



# COMMUNITY MESSAGE

## Peterchurch Parish Council

### B4348 MAJOR WORKS UPDATE

### 15/07/2026

Doocey's Group will be working on behalf National Grid to complete the installation of 66kv and 11kv infrastructure to supply the Hawthorn Rise development.

A plan of the anticipated route can be seen in the figure below



Peterchurch Parish Council have ongoing correspondence with Doocey's and Herefordshire Council regarding the works

Updates as of **15/07/2026** can be found in the updated Q&A pages

# B4348 ROAD CLOSURE

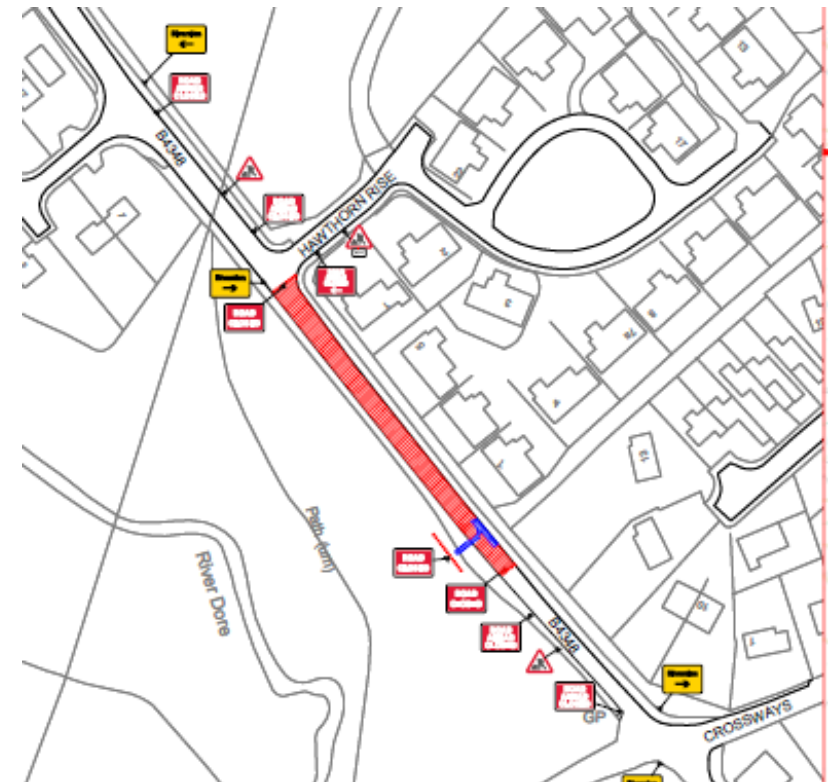
**Works will begin on 20<sup>th</sup> July for 8 days, including weekends. Road Closure will be lifted on 28<sup>th</sup> July.**

Traffic lights to remain place approx 29th July - 14th August



This road closure has been removed from programme. Works at this location will be done under 3 way lights, incorporating access to Hawthorn Rise and Closure Place for the duration of the road closure.

This closure has been revised and reduced in distance. —————→ The road closure will NOT incorporate the access to Hawthorn Rise.



# Herefordshire Council - Traffic Restriction Proposals

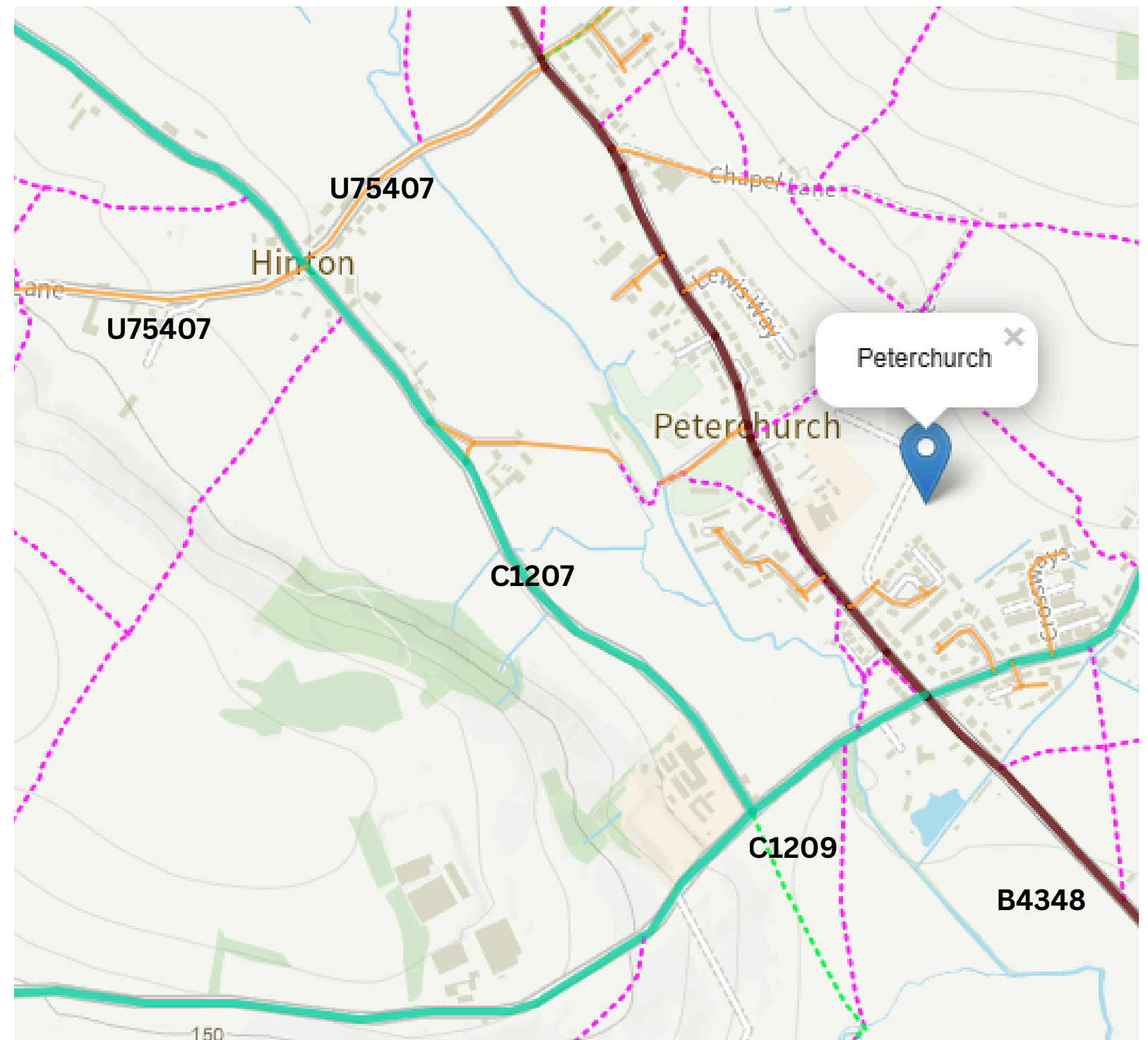
Following contact from Peterchurch Parish Council (PPC) and Ward Member Philip Price regarding bus services during the B4348 road closure, Herefordshire Council approached the Parish Council with proposals to introduce temporary traffic restrictions on the **C1207** and **U75407** for the duration of the closure.

The proposals included restricting traffic in certain directions at specific times of the day.

Following the Parish Council's clear objection to the proposals, representatives of PPC met with Herefordshire Council on 7 July to discuss the matter. The purpose of the meeting was to understand the justification for the proposed restrictions.

The Parish Council's position was that no additional traffic restrictions should be introduced on the surrounding roads within the B4348 diversion area and that traffic should be permitted to use these routes freely. The PC also maintained that bus services should continue to operate as normal via the C1207.

A summary of the proposals and the outcome of the meeting is set out on the following pages.



# Herefordshire Council - Traffic Restriction Proposals

## Proposal 1:

HGVs will be prohibited from using the C1207 from 20<sup>th</sup> July for 28 days, except for buses, agricultural vehicles and refuge vehicles. (This provision is to prevent HGV rat running)

## Outcome:

This restriction has been reduced in duration to prevent HGVs from using the C1207 for 20<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> July, whilst the road closure is in place on B4348. Access for agricultural vehicles will be permitted. Access for HGVs servicing C1207 will be permitted i.e bin lorries, deliveries etc.

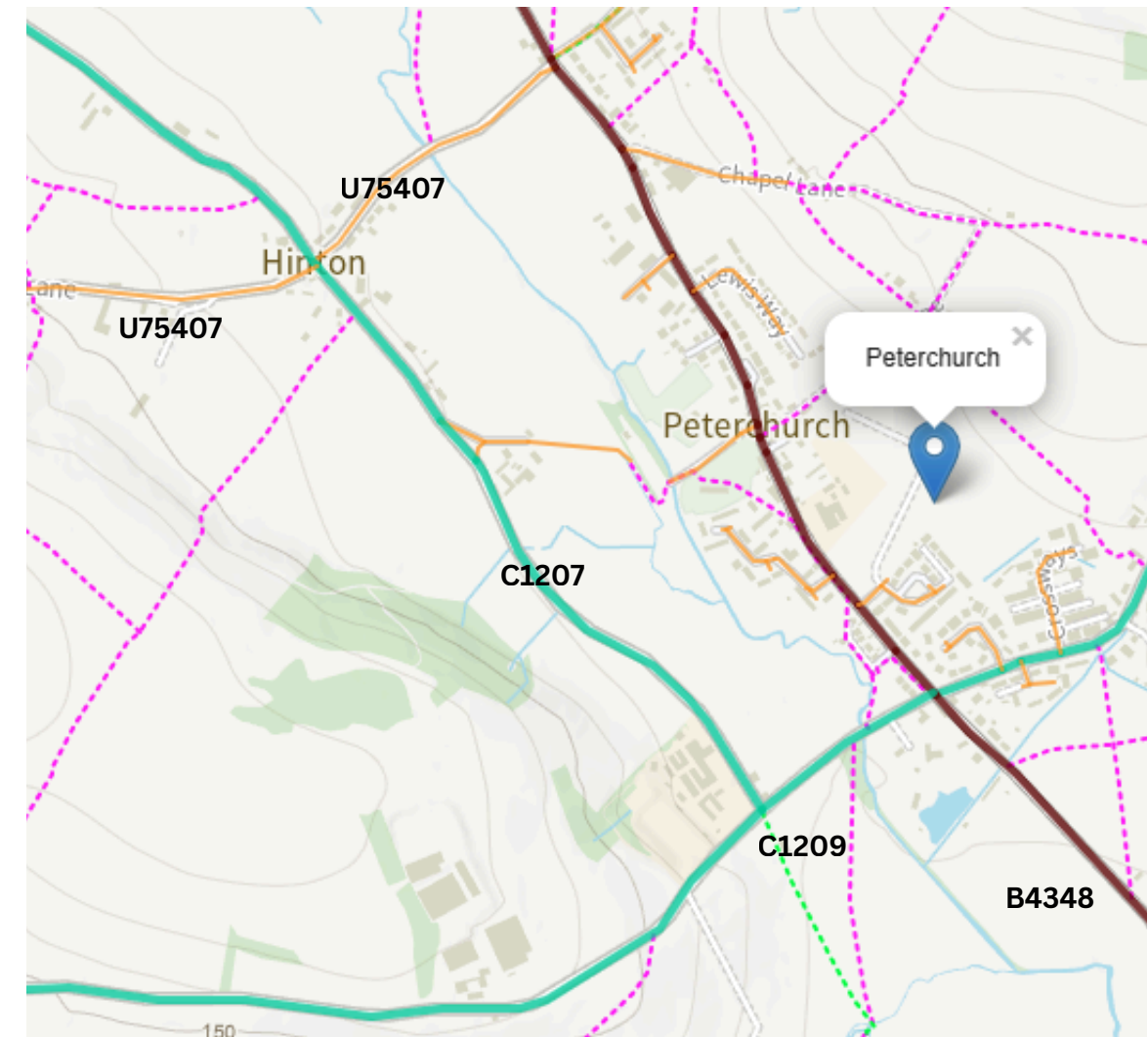
## Proposal 2:

There is also provision in the order that runs from July 29<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August that prohibits all vehicles from using the C1207 except buses, and residential access to properties located between the C1209 and Long Lane. This provision is necessary to help ensure the bus service can still operate if they are unable to get through the reduced carriageway width once the B4348 is open and running under traffic signals.

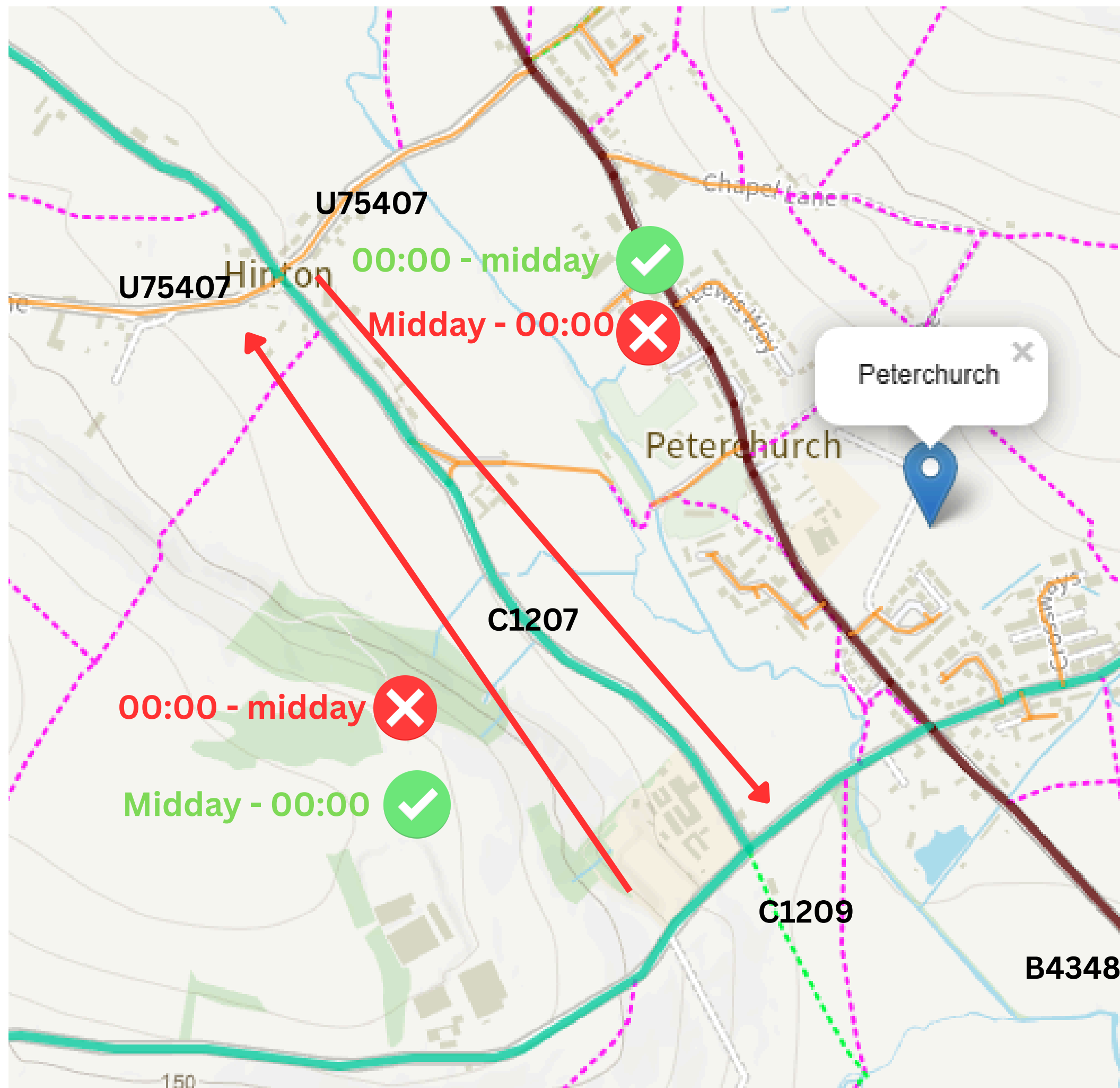
It will be impossible to control the rat running that would otherwise take place as people wait at the traffic signals which would make the C1207 both dangerous for road users and may prevent buses from getting through.

## Outcome:

This restriction has been lifted. Doocey's have confirmed that there will be sufficient carriageway width on the B4348 during the traffic lights duration for all vehicles to use it.



Restrictions on  
Hinton Court  
Back Road



Restrictions to  
be manned  
between  
midday and  
6pm.

# BUS TIMETABLE

The X44 will run the below routes and will service Crossways and Nags Head turnings only.

| X44 Hereford to Peterchurch                                                         |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                       | 19:32 -<br>amended<br>from<br>19:38                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10:07                                                                               | 12:07                                                                               | 14:07                                                                               | 16:07                                                                               | 18:07                                                                                 |                                                                                       |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

On Sun 26<sup>th</sup> July the following services will run and follow the diversion route in Peterchurch:

Service to Hereford: 10:42 and 12:42 pm  
Service from Hereford: 12:32, 14:32 and 16:32

## X44 Peterchurch to Hereford

|                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 07:54                                                                               | 09:54                                                                               | 11:54                                                                               | 13:54                                                                                 | 15:54                                                                                 | 18:04                                                                                 |
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All other buses will run the usual route between Brecon and Hay in both directions and run to and from Hereford via A438 and will not be able to serve Dorstone, Peterchurch or Clehonger.

# Hinton Court back road

## restrictions

### **Narrative:**

Herefordshire Council Streetworks Team provided information regarding why this restriction has been proposed:

They are aware that the C1209 operates a one way system during peak times during the school term. With the increased amount of vehicles due to use this road during the B4348 road closure and noting the narrow width of the road, the most appropriate option was to restrict directional traffic at certain points of the day. Agricultural vehicles servicing the area will be permitted during this time. Access for HGV's serving properties on C1209 will be permitted.

The Parish Council raised a number of concerns with Herefordshire Council regarding the proposed temporary one-way restriction on the C1207.

### **Use of STOP/GO boards:**

The Parish Council asked whether the traffic lights at either end of the restriction could instead be replaced with manually operated STOP/GO boards. Herefordshire Council advised that, due to the length of the road, this would not comply with the relevant traffic management requirements. They also confirmed that the traffic lights would be too far apart to communicate effectively with one another.

### **Alternative approach suggested by the Parish Council:**

The Parish Council proposed retaining the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) so that the restriction would still appear on satellite navigation systems, but not physically implementing the one-way restriction on site. The aim was to discourage through traffic while allowing road users to continue passing with caution. Herefordshire Council advised that they could not lawfully make a TTRO without enforcing it on the ground, as this could expose the authority to liability should an incident occur.

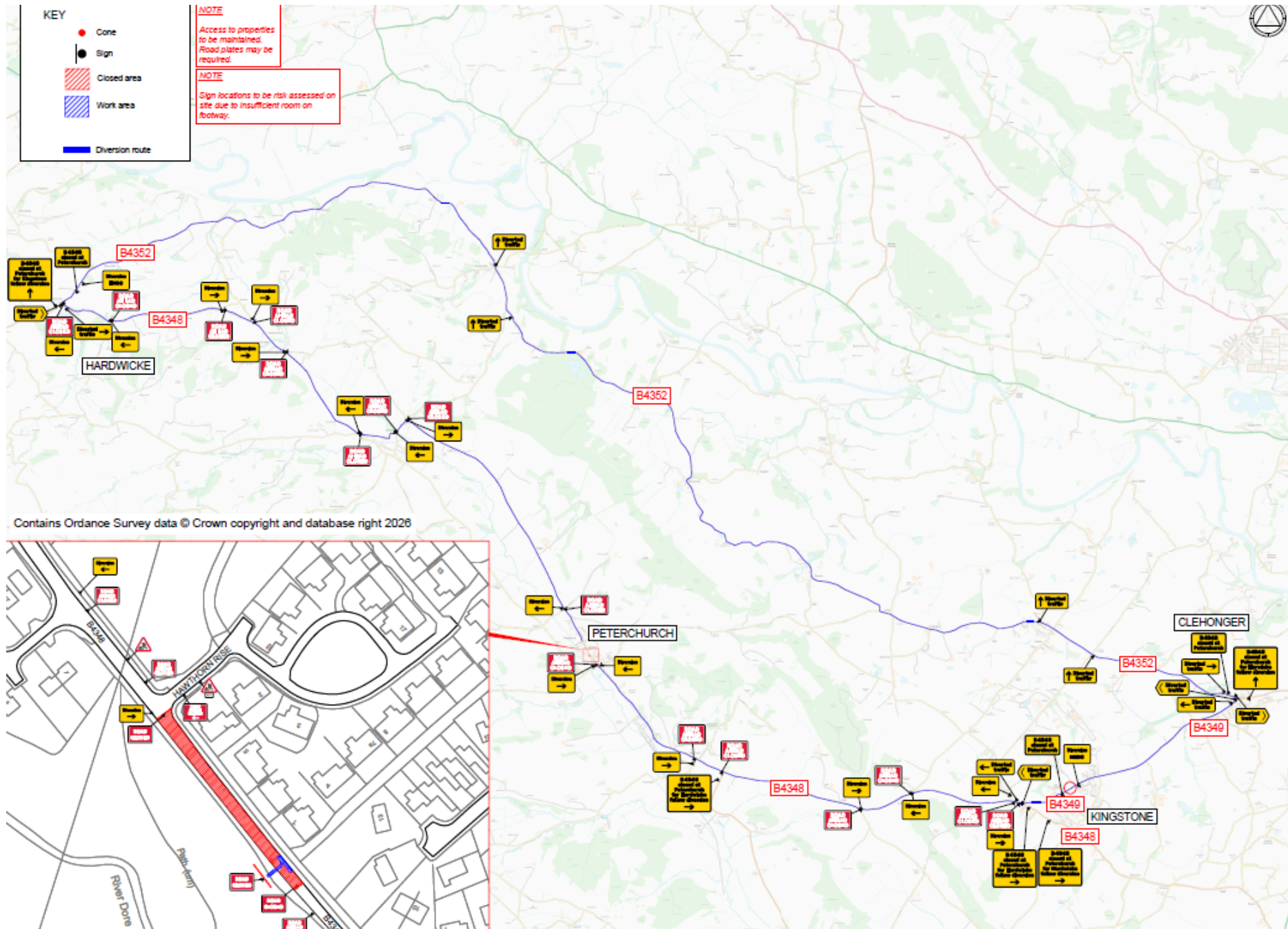
### **Potential closure of the C1207:**

Herefordshire Council further advised that if the one-way restriction was not observed by motorists, they would consider closing the C1207 in the interests of highway safety. The Parish Council expressed significant disappointment at this position, noting that a road closure would divert traffic onto roads such as Snodhill, which are considered even less suitable. The Council also questioned why the C1207 would be closed if restrictions were ignored, when many other local roads operate safely without similar controls. Herefordshire Council responded that the proposed restriction is considered necessary because they are aware that the C1207 already operates as an unofficial one-way route during peak periods and anticipate a significant increase in traffic during the eight-day works.

### **Parish Council position:**

The Parish Council highlighted that the one-way restriction was only proposed after concerns were raised about maintaining bus services during the works. Members also noted that the proposed restriction has resulted in a reduced bus timetable. The Parish Council requested that, if no alternative traffic management solution is available, the one-way restriction should be withdrawn and motorists allowed to negotiate the road with appropriate caution. Herefordshire Council confirmed that the TTRO process is already underway and that its position remains that the temporary restriction is necessary to ensure the safety of highway users

# B4348 ROAD CLOSURE DIVERSION



## Awaiting update on the following:

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Advance warning signs to be placed immediately.

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Herefordshire Council to send out communications.

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If residents have any queries or concerns in relation to the proposal, please call Herefordshire Council on 01432 261800.