

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL
TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

MINUTE of the MEETING of the TEVIOT
AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM held in the
LESSER HALL, HAWICK on 17 June 2014 at
6.30 p.m.

- Present:- Councillors G. Turnbull, (Chairman), A. Cranston, D. Paterson, W. McAteer, S. Marshall, R. Smith.
Community Councillors Mr W. Roberts (Denholm Community Council), Mrs M. Short (Hawick).
- Apologies:- Community Councillors C. Griffiths (Hobkirk) R. Knight (Burnfoot), T. Stevenson (Upper Teviot & Borthwick Water), Inspector C Wood (Police Scotland)
- In Attendance:- Chief Executive (Items 1 - 4), Station Commander Russell Bell (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service), Neighbourhood Area Manager (A. Finnie), (Democratic Services Officer (J. Turnbull).

Members of the Public:- 26 in attendance.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

1. The Chairman welcomed Councillor Watson McAteer, recently elected Member for the Hawick and Denholm Ward.

MINUTE

2. There had been circulated copies of the Minute of the meeting held on 22 April 2014.

DECISION

AGREED to approve the Minute.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTE

3. With reference to paragraph 12(i) of the Minute relating to Quality of Life Funding, the Chairman advised that he had attended a demonstration for a specialist street cleaning machine and would be attending a further demonstration in the near future. He would report back at the next meeting of the Area Forum. The cost of the machine had been estimated at £2,525.00 + VAT.
4. The Chairman welcomed Ms T Logan, Chief Executive, Scottish Borders Council (SBC). With reference to Minute No. 15 (b), (c) and (d) Ms Logan advised that there had been a considerable reduction in SBC staff numbers - 244 positions since 2010; Ms Logan clarified that the publicised figures could be incorrect as they showed the number of staff on a particular day and could include seasonal or casual staff and double counted any staff covering sick leave etc. The direct financial savings over the last three years had been £10m; by 2015 the savings would be in the region of £16m. Ms Logan explained that SBConnect was used to improve the Council's engagement and communication with the public. In respect of the corporate credit card she advised that every item of expenditure was business related, all transactions were transparent and open to the public to scrutinise. Details of all payments were available on the internet and were in line with Council policies.

DECISION

TO thank the Chief Executive for attending the Area Forum and clarifying the position in respect of savings, SBConnect and the corporate credit card.

PRESENTATIONS:-

(i) COMMERCIAL RATES

5. The Chairman welcomed Mr Mark Dickson, Assessor, who was present to give a presentation to the Area Forum on Commercial Rates. Mr Dickson advised that the Assessor was a statutory appointment and was a quasi-independent role – Scottish Borders Council had no influence on rateable value. All non-domestic properties were listed on the Valuation Roll. There was a statutory requirement for five yearly revaluations; each revaluation represented a completely fresh start and new assessment of value. The last revaluation had been on 1 April 2010. The next would be in 2017 (which had been delayed from 2015). Rateable values for commercial premises were based on rental levels as at 1 April 2008. The comparative method was the most commonly used method of valuation and was based on the proposition that rents which had received wide acceptance on the open market were the best indication of the annual value of the properties to which they related. This approach generally provided the most accurate guide to annual value because it took into account different features such as frontage, layout and size. It was important to note that it was the property which was being rated - not the business. Mr Dickson explained the appeals process; appeals could be made by 30 September in a Revaluation year, within six months of a tenant, proprietor or occupier acquiring an interest in the property, if there was an error in the valuation or if the property had been affected by a material change of circumstances. Mr Dickson explained that falls in rental value as a result of market fluctuations such as the recession, were not grounds for an appeal. This meant that rateable values were fixed until 2017, the date of the next revaluation. In response to questions, Mr Dickson advised that differences in rates payable could be because of mandatory, empty and discretionary relief. Rates relief was administered by Scottish Borders Council's Customer Services Team who would welcome any enquiries. Councillor Smith asked for clarification on the reference to non-domestic rates in the Community Empowerment Bill, the Strategic Community Engagement Officer was in attendance and advised that she would investigate and advise Members.

DECISION

NOTED the presentation.

(ii) CULTURE TRUST

6. Scottish Borders Council's Cultural Services Manager, Ian Brown, gave a presentation to the Area Forum on the proposal to transfer Community Services from direct Council provision to a charitable trust. Following the decision of full Council on 27 February 2014, officers had been working to develop a business case and a potential implementation model for the Trust and were now undertaking public consultation on the proposal. Officers had been looking at options for delivery of Cultural Services and associated budget savings of £407,000 while, at the same time, protecting front line services, local delivery and putting the services on a positive footing for the future. Two options had been investigated – to keep the services with the Council or to transfer out of the Council to a new Cultural Trust. Mr Brown explained that transferring services to a Trust would enable the vast majority of the savings target to be secured from rates remission (up to 95%) and therefore protect front line services. If the services were kept within the Council the savings would have to be found from closing facilities, streamlining management and backroom support. The services currently in scope for transfer were Libraries and Information services; Museums and Galleries; Archives and local history; Arts Development; Heart of Hawick; Public Halls; Community Centres; and the administrative team that supported these services. A Trust could provide more opportunities, be more demand-led, flexible and responsive to the needs of customers. Nine local authorities in Scotland had already transferred their Cultural Services to a Trust.
7. Following the end of the current consultation period on 31 July 2014, a report would be taken back to Council to determine which services should be included within a Trust with a view to the Trust being launched by October 2015. In response to questions, Mr Brown clarified that the proposal was for one Trust. He advised that current legislation prohibited local authorities from charging for admission to museum collections but a Trust would have the option; however the evidence from others Trusts was that the principle of free admission remained. With regard to the possibility of museum collections being sold by the Trust, Mr Brown explained that it was only the management of the collections that was being transferred not

the ownership, which would remain with the Council. Collections could therefore not be sold by the Trust. Mr Brown clarified that in the 1887 Public Libraries Act, the transfer was permissible as long as a library service was maintained. Integrated libraries and contact centres would remain with the Council but the library support would be provided by the Trust. Hawick in Bloom was not in scope for transferring to the proposed Trust. Mr Lindsay Wood, Heart of Hawick Manager, was in attendance and reported that consultation had taken place with staff from the nine community centres in scope to transfer and there had been no resistance.

DECISION

NOTED the presentation.

(iii) ROAD ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2013 – 2018

8. The last presentation of the evening was by the Mr David Richardson, Asset Manager, and concerned the Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP). A RAMP defined the strategy, policies and operational standards for managing and maintaining the Council's roads asset and could be described as the processes designed to ensure that the roads were maintained as efficiently and effectively as possible within the available budget. With regard to an assessment of road condition, Mr Richardson explained that the Road Condition Indicator (RCI) used nationally to measure the condition of the current road network, consisted of a number of condition measures, including longitudinal profile, lane rutting, texture of the road surface and cracking. Lengths of road were classified as Red: where maintenance was required; Amber: required further investigation and monitoring; and Green: where condition was satisfactory but where an odd defect might exist. The RCI was the sum of the Red and Amber classification expressed as a percentage of the total length of road, the current RCI in the Borders being 41.7%. The presentation looked at the different treatments and methods of patching available, which could be categorised as either preventative or corrective and the merits of each relative to their costs. Looking at funding options he explained that current spend plans could not begin to address the wholesale removal of defects and to eliminate all Red and Amber sections would require a "one-off" spend of £65m. To keep the road network in its current state would require £4.3m per annum. Mr Richardson advised that in 2014/15 the Council would spend a total of £2.1m on surface treatment of the road network, allocated to £1.2m on preventative treatment and £0.9m on corrective treatment. Mr Richardson concluded by stating that the key to management of the roads asset was the right repair, in the right place at the right time.
9. Copies of the Asset Programme of Revenue and Capital Works for the Teviot and Liddesdale Area 2014/2015 had been circulated with the Agenda. Mr Richardson advised that the Braid Road had been repaired in sections, the section to Greenhead Terrace was to be completed but he would clarify and report back to Councillors. Councillor Smith asked that in relation to the B6357, where repairs were required every year, why the Council did not enforce a Timber Transport Plan, similar to other local authorities. Mr Richardson stated that he understood that Timber Transport Plans could only be used on consultation routes but he would clarify the position with the Network Manager. The Timber Transport fund had strict criteria and had to be match funded. Mr Richardson agreed that basic maintenance of ditches had been poor, but advised that the Council had acquired a paid for service in plant and machinery which meant that last year more ditching work had been carried out than in the past. The Neighbourhood Area Manager added that the biggest problem had been complying with SEPA with regard to disposal of material, the paid for service meant that they could dispose on site, if ditches were wide enough, and SBC did not have to incur the cost of landfill, which was approximately £100.00 per tonne.

DECISION

NOTED the presentation

NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEME WORKS

10. There had been circulated copies of a report by the Service Director for Neighbourhood Services seeking approval for new neighbourhood small schemes from the Area Forum. The following schemes had been requested for consideration by the Teviot and Liddesdale Members:- provide shelter at Wellogate Cemetery Extension, Hawick, grass cutting at The

Mote, Hawick and footpath repairs at Wilton Path Garden, Hawick. Updated previously approved Small Schemes were listed in Appendix A to the report. The Neighbourhood Area Manager reported that the decision in respect of grass cutting at The Mote was required retrospectively, as the grass cutting had taken place. He clarified that there was no longer a remote cutter, the cutting now being carried out by a contractor using a harness.

DECISION

(a) AGREED the following new Neighbourhood Small Schemes for implementation:-

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| (i) Provide shelter at Wellogate Cemetery Extension Install dropped kerbs on Maxton Court, Hawick. | £3,200 |
| (ii) Grass cutting at The Mote, Hawick; and | £400 |
| (iii) Footpath repairs at Wilton Path Garden, Hawick | £1,580 |

RE-DETERMINATION OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF PASSAGE OF MELGUND BRIDGE, HAWICK – DH15/3

11. There had been circulated copies of a report by the Service Director Commercial Services proposing to re-determine the public rights of passage to Melgund Bridge, Hawick from carriageway to footway so as to prevent use by vehicular traffic but allowed continued use by pedestrians. Melgund Bridge was situated in the town of Hawick and formed part of the DH15/3 public road. The road links to the town centre with the “Terraces” area of the town and was currently used by both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Due to identified deterioration to part of the bridge structure it had been closed to vehicular traffic since early November 2013. During this time, however, it had been possible to cordon off part of the bridge to allow continued pedestrian use. During the time the road had been closed to vehicular traffic no complaints had been received by Scottish Borders Council. Local residents and pedestrian users of the bridge, had intimated that their preference was for the bridge to be permanently closed to vehicular traffic. The Asset Manager and Network Manager of the Council’s Commercial Services section supported this view. Police Scotland and The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service had been consulted regarding the proposal and had raised no objections

DECISION

AGREED

- (a) The redetermination of the public rights of passage to Melgund Bridge from carriageway to footway so as to prevent use by vehicular traffic but allow continued use by pedestrians; and**
- (b) To delegate authority to instruct the confirmation of the order to the Council’s Commercial Services Director – Place, provided there were no substantive objections.**

EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – ONE WAY ON LANGLANDS ROAD.

12. There had been circulated copies of a report by Service Director Commercial Services proposing to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order for an experimental one-way traffic operation along a length of Landlands Road, Hawick. Representations had been made to the Council raising concerns about the speed of traffic and associated road safety concerns in Langlands Road, Hawick. An investigation into the extent of the issues reported was undertaken and it was agreed with residents, Members and Police Scotland that a system of one-way working should be trialled. The experimental Traffic Regulation Order was proposed for a period of six months. After which further consultation and a further report would be required to make the Order permanent.

DECISION

AGREED

- (a) To approve the making of the Scottish Borders Council (Langlands Road, Hawick) (Experimental One-Way) (Traffic Regulation Order) 2014 to implement an**

experimental one-way traffic operation in respect of Langlands Road, from the Roadhead junction eastbound to the Rosalee Brae junction in Hawick; and

- (b) To request that the Assistant Engineer report back to the December Meeting of the Forum with an update on the Experimental Order.**

POLICE SCOTLAND

13. Inspector Wood had circulated a report on performance, activities and issues across the Ward for the period up to 17 June 2014. The report highlighted that there had been a 14% reduction in reported crime compared to the same period last year with a 15.33% decrease in solvency over the same timescale. Five Anti Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Tickets were issued during May 2014, targeted patrols continued in areas where youth issues and dog fouling had been identified. Thirty five stop and searches had been carried out during May 2014 which resulted in seven seizures of alcohol from underage drinkers. Three items of drugs had been recovered through street searches during the same period. Nine road checks had been carried out; one conditional offer was issued to a driver using a mobile phone, and one conditional offer to a driver for a seatbelt offence. One conditional offer was issued to a motorist for a speeding offence during the same time period. The Forum were concerned at the 5% drop in the solvency rates over the period and the Chairman would contact Inspector Wood for clarification.

DECISION

NOTED the report.

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

14. Station Manager Russell Bell, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service was in attendance and had circulated a report on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service activity for the month of May 2014. There had been three non-deliberate house fires, with one casualty. There had been seven open fire occurrences – one controlled burning, three non deliberate and three deliberate; one assistance to Ambulance service and one water rescue, There had also been 11 unwanted fire signals. The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Scottish Borders 2014-2017 had been approved following its consultation period the subsequent ward plans for Hawick and Denholm and Hawick and Hermitage would follow in due course. Mr Russell confirmed that a Fire Officer would be in attendance at Burnfoot Carnival. Councillor Marshall reported that there were concerns at Silverbuthall and Dickson Street flats, property had been left in the stairwells which caused a fire hazard. Mr Russell stated that the difficulty was trying to locate the owner of the property but that he would target these areas again.

DECISION

NOTED the report.

OPEN QUESTIONS

15. (a) A member of the public asked why three signposts in the town (two at Sainsbury and one in the High Street) were not of the standard design laid down in the Regeneration Plan, the Chairman would investigate.
- (b) A question was asked regarding the Boundary Commission's consultation on reduction of the number of councillors, the proposal was to reduce from 34 to 32 councillors. Councillor Marshall reported that Scottish Borders Council had responded to the consultation requesting that the status quo remain and a response from the Boundary Commission was awaited.
- (c) A question on Land Review Reform was asked and whether the inventory of Common Good properties had been completed
- (d) A question was asked if consideration had been given to the Great Tapestry of Scotland being located in Hawick – at Drumlanrig Tower or the Tower Mill. Councillor Paterson responded that it had been suggested at Council but that a feasibility study had been undertaken, the outcome of which was to locate the Tapestry at Tweedbank and this was the option that Members had agreed. A

detailed business case was being prepared and would be reported to Council in the near future.

**DECISION
NOTED.**

COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT

16. Mrs Short, Hawick Community Council reported that Hawick Common Good had agreed to their proposal for a circular walk around Willestruther Loch. Hawick in Bloom floral baskets had been erected. Letters had been sent to Hawick businesses asking if they would be interested in attending a meeting regarding the High Street Project. They were entering the Floral Gateway Competition and had asked businesses to improve and enhance their properties. There would be a meeting with Banks Renewables on 14 July
17. Mr Roberts, Denholm & District Community Council, reported that the main focus for the Community Council was the proposal for erection of a Wind-farm at Birneyknowe which they were opposing. A public meeting was to be held to discuss the proposal. The Community Council had submitted a response objecting to the process which they felt lacked transparency, furthermore requesting a response within 21 days was unrealistic. The Borders Walking Festival was going ahead.
18. The Burnfoot Carnival would take place on 5 July 2014.

**DECISION
NOTED the reports.**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

19. Agreed that the next meeting be held on 19 August 2014 at 6.30 pm in the Lesser Hall, Hawick.

The meeting concluded at 8.50 pm.

NEIGHBOURHOOD SMALL SCHEME WORKS

Report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services

TEVIOT & LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

19 August 2014

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report seeks approval for the proposed new Neighbourhood small schemes from the Area Forum and updates the Forum on previously approved Small Schemes.**
- 1.2 The following schemes have been requested for consideration by the Teviot & Liddesdale members: - Repaint railings at Green Terrace, Hawick. Install notice board at Burnfoot, Hawick. Contribution towards providing power point at Burnfoot, Hawick. Update previously approved Small Schemes are listed in Appendix A.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 **I recommend that the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum:**

(a) approves the following new Neighbourhood Small Schemes for implementation:-

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| (i) | Repaint railings at Green Terrace, Hawick | £2,960 |
| (ii) | Install notice board at Burnfoot, Hawick | £550 |
| (iii) | Contribution towards providing power point at Burnfoot, Hawick | £800 |

(b) notes the updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes as detailed in Appendix A to this report.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Elected Members, Community Councils and the public can request potential small schemes or work to be undertaken by the Neighbourhood squads by contacting the Neighbourhood Area Manager direct. Neighbourhood Operations is contactable via the new Scottish Borders Council telephone number 0300 100 1800, e-mail address – enquiries@scotborders.gov.uk or by writing to Neighbourhood Services, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose TD6 0SA.

The following schemes have been requested for consideration via these routes to enhance the Teviot & Liddesdale Area:-

- (a) Repaint existing railings at Green Terrace, Hawick (£2,960). This request was received from local Ward Councillors.
 - (b) Remove existing and supply and install new notice board at Kenilworth Avenue, Burnfoot, Hawick (£550). This request was received from local Ward Councillors.
 - (c) Contribution towards provision of permanent electrical supply for festive lighting at Kenilworth Avenue, Burnfoot, Hawick (£800). This request was received from a local Ward Councillor.
- 3.2 Works will be scheduled to meet specific area needs, local timetables and to maximise the overall efficiency of the works programme.
- 3.3 Updates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes as detailed in Appendix A to this report.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

- (a) A budget of £34,702 is available through Neighbourhood Services for small schemes in the Teviot and Liddesdale area in 2014/15. It has been agreed previously that this budget will be split equally between the Hawick & Hermitage and Hawick & Denholm Wards. If the above schemes are approved, then there will be a remaining budget of £5,061 in Hawick & Hermitage Ward and £4,556 in Hawick & Denholm Ward for future schemes.

Appendix A list up-dates on previously approved Neighbourhood Small Schemes.

- (b) In addition, a budget of £20,000 is available for Quality of Life schemes in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area in 2014/15.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

If the small schemes budget is not spent, the local area will not benefit from improvement works being carried out.

4.3 **Equalities**

The proposals within this report will not have an adverse impact on any of the equality groups - race, disability, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief.

4.4 **Acting Sustainably**

It is anticipated that there will be a variety of economic, social or environmental benefits arising from the proposed schemes in para 2.1.

4.5 **Carbon Management**

There are no significant effects anticipated on carbon emissions to the Council by doing or not doing what is proposed.

4.6 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There are no changes to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation

4.7 **Rural Proofing**

This report does not relate to new or amended policy or strategy and as a result rural proofing is not an applicable consideration.

5 **CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Service Director Strategy and Policy, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR, the Service Director Interim Capital Projects and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated in to the report.

Approved by

Service Director Neighbourhood Services

Signature

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TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA
SB LOCAL SMALL SCHEMES

APPENDIX A

Location	Work Description	Origin	Date of Enquiry	Status ¹	Price	Available Budget	Comments
Total Budget available for SB Local Small Schemes						£34,702	
						£17,351	
Hawick & Hermitage							
Trinity Gardens, Hawick	Refurbish railings etc.			Completed	£1,945	£15,406	
Drumlanrig Square, Hawick	Refurbish railings etc.			Completed	£3,785	£11,621	
Wellogate Cemetery Extension, Hawick	Supply & install shelter			On-going	£3,200	£8,421	
The Mote, Hawick	Grass Cutting			Completed	£400	£8,021	
Hawick & Denholm						£17,351	
Maxton Court, Hawick	Install dropped kerbs			Completed	£2,100	£15,251	
Hornshole, near Hawick	Kerb edge of carriageway			Completed	£3,600	£11,651	
Wilton Path, Hawick	Repaint railings & wall repairs			Completed	£4,165	£7,486	
Wilton Path, Hawick	Footpath repairs			On-going	£1,580	£5,906	
Remaining Balance for SB Local Small Schemes						£13,927	

HAWICK TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Report by Service Director Commercial Services

TEVIOT AND LIDDESDALE AREA FORUM

19 August 2014

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 **This report proposes to amend the (Various Streets, Hawick) (Regulation of Traffic) Order 1988.**
- 1.2 Since the last TRO review in 2012, Scottish Borders Council has received various comments regarding the parking and movements of vehicles in Hawick and proposes to amend the TRO.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Teviot and Liddesdale Area Forum approves the amendments to The Scottish Borders Council (The Borders Regional Council) (Various Streets, Hawick) (Regulation of Traffic) Order 1988, as amended, detailed in the plans in Appendix A and the relevant extract from the Draft Traffic Regulation Order in Appendix A.**

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 Since the previous TRO amendment in 2012, comments and complaints have been received regarding the parking and movements of vehicles within Hawick. These comprise primarily of requests for local prohibition of waiting on the carriageway. These requests have been considered by officers and elected Members. Proposals have been collated into a single Traffic Order amendment and are listed below:-

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| • Trinity Street – Proposed Parking | Drawing no. Hawick/1 |
| • Brougham Place
proposed extension to access restriction | Drawing no. Hawick/2 |
| • behind Howgate - DYL at access to steps | Drawing no. Hawick/3 |
| • Fenwick Park – DYL at Bend | Drawing no. Hawick/4 |
| • Elm House Hotel – Access Extension | Drawing no. Hawick/5 |
| • Twirlees Road – DYL at junctions - Amended | Drawing no. Hawick/6A |
| • Green Terrace – DYL | Drawing no. Hawick/7 |
| • Liddesdale Road – DYL at Crowbyres | Drawing no. Hawick/8 |
| • St Ninian's Road – DYL at junction | Drawing no. Hawick/9 |
| • Linden Crescent – DYL at bend | Drawing no. Hawick/10 |
| • Oliver Crescent – DYL at Hall | Drawing no. Hawick/11 |

3.2 Statutory consultation was carried out on ten of the eleven proposals (Drawing Nos. 1 – 10) from 7 April 2014 to 5 May 2014. The eleventh (Drawing No. 11) was subject to statutory consultation from 16 June 2014 to 15 July 2014. No adverse comments were received from either consultation.

3.3 The proposals (Drawings Nos. 2 – 11) were advertised to the public from 25 July 2014 to 15 August 2014. Drawing No. 1 was not included in the public deposition or draft Order as these proposals do not require to be made by Order. At the time of writing this report, only one response had been received. A copy of this has been included in Appendix C. The correspondent has been acknowledged and advised that his comment would be included in this report for consideration.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

The financial implications associated with the recommendations relate to carriageway markings, signage and advertising costs.

- a) £3,000

The cost would be borne by the existing Aids to Movement budget.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

- (a) The risk of not proceeding with the recommendations is that vehicles will be stopping in unsafe or inappropriate locations.

- (b) A risk of proceeding with the proposed amendments is that speeds may increase as a result of on-street parking being removed.

4.3 **Equalities**

An Equalities Impact Assessment scoping exercise has been carried out on this proposal which concluded that there are no adverse equality implications and a full EIA was not required.

4.4 **Acting Sustainably**

There are no significant impacts on the economy, community or environment arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.5 **Carbon Management**

There are no significant effects on carbon emissions arising from the proposals contained in this report.

4.6 **Rural Proofing**

This report does not relate to new or amended policy or strategy and as a result rural proofing is not an applicable consideration.

4.7 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There are no changes to be made to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals contained in this report.

5 **CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Service Director Strategy and Policy, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR, the Service Director Interim Capital Projects and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated in to the report.

Approved by

Service Director Commercial Services Signature

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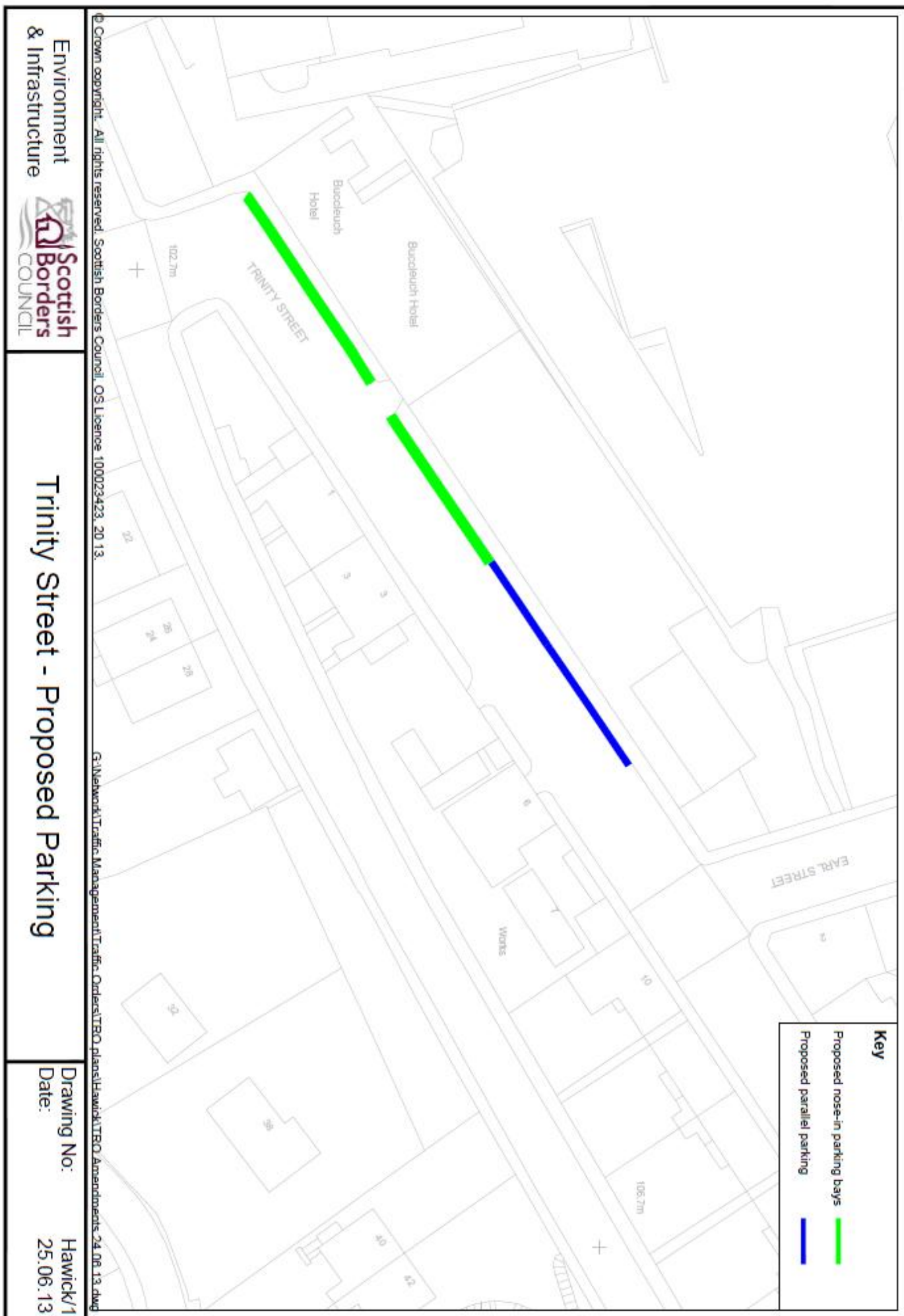
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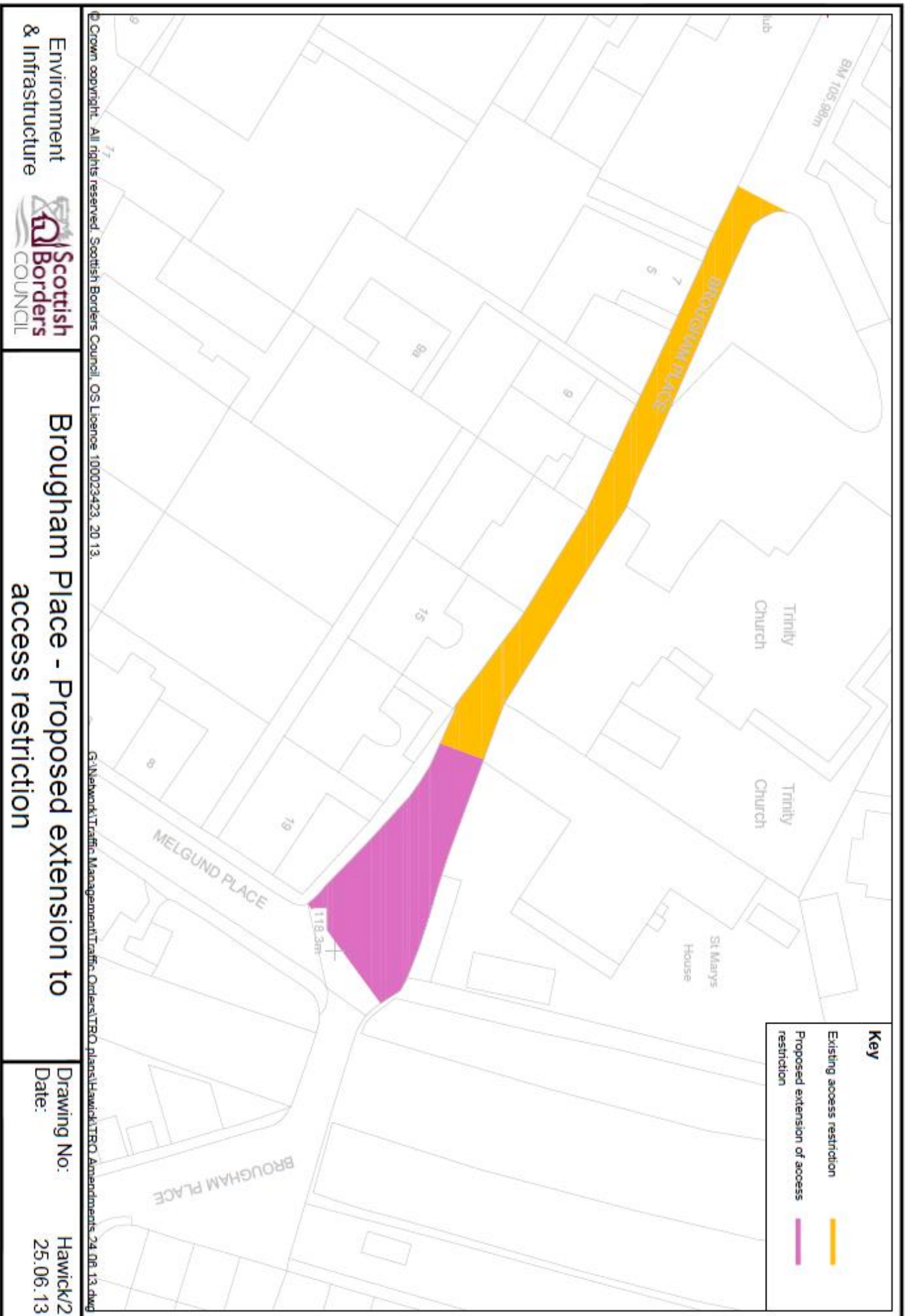
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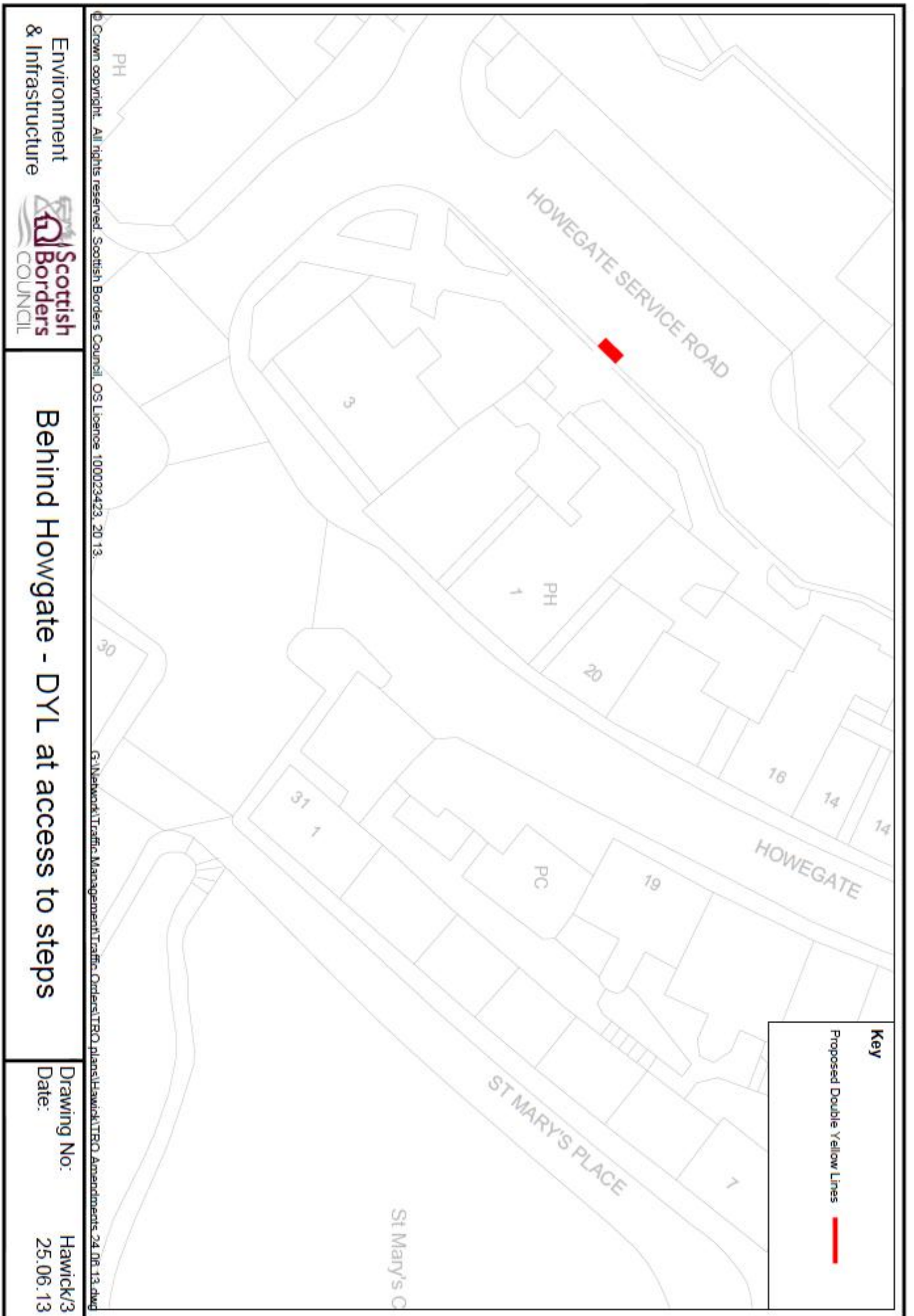
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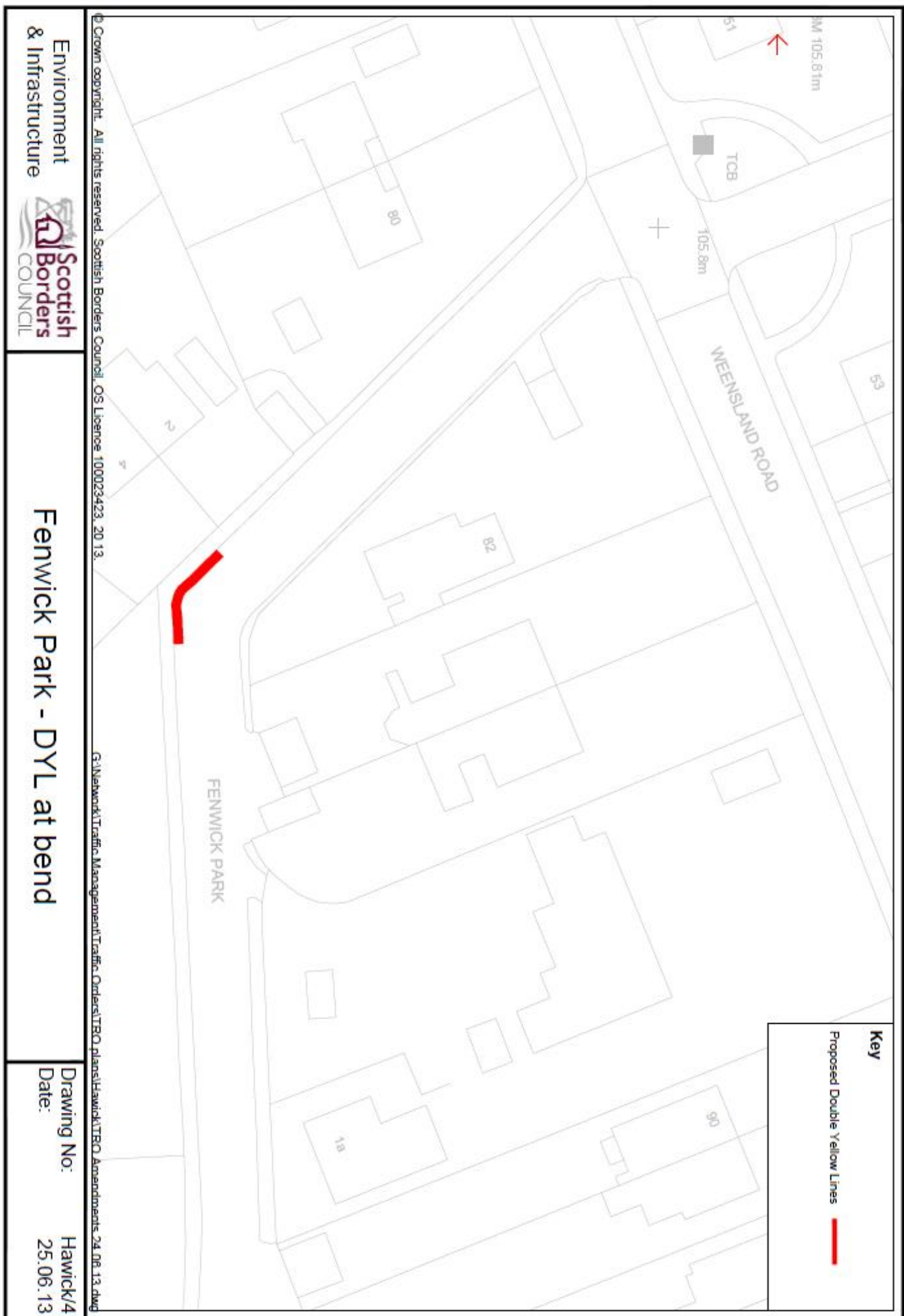
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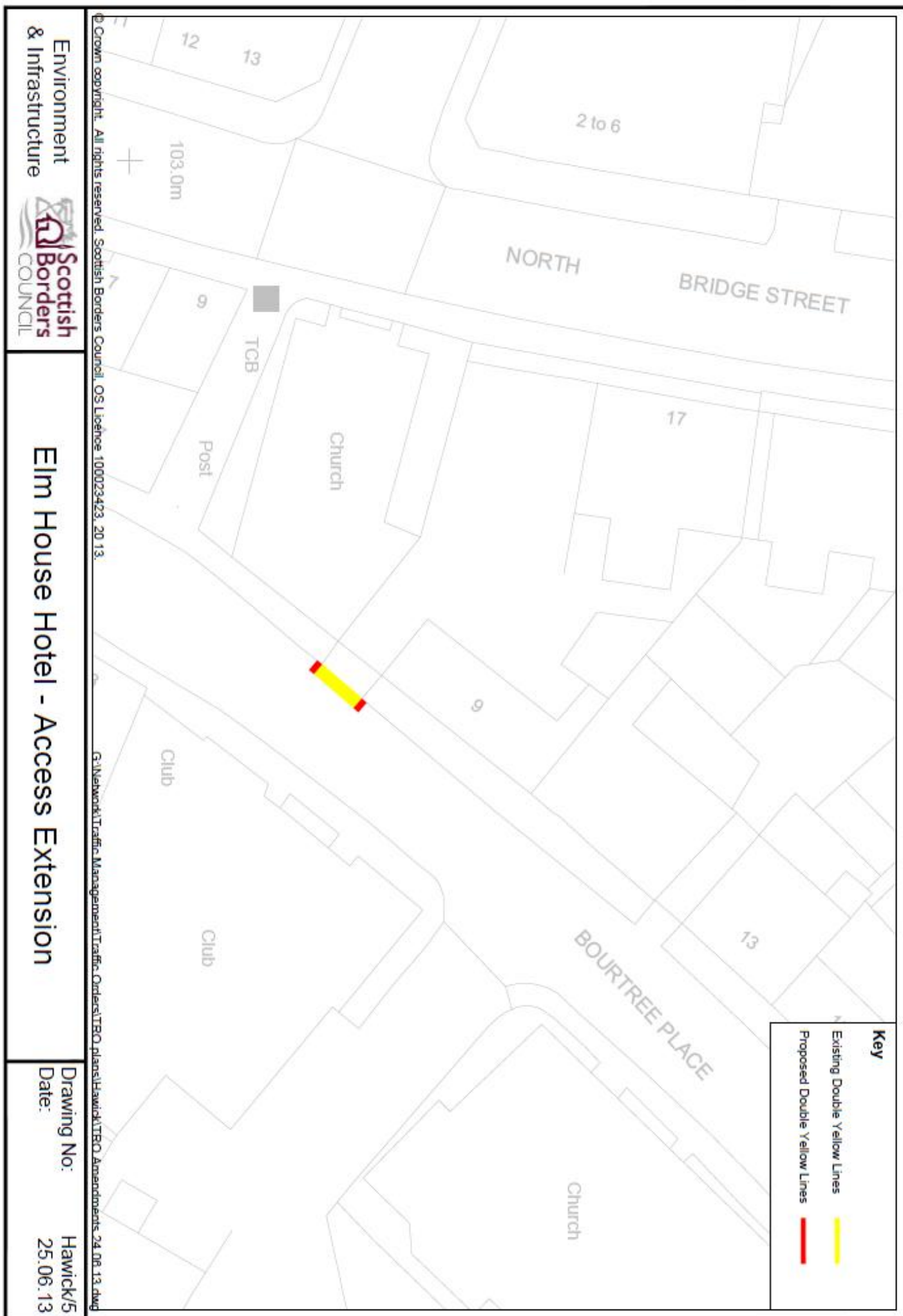
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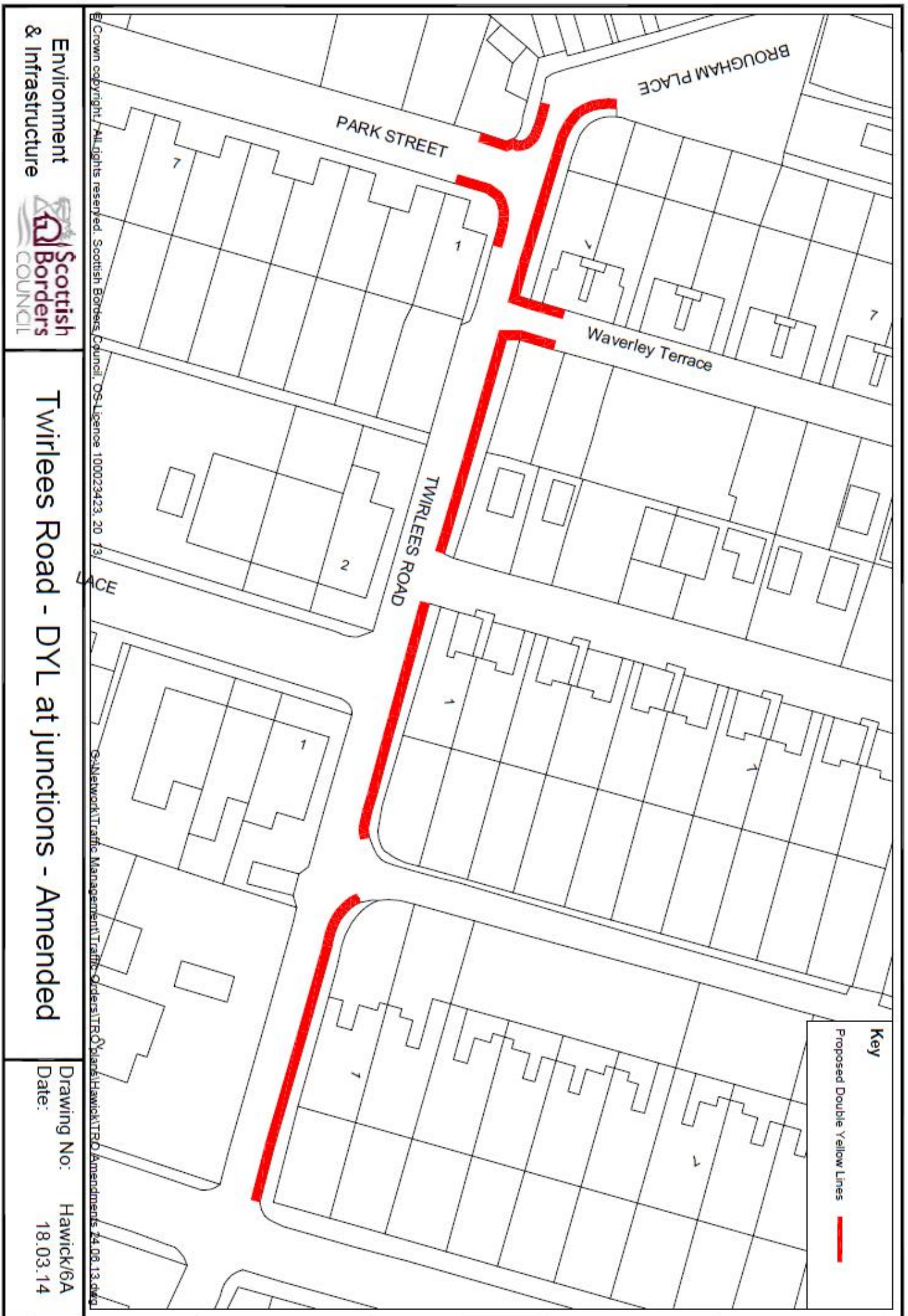


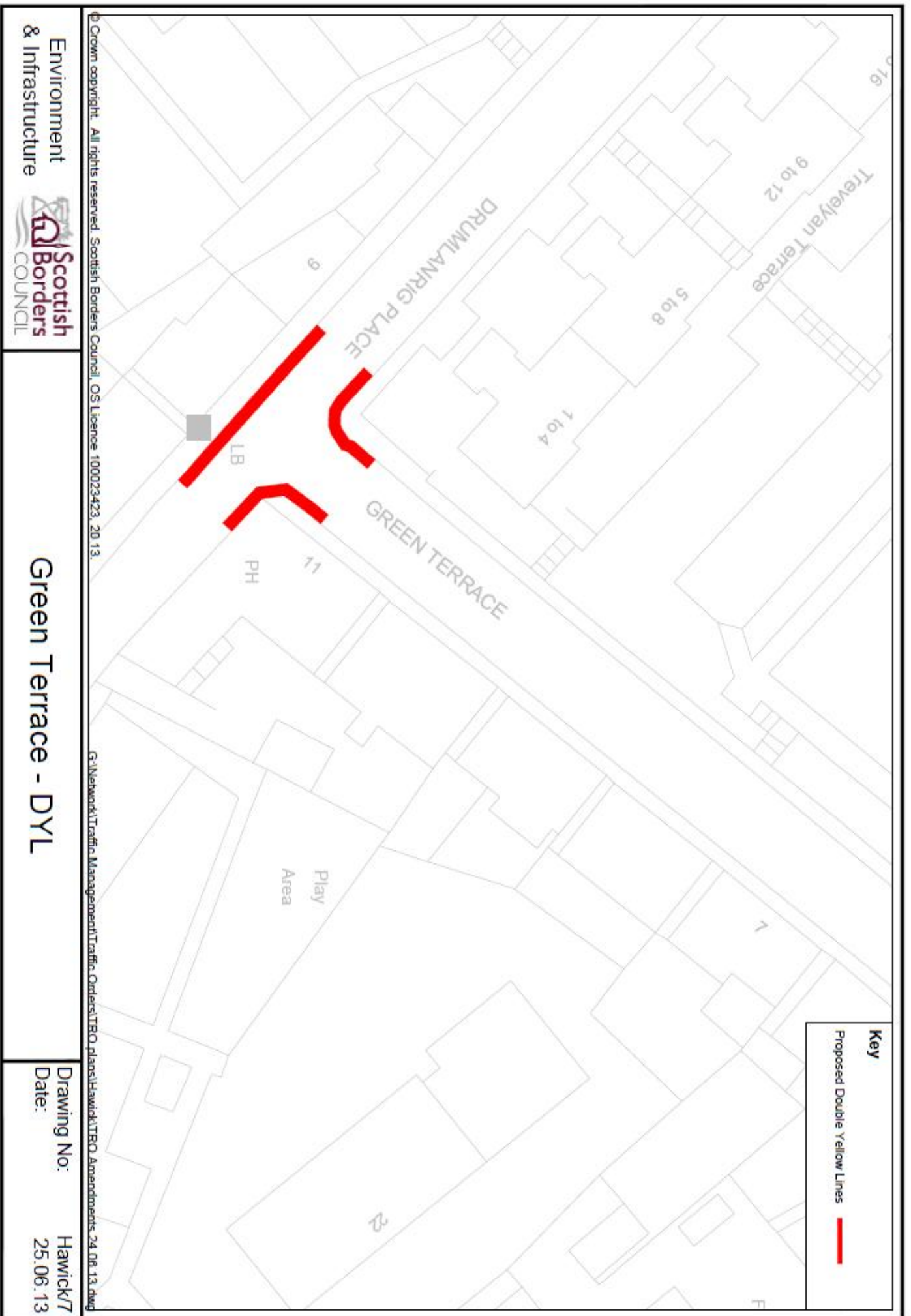


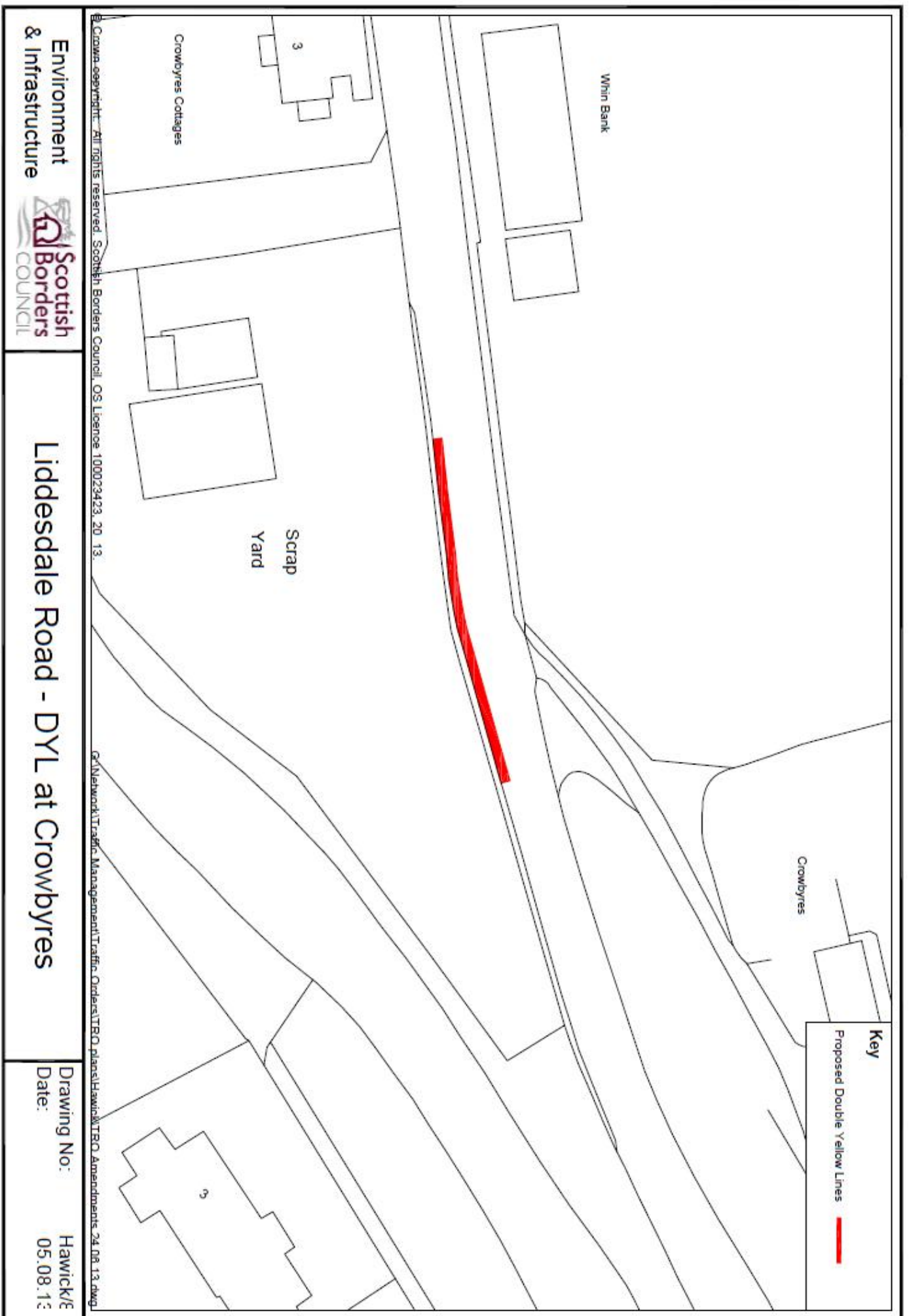


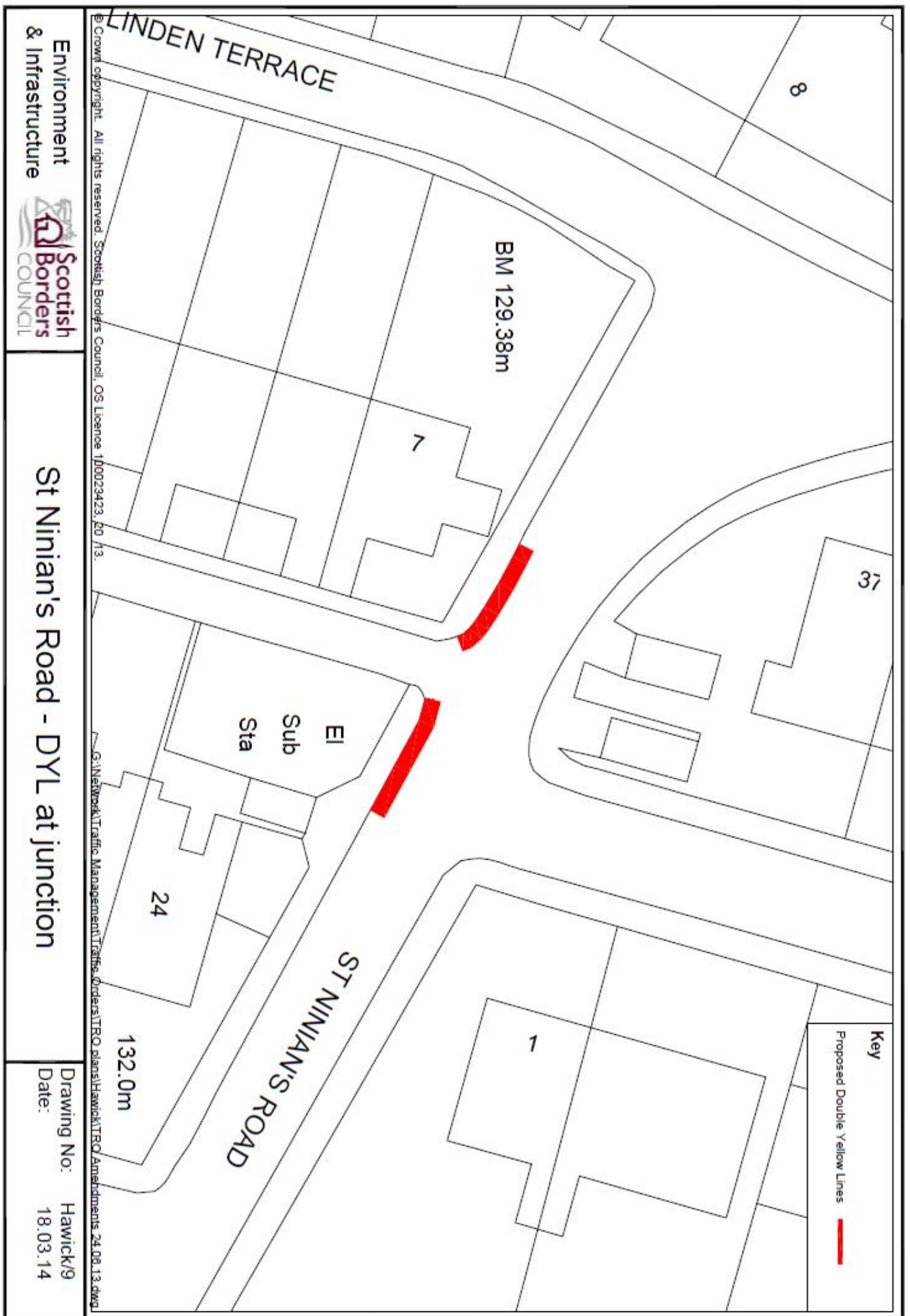


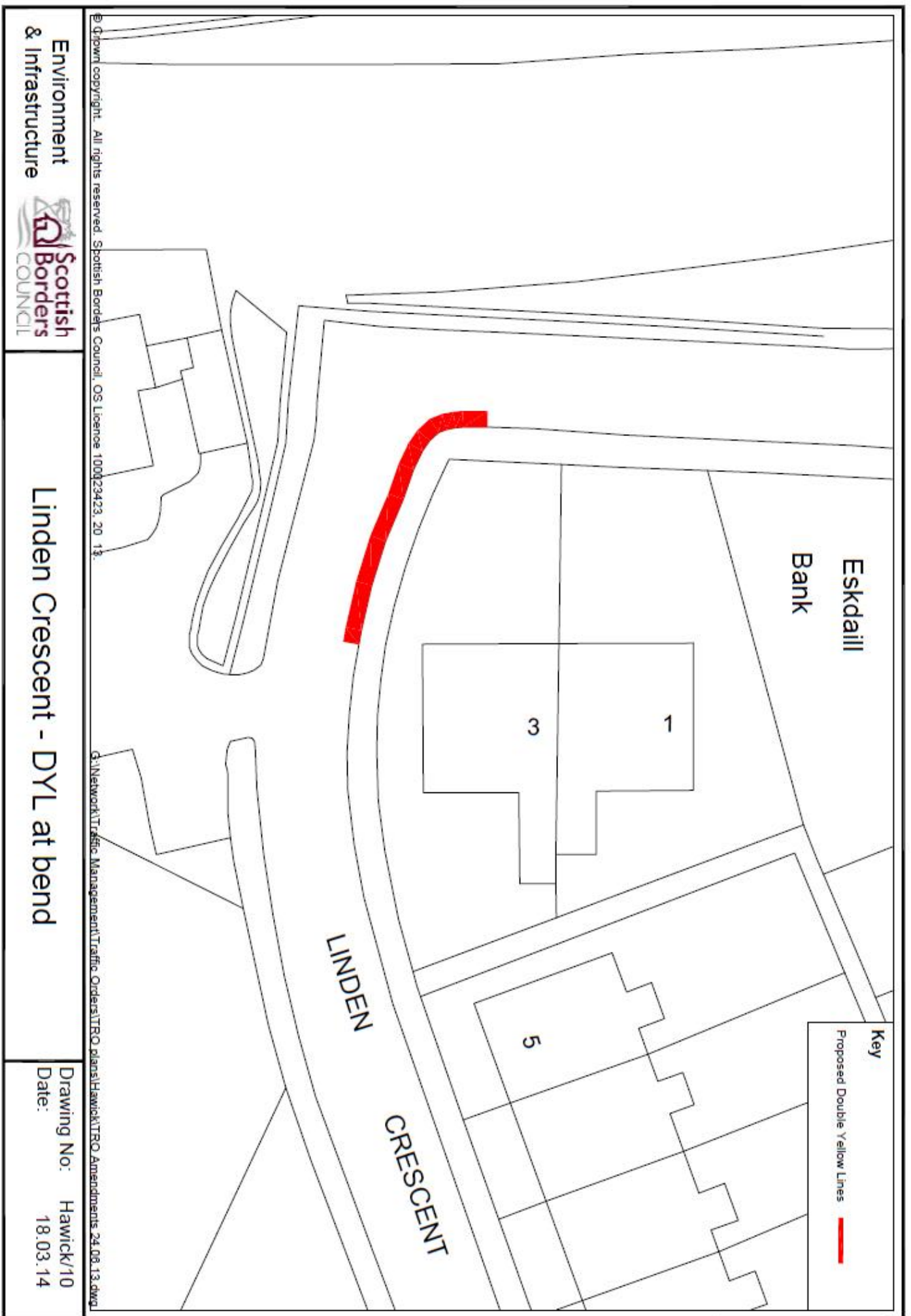


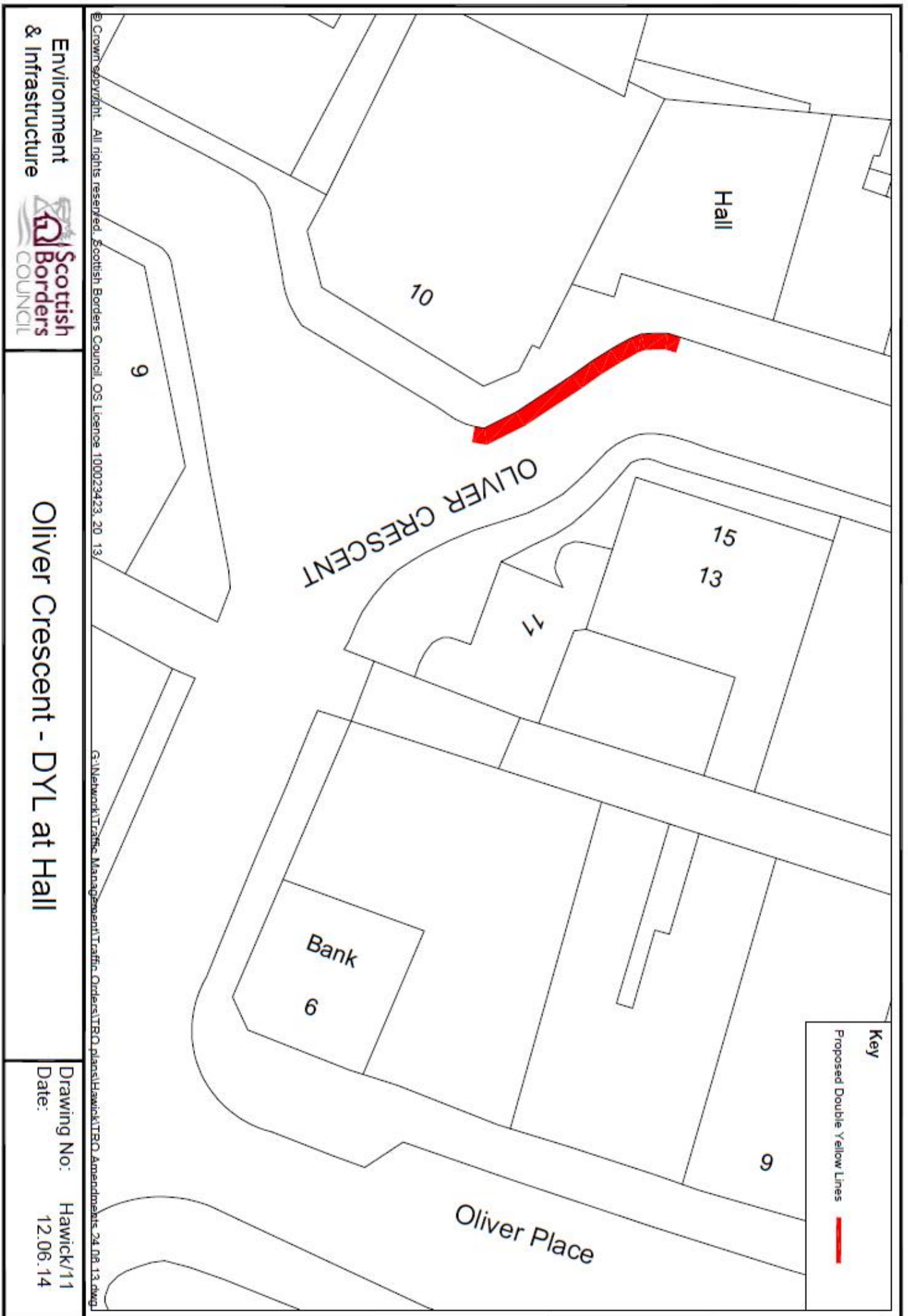












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SCHEDULE I

Schedule 1 of the 1988 order as amended which deals with roads or lengths of road where waiting is prohibited at any time shall be amended as follows:

1. In **Item 6** relating to Bourtree Place, insert:

“North-east side	From a point 63m south-west from its junction with Union Street south-westwards for a distance of 5m”
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2. In **Item 77** relating to Howgate Service Road, insert:

“South-east side	From a point 45m north-west then north-east from its junction from Howgate north-eastwards for a length of 2m”
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3. In **Item 78** relating to Liddesdale Road, insert:

“South side	From a point 25m west from the centre point of its access to Crowbyres eastwards for a distance of 38m”
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4. In **Item 85** relating to Oliver Crescent, insert:

“West side of northern arm	From a point 54m south of its junction with Croft Road southward for a distance of 15m.”
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5. Add new item:

“90. <u>Fenwick Park</u> South side	From a point 55m south-east from its junction with Weensland Road south-eastwards then eastwards for a length of 12m”
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6. Add new item:

“91. <u>Twirlees Road</u> South Side	From Brougham Place to a point 5m east of its eastern kerbline with Park Street
North side	From Brougham Place to junction with Yarrow Terrace”

7. Add new item:

“92. <u>Waverley Terrace</u> Both sides	From junction with Twirlees Road northwards for a distance of 5m”
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8. Add new item:

“93. <u>Park Street</u> Both sides	From junction with Twirlees Road southwards for a distance of 6m”
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9. Add new item:

“94. <u>Drumlanrig Place</u> Both sides	From a point 5m north-west of its north-western kerblin with Green Terrace south-eastwards for a distance of 17m”
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10. Add new item:

“95. <u>Green Terrace</u> Both sides	From its junction with Drumlanrig Place north-eastwards for a distance of 10m”
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11. Add new item:

“96. <u>St Ninian’s Road</u> South side	From a point opposite the eastern kerblin of its junction with Douglas Road westward for a distance of 19m”
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12. “97. Linden Crescent
North side

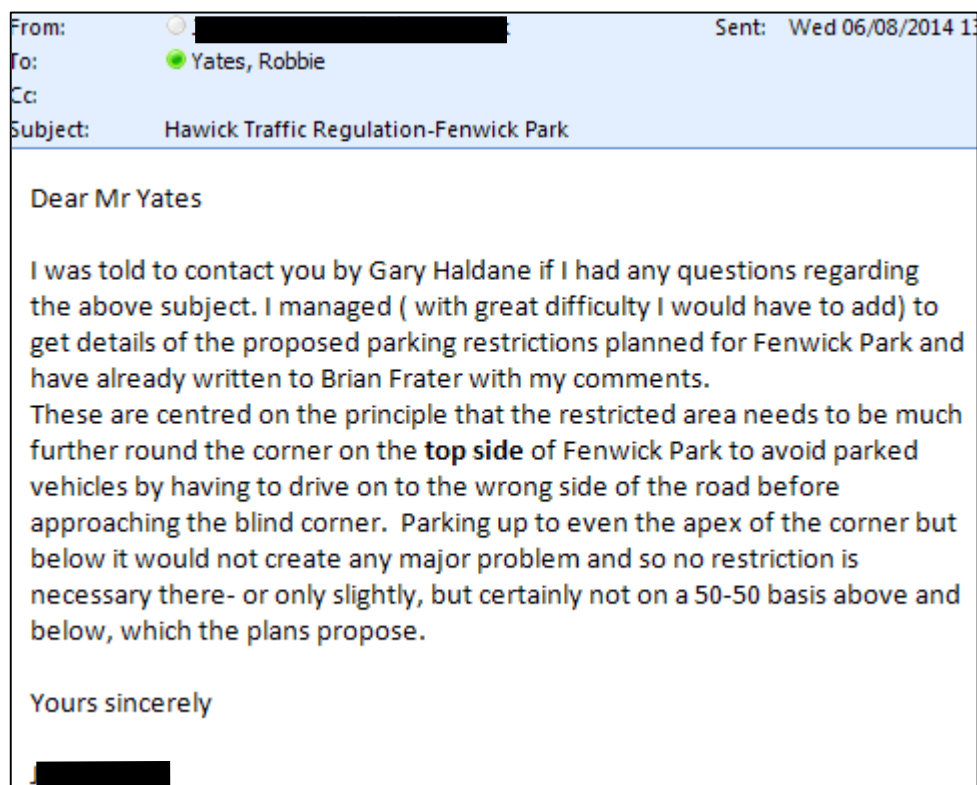
From a point opposite the western kerblin of its junction with Douglas Haig Court westward then northward for a distance of 17m.”

SCHEDULE VI

Schedule VI of the 1988 order as amended, which deals with prohibition of driving, shall be amended as follows:

1. In **Item 1** relating to Brougham Place, delete “24m north-west of”

Appendix C – Objections/Comments





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Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum – 19th August 2014 Police Report

Inspector Carol Wood

Detailed below is an update on performance, activities and issues across the Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum ward areas for the period up to 31 July 2014.

Performance in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area

Crimes Groups 1 to 5 (Ref: Measuring Our Performance)						
Area	This year to date			Last year to date		
	Rec.	Sol.	% Sol	Rec.	Sol.	% Sol
Teviot & Liddesdale Ward	195	102	52.31%	228	140	61.40%
Scottish Borders	1022	547	53.52%	1091	605	55.45%

These figures show that the Teviot & Liddesdale Wards recorded a 14% reduction in reported crime compared to the same period last year with a 9.09% decrease in solvency over the same timescale. Whilst I would like to have seen a more positive solvency rate, we cannot overlook the fact that there have been 33 fewer crimes recorded. This indicates there are fewer victims of crime, which can only be a good thing.

NB: The above statistics are as recorded on 31st July 2014. There will be slight variations throughout the year due to the recording mechanism in that some crimes reported in July may not be detected until weeks or months later and similarly, there will be detected crimes in the July figure that were reported earlier in the year. It will not be until the end of the reporting year that the accurate crime figures will be officially published.

There is no doubt July 2014 has been a challenging month for Police Scotland with a number of officers abstracted from their areas to provide security and policing arrangements for the Commonwealth Games. That said there remained strong resilience with local officers due to the restrictions on annual leave and significant local planning to ensure there was no detriment to local policing services.

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The combined Ward Plan Priorities are:

Anti Social Behaviour – Groups of Youths and Dog Fouling

- There are currently 25 individuals at various stages of the anti social behaviour process.
- During July there were four Anti Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Tickets issued.
- Targeted patrols by our Community Officers continue in areas where dog fouling has previously been identified and there were two fixed penalty notices issued in relation to this during July.

Tackling Substance Misuse – Underage Drinking

- There were 37 stop and searches carried out during July 2014, which resulted in five seizures of alcohol from underage drinkers.
- Nine items of drugs were recovered through 'street searches' during the same time period. This is a priority area for us but we will always adopt a targeted, intelligence led approach.

Rural Theft

- There was a break-in to a business premises in Newcastleton at the end of July where some hand held radios, a laptop and power tools were stolen. Our Community Investigation Unit who are a dedicated group of officers dedicated to carrying out enquiries into domestic and business break-ins, are investigating this report.
- During July we highlighted that there has been an increase in the amount of incidents being reported where horses in fields have had their manes or their tails pleated. Messages have been issued through social media for horse owners to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity near to their horses or land.
- Community Officers will continue to visit itinerant scrap metal dealers along with internal and external partners to establish if any criminal activity is taking place. We liaise closely with neighbouring forces, sharing information to assist in tackling rural crimes, particularly in relation to travelling criminals.

Making Our Roads Safer – Speeding and Inconsiderate Driving

- We carried out 17 road checks throughout both ward areas during July.
- Three conditional offers were issued to motorists for speeding offences and one conditional offer was given for driving whilst using a mobile phone. Numerous warnings were also administered to other drivers who weren't going quite fast enough to get a ticket.
- There were four warnings administered for the anti social use of a vehicle during July. This is an area we are looking to make progress in and through liaison with our roads policing officers, particular attention will be given to Hawick over the next few weeks due to a number of complaints we have received relating to this area. I would encourage members of the public to phone in to report any incidents they witness and note down registration numbers when possible, which would assist with follow-up police enquiries.

Other Incidents of Note

Although the incident happened in June, I would like to mention the assault and robbery of an elderly resident of Hawick. This was an awful incident and due to the quick actions and alertness of a member of the public, the male responsible was quickly identified, detained, charged and kept for court. Thankfully incidents of this type are rare within our area and it is re-assuring to know we can rely on the public to assist with enquiries into serious matters.

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As a result of some pro-active enquiry carried out by your community officer in Newcastleton and information provided by the local community, a substantial cannabis farm was located in a remote location near to the village. Two persons have been charged with supply of class B drugs. Those involved in this cultivation had links to serious and organised crime in the Manchester area. The success of this recovery is down to the positive relationship our local officer has with his community and the confidence they have in coming forward to report their suspicions. The value of this recovery is anywhere between £17000 and £50000. This was an excellent result and our thanks go out the local community for their assistance.

A pro-active multi-agency intervention was carried out in a particular area of Burnfoot where a number of calls had been received and some residents were being subjected to anti social behaviour. The police, ASB unit and the registered social landlord spoke with a number of residents, gave out advice leaflets and also spoke with groups of youths, highlighting to them the effect their behaviour had on their community. This type of intervention is something that we have employed on a number of occasions and highlights the positives of multi agency working. It gives members of the community confidence to report matters and explains how the process works.

Policing Plans

Your Multi Member Ward plans can be accessed via the Police Scotland website through the following links:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders/scottish-borders/hawick-and-denholm/>

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/the-lothians-and-scottish-borders/scottish-borders/hawick-and-hermitage/>

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Teviot & Liddesdale Area Forum August 2014 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Report.

(Station Manager Russell Bell)

Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the Teviot & Liddesdale Forum on Scottish Fire and Rescue Service activity for the month of June & July 2014.

Response & Resilience activity in the Teviot & Liddesdale Area

Incident type	Occurrences	Detail	Casualties
Fire- House	4	2 kitchen, 1 bathroom, 2 chimney.	1
Fire- Open	6	1 car, 1 controlled burning, 2 in wooded areas (deliberate), 2 refuse (deliberate).	0
Special Service	3	2 entrapments, 1 entry to lockfast premises, 1 blood spillage (assist ambulance), 1 fallen tree.	1
Unwanted Fire Signals	17		0

Prevention and Protection

Fire prevention and protection activity over recent years has been key to reducing the number of fires, casualties and losses in Scotland thus minimising the economic and social impact of fire on communities. The seasonal community safety calendar

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provides the catalyst for a number of initiatives and schemes throughout the calendar year.

Activity, which is ongoing at the moment within the Teviot & Liddesdale area;

- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service staff in all our local stations provide Home Fire Safety Visits all year round. The visits provide the householder with a home visit, focussing on identifying and reducing the risks of fire in the home. Smoke detectors with a 10-year battery life are provided as part of this free service.
- Firesharp is an initiative for Primary 6 pupils, providing face-to-face education within our local Primary schools on matters of fire risk and prevention.
- Fire Safety Audits provide a targeted examination of a business premises and their relevant documents to ascertain how the premises are being managed regarding fire safety. The enforcement officer also engages with members of staff to confirm their level of fire safety awareness.
- Unwanted Fire Signals are being addressed by our phased intervention actions which identifies premises which are producing 'false alarms', provides guidance on how to reduce a reoccurrence, and can also evoke legislation if occurrences fail to reduce in number.
- Fire Case Study and Adult & Child Protection Policies ensure multi agency involvement is provided for the support and protection for our higher risk members of the community.

Summer Thematic Plan

Thematic plans are initiated by the Prevention & Protection departments of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. The current Summer plan is now active in the Teviot & Liddesdale area with the aim to;

1. Reduce the number of deliberate primary* and secondary** fires
2. Reduce the number of fires in derelict/unoccupied buildings
3. Reduce the number of fires involving refuse/rubbish
4. Reduce the number of outdoor fires involving grass/heather/heathland and/or forested areas.
5. Reduce fire related antisocial behaviour
6. Promote fire safety within seasonal sleeping risks (including, hotels, guest houses/boarding houses, caravan/camping sites and holiday centres)
7. Promote water safety and reduce the number of fires and accidents involving boats, leisure craft and ferries
8. Contribute to the delivery of summer road safety initiatives

**Primary fires include buildings (including mobile homes) which are fit for occupation and those under construction. Caravans & vehicles (not derelict). Outdoor storage, plant and machinery. Agricultural and forestry premises & property.*

***Secondary fires include single derelict buildings. Grassland including heath, hedges, railway embankments and single trees. Intentional straw or stubble burning. Outdoor structures including lamp-posts, traffic signs, playground furniture, hoardings etc. Refuse and refuse containers. Derelict vehicles.*

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