

DUCKS HILL ROAD – PETITION REQUESTING PEGASUS CROSSING

ITEM 5

Cabinet Member	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio	Planning and Transportation
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Papers with report	Appendix A Appendix B

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report	This report advises the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from the users of Ruislip Woods requesting a signalised crossing suitable for use by horse riders. (Pegasus Crossing)
Contribution to our plans and strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transport Strategy• Community Plan• Local Implementation Plan
Financial Cost	The cost of the installation of a Pegasus crossing would be around £90 000. At present no funding source has been identified for this project.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Northwood & West Ruislip

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Notes the petitions requests and meets with petitioners to discuss in greater detail the concerns they have;
2. Subject to the identification of a funding source, asks officers to install a Pegasus crossing on Ducks Hill Road.

INFORMATION

PART 1 – MEMBERS, PUBLIC AND PRESS

Cabinet Member meeting with Petitioners – 14 October 2009

Reasons for recommendation

The petitioners are concerned by the difficulty of crossing Ducks Hill Road between Copse Wood and Mad Bess Wood. The Provision of a Pegasus crossing will provide suitable crossing facilities for walkers, equestrians and cyclists.

Alternative options considered

The Cabinet Member may decide that the existing crossing facilities are adequate for Ducks Hill Road.

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 311 signatures has been received from users of Copse Wood and Mad Bess Wood requesting the introduction of a Pegasus crossing facility on Ducks Hill Road between the two woods.
2. The petition stated: *'We the undersigned are writing to express our concerns regarding the danger in crossing Ducks Hill road on foot, cycle or horse back to gain access to either Copse Wood or Mad Bess Wood and request a Pegasus Crossing is installed without delay...'*
3. The section of Ducks Hill Road between Reservoir Road, Ruislip in the south and Drakes Drive, Northwood is a predominantly rural road, with a regulatory speed set at the national limit. Mad Bess Wood is situated to the west of Ducks Hill Road, with Copse Wood To the east. Both woods along with Bayhurst Wood Countryside Park and Park Wood form the Ruislip Woods National Nature Reserve. Appendix A shows a location plan of the above area.
4. In October 2006 as part of the Road Safety Programme officers conducted a feasibility study into a possible Pegasus crossing on Ducks Hill Road, located south of the Mad Bess Wood car park entrance. The Pegasus crossing outlined in Appendix B was found to be feasible.
5. At the time of feasibility it was felt a crossing at this location would best suit all woods users practically those using the car park. However the crossing would require the existing bridle paths be relocated to meet the crossing
6. It is estimated that the Highway works for a Pegasus crossing as outlined in Appendix B would cost £90,000 but this figure excludes the cost of redirecting the bridle paths. It may be possible to gain this funding from Transport for London (TfL) as part of the annual Local Implementation Plan (LIP) bid. Officers have included a bid for such funding as part of the 2010/11 submission. Funding for the relocation of the bridle paths would still need to be identified.
7. The costs for relocating the bridle paths are expected to be £5,000. The Council's Green Spaces Department will be able to fund these works as part of their annual budget.

8. Officers recommend the Cabinet Member meets with petitioners to discuss in greater detail the concerns they have and subject to the outcome of that discussion considers approving a Pegasus crossing be installed subject to the identification of suitable funding sources.

Financial Implications

At present there is no budget identified to fund this proposal.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

The recommendations will ask officers to identify a suitable funding source for this scheme.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

Ward Councillors were asked to comment on this petition as part of the report writing process.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

None at this stage

Legal

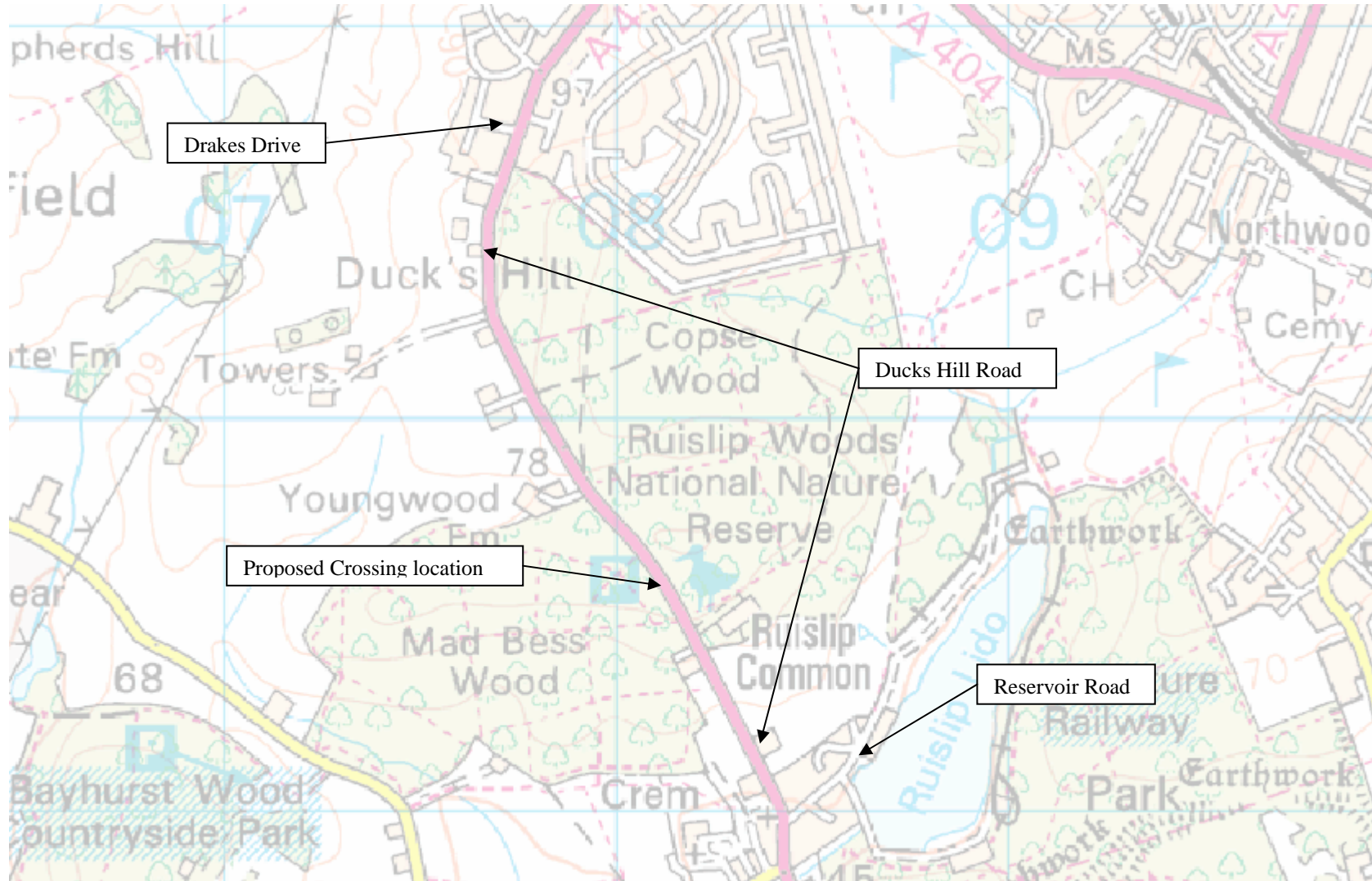
None at this stage

Corporate Property

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received 08th April 2009.

APPENDIX A – LOCATION PLAN



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APPENDIX B

PROPOSED PEGASUS CROSSING



Relocate wood paths to meet crossing.
(Paths to be decided by Green Spaces
Drawing an example only)

Existing Grass
Verge.

Hard Standing
area.

Existing Footway

Equestrian Crossing.

Pedestrian Crossing.

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EQUESTRIAN CROSSING

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Guard Railings
and Posts

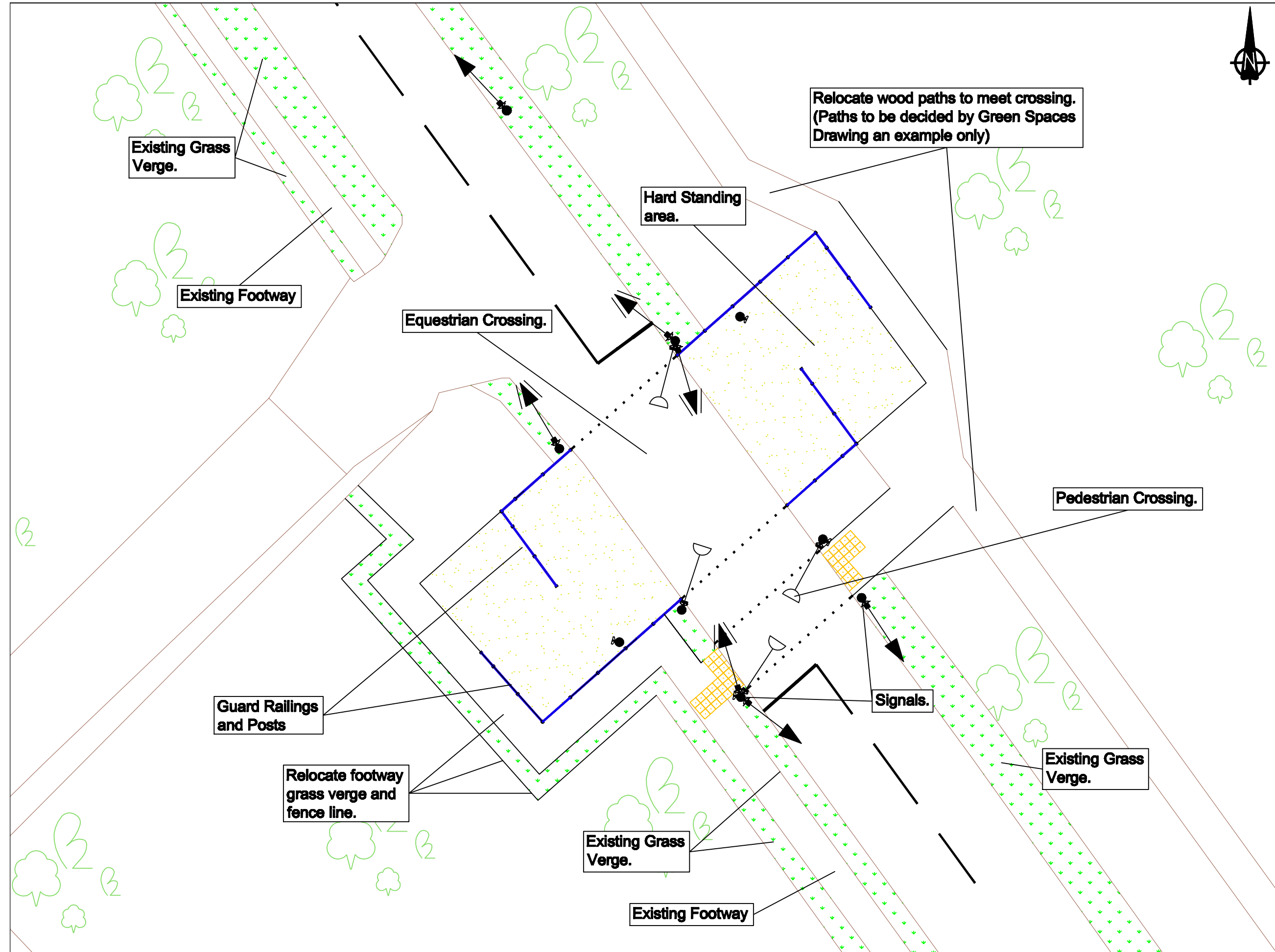
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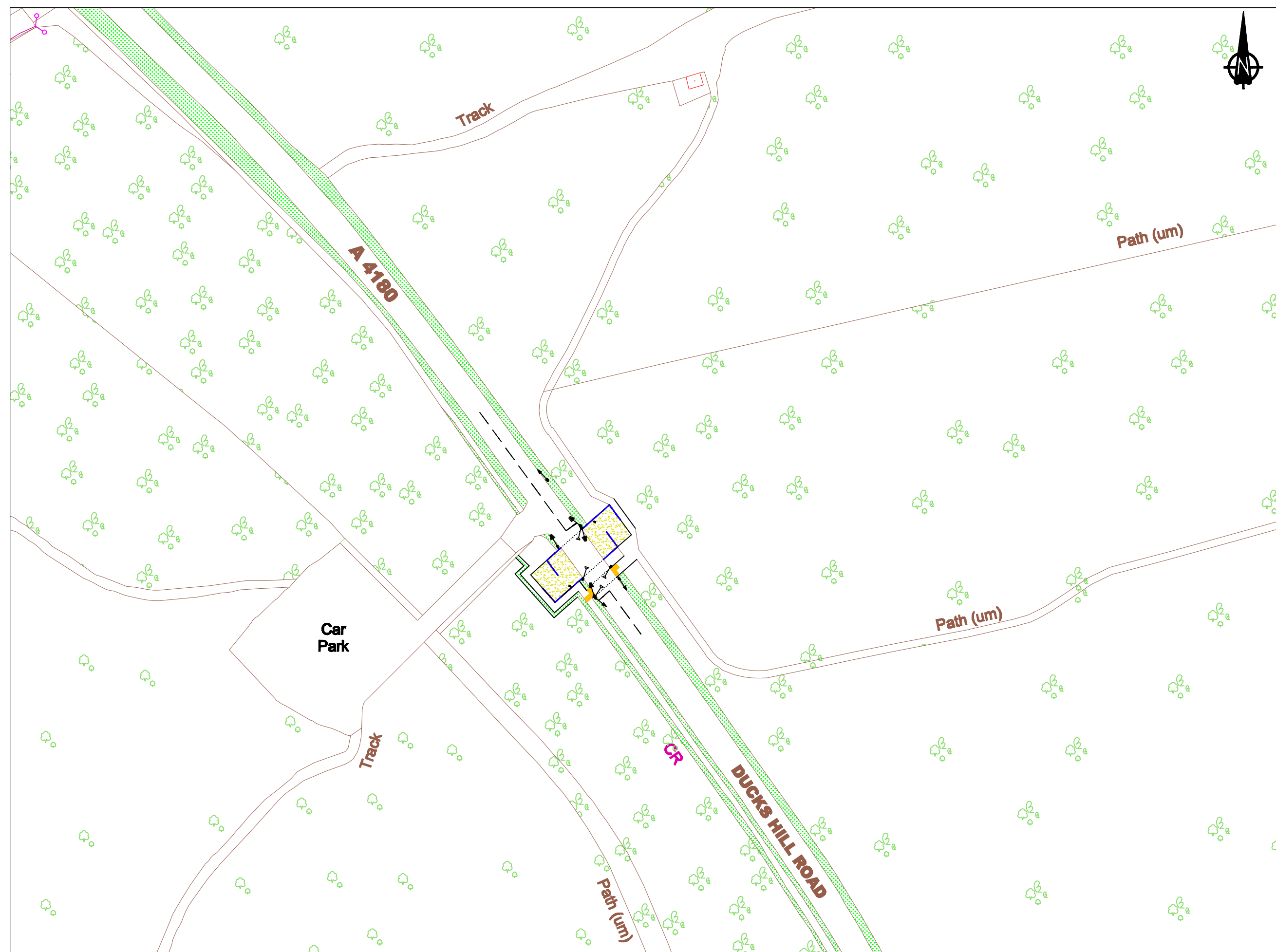
Signals.

Existing Grass
Verge.

Existing Grass
Verge.

Existing Footway





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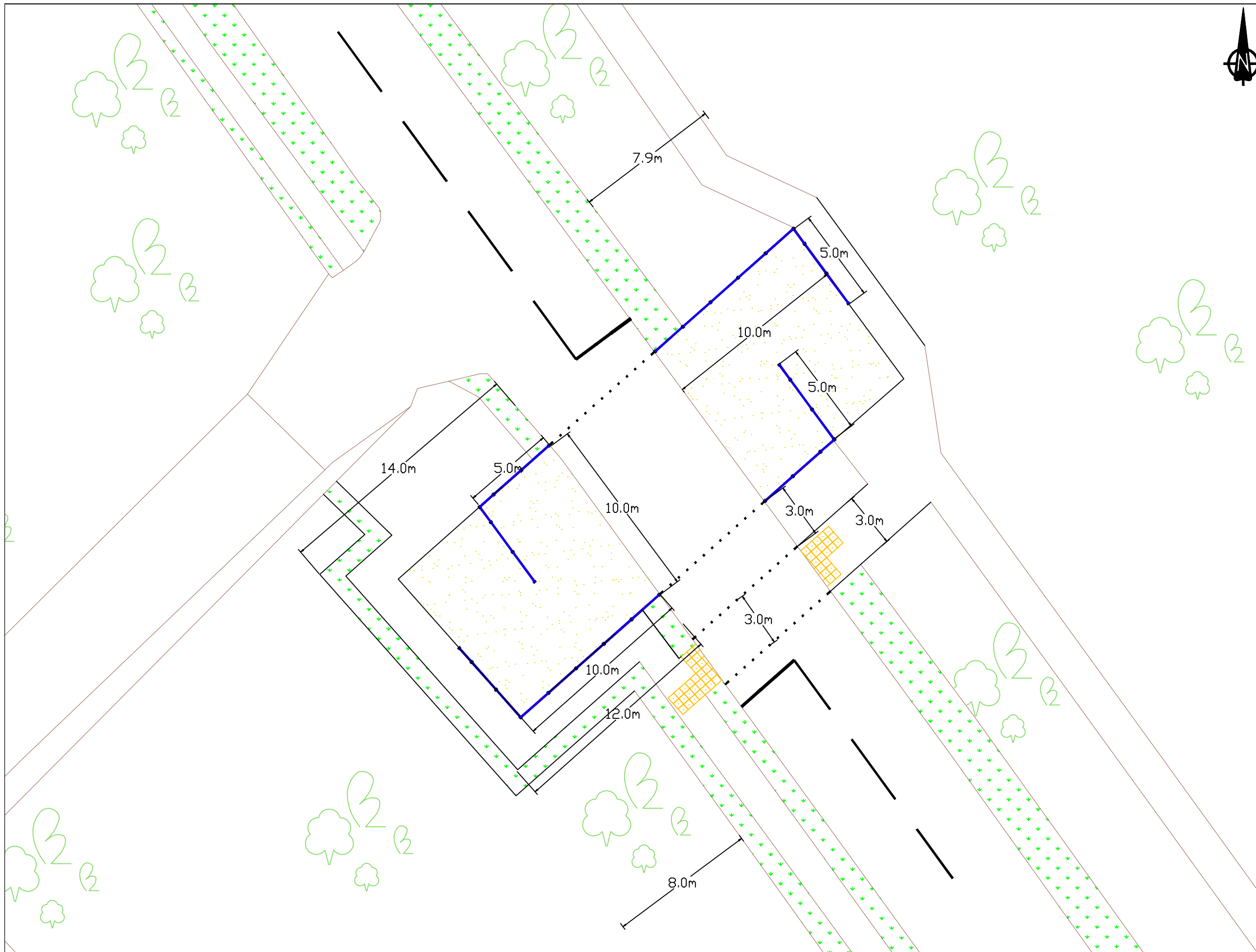
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 EQUESTRIAN CROSSING LOCATION PLAN

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