



## BROOMFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

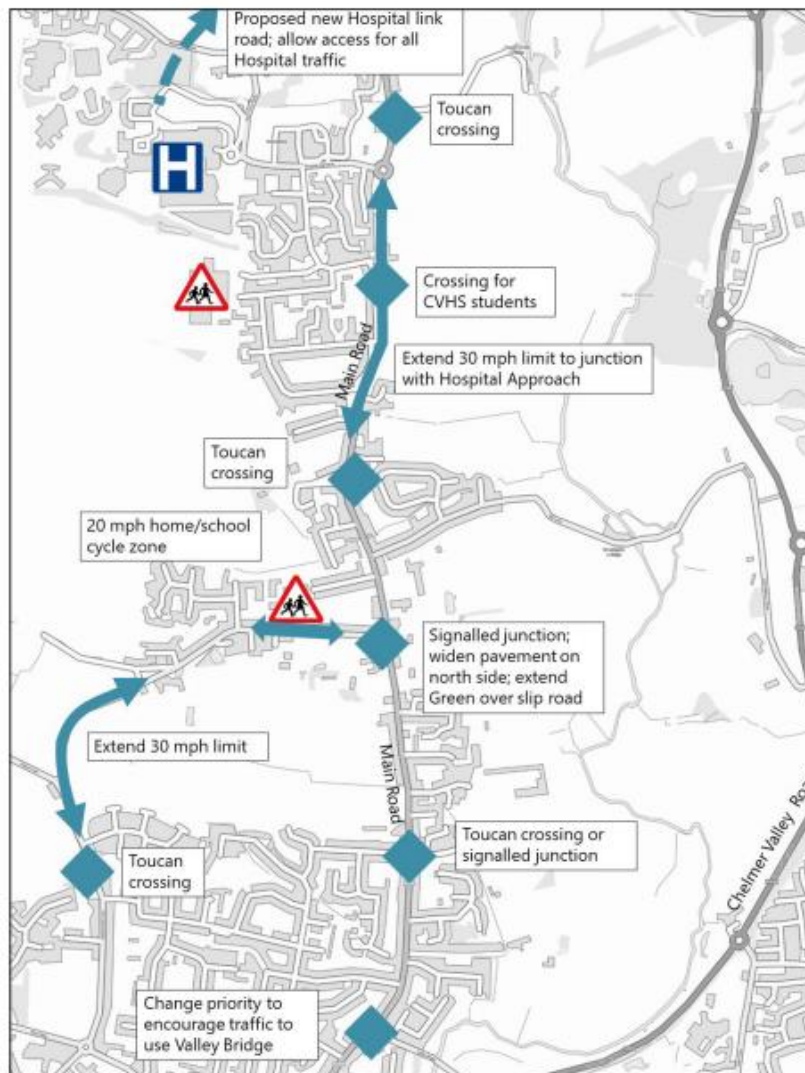
### MAPS SHOWING SUGGESTED HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Please note that these are **suggestions**. We are waiting to hear from Essex Highways and their response will be crucial. Equally, there is plenty of scope for further suggestions and for the current ones to be improved.

Of course, no scheme will ever be perfect. When completely new developments are built (like Beaulieu or Channels) roads, cycle paths and footpaths can be included in the masterplan – so they should be just right. An existing village like Broomfield has to be ‘retro-fitted’ to improve infrastructure - it has to fit round existing buildings and features. This will never be perfect, so any suggested scheme will have some flaws at least. The alternative is to leave things as they are and accept that traffic will gradually get worse as more homes are built in the wider area.

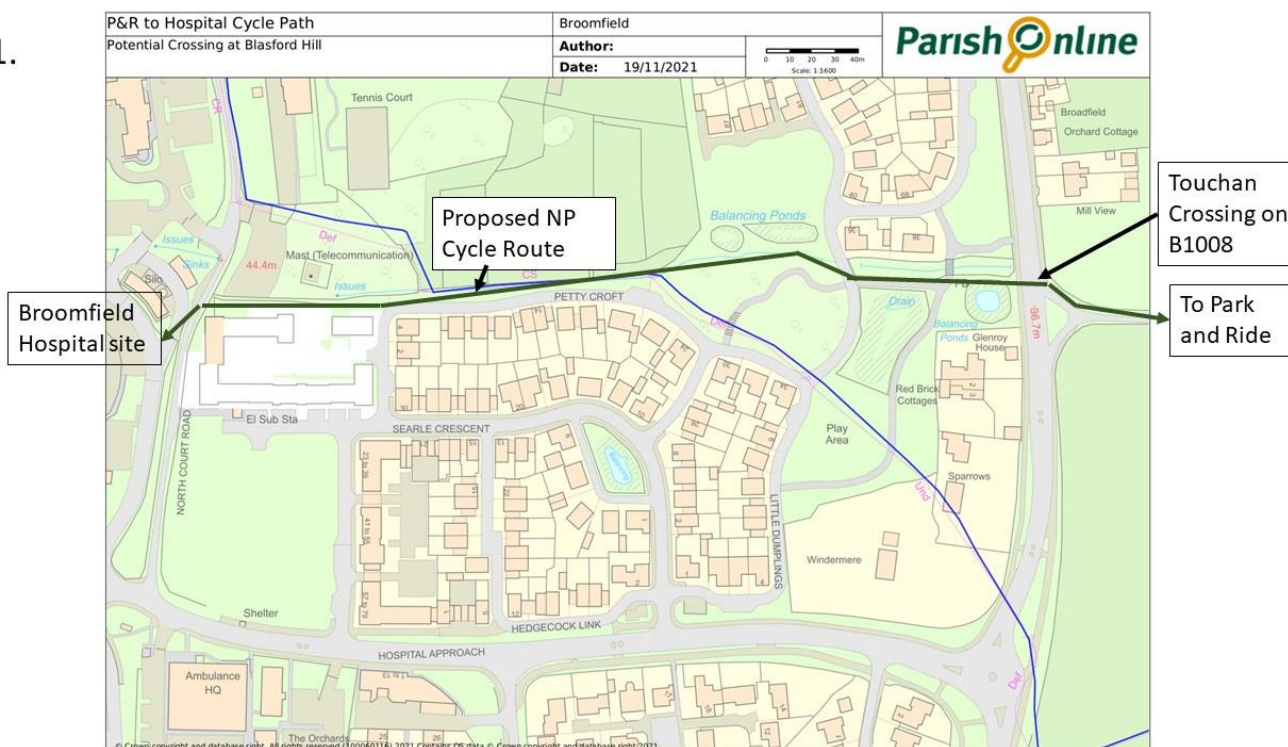
#### Summary Map

Here is the summary map. Then there are 6 maps showing some of our suggestions in more detail.



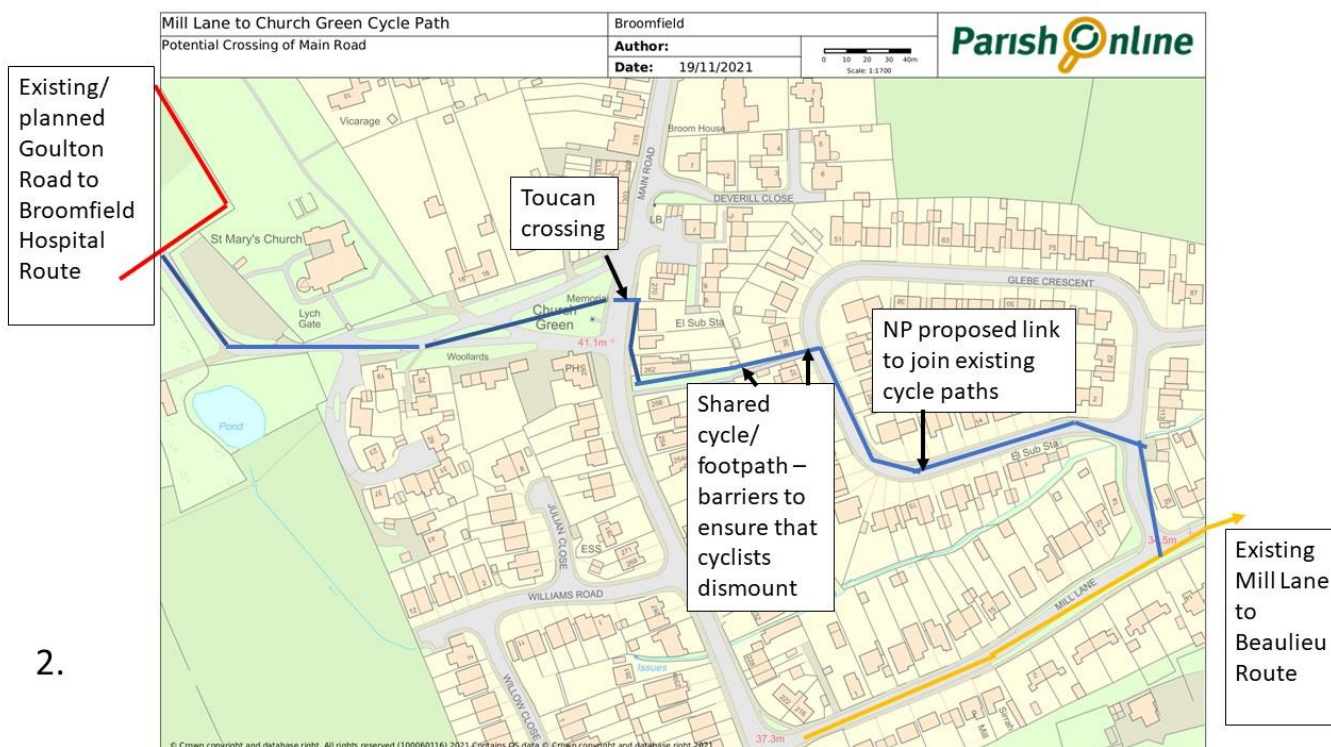
Suggestions 1 and 2 are based on having new 'touchan' crossings so that cyclists and pedestrians can cross safely. A spin off benefit could be that Main Road becomes a bit less attractive to through traffic, compared to Essex Regiment Way, by adding time to the journey through Broomfield.

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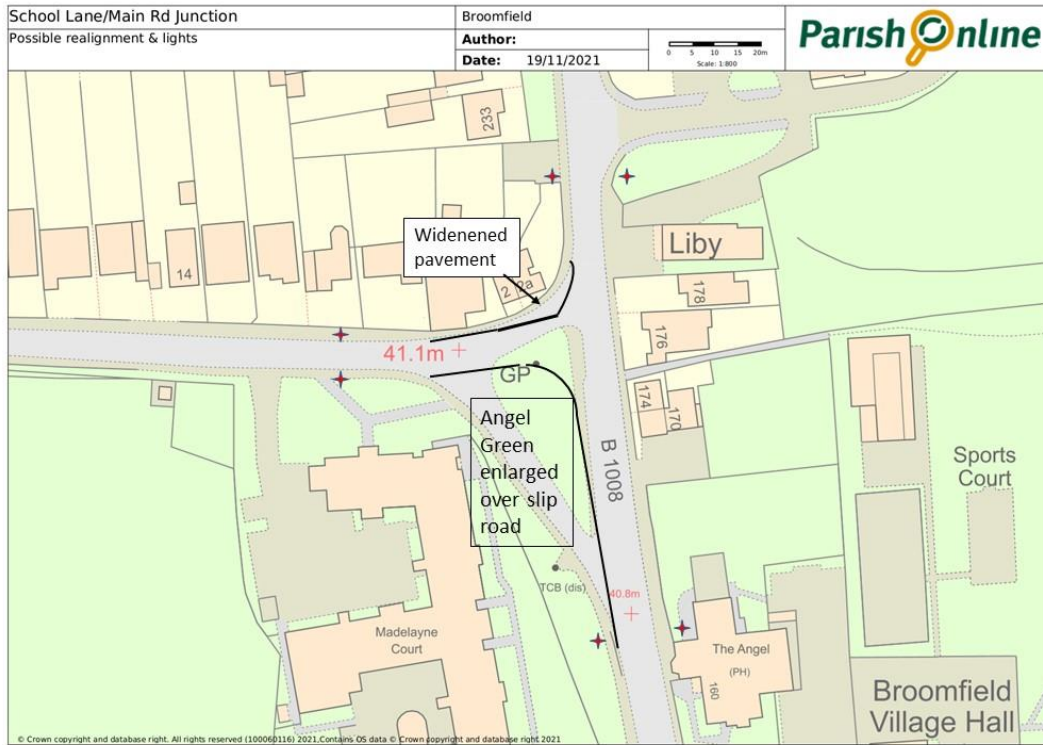
Suggestion 2 – the ideal place for a 'touchan' crossing would be adjacent to the Kings Arms, but this is on a bend. So, we have assumed it would have to set back from the bend to improve visibility.

2.



Suggestion 3 is about the Main Road/School Lane junction. This is already over capacity and set to get worse as planned new housing is built. It is very difficult for residents from the School Land/Goulton Road to get out of School Lane at peak times. With a signalised junction, this would improve. Also, the junction could be re-designed to widen the pavement on the north side and increase the size of Angel Green on the south side.

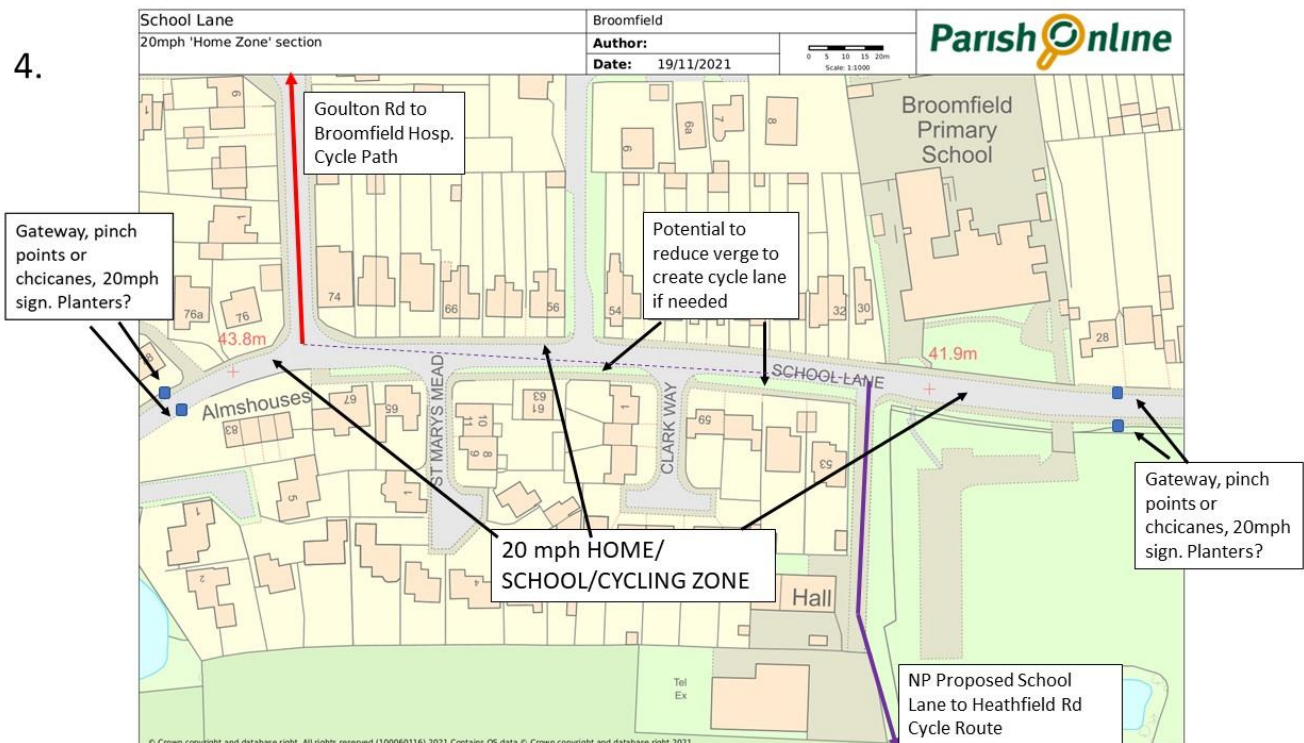
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Traffic lights:  
2 x new set;  
1 x existing

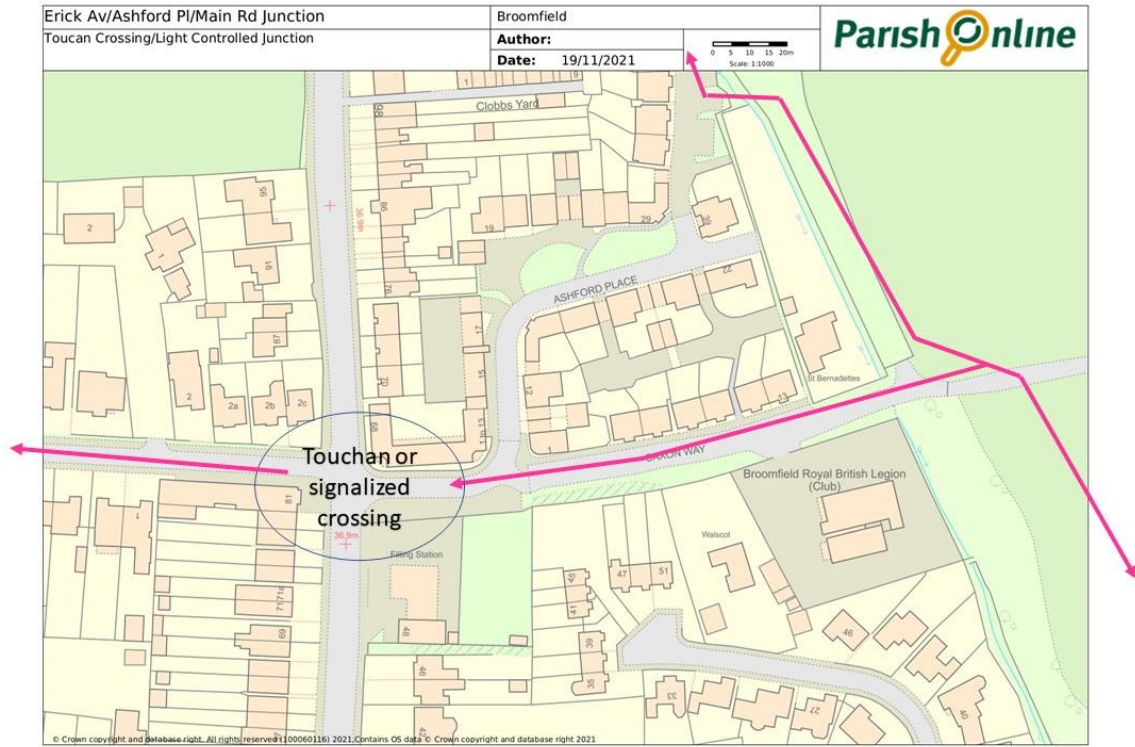
The Parish Council has been working with a group of residents from School Lane on a scheme to reduce the speed of traffic as it approaches the village from the west; and to improve safety for pedestrians outside the Primary School. This short section of School Lane also needs to form part of our proposed cycle path linking Goulton Road to the track up to the Scout HQ, so Suggestion 4 also provides a safer environment for cyclists.

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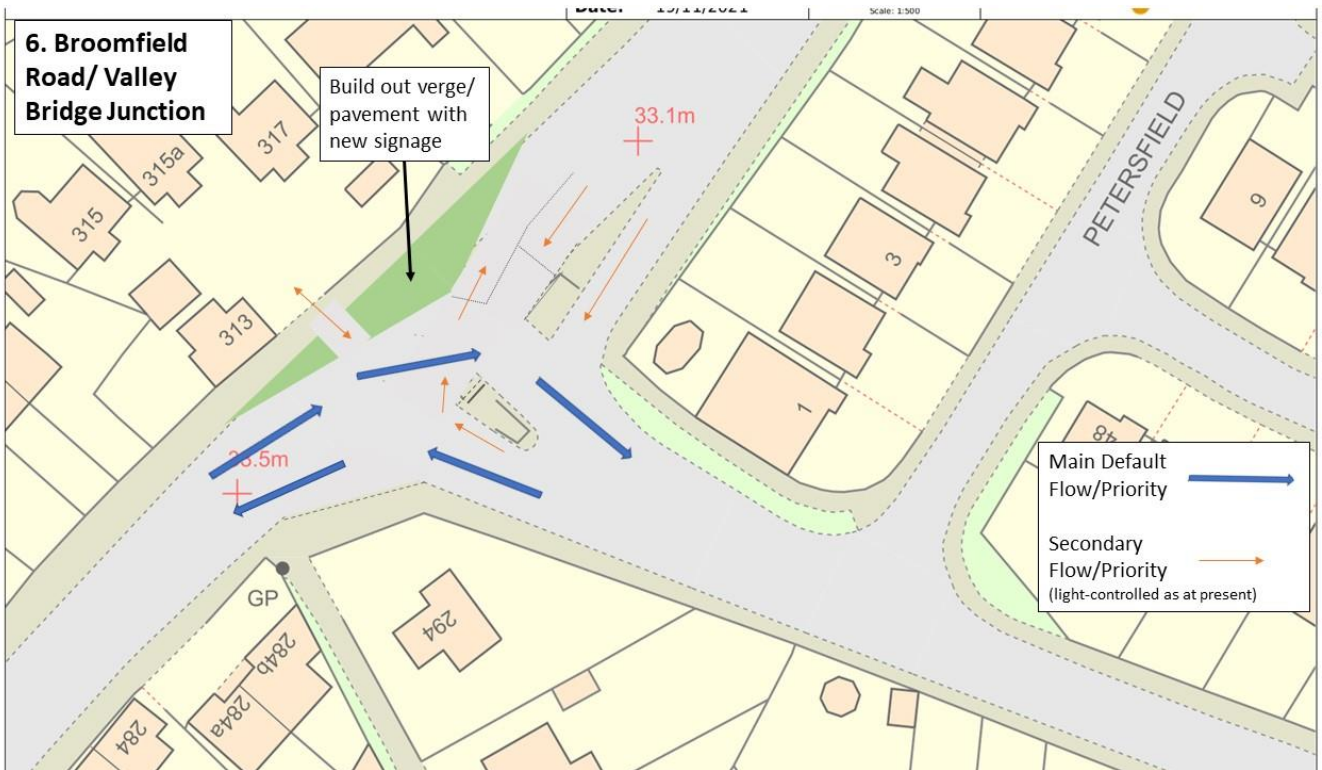


Suggestion 5 aims to make it easier for residents of Ashford Place/Saxon Way and the Erick Avenue area to get out on to Main Road safely. It would also provide a safer link between our proposed new cycle paths to the east and the west of the village. Again, it could also make Broomfield village less desirable as a quick cut-through from Braintree to the City Centre.

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Suggestion 6 involves changing the priority at the Broomfield Road/Valley Bridge junction. At the moment, the layout invites northbound through traffic to keep straight on through the village. In suggestion 6 the 'inertia effect' would encourage traffic over Valley Bridge and on to Essex Regiment Way. It wouldn't stop through traffic coming through the village of course, but motorists would have to take a conscious decision to turn left in order to go through Broomfield.



These maps just show our suggestions. Please give us your feedback and tell us if you have more or better ideas.