

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Subject: School Keep Clear Markings at Weston Mill, Plaistow, St. Paul's and Riverside Schools. Transfer of Enforcement from Police to Council's Civil Enforcement Officers plus other associated parking restrictions
– Objections

Committee: Ham and St. Budeaux Area Committee

Date: 16 September 2009

Cabinet Member: Cabinet Member for Transport – Councillor Kevin Wigens.

CMT Member: Assistant Director of Development (Transport, Infrastructure and Engineering).

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Executive Summary:

This report advises the Public and Ward Members of various School Keep Clear Markings, (SKC), and other parking restrictions outside of various schools, and reviews comments received during the advertisement of the proposed Traffic Regulation Orders. **The minutes of the respective Area Committees and an appropriate recommendation made by Officers will be reported to the Cabinet Member for Transport, who will decide on the final scheme to be implemented.**

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

The costs of providing the appropriate Traffic Regulation Orders and construction works will be borne by the 2009-2010 Capital Programme.

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. That that no the objections/comments received during the advertisement period.
2. Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport that the **proposals as detailed in Appendix 1** i.e.
 - PLAN A** - Weston Mill Community Primary School, (Note that proposals are being relaxed from that advertised).
 - PLAN B** - Plaistow Hill Infant School,
 - PLAN C** - St. Paul's Roman Catholic Primary School, and
 - PLAN D** - Riverside Community Primary School.

be implemented.

Reasons for above recommended actions are as follows:

- a) To enable the Ward Members to be aware of the public's concerns;
- b) To improve parking conditions outside schools and to allow the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers, (CEO's), i.e. Parking Attendants, to carry out the

- c) enforcement of all parking restrictions.
- c) The additional parking restrictions outside Weston Mill School will improve visibility and safety.

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

Do nothing is an option but this would lead to some of the Schools' Keep Clear Markings being enforced by the Police, and other markings with a TRO being enforced by the CEO's. It is considered advantageous to have all the School Keep Clear Markings to be enforced by the CEO's.

The recommended parking restrictions are necessary to improve safety and accessibility and alternative options have not been recommended as no objections have been received during the consultation.

If the implementation of the additional parking restrictions are relaxed or abandoned it is considered that road safety will be impaired.

Background papers: None

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											

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Funding for School Keep Clear Markings, (SKC), outside of schools has been allocated to the Current Capital Programme 2009-2010. The cost of the advertisement and signing etc will be met from the LTP programme which may result in some rescheduling of schemes in 2010-2011.
- 1.2 At present the Police enforce some of the SKCs, (i.e. those that are not covered by a Traffic Regulation Order, (TRO)), and the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers, CEO's), enforce the SKC that are covered by a TRO, (those with a TRO are accompanied by a sign). This does lead to confusion between the public and the Police/CEO's.
- 1.3 To simplify matters it is considered necessary to cover all SKC's with the TRO which will enable the CEO's to enforce all the SKC, together with all the other parking restrictions in the City. To implement TRO's, it is necessary to advertise the proposals in the first instance and report comments to the Area Committees.
- 1.4 The advertised proposals were a possible "do maximum" solution, (i.e. make a TRO to mean 'No stopping on School Keep Clears at any time'). There was no suggestion to reduce or lengthen the existing lengths of the SKC. The purpose of the advert was to inform those in the locality of the Council's intentions and to encourage people to forward their comments and observations in respect of timings for the SKC.
- 1.5 There are over 100 schools within the City of Plymouth which will mean that the implementation of the TRO's on all the School Keep Clears will be phased throughout the next 3 years.
- 1.6 The existing SKC with no sign currently leads to confusion, (*e.g. Can we park here in August? Can we park here at times when the school is closed?*). As schools are now beginning to open for after school clubs, weekends etc, the operational times are varied and subject to change, but it is important to sign them so everyone knows and understands the meaning of the restrictions. The proposals for the SKC include the erection of a sign to inform the general public of the operational times of the restrictions.
- 1.7 **Where the sustainable Transport Team have been notified of other difficulties outside of a school, i.e. Weston Mill and Riverside Schools, which may be resolved by the implementation of additional TRO's, then these have been advertised simultaneously.**
- 1.8 The **objectives of this scheme** are to:
- Transfer the enforcement responsibility of the SKC onto the CEO from the Police;
 - To clarify to everyone what the operational hours of the SKC restrictions are;
 - Offer residents the opportunity to forward suggestions on the operational hours of the SKC, and consider whether safe and non-obstructive parking could be accommodated in the evenings and/or at the weekend.
 - To implement additional restrictions which are safe, maintain emergency vehicle access 'at any time'.

The recommended proposals achieve these objectives.

2.0 TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) ADVERTISEMENT

- 2.1 The statutory advertisement to advise the public of the intention to pass the responsibility of enforcement of the SKC to the CEO was undertaken 31 July – 21 August 2009.
- 2.2 Street notices were erected for the 3-week advert and a notice was placed in the Evening Herald on 31 July 2009 informing the general public of the proposals. The hours of operation for all the SKC were advertised to be at any time. Letters were forward to some residents who live adjacent to the existing School Keep Clear Markings or adjacent to the new parking restrictions.
- 2.3 Ward Members of the Area Committee were forward copies of the above consultation letter at the commencement of the advertisement period. The Police were consulted and raised no objections.
- 2.4 No comments were received during the advertisement.

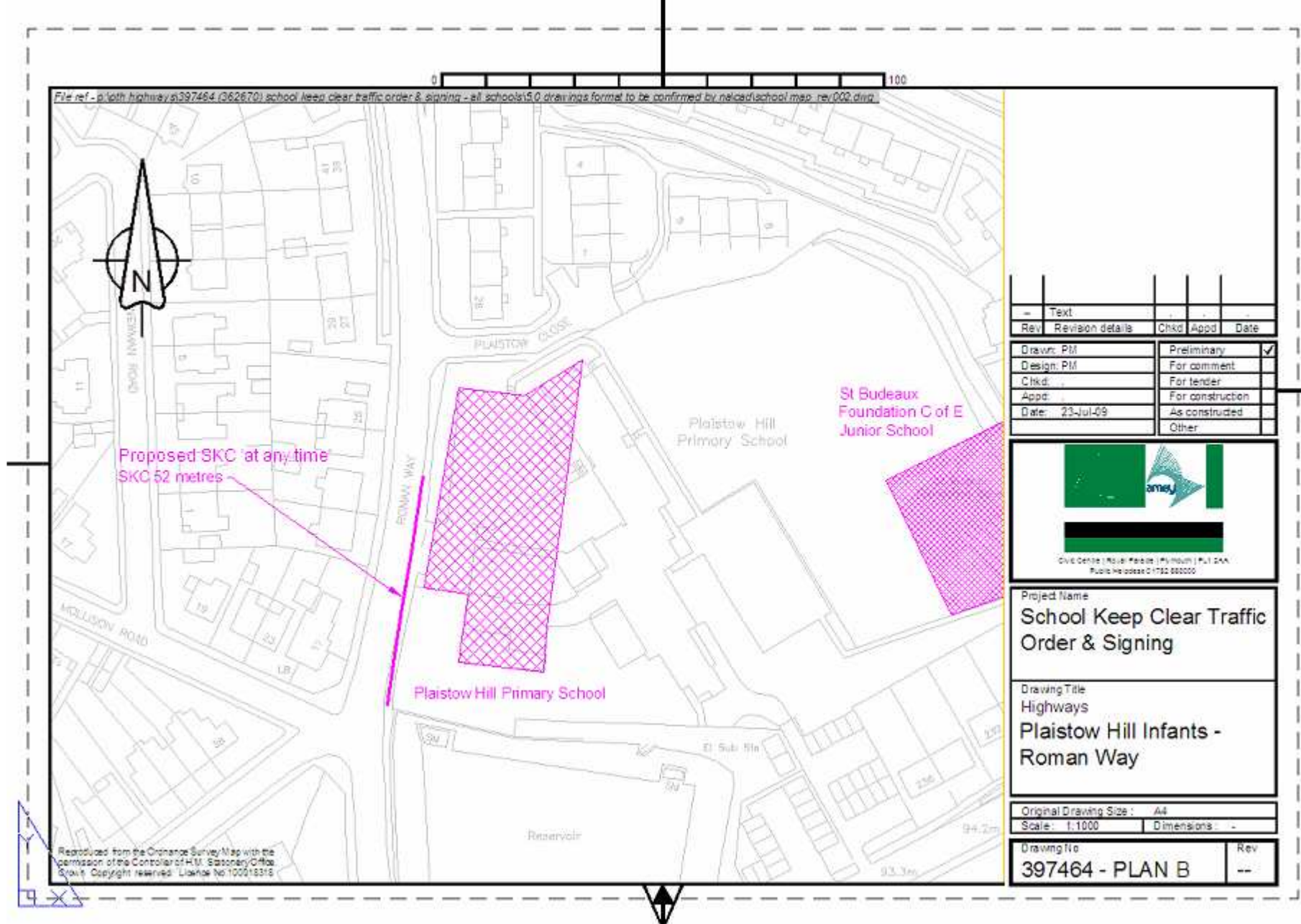
3.0 SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS

- 3.1 The recommendations will not change the length of the markings for the school being considered.
- 3.2 All existing School Keep Clears which are not covered by a TRO will continue to be enforced by the Police.

4.0 COMMENTS FOR EACH SCHOOL

- 4.1 **Weston Mill Community Primary School – Ferndale Road.**
The School Travel Plan Advisor has requested that additional restrictions, be advertised, (as shown on **PLAN A**), to improve visibility of students crossing the road. The Oak Villa Social Club have been consulted by telephone, they requested that one length of Double Yellow Line be relaxed to no waiting Mon – Fri 8 am -5 pm to allow vehicles from the Social Club Car Park to overflow onto Ferndale Road at evenings and weekends outside of school opening times, and will therefore not compromise the safety of students crossing the road. It is recommended that the restrictions on **PLAN A** be implemented.
- 4.2 **Plaistow School Primary School – Roman Way.**
The School Keep Clear ‘at any time’ was advertised and no objections were received. It is recommended that the restriction on **PLAN B** be implemented.
- 4.3 **St. Paul’s School – Barne Lane.**
The School Keep Clear ‘at any time’ was advertised and no objections were received. It is recommended that the restrictions on **PLAN C** be implemented.
- 4.4 **Riverside School – Poole Park Road.**
Riverside School – The School Travel Plan Advisor has requested that additional restrictions, be advertised, (as shown on **PLAN D**), to improve visibility of students crossing the road. These were advertised and no objections were received. It is recommended that the restrictions on **PLAN D** be implemented.

APPENDIX 2 PLAN B PLAISTOW HILL INFANT SCHOOL



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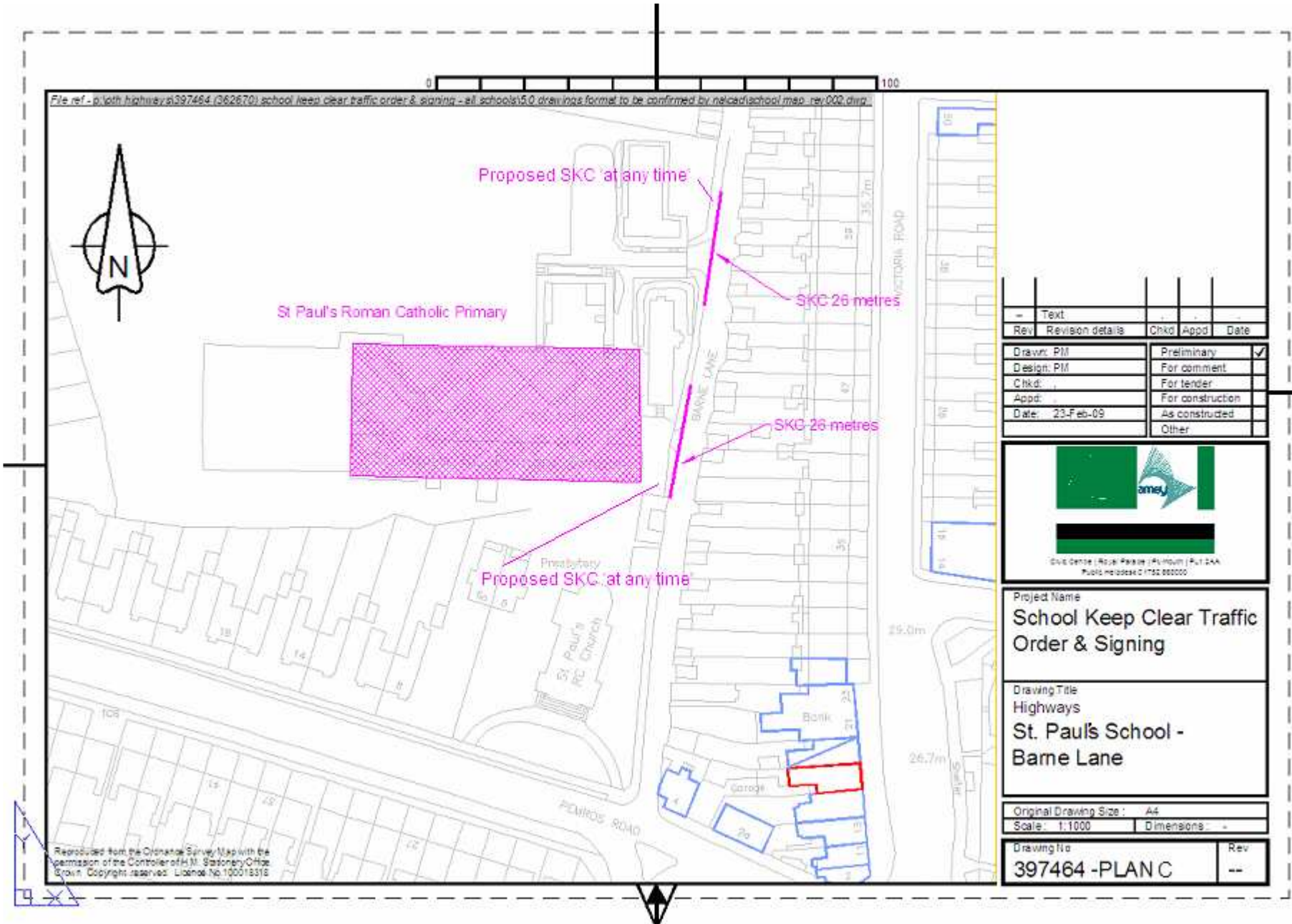
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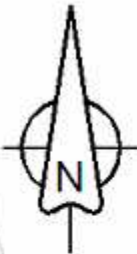
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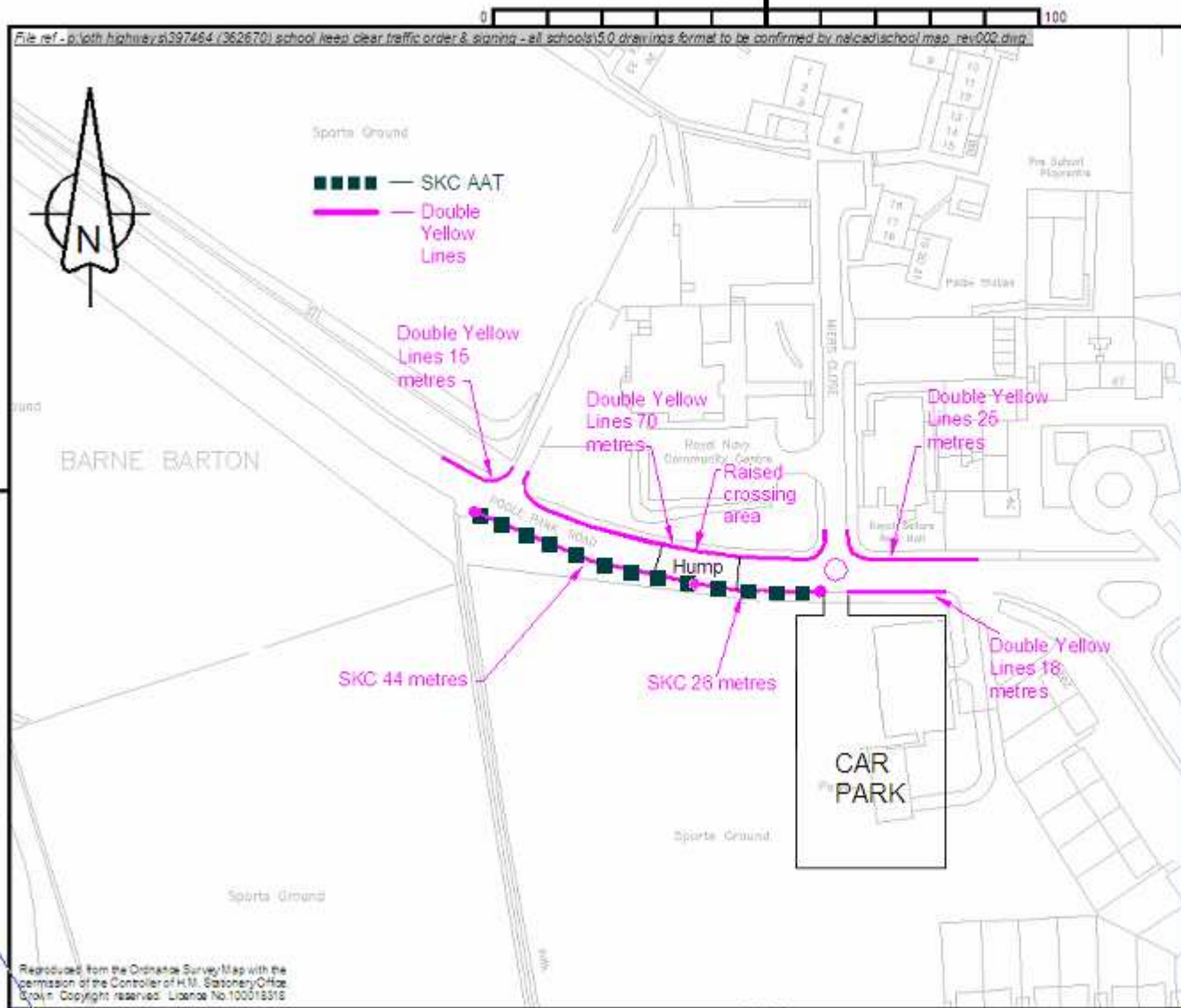
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