

Highways Committee

18th February 2025

Durham City (South-West)



**Parking & Waiting Restrictions
Traffic Regulation Amendment Order
2024**

Ordinary Decision/Key Decision No.

Report of Corporate Management Team

Alan Patrickson Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods & Climate Change

Councillor Elizabeth Scott, Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Economy & Partnerships

Electoral division(s) affected:

Elvet & Gilesgate, Nevilles Cross, and Brandon

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To advise Members of objections received in response to the consultation on the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in Durham City's South-West division.
- 1.2 To request that members consider the objections made during the informal and formal consultation period.
- 1.3 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Members are asked to decide, in principle only whether the TRO should be made, which will then guide the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods & Climate Change in the exercise of delegated decision making. The final decision is therefore one for the Corporate Director, under delegated powers.

2 Executive Summary

- 2.1 The County Council are committed to regularly reviewing Traffic Regulation Orders to ensure that the restrictions held within them are relevant and appropriate.
- 2.2 Representations have been received requesting a review of existing, and provision of additional, restrictions in Durham City's South-West Division.

- 2.3 Having considered these requests, Officers have determined that the changes listed below would be of benefit in terms of improving road safety and reducing congestion. It is therefore proposed to amend ‘The County Council of Durham (Durham City South West) (Parking and Waiting Restrictions) Order 2013 (Amendment No. 1) Order 2023’ to allow the identified changes to be implemented.
- 2.4 All Local Members and Durham Constabulary have been consulted and no objections have been raised to the proposal.
- 2.5 Consultation Period:

	From	To
Statutory Consultees	11-Sep-24	02-Oct-24
Informal Consultation	25-Aug-22 03-Jan-23 13-Feb-23 29-Mar-23 04-Jul-23	15-Sep-22 24-Jan-23 06-Mar-23 19-Apr-23 25-Jul-23
Formal Consultation	28-Nov-24	29-Dec-24

3 Recommendation(s)

- 3.1 Committee is recommended to:

Endorse the proposal, in principle, to introduce the Durham City (South-West) (Parking & Waiting Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 2024, with the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director under delegated powers.

4 Proposal, Objections & Responses

- 4.1 The proposed locations for the TRO that received objections during the consultation stages are detailed below. Further details of the proposals are depicted within Appendix 4.

Location 1 – Coupland Way - (A690 south)

(to introduce ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions)

- 4.2 Proposal Background

Located to the south-west of Nevilles Cross, Coupland Way shares a junction with the A690 and is one of two junctions that provide access to approximately 40 residential properties.

Members of the public have reported that vehicles regularly park at this junction, causing obstruction to both the footway and carriageway,

particularly on weekends when the local pub gets busy. This has created a scenario where pedestrians are being forced into the road as the footway is rendered unusable. It is therefore proposed that ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions are introduced to improve these issues.

4.3 Informal Consultation:

Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
1	0	1

4.4 Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
28.11.24 – 29.12.24	0	0

4.5 Summarised objections & responses:

1 property has objected to this proposal at the informal consultation stage and the reasons for their objection have been summarised below:

- “This will cause great stress [financially] on The Stonebridge Inn.”

4.6 DCC Response:

- Whilst a level of displacement should be expected following the introduction of formal parking & waiting restrictions, the highway code advises drivers not to park within 10m of a junction.
- ‘No waiting at any time’ restrictions have been proposed in locations where parking causes legitimate concern for road safety and significantly disrupts traffic flow as well as access/egress to the A690.

4.7 See appendix 3 for full details of the objection(s).

Location 2 – Faraday Court

(to introduce ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions)

4.8 Proposal Background

Faraday Court is located within a mainly residential estate to the east of the A167 where a number of Durham University facilities are also located, creating a high demand for on-street parking.

A local resident reported to us that vehicles parking at the junction of Faraday Court and the access to Neville House were causing access and visibility issues. It is therefore proposed that 'no waiting at any time' restrictions are introduced to improve these issues.

4.9 Informal Consultation:

Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
3	2	1

4.10 Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
28.11.24 – 29.12.24	0	0

4.11 Summarised objections & responses:

1 property has objected to this proposal at the informal consultation stage and the reasons for their objection have been summarised below:

- Restrictions are not needed. This location is quiet and self-governs.

4.12 DCC Response:

- A local resident has reported obstructive parking in this location.
- Following further investigation by officers from Durham County Council's Strategic Traffic Team, obstructive parking was observed which restricted visibility for access/egress thereby posing a concern for road safety.
- The introduction of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions will prevent obstructive parking either side of the junction from Faraday Court into Neville House for the benefit of road safety.

4.13 See appendix 3 for full details of the objection(s).

4.14 Location 3 – Park House Road
(to introduce ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions)

4.15 Proposal Background

Park House Road is located off of the A167, south of Nevilles Cross and is mainly a residential area. Recently, the development of Merryoaks Community Hall has sparked concerns from the elected member, raised on behalf of residents, that there would be an influx of parking from visitors to the community hall.

To address these concerns and prevent future issues, ‘no waiting at any time’ restrictions have been proposed on the bend in the road directly to the west of the entrance to the car park.

4.16 Informal Consultation:

Properties balloted	Number in favour	Number opposed
4	3	1

4.17 Formal Consultation:

Consultation dates	Expressions in favour	Expressions against
28.11.24 – 29.12.24	0	0

4.18 Summarised objections & responses:

1 property has objected to this proposal at the informal consultation stage and the reasons for their objection have been summarised below:

- “Would prefer to go back to a no through road as it was years back.”

4.19 DCC Response:

- Following the development of Merryoaks Community Hall, an influx of traffic external to the area has now been generated.
- ‘No waiting at any time’ restrictions have been proposed only in locations where parking restricts traffic flow and visibility, causing concern for road safety.

- The introduction of a 'no through road' for this location would not resolve any road safety concerns associated with obstructive parking and is therefore not a feasible alternative.

4.20 See appendix 3 for full details of the objection(s).

5 Conclusion

5.1 Having considered the objections to the proposals, Officers remain of the view that it is necessary to introduce the proposals in order to manage parking capacity and encourage the use of sustainable travel alternatives. Accordingly, it is recommended that Members agree in principle to endorse the proposal to proceed with the implementation of the Durham City (South-West) (Parking & Waiting Restrictions) Traffic Regulation Amendment Order 2024, with the final decision to be made by the Corporate Director under delegated powers.

6 Background papers

6.1 Correspondence and documentation on traffic file. Available on request.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

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

Finance

LTP Budget.

Consultation

Is in accordance with SI:2489.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

The Council has a duty pursuant to section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 when exercising its functions to have regard to the need to a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited under the Equality Act 2010; b) advance equality of opportunity between person who share a relevant protected characteristic and person who do not share it; and c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. Protected characteristics include age, disability, sex, race and religion. The Council has considered its public sector equality duty in respect of this matter and it is not considered that there are any identified factors which would suggest that it would be inappropriate to implement the Order in this instance.

Climate Change

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

Human Rights

Any interference with human rights is considered to be necessary in accordance with the law and proportionate in order to address highway safety issues.

Crime and Disorder

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

Staffing

Carried out by Strategic Traffic.

Accommodation

No impact.

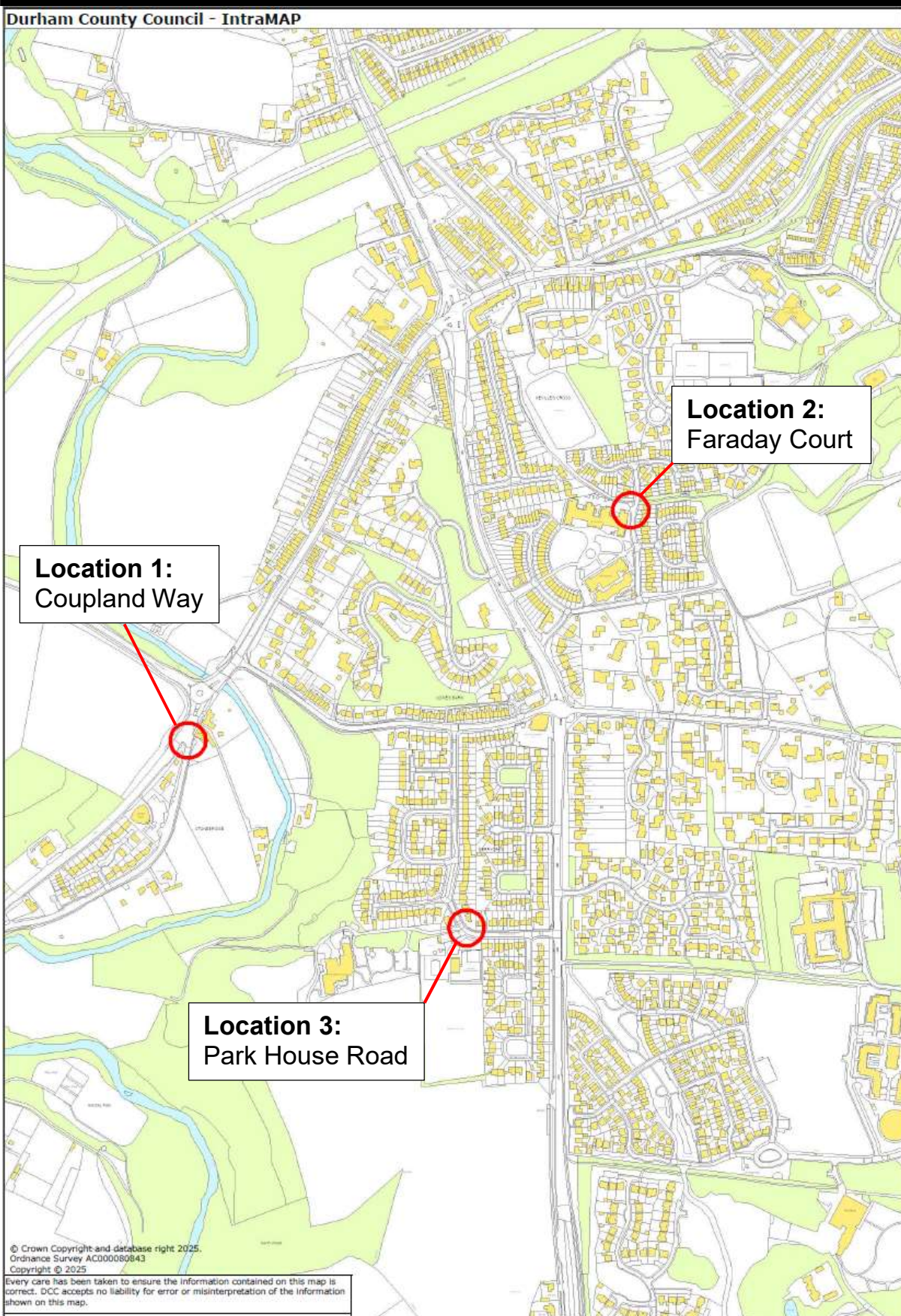
Risk

Not Applicable.

Procurement


Operations, DCC.

Appendix 2: Location of Proposals




Appendix 3: Objection Details

Location 1: Coupland Way

PROPOSED SCHEME CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD	
Please tick the appropriate box:	REF <i>AM/40038/23/142</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> I am in favour of the scheme	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am opposed to the scheme	
Comments <i>As aware its very hard times for pubs with a few recent closures. This will cause great stress on the stone bridge</i>	
(Please use BLOCK CAPITALS)	
Name:	
Address:	
	64270 REG

Location 2: Faraday Court

**PROPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**



Please tick the appropriate box:

I am in favour of the scheme

I am opposed to the scheme

REF *Faraday Court*

Comments *self govern - its quiet*
It works ok - there is one
resident who can't help but car watch!

(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)


Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

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Location 3: Park House Road

**PROPOSED SCHEME
CONSULTATION RESPONSE CARD**

Durham SW


Please tick the appropriate box:

I am in favour of the scheme

I am opposed to the scheme

REF *Park House Road*

Comments *Would preferve to go back to a*
no through road as it was years back

(Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**)

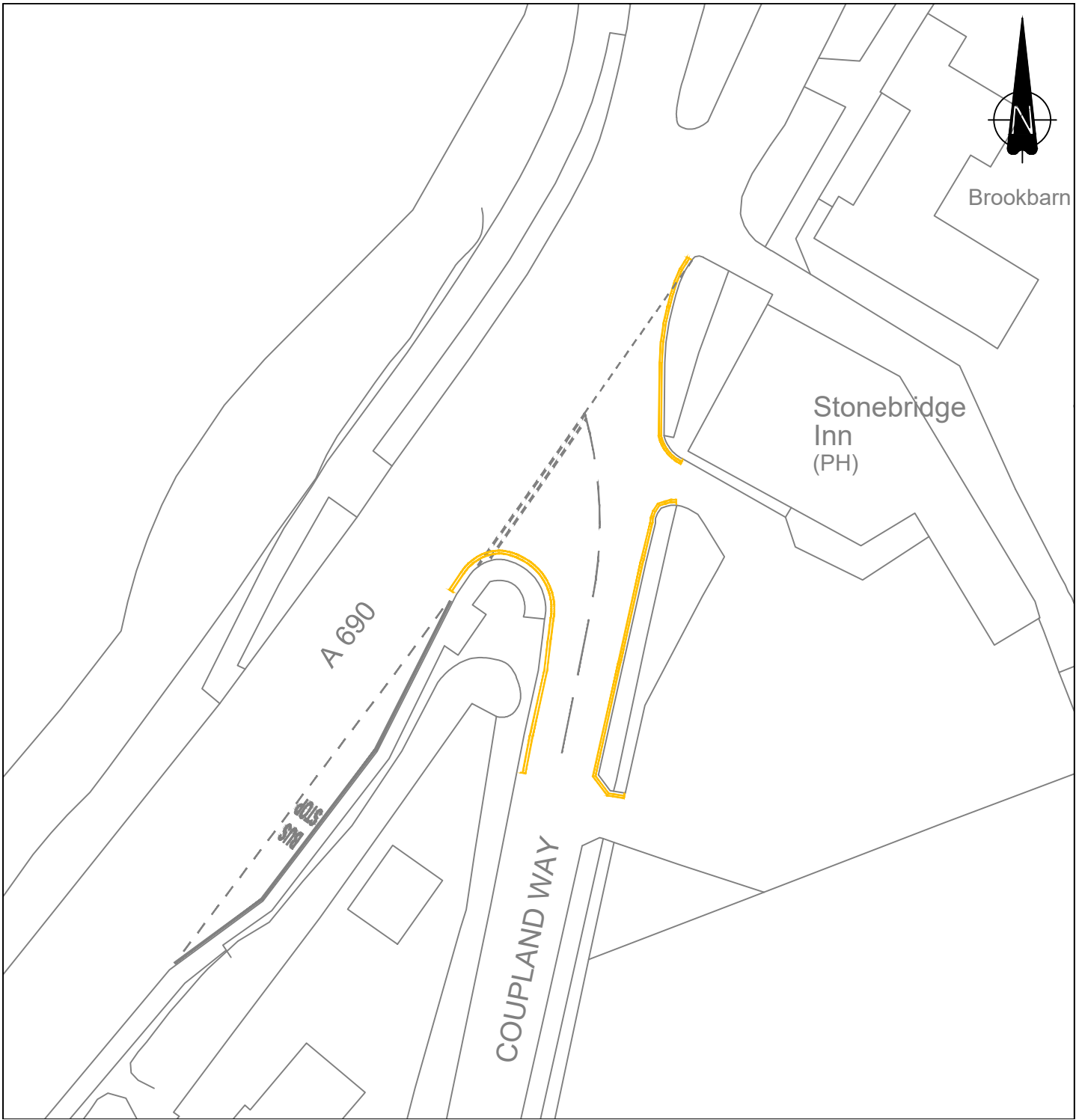
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Appendix 4: Copy of Proposals

- TM/40038/25/033 – Coupland Way: Highway’s Committee Proposal.
- TM/40038/25/034 – Faraday Court: Highway’s Committee Proposal.
- TM/40038/25/035 – Park House Road: Highway's Committee Proposal.




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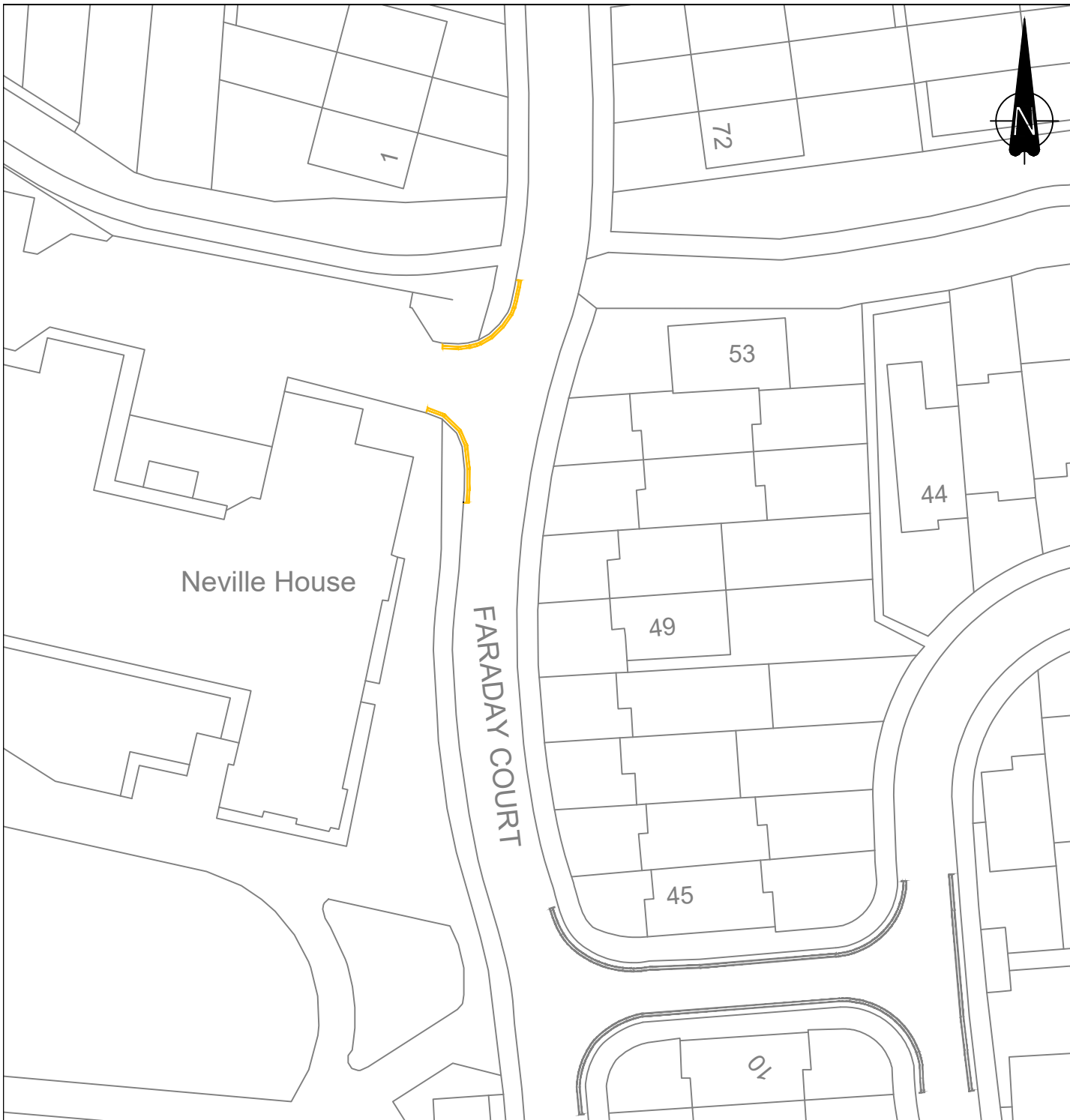
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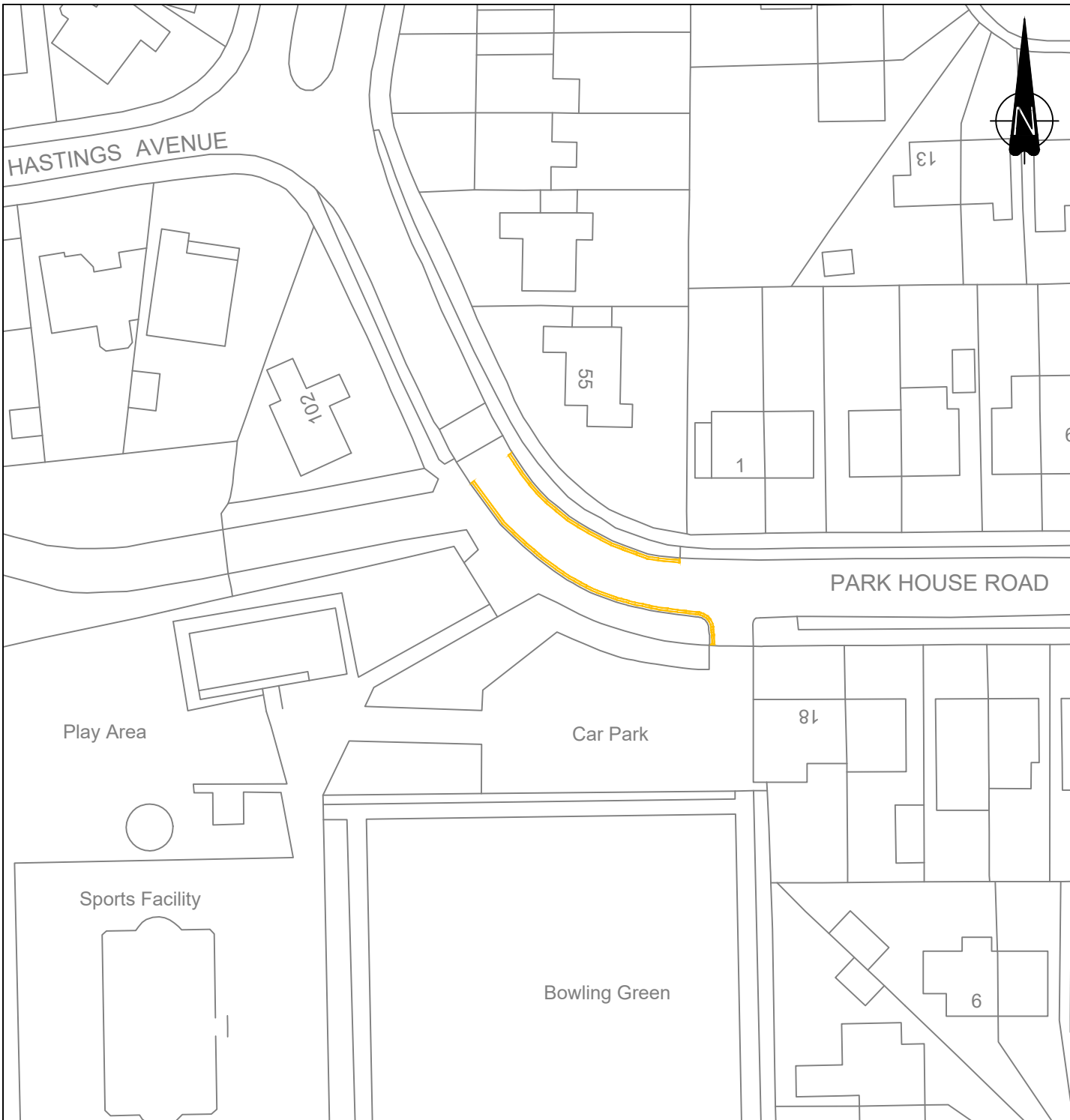
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