



LEVELLING UP

almost **£15 MILLION**

Levelling Up Fund for Hexham and Bedlington

GROW THE ECONOMY



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## Objective 1

Direct route through the town of Bedlington to Cambois. Providing links to education, businesses and transport hubs.

## Objective 2

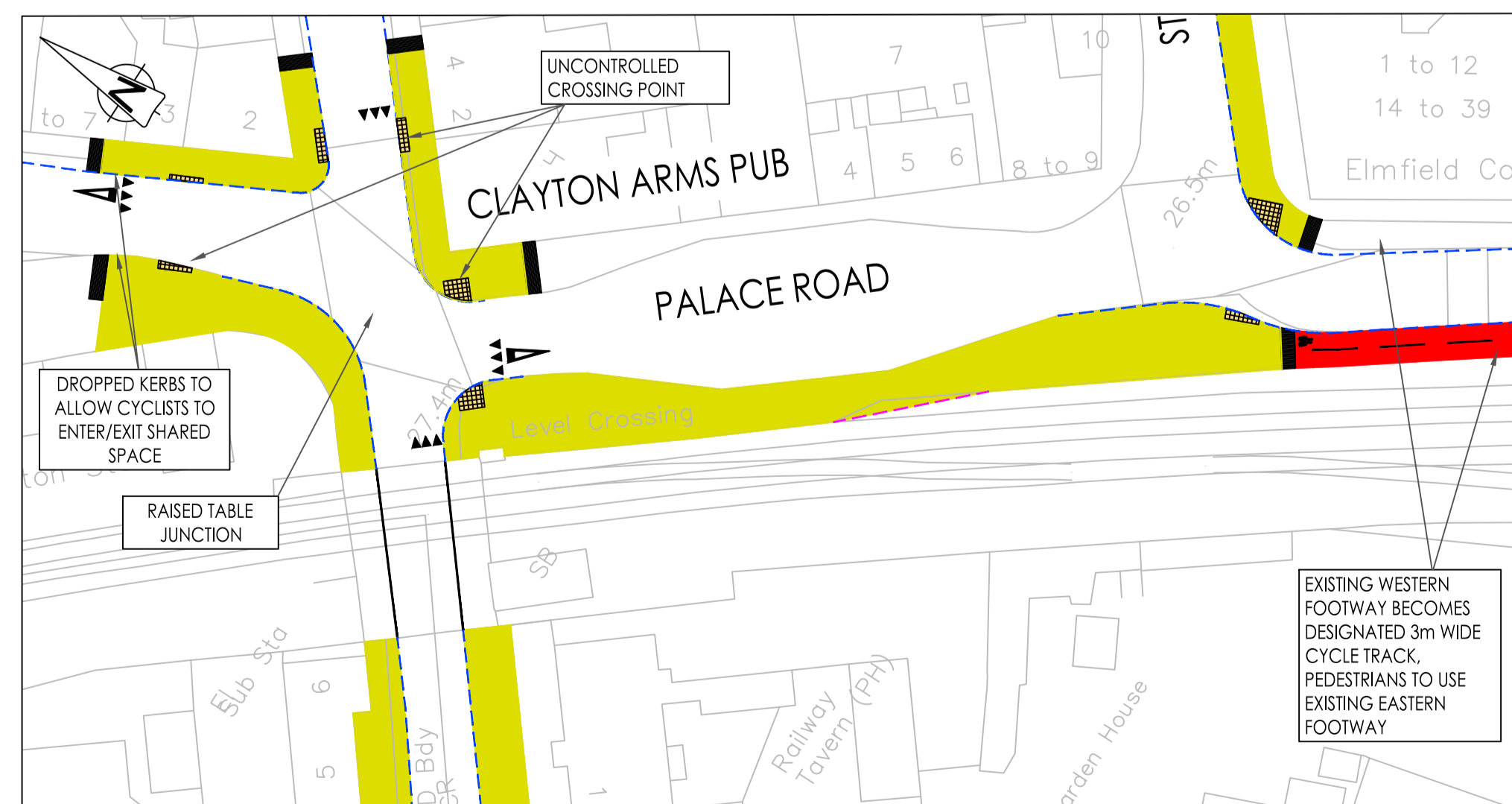
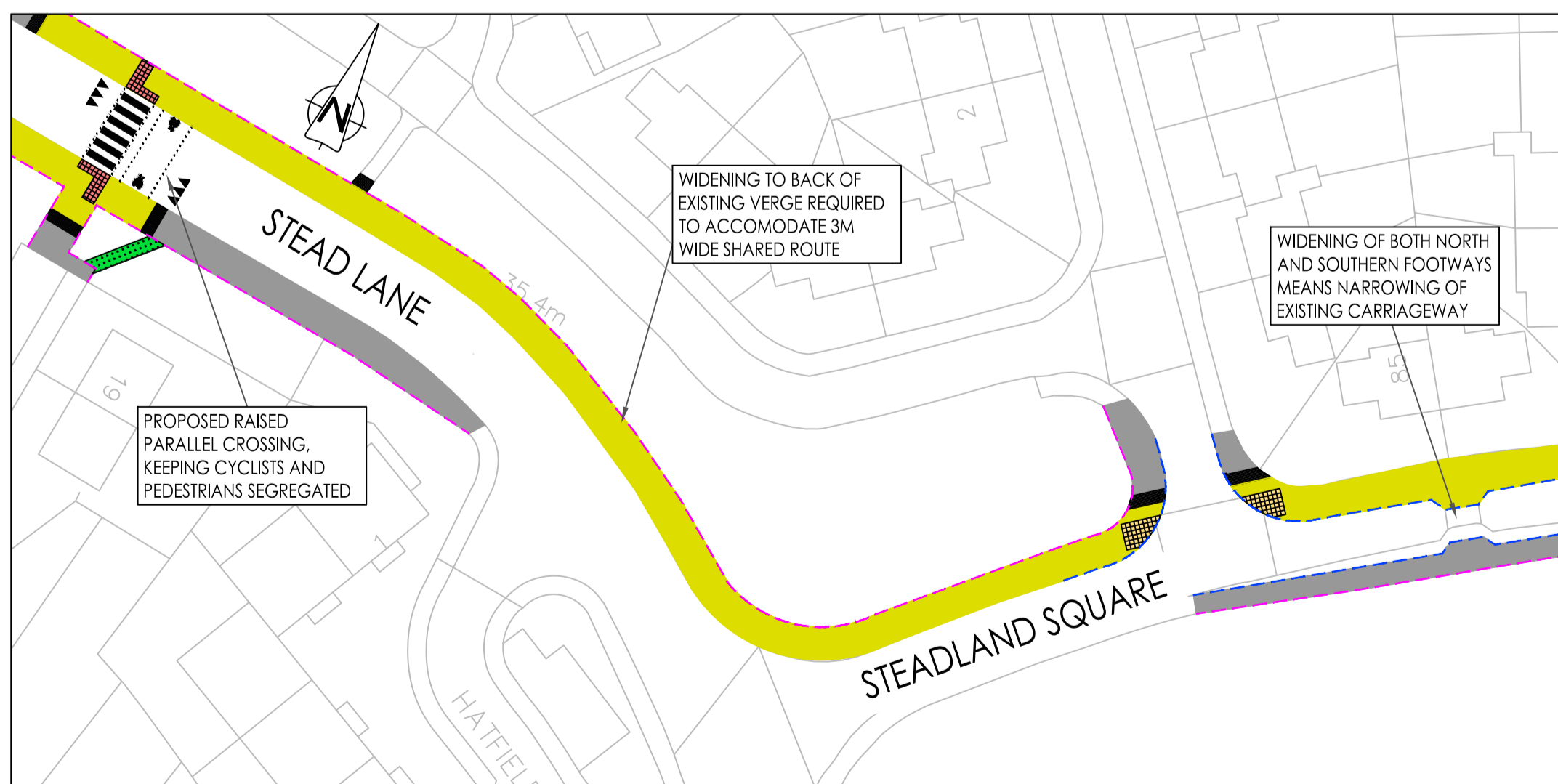
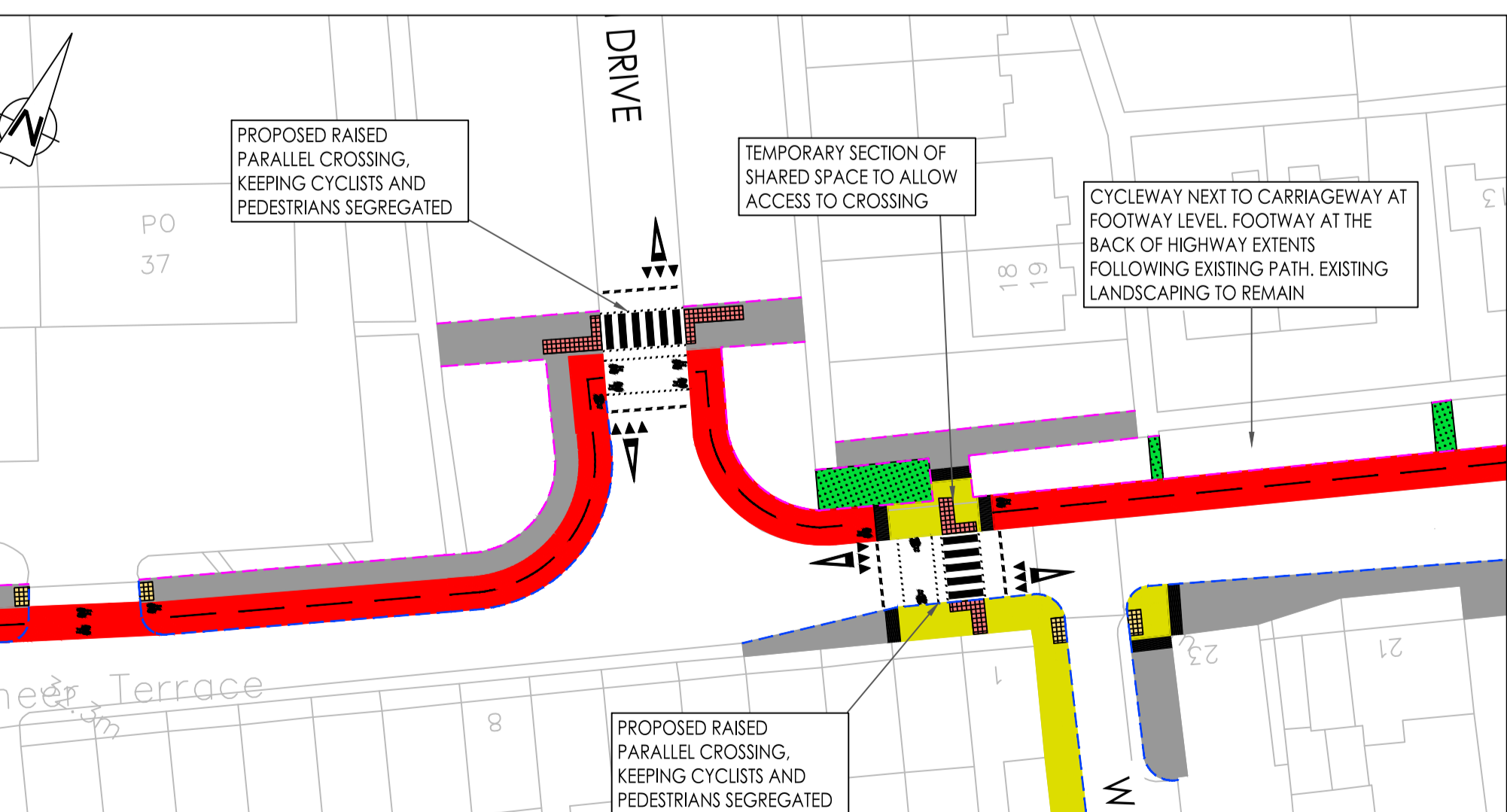
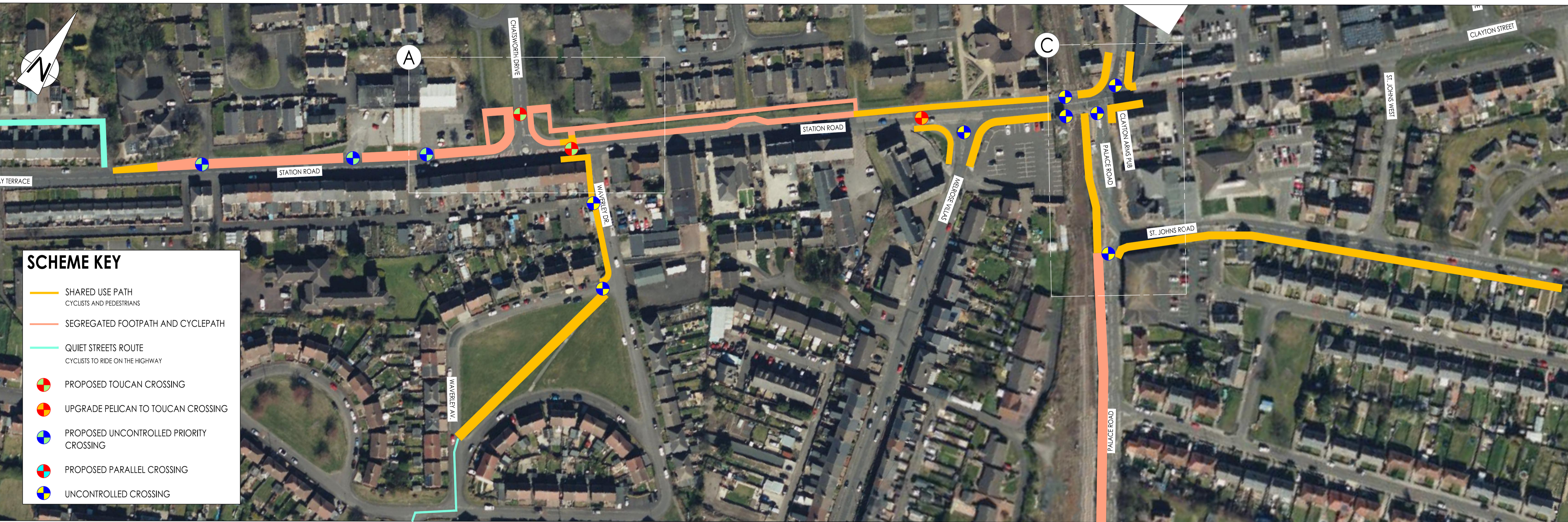
Greater choice of sustainable modes of transport.

## Objective 3

Protection for cyclists and pedestrians from motor vehicles.

## Objective 4

Design to cater for future demand for walking and cycling infrastructure.



**VISION**

The project will create a cycling and walking corridor through Bedlington all the way to Cambois. The corridor will enhance sustainable travel options for residents, workers, learners and visitors, not just in Bedlington, but with further connectivity within the region and beyond.

**PROJECT AIMS**

**Key Investment Objectives**

- Create a high-quality walking and cycling route through Bedlington town centre to Cambois.
- Improve access to employment and education opportunities.
- Reduce the necessity for residents to undertake journeys by private motor vehicles.
- Improve the health and wellbeing of residents by providing facilities that allow people to be more active.
- Reduce CO2 emissions and improve air quality by reducing the number of car journeys and thereby congestion.

**PRIORITY CORRIDORS**

Northumberland County Council have been successful in their bid for Levelling Up Funding (LUF) £14,712,547 with a local contribution of £2,000,000 (Bedlington). The key objective for the Bedlington west to east corridor is to create improved segregated provision for pedestrians and cyclists fully compliant to the LTN-120 design standard. This will allow residents and visitors to Bedlington access to educational and employment opportunities, and connection to transport hubs and tourism destinations such as the coast. Active travel choices will also allow residents and visitors to reduce their carbon emissions in line with Northumberland's target of carbon net zero by 2035 and improve wellbeing through the benefits of physical activity.

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

- Feedback from this event will be used to inform and refine the current design.
- Detailed designs to be completed Autumn 2023 following consultation.
- As the design progress through the various stages, construction is likely to commence in early 2024.