

ANGUS COUNCIL

ROADS COMMITTEE

28 AUGUST 1997

ROAD SAFETY - TRAFFIC CALMING OF THE A930 THROUGH MONIFIETH

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report discusses the need for traffic calming on the A930 through Monifieth and introduces a draft scheme to present to interested parties for formal consultation.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee agree:-

to instruct the Director of Roads to formally consult on the draft traffic calming scheme which has been prepared and to subsequently prepare a final scheme for approval by the Committee.

2 INTRODUCTION

For some years now the residents of Monifieth have been concerned about the volume and speed of traffic using the main A930 route through the town and in 1994 Tayside Regional Council received a petition calling for action to stem the rise in traffic through the main street of the town. Some investigative work was carried out by TRC but the limited resources available for traffic calming schemes meant that other projects had a higher priority at that time.

Since Local Government Reorganisation the local members have received a number of complaints about the traffic in Monifieth and as a result a public meeting was arranged in the Library on 19 March 1997 to discuss the issue. After a very lively and useful discussion the Director of Roads agreed to look at possible traffic calming features on the A930 through Monifieth and to return with these preliminary proposals to a further public meeting in June for further consultation. The initial draft proposals were discussed at another public meeting in June and since then correspondence has been received commenting on the proposals. Also there has been some subsequent informal discussions with representatives from local businesses.

As a result of these representations it has become clear that some of the original ideas required amendment. For example it is apparent that formal signalised pedestrian crossing facilities rather than simply providing traffic islands is preferred.

3 **DETAILS**

- (i) Before considering the design of the draft proposals some thought was given to exactly what the objectives of the scheme were. Although concerns had been expressed about traffic speeds through the town, in general the volume of traffic and the presence of parked cars meant that the majority of drivers did drive within the speed limit. At quiet times, particularly in the evenings, some anti-social drivers will undoubtedly drive at inappropriate speeds. Traffic calming measures designed to allow passage of buses and heavy goods vehicles are unlikely to deter such behaviour.
- (ii) Traffic calming is not simply a matter of reducing measurable speed but is also a term for modifications to the highway to encourage a style of driver behaviour which makes drivers more aware of other road users, particularly pedestrians and cyclists. Unfortunately traffic volume is not likely to be reduced as a direct result of traffic calming and so one of the main concerns expressed at the public meetings (ie traffic volumes) will not be addressed by any traffic calming proposals. The longer term improvement of the A92 and

the provision of an east of Monifieth link will be required before there is any possibility of a reduction in through traffic volumes.

- (iii) As a result of the preliminary consultation a draft traffic calming scheme has now been prepared for the entire length of the A930 through Monifieth ie Ferry Road, High Street and Panmure Street. The details of this scheme shown in the attached appendix contain a number of features to remind motorists of the need to drive in an appropriate manner.
- (iv) The difficulties for pedestrians in crossing the road especially during the rush hour have also been catered for by the use of formal signalised pedestrian crossing facilities. These are proposed at South Balmossie Street, Albert Street and at the library.
- (v) On the eastern approaches to the town gateways are proposed on both the Carnoustie approach and the Ardestie approach.
- (vi) Junction improvements are proposed at the Dalhousie Street junction and the Panmure Street/Ashludie Terrace junction.
- (vii) Consideration is being given to the longer term possibility of providing a signalised junction at the entrance to the Tesco supermarket which would incorporate a pedestrian phase. An initial approach has been made to Tesco's and this possibility will be discussed further with the company. There may however be objections from other retailers about the removal of the existing pedestrian crossing which is located close to other shops, although this objection could be countered by the increase in on-street parking created outside these shops. This proposal does not form part of the traffic calming scheme but will be the subject of a further report to the Committee.
- (viii) Having designed the draft traffic calming proposals to take account of the suggestions made at the initial public meetings it is now proposed that formal consultation take place with the Community Council and any other interested

parties such as the local Traders Association. It is also proposed that a display of the draft scheme be placed in the local access office to allow members of the public the opportunity to make comment. It is proposed that this consultation will be carried out during September 1997.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A provisional sum of £100,000 has been set aside for traffic calming in Monifieth in the 1997/98 capital allocation of £280,000 for road safety. Detailed costs of the final proposals will be prepared after the formal consultation and will be reported to a future Roads Committee.

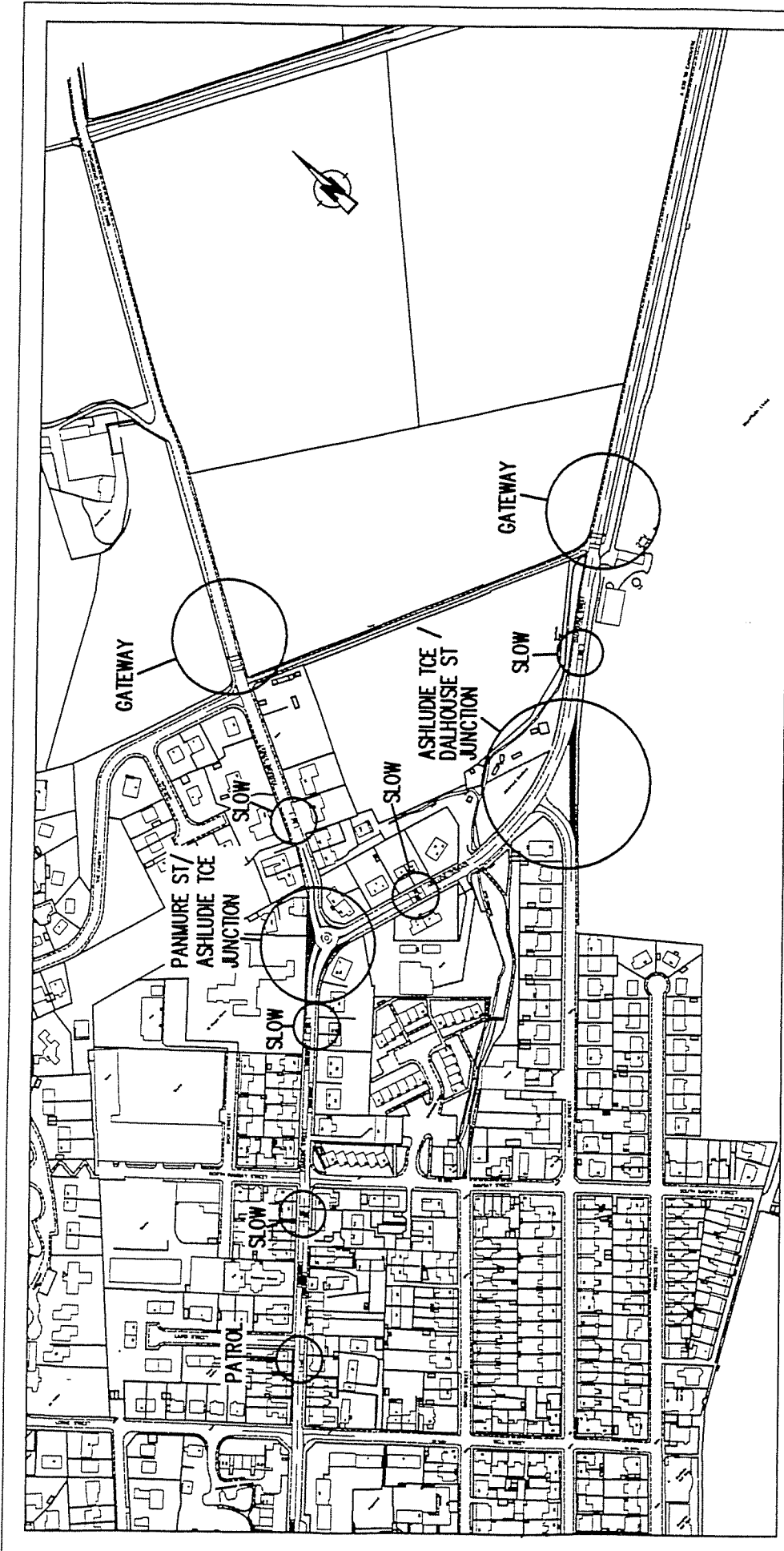
5 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance and the Chief Constable have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

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DIRECTOR OF ROADS

NOTE

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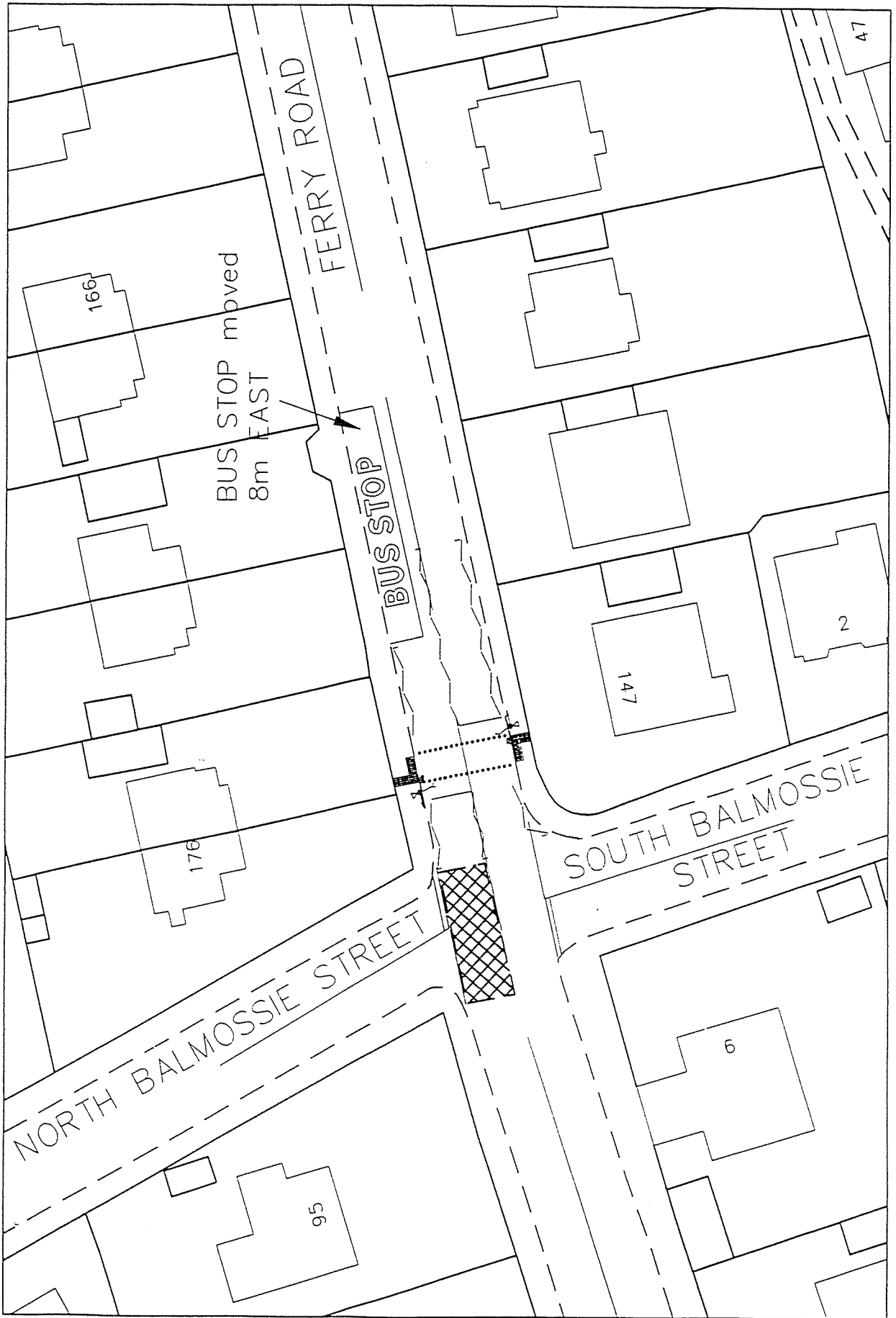
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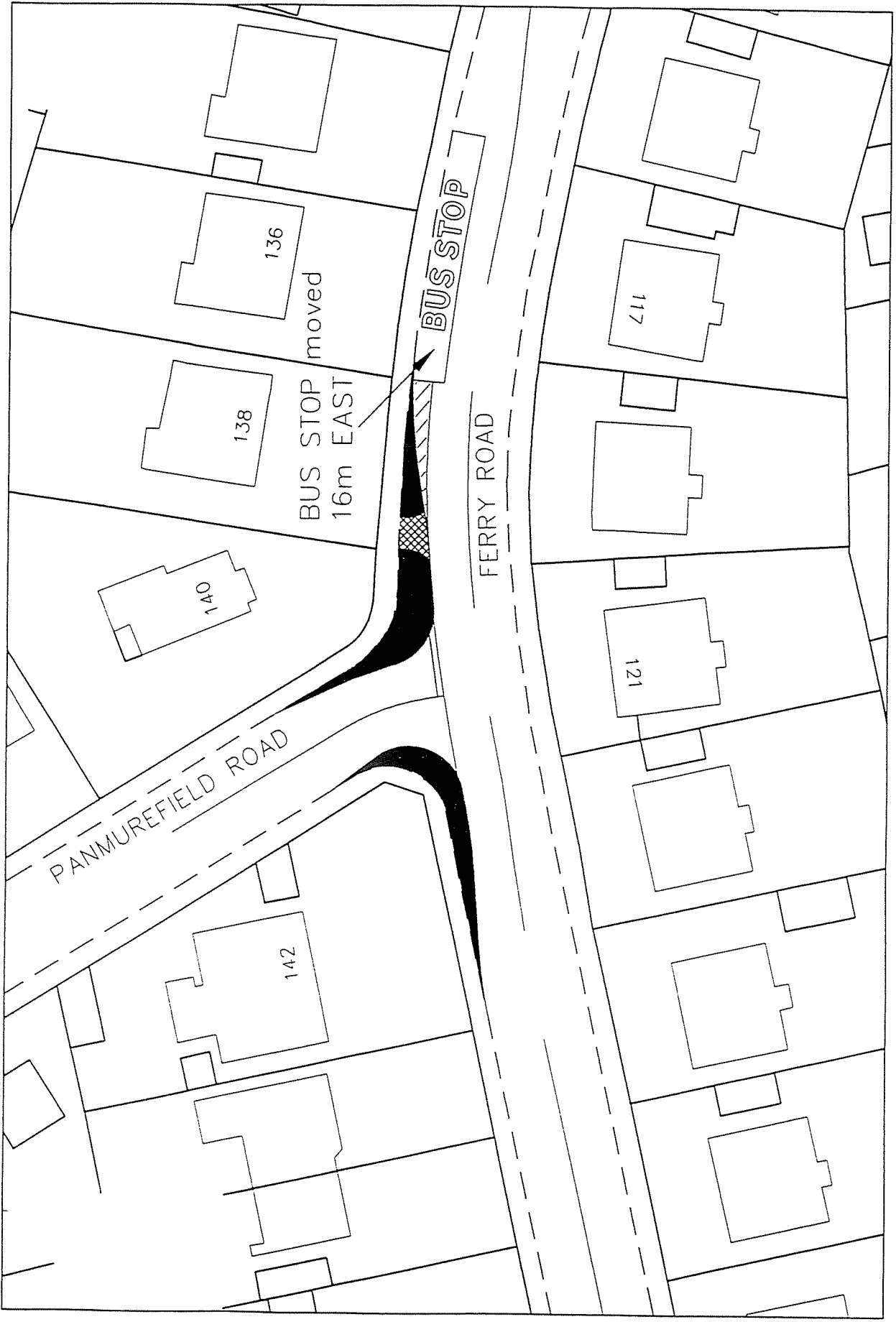
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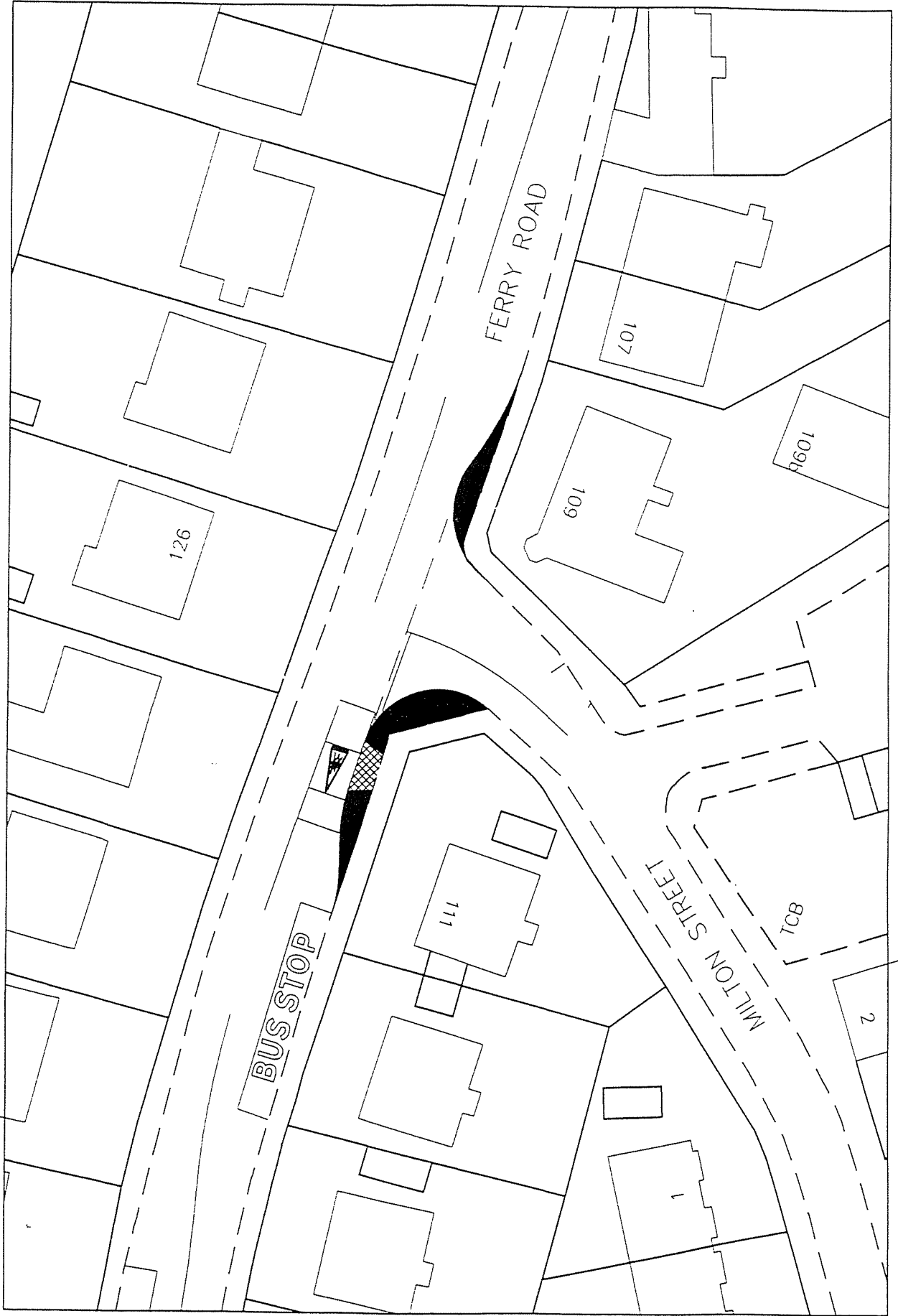
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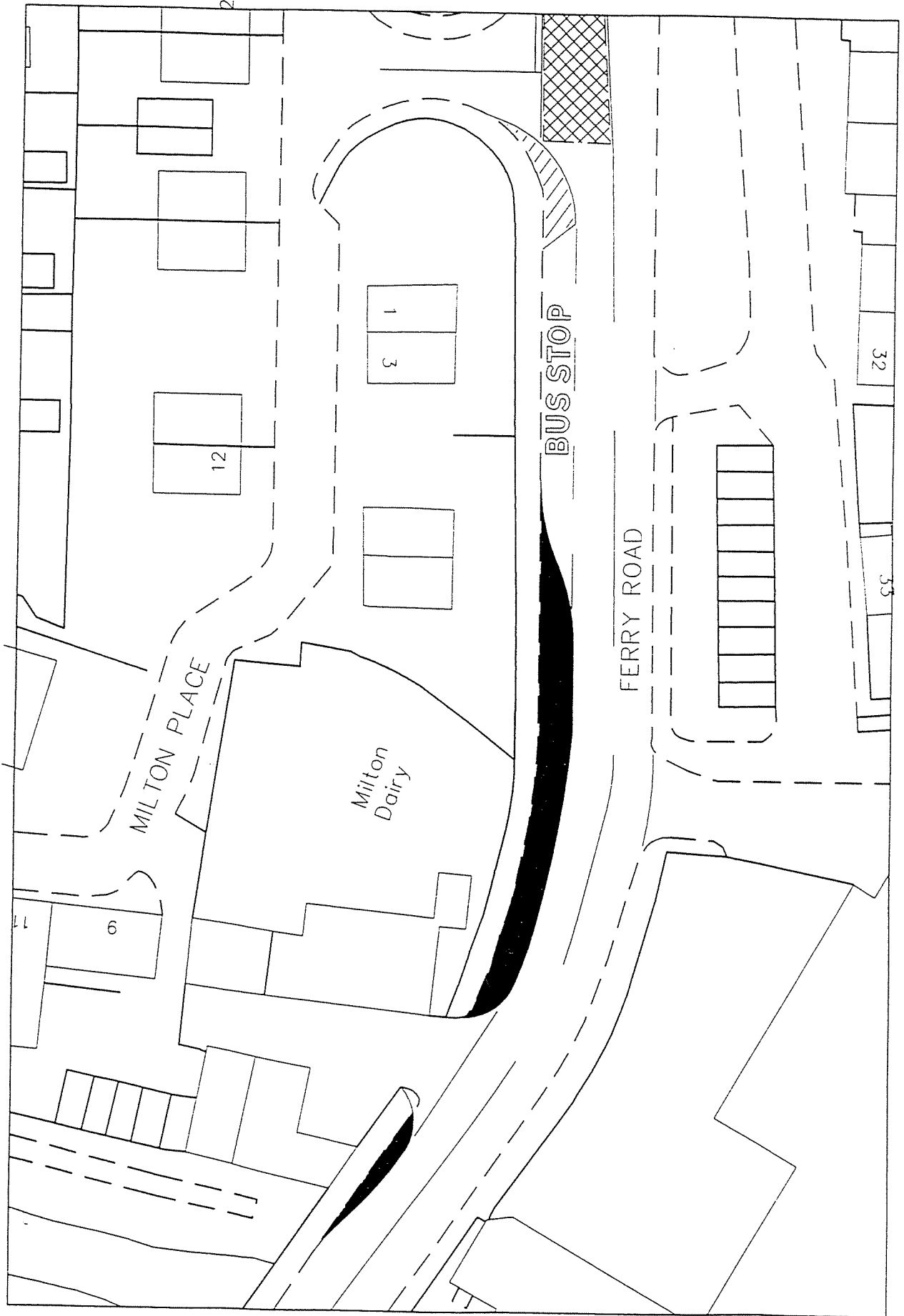
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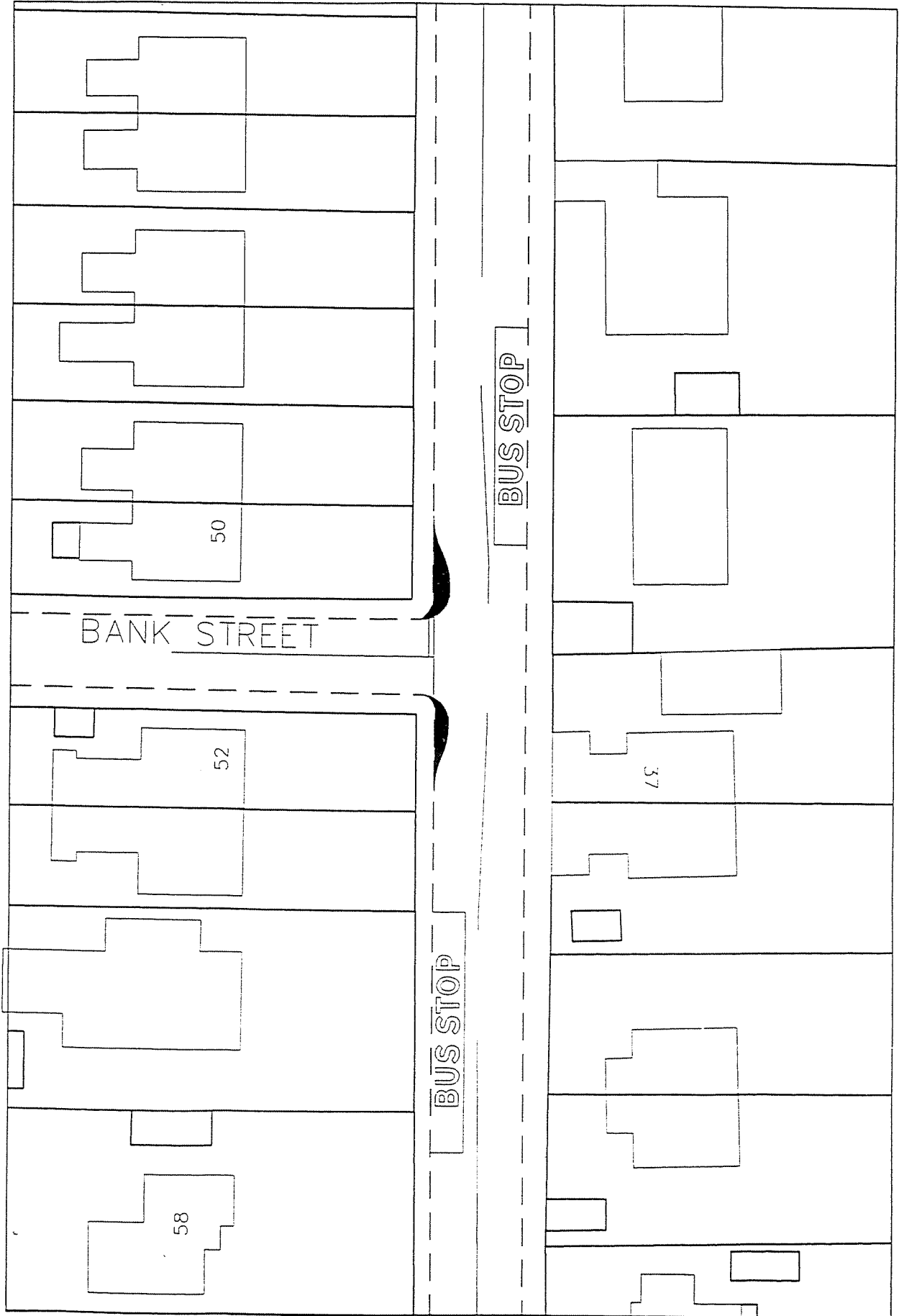
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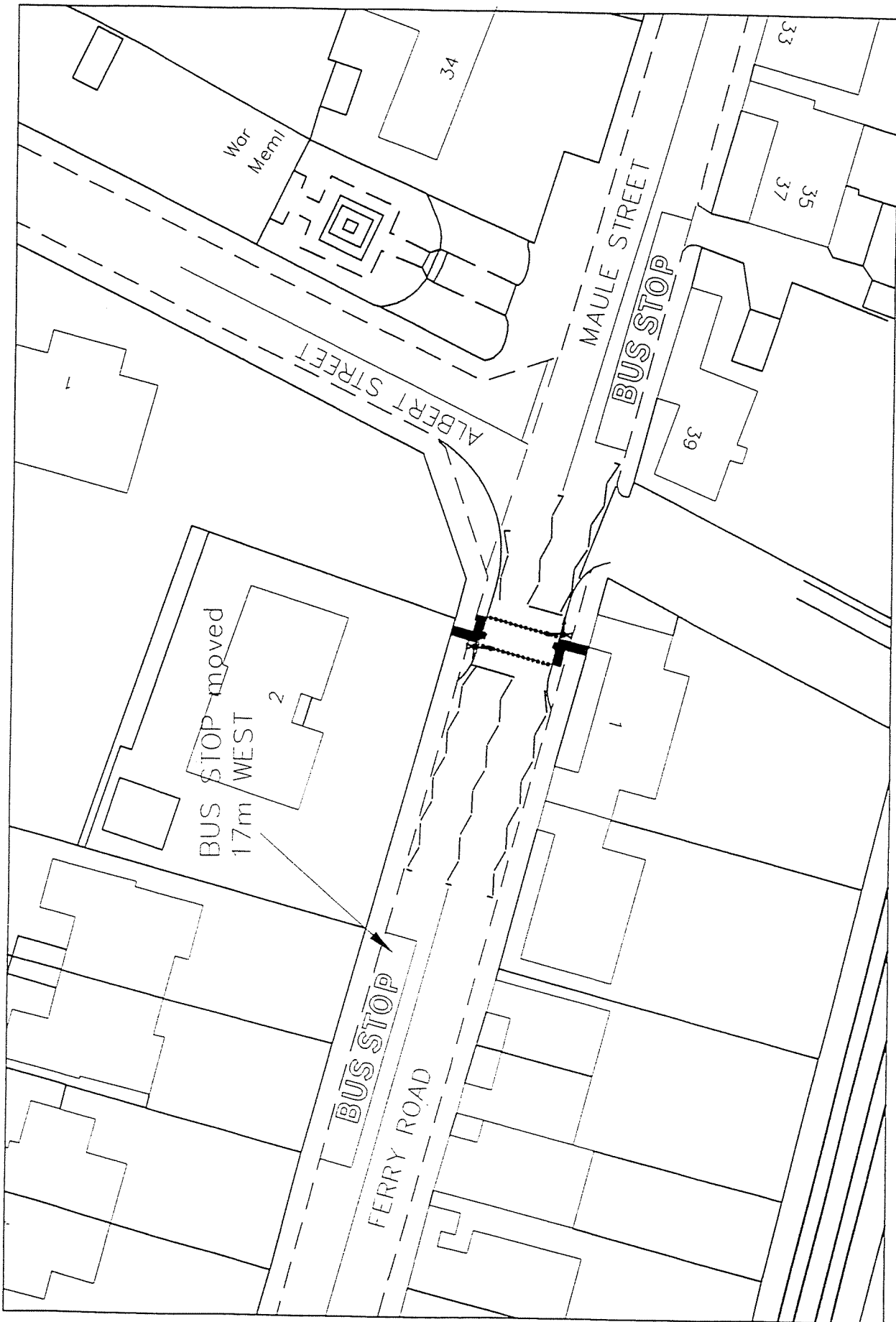
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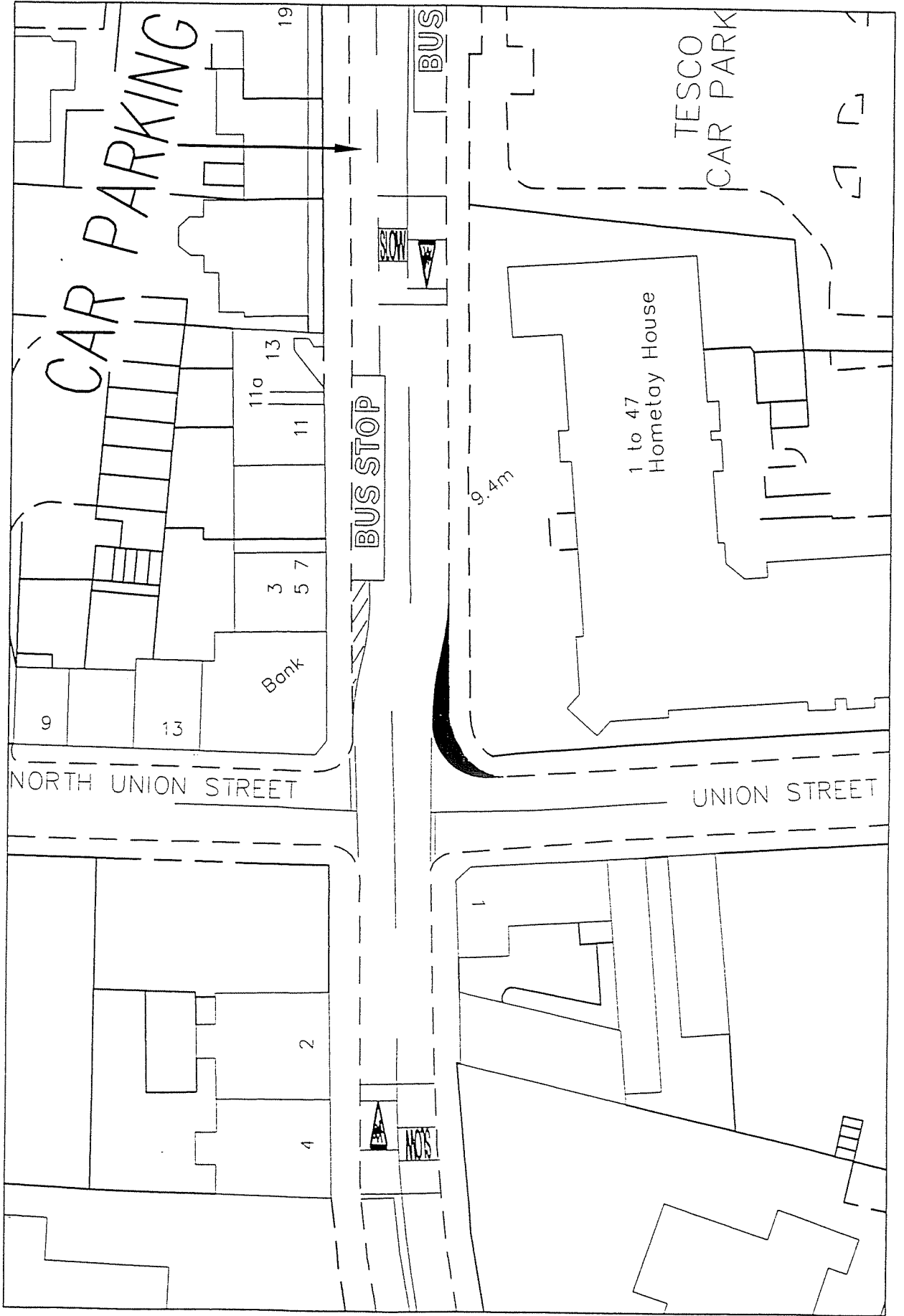
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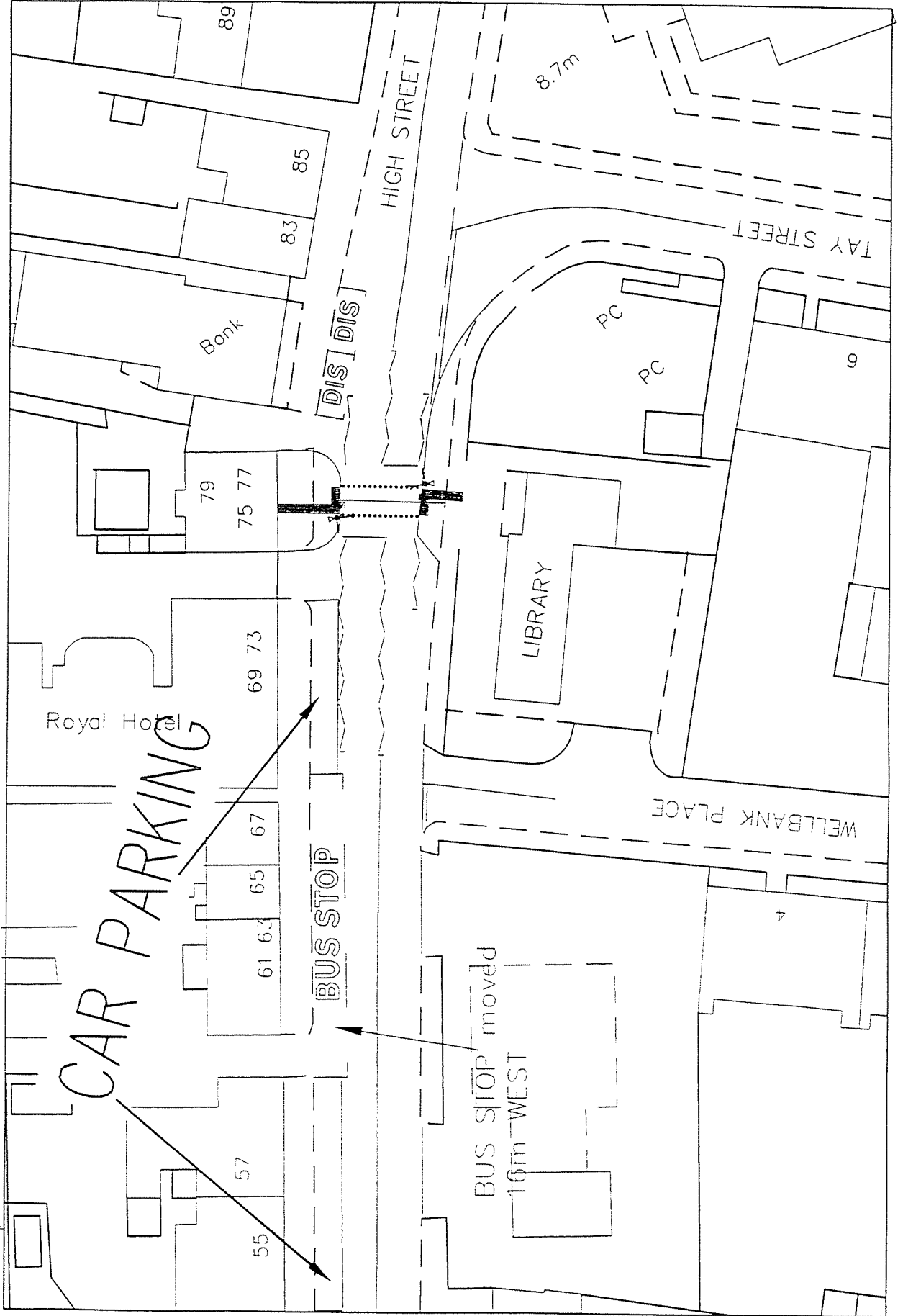
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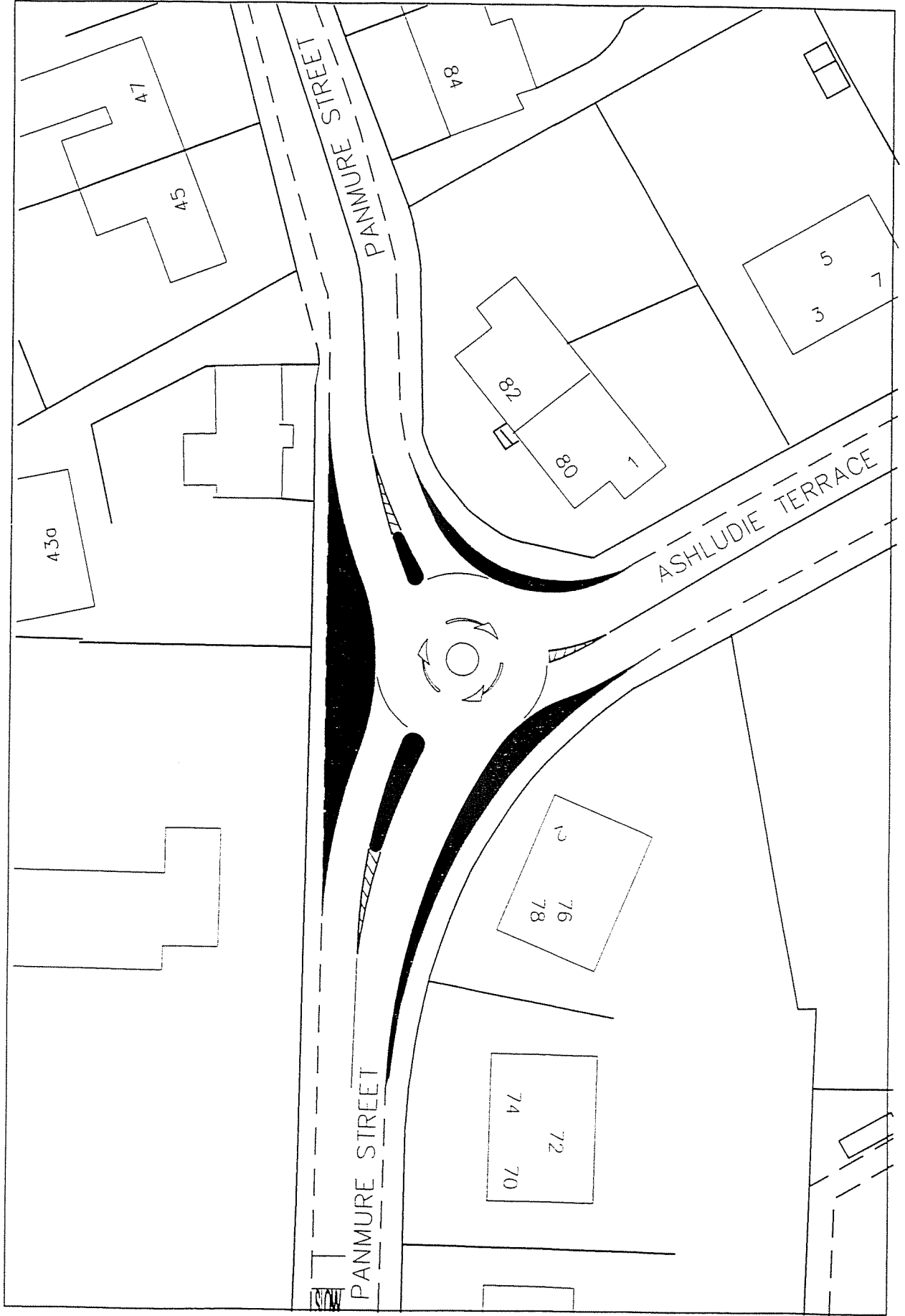
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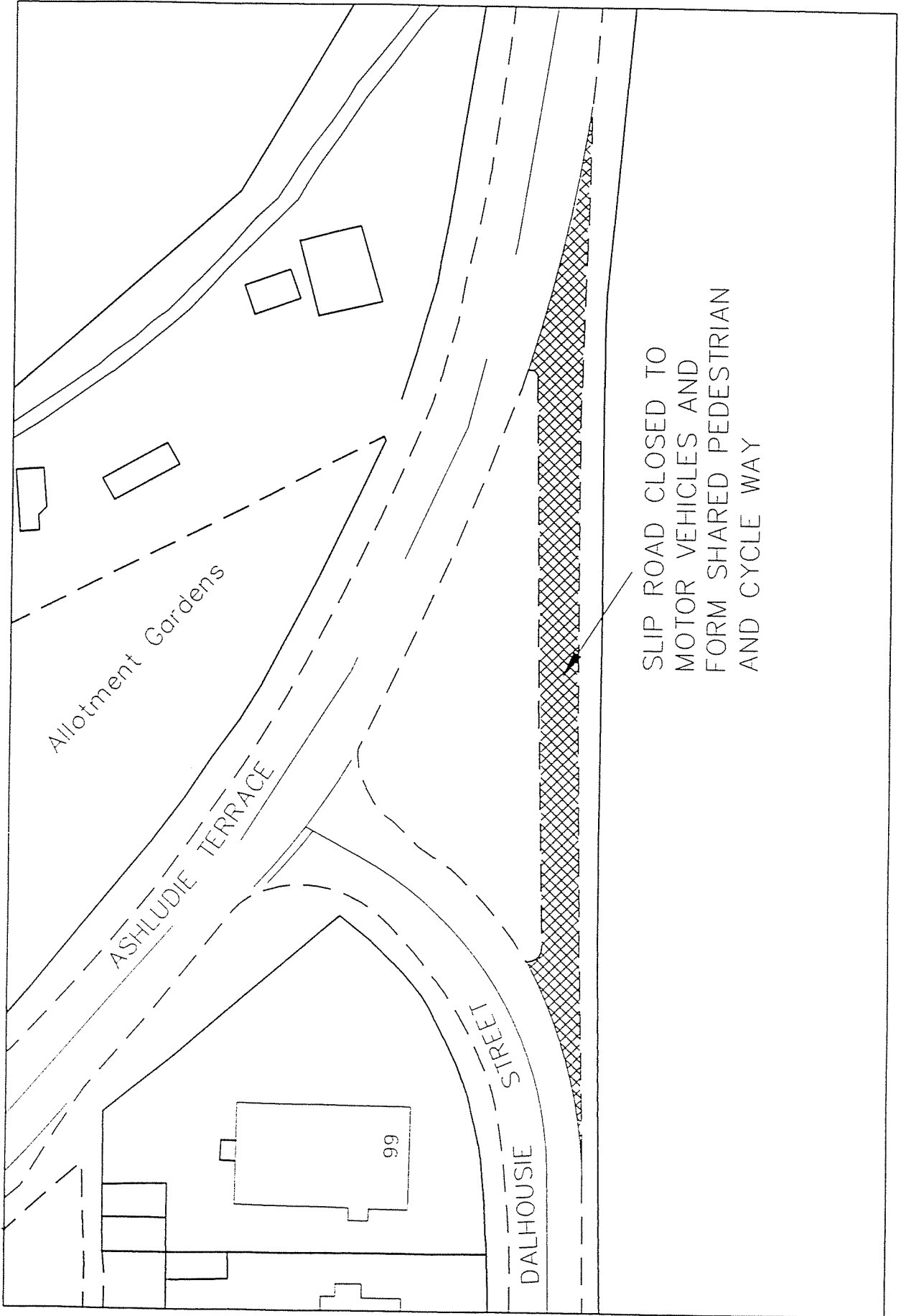
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