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Dear Sir/ Madam

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Please find attached the Local Highway Authority (LHA) response to the actions points arising from ISH 6 & 7

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Action Points Issue Specific Hearing 6 – Environmental Matters

I refer to your request for additional information arising from the above hearing. The numbers below correspond to the numbers contained within your action points.

- 2. Cable Crossing Access Technical Note:- I believe this relates to the trunk road network and accordingly the response must come from Highways England rather than Norfolk County Council (NCC).
- **6. Position statement in relation to link 36:-** NCC's position as Local Highway Authority (LHA) remains unchanged from that set out within our joint position statement submitted at Deadline 6. In summary: -

To prevent a severe impact, NCC requests the route be amended to avoid HGV traffic passing through Horsford village along the B1149.

Horsford is a large village with (at the time of the 2011 census) some 4,000+ inhabitants. It comprises of ribbon development either side of the B1149. In turn, the B1149 contains several sensitive receptors including (but not limited to) Horsford infant school; a pre-school nursery; and comprises part of the walking route to Horsford Junior School. During the morning peak, traffic leaving the village is at times stationary between the village and the A1270 Norwich Northern Distributor Route (NDR).

There are a significant number of residential developments taking place (and committed) within the village involving HGV construction traffic passing along the B1149 through Horsford. The LHA do not wish to see additional HGV loading on this route.

Two acceptable alternative routes have been identified and we consider our request to divert HGV traffic onto either of these routes to be reasonable.

(i) Norfolk County Council has suggested utilising the C245 Shortthorn Road, which is by far a more suitable route. The C245 has suitable width to accommodate the proposed volume of traffic and has good alignment. The junctions at either end of C245 Shortthorn Road conform to standard and both have dedicated right turn lanes sufficient to accommodate the predicted traffic. Whilst there is some frontage development, nevertheless it is significantly less than experienced along the B1149 through the centre of Horsford village.

By way of clarification, the Hornsea 3 NSIP development would involve a similar volume of HGV construction traffic travelling along the B1149 through Horsford village and we have also asked Hornsea 3 to divert its HGV's onto the C245 Shortthorn Road which, in principle they have agreed to do.

The route requested by the LHA would involve an extra journey length of some 2m but is unlikely to increase journey times as it would avoid long delays arising from congestion in Horsford village. The route is set out in more detail within our position statement submitted at deadline 6 and as stated above we believe this to be a reasonable request.

(ii) Norfolk Vanguard have suggested an alternative diversion involving travelling north along the A140 for some 3.5 miles past the C245 Shortthorn Road junction and then traveling west along the B1145 Aylsham Road (Norfolk Vanguard's link 37).

The LHA have no objection to diverting HGV traffic away from the B1149 and onto the B1145 (link 37), and indeed we would see this as a more attractive proposition to the use of the C245 Shortthorn Road as it would separate Vattenfall's HGV traffic from Hornsea 3's traffic.

Norfolk Vanguard have suggested that HGV traffic should still be allowed to pass through Horsford village along the B1149 with traffic cap imposed restricting the volume of HGV traffic allowed to use that route. The LHA is totally opposed to this approach. The B1149 is already carrying a significant load.

It is our firm belief there are two alternative routes which would have a negligible impact and our request to divert onto either of those two routes is reasonable and it would not place Norfolk Vanguard at a position of disadvantage.

In conclusion, all HGV traffic associated with Norfolk Vanguard needs to be diverted away from Horsford village.

7. **Details of mitigation for link 41 –** NCC are waiting to receive details from Norfolk Vanguard setting out their proposed mitigation measures. Until we receive this we are unbale to comment upon acceptability. In the meantime our position remains as set out within our joint position statement at deadline 6 namely: -

NCC is concerned the volume of cumulative traffic (487 daily HGV movements at peak) will have a severe impact on seasonal traffic. NCC wish to see a cap placed on daily HGV peak traffic flows during the holiday season (defined as the six-week school summer holidays). The nature of the cap is still under discussion.

- **8.** Trenchless crossings NCC are waiting for additional details from Norfolk Vanguard. We will provide an updated position statement at deadline 8 as requested.
- 9. Position Statement on Hornsea 3 traffic data for Cawston. It would appear we unintentionally misled you on this point at ISH6. As you will see from NCC's final position statement submitted to the Hornsea 3 hearing (copy attached), Orstead made a commitment to explore the opportunity of making greater use of Heydon Road and we believe it would be possible to do so. However, we ran out of time before the Hornsea 3 hearing closed and accordingly the figures must be taken as those set out within the outline CTMP as presented by Vattenfall at ISH6.

Road Safety Audit (RSA) for Cawston:-

There was an additional point raised during Issue Specific Hearing 6 that does not appear on your action sheet. The ExA asked if NCC could supply a copy of the Road Safety Audit (RSA) for the Hornsea 3 mitigation measures at Cawston. The RSA was not submitted into the Hornsea 3 hearing, however NCC does have a copy. I have spoken to Orstead who have no objection to my sending it to you for inclusion within the Vattenfall hearing. A copy is attached to this letter.

For completeness I would also refer you to NCC's final position statement submitted to the Horstead 3 hearing, setting out our comments upon the RSA which is also attached. We are in discussion with Orstead to address the issues raised.

Action Points Issue Specific Hearing 7 – the Draft DCO

15. Wording in requirement 22 in terms of removal of temporary accesses. The Outline Access Management Plan gives a commitment at paragraph 53 to: -

"Apart from the onshore project substation, all other project access points are temporary and following completion of construction would be reinstated to their former state unless otherwise agreed with the relevant local authority."

It is our understanding that timescales for reinstatement were to be identified in the detailed CTMPs to be developed post-consent. However, given the ExA's concern, we recommend that either the Outline CTMP or requirement 22 be amended now by adding the following paragraphs: -

"Within 28 days of a construction site access being no longer required for the purpose of Vattenfall construction, or written notice being served unto the Applicant by the LHA, the access will be removed, and the highway returned to its original condition (including verges), unless otherwise agreed with the LHA. The details of and timescales for the reinstatement will also be agreed with the LHAs. It is anticipated that the LHA will inspect the reinstatement works to ensure that there meet appropriate standards."

"Any works within the highway will be reinstated to a standard commensurate to prior to the commencement of the works, unless otherwise agreed with the LHA. The details of and timescales for reinstatement will also be agreed with the LHA. It is anticipated that the LHAs will inspect the reinstatement works to ensure that they meet appropriate standards"

If work is carried out in phases, the commitment to

"...remove temporary construction accesses between phases unless otherwise approved with the LHA."

Yours sincerely

Senior Engineer - Highways Development Manager for Executive Director for Community and Environmental Services



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High Street, Cawston – Highway Intervention Scheme

Date: 29th March 2019







High Street, Cawston - Highway Intervention Measures

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Revision History

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Rev A	29 th March 2019	EC/PZ	Update to reflect NCC safety audit comments







Abbreviation

Abbreviation	Definition
HOW3	Hornsea Project Three
HE	Highways England
NCC	Norfolk County council
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
DCO	Development Consent Order
CTMP	Construction Traffic Management Plan
ATC	Automatic Traffic Count
HGVs	Heavy Goods Vehicles
PIA	Personal Injury Accident







1. Introduction

- 1.1 This document with accompanying appendices and plans comprises the intervention measures for the Village of Cawston that are to be undertaken as part of the Hornsea Project Three offshore wind farm (hereafter referred to as Hornsea Three) in response to the concerns raised by the acting Highway Authority Norfolk County Council (NCC) and Cawston Parish Council.
- 1.2 A series of meetings and scheme plans have been discussed with NCC which are summarised in Appendix 27 to Deadline 7 submission Development of the Cawston Traffic Intervention Scheme and not repeated here.
- 1.3 This Report looks to present the final Cawston Intervention Scheme and supply information on the following:
 - Baseline Conditions
 - Cable Corridor Sections 9 / 10 and Hornsea Three Construction Traffic
 - Hornsea Three / Norfolk Vanguard Cumulative Effect
 - Proposed Highway Intervention Scheme
 - Stage One Safety Audit and Designers Response
 - Summary and Conclusions







2. Existing Conditions

- 2.1 Cawston is a Village and civil parish in the Broadland District of Norfolk. The Village lies approximately 11 miles (18km) north of Norwich on the B1145. The B1145 is subject to a 30mph speed limit through the Cawston Village centre. There is intermittent footway provision of variable width alternating between the north and south side of the carriageway through the Village.
- 2.2 Through the Village centre there is predominantly private residential dwellings fronting onto the B1145 as well as The Bell public house and All Things Nice café with a One Stop Convenience Store on the eastern side of the Village and the Town Hall on the western side.
- 2.3 There is currently no parking restrictions along the B1145 through the Village centre allowing residents to park outside their properties and customers parking outside the café. The Bell public house does offer an off road car park accessed via the B1145 with space for approximately 19 cars.
- 2.4 A triangular shaped area is also allocated for parking at the junction between the B1145 and Chapel Street which can accommodate in the order of 6 passenger cars.
- 2.5 The Village Hall is located on the Western edge of the High Street and offers parking for a further 15 20 vehicles.

Existing Highways Constraints

- 2.6 There are two bridges on the B1145 on the western side of Cawston which along with bends in the road alignment result in pinch points where it is difficult for two opposing HGVs to pass.
- 2.7 The first is the bridge where the B1145 crosses over the Marriott's Way public footpath located approximately 120m north west of the Village Hall. Over the bridge the B1145 carriageway narrows to approximately 4.8m. There is also a sharp western turn in the road alignment on the northern side of the bridge which makes the environment constrained for larger vehicles.
- 2.8 The Bridge wall and fence line on the north western side show signs of recent repair. However, no recent accidents have been recorded at this location.
- 2.9 The Second Bridge is located approximately 600m west of the first bridge and has a wider carriageway width at approximately 5.5m. This bridge is located at a sharp bend on a winding section of the B1145.
- 2.10 As well as the pinch points at the two bridge locations there is potential for pinch points restricting the two-way movement of HGVs throughout Cawston Village centre due to the presence of ad hoc on street parking.
- 2.11 There is also a section of the B1145 on the eastern side of the Village between Chapel Street and New Street which without any on street parking narrows to the point where opposing HGVs struggle to pass simultaneously, partly due to the lack of maintenance of the vegetation and hedgerow on the southern side of the B1145 which forces vehicles to drive further towards the carriageway centre line. In places along this section of the B1145 it is also a perceived lack of carriageway width due to there being no footways and buildings very near to the carriageway edge on both sides.







- 2.12 There is one Primary School in Cawston located on the eastern side of the Village on the southern side of the B1145. This has a vehicular access from the B1145 used mostly by staff and delivery vehicles. Pedestrians can access the school via Norwich Road to the south and a pedestrian cut through from Howard's Way on the west.
- 2.13 A site visit carried out by Create Consulting Engineers Ltd on the 7th March 2019 to observe the morning drop off of students to the Cawston Church of England Primary School and the impact it had on the local section of the B1145.
- 2.14 During this site visit it was noted that the majority of the children accompanied by parents/guardians walked their children along either the southern footway on the B1145 and then down Howards Way and into the school. Or they walked along the Alysham Road footway setback from the northern side of the B1145 until the point where this footway meets the B1145. At this point the students are assisted by a school crossing person to safely cross the B1145 where they then continue along the Howards Way footway and into the school site.
- 2.15 During the site visit the parents who drove all parked their vehicles off the B1145 and mostly along Aylsham Road set off the B1145, where they walked with their children the rest of the way.
- 2.16 The nearest secondary school to Cawston is Reepham High School located approximately 3.3miles (5.3km) to the south west. There is a bus service which picks students up from two locations along the B1145 in Cawston. The first bus pick up is located adjacent to Cawston Cemetery. During the site visit on the 7th March 2019 approximately 15 students waited on the pavement outside the cemetery gated access for the bus and did not cause any disruption to the flow of traffic on the B1145.
- 2.17 The second pick up point is located more centrally within Cawston Village near the café All Things Nice. Here the students also wait out of the carriageway, on the footway provided or in the alleyway leading to the back of the café before safely boarding the bus without disruption to the B1145.

Existing Traffic Along B1145 Through Cawston

- 2.18 As part of Deadline 5, the Applicant submitted Appendix 6: Transport Assessment Annex 1 [REP5 009], which included additional baseline traffic data for 15 highways links, which were previously identified as links of low or negligible sensitivity. Appendix 6 to DL5 assesses the impacts of construction traffic on those highways links.
- 2.19 As part of this exercise, and to determine baseline traffic flows along the B1145 through Cawston, a traffic survey was undertaken by way of an Automatic Traffic Counter (ATC) at two locations within the Village.
- 2.20 The first location (Site 1) is located on the B1145 adjacent to the Village Hall on the western side of the Village and the second (Site 2) at a point on the eastern side of the Village on the B1145 between Chapel Street and Norwich Road. The ATC surveys recorded traffic data over a consecutive 7-day (one-week) period from Monday 11 February 2019 to Sunday 17 February 2019 inclusive.







2.21 A summary of the traffic survey data for the AM peak, PM peak and average 12h and 24h daily traffic of the one-week survey period is set out in Table 2.1.

	Site 1 Two-way		Site 2 Two-way		Average Two-way		
	Total	HGV	Total	HGV	Total	HGV	% HGVs
AM Peak (0800-0900)	168	16	216	22	192	19	9.9%
PM Peak (1700-1800)	124	8	162	9	143	9	6.3%
12-Hour Daily (07:00-19:00)	2108	189	2674	225	2391	207	8.6%
24-Hour Daily	2455	224	3175	262	2815	243	8.6%

Table 2.1: Summary of Traffic Flows along B1145 Through Cawston.

- 2.22 It is known that agricultural vehicles also travel along Taverham Road, and these are identified within the traffic surveys as Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) (i.e. vehicles with a maximum permissible gross laden weight in excess of 7.5 Tonnes).
- 2.23 The surveys show that there are typically 207 HGV movements over a 12 hour period of 07:00 to 19:00 (8.6% of all traffic) along the B1145 through Cawston and typically 243 HGV movements over a 24 hour period (8.6% of all traffic) along this road.
- Table 2.1 shows a higher number of HGV movements on the B1145 recorded at Site 2 than Site 1. This is to be expected given the HGV route for the Broadland Wineries Direct operation located on Chapel Street routes HGVs from the east into Cawston along the B1145, which then turn right up Chapel Street to the Winery. From the Winery the HGVs are routed north along Chapel Street and back onto the wider road network via the B1149. Therefore these movements will trigger ATC Site 2 without being recorded at the Site 1 survey location.
- 2.25 In order to inform the intervention scheme actual traffic speeds along the local section of B1145 through Cawston needed to be determined. To appropriately assess existing traffic speeds on the local section of White House Lane, the Design Manual for Roads & Bridges requires a sample size of at least 200 vehicles in each direction to comply with TA22/81 "Vehicle Speed Measurement on All Purpose Roads".
- 2.26 The (ATC) surveys undertaken from the 11 17 February 2019 during a neutral period outside of school holidays, at two locations within Cawston Village Centre by On Point Surveys Ltd in order to provide an independent indication of vehicle speeds.
- 2.27 During the 7 days of ATC data the average number of daily two-way vehicles was 2815. Therefore the 7 days of data supplied a more than sufficient sample size in both directions in order to comply with TA22/81 "Vehicle Speed Measurement on All Purpose Roads". Table 2,2 highlights the means and 85th percentile vehicles through Cawston.







Table 2.2:	Summary	of Traffic	Speeds along	R1145	Through Cawston.
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	Site 1		Site 2		Average Speeds	
	Mean	85 th Percentile	Mean	85 th Percentile	Mean	85 th Percentile
Eastbound (mph)	25.4	29	23.4	28.4	24.4	28.7
Westbound (mph)	27.3	30.8	23	27.7	25.1	29.2

2.28 DfT Circular 01/2013 "Setting Local Speed Limits" States:

"Mean speed and 85%ile speed (the speed at or below which 85% of vehicles are travelling) are the most commonly used measures of actual traffic speed. Traffic authorities should continue to routinely collect and assess both, but, mean speeds should be used as the basis for determining local speed limits."

2.29 In summary, the mean speeds and 85th percentile speeds recorded are in line with a 30mph speed limit and show little evidence of being exceeded.

Personal Injury Accident Data

- 2.30 A review of local highway safety has been undertaken utilising personal injury accident data obtained using the "Crash Map" database.
- 2.31 The Crash Map database includes information collected by the police relating to road traffic incidents where there has been a "Personal Injury Accident". This data is approved by the National Statistics Authority and reported on by the Department for Transport.
- 2.32 The current Crash Map database includes incidents from 1999 up to 2018 and data outputs extracted from Crash Map for the most recent five year period to date are presented on the schematic diagram below:







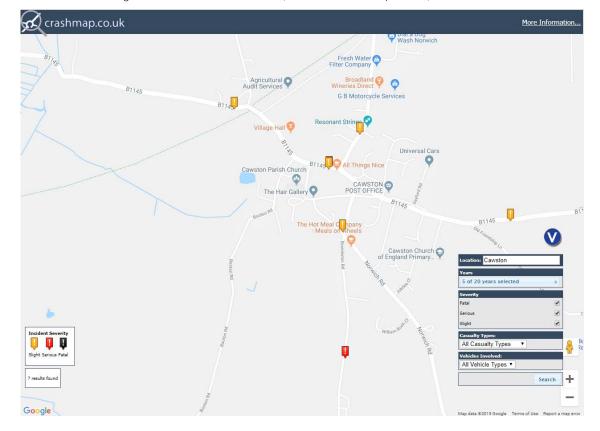


Figure 2.1 Accident Records (source: Crashmap.co.uk)

- 2.33 The data presented in Figure 2.1 identifies that a total of four recorded personal injury highway incidents have occurred along the relevant section of the B1145 within the five year period from 2014-2018 (and one more occurring during the same period of time along Chapel Street).
- 2.34 Three of these accidents were considered "Slight" with one recorded as "Serious" in severity. The first of which occurred on the 24 October 2014, approximately 130m east of the junction with Old Friendship Lane, involving 2 vehicles and 2 casualties. The second incident was recorded on 16 July 2015, approximately 50m west of the bridge over The Marriott's Way, involving 3 vehicles resulting in 2 casualties. The third accident was recorded approximately 30m west of All Things Nice on the 12 July 2016 involving 2 vehicles and led to 1 casualty.
- 2.35 The fourth accident which was recorded as 'Serious' in severity also occurred approximately 30m west of All Things Nice on the 12 of November 2017 involving 2 vehicles and resulted in two casualties.
- 2.36 It should also be noted that none of the above recorded accidents involved pedestrians or cyclists.
- 2.37 No other incidents have been recorded along the B1145 through the Village of Cawston over the five years shown and furthermore only one additional 'Slight' accident has been recorded over the 10 year period (from 2009 up until the end of 2018), clearly indicating there are no ongoing safety issues along this road and in general in would appear road users are aware of the road conditions through the centre of Cawston.







2.38 The analysis of highway accident data on the Crashmap website presented above suggests there are no prevailing road safety issues on the highway network along the B1145 in the vicinity of Cawston Village centre that should prevent the development from going ahead.







3. Proposed Construction Traffic

- 3.1 Construction Traffic predicted by Hornsea Three are set out fully in the following documents;
 - Appendix 31 to Deadline 2- Transport Assessment [REP1-162];
 - Appendix 7 to Deadline 4 HGV Haul Road Reduction Report [REP4 -028];
 - Appendix 28 to Deadline 7 Cumulative Link Impact Assessment relating to Traffic: Oulton and Cawston
- Therefore, in summary, for link ID 89: B1145 through Cawston the traffic flow levels as set out in Table 3.1 are predicted for Hornsea Three and Norfolk Vanguard.

Table 3.1: Summary of Daily Two Way Traffic Movements at Oulton and Cawston

Hornsea Three Link	2022 Base		HOW03 Construction		Norfolk Vanguard		HOW03+NV Percentage Increase	
	Total	HGVs	Total	HGVs	Total	HGVs	Total	HGVs
Link ID 89: B1145 in Cawston	3,477	127	370	127	322	168	19.9%	232%

3.3 It has been agreed in as part of the noise and vibration assessment to 'cap' the maximum cumulative construction traffic flows for in the event both schemes are progressing with their maximum peak traffic movements simultaneously. The agreed max peak daily traffic levels in an event of both scheme progressing simultaneously have been agreed as shown below in Table 3.2.

Table 3.2 Summary of Daily Two Traffic Movements at Cawston - Maximum Cumulative

Hornsea Three Link	2022 Base		HOW03 Construction		Norfolk Vanguard		Maximum Cumulative Traffic	
	Total	HGVs	Total	HGVs	Total	HGVs	Total	HGVs
Link ID 89: B1145 in Cawston	3,477	127	370	127	322	168	668	271







4. Proposed Highway Intervention Scheme

- **4.1** Following the consultations with NCC and CPC set out in Chapter 1 of this Report, alterations have been made to the scheme proposed at Deadline 7 and the final highway intervention scheme (1554/03/320F & 1554/03/322C) is presented at Appendix A.
- 4.2 The proposed final highway intervention scheme has taken on board the concerns raised by NCC during a meeting on Wednesday 20th March 2019 and during the site walk over on the 08 March 2019. Drawing 1554/03/322C shows the expanded scheme including the proposed new locations for the 20mph speed limit with new Village designed gateway features at either end of the Village. Also showing the location of the start of the 20mph speed limit changes, with Vehicular Activated Signage and localised footway upgrades to be agreed with NCC.
- 4.3 Drawing 1554/03/320F focuses on the mitigation scheme within Cawston Village Centre in more detail. This updated final scheme proposes that at the point where the B1145 narrows between Norwich Road and New Street on the eastern side of Cawston. The Applicant has committed to cut back the existing overgrown vegetation within highway land to ensure the maximum possible usable carriageway width is available at this location, to minimise the risk of conflict.
- 4.4 Further West the along the B1145 between Chapel Street and Norwich Road is already noted that two way passing of HGVs is difficult and therefore single way priority working and associated signage is proposed. This has enabled the design to build out the southern footway along this stretch of the B1145 improving pedestrian amenity.
- 4.5 By introducing the widened footway, vehicles approaching the Village from the east further to the right hand side of the carriageway, which in turn improves forward visibility through the bend adjacent to Chapel Street reducing traffic conflict. Along this section of road is road maintenance surface works are planned in accordance with the requirements of NCC, this is proposed to extend throughout the Village centre to just beyond the Village Hall.
- 4.6 The section of the B1145 through the Village centre between Chapel Street and Church Lane will see footway widening where required, along the south side of the carriageway. Four demarcated parking spaces will be provided on the southern side of the B1145 extending west from the All Things Nice café frontage. Seven more demarcated parking spaces are proposed on the northern side of the carriageway and the bus stop is shown to be relocated along the northern footway with a contribution towards a new shelter to be provided in agreement with NCC.
- 4.7 The scheme between Church Lane and the western end of the Village includes footway widening on the northern side of the carriageway outside the residential dwellings numbered 14, 16 & 18 where currently the footway is very narrow and unusable in places for people with mobility issues. Also outside these three houses 5 demarcated parking spaces are to be provided.
- 4.8 It has been recognised that the carriageway narrows to the west of Booton Road and to address this single way priority working and signage is planned in agreement with NCC.

School Crossing

4.9 One of the concerns raised by the members of Cawston Parish Council was the existing school crossing arrangements for the Primary School.







- 4.10 Therefore, a site visit was carried out by Create Consulting Engineers Ltd on the 7th March 2019 to observe the morning drop off of students to the Cawston Church of England Primary School and the impact it had on the local section of the B1145.
- 4.11 During this site visit it was noted that the majority of the children accompanied by parents/guardians walked their children along either the southern footway on the B1145 and then down Howards Way and into the school. Or they walked along the Alysham Road footway setback from the northern side of the B1145 until the point where this footway meets the B1145. At this point the students are assisted by a school crossing person to safely cross the B1145 where they then continue along the Howards Way footway and into the school site.
- 4.12 During the site visit the parents who drove all parked their vehicles off the B1145 and mostly along Aylsham Road where they walked with their children the rest of the way.
- 4.13 The conclusions of this site visit therefore was that the existing arrangement is safe and will not be altered by the additional traffic generated by the Hornsea Three proposals. Therefore, a formal crossing point is not considered to be necessary as part of this highway intervention scheme.

Swept Path Analysis

- 4.14 Tracking has been carried out using the AutoCAD bolt on software AutoTRACK to demonstrate a maximum legal HGV travelling through Cawston Village centre with the proposed highway intervention scheme. This is shown on Create drawing reference 1554/03/332C included in Appendix A.
- 4.15 This plan demonstrates that although there are sections through Cawston along the B1145 where only one HGV can be accommodated at time there are gaps in the parking layout provided which allow for opposing HGVs to pull into in order to let another HGV pass.
- 4.16 These passing places are located adjacent to the Church Close junction on the western side of Cawston and adjacent to the triangle of existing parking in the centre of Cawston.
- 4.17 The swept path analysis also demonstrates that with the mitigation proposed in drawing 1554/03/320F that two HGVs would be able to pass alongside the Old School House on the eastern side of the Village.







5. Stage One Safety Audit and Designers Response

- A road safety audit (RSA) was undertaken on 21st March 2019 by Beth Newiss, who was appointed by Create consulting Engineers LTD (Create) on behalf of Ørsted in order to demonstrate that the provision of the proposed mitigation measures did not create any concerning safety implications for the existing traffic on the B1145 and adjoining roads through Cawston Village, or any future construction traffic generated by Hornsea Three.
- 5.2 The Road Safety Auditors were provided with drawings 1554_03_320E, 1554_03_332B and 1554_03_322C containing details of the proposed mitigation measures and swept path analysis.
- 5.3 The road safety audit report is included as part of Appendix B of this report and is also summarised below.

RSA Summary

The Road Safety Audit report raised a number of comments a summary of which is shown in table 5.1 below.

Table 5.1: Summary of the Safety Audit comments.

Comment	Problem
1.1	Summary: The drawings provided makes no reference to signage or road markings, existing drainage tie-in following footway widening and/or visibility splays maintenance programmes.
1.2	Summary: On-street parking was observed throughout Cawston Village centre without waiting restrictions. In this instance, and due to reduced carriageway width, a vehicle was to park out of line this could obstruct the High Street, preventing the two way passage of HGV through the Village centre.
1.3	<u>Summary:</u> Existing parking on High Street / Booton Road junction may present an obstruction for larger vehicles or reduce visibility from junction.
2.1	<u>Summary:</u> Narrow footways leading to potential pedestrian conflict with HGVs.

Designer's Response to RSA

5.5 Having reviewed the RSA comments presented in table 5.1 a Designer Response to road safety audit has been prepared by Create on behalf of Ørsted and is presented in table 5.2 below.







Table 5.2: Summary of the Designer Response

Comment Ref.	Agree/Disagree	Reasons/Proposals
1.1	Agree	These are largely issues that have been suitably covered in the design of the proposed intervention scheme but will be confirmed at detail design stage.
1.2	Agree	It is acknowledged that vehicles do park outside of the demarcated bays proposed as part of the highway intervention scheme this could potentially obstruct the high street. However, it is believed the number of demarcated spaces proposed will sufficiently cater for the needs of the Village during the hours of HGV operation and therefore there would be no cause for vehicles to park outside of the bays provided. Also the HGV passing locations (shown on drawing 1554_03_332C) are located at sections where parking would be undesirable/impossible due to driveways and the Church Road/Chapel Street junctions. We will be guided by NCC as to whether further parking restrictions are required to enforce the parking outside of the demarcated bays.
1.3	Agree	The parking at this junction will be monitored in agreement with NCC and the need for parking restrictions will be reviewed and agreed with NCC.







2.1	Agree	It is noted that there are existing substandard sections of footway throughout Cawston Village Centre. Therefore this scheme has set out to increase the provision of footways throughout the Village where possible. It should however be noted that HGV movements currently occur through Cawston and that the online service Crashmap.co.uk does not show any accidents involving pedestrians in the Village centre dating back 20 years of data from 2018. This scheme should therefore be considered to adequately improve pedestrian amenity in a location with no existing pedestrian safety concerns.
		Footway works are planned at the most restricted locations, including widening works and driver awareness measures, which aligned with the 20mph limit is considered to offer a marked improvement to the existing street environment.







6. NCC Preliminary Design Comments

- Parallel to the Road Safety Audit being undertaken, preliminary safety audit comments have been present to the Applicant from NCC.
- 6.2 Initial comments from NCC were as follows:
 - <u>Comment 1.</u> Whilst in principle they support the idea of wider footways, the track shown in drawing 1554_03_332C runs through The Street (between Booton Rd and Chapel Street) past the on street parking look very tight and it looks very likely that car sideswipes or kerb strikes will occur. It may be necessary to remove parked cars or omit some of the footway improvements.
 - <u>Comment 2.</u> They are little confused by the build-out opposite Booton Rd on High Street. This narrows the carriageway at a point just prior to a section where **HGV's could** pass, which they think makes it unnecessary.
 - <u>Comment 3.</u> Most of the kerb build outs commence quite abruptly making pronounced 'dog legs' in the kerbline. This will make them prone to being struck when parked cars are not present. Some road markings may help guide traffic past the build outs.
 - <u>Comment 4.</u> A footway build out could usefully be constructed at the eastern radii of Booton Road to improve footway width and slow turning speeds.
 - <u>Comment 5.</u> The length of High Street opposite Chapel Street also looks very tight for 2 way use with the 2 parking bays either end of the on street parking on the south side looking particularly vulnerable.
 - Comment 6. It is unclear where the relocated bus stops can be accommodated.
- 6.3 In response to Comment 1, the marked parking bays proposed should emphasise the available road space and should encourage parking within the marked bays, however, as mentioned as part of the designer's response, we will be guided by NCC as to whether further parking restrictions are required to enforce the parking outside of the demarcated bays.
- In response to Comments 2 and 3, Create highlight that no kerb build outs are planned. This was agreed in a meeting with NCC dated 6th February 2019. The area show in grey (and noted in the key) is planned to be a different surface texture finish to assist with the demarcation of the parking bays. However the surface markings adjacent to 20 High Street have been removed.
- 6.5 Comment 4 This was discussed at the meeting with NCC on 6th February and during the Stakeholder walkover on Tuesday 12th March. It was discussed and felt retaining this area for residents parking would be preferential to increasing the footway width. However in light of comments from NCC, the footway has been widened.
- In relation to Comment 5 by implementing the planned scheme and defining onstreet parking bays is a significant improvement to the existing situation where adhoc parking at present occurs along the full length of the High Street within the Village Centre., The Autotrack runs presented with the proposed scheme, confirm the movement of larger vehicles can be accommodated..







- NCC Comment 6 Create consider to be a detailed points and the Safety Audit comment is noted for further investigation.
- As a result, minor changes have been made to the Cawston High Street intervention scheme as shown in drawings 1554_03_320G, 1554_03_332D and 1554_03_322C provided in Appendix C.







7. Summary and Conclusions

- 7.1 This document with accompanying appendices and plans comprises the intervention measures for the Village Of Cawston.
- 7.2 As part of this exercise, and to determine baseline traffic flows along the B1145 through Cawston, a traffic survey was undertaken by way of an Automatic Traffic Counter (ATC) at two locations within the Village.
- 7.3 The first location (Site 1) is located on the B1145 adjacent to the Village Hall on the western side of the Village and the second (Site 2) at a point on the eastern side of the Village on the B1145 between Chapel Street and Norwich Road. The ATC surveys recorded traffic data over a consecutive 7-day (one-week) period from Monday 11 February 2019 to Sunday 17 February 2019 inclusive.
- 7.4 The ATC surveys also confirmed the mean and 85th percentile speeds of vehicles do not currently exceed the 30mph speed limit and there is no evidence of excessive speeding through the Village Centre.
- 7.5 The data presented in Figure 2.1 identifies that a total of four recorded personal injury highway incidents have occurred along the relevant section of the B1145 within the five year period from 2014-2018.
- 7.6 A road safety audit was undertaken in order to demonstrate that the provision of the proposed mitigation measures did not have any significant concerning safety implications for the existing traffic on the B1145, or any future traffic generated by Hornsea Three, as a result minor changes have been made.
- 7.7 The highway intervention scheme as set out on Create Drawings 1554_03_320G, 1554_03_332D and 1554_03_322C in Appendix C are considered to be acceptable and fully address the comments from the commissioned safety audit contained in Appendix B and preliminary safety audit comments from NCC.





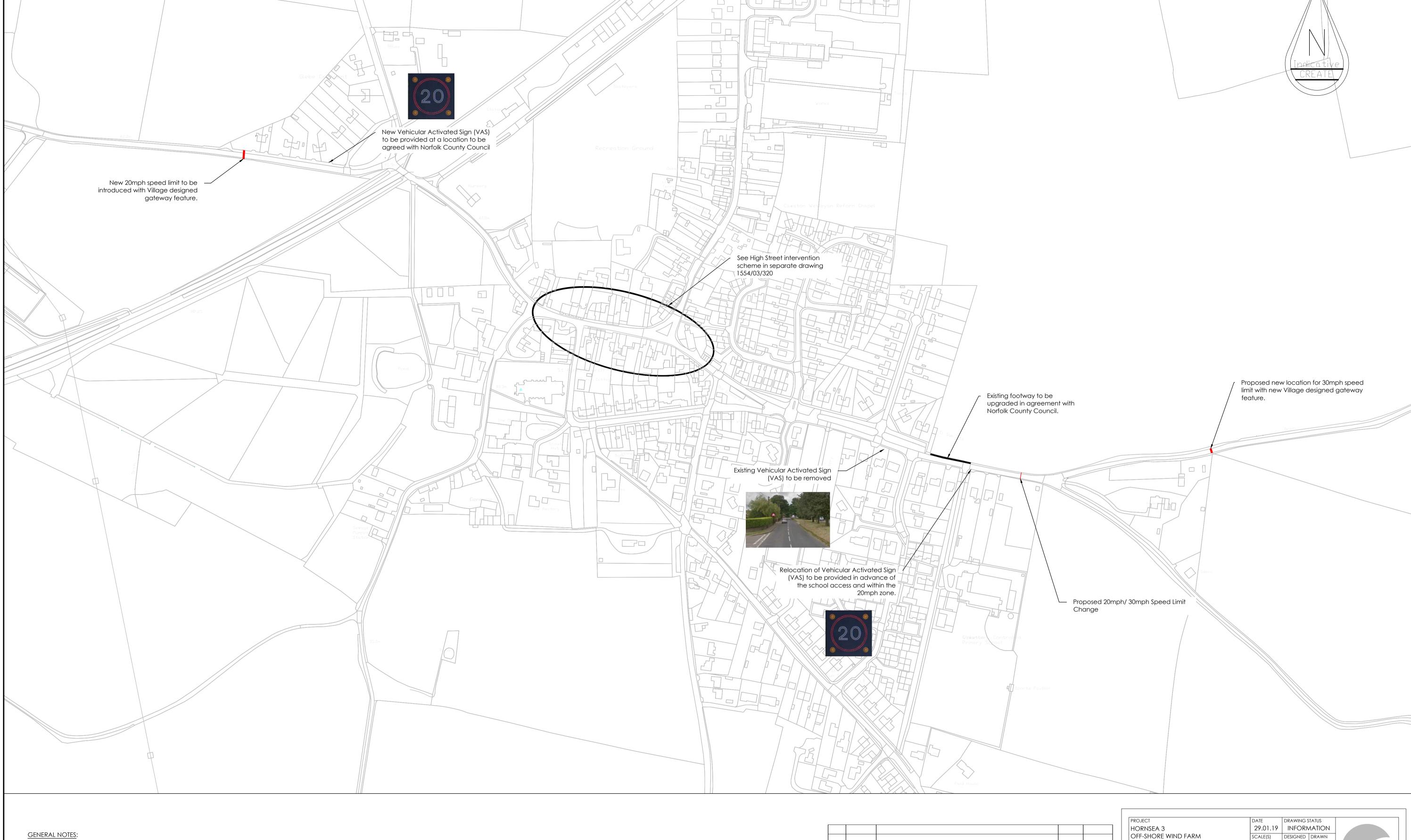


Appendix A – Highway Intervention Scheme Drawings





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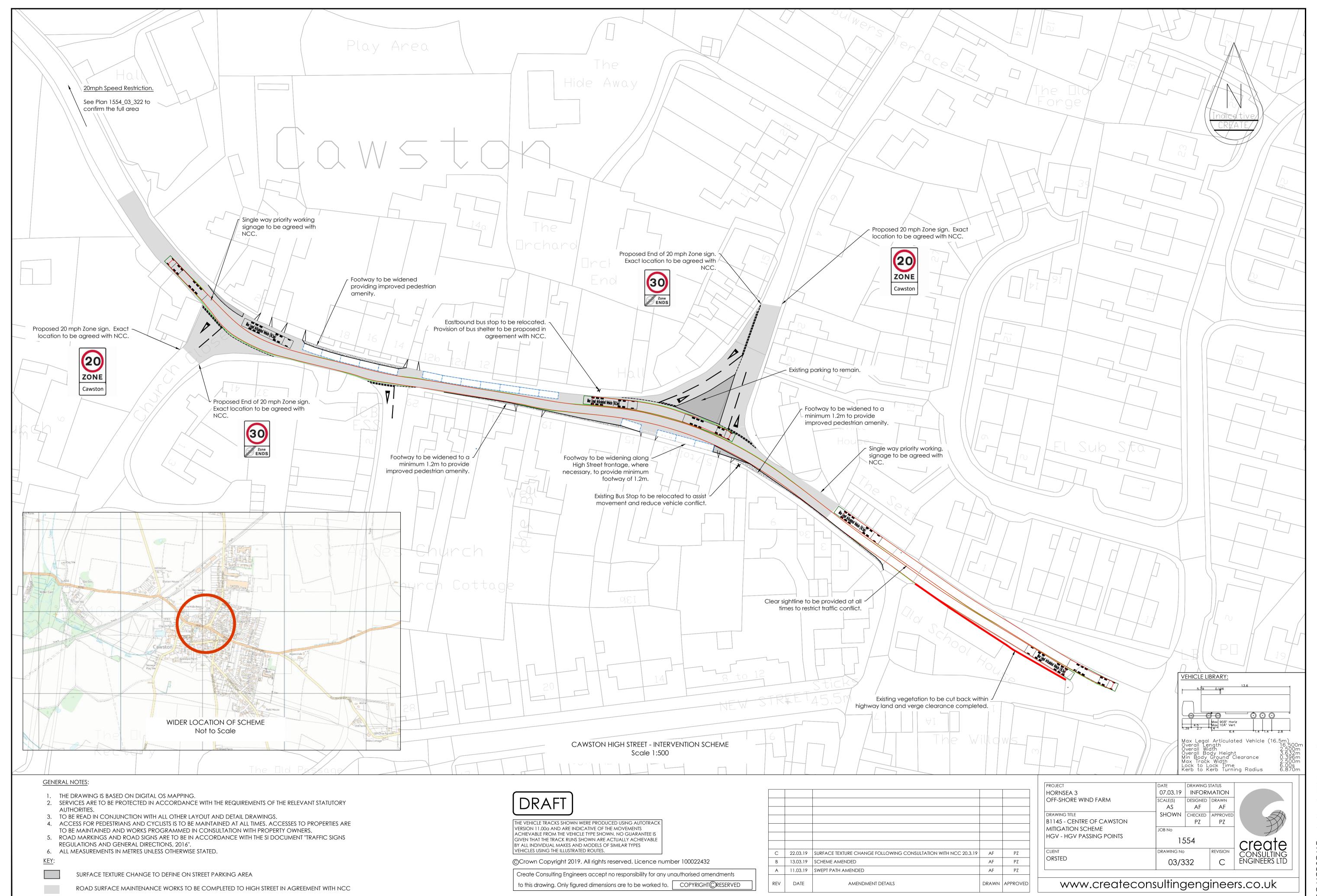
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Appendix B- Road Safety Audit (RSA)







ROAD SAFETY AUDIT STAGE 1

PROPOSED MITIGATION SCHEME – HORNSEA 3 OFFSHORE WINDFARM

HIGH STREET, CAWSTON, NORFOLK

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APPENDICES

- 1.0 LOCATION PLAN
- 2.0 PLANS/INFORMATION SUBMITTED FOR AUDIT

 1554_03_320E B1145 Centre of Cawston Mitigation Scheme

 1554_03_332B B1145 Centre of Cawston Mitigation Scheme HGV Passing Points

 1554_03_322C- Approach Driver Awareness Works on B1145 Cawston

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report results from a Road Safety Audit (RSA) carried out on a Proposed Mitigation Scheme in connection with the Hornsea 3 Offshore Windfarm Project. The scheme is located through the village of Cawston, Norfolk. The audit was requested by Create Consulting Engineers on behalf of Orsted.
- 1.2 The Audit Team are as follows:

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- 1.5 The Adopting Authority: Norfolk County Council.
- 1.6 The audit was undertaken in accordance with procedures laid out in GG119 (Formerly HD 19/15). The audit comprised an examination of the drawings presented to the Audit Team and listed within the contents. All comments are further detailed on a location plan as detailed under Appendix 1.
- 1.7 Cawston is a Village and civil parish in the Broadland District of Norfolk. The Village lies approximately 11 miles (18km) north of Norwich on the B1145. The B1145 is subject to a 30mph speed limit through the Cawston Village centre. There is intermittent footway provision of variable width alternating between the north and south side of the carriageway through the Village.

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- 1.8 The proposals presented for audit include:
 - 20mph zone along the High Street.
 - Footway widening along the High Street.
 - Single way priority working signage at both ends of the High Street.
 - Relocated Bus Stop.
 - New Vehicle Activated Signs.
- 1.9 A site visit was undertaken on the 21st March 2019. During the site visit the weather was unsettled, cold and dry. The surrounding road surfaces were dry. There was minimal traffic observed during the site visit. Pedestrians, including young children were noted. No cyclists nor equestrians were observed. During the site visit parking was noted along the length of the High Street and along Booton Road. Parking was also noted in Chapel Street within a triangular shaped area within the centre of the junction.
- 1.10 The Audit Team were present with ATC data which showed that 'the mean speeds and 85th percentile speeds recorded are in line with a 30mph speed limit'. On site observation would not dispute this.
- 1.11 The Audit Team have not been notified of any Departures to Design Standards.
- 1.12 The Audit Team were provided with collision data for this site. The collision information had been extracted from the CrashMAP database for the most recent five-year period to date. It was noted that during this period there had been 5 collisions recorded. Having obtained full collision data it was noted that 2 of the 5 collisions recorded were on the High Street. A 'slight' collision in 2016 involving a parked vehicle and a 'serious' collision in 2017 resulting in a head on collision.
- 1.13 The Audit Team have examined and reported only on highway safety implications of the scheme as presented and have not examined or verified the compliance of the designs to any other criteria.
- 1.14 Road Safety Audit is not a technical check that the design conforms to Standards and/or best practice guidance. Design Organisations are responsible for ensuring that their designs have been subjected to the appropriate design reviews (including, where applicable, Walking, Cycling & Horse Riding Assessment & Review) prior to Road Safety Audit.

Road Safety Audit is not a check that the scheme has been constructed in accordance with the design.

Whilst reference is made to certain design standards, where safety may be compromised by a reduction in standard, this report is not intended to provide a design check. The Auditors

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have only reported on matters that might have an adverse effect on road safety in the context of the chosen design. No attempt has been made to comment on the justification of the scheme or the appropriateness of the design. Consequently, the Auditors accept no responsibility for the design or construction of the scheme.

1.15 The Overseeing Organisation response to the RSA should be formally recorded and reported to the Designer and the RSA Team so that a record of the Audit process is contained in the As Built design pack to be provided and retained by the Overseeing Organisation on final completion.

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2.0 PREVIOUS ROAD SAFETY AUDIT(S)

2.1 The Audit Team have not been made aware of any previous Road Safety Audit(s).

3.0 SAFETY ISSUES RAISED AT THIS STAGE 1 ROAD SAFETY AUDIT

As a result of an examination of the drawings and documents supplied by the Create Consulting Engineers and the site visit undertaken on the 21st March 2019, the problems highlighted in Section 3.0 were identified. The recommended course of action that should be taken in respect of each problem was also indicated, and the locations are shown on the drawings in Appendix 1.

3.1 GENERAL

3.1.1 **PROBLEM**

The drawing provided makes no reference to the following:

- Signage or Road Markings No specific details have been provided as to the locations of the signs and any road markings.
- Drainage. Proposals detail widened footway, but no details as to how existing drainage will tie-in.
- Maintenance programmes all visibility splays and proposed signage to be kept clear of vegetation.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the information should be provided to the Audit Team. Full details should be provided for the detailed design of the Stage 2 Road Safety Audit.

3.1.2 PROBLEM

Location: A – High Street

Summary: Reduced carriageway width and existing parking may present an obstruction

for larger vehicles.

Detail: The drawings provided detail the widening of the existing footway along the High Street. Whilst this is welcomed, by increasing the footway width the carriageway width will be reduced. The High Street is heavily parked, and the Auto Tracking provided shows that the available road space is restricted. If just one car was to park badly this could prevent a large vehicle manoeuvring successfully resulting in an obstruction to the High Street.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that marked parking bays are introduced to emphasise the available road space and to encourage parking within.



3.1.3 **PROBLEM**

Location: B – Booton Road

Summary: Existing parking may present an obstruction for larger vehicles or reduce

visibility from junction.

Detail: Whilst on site it was observed that the junction with High Street/Booton Road is heavily parked. On street parking could prevent a large vehicle manoeuvring successfully resulting in an obstruction to the High Street.

Parking near the junction may also reduce the visibility for drivers exiting the junction resulting in failure to give way type collisions.



RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that a review of the existing parking is undertaken and if deemed necessary waiting restriction introduced.

3.2 WALKING, CYCLING AND HORSE RIDING

3.2.1 PROBLEM

Location: C – High Street

Summary: Narrow footway will increase risk to pedestrians being struck by passing

large vehicles.

Details: Whilst on site is was noted that the footway along both sides of the High Street is narrow. The perception of the width of the footway is decreased by the proximity of the houses and their railings/walls to the foot way edge, which effectively reduces the width. Pedestrians will walk approx. 200mm away from the edge of the houses (and the carriageway), effectively reducing the footway by an additional 400mm. With an increasing number of larger vehicles travelling through the village pedestrians will be at a higher risk of striking from HGVs.

It has been noted that the footway is to be widened in sections along the High Street.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that further details are provided to the widening proposed and the dimensions of both the footway and carriageway. Details to be provided at Stage 2 Detailed Design.

4.0 AUDIT TEAM STATEMENT

4.1 We certify that this audit has been undertaken in accordance with the principles of GG119.

Audit Team Leader
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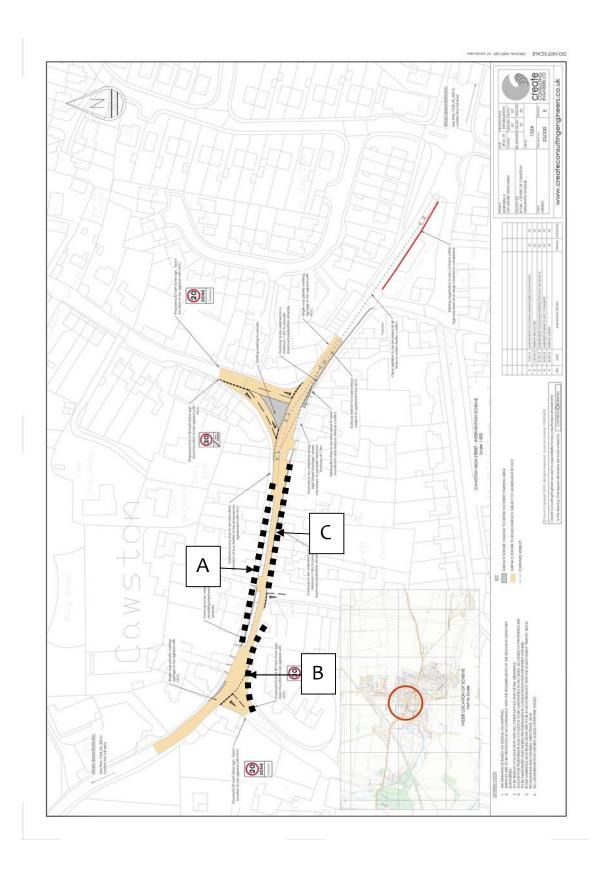
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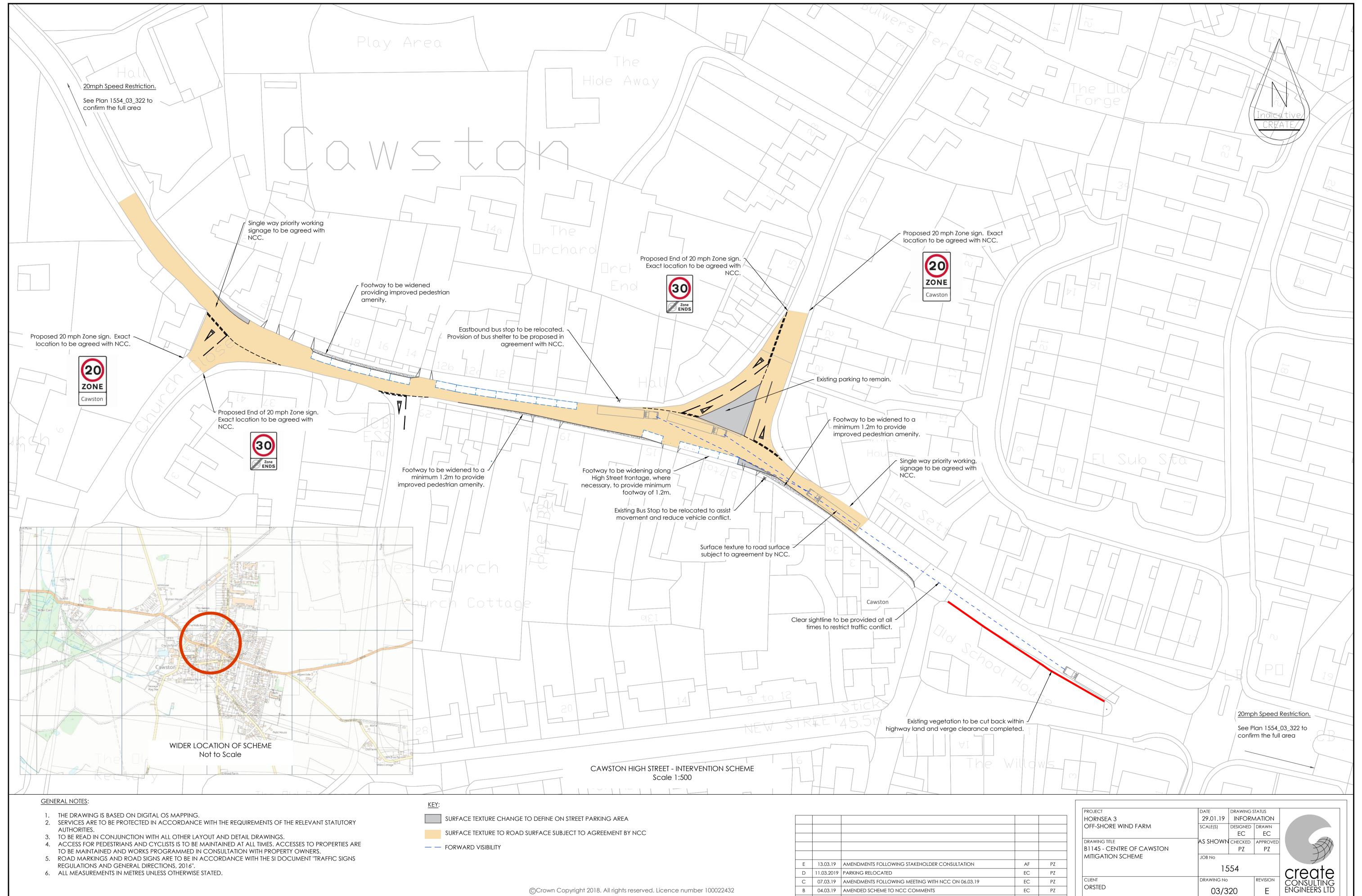


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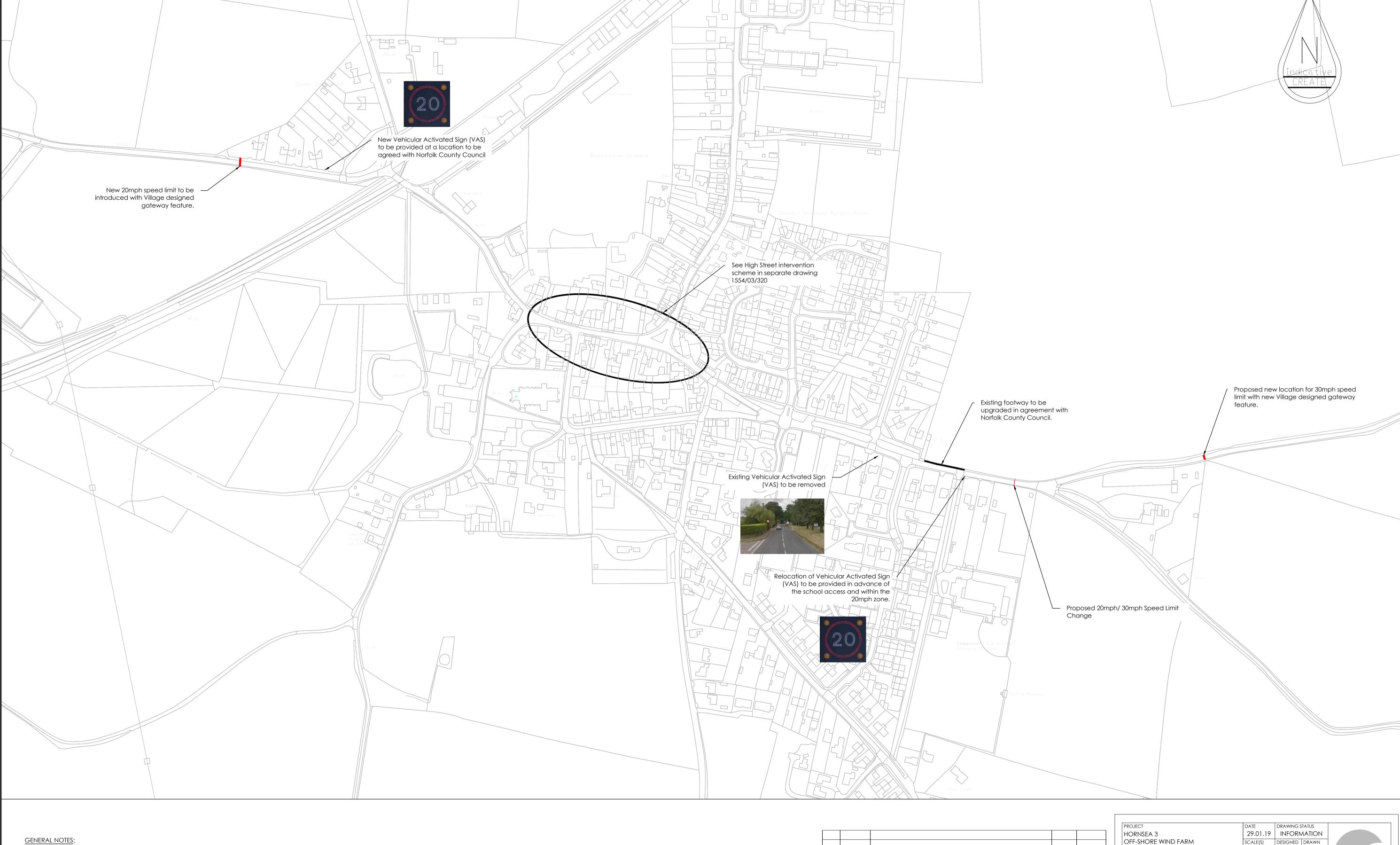
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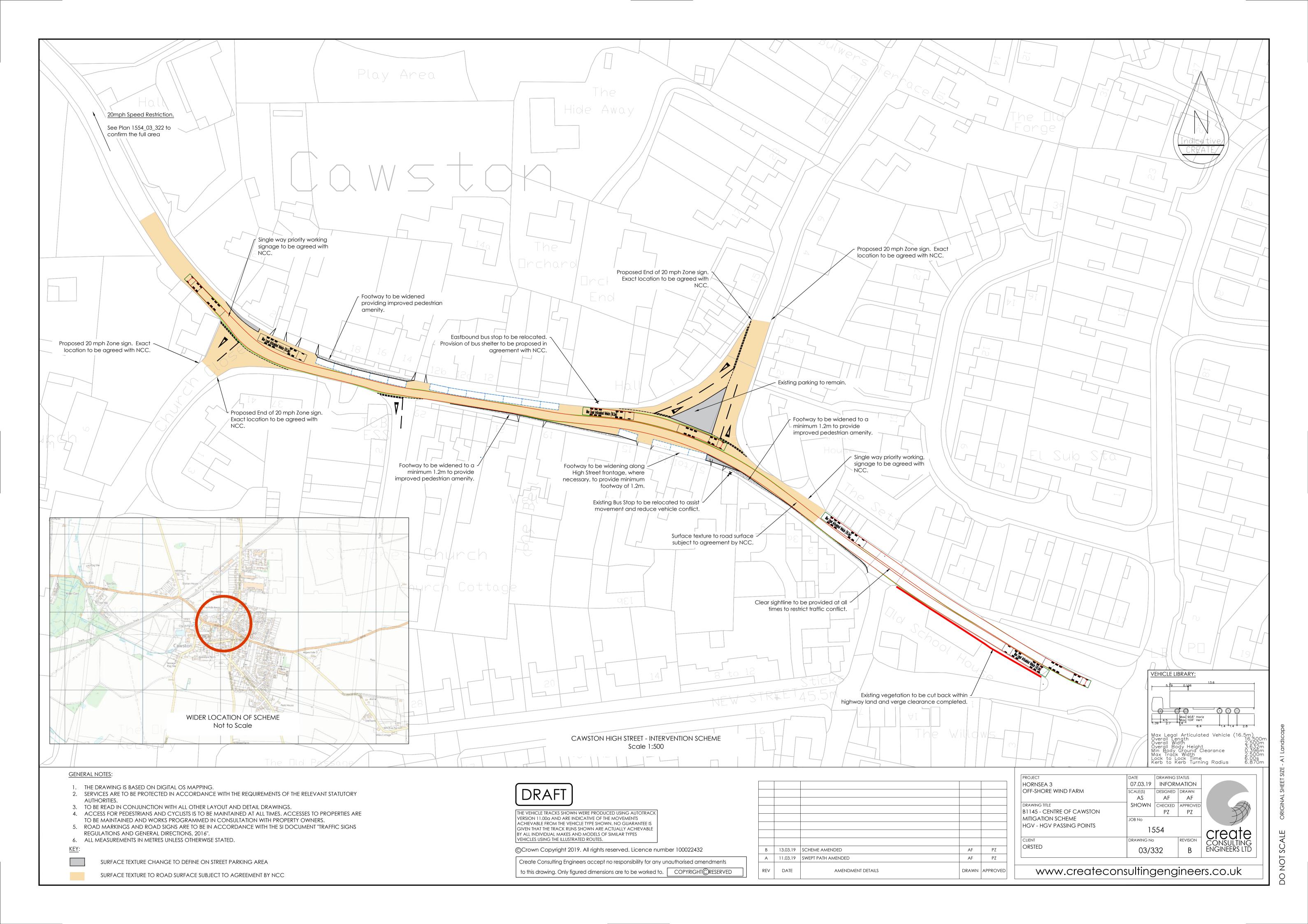
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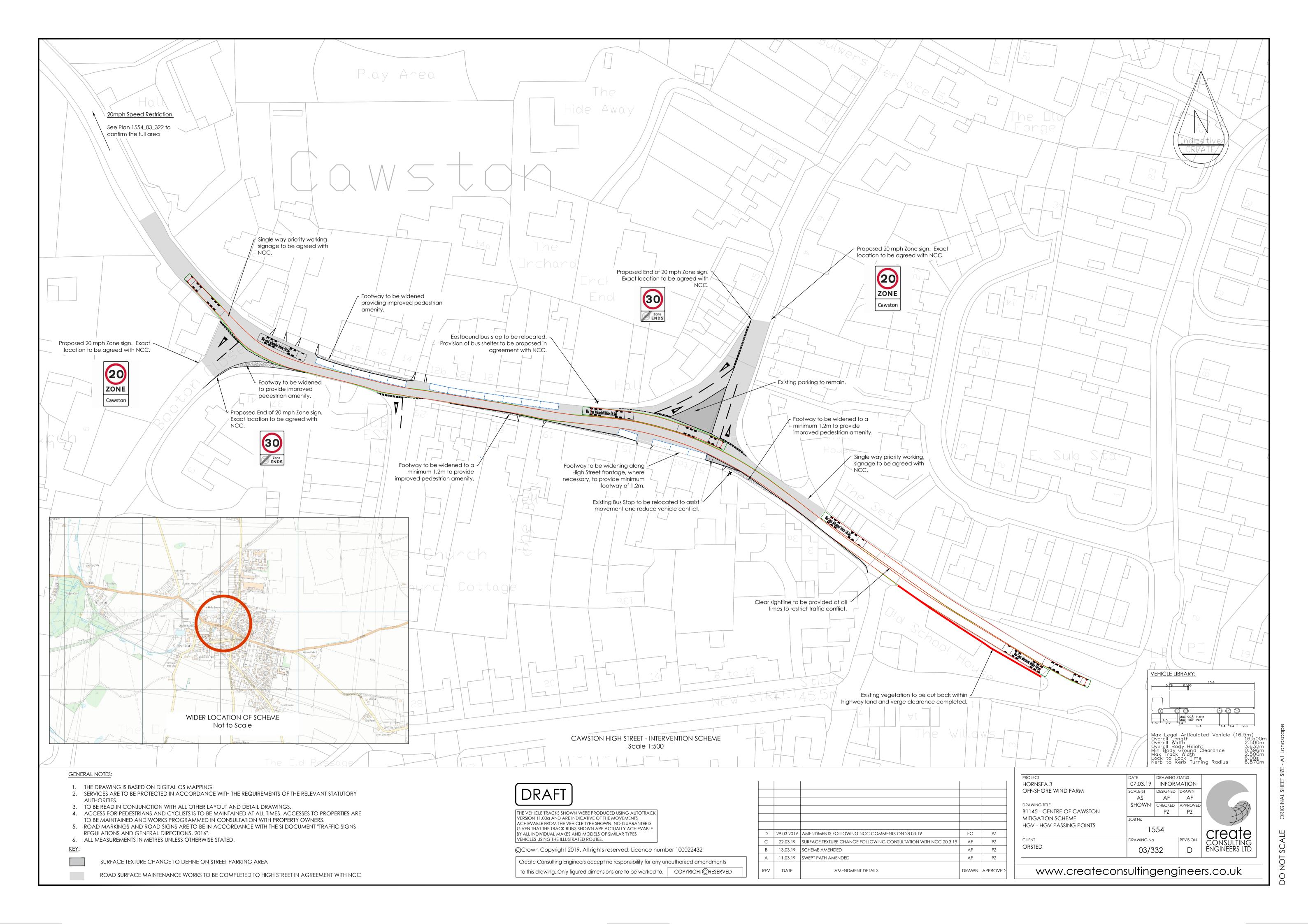


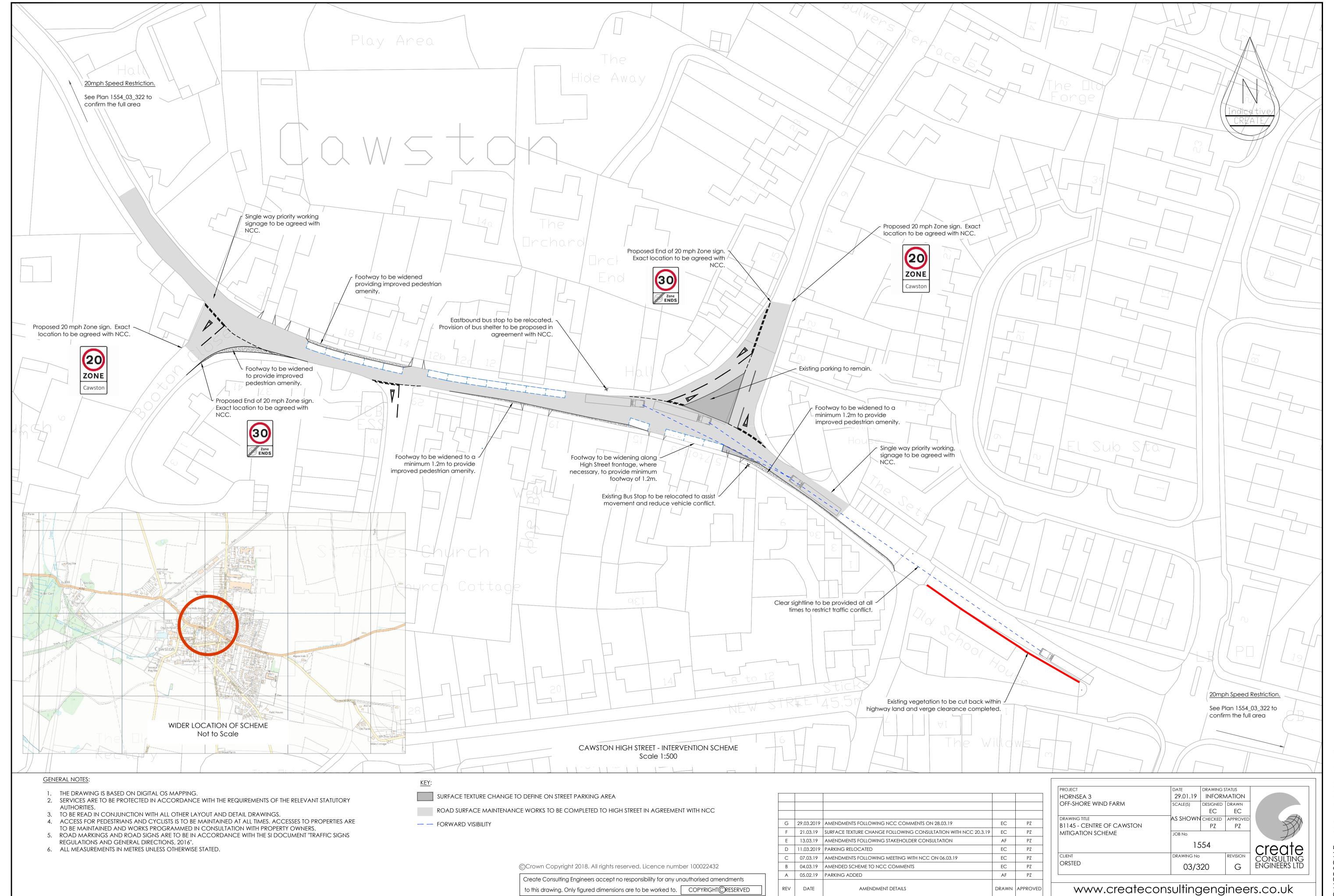


Appendix C – Revised Highway Intervention Scheme Drawings









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Dear Sir/ Madam

Application by Orsted Hornsea Project Three (UK) Ltd for an order Granting Development Consent for the Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm

Final closing statement of the Local Highway Authority NCC Identification No: 20020350.

I refer to my e-mail of 26 March 2019, in which I indicated there were two matters outstanding in relating to the highway assessment. This letter sets out Norfolk County Councils closing statement in relation to those matters.

1. Assessment conclusions - Cawston

We received the Stage 1 Road Safety Audit this morning and must advise there are several points identified by the auditors that still need to be addressed. In addition, the County Council's own auditors have reviewed the proposed intervention scheme and raised several points of their own.

Whilst in principle we support the idea of wider footways, the track runs through The Street (between Booton Road and Chapel Street) past the on-street parking look very tight and it seems very likely that car sideswipes or kerb strikes will occur.

To overcome this point, it may be necessary to omit some of the footway improvements. Whilst the footway at certain points would then remain narrow, nevertheless pedestrians would be protected to some extent by parked cars. This point needs further investigation.

No specific details have been provided as to the locations and nature of the road signs and road markings.

Full details of signage and road markings will be needed for the detailed design; however, dependent upon the above, we believe some of the signage already indicated on the drawings may need to be omitted.

The High Street is heavily parked, and the track runs show the available road space is restricted. The Applicants auditors indicate that if just one car was to park badly, this could prevent a large vehicle manoeuvring successfully resulting in an obstruction to the High Street.

Both the Applicants auditors and the County Councils officers recommend the applicants explore the necessity for introducing some associated waiting restrictions. The applicant's auditors also recommend that the parking bays are physically marked out to emphasise the road space.

Drainage is not indicated

We need to see details of how the existing drainage will tie in.

The drawings also indicate a need to re-locate bus stops, however no details are provided to indicate where they will be moved to.

We believe there are several options available, however the point is not yet resolved.

Allied to the above, we note the applicants have indicated a commitment within the outline CTMP to explore the opportunity of making a greater use of Heydon Road.

Norfolk County Council fully support this commitment and we believe it would be possible to develop an access strategy that makes better use of Heydon Road

In conclusion – Norfolk County Council believe a suitable access strategy can be produced that mitigates impact however... the intervention scheme drawings and proposal before us are very much currently "work in progress". In short, the scheme needs several changes, but they will be amendments rather than a complete re-think. NCC note the Applicant's commitment within the outline CTMP to continued engagement with NCC, Broadland District Council and Cawston Parish Council in respect to this ongoing development of the mitigation scheme.

2. Cumulative Effects & Outline CTMP

The Cumulative Impact Assessment indicates a significant volume of traffic from both Hornsea 3 and Vattenfall will all have to pass through the centre of Horsford village.

Horsford is a large village comprising of ribbon development either side of the B1149. In turn, the B1149 contains several sensitive receptors including (but not limited to) Horsford infant school; a pre-school nursery; and comprises part of the walking route to Horsford Junior School. During the morning peak, traffic leaving the village is at times stationary between the village and the A1270 Norwich Northern Distributor Route (NDR).

The applicant's route assessment indicates traffic from both Hornsea 3 and Vattenfall will travel west along the NDR for approximately 1mile past the A140, before heading north along the B1149.

Norfolk County Council requests the route be amended to show traffic heading north along the A140 for approximately 3.75miles before heading west for approximately 2m along C245 Shortthorn Road before picking up the B1149 north of Horsford (some 2.75 miles north of its junction with the NDR).

Whilst the County Council would not normally allow traffic to be diverted from a "B class" road onto a "C class" road, in this instance the C245 Shortthorn Road is by far a more suitable route. Shortthorn Road has suitable width to accommodate the proposed volume of traffic and has good alignment. The junctions at either end of Shortthorn Road conform to standard and both have dedicated right turn lanes sufficient to accommodate the predicted traffic. Whilst there is some frontage development, nevertheless it is significantly less than experienced along the B1149 through Horsford. The Applicant has indicated that although in principle, they have no objection to the use of Shorthorn Road as an alternative, an assessment of the acceptability of potential impacts would be undertaken as part of the routing work for the detailed CTMP in consultation with the relevant stakeholders. NCC note that the Applicant's Outline CTMP commits to agreement of HGV routing with the relevant highway authority (in this case NCC) as part of the detailed CTMP, to ensure that all routes remain appropriate and are agreed for use.

Subject to the above route amendment and resolution of the Cawston intervention measures, Norfolk County Council is in agreement to the CTMP.

Yours sincerely



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