

**Proposed Decision to be taken by the
Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning on or after 14
September 2018**

**THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(THE RIDGEWAY & BISHOPTON LANE, STRATFORD
UPON AVON)
(RESTRICTED ROAD) ORDER 2017;AND**

**THE WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(A422 ALCESTER ROAD, STRATFORD UPON AVON)
(RESTRICTED ROAD) ORDER 2017**

Recommendation

That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Planning agrees that “The Warwickshire County Council (The Ridgeway & Bishopton Lane, Stratford upon Avon)(Restricted Road) Order 2017; and The Warwickshire County Council (A422 Alcester Road, Stratford upon Avon)(Restricted Road) Order 2017” be introduced as advertised.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The revocation of The Warwickshire County Council (The Ridgeway, Stratford upon Avon) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 2004 has been proposed and, as a consequence, a 30mph speed limit will come into force by virtue of the street lighting. A plan showing the effect of this proposal is appended to this report in Appendix A.
- 1.2 Rather than pursue two separate consultation processes, it was deemed to be more efficient to combine “The Warwickshire County Council (The Ridgeway & Bishopton Lane, Stratford upon Avon)(Restricted Road) Order 2017”; and “The Warwickshire County Council (A422 Alcester Road, Stratford upon Avon)(Restricted Road) Order 2017” and treat them as one. It is for this reason this report shows two Statement of Reasons.
- 1.3 These proposals were published on 26 October 2017 in the Stratford Observer and notices were also displayed on site. This report considers the objections received as a result of the consultation.
- 1.4 The Statement of Reasons for both of the proposed speed limit changes is appended to this report in Appendix B.

2.0 Background information

- 2.1 The Ridgeway Order also includes Bishopton Lane as far as Timothy's Bridge Road and the A422 Alcester Road between The Ridgeway, to the A46.
- 2.2 In 2007, a new Speed Management Strategy was approved by the County Council as a result of the Speed Limit Circular 01/2006 issued by the Department for Transport (DfT). This Circular was subsequently superseded by Circular 01/2013. The Circular covers three key areas: Education; Engineering; and Enforcement. The setting of speed limits is a key element of this strategy.
- 2.3 The DfT Circular 01/2013 advises that the following criteria are applied when setting speed limits:
- (i) Analysing the existing speed data to identify the mean speed of drivers;
 - (ii) To consider the environment and nature of the road; and
 - (iii) To consider any relevant injury accident data.

The three roads each contain a significant length of frontage which is undergoing substantial planned housing development and a number of new access roads.

Along these routes there have been five personal injury collisions in the past three years. The relationship between speed and likelihood of collisions as well as severity of injury is complex, but there is a correlation. Lower speed limits will improve the safety of the three roads and the proposed new accesses.

- 2.4 The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 enables the Council to make orders prohibiting the driving of motor vehicles on a road at a speed exceeding that specified in the order. The matters that the Council must take into consideration when making a decision upon making such an order are set out in Appendix C annexed.

3.0 Consultation

- 3.1 Consultation has been carried out with the Local Member, Local Borough Council, Warwickshire Police, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, Road Haulage Association and other statutory consultees.
- 3.2 Public notices advertising the revocation of The Warwickshire County Council (The Ridgeway, Stratford upon Avon) (40mph Speed limit) Order 2004, "The Warwickshire County Council (The Ridgeway & Bishopton Lane, Stratford upon Avon)(Restricted Road) Order 2017; and The Warwickshire County Council (A422 Alcester Road, Stratford upon Avon)(Restricted Road) Order 2017" were published in the Stratford Observer newspaper on 26.10.17. Notices were also displayed on street outlining the proposals.

This resulted in the receipt of two representations, summarised in the table below;

<u>Representations-</u> Objections 1, Comments 1, Support 0.	Officer Response
<p>Objection - from the Police.</p> <p>. There are no engineering measures proposed to assist motorists to adhere to the new speed limit.</p> <p>. Proposal as a result of a S106 Planning Order, does not meet DfT Circular 01/2013 criteria for setting speed limits.</p>	<p>. As a result of the Police Objection, the Developer is looking at installing Speed Cushions, Ladder Markings or Buildouts. A plan has been generated to assist the Developer with this issue. See Appendix D.</p> <p>. The current road layout to The Ridgeway and Bishopton Lane is to change in the near future with the introduction of a new estate with up to 500 dwellings. This will introduce 3 new traffic junctions, 5 uncontrolled pedestrian crossing points, one of which will be the new signal control over the canal bridge and 2 Pelican crossings as highlighted in Appendix E.</p> <p>The Shottery Development, off the A422, is ultimately expected to accommodate nearly 800 dwellings and will also have at least 2 new traffic junctions onto the A422.</p> <p>With an expected increase in vehicular turning movements and pedestrians crossing the road, this will significantly change the current environment. Therefore, it would seem prudent to reduce the current speed limit to 30mph even though it may differ with the given DfT advice.</p>
<p>Comment - from the Fire & Rescue Service</p> <p>. No Objection.</p>	<p>. Noted</p>

3.3 Ward Member Views

- 3.3.1 The Ward Member Councillor Jenny Fradgley has been advised of this Restricted Roads Order via email on the 31 October 2017.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The funding for this scheme is within the current Capital Programme. It will be fully funded by a developer contribution as part of a Section 278 scheme. There are no alternative uses for the contribution and the addition of the scheme will not affect the overall level of available capital resources.
- 4.2 It has been identified that to assist the motorists to adhere to the lower speed limit certain traffic calming features may need to be installed, which would be introduced before occupancy of the first property is completed.

Background papers

None

Appendices

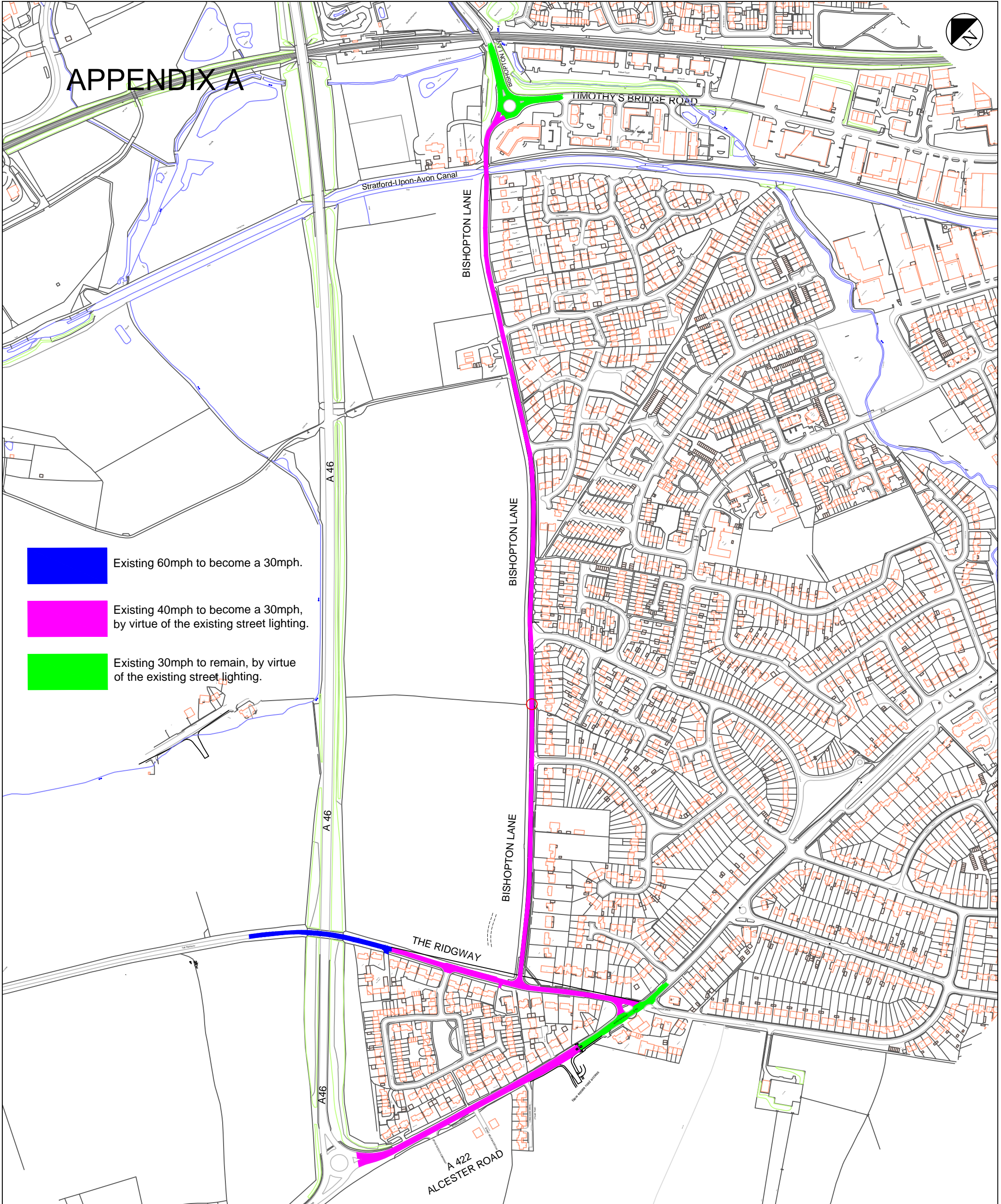
1. Appendix A - Plan of 40mph to 30mph speed limit
2. Appendix B - Statement of Reasons. *(The Ridgeway/Bishopton Ln and A422 Alcester Rd)*
3. Appendix C - Statutory Criteria for Making Decisions on Speed Limits
4. Appendix D - Traffic Calming suggestions plan for the Developer
5. Appendix E - Major Works general arrangement plan.
(Showing traffic island, 5 uncontrolled ped crossing points and 2 Pelican crossing's)

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

REVOCATION OF The Warwickshire County Council (The Ridgeway, Stratford upon Avon) (40mph Speed limit) Order 2004

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Request to extend the existing 30mph on Bishopton Lane from its junction at Timothy's Bridge Road to The Ridgeway and onto the A422 Alcester Road, has been considered and this has resulted in the proposals below.

Consultation Drawing Ref.	Location	Map Tile Ref.	Revision No.
TR/10303	. Bishopton Lane between Timothy's Bridge Road and The Ridgeway and, . The Ridgeway between the A46 overbridge and the A422 Alcester Road.	EU56	0 0

2. STATEMENT OF REASONS

2.1 Bishopton Lane & The Ridgeway, Stratford

Housing development of land adjacent to Bishopton Lane and The Ridgeway on the western side of Stratford, has led to a proposal to change the speed limits along two roads in that locale.

Currently, there is a 40mph speed limit Order in place along these routes. This length of Highway will soon include a number of accesses leading into new housing developments.

The proposal is to revoke the existing 40mph speed limit along these roads which will then be replaced by a 30mph by virtue of street lighting

Reducing the current speed limit should have the effect of slowing motorists down to assist turning traffic in/out of the new housing developments, preserve visibility and aid road safety.

3. SCHEDULE 1

- 3.1 Plan Ref. TR/10303 to be included in Schedule 1 and attached to the Order.

3.2 Bishopton Lane - Existing 40mph to become 30mph.

- (i) From a point on the western side of the existing traffic island junction with Timothy's Bridge Road, in a generally south west direction for the whole length of the road to its junction with The Ridgeway, a distance of approx. 1250m.

3.3 The Ridgeway - Existing 40mph to become 30mph.

- (ii) From a point in line with the north west elevation of property No 2 The Ridgeway in a generally south east direction for the whole length of the road to its junction with the A422 Alcester Road, a distance of approx. 351m.

3.4 The Ridgeway - Existing 60mph to become 30mph.

- (iii) From a point in line with the north west elevation of property No 2 The Ridgeway in a generally north west direction for a distance of approx. 200m.

4. Existing Order to be revoked.

4.1 The Warwickshire County Council (The Ridgeway, Stratford upon Avon) (40mph Speed limit) Order 2004.

4.2 WCC reference No 408

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

REVOCATION OF The Warwickshire County Council (Alcester Road, Stratford upon Avon) (40mph Speed limit) Order 1993

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Request to extend the existing 30mph on A422 Alcester Road, to its junction with the A46 has been considered and this has resulted in the proposals below.

Consultation Drawing Ref.	Location	Map Tile Ref.	Revision No.
TR/10303	A422 Alcester Road from The Ridgeway, to the A46.	EU56	0 0

2. STATEMENT OF REASONS

2.1 A422 Alcester Road, Stratford

Housing development of land adjacent to the A422 on the western side of Stratford, has led to a proposal to change the speed limits along the A422 in that locale.

Currently, there is a 40mph speed limit Order in place from a point just west of The Ridgeway to the A46. This length of Highway now includes a number of accesses leading into new housing developments.

The proposal is to revoke the existing 40mph speed limit along these roads which will then be replaced by a 30mph by virtue of street lighting

Reducing the current speed limit should have the effect of slowing motorists down to assist turning traffic in/out of the new housing developments, preserve visibility and aid road safety.

3. SCHEDULE 1

- 3.1 Plan Ref. TR/10303 to be included in Schedule 1 and attached to the Order.

3.2 Existing 40mph to become 30mph.

- (i) From a point 41m south east of the eastern elevation of property No 6 Alcester Road, then, in a westerly direction for a distance of approx. 341m.

4. Existing Order to be revoked.

- 4.1 The Warwickshire County Council (Alcester Road, Stratford upon Avon) (40mph Speed limit) Order 1993
- 4.2 WCC reference No 244

APPENDIX C

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 enables the Council to make Orders prohibiting the driving of motor vehicles on a road at a speed exceeding that specified in the Order, or directing that a road on which there is provided a system of street lighting furnished by means of lamps placed not more than 183 metres apart shall become a restricted road (subject to a speed limit of 30 mph) or that it shall cease to be a restricted road.

Speed Limit Orders and Restricted Road Roads remain in force until superseded or revoked.

The Department for Transport's Circular 01/2013 'Setting Local Speed Limits' should be the basis for assessments of local speed limits, for developing route management strategies and for developing speed management strategies required as part of the Local Transport Plan process. Circular 01/2013 requires that "speed limits should be evidence-led and self-explaining and seek to reinforce people's assessment of what is a safe speed to travel. They should encourage self-compliance. Speed limits should be seen by drivers as the maximum rather than a target speed. Traffic authorities set local speed limits in situations where local needs and conditions suggest a speed limit which is lower than the national speed limit."

In deciding whether or not to make an Order or give a Direction, the Council is required to have regard to the matters set out in section 122 of the 1984 Act. Section 122(1) requires the Council to exercise the functions conferred on it by the 1984 Act as (so far as practicable having regard to the matters specified in section 122(2)) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians), and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

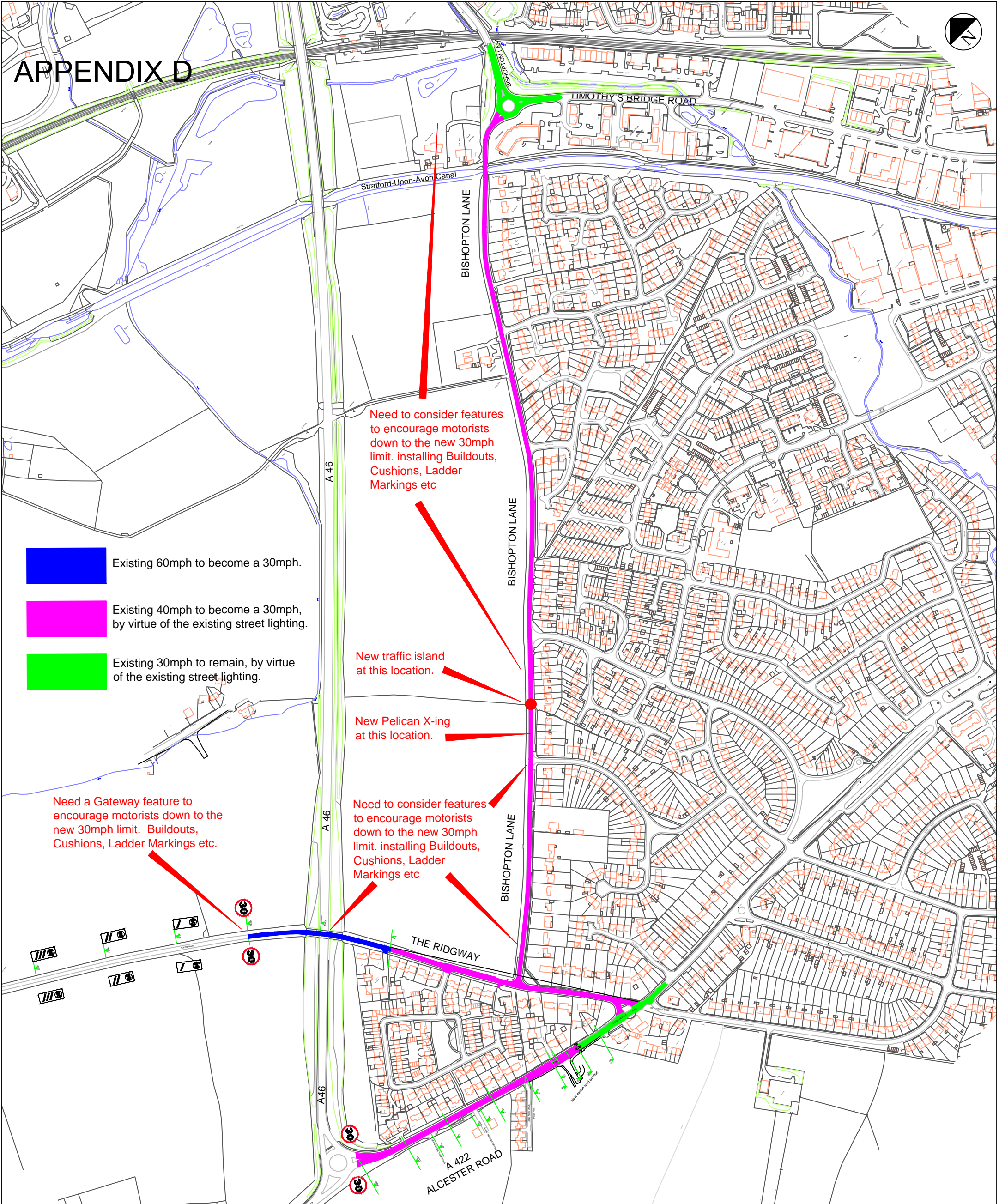
The matters to which the Council must have regard are:-

- the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises
- the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run
- the national air quality strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1995
- the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles
- and any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant

Therefore whilst the overall objective of the Council must be to secure the expeditious convenient and safe movement of vehicular traffic this cannot prevent statutory powers from being used for the specific purposes identified in section

122(1) and that a balance has to be achieved between the overall objective and the matters set out in section 122(2).

APPENDIX D



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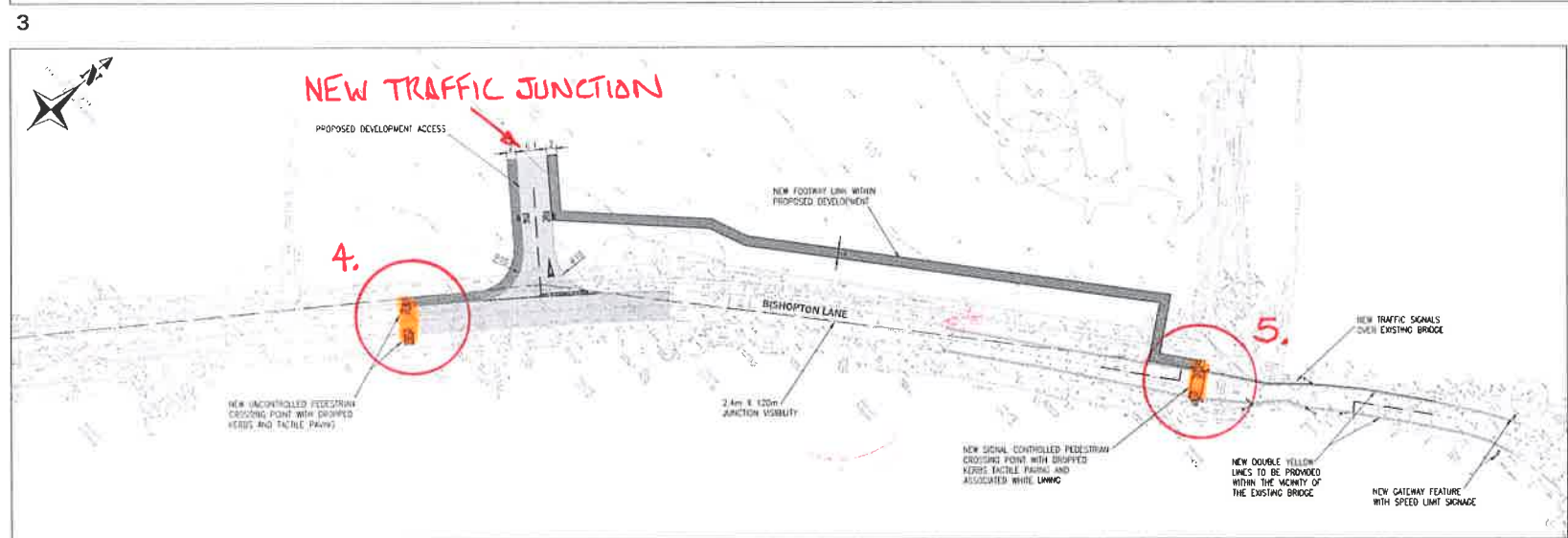
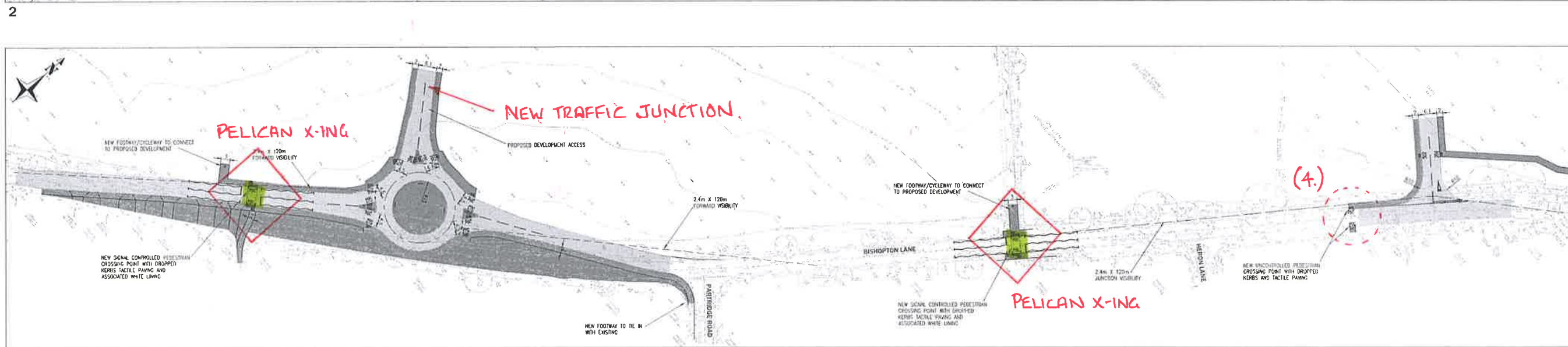
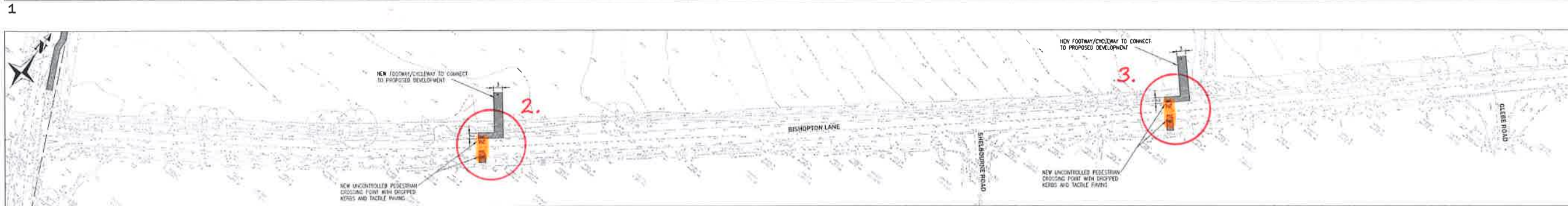
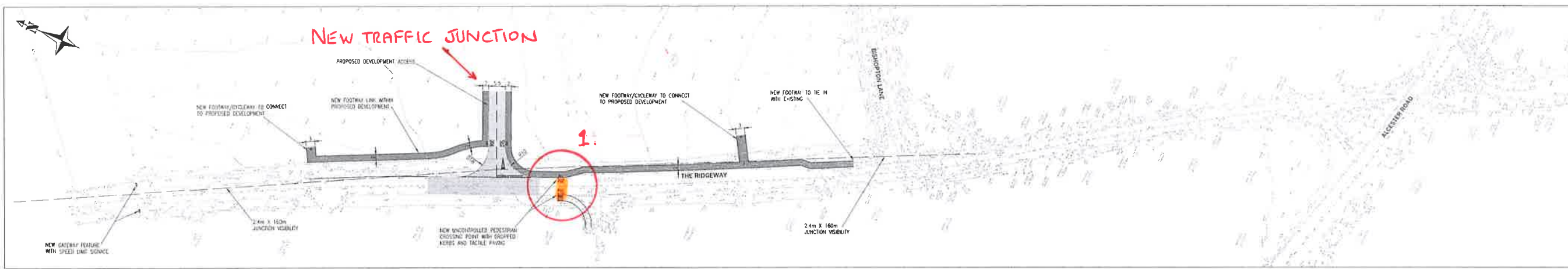
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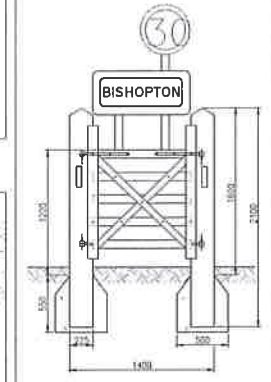
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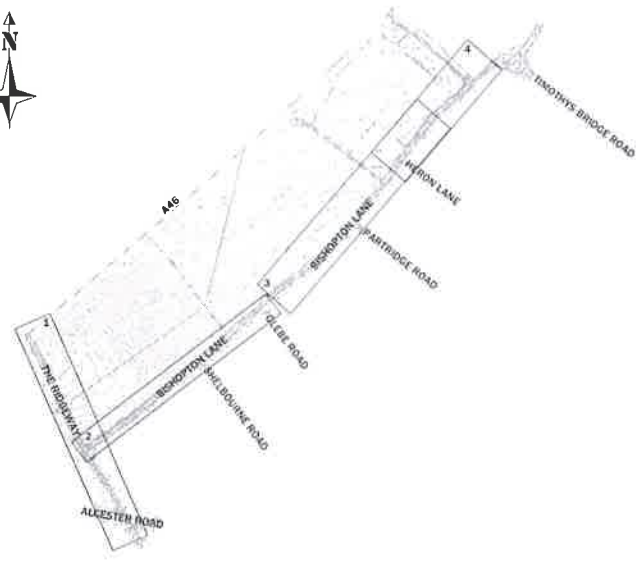
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