



Highways Committee

Date Monday 24 July 2017
Time 9.30 a.m.
Venue Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham

Business

Part A

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Substitute Members
3. Declarations of interest, if any
4. Various Road, Bishop Auckland (Eleven Arches) - Traffic Management Order 2017 - Report of Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services (Pages 3 - 12)
5. Such other business, as in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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County Hall
Durham
14 July 2017

To: **The Members of the Highways Committee**

Councillor C Kay (Chairman)
Councillor S Morrison (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors D Bell, H Bennett, G Bleasdale, J Chaplow, S Dunn,
A Gardner, O Gunn, K Hopper, S Hugill, K Liddell, M McGaun,
O Milburn, P Oliver, R Ormerod, J Robinson, J Rowlandson,
P Sexton, J Turnbull and M Wilson

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Various Roads, Bishop Auckland (Eleven Arches) Traffic Management Order 2017



Report of Ian Thompson, Corporate Director for Regeneration and Local Services Councillor Carl Marshall, Portfolio Holder for Economic Regeneration

1. Purpose

- 1.1. In accordance with part 3A of the Council's Constitution, Members are asked to make a decision in principle only which will then guide the Corporate Director in the exercise of delegated decision making. The final decision is therefore one for the Corporate Director, under delegated powers.
- 1.2. To advise Members of objections received to the Eleven Arches Traffic Management Experimental Traffic Regulation Order.
- 1.3. To request that members consider the objections made during the consultation period.

2. Background

- 2.1 Eleven Arches launched the "Kynren" event in July 2016. Kynren is an open-air live show which is to run on most weekends between July – September.
- 2.2 One of the planning conditions associated with this event stipulated that Eleven Arches should submit a Traffic Management Plan to the County Council prior to the first show. A specialist Traffic Management company were commissioned by Eleven Arches to prepare and present this plan. This document was subsequently given approval by the Local Authority.
- 2.3 The plan highlighted several key areas on the surrounding highway network that would need to be managed and controlled to maintain road safety and minimise congestion. An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) was introduced to implement the recommendations of the plan. The contents of the ETRO are shown below:
 - A689 - Road Closure (Prohibition of Vehicles)
To permit safe egress from the site car parks, it is proposed that the A689 be closed between 22:00 and Midnight from its roundabout

junction with High Bondgate to its junction with the C188. Event buses, emergency service vehicles and visitors exiting the site will still be permitted to use the highway during the closure.

- **A689 – No Stopping**
It is proposed that No Stopping be permitted on both sides of the A689 between its roundabout junction with the B6286 and its roundabout junction with High Bondgate.
- **C188 Toronto / Bishop Auckland**
It is proposed that No stopping be permitted on both sides of the C188 from its junction with Barrington Street, Toronto to its junction with the access road to Bishop Auckland Rugby Club.
- **A689 – 40mph Zone**
Introduce a 40mph speed limit between 00:01 and midnight on on the A689 between its roundabout junction with the B6286 and its roundabout junction with High Bondgate.
- **Public Rights of Way 81, 85 & 86**
To close the parts of Public Rights of Way 81, 85 & 86 that are within the site boundary between 16:00 and midnight
- **Prohibition of Right Turn**
To introduce a prohibition of right turn between 12:00 and 2:00 on the unclassified road exiting onto the A689 from Car Parks A & B. Also, introduce a prohibition of right turn between 22:00 and 2:00 at the northern end of the C188 exiting onto the A689
- **Unclassified Road 34.4 – Road Closure (Prohibition of Vehicles)**
To close the Unclassified Road 34.4 between 18:00 and Midnight from its junction with the Market Place, Bishop Auckland to its junction with the Unclassified Road 34.5, Newfield. Residents will still be permitted to enter the area to travel to and from their properties.
- **A689 (northbound) – Prohibition of Right Turn**
To introduce a prohibition of right turn (except event buses) between 12:00 and 2:00 on the A689 (northbound) entering the Unclassified access road to Car Parks A & B
- **A689 (northbound) – Prohibition of Right Turn**
To introduce a prohibition of right turn (except event buses) between 12:00 and 2:00 on the A689 (northbound) entering the Unclassified access road to Car Park C

- 2.4 An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order was utilised in this situation as it allows the County Council to monitor and review the effects of a restriction(s) over a period of time. The consultation period runs alongside the operation of the ETRO and objections can be received during the first 6 months of its operation. Three objections were received during this period.
- 2.5 The objections related to two specific parts of the ETRO. Objector 1 opposed the times of the Public Rights Of Way (PROW) closures. Objectors 2 and 3 also mentioned the PROW closures as well as the closure of the Unclassified Road 34.4.
- 2.6 The ETRO was in operation for all 14 events in 2016 and appeared to function well in controlling the volume of vehicles and pedestrians associated with the event.

3 Objection 1

- 3.1 The objector is opposed to the timings of the closures of the Public Rights Of Way. They regularly use these pathways for recreational purposes and consider the closure times of 16:00-Midnight to be disproportionate. They would prefer to see the PROWs remain open for public use until 19:30 so that access can still be enjoyed throughout the early evening period.
- 3.2 The objector was advised that owing to the scale of the event, the appointed Traffic Management Contractor had requested that the PROWs be closed at 16:00 to allow them to safely manage the pedestrian flows in the area. The County Council engaged with the Contractor on this matter and it was agreed that the timings would be managed on an event-by-event basis. That being said, it was proposed that the order retain the 16:00 – Midnight closure timings so that this could be implemented if event footfall was particularly heavy.

4 Objection 2

- 4.1 The objector is opposed to the closure of Public Right Of Way 81. They claim that the closure would result in a key part of the Weardale Way being shut at times of peak weekend use. The objector states that the traffic and pedestrian conflict on the access road to Kynren could be managed by introducing a pedestrian crossing.
- 4.2 This objector is also opposed to the closure (18:00 – Midnight) of the Unclassified Road 34.4, Bishop Auckland Market Place to Newfield. They feel that this is unnecessary and will be a major inconvenience for local traffic. The objector also notes that this closure will by default prohibit the use of the public car park for ramblers, fishermen etc at The Batts.
- 4.3 As mentioned above the appointed Traffic Management Contractor requested that both PROWs included in this order be closed at 16:00 to allow them to safely

manage the pedestrian flows in the area. The timings will be managed on an event-by-event basis but it was proposed that the order retain the 16:00 – Midnight closure timings so that this could be implemented if event footfall was particularly heavy. A pedestrian crossing was not considered to be an appropriate solution at this location as it would not offer the same level of control as the closure. The closure of PROW 81 at event times is important from both a safety and event security perspective.

- 4.4 The Unclassified Road 34.4 exits Bishop Auckland in a northerly direction and runs adjacent to the event site towards Newfield. It is accepted that on some occasions the closure may not be required from 18:00 hours but as with the PROW closures this will be monitored and implemented on an event-by-event basis. It is considered that this closure is necessary to maintain road safety as drivers may be distracted by the show and its associated fireworks / lighting. Likewise, headlights from passing vehicles may interfere in the production of the event.

The diversion for this route uses the C130 Durham Road, A688 and the C96. When driving this route the journey from Bishop Auckland to Newfield is extended by approximately 2.1 miles

5 Objection 3

- 5.1 This objector is also opposed to the closure of PROW 81 as they feel it is unfair.
- 5.2 This objector is also opposed to the closure (18:00 – Midnight) of the Unclassified Road 34.4, Bishop Auckland Market Place to Newfield. They feel that this is unnecessary and will be a major inconvenience for local traffic. The objector feels that this closure is not proportionate, necessary or justified.
- 5.3 As mentioned previously the PROW is to be temporarily closed for safety and security reasons. The times of this closure may vary on an event by event basis.
- 5.4 Also as mentioned above, the Unclassified Road 34.4 exits Bishop Auckland in a northerly direction and runs adjacent to the event site towards Newfield. The closure is required to maintain the road safety of passing vehicles and the integrity of the show. As with the PROW closures, the timings will be managed on an event-by-event basis. It is proposed however to retain the 18:00 – Midnight closure timings so it can be implemented if there are shows with an earlier start time or if vehicular traffic was particularly heavy.

6 Local member consultation:

- 6.1 The Local Members have been consulted and offer no objection to the proposals.

7 Recommendations:

It is recommended that Members resolve to set aside all objections, endorse the proposal and make permanent the Various Roads, Bishop Auckland (Eleven Arches)

Traffic Management Order with the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director under delegated powers.

8 Background Papers:

8.1 Correspondence and documentation in Traffic Office File and in member's library.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – Rechargeable to Eleven Arches

Staffing – Carried out by Strategic Traffic

Risk – Not Applicable

Equality and Diversity – It is considered that there are no Equality and Diversity issues to be addressed.

Accommodation - No impact on staffing

Crime and Disorder - This TRO will allow effective management of traffic to reduce congestion and improve road safety.

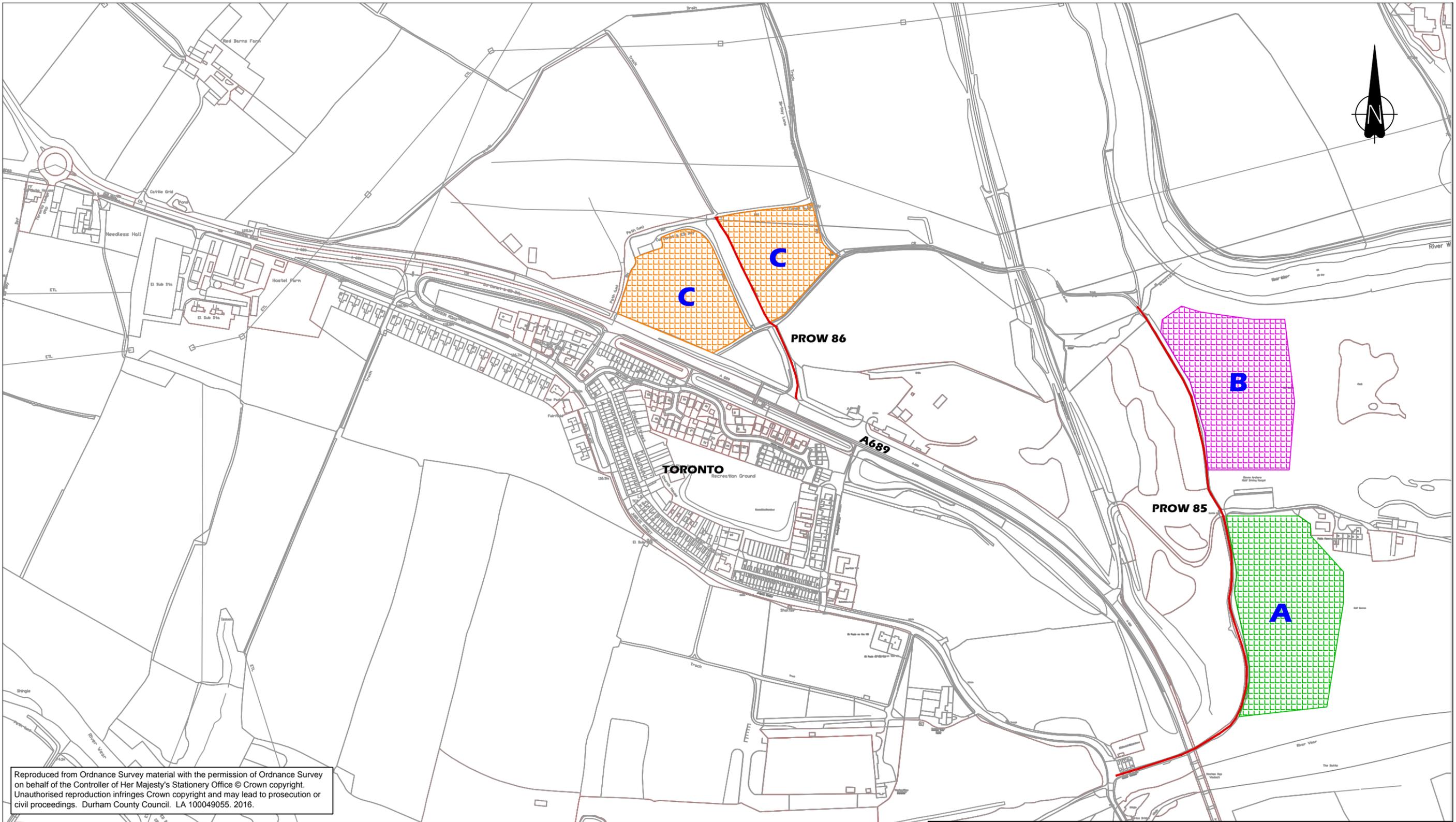
Human Rights - No impact on human rights

Consultation – Is in accordance with SI:2489

Procurement – Operations, DCC.

Disability Issues - None

Legal Implications - All orders have been advertised by the County Council as highway authority and will be made in accordance with legislative requirements.



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	Car Park A
	Car Park B
	Car Park C
	Public Rights of Way Closures 4pm - Midnight on Event Days

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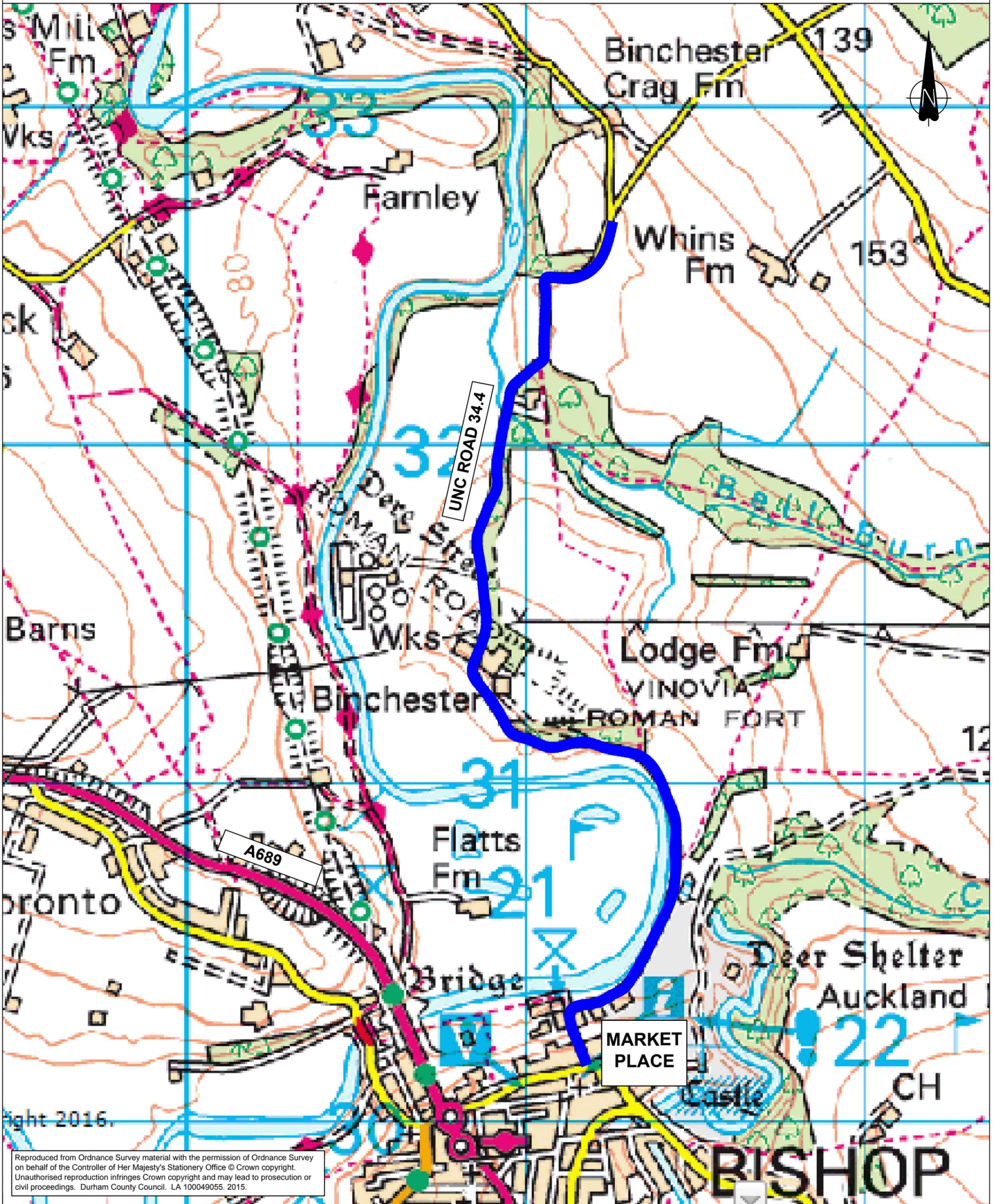
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Key

 Temporary Road Closure on Event Days
Road to be closed 18:00 - Midnight.
Access for residents permitted



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