

TRANSPORT DECISIONS COMMITTEE – 19 JULY 2007
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER FOR SUMMERTOWN
SHOPPING AREA STREET ENVIRONMENT SCHEME

Report by Head of Transport

Introduction

1. On 29 March 2007 the Cabinet Member for Transport approved the Summertown shopping area street environment enhancement scheme as follows:
 - (a) *that the scheme as presented at the public exhibition, and set out on Drawing No. B2065300/R3171, be progressed through detailed design and formal consultation;*
 - (b) *to include a 20mph speed limit from Lonsdale Road to Diamond Place including the eastern side roads of Mayfield Road, Summerfield.*
2. A fundamental aspect of the design is the southbound bus lay-by and associated footpath. The March report explained that the lay-by encroaches on to private land. The outline scheme design can be seen at Annex 1. The purpose of this report is to seek authority to acquire the land by compulsory purchase, should that prove necessary.

Background Information

3. The Summertown area on the Banbury Road is a busy suburban shopping and commercial centre with schools, library and recreational facilities. This creates a high demand for access to the area by many different modes of transport. Banbury Road is also a key arterial route between the A40 ring road and the city centre, with a high frequency of bus services, together with high levels of general traffic, including cycling.
4. The scheme has been developed with the input of stakeholders including local businesses, bus operators and local Councillors. The scheme meets the needs of the majority of users of Summertown and targets several core objectives of the current Local Transport Plan. This scheme was displayed at a public consultation in November 2006 for comment.

5. The principal aims of the scheme are to:
- Tackle the poor safety record in the area;
 - Improve facilities for bus users;
 - Improve the general environment for all users of the shopping area;
 - Increase facilities for pedestrians and cyclists; and
 - Reduce congestion in the local area by removing the conflict between general traffic and buses serving stops.

Private Land Acquisition

6. The non-highway land which is required for the scheme is shown shaded in Annex 2.
7. It is proposed that initial attempts are made to negotiate with the land owners to dedicate it for highway purposes. If this route is not successful, then formal purchase proceedings to purchase the land should commence. Only if the owners are unwilling to sell at the current land value, will it be necessary for the County Council to proceed with a Compulsory Purchase Order to enable this aspect of the scheme to proceed.
8. There are two land owners with whom negotiations will be required. The majority of the land is owned by Electricity Supply Nominees with the smaller area owned by Summertown Properties Ltd.
9. Due to the tight project timescales and the length of time needed for the CPO processes, it is necessary to gain permission to proceed with a CPO prior to establishing if this is our only option.

How the Project Supports LTP2 Objectives

10. The scheme will help to deliver four of the LTP objectives:
- Tackling congestion by reducing the conflict between stationary buses and moving traffic through Summertown.
 - Safer roads by reducing accidents in the area.
 - Delivering accessible transport facilities and by improving facilities for pedestrians, bus users and cyclists.
 - Improving the street environment.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

11. The scheme is to be funded through the LTP Capital Budget and has a total budget of £1,136k, split as shown below. Staffing will be resourced within current establishment levels.

2007/08	2008/09	TOTAL
216K	920K	1,136K

RECOMMENDATION

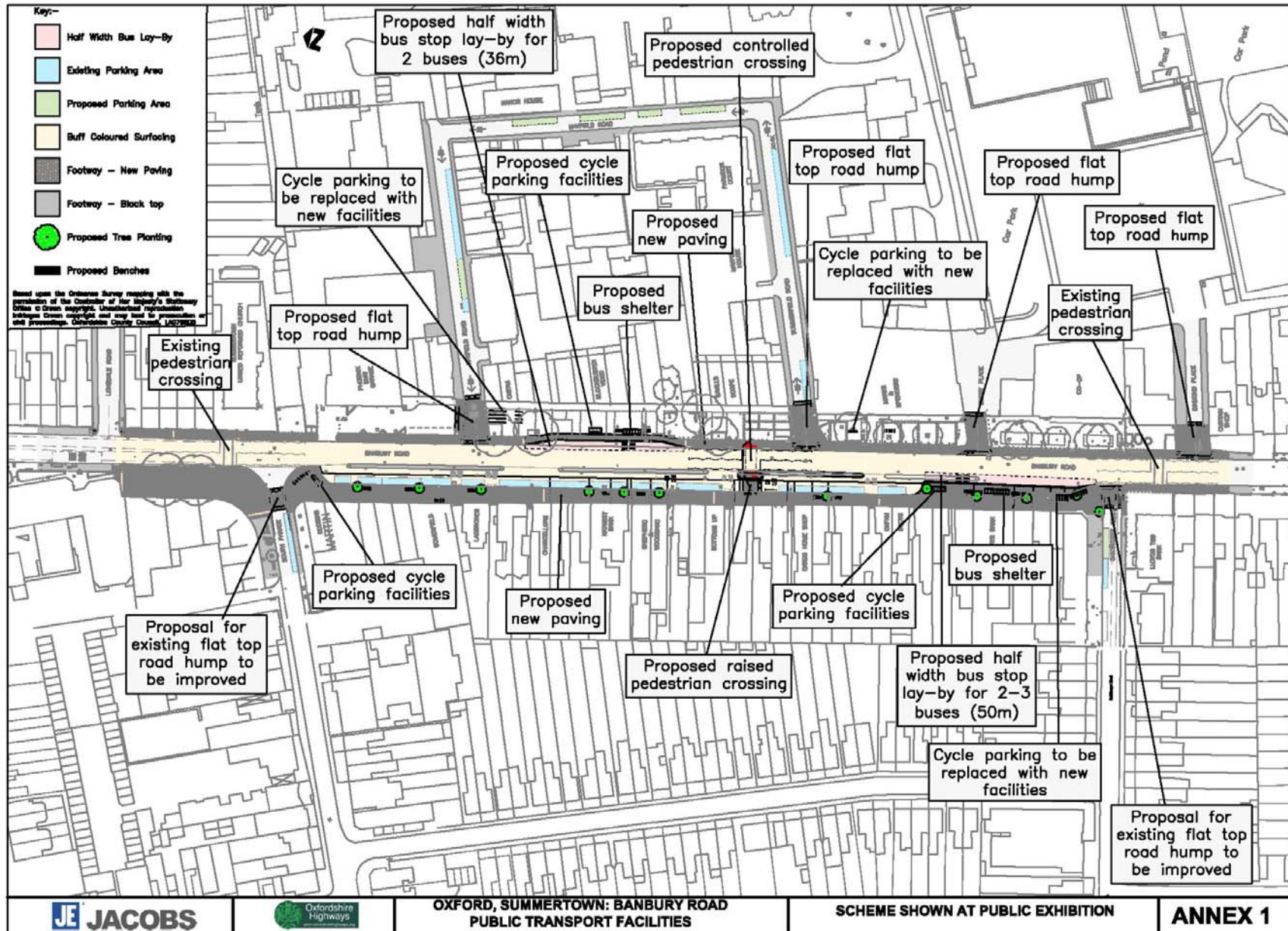
12. **The COMMITTEE is RECOMMENDED to authorise the making of a compulsory purchase order for the acquisition of the land shown coloured on drawing number G4200 & G4201 and to authorise officers to undertake all necessary procedures in connection with the making and publication of the order and its confirmation by the Secretary of State or (if the Secretary of State issues a notice to that effect) by the Council as an unopposed order.**

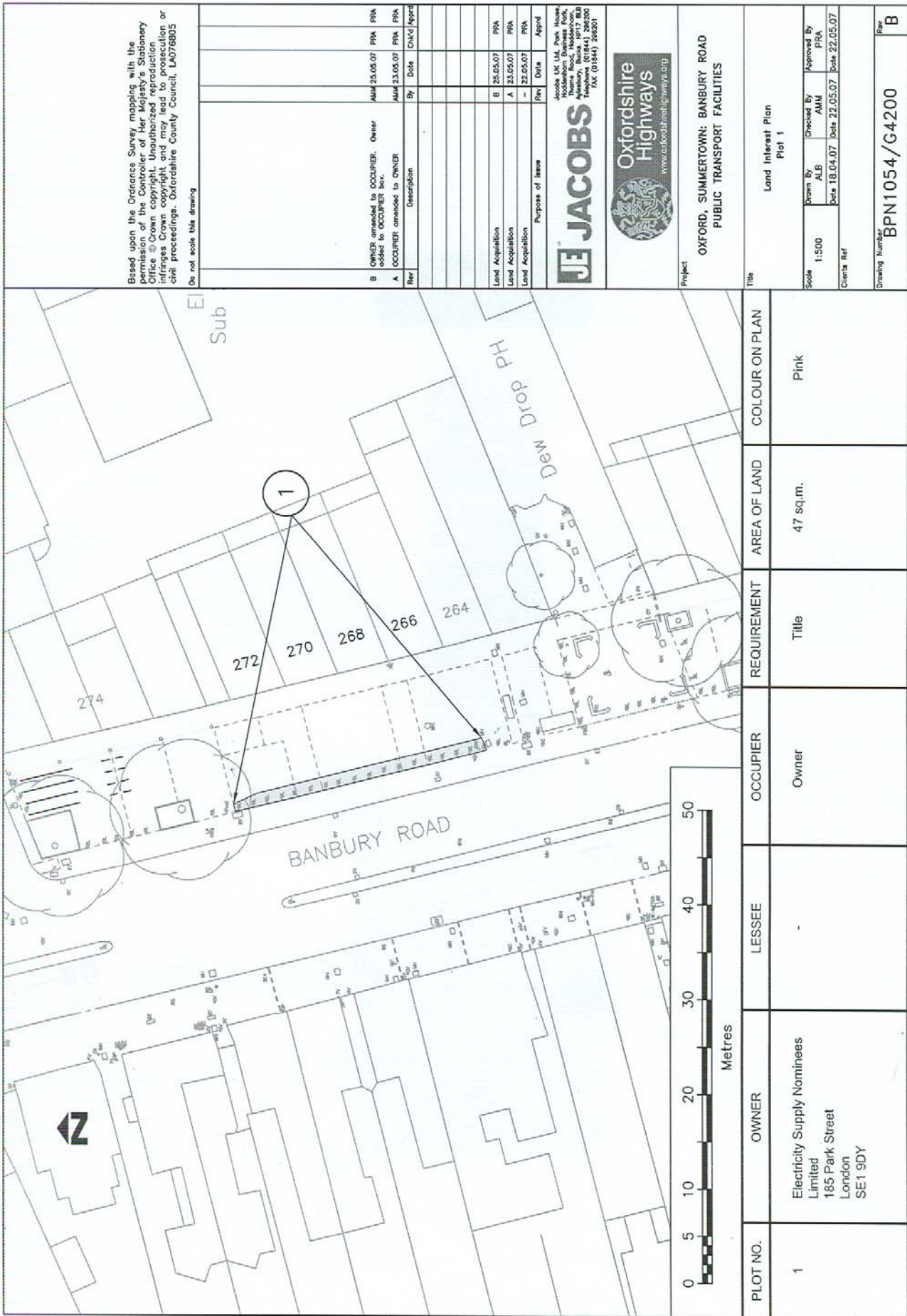
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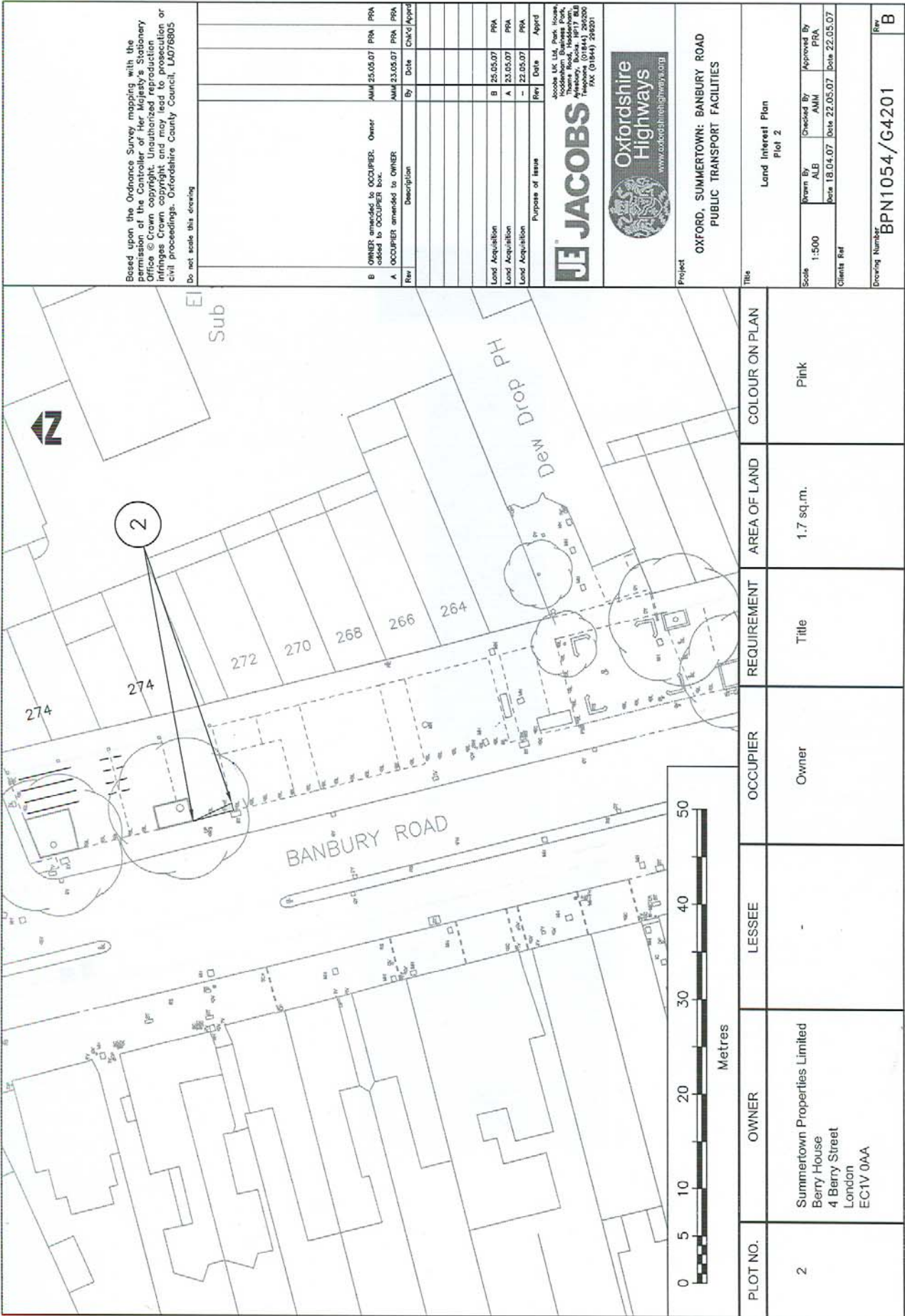
Background papers: Banbury & Woodstock Roads Corridor Study Stage1 Dec
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Rev	Description	By	Date	CHK'd	App'd
B	OWNER amended to OCCUPIER. Owner added to OCCUPIER box.		AMM 25.05.07	PPA	PPA
A	OCCUPIER amended to OWNER		AMM 23.05.07	PPA	PPA

Land Acquisition	Rev	Date	App'd
Land Acquisition	B	25.05.07	PPA
Land Acquisition	A	23.05.07	PPA
Land Acquisition	-	22.05.07	PPA

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PLOT NO.	OWNER	LESSEE	OCCUPIER	REQUIREMENT	AREA OF LAND	COLOUR ON PLAN
2	Summertown Properties Limited Berry House 4 Berry Street London EC1V 0AA	-	Owner	Title	1.7 sq.m.	Pink