

**MINUTES OF THE HARLOW LOCAL HIGHWAYS PANEL
HELD ON**

19 June 2025

7.00 - 8.36 pm

PRESENT

Committee Members

County Councillor Clive Souter, Harlow West (Chair)
County Councillor Mike Garnett, Harlow North (Vice-Chair)
County Councillor Andrew Johnson, Harlow South East
Councillor David Carter, Harlow District Council
Councillor Tony Edwards, Harlow District Council
Councillor Kay Morrison, Harlow District Council

Officers

Daniel MacLean, Highways Liaison Officer, Essex County Council
Adam Rees, Senior Governance Support Officer
David Sprunt, Principal Area Transportation Co-ordinator, Essex County Council
Sarah Tomlin, Highways Liaison Officer, Essex County Council

Other Members

Councillor Paul Jago
Councillor Nicky Purse

1. PRESENTATION ON FIRST AVENUE - CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS

David Sprunt, Transportation and Infrastructure Lead West Essex – Essex County Council, gave a presentation on cycling improvements on First Avenue. A copy of the presentation is appended to the minutes.

In response to questions, David Sprunt said that the crossings were positioned to meet government guidance, as well as matching the desire paths of residents.

There would be other works along First Avenue as part of the sustainable transport corridor. These would help address wider safety concerns.

2. WELCOMES AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed all attendees to the meeting and invited Councillors and Officers to introduce themselves.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Hardware and Maggie Hulcoop.

4. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 JANUARY 2025 TO BE AGREED AS A CORRECT RECORD**

Agreed.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

None.

6. **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Councillor Purse spoke on behalf of residents at Potter Street. She said that the safety concerns of residents had not been addressed over several years, even though the issues had been considered urgent.

It was explained that the Highways Panel could no longer accept new schemes for validation. There would be a two year rolling programme, but this had a limited budget and the improvements to Potter Street couldn't be financed at the moment through the Panel.

It was agreed that the Chair would speak to the Cabinet member about how the improvements could be funded outside of the Panel. The Chair also said that he would take his Highways Buddy to Potter Street so they could see the issues.

Councillor Purse would send Councillor Johnson a list of maintenance issues on Potter Street.

7. **REPORT ON FUNDED SCHEMES FROM 24/25 AND CHAIR PANEL SCHEMES FROM 24/25**

The report was noted.

8. **REPORT ON SCHEMES AWAITING FUNDING**

The Panel received a report on schemes awaiting funding.

RESOLVED that:

A The following schemes be funded:

- i) Commonsides Road – Implementation of Traffic Calming Improvements - £66,400
- ii) Passmore Phase 2 - Implementation of Cycle Route Improvements - £210,400
- iii) Three Horseshoes Road – Dropped Crossing - £18,000
- iv) Mallows Green – Barrier Amendment - £9,900
- v) Joyners Field – Dropped Kerb - £32,900
- vi) Church Langley Way – HGV Signs - £18,000
- vii) Thurstans – No Entry Signage - £9,800

- viii) Brookside – School Keep Clear for Katherines Primary School - £16,300

B The following schemes have been removed from the list be considered out of scope for 2025/26 and 2026/27.

- i) Abercrombie Way/Southern Way – Dropped Crossing £74,500
- ii) Altham Grove – Pedestrian Route – Dropped Crossings – Design - £7,500
- iii) First Avenue – Bus Shelter - £42,600
- iv) A414 Church Langley Bus Lane Improvements – Feasibility - £10,500
- v) Potter Street – Traffic Calming Improvements to existing 20 mph zone £165,000
- vi) Tillwicks Road – Verge Protection Measures - £27,300
- vii) Moorfields – Parking Bay Markings - £9,300
- viii) Paringdon Road – Traffic Calming Improvements - £219,000
- ix) Southern Way – 40mph Speed Limit Enhancement – Feasibility - £8,300
- x) Upper Park – Parking Provision - Feasibility - £9,800
- xi) Commonside Road – South-west section from Tysea Road to Paringdon Road – Traffic Calming – Feasibility - £7,500
- xii) Joyners Field – Parking Improvements - Feasibility - £9,000
- xiii) Maddox Road – Layby Improvements – Design - £5,300
- xiv) Altham Grove – Yellow Box and Parking Restrictions – Design - £6,300
- xv) Westfield/Tendring Road – Echelon Parking Conversion of grass verge – Design - £7,500

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

A meeting would be arranged for October 2025.

CHAIR OF THE PANEL

Harlow First Avenue Cycling and Walking Improvements

LHP briefing

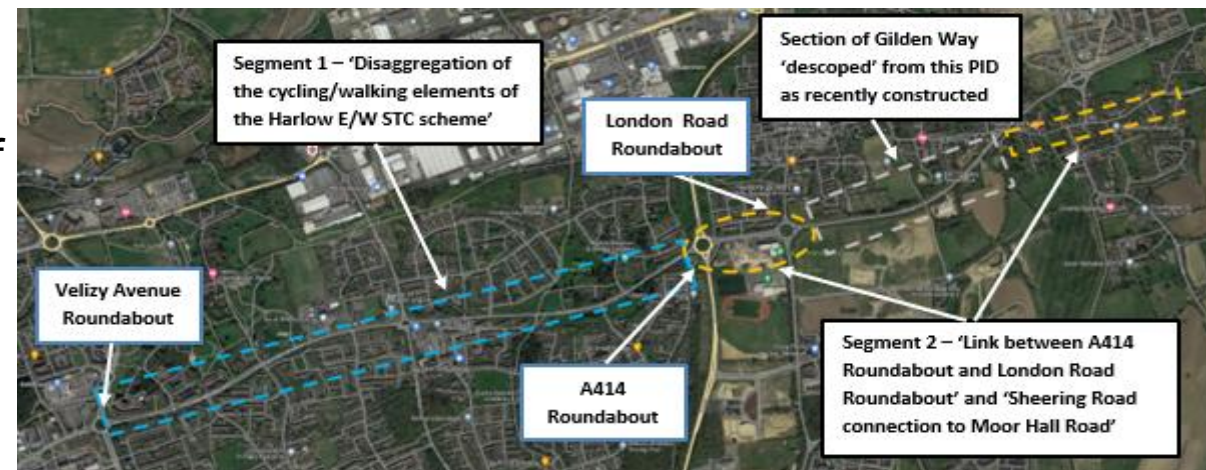
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Minute Item 1



Background

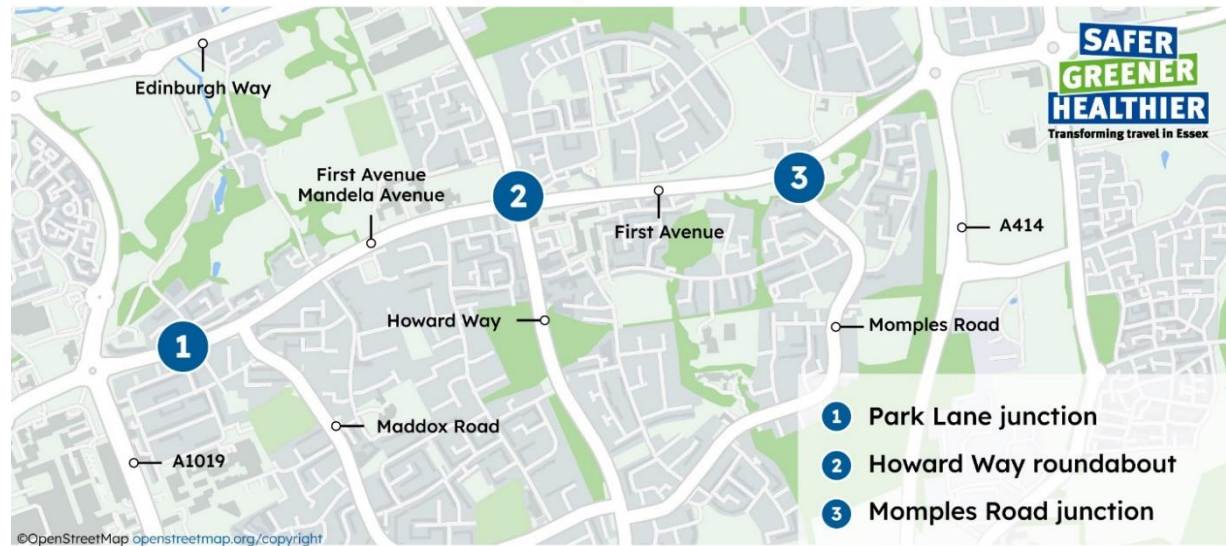
- Harlow LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) 4 is one of nine planned LCWIP routes in Harlow.
- The east to west route is around 4.5km and starts east of the Velizy Avenue Roundabout and finishes at Sheering Road, aiming to connect the east of Harlow with Harlow town centre.
- Together with the Harlow Sustainable Transport Corridor schemes and the recently completed Harlow LCWIP 9 scheme, the Harlow LCWIP 4 route will improve walking and cycling connections for existing and new communities as part of Harlow and Gilston Garden Town.



Scheme summary

- We are initially proposing to make crossing improvements at three key junctions along the First Avenue corridor in Harlow.
- It is the first phase of the new east to west (Harlow LCWIP 4) route.
- We hope to secure further funding to make additional improvements to the route in the future.
- The project is part of our ambition to create a safer, greener and healthier Essex by giving people more choice in how they travel, both for shorter journeys or as part of a longer trip.

Harlow First Avenue Cycling and Walking Improvements



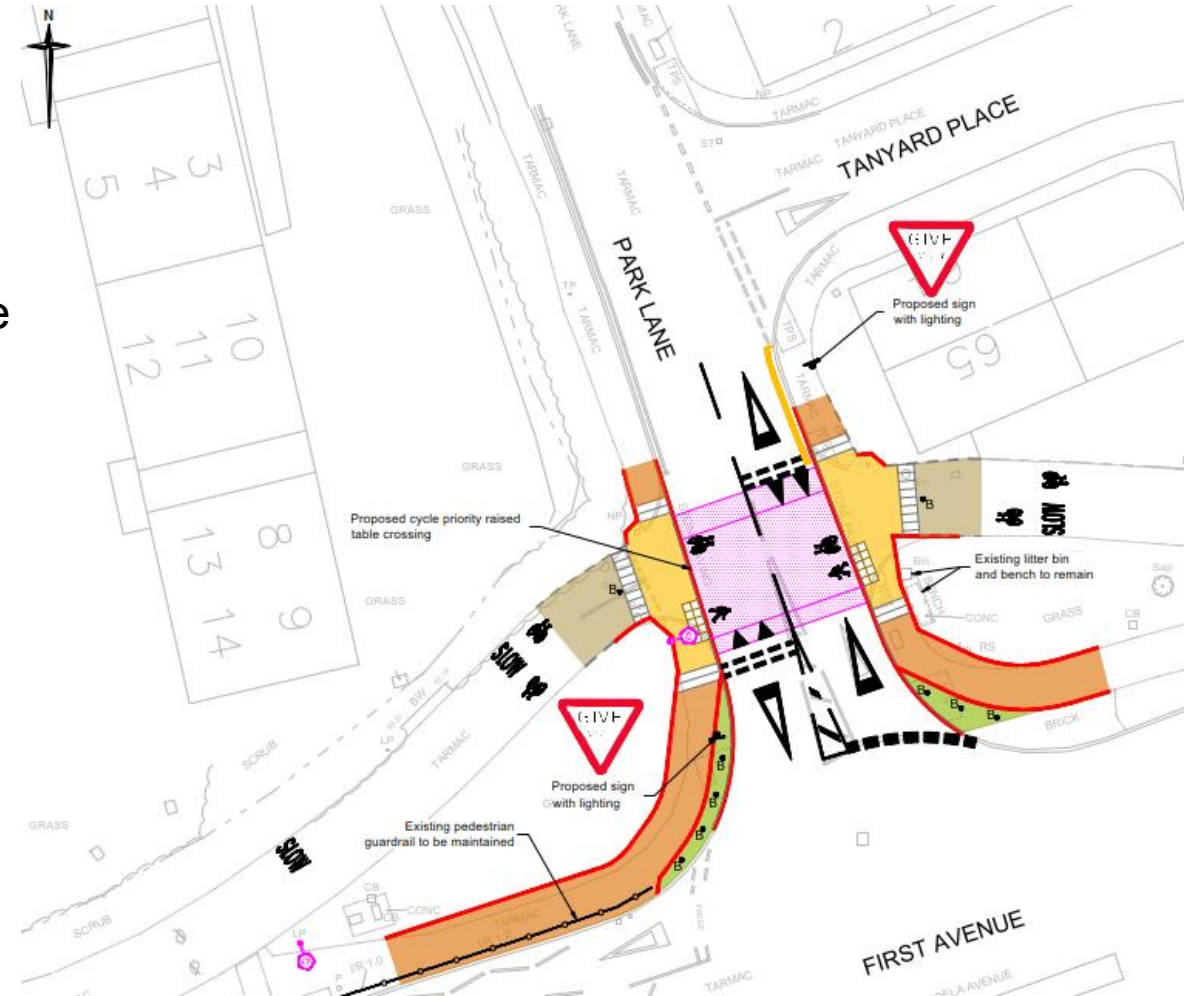
Earlier engagement

- We carried out initial community engagement about Harlow LCWIP 4 in autumn 2023, including an in-person event at the Harvey Centre.
- The engagement was high level and focused on the current challenges people face when walking and cycling in the area, and asked for initial ideas on how the overall route could be improved.
- Safety and difficulties crossing roads along the route were among the main issues people raised, particularly at the Howard Way and Momples Road junctions.
- Therefore, we have decided to initially focus on providing improved crossings.



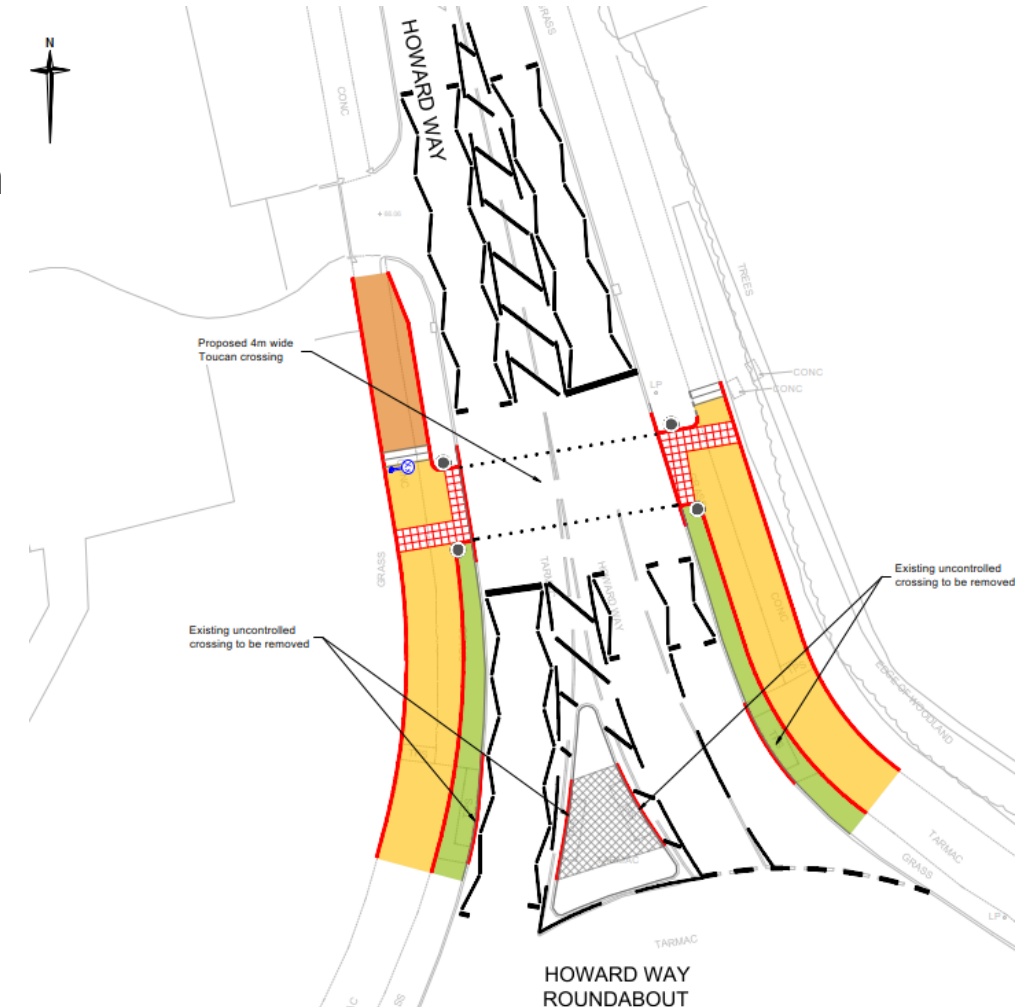
Park Lane junction

- The junction is currently a mini roundabout junction with an uncontrolled segregated cycleway/footway crossing over Park Lane.
- We are proposing a new raised table to provide cyclists/pedestrians with priority when crossing to improve safety.
- Existing footways will be widened on the approaches to the crossing and extended to the crossing point.
- The scheme will also include resurfacing of the carriageway at the junction, lighting upgrades and new markings and signs.



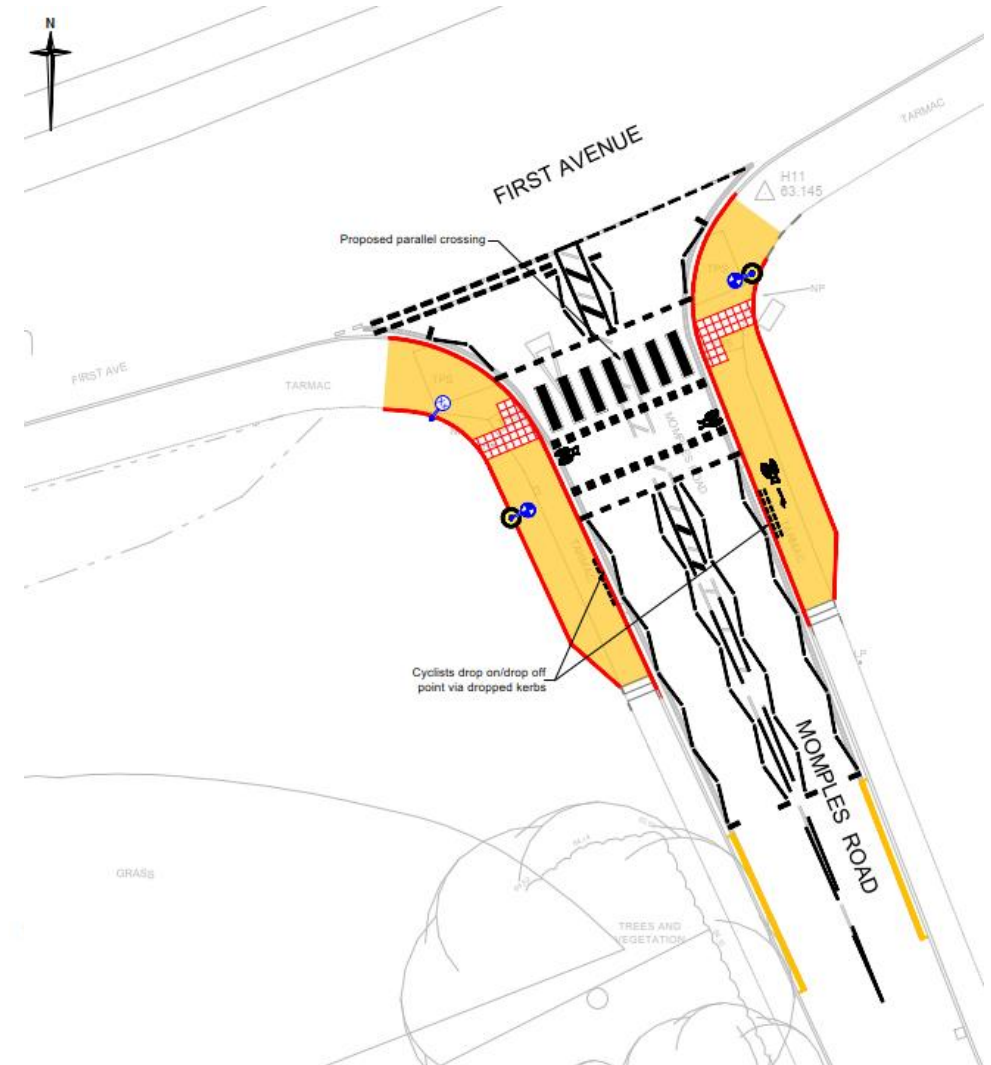
Howard Way Roundabout

- The Howard Way Roundabout is a four arm, two-lane roundabout connecting Howard Way and First Avenue.
- We are proposing a new toucan crossing across the northern arm of the roundabout. This will replace the existing uncontrolled crossing, which currently requires people to cross in two phases (with an island in the middle) and across two busy traffic lanes.
- The traffic signals for the toucan crossing will be on-demand and are not expected to have a significant impact on traffic.
- The existing shared use paths on the either side of the roundabout/Howard Way will be extended to the new crossing.
- Scheme will include resurfacing of carriageway on northern arm of roundabout, lighting upgrades and new markings and signs.



Momples Road junction

- The junction is currently a T-junction, with an uncontrolled crossing across Momples Road.
- We are proposing a new parallel crossing, which would be set back approximately 5m from the junction.
- A short 20m section of the existing footway on either side of Momples Road will be widened to create a shared footway/cycleway.
- The scheme will also include resurfacing of the carriageway at the junction, lighting upgrades and new markings and signs.



Public consultation

- Although we undertook earlier community engagement, it was much higher level and did not include details about specific improvements or designs.
- Therefore, having developed designs for this initial package of crossing improvements along First Avenue, we are now running a public consultation to get people's feedback.
- Feedback from the consultation will help us to refine and finalise our designs for the three crossings.
- The consultation launched on Monday 9 June 2025 and will run for four weeks, closing on 6 July 2025.
- Letters have been sent to residents and businesses in the vicinity of the scheme and the consultation will be promoted via social media, newsletters and other channels. Anything you can do to help promote it via your networks and channels would be greatly appreciated.
- Information about the scheme and our short online survey will be available at:

<https://letstalkessexsustainabletravel.co.uk/first-avenue>



Indicative programme and next steps

- Early community engagement – autumn 2023
- Design work (first phase) – 2024 to 2025
- Public consultation – summer 2025
- Traffic Regulation Orders and tender process – summer to winter 2025
- Start of construction – winter 2025/2026
- Construction completed – spring 2026

Construction will be carefully managed to minimise the impact and any disruption. More details will be established once a contractor is appointed to construct the scheme.



Any questions?

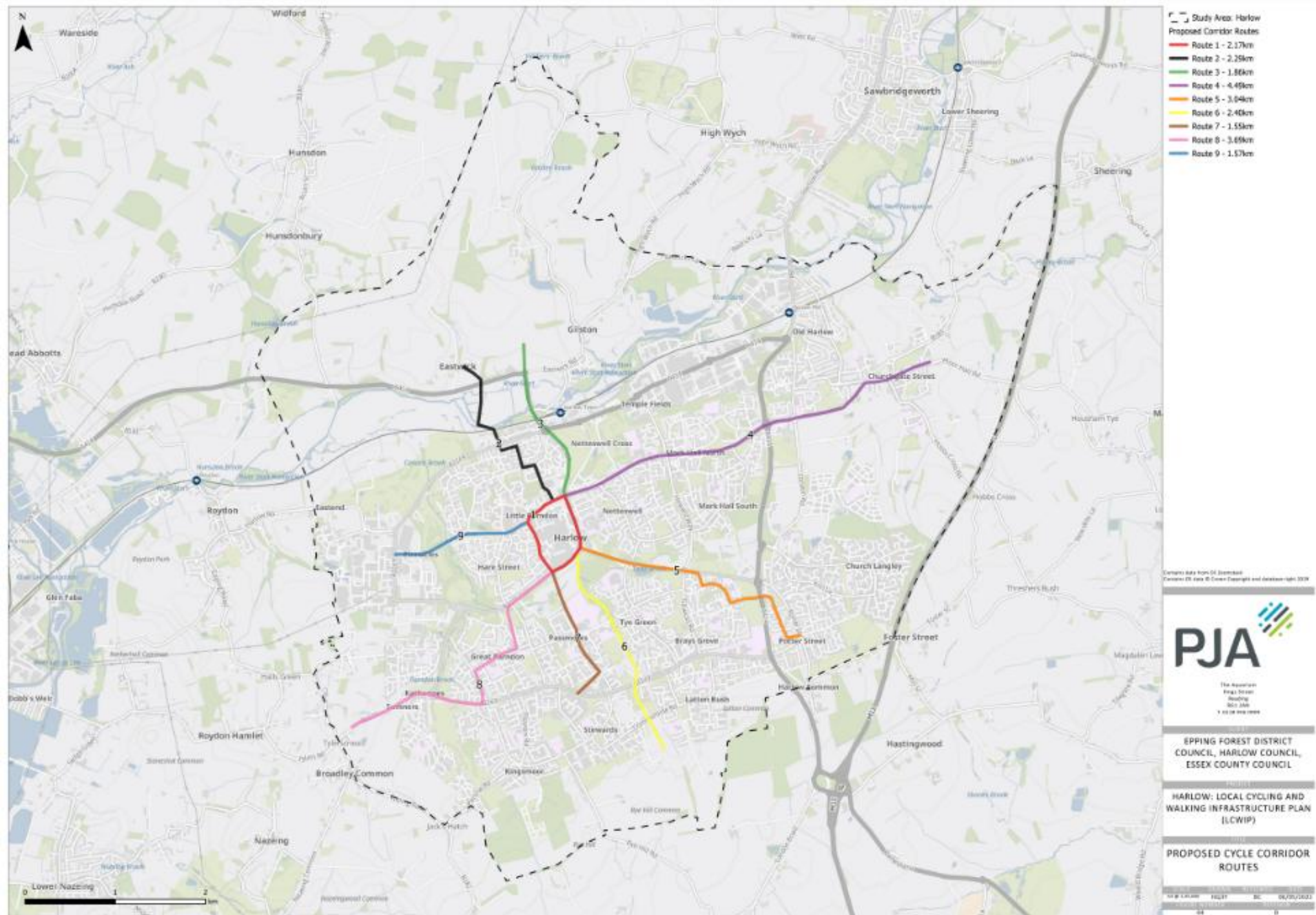




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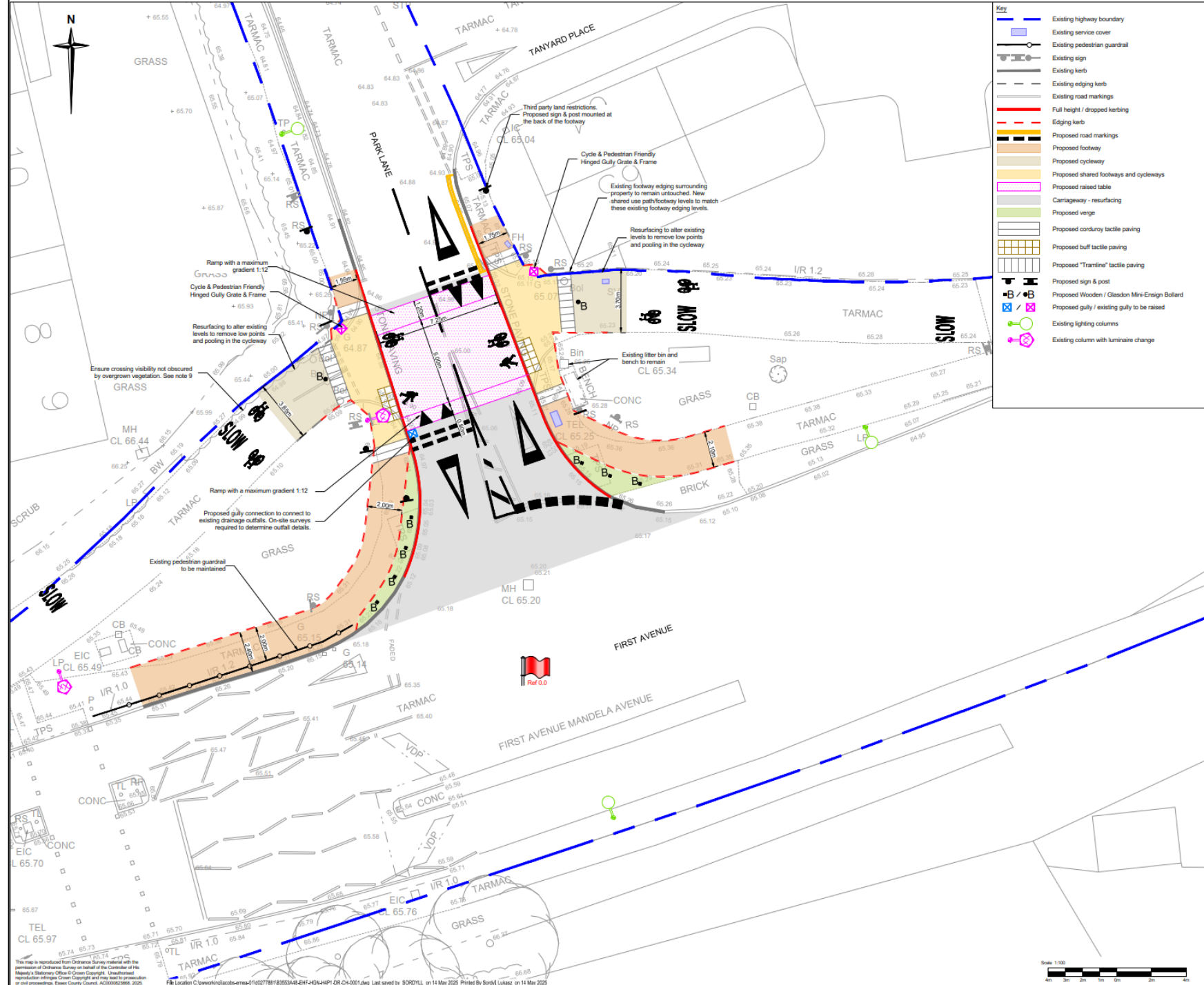


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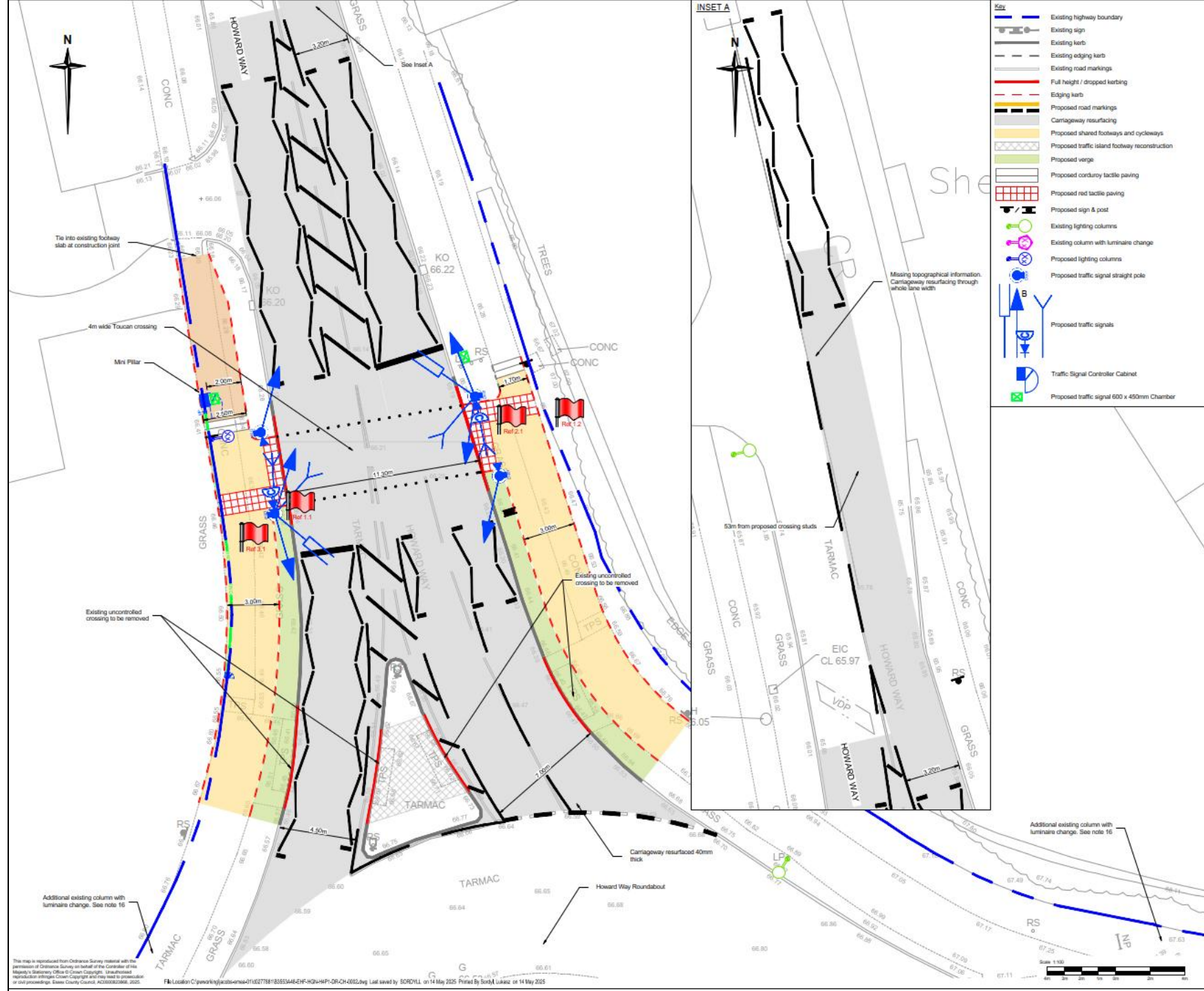
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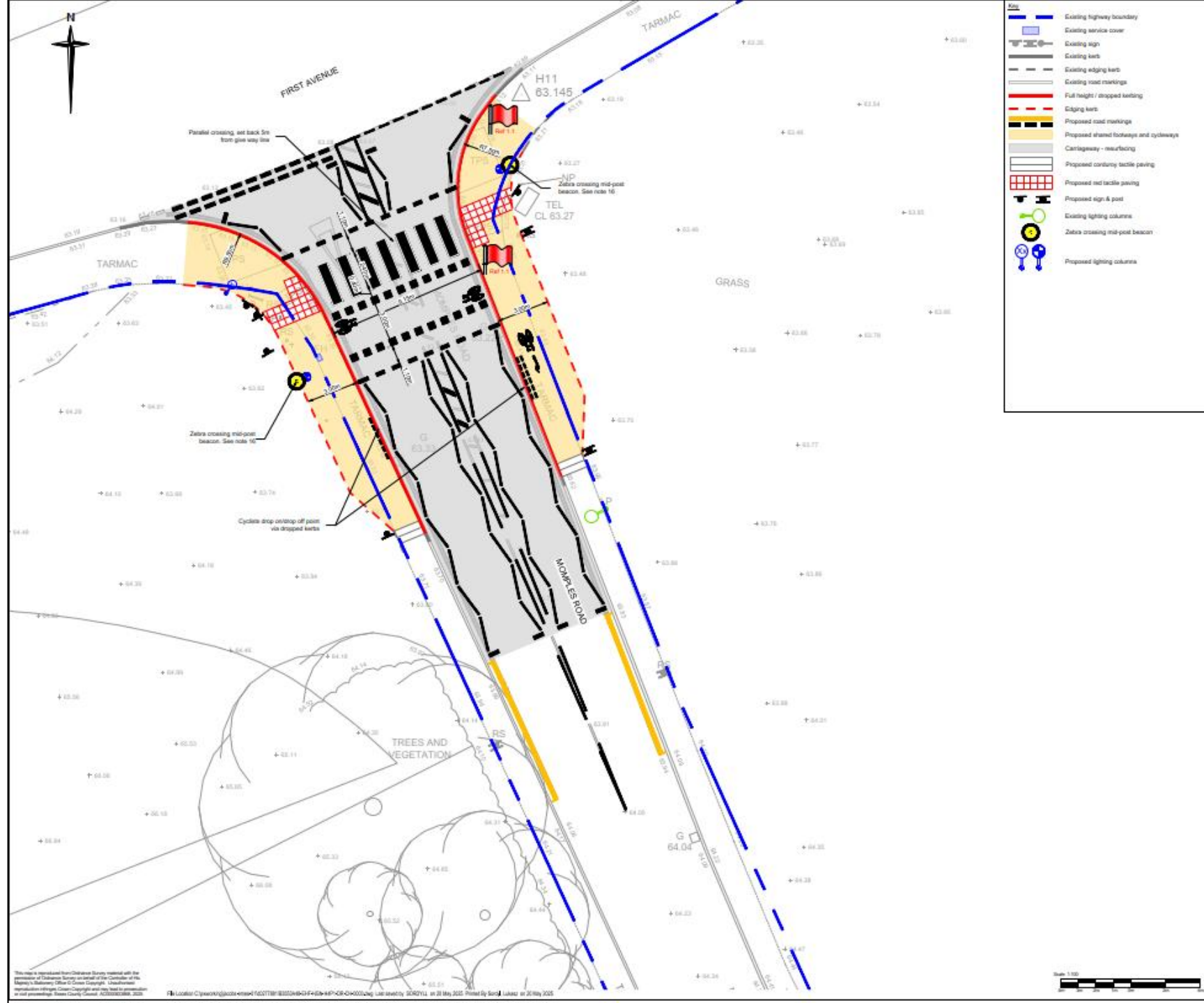
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