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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI533960467**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Clifford Bridge Road Cycle Route - Pedestrian Shared Footpath.

You have requested the following information:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request answers to the following questions relating to the latest iteration (July 2023) of the shared pedestrian/cycleway concept.**

**Background:** On the above mentioned proposal there are at least three individual sections of the current footpath, including the river bridge crossing, that are used by pedestrians only today and that there is future intent for these pavements to be shared with cyclists. Each section of share footpath will have its own unique inherent aspects and considerations.

**Pedestrian safety will therefore be a key issue going forwards that I am sure Coventry Council will have fully investigated, then concluded that pedestrian safety will not be impacted and has therefore been deemed the scheme to be fully acceptable in terms of the future shared footpath designs.**

**1. Please identify all the individual sections of pedestrian footpath that will be shared with cyclists.**

The attached plans show the scheme that was consulted upon most recently.

There are three sections of this scheme where there will be shared use between cyclists and pedestrians, these being:

1. The bridge across the River Sowe
2. The section of route between Bridgeacre Gardens [northern junction] and the link road roundabout.
3. The section of route either side of the Portree Avenue junction.

It is worth noting that the consultation feedback is currently being reviewed, and the attached scheme design as consulted upon in July is likely to be subject to further changes in response to the consultation feedback.

**2. For each individual length of the proposed future shared footpath sections I would like to see the individual hazard analysis report, the accompanying safety risk assessments and the proposed safety mitigations. As the full length of the Clifford Bridge Road subject footpath is frequently and heavily used by our diverse society, and at all times of the day, I would expect to see some statistical probability figures that quantifiably support the Council's design judgements.**

Parking bays are being narrowed (to create more width for walking and cycling on the adjacent path). There is a Road Safety Audit process for all schemes undertaken by the Council, and the next stage of the scheme design will be subject to a full Road Safety Audit. Data in terms of pedestrian and cycle use of this section of Clifford Bridge Road is attached, showing that the existing footway is used by pedestrians and cyclists.

The scheme is subject to audit by the funding bodies – in this case the WMCA and Active Travel England.

**3. I would also like to know the name of the professional design house that has determined the share footpath design.**

The scheme design has been undertaken by the City Council's in-house team.

**4. I would also like to know the job title of the professional design house designer who has signed off the design work for the shared footpath/cycleway detail as being a safe solution and their level of professional expertise in coming to that conclusion.**

The Strategic Lead for Policy and Innovation.

**5. I would also like to know the job title of the professional Engineer within Coventry Council who has also signed off and approved the shared footpath/cycleway detail as being a safe solution and their level of professional expertise in coming to that conclusion.**

The Director of Transportation and Highways.

Please be advised that there is a further design review that is underway and that the scheme consulted on in July is likely to change in response to the consultation feedback.

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Yours faithfully

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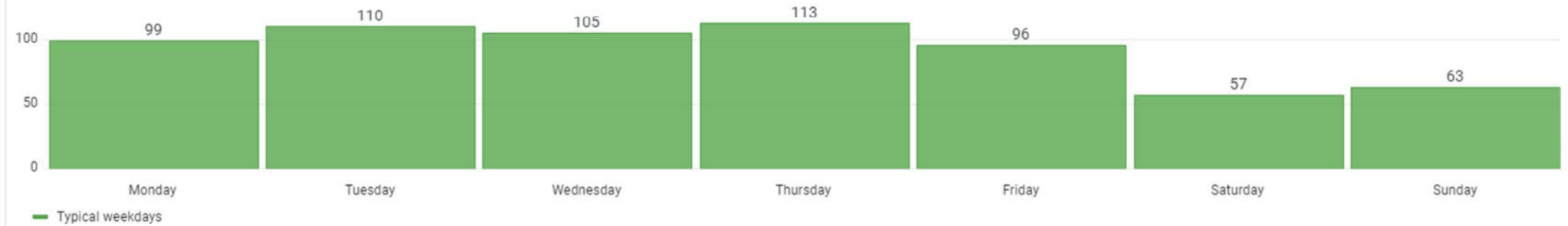
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Total counts



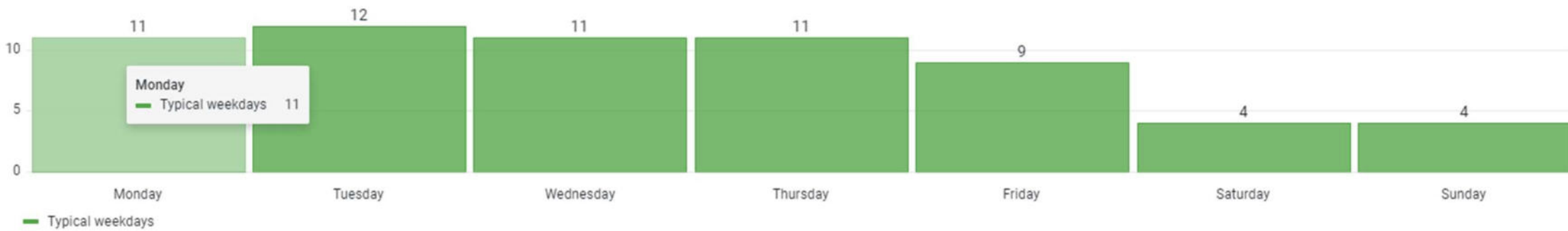
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Average counts per weekday



## How do people cycle along Clifford Bridge Road now?

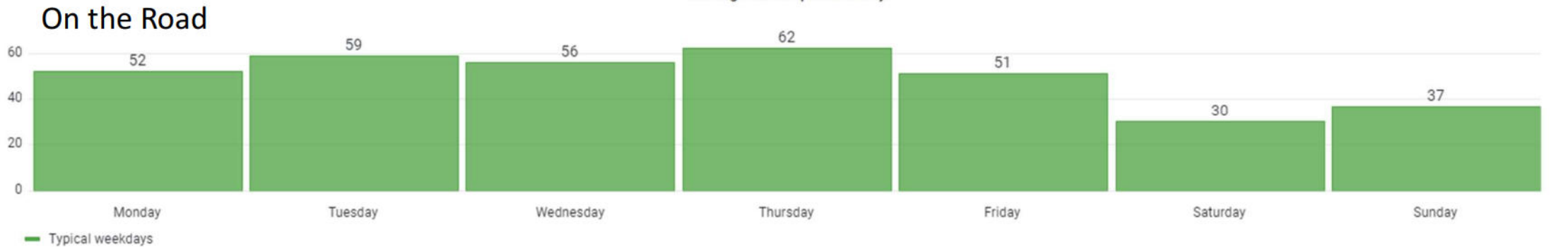
i Path right hand side of road (even house numbers) Average counts per weekday



i Path left hand side of road (odd house numbers) Average counts per weekday



i On the Road Average counts per weekday







**Binley Cycleway – Section 7,**  
**Clifford Bridge Road**

Consultation Plans  
July 2023

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Section of Scheme Already Approved

Cycleway created in wide grassed verge area

Existing pedestrian bridge will become shared use for walking and cycling. We are investigating to see whether this bridge can be widened or an additional bridge can be constructed next to it in the future

Road will be narrowed to create space for cycleway. This will also improve the safety of the roundabout for all road users

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  -  Cycleway
  -  Footway (path)
  -  Dropped Kerb
  -  Tactile paving (pedestrian crossing dropped kerb)
  -  Double yellow lines
  -  Grass verge
  -  Cycleway road marking



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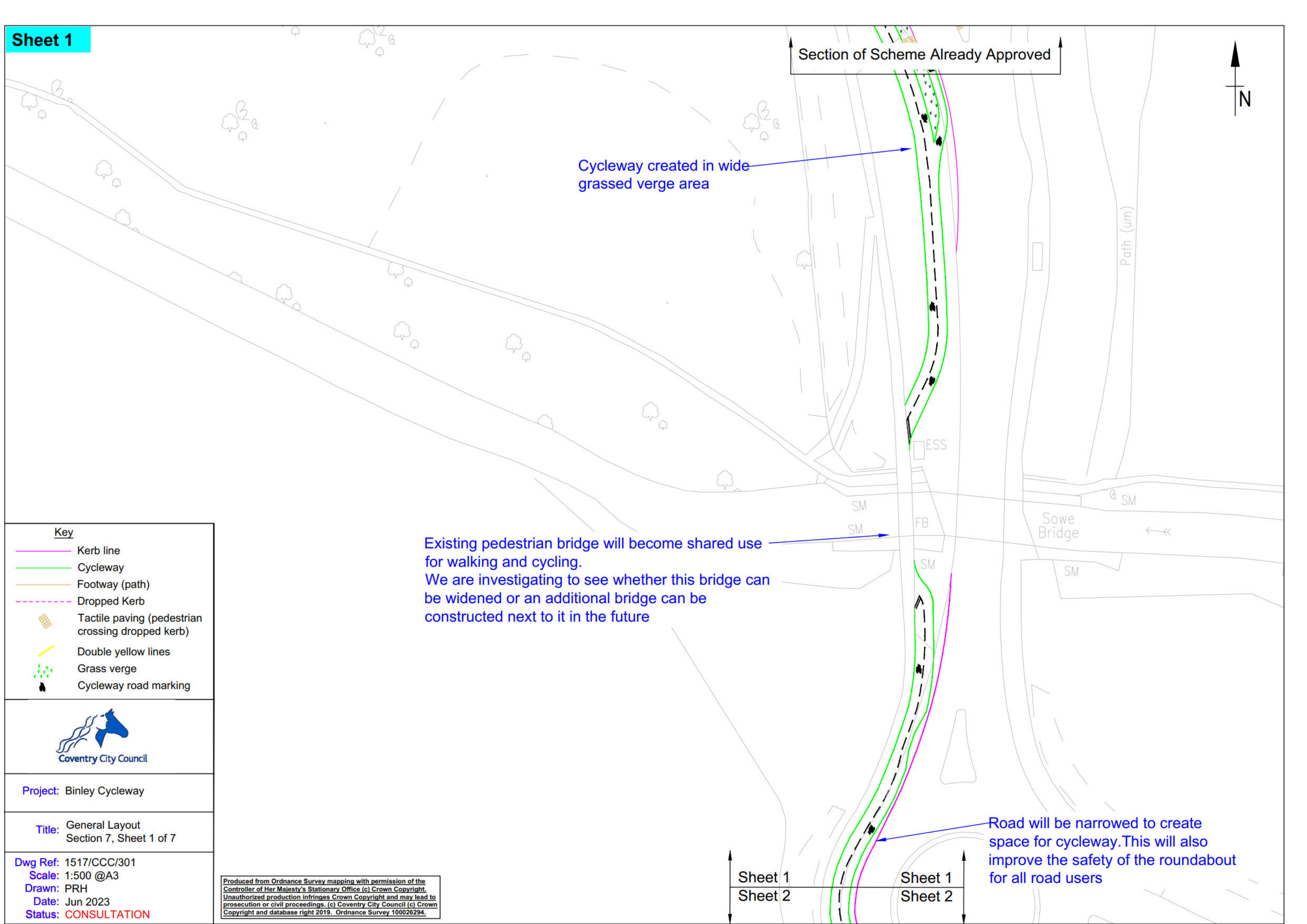
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Segregated footway and cycleway, separated by a kerb.  
 New pedestrian dropped kerb crossing with extended central island.  
 The alignment and size of the roundabout will be amended to slow traffic and improve road safety.

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  - New tree to be planted



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CLIFFORD BRIDGE ROAD

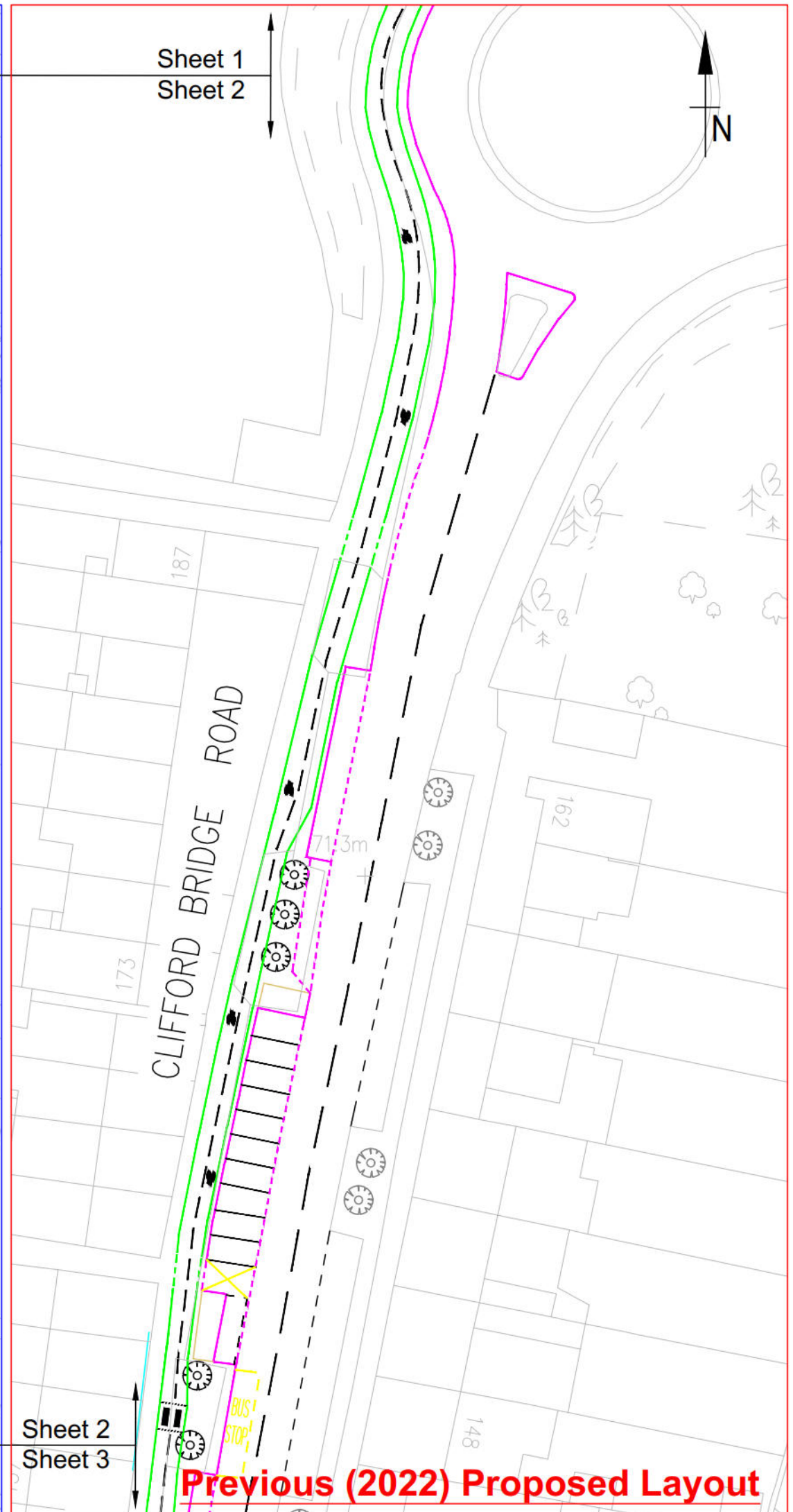
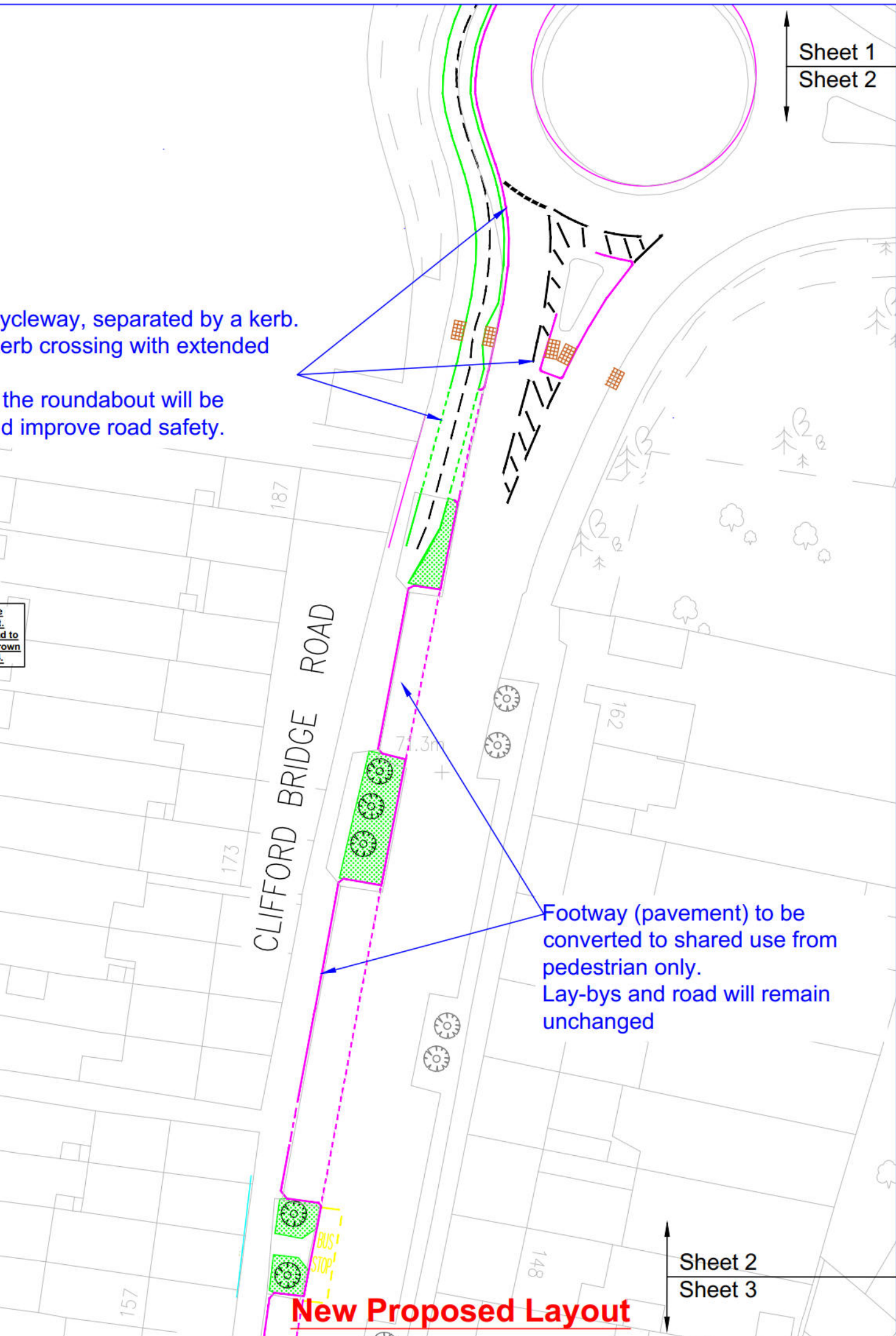
Footway (pavement) to be converted to shared use from pedestrian only.  
 Lay-bys and road will remain unchanged

**New Proposed Layout**

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**Previous (2022) Proposed Layout**





Lay-by to remain.  
Footway (pavement) to be converted to shared use from pedestrian only

Cherry tree to be removed

Path converted to shared use from pedestrian only.  
Lay-by narrowed from 3m to 2m

Rowan tree to be removed

Path converted to shared use from pedestrian only.  
Lay-by narrowed from 3m to 2m

Proposed double yellow lines on one side of Gainford Road to improve access into and out of junction

Junction remains unchanged











Lay-bys narrowed from 3m to 2.7m to maintain road width

Tree to be removed and replaced with new tree

Road narrowed to 6.8m outside houses 120-122 to preserve trees and maintain parking lay-bys on both sides

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**Previous (2022) Proposed Layout**



Path converted to shared use from pedestrian only.  
Lay-by narrowed from 3m to 2m

Ash trees to be removed and replaced in similar location

New tree to be planted

Path converted to shared use from pedestrian only.  
Lay-by narrowed from 2.8m to 2m

Ash tree to be removed and new tree to be planted

Lay-by removed to improve junction visibility

Pedestrian crossing will be upgraded and side by side cycle crossing installed to connect to Coombe Park Road

Pedestrian link to Coombe Park Road and Clifford Bridge Primary School to be upgraded to include cycletrack alongside

Bridgeacre Gardens to have a continuous side road treatment (See reference photo at end of this pack). Vehicles accessing and egressing the road must give way to pedestrians and cyclists first, in accordance with the highway code. Design amended to improve visibility at junction.

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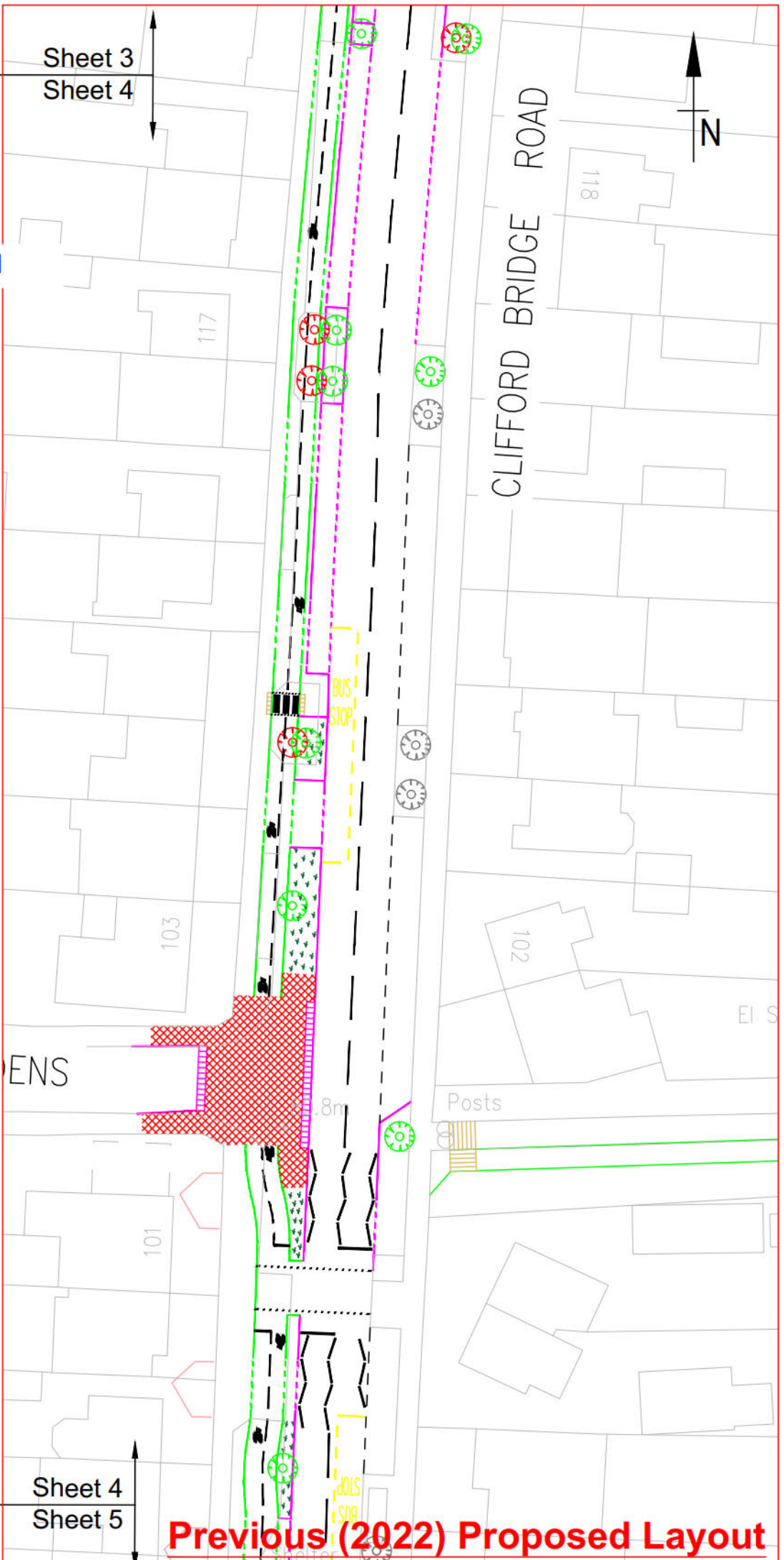
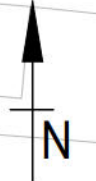
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**Previous (2022) Proposed Layout**



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Lay-by to be replaced with  
cycleway. Driveway  
accesses remain

Norway Maple trees to be  
removed and replaced in  
similar position. Oak tree  
to remain

New tree to be planted

New rain water garden to be  
installed to improve drainage

Road width remains at 7.3m  
Parking lay-bys narrowed to 2m  
Cycleway will be 2m  
Footway will be 1.8m

Two new trees  
to be planted





From this section, a shared use path  
is proposed with parking bays

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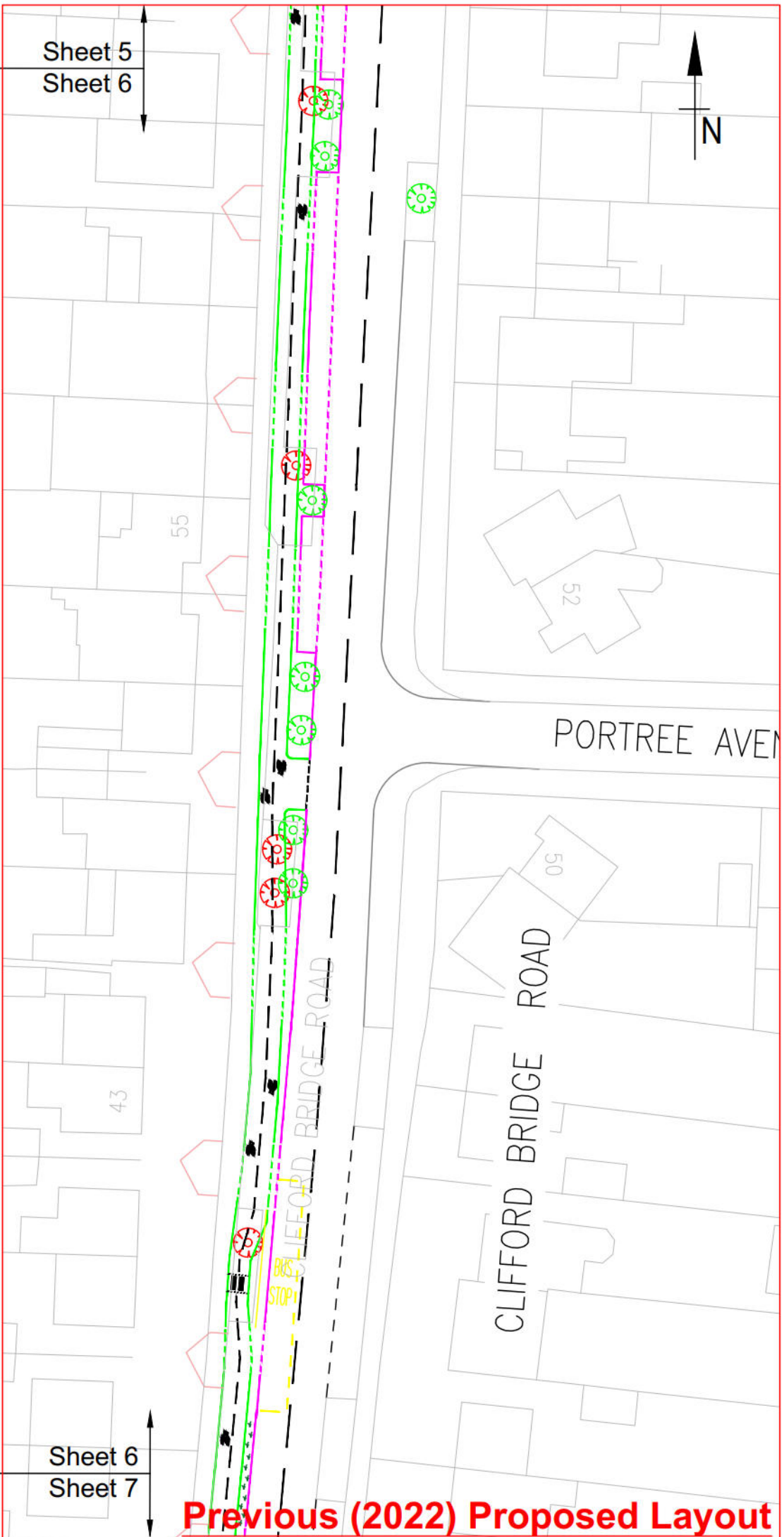
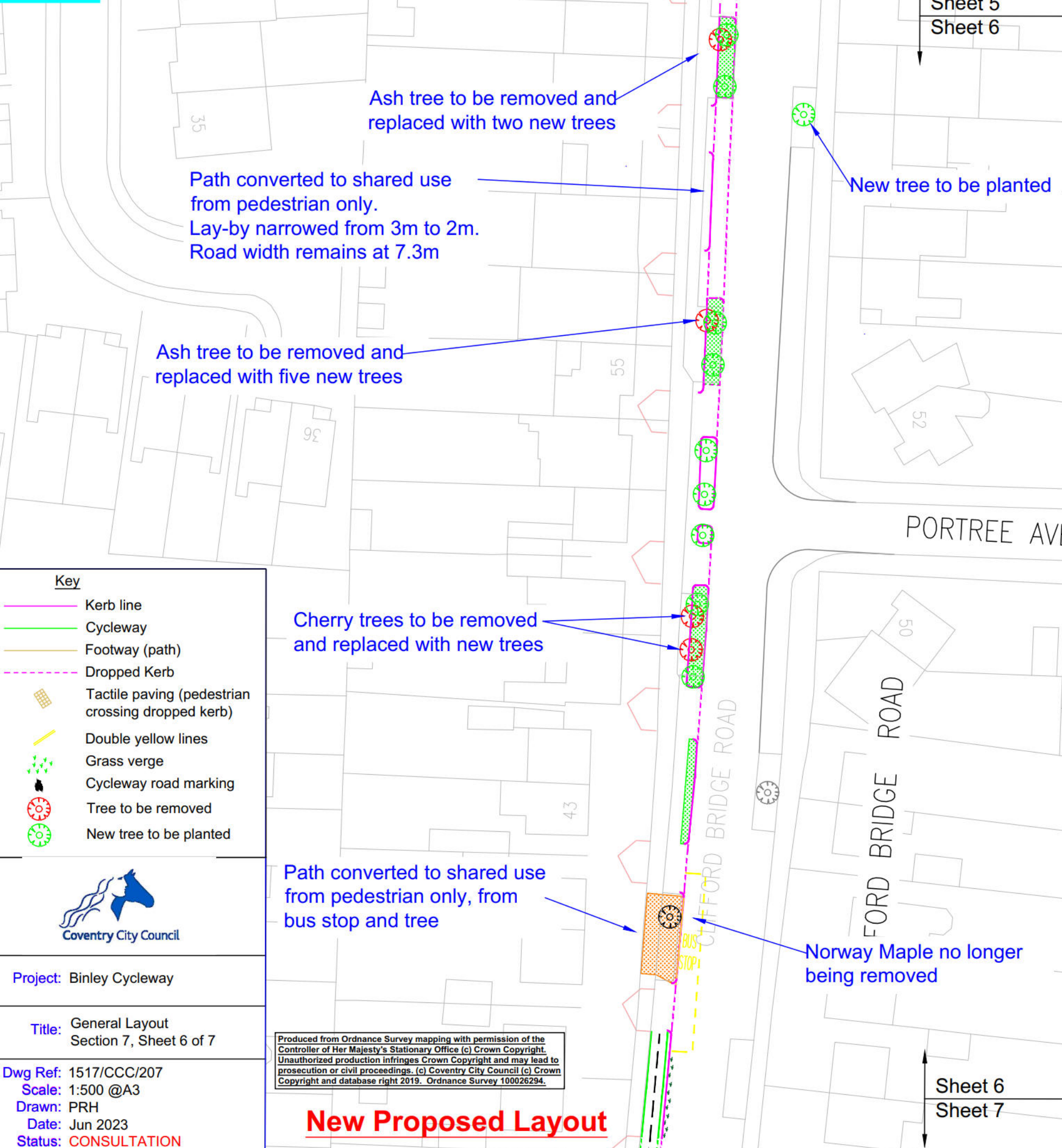
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Maple tree to be removed

Bridgeacre Gardens to have a continuous side road treatment. Vehicles accessing and egressing the road must give way to people on foot and cycles first as per the highway code. Junction visibility improved from 2022 proposal.

Mill Lane junction amended to create a continuous footway with a ramp for vehicles. pavement remains at the same level and road raises to pavement level. Road width remain the same. Junction visibility improved with give way position moved forward.

Cycleway created from existing verge. Driveway access maintained

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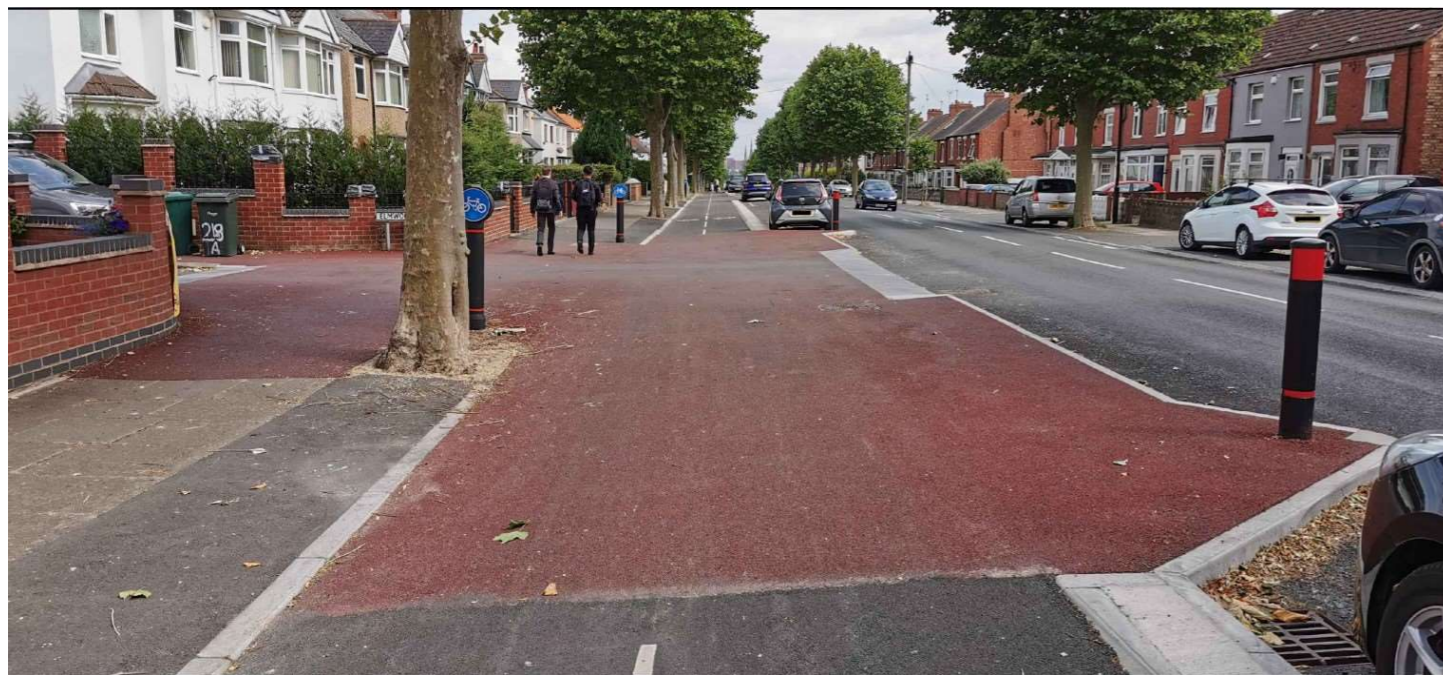
### Examples of a Continuous Footway at a side road

The footway (pavement) continues at the same level, and traffic on the road has to go up a ramp to meet the footway. This is the opposite of the typical layout where the footway drops down to the road.

People on foot and cycles have priority over turning traffic.



### Another example of a continuous footway at a side road



### Example of a Shared Use path with a parking layby next to it

The footway (pavement) is designated for use by pedestrians and cyclists and is typically wider than a footway. Pedestrians have right of way over cyclists.



### Example of a segregated cycleway with parking layby next to it

There is a 0.5m raised buffer, separating the cycleway with the parking bay. Motorists cross the cycleway to access to footway (pavement).





### Examples of rainwater gardens

Rather than a grassed verge, a rainwater garden helps the highway drainage system by holding onto more water for longer before it enters the sewers. This is much better for flood prevention when we have heavy rain and it adds more greenery to the street.



### Extra Pedestrian Crossings

Feedback from the previous consultations has highlighted the difficulty many people have crossing parts of Clifford Bridge Road. As part of this consultation we would like your feedback on which parts are the most difficult, and where you feel a traffic light controlled crossing may be of most benefit. Following this consultation we will look to include additional crossings into the scheme.

Please let us know this on the survey on Lets Talk. [Letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/cliffordbridgeroad](https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/cliffordbridgeroad)