

FORRES SOUTH INTEGRATED TRANSPORT PLAN

1. CONTEXT

The emerging Moray Local Plan sets out the following objectives for Forres.

- Need to identify sites for 550 new houses
- To safeguard the high quality greenspaces in the town
- To identify 10 hectares of land for general industrial/commercial uses and support the Towns Strategic Business Park
- To protect the outstanding Conservation status of the town centre
- To enhance the appearance of the town from the A96 and in particular the approach from the west
- To exercise the precautionary principle on land liable to flood
- To identify a search area for long term housing supply
- To support the town centres' vitality

Development sites that are within the scope of the Forres South Integrated Transport Plan are listed below.

Site Ref	Site Name	TA Required
R1	Knockomie (South)	Yes
R2	Knockomie (North)	Yes
R3	Ferrylea	Yes
R8	Mannachy	No

2. KEY TRANSPORT OBJECTIVES & ACTIONS

WALKING & CYCLING

Objectives

Provide connections and improvements to routes to schools and the town centre through an equitable system for all developers

Provide radial cycle routes within each development site and allow for future connection to Core Path (CP12A)

Actions

Identify routes to schools and town centre and necessary measures to provide connections and improvements to these routes

Prepare an equitable system for delivery (or developer contribution) of the measures to provide connections and improvements to the routes to the schools and town centre.

Sites R1 and R2 to incorporate a radial cycle route connecting the Grantown Road (A940) to the minor road at Balnageith.

Site R3 to incorporate a radial cycle route linking between Mannachie Road and Grantown Road (A940) and connections to the future Core Path (CP12A).

Site R8 to incorporate a radial cycle route connecting to Mannachie Road.

APPENDIX 1

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Objectives

Provide appropriate infrastructure that enables an efficient and sustainable town bus service access to all of the residential sites in this area.

Provide funding support to enable the initial setting up and operation of a future town bus service through an equitable system for all developers

Actions

Prepare appropriate road layout and design to enable access to all sites by a future town bus service (circular route)

Prepare an equitable system for developer contributions towards a future town bus service

ROAD SAFETY & ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

Objectives

Provide road safety through road design standards, junction types and spacing, and extension of speed limit

Provide vehicular access to the site, including (where appropriate) access by the future town bus service

Provide appropriate infrastructure improvements to the Grantown Road (A940), including cycleway (where appropriate), carriageway width, kerbs, drainage and street lighting, adjacent to the new residential sites

The junction strategy for the part of the Grantown Road (A940) adjacent to sites R1, R2 and R3 is (1) to optimise the number of junctions (2 junctions preferred) and (2) to provide 4-arm roundabouts for road safety reasons

Provide appropriate mitigation measures at junctions on the Grantown Road (A940) North of the residential sites through an equitable system for all developers

Actions

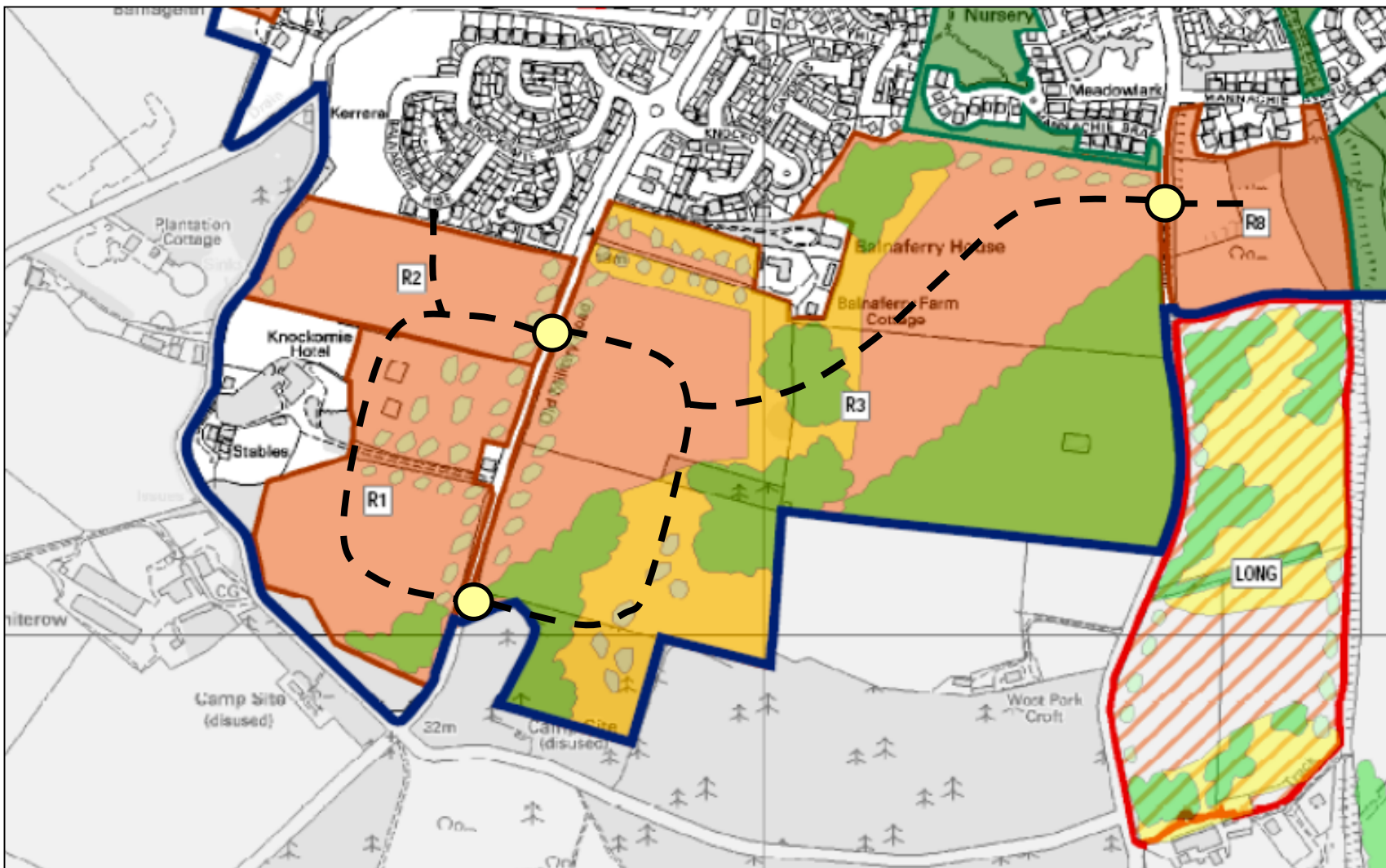
Prepare junction arrangements and road layouts that satisfy the A940 junction strategy, provide access to individual sites and enables a future town bus service

Prepare internal road layouts in accordance with the current design standards

Prepare road traffic orders for the extension of the speed limit

Identify junctions on the Grantown Road (A940), North of the residential sites, that require mitigation measures through the Transport Assessment process

Prepare an equitable system for delivery (or developer contribution) of the A940 mitigation measures



INDICATIVE ROADS LAYOUT