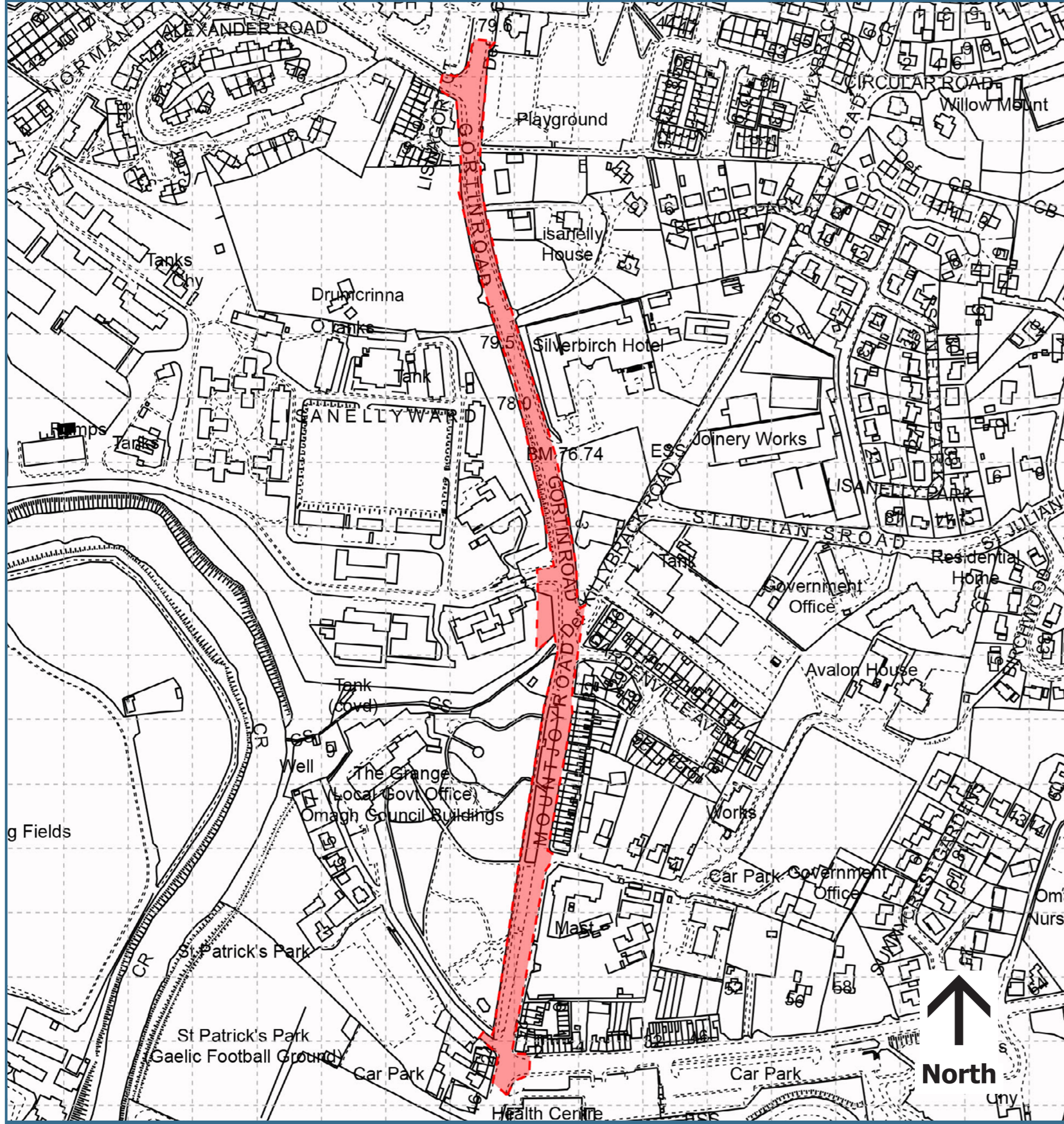


Proposed Road Widening at Mountjoy Road & Gortin Road, Omagh

1. Introduction



Site location plan

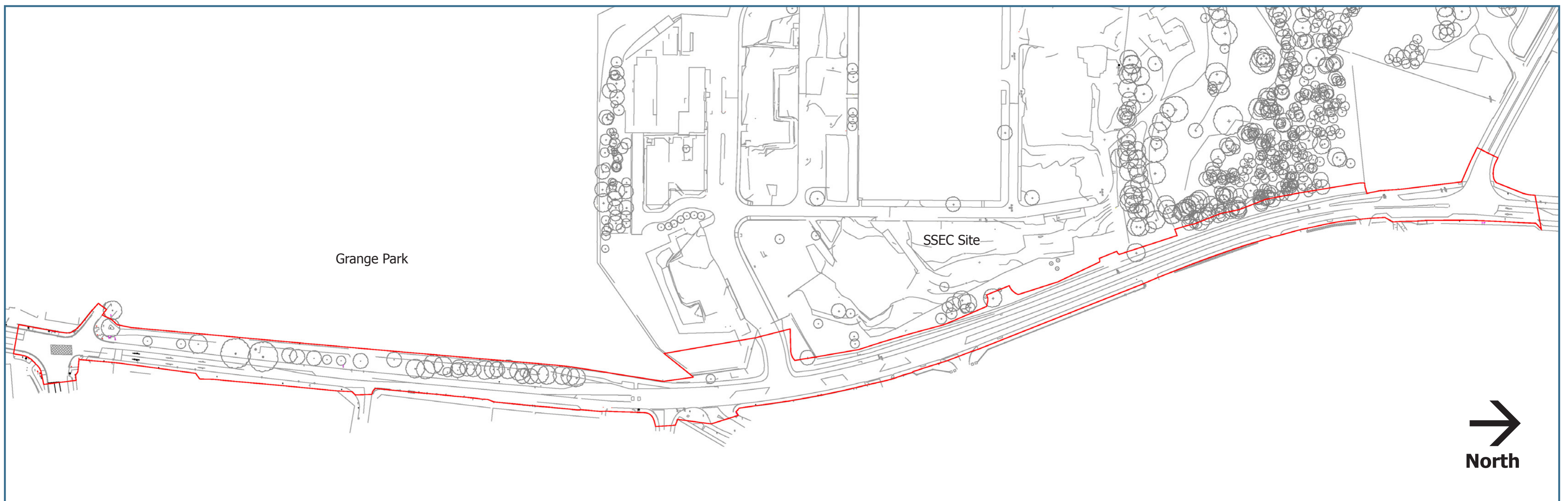
The purpose of this exhibition is to gain feedback on the proposals currently being developed by the **Department of Education (NI)** for 'road widening at Mountjoy Road and Gortin Road, Omagh (from the junction of Mountjoy Road/Old Mountfield Road and Lisanelly Avenue to the junction of Gortin Road and Strathroy Road) and works to the junction of Strathroy Road and Gortin Road, Omagh', prior to the submission of an application for planning permission.

The purpose of the works in question are to assist in improved traffic movement and flows in this part of Omagh Town and in doing so assist in the delivery of the Strule Shared Education Campus for which planning permission was granted under **K/2011/0736/O** on **30th July 2013**.

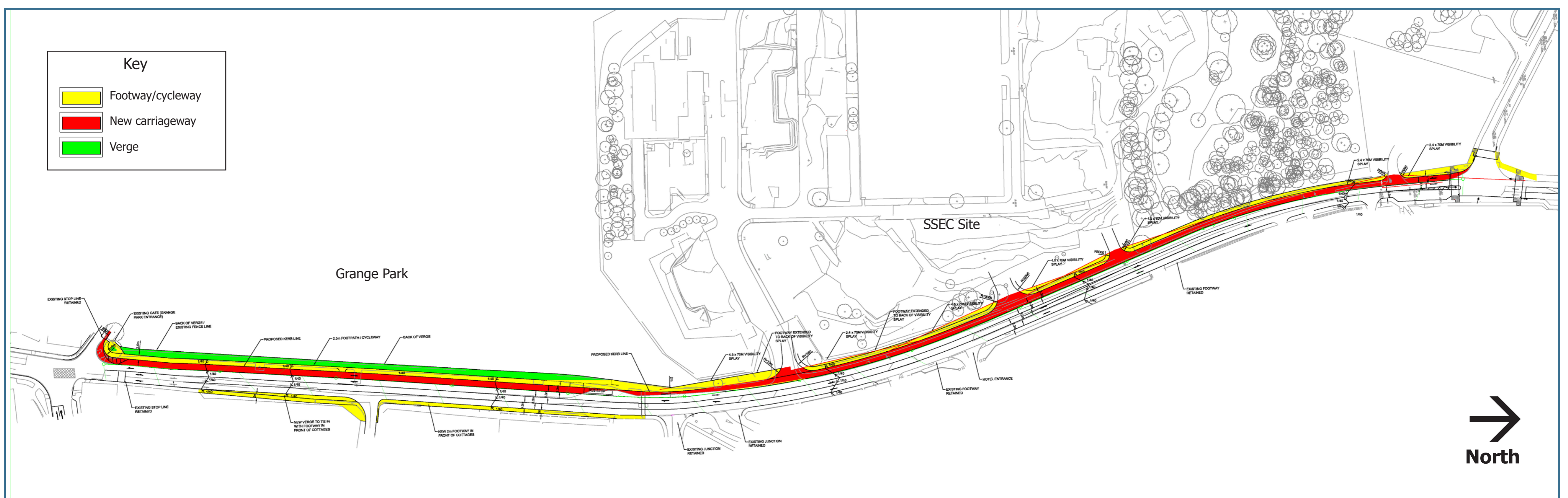
The proposed works consist of widening along the length of the Mountjoy and Gortin Road to provide two lanes in each direction. It includes replacement of the footway/cycleway along the campus side of the road and the introduction of a new footway along Woodside Terrace between Old Mountfield Road and Gardenville Avenue.

Any feedback or comments obtained from the exhibition will be used to inform the development proposals where possible as it is developed towards planning application stage.

Please note that any comments made in respect of the proposals at this stage are not representations to the local planning authority. If a planning application is subsequently submitted to Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, public advertisement and neighbour notification will be undertaken at that juncture and members of the public will have the opportunity to make a formal representation to the proposal and planning application at that time.



Application site boundary



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2. Detailed proposals, landscape planting and viewpoint locations



Platanus hispanica (London plane tree)



Leaf



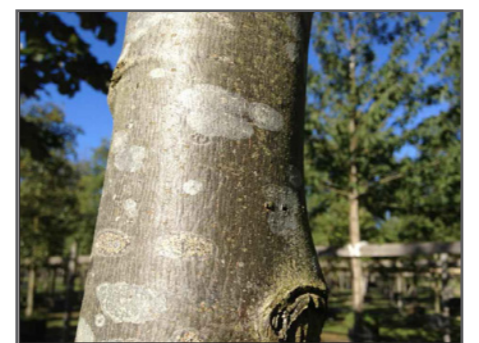
Bark



Tilia tomentosa Brabant (Silver lime tree)



Leaf



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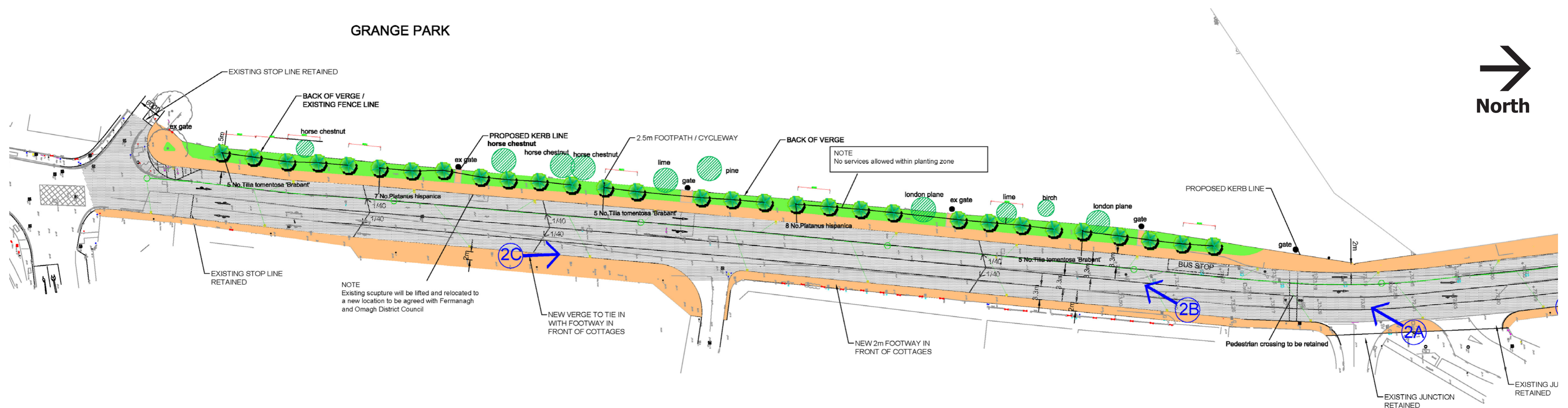
In order to facilitate the proposed road widening Scheme, a number of mature trees will have to be removed along Mountjoy Road, Omagh. These trees largely consist of Black Pines but also include the following tree types:

- Norway spruce
- Douglas fir
- Oak
- Cherry
- Birch
- Beech
- Western red cedar

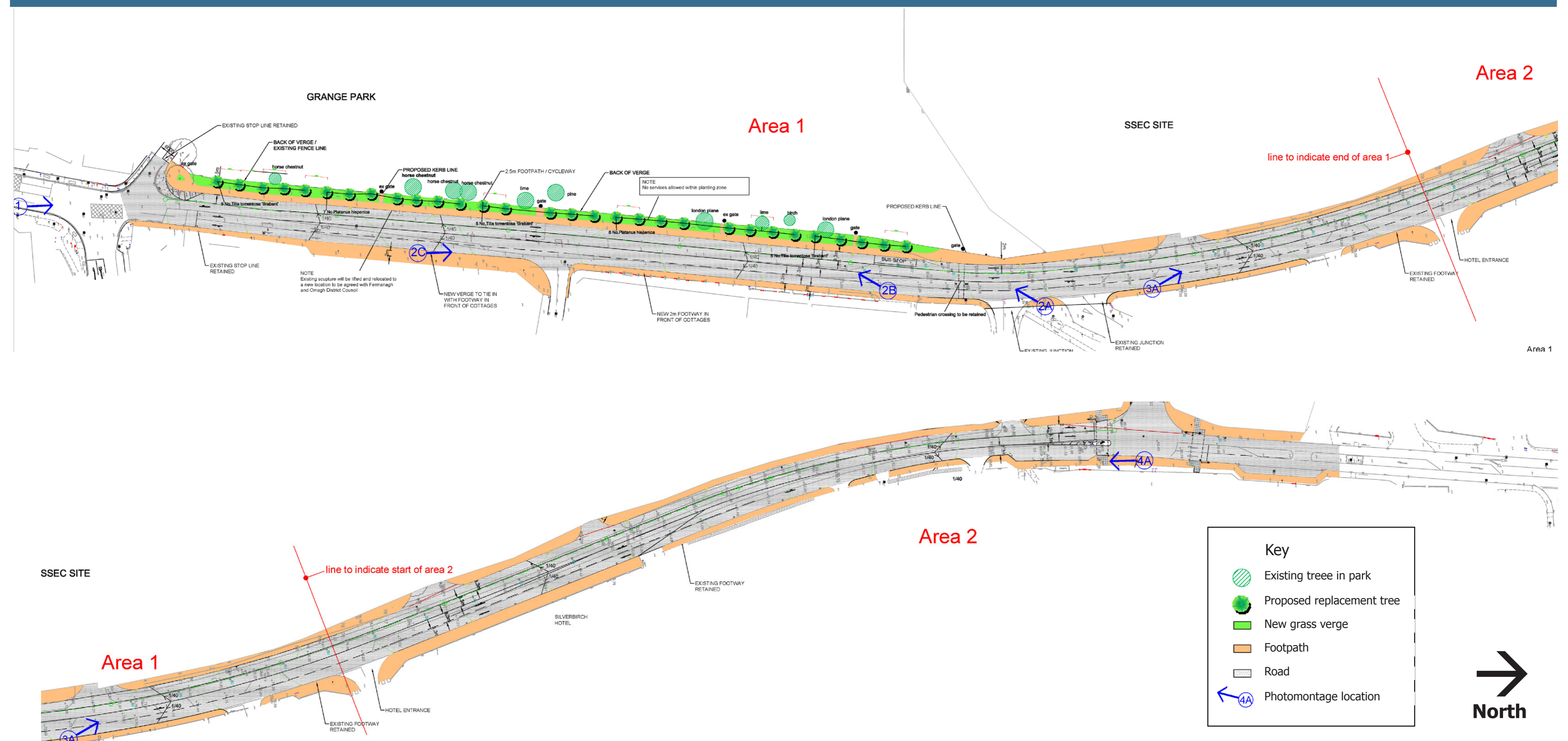
Many of these trees are mature to over mature, which essentially means that they are at the time in their life cycle when the tree is losing vigour before going in to decline. Most of these trees are considered to be in fair condition. **Plans indicate that the trees will be replaced with 30 semi-mature trees consisting of 15 London Plane trees and 15 Silver Lime trees, with a girth of 20-25cms and height of 4.5 m.** These tree will be planted at approximately 8m spacings to allow the trees ample room to become mature specimens.

Through careful consideration of suitable species we have selected 2 types of trees, which will provide the right scale and structure to the space. The trees chosen in this case are Tilia tomentosa (Silver Lime) and Platanus hispanica (London Plane), both long lived species. They are large trees of stately habit and especially suitable for parklands and avenues. Some of the timber from the removed trees will be retained and reused within the Strule Campus, for a variety of things, such as artwork, trim trails, log piles etc.

Note: Black pine trees make up the bulk of the trees to be removed. When the replacement tree strategy was being considered, it was felt that replacement black pines would not suit site conditions. This is because they would have foliage down to the ground level, creating a barrier along the park boundary and therefore obstructing views into the park. It is only in later years that these trees discard their lower branches.



Mountjoy Road landscaping proposals



Viewpoint locations and detailed proposals

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3. Visualisations of road widening proposals

Viewpoint 1



Existing



0-5 years



10-15 years

Viewpoint 2A



Existing



0-5 years



10-15 years

Viewpoint 2B



Existing



0-5 years



10-15 years

Viewpoint 2C



Existing



0-5 years



10-15 years

Viewpoint 3A



Existing



0-5 years



10-15 years

Viewpoint 4A



Existing



0-5 years



10-15 years