

A281 Downs Link Crossing Proposal



Context

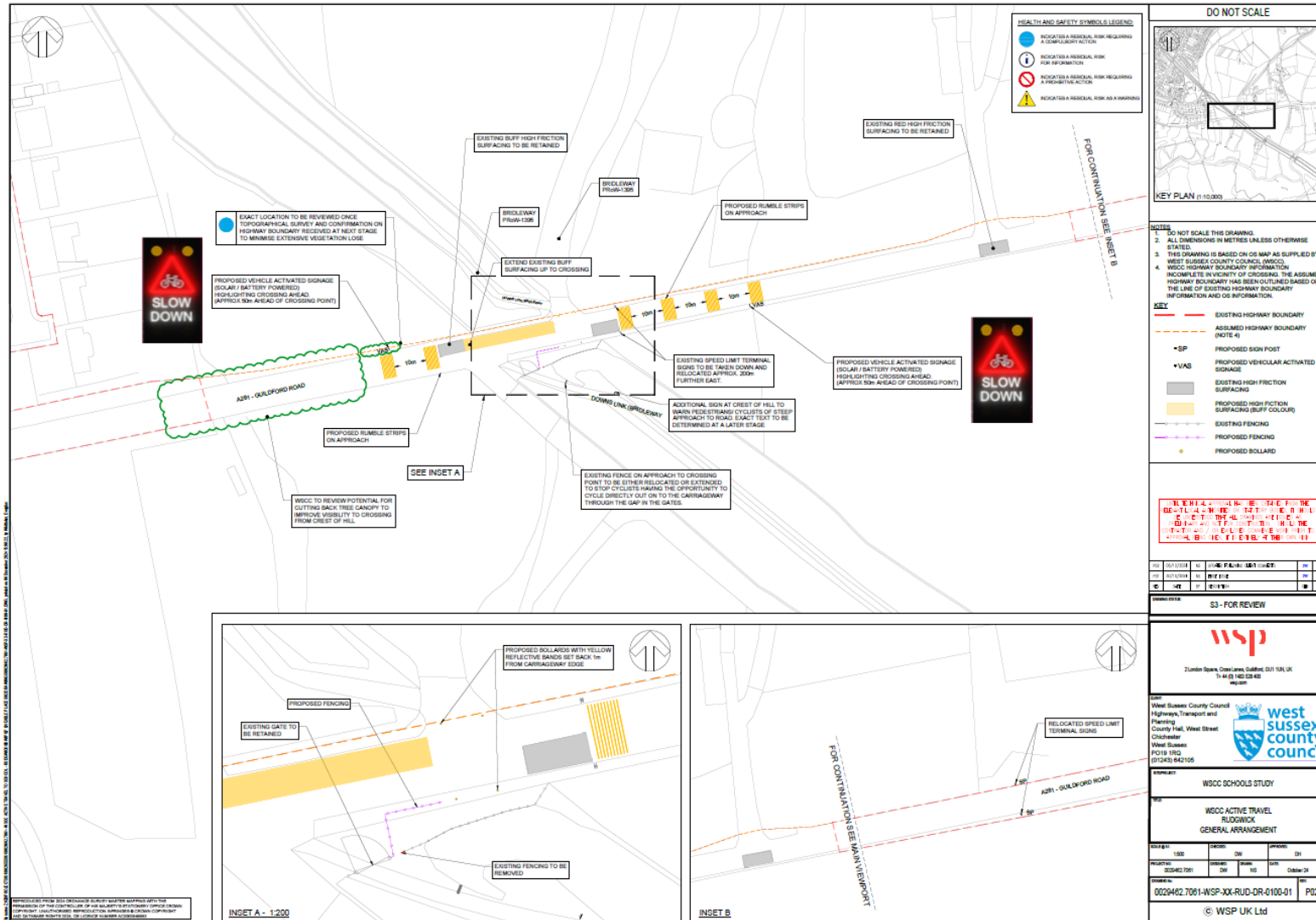


- WSCC is committed to delivering this improvement for the Rudgwick community and users of the Downs Link
- Previous feasibility has been conducted at this site and has ruled out a bridge and a formalised crossing
- This scheme is in our Annual Delivery Plan for detailed design in this financial year (25/26)
- The proposed design is only a concept design and is subject to change following engagement with the Parish, residents, and other stakeholders
- The final design must adhere to the guidance set out in LTN1/20, the 'WSCC Speed Limit Policy' and the 'Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) CD 143: Designing for walking, cycling and horse-riding' where possible
- WSCC propose the use of S106 agreement DC/2917/16 to fund this scheme. Without Parish approval for this, the timescale for delivery of this scheme may be delayed. The total cost of this scheme is approximately £69,000.

The Proposed Design



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Summary of Proposed Design



- Vehicle activated signage on westbound and eastbound carriageway
- Vegetation clearance (subject to arboricultural studies) to improve visibility
- Rumble strips and high-friction surfacing on approaches to the crossing point
- There will need to be some kind of resurfacing to bring the existing surface to standard
- Existing national speed limit to be moved 200m further east
- Existing fence to be realigned/extended subject to consultation with Riverside Farm and WSCC Public Rights of Way and Countryside team
- Bollards with reflective on either side of crossing
- Additional sign at crest of hill on southern bridleway to warn pedestrians/ cyclists of steep approach to road.

Design Queries



- We are aware of concerns around the use of rumble strips and high-friction surfacing, as well as the proposed fence line. Our engineers are looking at this and we will be able to feedback their comments at a later date.
- We know the Parish would like to see a 'Downs Link Crossing' sign and this can be discussed in more detail as part of the ongoing engagement we continue to have with you over the coming months.
- When the next iteration of the design is ready, we will share this with the Parish council for further comments.