

Name of meeting and date: 16 JUNE 2009

Title of report:

MAJOR BID WALLS PROGRAMME: A6024 WOODHEAD ROAD,
HOLMBRIDGE - RETAINING WALL ADJACENT BAND ROOM

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Yes. Scheme value could exceed £250k
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	Yes – April 2009
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	Yes
Cabinet member portfolio:	REGENERATION, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

Electoral wards affected and ward councillors consulted:

HOLME VALLEY SOUTH

(Cllr Donald Firth, Cllr Kenneth Sims and Cllr Nigel Patrick)

Public or private:

PUBLIC

1. Purpose of report

For cabinet to consider proposals to rebuild a highway retaining wall as part of a wider programme of proactive wall reconstruction works throughout Kirklees. The options in this report outline the potential impact of the works on local residents, businesses and other road users.

This is a key decision in line with the Council constitution as the scheme value is likely to exceed £250,000.00.

2. Key points

2.1 Background

- 2.1.1 Kirklees Council highway structures section recently secured major funding from the Department for Transport to reconstruct highway burr and retaining walls identified as being in need of proactive repair work.
- 2.1.2 Inspections were undertaken to identify such walls and these have since been prioritised for reconstruction work, currently programmed up to December 2010.

- 2.1.3 Historically, such walls have been repaired on a reactive basis, when they have failed resulting in the highway collapsing causing immediate disruption and understandable safety concerns for road users.
- 2.1.4 This section of wall has been identified on the A6024 Woodhead Road through Holmbridge village. The retaining wall is approximately 60m long and 2.5m high. The wall retains land owned by a private landowner. The reconstruction work is currently programmed to commence early August 2009 for approximately 11 weeks duration.

2.2 Options

- 2.2.1 Site investigation work will determine the best possible design solution to reconstruct the wall. Whichever reconstruction method is selected, one lane of the A6024 would need to be closed and temporary traffic signals would control traffic. This would ensure the A6024 could remain open throughout the works. A temporary pedestrian walkway will be erected in the land opposite the wall to assist pedestrians around the works.
- 2.2.2 The A6024 is readily used by buses (serving Holme village) and heavy goods vehicles. A road closure was not considered an option as the diversion route would be impractical for buses and HGVs to use due to topography of the land and the constrictive widths of the alternative roads in the vicinity. This road is also part of a current diversion route due to a road closure for a Yorkshire Water scheme at Yateholme reservoir.
- 2.2.3 The key issues are the implications of the works on local residents and businesses and also the effect on other road users. Adjacent to the wall is Holme Band Room which operates as a pre-school nursery during term time and is used on some weekday evenings. There is no off road parking in the vicinity of the works so the only option is for people to park on the highway outside their premises as is happening currently. Due to the space required for the queuing lane of the traffic lights, vehicles would need to be moved to an alternative location to minimise congestion. Current options to resolve this are:
- **Option 1 (Appendix A, Plan 1)** – Implement a traffic management zone over the extents of the wall consequently preventing parking on the highway at either side of the works. Inconvenience to residents will be greater but the delay to road users will be less.
 - **Option 2 (Appendix A, Plan 2)** - Extend the length of the traffic management zone (i.e. the distance between traffic signal heads) so that parking is permitted within the traffic management area. Inconvenience to residents will be less but the delay to road users will be greater.
 - **Option 3 (Appendix A, Plan 3)** – As Option 2 but reduce the length of the traffic management zone. This would mean that only some of the residents and local businesses would be inconvenienced but would to some extent minimise delays to road users.

2.3 Proposed Cost

The results of site investigation work will determine the desired solution for reconstruction. It is anticipated that the work could potentially cost up to £350,000.00.

2.4 Timescale

Works are currently programmed to commence early August 2009 for 11-12 weeks duration, depending on the chosen reconstruction method.

3. Implications for the Council

These works will ensure the stability and safety of the highway network for all road users and local residents.

4. Consultees and their opinions

4.1 Overall major bid programme comments:-

Cllr David Sheard, Joint cabinet member for Highways and Transportation said: *"There just hasn't been this level of investment before. In some areas walls have failed and the roads collapsed, for example Barnsley road a couple of years ago. Highways have worked hard to identify problem areas and then bring the money into Kirklees from a central pot to fund the repairs"*.

4.2 Scheme specific comments: -

Holme Valley South Cllrs have been consulted. It was suggested that a public meeting should be held inviting affected residents and businesses to identify the preferred option.

A public consultation meeting was held on 4 June 2009. From the responses received it appears that Option 2 is the most favourable amongst residents.

5. Officer recommendations and reasons

That Cabinet approve the scheme for the reconstruction of the highway retaining wall in Holmbridge.

After consultation the preferred option (Option 2) has been agreed at local level. The detailed planning and implementation of this option will be done at local level.

6. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation

I support the officer recommendation.

7. Next steps

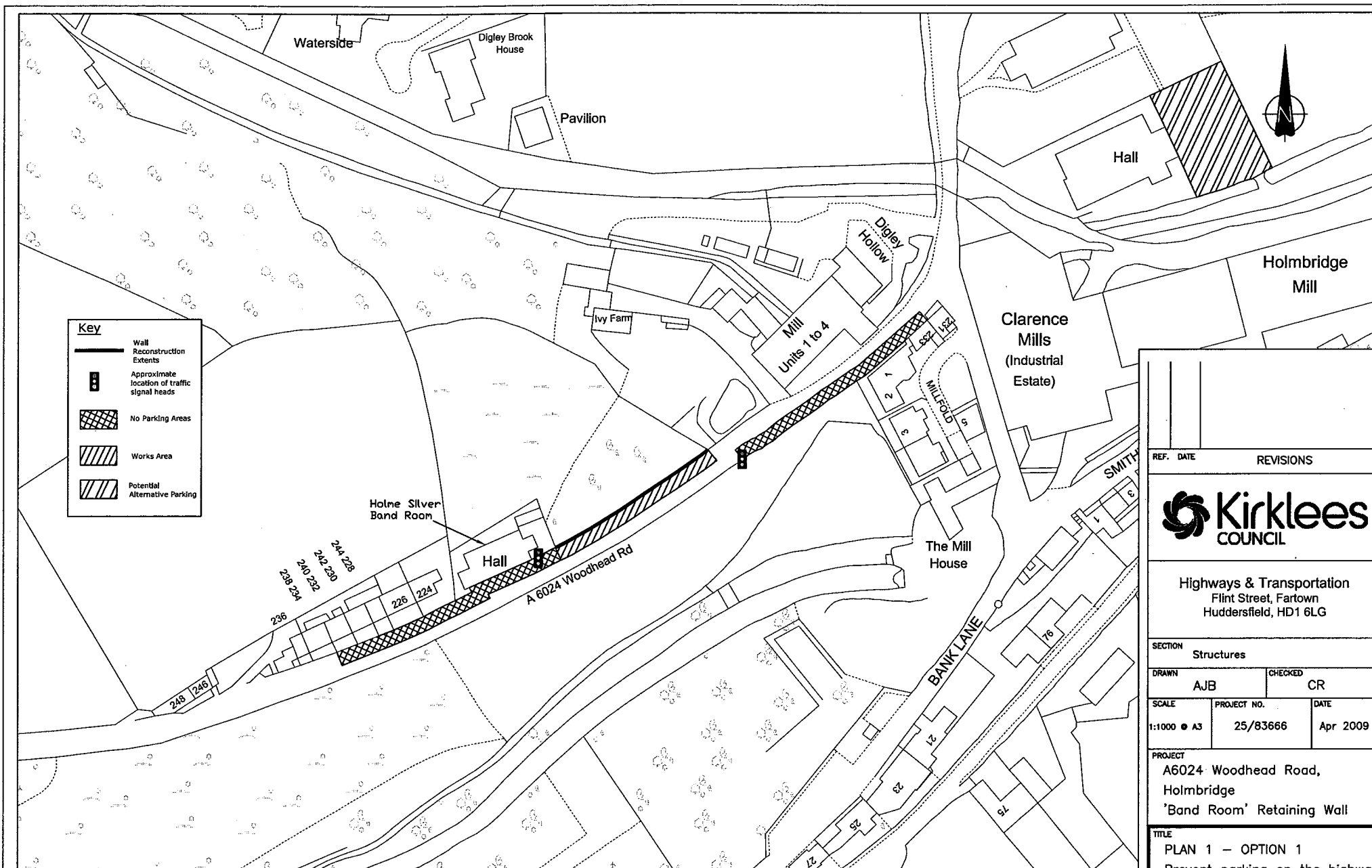
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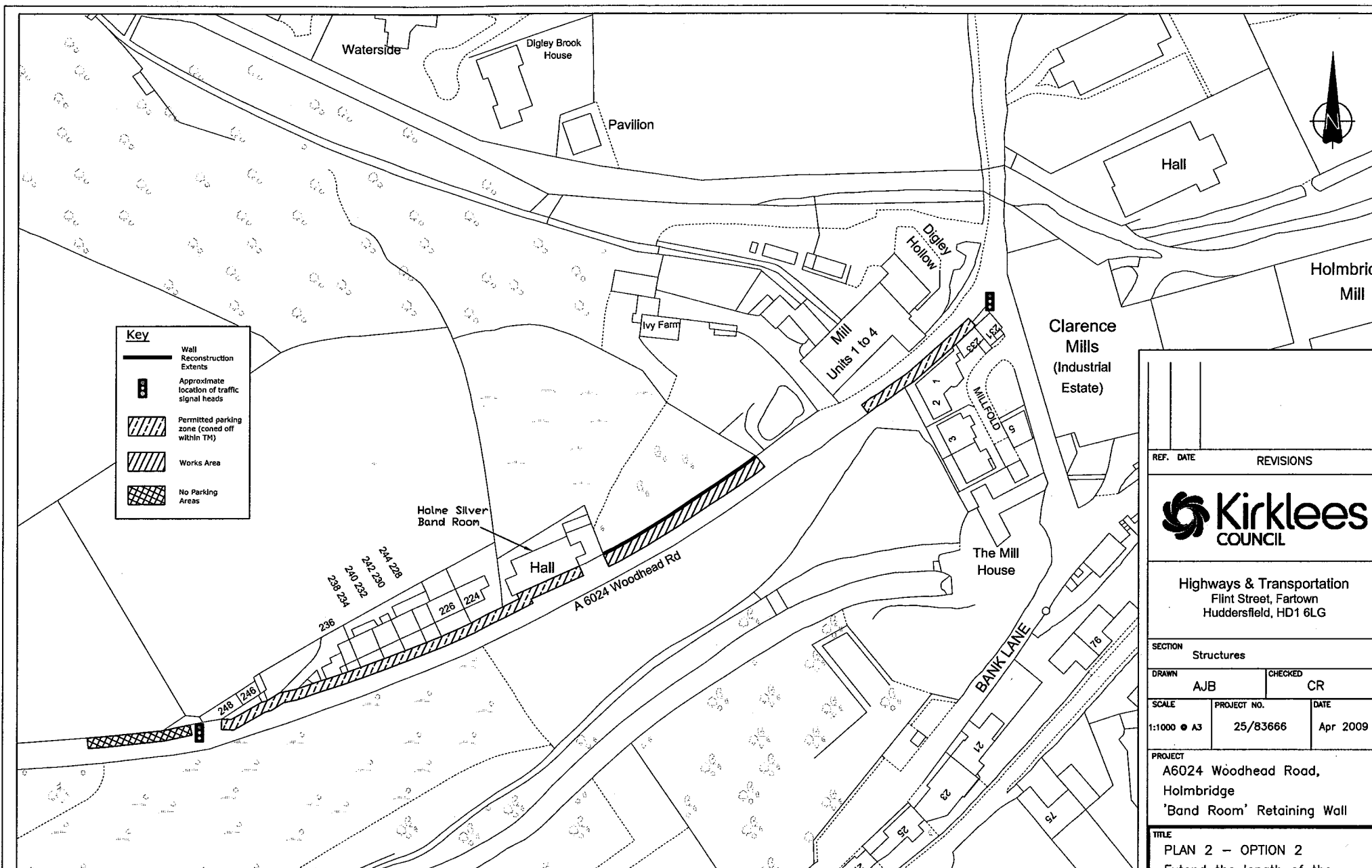
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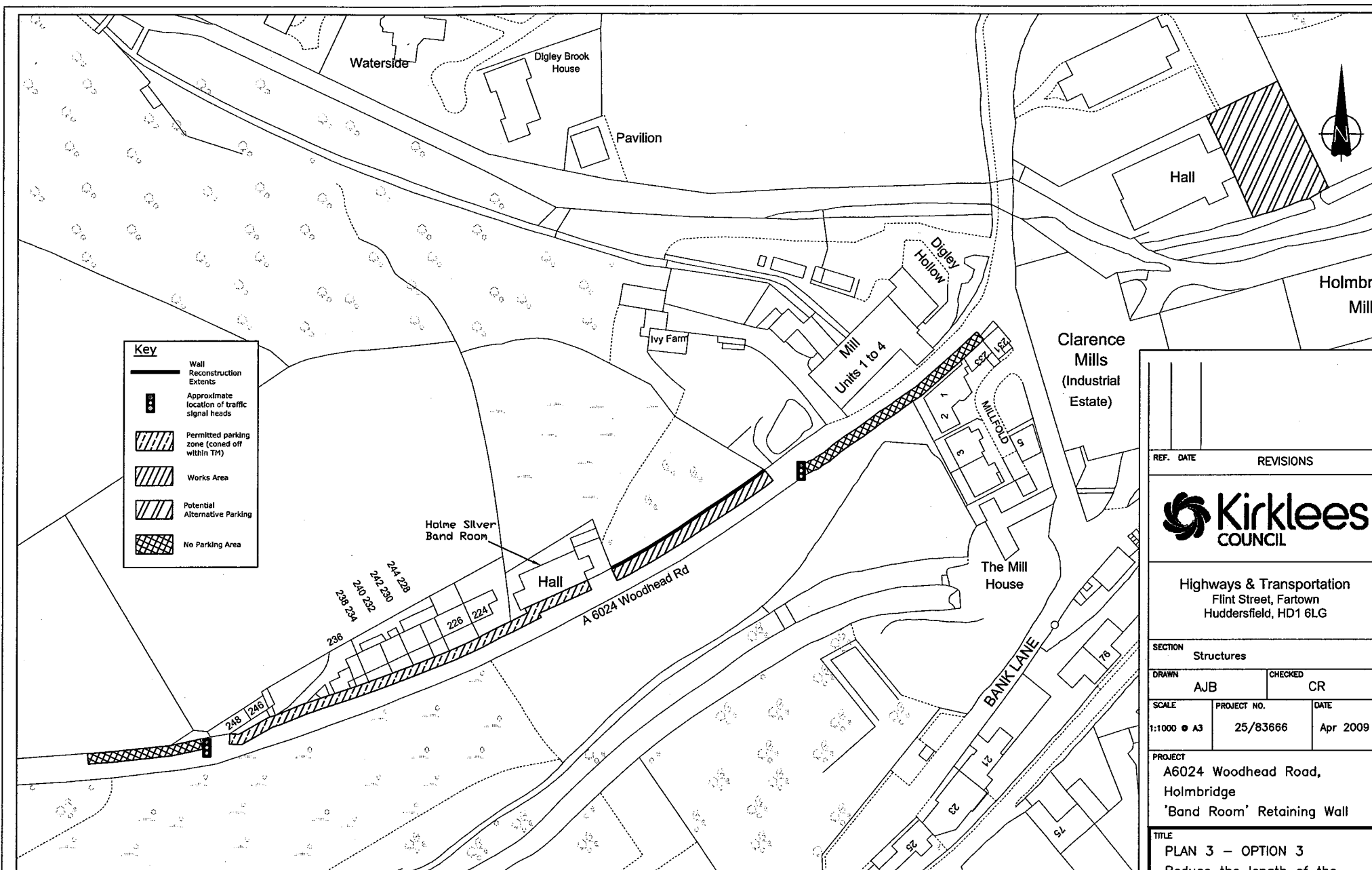
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