

STATEMENT OF REASONS

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL
(A370 BRISTOL ROAD, CONGRESBURY AND RHODYATE HILL
CONGRESBURY)
(RESERVED BUS LANES) ORDER 2024

As part of its approved Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), North Somerset Council intends to provide new bus lanes at A370 Bristol Road, Congresbury and Rhodyate Hill Congresbury. The bus lanes are intended to reduce bus journey times and increase the reliability of the local bus services.

The bus lane is proposed to be installed on the A370 Bristol Road eastbound approach to the traffic signals at the A370 Rhodyate Road, Wood Hill, and Wrington Road junctions. The bus lane will terminate at the traffic signals, which will be configured to allow buses to proceed before general traffic.

The bus lanes will be restricted to use by buses, hackney carriages, motorcycles and pedal cycles.

The changes will facilitate the passage on the road of buses, motorcycles, hackney carriages and pedal cycles.

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18th January 2024

NOTICE OF INTENT

NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL
(A370 BRISTOL ROAD, CONGRESBURY AND RHODYATE HILL
CONGRESBURY)
(RESERVED BUS LANES) ORDER 2024

Notice is HEREBY GIVEN that North Somerset District Council proposes to make an Order under the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Traffic Management Act 2004, as amended, the effect of which will be to implement a section of bus lane on the A370 eastbound approach to Bristol Road, Congresbury.

The bus lanes will be in the vicinity of Bristol Road, Congresbury and Rhodyate Hill, Congresbury's junction with Wood Hill and Wrington Road as described by the Schedule to this notice. The bus lanes will be for use by buses, hackney carriages, motorcycles and pedal cycles only.

The changes are intended to reduce bus journey times and improve reliability for buses, supporting the council's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP). Information about BSIP is available on the council's website at <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/BSIP>

Full details of the proposals are contained in the draft order which, together with a plan and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected online using the following website address: <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/notices>

Should you wish to make any observations on this proposal (whether you support or object to the proposal) you should make them in writing to the Director of Place at the address or email address below quoting reference **BSIP/WH/2024/1 by 5pm on 9th February 2024.**

Any objections must specify the grounds on which they are made. Please note that all representations received may be considered in public by the Council and that the substance of any representation together with the name and address of the person making it could become available for public inspection.

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Dated: 18th January 2024

ROB THOMSON
Head of Infrastructure (BSIP)

Schedule

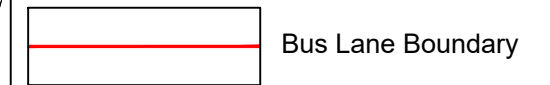
A370 Main Road, Bristol Road (Eastbound carriageway)

Between a point 55.0 metres east of the centre-point of its junction with the old Bristol Road (accessing Congresbury Allotments) to a point 27.0 metres west of the start of A370 Rhodyate Road (a total distance of 94.0 metres)

NOTES:

1. Do not scale this drawing.
2. All dimensions are in metres (m) unless stated otherwise.

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Client NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

Project BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME (BSIP)

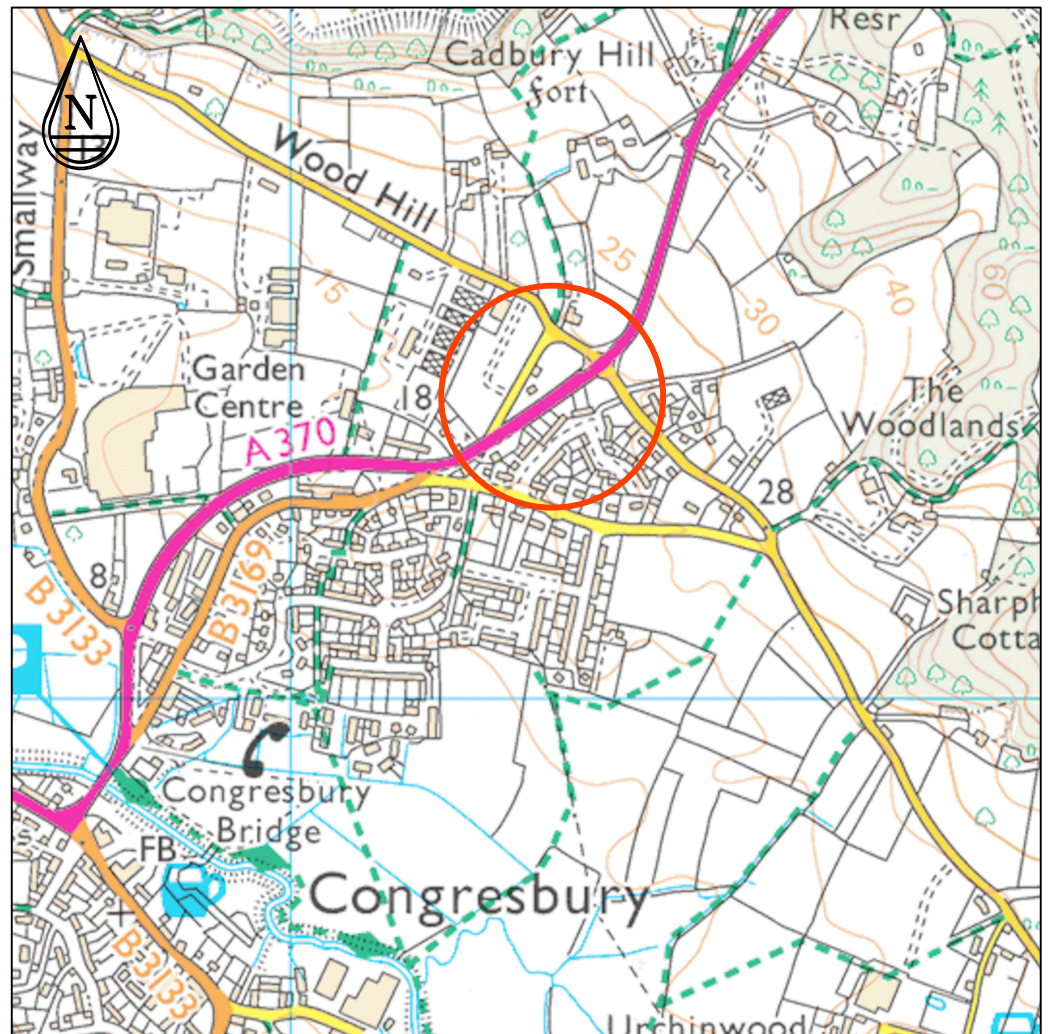
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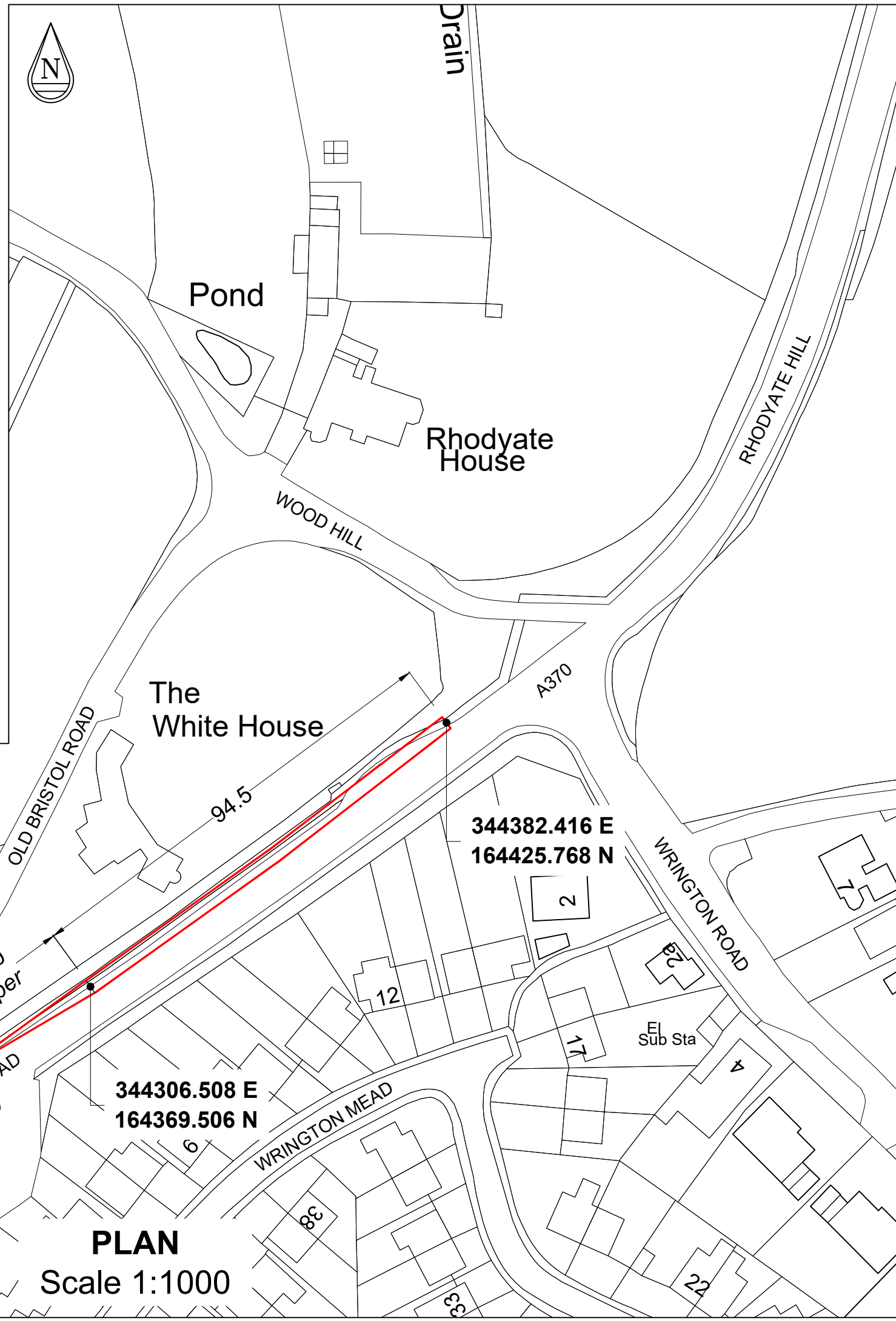
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LOCATION PLAN
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PLAN
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NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL
(A370 BRISTOL ROAD, CONGRESBURY AND RHODYATE HILL
CONGRESBURY)
(RESERVED BUS LANES) ORDER 2024

North Somerset Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") in exercise of its powers under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3) and 4(2) of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1984"), the Traffic Management Act 2004 as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 2004"), and of all other enabling powers, after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order shall come into operation on the ***** 202* and may be cited as the North Somerset Council (A370 Bristol Road, Congresbury and Rhodyate Hill Congresbury) (Reserved Bus Lanes) Order 2024.

2. In this order, except where the context requires otherwise, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby attributed to them:-

"bus lane" means a traffic lane in the roads listed in the Schedule to this Order reserved during specified bus lane hours for buses and other such classes of vehicles as are specified. The boundary of the bus lane is conveyed by a longitudinal solid single white line defined by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (as amended);

"doctor" shall mean a fully qualified and registered medical practitioner as defined in Part II and Part III of the Medical Act 1983, as amended;

"emergency services" shall mean the Police, Ambulance Service, Fire Brigade and Coastguard;

"hackney carriage" is as defined in s80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s38 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and s4 of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act 1869 and shall mean a vehicle which is licensed as a hackney carriage under one or more of those enactments or under any similar enactment;

"motorcycle" is as defined in section 185 of the Road Traffic Act 1988;

"pedal cycle" means a cycle (which has the same meaning as that ascribed to it in Section 192 of the Road Traffic Act 1988)

"public service vehicle" is as defined in sections 1 and 82 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981;

3. Save as provided in Article 4 and Article 5 of this Order, no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or a Civil Enforcement Officer, cause or permit any vehicle, to enter, wait, stop or proceed in the lengths of bus lane specified in the Schedule to this Order.

4. Nothing in Article 3 of this Order shall render it unlawful for any public service vehicle, hackney carriage, motorcycle or pedal cycle to enter, wait, stop or proceed in the lengths of bus lane specified in the Schedule to this Order.
5. Nothing in Article 3 of this Order shall render it unlawful to cause or permit any vehicle to enter, wait, stop or proceed in the bus lanes referred to in that Article when the vehicle is used in connection with any of the following operations, namely-
 - (a) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used in the service of a local authority, the Environment Agency, a water undertaker or sewerage undertaker in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;
 - (b) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose in any other road, to be used in connection with any of the following operations, namely-
 - (i) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
 - (ii) the maintenance, cleaning, improvement or reconstruction of the said lengths of road or sides of road;
 - (iii) the laying, erection, alteration or repair in, or in land adjacent to, the said lengths of road or sides of road of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of any telecommunication apparatus as defined in the Telecommunications Act 1984;
 - (c) the vehicle to be used in the service of one of the emergency services in the execution of their duties;
 - (d) by a doctor responding to an emergency call, provided that the vehicle is displaying a flashing green light;
 - (e) the avoidance of an accident.

Given under the COMMON SEAL of North Somerset District Council the **th *****
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The COMMON SEAL of)
the DISTRICT COUNCIL)
of NORTH SOMERSET)
was hereunto affixed in)
the presence of:-)

Assistant Director Governance & Monitoring Officer

SCHEDULE

**A370 Main Road,
Bristol Road
(Eastbound
carriageway)**

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