CITY OF WESTMINSTER

VILLIERS STREET PUBLIC REALM SCHEME

(Craven Passage, Craven Street, Embankment Place, John Adam Street, Villiers Street and Whitehall Place)

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Westminster City Council proposes to make the following Orders under sections 6, 22C, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended:

- The City of Westminster (Electric Vehicle Recharging Points) (Amendment No. *) Order 202*;
- The City of Westminster (Free Parking Places) (Disabled Persons) (Amendment No. *) Order 202*;
- The City of Westminster (Free Parking Places) (Hotel Parking Permits) (Amendment No. *) Order 202*;
- The City of Westminster (Loading Bays) (Amendment No. *) Order 202*;
- The City of Westminster (Parking Places) (G Zone) (Amendment No. *) Order 202*;
- The City of Westminster (Prescribed Routes) (No. *) Traffic Order 202*;
- The City of Westminster (Taxi Rank) (Amendment No. *) Order 202*; and
- The City of Westminster (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. *) Order 202*.

2. The general effect of the Orders would be, in connection with public realm improvements and security measures in and in the vicinity of Villiers Street, to:

- (a) introduce a Pedestrian and Cycle Zone so that motor vehicles would be prohibited from entering or proceeding in the following lengths of roads between midday and 5.00 a.m. (the following morning) throughout the week:
 - (i) Embankment Place, outside Embankment Underground Station;
 - (ii) John Adam Street, between Villiers Street and a point 2.4 metres northeast of the party wall of Nos. 29 and 31 John Adam Street; and
 - (iii) Villiers Street, between Embankment Place and John Adam Street;
- (b) prohibit vehicles <u>and</u> pedestrians from entering or proceeding in the lengths of roads described in paragraph (a) above at such times as considered necessary by and at the discretion of the Metropolitan Police;
- (c) prohibit vehicles from entering or proceeding in:
 - (i) Craven Passage, north-east of its junction with Craven Street; and
 - (ii) Villiers Street, between John Adam Street and Strand;
- (d) introduce one-way working north-eastbound in Embankment Place, outside Embankment Underground Station; and
- (e) reintroduce two-way working in John Adam Street, between Buckingham Street and a point 23.8 metres south-west of that junction.

3. The Orders would also make various amendments to the parking provisions and waiting and loading restrictions in Craven Street, Embankment Place, John Adam Street, Villiers Street and Whitehall Place, as set out in the Schedule to this Notice.

4. The proposed Orders and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are available for inspection until six weeks have elapsed from the date on which either the Orders are made or the Council decides not to make the Orders at <u>https://westminstertransportationservices.co.uk/villiers-street</u> and, in person by appointment only, at Westminster City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP, between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays (except bank / public holidays). Please telephone 020 3057 2156 or email <u>tmo.westminster@wsp.com</u> to arrange an appointment.

5. Further information on the Villiers Street Public Realm Scheme is available at <u>https://www.villiersstreetlondon.co.uk</u>.

6. Any objections or other representations about the proposals should be sent in writing to the Council's agents, WSP Traffic Order Team, 3rd Floor, WSP House, 70 Chancery Lane, London, WC2A 1AF, or by email to <u>tmo.westminster@wsp.com</u> quoting reference 8036/PJ, by 22nd November 2023. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

Dated 25th October 2023

JONATHAN ROWING Head of Parking (The officer appointed for this purpose)

SCHEDULE

Proposed amendments to parking provisions and waiting and loading restrictions

Street	Location	Amendment		
Craven Street	south-west side, opposite Aria House, No. 23	extend the double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions north-westward by 5.2 metres		
Embankment Place	north-west side, outside Nos. 19 and 20	introduce double yellow line "at any time" waiting and loading restrictions, replacing 6 metres of taxi rank		
		introduce a loading bay operating "at any time" (maximum stay 40 minutes, no return within 2 hours), replacing 11 metres of taxi rank		
	north-west side, outside Nos. 21 and 22 and Nos. 23 to 26	introduce a dual-use taxi rank / loading bay with no stopping between 3.00 p.m. and midday except for taxis, and loading only between midday and 3.00 p.m. (maximum stay 40 minutes, no return within 2 hours), replacing 24.7 metres of taxi rank		
	north-west side, from outside Nos. 23 to 26 to its junction with Northumberland Avenue	introduce "at any time" loading restrictions		
	south-east side, opposite Nos. 19 and 20	introduce double yellow line "at any time" waiting and loading restrictions, replacing 4.5 metres of taxi rank		
		introduce a loading bay operating "at any time" (maximum stay 40 minutes, no return within 2 hours), replacing 10 metres of taxi rank		
	south-east side, from opposite Nos. 23 to 26 to its junction with Northumberland Avenue	introduce "at any time" loading restrictions		
John Adam Street	north-west side, outside No. 34	introduce double yellow line "at any time" waiting and loading restrictions		
	north-west side, adjacent to Nos. 9 to 11 Villiers Street	introduce double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions		
	south-east side, outside Nos. 27 to 31	introduce double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions – the pay-by-phone parking place would be relocated to outside Nos. 18 to 22 / Nos. 28 to 32		
Whitehall Place	north-west side, opposite the National Liberal Club, No. 1	introduce a "Blue Badge" disabled persons' parking place, replacing 6 metres of residents' parking		
		shorten the residents' parking place by 4.5 metres and relocate it south-westward by 1.5 metres – the hotel permit parking place would be shortened accordingly		
	south-east side, outside the National Liberal Club, No. 1	introduce a taxi rank (no stopping "at any time" except taxis), replacing 24 metres of residents' parking and 6 metres of "Blue Badge" disabled persons' parking		

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Statement of Reasons

Villiers Street lies on the north-east side of Charing Cross Station and provides a well-used pedestrian link to Embankment Underground Station as well as a significant number of food outlets and retail opportunities. It experiences extremely high footfall, connecting people who live and work in the area as well as visitors and tourists. The City Council intends to improve the public realm in this location to provide a safe and high-quality pedestrian environment.

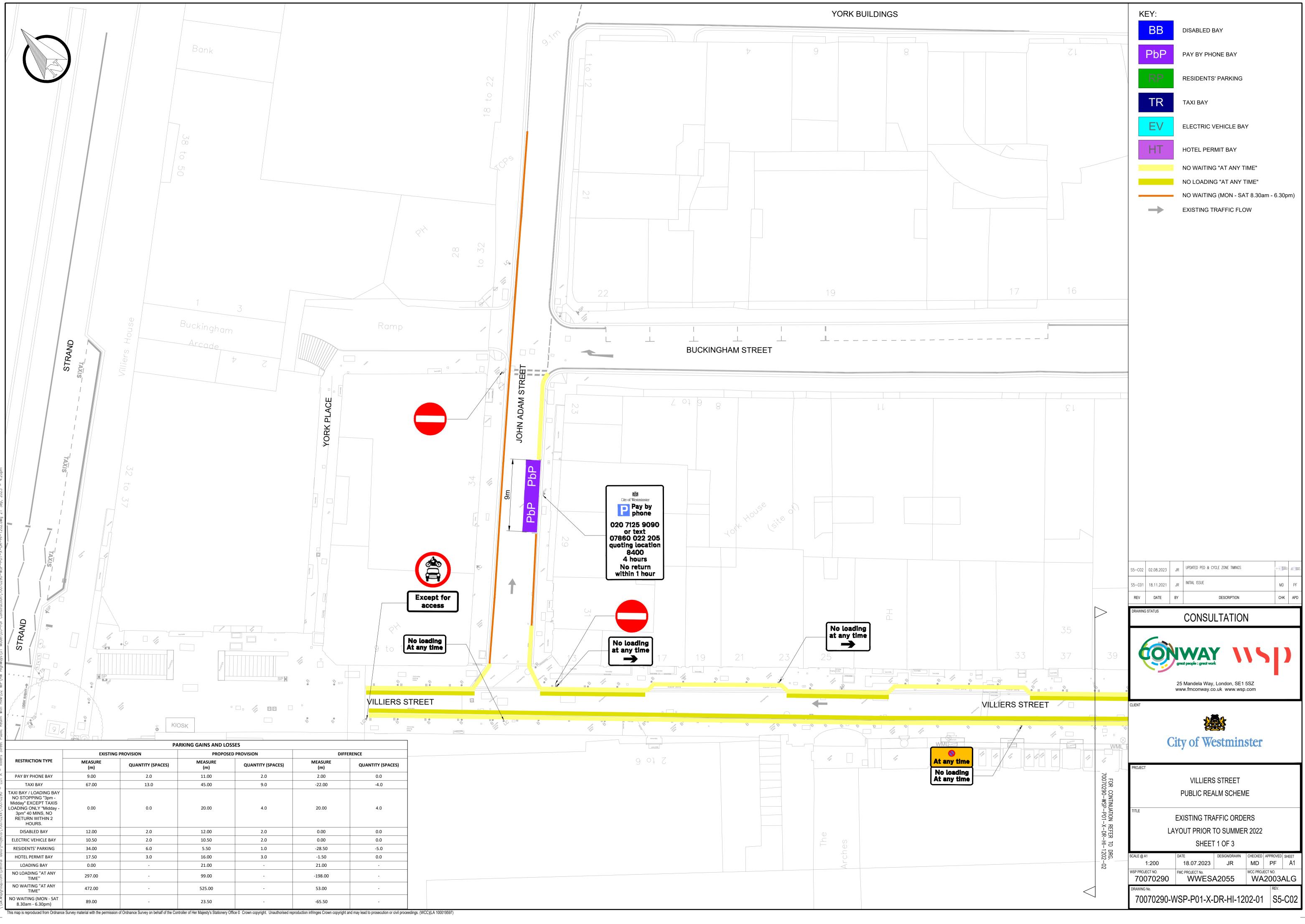
The permanent closure of Villiers Street, between John Adam Street and Strand, to all vehicles is necessary to mitigate the risks associated with vehicle-borne terrorist attacks and will enhance safety for pedestrians in the vicinity of the entrances to Charing Cross Station and Charing Cross Underground Station.

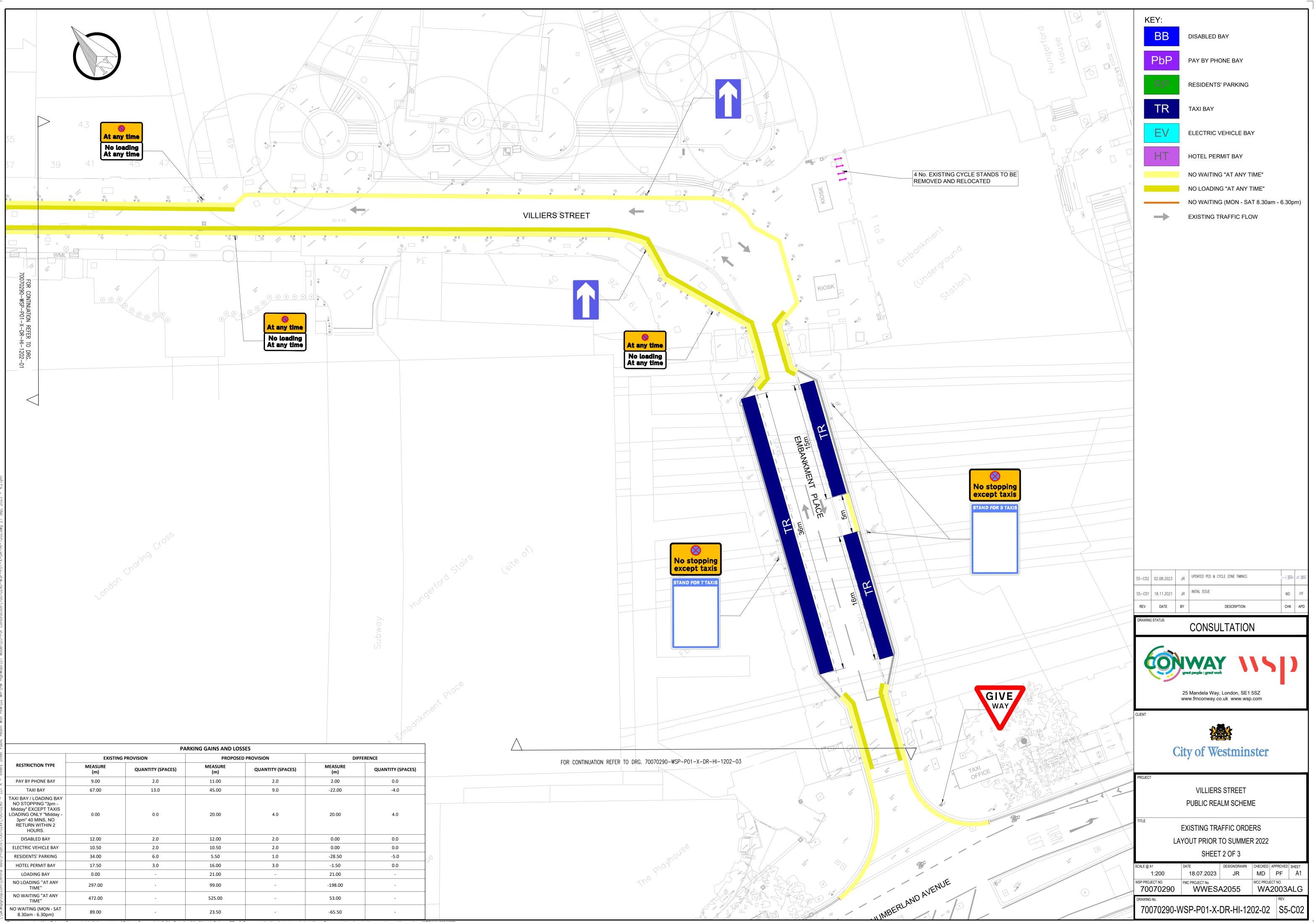
The introduction of a Pedestrian and Cycle Zone along the length of Villiers Street that lies between Embankment Place and John Adam Street, in which motor vehicles will be prohibited between midday and 5.00 a.m. (on the following day) on Mondays to Sundays inclusive, is necessary to mitigate the risks associated with vehicle-borne terrorist attacks throughout the extended times during which the street is thronged with people and will also create a more pedestrian-friendly environment.

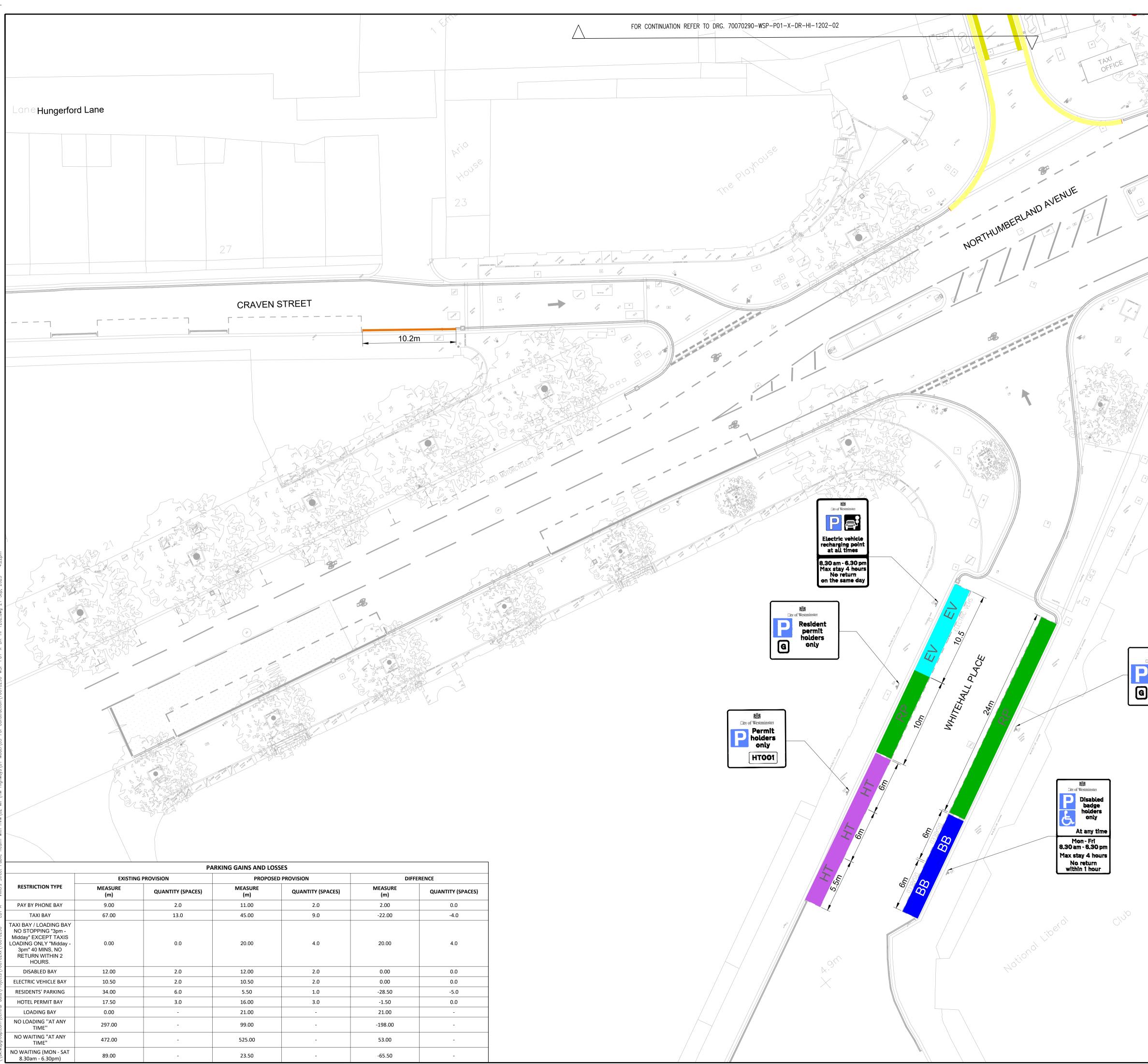
The relocation of a pay-by-phone parking place north-eastward in John Adam Street, away from the Pedestrian and Cycle Zone, is necessary to facilitate a new two-way working movement outside Nos. 23 to 29 John Adam Street.

The introduction of loading bays in Embankment Place will provide a facility for businesses and residents to unload / load goods, particularly during the times when Villiers Street is closed to motor vehicles. A proportion of the taxi ranks in Embankment Place will be relocated to Whitehall Place, replacing under-used residents' parking, in order to accommodate the new loading bays whilst continuing to provide a similar length of ranking opportunities in the locality. The amendments to waiting and loading restrictions in Craven Street, Embankment Place, John Adam Street and Villiers Street are necessary to facilitate the protection of the public, and to prevent parking and/or loading where doing so may obstruct traffic movements and sightlines between road users.

The prohibition of vehicles from Craven Passage is necessary to mitigate the risks associated with vehicle-borne terrorist attacks and will enhance safety for pedestrians.

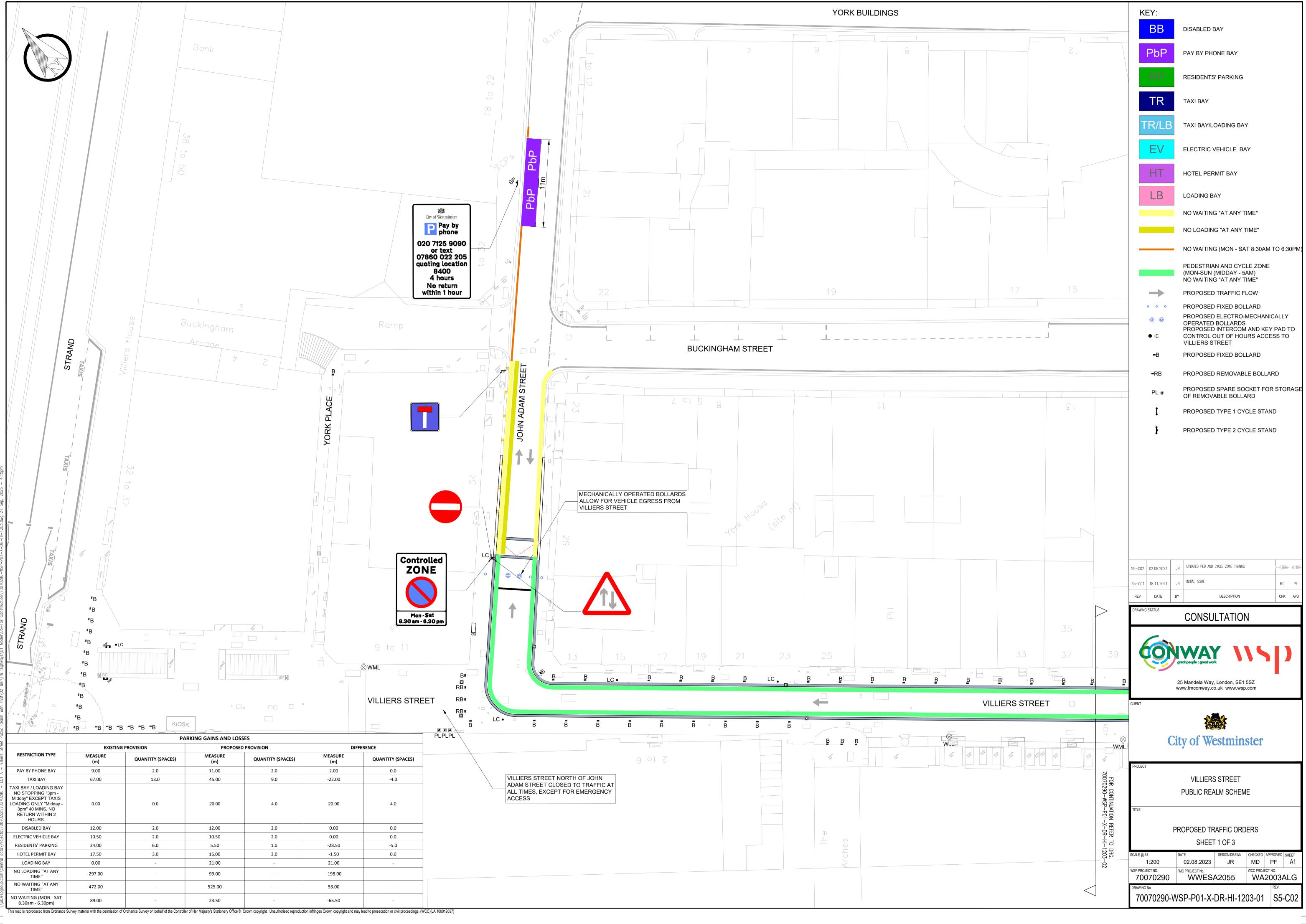


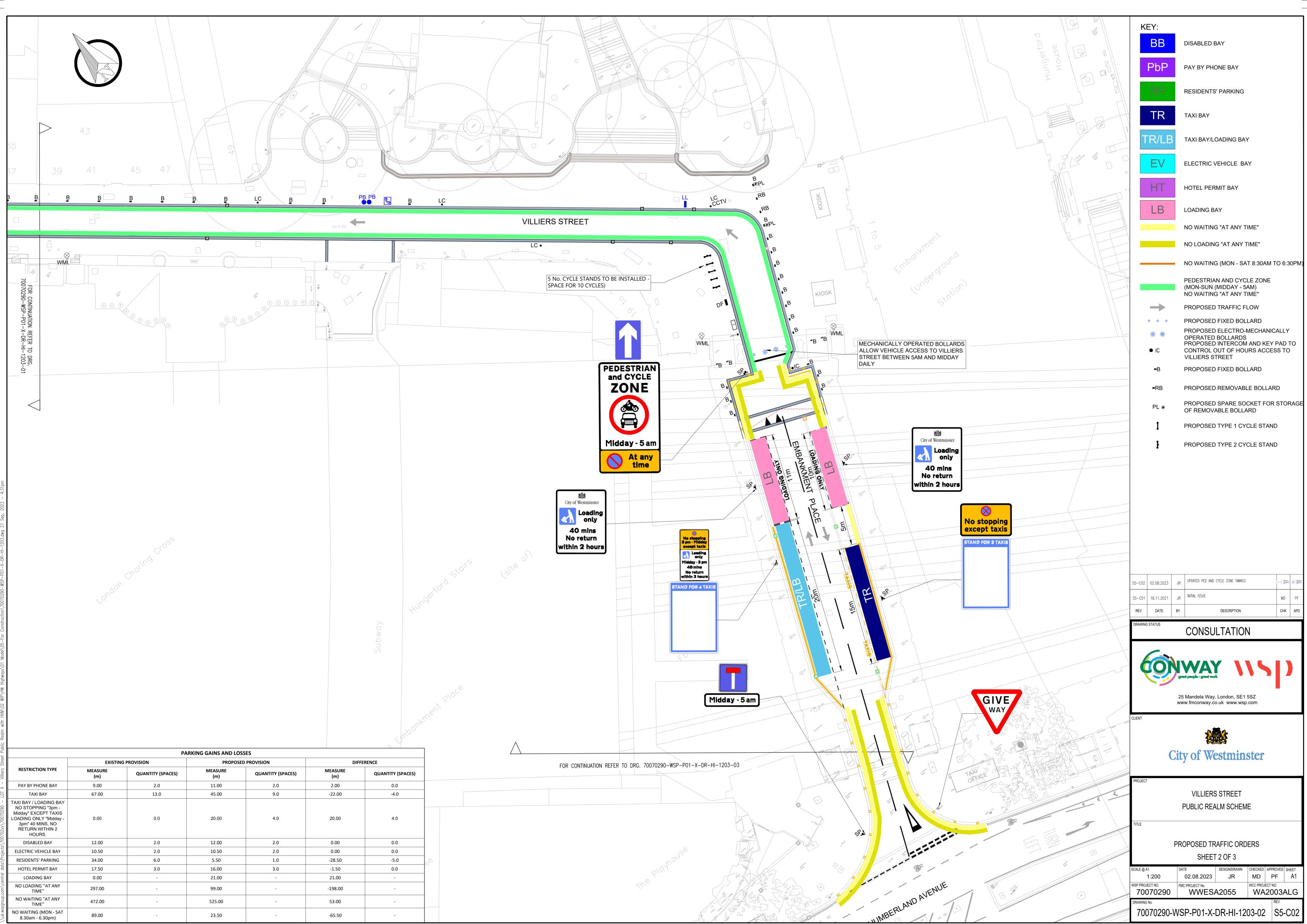


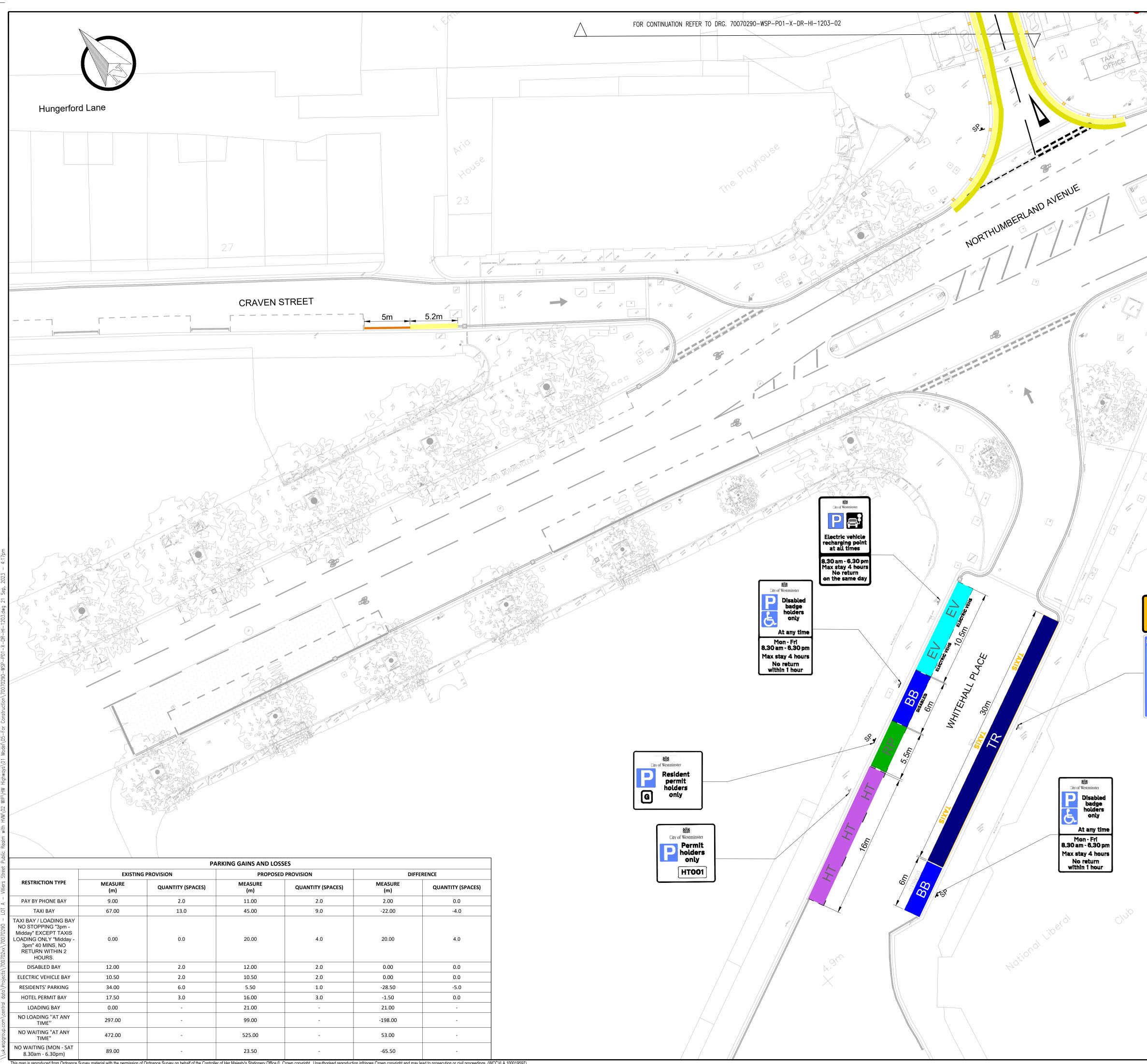


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PAY BY PHONE BAY	9.00	2.0	11.00	2.0	2.00	0.0	
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TAXI BAY / LOADING BAY NO STOPPING "3pm - Midday" EXCEPT TAXIS LOADING ONLY "Midday - 3pm" 40 MINS, NO RETURN WITHIN 2 HOURS.	0.00	0.0	20.00	4.0	20.00	4.0	
DISABLED BAY	12.00	2.0	12.00	2.0	0.00	0.0	
ELECTRIC VEHICLE BAY	10.50	2.0	10.50	2.0	0.00	0.0	
RESIDENTS' PARKING	34.00	6.0	5.50	1.0	-28.50	-5.0	
HOTEL PERMIT BAY	17.50	3.0	16.00	3.0	-1.50	0.0	
LOADING BAY	0.00	-	21.00	-	21.00	-	
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