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209-223 Countesswells Road – pavement parking exemptions

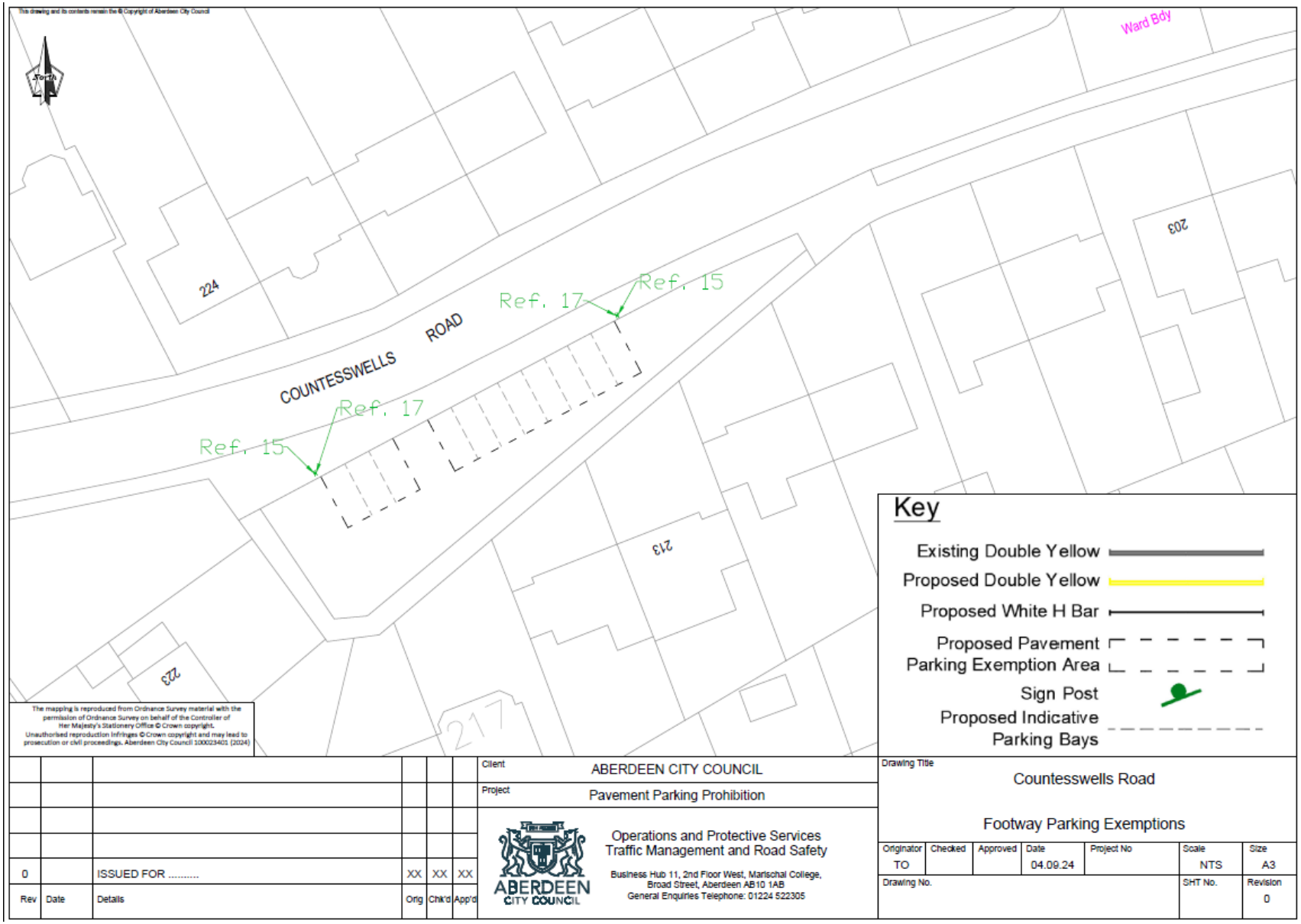
A pavement parking prohibition was introduced by The Scottish Government within the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 with the aim to improve accessibility, particularly for vulnerable road users, by allowing walkers and wheelers the ability to use footways and dropped kerbs without being impeded by parked vehicles. However, a footway parking prohibition may not always be possible on some streets, where the use and layout of some roads still require footway parking to maximize the carriageway width. Hence, the Scottish Government outlined criteria for exempting a road from the prohibition.

Accompanying this prohibition are Ministerial Directions with guidance on specific characteristics, footways or carriageway associated, a road must have before it can be specified in an Exemption Order. No footway can be included in an Exemption Order if it does not meet the minimum set characteristics. For a footway to be exempted, it must allow for a minimum unobstructed width of 1.5 metres when any part of a vehicle is parked on it, and the layout or character of the carriageway associated with the footway must allow the passage of an emergency vehicle unimpeded by the presence of a vehicle parked on it.

Following the introduction of this prohibition, Aberdeen City Council conducted a citywide assessment of pavements and carriageways in Aberdeen. The aim of this exercise was to determine where the characteristics of a pavement and its associated carriageway may not allow for safe vehicular and/or pedestrian passage when vehicles are parked on it.

One of such roads is Countesswells Road, the pavement on the south side serving properties number 209 to 223 currently serves as a parking area for residents within its proximity. To efficiently manage vehicular parking, traffic flow and safety on this section of Countesswells Road, Officers propose that this section of footway exempt from the pavement parking prohibition.

Estimated implementation cost: £4,000
Estimated maintenance cost: £2,000 every 10 years


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