

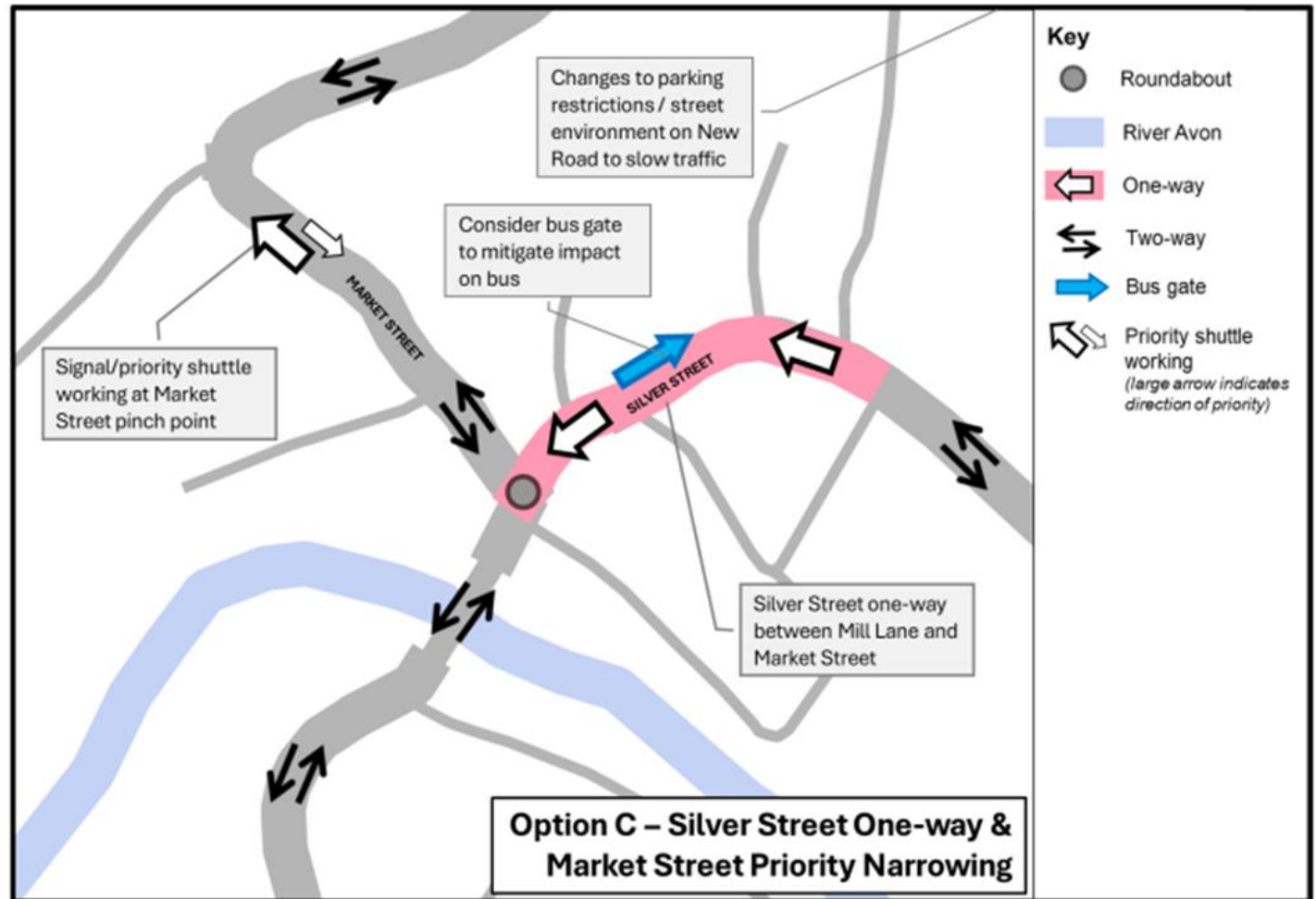
Silver Street Bus Gate Update

Introduction

- Jointly commissioned transport study in 2024
- Preferred option included the introduction of a bus gate on Silver Street.
- Bus gate objectives:
 - Reduce traffic volumes on Silver Street.
 - Reallocate highway space to enhance the public realm.
 - Improve conditions for pedestrians through wider footways and consideration of additional crossing opportunities.
 - Retain existing bus movements to minimise impacts on bus service reliability, journey times and timetable provision.

Constraints and Challenges

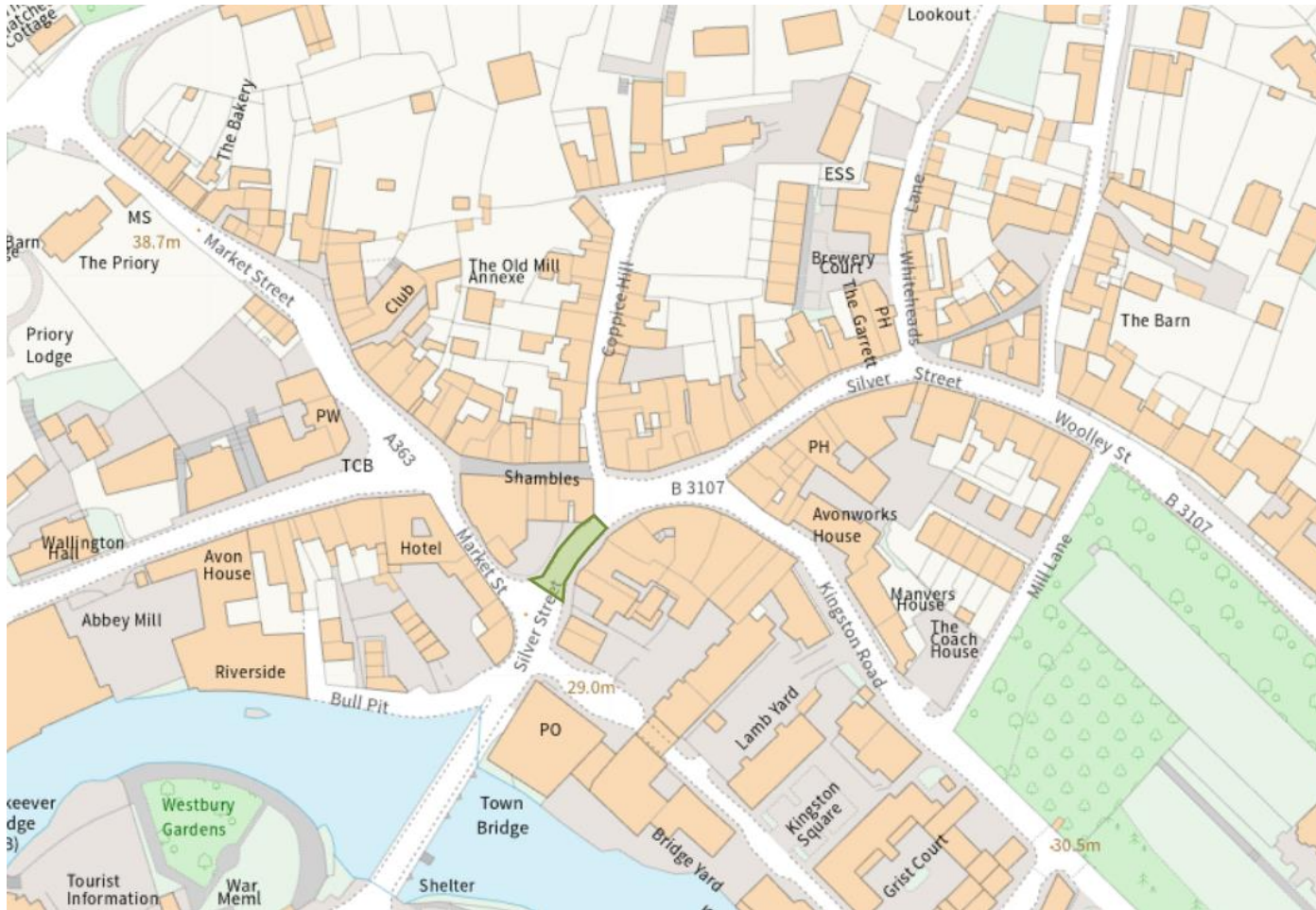
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- Limited available space
- Long wait times
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Bus Gate Feasibility Study

- **Signal-Controlled Bus Gate**
- 2025 traffic consultants undertake a detailed feasibility assessment
 - Side roads within shuttle extents
 - Insufficient space available all necessary signal equipment
 - Long wait times
 - Likely red-light violations
 - Pedestrian facilities – removal of Zebra
- Conclusion:
 - Significant practical and safety issues
 - Not a viable option.

Traffic Regulation Order Approach



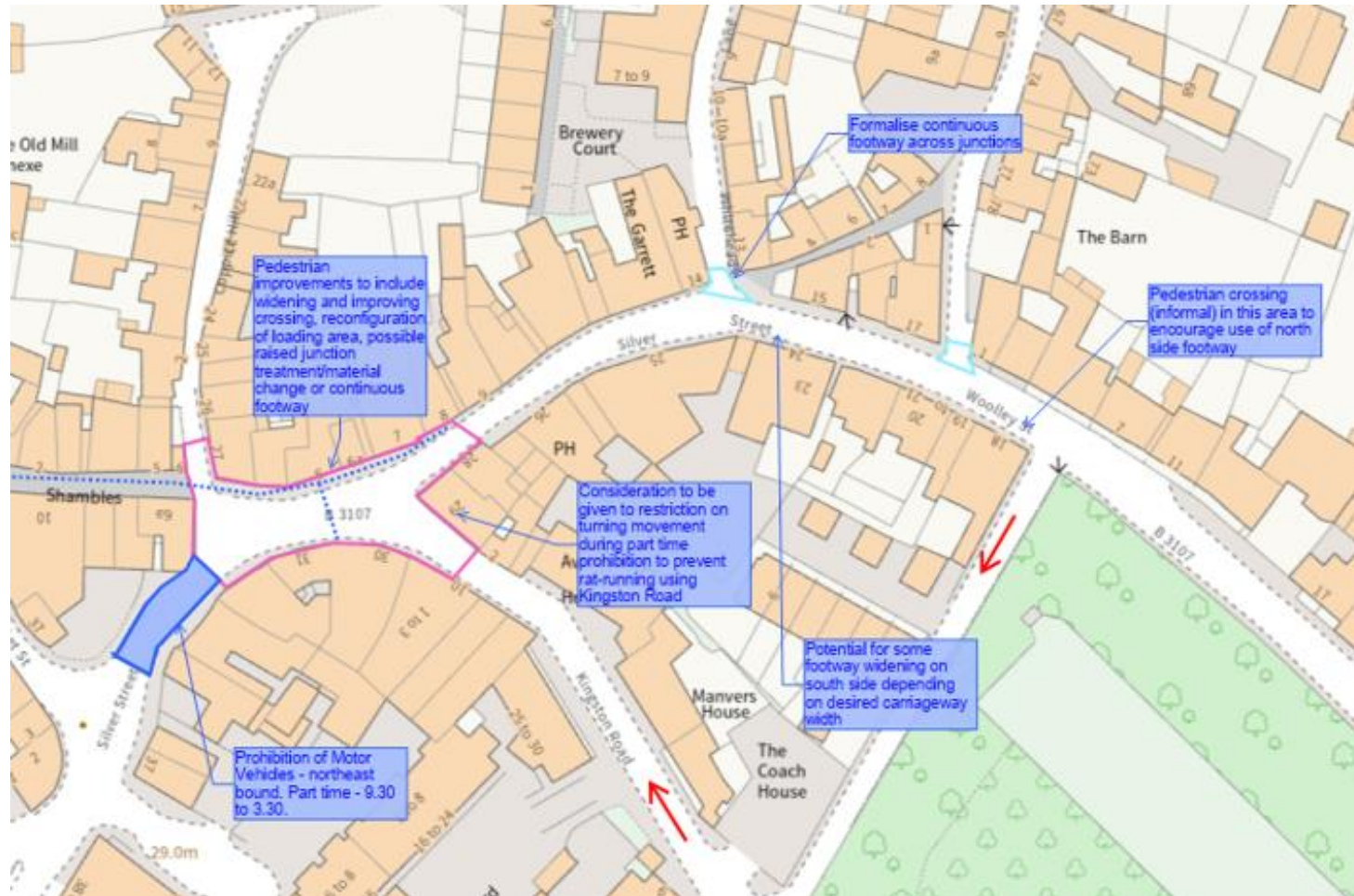
Prohibition of all motor vehicles, except buses, from using Silver Street eastbound between Market St and Coppice Hill.

This option would:

Traffic Regulation Order Approach

- Retain bus access
- Significantly reducing general traffic
- Create opportunities to deliver public realm and pedestrian improvements but two-way traffic needs to be accommodated
- Potentially operate on a time-restricted basis, TBA eg 7:00am and 7:00pm
- Unrestricted access outside of operating hours
- Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO)
- Monitored and assessed against key performance measures
- Assessment before decision is made on making the arrangement permanent
- Appropriate enforcement arrangements would need to be considered

Public Realm Improvements



- Localised footway widening wherever possible
- Improvements to pedestrian route linking Shambles, Coppice Hill, Silver Street and Kingston Road
- Informal crossing points at key locations on Silver Street/Woolley Street

Public Realm Improvements - Examples



Key Message

- The feasibility study has concluded that a signal-controlled bus gate is not a viable solution for Silver Street.
- However, a bus-only access restriction delivered through a Traffic Regulation Order remains a potential option and could be progressed alongside wider public realm and pedestrian improvements.

Next Steps for Silver Street

- Design public realm and pedestrian improvements
- Engagement with key stakeholders
- Identify a preferred scheme
- Clarify costs of preferred scheme
- Secure funding package
- Implement
- The prohibition of motor vehicles, except buses, could be progressed concurrently