

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee – 13 June 2012****CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS (CWSS) PROJECTS 2012/13****Report by the Executive Director (Environment)**

This report details the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Projects implemented in 2011/12, and seeks Committee approval for a list of works funded from Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Grant 2012/13 of £172,000 from the Scottish Government.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS**1.1 The Committee is asked to:**

- i) Note the schemes implemented from the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Grant Funding in 2011/12
- ii) Approve the proposed list of works for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets projects for the financial year 2012/13
- iii) Note the applications for funding from the Sustrans Community Links 2012/13 Programme.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In 2011/12 the Scottish Ministers in exercise of their powers under Section 70 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 offered Perth and Kinross a Capital Grant of £209,000 for Cycling, Walking and Safer Street (CWSS) projects. Details of how this was spent are given in paragraph 3 of this report.
 - 2.2 In 2012/13 the Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the same powers, have offered Perth and Kinross Council a Capital Grant for CWSS projects of up to £172,000.
 - 2.3 Transport Scotland expect the CWSS Grant to be used for the purpose of undertaking a programme of works for local cycling, walking and safer streets projects.
 - 2.4 Included in the terms and conditions of the Grant is that local authorities shall consider a minimum spend of 36% (and preferably above 50%) on works and promotion relating to cycling. This approach was agreed by the COSLA Regeneration and Sustainable Development Executive Group on 5 February 2010.
- 3. Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets 2011/12**
- 3.1 At its meetings on 8 June and 23 November 2011 (Arts 11/347 & 11/632) the Committee approved a list of works to be funded from the Council's Capital Grant of £209,000 for CWSS projects. Details of the schemes implemented are listed at Appendix 1.

- 3.2 Further to the outcome of consultations, and as designs progressed, it became apparent that some of the schemes could not be implemented as proposed. Full details are given in the table below.

1	B846 Kinloch Rannoch	Construction of a footway, installation of fence and gate
	A petition against the proposals was submitted to the Council by the local residents. As a result, and further to discussions with the Ward Members, the scheme was withdrawn.	
2	Abernyte Primary School	Construction of a footway and footway widening
	Due to the requirement to purchase land this scheme will go ahead in 2012/13. The land agreement is now in place.	
3	Main Street, Bankfoot	Footway widening and build-out
	This scheme was put on hold due to concerns raised by an adjacent property owner about the location of the build-out.	
4	Perth Road, Birnam	To deter vehicles driving and parking on footpath
	Further consultation with the community is required to determine their views on how to progress.	
5	Kinross to Perth	Cycle route signing
	Due to the lack of information from Sustrans this was not progressed. It is hoped to implement the signing in 2012/13.	
6	West Mill Street, Perth	Shared use path
	Further to a detailed design, consultation with the various relevant parties and the revised cost estimate, this scheme became cost prohibitive due to the requirement to set back a wall.	

- 3.3 In light of the changes above it was possible to fund another project from the CWSS Grant, as below.

Speed Limit Review	Design, manufacture and supply of speed limits signs
Signs were designed and purchased and will be implement in 2012/13 using Revenue funding.	

- 3.4 It is highlighted that 54% of the 2011/12 Grant funding was spent on cycling works and the terms and conditions therefore met.

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets 2012/13

- 4.1.1 Based on the terms and conditions of the Grant, the table in Appendix 2 details the schemes that have been identified for implementation in 2012/13. The associated plans are at Appendix 2.

- 4.1.2 It is anticipated that 7 of the 13 schemes will be match funded by Sustrans through their Community Links 2012/13 Programme. This Programme is one

of Sustrans Scotland's grant schemes and is key to meeting the target of the Cycling Action Plan for Scotland, as it provides funding for the creation of cycling network infrastructure and tackles a barrier for new cyclists.

4.1.3 Site visits with a member of Sustrans have taken place and applications for funding were submitted in advance of the deadline of 11 May 2012. The outcome of our applications are likely to be known in July 2012, but it is highlighted that Sustrans have indicated that they will support the schemes as listed.

4.1.4 The list of schemes and the drawings as detailed in Appendix 2.

4.1.5 In line with the terms and conditions of the Grant in relation to spend on cycle related projects, it is proposed to implement a number of cycle projects as detailed above. These amount to £101,000 (59% of the Grant). The Council will therefore meet requirements on spend on cycle related projects.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 The Head of Legal Services, the Head of Democratic Services, the Acting Head of Finance and Tayside Police have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

5.2 As part of the scheme design, consultation will be carried out with the relevant parties where appropriate, including the local Elected Members.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Capital

6.1.2 Scottish Government has made available an additional Capital Grant of £172,000 to the Council for CWSS projects. The list of works recommended in this report will fully utilise this finance. An additional £95,000 of grant funding from Sustrans is also likely to be utilised.

6.2 Revenue

6.2.1 It is estimated that the Revenue commitments arising from the routine maintenance of traffic calming features, footways, cycle paths and traffic signing (£3,700) will be met from the Roads Maintenance budgets. These costs will require to be prioritised within the existing revenue budgets.

7. COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN OBJECTIVES 2009-2012

7.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2009-2012 lays out five Objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. This report impacts on the following:-

- (i) Safe, Secure and Welcoming Environment
- (ii) A Prosperous, Sustainable and Inclusive Economy

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EqIA)

- 8.1 An equality impact assessment needs to be carried out for functions, policies, procedures or strategies in relation to race, gender and disability and other relevant protected characteristics. This supports the Council's legal requirement to comply with the duty to assess and consult on relevant new and existing policies.
- 8.2 The function, policy, procedure or strategy presented in this report was considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:
- i) Assessed as **relevant** and no actions are required to be taken to reduce or remove negative impacts.
 - ii) Assessed as **relevant** and the following positive outcomes expected following implementation:
 - a) The measures, for example improved crossing facilities, footways and traffic calming features, will provide improved access for communities, and will particularly improve travel opportunities for disabled people with mobility issues, sight or hearing impairment, children, elderly people & parent/carers walking with children in pushchairs/buggies .
 - b) The measures will provide improvements for road users of all ages, but particularly for children and elderly people. This will include facilities to enable them to cross roads more safely.
 - c) The measures will also encourage children to walk or cycle to school, thus bringing health benefits.
 - d) The measures will provide opportunities for increased travel by foot and cycle for all age groups.

9. STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a legal requirement under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 that applies to all qualifying plans, programmes and strategies, including policies (PPS).
- 9.2 The matters presented in this report were considered under the Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 This report provides an update on the projects implemented from the Scottish Government ring-fenced Grant for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets in

2011/12, and details the schemes which will be funded from the same Grant in 2012/13.

- 10.2 The report also details schemes where applications for match funding to the Sustrans Community Links Programme 2012/13 have been made.

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NOTE

The following background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (and not containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report; (list papers concerned)

- Report to Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee 8 June 2011, Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) Projects 2011/12 (11/290)
- Report to Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee 8 June 2011, Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Projects 2011/12 Update and Sustrans Community Links Programme 2011/12 (11/580)

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Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Projects 2011/12

Location and Project Detail	Amount £
Gleneagles Road, Perth (Cycle Related) Completion of Phase 3 of a shared use footway adjacent to Gleneagles Road in Perth. This route forms part of the Around Perth Cycle Route.	30,160.82
A93 Isla Road at Springlands (Cycle Related) Upgrade of existing Pelican Crossing to a Puffin Crossing. Crossing is essential for nearby residents of a special needs facility and woodland walk.	27,074.20
Reform Street, Blairgowrie Conversion of a Zebra Crossing to a controlled crossing facility (Puffin) in Blairgowrie town centre. Works required in terms of road safety and improved access.	17,396.72
Viewlands Road / Fairies Road Introduction of traffic calming measures and a new footway in the vicinity of three schools in Oakbank, Perth. The scheme was implemented as part of Safer Routes to Schools and to address the accident problem.	37,070.64
Various Works Victory Park – Shared used path (£30,000 – Cycle related) Identified in the Bridge of Earn Placecheck. Widening of an existing footpath and provision of a new path to cater for pedestrians and cyclists (direct link to Primary School). Speed Limit Review Supply of signs to implement recent changes to speed limits.	50,601.70
Cycle Route Signing (Cycle Related) Supply of signs for the Around Perth Cycle Route.	2,144.37

School Related Works Provision of a footway on approach to Primary School in Dunkeld.	2,945.28
Inveralmond (Cycle Related) Upgrade and construction of path to facilitate shared use.	14,450.85
Tulloch Road (Cycle Related) Widening of existing path for shared use.	7,591.29
A977 Traffic Management & Bus Works Provision of a bus shelter and hard standing area on the A977 to assist bus passengers and improved accessibility. Installation of variable message signs on the A977 to improve road safety.	18,562.35

Appendix 2

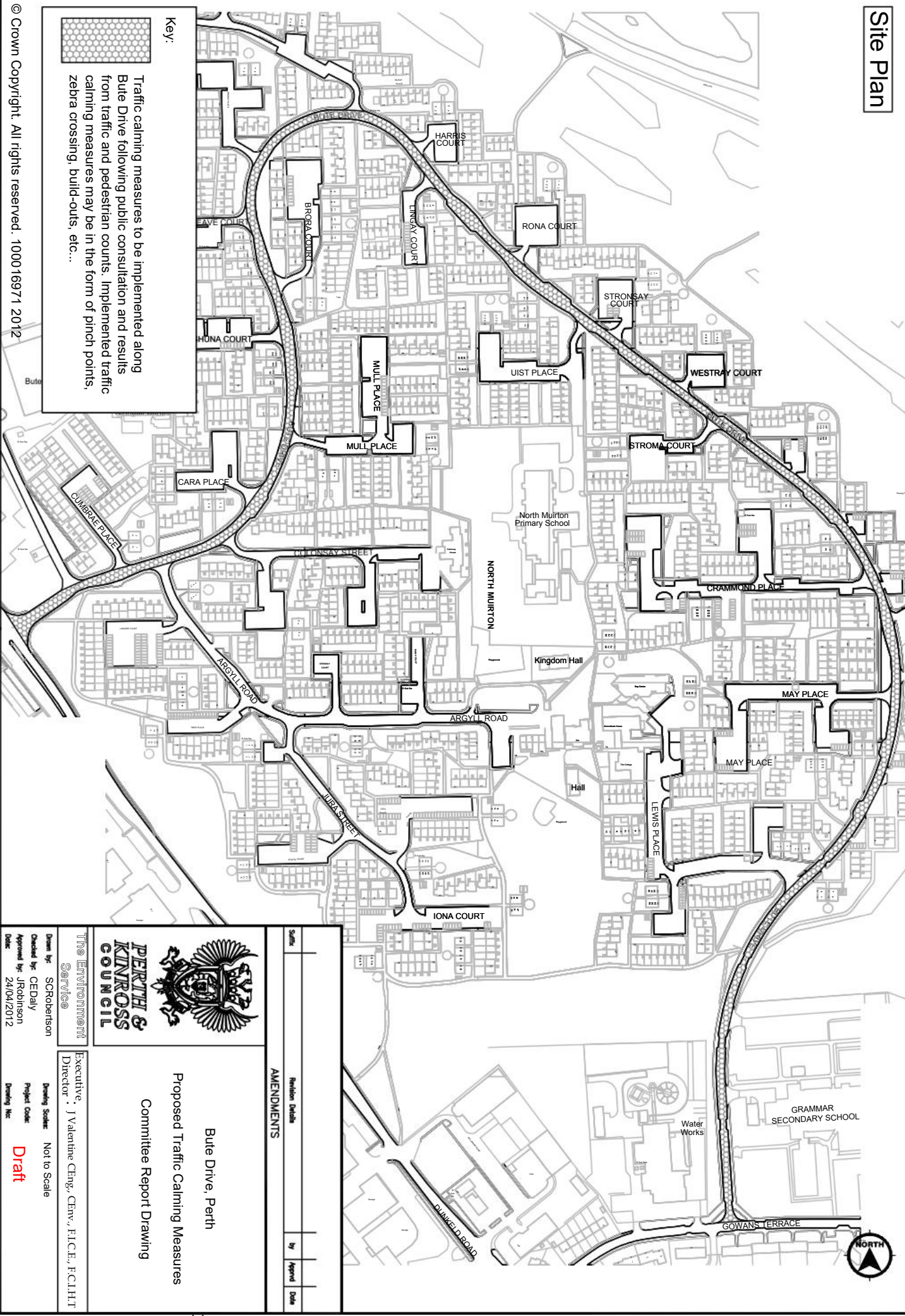
Traffic Calming / Community Schemes			
1	Bute Drive, North Muirton, Perth	Provision of traffic calming measures	30,000
	Provision of speed reducing measures and facilities to assist pedestrians as identified by the Community Council. Main problem is that the houses are on one side of Bute Drive, with the majority of the community facilities on the other.		
2	Cairnie Road, St Madoes	Provision of footway	8,000
	Further to consultation with the Community Council and Public Transport team, it is proposed to narrow the road and provide a footway to link to the bus shelter. This will assist bus passengers and secondary school pupils accessing the school bus.		
Safer Routes to Schools			
3	Abernyte	Construction of footways	6,000
	The demand for a footway was identified through the School Travel Plan. The footway will link the school to the village hall and recreation ground. The land required was purchased in 2011/12.		
4	Bridge Street, Dunkeld	Provision of traffic calming measures at and approaching the Zebra crossing	15,000
	Identified through the school travel planning process, and highlighted by the Road Safety team. It is proposed to construct a flat top hump at the Zebra crossing, install road markings and review/improve the signing.		
Cycle Schemes			
5	Kinross to Perth	Cycle route signing	4,000
	In conjunction with Sustrans it is proposed to supply and erect signs for cyclists on the route between Kinross and Perth (design work started in 2011/12).		
6	Around Perth Cycle Route	Cycle route signing	2,000
	Erection of signs		
Schemes likely to be match funded by Sustrans (all cycle related)			
7	Ardblair Trail, Blairgowrie	Existing paths to be improved and surfaced	CWSS 30,000 Sustrans 30,000
	Work has been carried out on other sections of this trail route in recent years. It is proposed to widen and surface another section, and surface a further section. This route is regularly used by pupils travelling to and from the High School and Community Campus.		


8	Berrydale Road, Blairgowrie	Provision of speed reducing features to improve crossing of Ardblair Trail	CWSS 8,000 Sustrans 8,000
	At a crossing point of the Ardblair Trail it is proposed to introduce measures to reduce vehicles speeds and assist pedestrian and cyclists. This will take the form of chicanes and a raised table but will be discussed further with the community and Ward Members.		
9	Hatton Road/Ferguson Park, Rattray	Provision of a footpath through the park including lighting	CWSS 6,000 Sustrans 6,000
	This would provide a direct link to the Primary School for the proposed Hatton Road Park and Stride. This is intended to assist with reducing the congestion caused by parked vehicles at the front of the school.		
10	Friarton Park, Perth	Strip widening of existing path to allow shared use.	CWSS 2,500 Sustrans 2,500
	This would provide a continuation of the Round Perth Cycle Path works that were recently carried out in Gleneagles Road. This extension would provide a link to the nearby primary school as well as to the harbour area.		
11	Shore Road, Perth	Surfacing and strip widening of existing path to allow shared use.	CWSS 18,000 Sustrans 18,000
	This would provide a link from the Town centre and South Inch area to the harbour area. As well as extending the Round Perth Cycle Network this would provide a facility to encourage employees in the harbour area to cycle to and from their workplace.		
12	Breadalbane Terrace, Perth	Provision of cycle ramps on pedestrian footbridge over railway line.	CWSS 500 Sustrans 500
	This would allow a continuation of the cycle network in the area and give a link to and from the harbour area.		
13	Crieff Road to Tulloch Road, Perth	Provision of a footpath through the park	CWSS 30,000 Sustrans 30,000
	This would provide a shared use link for students attending Perth College and would be a continuation of the North Inch to Perth College works that have been provided in recent years.		
	Engineering Administration		12,000
	TOTAL		CWSS £172,000 Sustrans £95,000

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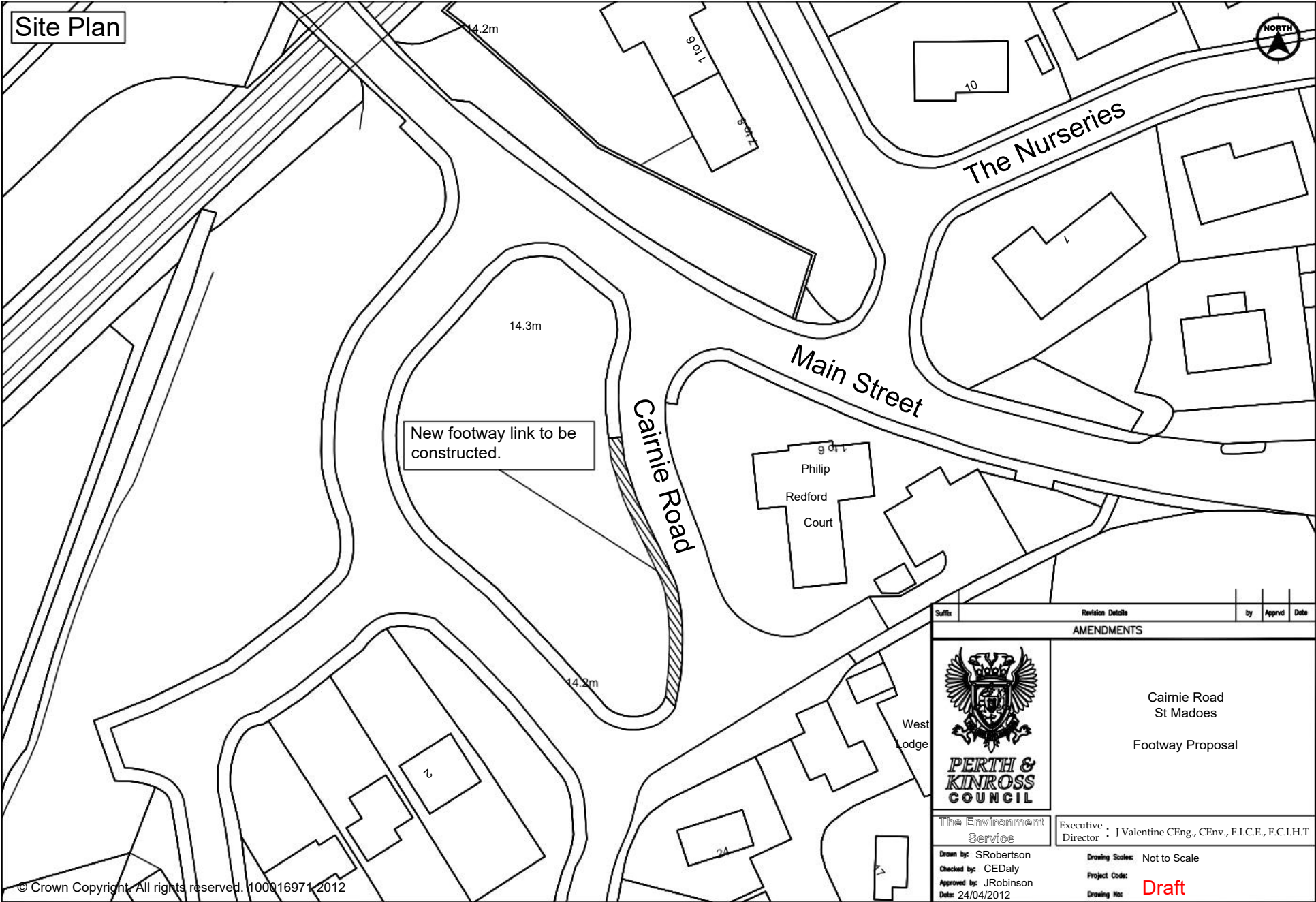
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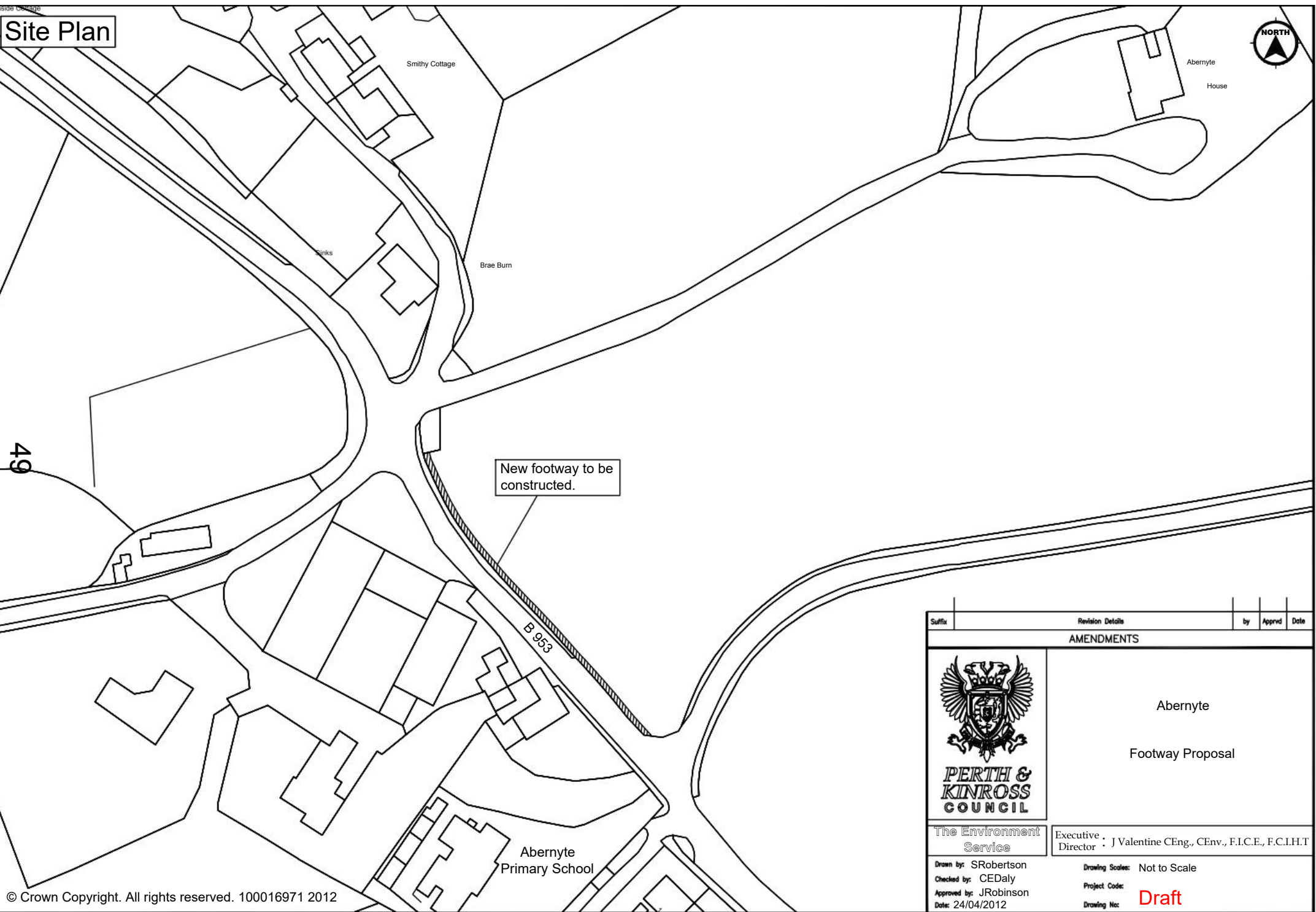



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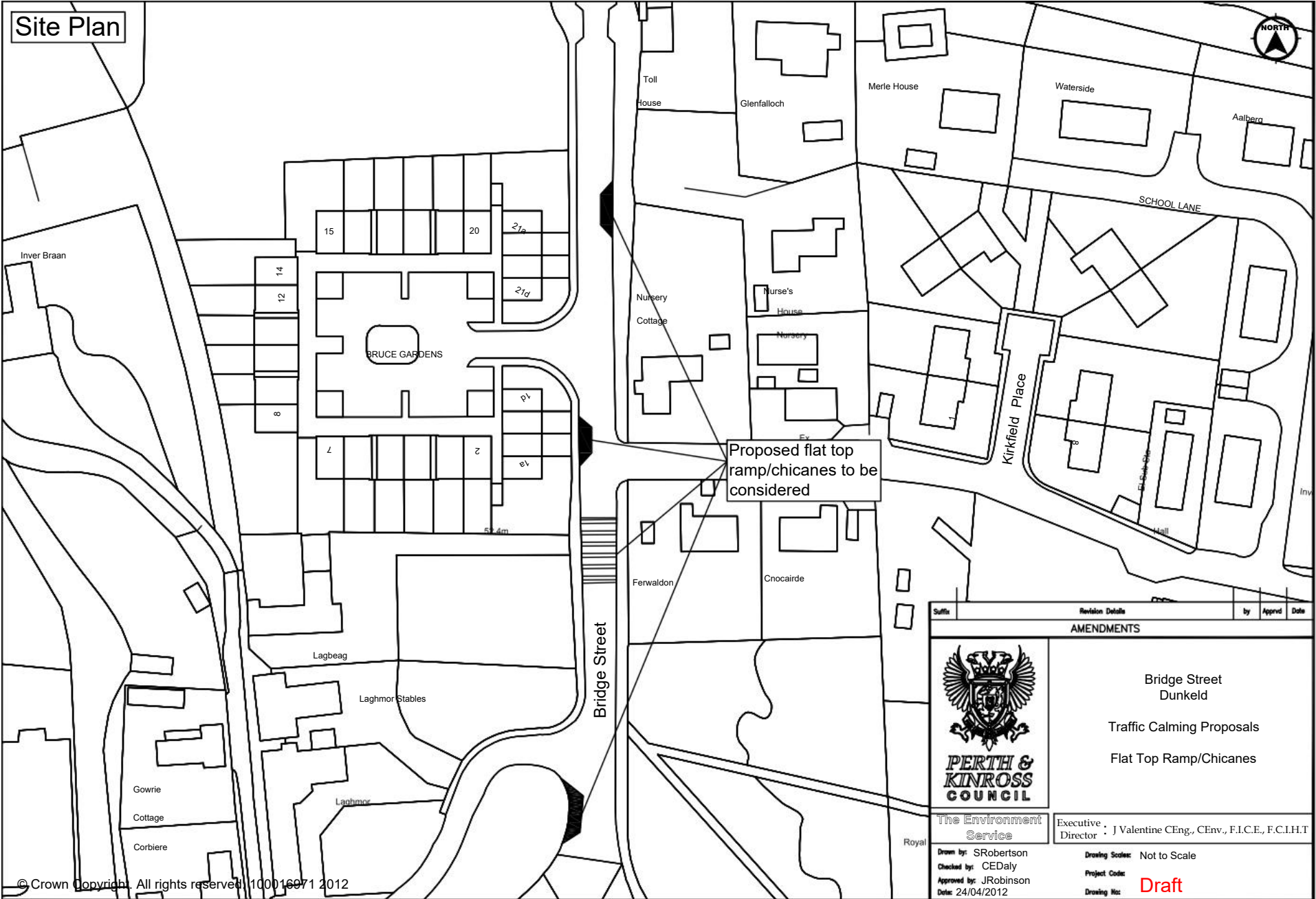
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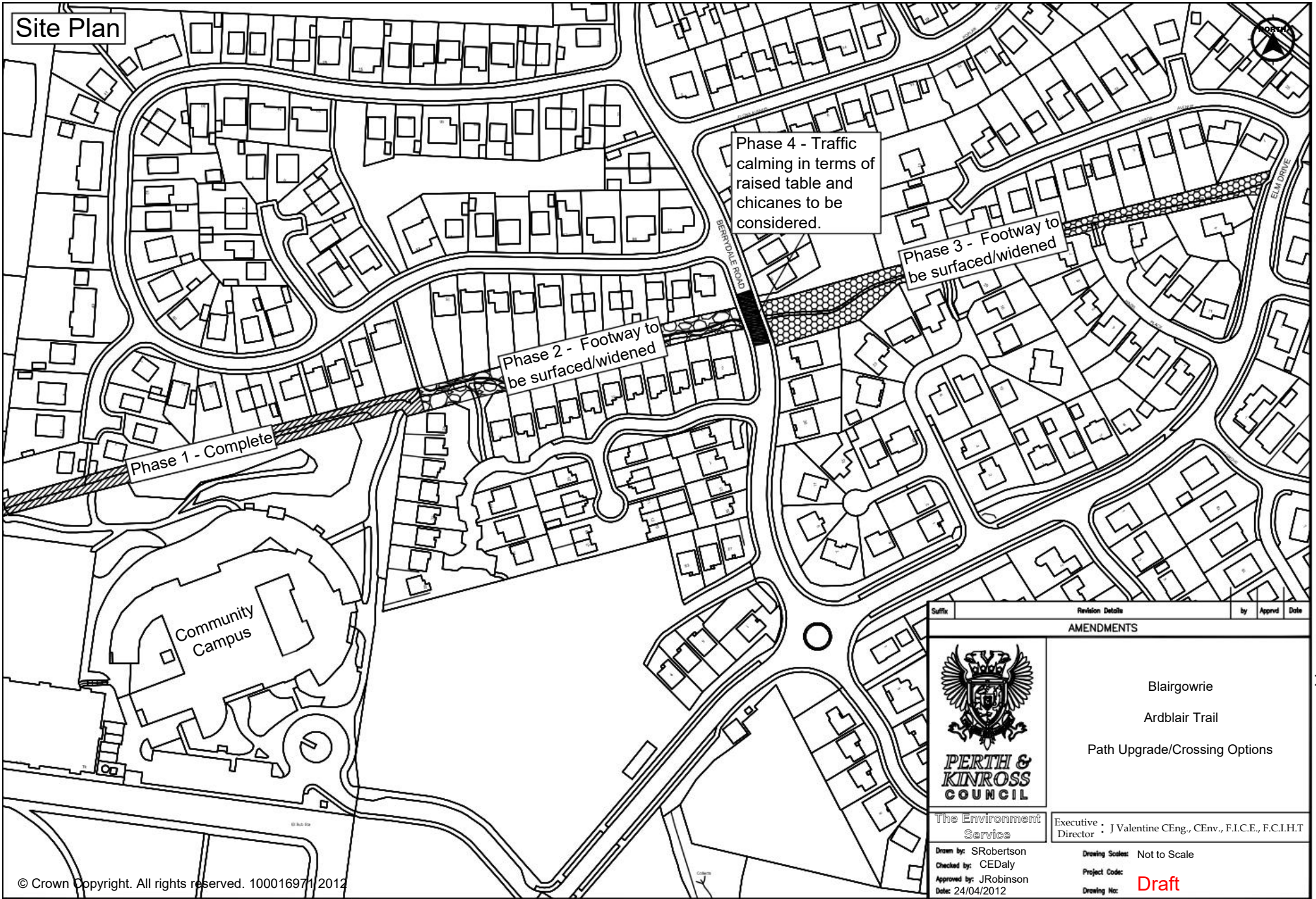


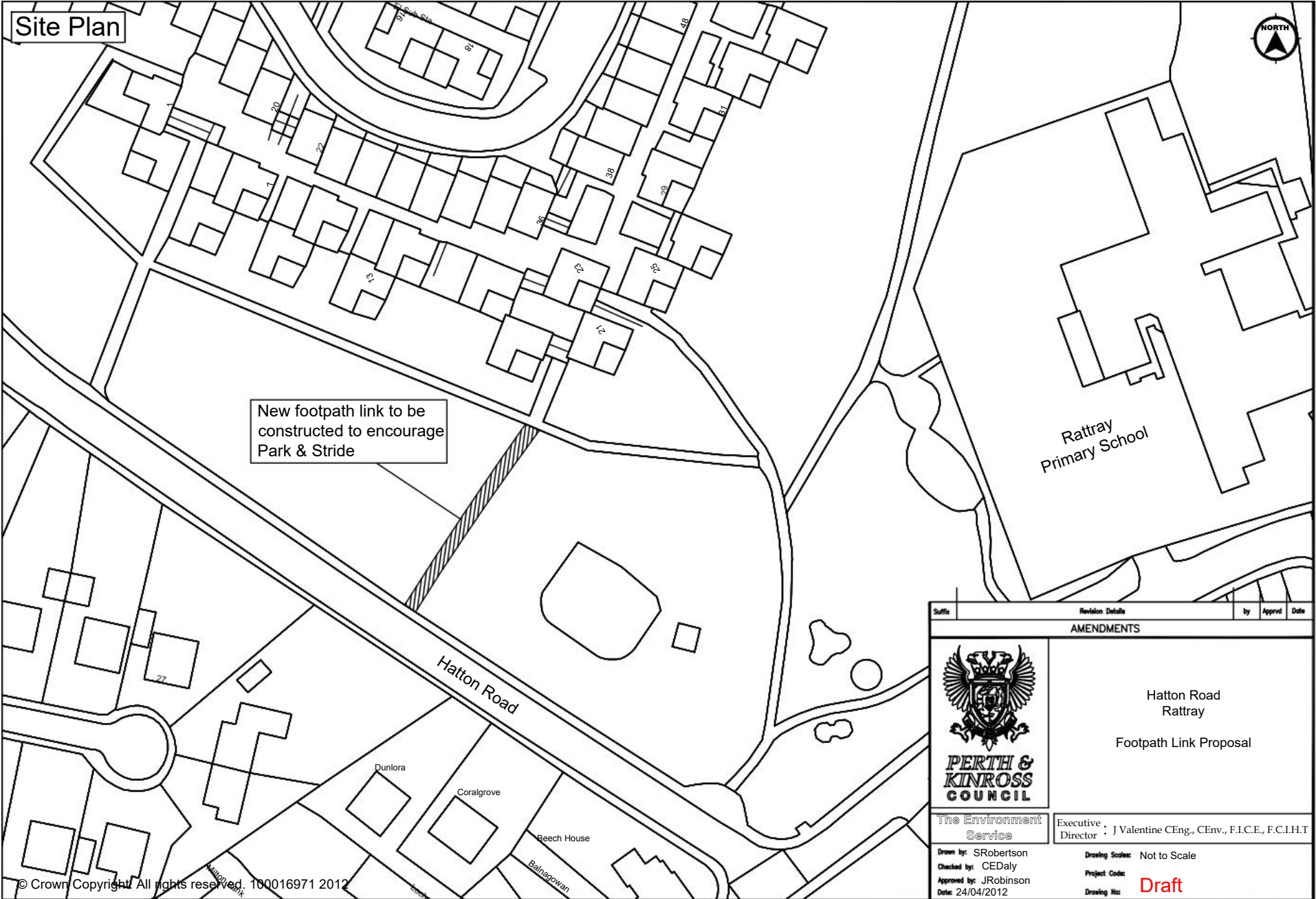
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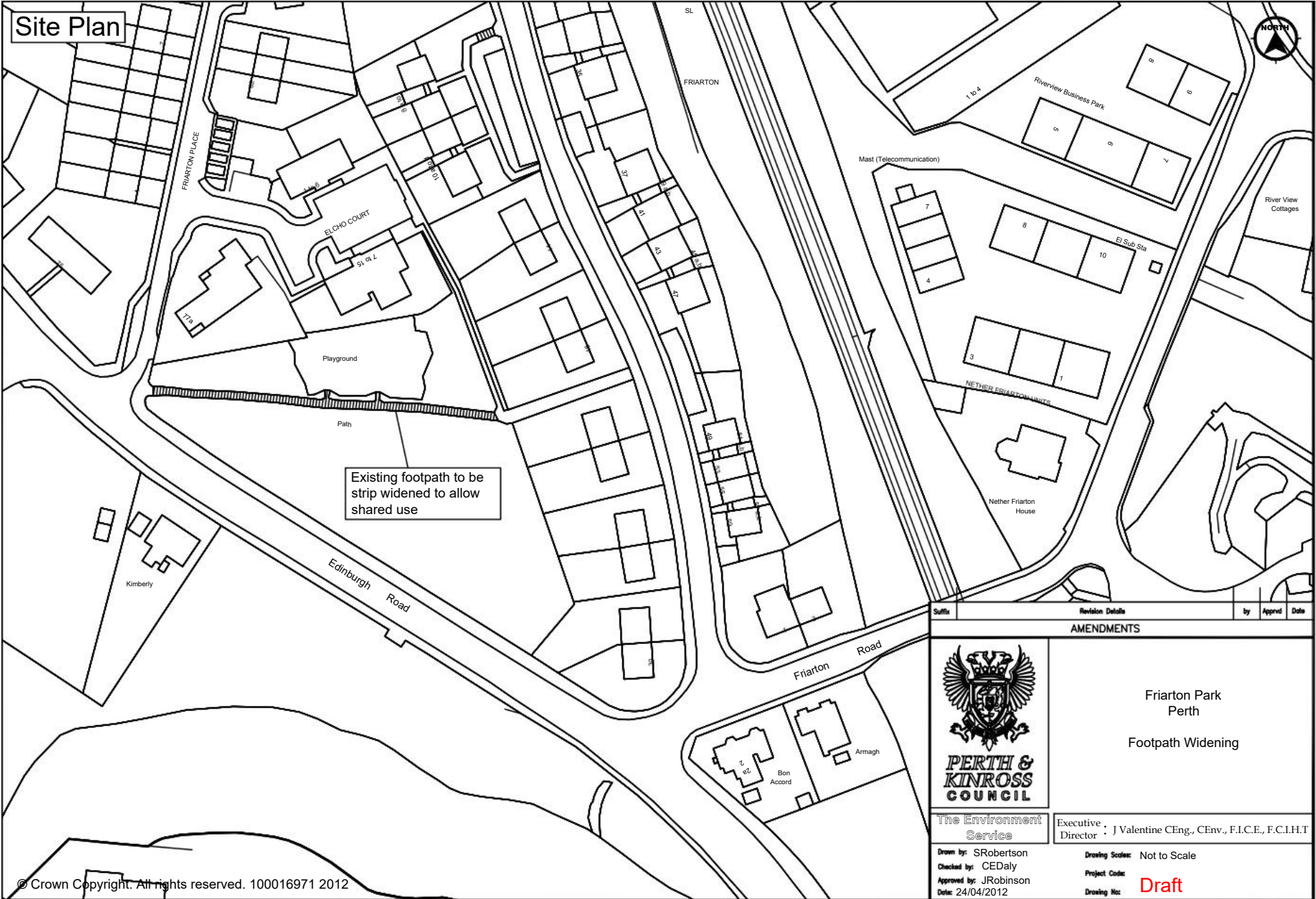
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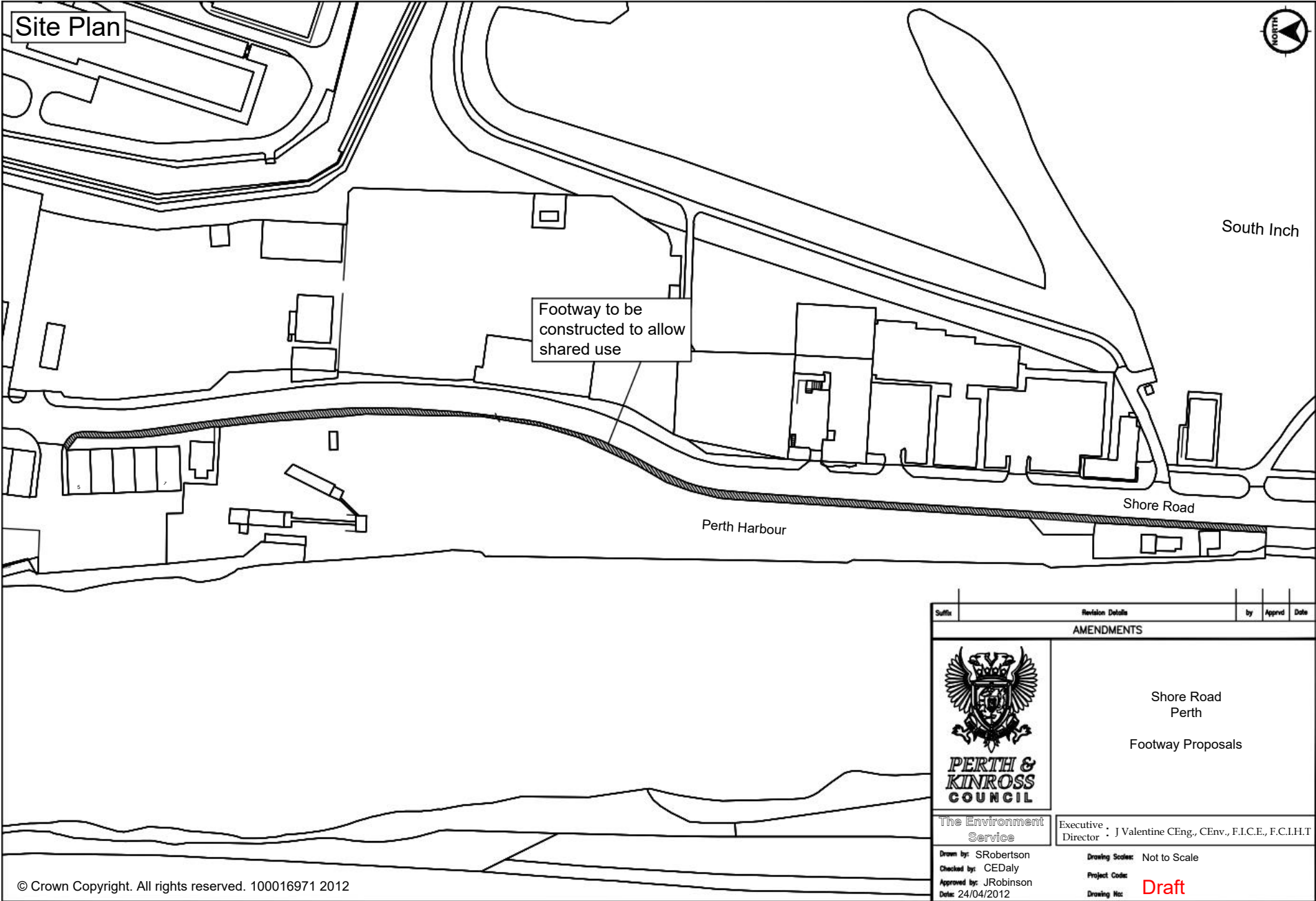





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