

HORNCHURCH AREA COMMITTEE (Hacton and St. Andrew's Wards) AGENDA

7.30 p.m.	Tuesday, 17 July 2007	Langton's Junior School, Westland Avenue, Hornchurch RM11 3SD
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Members 6: Quorum 3

COUNCILLORS:

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Barbara Matthews (RES)

Ray Morgon (RES) – (VC)

Steve Whittaker (RES)

David Charles (IND)

Mike Winter (RES)

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Hornchurch Area Committee, 17 July 2007**Welcome to this Area Committee Meeting....****Some Frequently Asked Questions****What is an Area Committee?**

It is a formal meeting of all of the Councillors who sit for wards within the Area. Councillors are members of the Committee automatically; they are not appointed because they belong to any particular political party or group, or indeed to none.

What can it do?

The main purpose of an Area Committee is to enable local Councillors to meet with local people to deal with matters of local concern. Committees and other meetings at the Town Hall tend to deal with matters of borough-wide concern.

How many are there?

There are nine Area Committees, between them covering the whole of the borough. They are:

Area	Constituent wards
North Romford	Havering Park and Mawneys
Harold Hill	Heaton and Gooshays
Romford	Brooklands and Romford Town
Gidea Park	Pettits and Squirrels Heath
Emerson Park and Harold Wood	Harold Wood and Emerson Park
Upminster	Upminster and Cranham
Hornchurch	Hacton and St Andrews
Elm Park and Hylands	Elm Park and Hylands
South Hornchurch and Rainham	Rainham & Wennington and South Hornchurch

Each has six Members, three from each of its constituent wards.

Where does it meet?

Each Area Committee meets four times a year at a venue within its area, which it uses regularly for its meetings. Details for the coming meeting are usually published in "Living in Havering" or can be found out by asking Democratic Services at the Town Hall.

What will be on the agenda?

Generally, Area Committee agendas comprise five parts:

- A "surgery" at which the public can raise issues with Committee Members, representatives of StreetCare and of other services
- The formalities of the meeting, including minutes of the last meeting

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- Reports on highways and other environmental issues
- Information report on issues of current local concern; and
- Future business and meetings.

The precise agenda will vary from meeting to meeting, depending on what needs to be dealt with at any particular time.

A major component of the current issues is schemes for improving the use of the public highway.

Who runs the meeting?

The Committee each year elects one of its Members as Chairman and he or she will be in control. There is a Vice-Chairman who will take charge if the Chairman is absent for any reason.

A member of Democratic Services staff is also present: his or her job is to assist the Chairman with the smooth running of the meeting, to take the Committee's minutes and to deal with any issues that cannot be dealt with by any one else.

Who can attend?

By law, Area Committee meetings are open to anyone.

Who will attend?

- The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and other Members and the designated Democratic Services Officer
- Officers from StreetCare, and from other departments that have reports that the Area Committee will be dealing with
- Representatives of other official agencies, such as the police, are also often in attendance.

How can I raise an issue?

There are two ways you can raise an issue:

- *Before the meeting:* contact the Chairman, or the Democratic Services officer who deals with the Area Committee
- *At the meeting:* raise the issue during the public question time period (which usually lasts 30 minutes but, at the Chairman's discretion if there is time, can last longer)

Hornchurch Area Committee, 17 July 2007**RULES AND CONVENTIONS FOR AREA COMMITTEES**

1. Area Committee meetings will be treated as just one element of community engagement and be used as a means by which community engagement can be promoted.
2. Area Committees will be constituted under the Local Government Act 1972 and will have the purpose set out in Article 10 of Part 2 of the Constitution (as revised).
3. There will be nine Area Committees, each covering two electoral wards as set out in Article 10 of Part 2 of the Constitution (as revised).
4. Each Area Committee will decide the fixed venue where it will hold its meetings except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Chairman. Additional meetings would ordinarily be held at the same venue.
5. Ordinary Area Committee meetings will start at 7.30pm.
6. Area Committees will meet four times a year, but will have the facility for holding special meetings. The Chairman may also arrange informal meetings of the Area Committee, alone or jointly with others, where to do so is conducive to dealing with particular items of business.
7. Area Committees should and can –
 - (a) consult the public to inform the decision makers;
 - (b) be used for the Council to inform the public;
 - (c) be used for non-Council agencies to inform or consult;
 - (d) be entitled to specifically invite appropriate people or organisations to meetings.
8. Area Committee Chairmen –
 - (a) operate under the Job Description, as agreed from time to time by the Governance Committee;
 - (b) take the role of steering committee and collective Member activity, and
 - (c) be required to report to each area committee meeting on their activities since the last meeting as well as an annual report to be submitted to the last ordinary meeting of the Committee of the Municipal Year.
9. In respect of Public Question Time -
 - (a) 30 minutes be allocated for questions from the public at each ordinary meeting, with the Chairman having discretion to modify that length of time, as the first part of the Agenda;
 - (b) Area Committee Chairman be responsible for dealing with questions and co-ordinate their replies.
10. Area Committee Members appointed to area-specific bodies on behalf of the Area Committee by the Governance Committee be required to report to the Area Committee at least once a year on their activities.
11. Area Committees shall –
 - (a) make decisions in respect of traffic matters or (the parameters to be defined) from time to time by the Governance Committee to be recommendation-makers to those taking the decisions;
 - (b) be allocated a budget of £5,000 and be delegated authority to spend on minor locally-focused environmental initiatives (on the basis of criteria established by the Governance Committee from time to time).
 - (c) be entitled to bid for an allocation from a £45,000 budget held on behalf of Cabinet, such bid to be accompanied by a business case.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman or a member of staff on their behalf will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

The Chairman will remind members of the public present, that Councillors have to make decisions on the basis of the facts before them. The Chairman will also remind members of the public that the decisions may not always be popular, but they should respect the need for Councillors to take decisions that will stand up to external scrutiny for accountability.

PART 1

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (If any) – to receive

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members are invited to declare any interests in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting. (Members may still declare an interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter).

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To elect the Chairman of the Area Committee for the Municipal Year 2007/08.

5. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

To elect the Vice-Chairman of the Area Committee for the Municipal Year 2007/08.

Hornchurch Area Committee, 17 July 2007**6. MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 19 April 2007, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

7. COMMUNITY AND POLICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP

To appoint the Area Committee's Representative on the Consultative Group.

PART 2**8. PUBLIC FORUM AND SURGERY**

Ward Councillors, officers from StreetCare and possibly other Council services and the Local Police (where the Area Chairman has arranged), will be in attendance to give the chance for residents to raise issues with staff, the Police (if present) or Members.

PART 3**9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT****10. JUNCTION OF CRYSTAL AVENUE/ DAWES AVENUE - PROPOSED CHANGE TO PRIORITY****11. PROPOSED BUS LANE IN HIGH STREET, HORNCHURCH – To Follow****PART 4****12. LICENSING OF GAMBLING ACTIVITY**

The Committee are asked to receive a presentation from the Licensing Team

13. REVIEW OF PRIMARY EDUCATION - PRESENTATION

There will be a presentation by Children's Services staff

PART 5**14. FUTURE AGENDAS**

Committee Members are invited to indicate to the Chairman items they would like to see on future agendas.

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 3 October at Langton's Junior School, Westland Avenue, Hornchurch

16. URGENT BUSINESS

Other business can be considered at the meeting if the Chairman agrees that circumstances justify consideration on grounds of urgency. The reasons why the matters were considered will be recorded in the minutes.

CHERYL COPPELL
Chief Executive

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HORNCHURCH AREA COMMITTEE
Langton's Junior School,
Westland Avenue, Hornchurch
19 April 2007 (7.30pm – 9:20pm)**

Present: 3

COUNCILLORS:

John Mylod (in the Chair), Ray Morgon and Steve Whittaker

An apology for absence was received from Councillors David Charles and Brenda Riddle.

A representative of the press and 5 members of the public were present.

Unless otherwise stated, all decisions were taken with no Member voting against.

The Chairman advised Members and the public of action to be taken in the event of emergency evacuation of the Hall becoming necessary.

24 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 31 January were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25 PUBLIC FORUM AND SURGERY

Members of the public present raised issues, as set out in Appendix 1

26 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman gave a report of some of his activities on behalf of residents, such as:

- (a) Discussions concerning the cleaning of the lagoon at Harrow Lodge Park
- (b) St. George's Day celebrations
- (c) Meeting with Transport for London (TfL) concerning improvements to the bus service in Hornchurch
- (d) Rubbish throwing in Hornchurch Cemetery
- (e) Clearing of rubbish in Appleton Way / Dorrington Way car park

- (f) On-going discussions concerning the possible future redevelopment of Sainsbury's

The Committee **accepted** and **noted** the Chairman's Report.

27 REVIEW OF AREA COMMITTEES

The Committee noted that the meeting arrangements for all Area Committees had been altered so that StreetCare staff would now normally be in attendance for half an hour before the start of meetings rather than during meetings, and that the point at which minutes were confirmed etc would revert to the beginning of the meeting.

Consideration was also invited of the question of the venue for future meetings. The Council had decided that Area Committees should each meet in a single, known venue convenient to its area.

Members discussed the question of venue and **agreed** that, subject to the availability of accommodation, the Committee would continue to meet at the current venue (Langton's Junior School) for the coming municipal year.

28 FUTURE PLANS FOR ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL

The Chairman introduced Mr Len Smith, Chairman of the Havering Primary Care Trust (PCT) and his colleague Ralph McCormack.

Mr Smith thanked the Committee for the opportunity to explain the future plans for service provision at the St George's Hospital site.

The Committee was advised that it had been the intention of the PCT to relocate services from St. George's to an existing hospital site in Harold Wood. However, following detailed discussions it became apparent that the Harold Wood site was too big to accommodate the 60-bed in-patient facility which the PCT required. Accordingly, the decision to relocate was abandoned.

Members were advised that the PCT had subsequently decided that the existing site at St. George's could be re-developed in such a way as to accommodate the new facility. The existing facility was far too big and was not designed for modern-day rehabilitative care provision.

The existing hospital would be demolished and replaced with a much smaller 60-bed in-patient facility. The surplus land would be sold-off for redevelopment.

Members were advised that the plans to re-develop the existing site would firstly need to be ratified by the Strategic Health Authority and then planning permission submitted to the Local Planning Authority.

The Chairman thanked the representatives of the PCT for the presentation and invited Members of the Committee and the public to comment or provide questions on the proposals.

In response to enquiries, Mr Smith and Mr McCormack advised that:

- Refurbishment of the premises rather than demolition and re-building was not a practicable proposition
- The plans to provide 60 beds took into account projections of future population growth in the borough – moreover, given changes in medical practice, people's stay in rehabilitation tended now to be much less than in the past so that a smaller number of beds sufficed for a larger population; as important as bed provision was the range of services provided outside of the hospital, in people's homes
- There was no provision for the implementation of community facility on the site
- The PCT had used the most up-to-date forecast for population growth in London to 2016 and had taken into account the increasingly elderly population in the borough
- There was no provision for a bus terminus on the site

Mr Smith and Mr McCormack both stated that the PCT welcomed comments from residents. Formal consultation on the PCT's plans would follow in due course.

29 UPDATE ON THE HORNCHURCH URBN STRATEGY

The Committee received a presentation from Nigel Young on recent work undertaken on the development of the Hornchurch Urban Strategy.

Members were informed that on 21 June 2006 London Borough of Havering Cabinet agreed the Hornchurch Urban Strategy. The report before Members set out information on the development of the Strategy, the proposals contained in the strategy, how the strategy would be delivered and progress already made on implementation.

In response to a question, Members were advised that 'the Green' in front of the Queen's Theatre would not be sold for redevelopment and that it was an integral part of the Urban Strategy and would remain an open green space.

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Members were informed that the Council had not received any planning application concerning the redevelopment of Sainsbury's.

Appendix 1

MATTERS RAISED AT THE MEETING BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

(a) Future of Lloyds no. 1

A resident asked if there were any current planning applications submitted for the site at Lloyd's No. 1. The Chairman advised the resident that an application for a mixed residential and retail development had been withdrawn and that there were no new applications concerning the site.



COMMITTEE	DATE	ITEM
HORNCHURCH AREA COMMITTEE	17 July 2007	10

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**SUBJECT: JUNCTION OF CRYSTAL AVENUE/ DAWES AVENUE
PROPOSED CHANGE TO PRIORITY**

Ward(s): Hacton

SUMMARY

Following comments made by several respondents during a consultation for traffic calming in the Crystal Avenue/ Dawes Avenue, Staff and local councillors met to review the junction.

Staff have also reviewed the injury collision rate for the junction and as a result a change of priority is proposed in this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That changes to the priorities of the junction of Crystal Avenue and Dawes Avenue are agreed in principle as shown on Drawing QF039/001 and described below; and staff are authorised to undertake public consultation;
 - Traffic on Crystal Avenue currently has priority over Dawes Avenue. It is proposed that the priorities be changed to give Dawes Avenue priority over Crystal Avenue.
2. That the approval process be delegated to the Head of

Technical Services in consultation with the Chairman of the Area Committee, if changes are required to the proposals before they proceed to public consultation.

3. That the approval of the final scheme following the results of the public consultation be delegated to the Head of Technical Services in consultation with the Chairman of the Area Committee.
4. That the estimated cost of £4,000 be met by the Borough Roads Minor Safety Budget, subject to finance being available.

REPORT DETAIL

Background

1. During a consultation for traffic calming in the Crystal Avenue/ Dawes Avenue, several respondents highlighted concerns about the safety of the junction.
2. Staff met with local councillors to discuss the issues raised and it was agreed that a review of injuries and the operation of junction would be simple process.

Existing Street Conditions

3. Currently, Crystal Avenue has priority over Dawes Avenue. Therefore traffic travelling east-west from Suttons Lane to Hacton Lane is required to give way at Crystal Avenue.
4. This layout differs from Standen Avenue to the north, which has priority over Crystal Avenue.
5. The current layout of the surrounding streets is in a grid pattern running north-south and east-west, with many of the junctions being marked for priority with road markings and Give Way signs.

Accident History

6. The London Accident Analysis Unit (Part of TfL) co-ordinates data relating to injury accidents recorded by the Metropolitan Police. The LAAU data is used by Engineering Staff to

provide an indication if there are any accident patterns along a particular section of road. Injury accidents are recorded as “slight”, “serious” or “fatal”.

7. It is important to recognise that the LAU data does not contain any information relating to non-injury accidents, not does it record injuries that have not been reported to the Police. Anecdotal accident evidence is not independently verified or recorded and therefore cannot be used in the engineering analysis of a potential scheme. LAU data can also be a few months old as it takes time for the information to be collected and verified.
8. In the 4 years to December 2006, there were 6 slight injury collisions at the junction. All 6 injuries were caused by vehicles failing to give way in one way or another.

Staff Comments

9. There is a distinct cluster of “failure to Give Way” collisions at the junction, where motorists are emerging from Dawes Avenue, only to be hit by traffic on Crystal Avenue.
10. Site observations and discussions with local councillors and residents would suggest that the majority of vehicles travel east-west through the junction, rather than north-south.
11. The injury accidents concerned shows a mix between local and non-local traffic and therefore, the reasons for the “failures to give way” could be attributed to either over-familiarity with the junction (locals) or different layout (non-locals).

Proposals

12. Given that the injury collisions are “failure to Give Way”, with the possible reasons given above, it is proposed that the priorities at the junction be changed so that Dawes Avenue has priority over Crystal Avenue (in the same way as Standen Avenue has priority over Crystal Avenue. This is shown of Drawing QF039/101.

Financial Implications & Risks

13. The estimated cost of the proposals is £4000, which can be met from the Borough Roads Minor Safety Budget, subject to finance being available.

Legal Implications & Risks

14. The new layout will require the new priority to be shown with road markings/ traffic signs as required by Regulations.

Human Resources Implications & Risks

15. None.

Equalities and Social Inclusion Implications & Risks

16. This relatively low cost proposal should reduce the “failure to give way” type of injury accidents, thus contributing local and national targets for reducing death and injury on the borough's roads.
17. There is potential for traffic speed in Dawes Avenue to increase, as traffic would not have to be prepared to give way mid-way.

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Background Paper List

Preliminary design drawings;

Drawing No.	Title
QF039/101	Dawes Avenue/ Crystal Avenue – Proposed changes to priority

The above listed documents shall be open for inspection by appointment at the offices of the Head Technical Services, Whitworth Centre, Noak Hill Road, Romford, Essex RM3 7YA

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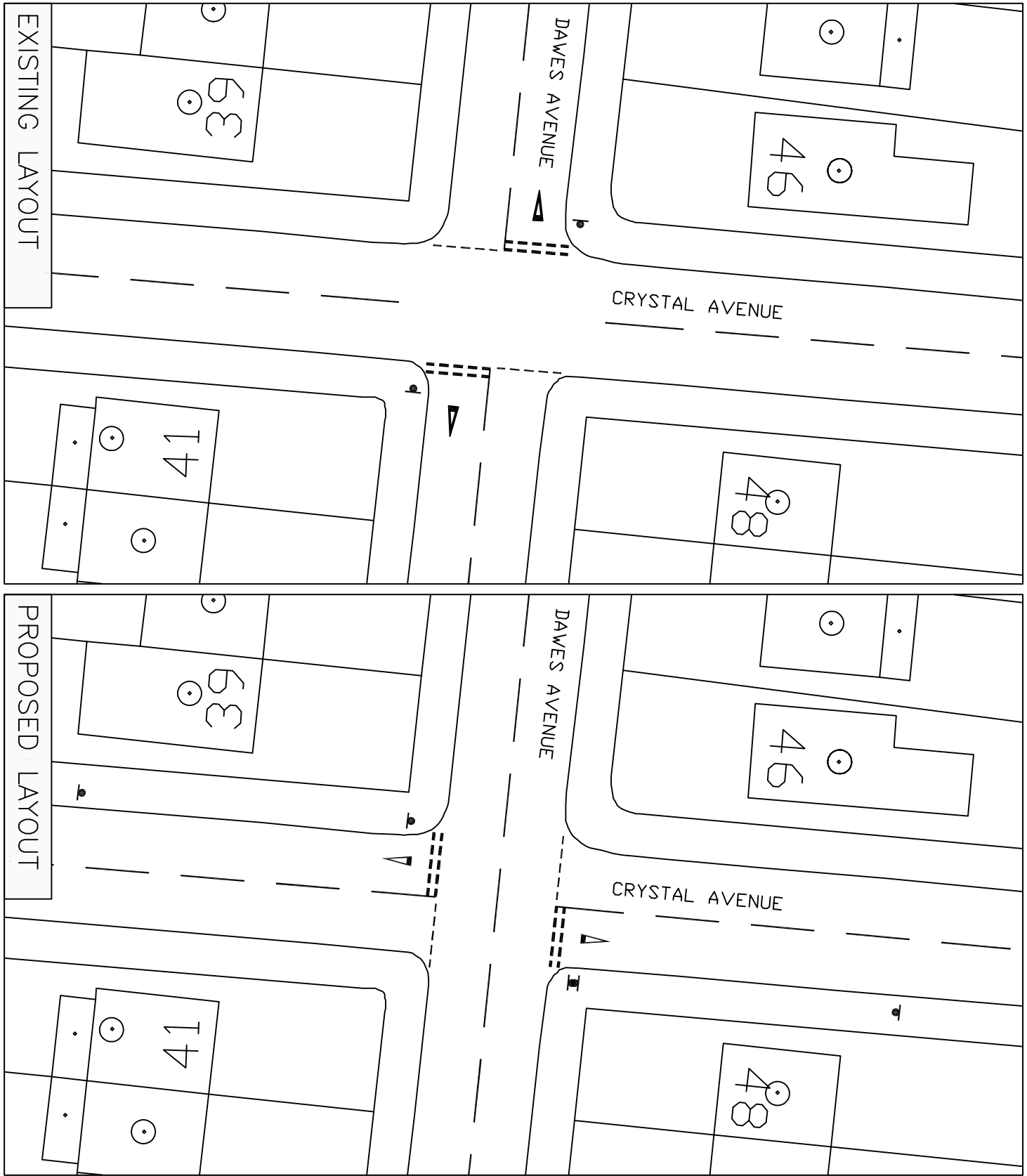
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DRAWING TITLE
 PROPOSED CHANGE
 TO PRIORITIES

JOB TITLE
 DAWES AVENUE/ CRYSTAL AVENUE

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