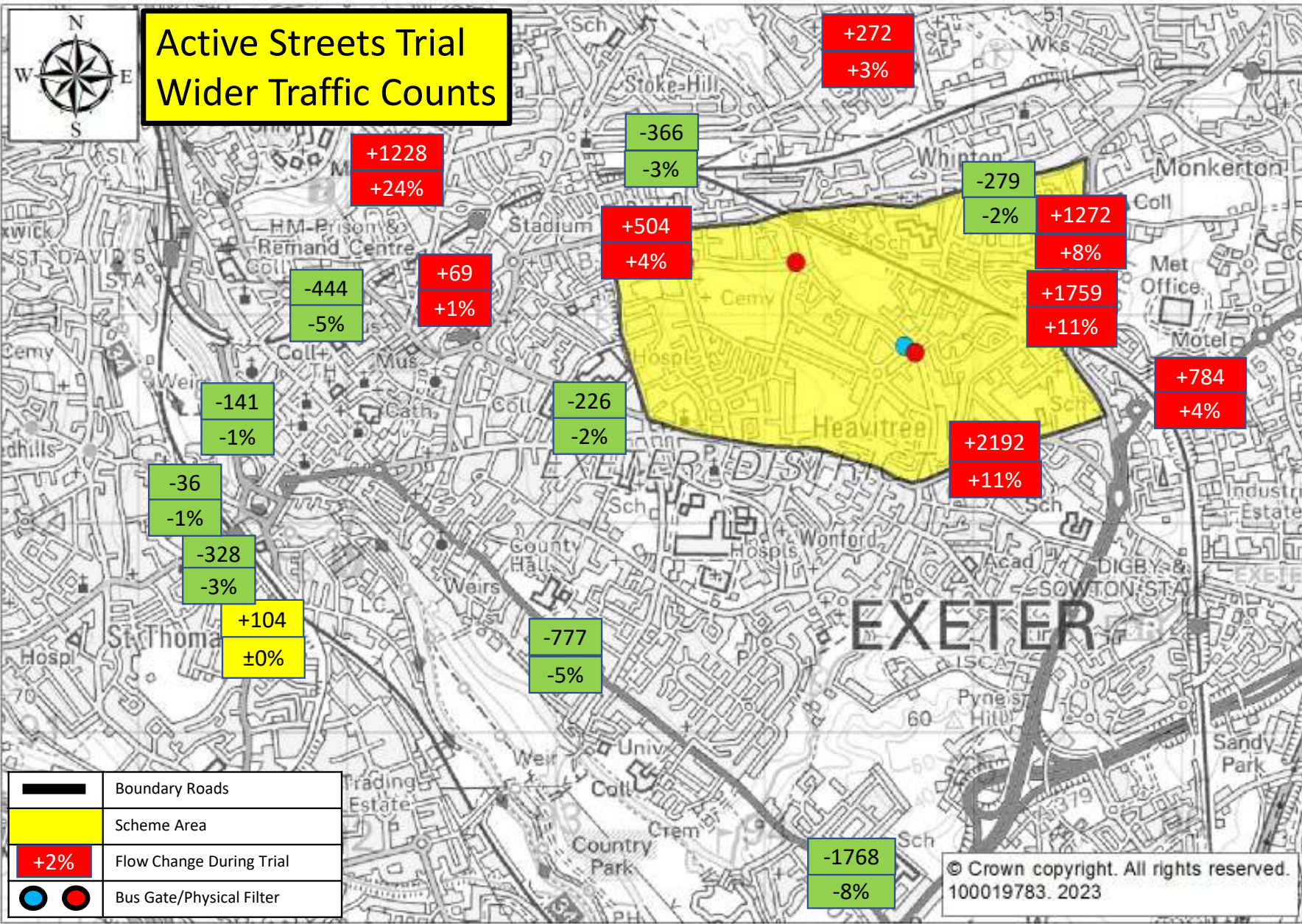


# Heavitree & Whipton Active Streets Trial Update

Exeter Highways and Traffic Orders  
Committee

23 January 2024

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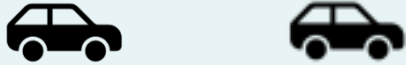







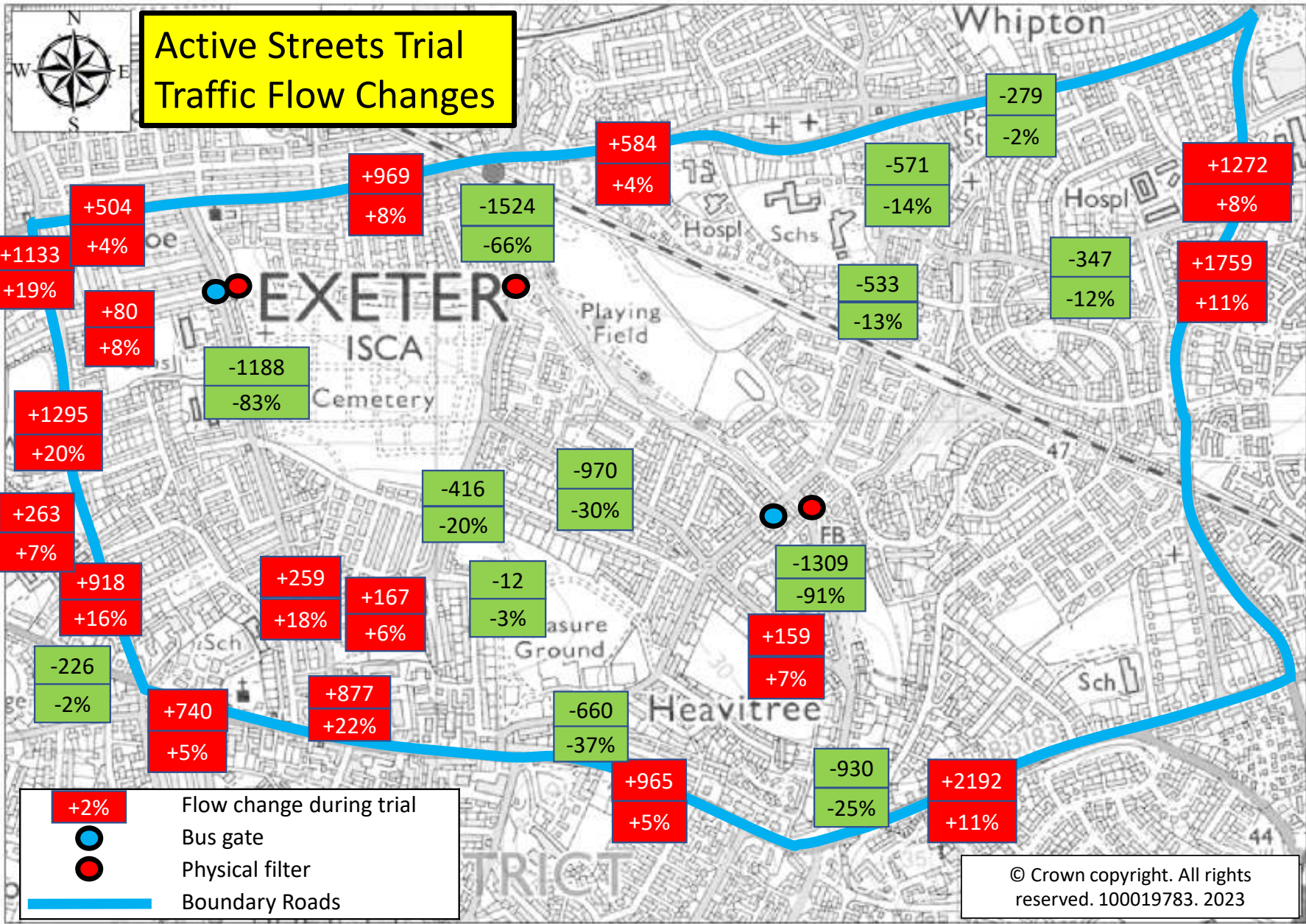
# Carers Update

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- Meeting with Devon Carers on 18 January 2024
- Meeting with the paid carer sector in February 2024
- Discussion with Oxfordshire County Council

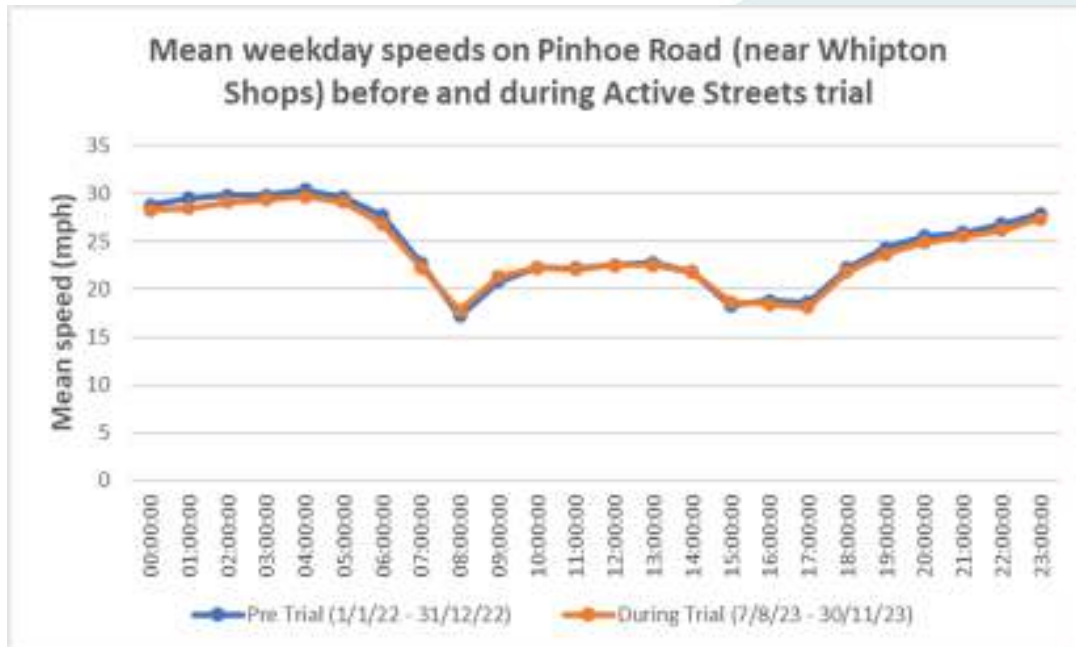
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Heavitree and Whipton Active Streets Measures of Success	
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# Vehicle speeds

- Data currently only available for Pinhoe Road (near Whipton shops) and Hill Barton Road (south of Whipton Barton Road)
- 1% reduction in mean weekday speed on Pinhoe Road, 4% reduction on Hill Barton Road



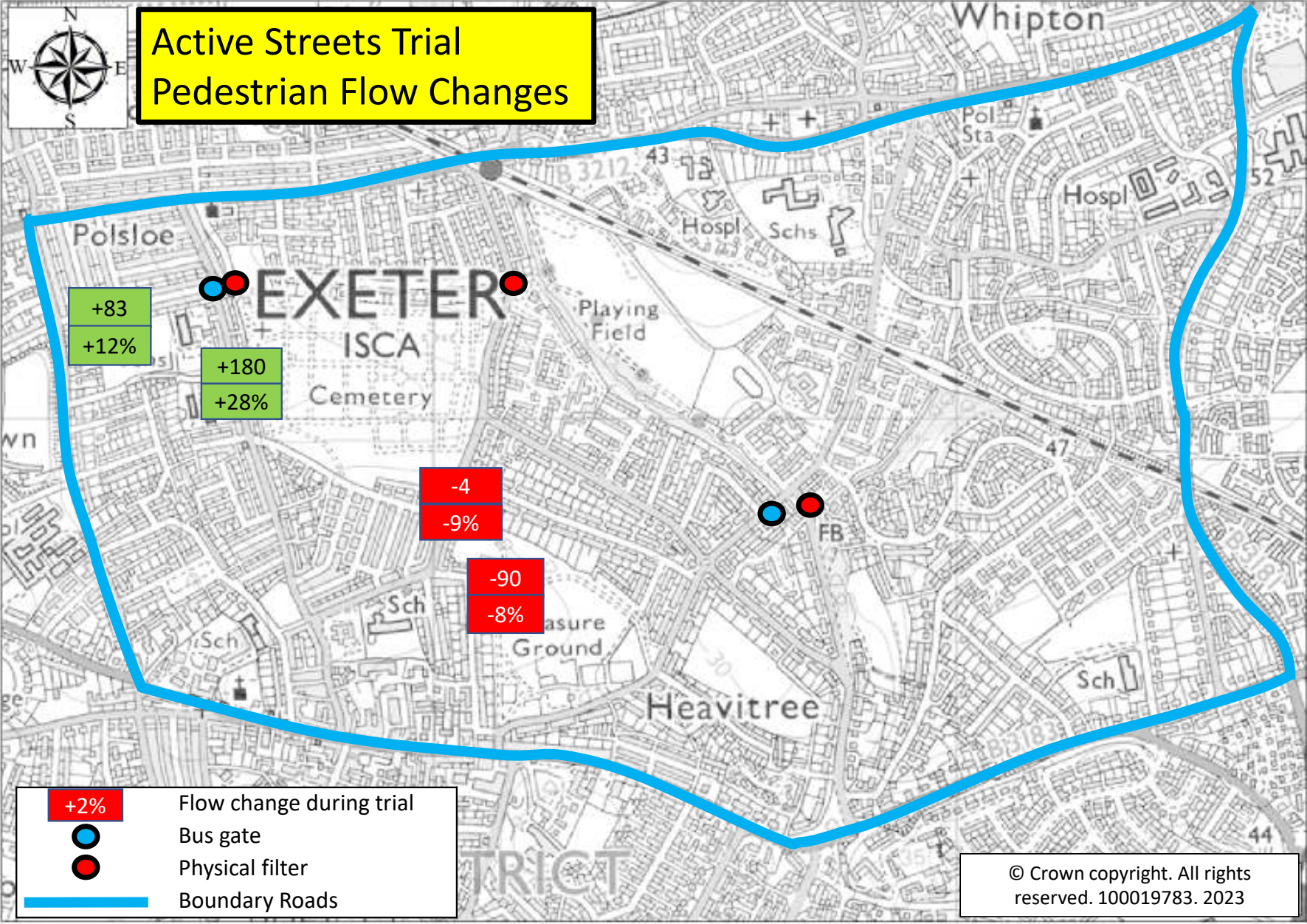
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Vehicle speeds



# Active Streets Trial Pedestrian Flow Changes



## Measures of success



Number of people walking and wheeling

+2%

Flow change during trial



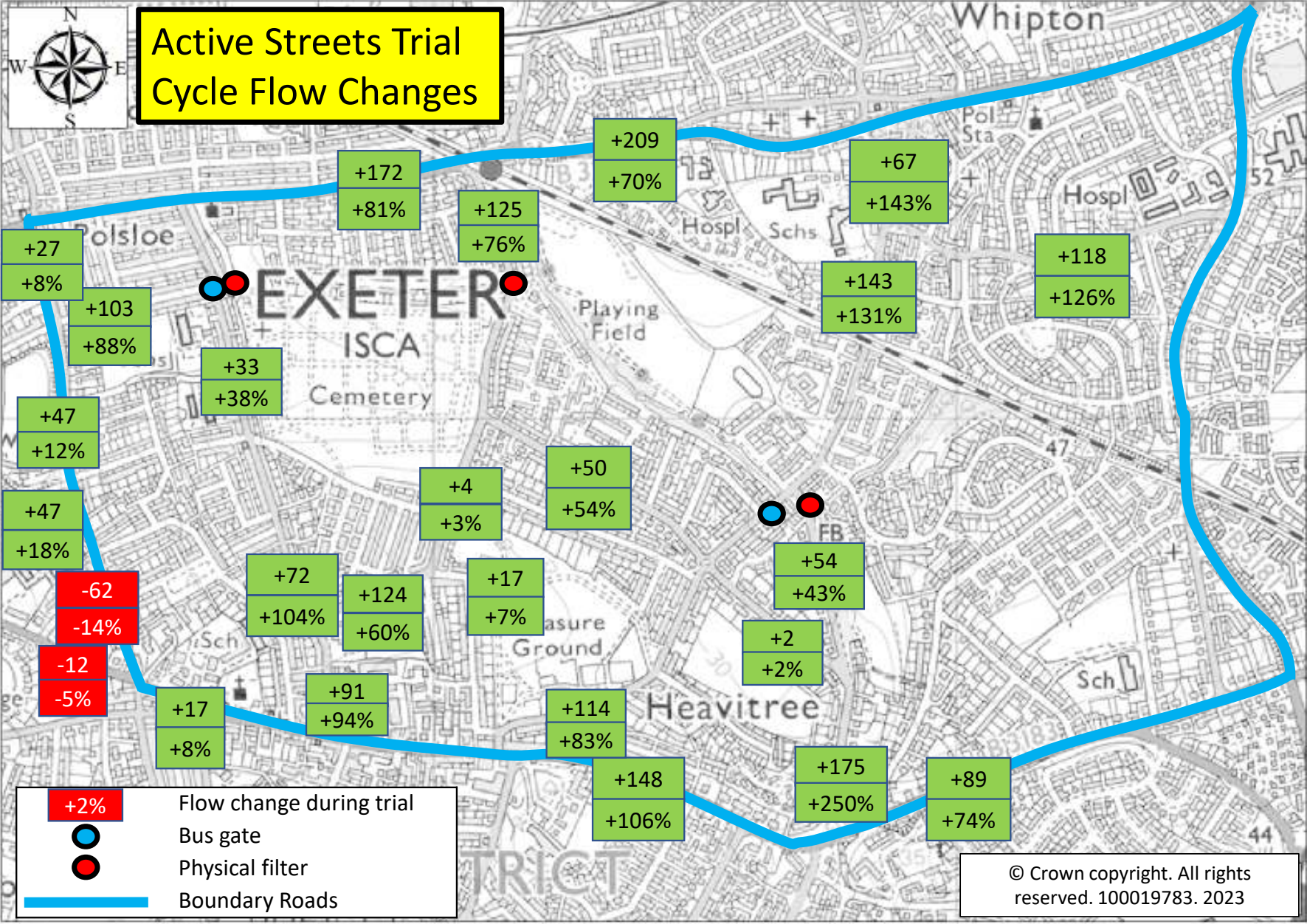
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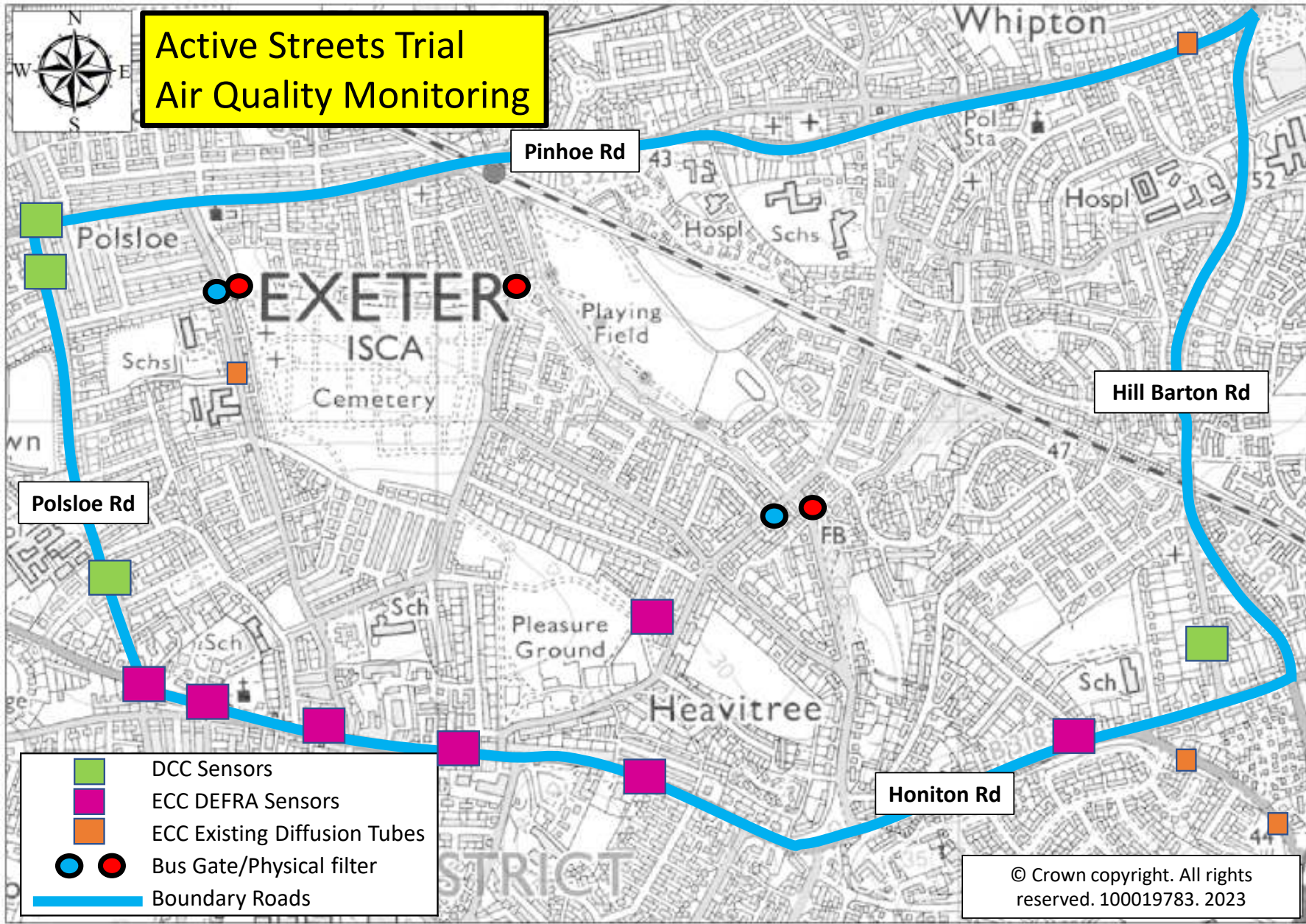
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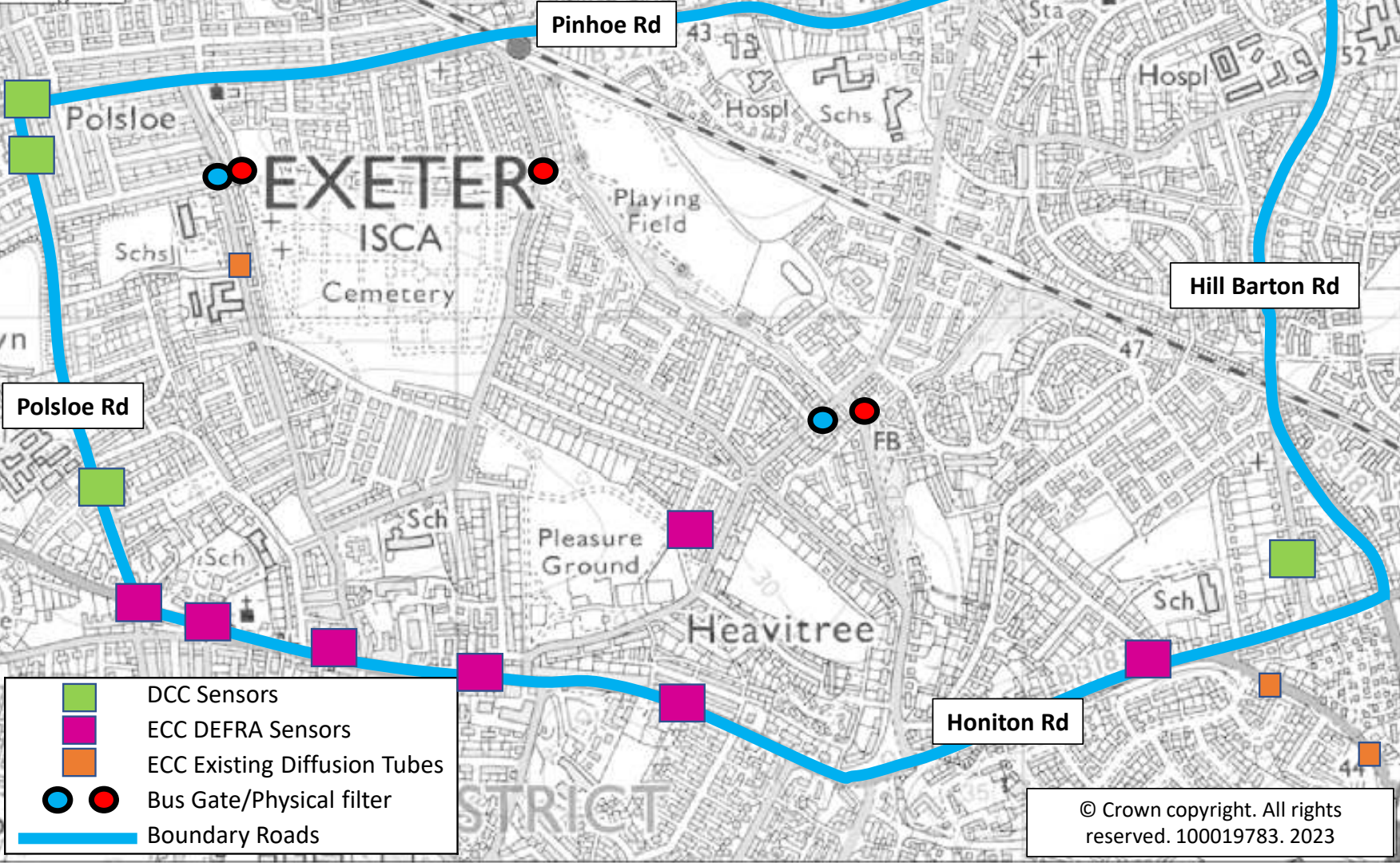
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**Active Streets Trial  
Air Quality Monitoring**



- DCC Sensors
- ECC DEFRA Sensors
- ECC Existing Diffusion Tubes
- ● Bus Gate/Physical filter
- Boundary Roads

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# Impact on emergency services

- DCC in regular liaison with police, fire and ambulance services
- No adverse incidents reported as a result of trial
- However, ambulance service have noted that ‘any fixed object on the highway creates another object of risk’

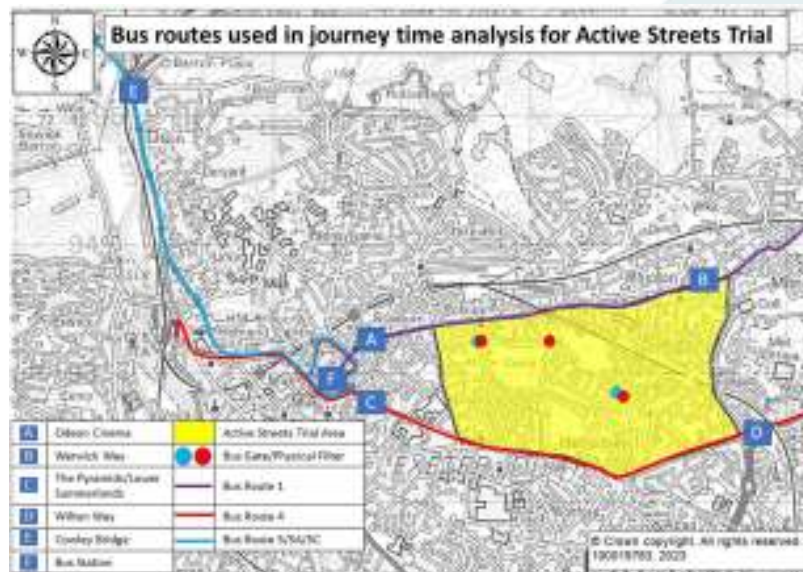
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Impact on emergency services

# Impact on bus services

- Bus journey time (JT) data provided by Stagecoach South West
- Analysis undertaken by DCC, comparing weekday journeys in November 2023 to equivalent journeys in November 2022
- Results suggest an increase in journey times on both Pinhoe Road and Heavitree Road corridors



Route no.	Corridor	Direction	Distance (km)	Average JT Change (minutes:seconds)	Average JT Change (%)
1	Pinhoe Road	Inbound	2.9	00:28	7.6%
		Outbound	2.8	00:03	1.4%
4	Heavitree Road	Inbound	3.1	00:44	7.8%
		Outbound	3.0	00:52	10.2%
5/5A/5C	Cowley Bridge Road	Inbound	3.8	00:32	5.4%
		Outbound	3.6	00:59	8.7%

## Measures of success



Impact on bus services

# Impact on taxi and private hire vehicle services

- Feedback suggested initial ETRO restrictions adversely impacted taxi and private hire vehicle (PHV) operators and users
- Exemption of taxis and PHVs from bus gate restrictions improved access to area and were well received by taxi companies
- However, likely to be some residual impacts on journey times due to increased congestion on boundary roads, and presence of physical modal filters

## Measures of success



Impact on taxi and private  
hire vehicle services

# Public representations

- Over 4,900 statutory consultation responses received
- Approx. 65 Freedom of Information requests received re. scheme in 2023
- Several petitions relating to trial (\* = relates to modal filters in general, not just Active Streets)

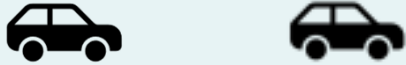





Petition subject/request	Date received	Signatories
Provide local residents with a more comprehensive, inclusive and widely publicised consultation before the approval of the trial LTN [Low Traffic Neighbourhood] for Heavitree/Whipton	25 May 2023	853
Approve the trial modal filter package for the Heavitree and Whipton area	19 June 2023	287
Offer local residents and stakeholders a more comprehensive, inclusive and widely publicised consultation which will include a public meeting before the approval of the trial Low Traffic Neighbourhood for Heavitree and Whipton, Exeter	23 July 2023	256
<i>Withdraw low traffic networks and road closures in the City of Exeter*</i>	<i>23 October 2023</i>	<i>2143</i>
Put an end to the Heavitree and Whipton Active streets trial	10 November 2023	963

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# Recommendations

- (a) The Committee note the monitoring update on the Active Streets trial;
- (b) The measures of success are reviewed by the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport on or after 29 February 2024 to determine whether the trial has had an overall positive impact;
- (c) The Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport be given delegated powers, from 1 March 2024, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services and the Devon and Cornwall Chief Constable, to suspend the Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders associated with the trial.