

Appendix IX
To ED/06/33/HQ

On Street Parking Account Schemes Estimates 2006/07		
Projected budget surplus 2006/07 = £545,000		
	Scheme Cost £000	Cumulative Cost £000
<u>On Street Parking Pay & Display Schemes</u>		
Dartmouth Parking Management	32	
Pay & Display schemes in Exeter, Barnstaple and Newton Abbot	15	47
<u>Public/Sustainable Transport Initiatives</u>		
ExeRail	59	106
Exeter Park & Ride Support and Promotion	354	460
Digby P&R (contribution)	6	466
Barnstaple Park & Ride Support and Promotion	76	542
Salcombe Park & Ride	3	545
<u>Total</u>		545
<u>Reserve Scheme</u>		
Additional Pay & Display schemes in Exeter, Barnstaple and Newton Abbot	50	

**Devon Local Transport Plan: Scheme Approval; Northumberland Place, Teignmouth;
Town Centre Enhancement**

Report of the County Environment Director

Please note that the following recommendation is subject to approval by the Executive and confirmation under the provisions of the Council's Constitution before taking effect.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Committee approves the detailed scheme layout for environmental and safety improvements in Northumberland Place, Teignmouth, as shown on Plan No 6317NA/3 at an estimated cost of £400,000.

1. Summary

This report outlines the development of a major enhancement scheme for Northumberland Place in the town centre of Teignmouth. The report seeks the approval of the Executive for construction of the scheme in the financial year 2006/07.

2. Background

The maintenance and enhancement of the public realm is an important element in the quality of people's lives and the regeneration of Devon's towns. The vast majority of the public realm comprises the "public highway" which is the responsibility of the County Council.

The proposed scheme, to enhance this part of Teignmouth town centre will contribute to the Council's priorities of strengthening Devon's economy, celebrating Devon's culture, and improving Devon's environment, as set out in the Council's Strategic Plan 2006-2011.

In March 2005, the Committee approved an allocation for this scheme from the Urban Renewal element of the 2005/06 Devon Local Transport Plan (Report ED/03/35/HQ). This has enabled site investigations, consultations and preparation of the final design to be completed.

3. Proposal

The Northumberland Place scheme extends from the limits of the enhancement scheme undertaken in Somerset Place a number of years ago, as far as Osmonds Lane. The scheme includes enhancement works in Osmonds Lane, which will tie into the first phase of the Sea Front to River Beach walk. The scheme will therefore complete a major section of town centre enhancement linking Teign Street, Bank Street, Somerset Place, Northumberland Place to the Sea Front/River Beach Walk.

The proposed scheme will retain all of the existing traffic movements, but will significantly reduce the area of highway devoted to vehicles. This will be achieved through the construction of wider footways and pedestrian spaces, changing the character of the area from the present traffic-dominated space to a space in which pedestrian activity predominates. Spaces will be created which would lend themselves to activities such as

pavement cafes, including the pedestrian entrance to the Brunswick Street Car Park, which was the entrance to the former Fish Market which once stood on the car park site.

The materials which have been selected for the finished pedestrian and highway surfaces have been chosen with safety and environmental enhancement in mind, and to complement the existing surfaces in the adjoining Somerset Place and other recently-completed enhancement schemes in the town centre.

New street furniture will be provided to include new seating and bicycle stands, and a number of trees will be planted to complement the overall environmental improvement of the area.

New street lighting will also be incorporated into the scheme.

4. Consultations and Representations

Consultations on the scheme have been undertaken through a number of meetings involving local residents and businesses, and the scheme has been amended over a number of stages to take account of the comments made. The scheme has also been the subject of consultation with Teignmouth Town Council and the Teignmouth Town Centre Management Partnership.

Throughout the consultation period, the key aim of enhancing Northumberland Place was accepted, together with the benefits which a safer and more attractive environment would bring to the economy of the area. Local business operators recognised the benefits which similar schemes had brought to other parts of Teignmouth Town Centre where trafficked routes had been replaced by attractive pedestrian areas incorporating pavement cafes and other town centre attractions.

The main concern which arose during the consultation process related to the loss of existing parking opportunities in Northumberland Place. The present parking arrangements permit the parking of approximately 25 cars. The proposed enhancement scheme provides for 8 spaces, and the shortfall is being made up through the creation of additional spaces in adjacent areas within the town centre. Two spaces are to be set aside for parking for Blue Badge Holders. In addition to the above, the parking spaces within the new scheme will be designated for short-term use. This will increase a higher turnover of these spaces for the benefit of shoppers visiting the local shops and other business premises.

The existing Loading Bay opposite the Devon Arms Hotel will be retained within the scheme to serve local business deliveries.

The above changes will be the subject of a Traffic Order which will be advertised, and significant objections, if any, will be reported to the Teignbridge Highways and Traffic Orders Committee for determination.

5. Financial Considerations

The total estimated cost of this scheme is £400,000. The Executive has approved £50k funding for the scheme in the current financial year. The balance, of £350k to complete the scheme, is provided as part of the DLTP Programme for 2006/07, which is also being reported to this meeting of Executive for approval.

It is estimated that, subject to the approval of the Committee, the works would be commenced in Spring and be completed in advance of the busy summer holiday season.

6. County Council Priorities and Local Transport Plan Objectives

This project will contribute to a number of the County Council's priorities including:

- Strengthening Devon's economy.
- Celebrating Devon's culture.
- Improving Devon's environment.

Previous projects of this nature have demonstrated that highway and environmental improvements can act as a catalyst for improvement in the economic health of a town centre. Increased numbers of visitors and shoppers can attract new businesses and existing retailers and tourist operators are encouraged to invest further in the development of their businesses.

7. Sustainability Considerations

This project presents opportunities for improving the environment of this historic part of Teignmouth and also the local economy, including local tourism on which the town relies heavily. These improvements should also support the development of Teignmouth as a centre for local services.

8. Reasons for the Recommendation

The scheme for the refurbishment of Northumberland Place supports the ongoing environmental and economic regeneration of Teignmouth Centre. It builds upon earlier similar projects, and recognises the need for a balanced approach to the achievement of safety and environmental enhancement and the need to retain access for shoppers' and service vehicles.

9. Alternative Options Considered

Alternative options would have been to do nothing or to propose full pedestrianisation of the area. The first option would not assist on the important objective of achieving the economic regeneration of Teignmouth Town Centre. The second alternative could not be achieved without causing significant harm to local businesses and residents. The proposed scheme, as shown on Drawing No 6317NA/3 presents a balanced solution which achieves positive enhancement of this part of the town centre whilst allowing sufficient vehicular access to support the local economy.

10. Equality Considerations

The proposed scheme has been the subject of an Equality Impact Needs Assessment. It will increase the mobility of pedestrians throughout the area by reducing road carriageway space and providing a level space for walking with fewer physical obstacles such as kerbs. The scheme will also provide easier access to shops, pubs and cafes.

Two disabled parking spaces will be provided within the scheme.

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County Electoral Division: Teignmouth Town

Executive Member for Environment,
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Local Government Act 1972

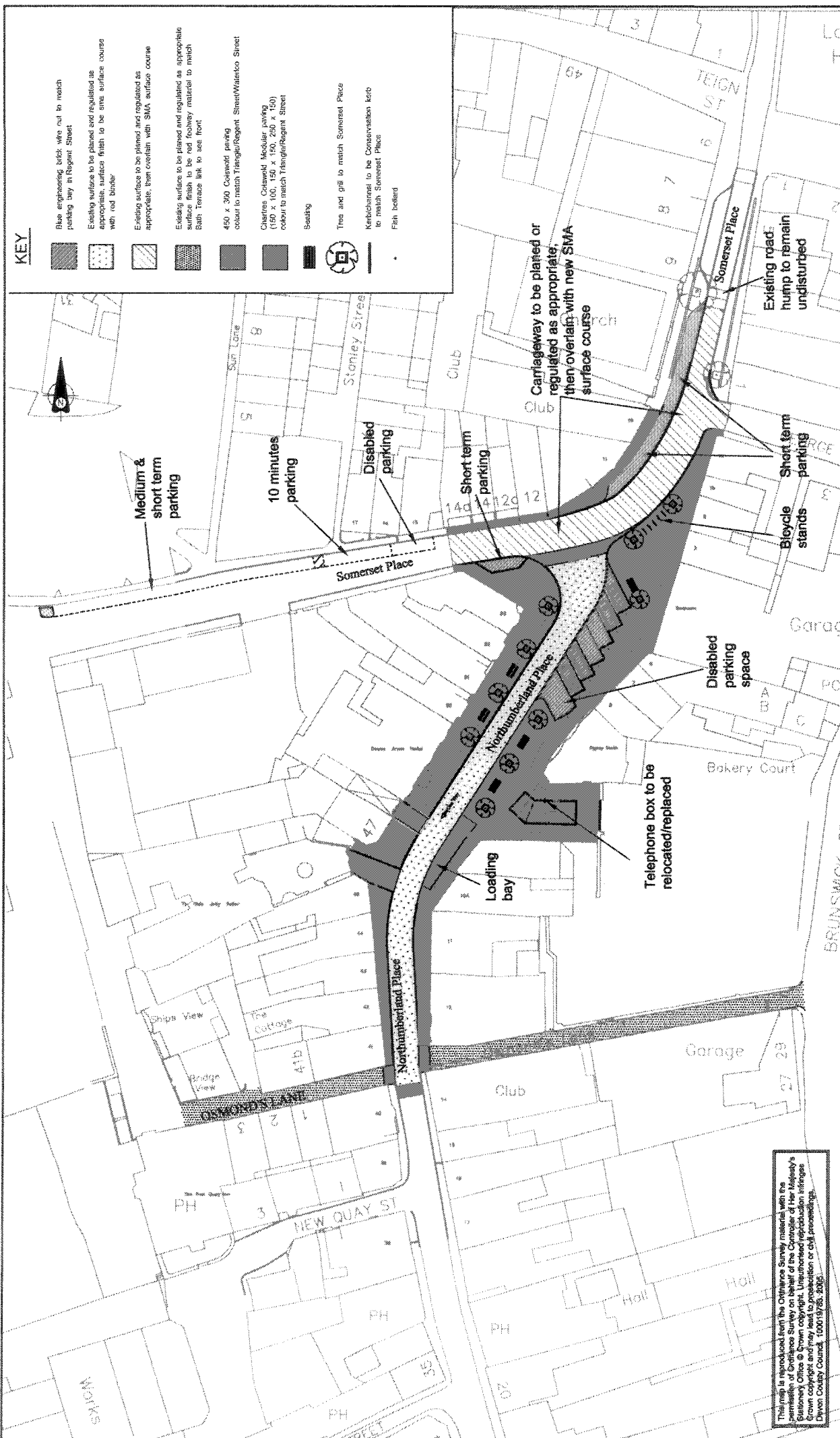
List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref
1. Correspondence	March 2003 to date	NALSG/T-47
2. EINA		

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KEY

- Blue engineering brick, wet out to match parking bay in Regent Street
- Existing surface to be planned and regulated as appropriate, surface finish to be SMA surface course with red binder
- Existing surface to be planned and regulated as appropriate, then overlain with SMA surface course
- Existing surface to be planned and regulated as appropriate, surface finish to be red foreshy material to match Bath Terrace link to sea front
- 450 x 300 Colewood paving colour to match Triffing/Regent Street/Malenco Street
- Charles Colewood Modular paving (150 x 100, 150 x 150, 250 x 150) colour to match Triffing/Regent Street
- Sawdust
- Tree and grill to match Somerset Place
- Kerbsymbol to be Conservation kerb to match Somerset Place
- Fish bollard

<p>DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL</p>	<p>Edward Chorlton County Environment Director</p>	<p>Executive job/title/proposal</p>	<p>date November 05</p>	<p>scale NTS</p>
	<p>NORTHUMBERLAND PLACE TEIGNMOUTH SCHEME LAYOUT</p>			
<p>number 6317NA/3</p>		<p>ACAD Ref R:ea15:caH12:INAZ:northumberland place.Dwg Northumberland committee A4.dwg</p>		

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