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DEVONPORT, STOKE AND ST PETER & THE WATERFRONT AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2009
TIME: 6.00 PM
PLACE: CITY COLLEGE PLYMOUTH, KINGS ROAD, DEVONPORT, PLYMOUTH, PL1 5QG

Members –

Councillor Mrs Dolan, Chair
Councillor Wildy, Vice Chair
Councillors Coker, King, McDonald, Reynolds, Mrs Stephens, Stevens and Mrs Watkins

Co-opted Representatives –

Ms Rhea Brooke	
Mrs Anne Crocker	Pembroke Street Estate Management Board
Mrs Nicky Finnigan	
Mrs Dee Harvey	Upper Barbican Residents Association
Mrs Nicola Hawkings	Keyham Community Partnership
Mr Paul Squire	

A location map of the venue is attached to the agenda*

BARRY KEEL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**DEVONPORT, STOKE AND ST PETER & THE WATERFRONT AREA
COMMITTEE**

PART I (PUBLIC COMMITTEE)

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for non-attendance submitted by Committee Members.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on this Agenda.

3. MINUTES

(Pages 1 - 4)

The Committee will be asked to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2009.

Please note any questions relating to these minutes can be asked under question time for members of the public.

4. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

To receive reports on business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be brought forward for urgent consideration.

5. POLICING ISSUES

Representatives from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary will report on any relevant local issues.

6. ANTISOCIAL DRIVING ON THE HOE

To receive an update on Antisocial driving on the Hoe.

**7. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS AT CHARLES
STREET, COBOURG STREET AND CHARLES CHURCH
ROUNDAABOUT**

(Pages 5 - 12)

Member will be asked to consider proposed Traffic Regulation Orders and Traffic Management Improvements in the Cobourg Street, Charles Street and Charles Church Roundabout areas.

8. FLY TIPPING AND DOG FOULING

To discuss persistent issues of fly tipping and dog fouling.

9. LOCALITIES REPORT (Pages 13 - 16)

The Assistant Director for Safer Communities will submit a report outlining proposals for locality working.

10. COUNCIL PRIORITIES REVIEW

To receive an interactive presentation on the review of Council Priorities.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee will consider requests from individual Committee Members for future agenda items and identify items that are still outstanding from previous meetings.

12. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Committee and Officers will respond to questions from members of the public attending the Committee. Any question not answered shall be the subject of a written response within 10 working days. Copies of the public question pro-forma and accompanying guidance note will be available at the meeting. Attached, for information purposes, is a schedule of questions and answers from the previous meeting.

13. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at (insert time) p.m. on (insert day, date, month and year) at (insert venue).

14. EXEMPT BUSINESS

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it (they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) ? of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

PART II (PRIVATE COMMITTEE)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO NOTE

that under the law, the Committee is entitled to consider certain items in private. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

Nil.

Schedules of planning applications received in respect of the Committee's three Wards are attached for Members' information only. Copies of the schedules will be available for inspection by members of the public at the meeting.

Devonport, Stoke and St Peter & the Waterfront Area Committee

Tuesday 8 September 2009

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs Dolan, in the Chair.
Councillor Wildy, Vice Chair.
Councillors Coker and Stevens.

Co-opted Representatives: Ms Rhea Brooke, Mrs Nicky Finnigan, Mrs Dee Harvey, Mrs Nicola Hawkings and Mr Paul Squire

Apologies for absence: Councillors McDonald, Reynolds, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Watkins.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and finished at 7.10 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made by Members in accordance with the code of conduct –

Name	Subject	Reason	Interest
Councillor Stevens	minute 17, Policing Issues	Employed by the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary	Personal
Councillor Coker	minute 21, Traffic Regulation Orders	Member of the DRC Board	Personal
Councillor Dolan	minute 22, School Keep Clear Markings	had made an objection on behalf of residents	Personal

15. MINUTES

The following corrections were made to the minutes of the last meeting –

- (i) Councillor McDonald should be added to the list of those present;
- (ii) minute 4 (2) should read "all three ward Councillors be appointed to the City Centre Public Art Steering Group;
- (iii) minute 10 (i) should read anti-social behaviour, dog fouling and lighting in St Levan Park.

Resolved that, subject to the above changes, the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

16. Former Stoke Damerel Girls School Building

Councillor Wildy informed the Committee that the owner of the old Stoke Damerel Girls School Building had until 10 September to carry out the required works to the building. An inspection would be undertaken followed by further enforcement action if the building was still found to be in a state of disrepair.

Any future use of the building would be appropriate to a residential area.

17. **Localities Report**

Members found it unacceptable that such an important issue had been brought forward for consideration under Chair's urgent business which had resulted in members of the community having not been informed that the item was being discussed.

Resolved to defer the report until the meeting on 24 November 2009 and request that wider consideration be given by a scrutiny committee with an invitation to all ward members to attend.

18. **POLICING ISSUES**

The Neighbourhood Manager from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary gave an update on Police initiatives and crime statistics in the ward. The Committee were informed that –

- (i) statistics showed that there had been a decrease in crime over the last few years;
- (ii) the Government had shifted the focus from crime targets to a focus on public priorities;
- (iii) following recent high profile publicity and covert work there had been 30-40 arrests of people who had been witnessed by police buying drugs in the Stonehouse area. These arrests had resulted in sentences of three and a half to five and a half years and a downturn in drug related activity in the Stonehouse area;
- (iv) a new power had come into force which allowed police officers to remove alcohol from people who were acting anti socially or were about to and to disperse people from an area for a period of 24 hours. 103 people had been dispersed since this power had come into effect in April.

19. **ANTISOCIAL DRIVING ON THE HOE**

Members of the public raised concerns about anti-social driving on the Hoe.

Resolved to request that a representative of Plymouth Highways attend the next meeting of this Committee to discuss Anti-Social driving on the Hoe.

20. **STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING - DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Committee noted that Drake Primary School, Saltash road, Keyham had been officially renumbered as Drake Primary School, 1 Johnston Terrace Ope.

21. **LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL FUND**

The Committee received a report on the Local Environmental Fund

Resolved to –

- (1) submit requests for projects to the Principal Highways and Fleet Manager via the appropriate form;
- (2) request that details of the remaining Housing Community Environmental Programme be circulated to members.

22. **TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS**

The Committee received a report on proposed Traffic Regulation Orders for Cumberland Road.

Resolved to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport that the order be implemented as detailed in the report.

23. **SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS (VARIOUS), TRANSFER OF ENFORCEMENT FROM POLICE TO COUNCIL'S CIVIL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PHASE 2 - OBJECTIONS**

The Committee received a report on School Keep Clear markings.

Resolved to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport that the proposals in relation to Stuart Road Primary School as detailed Appendix 2 Plan B of the report be implemented.

24. **DOG FOULING AND FLY TIPPING**

The Committee expressed their disappointment that no officer was in attendance at the meeting.

Resolved to write a letter detailing the Committee's concerns to the Chief Executive.

25. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Resolved that subject to those items identified throughout this meeting of the Committee, no further items be added.

26. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The Committee noted a response which had been sent to a member of the public who had submitted a question at the last meeting.

A member of the public was invited to submit a written question in respect of noise from cars racing on the Hoe.

27. **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved that the next meeting be held at 6pm on Tuesday 24 November 2009 at City College, Kings Road, Devonport.

28. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Subject: Traffic Management Improvements at Charles Street, Cobourg St and Charles Church Roundabout.

Committee: Devonport, Stoke, and St. Peter & The Waterfront Area Committee.

Date: 24 November 2009.

Cabinet Member: Cllr Kevin Wiggins Cabinet Member for Transport.

CMT Member: Anthony Payne Director for Development and Regeneration.

Author: Andy Kenyon.

Contact: Tel: 01752 398036.
email: andy.kenyon@amey.co.uk.

Ref: PTH/AK/397364.

Part: 1.

Executive Summary:

This report advises Members and the public of the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) and Traffic Management Improvements in the Cobourg Street, Charles Street and Charles Church Roundabout areas.

Corporate Plan 2009-2012:

The recommendations in this report meet the following specific objectives and targets within this plan:

- **Improving health and well-being** – The proposals will reduce congestion for public transport and will encourage the public to use public transport and cycling rather than the motor car.
 - **Developing an effective transport system** –The proposals will improve accessibility for public transport and will increase capacity for North Hill bound traffic.
 - **Promote community safety** –
 - **Maintain a Clean and Sustainable Environment** - The proposals will encourage the use of cycling and public transport, and will reduce congestion and improve air quality.
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**Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:
Including finance, human, I.T. and land.**

The costs of the improvements will be bourn by the 2009-2010 Capital Programme. The on-site works will be programmed to commence in 2010.

Other Implications: e.g. Section 17 Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management, Equalities Impact Assessment, etc.

None.

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

It is recommended that Members of the Area Committee:

1. Consider the comments received during the advertisement of the traffic regulation orders (TRO) as detailed in **Appendix 1**.
2. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport that the TRO proposals as detailed on **Plans A, B and C in Appendix 2** be made operational during the construction works ie
 - make alterations to existing bus lane on Charles Street:
 - extend the existing cycle lane on Charles Church Roundabout:
 - make the current experimental orders that allows all traffic from Cobourg Street to turn right into Mayflower street (ie revoke bus lane and prohibition of right turn) permanent;
 - make the current experimental order that prohibits traffic turning right into Drake Circus car park permanent.

The minutes of this Area Committee together with an officers recommendation will be included in a report to be considered by the Cabinet Member for Transport who will decide on the final TRO to be implemented.

Reasons for above recommended actions are as follows:

- a. To enable the Ward Members to be aware of comments made by the public.
- b. To implement the traffic order amendments to improve safety, congestion and difficulties presently experienced by the general public and public transport at the a) Cobourg Street/Mayflower Street junction b) Charles Street/Drake Circus car park junction and c) Charles Church Roundabout.

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

Additional islands, amendment of road markings, intelligent transport systems, widening, additional bus lanes, removal of bus lanes have all been considered but the proposals recommended are considered to be most favourable for improving the flow of traffic.

Background papers:

File Ref 397364.

Sign off: Comment must be sought from those whose area of responsibility may be affected by the decision, as follows (insert initials of Finance and Legal reps, and of Heads of HR, AM, IT and Strat. Proc.):

Head of Fin		Head of Leg		Head of HR		Head of AM		Head of IT		Head of Strat Proc	
Originating SMT Member Chris Sane Assistant Director for Development (TIE)											

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Congestion occurs at busy periods at the Charles Street/Drake Circus Car Park junction which delays public transport and other traffic. The queuing occurs as a result of heavy traffic flow into the car park which then queues back along Charles Street towards Charles Cross Roundabout and obstructs buses exiting the existing bus stops. The end of the bus lane will have "KEEP CLEAR" markings marked on Charles Street as shown, to assist in improving an efficient public transport system. New road markings and improved directional signing will also improve lane discipline.
- 1.2 Lane markings on Charles Cross Roundabout also requires clearer clarification and amendments to this roundabout (including an extension of the existing cycle lane) are proposed to achieve this.
- 1.3 The existing experimental TRO's made earlier in the year have all reduced congestion in the area ie
- a) to prohibit the right turn into the Drake Circus Car Park from Drake Circus/Charles Street,
 - b) to revoke the right turn ban (except for buses) from Cobourg St into Mayflower St, and
 - c) to revoke the length of bus lane heading towards b) above.
- Feedback from all stakeholders has been positive regarding the experimental TRO's. As a result the experimental Orders are all recommended to be made operational permanently.

2.0 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER ADVERTISEMENT

- 2.1 The bus lane amendments in Charles Street, the prohibition of turns and the proposed cycle lane on Charles Cross Roundabout were advertised 16 October to 6 November 2009.
- 2.2 Street notices were erected for the 3-week advert and a notice was placed in the Evening Herald on 16 October 2009 informing the general public of the proposals.
- 2.3 No formal comments/enquiries/objections were received during the advertised period but comments received from Taxi Drivers at a recent meeting have been included in Appendix 1.
- 2.4 The police, emergency services and other usual statutory consultees were also consulted on the proposals at the commencement of the advertisement. The police, fire service and ambulance service have also been forward a copy of this report in order to confirm the proposals to them.

3.0 COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 A number of options have been considered and Bus Operatives have been regularly updated. **The new permanent TRO's recommended to be implemented include an extension of the cycle lane onto Exeter Street viaduct and an extension of the bus lane to the new traffic island on Charles Street adjacent to the proposed road widening.**

3.2 The existing experimental TRO's ie

- a) to prohibit the right turn into the Drake Circus Car Park from Drake Circus/Charles Street,
- b) to revoke the right turn ban (except for buses) from Cobourg St into Mayflower St and
- c) to revoke the length of bus lane heading towards b) above

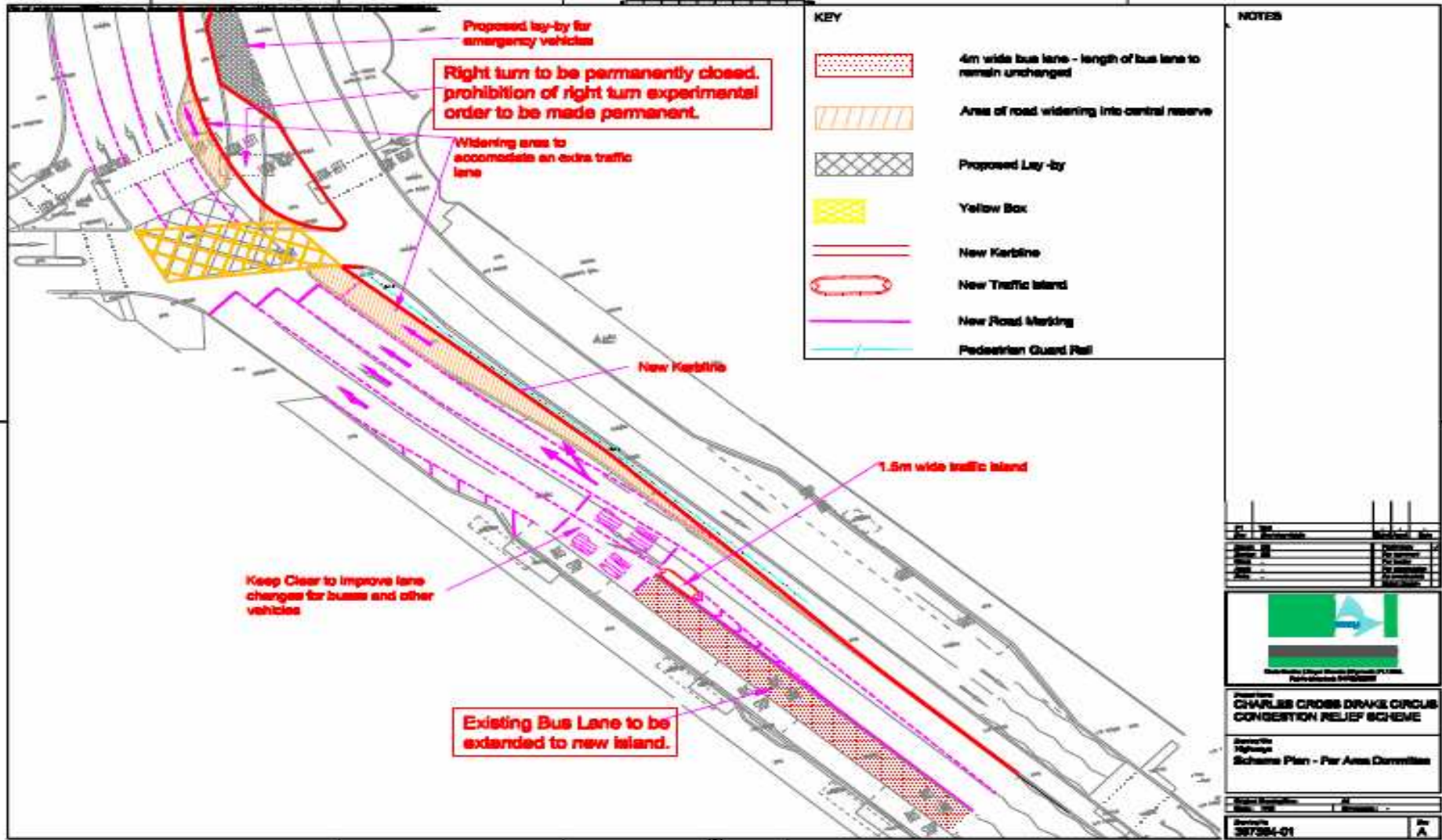
have all assisted in reducing congestion and feedback from all stakeholders has been positive regarding the experimental TRO's. **As a result the above experimental Orders are all recommended to be made operational permanently.**

3.3 All of the proposals including the TRO's, roadmarkings and lane designations are detailed on **Plans A, B and C in Appendix 2.**

3.4 Charles Street is on a wide load route (for boats etc) and a minimum width of 6.5m has been maintained between kerblines.

Appendix 1 Comments received during the advertisement of the TRO

Ref	Comments received	Response	
Taxi Representatives	To keep vehicles out of the bus lane it was suggested to erect plastic flexible bollards along the white line of the bus lane.	This would assist but the maintenance and repairs to the bollards would be common and would also prevent buses and taxis from leaving the bus lane and accessing the adjacent lane for when they are heading towards North Hill.	
	Requested a taxi rank for 2 taxis to be outside of the pedestrian entrance into Drake Circus by the pedestrian crossing on Charles Street.	<p>At present bus operators complain that they cannot access some of the raised bus stops along Charles Street as a result of illegally parked vehicles ie taxis, window cleaners, loading etc on the bus stop clearway ie “No stopping except buses” restrictions near the entrance.</p> <p>As a result of these vehicles creating difficulties for the buses it is not recommended to implement a hackney carriage rank, or an area designated as No stopping except for taxis in the bus stop layby. Representatives of the hackney carriages and private hire may wish to discuss their request with the bus operatives at the next Network Management Meeting held in the civic centre.</p>	



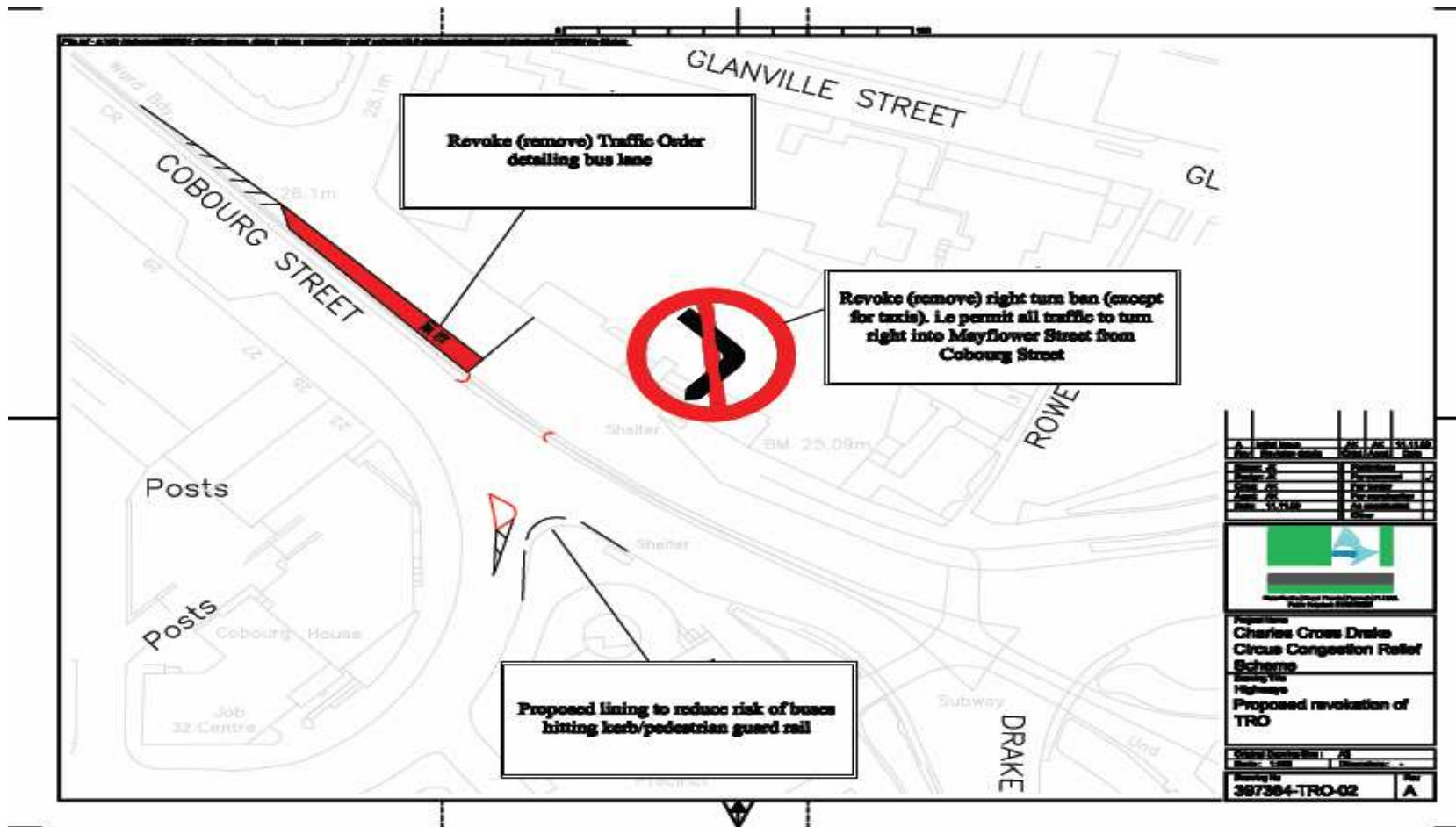
Drake Circus - Charles Street
Traffic Orders Recommended for Implementation

Scale: Not to Scale

Date: October 2009

PLAN A APPENDIX 2

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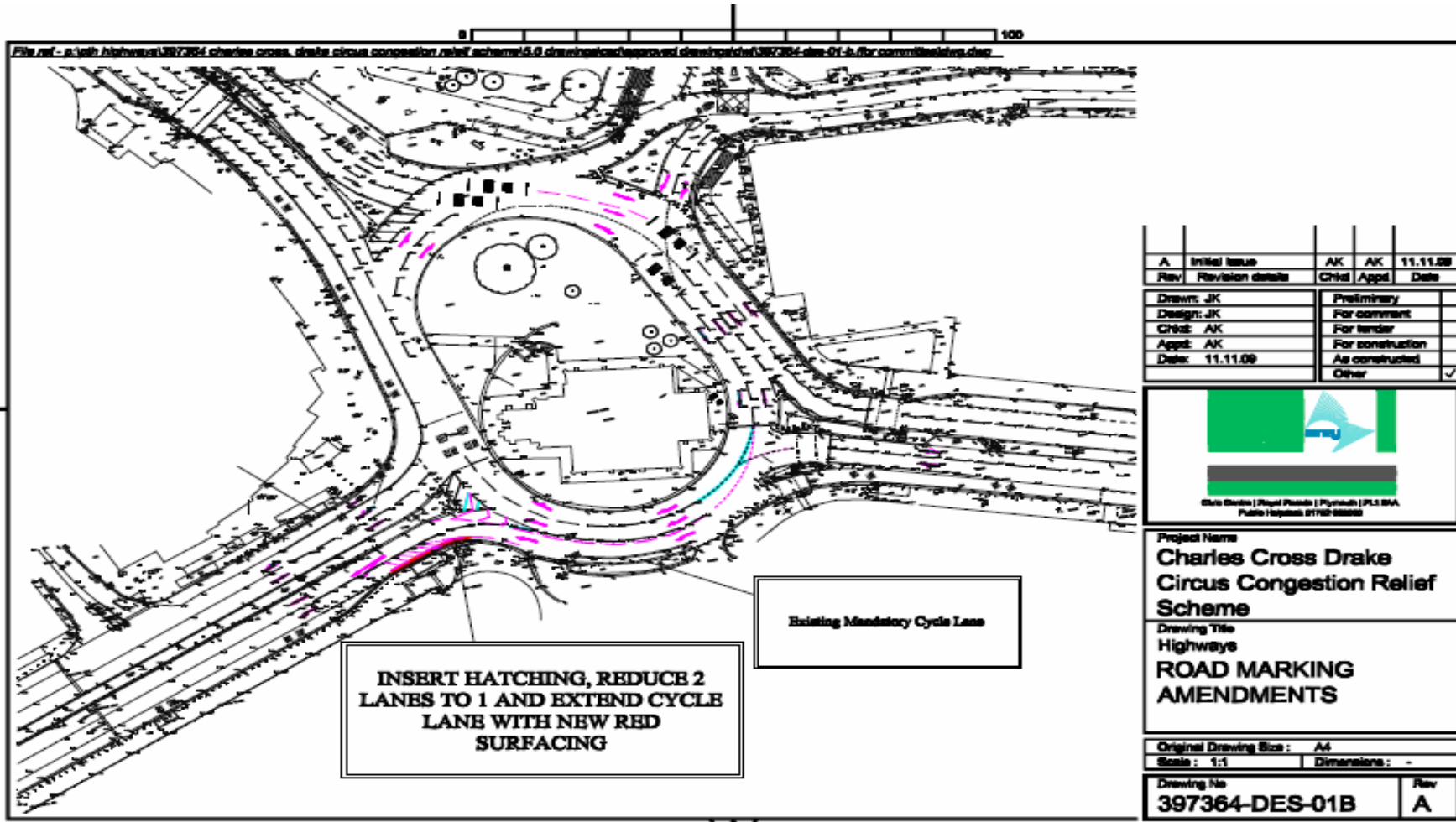
Drake Circus – Cobourg Street
 Traffic Orders Recommended for Implementation

Scale: Not to Scale

Date: October 2009

PLAN B APPENDIX 2

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Drake Circus – Charles Church Roundabout
Traffic Orders Recommended for Implementation

Scale: Not to Scale

Date: October 2009

PLAN C APPENDIX 2

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Subject: Locality Working

Committee: Devonport, Stoke and St Peter and the Waterfront Area Committee

Date: 24 November 2009

Cabinet Member: Councillor Peter Brookshaw, Cabinet Member for Safer Stronger Communities

CMT Member: Carole Burgoyne, Director of Community Services

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Working together, achieving more
Help improve how services are delivered across Plymouth

What is this all about?

Customers have told us that they want services that are easy to access and respond to their needs. To help deliver better services in this way Plymouth 2020, our Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) has created Plymouth “Localities”.

This map shows how the city has been divided into 6 areas called Localities, each containing a number of our existing 43 neighbourhoods. Neighbourhoods are the building blocks for Localities.



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The boundaries for the six localities were agreed by the LSP in consultation with partners, including the council. The LSP brings together public, private, voluntary and community sector organisations to improve the quality of life for local people.

We all want Plymouth to be: 'one of Europe's finest, most vibrant waterfront cities, where an outstanding quality of life is enjoyed by everyone'.

This is now the official map for the city and different organisations in the LSP have committed to better joining up of existing services within these boundaries. This doesn't mean that all services will be devolved to Localities or that we will put in new resources at this level.

Consultation about Localities Working is underway. This follows agreed guidelines as set out in Plymouth's Statement of Community Involvement and Compact Code of Practice. For more information go to: <http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/lspcompact.htm>

Now we need your help to work out how we can really start improving the way we work together to provide better services for local people within these Localities.

What can you do to help?

We want your views and ideas on:

- The best way of joining up services in Localities (see below for an explanation)
- Whether Area Committees should be replaced with new Locality Partnerships (see below for an explanation)
- Ways we can improve links between organisations providing services and the community in each Locality
- What sorts of information Locality Teams will need to help with their work

What are we not consulting on:

The LSP has already agreed the boundaries for our 6 Localities. So this is not part of the consultation. In addition, Plymouth has 43 neighbourhoods and this consultation is not about any new arrangements for service delivery or new approaches to neighbourhood working. However we do want views on how neighbourhood issues and concerns can best be considered at Locality level.

Our vision for Locality working

We want Locality working to help us create a city with successful, strong, cohesive and sustainable communities. Residents in these communities should be actively involved in shaping the places in which they live and improving services, leading to increased satisfaction and better quality of life.

Objectives of Locality working are to:-

- Enable residents to influence and challenge service delivery
- Make services more 'joined up'
- Improve councillor involvement
- Reducing inequalities between communities
- Focus money and staff more effectively
- Improve the sharing and use of information

- Monitor service provision more effectively
- Meet local and national targets.

Our proposed model for locality working

What is a Locality Service Co-ordination Team?

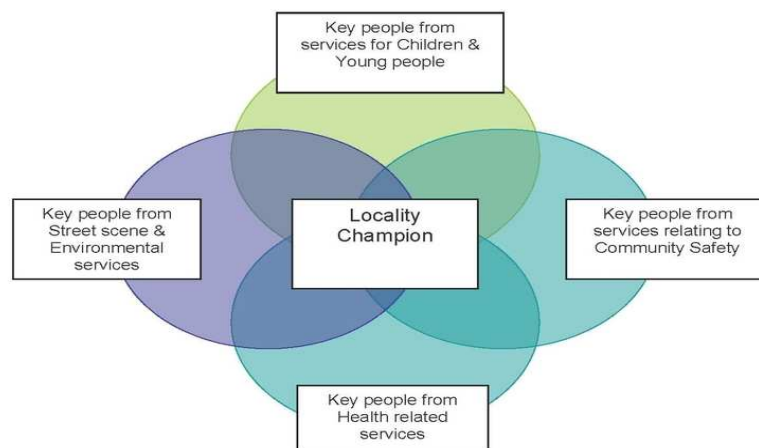
We propose that each Locality should have a Locality Service Co-ordination Team with key people from:

- Street scene and environmental services e.g. Plymouth City Council's Street cleaners and bin collectors
- Services relating to community safety e.g. the Police and Plymouth City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Unit
- Health services e.g. services for adults provided by the NHS and Plymouth City Council
- Services for children & young people e.g. the Children's Trust

These people would take responsibility for working together on improvements for their Locality. Other people from key services could be included as required, for example to tackle unemployment or housing issues if these were of particular concern in a Locality.

How would each Locality Service Co-ordination Team be run?

Each team would be led by a Locality Champion. This would be a senior person from a key service but their responsibilities would be in addition to their normal job, possibly supported by a Locality Coordinator.



How would communities have a say?

We want communities to be better able to have a say in the way services are delivered as part of the Locality Model we are proposing. We currently have eight Area Communities that are public meetings with ward councillors that take place approximately every eight weeks to discuss local issues. We think these should be replaced with six partnerships (one for each locality) with a new focus on joint problem solving between services and communities.

Produced August 2009

Have your say...

You can make your comments via the options below:-

- **on-line at** <http://plymouth.consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/ldf/ypyf/localityworking> (by 23rd September 2009);

- **in writing to**

Plymouth 2020, Local Strategic Partnership, Floor 1, Civic Centre, Plymouth PL1 2AA
or e-mail: lsp@plymouth.gov.uk (by 23rd September 2009);

- **in writing to**

Assistant Director for Safer Communities, peter.aley@plymouth.gov.uk, or Councillor Brookshaw, Cabinet Member, peter.brookshaw@plymouth.gov.uk (by 26th October 2009);

- **by expressing a view at your Area Committee** when this report is discussed.

It would be helpful if you make comments as soon as you can. For more information:
01752 304026 or go to: <http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouth2020>