

**North Yorkshire County Council**  
**Business and Environmental Services**

**Executive Members**

**23 August 2019**

**Winter Gritting Routes 2019/20**

**Report of the Assistant Director – Highways and Transportation**

**1.0 Purpose Of Report**

- 1.1 To enable the Corporate Director Business and Environmental Services (BES), in conjunction with BES Executive Members to consider requests for amendments to the Winter Maintenance Service.

**2.0 Background**

- 2.1 In accordance with the County Council procedure for winter maintenance, requests for additions or reductions to the Winter Maintenance service are considered by the Corporate Director – BES in conjunction with BES Executive Members prior to the commencement of winter operations.
- 2.2 Requests for amendments to the winter gritting routes have been compiled and are presented in Appendix A. No requests were received for the Richmondshire or Selby Districts.

**3.0 Proposed Action**

- 3.1 Amend treatment routes where approved by the Corporate Director, Business and Environmental Services in conjunction with BES Executive Members.

**4.0 Equalities Implications**

- 4.1 Consideration has been given to the potential for any adverse equality impacts arising from the recommendation. It is the view of officers that the recommendation does not have an adverse impact on any of the protected characteristics identified in the Equalities Act 2010 and a copy of the completed decision that “Equalities Impact Assessment is not required” form is included as Appendix B.

**5.0 Financial Implications**

- 5.1 The additional costs of increased gritting will need to be catered for within the existing winter service budget and winter reserve funds.

**6.0 Legal Implications**

- 6.1 There are no legal implications with these proposals.

**7.0 Recommendation**

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Corporate Director BES, in conjunction with BES Executive Members consider the attached requests for amendments to the current service in line with the County Council's Policy and uniformity of service across the County.

BARRIE MASON  
Assistant Director – Highways & Transportation

Author of Report: Nigel Smith

Background Documents: None

Area	Item	Requested by (and contact details)	Change Requested	Officer Comments	Officer Recommend	Member Approved
2	1	Emma Hay	<p>I wish to express my concern over road gritting on our stretch of road. Postcode YO61 1QN. My daughter gets the school bus to Alne primary and recently with the cold weather the bus appears unsafe to drive down this part of the route.</p> <p>According to the online gritting routes to is one of the few roads ungritted. I have lived here 8 years and this is only become a problem as my daughter travels to school on the bus. Putting your 4 year old in the hands of a bus driver is A massive step in itself regardless of added worry that the road is extremely slippy.</p> <p>It is used a cut through for traffic coming off the toll bridge and commuters cutting through to surrounding areas. The other villages are gritted however.</p> <p>Upon speaking to school and other families whose children pass through the village on the bus route the problem has been highlighted and in my opinion needs addressing asap.</p> <p>I am aware gritting routes are pre planned in summer but hope a request can be addressed for the current winter to protect the children on the bus route and other vehicles. I have watched many cars be cautious on this stretch of road and hope this can be sorted.</p> <p>Kind regards Emma Hay</p>	<p>Currently a Priority 3 route. Category 4b</p> <p>To treat this road would be inconsistent with the approach elsewhere in the County.</p> <p>Treatment on the basis that this is a school bus route would require a change in policy. Including the amendment within an existing Priority 2 route would add at least 4.2km.</p>	No	

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2	2	<p>Alison Pollock Parish Clerk Aldwark Area Parish Council</p>	<p>This road is the main commuter route here but does not get gritting by the lorries. We are receiving complaints from residents and are aware of recent accidents, hence the depletion of the existing grit supplies.</p> <p>How could we go about asking for this road to be added to the gritting routes in future please?</p> <p>Many thanks Alison Pollock</p> <p>Parish Clerk</p>	See request 1	No	
2	3	Area 2 Highway Office	Operational request due to change in road network.	<p>As part of Route 3s the gritter travelled along from the centre of Brompton along Northallerton Road to Stone Cross roundabout. The road network has changed as a new link road which opened in April 2019 has been constructed between Northallerton Road and A684 Stokesley Road.</p> <p>A new priority junction has been introduced on Northallerton Road to the new link road meaning that there is no through access south to along to Stone Cross roundabout and vehicles must turn east onto the new link road towards the A684.</p> <p>It is recommended that the new link road is gritted.</p> <p>It is also recommended that the length of Northallerton Road between Stone Cross roundabout is not gritted as this</p>	Yes	



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				stretch of Northallerton Road is essentially a no through road.		
3	4	Fryup resident	<p>Add the road into and out of Fryupdale onto the Priority one or two network.</p> <p>The letter sent by Mr Farr, dated 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 is attached.</p>	<p>The hamlet of Fryup is not of sufficient size to be added to the Priority two network. To add Fryup to the Priority Two network would set a precedent for other similar sized hamlets, which would, in turn, result in the need to expand the gritting fleet and/or alterations to the Winter Service policy</p>	No	

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4	5	Settrington Parish Council	<p>“As the Scagglethorpe/Settrington/North Grimston route is now a main road ‘rat-run’ for HGVs, <u>upgrade its gritting status from Priority 2 to Priority 1</u>, because the increased morning HGV traffic typically peaks at the same time as staff, dropping-off parents and pedestrian children are commuting to Settrington primary school, and the road has not been gritted by then”.</p>	<p>The HGV restriction over the railway level cross crossing was made permanent in July with a view to reviewing it once the Malton and Norton traffic model has been completed and interrogated. Therefore, it is possible that the restriction over the level crossing could be removed in the near future. It is my opinion that the route should remain a Priority 2 until the HGV restriction is finally determined. To change it now may mean the decision needs to be reversed in 12 months’ time.</p>	No	
5	6	<p>Parish Clerk on behalf of Grassington Parish Council</p> <p>Louise Close</p>	<p>Moor Lane, Grassington</p> <p>‘This road is not gritted in winter and children attend playschool making it treacherous conditions Please can this be added to the gritting route. Town Hall car park to Town Hall.’</p>	<p>Already P3 road to a dead end and a grit bin is already in position for the section from the Town Hall to the Car park</p>	No	
5	7	<p>Louise Coverdale Parish Clerk</p>	<p>There was a meeting of Lothersdale Parish Council last Thursday and it was advised that there had been a number of incidents on White Hill Lane in the pre-Christmas icy weather. I have been asked to contact you to request that White Hill Lane be part of your gritting programme going forward.</p> <p>I would be grateful if you would advise if this is possible?</p>	<p>Class 4b already a P3 road, supplemented with salt heaps.</p>	No	

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5	8	Greatwood Community Primary School	<p>Pinhaw Road, Skipton</p> <p>'Head Jonelle has called as wanting to request Pinhaw Road, Skipton to be added to grit route if at all possible as they may have an impact on the school closing due to weather conditions.'</p>	Already on P2 route (previously requested and turned down)	No	
5	9	Anonymous	<p>Various Bradley</p> <p>We have received a call in the Customer Service Centre from Anonymous caller, regarding a new gritting route from Skipton Road on to Aire Valley Drive, Ings Drive, and Ings Lane. Vehicles are using this route more often to miss the congestion in Low Bradley this is a concern as there are many corners and a steep hill.</p>	Does not meet criteria, allegedly being used as a 'rat run'. The main route through village, which they are avoiding is a P1.	No	
5	10	Stirton/Thorlby Meeting	<p>Request raised at meeting to James Malcolm Area Manager</p>	<p>Attached is a plan showing the P1 and p2 routes in and around Stirton and a plan of SK12 which shows how the P2 routes are treated.</p> <p>There is possibly an argument to remove the little link road into the village. Stirton Lane</p> <p>The link road would still be driven as it is used to get to the rest of the route, also a bin would then be required at the junction with the A65 but the verges are that narrow here that a bin would become a hazard.</p>	No	

				<p>Stirton Lane is Cat 4a and is 553m long          Andy has observed is that by removing the link road, it would still have to be driven as part of the remaining P2 route and we would create a road safety hazard that isn't already there by introducing a grit bin, as a requirement of any potential amendment.</p>		
6	11	<p>Cllr. Zoe Metcalfe          Cllr. Robert Windass          Andrew Jones MP          Brearton Parish Council          Clare Gray – Parish Clerk</p>	<p><b>Request for main route in and out of Brearton to be a P2 gritting route.</b></p> <p>We have one main route in and out of Brearton village which incorporates a steep slope and during bad weather the road becomes inaccessible meaning vulnerable villagers are left without support.</p> <p>Our main concern is for vulnerable villagers who rely on daily care and support from specially trained health professionals often twice or more a day. During the last spell of bad weather the healthcare professionals were unable to gain access to the village down the slope and therefore could not attend to their clients urgent needs.</p> <p>As this is our only access route in and out of the village we are asking you to include Brearton on your schedule of planned gritting routes where the gritting vehicle will</p>	<p>This is not a through route and relatively flat. Brearton is smaller than many untreated housing estates in our Area.</p>	No	

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			<p>operate and if severe snowfall where a snow plough could clear the road. The road is no more than two miles long and Brearton is in close proximity to Scotton which is already included on your planned gritting route ( purple line) and Nidd, High Moor Lane / Brearton Lane (green route) so the additional time cost and salt needed will be minimal.</p> <p>As a village we have some of the highest Council tax banding in the area and feel this is a minimum we should now request to safeguard our elderly and vulnerable residents lives.</p> <p>We would want this to be a green gritting route as per your website map to provide “access to local communities “ and not classed as “a country lane which is only gritted if conditions last over 72 hours and resources allow” as this could be a matter of life or death in that time scale.</p>			
6	13	Jamie Warden, Allerton Park	<p>Allerton Park recycling site - Gritting route detour - Route goes through A168 - request to do a loop round the Allerton Park waste recycling site - an additional km as they take all Harrogate BC bin lorries and waste.</p>	No this is not something we can facilitate, not public highway.	No	

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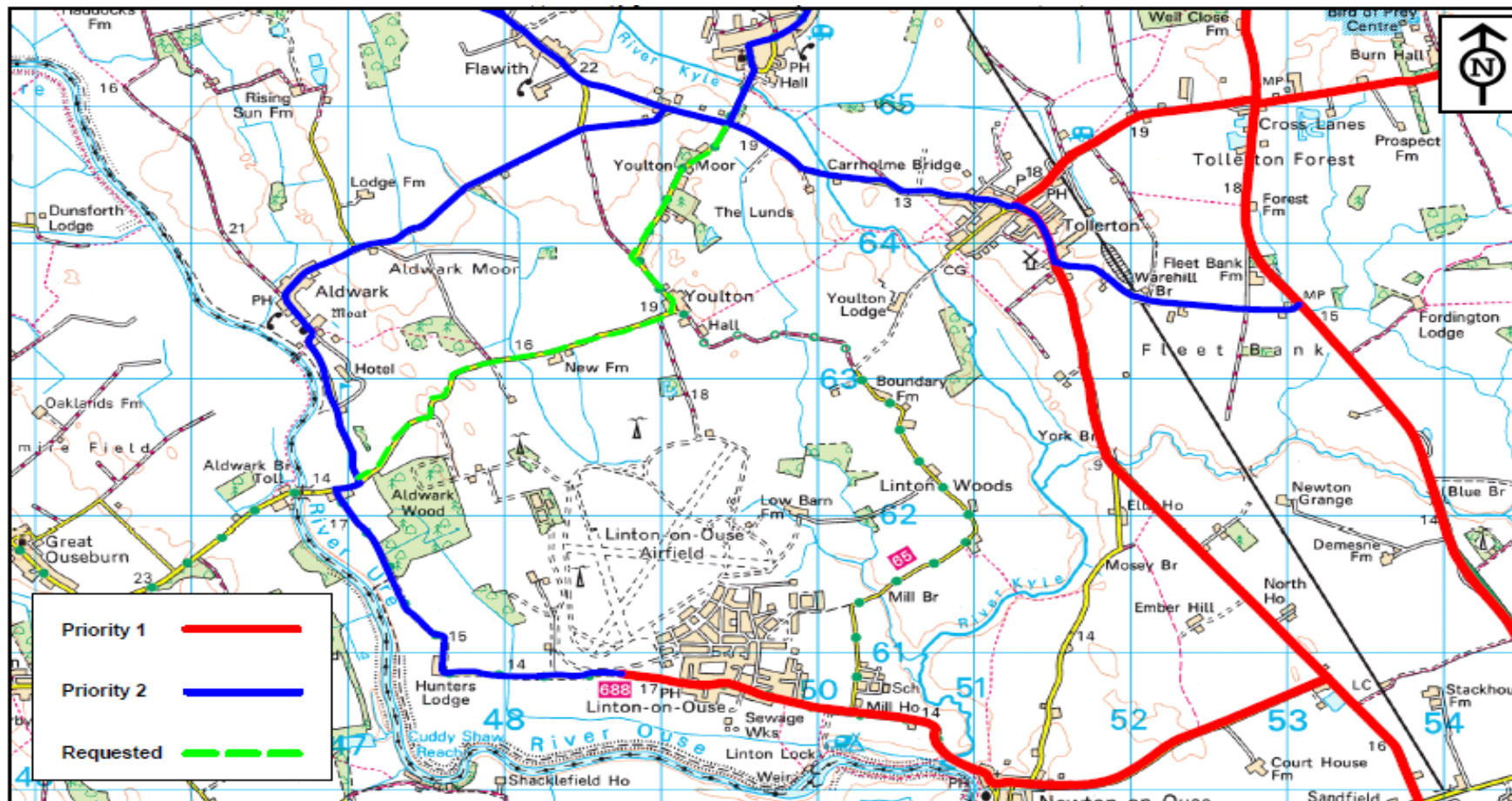
6	14	Gordon Milne – Area 6	Millfield Street, Pateley Bridge - As the Ambulance Station is at the end of Millfield Street, has this been considered in any assessments (it's not on a P1 or 2).	Historically Millfield Street had the Highways gritting operations running out of it which meant that it was gritted on an adhoc basis when gritters accessed and egressed the depot. The street is flat, straight and close to P1 and P2 routes. It would not even pass a grit bin assessment.	No	
6	15	Andrew Jones MP	Northern Energy, Energy House, Hampsthwaite, Hampsthwaite Head, Harrogate HG3 2HT  Gritting from the village to the site entrance – With many vehicles, including HGVs, leaving the site the directors would like the road between the business and the village to be gritted. It is not gritted at present	Grit bins on the High Street. Not the priority route.	No	
6	16	Tracey Dawson Clerk to Bewerley Parish Council  Cllr. Stan Lumley in support	B6265 Bewerley footpaths The parishioners in the village of Bewerley are predominantly elderly and Bewerley Parish Council would be very grateful if gritting of the steep paths and road from the village down into Pateley Bridge by quad bike gritters could be put in place during cold icy weather. The B6265 is a priority route and therefore always well-gritted, however, as it has no pavements, pedestrians use the unnamed road down past Rashdyke and the auction mart.  The Council is very aware of the pressures placed on Area 6, especially at this time of year, and	Supportive of extending the footpath gritting in snow and ice to link from Park View Stores on B6265 from Bridge House Gate back to Pateley Bridge but no further.	Y to the footpath extension.	

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			would therefore appreciate any assistance that could be given to reduce the risk to its parishioners.			
6	17	Cllr. Andy Paraskos	Could you please look at adding Spofforth Lane and Ribston road in Little Ribston to the gritting route, this week alone 2 cars have had accidents due to ice. But the main reason is it that these roads are the route that the school bus uses.	No this has not seen a significant change over recent years to justify this as an additional route	No	
6	18	Robin Watson Chairman Upper Nidderdale Parish Council  Cllr. Stan Lumley in support	Road from Lofthouse to Healey At the Parish Council meeting last night, a number of complaints were made about the road from Lofthouse to Healey which is treacherous in snow and ice.  The roads are gritted through Lofthouse and gritting stops at the cattle grid (Grid Reference SE 11898 75463). In the other direction the gritting stops at another cattle grid (Grid Reference SE14320 77893)  There is a steep hill in between and a number of accidents have occurred at Grid Reference SE12910 76201 by drivers losing control on snow and ice.	No. The route has salt heaps and residents of Lofthouse and Healey can use Priority 2 gritted routes back to Pateley Bridge and Masham respectively.	No	

Winter Amendment Requests 2019/20

**Area 1 County request 1 & 2**



 **North Yorkshire County Council**  
 Business & Environmental Services  
 Corporate Director: David Bowe  
 Highways North Yorkshire  
 Barrie Mason, Assistant Director, Highways

Winter Maintenance Route Amendment Requests for 2019 - 2020  
 Request 1 & 2 - Youlton

Area 2 Thirsk
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Date:- July 2019
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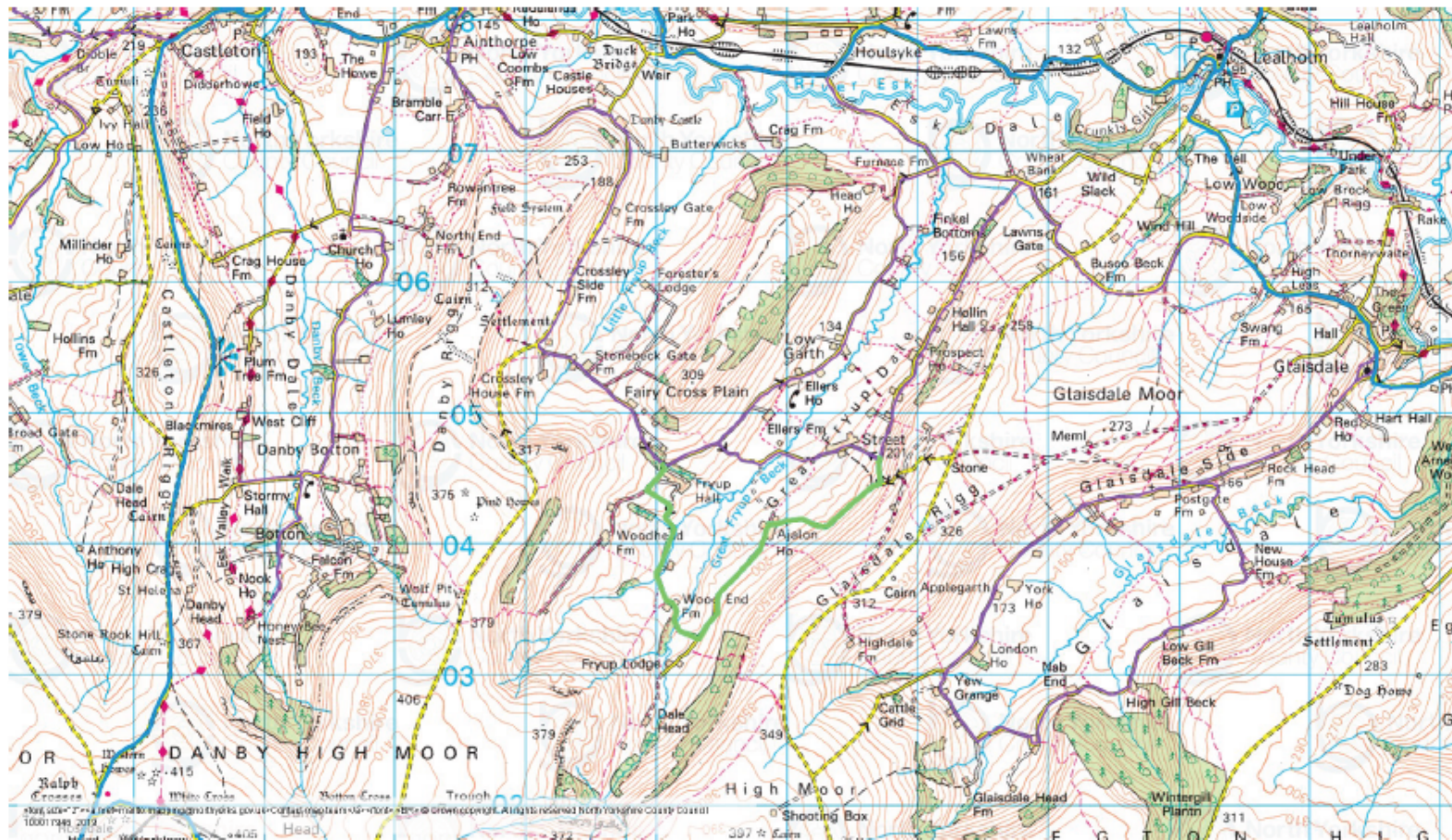




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Fryup - gritting route extension



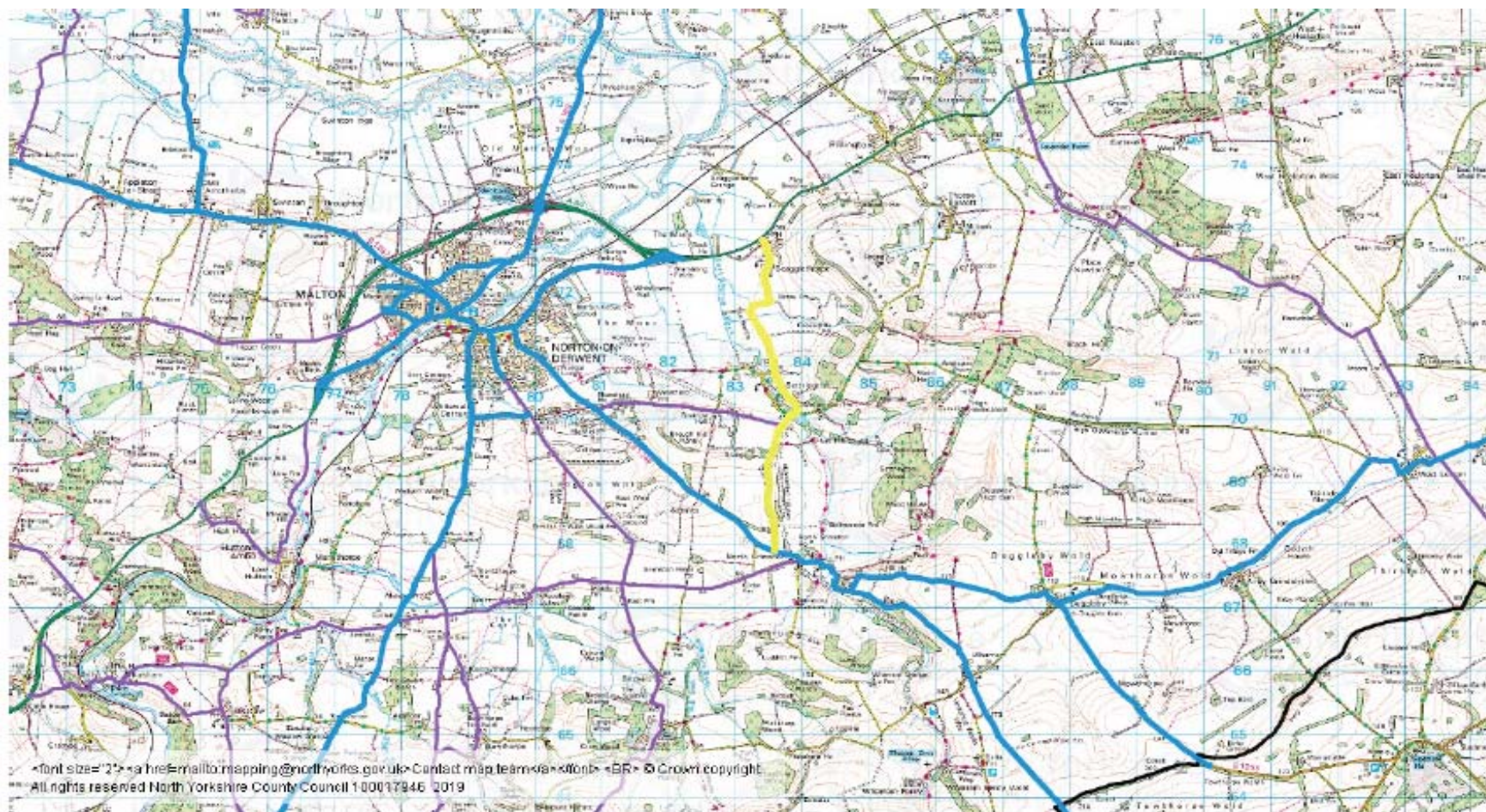
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Area 4 – County request 5



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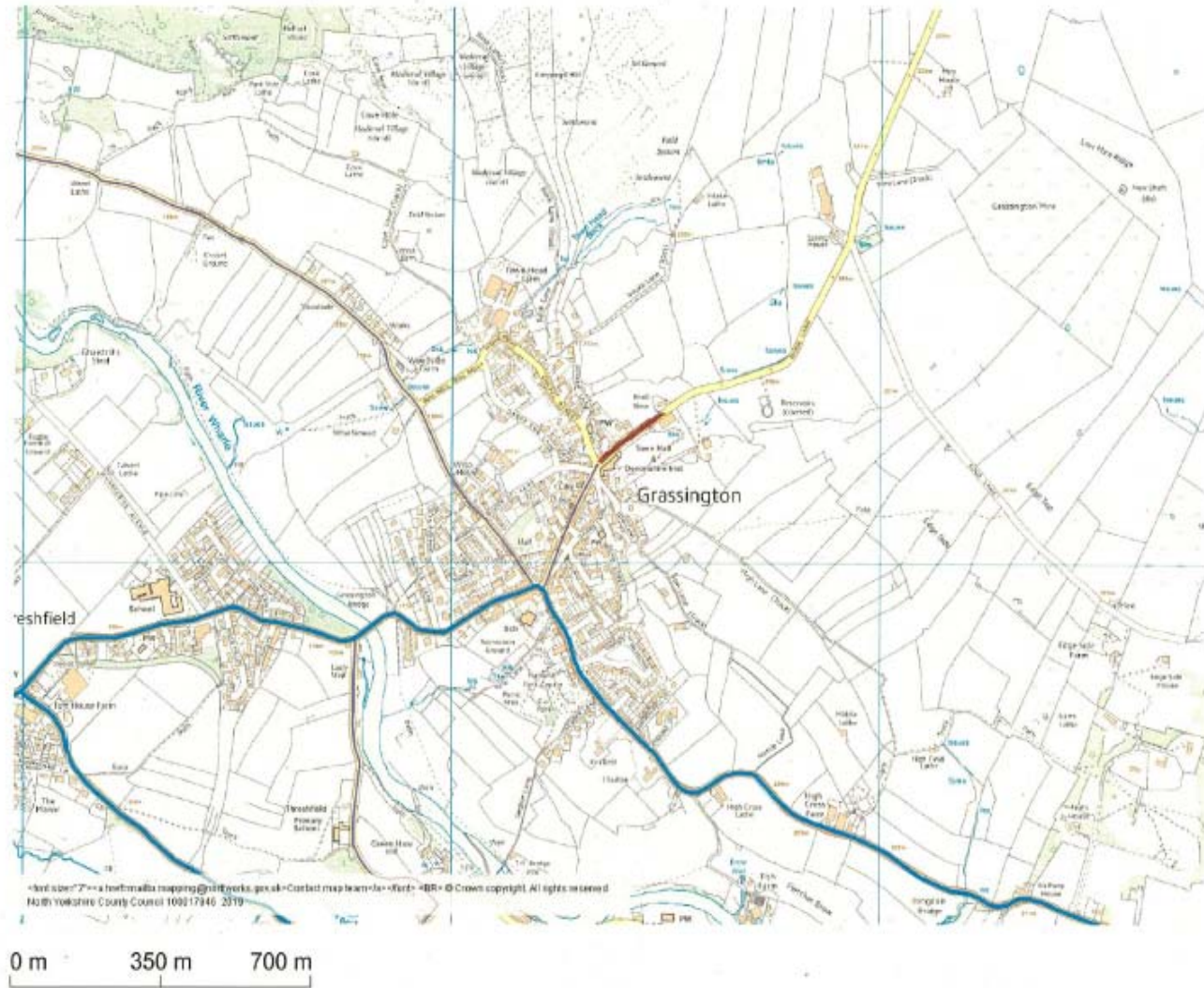
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Area 5 – County request 6

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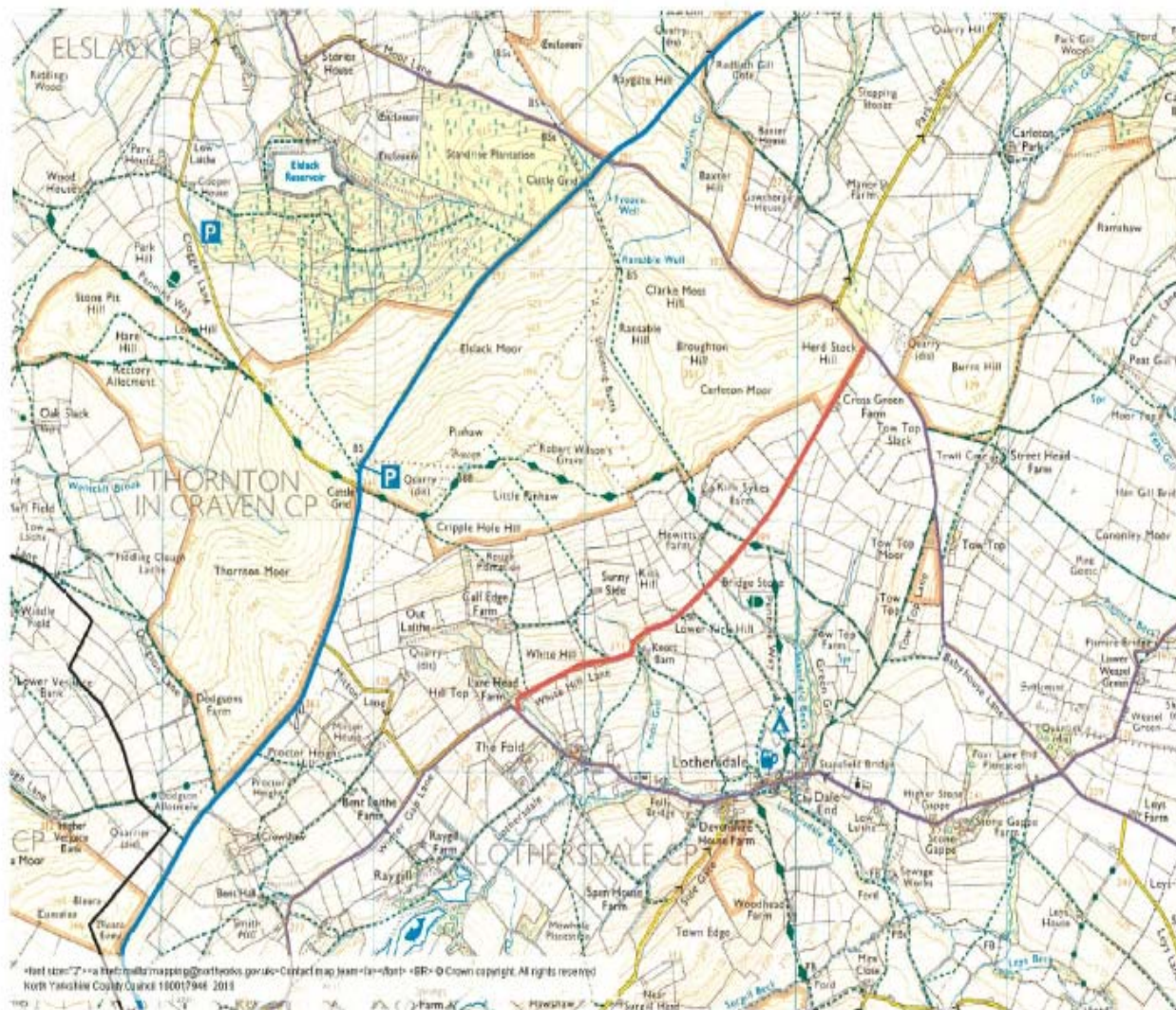


Area 5 – County request 7

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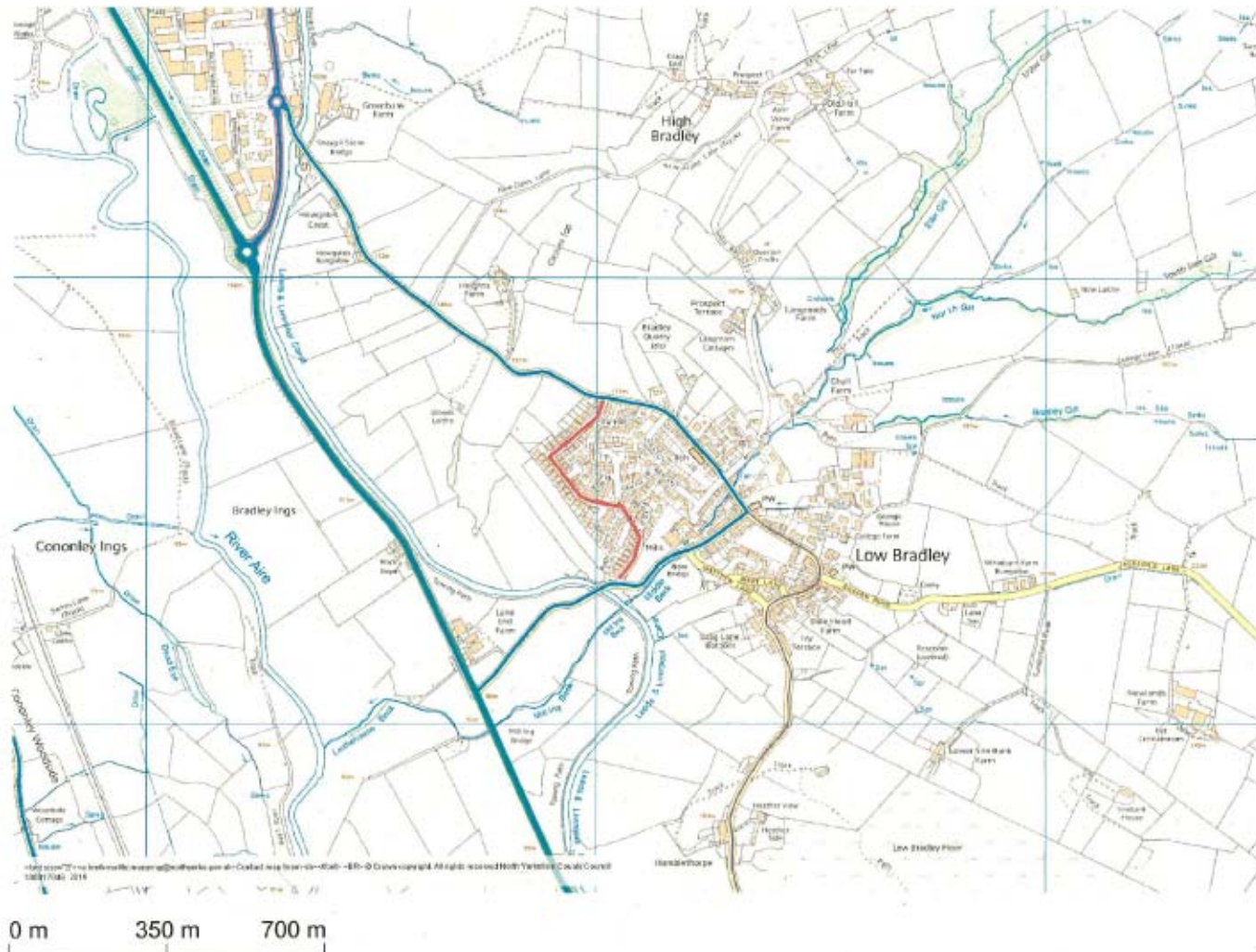
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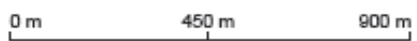
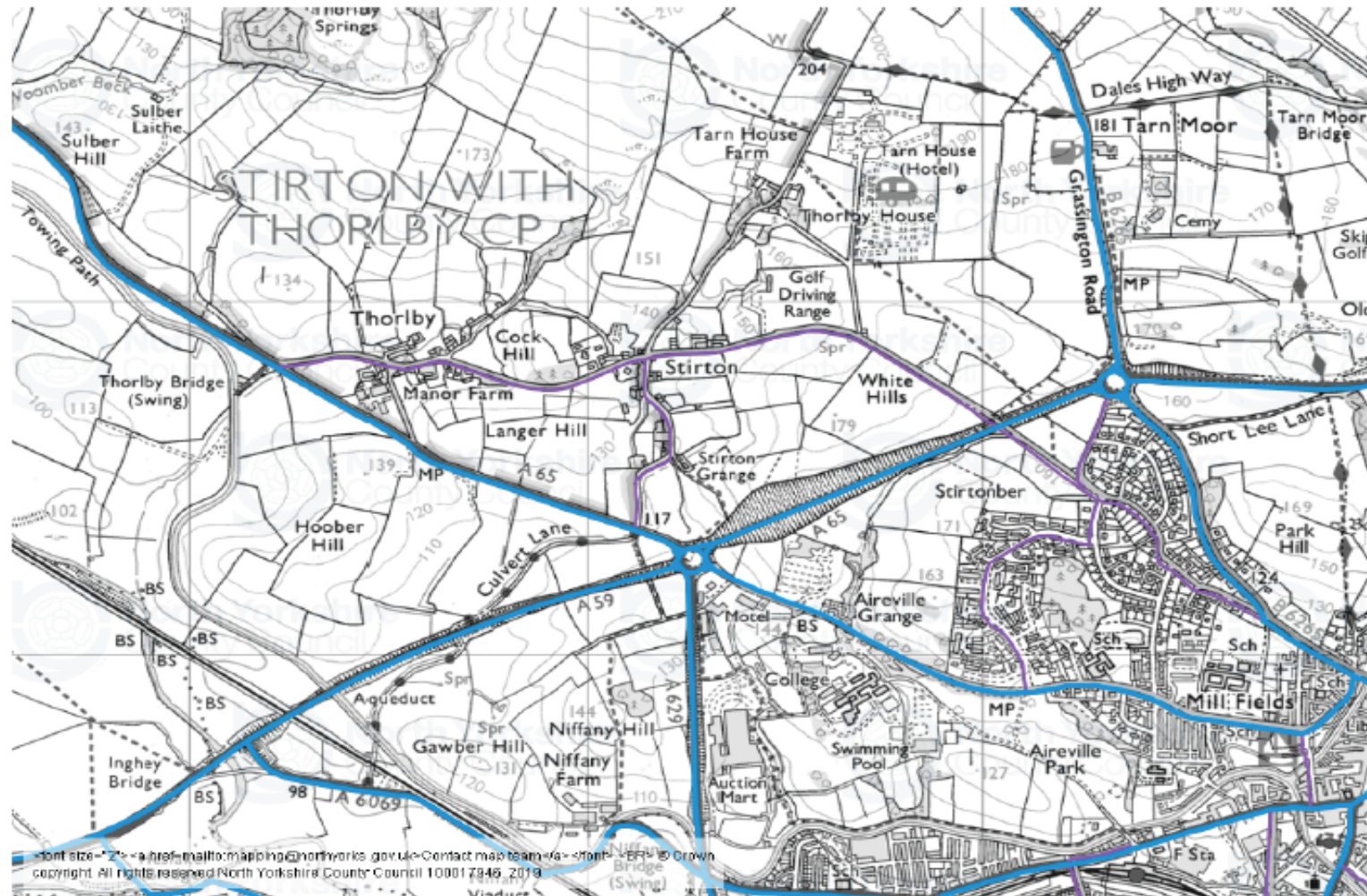


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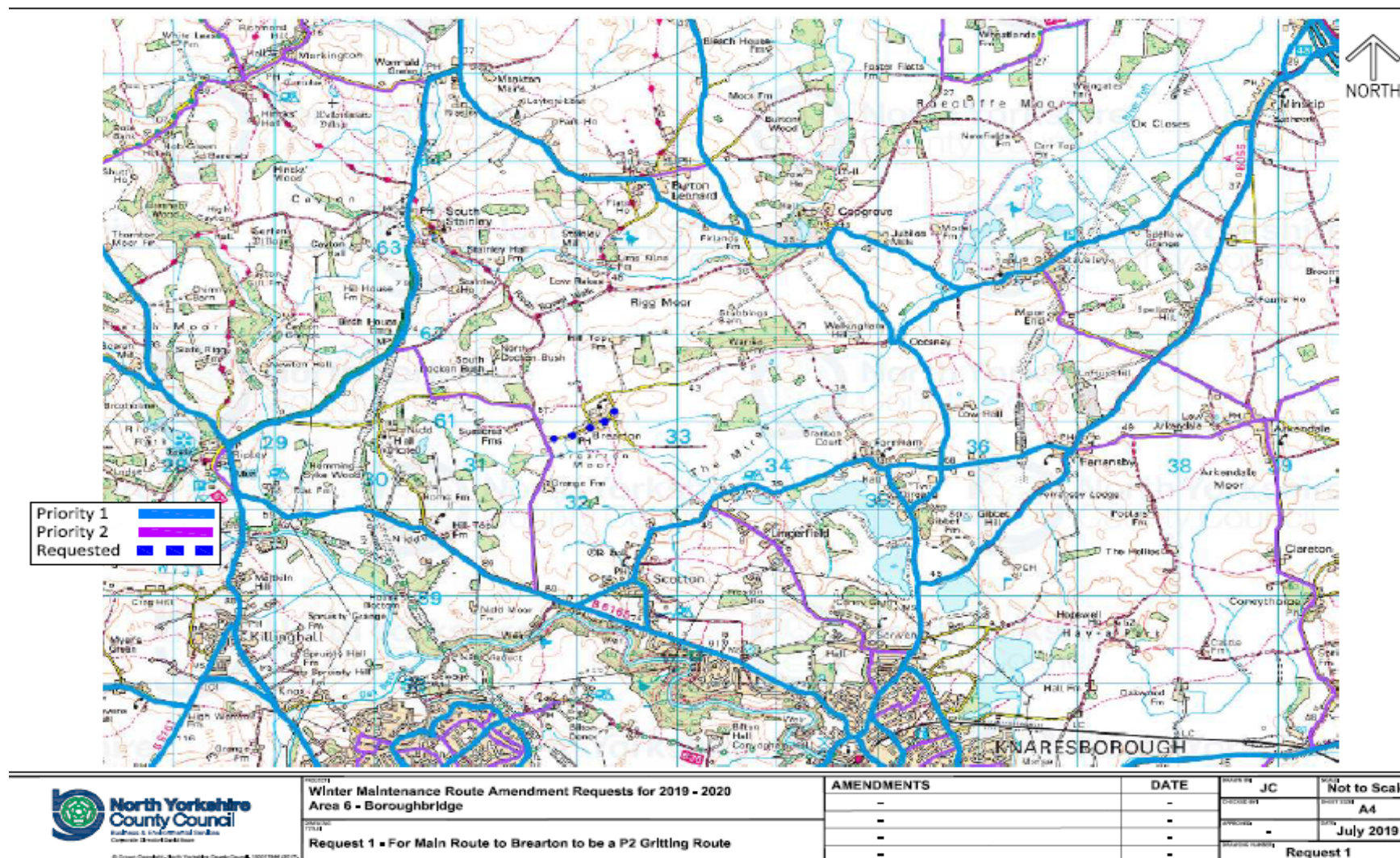
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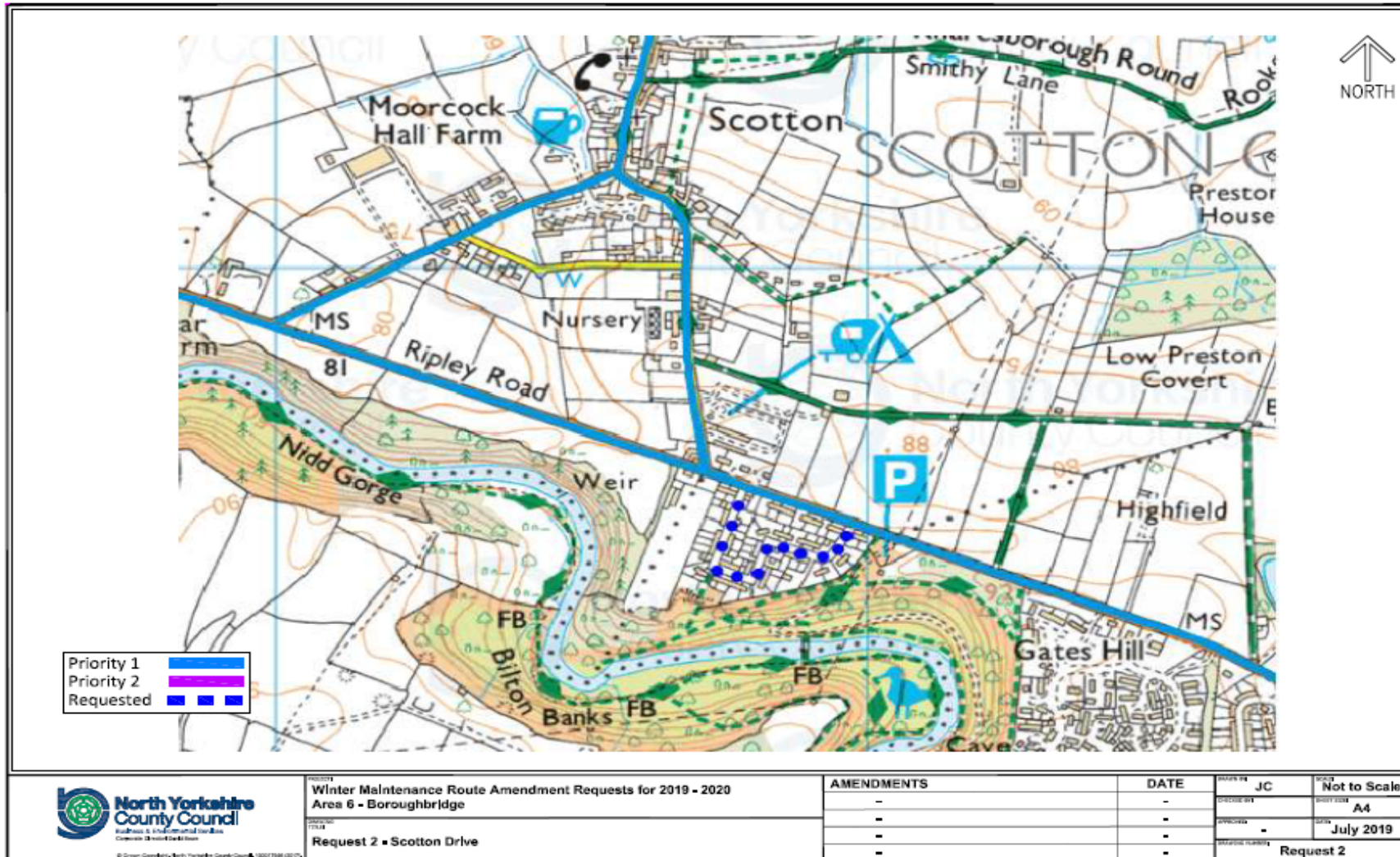


**Winter Maintenance Route Amendment Requests for 2019 - 2020**  
**Area 6 - Boroughbridge**  
**Request 1 - For Main Route to Brearton to be a P2 Gritting Route**

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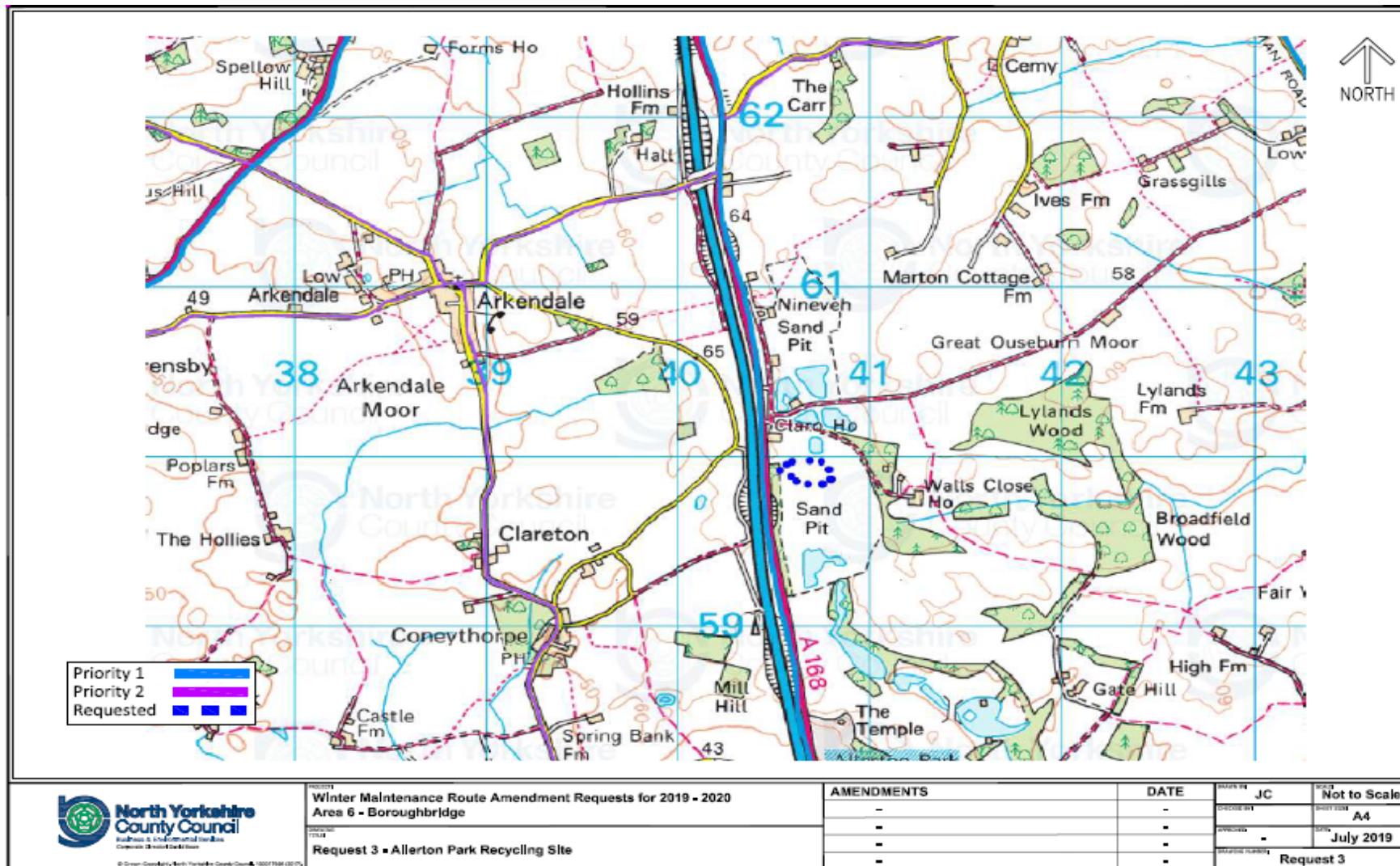
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Request 2 - Scotton Drive

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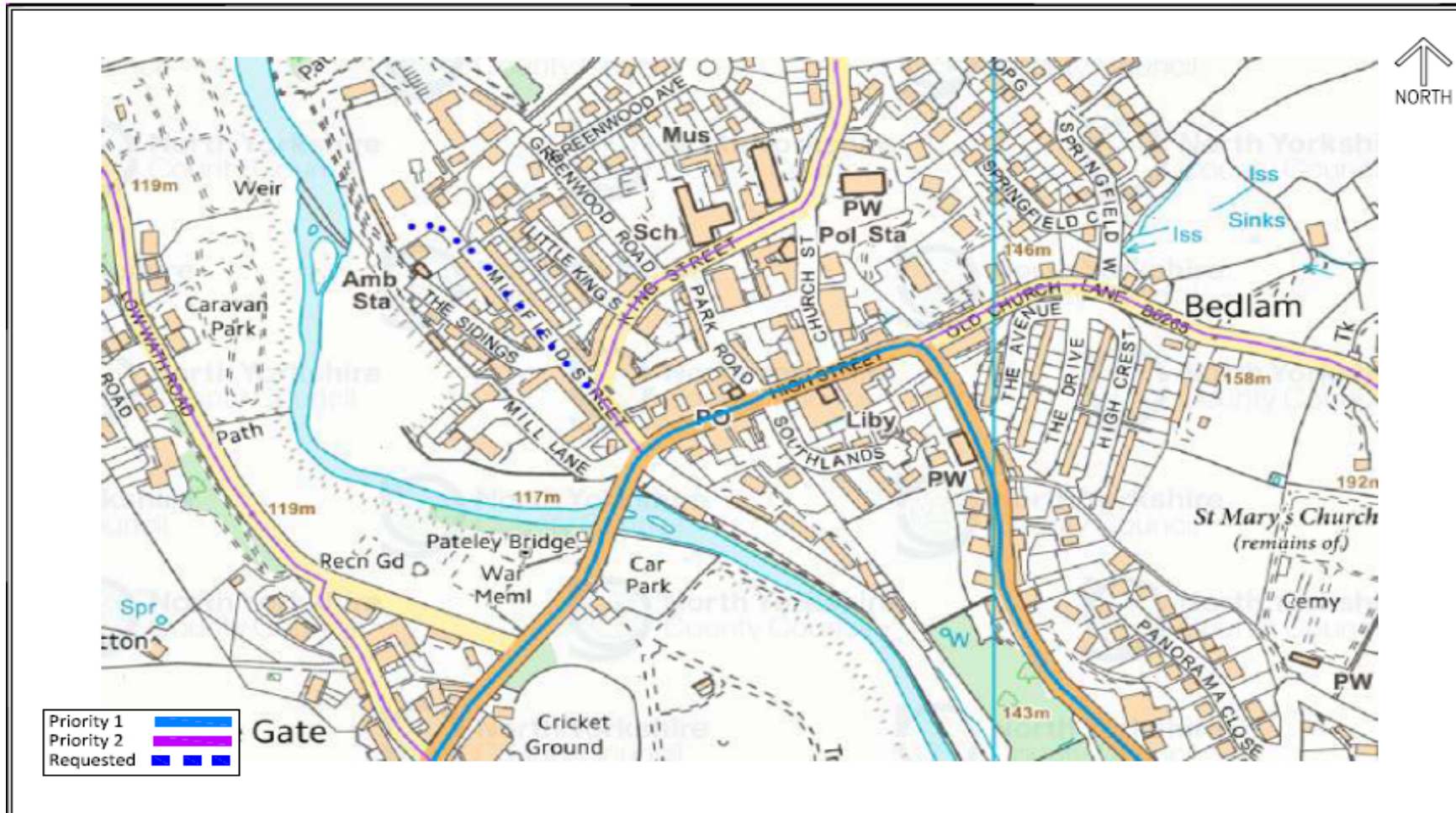
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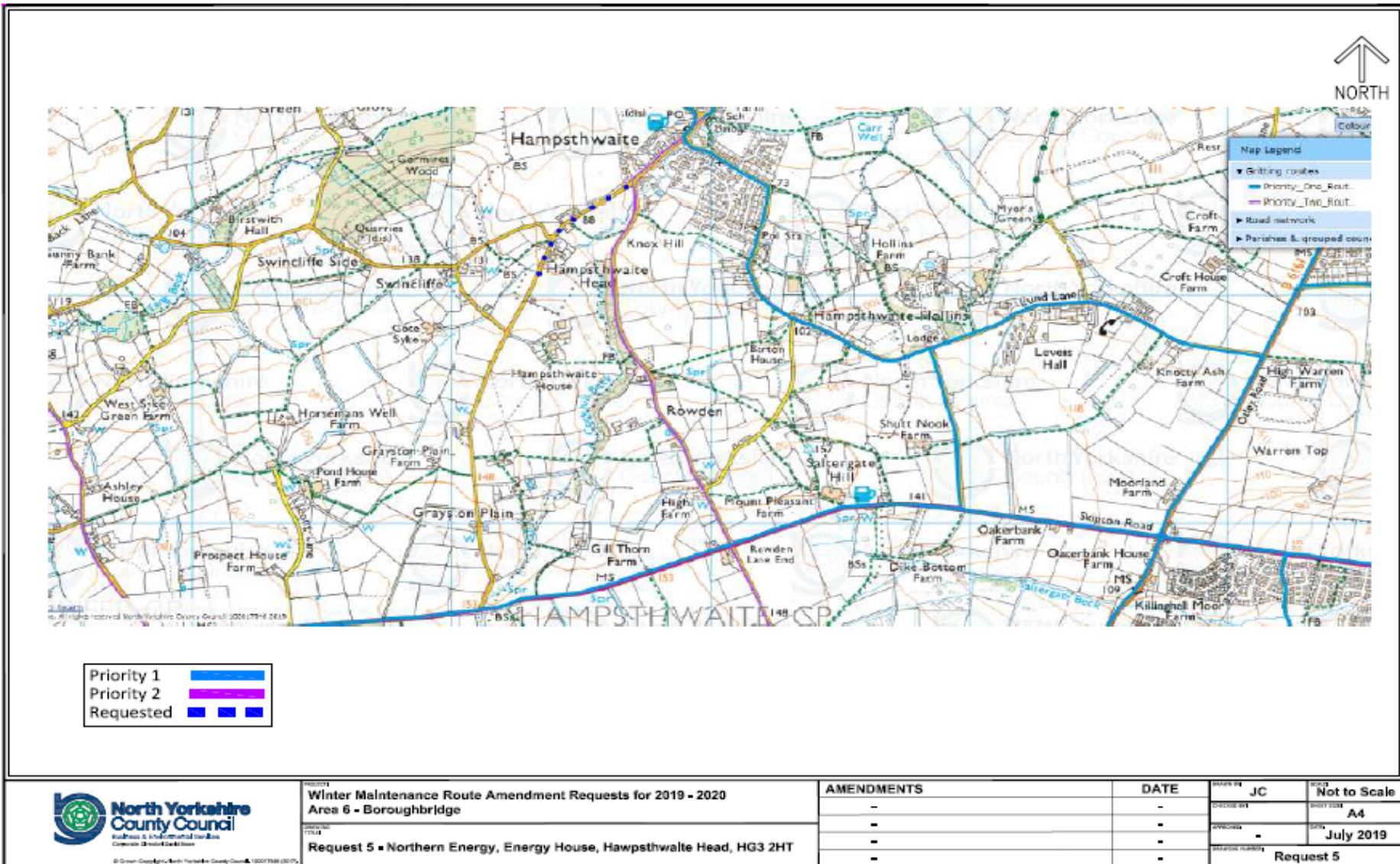
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Request 4 - Millfield Street, Pateley Bridge

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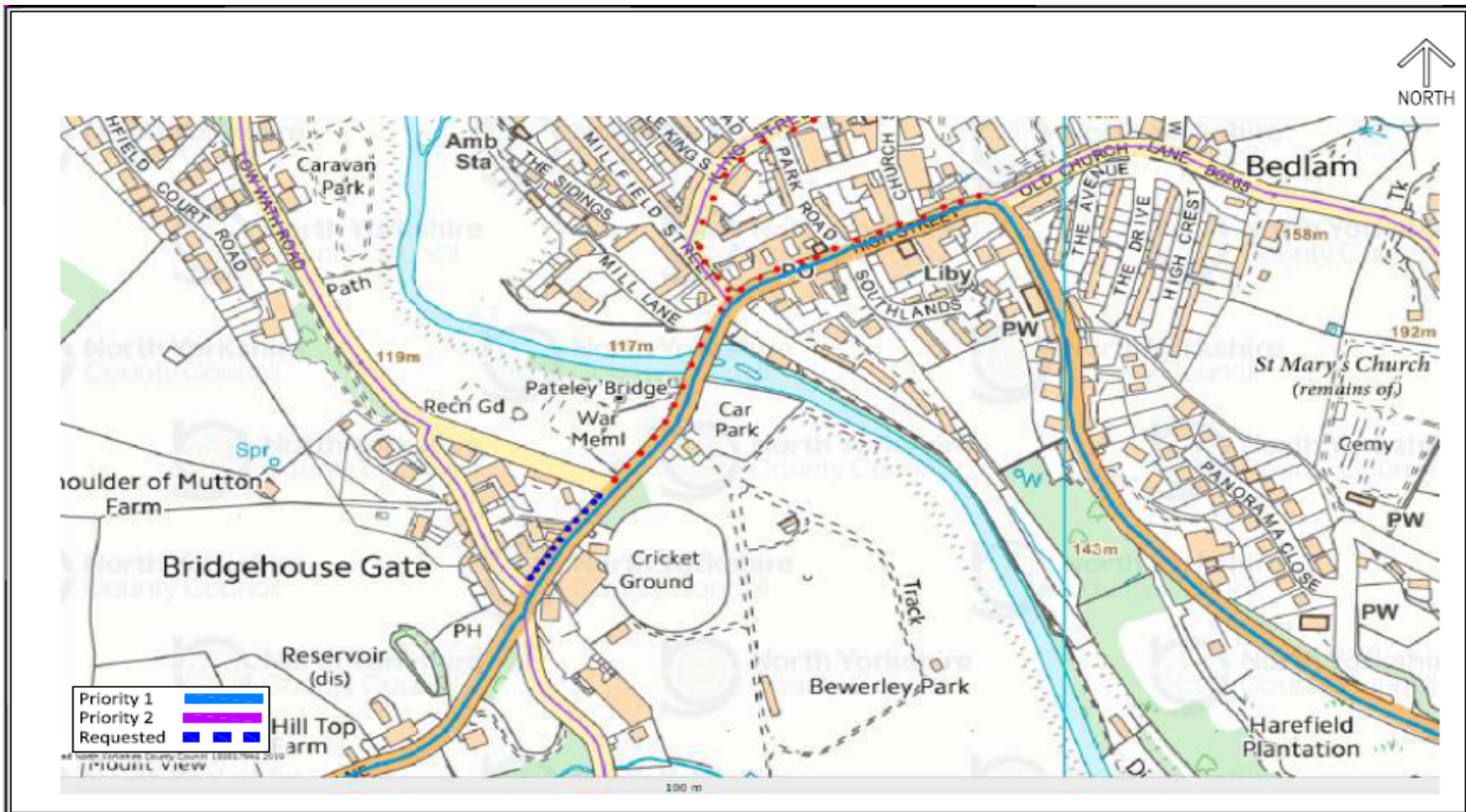
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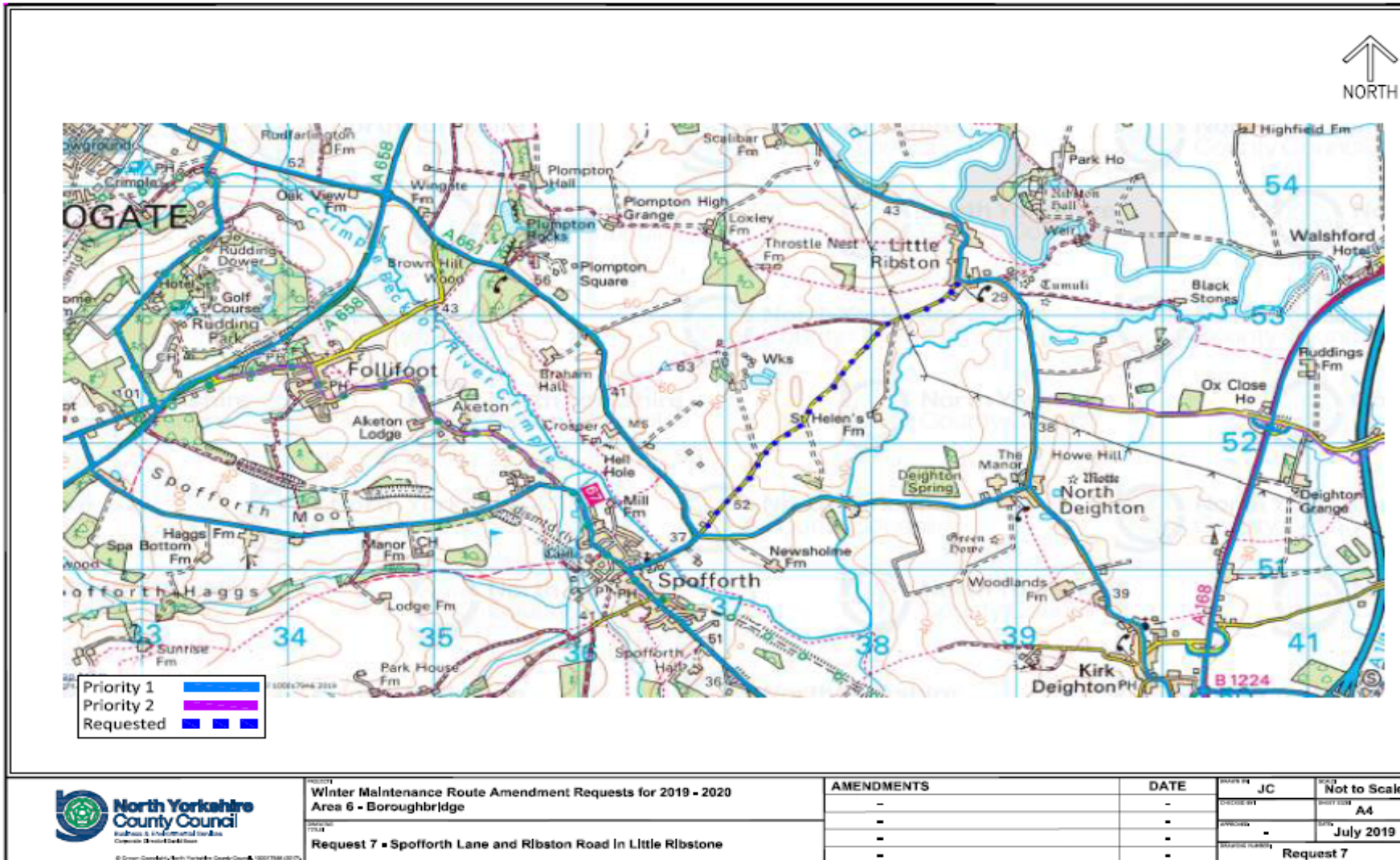


**Winter Maintenance Route Amendment Requests for 2019 - 2020**  
**Area 6 - Boroughbridge**  
**Request 6 - B6265 Bewerly Footpaths**

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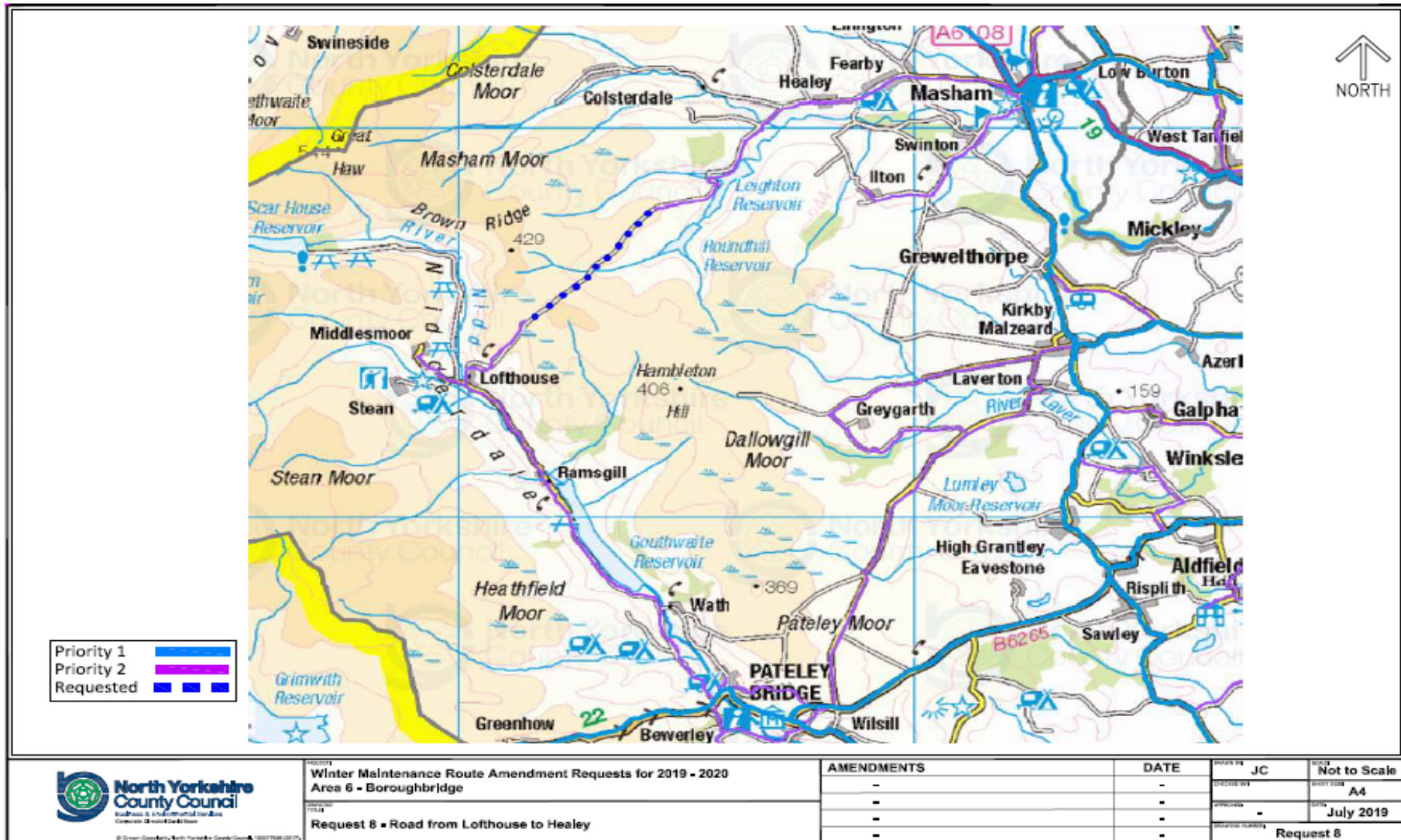
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Request 7 - Spofforth Lane and Ribston Road In Little Ribstone

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Priority 1  
Priority 2  
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Winter Maintenance Route Amendment Requests for 2019 - 2020  
Area 6 - Boroughbridge  
Request 8 - Road from Lofthouse to Healey

AMENDMENTS	DATE	APPROVED BY JC	NOT TO SCALE
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<b>Record of decision that Equality Impact Assessment is not required</b>	
<b>Directorate and service area</b>	BES / Highways & Transportation
<b>Name and contact of officer(s) taking decision that EIA not required</b> Nigel Smith, Head of Highway Operations.	
<b>What are you proposing to do?</b> Annual review of the Council's winter maintenance service – in particular the gritting routes used across the County.	
<b>Why are you proposing this?</b> Each year a review of the winter maintenance service is undertaken. Requests for amendments to the gritting routes are considered. Requests might come from customers, Parishes or from Councillors. The main driver is to ensure that Councillors can consider requests for amendments to the current service in the context of the County Council's Policy and the need to ensure uniformity of service across the County.	
<b>Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources?</b> <b>Significant reduction in resources</b> No. Only a very small number of amendments are considered, which could if agreed be catered for within the existing winter service budget and winter reserve funds.	
<b>Will this proposal change anything for customers or staff? What will change?</b> The recommendation is to maintain routes at the status quo – in line with the County Council's Policy and the need to ensure uniformity of service across the County.  If Councillors agreed to requests for amendments, the result would be an enhancement of service in a small number of sites.	
<b>Will the proposal make things worse for people with protected characteristics (age, disability, sex, disability, gender reassignment, religion or belief, pregnancy or maternity, marriage or civil partnership)? (Customers, staff etc.). How do you know? Do you have any evidence to support your assessment?</b>  No  If Councillors agreed to requests for amendments, the result would be an enhancement of service in a small number of sites.	
<b>If there might be a negative impact on people with protected characteristics can this impact be reduced? How?</b> Not applicable	
<b>Could the proposal have a significant negative impact on some people with protected characteristics or a less severe negative impact on a lot of people with protected characteristics? If "Yes" more detailed analysis should be undertaken and an EIA completed.</b> No	
<b>Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities (e.g. disabled people's access to public transport)?</b> No	

**APPENDIX B**

<b>Could the proposal have a greater negative impact on people in rural areas?</b> No		
<b>Could the proposal have a worse impact on people with less money?</b> No		
<b>Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate (e.g. partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics?</b> No		
<b>Do the answers to the previous questions make it reasonable to conclude that there will be no or very limited adverse impacts on people with protected characteristics?</b>	Yes	
<b>Will there be no or limited adverse impacts on people in rural areas?</b>	Yes	
<b>Will there be no or limited adverse impacts on people with less money?</b>	Yes	
<b>Further analysis and full EIA Required</b>		No
<b>Decision not to undertake EIA approved by (Assistant Director or equivalent)</b>		
<b>Date:</b>		