A52 Active Travel Partnership Campaign to upgrade the underpass-subway under the A52 south of Sharp Hill

West Bridgford Local Traffic & Transport Group,

22 January 2025

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Built as a cattle underpass in the 1960s when this section of the A52 was dualled

- Landowner blocked it with earth to deter any public use, until after 2011 site visit and its designation as a public footpath, thanks to former Cllr. Rod Jones

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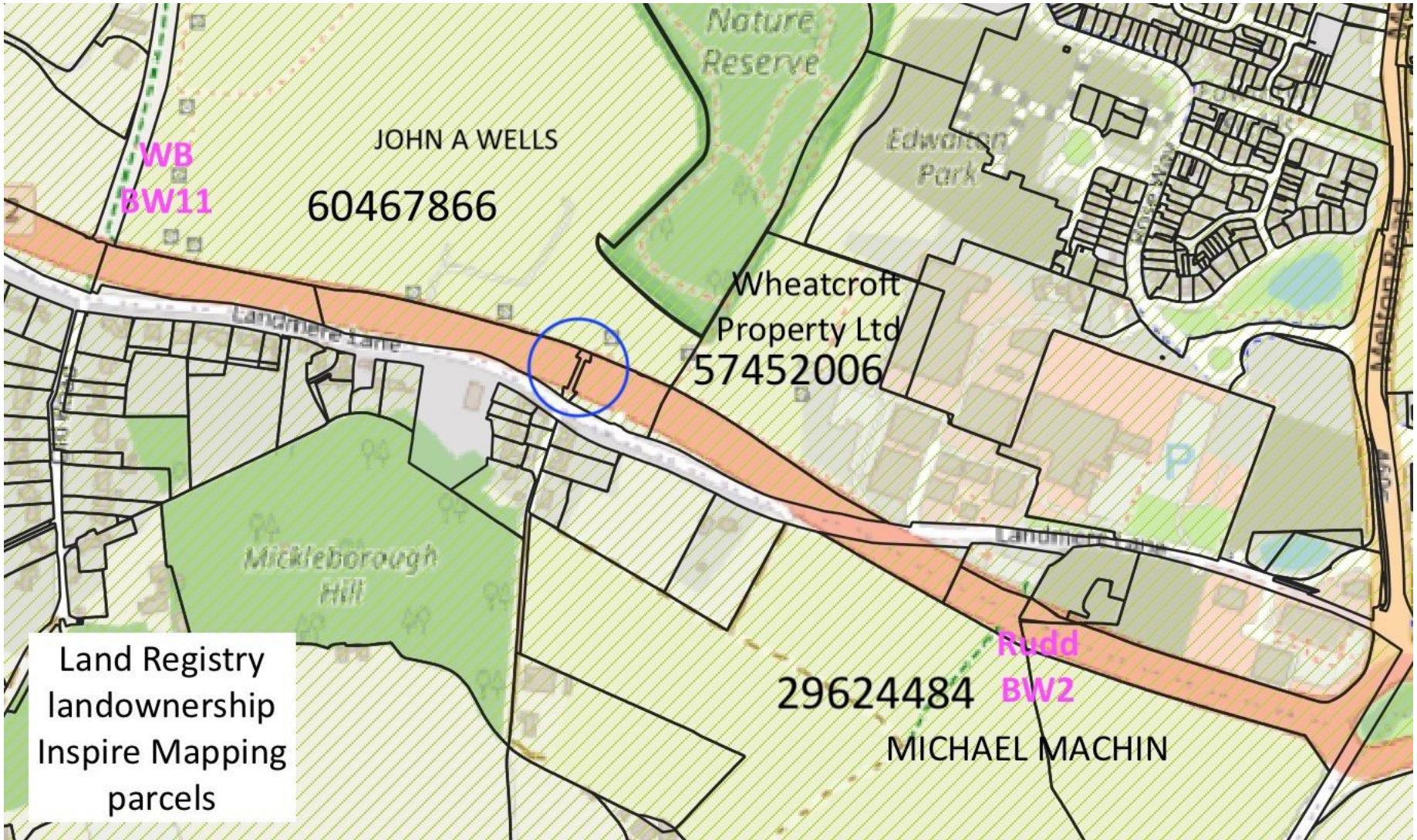

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2021 post Lockdown campaign boost:

A52 Active Travel Partnership Campaign to upgrade the underpass-subway

2000 people signed our petition, which helped get support from former MP Ruth Edwards, and the commissioning of work on a feasibility study for National Highways by Tetratech Ltd.

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MP champions campaign to improve dangerous crossing

ACTION GROUP IS PROPOSING USING UNDERPASS AS AN ALTERNATIVE

Notts Post, 1.7.21

Sue Jones and Steve Parkhouse are campaigning to use the A52 underpass at Landmere Lane in Nottingham as a safer crossing point JOSEPH PAYNOR

By PETER HENNESSY

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A CAMPAIGN calling for improve-

They say the proposed changes by Highways England will create lengthy diversions for cyclists or horse riders - as the planned crossings could mean a

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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS LOBBY FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN A52 CROSSINGS

by Nottinghamshire Ramblers

Representatives of local organisations are planning to lobby councillors and Highways England to gain support for an initiative to improve the safety of people crossing the busy A52 near West Bridgford.

Local groups such as the Ramblers, Pedals and the British Horse Society are concerned at how dangerous it is for people to cross the dual

Site meeting with Ruth Edwards MP & Cllr. Neil Clarke (for Notts CC), etc., June 2021: County support pledges

2021-2022 National Highways commissioned Feasibility Study

Carried out by Tetratech Ltd, following which there were site visits with Stakeholders and negotiations with the landowners started

Tetratech Study completed in March 2022: site visits with Stakeholders:

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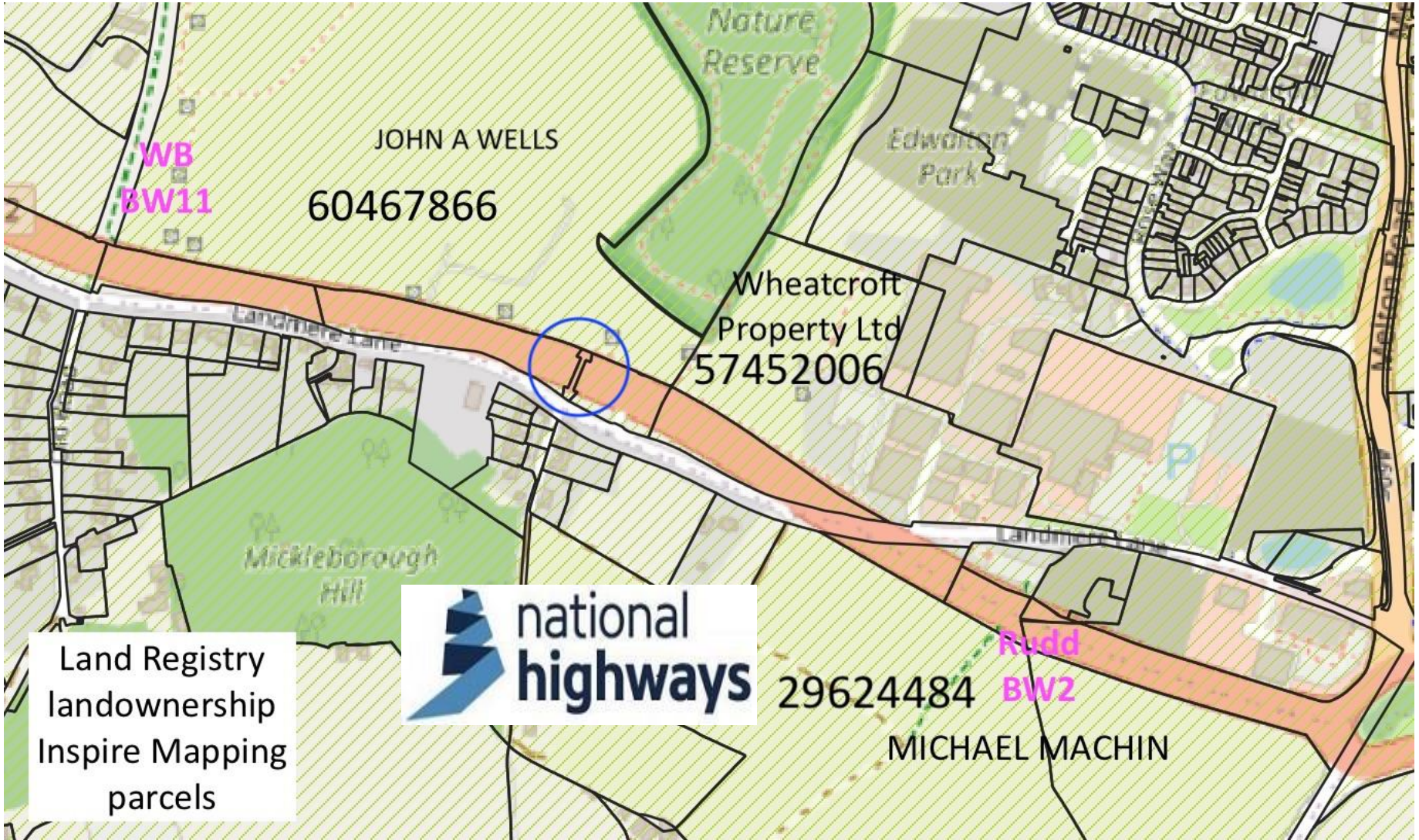

2019-: Wider context of NH A52 Nottingham Major Junctions Project, including A60 &A606

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(former) Highways England held Public Information Exhibitions in January 2019

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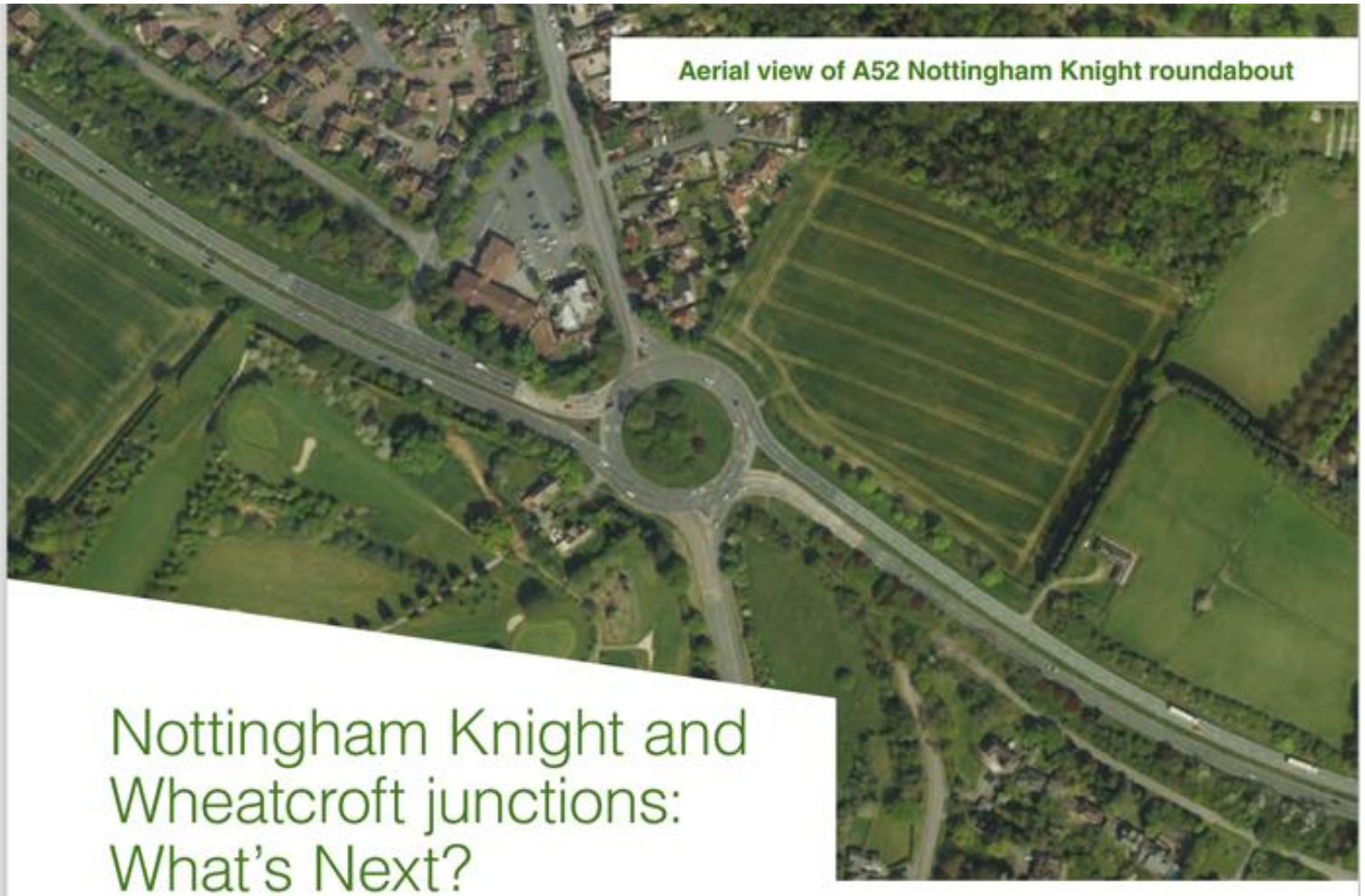
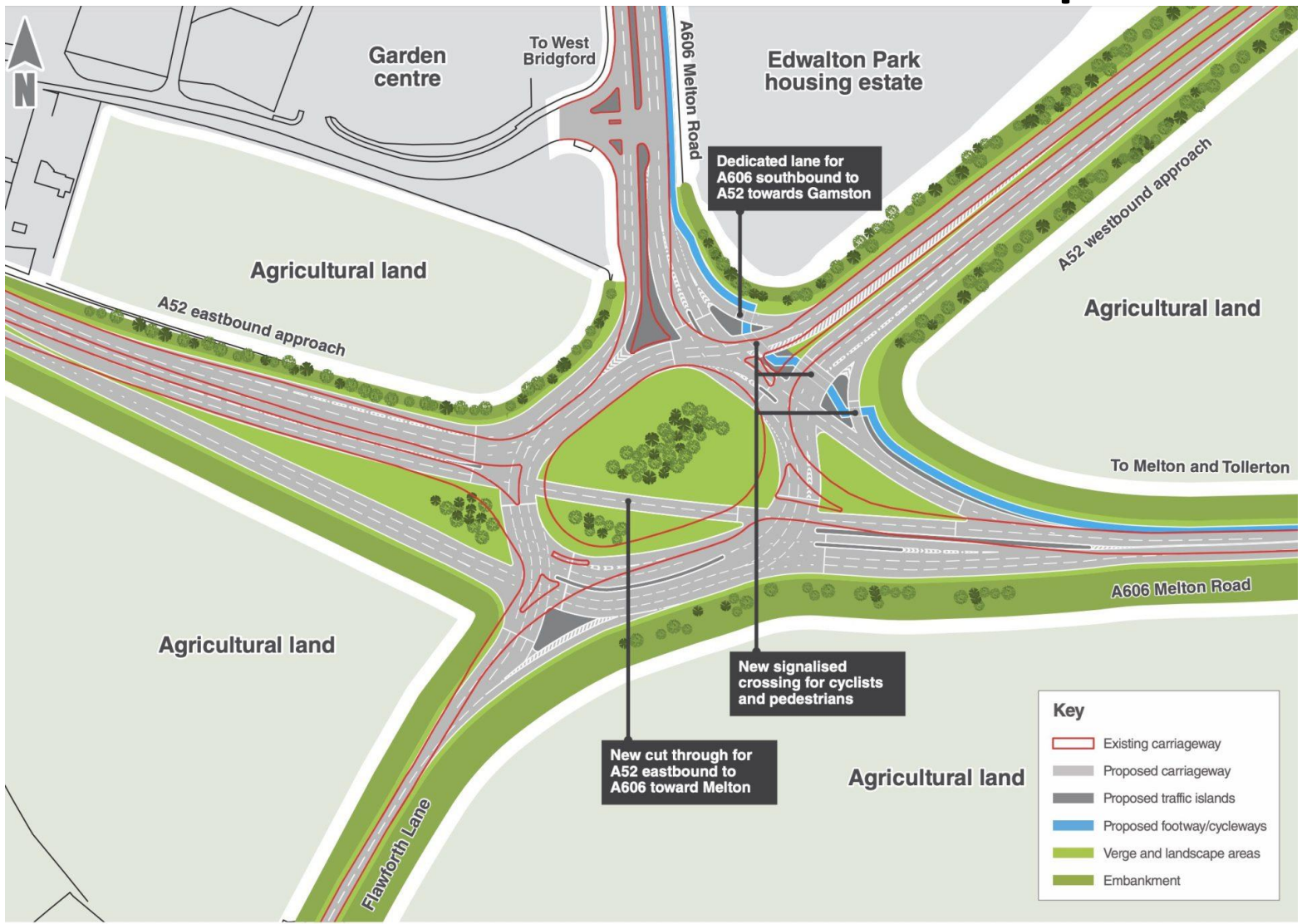
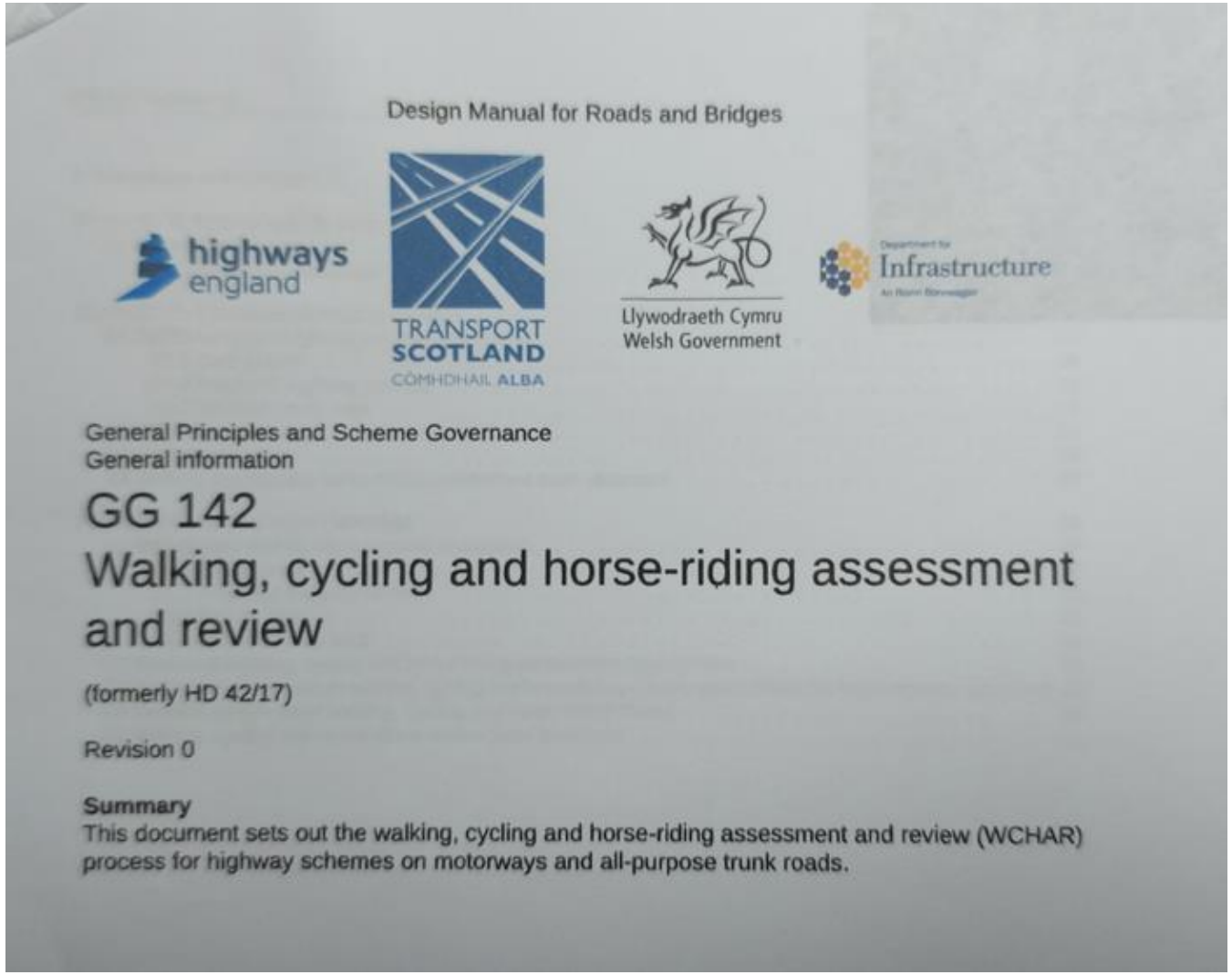
A52 Nottingham Junctions
Nottingham Knight and Wheatcroft
Public information exhibition



NH proposals for the A52/A606 Wheatcroft Junction also include some AT improvements



However, no WCHR assessment carried out of routes within 5km radius of both junctions



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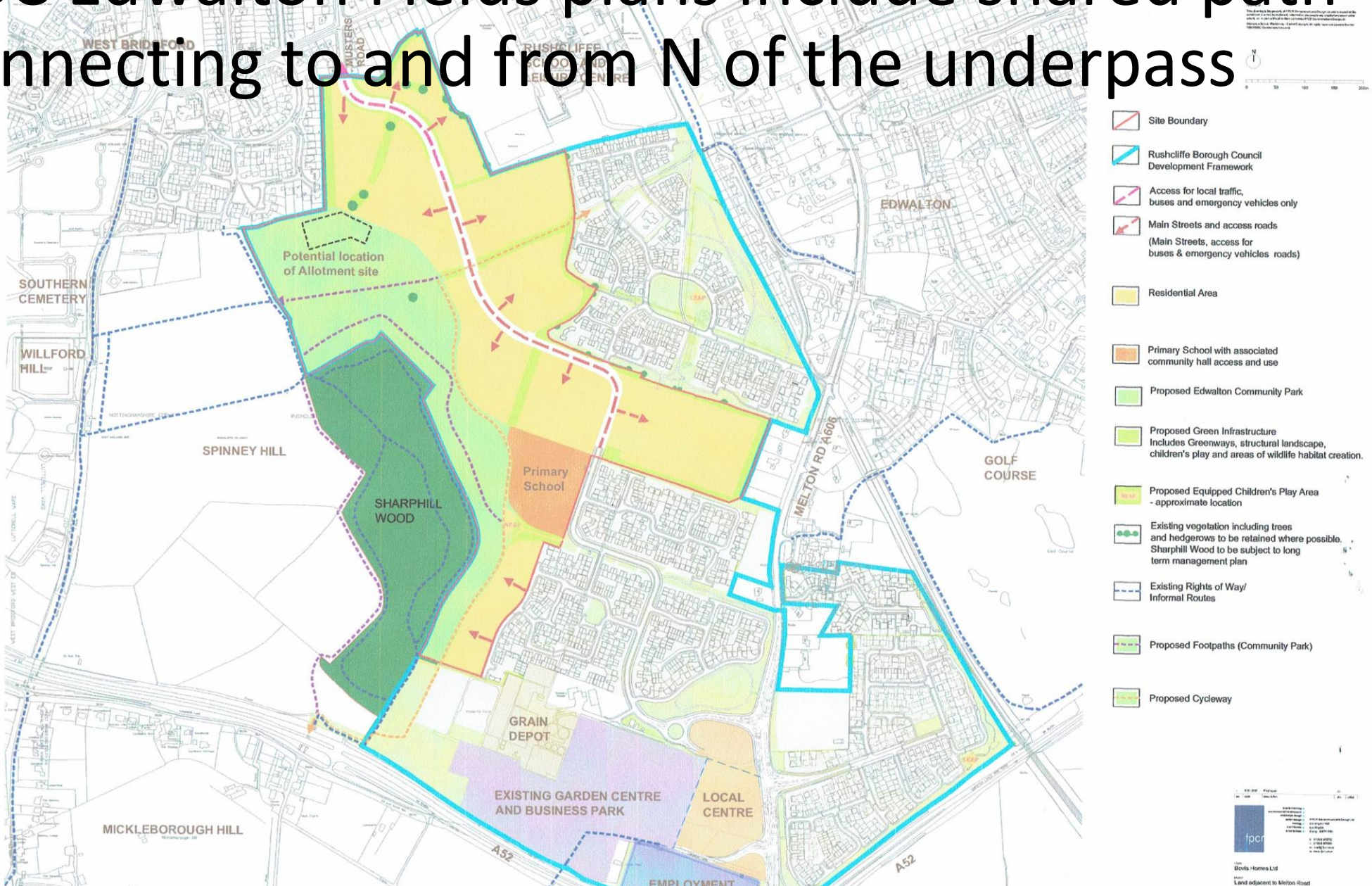
RBC Edwalton Fields plans include shared path connecting to and from N of the underpass



Footpath and Cycleway Network

The layout should be designed in accordance with Manual for Streets with priorities for pedestrians and cyclists including on-street cycling and cyclists using the carriageway. Green Lanes and Mews should be designed as shared surfaces to further promote the theme of streets for pedestrians and cyclists.

The street pattern should be based upon a legible framework of direct streets to create logical well overlooked routes to facilities and amenities such as the Primary School, Local Centre, areas of employment, the Community Park and Sharphill Wood. Secure cycle storage should be provided at logical points associated with these facilities.

Detailed design should ensure connections onto Melton Road and Musters Road as well as the existing public footpath at Machins Lane.

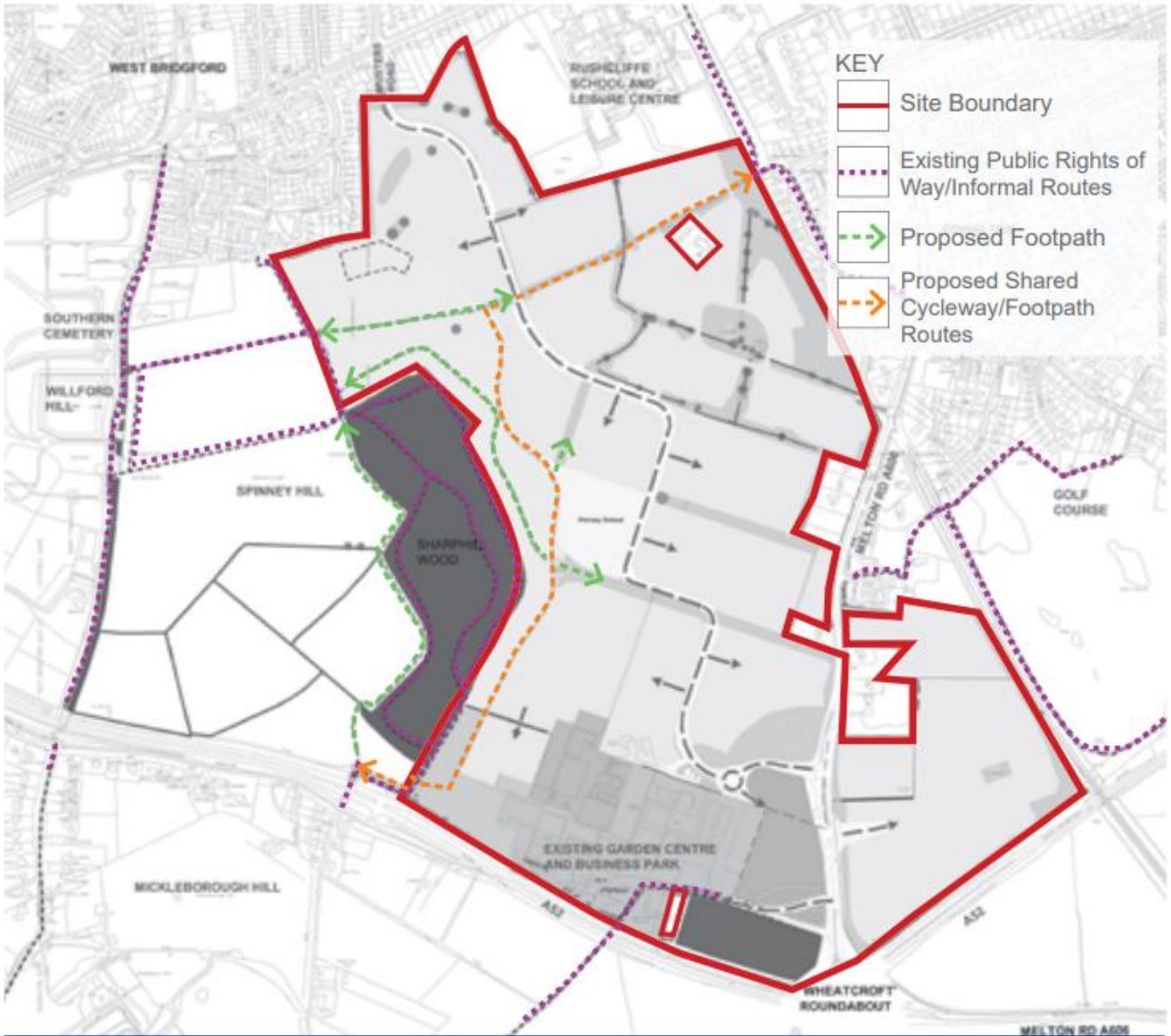


Figure 10: Indicative Footpath / Cycleway Network

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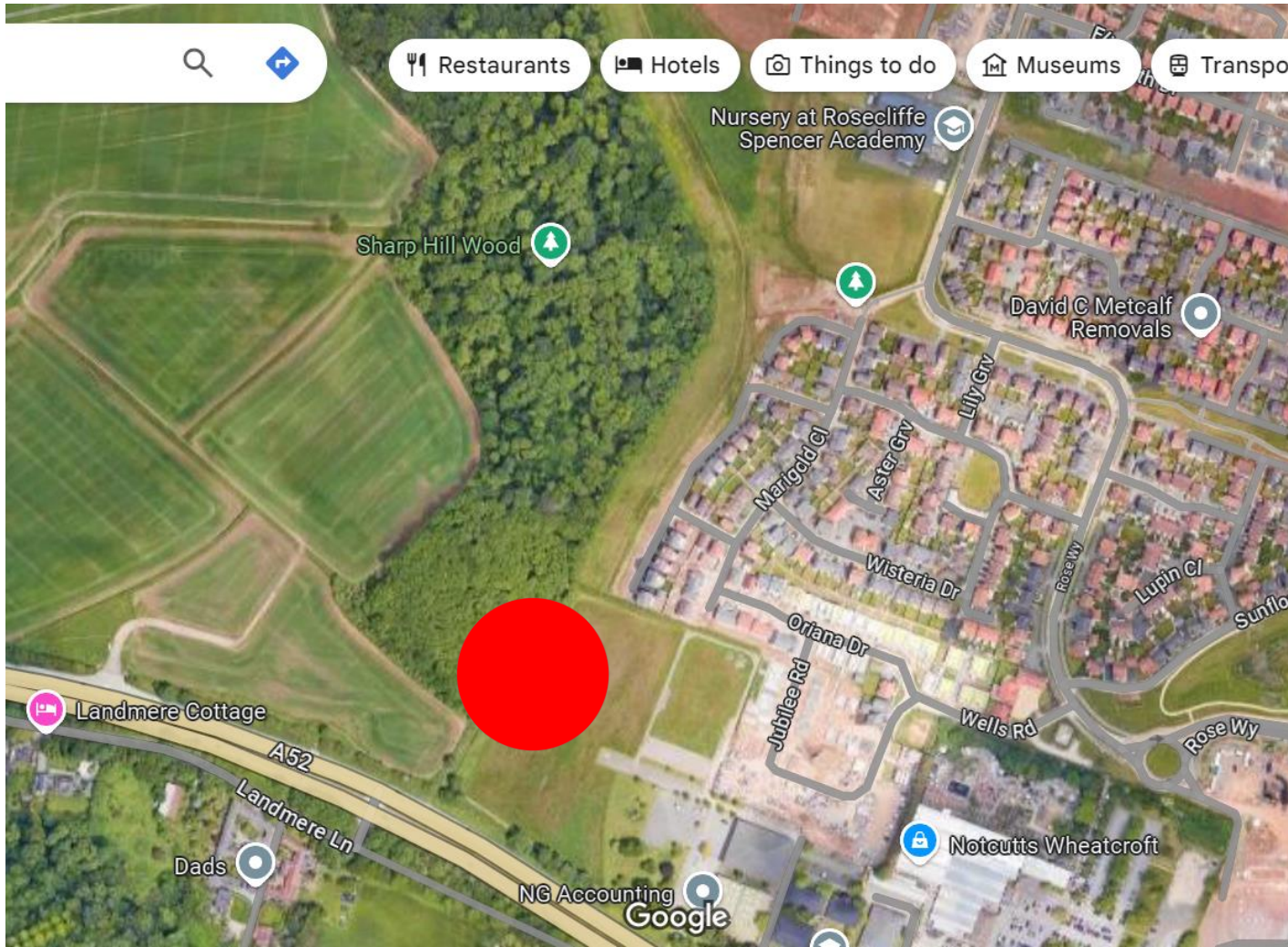

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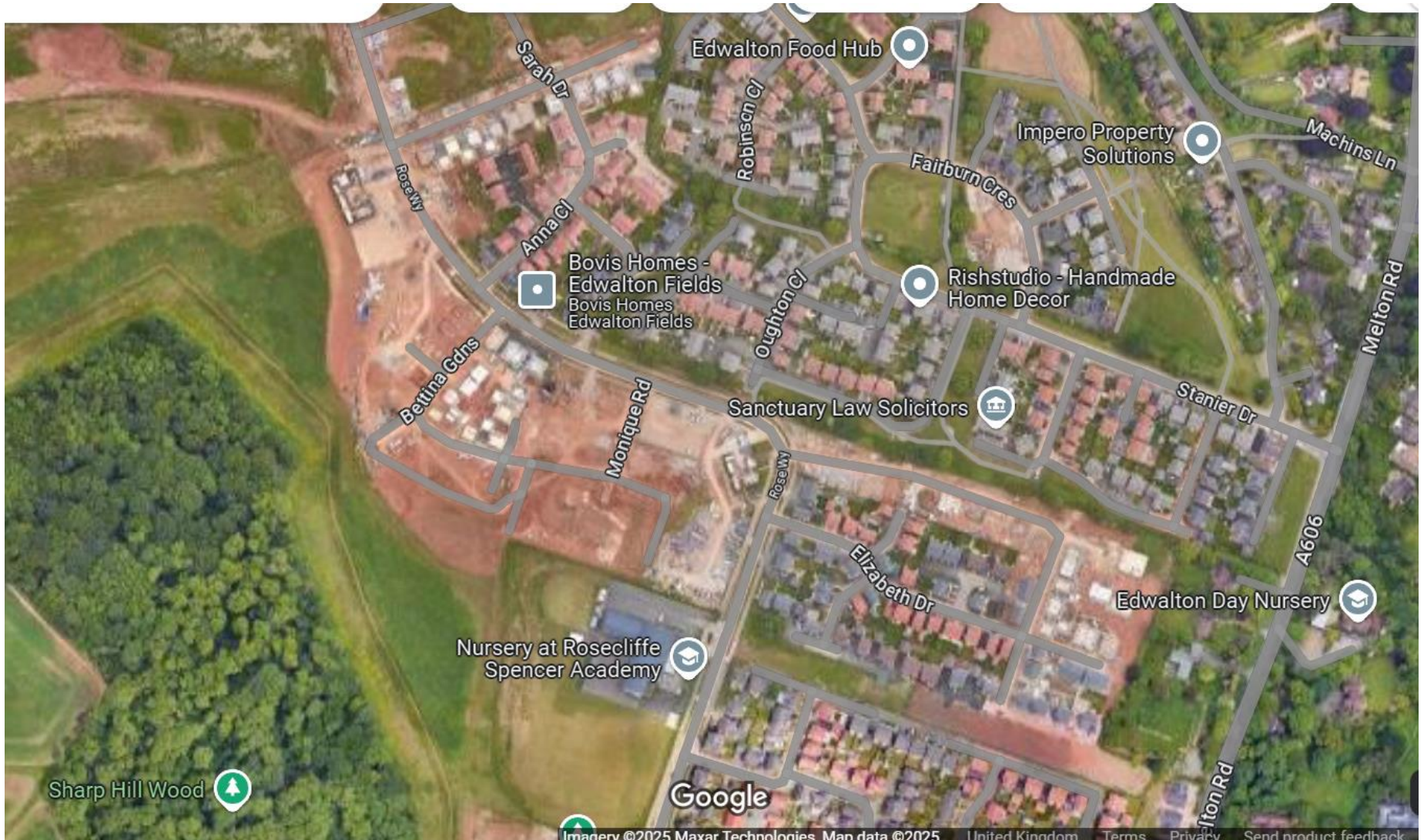

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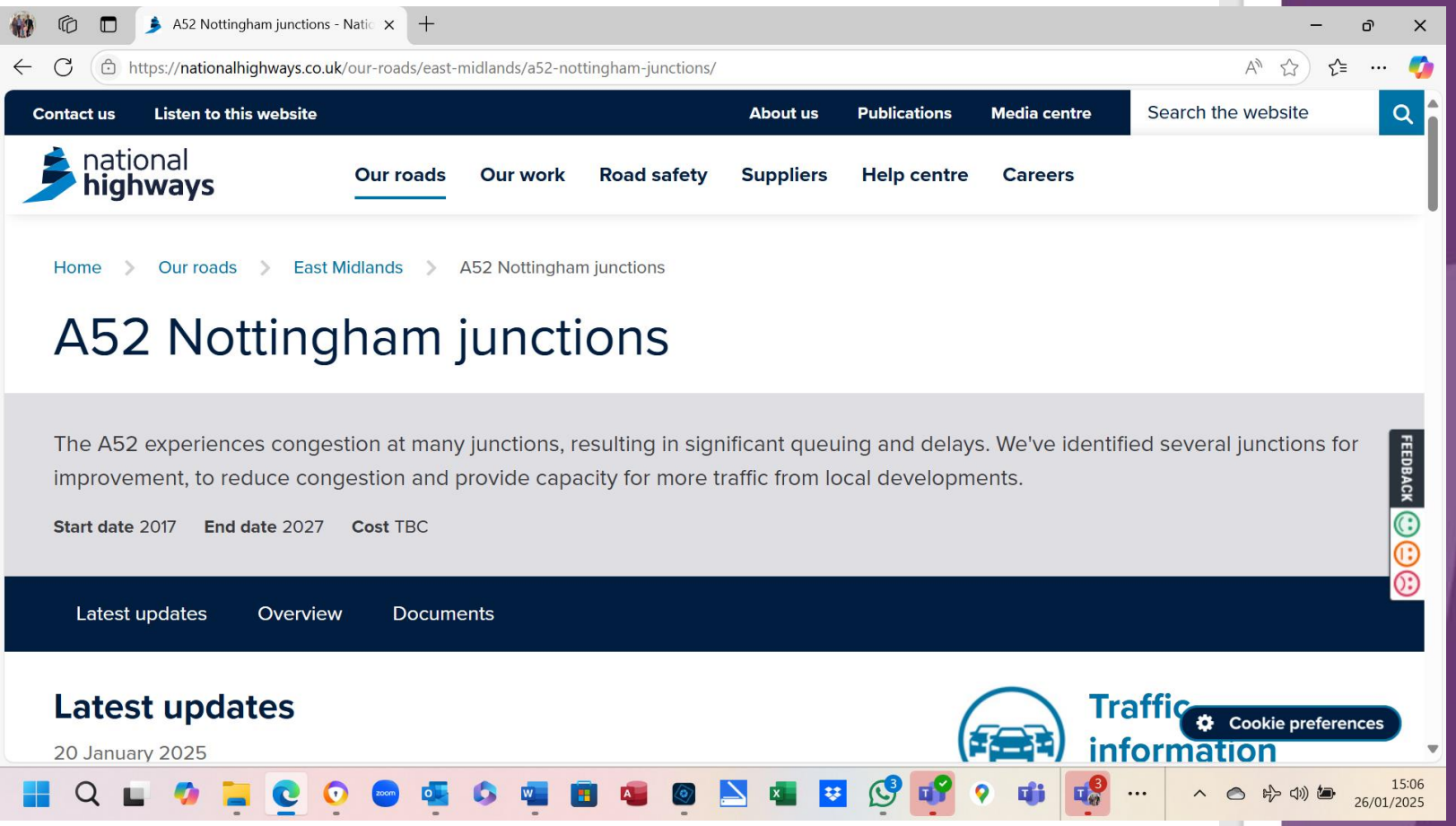
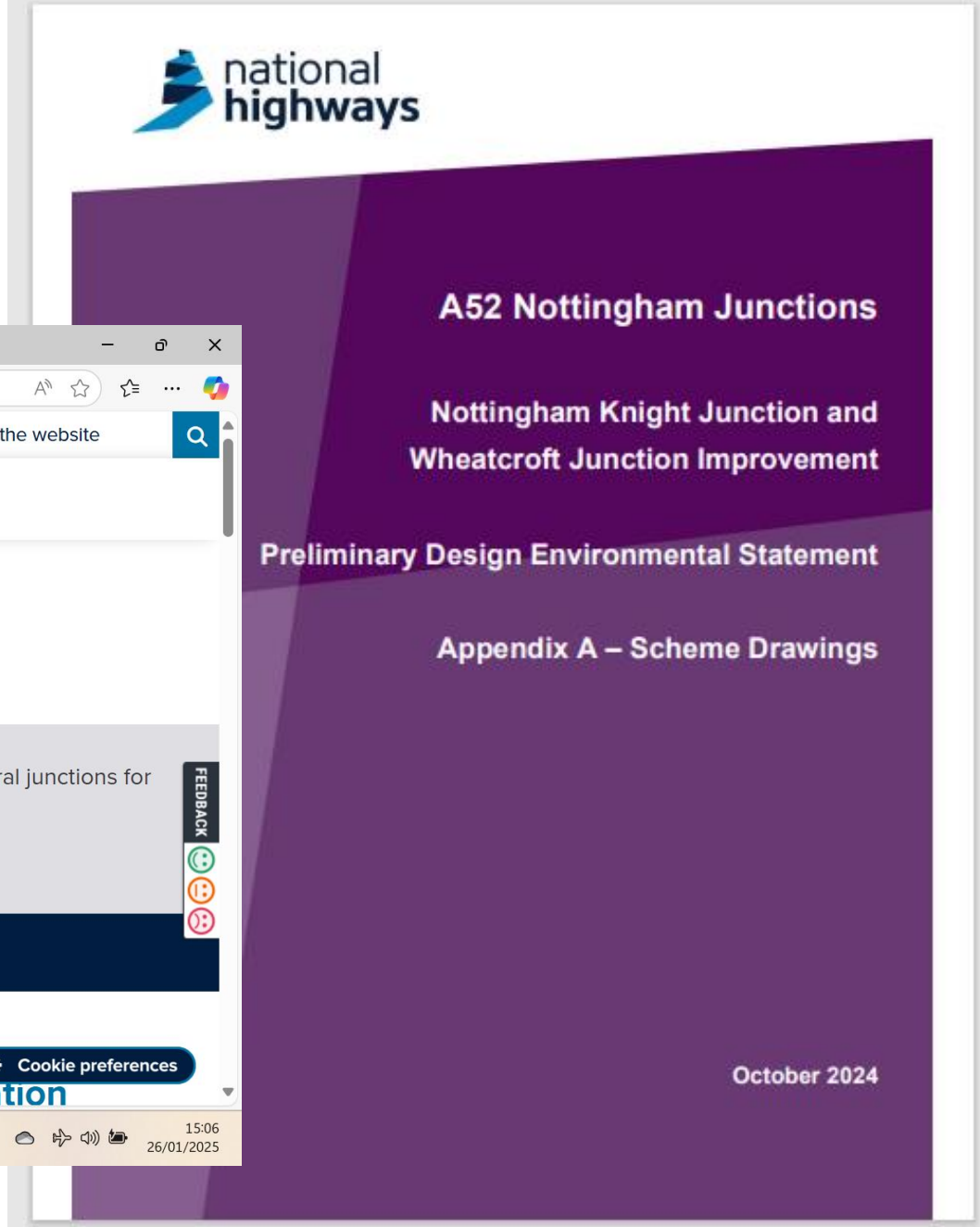
NH published A52 Orders in October 2024

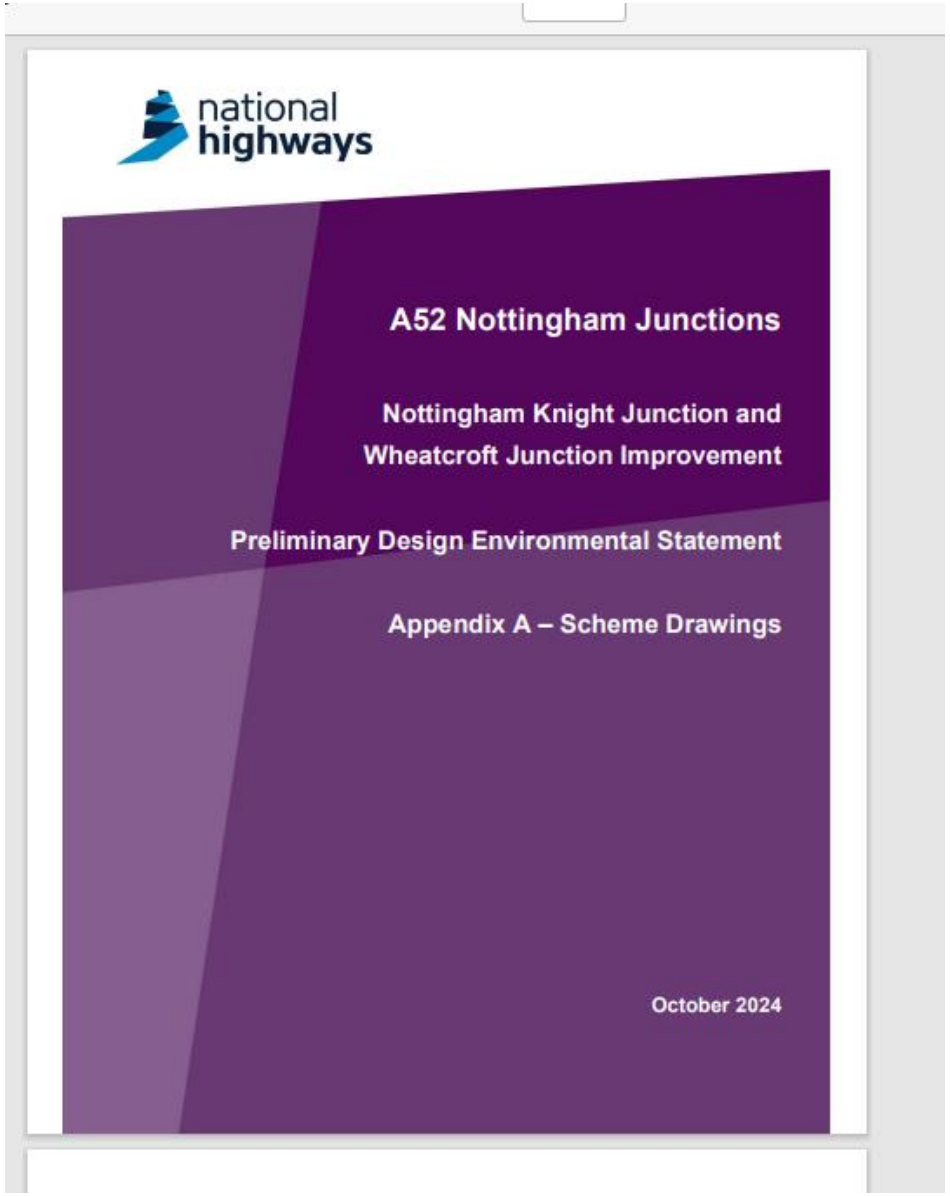




Key ATP objection to the NH Orders

A606 Wheatcroft / Lings Bar junction proposals will worsen crossing of users of BW2 west of the roundabout

Making the underpass under the A52 S of Sharp Hill a Bridleway, with improved access, is the safest way to provide a safer crossing of the A52 in the vicinity for all vulnerable road users



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Since 2024 doing a fresh study of the potential for improved route wholly within their land ownership

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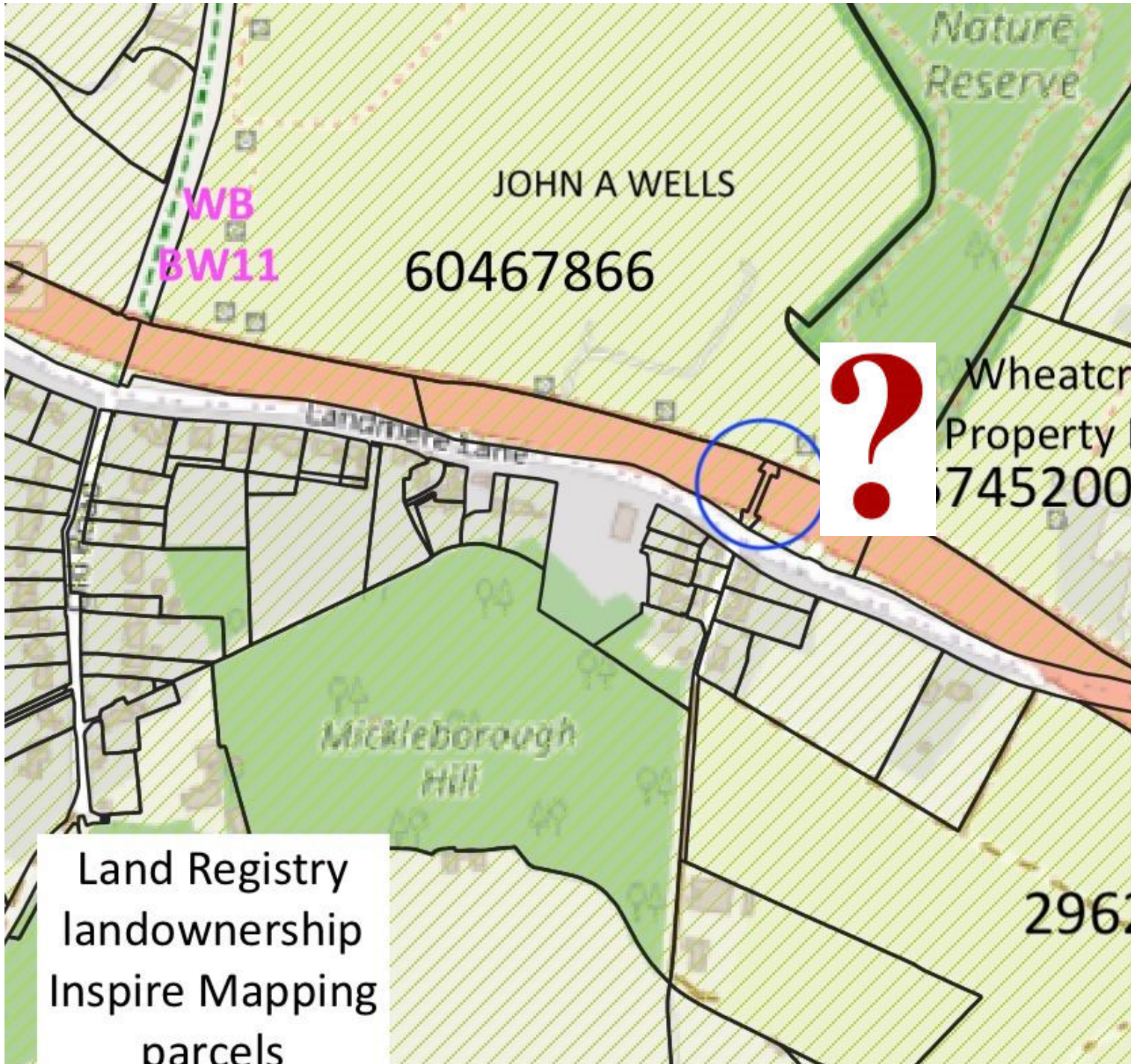

Longer term improvements also needed for cyclists to link safely to and from Ruddington Village & Rushcliffe Country Park, & Rudd Fields Business Park etc..

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