

## **Delegated Decision**

**June 2024**

**FRAMWELLGATE MOOR, BRASSIDE &  
NEWTON HALL**

**PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2024**

**Ordinary Decision/Key Decision No.**



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### **Report of Major Projects - Strategic Traffic Management, Regeneration, Economy and Growth.**

#### **Electoral division(s) affected:**

Framwellgate & Newton Hall

#### **Purpose of the Report**

To request approval to progress a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce parking and waiting restrictions in Framwellgate Moor, Brasside & Newton Hall.

#### **Executive summary**

Concerns have been received via Durham Constabulary, Local Elected Members and residents regarding road safety, obstructive parking and visibility issues within the area covered by the Framwellgate Moor, Brasside & Newton Hall TRO. It is therefore recommended that an amendment be made to the TRO.

The proposals will see the introduction of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on Abbey Road, Pity Me; Finchale Priory Access Road; Cocken Road & Cocken Lane.

The response from Statutory Consultees was fully in support of the proposals, while directly affected frontages were mixed responses.

The proposals also met with support from all local member and Durham Constabulary.

#### **Recommendation**

To approve the progression of the TRO as requested.

## **Background**

### **Abbey Road West, Pity Me**

Abbey Road is located in Pity Me, to the east of the mini roundabout on Framwellgate Front Street. It is a busy road which contains numerous junctions giving access to a number of businesses and residential properties.

Concerns have been raised regarding the manner of parking on Abbey Road, which can obstruct the view of residents leaving their driveways. This situation is worsened as cars approaching from the mini roundabout to the west are often accelerating up to the speed limit along this section.

Further concerns have been raised about the nature of the parking and how it restricts the footpath access for pedestrians. This then forces them to cross to the opposite side of the road.

It has also been highlighted that vehicles are parking around the junction of Paxton Mews leading onto Abbey Road, forcing cars to edge out to gain visibility of the road. The manner of this parking also forces cars travelling west on Abbey Road to encroach into the opposite lane and this can lead to congestion.

The introduction of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on Abbey Road will prevent obstructive parking near residential homes and remove the parking around the Paxton Mews junction, which will improve the visibility and congestion, thus improving road safety.

Total Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
15	1	2*

\*Objections were later withdrawn after proposals were amended.

### **Finchale Priory Access Road, Brasside**

Located northeast of Durham City, Finchale Abbey Priory is a site of historic ruins and scenic surroundings, containing a number of inviting trails which run alongside the River Wear. The Priory and its surroundings attracts a number of visitors to the area, and those entering by motor vehicle do so by using the aforementioned access road.

Concerns have been raised regarding the nature of the parking leading up to the Priory access. This causes accessibility issues for vehicles wishing to enter the private road within the Priory grounds. Parking on the adopted section of highway leads to a natural bend in the road, and when vehicles park on both sides visibility is affected leading to road safety concerns. There is no formal footway in this area, forcing pedestrians to frequently use this access road, therefore, reduced visibility in turn endangers them. Also, forcing them to walk in the centre of the carriageway when vehicles are parked on either side reduces the traffic flow.

The introduction of ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions on the Finchale Priory Access Road would remove the parking leading up to the access and the natural bend, allowing pedestrians to walk tight to the side of the road and vehicles to access the Priory, thus improving the road safety, traffic flow and accessibility.

### **Cocken Road, Brasside**

Cocken Road is a busy, unlit road subject to the national speed limit. It is located slightly north of Finchale Priory and has a pedestrian access leading down to the site. This attracts numerous members of the public to this location as an alternative access point to the Priory.

Concerns have been raised surrounding the parking of vehicles on this road, particularly on warm summer days when Finchale Priory is at its busiest. Due to the nature of the road, this parking significantly reduces road width and, in some instances, forces vehicles to encroach onto the opposite side of the road. It has also been highlighted that vehicles are parking in the vicinity of the junction leading from Cocken Lane to Cocken Road, creating visibility issues for road users.

The introduction of ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions on the Cocken Road, leading into Cocken Lane would remove the parking along the stretch of road and around the junction. In turn, this would significantly improve the visibility and traffic flow, thus improving the overall road safety.

Total Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
1	1	0

### **Woodbine Road & Acorn Place, Pity Me**

Woodbine Road and Acorn Place are residential roads located off the Front Street of Pity Me. Access and egress is essential for larger vehicles, e.g., emergency vehicles, refuse wagons.

Concerns from residents have been raised regarding vehicles parking within the vicinity of the junction from the Front Street, creating access and visibility issues for all vehicles. It has been reported that on multiple occasions, refuse wagons have been unable to gain access to the back street linking Woodbine Road and Acorn Place due to parked vehicles, leading to bins not being emptied.

The introduction of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions on Woodbine Road and Acorn Place will prevent obstructive parking, improving the access and visibility for all road users.

Total Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
5	2	1

### **Priory Cottage Access Road**

Priory Cottage Access Road is the access from Finchale Avenue leading to Finchale Priory. The Priory and its surroundings attract a number of visitors to the area, and those entering by motor vehicle do so by using the aforementioned access road.

Concerns from members of the public have been raised regarding parking on the access road, causing congestion at busy periods. Parking on the western side forces northbound vehicles to encroach onto the opposite side of the road, with no breaks in parked vehicles if they were to come face-to-face with oncoming traffic, creating road safety issues.

It is proposed to introduce sections of 'no waiting at any time' restriction on Priory Cottage Access Road, to create a break in parking and allow vehicles to pull in if faced with oncoming traffic. This will reduce the concerns of traffic coming face-to-face with nowhere to pull into, reducing congestion and improving the overall road safety.

Total Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
2	0	0

### **Abbey Road East, Pity Me**

Abbey Road is located in Pity Me, to the east of the mini roundabout on Framwellgate Front Street. It is a busy road which contains numerous junctions giving access to a number of businesses and residential properties.

Concerns from local residents have been raised surrounding the existing restricted parking bays causing visibility issues when exiting Smithfield. Vehicles parked within these bays obstruct the view from the junction when turning right, unable to see oncoming vehicle travelling west.

It is proposed to remove the existing bays and replace them with 'no waiting no loading/unloading at any time' restrictions on Abbey Road. This will prevent the visibility issues currently being cause by the parked vehicles, improving the overall road safety.

Total Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
2	1	0

### **Abbey Leisure Centre**

Abbey Leisure Centre located Pity Me is a recreational facility offering a range of amenities for members of the public. It typically includes a gym with various exercise equipment, swimming pools for leisure and fitness swimming, sports courts for activities like badminton or basketball, and often hosts fitness classes and programs. Additionally, it has facilities for children, such as a play area or swimming lessons.

It has been requested by local Councillors that the existing 'blue badge holders only, 3 hours no return within 1 hour' bays are amended to be 'blue badge holders only, 4 hours no return within 3 hours', to match the timed restrictions of the other bays within the car park.

### **Main implications**

Consent to the progression of the following parking and waiting restrictions:-

To remove:

*'9am-6pm, 2 hours no return before 6pm'* on:

- Abbey Road, Pity Me

To introduce:

*'No waiting at any time'* restrictions on:

- Woodbine Road, Pity Me
- Acorn Place, Pity Me
- Abbey Road, Pity Me
- Cocken Road, Brasside
- Finchale Priory Access, Brasside
- Priory Cottage Access Road, Brasside

*'No waiting no loading/unloading at any time'* restrictions on:

- Abbey Road, Pity Me

To amend:

*'Blue badge holders only, 3 hours no return within 1 hour'* restricted bays to  
*'Blue badge holder only, 4 hours no return within 3 hours'* restricted bays at:

- Abbey Leisure Centre

## **Conclusion**

It is recommended to progress to formal advertising of the TRO subject to satisfactory consultation, proceed to seal and the creation of an enforceable TRO.

From time-to-time consolidation of orders may be required following amendment of an Order. If this is considered necessary, then this Authority may be used for the advertising and sealing of both Orders.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

Enforceable TRO

### **Finance**

Strategic Traffic.

### **Consultation**

Statutory Instrument 2489

### **Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty**

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

### **Climate Change**

It is considered that there are no Climate Change issues to be addressed.

### **Human Rights**

No impact on Human Rights.

### **Crime and Disorder**

No impact on Crime and Disorder

### **Staffing**

No impact on staffing.

### **Accommodation**

No impact.

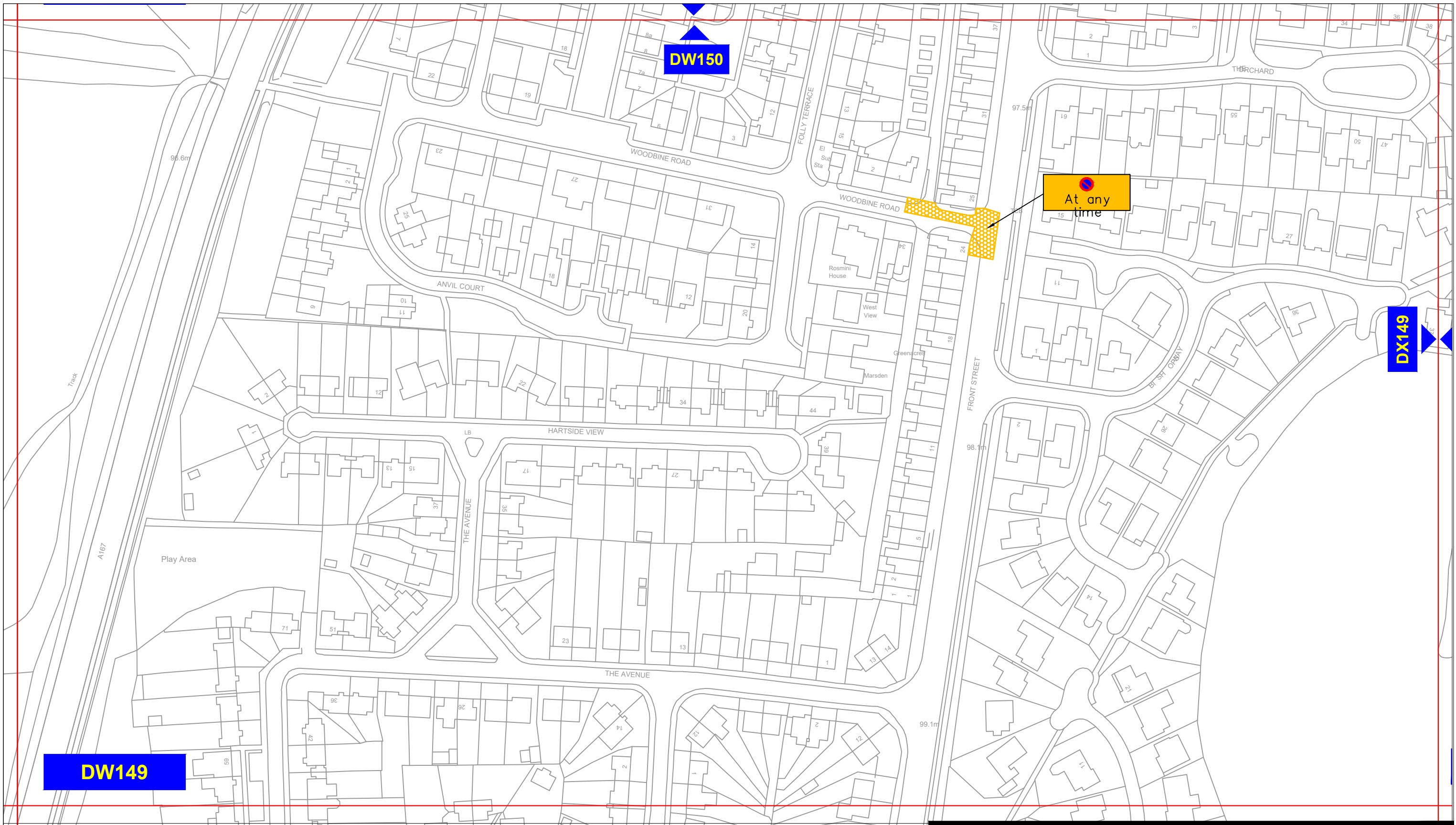
### **Risk**

No change to the risk impact.


### **Procurement**

Durham County Council Legal Services.





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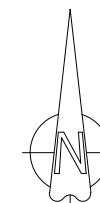


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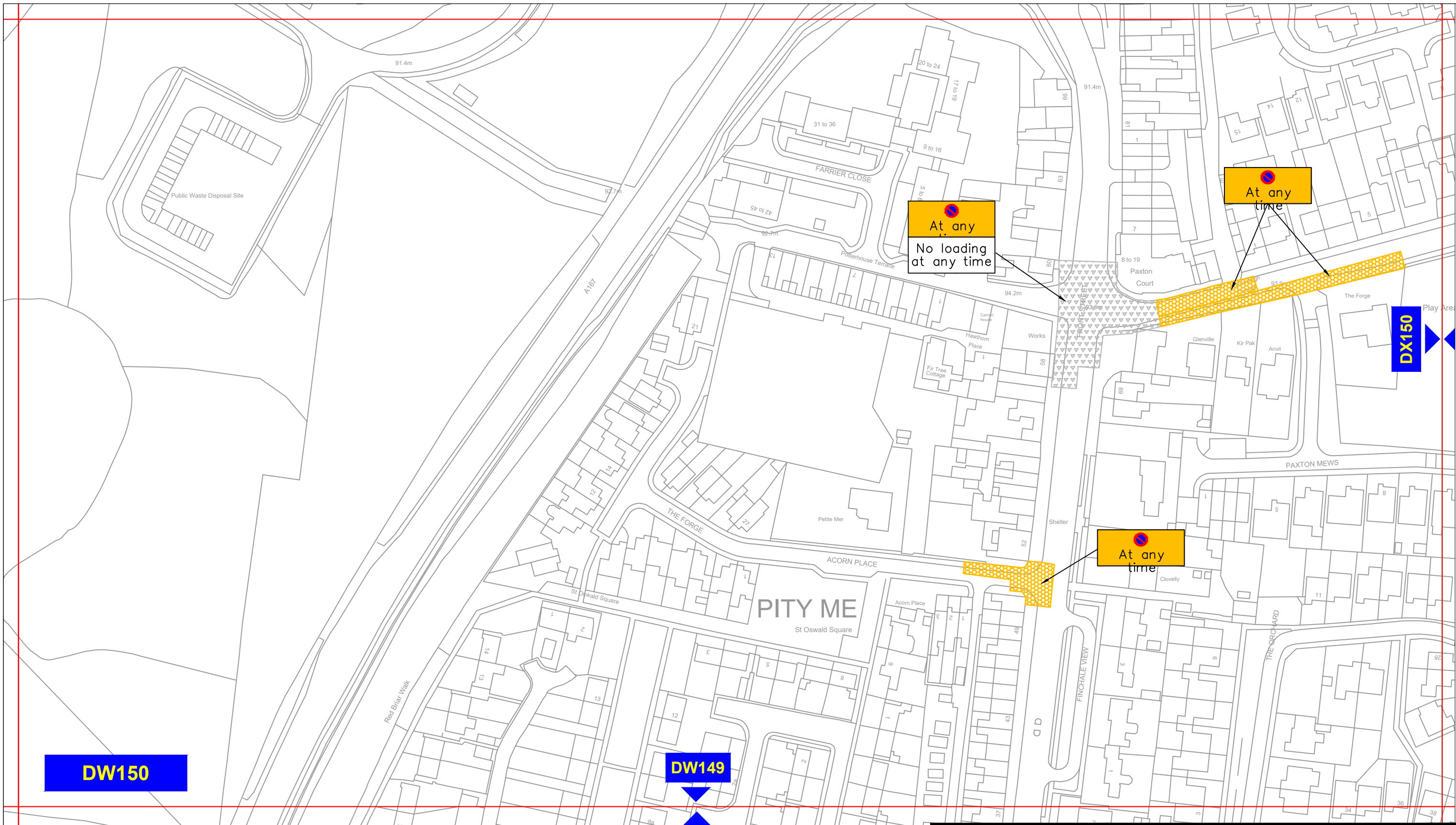
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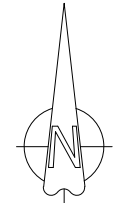
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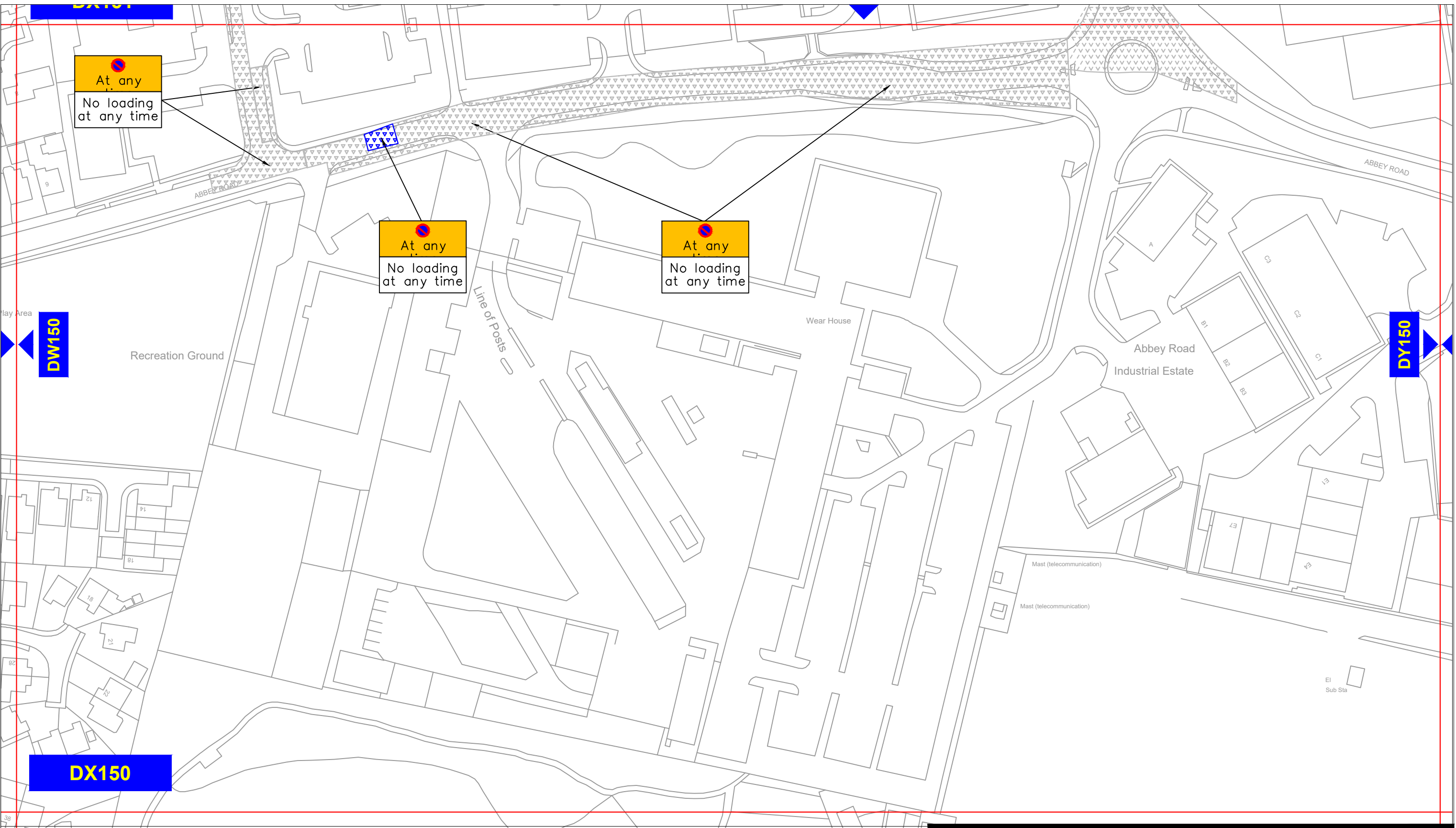
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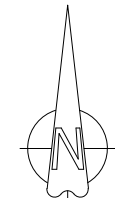
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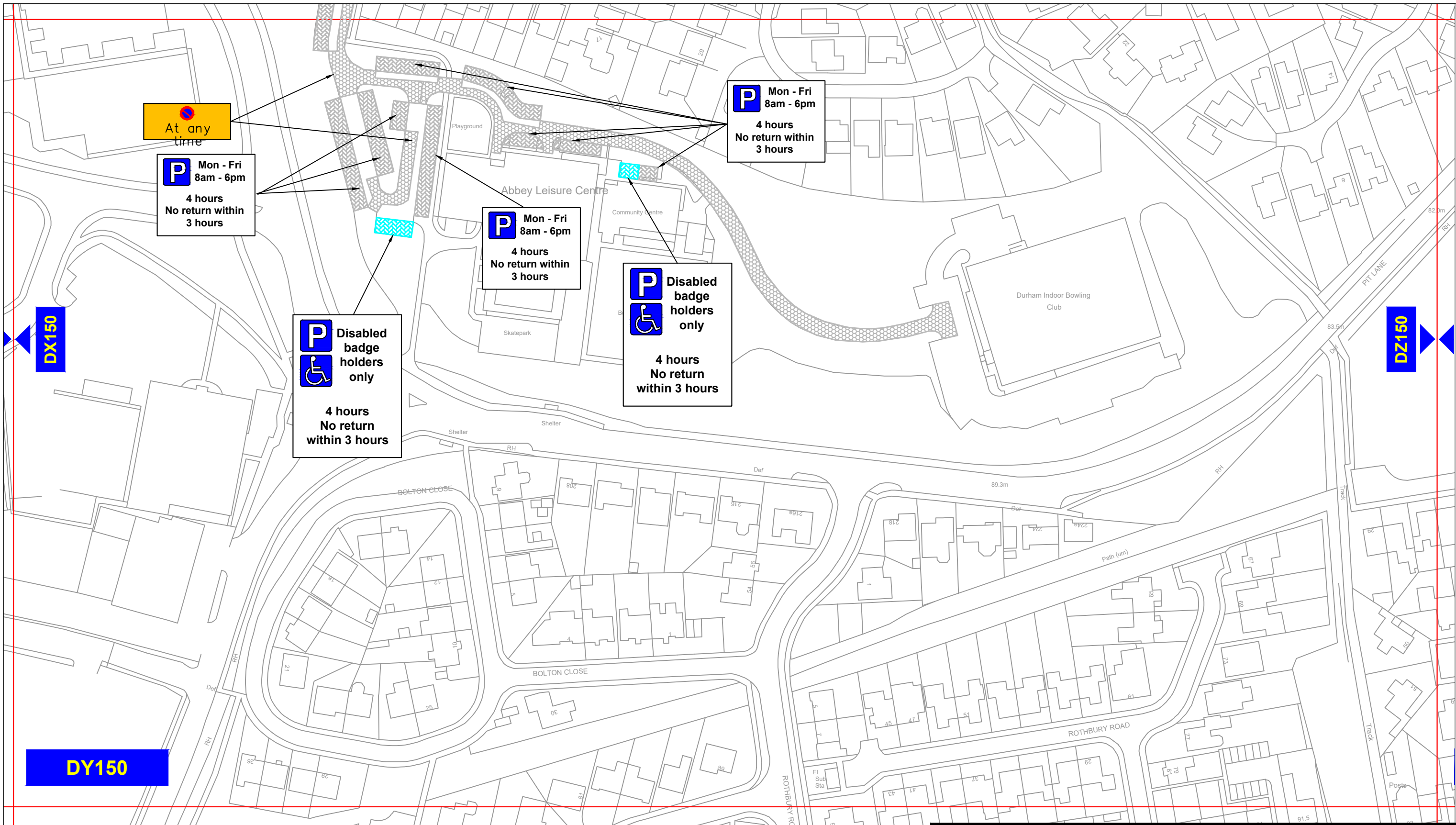
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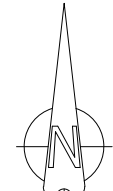
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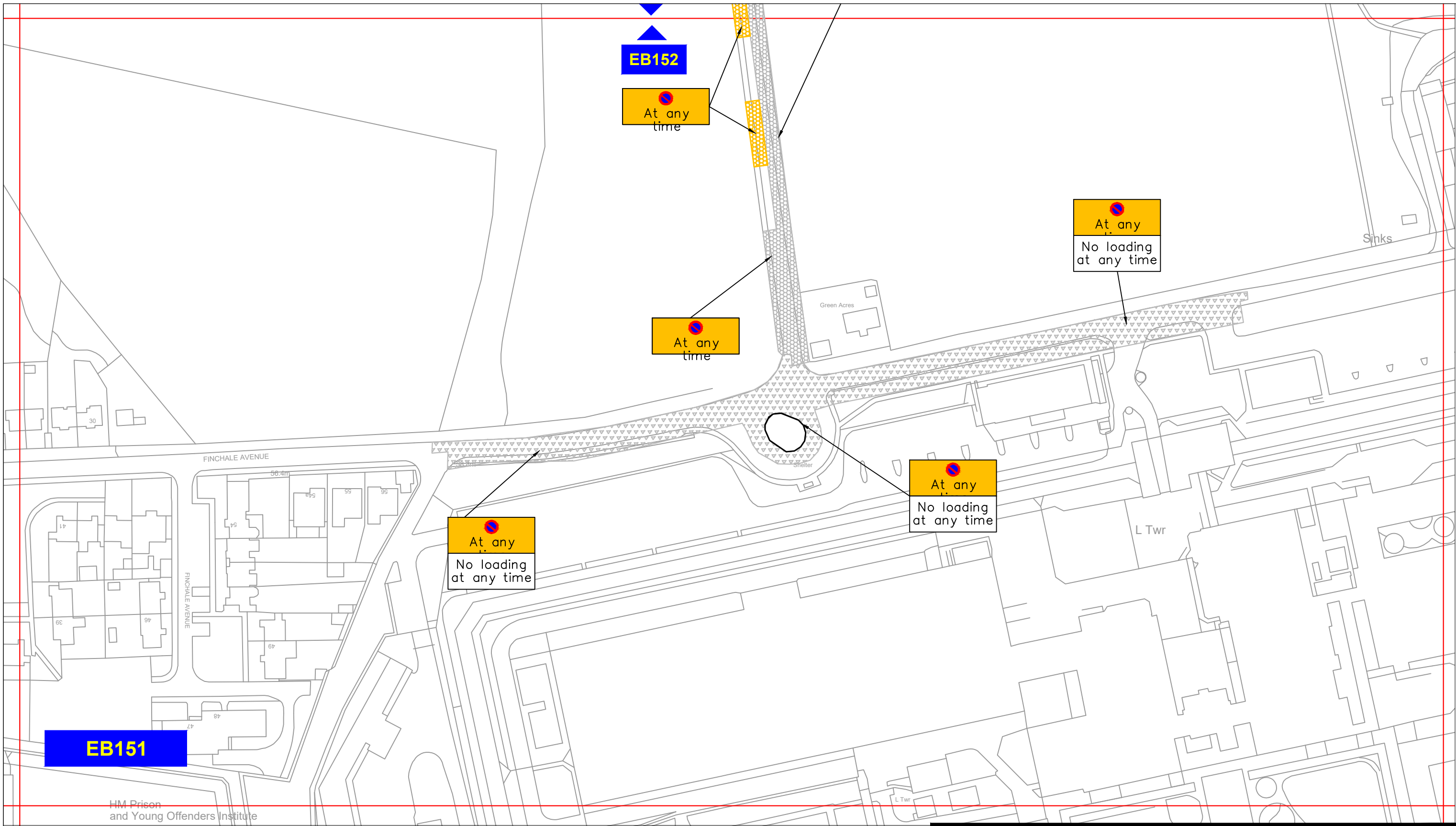
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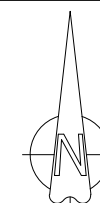
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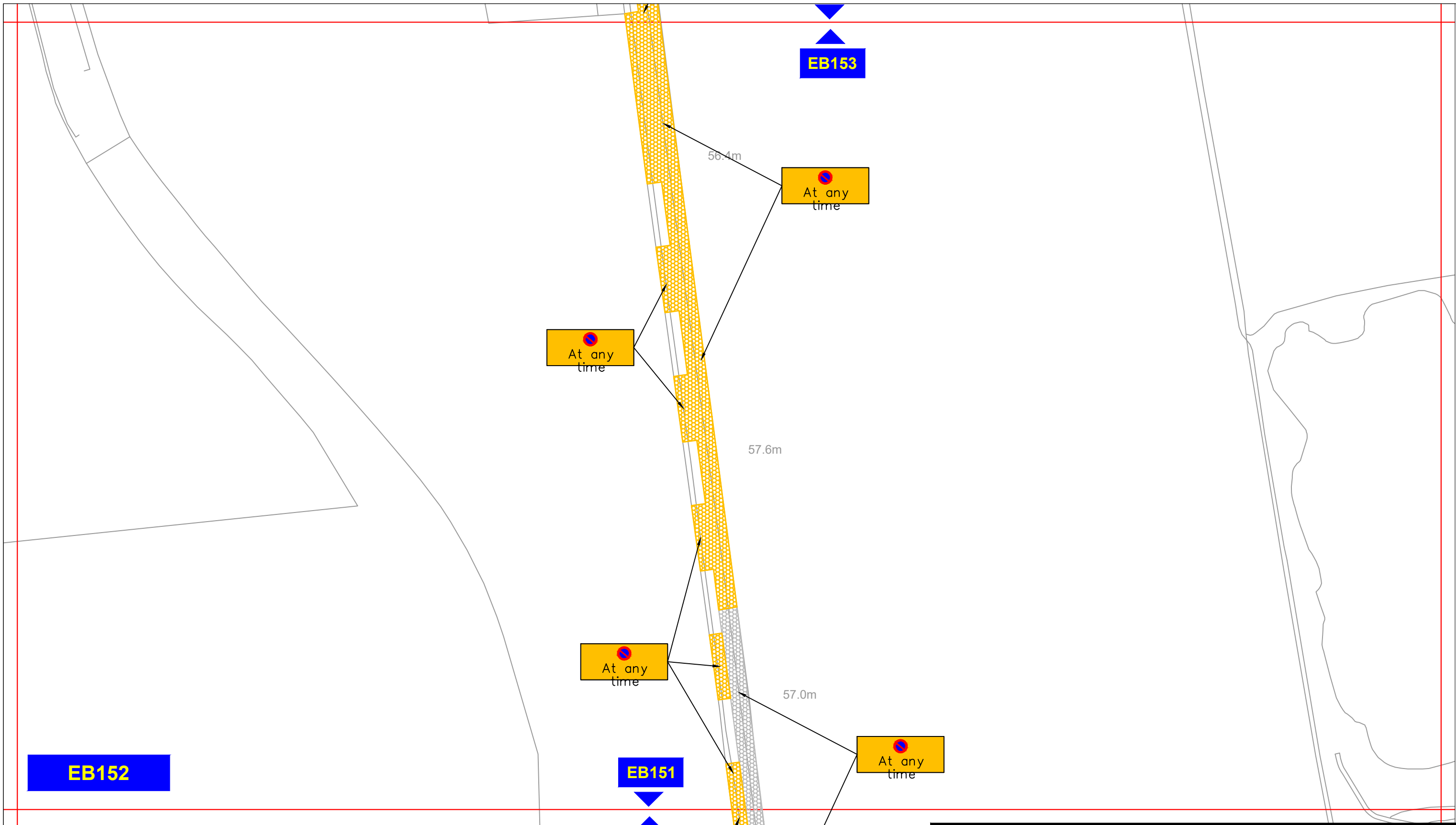
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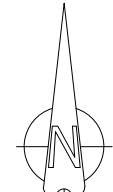


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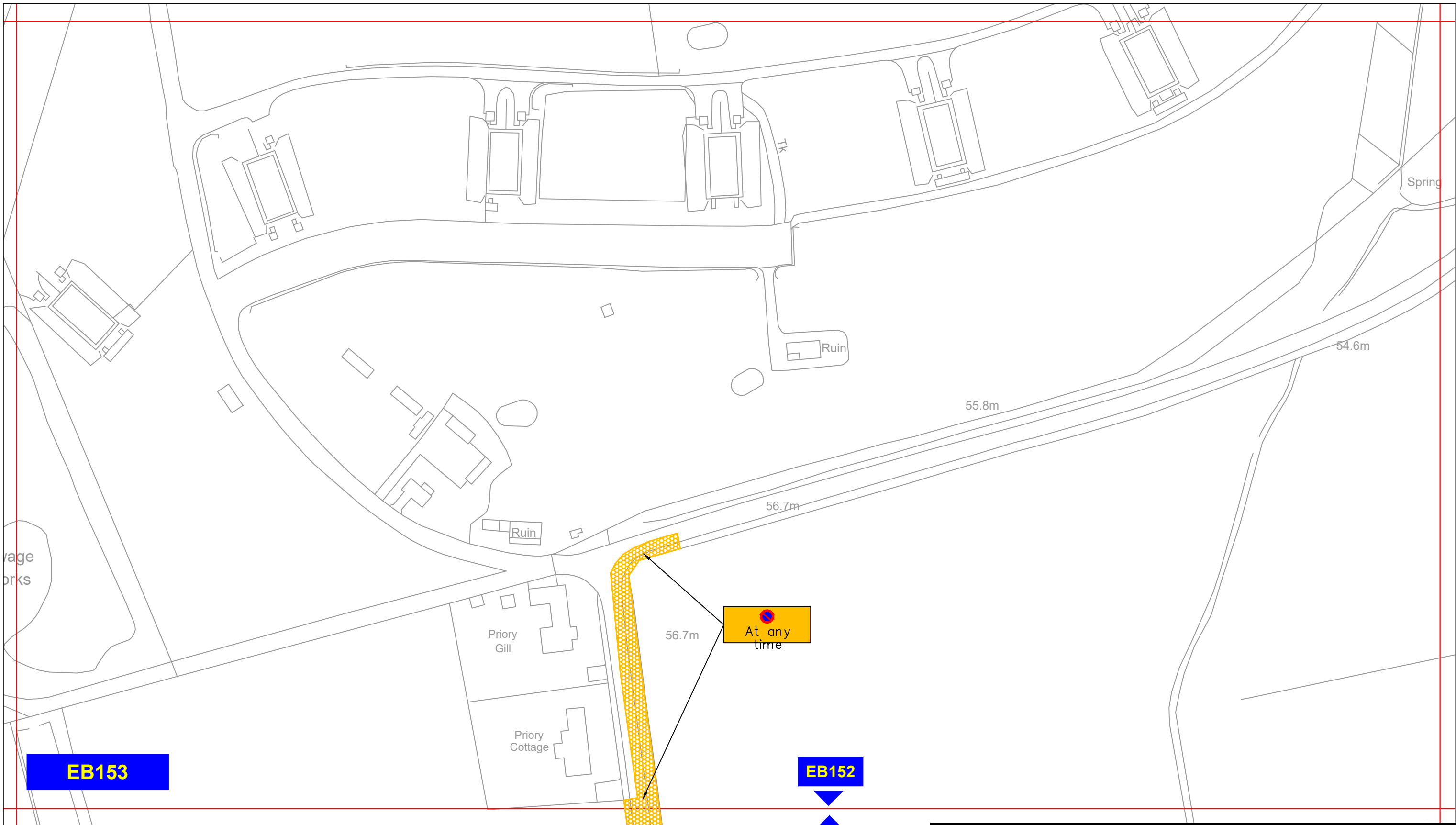
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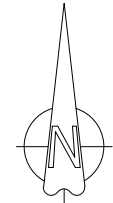
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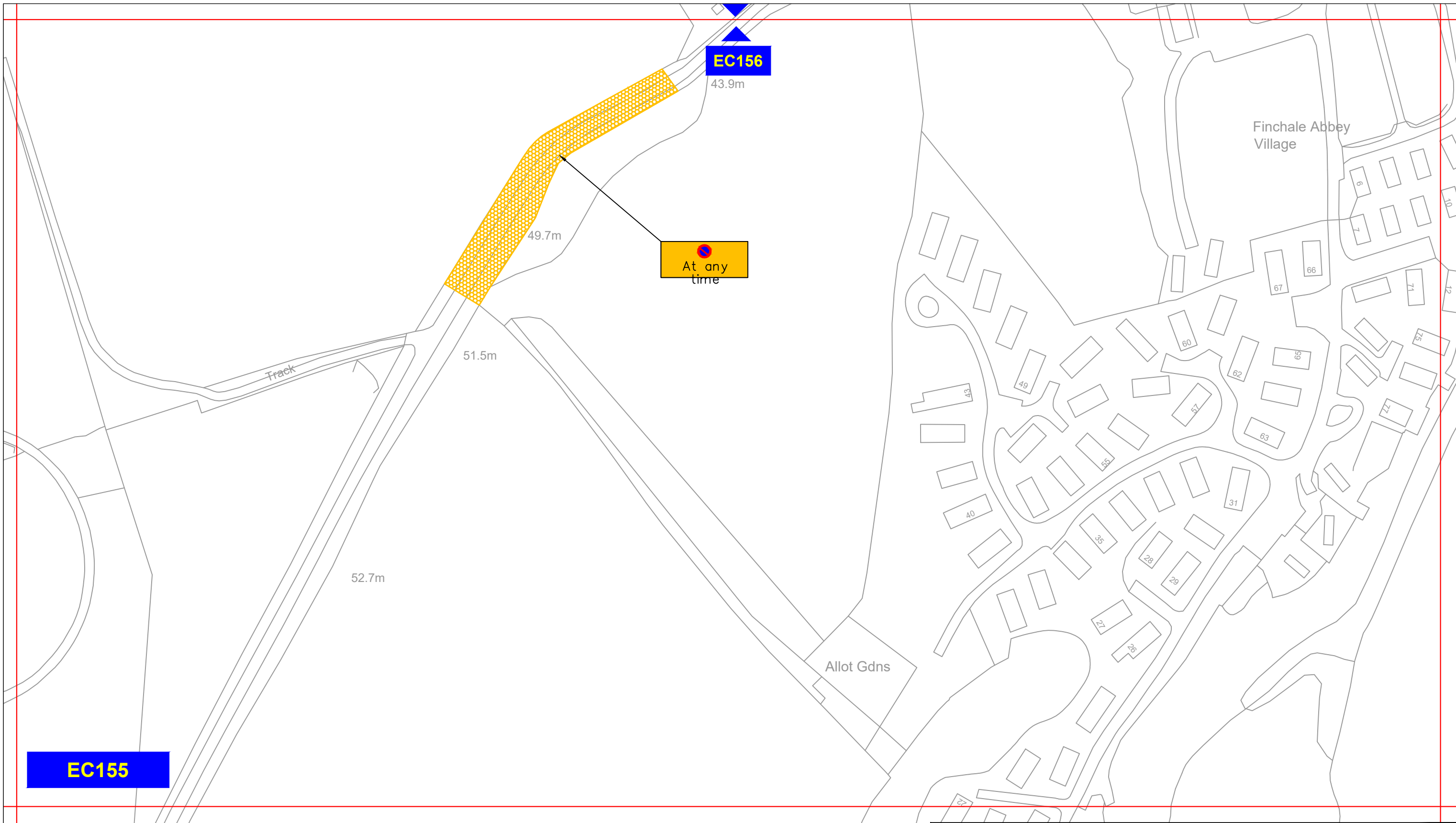
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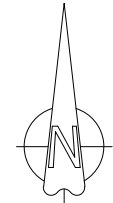
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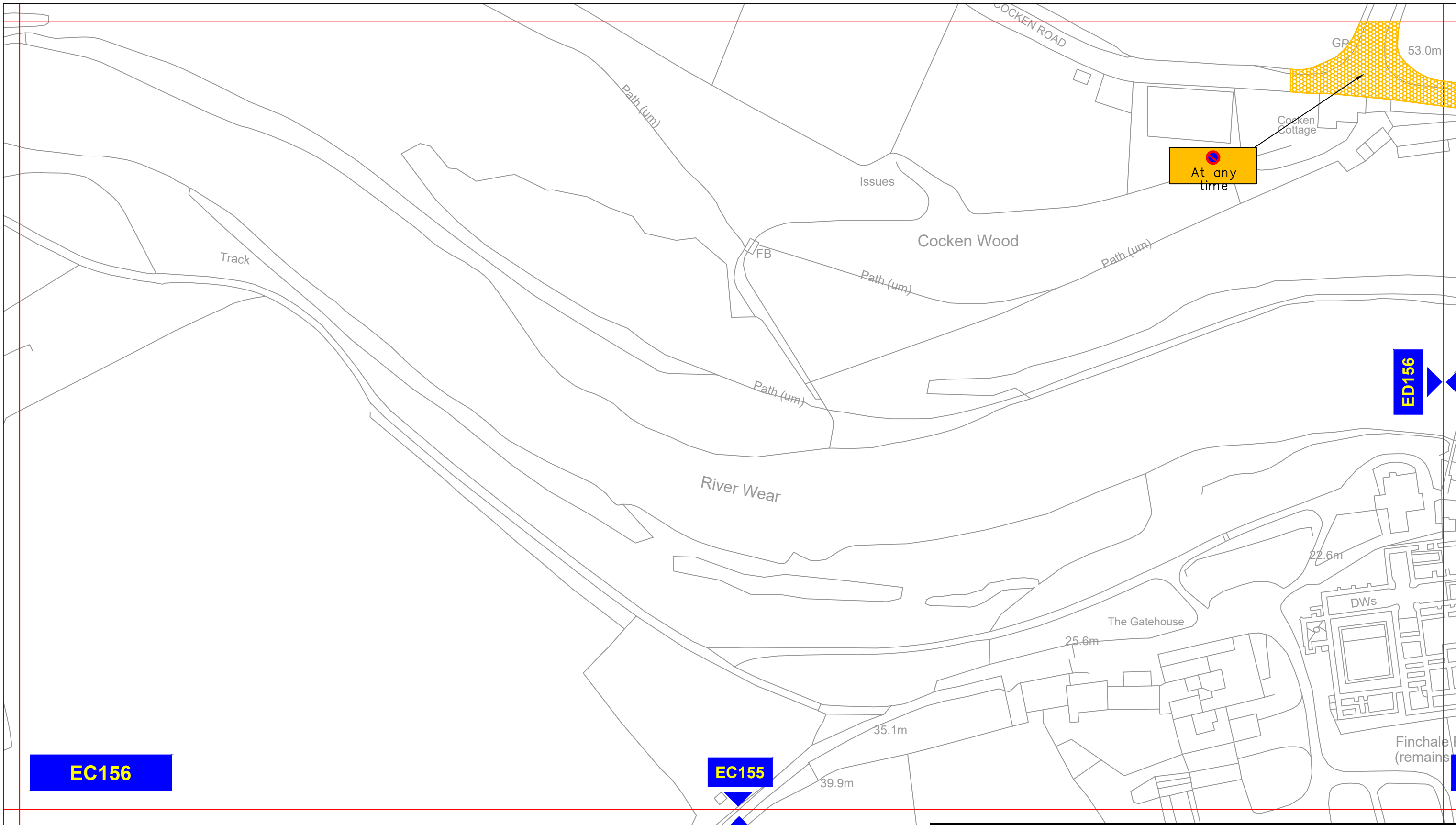
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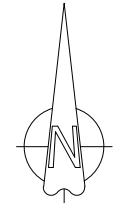
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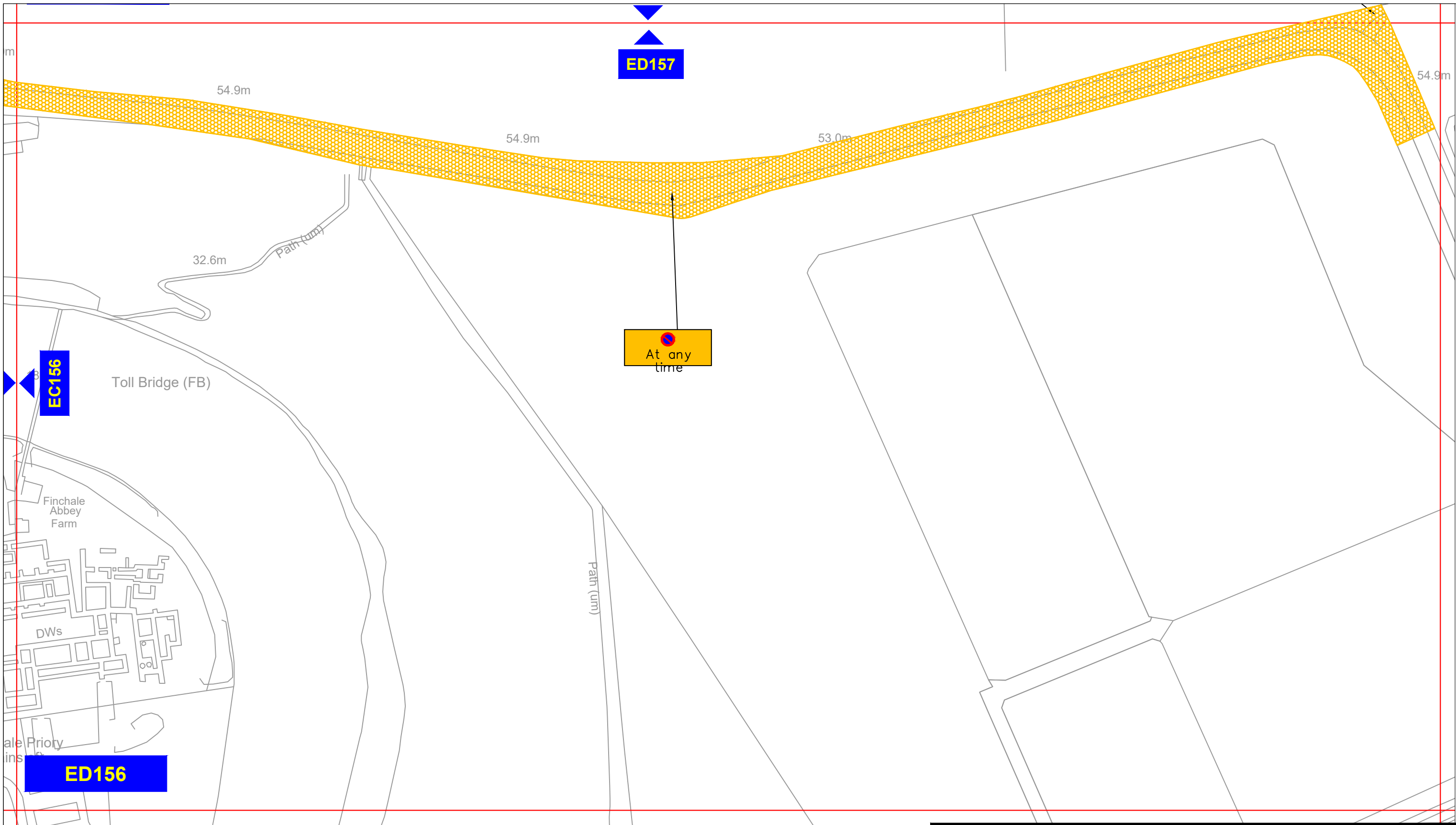
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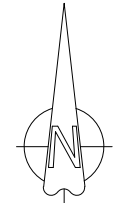
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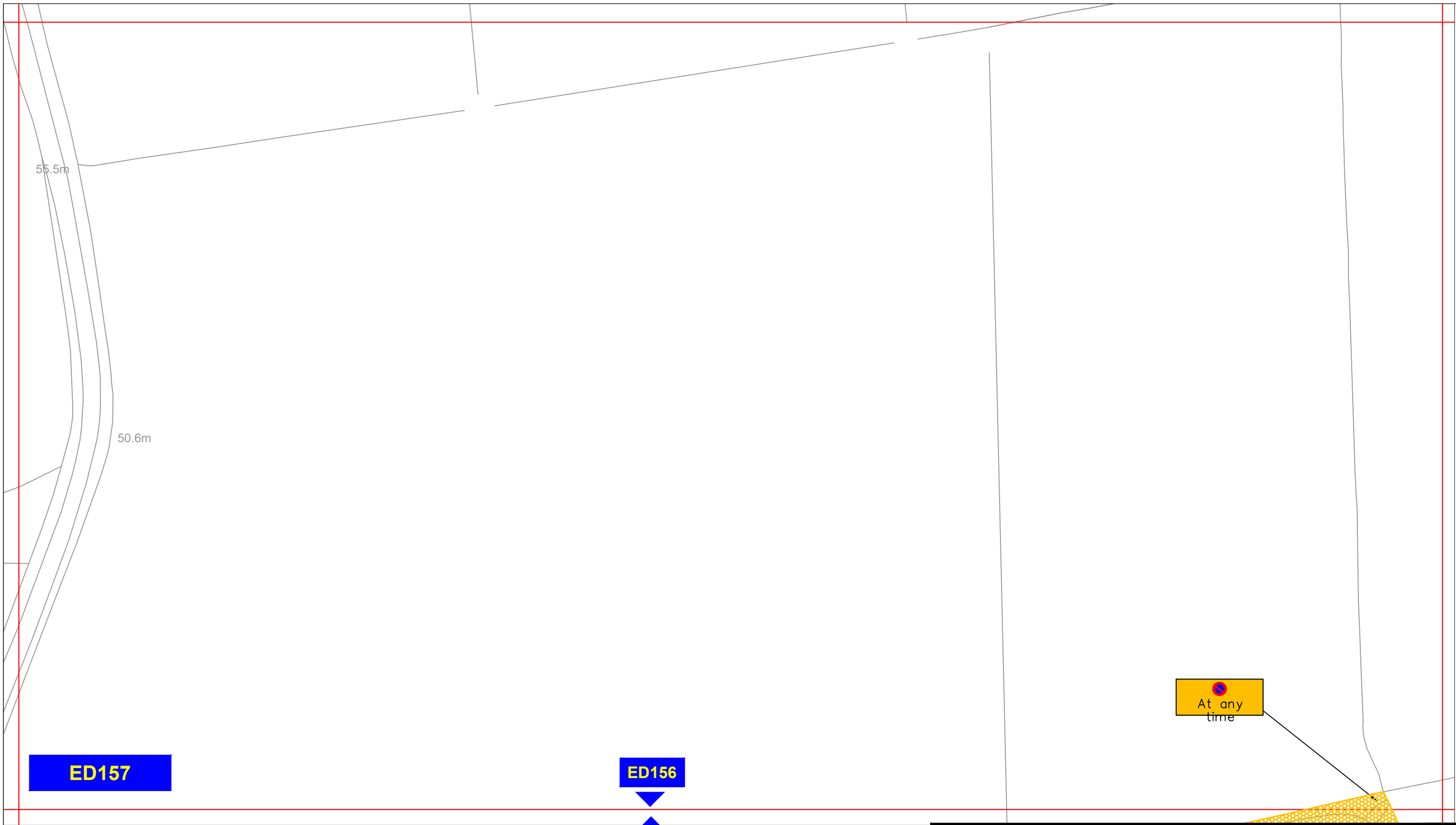
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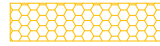
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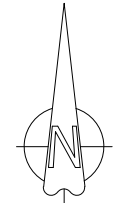
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