

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

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A196 North Seaton Road, Ashington Active Travel Scheme – Proposed Traffic Restrictions & Traffic Calming

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle, Improving our Roads & Highways

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Purpose of Report

This report sets out the background to the proposals to implement new traffic restrictions and traffic calming measures associated with the A196 North Seaton Road Active Travel Scheme in Ashington.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed new traffic calming features and restrictions are implemented in order to accommodate the new infrastructure features associated with the project.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the following key themes in the Corporate Plan for 2023-26:

- 'Tackling Inequalities' Creating places where there is equity in access to an environment that encourages physical activity and active travel;
- 'Driving Economic Growth' Introduce measures which make sustainable travel a more attractive, greener, and easy alternative to getting around including cycling and walking.

Key Issues

1. Highway improvement works are to be carried out on the A196 North Seaton Road in association with Northumberland County Council's

- active travel scheme projects to promote more sustainable forms of transport such as walking and cycling.
- 2. Parking and movement restrictions, along with a variety of traffic calming measures, are proposed as part of the works in order to improve road safety and the free flow of traffic as part of this new landscape.
- 3. The project is endorsed by the local County Councillors for Ashington and Ashington Town Council.
- 4. The scheme is to be funded through a combination of central government's Active Travel Fund (Tranche 3) and Northumberland County Council's Capital Programme.

Background

Northumberland County Council has received funding via Active Travel England to implement walking and cycling improvements at the A196 North Seaton Road in Ashington. Works to the area include new cycleways and pedestrian crossing facilities, along with proposed traffic calming measures in the form of raised tables, new waiting and loading parking restrictions and an amended one-way and no entry system which ties into the scheme.

The A196 North Seaton Road is one of the main routes located between North Seaton and Ashington, with many residential and commercial properties situated adjacent to the highway. New cycling and walking infrastructure aims to provide a safe and welcoming link between North Seaton and Ashington for pedestrians, cyclists and all other road users.

Proposals

For the new active travel scheme to operate effectively where more vulnerable users of the highway such as pedestrians and cyclists can feel safe navigating through the environment, both static and movement traffic restrictions are required to operate alongside traffic calming features which enhance the area's amenity and improve road safety.

Parking Restrictions

'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions in the form of double yellow lines are proposed in the following locations:

- On the south side of Newbiggin Road at the three-arm roundabout junction with the A196 North Seaton Road where an uncontrolled crossing point is proposed, in order to prohibit vehicles from obstructive parking over the dropped kerb or adjacent to the crossing and in turn blocking forward visibility;
- At Beamsley Terrace extending from existing double yellow lines at its junction with the A196 North Seaton Road in order to prevent vehicles creating visibility issues for pedestrians and cyclists, or encroaching onto the new footway layout which would increase the likelihood of a collision occurring.

A formalised 'Loading Only' bay is to be provided on the West View side road for local businesses carrying out deliveries as opposed to existing advisory arrangements on the A196 North Seaton Road, which if continued would lead to congestion whenever in use. The bay will also ensure businesses can continue to operate as normal whilst maintaining the free flow of traffic.

An overview of the proposed parking restrictions is presented in Figure 1 below.

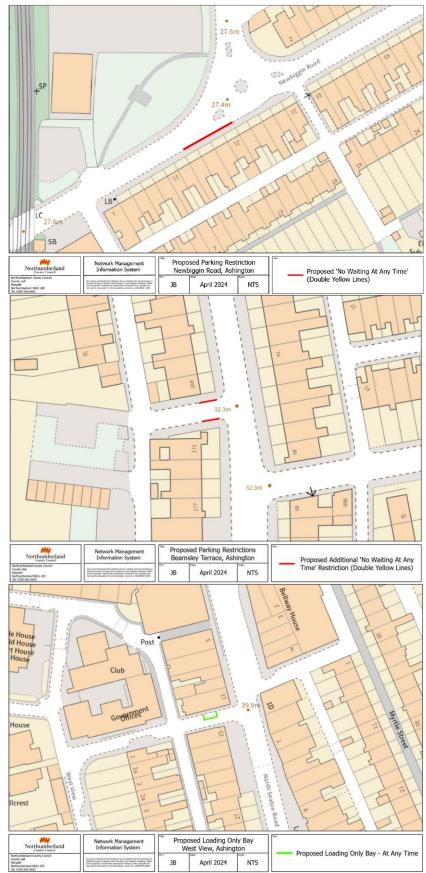


Fig. 1: Proposed new parking restrictions as part of the A196 North Seaton Road active travel scheme

One-Way & No Entry Restrictions

The existing one-way system and 'Prohibition of Entry' point on Norham Road between Newbiggin Road and Haydon Road, which links into the new cycling facilities within the active travel scheme, is to be amended so that cyclists may be exempt from these restrictions and thus travel in both directions as a contraflow cycle system. The extents of this layout is illustrated in Figure 2, whereas traffic signs and road markings will be displayed to denote the new layout and ensure cyclists can safely navigate through this section of road.



Fig. 2: Proposed new one-way and no entry system at Norham Road, Ashington

Raised Tables

Road humps in the form of raised tables are proposed as part of the overall works to new pedestrian crossing points which encourage slower speeds on the approach to these facilities and indicate in advance to motorists that pedestrians and cyclists will be present. They are to be included at the A196 North Seaton Road junction with Green Lane and further south between the southern access to the building materials depot and Newbiggin Road, with the estimated extents of the raised table surfaces throughout the scheme illustrated in Figure 3 below.



Fig. 3: Proposed road humps at the A196 North Seaton Road and its adjoining roads

Detailed designs of the above proposals can be found in Appendix A. They are intended to improve road safety, increase active travel, maintain the free flow of traffic where possible and to protect the amenity of the area overall. Northumbria Police, other emergency services, local businesses and relevant statutory consultees will be notified of these amendments as part of the process for making the permanent Orders.

Implications Arising out of the Report

Policy	Consistent with existing policies			
Finance and value for money	Scheme will be financed by the Active Travel Fund Tranche 3 funding and administered through Transport North East			
Legal	Motorists will be required to comply with the required Traffic Regulation Orders			
Procurement	None			
Human Resources	None			
Property	None			
Equalities	N/A			
(Impact Assessment attached)				
Yes □ No □ N/A □				
Risk Assessment	The proposals are designed to improve road safety and accessibility for all road users accessing the routes			
Crime & Disorder	Regulations in place to carry out enforcement			
Customer Consideration	Consultation and drop-in events have been undertaken in the preliminary stage for overall wider scheme			
Carbon reduction	Improved pedestrian and cycling facilities will encourage more sustainable transport use			
Wards	Ashington Central, Haydon			

Background Papers:

File reference - TDI22003

Appendix A –

- CE220009-01-A196-10-01 General Arrangement Sheet 1
- CE220009-01-A196-10-02 General Arrangement Sheet 2
- CE220009-01-A196-10-03 General Arrangement Sheet 3
- CE220009-01-A196-10-013 Road Markings Sheet 1
- CE220009-01-A196-10-014 Road Markings Sheet 2
- CE220009-01-A196-10-015 Road Markings Sheet 3
- CE220009-01-A196-10-016 Road Markings Schedule
- CE220009-01-A196-10-017 Road Signs Sheet 1
- CE220009-01-A196-10-018 Road Signs Sheet 2
- CE220009-01-A196-10-019 Road Signs Sheet 3
- CE220009-01-A196-10-020 Road Signs Schedule

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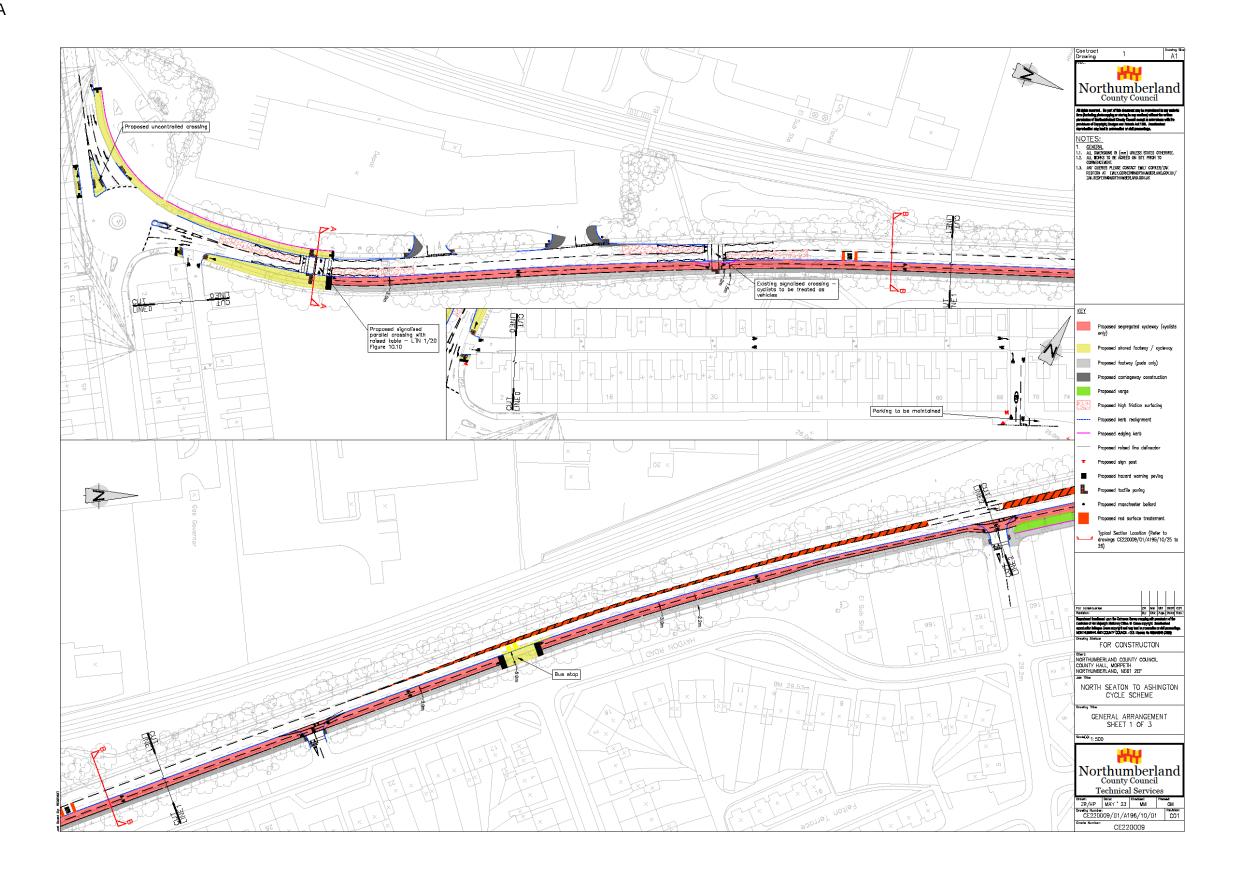
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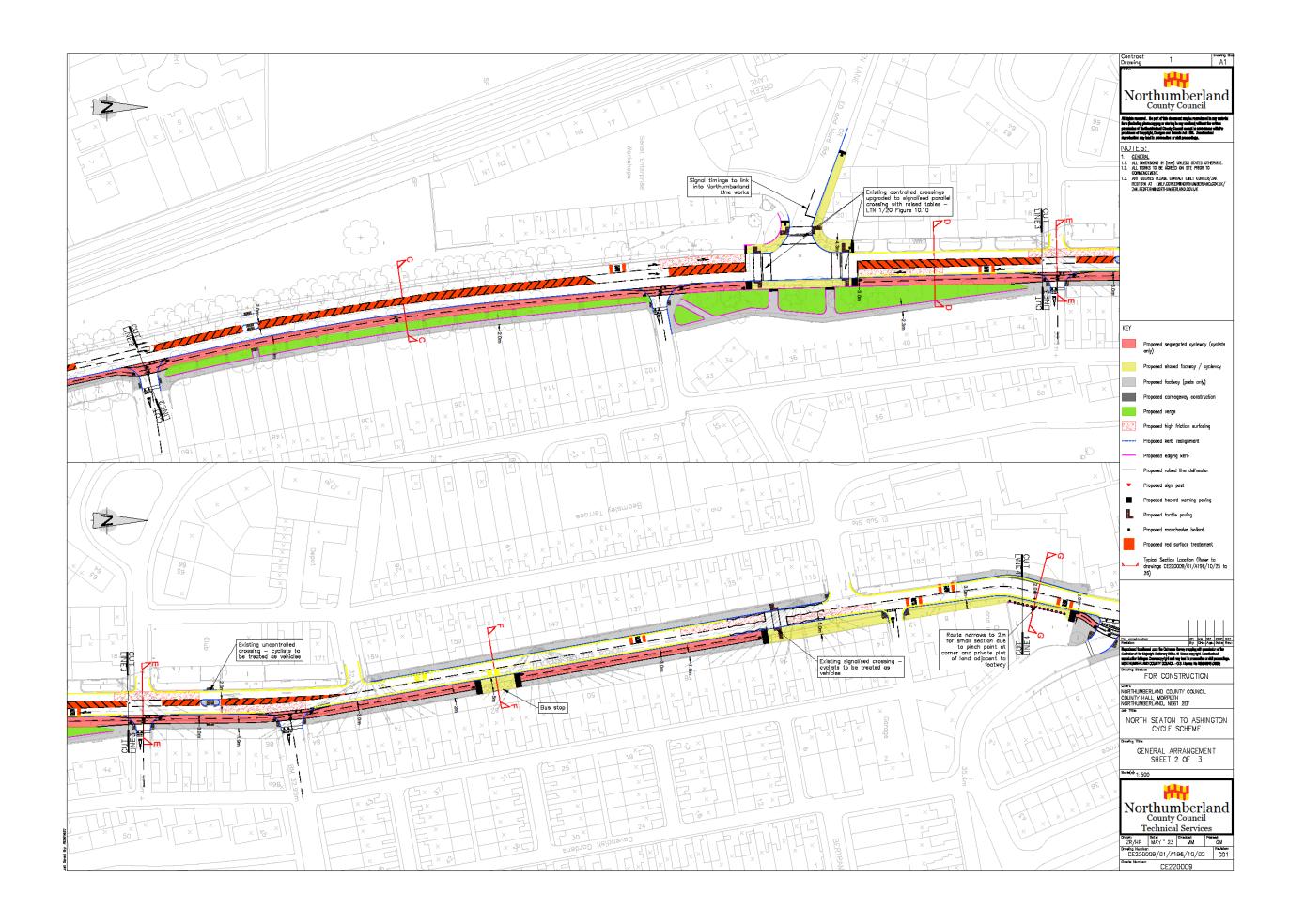
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Director of Environment & Transport

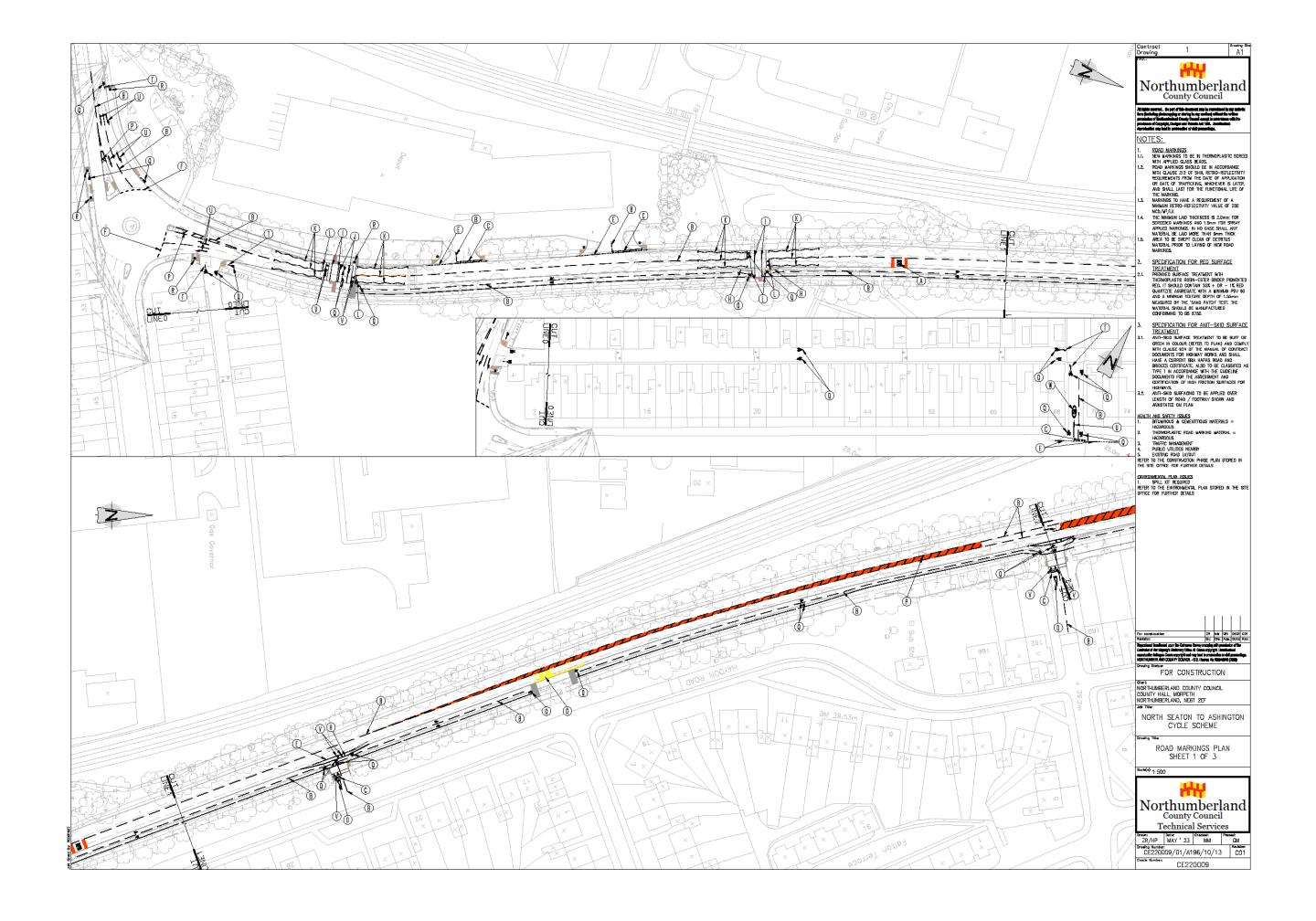
Subject:	Proposed new traffic restrictions and traffic calming measures – A196 North Seaton Road, Ashington
Consultation:	Consultations with statutory consultees, affected businesses and members of the public undertaken by the Active Travel project team
Decision Taken:	To introduce new traffic restrictions and traffic calming measures at A196 North Seaton Road and its adjoining areas, Ashington
Signature of Director	
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Date 11 th June 2024	

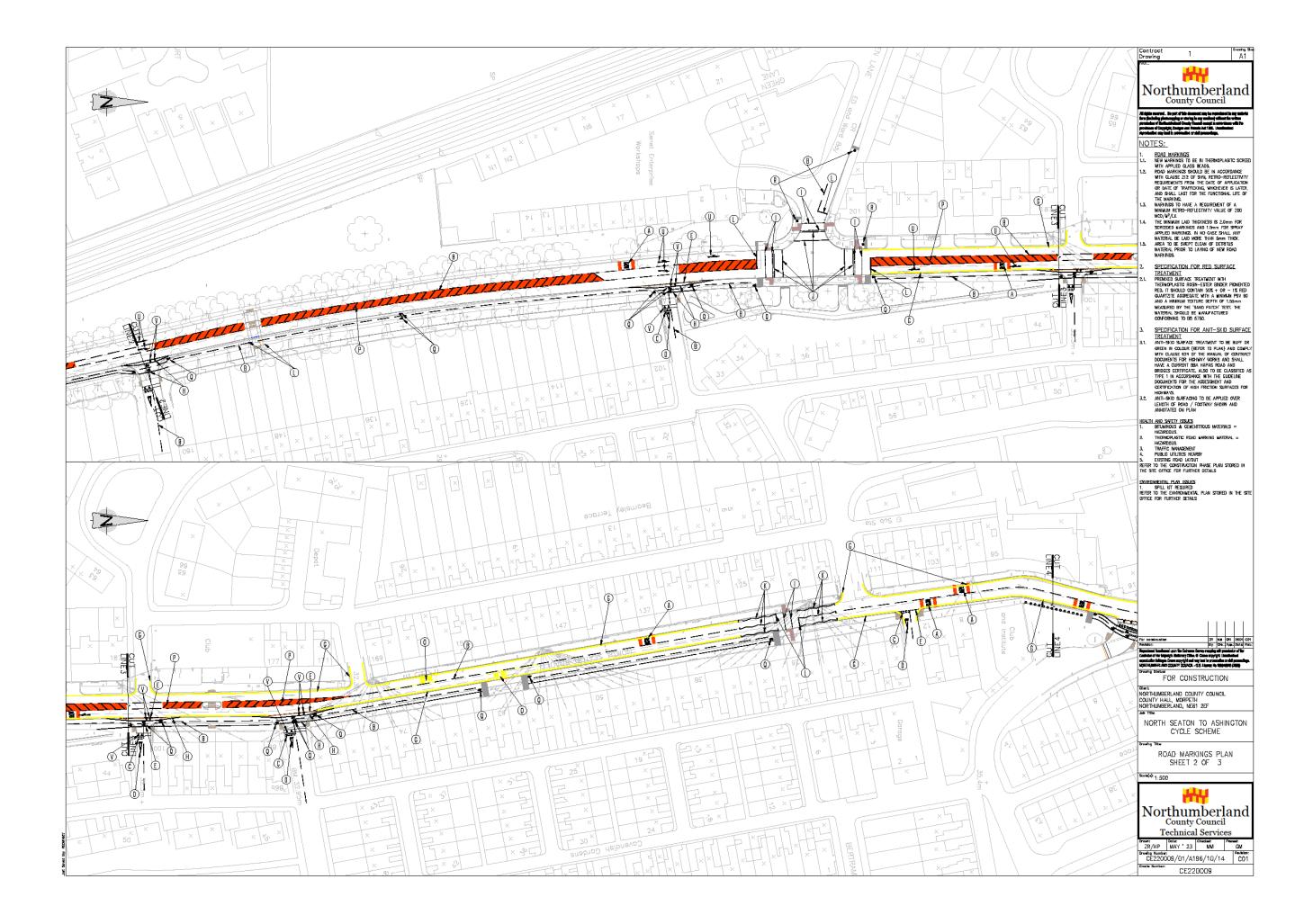
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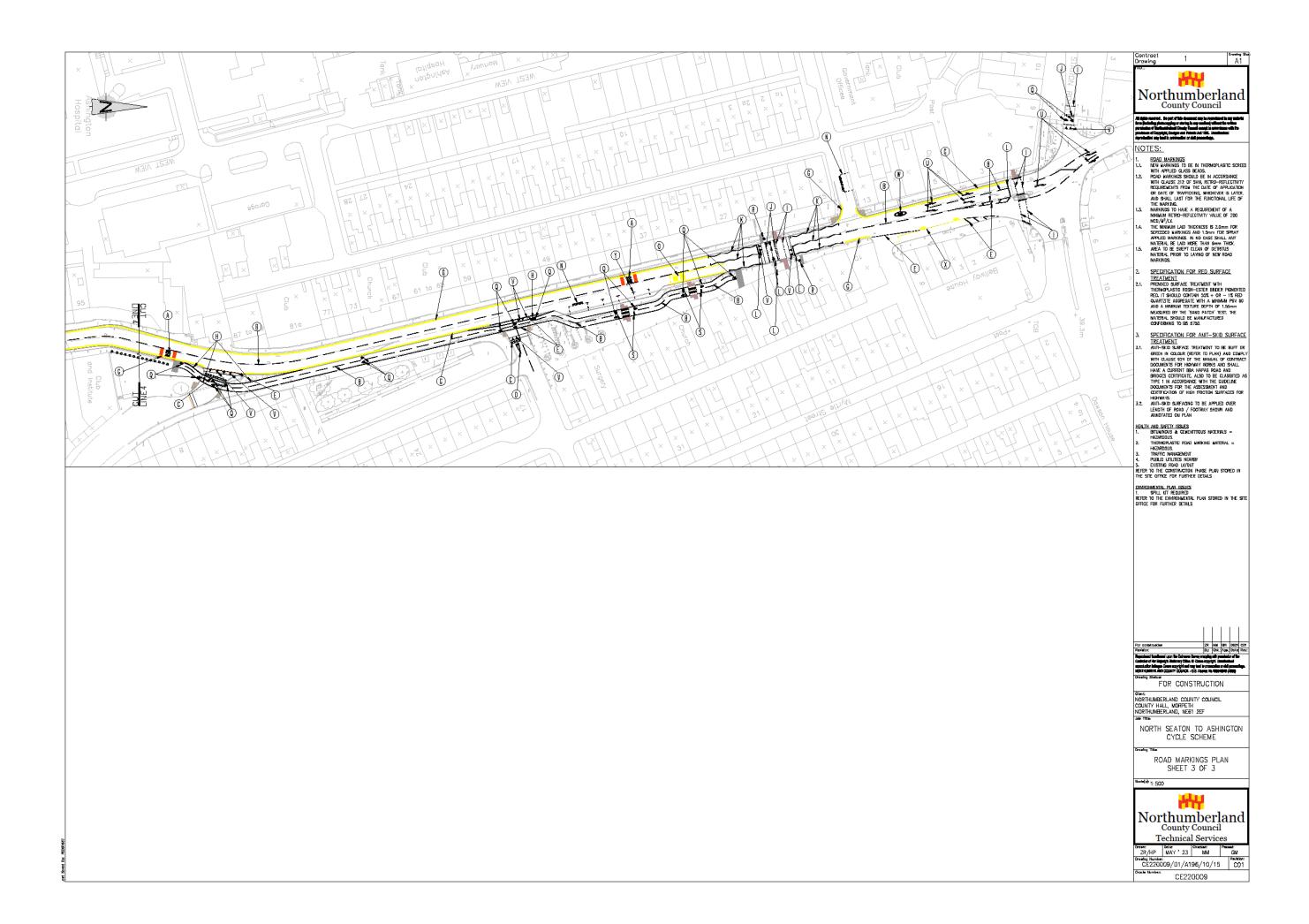




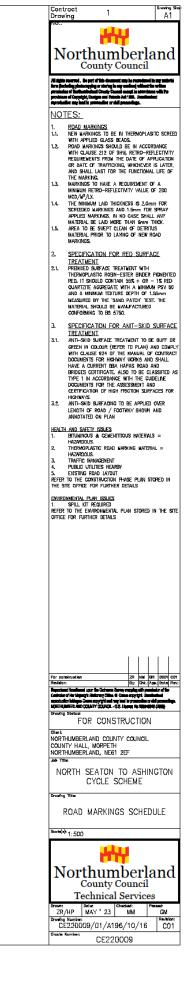








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(A)	Schedule 11 Part 4 Item 15 Diag. 1024	2.8	-	2230	-	SLOW Road Marking	
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①	Schedule 14 Part 2 Item 46 Dlag. 1001	Transverse	-	200	-	Stop Line Marking	
M	Schedule 11 Part 4 Itern 16 Diag. 1026	2.8	-	-	-	Keep Clear Marking	Size 2800mm
N	Scheudle 7 Part 4 Item 8 Diag, 1028.6	0.6	0.6	150	-	Loading Only / Disabled Bay	
0	Schedule 7 Part 4 Item 9 Diag. 1025.1	1	1	See diagram	-	Bus Stop	Top edge of Bus Stop text to be inline with bus stop sign
P	Schedule 11 Port 4 Item 23 Diag. 1040	Varies	3	150	-	Central Hatching	
Q	Schedule 11 Part 4 Item 28 Diag. 1057	1.215	-	-	-	Cycle Symbol	
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(\$)	Schedule 9 Part 6 Item 3 Diag. 1003	0.3	0.15	100	-	Cycleway Give Way Lines	
1	Schedule 11 Part 4 Item 32 Diag,1059	2	-	-	-	Cyclist Arrow Marking	
U	Schedule 11 Part 4 Item 20 Diag. 1038	4	-	-	-	Arrow Marking	
V	Schedule 11 Part 4 Item 33 Diag. 1962	Varies	-	-	-	Hump Marking	
W	Schedule 10 Part 2 Item 9 Diag. 1065	4.3	-	-	-	Speed Limit Roundel	
(X)	Schedule 7 Part 4 Item 5 Diag. 1928.2	6	6	50	-	Taxi Rank Marking	
①	Scheudle 7 Part 4 Item 8 Diag. 1032	0.6	0.9	50	-	Parking Bay	



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