

Agenda Item No. 4(a)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**

20 December 2018

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**PETITION – TAMWORTH ROAD, LONG EATON –
REQUEST TO DETER CYCLISTS FROM USING PAVEMENTS**

- (1) **Purpose of Report** To consider a petition received requesting improvements to deter cyclists using footways which are not marked as cycle paths or shared foot/cycle paths.
- (2) **Information and Analysis** At the meeting on 5 April 2018, the Cabinet Member acknowledged receipt of a petition requesting Derbyshire County Council make improvements to deter cyclists from cycling on footways (Minute No. 31/18 refers).

The statement detailed in the petition reads as follows:

“I request that the pavements after the north end of the shared cycle/foot path which runs parallel with the Erewash Canal on Tamworth Road be marked clearly to remind cyclists that the cycle path from here is on the road, not the pavement.”

Background

There are various cycle routes throughout Long Eaton and the surrounding area, both on and off road either by way of dedicated cycle lanes on the highway or off road routes that help promote cyclists and safely assist cyclists travelling through the town.

The high demand to cycle through Long Eaton can, at times, bring cyclists into potential conflict with pedestrians and other road users, such as the elderly, disabled and young children, which the County Council does its best to manage with the appropriate signs and markings. The County Council has, over the years, provided a significant number of improvements to both promote and assist road safety of cycling through the town. Indeed, there are works planned for more improvements to the route along the A6005 Nottingham Road, which should be introduced in the coming months. This scheme incorporates an alteration to the existing on-road cycling lanes, with

additional road markings and accessibility improvements. Officers regularly engage with local cyclists who express an interest in these improvement schemes and have actually recently done this along Tamworth Road. The Council has recently been informed, by the Canal and River Trust, that it has now secured funding to improve the Canal towpath along the Erewash Canal, adjacent to Tamworth Road. It will involve the widening of the towpath to accommodate a shared use for both pedestrians and cyclists. As a consequence of this, the demand for the shared use of the footway along Tamworth Road could potentially be reduced, however, there are no definitive timescales on the progression of this project at this time.

There often needs to be a balance between providing sufficient information in the form of signing and lining (road markings) to inform people of the facilities available, whilst also avoiding a proliferation of signing and lining within the public highway.

Local Member Comments

Councillor Gary Hickton supports additional signs to direct cyclists off the shared path on the footway and onto the cycle lane on the carriageway.

Officer Comments

Tamworth Road has a cycle lane that is only on the carriageway until the Erewash Canal, at which point it moves onto the footway and becomes a shared cycle/footpath. After the Erewash Canal, this diverts away from running parallel to Tamworth Road and this shared path ends. Cyclists are then directed to use the designated cycle lane on the carriageway.

The petitioner's request to install markings on the footway, to remind cyclists that they must not cycle on the footway have been considered, however, it is considered unnecessary to install road markings or signs informing cyclists that they should not cycle on footways, as cycling on footways is nationally prohibited and unlawful, unless, of course, there is a dedicated cycle route provided.

Considering the aforementioned, and on receipt of this petition, an Officer has visited the site to determine if anything can be done to emphasise the part of the cycle route where the shared cycle/pedestrian route ends to the end of the cycle lane at Broad Street. It is therefore proposed to reinforce the end of the shared route and start of the cycle lane by moving the cycle lane slightly, so that the lane starts at the end of the shared route. This will be emphasised by an additional cycle symbol and an arrow on the road surface, indicating the direction of travel (see attached drawing HMT/RS/397/18). It is also proposed to add six additional cycle symbols within the cycle lane itself, drawing HMT/RS/395/18 shows the locations of existing cycle symbols and drawing HMT/RS/396/18 shows proposed additional cycle symbols, to reinforce this message.

(3) **Financial Considerations** The estimated cost for road markings is approximately £500, and will be met from the 2018-19 Traffic Management Revenue Budget.

(4) **Legal Considerations** The provision of the cycle markings proposed within this report are proposed through the Department for Transport, Local Transport Note 1/12, Shared Use Routes for Pedestrians and Cyclists.

Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(7) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details – Rachel Straw, extension 38525.

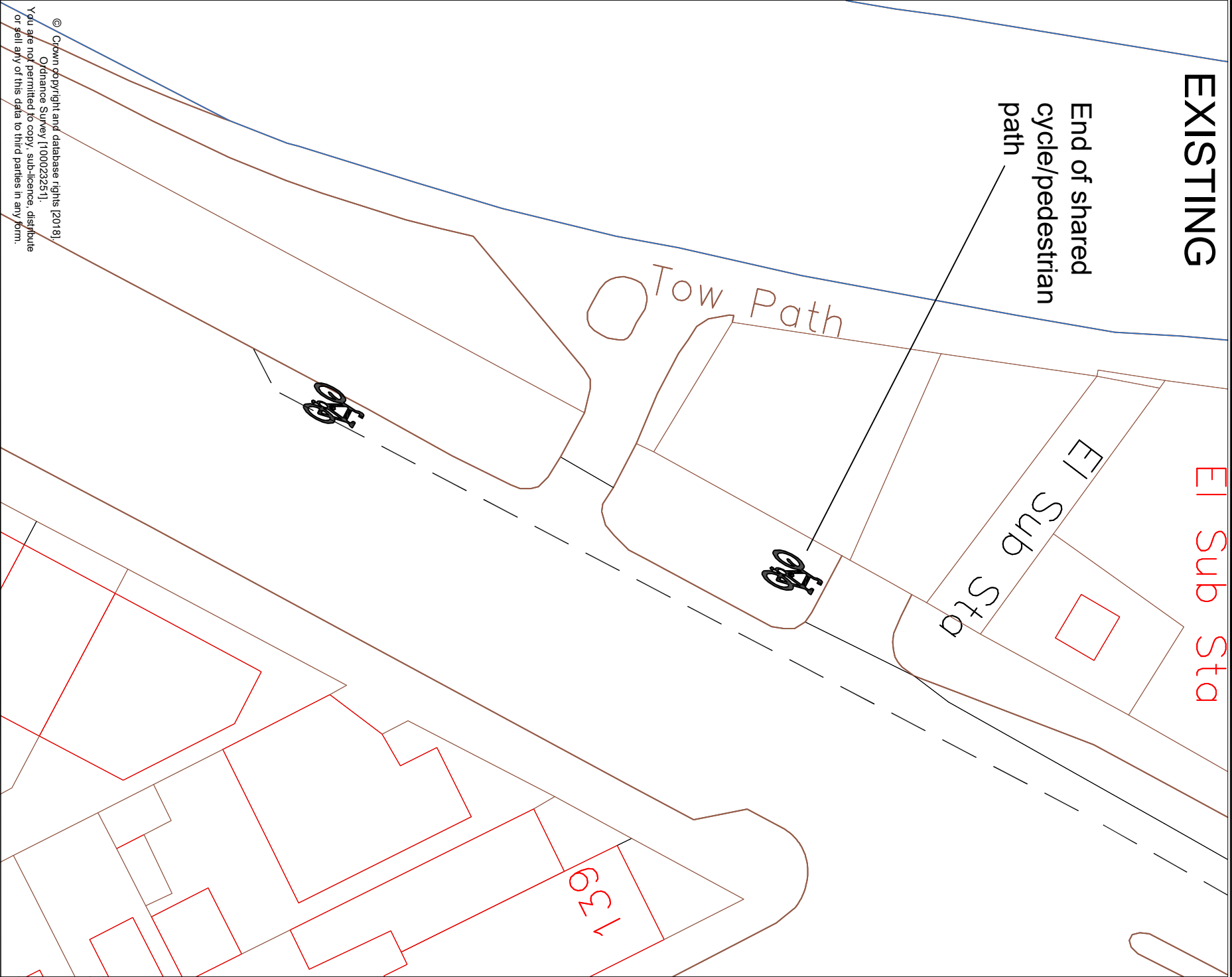
(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That the Cabinet Member:

8.1 Approves the works to alter the road markings to deter cyclists using footways, Tamworth Road, Long Eaton.

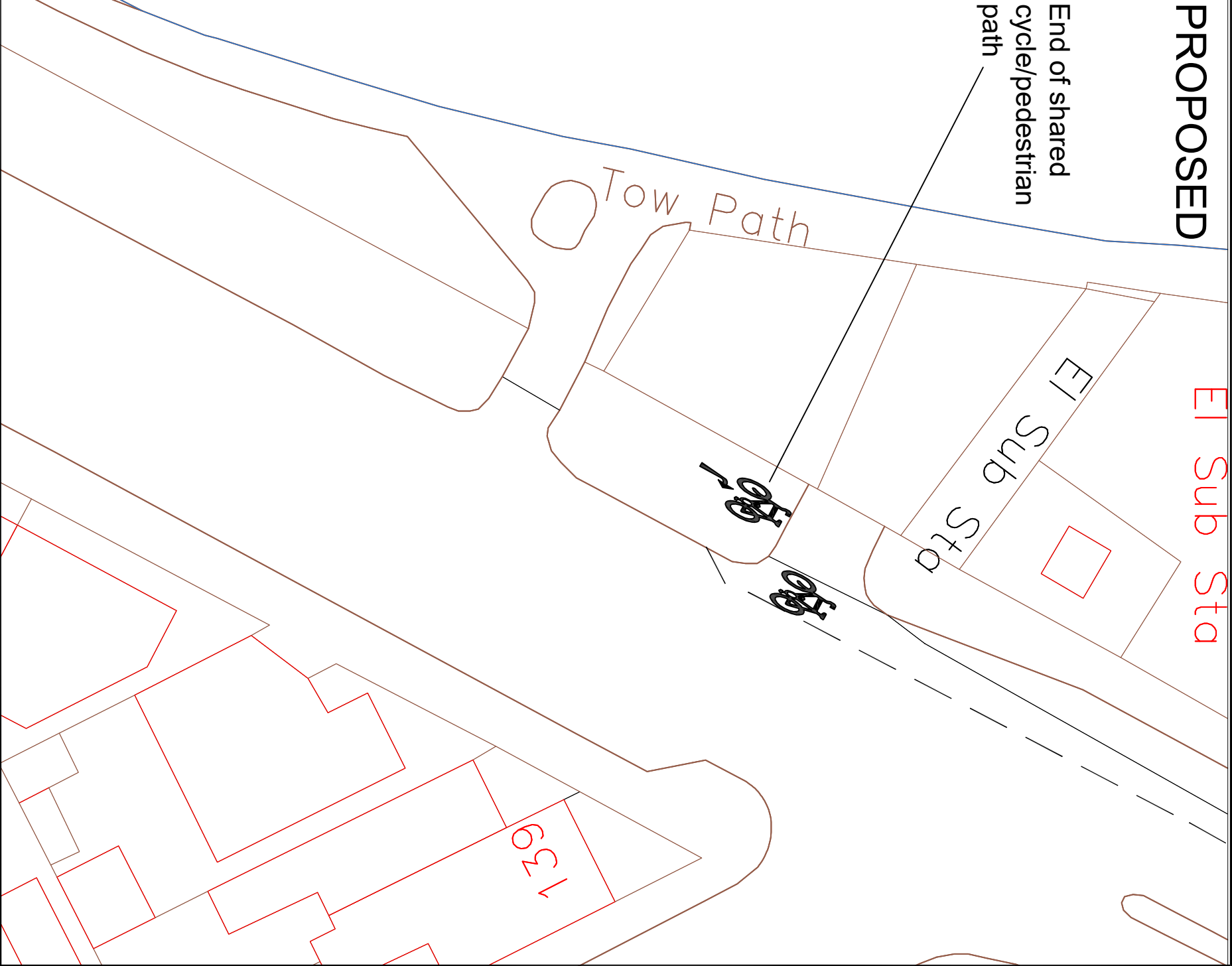
8.2 Notifies the Local Member and lead petitioner accordingly.

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Strategic Director - Economy, Transport and Environment

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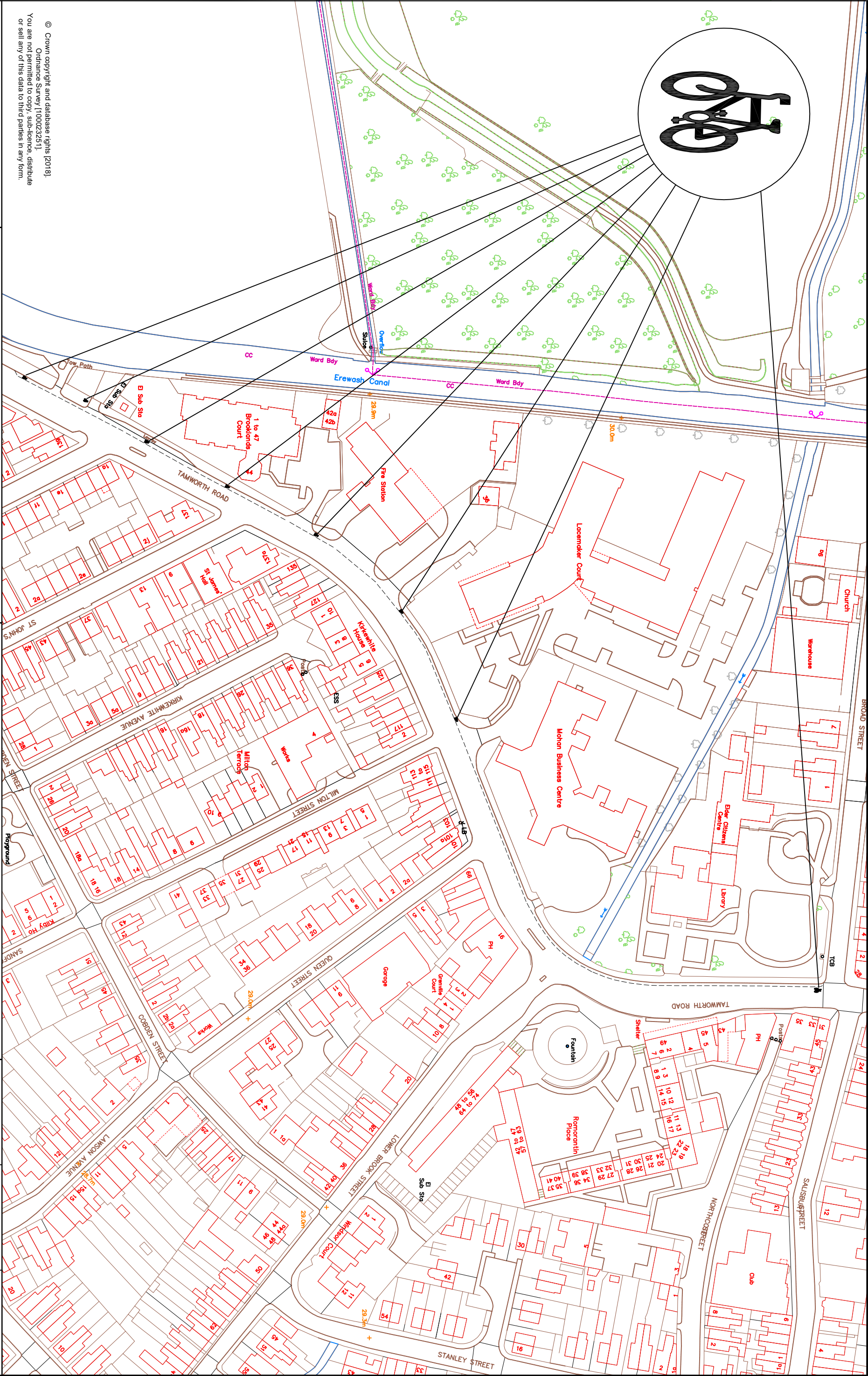


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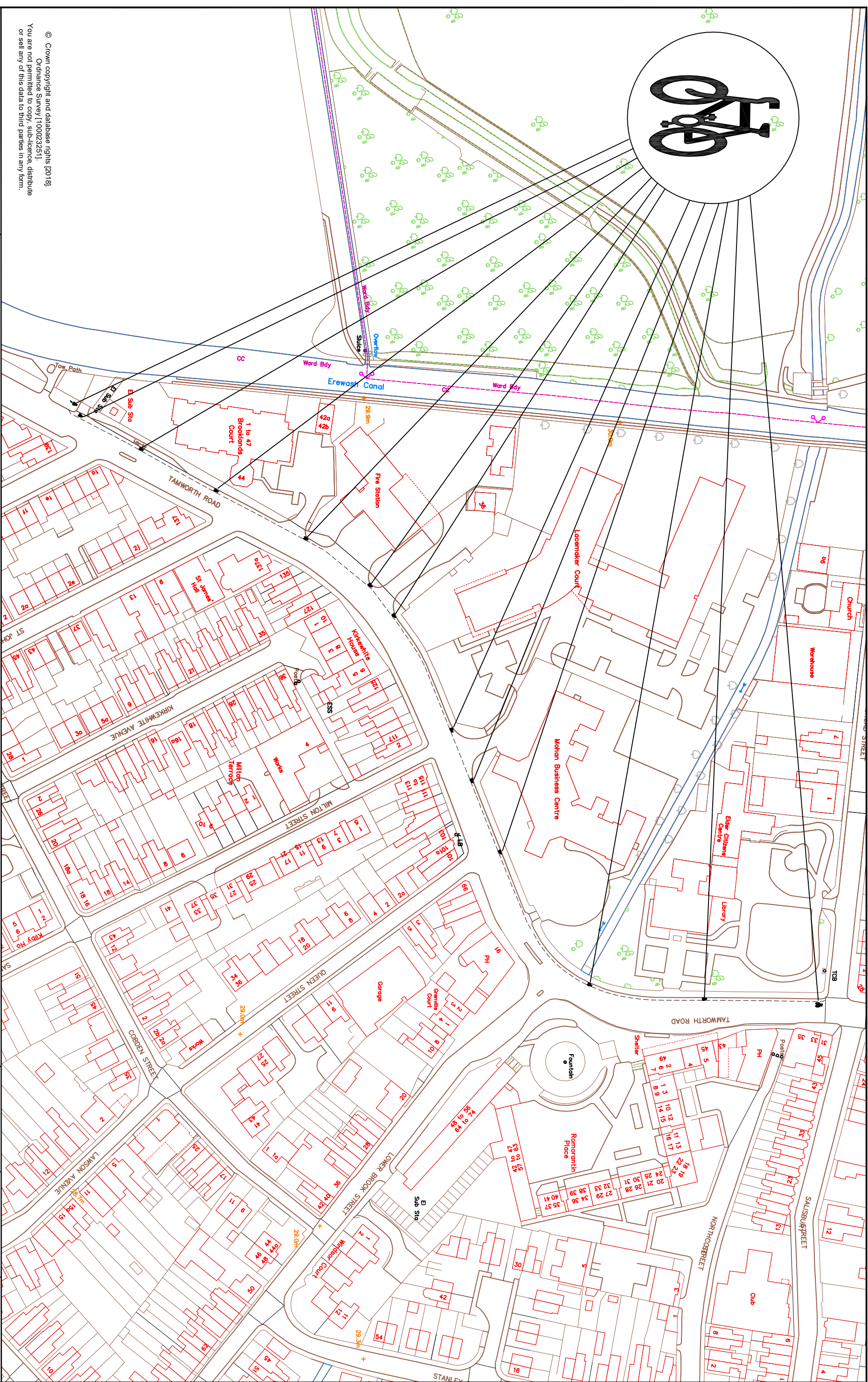
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