

Aylesham is on the brink of change!

Why change?

Local people agree that Aylesham has much to be proud of, but it is also widely recognised that there is room for improvement.

The village has therefore been chosen to lead the way in a regional regeneration programme called *Creating Quality Places*. This is being led by the South East England Development Agency and a national organisation called The Prince's Foundation, which promotes principles of traditional urban design and aims to put communities at the centre of the design process.

The changes which are proposed in Aylesham are about bringing new life to the village as well as ensuring that local people get the kind of homes, streets and neighbourhoods which they want for themselves and for future generations.

What is proposed?

Over the past year local people have been working alongside the *Aylesham Creating Quality Places Partnership* and specialist consultants to develop a series of proposals.

The ideas for Aylesham include:

- Building 1000 new homes on the northern edge of the village (as set out in the Local Plan) and an extra 80-100 homes in the village centre;
- Improving the Market Square and central open space to create a new heart for the village;
- An extension to the primary school; and
- Improvements to traffic management.

The exhibition which you are about to see tells you more about what has been suggested but most importantly of all, it is an opportunity for you to tell us what you think and how you would like to see Aylesham change for the better.



The Central Open Space

The open space in the centre of the village is a great asset and very important to local people.

This project could be the ideal opportunity to provide a missing 'heart' for the village with facilities that few other villages could match.

The market square could be revamped, the open space could be landscaped with paths and trees and dedicated areas could be provided for children's play, games, a wild flower meadow and open-air community events. New housing would form an attractive edge and ensure that the new parkland was overlooked and safe.

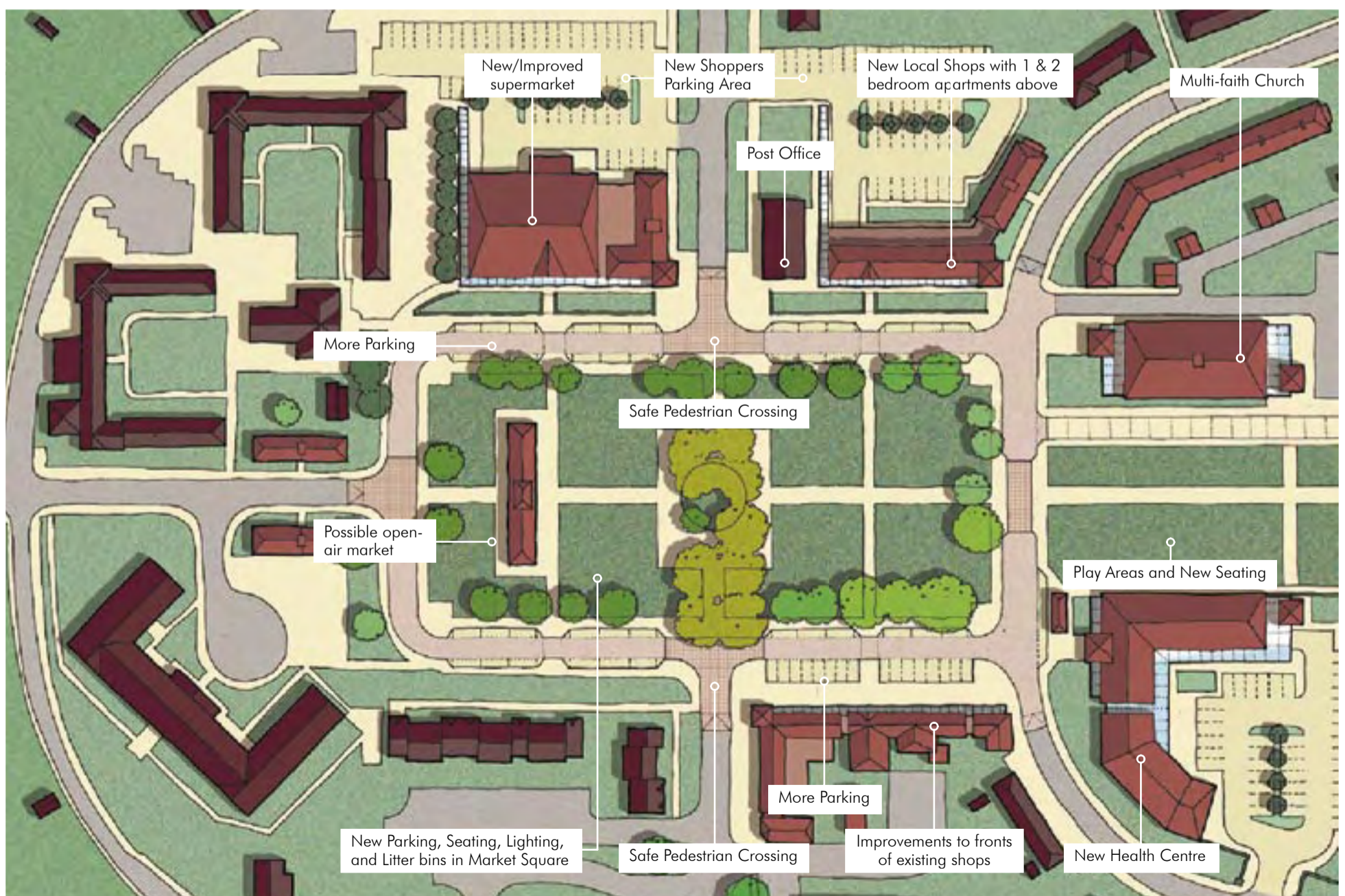
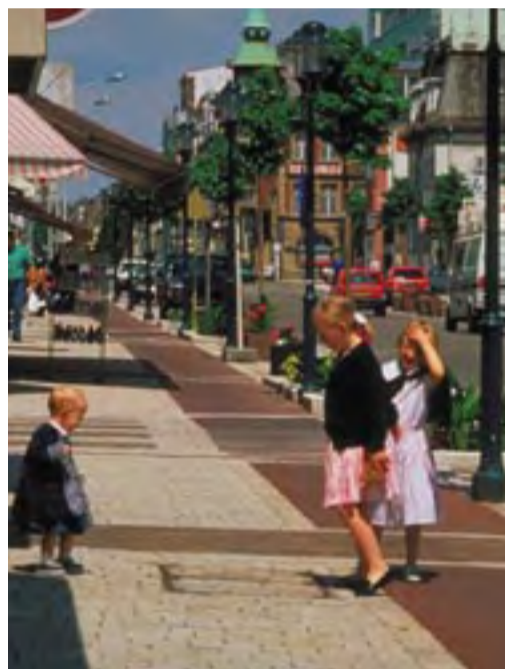


The Market Square

The Market Square will be improved to provide new shops, apartments and parking facilities.

New and improved facilities could include:

- A new and/or improved supermarket;
- 4-6 new local shops;
- Improvements to the fronts of existing shop units;
- New 1 and 2 bedroom apartments over the shops;
- More parking spaces;
- New pedestrian crossings and wider pavements;
- The removal of the hedge;
- Keeping the existing trees;
- New footpaths and park benches;
- New lighting and litter bins; and
- A new health centre.



Aylesham Primary School

As the village gets larger
Aylesham Primary School
will need to get bigger.

The proposals include:

- An extension to the existing building;
- A new sports pitch;
- An all weather sports pitch and play area, that will be available for public uses;
- A new entrance from Dorman Avenue for both pedestrians and cars; and
- A 'Walking Bus'.

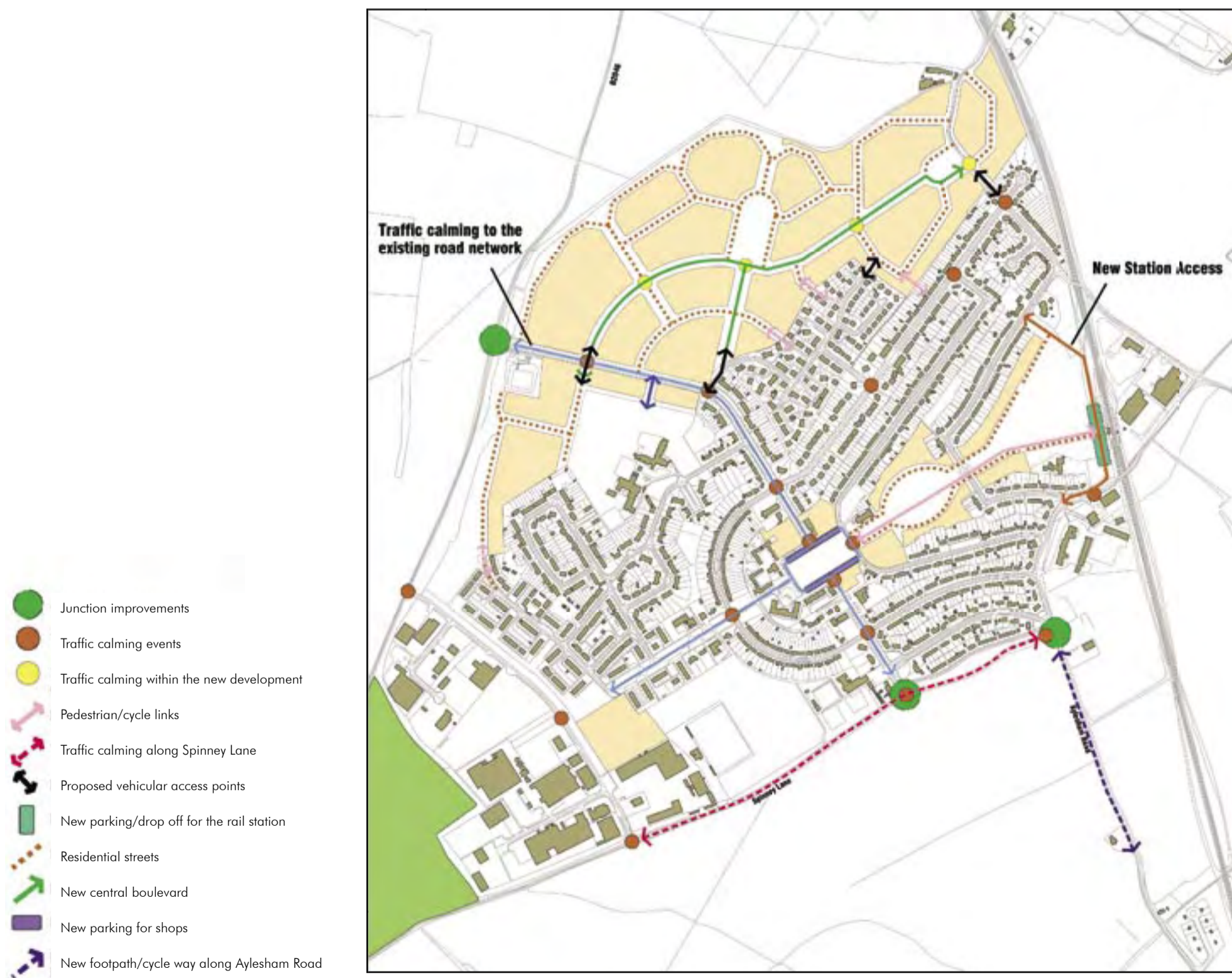


Village Traffic Improvements

There will be a number of road improvements within the village as well.

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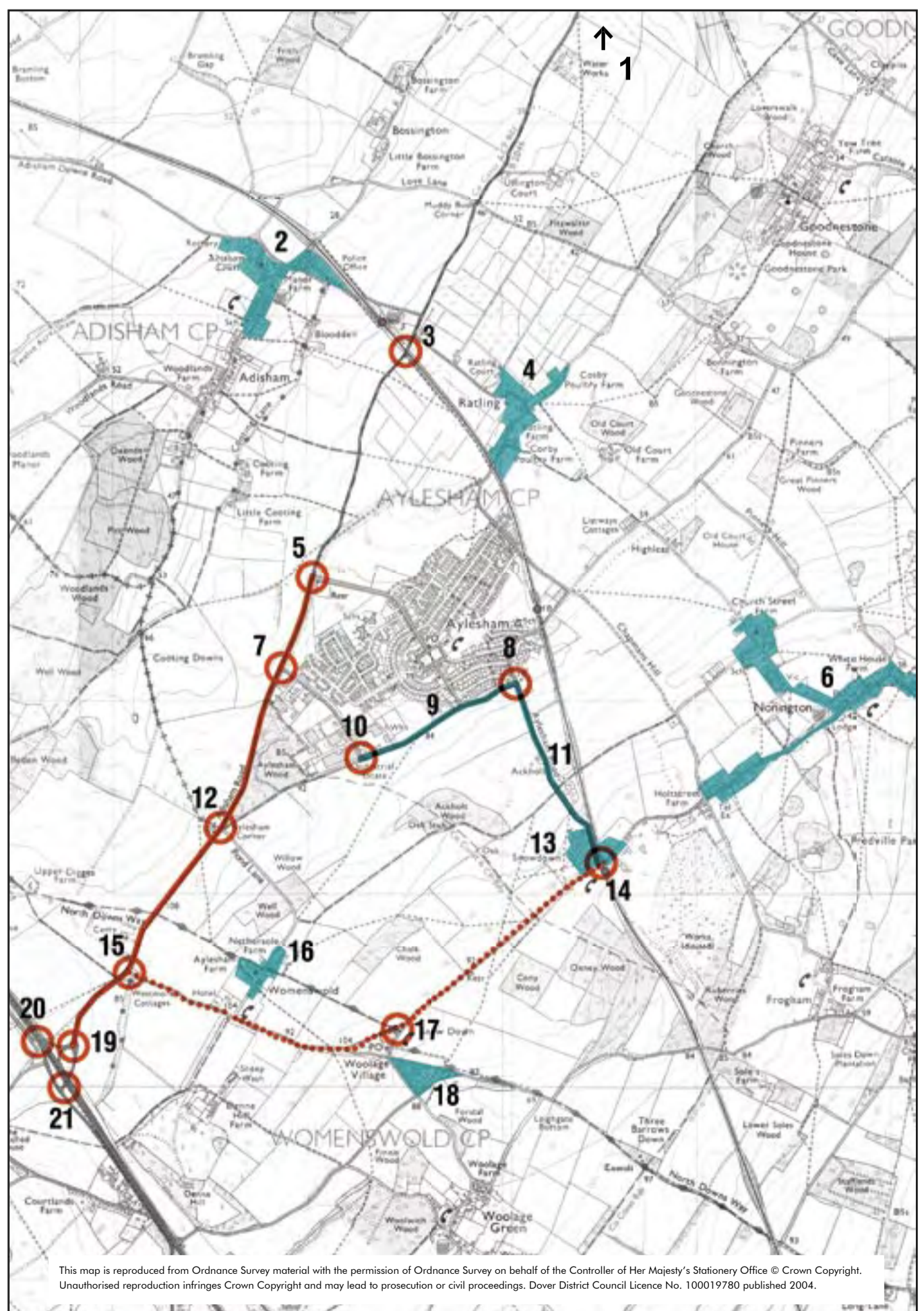
- Measures to reduce traffic speed on:
 - Dorman Avenue North and South;
 - Cornwallis Avenue;
 - Boulevard Courrieres;
 - Market Square;
 - Cooting Road; and
 - Spinney Lane.
- New pedestrian crossings in Market Square and around the primary schools;
- Improvements to Aylesham station;
- A new footpath and cycle path on Aylesham Road down to Snowdown;
- Extensive improvements and speed reductions on Spinney Lane;
- Improvements to B2046 and Dorman Avenue North;
- Improvements to Aylesham Road and Spinney lane junction; and
- Improvements to Dorman Avenue South and Spinney Lane junction.



Traffic Management

A number of road improvements are proposed to help manage extra traffic from new development at Aylesham. These will include the upgrading of the route down to the A2:

1. Traffic management scheme in Wingham village
2. Traffic management scheme in Adisham village
3. Safety improvements – skid resistant surface, slow down signs and improvements to visibility
4. Traffic Management scheme in Ratling
5. Junction improvement – roundabout or traffic lights
6. Traffic management scheme in Nonington Village
7. Junction improvement – right turn lane added
8. Junction upgrade – mini roundabout
9. Traffic calming on Spinney Lane to improve safety
10. Junction improvements
11. New footpath, cycle link to Snowdown
12. Safety improvements
13. Traffic management scheme for Snowdown
14. Bridge improvements and traffic lights
15. Junction improvements – new right turn lane
16. Traffic management scheme for Womenswold village
17. Potential change in traffic priority
18. Traffic management scheme for Woolage village
19. Junction improvement to A2/B2046 to improve safety
20. Improve slip roads onto A2 to improve safety and capacity



The improvements described above are those considered necessary if proposed development in Aylesham and the former Snowdown Colliery goes forward. Not all of the proposed transport improvements are related solely to new development at Aylesham.

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Public Consultation

Over the past year, the Aylesham Creating Quality Places Partnership* has been working with local people to help design a better future for Aylesham.

1. 24-28th March 2003

A four day design workshop and a public evening meeting held at the Aylesham and District Community Workshop;

2. 1st and 2nd June 2003

Two days of design workshops held at the Aylesham and District Community Workshop;

3. 30th June 2003

A one day workshop and public evening meeting held at the Welfare Club;

4. 27th September 2003

A public meeting with local people when the proposed position of housing around the central open space was marked out on the ground;

5. 29th March – 10th May 2004

Public consultation on a draft Masterplan, including this exhibition. The draft masterplan has been delivered to every household and business in the village with a reply paid questionnaire.

*The Partnership includes



Aylesham Parish Council



What happens next?

We will be inviting comments on these proposals up until the 10th May 2004.

The team will then review the feedback and consider how best to address the issues which you have raised before producing a final set of options for Aylesham.

This revised Masterplan will be presented to Dover District Council in June 2004 with the recommendation that it is adopted as "Supplementary Planning Guidance". This would mean that Masterplan proposals will help to guide development in the future.

If the Council agrees with what has been suggested, a final version of the "Supplementary Planning Guidance" will be issued in August 2004.

Once adopted the Guidance will be used by Dover District Council and future developers to ensure that any new development reflects the community's design objectives for Aylesham.

CONSULTATION ON THE MASTERPLAN FOR AYLESHAM	NOW
SUBMISSION OF A REVISED MASTERPLAN TO DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL	JUNE 2004
DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL TO CONSIDER MASTERPLAN AS RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE	JULY 2004
IF APPROVED, FINAL SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE ISSUED	AUGUST 2004
ONGOING DETAILED TECHNICAL WORK	MARCH 2004 - JANUARY 2005
INITIAL DEVELOPER SELECTION	LATE 2004 ONWARDS
PLANNING APPLICATIONS	2005
START CONSTRUCTION	MID 2006

These timings may change depending on the number of issues raised during the consultation.

Please tell us your views by completing the questionnaire available at this exhibition, or by writing to:

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