



## **Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party 22 February 2011**

### **Engineering Services Works Programme**

#### Summary

This report updates the Working Party on progress with key matters within the work programme of the Engineering Services Section of the Council.

The Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party is requested to approve the recommendations in section 6 of this report.

#### Reminder

Updates on the programming of the maintenance work, road closures, progress on major schemes, etc. are included in regular Engineering Updates in the Members' Bulletin. Members also receive direct contact regarding significant engineering works in their own wards. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the engineering schemes or highlight any particular issues, please contact the Engineering Team directly.

### **1. Purpose of Report**

#### **1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party of:-**

- (a) Highway Maintenance progress;
- (b) Traffic Management update; and
- (c) Integrated Transport update.

### **2. Highway Maintenance**

2.1 The following surfacing works are still outstanding in the 2010/2011 programme of work. All should be completed by the end of March 2011 except for Cannon Street as explained below:-

2.1.1 Glastonbury Road – expected week commencing 7 March 2011. This work will be undertaken at night.

- 2.1.2 Cannon Street/Orchard Street – currently suspended until mid May 2011 at the earliest. Works at this location have been suspended until the proposed National Grid Gas mains renewals have been completed.
- 2.1.3 Carriageway patching at Nowton Road – expected commencement on 21 February 2011 from Nowton Park to Fox & Pin Lane for two week duration.
- 2.1.4 Gloucester Road – carriageway patching/resurfacing is expected to commence on 14 March 2011 for one week.

### 3. Traffic Management

#### 3.1 Zone H Parking

- 3.1.1 A request has been received regarding extending the eligibility of the Zone H neighbourhood parking scheme to include those residents on the east side of Parkway. Surveys of the parking in Chalk Road (South) and the southern end of Victoria Street, those areas of Zone H closest to Kings Road (East), have revealed that a number of spaces are available in these areas during the operational hours of the permit scheme.
- 3.1.2 Officer **RECOMMEND** that the existing Zone H permit holders are canvassed for their opinion on the extension of the eligibility to include other nearby properties and a further report be brought back to the next meeting of the working party.

### 4. Integrated Transport

#### 4.1 Horsecroft Road Traffic Calming

- 4.1.1 The meeting of the Working Party on 4 January 2011 (Report B401 refers) considered the possible introduction of traffic calming measures into Horsecroft Road to assist pedestrians. Local residents have now been consulted on these proposals and the outcome of the consultation is shown below. The questionnaire distributed is shown at Appendix A.

Question 1

Road Name	Yes	No	No Comment
Horsecroft Road	24	12	1
Long Acre Gardens	6	4	0
Linton Gardens	4	3	0
Horringer Road	3	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1</b>

- 4.1.2 Around 50% of those consulted responded and the table of responses to Question 1 shows a clear majority of residents are in favour of the proposals. 59 out of 60 responses were in favour of introducing a 20 mph speed limit in Horsecroft Road.
- 4.1.3 Officers therefore **RECOMMEND** that the traffic calming scheme shown at Appendix B is implemented. The funding for this work is available from Suffolk County Council.

## 4.2 War Memorial

- 4.2.1 The police have raised concerns regarding the difficulty they have been experiencing ensuring parking is prohibited in the area around the war memorial on Angel Hill. For some time they have employed no waiting cones, but this is not a sustainable solution. They requested that supplementary signing be erected in this area to reinforce the message that parking is prohibited.
- 4.2.2 Two possible designs for mounting the signs to be in keeping with this area were developed as shown at Appendix C. A third design was later developed as shown at Appendix D. All designs are intended to be removable as necessary for events at the memorial. Consultation was undertaken with nearby properties, town centre stakeholders and the Royal British Legion. The outcome of the consultation was that 13 respondents preferred Option A, only one preferred Option B. Option C was circulated later and only one response regarding this was received which was negative.
- 4.2.3 Your officers **RECOMMEND** Option A is installed on each corner of the War Memorial.

## 5. **Car Parking**

### 5.1 Vinery Road Car Park

- 5.1.1 Concern has been expressed about the difficulty users have regularly in finding a space in the Vinery Road car park adjacent to Holywater Meadow, and the possible use of it by workers at West Suffolk Hospital. A survey of the car park between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm has been undertaken.
- 5.1.2 The survey revealed that long stay (over 2 hours) parking was prevalent, but there was little evidence that these long stay users were then proceeding on to the hospital. Some long stay use appeared to be by town centre commuters, but the majority seemed to be related to staff at the adjacent shops and nearby residents. Throughout the survey period there were never less than 4 spaces free. It has been suggested that a two hour waiting limit be introduced into this car park. In view of the potential difficulties that this could create for residents and staff of the nearby shops, and the constant availability of spaces, officers **RECOMMEND** that no further action regarding this car park be taken at present.

## 6. **Recommendations**

- 6.1 The Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party is **RECOMMENDED** to:-

- (1) note the contents of Report B466;
- (2) approve the canvassing of existing Zone H permit holders for their opinions on the extension of the eligibility to include other nearby properties as outlined in paragraph 3.2.2 of Report B466;
- (3) approve the implementation of the traffic calming scheme in Horsecroft Road, Bury St Edmunds, funded by Suffolk County Council, as outlined in paragraph 4.1 and shown at Appendix B to Report B466;

- (4) approve the installation, on each corner of the War Memorial, of additional signage, as outlined in paragraph 4.2 and shown in Option A of Appendix B to Report B466; and
- (5) approve that no further action be taken at present regarding the Vinery Road, Bury St Edmunds car park as outlined in paragraph 5.1 of Report B466.

For further information, please contact:-

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# Horsecroft Road

## Traffic Calming and 20mph Speed Limit Proposals

January 2011

Name: .....
Address: .....

**1. Traffic Calming Scheme**

Are you in favour of the proposed traffic calming scheme design? Yes  No

If no, what changes would you like to see to the design and why? .....

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**2. Introduction of 20 mph maximum Speed Limit**

Are you in favour of the proposed 20 mph speed limit in Horsecroft Road?

Yes  No

If no, are there any comments you wish to make? .....

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Have you any other comments you wish to make?

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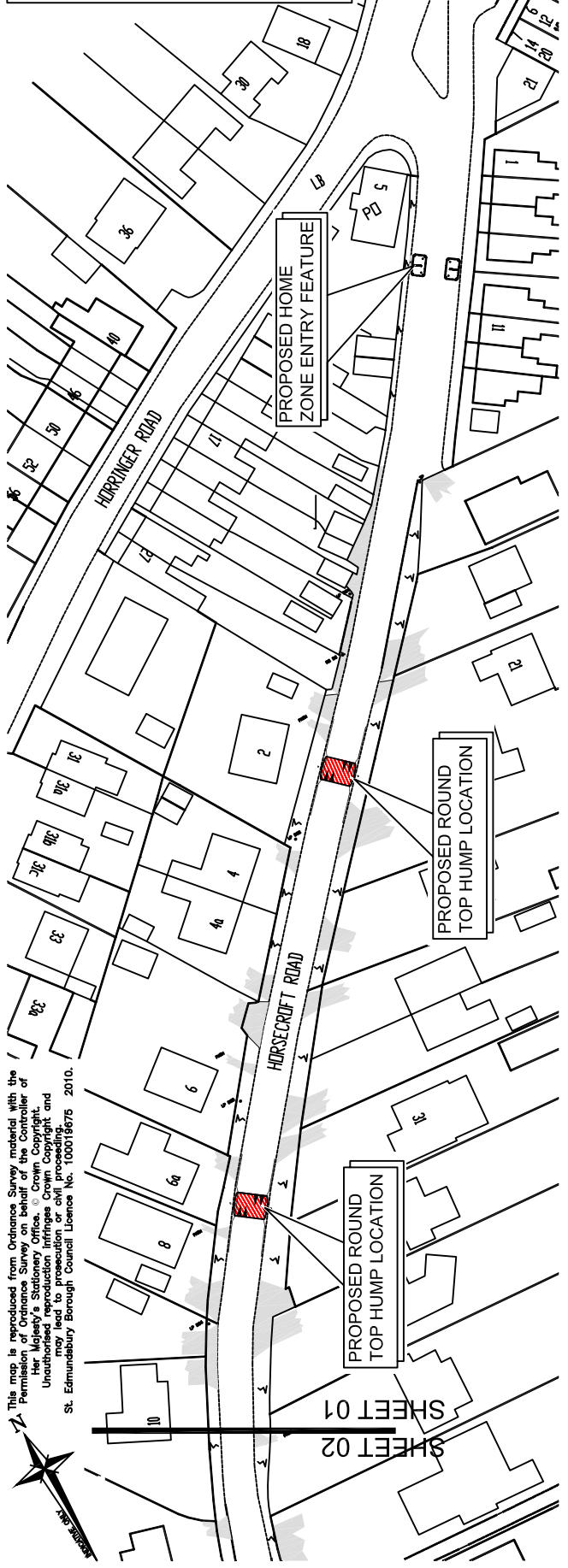
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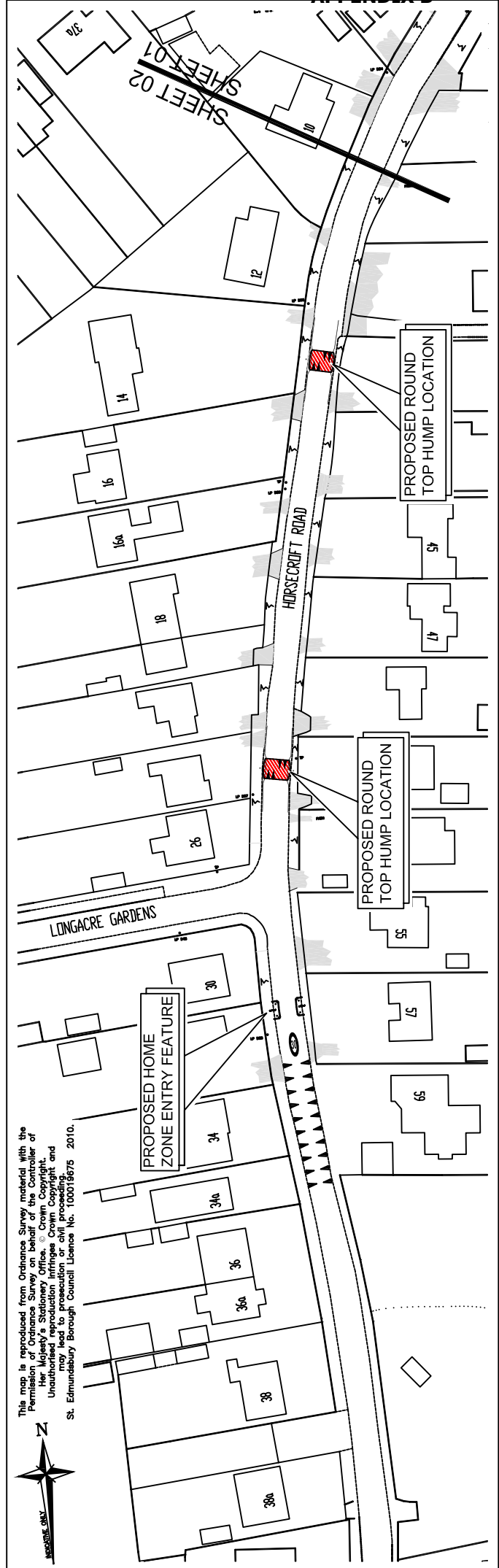
*Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire*

**Construction Detail**  
 All Round Topped Humps to be approx 3.7m long and rising 75mm above existing road level, almost full road width with provision to allow water to pass at road edge. Planed Palisade Fencing gate feature at beginning and end of Home Zone



HORSECROFT ROAD HUMPH LOCATION SHEET 01  
 SCALE 1:1000

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HORSECROFT ROAD HUMPH LOCATION SHEET 02  
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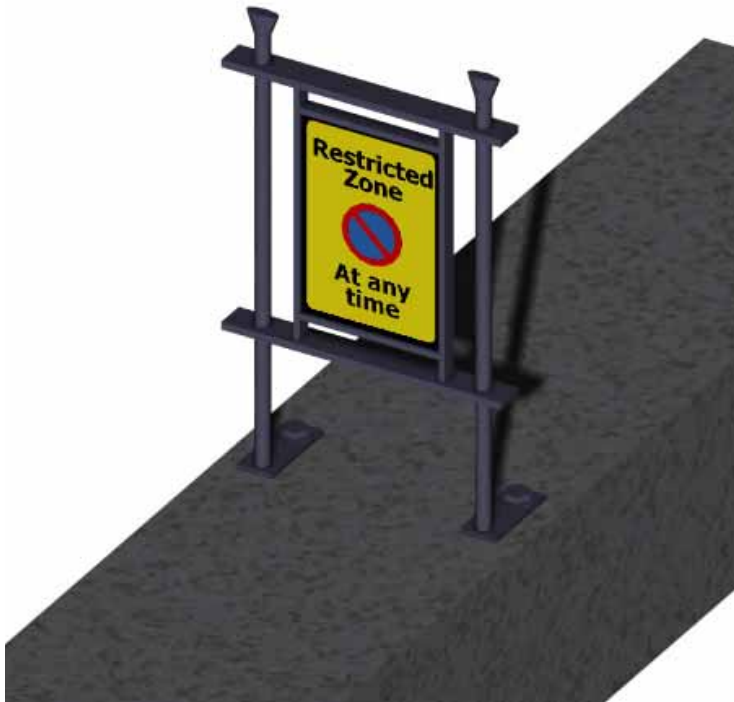
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**Option A**

**Option B**





Option C

