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To Residents / Businesses

Our Ref:- ITP/14042/Consultation

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Date: 15 December 2014

Dear Sir / Madam,

Lower High Street Cycle Route, Watford

The Integrated Transport Projects (ITP) team of Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) was requested to develop proposals to improve cycling facilities to the south of the town centre based on the feasibility study undertaken, as a result of South West Hertfordshire Cycling Study Scheme SWH5 – “Southern access to Town Centre. We have subsequently developed the recommendations from the studies into preliminary design proposals which we now present for consultation and comment. The primary aim of the scheme is to encourage cycling through this part of Watford and to link up with the future upgrade to the High Street rail station as part of the wider Croxley Rail scheme by encouraging alternatives to the motor vehicle and build on the increasing popularity of cycling for both leisure and commuting purposes. The proposals will also improve pedestrian facilities and also seeks to implement a 20mph speed limit along King Street.

The proposals can be viewed in greater detail on drawing HC G-I404.22 (200) 06, enclosed with this letter. The key proposals are:

1. On road contraflow cycle lane along High Street down to the ring road. This is an extension of the existing facility through the High Street and will provide a formal facility to connect the town centre to the rail station and further south. In accordance with the regulations this will also include waiting and loading/unloading restrictions to ensure the viability of the lane. It will displace (ban) informal blue badge parking and a taxi bay along this part of the High Street. Both of these issues are currently being considered as part of a study by Watford Borough Council and a report will be produced before implementation of this scheme. This lane would also have priority over traffic entering High Street from Water Lane.
2. Upgrade of the existing controlled pedestrian crossing facilities within the High Street-ring road-Lower High Street signalised junction to ‘toucan’ capability. This formally allows cyclists to use a controlled crossing facility and would include upgraded paving and crossing signal equipment. This proposal would also introduce a toucan facility on the western part of the junction which does not currently exist, along with localised footway widening. This would benefit both pedestrians and cyclists. Currently users of the crossing have to cross from the rail station to the west side of High Street by crossing four sections of highway whereas this proposal reduces it to one section.
3. Conversion (and widening) of the footway on the eastern side of Lower High Street down to the existing toucan crossing adjacent to Local Board Road. This will link up with National Cycle Route 6/67.
4. Conversion of a section of footway on the western side of Lower High Street to enable off road transit to the service road to the rail station and onward north bound.
5. Various localised paving improvements adjacent to High Street Station.
6. Footway improvement at the western end of King Street adjacent to the junction with the ring road. This will see the removal of a planted verge to enable a short length of new footway to be constructed and so provide a continuous link along the southern side of King Street.



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20mph Speed Zone

7. Following speed surveys and reference to the HCC Speed Management Strategy, King Street qualifies for a 20mph speed limit and we thus propose to run this from its junction with High Street and the ring road. This will complement the 20mph limits introduced on nearby Smith Street, Granville Road and The Crescent. We also plan to implement a 20mph speed limit on George Street-Church Street-New Street in order to create a contiguous zone within this part of the town centre.

Items 2-4 above provide cyclists with off road facilities to navigate through busy road junctions and thus enhance road user safety.

If the scheme goes ahead, works are scheduled to commence on site in the 2015/16 financial year. The County Council will endeavour to issue further information on the specific works closer to the implementation date.

We now invite any comments you may have on the proposal and ask you to return these by Friday January 16 2015, via letter or email using the details above. If you would like any further information or wish to discuss the proposals further please do not hesitate to contact me on the details given above. We will consider all comments we receive but may not be able to respond to all comments of questions individually. Any appropriate and relevant questions will be considered as part of the decision making process and our recommendations to the scheme Sponsor within HCC.

The information we receive will be treated confidentially and will only be used for the purpose of scheme reporting.

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Yours faithfully,

Evelyn Usifoh
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Comments Form

Thank you for taking the time to review our proposal. We'd like to know what you think about the proposed scheme, so please have your say by filling in your comments below.

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Q1. Do you support the proposal outlined on drawing HC G-I1409.62/CONS(200)?

20 MPH Zone

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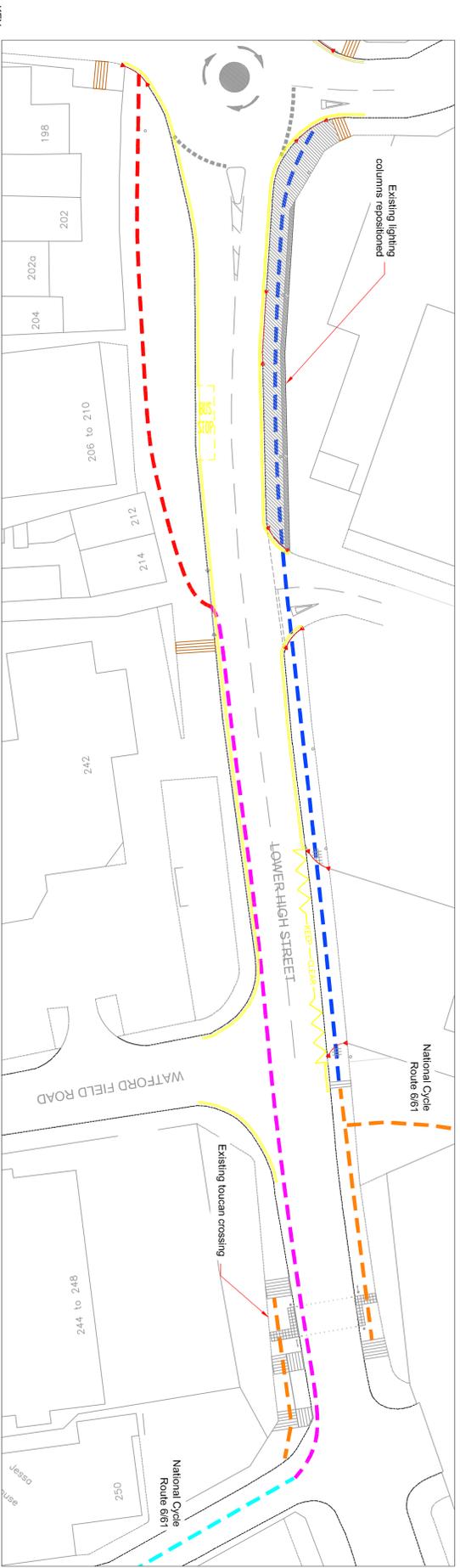
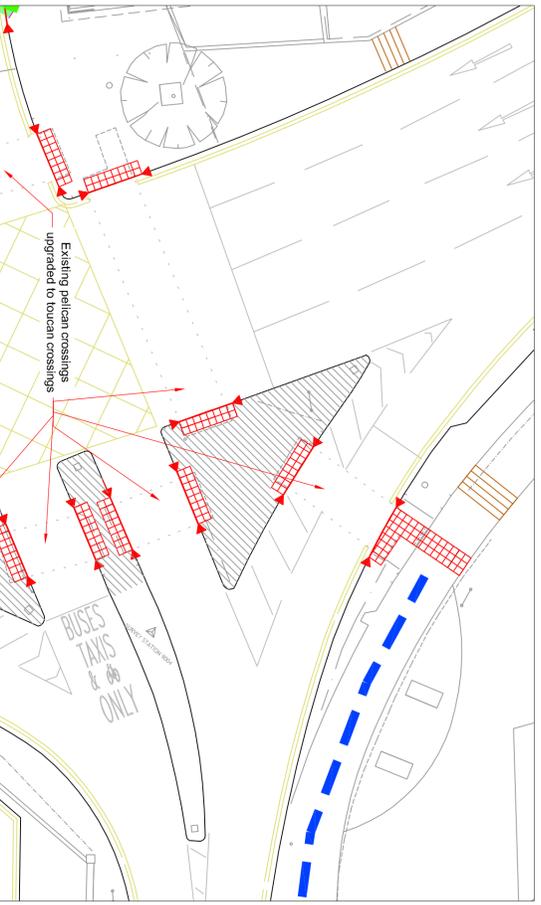
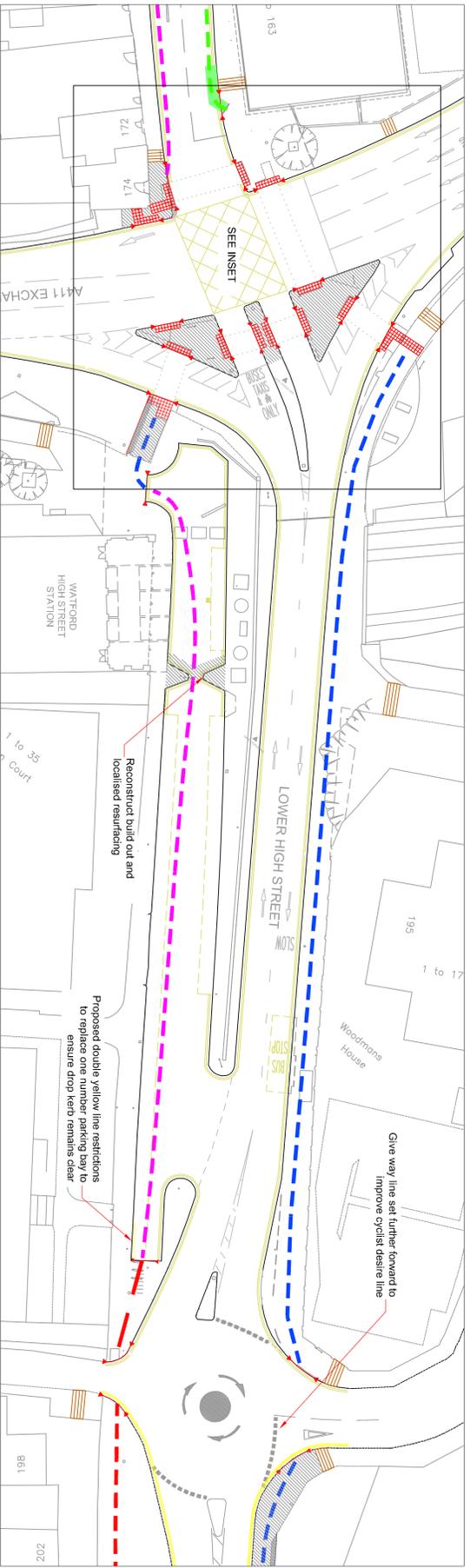
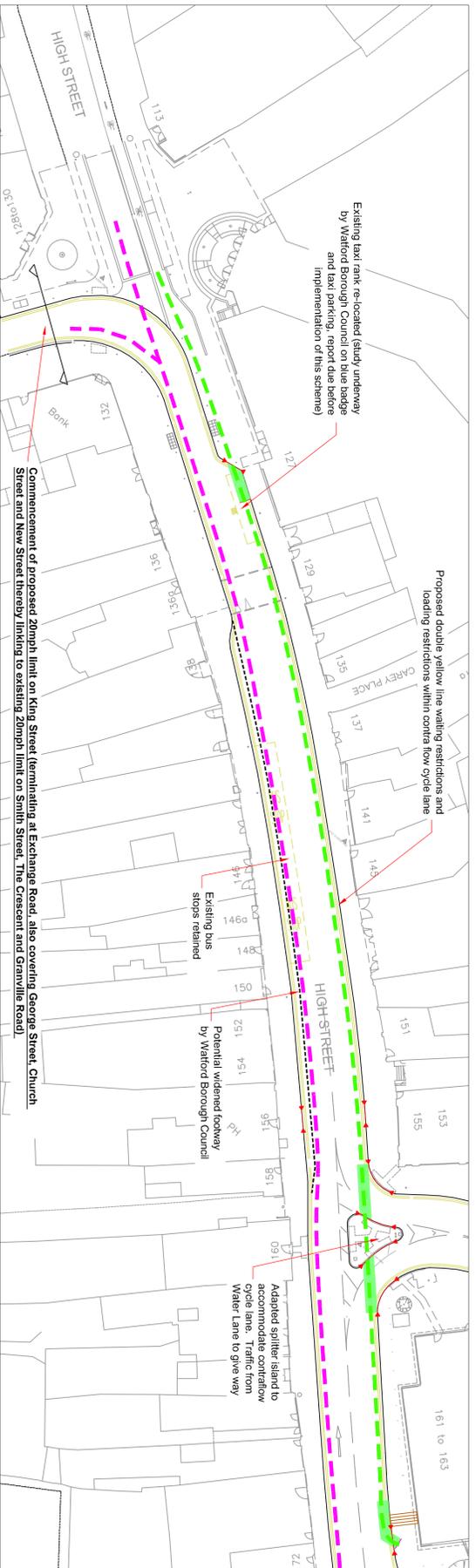
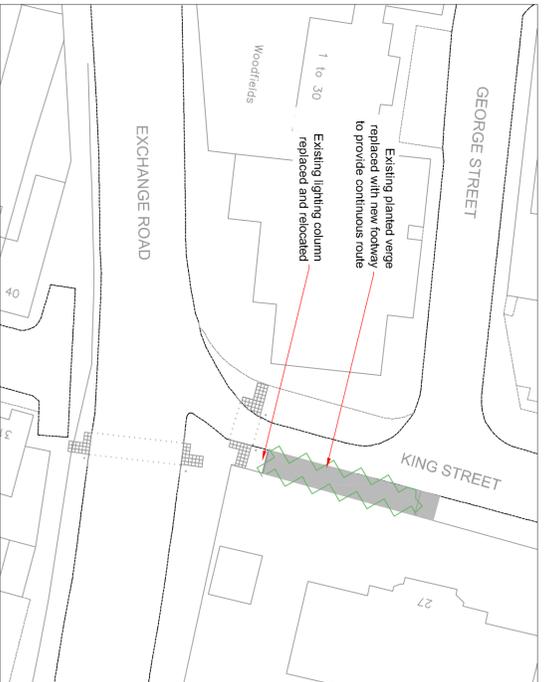
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- FOOTWAY WIDENING
 - FOOTWAY (RE)CONSTRUCTION
 - DROPPED KERB (INCLUDING BUFF DIMPLE TACTILE PAVING - UNLESS INDICATED OR EXCLUDED IF CYCLE ONLY DROP KERB)
 - PROPOSED RIBBED HAZARD PAVING
 - PROPOSED RED DIMPLE TACTILE PAVING
 - PROPOSED SHARED FOOTWAY
 - PROPOSED ON ROAD CONTRAFLOW CYCLE LANE
 - PROPOSED SHARED FOOTWAY
 - EXISTING ON ROAD CYCLE ROUTE
 - EXISTING

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