

Rethinking Victoria Road - Existing Layout



Blank negative frontages opposite station entrance



Vehicle priority at station entrance / exit with limited space for pedestrians



Heavy pedestrian footfall on narrow west side pavement



Perceived unsafe junction for pedestrians at Clifton road / Victoria road junction



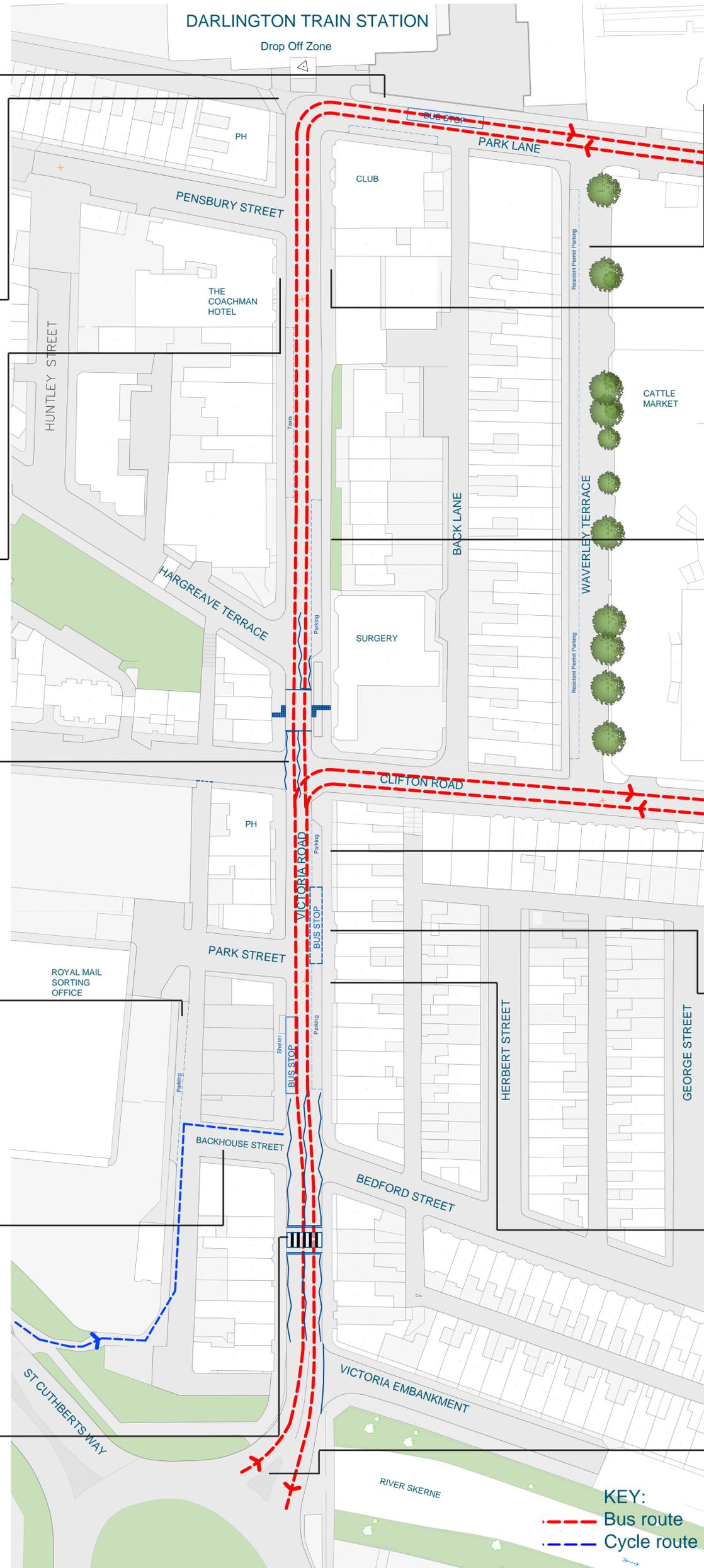
Poor surfacing & parking congestion in back lanes



Backhouse Street – need for customer parking



Zebra crossing perceived as less safe than automated crossing



Waverley Terrace parking pressure



Bus shelter restricts pavement space



Uneven paving and inconsistent materials



Refuse bins stored on frontage



Inconsistent paving materials



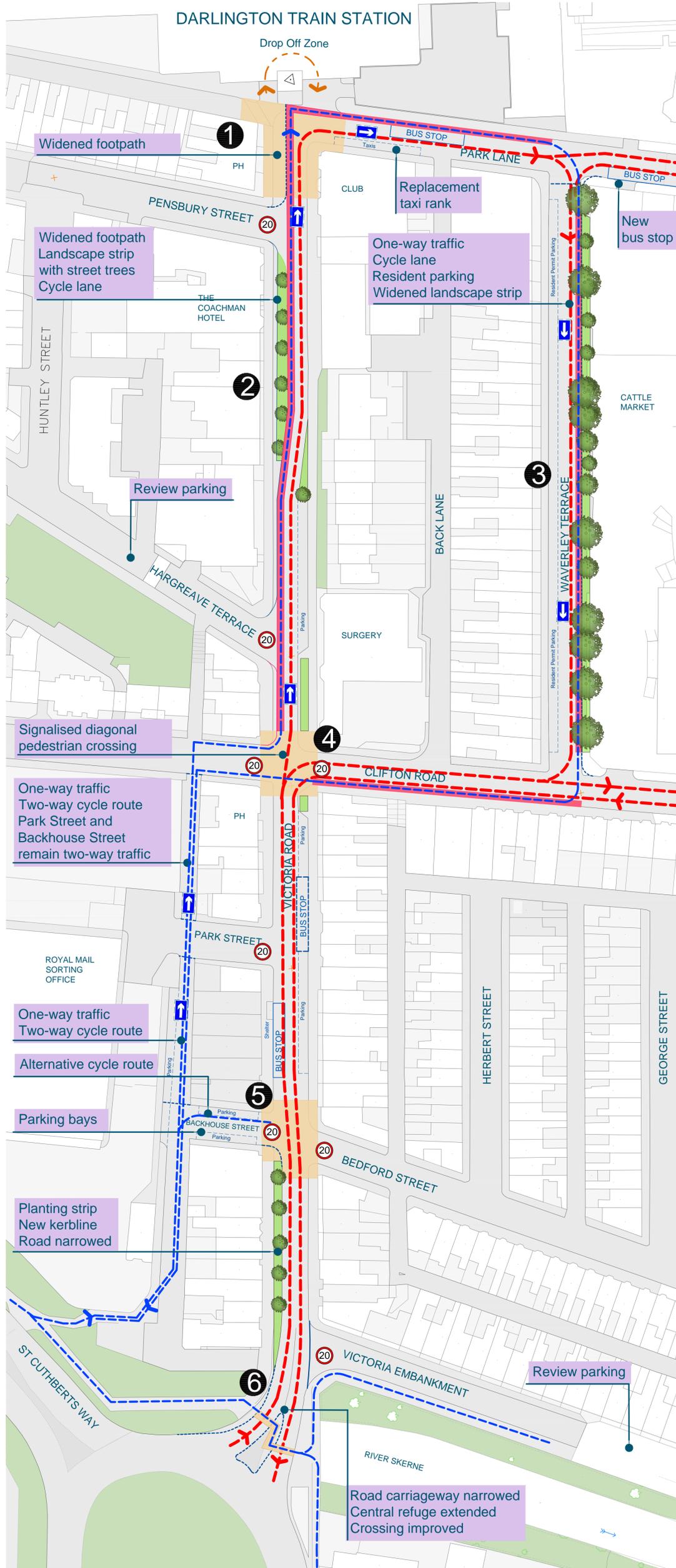
Poor quality pavements in private ownership



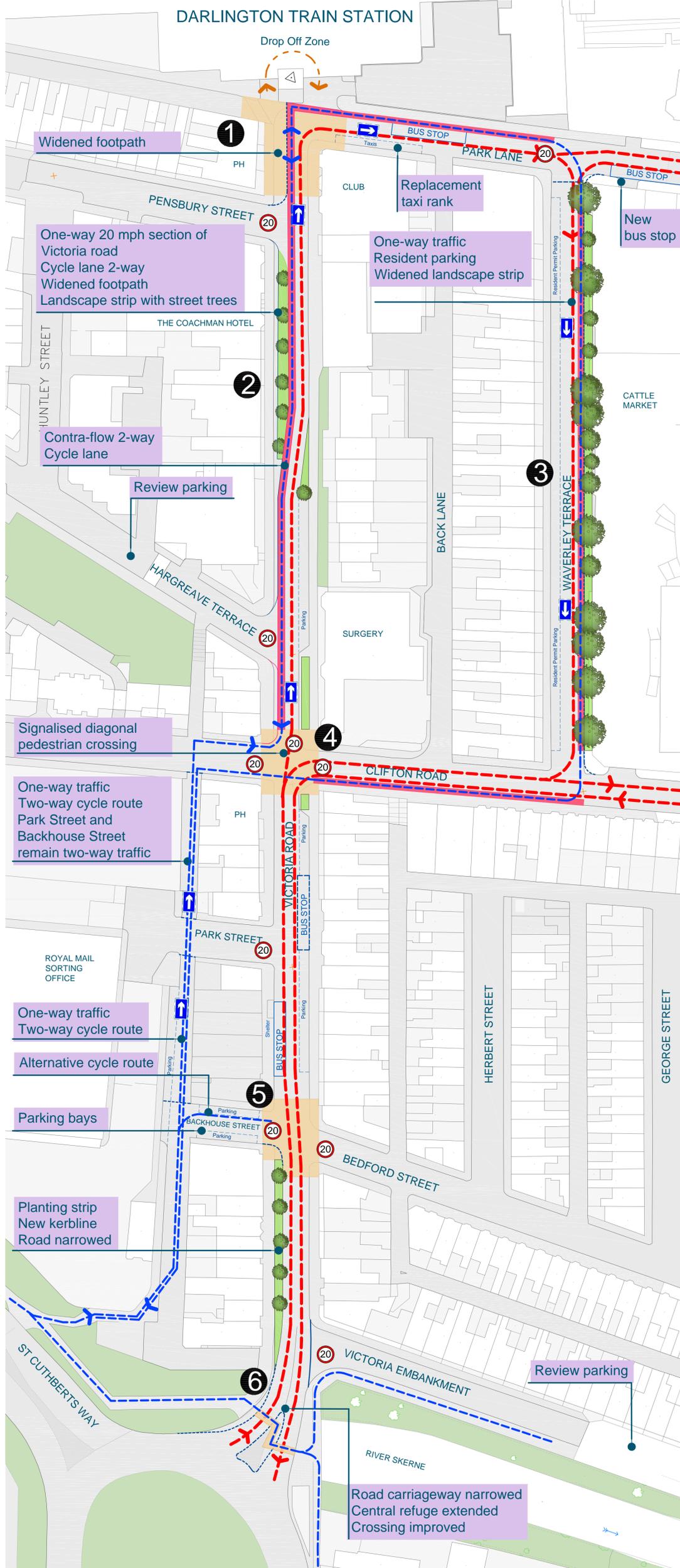
Wide, poorly defined crossing point at Feetham's roundabout

KEY:
 - - - Bus route
 - - - Cycle route

Rethinking Victoria Road - Draft Concept 1



Rethinking Victoria Road - Draft Concept 2



1 Station Plaza:

- pedestrian priority zone
- gathering space
- improved lighting
- 20mph one way traffic
- cycle lane
- dedicated drop off zone
- taxi rank provision
- new bus stop



2 Station Approach:

- widened footpath
- landscape strip & street trees
- 20mph one way traffic
- 2-way cycle lane
- retained car parking

3 Waverley Terrace:

- 20mph one way traffic
- cycle lane
- resident permit parking
- strengthened landscape buffer strip

4 Clifton Road intersection:

- diagonal pedestrian crossing with automated lights to replace existing crossing
- raised table to slow traffic
- cycle lanes
- planting boxes



5 Backhouse Street intersection:

- raised table to slow traffic
- parking on side road
- cycle lane diverted to back lane
- sections of back lane made one-way for vehicular traffic

6 Feetham end:

- road narrowed to slow traffic
- redesigned central refuge and crossing point
- landscape strip & trees



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- Bus route
- Cycle route
- Segregated cycle lane
- Pedestrian crossing

Rethinking Victoria Road - *Inspiration*



Strengthening the link to the Town Centre:

Darlington Train station is an important arrival point for visitors to Darlington and Victoria Road can be a visitor's first impression of the Town.

Victoria road has an important public realm function beyond the movement of traffic. It serves a community function as a space for social interaction and a gateway to the town centre.

A clean, attractive and legible street will provide a safe and welcoming experience for both residents and visitors.

Use of materials and street furniture should respect the character of the built environment.



Creating a multi-user friendly space:

Wide pavements, well managed traffic, provision for cyclists, good lighting contribute to well-designed, people-friendly streets.

Reducing clutter through minimising the use of barriers and street furniture.

Placing a high priority on meeting the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users will create an inclusive and sustainable streetscape.

Reflecting and facilitating pedestrian desire lines within the street design.



Improving Green Infrastructure:

Street trees have a vital contribution to enhancing the public realm, providing visual interest, shading, improved air quality and biodiversity.

Integrating sustainable drainage measures into public realm improvements: tree pits, kerbside planting and rain gardens can contribute to management of surface water and flooding.

Rethinking Victoria Road - *Movement*

BUS & VEHICLE



CYCLE



PEDESTRIAN

