

# **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 9 SEPTEMBER 2004**

## **QUALITY BUS CORRIDORS**

### **Report By Executive Director of Development and Property Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

(a) inform the Committee of progress in implementing Quality Bus Corridor measures within the local committee area; and

(b) seek comments on the preliminary design drawings.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 In August 2002, the Council was awarded a capital grant of £2.1M for measures to improve the attractiveness of public transport in the A71 corridor between Hurlford and Darvel; the A76 corridor between Kilmarnock and Cumnock; and in Cumnock town centre. The funding was allocated over three financial years: 2003/04 - £0.3M; 2004/05 - £0.7M; and 2005/06 - £1.1M.

2.2 In the Cumnock Area Local Committee area the corridor includes the main Kilmarnock to Cumnock bus route through Mauchline, Catrine, and Auchinleck. The corridor also includes the route of the Cumnock local service incorporating the residential areas of the route.

2.3 The consultants, Faber Maunsell, were appointed to undertake the preliminary design and consultation for the public transport corridor measures. This work included two rounds of public consultations and workshop sessions to identify the public transport issues in each corridor, the preparation of preliminary designs and a programme of proposed public transport improvement schemes. This development work has now been largely completed. The proposals on display at the previous public consultation have now been amended as necessary to take account of the comments received.

#### **3. IMPLEMENTATION WORKS UNDERTAKEN TO DATE**

3.1 The physical works undertaken to date on the corridors have focussed primarily on improvements to bus stops where little or no change to bus stop position has been proposed. The improvements undertaken have included: -

- the provision of raised height boarding kerbs to make it easier to get on and off the buses;
- introduction of enforceable bus stop clearway road markings

- new shelters at the busier bus stops;
- improved lighting at bus stops;
- improved pedestrian facilities in the vicinity of bus stops.

**3.2** In conjunction with SPT and the bus operators, bus timetable information will be improved by the provision of timetable cases at bus stops with up to date service information being provided.

**3.3** To date, works have been completed or are underway at 8 bus stops in Catrine, 3 bus stops in Auchinleck and 26 bus stops in Cumnock and Logan. Work has not yet started on the route through Mauchline as discussions with the trunk road managers, Amey Highways, are still taking place.

**3.4** Prior to works commencing at any location, an information flier is delivered to all affected frontagers advising of the nature of the works and giving staff contact details.

## **4. COMPLETION OF WORKS**

**4.1** Final design work is now underway to allow further implementation of the bus corridor measures. As well as improvements at bus stops, the QBC measures also include complementary traffic management measures to improve pedestrian crossing opportunities, improve road safety and reduce vehicle speeds. The measures include the following: -

- introduction of pedestrian crossing points;
- build-outs at road junctions to improve safety and reduce road crossing widths;
- provision of new pedestrian footway links; and
- the promotion of traffic Orders to prevent obstructive parking.

**4.2** Plans showing the works completed to date and the proposed remaining improvements are available for committee members to inspect and comment upon. The plans will be on display at the local committee meeting and will also be available for inspection at the Roads Division offices at Holmquarry House, Kilmarnock and Lugar and the local offices in Catrine, Auchinleck and Cumnock prior to the committee meeting. Indicative location plans showing the affected routes are attached to this report.

**4.3** It may not be possible to provide all of the proposed improvements that are shown on the plan. Detailed costings are being undertaken at present during the final design process and limitations may be placed on the full extent of the works that can be implemented to keep within the Scottish Executive's spending allocation.

## **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1** None

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**6.1** The costs of the works will be met from the Public Transport Fund settlement received from the Scottish Executive.

## **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**7.1** It is recommended that the Committee: -

- (a) notes the work undertaken to date on the Cumnock corridor QBC; and
- (b) provides comment on the preliminary design drawings which will be the subject of further detailed design.

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**Executive Director of Development & Property Services**  
**23 August 2004**

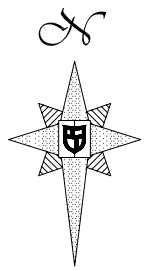
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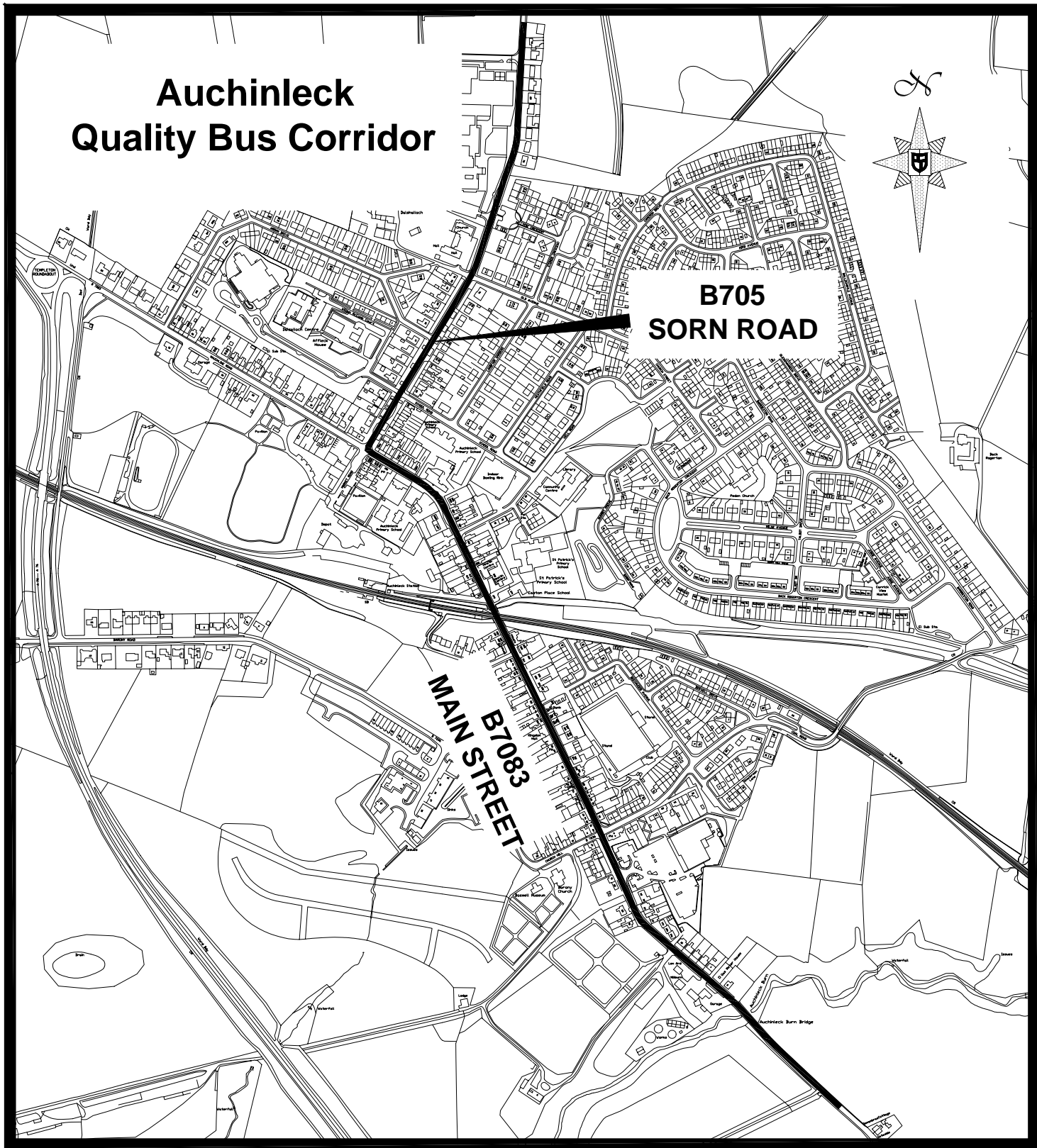
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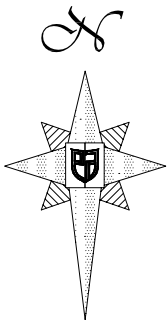


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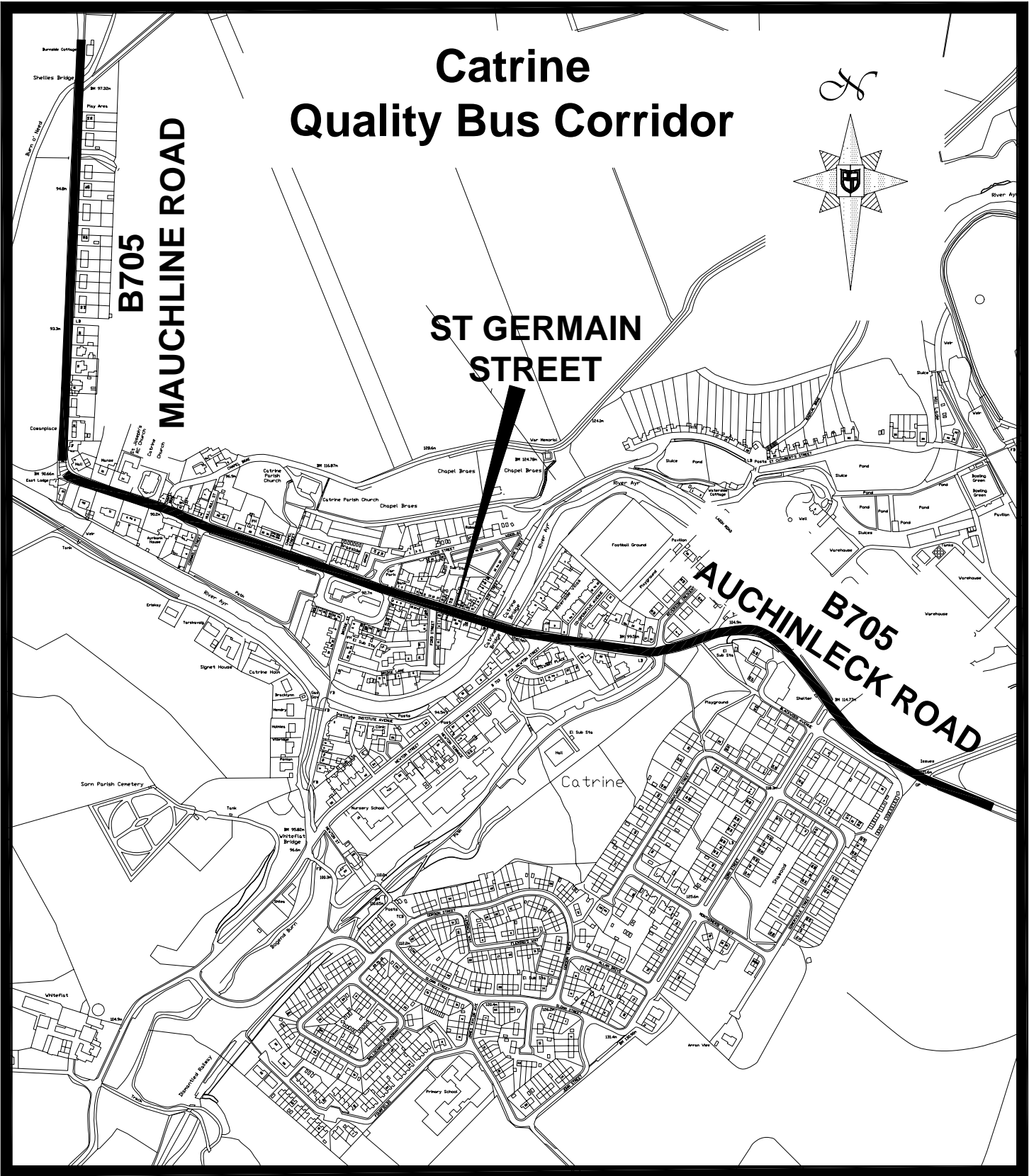
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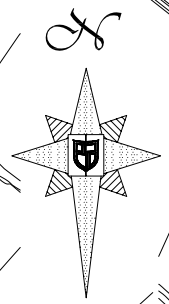
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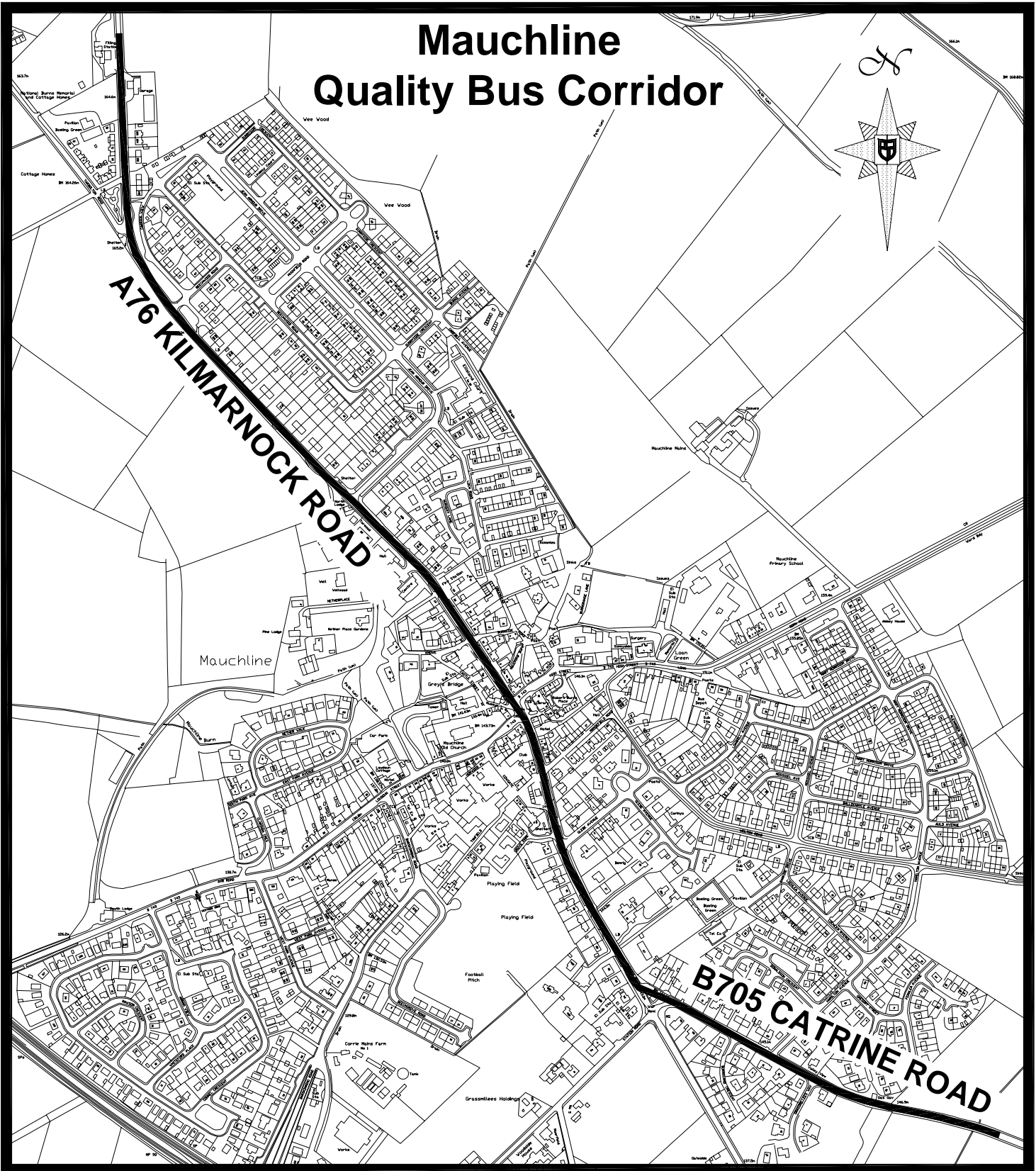


# Mauchline Quality Bus Corridor



**A76 KILMARNOCK ROAD**

**B705 CATRINE ROAD**



# Cumnock & Logan Quality Bus Corridor

