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Dear Sir/Madam,

**CHURCH LANE AND ST. MARY'S WALK, ACKLAM:
POSSIBLE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OPTIONS**

You may recall that, in February and March 2015, Middlesbrough Council carried out an extensive public consultation exercise covering a number of potential highway improvements on roads in the vicinity of Acklam Hall.

One of these improvements was the widening of Hall Drive at its junction with Acklam Road to create separate lanes for left and right turning traffic. This proposal was widely supported during the consultation, with 79% of the respondents voting in favour. Consequently, the decision was taken to progress this scheme, which was implemented this summer.

Unfortunately there was no consensus regarding the potential options on Church Lane and St. Mary's Walk, none of which were supported during the consultation. This was despite the fact that many respondents highlighted concerns regarding the speed and volume of traffic using both roads.

Traffic surveys were carried out on both roads during the week commencing Monday 19th February this year. The results of these surveys are summarised below:

Church Lane, west of Fane Grove

Average weekday two-way traffic flow:	3,043 vehicles
Highest two-way hourly traffic flow:	282 vehicles (5 to 6 pm)
Average vehicle speed:	26 mph

St. Mary's Walk, north of Ambleside Grove

Average weekday two-way traffic flow:	3,156 vehicles
Highest two-way hourly traffic flow:	324 vehicles (8 to 9 am)
Average vehicle speed:	25 mph

The accident record on Church Lane and St. Mary's Walk shows that there has been one recorded casualty in the last five years. This incident occurred in June 2015 on St. Mary's Walk, just to the north of the bend adjacent to St. Mary's Church, and involved a collision between a car and a pedal cycle. The cyclist suffered serious injury as a result of the collision.

Given that the original consultation exercise was carried out over three years ago, a further public consultation exercise is being carried out to determine whether the views of local residents have changed in the intervening period. In order to simplify the consultation process, the number of potential traffic management options has been reduced from five to two, with only the options likely to deliver significant benefits in terms of reducing the speed and/or volume of traffic on Church Lane and St. Mary's Walk being put forward for consideration.

The potential options are:

- **Option 1** – Introduction of a series of round top road humps, positioned at approximately 70 metre intervals along the full length of Church Lane and St. Mary's Walk and designed to reduce the average vehicle speed to 20 mph, in line with the speed limit in force on both roads. The road humps would be designed to comply with the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999, thereby maximising their effectiveness in reducing vehicle speeds whilst minimising their impact on nearby properties in terms of noise and vibration.
- **Option 2** – Introduction of a full road closure at the corner of Church Lane and St. Mary's Walk, preventing vehicles from travelling between Green Lane and Acklam Road via this route.
- **Option 3** – 'Do Nothing'. No change to the existing road layout.

The attached plans illustrate Options 1 and 2. Please note that the layouts shown on both plans are indicative only. Copies of these plans can also be viewed or downloaded from the Middlesbrough Council website at <https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-footpaths/roads-and-highways/consultations>.

As the occupier of one of the properties that would be directly affected by any changes to the existing traffic management arrangements, I would welcome your views on the potential options. I would, therefore, be grateful if you could complete the attached Reply Form and return it in the reply paid envelope provided by **Monday 12th November 2018**. The results of the public consultation exercise will be instrumental in determining the course of action thereafter.

I look forward to hearing from you. Should you have any queries about any of the potential options, please contact me at transportconsultation@middlesbrough.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

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**For the attention of Michael Lawton,
Transport Planning Officer, Transport & Infrastructure**

**CHURCH LANE AND ST. MARY’S WALK, ACKLAM:
POSSIBLE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT OPTIONS**

REPLY FORM (please tick as appropriate)

Option	Description	For	Against
1.	<p>Option One:</p> <p>Introduction of a series of round top speed humps, positioned at approximately 70 metre intervals along the full length of Church Lane and St. Mary’s Walk. (Potentially incorporating the existing chicanes, dependent on detailed design feasibility)</p>		
2.	<p>Option Two:</p> <p>Introduction of a full road closure at the corner of Church Lane and St. Mary’s Walk. (Potentially removing the existing chicanes)</p>		
3.	<p>Option Three:</p> <p>‘Do Nothing’.</p>		

Comments (If any):

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Name.....

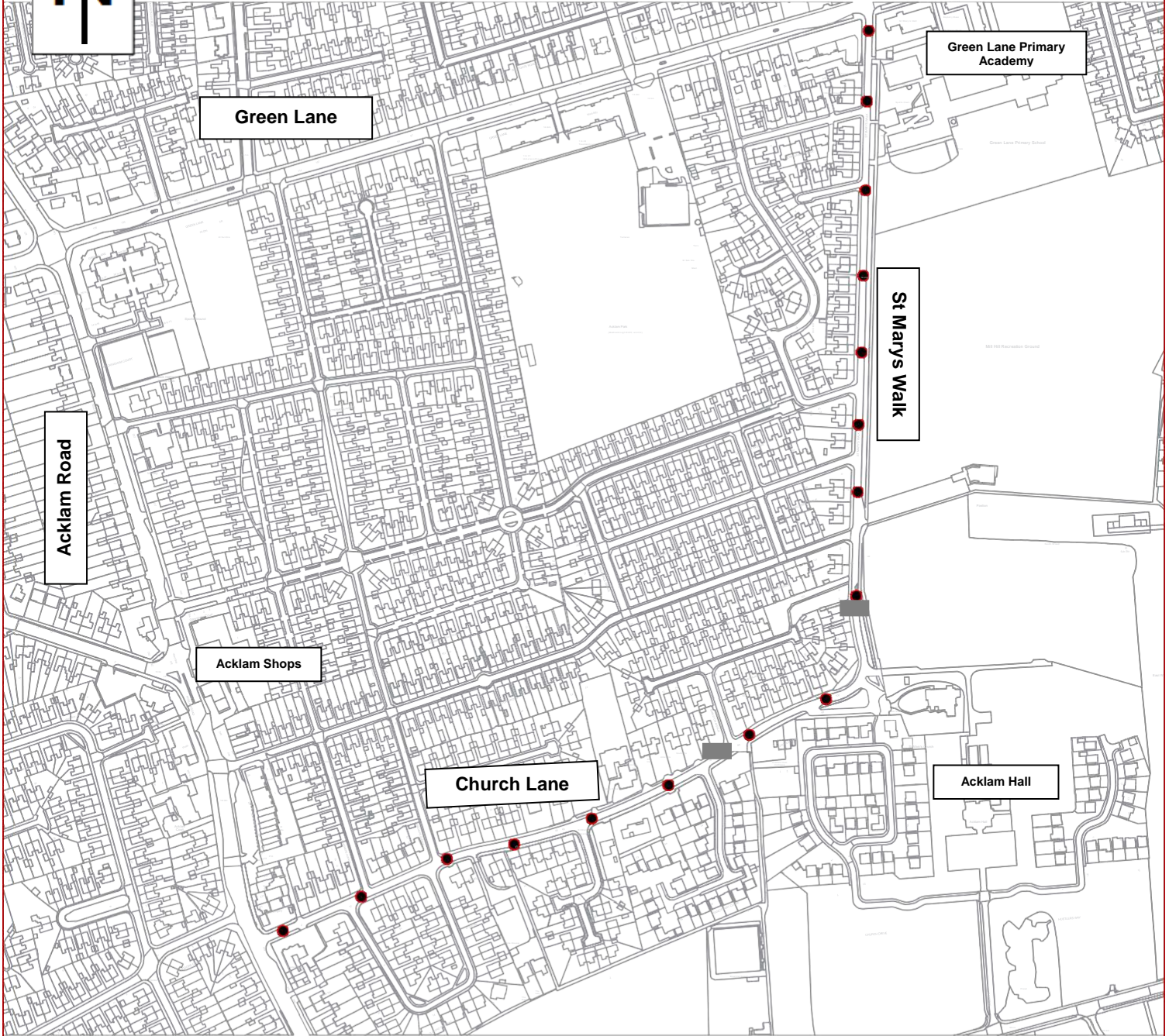
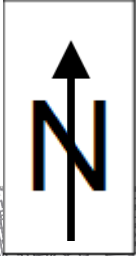
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Thank you for taking the time to reply. The closing date for responses is **Monday 12th November 2018.**

Option 1:

Round Top Road Humps
Positioned at approx. 70 metre intervals



- - Position of Proposed Round Top Road Humps
- - Indicative Existing Chicanes

SAFETY HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

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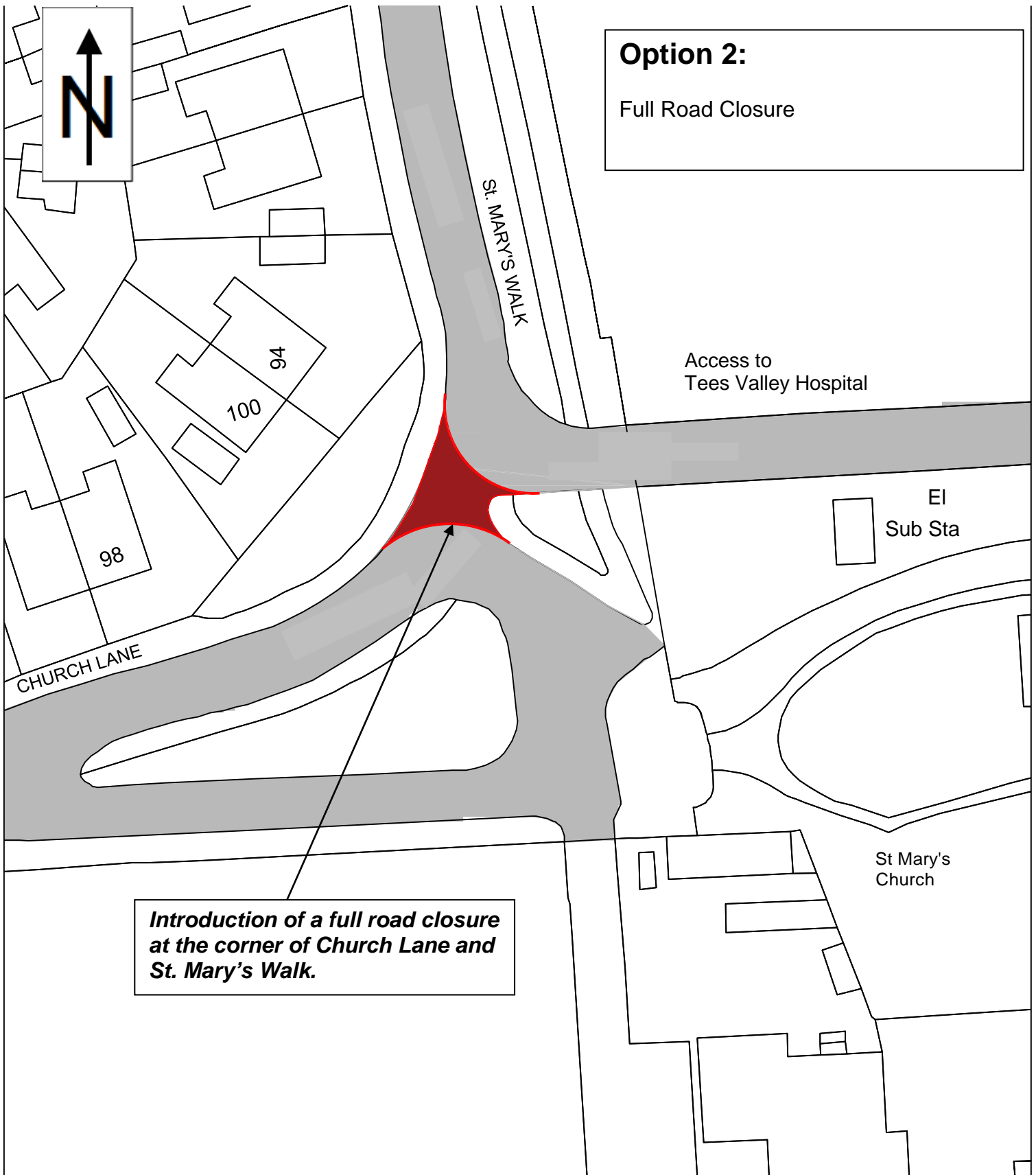
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Option 2:
Full Road Closure

Introduction of a full road closure at the corner of Church Lane and St. Mary's Walk.

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