

Folkestone & Hythe District and Parish Councils Joint Committee

Date: 17-11-22 at 7pm

- UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)
 - Levelling Up Fund (LUF)
- Presented by :
 - Rod Lean : Chief Officer for Place and Growth

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) £2.6bn of new funding for local investment by March 2025, as part of a suite of complementary levelling up

Key UKSPF priorities are:

- Community and Place
- Supporting Local Business
- People and Skills

Revenue and capital funding – via a funding formula, not a competition.

FHDC Allocation £1,000,000 over 3 years

Investment Plan (**IP**) required, setting out districts priorities, then signed off by Central Gov to unlock allocation.

Strategic Context

- Recently adopted Corporate Plan
- Current Community dynamic re Post Covid and Cost of Living
- People centred priorities
- 41 Interventions across 3 objectives
- Interventions not all relevant to FHDC.
- Small amount of Money
- Focus on 2 main themes, Cost of living and Skills



Selected Themes



- ‘Capacity building and infrastructure support local groups’

Enhance Community Hub service re advice on reducing cost of living, hardship grants, ‘Our Food Club approach’, finance management (link to vol sector).

Benefit **Upskilling Local community on reducing the cost of living**

Improve community health

Impact **Create more resilience in vulnerable communities**

Improved diets for Children, impact on educational attainment



Selected Themes

- 'Community measure to reduce the cost of living'

Energy saving advice, fuel poverty interventions, green initiatives to help reduce the cost to residents of transitioning to a low carbon economy. Expand Bed Project, updating inefficient equipment (capital spend), Oil boiler tune ups

Benefits **Greenhouse gas reductions**

Increased take up of energy efficiency measures

Impact **reduced spend on Energy**

Reduced CO2 output



Selected Themes

- ‘Green skills /Upskilling’

Green skills targeted around ensuring we have the skilled workforce to achieve net zero and wider environmental ambitions

Aligning with other District Council’s and Linking with East Kent College to provide green skills programme

Retro fitting skills linking in with energy efficiency.

Benefits **Upskilling local workforce as industry evolves**

Reskilling local people where existing jobs are becoming automated

Preparing to create local workforce for construction opportunities ie Otterpool

Impact **Create a resilient qualified local workforce**

Enabling self employment opportunities

Ensuring local people benefit from good growth



Timeline

- April - May Develop longlist of projects /interventions for consideration
- April - June Work with Cabinet and stakeholders to develop local Investment Plan
- July Local Partnership Group established, Cabinet
- August Investment plan submitted in August 2022
- TBD Investment Plans approved and first payment to Council (note -can start to spend from April ahead of approval 'at risk').
- March 2025 Investment Plan delivery complete

Levelling Up Fund

Levelling Up Fund - Overview

- FHDC in Category 1 priority list
- FHDC can submit one bid
- Must demonstrate consultation, 'buy-in' of local stakeholders and support of MP.
- Can be a **single project** or **package of up to 3 projects** which are clearly linked
- District Councils can bid for up to a value of £20 million LUF funding
- 10% Match Funding required from public or private sector
- Need to demonstrate deliverability of projects by 31 March 2025 (March 2026 in exceptional cases) and some spend in 2022/23
- Application deadline 2nd August 22

Evolving Stages of the LUF submission

- Place Plan <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/folkestoneplaceplan>
- **6 Priority Projects**
 - Station Arrival and Town Centre Connections
 - Improved Town Centre Gateway – road layout and bus station
 - Folca, Sandgate Road and Town Centre Public Realm
 - F51 Environs and Payer Park
 - Harbour Line and Tram Road
 - Sunny Sands
- **Narrowed down to 3**
 - Station Arrival and Town Centre Connections
 - Improved Town Centre Gateway – road layout and bus station
 - Folca, Sandgate Road and Town Centre Public Realm

Folkestone & Hythe LUF Bid

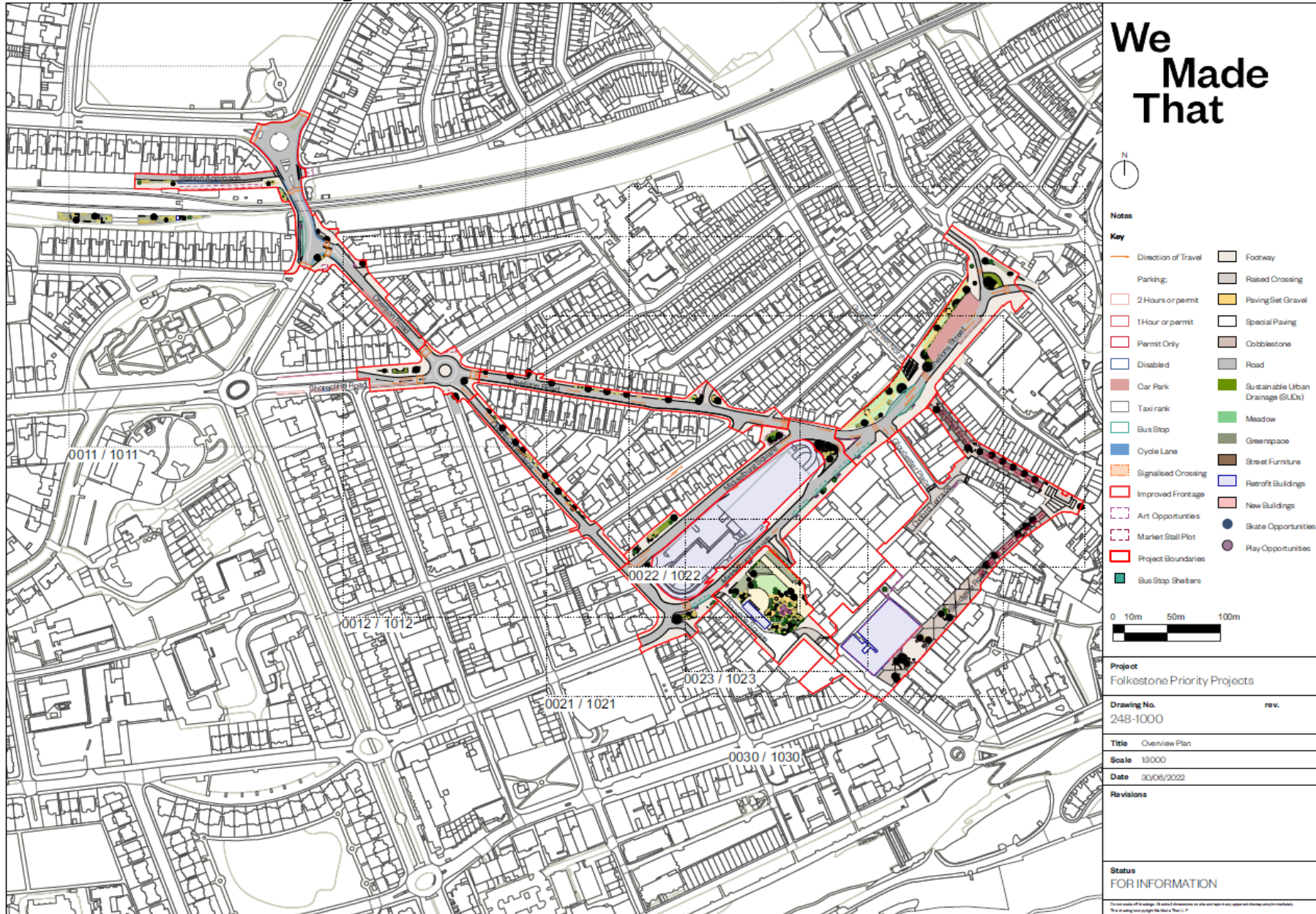
Single project called **Folkestone – A Brighter Future**

Project components include:

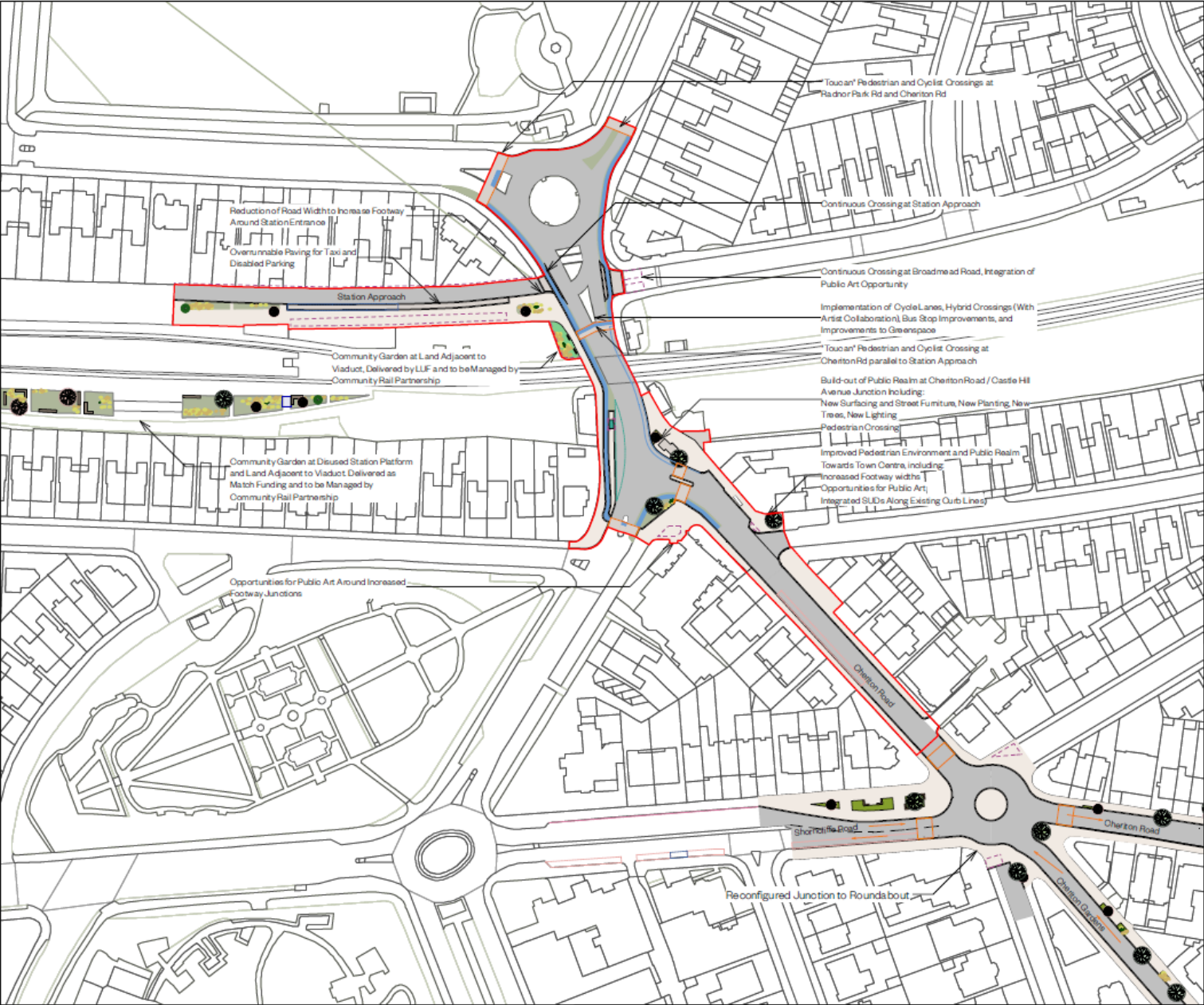
Station Arrival and Town Centre Connections	£4,246,806
Improved Town Centre Gateway – road layout and bus station	£11,690,369
Folca, Sandgate Road and Town Centre Public Realm	£6,053,735
TOTAL	£21,990,910

LUF 'ask'	£19,791,819
FHDC funding	£2,199,091

Overall Project Area



Station Arrival Plan



We Made That



Notes

Key

- Direction of Travel
- Parking: 2 Hours or permit
- 1 Hour or permit
- Permit Only
- Disabled
- Car Park
- Taxi rank
- Bus Stop
- Cycle Lane
- Art Opportunities
- Sub-area Boundaries
- Footway
- Raised Crossing
- Road
- Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDs)
- Meadow
- Planting
- Street Furniture
- Tree existing
- Tree proposed



Project: Folkestone Priority Projects

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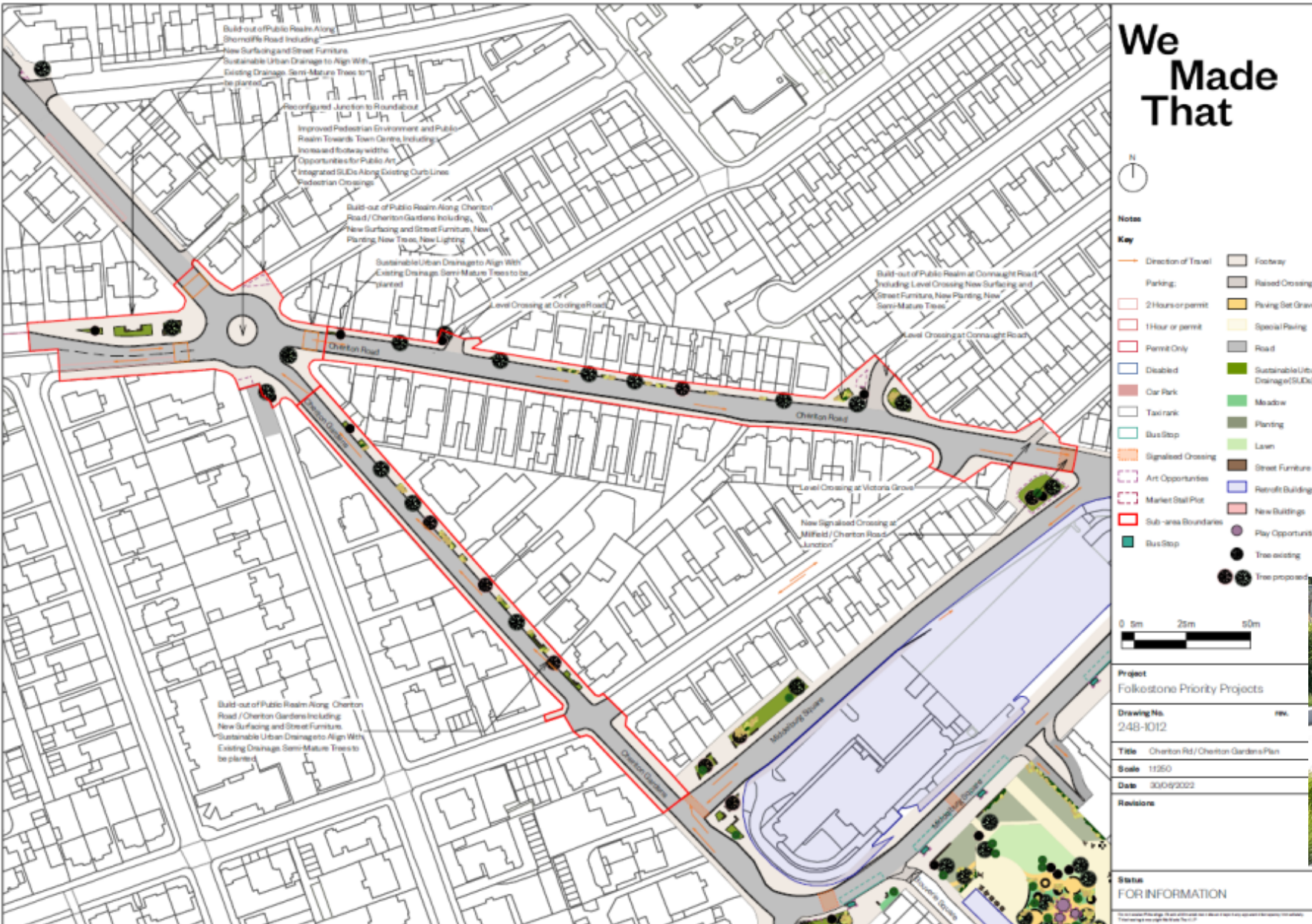
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Cheriton Road Cheriton Gardens Plan



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- Notes**
- Key**
- Direction of Travel
 - Parking: 2 Hour or permit, 1 Hour or permit, Permit Only, Disabled, Car Park, Taxi rank, Bus Stop, Signalled Crossing, Art Opportunities, Market Stall Plot, Bus Stop
 - Footway
 - Raised Crossing
 - Paving Set Gravel
 - Special Paving
 - Road
 - Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDs)
 - Meadow
 - Planting
 - Lawn
 - Street Furniture
 - Retrofit Buildings
 - New Buildings
 - Play Opportunity
 - Tree existing
 - Tree proposed

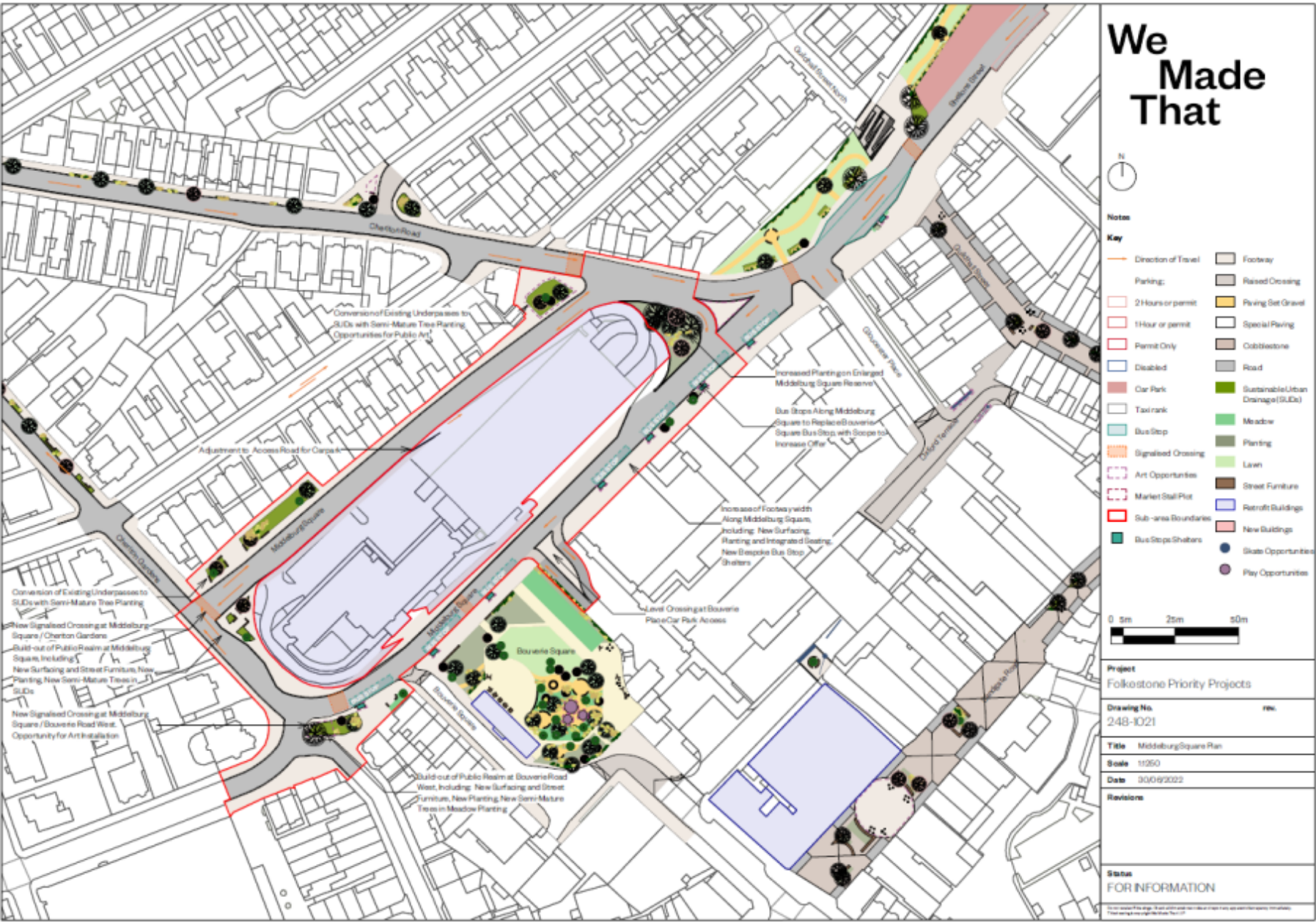


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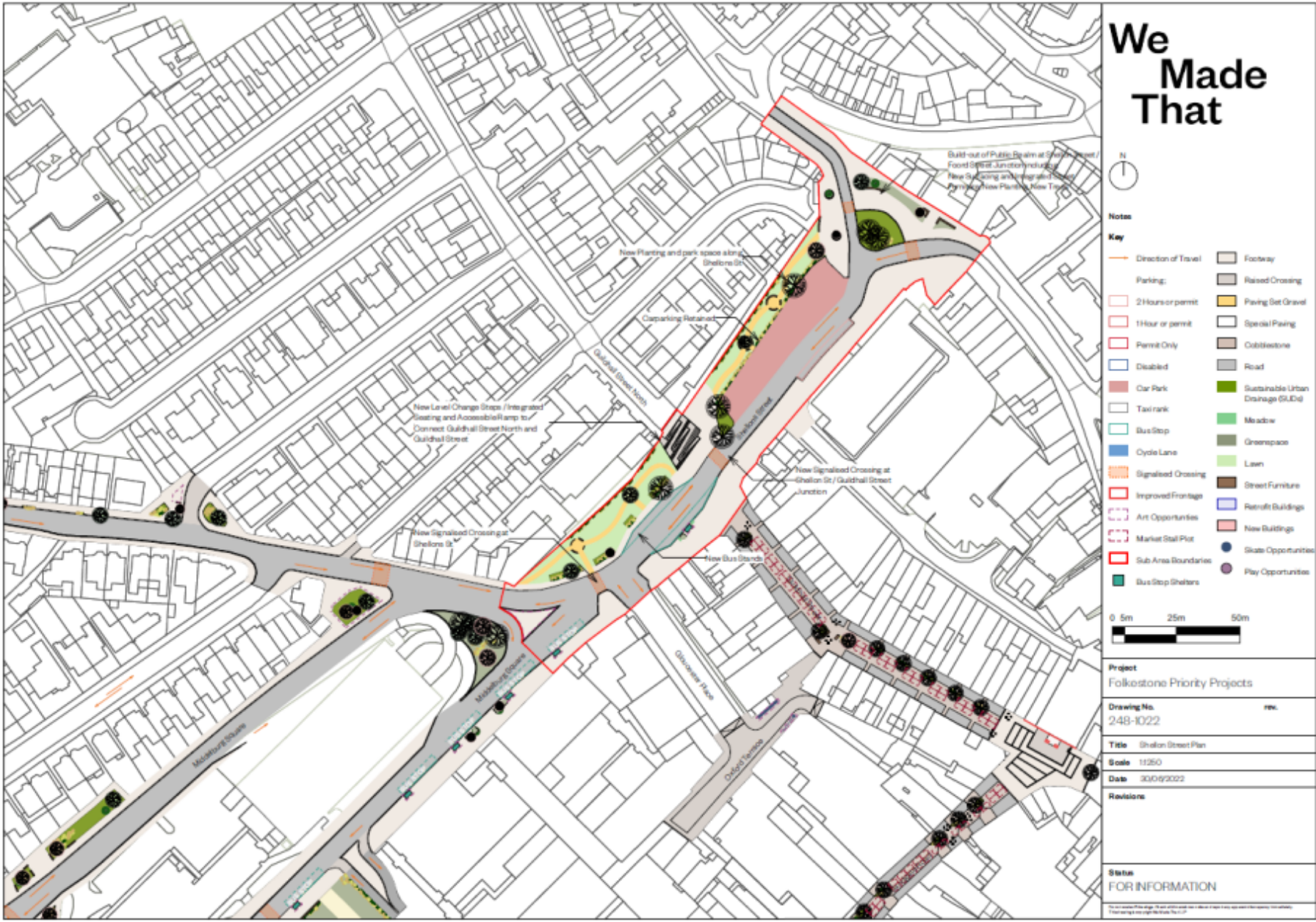
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Middelburg Square Plan



Shellon Street Plan



Sandgate Road Plan

