

# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

## RESTRICTED

**Title of Report:** Proposed Pedestrian Crossings and Parking Restrictions near Infant Junior School.  
**Paper No:** 50/09  
**Date:** 25 June 2009  
**Report of:** Road Engineer

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### 1.0 Purpose

To seek approval for revised pedestrian crossing arrangements in the Infant and Junior School area and the control of on street parking at the northern end of Villiers Street.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- (a) That the crossings shown on the attached sketches be agreed.  
**Executive Council recommended that the crossing on Appendix B to be moved to the East of Pencil Land to be more in line with the main entrance.**
- (b) That the crossing on Ross Road by West Store is not installed.
- (c) That a no parking restriction be placed on Villiers Street from the entrance to Yates Place to Ross Road and from the entrance to Marmont Row Lane to Ross Road

### 3.0 Summary of Financial Implications

None, works will be carried out within existing operating budget

### 4.0 Background

4.1 The working group on the road traffic ordinance looked at Zebra crossings around Stanley and a recommendation was made to Council, (Paper 164/07) and approval given at the 26<sup>th</sup> June 2006 ExCo meeting for the siting of a crossing on Ross Road adjacent to West Store. This had been considered a straightforward issue, but a subsequent proposal by FIC to expand West Store, which will result in the main entrance being accessed off the car park to the south of the store, reduced the need for this crossing. Additionally it was also not possible to reach agreement with FIC on what was considered the best arrangement because this would have resulted in loss of parking spaces within the Capstan Gift Shop car park and for these reasons it was agreed by the working group that the crossing should not be progressed.

- 4.2 Options on a number of other crossings were however put out for public consultation following the Executive Council decision in June 2007. Despite an extensive advertising campaign with posters being put up around town and adverts in the Penguin News, no formal responses were received. The proposals included revised arrangements for the Infant Junior School area, primarily of creating a multi-way crossing at the John Street/Villiers Street Junction and relocation of the John Street crossing to a position west of Pencil Lane.
- 4.3 Subsequent to that consultation review has also been undertaken of access issues arising from the redevelopment of the Upland Goose Hotel into housing, including two new-build units. It is considered appropriate to treat the point of intersection of the lane that will serve this housing and Villiers Street as a road junction, and for the Yates Place access point to be similarly treated. Applying normal limits (15 metres from the junction) for these would result in the loss of most existing on street parking spaces in the vicinity, but it is considered that no parking at all should be permitted between these ingress/egress points and Ross Road for safety reasons due to the number of premises served and the close proximity of the various junctions. This could potentially cause difficulties for existing residents and others needing to park in the area, but the replacement of the existing pedestrian crossing on Villiers street with the multi-way crossing at the John Street Junction will result in a similar number of on street parking spaces becoming available in the section of road currently sterilised by the existing crossing so the net loss will be perhaps one space. Sketches of existing and proposed arrangements are attached as Appendices A & B.
- 4.4 This proposal is put forward with the sole intention of improving pedestrian safety, particularly for children walking to and from the Infant and Junior school. Some additional disruption to traffic flows will be experienced but given the low traffic volumes this will not be extensive. If pedestrian safety can be improved then more children may be permitted or encouraged to walk rather than be transported to and from school. The RFIP have been consulted fully on the proposal and are in agreement with the arrangements as laid out.

## **5.0 Financial Implications**

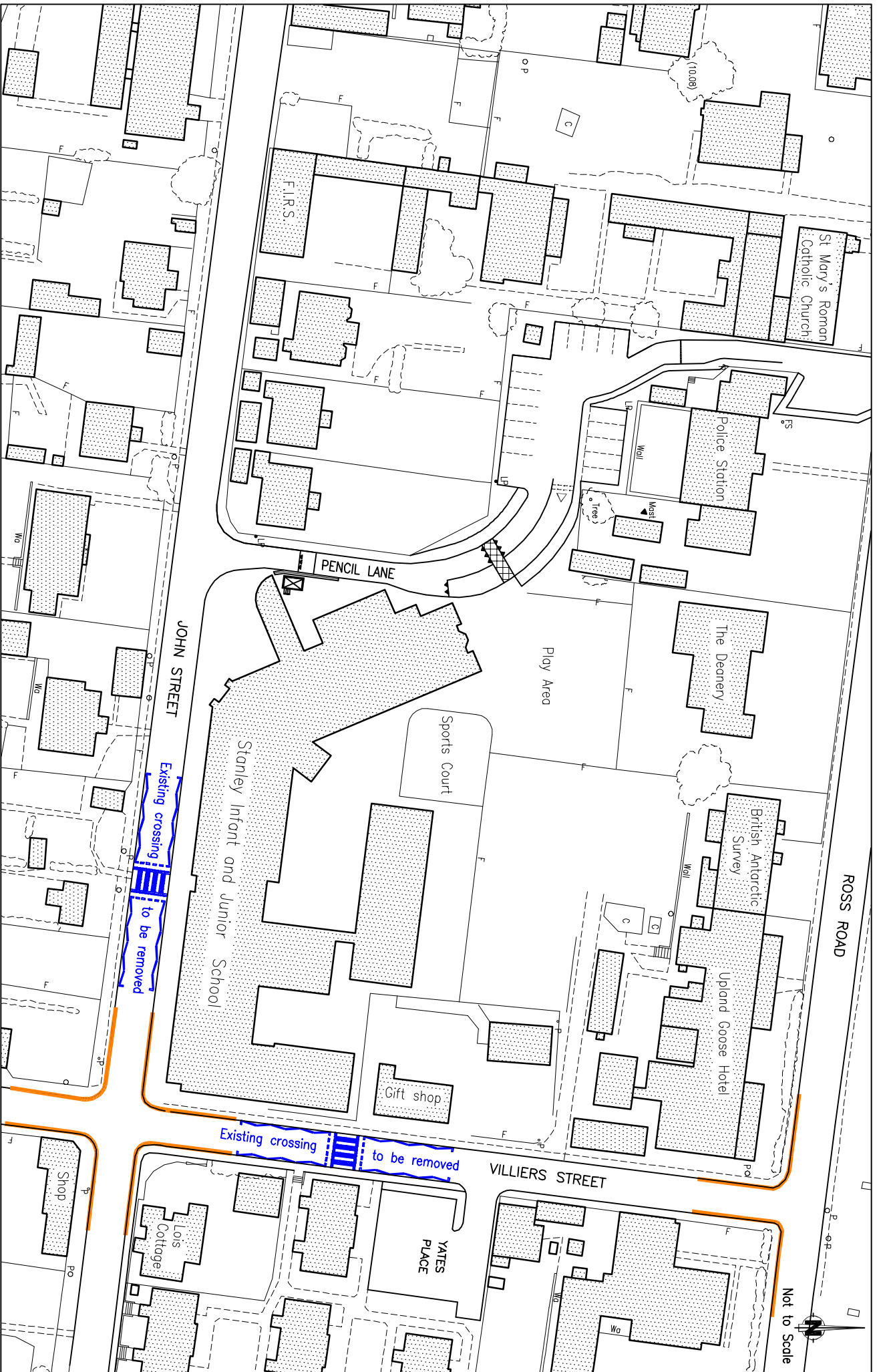
None.

## **6.0 Legal Implications**

No Parking Order will need to be issued in relation to Villiers Street.

## **7.0 Human Resources Implications**

None.

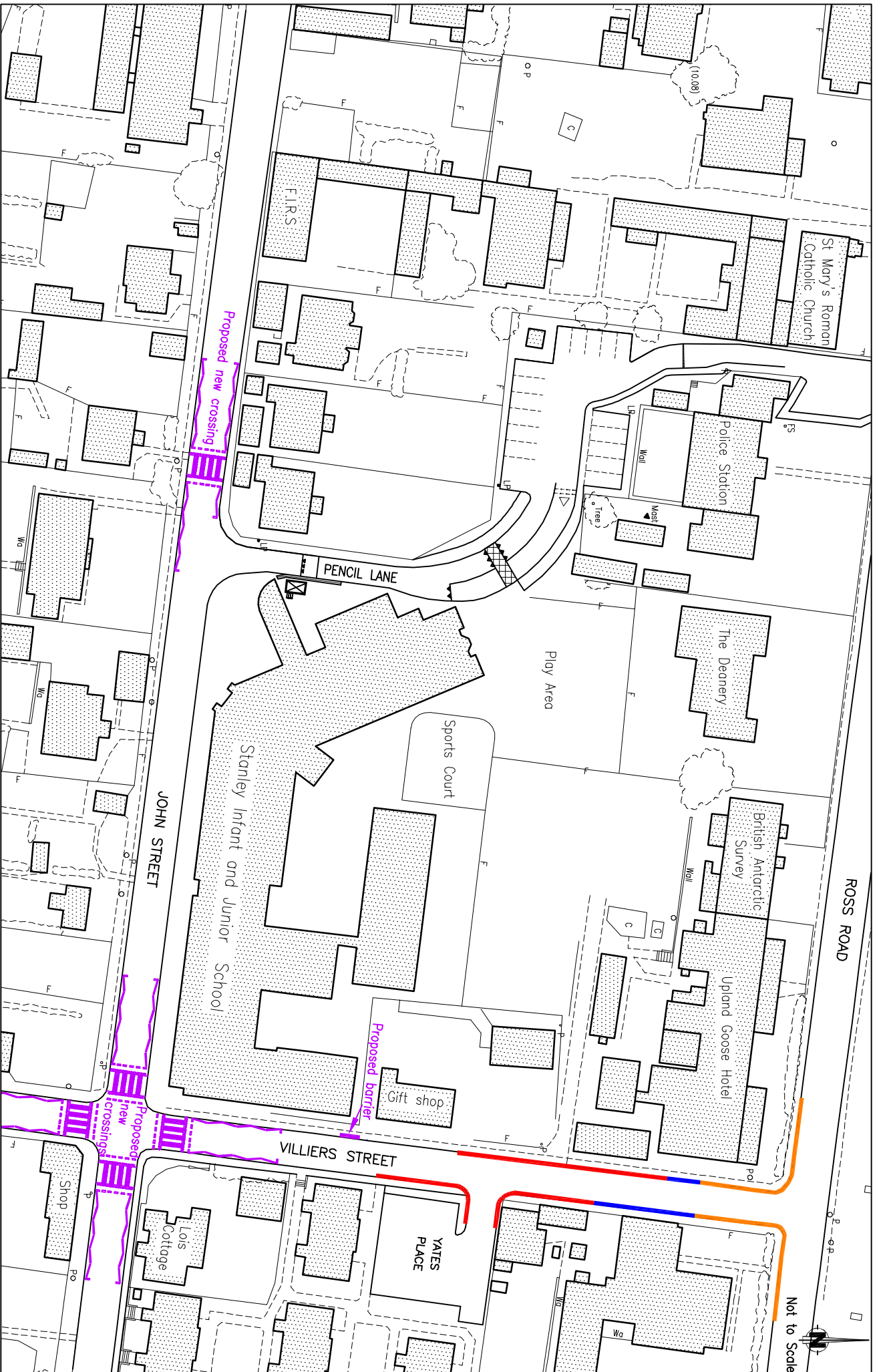


Existing Yellow Lines

EXISTING LAYOUT OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS – INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOL

**APPENDIX A**

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PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS – INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOL

**APPENDIX B**

Improve visibility/safety

