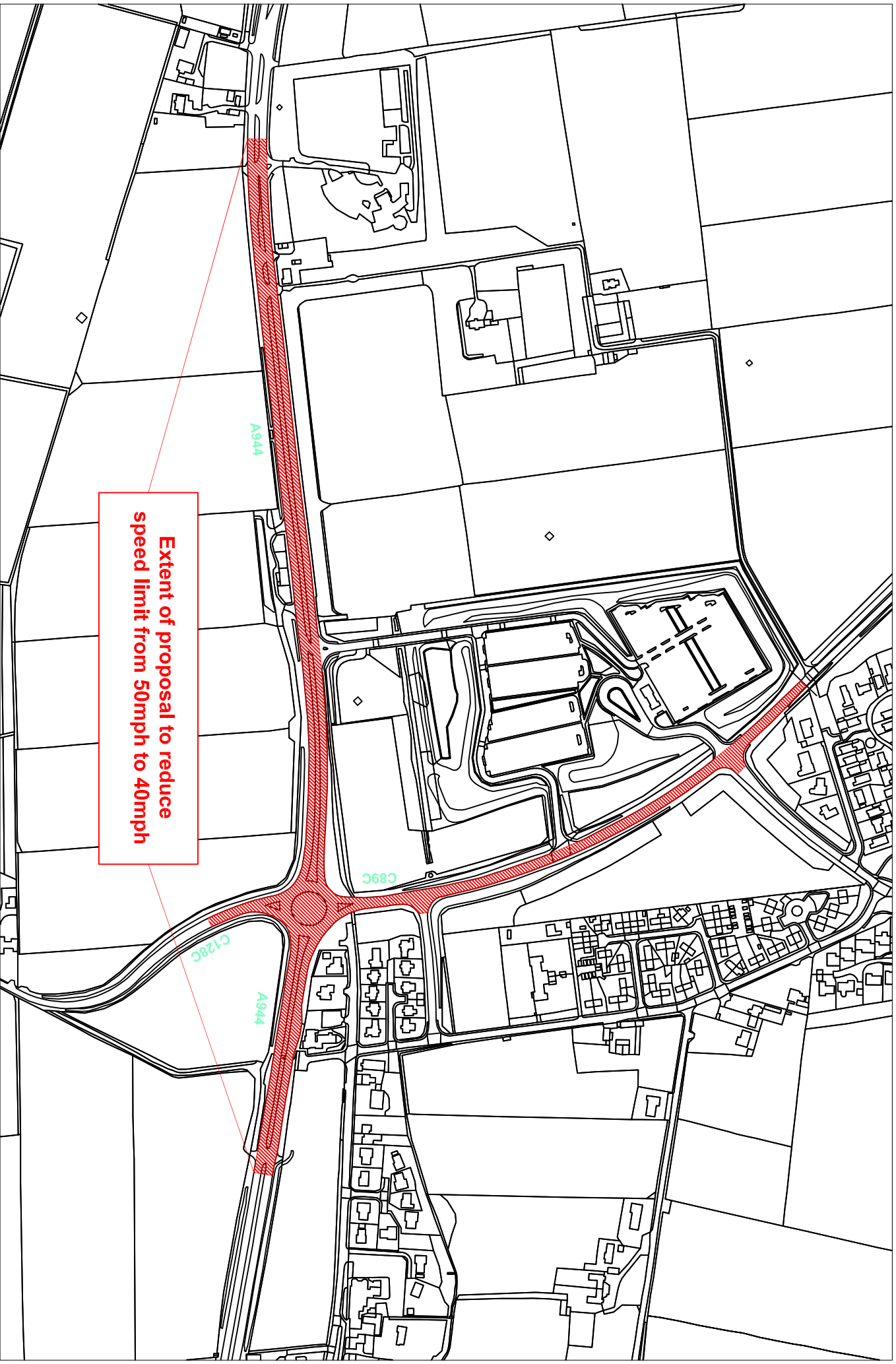
Foresterhill Road - Proposed extension to 20 mph speed limit



Prime Four, Kingswells - Proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions

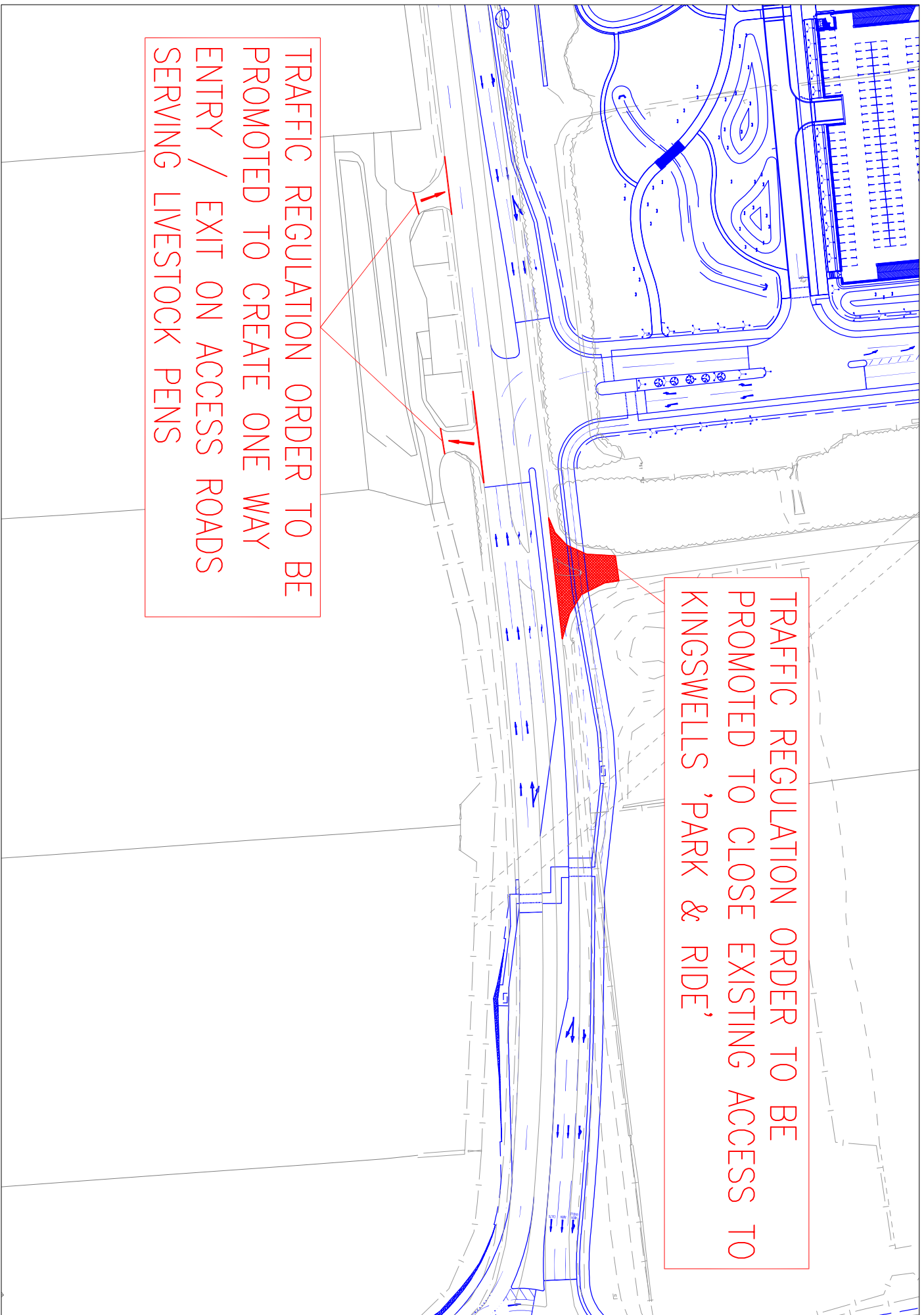


Prime Four, Kingswells - Proposed reduction of speed limit from 50mph to 40mph



Prime Four Business Park, Kingswells

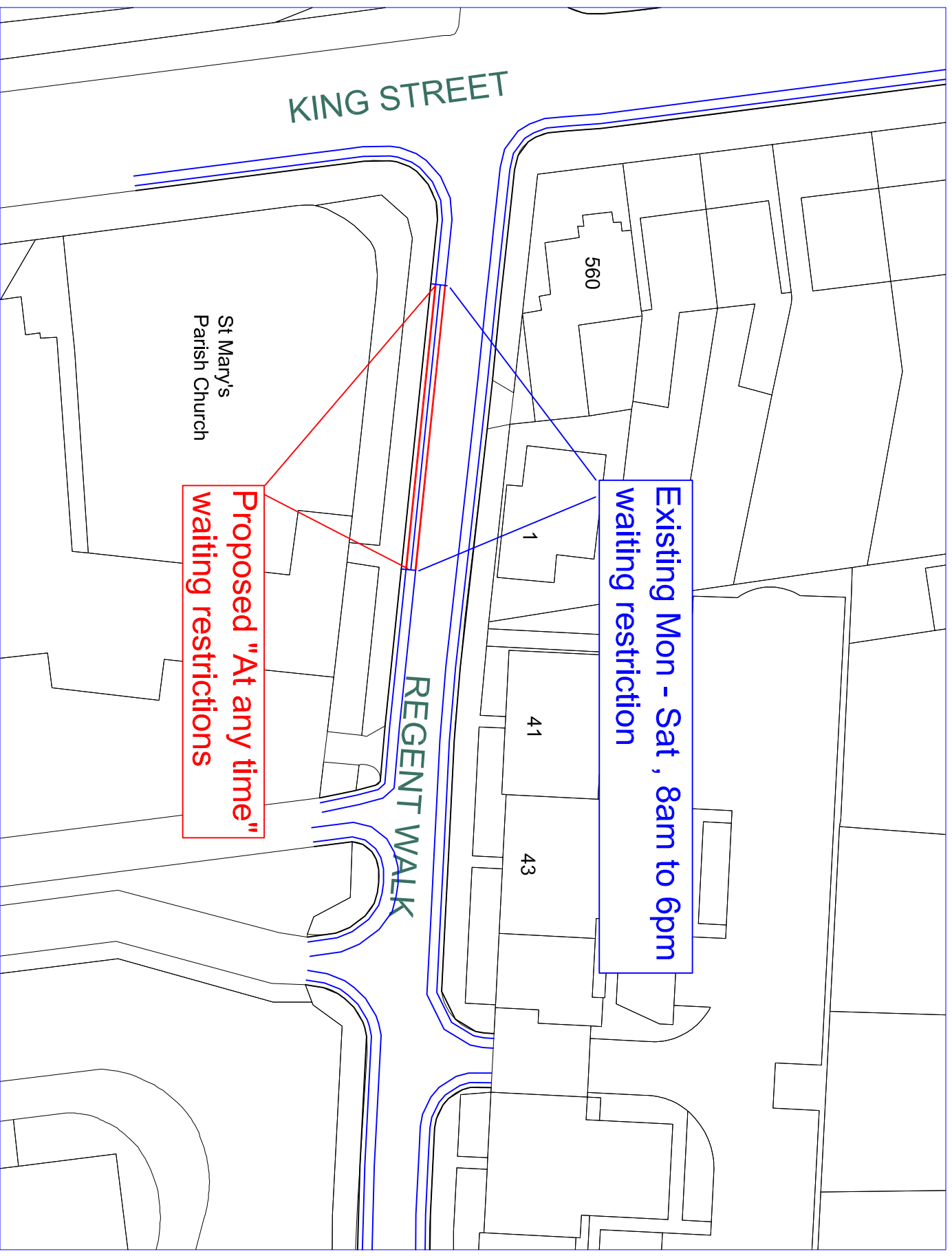
Proposals to regulate traffic movements



TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER TO BE PROMOTED TO CLOSE EXISTING ACCESS TO KINGSWELLS 'PARK & RIDE'

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER TO BE PROMOTED TO CREATE ONE WAY ENTRY / EXIT ON ACCESS ROADS SERVING LIVESTOCK PENS

Regent Walk - Proposed "At any time" waiting restrictions



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 – 53 spaces

10b Northfield Place	26b Grampian Road
Lewis Road at back door of 34 Kirkwall Avenue	31 South Grampian Circle
22 Sheddocksley Road	10 Jesmond Avenue
31 Annfield Terrace	30 Bressay Brae
8 Strathnore Drive	32 Eday Square
Hallfield Road (at rear of 160 Lang Stracht)	10 Gillahill Place
147 Hallfield Road	17 Annat Bank
137 Cairncry Road	16 Mile-end Avenue
143 Midstocket Road	37 Berrywell Gardens
142 Kincorth Circle	30b Logie Avenue
19 Faulds Gate	58 Mastrick Drive
56 South Grampian Circle	3 Hillock Way
135 School Drive	For 143 Provost Fraser Drive in Circle off Tay Road
93 Middlefield Place	36 Bankhead Road
15 Kincorth Place	300 North Balnagask Road
13 Nigg Way	19 Arran Avenue
102 Tollochill Drive	8 Hillside Place
15 Auchinyell Road	51d Bedford Avenue
77 Oscar Road	39 Coningham Gardens
87 Oscar Road	3 Strathburn Street
89 Oscar Road	14 Drinnies Crescent
101 Pittodrie Street	4 Strathburn Street
131 Gray Street	7 Loirston Place
137 Gray Street	15 Coull Gardens
5 Cardens Knowe	87 Devonshire Road
43 Danestone Terrace	23 Danestone Circle
8 Pittmedden Crescent, Garthdee	

On-street parking – time restricted 17:00 – 00:00 – 7 spaces

Rosemount Viaduct (south side at HMT)

Non-specific spaces – 4 spaces

Cairncry Court

Off-street parking – 11 spaces

39 Shetland Walk	93 Cairncry Road
21 Shetland Walk	17 Merkland Place
47 Shapinsay Court	For 58 Howes Drive o/s 137 Howes Drive
61 Shapinsay Court	5 Whitestripes Place

108 Cairncry Road	19 Balgownie Brae
For 92 Stockethill Court in Car Park	

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

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