

Whitehall Court Roadway

Welcome to an overview of our proposals to convert the southern section of Whitehall Court roadway from one-way southbound movement only to two-way northbound and southbound vehicle flow.

The proposed change aims to:

- ✓ Significantly reduce vehicle trips on the local road network
- ✓ Decrease vehicle emissions

The proposed change will ensure:

- ✓ No loss of on-street parking
- ✓ Unaffected residential access and egress on Whitehall Court
- ✓ Continuation of delivery and servicing operations as they do now

We are committed to consultation with residents and the local community, and we appreciate you taking the time to visit our consultation event and sharing your views on the proposals.



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WSP Transport Planning Consultants are working with the Old War Office on these proposals.

WSP has 43 offices with local experts everywhere from Truro to Falkirk, and Wrexham to Belfast. They consider mobility for all parts of society and take a people and place-based approach to creating positive social, environmental and economic outcomes for communities

in all four corners of the United Kingdom. WSP does this through a strong track-record of effective engagement and evidence-led local delivery; supporting and empowering decision-makers to invest in the transport and mobility infrastructure needed for society to live, work and play.

Whether working with local authorities, combined authorities or sub-national national government bodies, WSP provides advice and ideas needed to create value and tackle uncertainty.



Selected Examples of WSP's Recent Work:

◀ **Hanover Square, London**

WSP's placemaking and street design specialists helped deliver a major transformation of Hanover Square and Gardens that will improve accessibility and encourage people to the busy area of London.

▲ **Histon Road, Cambridge**

Cambridge is one of the UK's fastest growing cities. This growth is increasing demand on the transport links both into and around the city. One of the key routes into Cambridge is Histon Road which connects the city, via the A14, to the UK's strategic road network.

WSP were appointed in 2016 to deliver a Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) investment to redesign Histon Road in order to encourage the use of public transport, reduce congestion and air pollution while encouraging continued economic growth.



Improving The OWO's Operations

Raffles London at the Old War Office opened in 2023 following a six-year renovation that restored the building's historic features and brought it back to life for future generations to enjoy.

After c. 12 months of operation, the team at the Old War Office have been working hard to improve the hotel's operations and reduce any impacts on our neighbours as much as possible.

To this end, we have identified that our current car parking operations can be improved.

This is why we are proposing to convert the southern section of Whitehall Court roadway from one-way southbound movement only to two-way northbound and southbound vehicle flow.

- 1 Aerial View of The Old War Office and the Surrounding Area
- 2 Whitehall Court

✔ The Old War Office (Whitehall Façade)



Current Car Parking Operations

The Raffles Hotel car park offers a total of 64 parking spaces, with 54 allocated to residents of the hotel building and 10 designated for hotel guests.

A valet service, managed by the concierge, operates on-site at the Quadrangle, accessible from Horse Guards Avenue.

Residents and guests drop off their vehicles at the Quadrangle, after which the concierge transports and parks them in the car park via the Whitehall Court entrance.

When residents or guests require their

vehicles, the concierge retrieves them and returns them to the Quadrangle for collection.

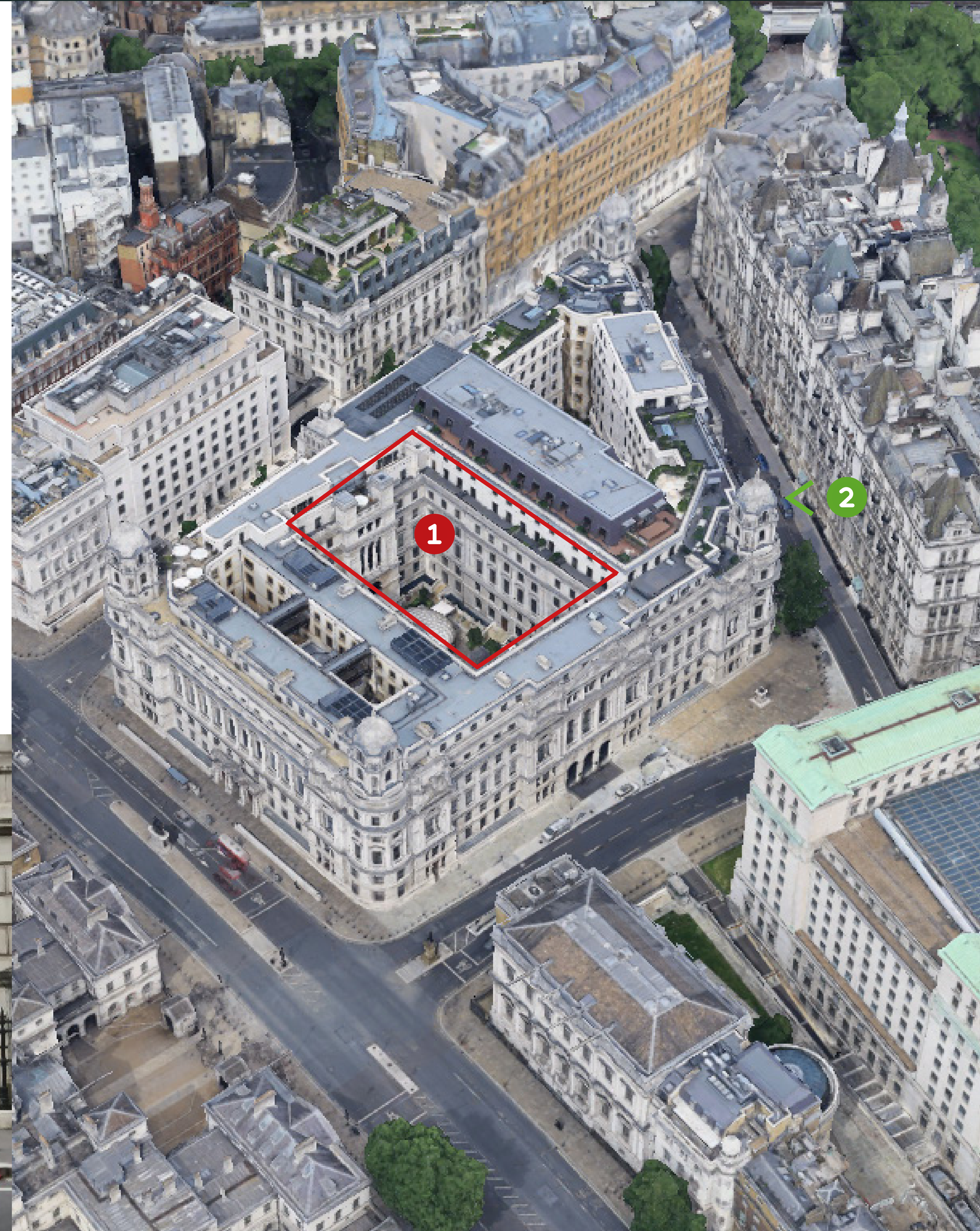
Improvements to the car park's operation have been identified.

Currently, as Whitehall Court operates as a one-way street (north to south), vehicles must follow a lengthy route via:

Horse Guards Parade, onto Embankment, then through Northumberland Avenue, Great Scotland Yard, Scotland Place, Whitehall Place, and finally onto Whitehall Court.

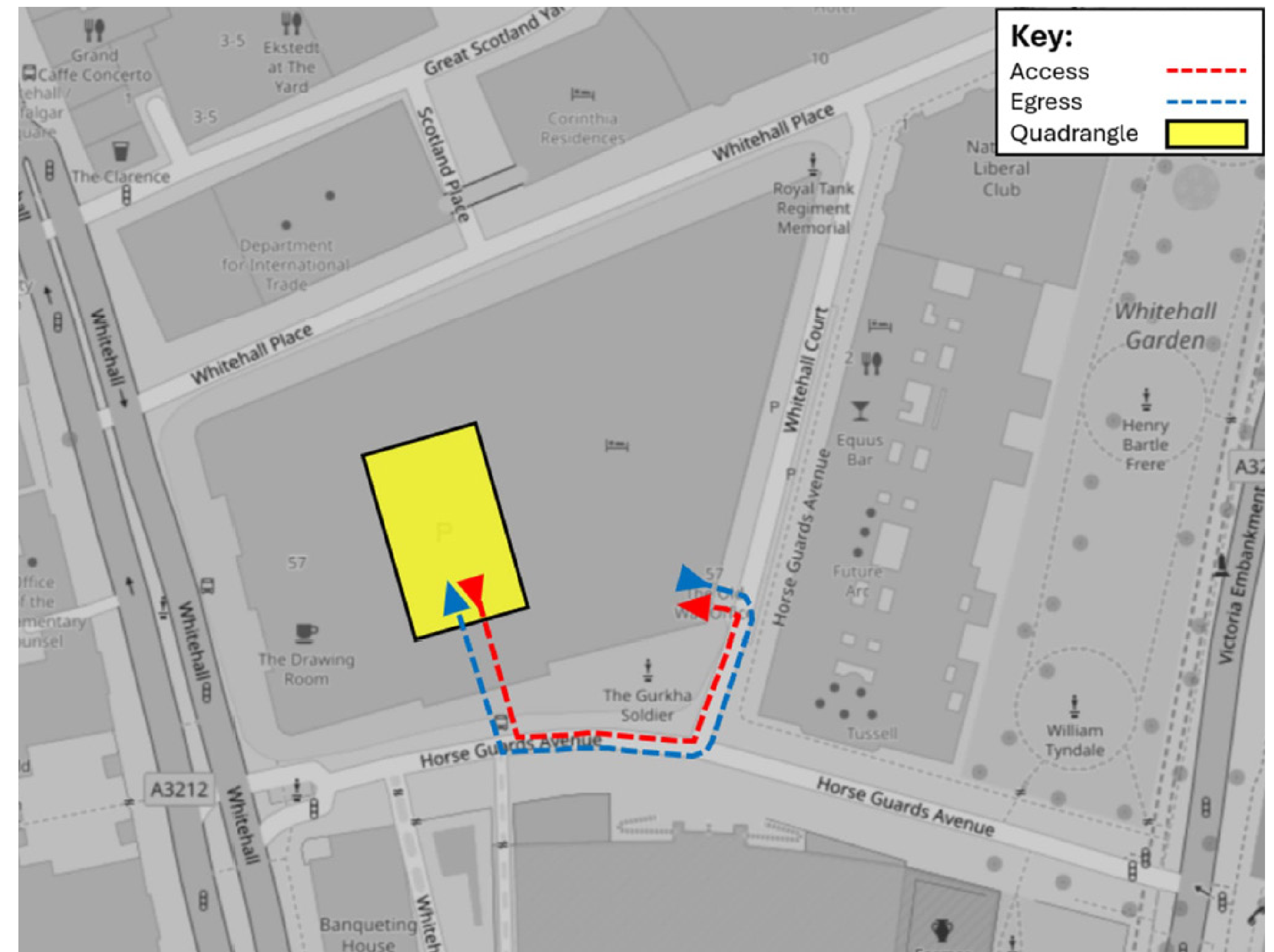
✓ **No Entry Signs at Southern End of Whitehall Court – Car Park Entrance Bottom Left**

- ① Quadrangle
- ② Car Park Entrance



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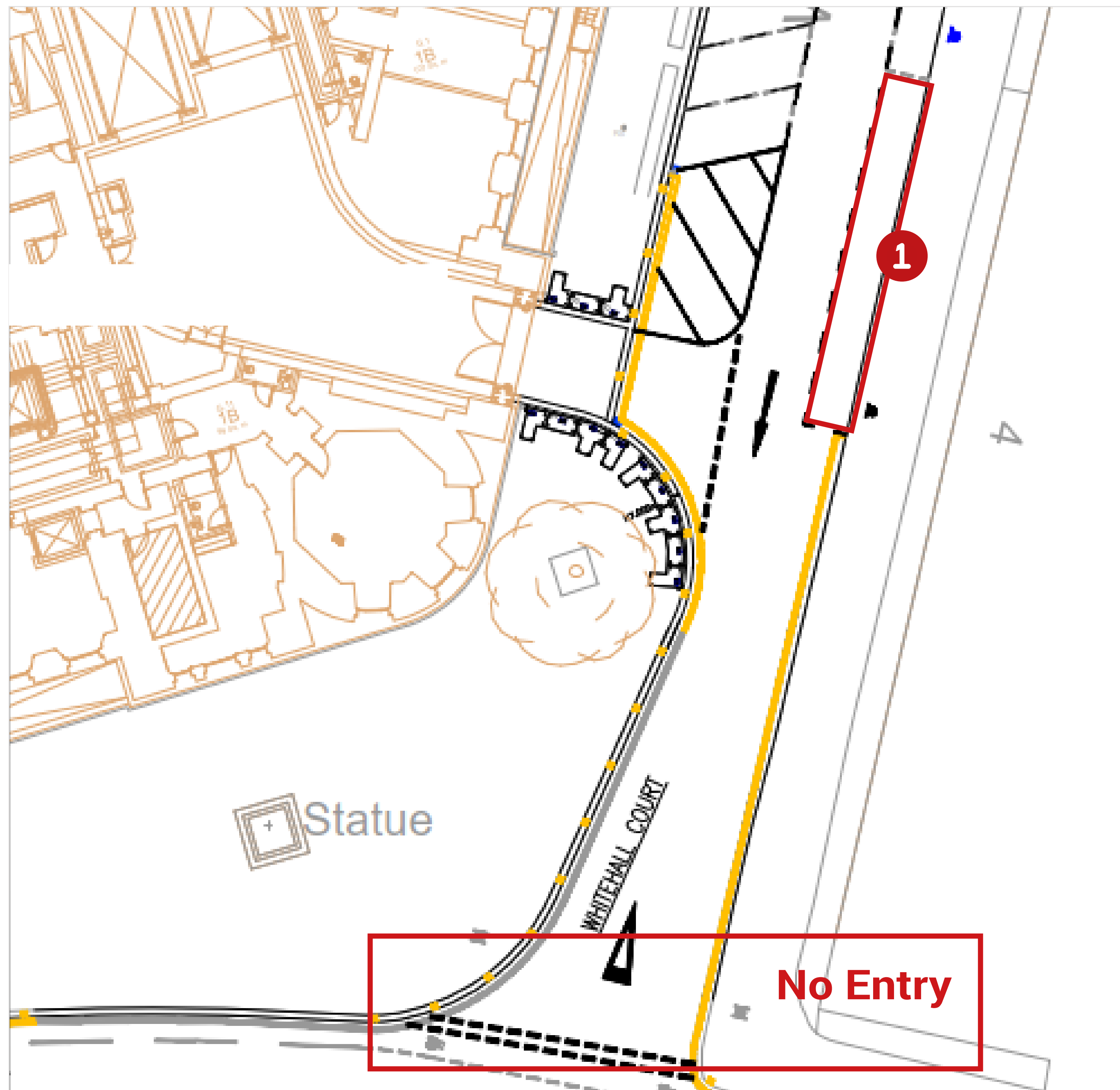
This modification would significantly enhance the efficiency of vehicle movements while also reducing traffic congestion and lowering carbon emissions in the local area by minimising unnecessary circulation on nearby roads (both of which align with the Council's policy objectives).



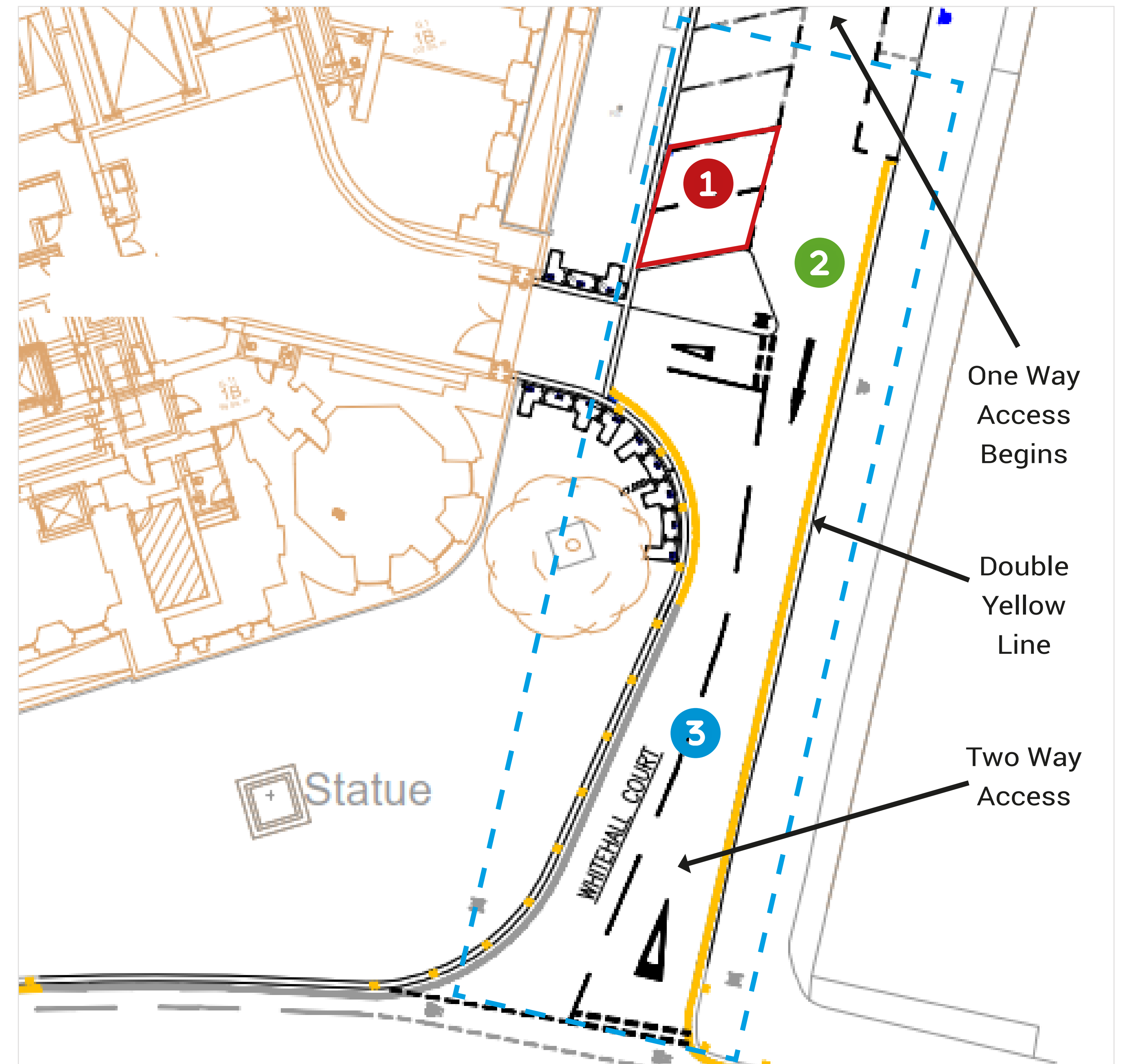
Proposed Vehicle Routing

- ✔ Significantly reduced car routing on the road network
- ✔ Removal of cars at several local junctions
- ✔ Decrease vehicle emissions and carbon in line with policy

Existing Highway Arrangement



Proposed Highway Arrangement



- ① The two parallel car parking spaces on the eastern side of the road will be removed and re-provided directly opposite on the western side in an echelon arrangement (see graphic) to enable a section of two-way carriageway.
- ② Kerbside delivery and servicing to continue to take place, enabled by extended double yellow line provision.
- ③ The above works will allow for two-way vehicle flow on a short section of the southern end of Whitehall Court.

Delivery and Servicing on the Eastern End of Whitehall Court

- ✓ Businesses and individuals can stop to load and unload on double yellow lines and resident bays.
- ✓ The proposed extension of double yellow lines increases flexibility for kerbside delivery/servicing activity throughout a typical day.

Summary and Benefits

- ✓ Rearrangement of on street parking, but no net loss in on street parking provision.
- ✓ Double yellow line extended to facilitate on street servicing requirements.
- ✓ Benefit the local area in terms of reduced vehicle routing on the local highway network.
- ✓ Reducing vehicle emissions.
- ✓ Road Safety Audit Stage 1 demonstrates no road safety issues of the proposals.
- ✓ Resident access and egress unaffected.





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Thank You



Thank you for taking the time to visit our consultation event.
We hope you have found it insightful.

We would be very grateful if you could fill out a comment form and
hand it to one of the team.

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or by post:

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