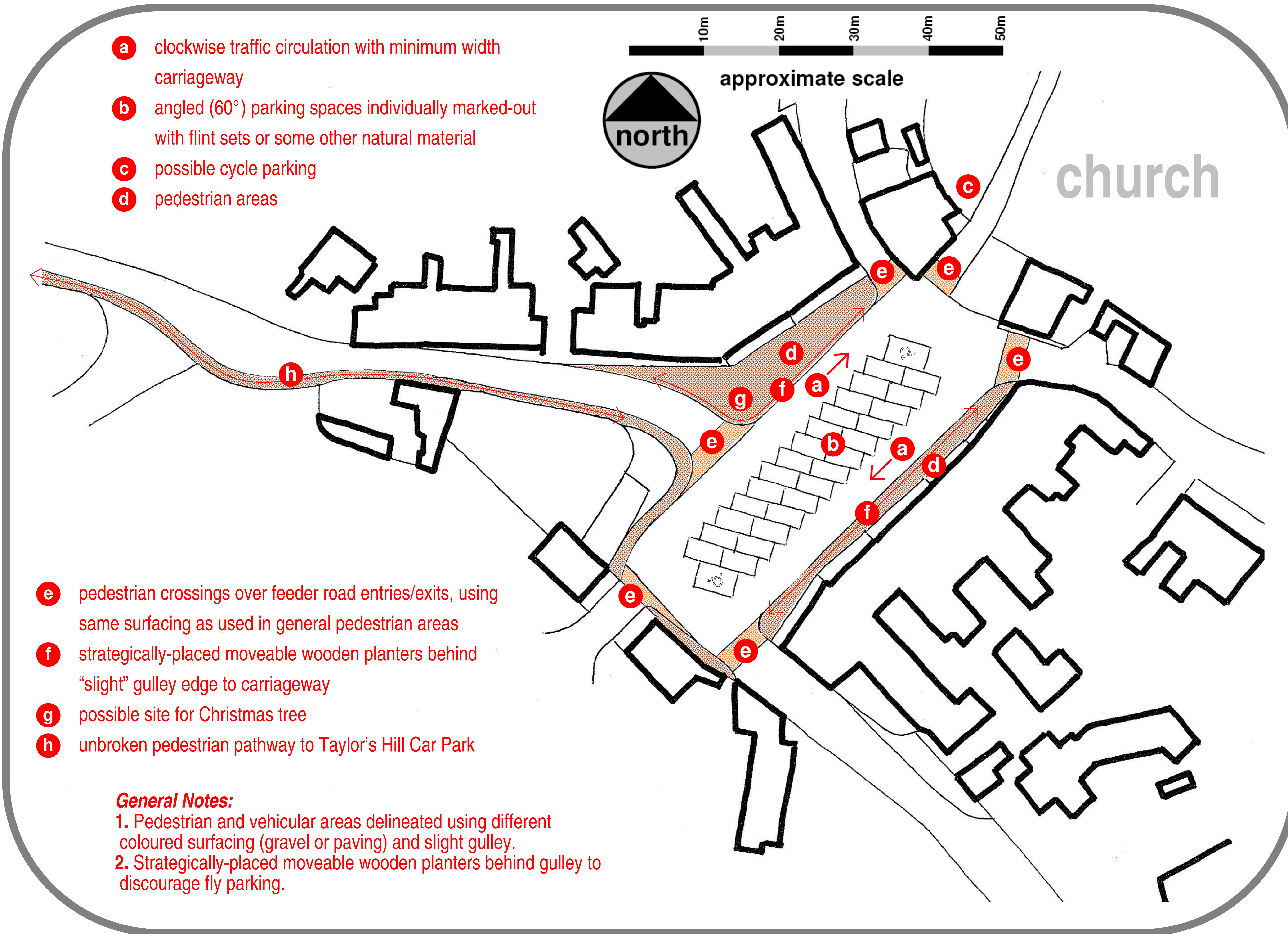


OPTION 2



General Description

The proposed scheme retains and also substantially improves on the existing structure of and circulation in The Square. Improvements include:

- orderly parking in The Square,
- creation of clear zones and crossings for pedestrians, and
- a more aesthetically pleasing environment for the community.

All of these things are achieved while maximising parking provision in the central area.

Overall, the proposed scheme seeks to create a more pleasant and safe space for visitors and residents while continuing to provide businesses and community facilities in and close to The Square with the access and parking they desire.

Case For ...

- satisfies most community aspirations, most importantly –
- orderly parking and vehicular movement
- clear and safe pedestrian zones
- greatly improved access for emergency and service vehicles
- a more aesthetically pleasing environment for the community overall
- achieves all the above while maximising parking provision and, therefore, minimising parking reduction impacts

Case Against ...

- implementation costs
- implementation impacts
- parking reduction
- Castle-Church sight line compromised

... Response

- one-off and relatively modest
- can be programmed to minimise impacts
- minimum possible
- of lower priority than other aspirations

Parking Arrangement & Provision

- 28 angled and individually marked parking spaces in two rows in the centre of The Square, including 2 disabled spaces at each end
- maintains clear access to and from the feeder roads
- suitably-signed cycle parking in churchyard

Pedestrian & Vehicular Movement

- angled parking supports clockwise circulation and also allows reduced road width around the parking area, maximising the width of pedestrian areas either side and encouraging lower traffic speeds
- carriageways edged by "slight" gully, backed by strategically-placed moveable wooden planters
- different coloured surfacing on pedestrian areas and at the top of the feeder roads
- marked walkway to Taylor's Hill Car Park

Views & Aesthetics

- open building frontages
- differentiated surfaces between pedestrian and vehicular areas
- strategically-placed moveable planters will visually enhance The Square
- parking and pedestrian areas respect The Squares historic shape and function

Possible Implementation Issues

- costs involved in implementing proposed layout are relatively modest and one-off
- careful implementation of proposed layout would minimise any possible disruption

Flexibility & Use

- retention of generally-level or flush surface across The Square
- allows larger events (e.g. fairs and markets when desired)
- pedestrian area on northwest of The Square provides a suitable location for a Christmas tree
- design offers great flexibility when used in conjunction with an improved Taylor's Hill Car Park