

# Braid Road & Comiston Road– Community Council Engagement

At the Council Meeting of 24 June 2021 Council Officers were asked to consider:

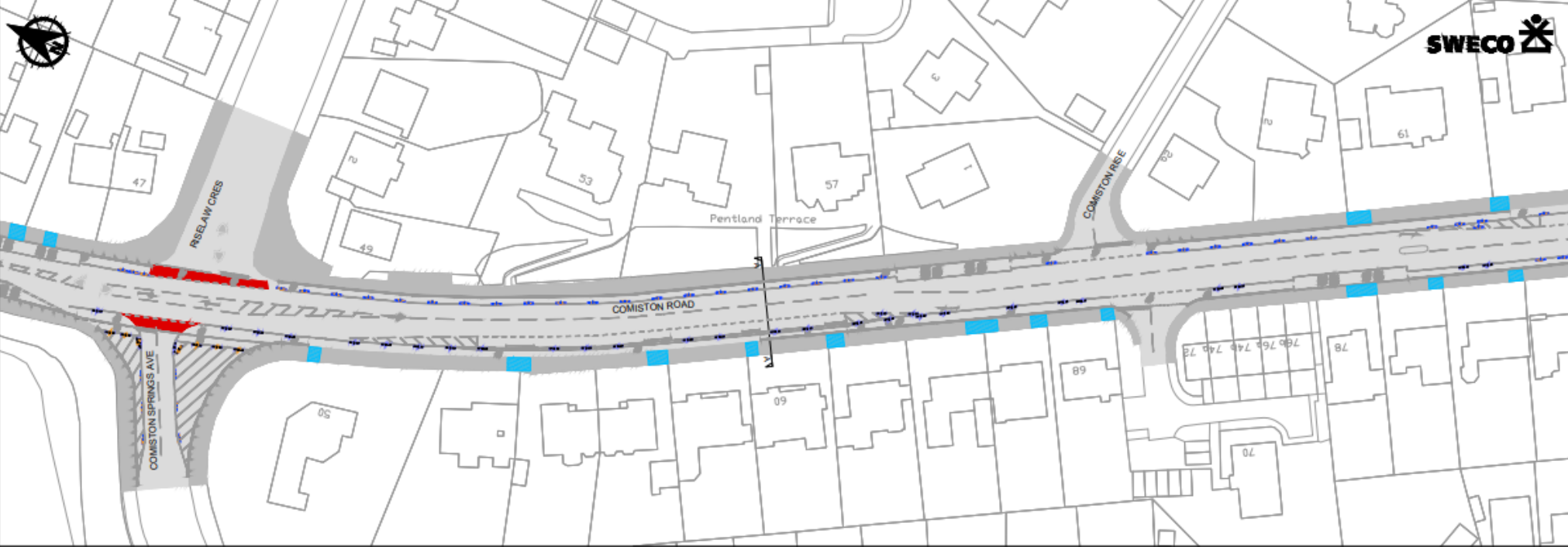
- *“options for Comiston Road, to improve public transport connectivity and reduce impacts on local residents”, and;*
- *“options for the reopening of the Braid Road in both directions, including analysis of impacts on traffic levels, resident connectivity and vulnerable road users walking, wheeling and cycling”.*

This document sets out these options for consideration and discussion with relevant Community Councils in advance of engagement with local residents.

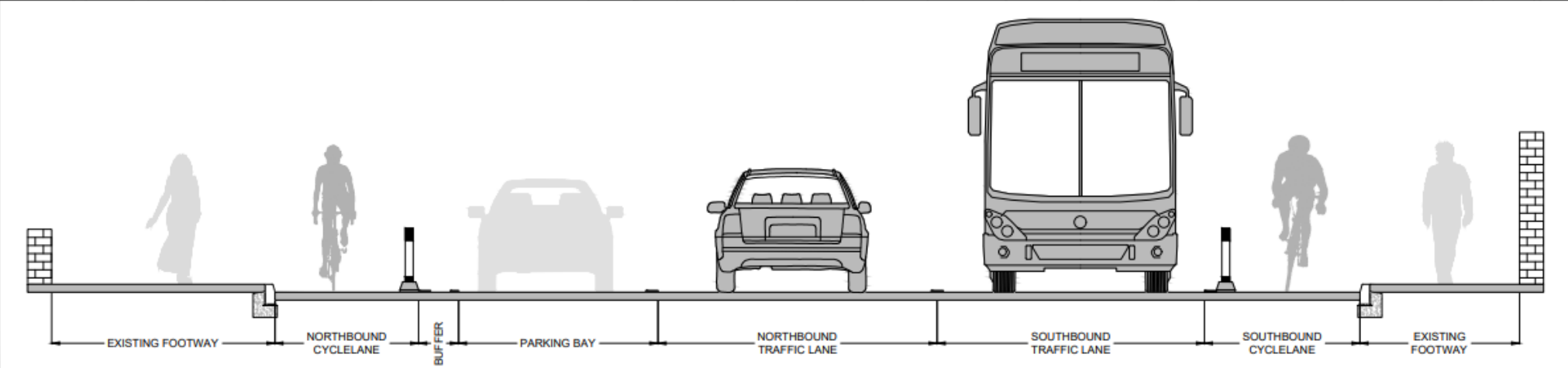
# Comiston Road Proposals – Public Transport

There are documented impacts on northbound bus services on the A702 during the morning peak. As such it is proposed to extend the existing northbound bus lane further south to ease bus movements past queueing traffic.

**NB: It is worth noting that this issue may be further mitigated if Braid Road were re-opened northbound, however Lothian Buses have stated that this proposal would be beneficial either way.**

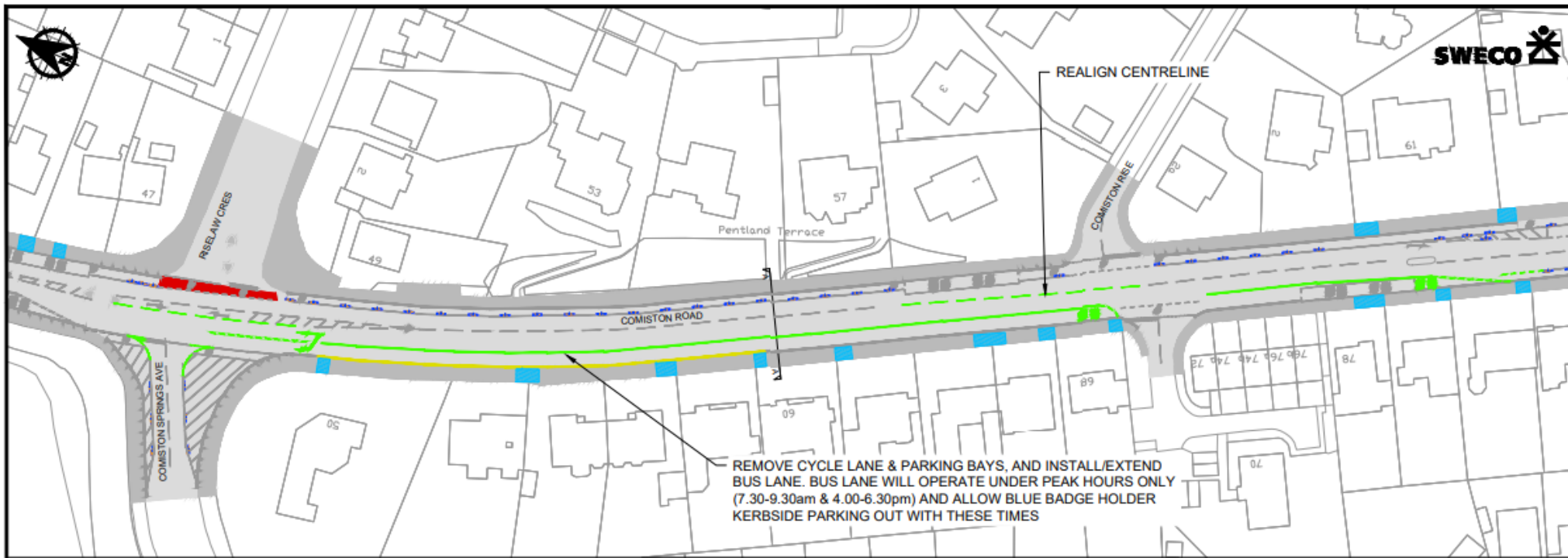


Proposed Bus Lane:  
Existing Layout

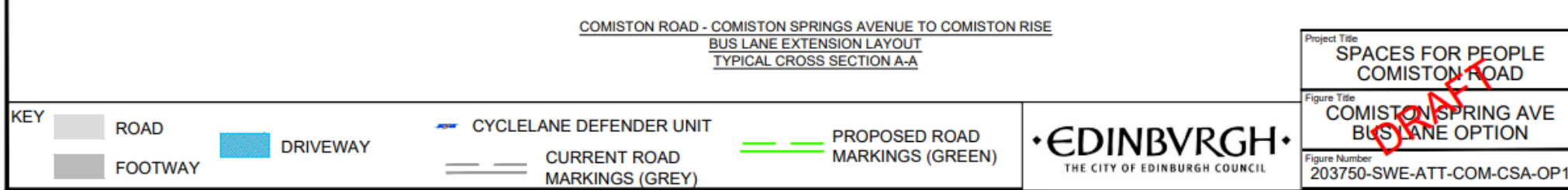
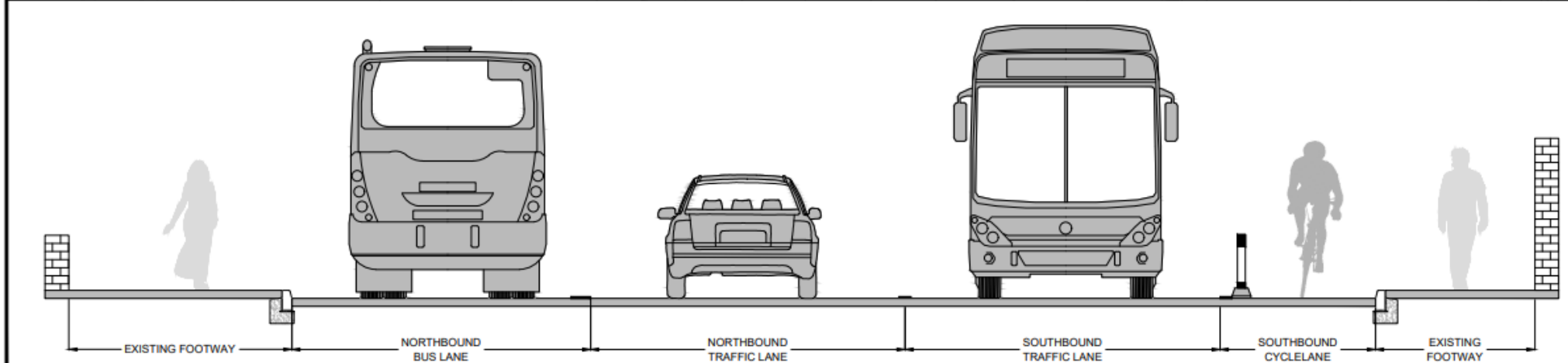


COMISTON ROAD - COMISTON SPRINGS AVENUE TO COMISTON RISE  
CURRENT LAYOUT  
TYPICAL CROSS SECTION A-A

KEY		ROAD		CYCLELANE DEFENDER UNIT		PROPOSED ROAD MARKINGS (GREEN)
		FOOTWAY		DRIVEWAY		CURRENT ROAD MARKINGS (GREY)



Proposed Bus Lane:  
Proposed Layout



# Comiston Road Proposals – Local Residents

## **Loading / Unloading**

We are aware of issues regarding loading and unloading access along stretches of Comiston Road – especially Buckstone Terrace – with limited parking availability.

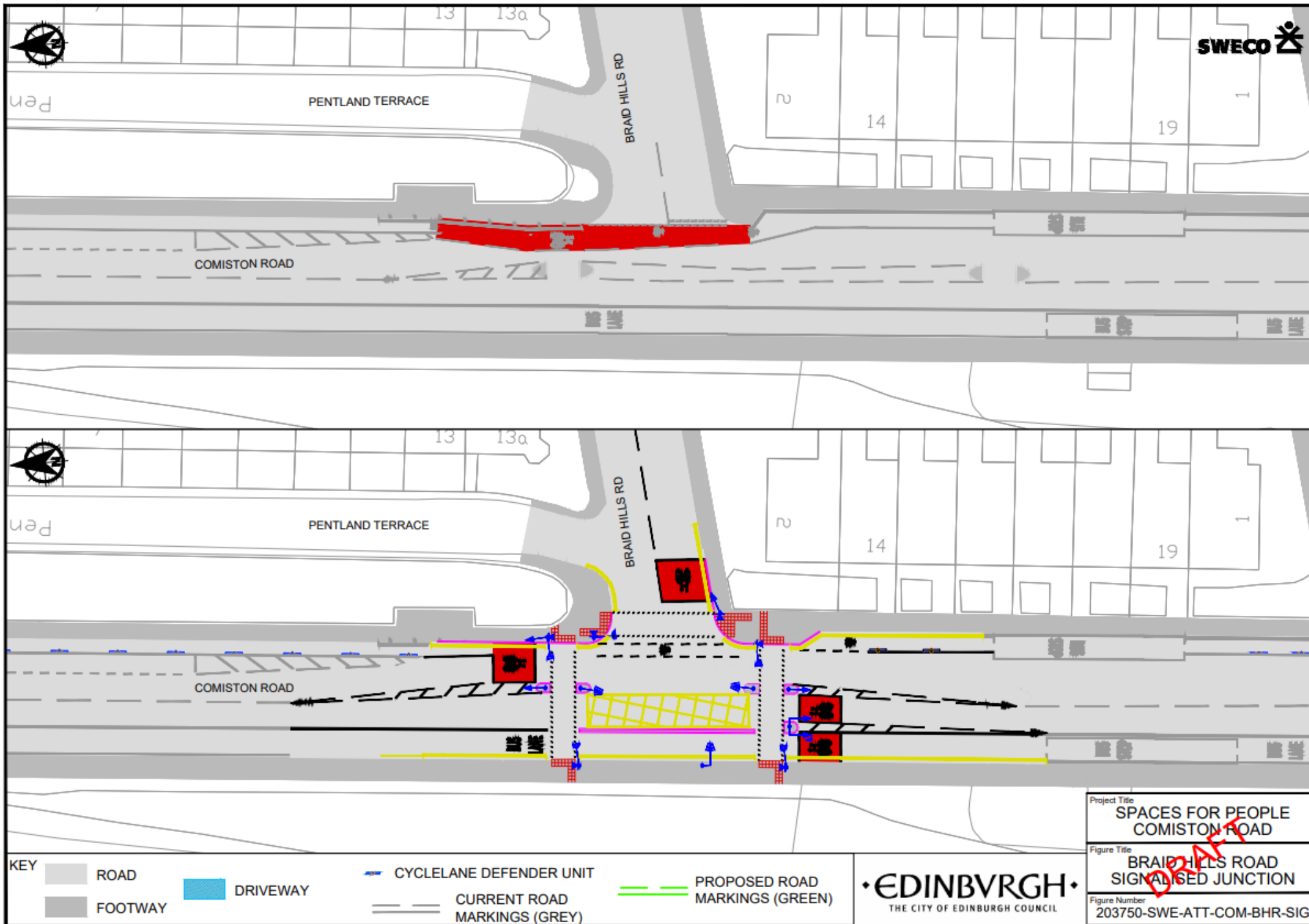
As such it is proposed to remove the Loading restrictions along most of the length of the scheme, and provide gaps in the cycle lane defenders where possible, to provide additional loading opportunities.

## **Northbound Access from Braid Hills Road**

In addition, we are aware of issues regarding accessing Comiston Road from Braid Hills Road heading northbound due to the closure of Braid Road.

As proposals have been developed for signalling this junction which would improve northbound access with Braid Road closed northbound.

# Signalised Braid Hills Road Option



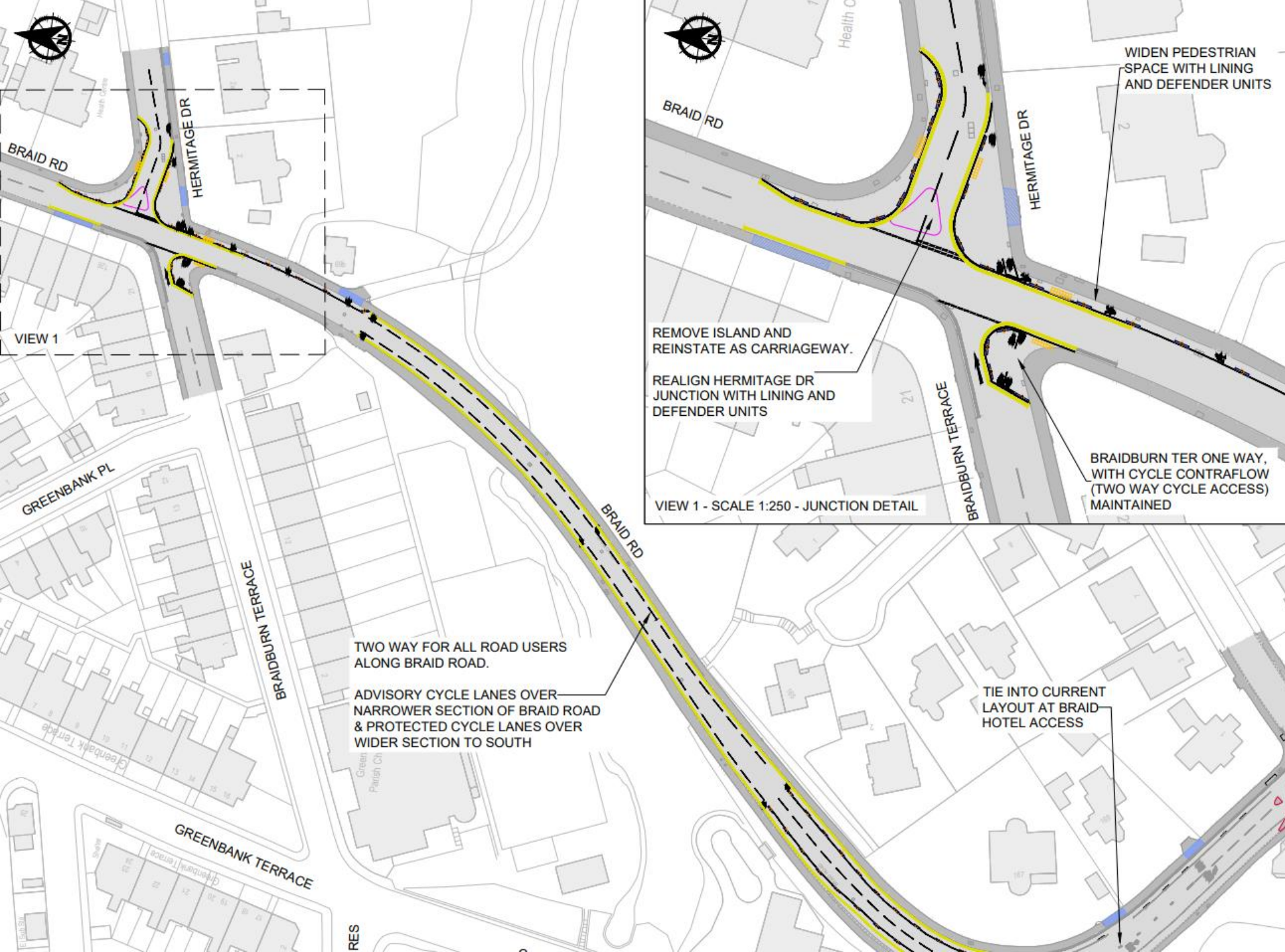
# Braid Road Options

Several Options have been developed for Braid Road with consideration for impacts on traffic levels, resident connectivity and vulnerable road users walking, wheeling and cycling.

These options have been developed in line with the proposed permanent layout at the junction with Hermitage Drive and will deliver this layout in temporary materials. This will ensure that there is consistency with the temporary scheme, and the permanent improvements.

1. Open Two-Ways
2. Open Two-Ways, Modal Filter on Braid Road North
3. Southbound Only, Modal Filter on Braid Road North – mitigations on A702





## Braid Road Option 1: Open Two-Ways

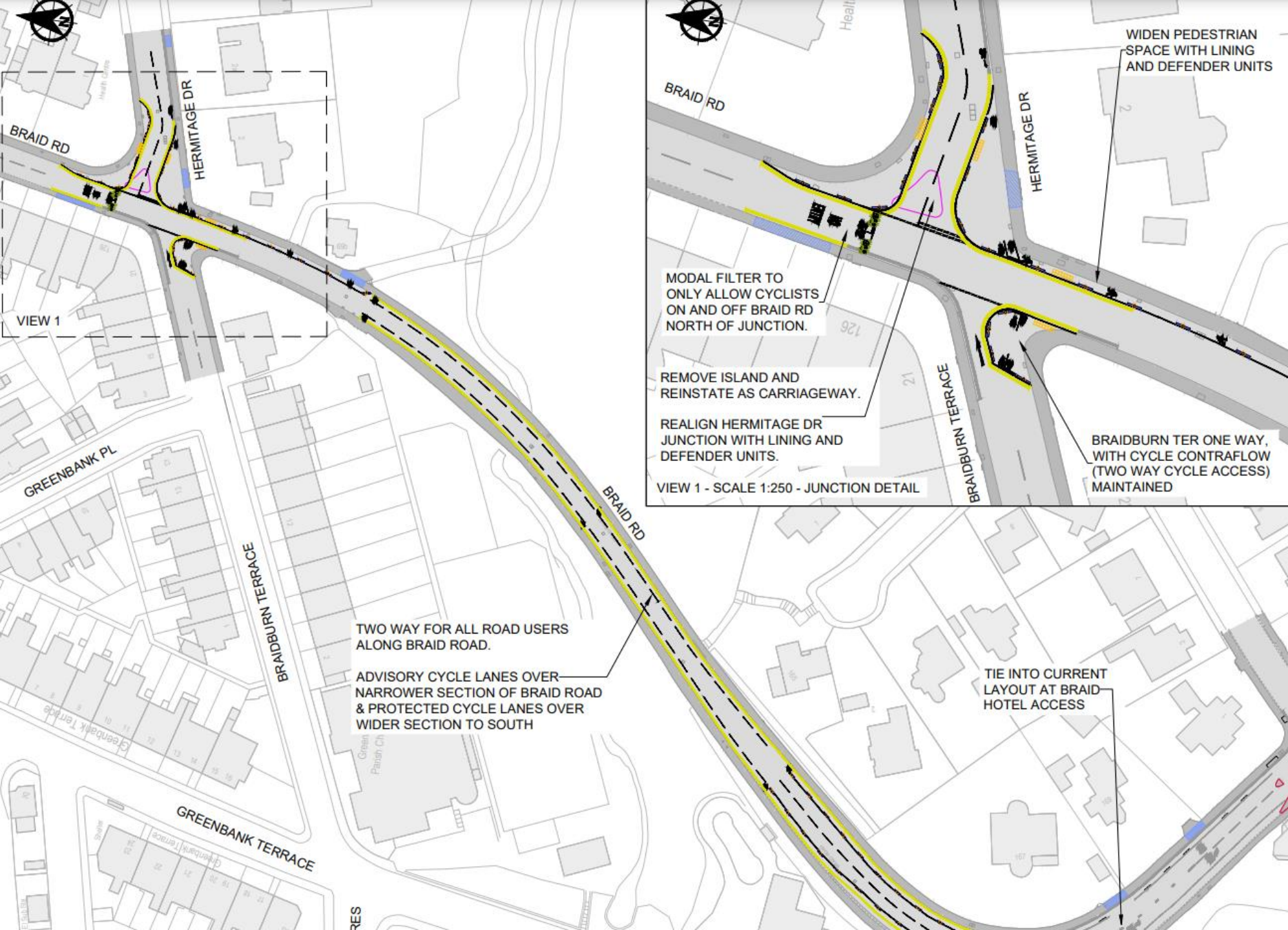
### Pros:

Local Vehicular Access;  
Reduced Impact on Buses;  
Reduced re-routing on  
residential streets.

### Cons:

Risk of Induced Traffic;  
Minimal Benefits for  
walking/ cycling/ wheeling.

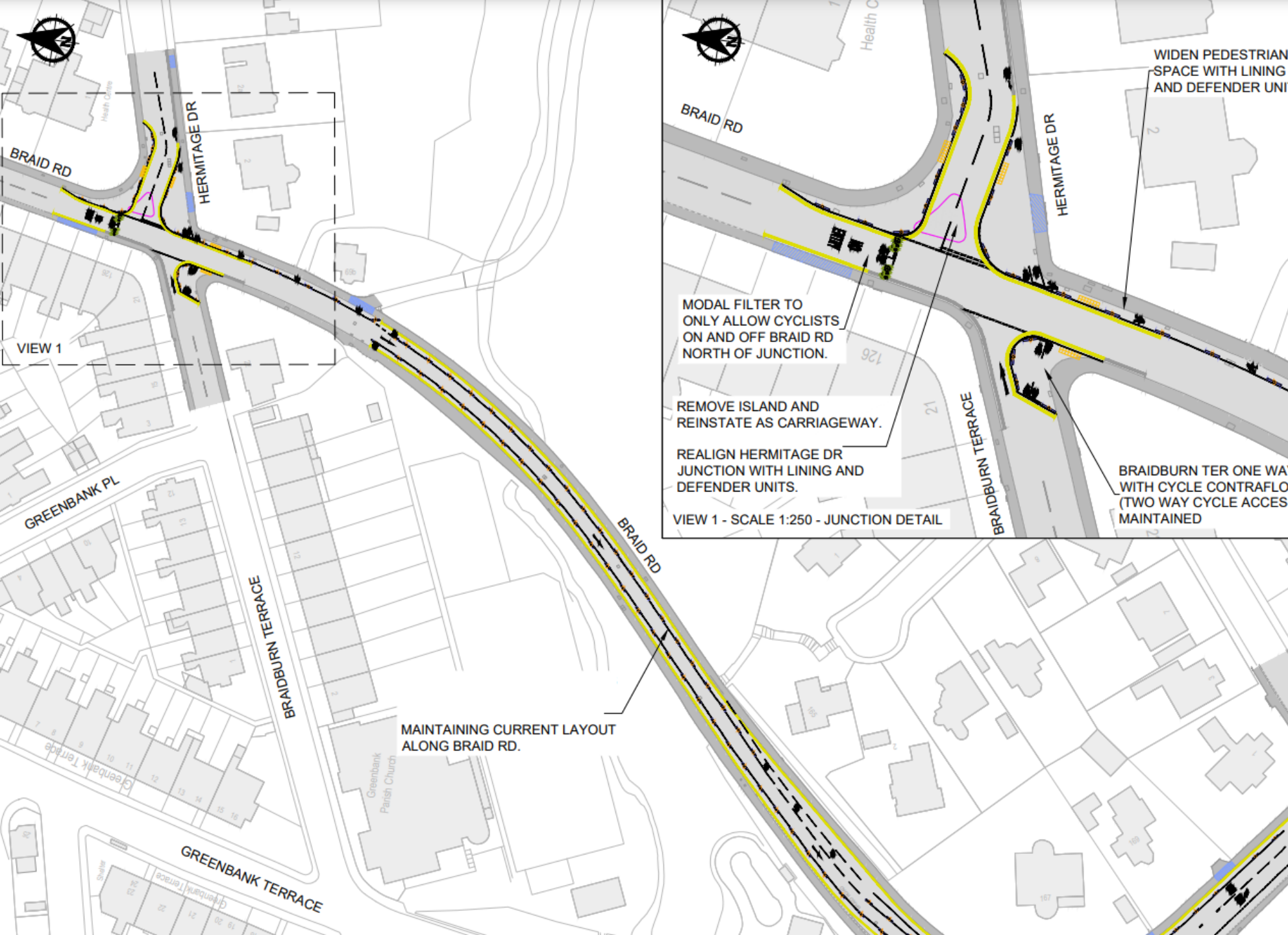




## Braid Road Option 2: Open Two-Ways w Modal Filter

Pros:  
Local Vehicular Access;  
Reduced Impact on  
Buses;  
Some Benefits for  
walking/ cycling/  
wheeling;  
Reduced re-routing on  
residential streets

Cons:  
Risk of Induced Traffic;  
Loss of segregated  
cycleway on Braid Road.



## Braid Road Option 3: Southbound Only w Modal Filter

**Pros:**  
 Significant Benefits for walking/ cycling/ wheeling;  
 Minimal risk of induced traffic;  
 Reduced re-routing on residential streets.

**Cons:**  
 Local vehicular access issues remain;  
 Impact on buses remain.

**Mitigations:**  
 Signalised junction at Braid Hills Road;  
 Extend Bus Lane on A702.