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PLYMSTOCK AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2009
TIME: 6.00 PM
PLACE: ELBURTON METHODIST CHURCH HALL,
SPRINGFIELD RD, PLYMOUTH, PL9 8PR

Committee Members–

Councillor , Chair
Councillor , Vice Chair
Councillors Mrs Foster, K Foster, Michael Leaves, Mrs Pengelly, Viney and Wigans

Co-opted Representatives

Mr. S. Johnson Colliers CRE – Plymstock Broadway Traders
Dr. B. Cooper – Resident (Radford Ward)

Substitutes–

Any Member other than a Member of the Cabinet may act as a substitute member provided that they do not have a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter under review.

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf.

Members and Officers are requested to sign the attendance list at the meeting.

BARRY KEEL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PLYMSTOCK 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 21 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. COUNCIL PRIORITIES REVIEW

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

7. ORESTON ROAD FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS

(Pages 5 - 16)

The Committee will consider proposals for improvements to the footway along Oreston Road.

8. HOWARD ROAD DISSENTERS CEMETERY

(Pages 17 - 22)

The Committee will consider proposals for an arboretum at the Howard Road Dissenters Cemetery.

9. LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FUND

(Pages 23 - 26)

To receive an update on the Local Environment Fund.

10. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING - RENUMBERING OF 111A CHURCH ROAD (Pages 27 - 30)

To note the renumbering of 111A Church Road, Plymstock.

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 (Pages 31 - 34)

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 ten working days. A schedule of responses to questions raised at previous meetings is attached for information purposes.

13. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 6.00 p.m. on Monday 18 January, 2010, at Hooe Baptist Church, 29 Hooe Road, Plymouth, PL9 9QS.

14. EXEMPT BUSINESS

To consider passing a resolution under Section 100(A)(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 I of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

PART II (PRIVATE COMMITTEE)

AGENDA

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 two Wards are attached for Members' information only. Copies of the schedules will be available for inspection by members of the public at the meeting.

Plymstock Area Committee

Monday 21 September, 2009

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs. Pengelly, in the Chair.
Councillor Michael Leaves, Vice-Chair.
Councillors Mrs. Foster and Wigans.

Co-opted Representatives: Dr. B. Cooper and Mr. S. Johnson.

Apologies for absence: Councillors K. Foster and Viney.

The meeting started at 6.00 p.m. and finished at 7.00 p.m.

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

There were no declarations of interest made by Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

15. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June, 2009, be confirmed as a correct record.

CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

16. Refurbishment of Play Parks

The Chair reported that £60,000 of Green Space Funding had been allocated to refurbish play parks at King George V Playing fields and Blackstone Close. Consultation events were being held at the parks between 3.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday 23 and 30 September, 2009, respectively.

17. Changes to Bus Services

The Chair reported that, with effect from 25 October, 2009, Citybus would be introducing a new service 5/5A operating in both directions via Billacombe, Plymstock, Elburton, Staddiscombe, Goosewell and Oreston. The two circular services would run every 20 minutes in each direction on Mondays to Saturdays, hourly in the evenings and on bank holidays, with no evening service on Bank Holidays. This route was identical to that of the former 5 and 6 service operated by First, prior to the introduction of Ugobus in April, 2008.

18. Housing Community Environment Fund

The Committee was reminded that the Housing Community Environment Fund of £2,532 had to be allocated before 19 October, 2009, and that, to date no firm proposals for expenditure had been agreed.

Resolved that expenditure of the Housing Community Environment Fund be delegated to the Contract and Disrepair Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

(In accordance with Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Chair brought forward the above items of business because of the need to inform Members).

19. LOCALITY WORKING

The Director of Community Services submitted a report on Locality Working. The report –

- (i) advised that the City had been divided into 6 Localities in order to help deliver better services by –
- enabling residents to influence and challenge service delivery
 - making services more joined up
 - improving councillor involvement
 - reducing inequalities between communities
 - focussing money and staff more effectively
 - improving the sharing and use of information
 - monitoring service provision more effectively
 - meeting local and national targets
- (ii) indicated that, initially, each Locality would have a Local Service Co-ordination Team, led by a Locality Champion, with key people from –
- street scene and environmental services
 - services relating to community safety
 - health services
 - services for children and young people
- (iii) sought views and ideas on –
- the best way of joining up services in Localities
 - whether area committees should be replaced with new Locality Partnerships
 - ways to improve links between organisations providing services and the community in each Locality
 - the sorts of information Locality Teams will need to help with their work

In response to questions raised, the Committee heard further that –

- (iv) it was envisaged that Locality Working would be resourced from within existing services and, therefore, the creation of new posts would not be required;
- (v) the role of councilors in this regard was not expected to change, however, they would have more direct contact with partner agency representatives through their attendance at the Locality meetings;
- (vi) the Locality meetings would be held in public as part of the community engagement/involvement process but as each area would have different priorities, the content and format of the meetings had yet to be determined;
- (vii) there were no plans to relocate provision of healthcare services out of the area, this would be contrary to the principles of locality working.

Concerns highlighted for feedback as part of the consultation were as follows –

- loss of democracy and accountability of partner organisations acting as non-elected representatives of the community
- whether there would still be opportunity for question time for electors
- where the teams would be located and how they could be contacted
- the length of time it had taken to bring the consultation to area committees, considering it had commenced in July

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

The Assistant Director of Plymouth Transport and Highways submitted a report –

- (i) setting out proposals to transfer responsibility of enforcement for School Keep Clear

Markings at Plymstock School from the Police to the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers;

- (ii) advising that the proposal had been advertised and no objections had been received.

Resolved that the Cabinet Member for Transport be recommended to implement the proposals as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

21. MOUNT BATTEN TOWER

The Director for Corporate Support submitted a report updating the Committee on the current condition of Mount Batten Tower and the works being undertaken to ensure its immediate preservation. In attendance to present the report and respond to questions was the Council's Head of Corporate Property.

The Committee was advised that -

- (i) a condition and structural survey had been undertaken, both of which had revealed areas for concern relating to the timber supports below the stairway area and cracks in the external walls;
- (ii) as the Tower was a listed building, further consultation would be required with English Heritage prior to any repair works being undertaken;
- (iii) consideration was being given to future long-term uses for the building and suggestions from members of the community would be welcomed.

In response to questions/concerns raised –

- (a) the Park's department would be notified of the safety concerns raised in respect of the fencing running alongside the tower;
- (b) it was envisaged that the best solution for the tower would be for it to remain in the public domain;
- (c) approximately £1.5 million had been transferred to the City Council upon transfer of Mount Batten's ownership from the Plymouth Development Corporation.

Resolved that a further update be presented to the Committee, once the extent and cost of the repairs had been established, and time allowed for consideration of possible future long-term uses.

22. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No new items were put forward.

23. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Committee considered questions from members of the public on the following matters –

- (i) reconfiguration of Embankment Lane;
- (ii) installation of 'slow' sign at junction of St. John's Road and Church Hill Road;
- (iii) Radford Castle;
- (iv) ownership of access road to public slipway at Mount Batten;
- (v) overnight parking of motor homes at Mount Batten;
- (vi) parking and yellow lines along Lawrence Road;

- (vii) public toilet opening hours;
- (viii) keep clear sign at junction of Eastfield Avenue with Hooe Road;
- (ix) excavation of the public highway outside the newsagents on the Broadway;
- (x) contracting out of the City Council's highways function;
- (xi) anti-social behaviour injunctions.

Responses were provided as follows –

- (a) with regard to (i) above, full details of the Gdynia Way and Embankment Lane scheme were available on the Council's website;
- (b) with regard to (ii) above, the installation works were now in the hands of the Council's contractor, Amey. Councillor Leaves would make further enquiries on behalf of the elector;
- (c) with regard to (iii) above, there were no plans to sell the castle. Negotiations were under way to lease the building to Devon Historic Building Trust who had plans to use the premises as a café to support local walkers;
- (d) with regard to (iv) above, the road was privately owned and, in order to establish ownership, enquiries would need to be made to the Land Registry for which there would be a charge;
- (e) with regard to (v) above, Councillor Leaves would investigate the erection of an appropriate sign (i.e. 'Overnight Parking Not Permitted');
- (f) with regard to (vi) above, the problem would be looked at on the Committee's tour of Mount Batten immediately following this meeting;
- (g) with regard to (vii) above, Councillor Leaves would investigate why the toilets had been closed at 4.30 p.m. during the summer season;
- (h) with regard to (viii)-(xi) above, responses would be sought from the relevant departments.

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

The next meeting would be held on Monday 9 November, 2009, at Elburton Methodist Church, Springfield Road, Elburton, Plymouth, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

25. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

There were no items of exempt business.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Subject: Oreston Road – Footway Improvements
Committee: Plymstock Area Committee
Date: 9 November 2009
Cabinet Member: Councillor Kevin Wiggins – Cabinet Member for Transport
CMT Member: Anthony Payne – Director for Development & Regeneration
Author: Gemma Luke
Contact: Tel: (01752) 398033
Ref: GL/397460/6.0
Part: I

Executive Summary:

This report relates to the formal Traffic Regulation Order advertised for proposed works on Oreston Road. All comments received during the advert period have been summarised and included within the report. The Traffic Regulation Order included Waiting Restrictions; School Clearway Markings and 20 mph limit.

Corporate Plan 2009-2012:

The proposed works on Oreston Road will aid in achieving the following Corporate Improvement Priorities: CIP 11 – Improving access across the city; CIP 12 – Delivering sustainable growth. The aim of the scheme is to improve pedestrian accessibility and safety along Oreston Road. The scheme will have particularly benefit school children from Oreston Community Primary School.

**Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:
Including finance, human, IT and land**

The full cost of this scheme will be funded from the 2009-2010 Capital Programme.

Other Implications: e.g. Section 17 Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management, Equalities Impact Assessment, etc.**Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:**

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

It is recommended that the area members:

- a) Consider the comments received as part of the Traffic Regulation Order Advert.
- b) Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport to implement the following orders
(As shown on attached plans):
 - a. Double Yellow Lines along Oreston Road and Thornyville Terrace.
 - b. 20 Mph Speed Limit along Oreston Road, outside the school.
 - c. Proposed school entrance clearway outside Oreston Community Primary School.

- d. Offer their comments on the proposed priority give way at Plymstock Road/
Oreston Road.

Background papers:

Sign off: Comment must be sought from those whose area of responsibility may be affected by the decisions, as follows (insert initials of Finance and Legal reps, and of HR, Corporate Property, IT and Start. Proc as appropriate).

Fin		Leg		HR		Corp Prop		IT		Start Proc	
Originating SMT Member											

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The following works were advertised on 17 September 2009 (A copy of the consultation drawing is included in Appendix A):

- Waiting restrictions on Oreston Road, Plymstock Road and Thornyville Terrace.
- School entrance clearway outside Oreston Community Primary School.
- 20 Mph Speed limit on Oreston Road and on approach to Oreston Road from Thornyville Villas and Thornyville Terrace.

1.2 All residents living within the vicinity of the proposal received a letter identifying the proposed scheme and inviting them to submit comments. Three plans covering the scheme proposal were also attached. These letters were hand delivered to residents during the advertisement period.

1.3 Some existing double yellow lines were not shown on the original consultation drawings so amended copies of consultation drawing 397460/011 were sent to councillors on 22 October 2009 and delivered by hand to residents living in the vicinity of the works on 23 October 2009. Any comments received in connection with the amendments will be reported verbally at the Area Committee meeting.

1.4 All comments received from members of the public have been summarised and included in section 4.0 of this report.

1.5 Officers have summarised comments and provided responses where necessary. This allows Members to consider the comments of the public prior to making a recommendation to the Portfolio Holder.

2.0 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

2.1 The formal Traffic Regulation Order was advertised between 17 September 2009 and 7 October 2009.

2.2 Ward members were notified of the Traffic Regulation Order Advert on 15 September 2009.

2.3 Street notices were erected on 16 September 2009 and the formal advert was placed in the local press on 17 September 2009.

2.4 Nine letters were received from members of the public during the formal advert period.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 Oreston Road links from Pomphlett Roundabout to Plymstock Road. The route is predominantly residential with some car garages and Oreston Community Primary School located along its length.

3.2 At present there are lengths of Oreston Road that have no footway; this means that pedestrians have to walk in the road alongside passing vehicles. This road forms part of the route to and from Oreston Community Primary School, therefore as part of our commitment to encouraging children to adopt more sustainable modes of travel to and from school it would be beneficial if we construct a footway in areas where there are none at present.

4.0 COMMENTS

4.1 As part of the formal advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Order nine comments were received from members of the public. All comments received have been summarised and included in the table below.

4.2 The formal advert refers to the formal orders including waiting restrictions, school entrance clearway markings and 20 mph limit. Most comments received from members of the public relate to the civil engineering works that are not subject to a formal order. As part of the design process those comments will be reviewed and the design may be adjusted as required.

4.3 Summary of Comments

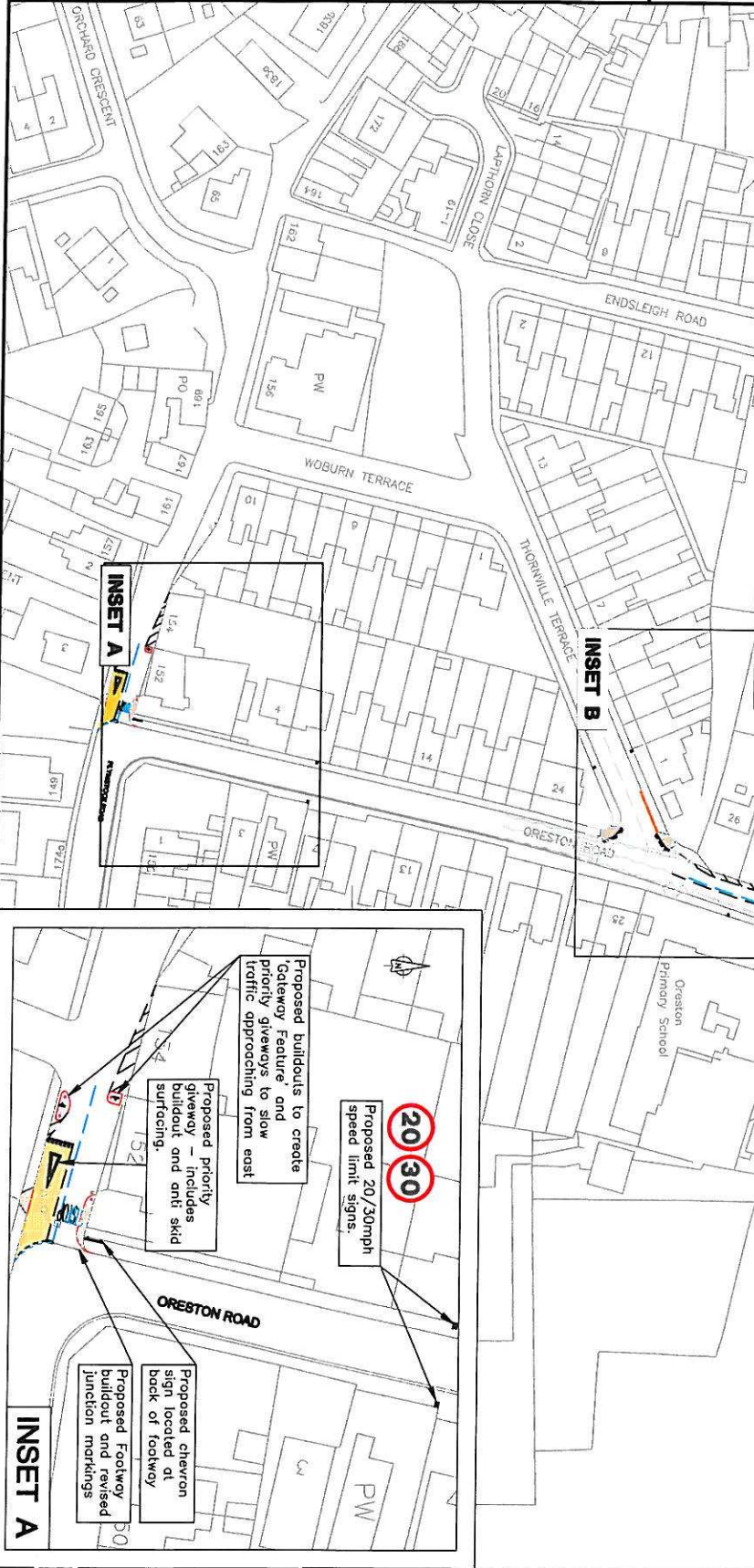
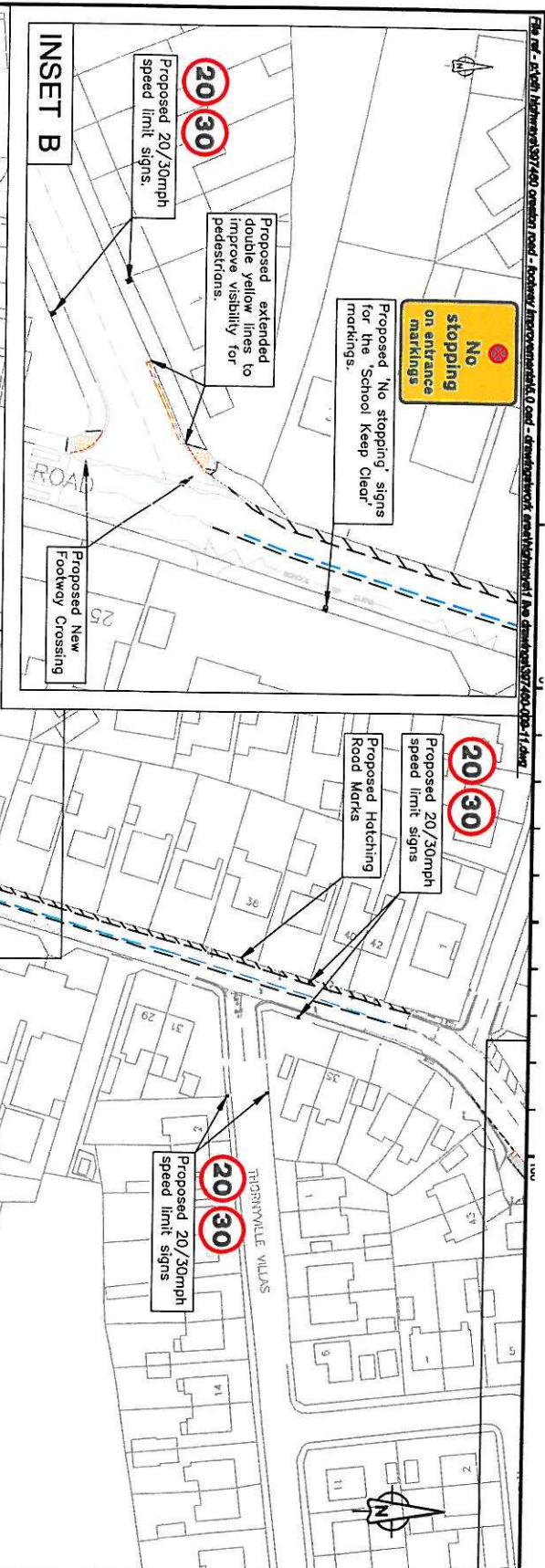
Summarised Comment	Response	Total
Support Footway Improvements	N/A	4
Concerns about vehicles (buses) mounting the footway near to Oreston Road/ Plymstock Road junction.	This issue will not be addressed as part of the scheme, and it is not believed that the situation will be made worse by the proposal. Information will be passed to the Public Transport Team to investigate if it can be addressed by the network operators.	3
The proposals do not include any traffic calming on Plymstock Road.	The scheme is focused on improving pedestrian facilities on Oreston Road. It is not a traffic calming scheme. Traffic calming on Plymstock Road is a separate issue that is being dealt with as part of a planning condition.	1
If the proposals are supposed to be pedestrian improvements then why are there no pedestrian improvements on Plymstock Road?	The main focus of the scheme is to improve pedestrian footways in areas along Oreston Road. Plymstock Road has footway along a majority of its length.	1
Extension of double yellow lines required.	See amended drawing 397460/011. These were advertised and included on the amended drawing forwarded to residents.	1
Additional pedestrian provision is required for those accessing the old railway line footpath.	To be addressed as part of the school travel plan review to be undertaken by Oreston Community Primary School.	1
Additional warning signs.	Not considered necessary as pedestrians are now on the footway.	1
There are no existing problems outside our property so why isn't the money spent implementing a footway further along Plymstock Road where the existing footway is extremely narrow.	The main focus of the scheme is to improve pedestrian footways in areas along Oreston Road. Plymstock Road has footway along a majority of its length.	1
Concerns about the access of HGV's and LGV's into Plymstock Road	As part of the design process these comments will be reviewed and the design amended if necessary.	6
Installing a buildout and moving the give way line will make the situation worse on Plymstock Road. This will cause vehicles to speed up through the chicane.		
Concerns that the buildout on Plymstock Road will cause traffic delays and will therefore encourage vehicles to use The Quay and Rollis Park Road rather than Oreston Road.		

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

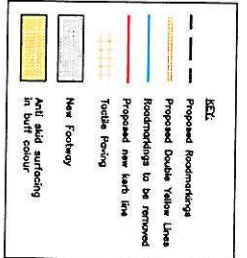
5.1 Having reviewed the comments received as part of this advert it is recommended to ward members that the Traffic Regulation Orders are implemented as advertised. This includes waiting restrictions, school entrance clearway and 20 mph speed limit.

5.2 Following receipt of comments the implementation of the road safety works on Plymstock Road at its junction with Oreston Road will be reviewed. The works do not require the Committee approval, however; their comments will be welcome.

5.3 Ward members and residents will be forwarded a final plan ready for construction near to the commencement of the works.



- NOTES**
1. The Oreston Road Footway Improvement Project is a key component of the Oreston Road Corridor Study. All works are to be completed by the end of 2025.
 2. Speed Limiting: The proposed speed limit signs will be installed in accordance with the relevant standards.



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	Other			



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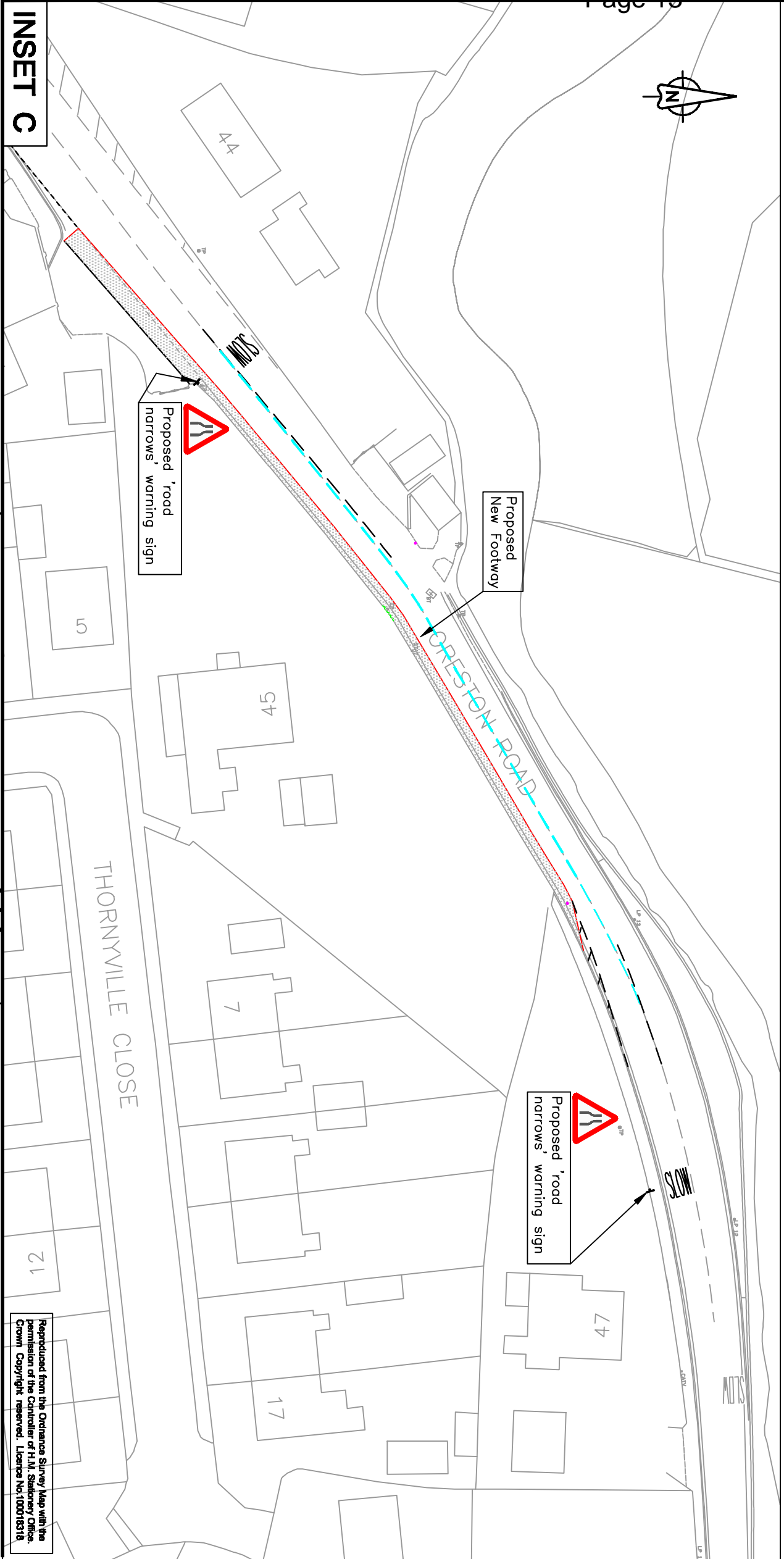
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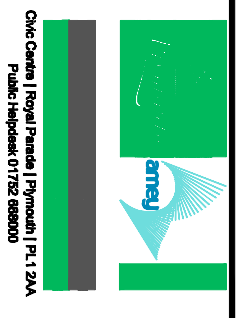
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 - Some temporary 'New Road Layout Ahead' signs will also be implemented and will be located at the appropriate locations.
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- Proposed Roadmarkings
 - Roadmarkings to be removed
 - Proposed new kerb line
 - Tactile Paving
 - New Footway



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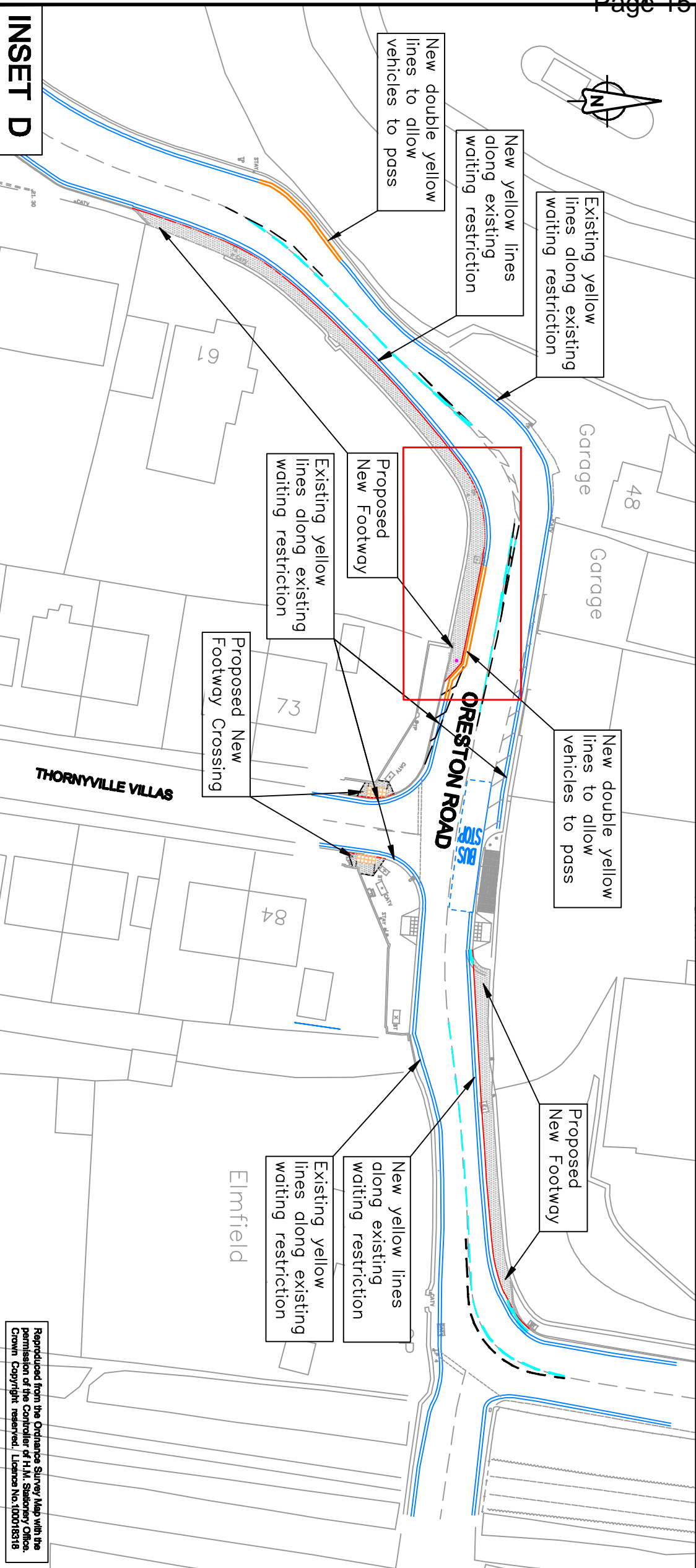
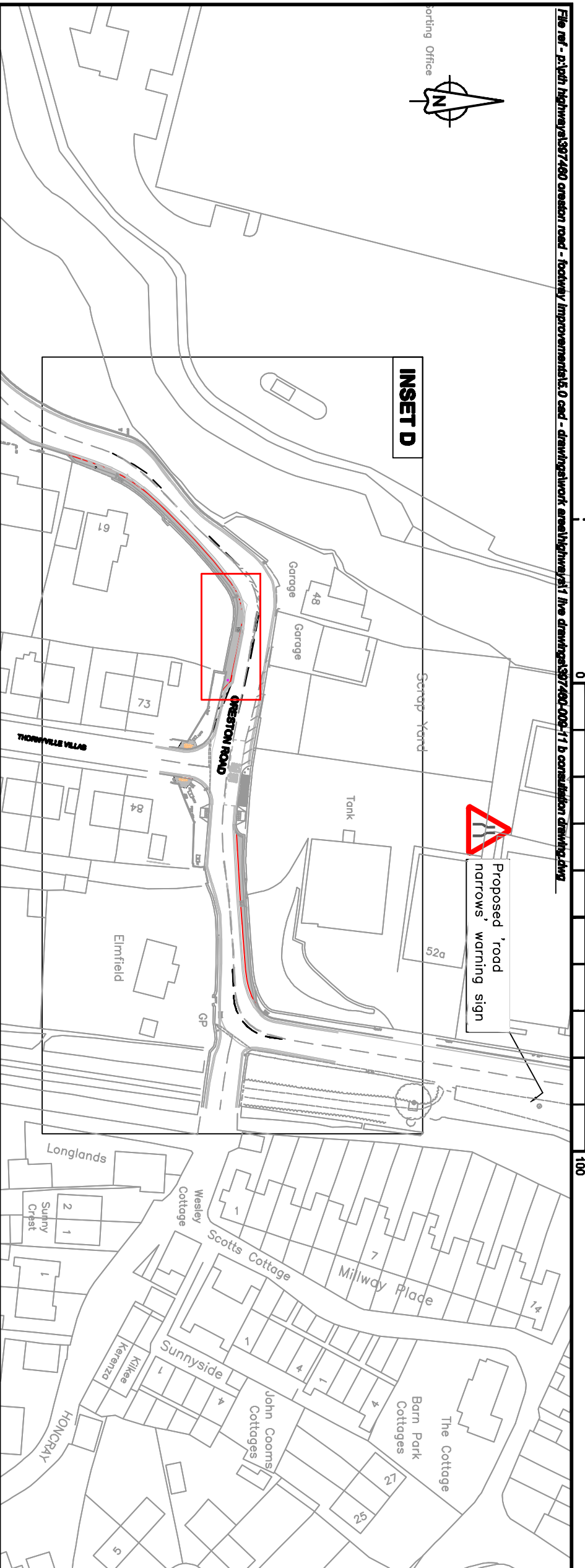
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NOTES

1. The drawing contains work: ORESTON ROAD DOCKWORK, OS MAP, AS BUILT, X-SECTION. Some temporary 'New Road Layout Ahead' signs will also be implemented and will be located at the appropriate locations.
- 2.

KEY:

	Existing Double Yellow Lines/ existing waiting restriction
	New Double Yellow Lines/ new waiting restriction
	Proposed white Roadmarkings
	Roadmarkings to be removed
	Proposed new kerb line
	Tactile Paving
	New Footway

B	Correct yellow line work of Thornyville Villas	HJR	HJR	20.10.09
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Dissenters Cemetery Howard Road, Plymstock – A possible site to establish a small Arboretum

Background

The Dissenters burial ground is located on the corner of Pleasure Hill Close and Howard Road Plymstock.

The site was purchased by trustees in 1852 for the purposes of interment of protestant dissenters. The last trustee passed away in 1958 and there is no record of any further trustees being appointed.

In 1980 solicitors acting for the descendant of the last trustee approached the city council suggesting that as no-one was accepting responsibility for the site that the council may wish to do so.

It is thought that 23 burials have taken place on the site between 1873 and 1912. It is not known how many graves this number represents as a number of burials have taken place in a number of graves.

In 1986 Chief Executive and Town Clerks dept reported to the Public Services Committee regarding the ownership of the land. It was resolved that:-

- The committee authorise the acquisition of the Dissenters burial ground by taking possession of the ground.
- Possession of the ground be established by padlocking the gates to the cemetery and placing a notice on the gate declaring the ground to be the property of the city council
- Costs of repairing the ground be met by capital programme 1987/88 and future maintenance costs be budgeted as a revenue item from 1987/88 and future years.

Preliminary investigation to establish whether all of these recommendations were implemented found that: -

- Possession of the ground was established by padlocking the gates to the cemetery and placing a notice on the gate declaring the ground to be the property of the city council.
- Essential repairs to the site and to one of the boundary walls were undertaken and maintenance of the site has been carried out by Bereavement Service since 1986

Maintenance Costs

The Bereavement Service has maintained the site since 1986. Maintenance is kept to a minimum required to meet the Council's obligations. The current estimated costs of maintenance are £2000 annually. The council are responsible for keeping the site in a safe condition and keeping its "walls and fences in good repair" (section 215 of the local government act 1972).

Maintenance of the walls etc has to be met from the existing revenue budget for upkeep of grounds.

Future use of the site as a cemetery

There is unlikely to be any demand for use of the site as a burial ground in the future, the last burial took place in 1912.

The site could be left as a public open space, or as was suggested in 1986 left as a natural habitat for wildlife and a wild flower meadow.

Further investigation is required to ascertain if the original trustees placed any restrictions on the use of the land.

Feasibility Study

The latest proposal that has been made via the Lord Mayors office is to investigate the possibility of establishing a small arboretum, similar to another privately owned site in Plympton St Maurice. This would require a feasibility study to:-

- Survey the site to ascertain the actual location of the graves on site in order to plant the trees in areas where the root systems would not affect the graves.
- Identify how many and what types of trees could be planted there and the cost involved
- Specify a maintenance schedule for the trees and re-specify the current maintenance schedule for the grounds and cost the additional work.
- Assess any other issues that may increase the Authorities costs.

A site inspection has been undertaken by Bereavement Service staff and a Tree Officer from Parks Services. In order to establish a small arboretum initial observations are that the site would require: -

- Improvements to the existing entrance or to establish a new entrance that would meet current Health & Safety requirements
- Careful planting of any trees as there is a power cable and telephone lines running across the eastern side of the site thus restricting the height of any trees that may be planted – this will limit any planting of large trees to the western end of the site.
- Clearance of some areas of existing shrubs and the felling of 2 trees

- Some landscaping work to ensure safe access to the grounds should the site be open at times to the public.

Changes to the use of this site have previously generated a public debate and wide public interest. Records appear to show promises were made at that time that the public would be consulted prior to any decisions on the future use of this site. The cost of this consultation would have to be funded.

The cost of the works required cannot be determined until the feasibility study is complete but this would include officer time in:-

- Research of title to the land and identify any covenants.
- Site survey
- Landscape design and tree specification.
- Procurement of the trees
- Planting of the trees
- Remediation of the site

The cost of procuring the trees is difficult to estimate until it is known how many could be planted. Specimen trees of a well established height would cost somewhere in the region of £150 - £200 per tree. The additional ongoing maintenance cost cannot be finalised but is estimated to be £1000 a year.

Financial Implications

The costs of the above can not be met from existing budgets, one possible source of funding could be the Area Committee environmental project fund.

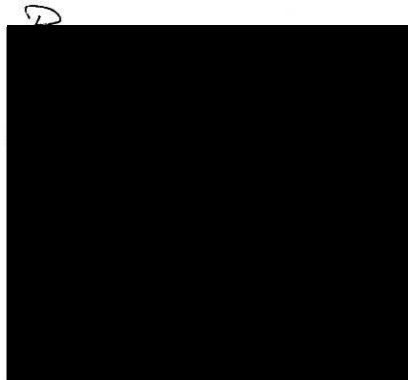
Other Considerations

- Consideration needs to be given to the effect on the community if the site were to be made more accessible and attractive for public use. i.e. if seating area were to be provided and the grounds landscaped and maintained to a higher standard this may give encouragement to use by youths who could indulge in anti social behaviour in the evenings and at week ends.
- Increase in current maintenance costs
- The land has a future asset value to the council that may be reduced by the proposed use.

Dissenters Cemetery, Howard Road Plymstock



The Lord Mayor
 Mayor's Parlour
 Council House,
 Royal Parade,
 Plymouth PL1 2FW



25th June, 2009

Dear Lord Mayor,

Listening to Radio Devon last weekend has prompted me to write to you. Would you consider as a project during your year of office and to mark this year in your ward the following proposal.

As you may know Plympton St Maurice has within the village a Dissenters Cemetery, this has been made into a small Arboretum, as is now a place of beauty and tranquility - behind closed gates, but is open at various times in the year as at last weekend when many private gardens in Fore Street were open to visitors, all part of the Summer Fayre celebrations. This is in complete contrast to the Dissenters Cemetery in Howard Road, Plymstock.

My proposal is that you make possible for the Dissenters Cemetery in Howard Road - part of your ward to become a small

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Arboretum similar to Plympton St Maurice.
This would be a lasting record and memorial
to your Year as Lord Mayor of the City. It
would also show respect of by the City of
Plymouth to those resting in this Cemetery.

Yours sincerely



CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Subject:	Local Environment Fund
Committee:	Plymstock Area Committee
Date:	9 November, 2009
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Wogens, Cabinet Member for Transport
CMT Member:	Nigel Pitt, Director of Development
Author:	Garry Stainer, Principal Highways and Fleet Manager
Contact:	Tel: (01752) 304682 e-mail: garry.stainer@plymouth.gov.uk

LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FUND

Members will be aware that a Local Environment Fund (LEF) was set up in the financial year 2006/7 to allow each Area Committee some funding to be spent in their communities.

The LEF funding (£100,000 for the 2008/09 financial year) has been allocated on the basis of an equal amount per councillor (approximately £1,754 each) and is to be spent on local projects that meet broad policy criteria for improvements to the local environment. The fund is intended for one-off expenditure of a revenue or capital nature and should avoid on-going commitments against revenue spending in subsequent years.

Area Committee Totals 2009-10

Budshead, Honicknowle & Southway:	£15,786
Compton & Peverell:	£10,524
Devonport, Stoke, St. Peter & Waterfront:	£15,786
Drake, Efford, Lipson, Sutton & Mount Gould:	£14,032
Eggbuckland & Moor View:	£10,524
Ham & St. Budeaux:	£10,524
Plympton:	£12,278
Plymstock:	£10,524
Unallocated:	£ 22
TOTAL:	£100,000

Area Committee approval must be sought for any projects or, if expenditure is required between meetings, the Principal Highways and Fleet Manager may authorise expenditure in consultation with the chair and appropriate ward councillor(s). Only designated Council Officers can initiate any expenditure and any allocation of funds between Area Committee meetings must be 'signed off' by the Area Committee Chair using the appropriate forms (available electronically on the Members' Room).

The funds must be either spent or allocated by the end of the financial year, Members are therefore urged to take up spend on there projects during the next quarter, the reason for this, is that the authorization process delays the progress of works also the financial regulations and processes also delay the process. The project manager Garry Stainer would recommend that members allocate budgets by end of November to ensure that the projects are complete by end of March 2010.

Attached is the financial information for each Area Committee. The funds must be either spent or allocated by the end of the current financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Members confirm any projects they wish to be supported by the Local Environment Fund.

Plymstock LEF8		
Description of Project	month of commitment	Amount
2008/2009 carry-forward		15,619
2009/2010 allocation		10,524
Total Allocation		£ 26,143
Actual spent		
Committed in 0809 but works ear-	mar 09	£ 5,000
marked for 0910: Dog Litter bins @ turnchapel, inclusive of costs of 4 years collection (contact of Parks)	mar 09	£ 1,000
Sub-Total Actuals		£ 6,000
<u>Commitments, including carry-forward projects and Provisionally Approved Projects</u>		
Committed in 0809 but works ear- marked for 0910: Granite stone with plaque and associated groundworks (contact of parks)	mar 09	£ 5,000
Committed in 0809 but works ear- marked for 0910: LEF Contribution to Allotments @ Colesdwon Hill (contact of Parks)	mar 09	£ 4,619
Signage at Turnchapel	july 09	£ 323
Noticeboard @ Belevere	July 09	£ 550
LEF contribution to community hall paint provisions	Oct 09	£ 185
Sub-Total Commitments		£ 10,677
Balance Remaining: Allocation LESS Actuals LESS Commitments		£ 9,466

	approved by committee or by delegated decision
	not yet approved by committee
	Proposal, but costings not finalised

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Subject: Street Naming & Numbering – Renumbering of 111A Church Road, Plymstock, Plymouth

Committee: Plymstock Area Committee

Date: 9th November 2009

Cabinet Member: Councillor Bowyer

CMT Member: Director of Corporate Support

Author: Lisa Chapman, Street Naming & Numbering Officer

Contact: Tel: 01752 304232
Email: streetname&numbering@plymouth.gov.uk

Ref: 9/SNN/G – PK 1/09-10

Part: Part 1

Executive Summary:

An application was received from the owners of 111A Church Road, Plymstock that the property be renumbered. The owners were experiencing problems with the property being located and mail was being incorrectly delivered to a flat at 111 Church Road, Plymstock. As 111A Church Road is located quite a way from 111 Church Road via a private lane it was considered necessary to renumber the property as 121 Church Road, Plymstock. The Plymstock Radford Ward Councillors were consulted and approved this renumbering.

Corporate Plan 2007-2010:

Continuing to improve the city's built and natural environment by providing identification for residents and visitors to find their way around the City. This conforms to our objective of promoting community safety.

**Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:
Including finance, human, IT and land**

Placement of street nameplates is included within the street naming and numbering annual budget.

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

The street naming and numbering function and maintenance of nameplates are statutory requirements carried out by the City Council under the Public Health Act 1925.

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

It is recommended that the Committee note 111A Church Road, Plymstock has been officially renumbered as 121 Church Road, Plymstock. This numbering became effective on 29th June 2009.

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

N/A

Background papers:

File 9/SNN/G

Sign off:

Head of Fin		Head of Leg		Head of HR		Head of AM	NS	Head of IT		Head of Strat Proc	
Originating SMT Member											

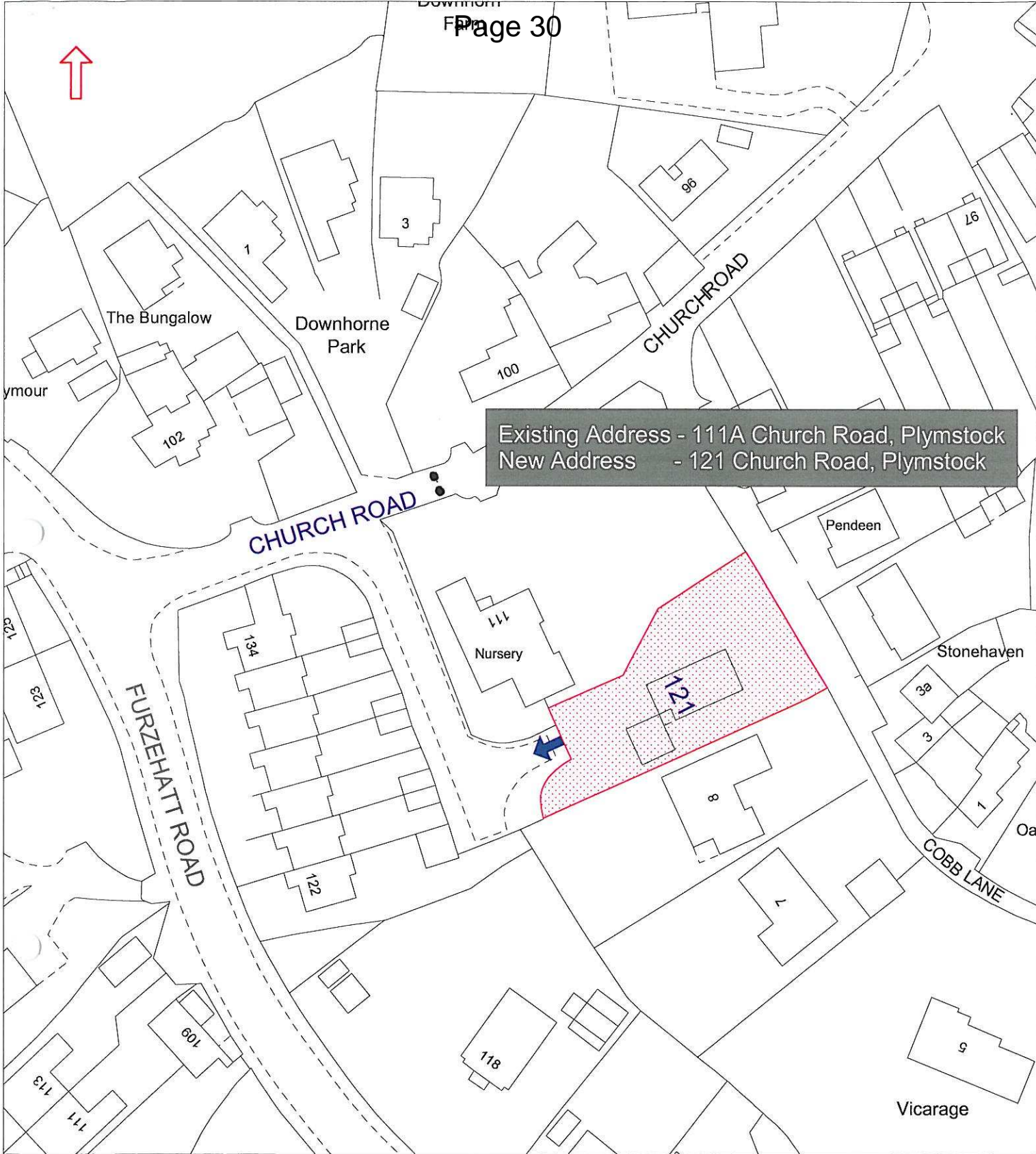
1.0 Background

- 1.1 The City Council is required under statute to give written notice of any objection to a proposed street name within one month after receipt of the proposed name.
- 1.2 A fee is charged to developers for the street naming and numbering advisory service that is provided by this City Council. Any delays in confirming the street naming and numbering for new developments has a major impact on the utilities providing their services to the development.
- 1.3 With the exception of principal routes and major streets within the City Centre, the naming of new roads and approval of renaming and/or renumbering schemes is delegated to Officers, subject to the agreement of the respective Ward Councillors.
- 1.4 A report of any action taken under delegated powers is to be submitted to the relevant Area Committee for information.

Report:


2. Renumbering of 111A Church Road, Plymstock, Plymouth – Drawing No. PN/957/165

- 2.1 An application was received from the owners of 111A Church Road, Plymstock that the property be officially renumbered.
- 2.2 The property was difficult to locate and mail was often delivered to a flat above the nursery which is numbered as 111 Church Road, Plymstock.
- 2.3 Church Road, Plymstock has bollards preventing vehicles driving any further than 111 Church Road. As 111A Church Road is located at the other side of the bollards accessed from Dean Hill many visitors and delivery personnel assumed 111A was the flat within 111 Church Road.
- 2.4 It was considered necessary to renumber the property as 121 Church Road, Plymstock.
- 2.5 The Plymstock Radford Ward Councillors were consulted accordingly and approved this renumbering.
- 2.6 All statutory bodies have been informed of this renumbering which became effective on 29th June 2009.



Existing Address - 111A Church Road, Plymstock
 New Address - 121 Church Road, Plymstock

STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING



**City of
Plymouth**

Nigel Pitt
 Director for
 Development
 Civic Centre
 Plymouth PL1 2AA

Renumbering of
 111A Church Road
 Plymstock, Plymouth

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 June 2009

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WRITTEN RESPONSES TO ELECTOR'S QUESTIONS FROM THE MEETINGS HELD ON 29 JULY AND 21 SEPTEMBER, 2009**29 JULY, 2009****DIRECTOR FOR DEVELOPMENT**

Q1 Could taxi parking bays be provided at the Broadway Car Park?

A1 We would not be able to specifically allocate bays for use by taxi's, however as a trial we would be willing to allow a taxi which is coming to collect a customer to park within the '2 hour's free' area of the Broadway car park.

Whilst acknowledging the comments that Taxifast are seen more than other taxi firms we have to treat all taxi firms fairly and consistently, so this would be available to other taxi firms.

If the above is found to benefit the customer, and not lead to an large increase in taxis resulting in reduced availability of parking bays to customers, I see no reason why this could not continue.

21 SEPTEMBER, 2009**DIRECTOR FOR DEVELOPMENT**

Q1 Could a 'keep clear' sign please be erected at the junction of Meadow Park with Hooe Road as it is difficult to exit/enter, particularly when the bus is parked at the bus stop?

A1 Unfortunately the signing strategy has been agreed for the remainder of the financial year and this proposal is not included. However, we will evaluate in more detail the proposal and if it is reasonable we will include the proposal in the prioritisation works for the next financial years plan. We will then consider the suggestion alongside other requests for new signing.

Q2 Could the paving slabs outside the newsagents on the Broadway be re-set. The contractors who have recently completed works there have left a 2" trip hazard?

A2 We will visit the site and inspect the defect. I have raised a job reference E130304 to inspect and make good. We will write direct with the outcome.

Q3a What is the structure, terms of reference, areas of responsibility and accountability of the Highway Authority? And how are these functions scrutinised?

A3a The structure and terms of reference for the Highways service are set out in the contract documents that were signed on the 27th August 2008. The agreement to proceed with the arrangement was made by Council on the 5th August 2008, cabinet minute number 45. The contract itself is based on the New Engineering Contract 3 (NEC3), which is a standard form of service engineering contract.

The service is under the management of Clive Perkin, Assistant Director for Transport within the Department of Development and Regeneration. The Portfolio Holder for Transport, Councillor Kevin Wiggins, is responsible for overseeing the operation of the service and has at least weekly meetings with Clive Perkin to keep abreast of the service.

Q3b Why are all public highways enquiries handled by the council's telephone switchboard operators instead of being referred to highways officers?

A3b As part of the Authorities efforts to improve customer service, the handling of highways calls was transferred to the main council service centre on the 1st December 2008. The service centre has a large pool of staff who are currently answering 97.6% of calls. The service centre uses a Customer Relations Management system (CRM) to log and record all enquiries made. This service arrangement ensures that all calls are answered and registered in a consistent way. Once calls are registered they are then allocated to highways officers accordingly. This approach has been accompanied by a regular programme of training and review so that the service staff have a good knowledge of the highway service and current issues and projects on the network. These employees are not 'switchboard operators' but trained staff skilled in handling a range of public enquiries across most council services.

The approach ensures that all callers have their call answered and that these are recorded and handled consistently. Last month the Council was awarded the governments prestigious 'Customer Service Excellence' for its work in developing and delivering this frontline service. The approach that has been taken has been fundamental to providing a consistent and assured service to customers.

Q3c Why are enquiries for information on highways questioned or provided with oblique answers from Amey. What are the functions of Amey?

A3c Amey has been tasked with delivering certain elements of the highways service from operations and maintenance through to engineering and design of schemes. In addition to providing the day to day operations on the network the Amey service also provides design, monitoring and delivery of certain authorised functions.

The authorised functions which Amey perform on behalf of Plymouth City Council are based on the following acts:

- Highways Act 1980
- Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
- New Roads and Streetworks Act 1991
- And minor duties within the Traffic Management Act 2004

The responsibilities are clearly set out and reviewed in a structured way with the Assistant Director and his representatives.

Q3d Why are the constitutional functions of the Planning Committee on highways not implemented?

A3d Highways are consulted on all planning applications by the planning officer. The advice and recommendations from the Highways consultation are included in the applications and are presented to the Planning Committee.

Q4 How many anti-social behaviour injunctions has the city council issued in the last 12 months (total citywide with a breakdown for each area)?

A4 I can confirm that there were 6 injunctions of this type obtained in the following areas:

Stonehouse 2
Leigham 1
Plympton 1
North Prospect 1
No fixed abode 1

As you may be aware, injunctions are only a part of the enforcement measures the Council uses to tackle serious anti-social behaviour and usually this follows a series of attempts to address the issues including engaging the perpetrators in support. Using this method the Council is successful in resolving most problems without going to court.

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