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Cowley Hill, St Helens Liveable Neighbourhood

Delivery Update October 2025

What is 'By Ours Cowley Hill'?

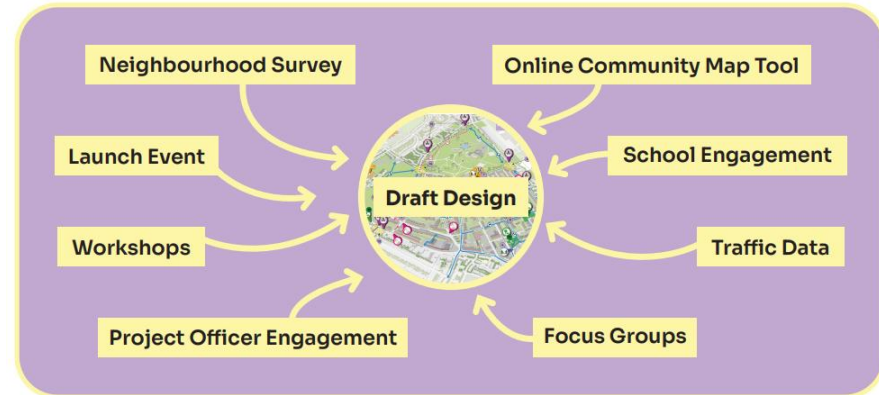
- By Ours Cowley Hill is a joint **community** project led by St Helens Borough Council in partnership with Sustrans and Liverpool City Region Combined Authority.
- In May 2020 Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA), in **partnership** with Sustrans, secured revenue funding with the Freshfield Foundation, a grant making trust, to develop a Liverpool City Region wide Liveable Neighbourhood programme.
- The project aims to help residents, businesses and schools **re-imagine** our local streets.



Design: The Plan for Cowley Hill



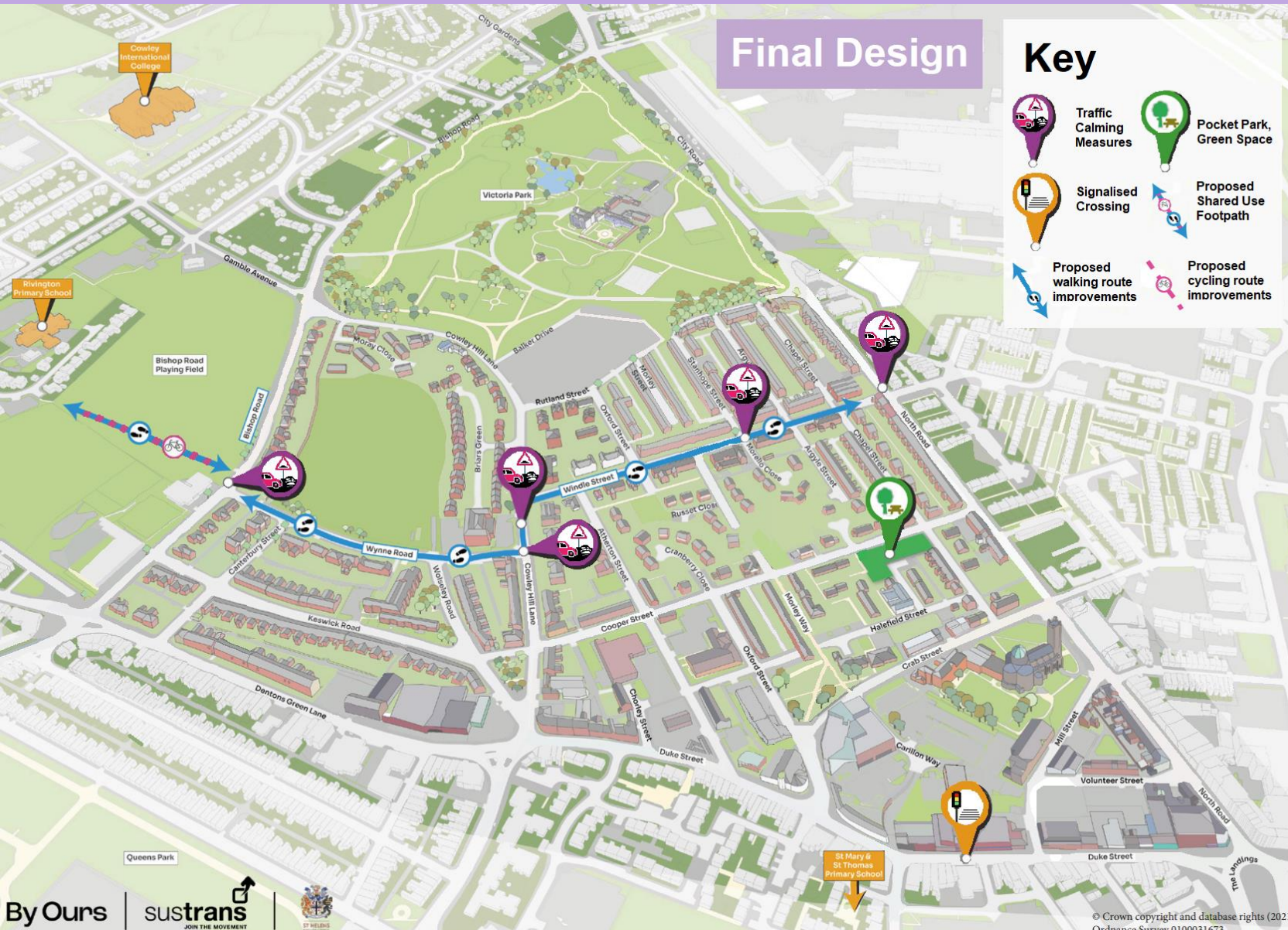
The Cowley Hill Draft Design survey asked local people for their feedback and responses to 19 design proposals.



Phase 1 Delivery - Enabling Active Travel

- St Helens Borough Council was one of the first in the Liverpool City Region to deliver this approach, securing around £500,000 to progress various initiatives within the Cowley Hill area.
- Capital funding secured from the Department for Transport's Active Travel Fund (Tranche 3).
- Additional small allocation from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
- The consultation findings were shared by Sustrans with St Helens Borough Council with officers reviewing the feedback and prioritising the list of proposed infrastructure improvements requested by the local community within the allocated budget.

Phase 1 Delivery – Enabling Active Travel



A signalised puffin crossing on Duke Street, to the west of Hamer Street



Pedestrian accessibility improvements across a West-East corridor from Bishop Road to North Road, with the inclusion of dropped kerbs



Raised junction tables incorporating uncontrolled pedestrian crossing facilities. These also act as vertical traffic calming features. The junction locations are Bishop Road/ Wynne Road, Wynne Road/ Cowley Hill Lane, Cowley Hill Lane/ Windle Street, Windle Street/ Stanhope Street/ Morello Close, Windle Street/ North Road/ Lord Street

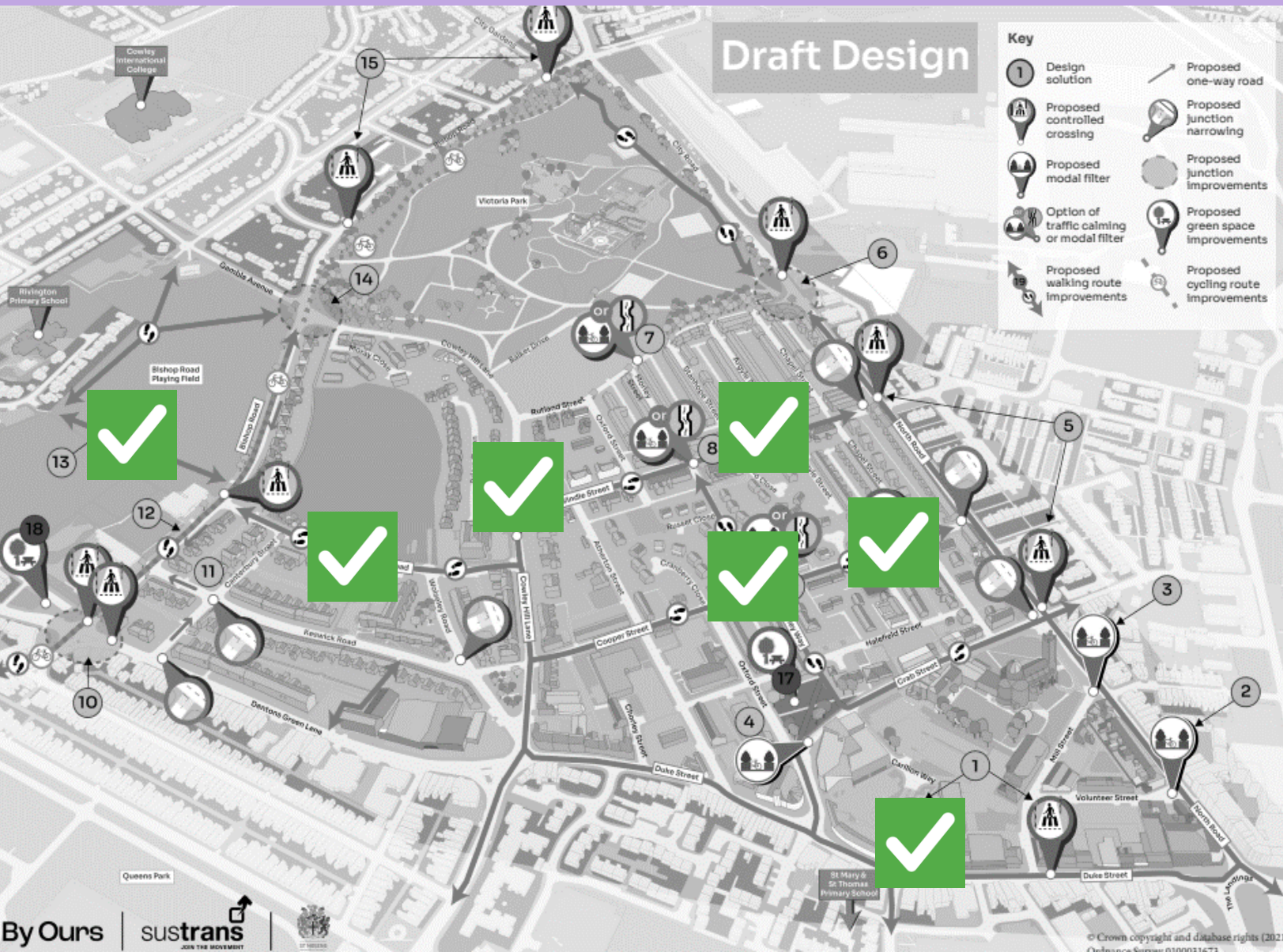


A 'Pocket Park' at Cooper Street / Chapel Street with a new footway link between Cooper Street and Halefield Street



A new 3.5metre wide active travel route through the park providing a shared use footway and cycleway across Bishop Road Playing Fields, between Bishop Road and Elderflower Road

Next Steps



- The Phase 1 delivery has made a great start and has enabled walking, cycling and wheeling.
- On any journey – to school, to work or to the shops – the route is only as good as its weakest link.
- Some barriers remain, particularly at junctions and crossing.

Phase 2

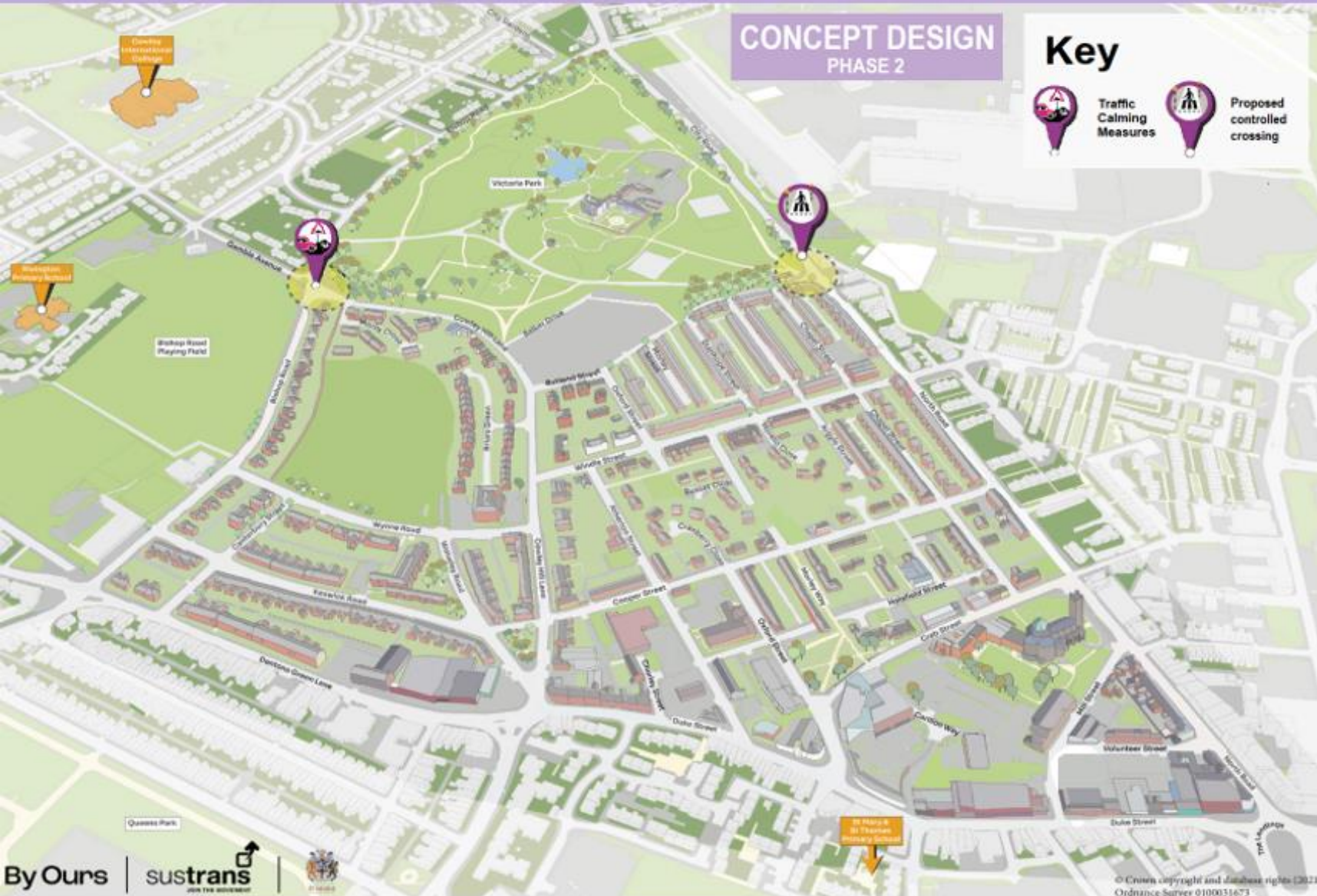
- The Council developed a long list of potential schemes for Active Travel Fund 5 consideration. Two active travel schemes were successfully awarded funding:

Scheme Name	Scheme Type	Capital Funding allocation £
Cowley Hill Liveable Neighbourhood Phase 2	Construction	£280,000
Improvements to Active Travel Gateways to Green Spaces	Maintenance and Enhancements	£30,000
TOTAL		£310,000

- Delivery of funding is required to be committed by April 2026.
- Subject to detail design, engagement and procurement, works are expected to start early 2026.



Phase 2: Concept Design



A proposed controlled crossing on North Road, between the junctions of Rutland Street and Oldfield Street.



Raised junction tables incorporating uncontrolled at level pedestrian crossing facilities. These also act as vertical traffic calming features. The junction location is Bishop Road between Cowley Hill Lane and Gamble Avenue.

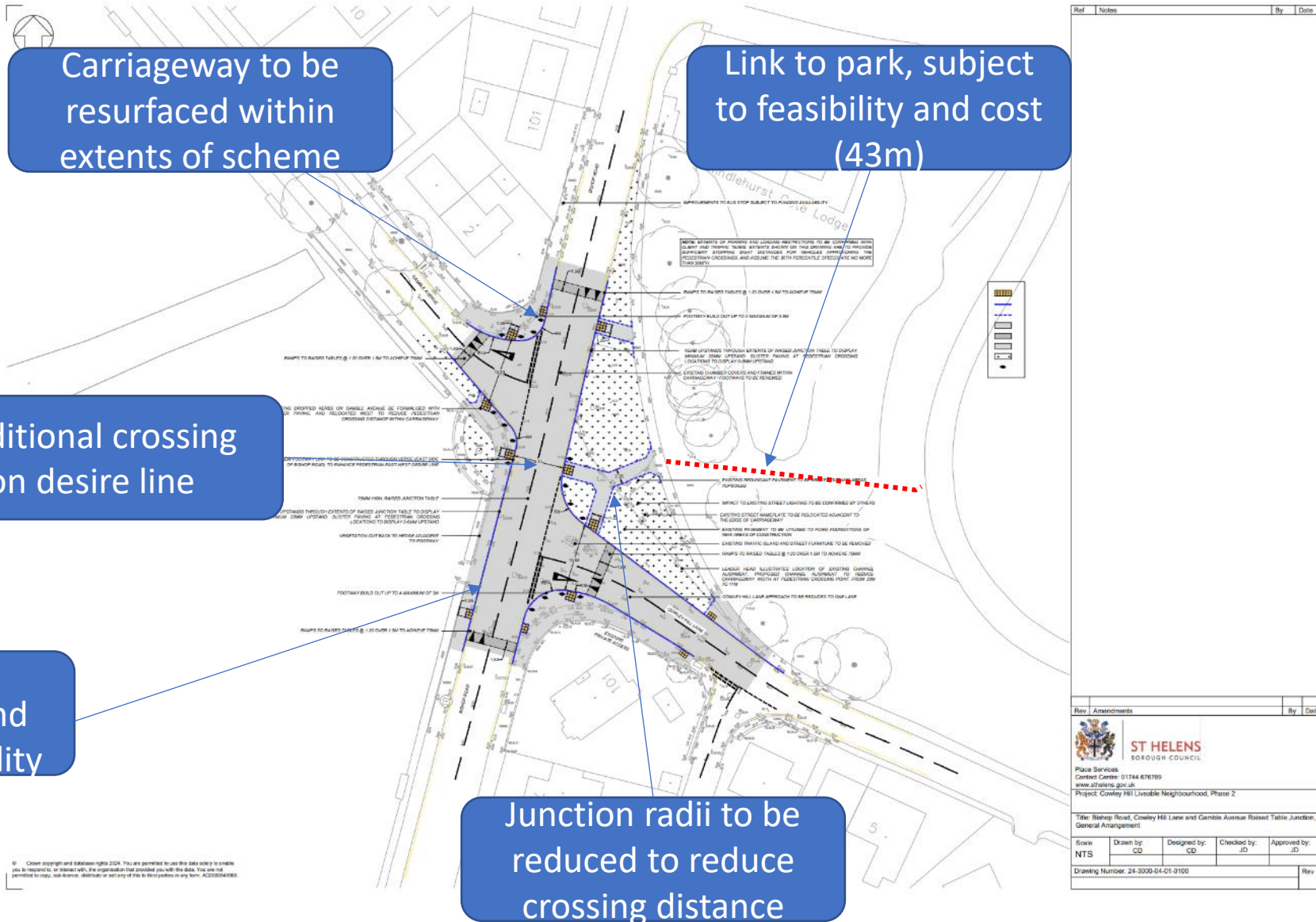
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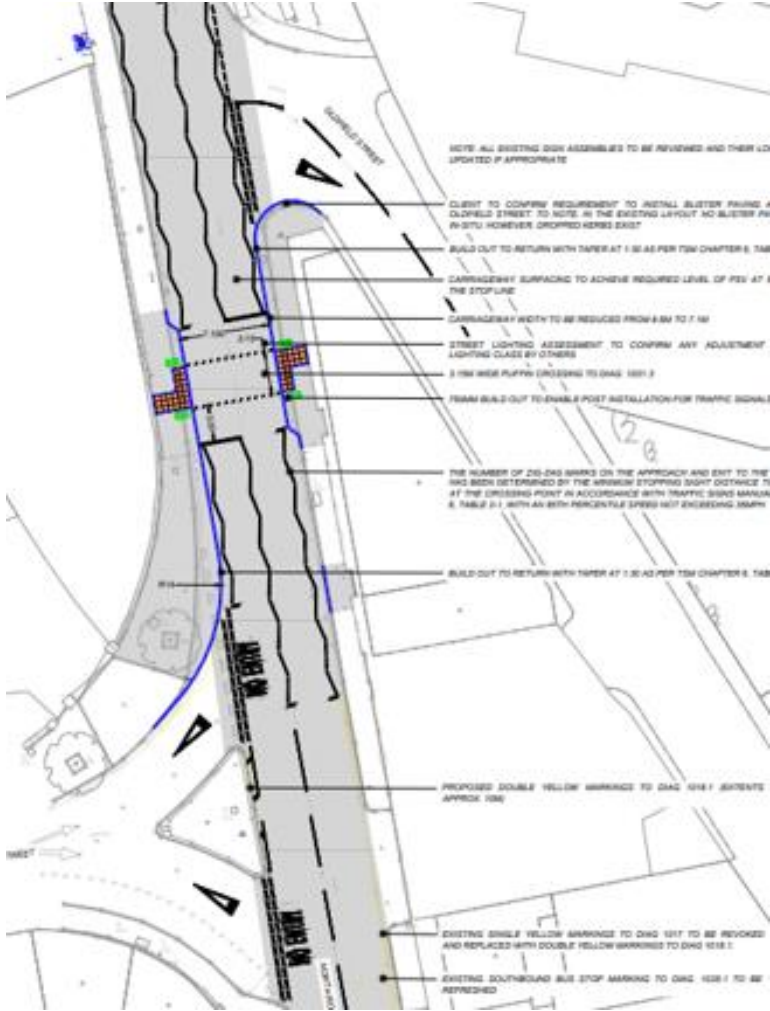
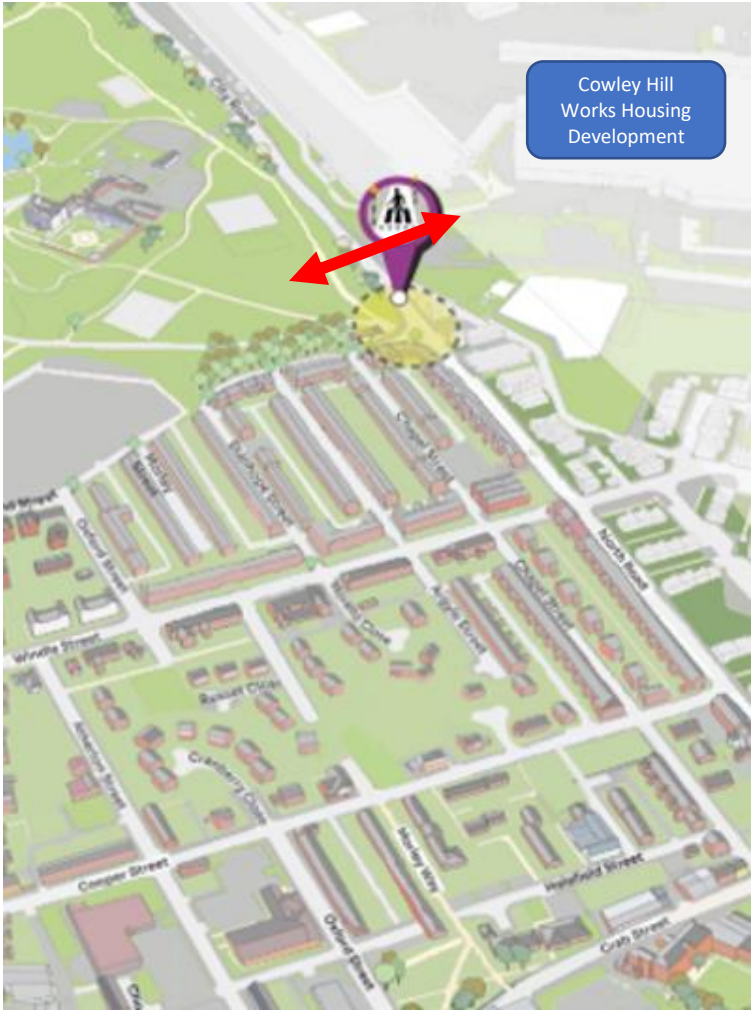
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North Road



Engagement

- Residents to be informed through letter distribution and site notices.
- Officers to work with schools.
- Project website to be updated.
- Pre-construction information to be prepared prior to commencement of works.

