



STONEHOUSE
TOWN COUNCIL

Members of the Town Environment Committee

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Town Environment Committee to be held on Monday 6th November, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG.

Committee Members:

Councillors: Rachel Armstrong, Deborah Curtis, Marcus Dixon, Neil Gibbs (Committee Chair), Carol Kambites (Chair/Town Mayor), Val Randell, Keith Terry (Committee Vice Chair) Theresa Watt.

A period of up to 15 minutes will be set aside at the beginning of the meeting for members of the public to raise questions.

Carlos Novoth
Town Clerk
31st October 2023

Attendees are reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded.

A G E N D A

E/693 To receive apologies.

E/694 Declarations of Interest

E/695 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 9th October.

E/696 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.

E/697 To agree arrangements for the 2023/24 budget setting process.

E/698 To note the ongoing flooding at the bottom of Horsemarling Lane and determine next steps.

E/699 To comment on the proposed 20mph zone in Stonehouse.

E/700 To respond to the review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2023 - see Supporting Papers.

E/701 To respond to the second reading of the Climate and Ecology Bill.

E/702 To make a decision regarding the overgrowth/wild area on the walkway from the Pavilion to the Pod.

E/703 To consider the usage of the top play area in Arrowsmith.

E/704 To consider the return of £1,000.00 donation for Laburnum playing field.

E/705 To comment on planning applications.

E/706 To receive Working Groups updates. Members may wish to note any reports from the following: Comms, Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station, Canal Rejuvenation, Transport and Highways, Public Rights of Way and Recreation.

E/707 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

E/708 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 4th December 2023



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Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee on Monday 11th September, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NG.

Present:

Councillors: Rachel Armstrong, Marcus Dixon, Neil Gibbs (Committee Chair), Carol Kambites, Val Randell, Theresa Watt

Also present: Carlos Novoth (Town Clerk), Gary Wetson (Project Officer) Cllr John Callinan

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Cllr John Callinan was invited to speak in relation to agenda item E/671. He explained that Council had adopted the Arboretum Management Plan and should ideally follow its recommendations. It was acknowledged that whilst the Plan refers to tree inspections, it lacks some clarity. He commented that it was suggested by the author of the management plan that a visual inspection was undertaken of all the town's trees and a more in-depth inspection was carried out on those trees that had previously been considered as presenting a higher risk along with those trees showing signs of new problems that may be found during the visual inspection. Cllr Callinan was aware of the recommendation provided by 'Glendale', the company that undertook last year's tree survey and suggested that Committee may wish to move forward on this basis - this was to only inspect those trees that had been earmarked for re inspection at this time.

E/666 To receive apologies

Apologies were given by Cllr Keith Terry

E/667 Declarations of Interest

There was a declaration of interest by Cllr Theresa Watt in relation to agenda item E/677 (planning application S.23/1625/HHOLD)

E/668 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 10th July.

Committee **APPROVED** the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting

E/669 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.

The Clerk drew Committee's attention to the following budget lines:



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- 2010/1 - The reserve spend was for the planter posts; the remaining net expenditure related to the cost of plants for the planters - the planting work was undertaken by the In Bloomers - the cost of the plants should be recoded to 2010/2
- 2050/1 - Whilst there does not appear to be a high spend at this time, much of the budget has been accounted for with pending transactions
- 2050/3 - The Clerk reminded committee that these costs related to the King's Coronation

Committee **NOTED** the report with a total Expenditure of £23,928.05; Reserve Expenditure of £3,536.98; Income of £1,095.

E/670 To recommend for approval to Full Council, the siting of a memorial bench.

Committee **APPROVED** the Memorial application for a metal bench to be located at the skate park at Oldends Lane in memory of Sam Askew.

E/671 To make a decision regarding the annual tree inspection

Having listened to Cllr John Callinan's comments together with an update from the Clerk, committee members held varying views. However, on further discussion, it was agreed that a full detailed survey should be undertaken each year to ensure the trees are safely managed.

Committee **RESOLVED** to seek comparative quotes from tree consultants to include 'Glendale', to undertake a full detailed tree survey.

E/672 To retrospectively approve a payment of £250.00 to Little Party Heaven, for the Goodwill.

Committee retrospectively **APPROVED** the payment of £250.

E/673 To receive the Stagholt Ecological report, the results and responses to the consultation, and the change of use proposal and next steps.

Committee **NOTED** the Stagholt Ecological report. The level of respondents to the consultation was also **NOTED** - 64 responses of which 75% (48 respondents) were in favour of the new design for the area; 18% (12 respondents) were either against the design and use of the area other than for dog walkers or had concerns about funding and/or future management of the site; 7% (4 respondents) were not concerned whether or not the changes took place. The project officer highlighted some useful feedback in relation to use of the area by people with disabilities and the need for dog waste bins. The Chair stated that he had contacted Standish Parish Council who were in favour of the changes and the Touch Rugby group who were agreeable to moving their weekly game to Oldends Lane playing field.

The Project Officer was already gathering costs for phase 1 of the changes (expansion of the allotments) - he was asked to include JPR Environmental, a



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local company; together with the costs of developing the remaining area over time and with community buy in, he suggested that the council would soon have a realistic costed project - further information is still to be gathered around the number and types of trees to be added and the number and size of allotment plots to be designed into the extended area. It was agreed that once the work had been costed, a decision will be needed by council on the budget to be made available. Local companies and schools are to be approached soon seeking their involvement in the project

Committee asked for the project officer to pull together a press release identifying the outcome and feedback of the consultation.

E/674 To comment on planning applications.

S.23/1451/OUT Land Northwest of Stonehouse.

Mixed use development comprising the following individual, severable and self-contained elements: up to 635 residential dwellings, a primary school, sport & recreation facilities. Associated works including infrastructure, ancillary facilities, open space (including allotments), landscaping & access. Respond by 13th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: Objection raised on a number of issues which are detailed in supporting papers

S.23/1508/VAR Dairy Partners Ltd, Brunel Way, Stonehouse.

Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) & 9 (fencing layout) from permitted application S.22/0903/FUL – alterations to materials, fence layout and the existing earth bund. Respond by 12th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: The town council has received noise complaints from local residents and notes the objection from Stroud District Council's Environmental Health department. The town council believes that the acoustics report does not fully reflect the ???????

S.23/1498/FUL 10 Park Road, Stonehouse.

Erection of two flats. Respond by 12th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: No objection as long as none from neighbours

S.23/1484/REM Land at M5 Junction 13 West of Stonehouse, Eastington

Application for the approval of the reserved matters (layout, scale, external appearance of the stadium and the landscaping of the site) from outline permission S.19/1418/OUT for 5000 capacity football stadium. Respond by 13th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: No comment

Cllr Theresa Watt left the meeting 8.20pm in light of a possible declared interest

S.23/1625/HHOLD 48 Rosedale Avenue, Stonehouse



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Demolition of existing attached garage and erection of a two-storey side extension & single storey front porch extension – resubmission of S.22/2072/HHOLD. Respond by 13th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: No objection as long as none from neighbours

Clr Theresa Watt returned to the meeting at 8.25pm

S.23/1603/FUL 64 Midland Road, Stonehouse

Erection of a dwelling. Respond by 13th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: No objection as long as none from neighbours

TPO/0590 Land adjacent to 162 Arrowsmith Drive, Stonehouse (see supporting papers)

Oak tree. Respond by 12th September.

Comment: The town council wholly supports the recommended Tree Preservation Order

S.19/0291/FUL Stroudwater Canal Phase 1B, Eastington

Reinstatement of the 'Missing Mile' section of the Stroudwater Navigation and development of associated infrastructure including locks, mooring basins, car parking, café/pub. And leisure facilities building with combined office and residence for basin manger. Respond by 13th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: The town council recognises the value of the canal to the area and absolutely support phase 1B of the development of the canal network. It does feel however that the planned infrastructure in this location is somewhat replicating facilities that already exist in fairly close proximity (Saul Junction). It is felt that relocating the facilities further in land, particularly in the Stonehouse area, where there is known land available to support such infrastructure, would provide greater value to tourists and hence the local economy, be far more accessible to a greater pool of local people by virtue of being closer to a large urban development and, visitors that may wish or need to travel by public transport (as the location is on a planned public transport route). It is unfortunate that the existing location provides only for very narrow boats to access the remaining canal network in an easterly direction.

S.23/1735/TCA 8 Barlow Close, Stonehouse

Coppice trees within 2m of property boundary wall, crown lift over garage by 3m and fell maple to rear. Respond by 26th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: No objection as long as none from neighbours

S.23/1751/HHOLD 70 Ryelands Road, Stonehouse

Erection of a first floor extension. Respond by 28th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: No objection as long as none from neighbours

S.23/1761/HHOLD 16 Oldends Lane, Stonehouse



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Erection of a replacement single storey side extension. Respond by 28th September. Click [here](#).

Comment: No objection as long as none from neighbours

E/675 To approve the extent of the road closure for the Goodwill event.

Committee RESOLVED to apply for a road closure from 5.30pm to 6pm from Regent Street to Elm road, Stonehouse allowing for a Father Christmas procession up the High street.

E/676 To receive Working Groups updates. Members may wish to note

any reports from the following:

Comms - A meeting is to be held shortly

Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station - The Chair of Council recently took part in a local radio station interview; this has not yet be aired

Canal Rejuvenation - The working group is yet to be arranged

Transport and Highways - Cllr Marcus Dixon highlighted that only some of the scheduled lining works on the A419 had been completed

Public Rights of Way - The WG continue to monitor and report on changes to Verney Fields

Recreation - No additional updates other than in relation to Stagholt

E/677 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

S.23/1153/FUL Schlumberger (Building A), Brunel Way, Stonehouse.

Erection of single storey plant room for ground source heat pump equipment.

PERMISSION GRANTED.

S.23/1274/TPO Church Lane, Stonehouse.

Works to groups TPO 352 – clear undergrowth at the base of the trees.

CONSENT GIVEN.

S.23/1160/HHOLD 10 Quietways, Stonehouse.

Erection of single storey rear and side extensions, front and rear dormer windows, and other alterations.

PERMISSION GRANTED.

S.23/0699/DISCON Dairy Partners Ltd, Brunel Way, Stonehouse.

Discharge of condition 8 (landscaping implementation) from the application S.22/0903/FUL.

CONFIRMS COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING CONDITIONS

S.23/0067/NEWTPO 1 Burdett Road, Stonehouse.

583 – English Yew tree.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN



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S.23/1142/TPO Grendar Ltd, Storrington Road, Stonehouse.

Yew tree – trimmed by 3-4 metres.

CONSENT GIVEN

S.21/3004/NEWTPO Land known as Verney Fields, Bramble Lane, Stonehouse. TPO/0585 – 2

Woodland areas, 2 groups of trees and 3 individual trees.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

S.23/1004/FUL 36 Rosedale Avenue, Stonehouse.

Change of use of amenity land to domestic curtilage (Retrospective) and regularise boundary fence.

APPLICATION REFUSED

S.23/1459/MINAM Land adjoining Station Road, Bristol Road, Stonehouse

Non-material amendment to S.21/1712/VAR – various alterations to house types (change 2 house types from 2 – 2.5 storey) and design. Changes to fenestration, footprint, elevations, frontages and additional dormers. Small changes to the ridge heights and to regularise the building form to flat block and balconettes to flats.

APPLICATION REFUSED

S.23/1177HHOLD Chetwynd, Grosvenor Road, Stonehouse

Erection of single storey side and rear extension.

PERMISSION GRANTED

E/678 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 9th October 2023

Financial Budget Comparison

for Town Environment Committee

Comparison between 01/04/23 and 30/10/23 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Includes commitments.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/23

		2023/2024	Reserve	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
INCOME						
Town Environment Committee						
200	Stonehouse in Bloom	£1,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£-1,500.00	-100.00%
205	Event Income/Donations					
205/1	Events	£1,200.00	£0.00	£750.00	£-450.00	-37.50%
205/2	Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
205	Total	£1,200.00	£0.00	£750.00	£-450.00	-37.50%
210	Planting Sponsorship	£1,500.00	£0.00	£550.00	£-950.00	-63.33%
215	Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Total Town Environment Committee		£4,200.00	£0.00	£1,300.00	£-2,900.00	-69.05%
EXPENDITURE						
Town Environment Committee						
1190	Amenity Areas					
1190/1	Grounds Maintenance (contract)	£25,000.00	£0.00	£14,467.98	£10,532.02	42.13%
1190/2	Grounds Maintenance (in-house)	£2,000.00	£0.00	£949.19	£1,050.81	52.54%
1190/3	Play Equipment maint/repairs/insp	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,418.74	£81.26	3.25%
1190/4	Public Space Improvements	£5,300.00	£1,582.80	£5,217.49	£1,665.31	31.42%
1190/5	Tree & Hedge/boundary maintenance	£6,500.00	£0.00	£1,642.00	£4,858.00	74.74%
1190/6	Waste Collection	£5,000.00	£0.00	£3,224.00	£1,776.00	35.52%
1190	Total	£46,300.00	£1,582.80	£27,919.40	£19,963.40	43.12%
2000	Christmas Lights	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	100.00%
2005	Climate Change	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	100.00%

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2010 In Bloom					
2010/1 Contract Planting	£0.00	£2,677.98	£0.00	£2,677.98	100.00%
2010/2 Non-Contract Planting	£3,000.00	£0.00	£2,209.06	£790.94	26.36%
2010/3 Watering Services	£3,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,000.00	100.00%
2010/4 Other	£1,000.00	£0.00	£2,971.33	£-1,971.33	-197.13%
2010 Total	£7,000.00	£2,677.98	£5,180.39	£4,497.59	64.25%
2050 Cultural Events & Studies					
2050/1 Goodwill	£5,000.00	£0.00	£1,720.83	£3,279.17	65.58%
2050/2 Civic Awards	£300.00	£0.00	£111.34	£188.66	62.89%
2050/3 Other	£3,000.00	£930.92	£1,024.54	£2,906.38	96.88%
2050/4 Communications	£1,000.00	£0.00	£300.00	£700.00	70.00%
2050 Total	£9,300.00	£930.92	£3,156.71	£7,074.21	76.07%
2080 Neighbourhood Plan Review	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090 Planning Specialist Advice					
2090/1	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090/2	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090 Total	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Total Town Environment Committee	£69,600.00	£5,191.70	£36,256.50	£38,535.20	55.37%

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wc@TROltd.co.uk

Scheme Ref: 5227-63

Date: 20th October 2023

Dear Statutory Consultee,

**RE: TRAFFIC ORDER SCHEME: PROPOSED 20MPH ZONE IN STONEHOUSE,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

I write on behalf of Gloucestershire County Council to advise you that a Traffic Order scheme is being proposed, the effect of which would be to primarily make an administrative change to the Traffic Order for the existing 20mph speed limit on various roads in the town of Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

The proposal is to make the roads in the two existing 20mph Speed Limit Orders into a new 20mph Zone Traffic Order. This will ensure that the existing 20mph Zone complies with current Department for Transport (DfT) guidance on the signage and enforcement of 20mph Zones.

Many of the roads in the proposal area already feature traffic calming and together with additional repeater signage and road roundels on the roads without traffic calming, the proposal will meet updated DfT 20mph Zone requirements. Additionally, the proposal will correct anomalies where a road is signed on-street within a 20mph speed limit, but the street is not listed within the existing Traffic Order.

The attached **proposal drawing** outlines the proposed 20mph Zone area and the signage/road marking requirements.

The administrative change for this 20mph speed zone is also proposed for the following reasons:

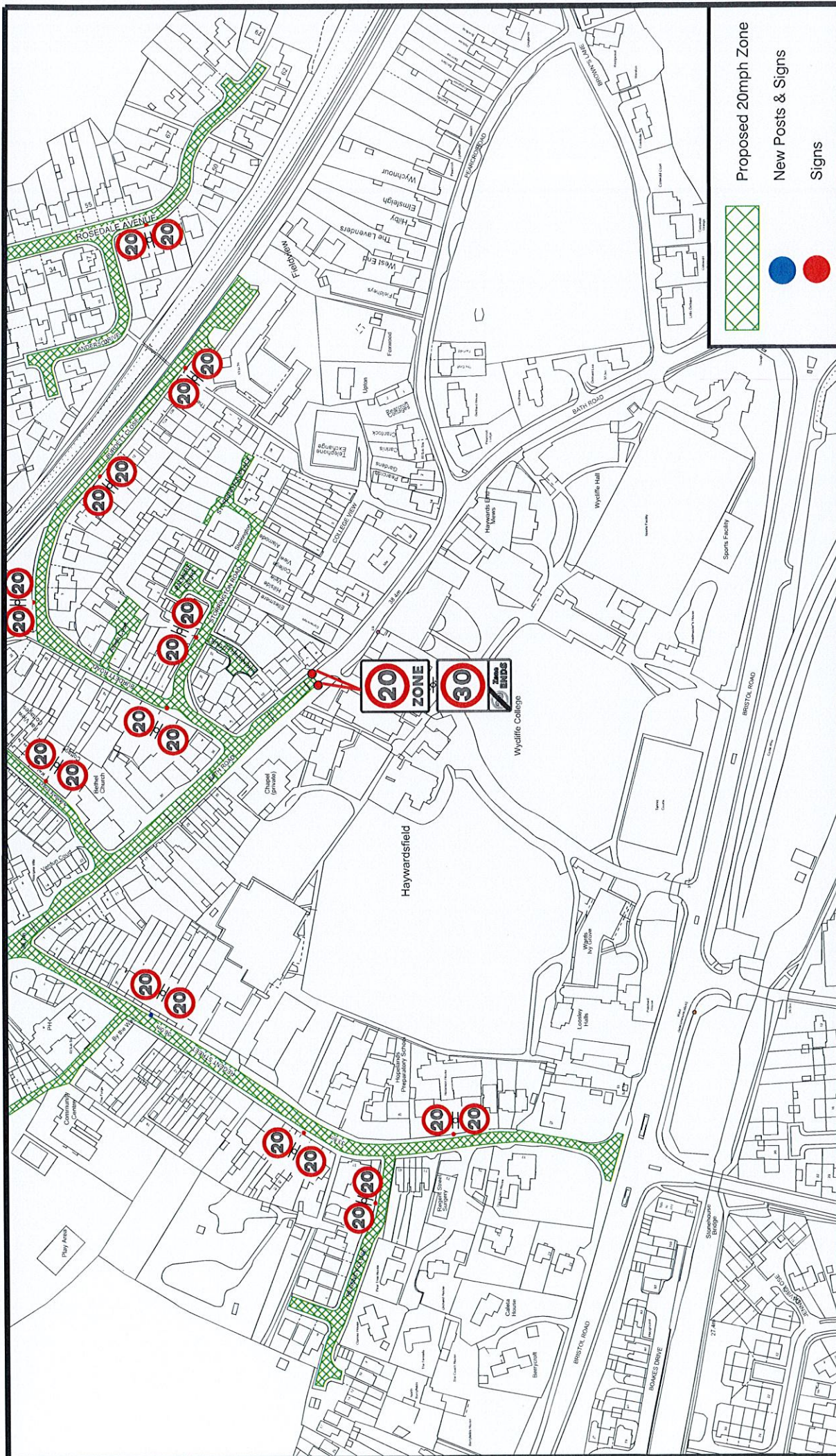
1. For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road, or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.
2. For the preservation and improvement of the amenity of the area concerned.
3. To ensure the signage requirements on the roads match the designation of the Traffic Order to aid its enforcement.

A Traffic Order process has now been initiated to allow enforcement of the speed limit, should it be implemented, and this is the Statutory Consultation stage of the TO process. If you have any observations or comments, please contact Traffic Regulation Orders Ltd by email at wc@TROltd.co.uk or at the above postal address.

The deadline for responses is noon on Monday 13th November 2023.

Yours sincerely,

**WILL COX BSc (HONS), GRADCIHT
TRAFFIC ENGINEER**

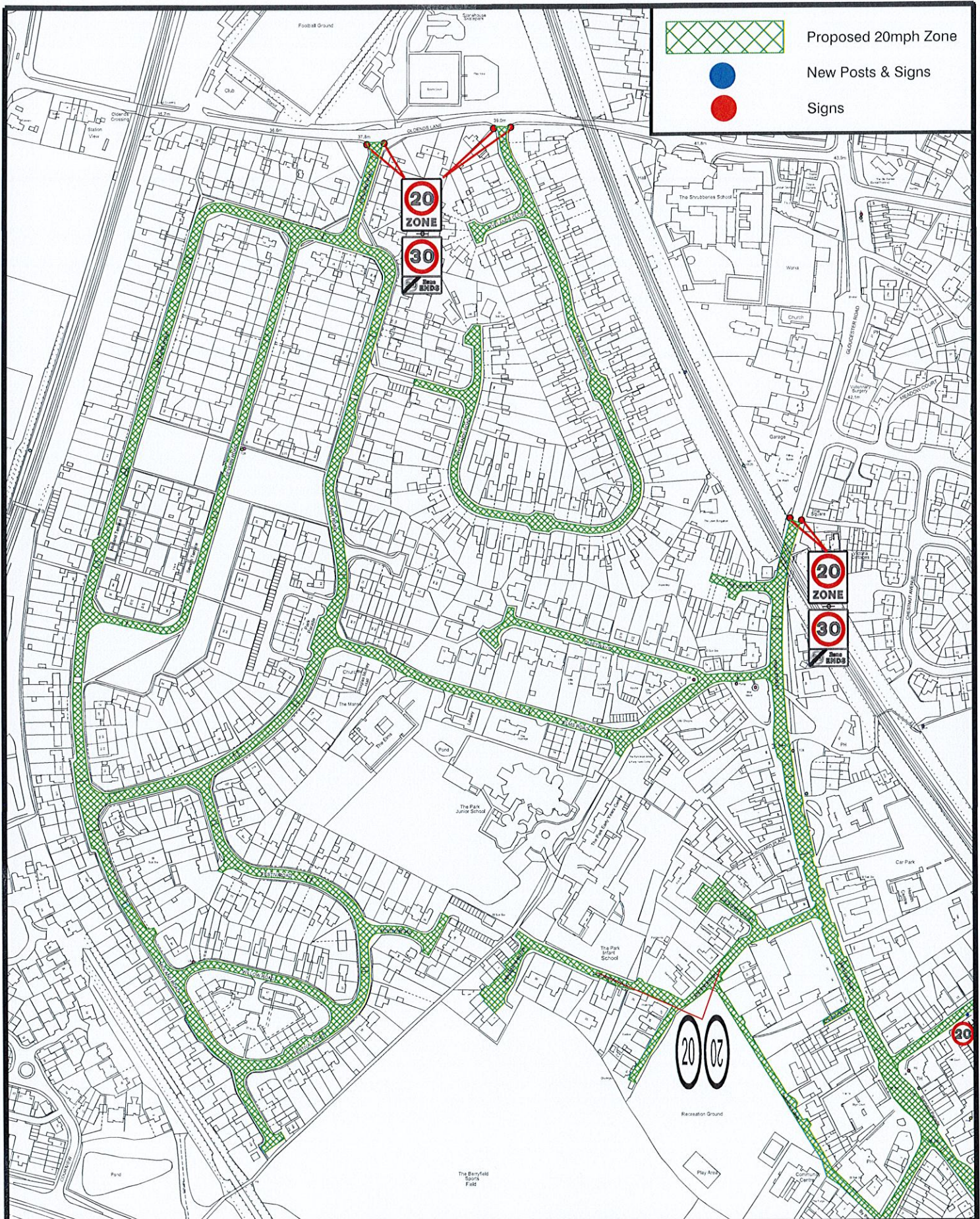


Proposed 20mph Zone

New Posts & Signs

Signs

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