

Sedlescombe Parish Council



Public consultation
Traffic-calming

Sedlescombe traffic-calming The story so far...

Four years ago we began our campaign to reduce the impact of road traffic on Sedlescombe.

We started with a community-wide traffic survey to discover what you thought about the traffic.

This is what we found...

- 🦢 50% response households (264)
- 🦢 90% concern traffic speed and volume
- 🦢 93% concern HGVs
- 🦢 86% preserve iconic Geese and Village Green
- 🦢 89% reduce traffic volume 1st priority
- 🦢 88% re-route HGVs and commercial traffic
- 🦢 78% support voluntary 20 mph
- 🦢 69% support permanent speed reduction
- 🦢 Majority support traffic-calming measures
 - 🦢 Extend 30 mph up Church Hill
 - 🦢 Chicanes northern approach
 - 🦢 Chicanes southern approach
 - 🦢 Additional measures to consider:
 - 🦢 Mini roundabout/chicanes in village centre/CCTV
- 🦢 86% want more Parish Council control over village roads

...and so

- 🦢 From that, we developed a plan with the aim of introducing whatever immediate steps we could to alter traffic conditions – including a voluntary 20 mph speed advisory throughout the village.
- 🦢 Although many local residents took up the advice, and many still do adhere to it, we knew it would be of limited value in the long-term without official support from the Highways authorities, together with some permanent traffic-calming measures.
- 🦢 So we spoke with the Highways authorities and appointed a team of highways-consultants to guide us on what could – and could not – be done to improve the traffic situation in Sedlescombe.
- 🦢 The foundation of the process was for us to gather as much data as possible about the actual traffic situation through the village.
- 🦢 In November 2019 we conducted a village-wide data-gathering exercise, in order to provide our consultants and the Highways authorities with the precise information necessary to enable us to formulate a comprehensive traffic-calming strategy with a high level of confidence that it could be implemented.
- 🦢 Then Covid happened....

.....so we waited



...until at last

🦢 ...We were finally able to put the last pieces of the jigsaw together in the summer of 2021 and complete our proposal for presentation to East-Sussex Highways Authority – which runs to more than 150 pages and is available to anyone having trouble sleeping.

🦢 The Parish Council would like to place on record our gratitude to all those from the STAG group and the wider community, who put so much effort and dedication (and endured not a little abuse) into ensuring that the data we gathered was as comprehensive and accurate as possible. It is no exaggeration to say that the success (or failure) of this whole campaign rested to a very large extent on their shoulders.

🦢 We are now finally able to provide conceptual details of the measures we propose to adopt, and which after several consultations with the Highways authority we have been told will have their support, subject to further consultation with the emergency services and taking into account the results of the public consultation presented here.

🦢 Following this consultation, we will move into the **feasibility study stage**. This process will identify precisely what measures can be installed and precisely where they can be located, and also suggest any changes that might be necessary.

🦢 The proposed measures are outlined in the following pages, copies of which, together with explanatory notes, are available...

Recommended traffic calming options to be considered include:

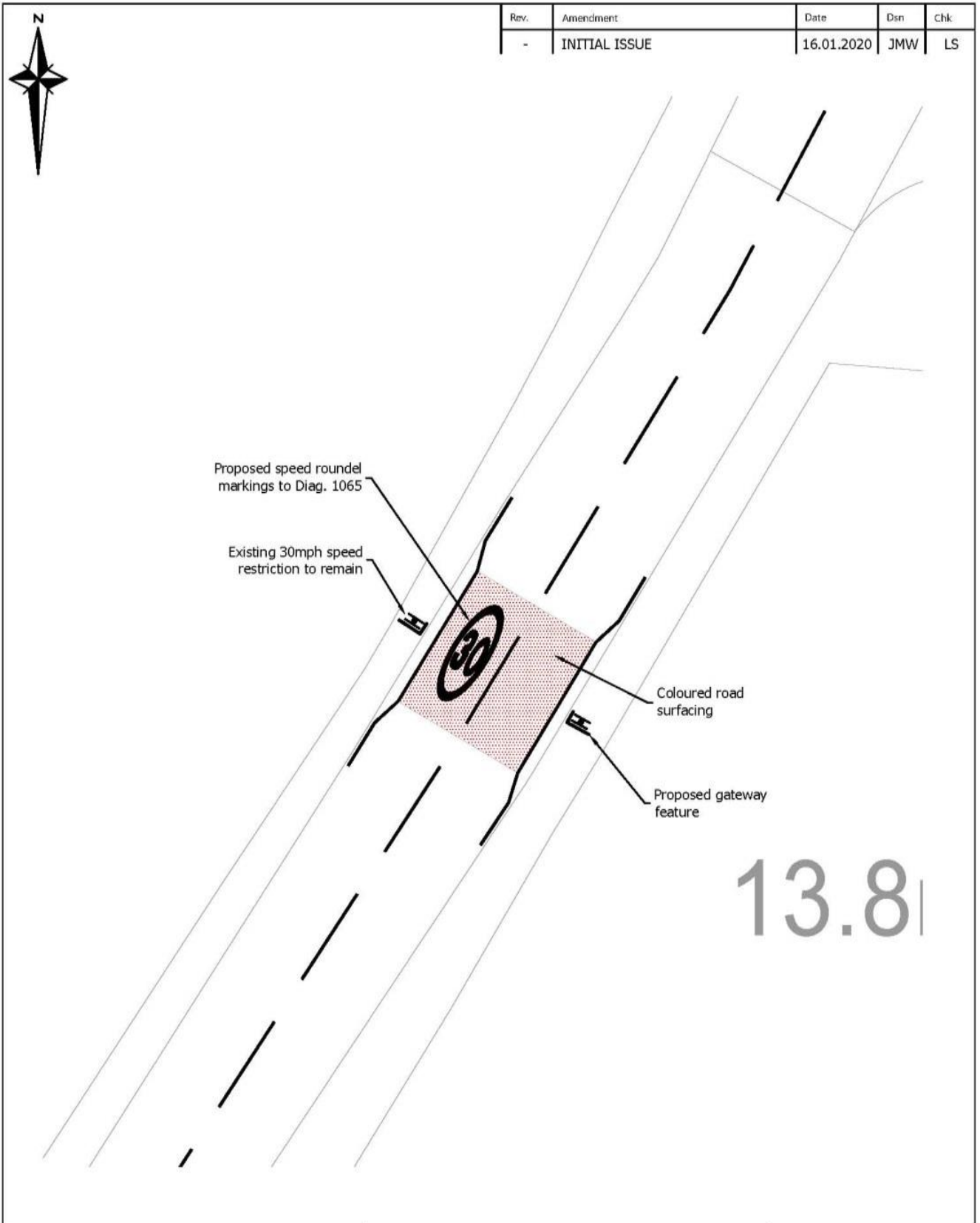
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2. Proposed 30mph speed restrictions to be moved northwards on B2244;
3. Consideration should be given to imposing a 30 mph limit on Stream Lane, with a Build-out feature and 'One-way' priority markings at an appropriate position;
4. Proposed 20mph speed restrictions through the centre of Sedlescombe, encompassing the majority of Sedlescombe Street (B2244) and Brede Lane to the junction of Gorselands;
5. Proposed 30mph speed restrictions on Chapel Hill from the Junction with the B2244 eastwards to the junction with Crazy Lane, and thereafter 40 mph to the junction with Cottage Lane;
6. Proposed 40mph speed restrictions along Tollgate road from the Junction with the A21 and B2244 by Blackbrooks Garden centre, eastwards to the point where the extended 30 mph limit and village Gateway feature are planned at the Southern approach to the village;
7. Proposed 40mph speed restrictions to be extended from the junction of Stream Lane and B2244 northwards to the junction of Hurst Lane;
8. New village gateway features at the start of the 30mph limit to the north and south of B2244;
9. A proposed pinch point with kerbs built out from both sides to create a width of 3.7m including give way road markings and traffic priority sign to the southern end of B2244 at the Bridge;
10. A proposed kerb build-out with give way road markings and traffic priority sign to the northern end of B2244;
11. A pinch-point in the centre of the village to aid crossing for pedestrians.
12. The Parish Council would like to see cycle lanes provided throughout the village and would like to include this in further discussions with ESCC.

It should be noted that the following drawings are only indicative representations of the proposed new layouts, which may be subject to change of design and/or location, dependant upon the findings of the Highways Authority's feasibility study

- **Northern gateway Feature** – this is expected to be located approximately halfway between St Johns church and the Village Hall and serves to allow traffic entering the village to slow down in good time to prepare for the 20 mph restriction.
- **Southern Gateway Feature** – this feature is expected to be located on Tollgate Road, approximately where the existing 30 mph restriction begins.
- **Bridge Pinch Point** - this will mark the beginning of the 20 mph restriction and will give right of way priority to vehicles leaving Sedlescombe.
- **Village Green Pinch Point** – this feature is intended to allow pedestrians to cross The Street more safely and to reinforce the 20 mph speed restriction. It may be located to the south, or north, of the junction with Brede Lane, subject to the conclusion of the Highways Authority's feasibility study. A similar **Pinch-Point** feature is proposed to be installed in **Stream Lane**, the eventual location of which will be decided by the Highways Authority's feasibility study.
- **Village Hall Kerb Build-out** – this feature is located close to the Village Hall and marks the start of the 20 mph zone. It will allow right of way priority to vehicles leaving Sedlescombe Northbound.
- **Proposed 20 mph speed limit** – the restriction is intended to cover The Street, from the Bridge northwards as far as the Village Hall, and extending along Brede Lane to the Junction with Gorselands (which will also be considered to be within the 20 mph limit)
- **Proposed 40 mph speed limit** – it is proposed that the full extent of the B2244 to the North of the village along Church Hill, which is not already covered by lower speed restrictions, will be restricted to 40 mph up to the junction with Hurst Lane.
- **Proposed 30mph** restriction to extend for the length of **Stream Lane** (which is currently unrestricted)



Northern Gateway feature

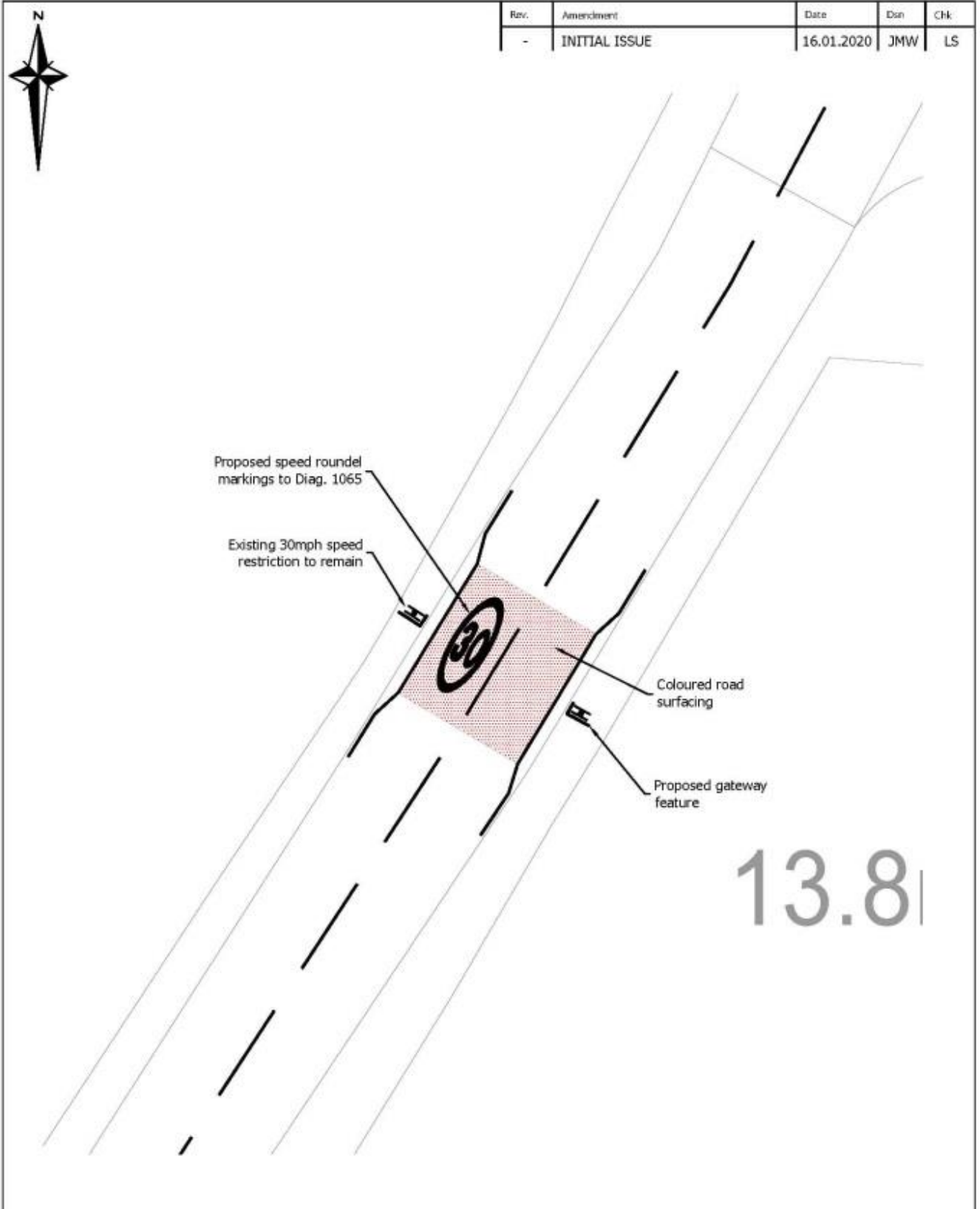


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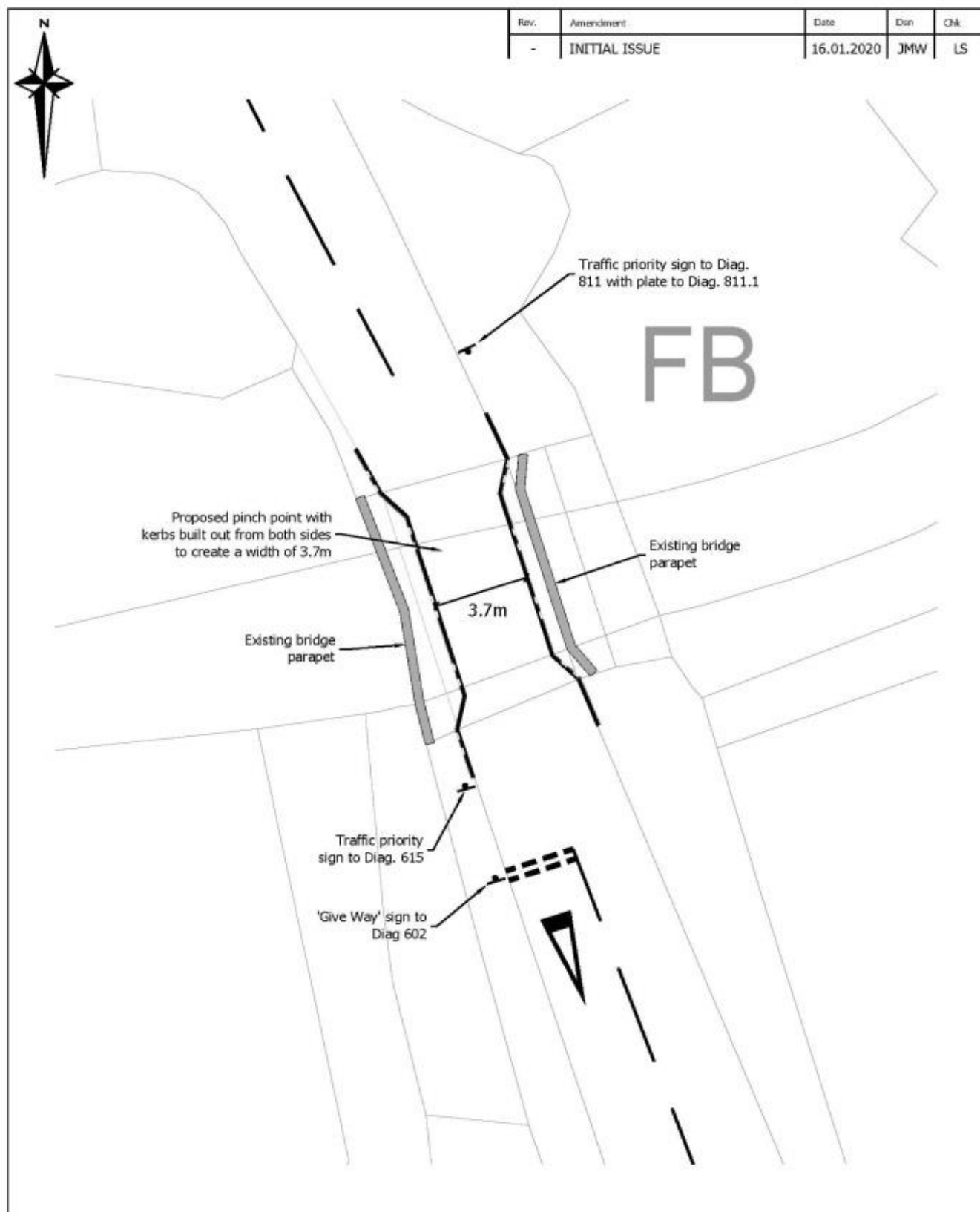
Southern Gateway



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Bridge Pinch-point

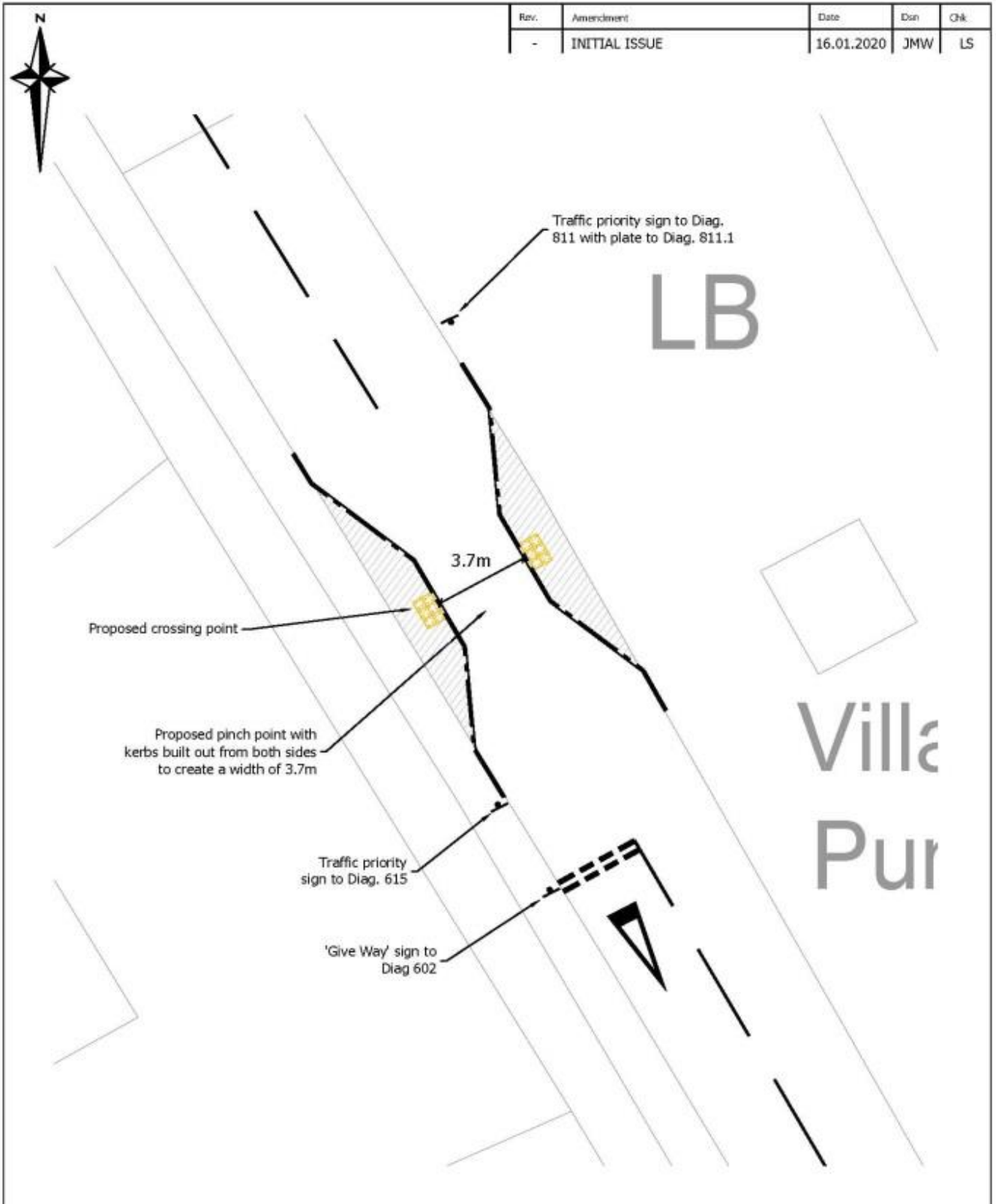


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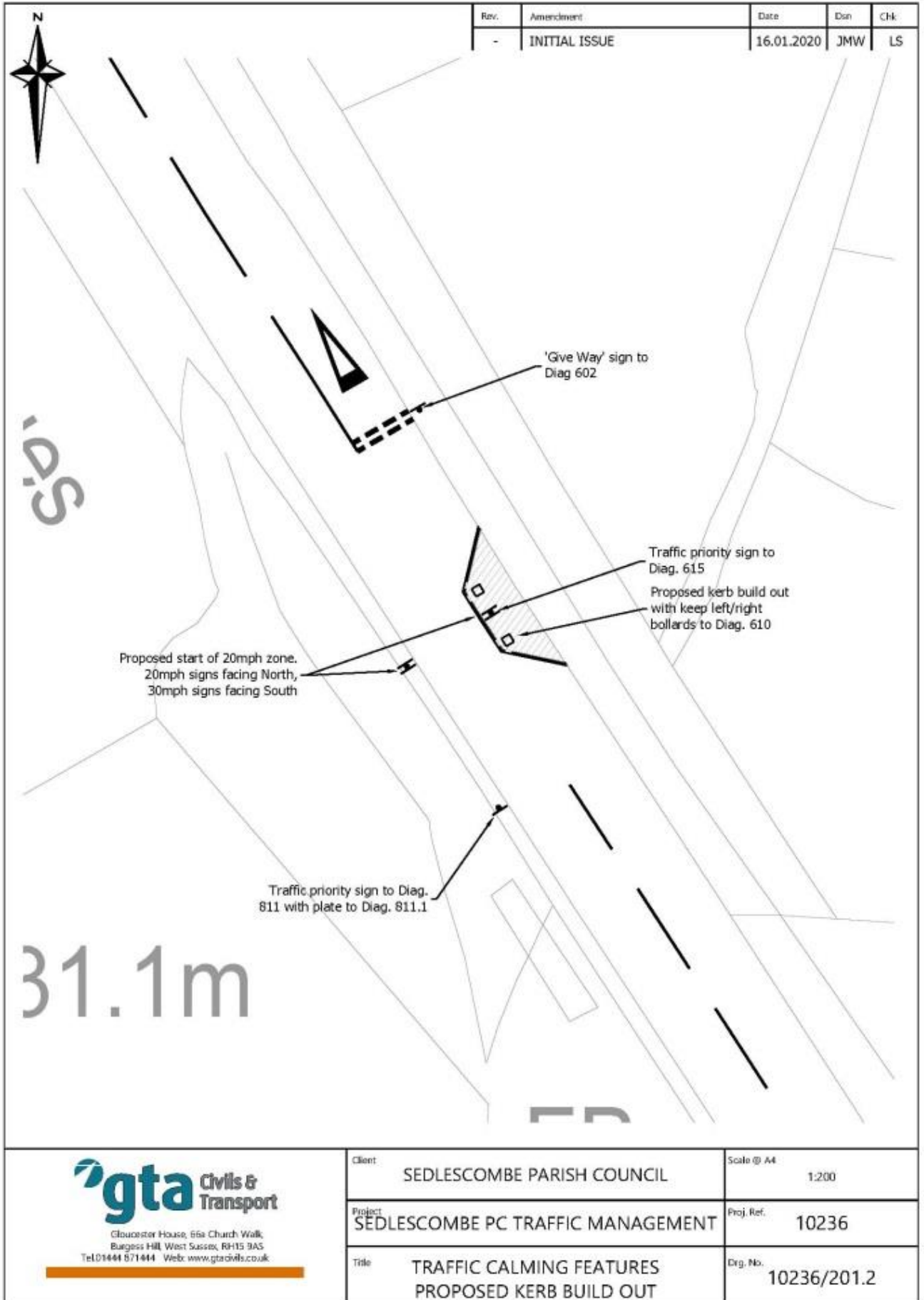
Village Green Pinch-point



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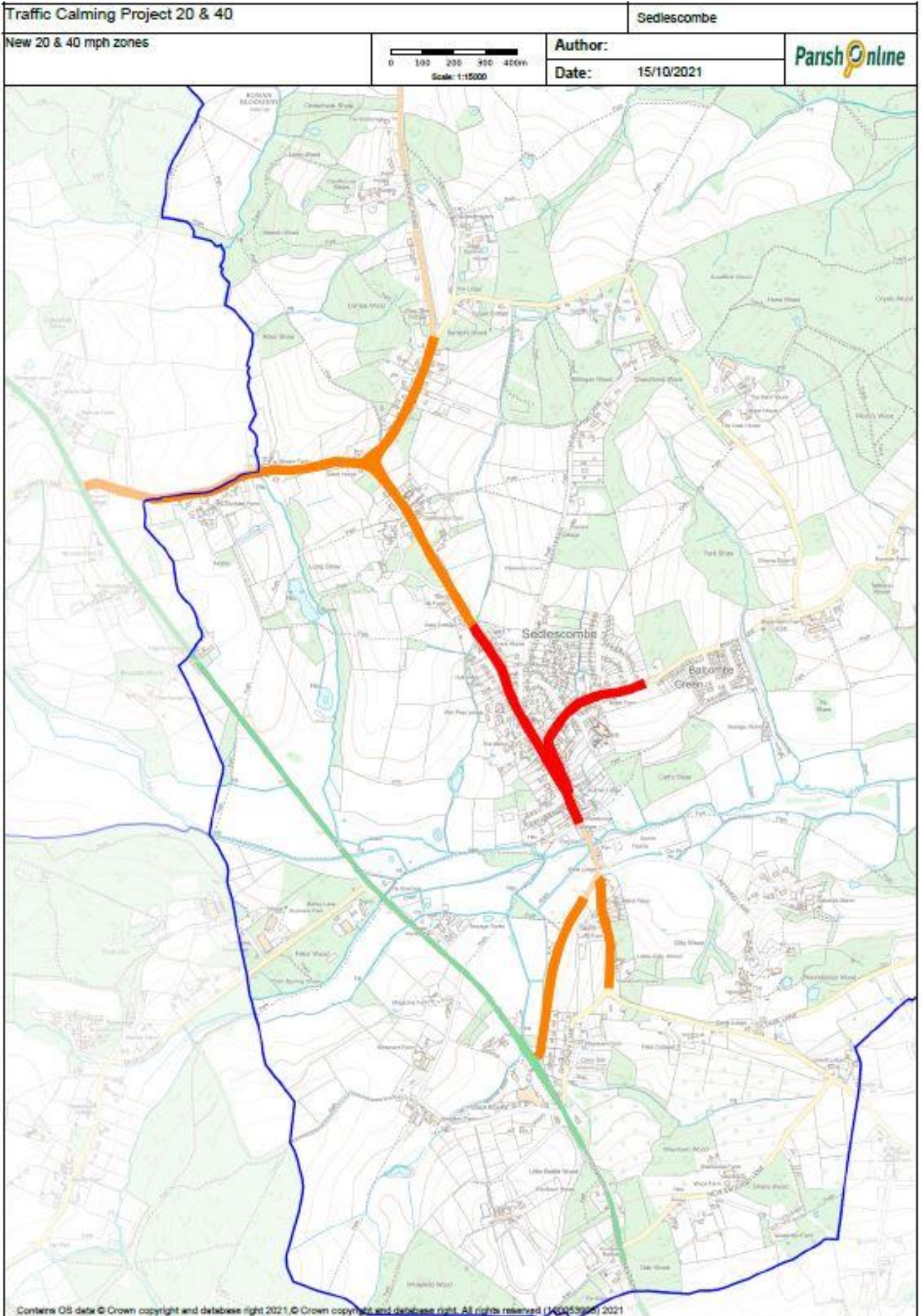
Village Hall Kerb build-out



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Proposed 40 mph (Orange line)



Please complete this questionnaire by placing a tick in the appropriate box alongside each of the 12 proposals outlined below, then place the completed form in the Yellow box provided at the Village Store.

If you wish to receive an email copy of the full Traffic-Calming report, please write your name & address together with your email address in the space provided below.

	Agree / disagree
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