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Parking Charges on Greenways within the Controlled Parking Zone

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Executive summary

Parking Charges on Greenways within the Controlled Parking Zone

Summary

The main aim of [Greenways](#) in Edinburgh is to ensure fast and reliable bus services to and from the city centre during peak times. This helps to encourage more people to use buses in Edinburgh, thereby reducing congestion and pollution, improving road safety and providing better links for cyclists.

Outwith peak times many Greenways are also used for parking or loading purposes. However, throughout the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) parking charges apply on side streets along Greenways routes. It is proposed to address the issue where Greenways parking places within the CPZ are available to use free of charge, while customers need to pay to park in surrounding streets, these areas include; Dalry Road, Glasgow Road (Wester Coates), Gorgie Road, Leith Walk, Lothian Road, Leven Street and Haymarket Terrace.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Committee:

- 1 approves the commencement of the statutory process to change the existing traffic regulation orders and to introduce parking charges as detailed in this report in all Greenways parking places located within the CPZ; and
- 2 approves a pilot of a cashless only parking service for Greenways parking places.

Measures of success

The introduction of parking charges is intended to manage better the use of Greenway parking places in the city centre and make parking charges fairer and easier to understand for all road users.

The changes will help increase turnover in the parking places, provide better parking opportunities around shops and businesses, allow for easier enforcement and ensure better compliance with the regulations.

Financial impact

It is expected that the introduction of parking charges at the locations concerned may cost around £10K. This includes advertising the amendments to the Traffic Regulation Order, the possible relocation of ticket machines and introducing new signs. These costs will be met from within the 2013/14 parking revenue budget.

It is projected that charging for parking on Greenways may result in income of approximately £150K per annum. This estimate is based on the consideration of parking demand in surrounding streets. However, it is difficult to predict driver behaviour when new charges are introduced, meaning utilisation and income cannot be guaranteed.

Equalities impact

Consideration has been given to the Council's Public Sector Duty in respect of the Equalities Act 2010 and there are no direct equalities impacts arising from this report.

The aim of this proposal is to manage demand for the current free of charge limited waiting parking places on Greenways more effectively. Enforcement of these parking places is difficult. The same Parking Attendant must log a vehicle, then return to the parking place after the permitted waiting time has elapsed, to carry out any required enforcement action. This is extremely labour intensive and means a Parking Attendant may not return to a location if there is no recognisable pattern of contraventions occurring or if enforcement is required in other areas of the city.

This has led to a number of complaints, in various areas of the city, about vehicles staying for longer periods than are permitted. Introducing charges will make it easier to ensure compliance with the regulations and make sure that parking opportunities are available for all motorists including disabled persons' blue badge holders who will continue to be able to park free of charge in these areas.

When considering the pilot of a cashless only parking service, there is potential for a negative impact on people with disabilities who do not hold a disabled persons' blue badge and people who have difficulty reading. There are also issues concerning people who do not have bank accounts, mobile phones or where English is not their first language. These issues can be resolved and the pilot will help to assess this measure and any further action that may be required prior to considering any changes in other parts of the CPZ.

Sustainability impact

There are no adverse environmental impacts arising from this report.

Consultation and engagement

Part of the Traffic Regulation Order process includes a public consultation and any member of the public will have the opportunity to comment on or object to the proposals at this time.

All elected members representing wards which include Greenways parking places where the parking charges may be introduced were informed of this report.

Six councillors (Councillors Balfour, Brock, Corbett, Fullerton, Ross and Wilson) requested more information on the locations of the Greenways public parking places in their wards. The plans that were provided are included within Appendix Two. Furthermore, one Councillor indicated that they would inform the Leith Business Association about the proposals.

There were no further comments from any Councillors regarding the proposals contained within this report.

Background reading / external references

None.

Parking Charges on Greenways within the Controlled Parking Zone

1. Background

- 1.1 [Greenways](#) were introduced in Edinburgh in 1997 to improve bus journey times to and from the city centre during times of peak traffic flow.
- 1.2 There are five Greenways routes in Edinburgh, these include:
 - Lothian Road and Tollcross;
 - Dalry Road, Gorgie Road and Calder Road;
 - Glasgow Road and Corstorphine Road (A8);
 - Leith Walk and Leith Street; and
 - Slateford Road.
- 1.3 There are maps of the Greenways public parking places in question contained within Appendix Two.
- 1.4 There are other bus lanes in Edinburgh, however, this report will not affect them. Parking charges are already present in many public parking places in bus lanes.
- 1.5 The main difference between Greenways and bus lanes is the use of red and yellow lines. Red lines along Greenways routes indicate that no stopping is allowed during the hours of restriction. In bus lanes single yellow lines indicate that waiting is not allowed but vehicles may load and unload during the restricted times.
- 1.6 Along some Greenways routes, outwith the times of peak traffic flow the kerbside space can be used for parking or loading and unloading activities.
- 1.7 While motorists can park for free in Greenways parking places during the day they need to pay to park when using public parking places in adjacent streets, such areas include; Dalry Road, Glasgow Road (Wester Coates), Gorgie Road, Leith Walk, Lothian Road, Leven Street and Haymarket Terrace.

2. Main report

- 2.1 The main aim of Greenways is to encourage the use of public transport instead of private vehicles in Edinburgh. It is not considered appropriate to retain free of charge parking places, within the CPZ, during the general hours of restriction.
- 2.2 Parking charges are a necessary demand management tool, helping to control the numbers of vehicles entering the city centre each day. Free parking undermines the objectives of Greenways and inconsistent parking regulations are difficult for customers to understand.
- 2.3 It is proposed to address this issue by introducing parking charges in Greenways parking places where they are located within the CPZ and at the same charge as adjacent streets in order to simplify regulations for customers.
- 2.4 These parking places will operate in a similar fashion to public parking places on main traffic routes. As a result, parking would continue to be prohibited during times of peak traffic flow and would only be permitted during restricted hours after payment of the appropriate charge.
- 2.5 There are a number of Greenways parking places located in adjacent side streets to Greenways routes and it is also proposed to introduce parking charges in these areas.
- 2.6 Parking in Greenways parking places in side streets is not subject to peak hour restrictions. Therefore, parking charges would apply for the duration of the controlled hours.
- 2.7 The intended approach is to move all the side street parking places from the Greenways Traffic Regulation Order into the CPZ Order. This will enable parking charges to be introduced.
- 2.8 Parking charges and hours of restriction will be determined by the current [parking charge area](#) the parking place is located within.
- 2.9 It is proposed that the payment of the parking charge will be piloted through a mainly [cashless parking service](#).
- 2.10 Pay and display vouchers will be available from ticket machines on side streets and will still be valid in all Greenways parking places, but the aim is to encourage customers to consider using the cashless service.
- 2.11 Disabled persons' blue badge holders will continue to be able to park free of charge at times when parking is permitted.

- 2.12 Parking Attendants will monitor the parking places and any vehicle not parked in accordance with the regulations will be liable to be issued with a parking ticket and may be removed.
- 2.13 There are no proposed changes to Greenways loading places as a result of this report.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that Committee:
- 3.1.1 approves the commencement of the statutory process to change the existing traffic regulation orders and to introduce parking charges as detailed in this report in all Greenways parking places located within the CPZ; and
 - 3.1.2 approves a pilot of a cashless only parking service for Greenways parking places.

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Links

Coalition pledges

Council outcomes CO22 – Moving efficiently – Edinburgh has a transport system that improves connectivity and is green, healthy and accessible.
CO23 – Well engaged and well informed – Communities and individuals are empowered and supported to improve local outcomes and foster a sense of community.
CO26 – The Council engages with stakeholders and works in partnership to improve services and deliver on agreed objectives.

Single Outcome Agreement

SO4 – Edinburgh’s communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric.

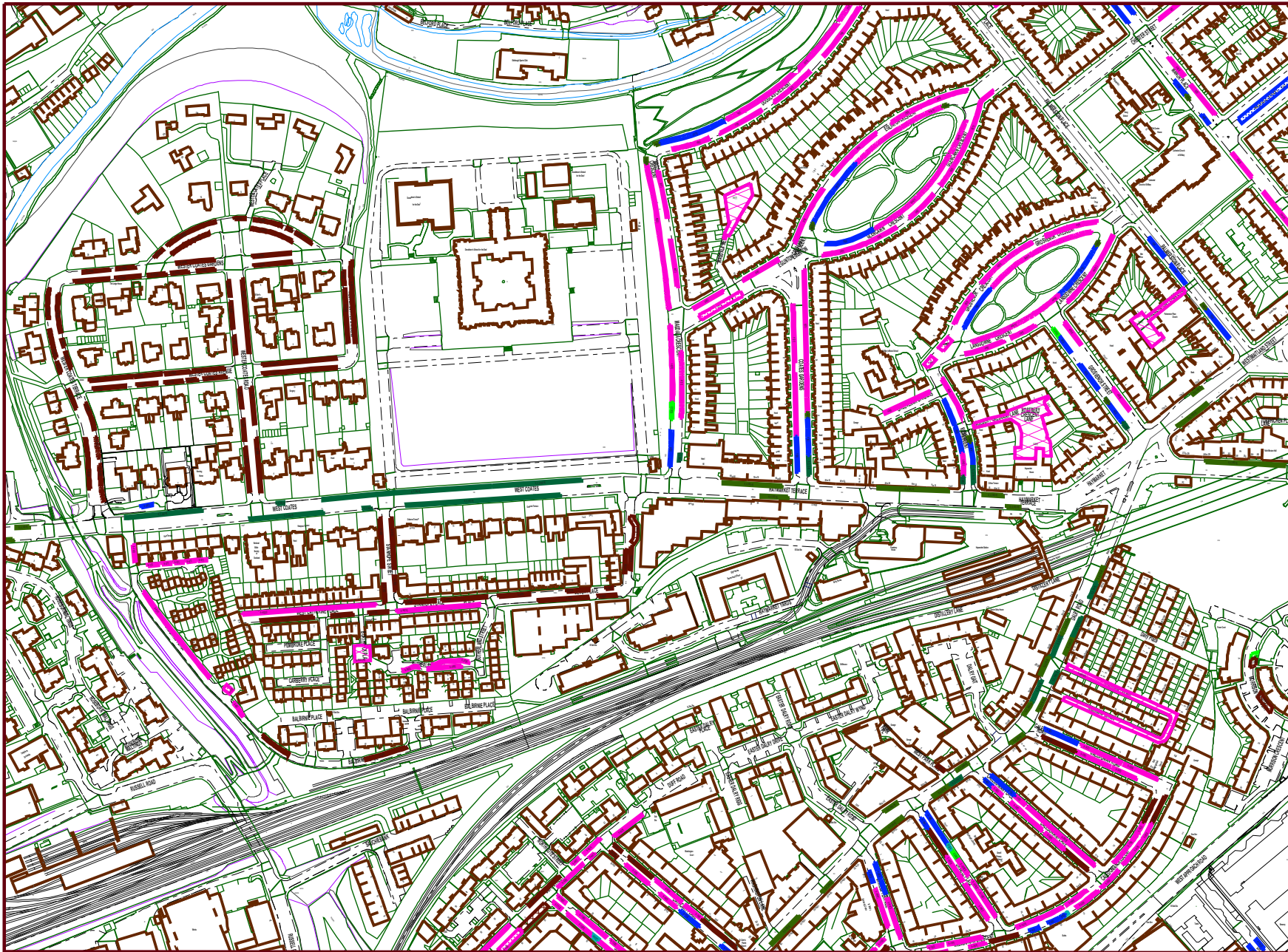
Appendices

One: Greenways Parking Places within the Controlled Parking Zone.
Two: Maps of the Greenways Public Parking Places.

Appendix One: Greenways Parking Places in the Controlled Parking Zone

Greenways Route	Total Spaces (Parking/Loading)	Spaces within CPZ	Zone	Parking Places	Loading Places	Estimated Parking Spaces	Estimated Loading Spaces	Related Parking Charge p/hr
Princess Street	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	£3.00
Leith Walk	68 (33/35)	24	2 2 6 N1	0 2 1 9	2 4 0 6	0 10 5 45	10 20 0 30	£2.40 £2.00 £2.00 £1.00
Lothian Road - Gillespie Place	33 (9/24)	33	4 4 8	8 0 1	18 5 1	40 0 5	90 25 5	£2.00 £2.40 £1.50
Gorgie Road - Calder Road	51 (22/29)	3	S4	0	3	0 0	15 0	£1.00
Dalry Road - Lanark Road	79 (39/40)	41	S4	14	27	70 0	135 0	£1.00
Shandwick Place - Glasgow Road	138 (72/66)	26	1 1 N5	5 0 7	7 7 0	25 0 35	35 35 0	£2.00 £2.40 £1.00
Total	369	127	-	47	80	235	400	-

Notes: The Greenway Traffic Regulation Order does not specify the capacity of each parking place. Therefore, it is considered that the average parking space is 5 metres in length.



NOTES

Dark green: Greenways public parking places.

Public parking places are located on: West Coates along with parts of Coates Gardens, Magdala Crescent, Rosebery Crescent and Grosvenor Street.



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Greenways Public Parking Places A8

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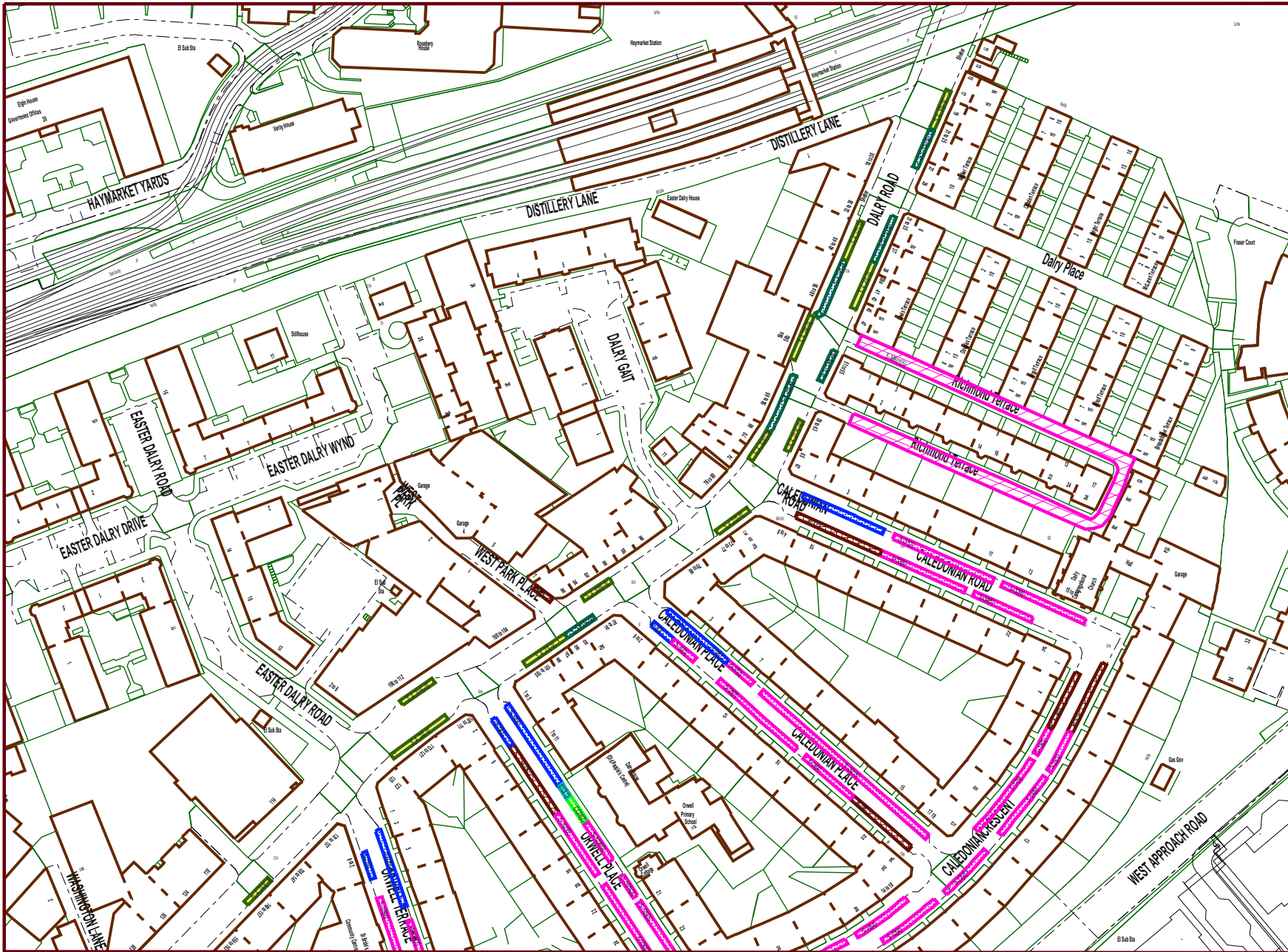


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Greenways Gorgie Dalry Public Parking Places 1

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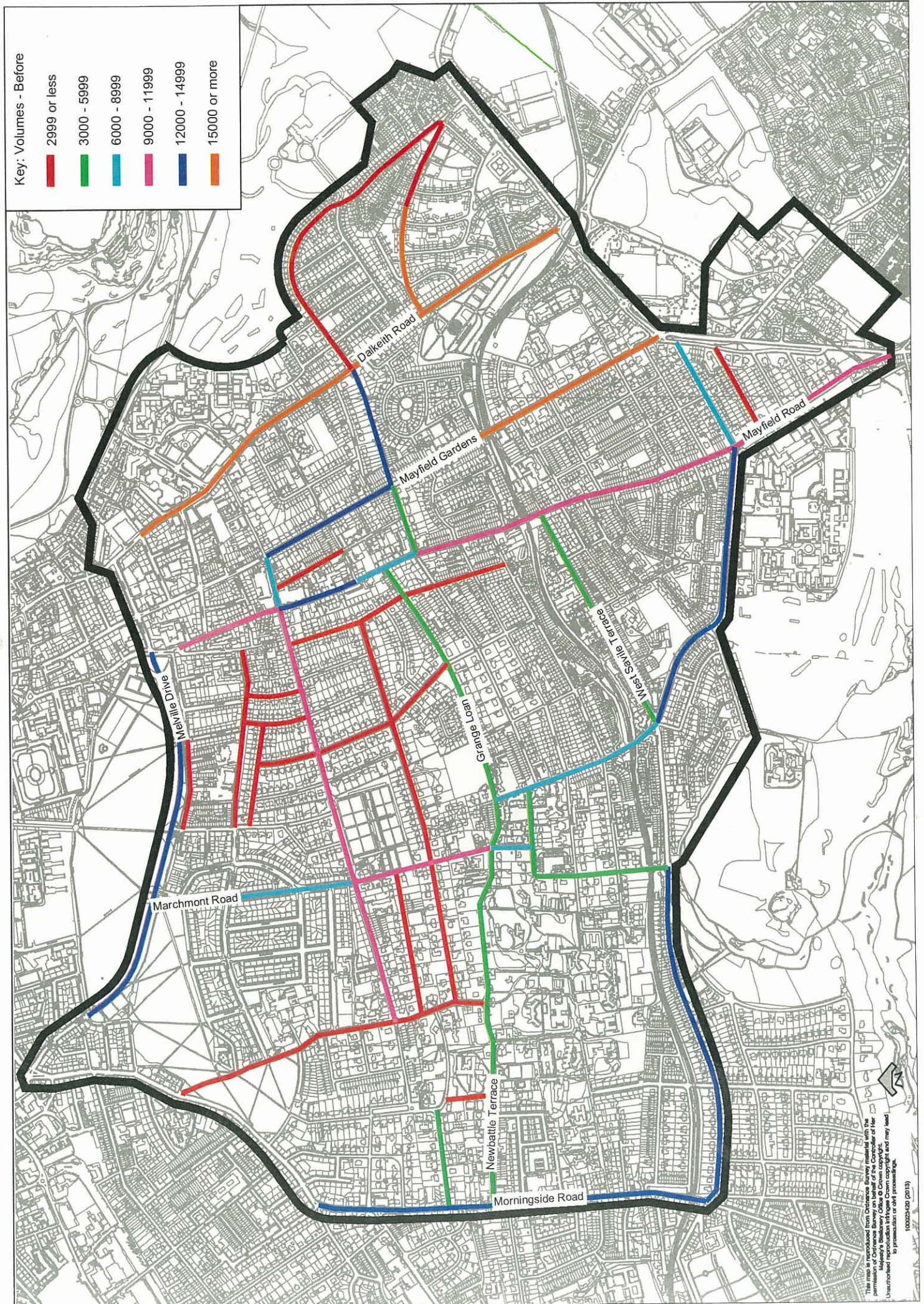
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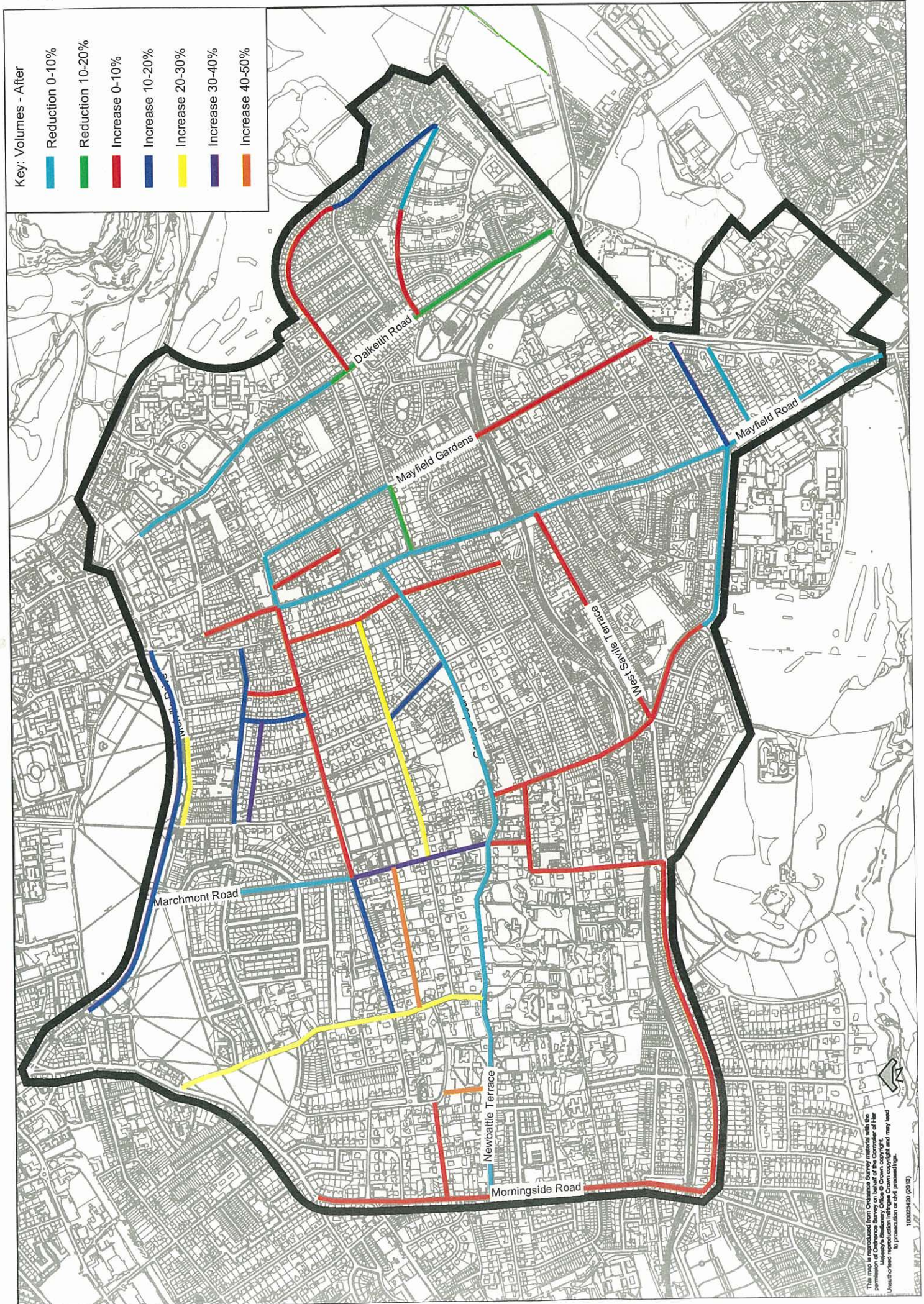
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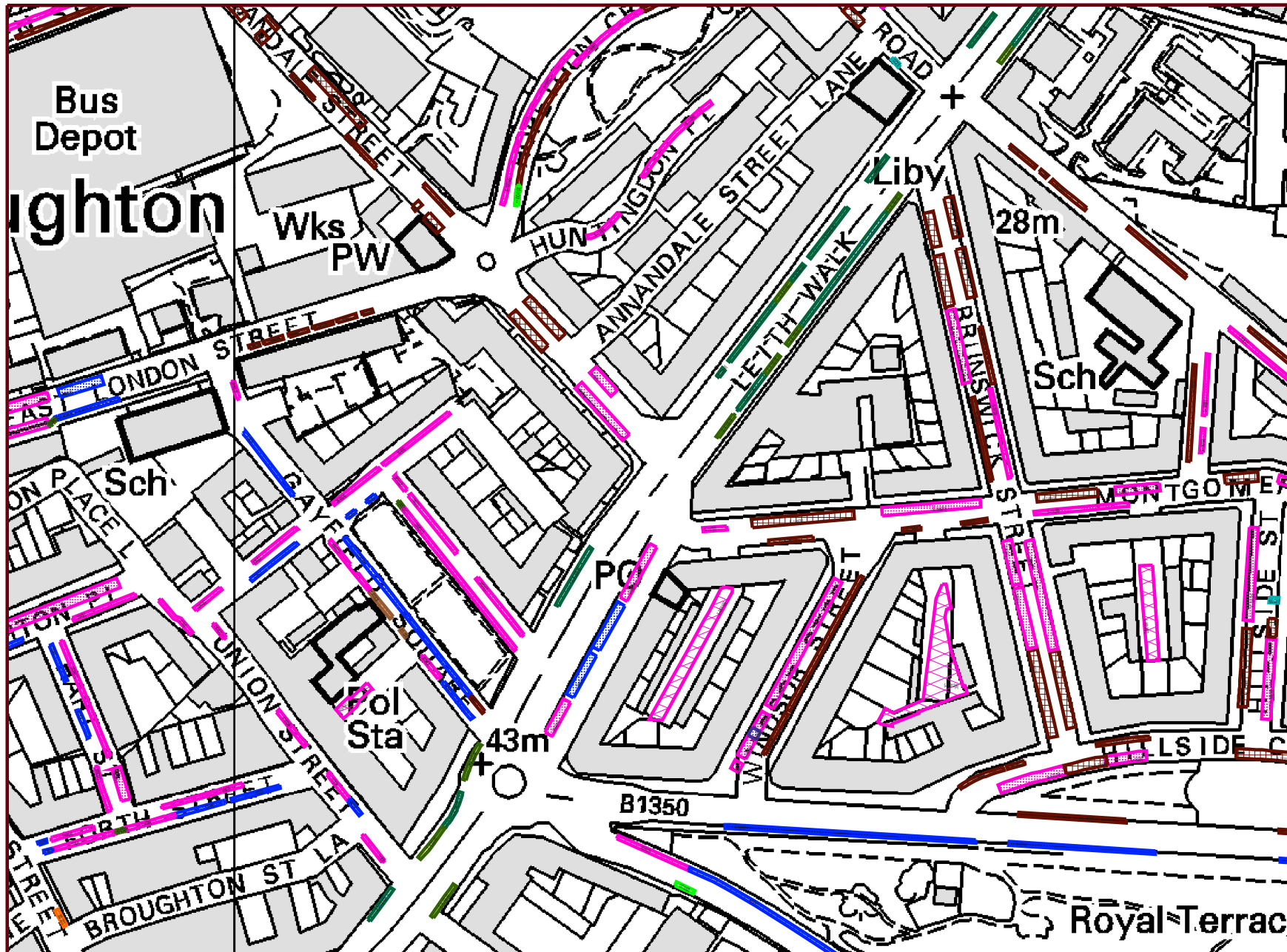


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Greenways Leith Walk Public Parking Places

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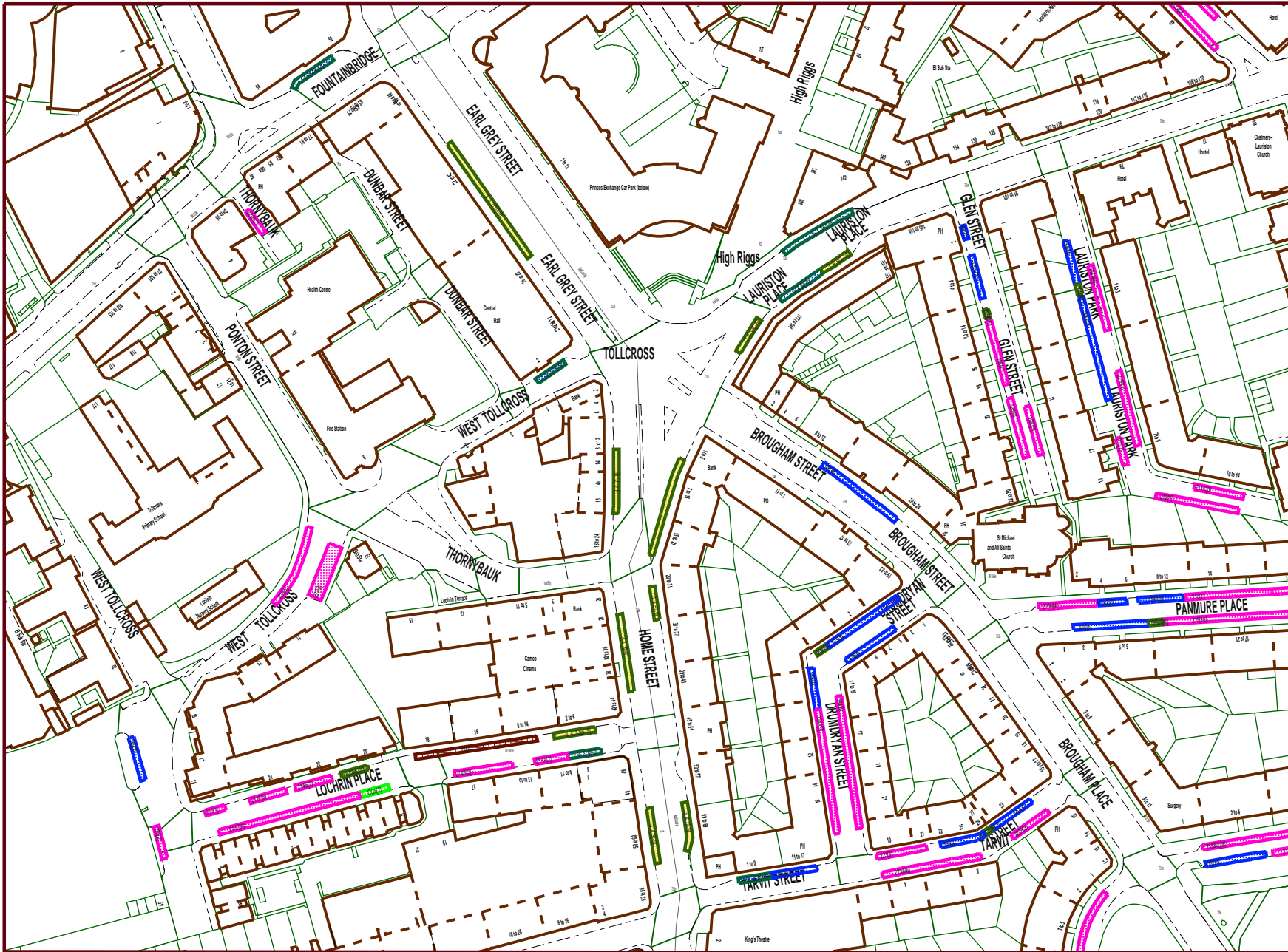
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Streets included: Fountainbridge, West Tollcross, Lauriston Place, Lochrin Place and Tarvit Street.



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Greenways Lothian Road and Tollcross Public Parking
 Places 1

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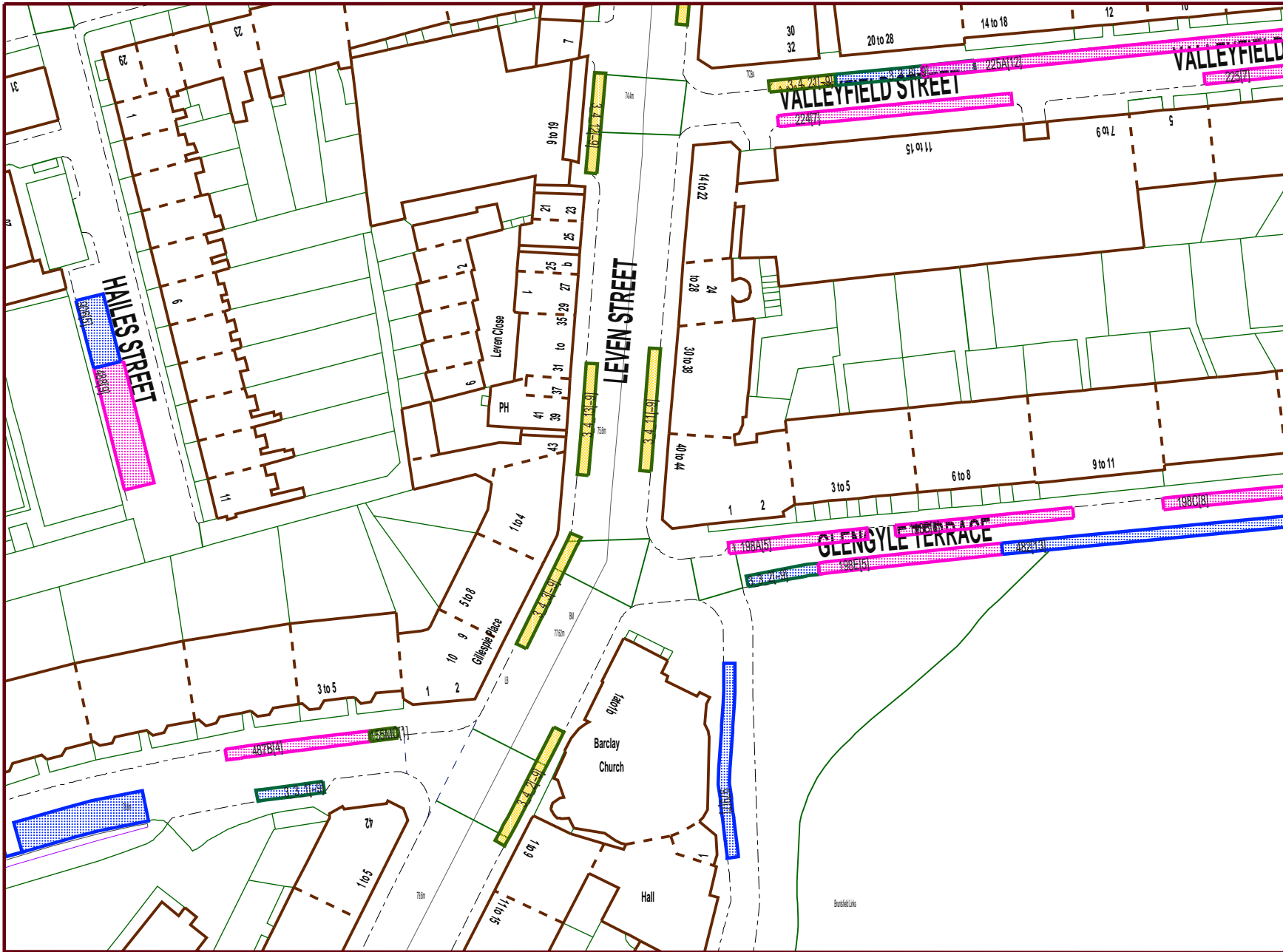
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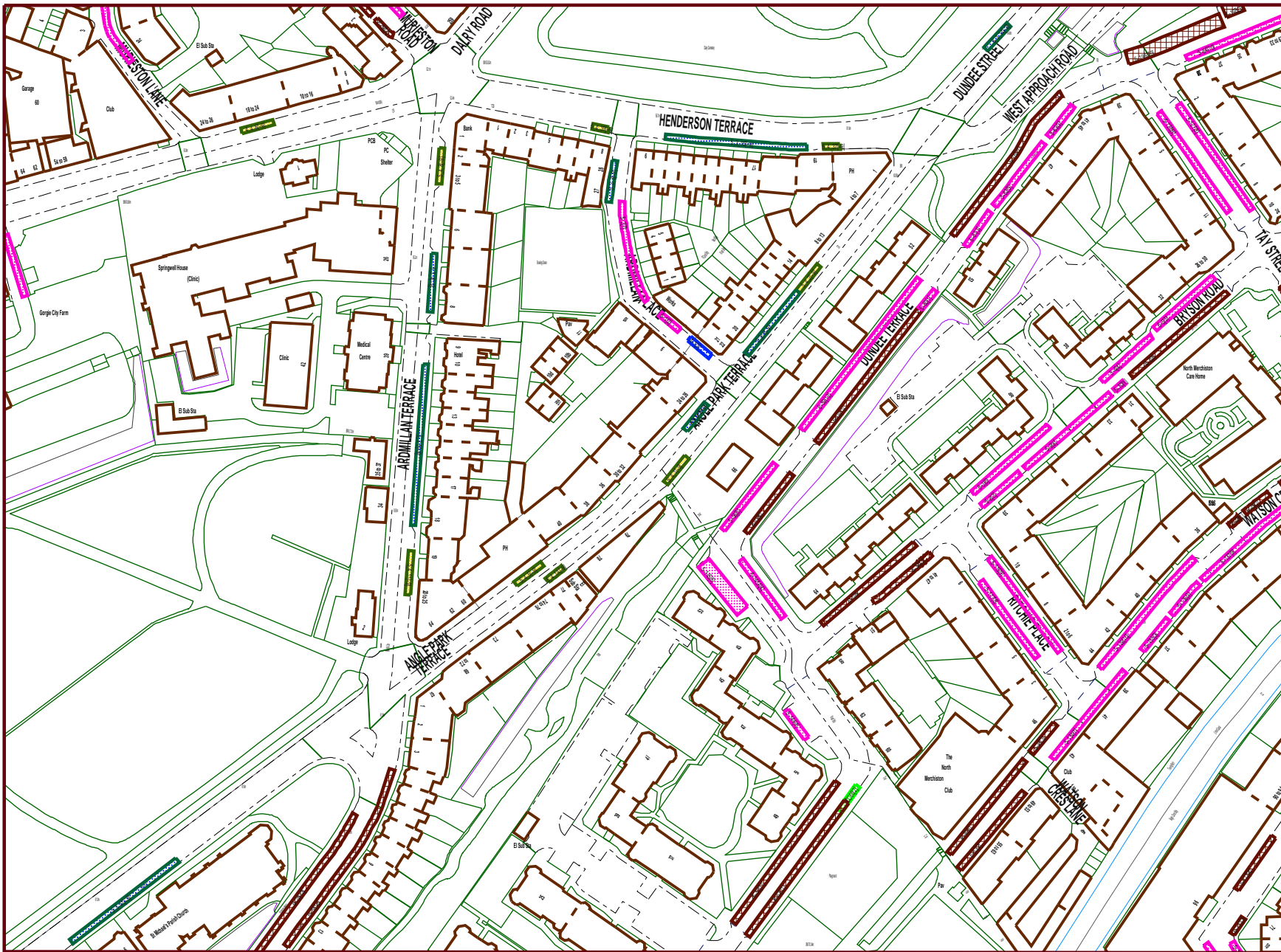


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Streets included: Valleyfield Street, Glengyle Street and Gillespie Crescent.


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Streets included: Slateford Road, Angle Park Terrace and Dundee Street.

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Greenways Slateford Road Public Parking Places

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