

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: 9 September 2013
SUBJECT: Thistle Hill, Minster Highway Improvements
BY: KCC Head of Transportation and Development
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Highway improvements have been designed to improve accessibility and links between Thistle Hill and Minster
Decision Required: That subject to the views of Members, the proposed highway improvements at Minster on Sea are approved for construction.

Introduction

Funding was secured through a s106 (Town and Country Planning Act) agreement from the development of Thistle Hill for highway improvements in Minster. Various improvements have now been investigated and designed.

Discussion

Two pedestrian crossings are proposed: a puffin crossing outside Minster School, and a zebra crossing outside St Georges School in Chequers Road. Adjacent residents have been consulted and support the proposals. Both schools have also been consulted, and the headteacher of St George's School has written in support

At Lynsted Road, between Belmont Road and Halfway Road, the road is currently one way but suffers from non compliance. Enhancements to the No Entry signing are proposed together with a new shared footway / cycleway facility to allow cyclists to cycle against the traffic flow, and to narrow the road to improve compliance. At the signal junction of Half Way Road and Queenborough Road / Minster Road the traffic signals have been refurbished and modifications provided to the pedestrian crossing points.

At Barton Hill Drive, the s106 agreement stated a contribution to traffic calming and we propose that the mini roundabout at the junction with Plover Road should be raised to footway level with ramped approaches as a traffic calming measure and in preference to providing speed humps or cushions along the length of Barton Hill Drive. There is not sufficient funding, nor would it be within the spirit of the s106 agreement to divert the funding to provide a roundabout at the junction of Barton Hill Drive and Lower Road.

Minor improvements to a footpath between Blatcher Close and Minster Road are also proposed and will make the footpath into a more pedestrian friendly link to the village centre.

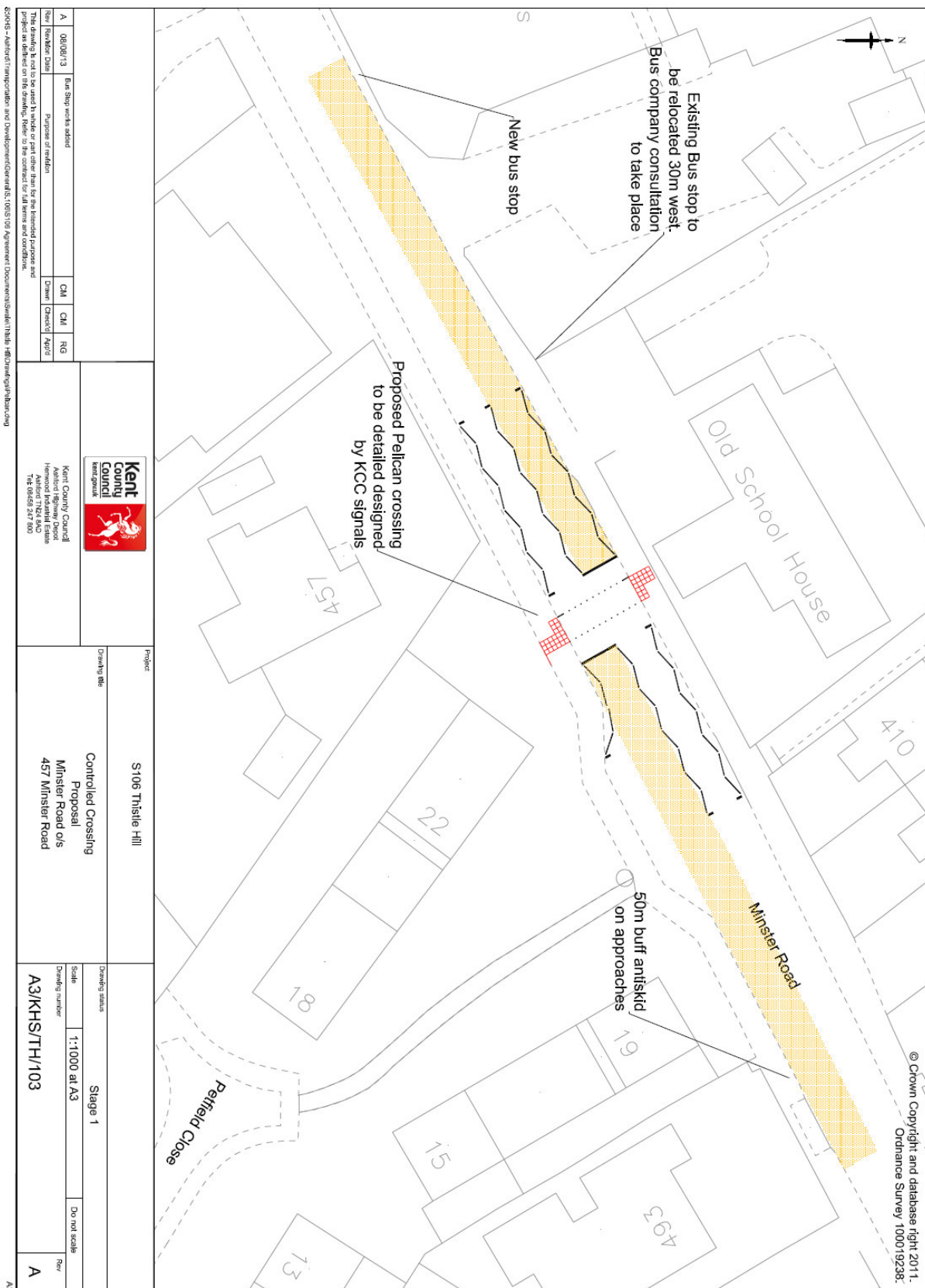
Financial Implications

These schemes are estimated at approximately £275,000 which is funding that has been secured through the planning agreement.

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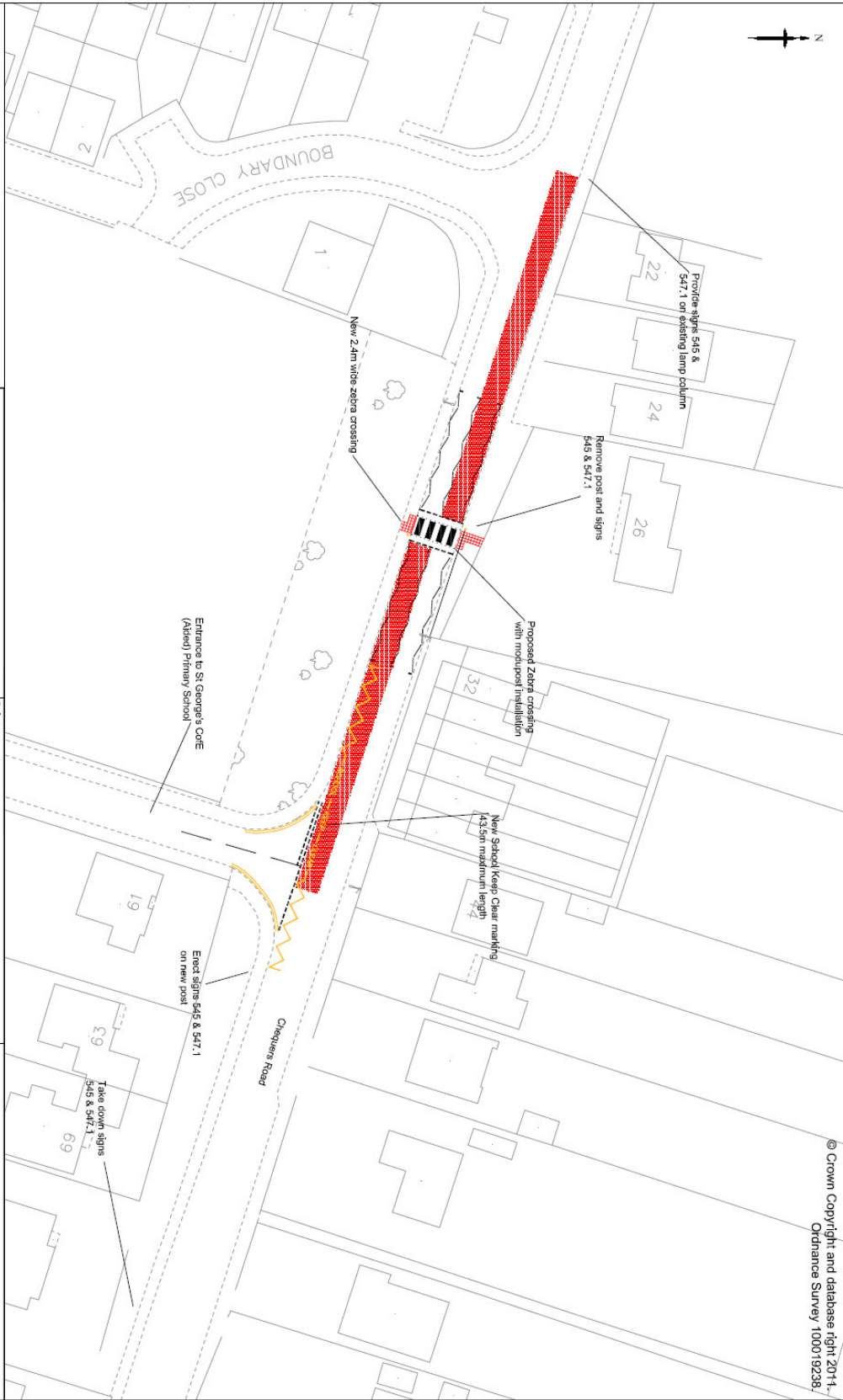
Subject to the views of Members, it is recommended that the highway improvements proposed at Lynsted Road and Barton Hill Drive; the pedestrian crossings proposed at Minster Road and Chequers Road; and the footpath improvement proposed at Blatcher close be approved for construction.


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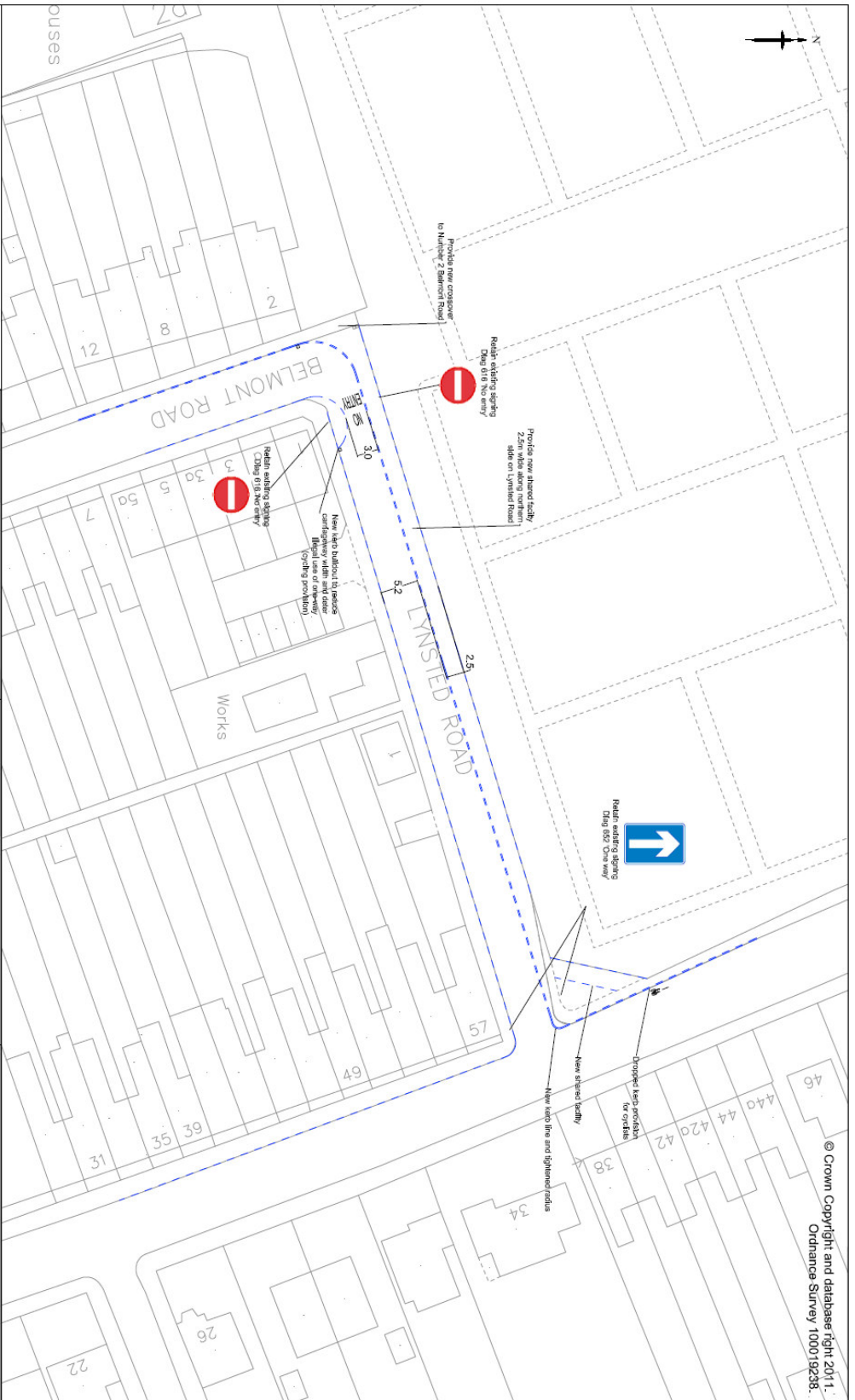
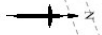


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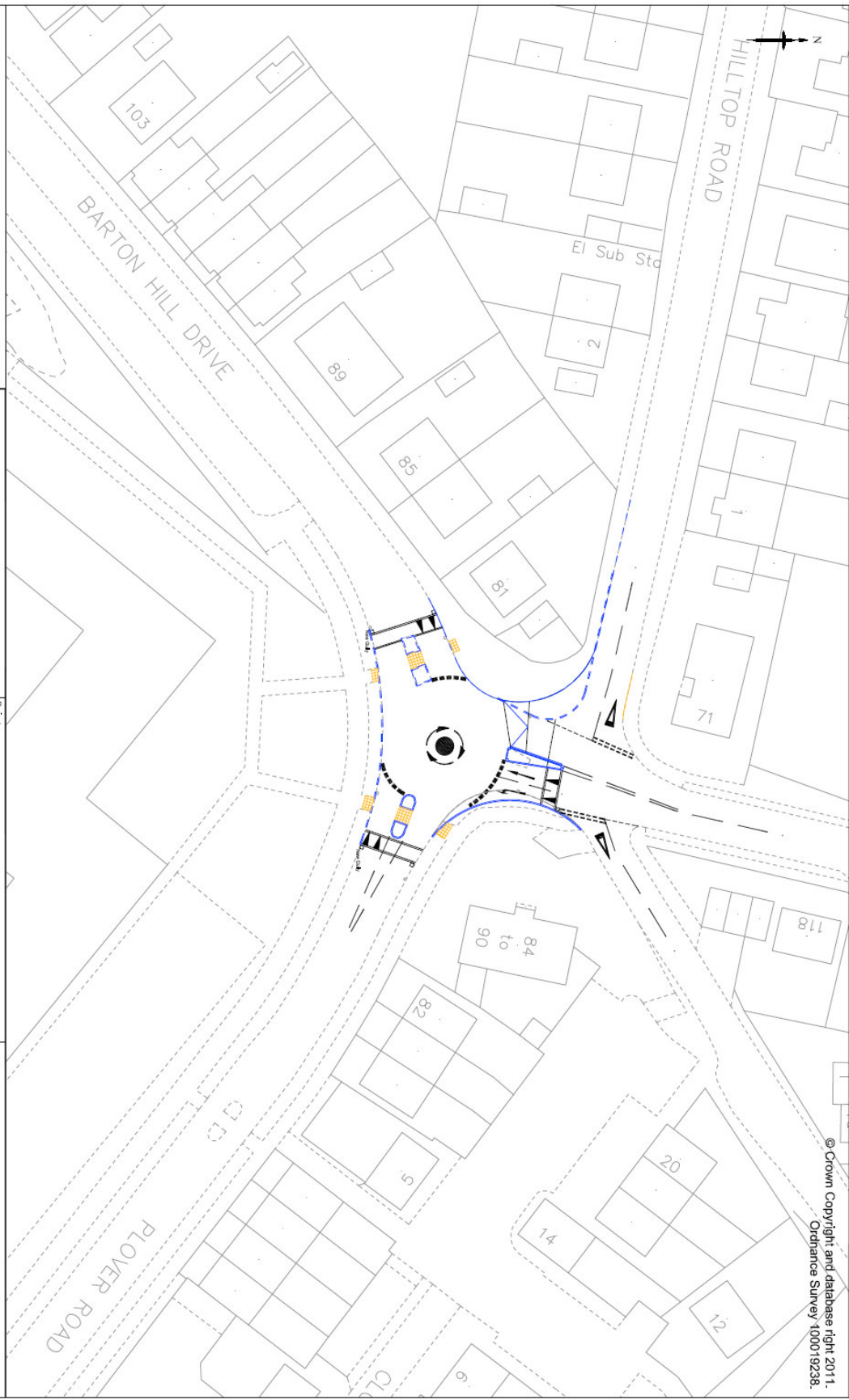
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