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To: The Chair and Members
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and Traffic Orders
Committee

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TORRIDGE HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 27th June, 2023

A meeting of the Torridge Highways and Traffic Orders Committee is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am at Committee Rooms at Town Hall, Bridge Street, Bideford to consider the following matters.

Donna Manson
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART 1 OPEN COMMITTEE

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

In accordance with the County Council's Constitution the Chair and Vice Chair must be County Councillors.

- 3 Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

Minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2022, attached.

- 4 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

5 Annual Local Waiting Restriction (Pages 5 - 14)

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/23/39), attached.

*Electoral Divisions(s): Bideford East;
Torrington Rural*

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

6 Bus Users and Stakeholders (BUS) Forum

Update from the Committee representative

7 Dates of Future Meetings

10 October 2023 and 26 February 2024

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TORRIDGE HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC ORDERS COMMITTEE

31 October 2022

Present:-

Councillors L Hellyer, D McGeough and A Saywell

Torrige District Council

Councillor R Wiseman

Apologies:-

Councillors J Wilton-Love and J Mckenzie

* **14** **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 July 2022 be signed as a correct record.

* **15** **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There was no item raised as a matter of urgency.

* **16** **Road Casualty Data Dashboard Demonstration**

The Committee received a presentation by the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport on a website dashboard which provided detailed information on road casualty data in Devon at Devon-wide, District/Parish/Town Council and electoral division levels.

The Dashboard information was available via:

Link to Councillors' Dashboard Landing:

[Councillor Dashboard Landing Page - Power BI](#)

Link to public webpages:

[Collision & Casualty Data - Roads and transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

Members' questions and discussion points with the Officers included:

- the useful resource available for County Council Members and a request that it be made available also to the non-County Council Members of this Committee, which would be arranged;
- the dashboard showed official published collision data up to the end of the previous calendar year and now covered Devon and Cornwall;
- the role of the Vision Zero SW (a collaborative project between Devon & Cornwall Police, Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, Cornwall

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Fire and Rescue Service, South Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust, National Highways, Devon Air Ambulance, Cornwall Air Ambulance, The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Devon County Council, Cornwall Council, Plymouth City Council, Torbay Council, Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust, University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust and the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS),

- new data was published on the dashboard in July the following year after a verification process with the Department for Transport;
- there was a delay in receiving serious/fatal accident records pending investigation by the Police (usually 2 - 4 weeks or more in certain cases);
- and fatal/serious collisions were also routinely investigated by specialist officers; and Members should contact the Officers (email: rshelp@devon.gov.uk) in regard to unpublished incidents undergoing the verification process for example;
- the legal duty if involved in an accident with a vehicle where there was either injury or damage to property, was to stop and give your name and to anyone who reasonably required it; and if details were not exchanged, to report the collision to the police (within 24 hours) and this could now be reported online in Devon and Cornwall; and
- confirmation that most accidents were on the main arterial routes.

The Chair thanked the Officers for the informative presentation.

* 17 **The Puffin crossing at Clovelly Road by West Croft School**

The Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport reported that a new puffin crossing at a location (further down the hill) had now been ruled out due to build and design difficulties and that a scheme for an improved crossing at the current zebra crossing location would be designed for consideration at a future meeting of this Committee.

The Committee noted the position.

* 18 **Barnstaple with Bideford and Northam (BBN) Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)**

The Committee considered the Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/22/60) on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) which were a strategic approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements at a local level. The framework was set out in the Government's Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy, which formed an important part of Government's strategy to increase the number of active travel trips.

The proposed Barnstaple with Bideford and Northam (BBN) LCWIP sought to outline the focus of future walking and cycling investment in the Barnstaple, Bideford and Northam area over the next 10-20 years. The Plan incorporated four walking areas and six cycling routes that aimed to transform northern

Devon, (as shown illustratively on the map in the report and in detail in report in Appendix 1).

The BBN LCWIP aimed to:

- Support Devon County Council's response to the climate crisis.
- Support health, wellbeing and access for all in Northern Devon.
- Improve accessibility and social sustainability.
- Help the area to accommodate local housing and employment growth.
- Deliver economic benefits in Northern Devon.

The LCWIP fulfilled these aims by: setting out active travel proposals that took account of evidence and data on existing and future demand, ensuring proposals met the latest design standards, identifying infrastructure schemes in readiness for funding bids and ensured that investment was targeted where it would have the greatest impact.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor L Hellyer and **SECONDED** by Councillor D McGeough and

RESOLVED

(a) that the Barnstaple with Bideford and Northam Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (BBN LCWIP), contained in Appendix 1, including measures estimated at a cost of £78m be supported; and

(b) that Cabinet be requested that it gives the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport delegated powers, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highway Management, to make alterations to the Plan.

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Pitt Hill, Appledore: Proposed Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

(Councillor D McGeough declared a personal interest by virtue of his Membership of Torridge District Council (as the Local Planning Authority)).

The Committee considered the Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/22/61) on the submissions in response to the statutory consultation on the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) restrictions proposed in Pitt Hill, Appledore, to provide a safe and sustainable route through a new residential development. The proposed TRO followed approval of a residential development by the Local Planning Authority at Wooda Road/Pitt Lane, Appledore.

The planning application had included a proposal to introduce a prohibition of motor vehicles restriction on a short length of Pitt Hill. This would remain adopted public highway and become a traffic-free route for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders through the new development, with a vehicle crossing approximately halfway along to provide access to a small number of

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dwellings alongside the lane. Traffic travelling between Wooda Road/Pitt Lane would use the new length of road through the development.

Plans of the development and TRO were available in Appendix 1 of the Report. The reason for the TRO was to take the opportunity to improve road safety and active/sustainable travel by transferring through traffic to a new road which was more suitable.

Details of the objections received to these proposals, and the County Council's response were shown in Appendix 2 to this Report.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor A Saywell, **SECONDED** by Councillor L Hellyer and

RESOLVED that the proposed Prohibition of Motor Vehicles Order be implemented as advertised.

* 20 Actions Taken Under Delegated Power

The Committee noted the Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport (CET/22/62) on actions taken under delegated powers

* 21 Dates of Future Meetings

20 February, 27 June and 10 October 2023 and 26 February 2024

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* **DENOTES DELEGATED MATTER WITH POWER TO ACT**

The Meeting started at 10.30 am and finished at 12.30 pm

CET/23/39
Torridge Highways and Traffic Orders Committee
27 June 2023

Local Waiting Restriction Programme

Report of the Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

1) Recommendation

That the Committee be asked to:

- (a) note the work on the local waiting restriction programme;
- (b) agree the recommendations contained in Appendix 2 to this report.

2) Background

In October 2022, a list of requests for new or amended waiting restrictions for the area was collated by the council. These requests have been considered by officers and proposals drafted. Officers have consulted the relevant local County Councillors and Chair/Vice Chair before they were advertised from 16 March until 6 April 2023.

A summary of the proposals advertised can be found in Appendix 1 and the associated plans have been attached as supplementary information to this report.

3) Consultations/Representations

Details of the objections received to these proposals, and the County Council's response are shown in Appendix 2 to this report.

Following advertisement:

- The proposal that did not attract objections will be implemented.
- Proposals that received objections are detailed in Appendix 2 to this report with a recommendation for each location.

4) Strategic Plan

The restrictions proposed support the priorities in the Strategic Plan as they aim to improve road safety to improve health and wellbeing and to better manage traffic and parking in the areas to respond to the climate emergency and support sustainable economic recovery.

5) Financial Considerations

The total costs of the scheme will be funded from the Minor Traffic Management Improvements budget, funded by Local Transport Plan grant.

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There is a cost to the Council in advertising a new Traffic Order for each Committee Area, this will be approximately £1,500. In addition, the costs of any changes to signing or lining will be attributed to that Order.

6) Legal Considerations

The lawful implications and consequences of the proposal have been considered and taken into account in the preparation of this report.

When making a Traffic Regulation Order it is the County Council's responsibility to ensure that all relevant legislation is complied with. This includes Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that states that it is the duty of a local authority, so far as practicable, secures the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic and provision of parking facilities. It is considered that the proposals comply with Section 122 of the Act as they practically secure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic.

7) Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change)

The proposals are intended to rationalise on street parking and improve mobility and access within the district and are designed to:

- Enable enforcement to be undertaken efficiently.
- Encourage commuters to make more sustainable travel choices e.g. Car Share, Public Transport, Walking and Cycling.
- Assist pedestrians and other vulnerable road users in crossing the highway.

The Environmental effects of the scheme are therefore positive.

8) Equality Considerations

There are not considered to be any equality issues associated with the proposals. The impact will therefore be neutral.

9) Risk Management Considerations

No risks have been identified.

10) Reasons for Recommendations

The proposals rationalise existing parking arrangements within the HATOC area by:

- Enabling enforcement to be undertaken efficiently.
- Encouraging those working in the town to make more sustainable travel choices e.g. Car Share, Public Transport, Walking and Cycling.
- Assist pedestrians and other vulnerable road users in crossing the highway.

The proposals contribute to the safe and expeditious movement of traffic in the area and therefore comply with Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Meg Booth

Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport

Electoral Divisions: Bideford East and Torrington Rural

Local Government Act 1972: List of background papers

Background Paper Nil

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Appendix 1 to CET/23/39

Details of Proposals Advertised

Councillor	Plan Reference	Location	Parish/ Town	Proposals	Statement of Reasons
Andrew Saywell	ENV6037-102	Borough Road	Great Torrington	Introduce No Waiting At Any Time	To improve visibility and prevent obstructive parking.
Linda Hellyer	ENV6037-209	Alverdiscott Road	East The Water	Introduce No Loading At Any Time	To prevent obstruction of the highway.
Linda Hellyer	ENV6037-210	Bridge Street	Bideford	Introduce Limited Waiting Monday to Saturday 8am – 6pm No Return Within 2 Hours	To improve access to local businesses.

Summary of Submissions

ENV6037-102 – Borough Road, Great Torrington 1 respondent – 1 resident of Hatchmoor Estate	
Comments	Devon County Council Response
<p>1 respondent supports the proposals.</p> <p>Supporting arguments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restrictions would address current safety concerns. <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Move the pavement to the front of the layby and then people can have driveways put onto their property and still use the layby as well for other members of the public. If everyone had a driveway, people could still use the layby for about 6-8 cars, some houses have more than one car so it's difficult to park. <p>Questions/Additional Info:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resident expresses concern that people will park in the layby right outside her house and it's hard to get a space to park as it is. 	<p>Reason for Proposal: Introduce 'No Waiting At Any Time' to improve visibility and prevent obstructive parking.</p> <p>Officer comments: Comments noted, however adjustments to the footway are not within the remit of the scheme.</p> <p>There is already sufficient depth of land at the front of these properties if a resident wished to apply for a vehicle crossing/driveway.</p> <p>Understand needs of residents, however, it is not the responsibility of the County Council to provide parking on the public highway.</p>
<p>Recommendation It is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.</p>	

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ENV6037-210 - Bridge Street, Bideford
1 respondent – 1 resident of Bridge Street

Comments

1 respondent supports the proposals.

Supporting arguments:

- Resident is currently paying for a permit in the long stay car park.
- It takes resident a long time to get to the long stay car park.

Questions/Additional Info:

- Resident is a blue badge holder and has contacted Bideford Town Council, Torridge District Council & Devon County Council regarding residents parking permits within Bridge Street but has not received a response or acknowledgement to date.
- Resident has heard that only houses and not converted buildings are permitted Residents parking and states that if true then this amounts to economic apartheid [segregation] which by way of copying this message to their MP Geoffrey Cox will be made aware of this very unreasonable & unfair practice. Resident formally requests that this matter is taken very seriously as it indicates a deeply discriminative attitude.

Devon County Council Response

Reason for Proposal:

Change 'No Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm' to a 'Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm 2 Hours No Return Within 2 Hours' to improve access to local businesses.

Officer comments:

This is not a proposal for residents parking but a limited waiting bay (with unrestricted overnight & Sunday parking). As the resident is a blue badge (BB) holder they will be able to park in the limited waiting bay for as long as they need whilst they have their BB on display, but they are not guaranteed a parking space.

We can find no record of a request or enquiry from the resident, if resident wishes to contact us by email, then the address is csc.roads@devon.gov.uk

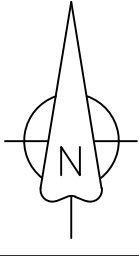
If a building is converted into multiple properties where there is an existing residents parking scheme, then those properties would not be eligible for a residents permit.

New residents parking schemes would include any residential properties (houses, flats, converted building) within the agreed area, at the time of designing the scheme. Any new residents parking scheme would be subject to a public consultation before any final decisions were made.

However, there is no resource to consider this request at this time and would recommend the respondent discusses this with their County Councillor and wider community.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.



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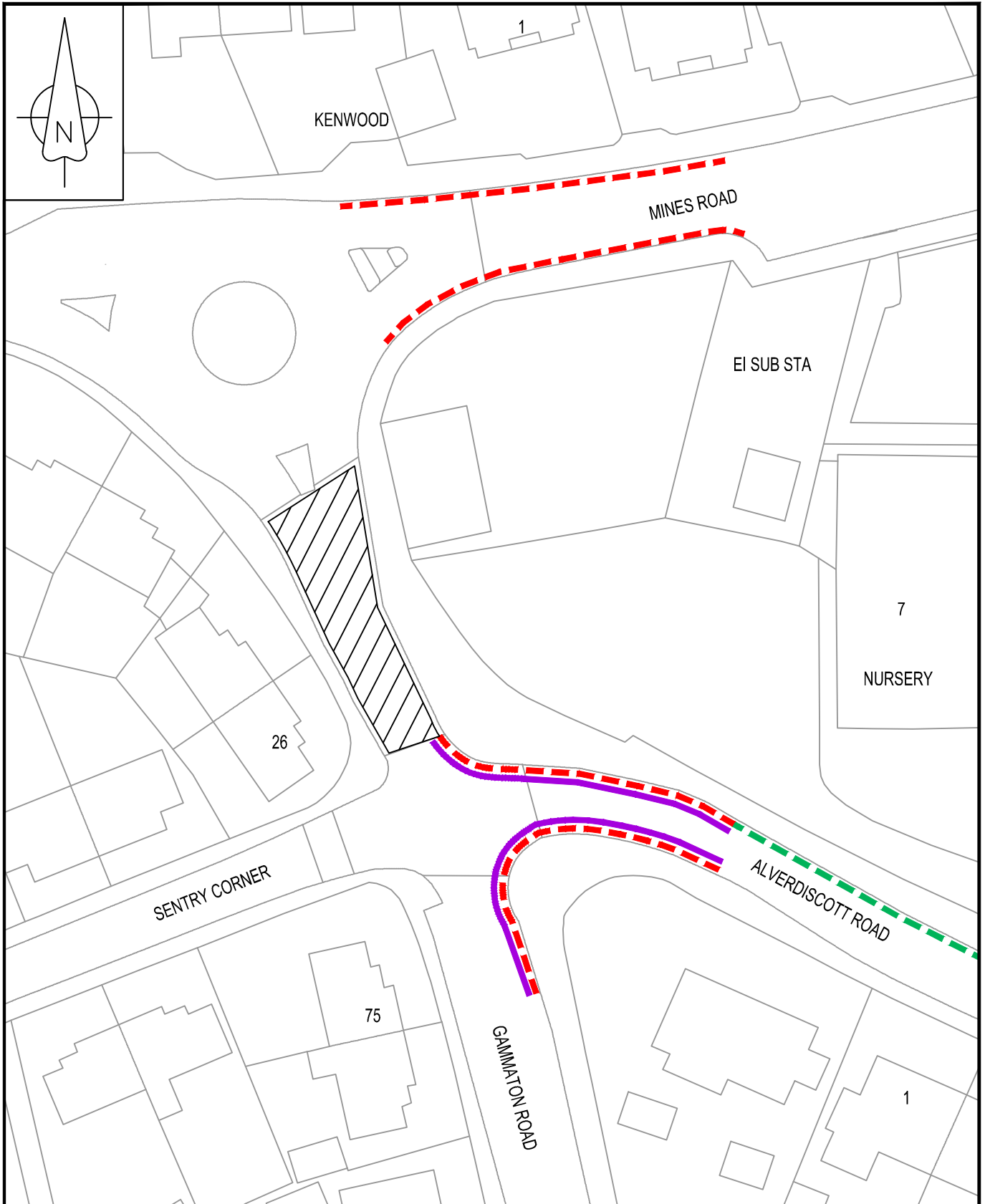
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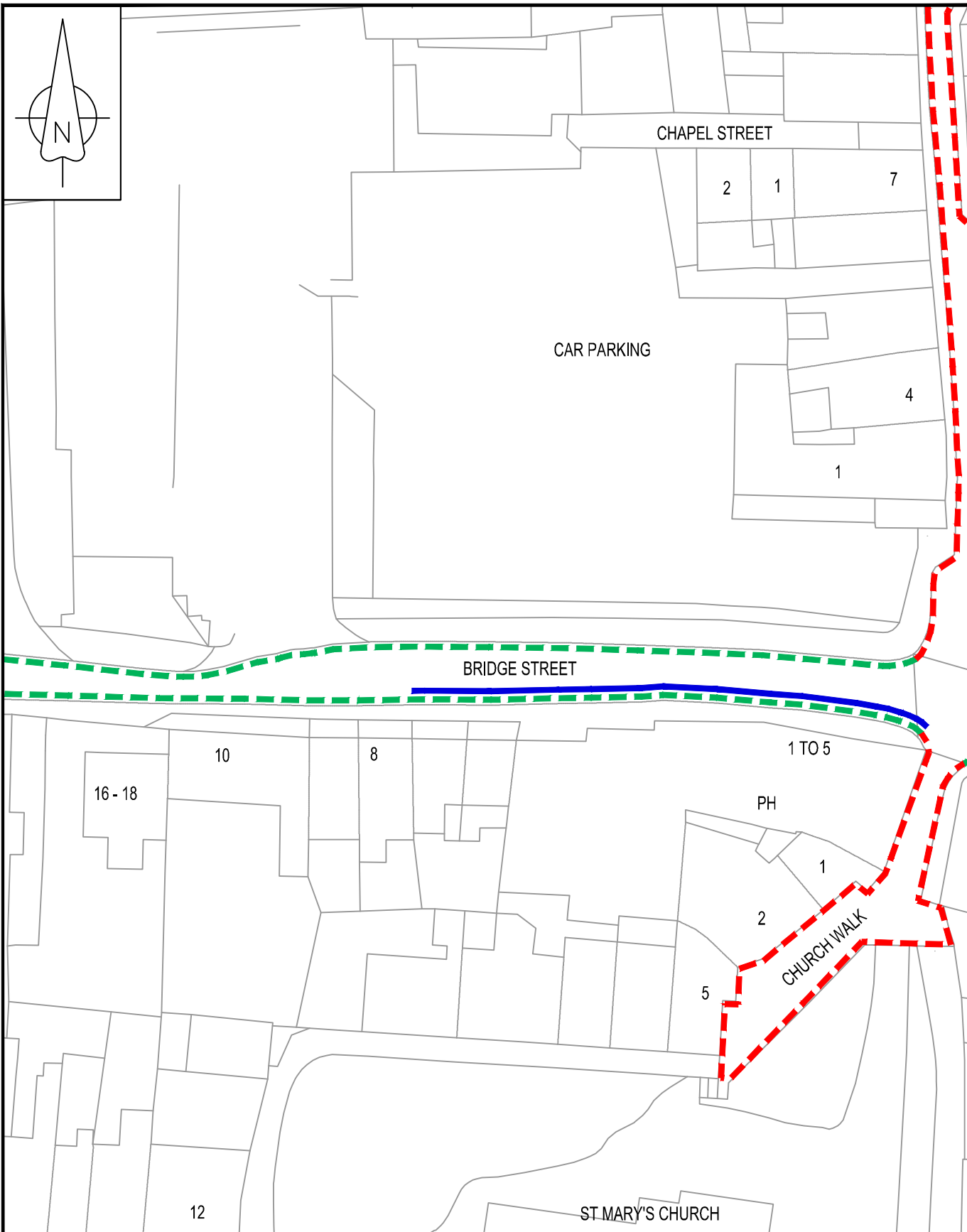
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-  NO WAITING AT ANY TIME - EXISTING



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