

CASTLETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Castlethorpe Village Centre Consultation

Dear Castlethorpe Resident

As you may recall, MKC and the Parish Council held a consultation on improving the centre of the village in 2011 to which there was a good response. The results were considered by MKC and the Parish Council and a preferred design developed which:

- Provides a safe crossing from the Carrington Arms to the village hall as requested by the school and nursery in the 2008 Parish Plan
- Provides a 'slow vehicle' area on the road between the Carrington Arms and the green for events such as the Jubilee celebrations or carol singing. It would also make it safer for pub users crossing to and from the green in summer. (This is achieved by raising the road slightly in a 'table' with low ramps which will slow vehicles.)
- Improves the attractiveness of the village centre by finishing the raised 'table' area in a different road surface and by angling the parking bays in front of the Carrington Arms. The natural stone wall around the green will remain unaltered, following the previous consultation
- Will provide two extra parking bays on North Street
- Would also have some impact on slowing traffic travelling along North Street

The design does not include additional parking bays at the back of the green, as we expect this to be done with the building work in Station Yard and, hopefully, the pub. The Parish Council is concerned about parking provision when the pub re-opens, especially when the village hall is also in use.

Various grants have already been obtained to cover most of the cost and together with modest Parish Council funding which has already been set aside – **there will be no increase in the precept to pay for this project** – the asphalt design without burying the BT cables can already be funded. A further grant would have to be sought over the summer for a block paved design and burying BT cables.

The Parish Council would welcome your views on the design (see reverse of this letter). There are a number of alternative solutions for the surface of the raised 'table', each requiring varying amounts of Parish Council funding. **Please complete the attached form** and return to the Clerk to Castlethorpe Parish Council by putting them in the box in the village shop or return to me. **Your views must be received by Friday 3rd May** so your comments can be considered at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 13th May.

If there is more than one adult in your home and you wish to return multiple survey forms, please ask the Clerk for further forms.

Yours faithfully

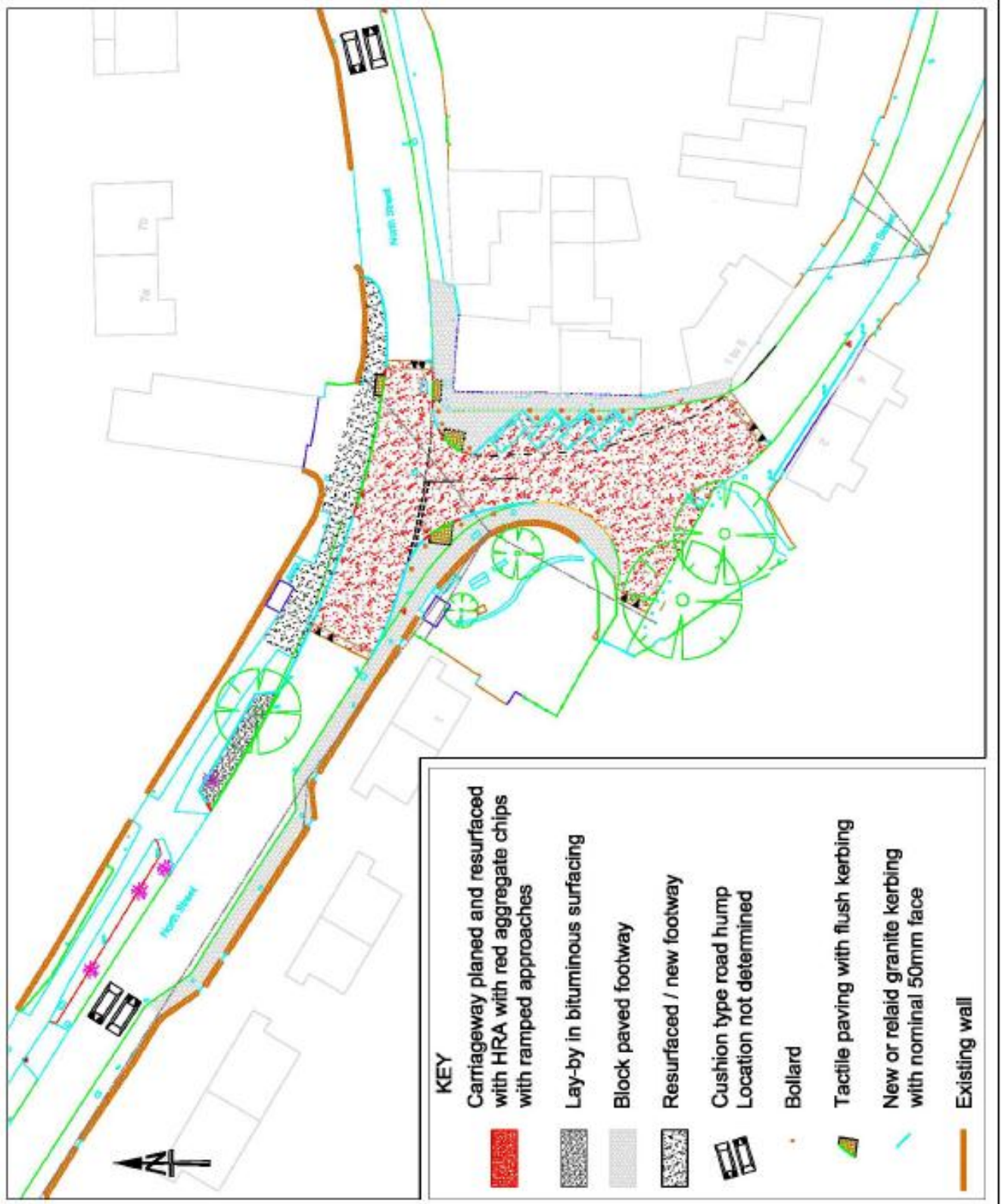
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The preferred design



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Please review the 4 options and tick your preference

Note: At first glance the figures may look inconsistent, but this is due to the elements that can and cannot be funded by grant money, which in turn impacts on the contribution the Parish Council must make.

Outline of options (with costs to Parish Council being based on the latest information we have at 5 th April 2013 in terms of highways quoted fees, BT estimates and the grants available)	Cost to Parish Council	Please Tick one only
OPTION 1 – Block paved with existing BT overhead cables taken down and buried under the road – <i>subject to a further grant application</i>	£48,000- £68,000	
OPTION 2 – Block paved with the existing BT overhead cables left as they are – <i>subject to a further grant application</i>	£7400	
OPTION 3 – Asphalt surface with red chippings* with existing BT overhead cables taken down and buried under the road – <i>subject to a further grant application</i>	£9600	
OPTION 4 - Asphalt surface with red chippings* with existing BT overhead cables left as they are	£9700	

*The Asphalt can be 'rolled' with a product called Colasgrip, which has a wide range of different coloured aggregates available, which means instead of red chippings to the surface, we could choose say a buff/gold colour or another one which might be more suited to our village setting.

(If you ticked Option 3 or 4) Yes I think the additional cost of the Colasgrip surface will be a worthwhile investment and enhance the look of the village	£8200	
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Do you have any further comments about the design? If so please tell us here:

Your comments:

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