

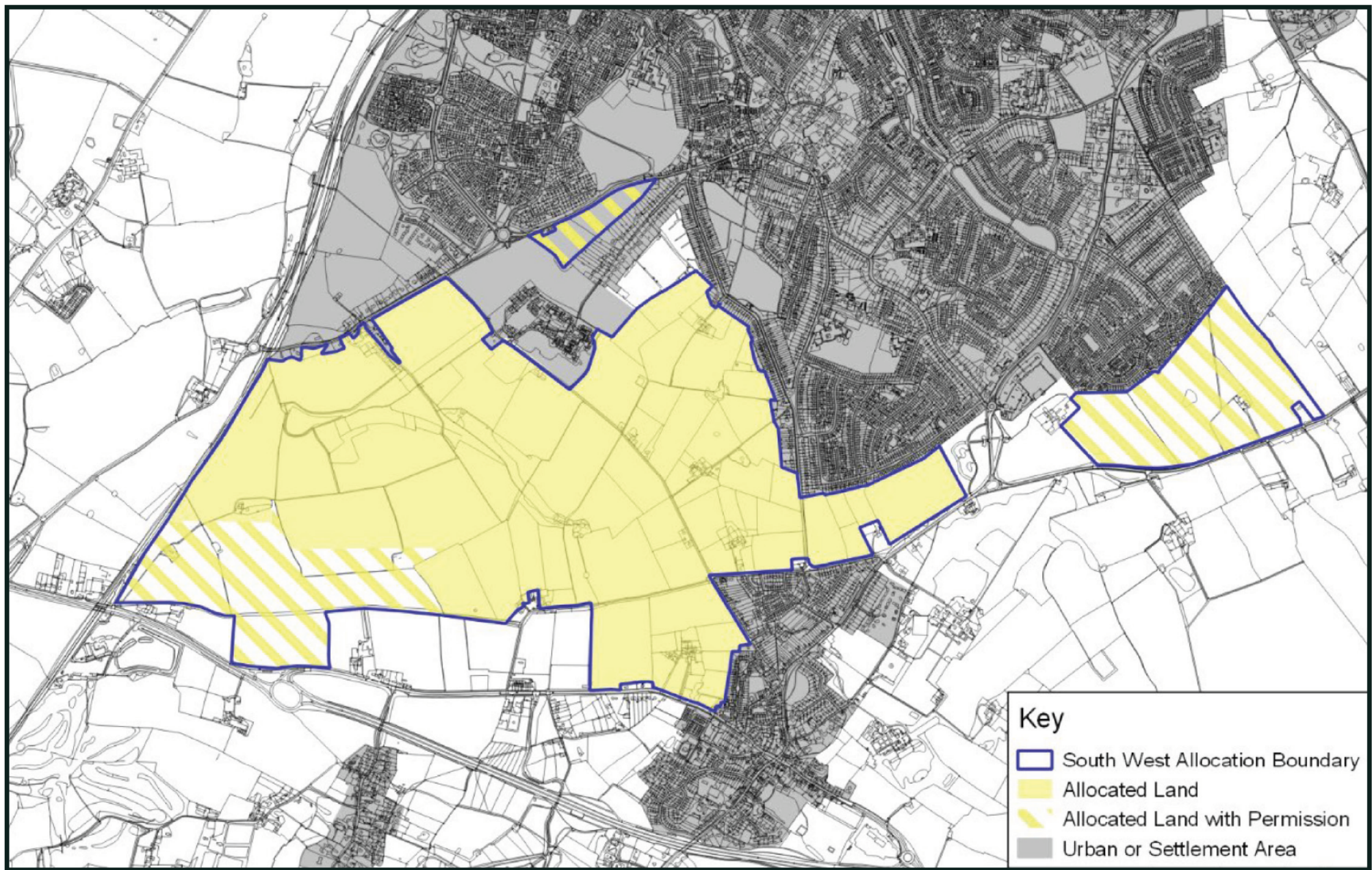
# Background to the Homestead Link

## Rugby Local Plan

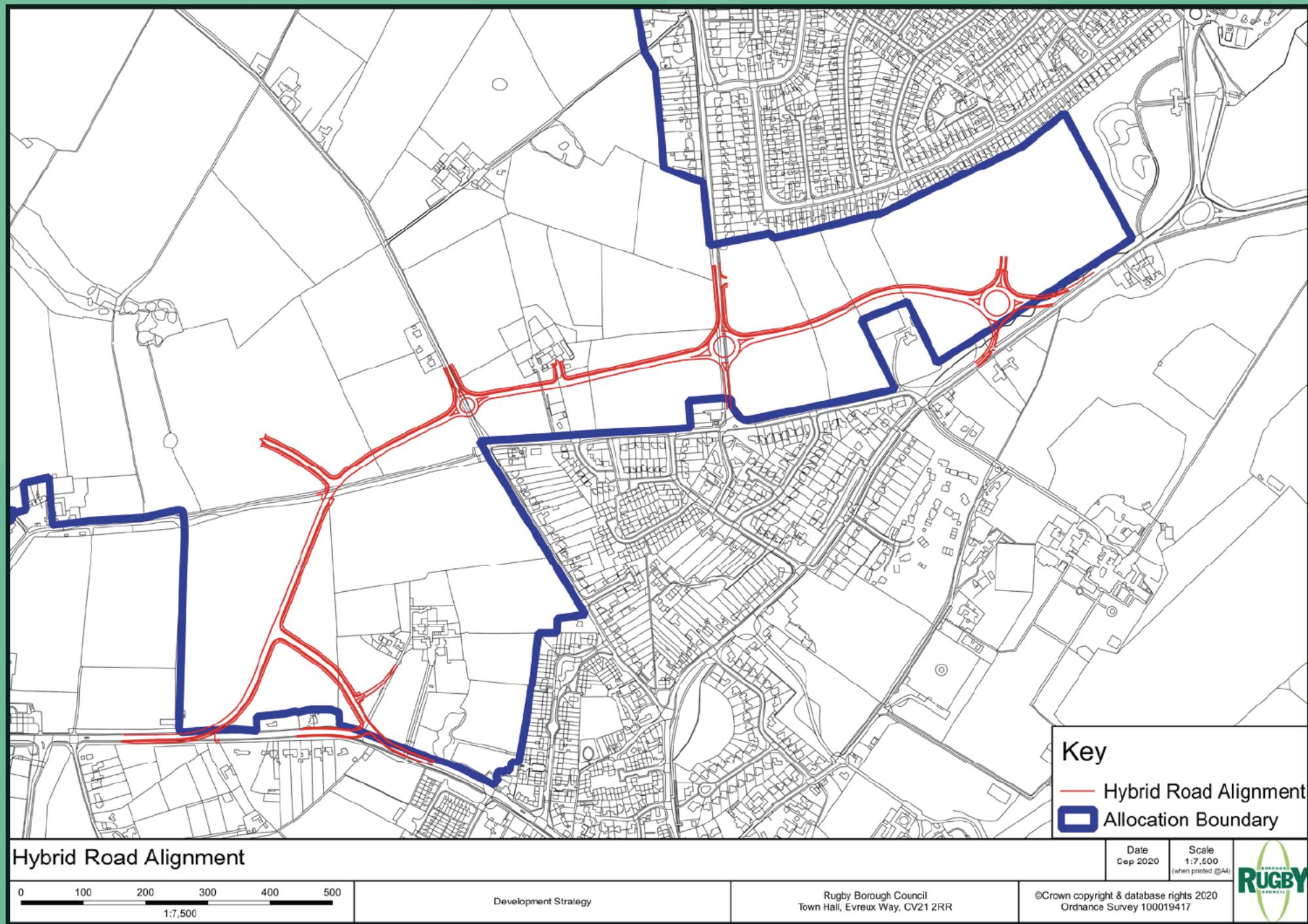
The Rugby Local Plan (June 2019) allocates South West Rugby for new development. The allocation is to the south west of Rugby and north of Dunchurch village.

A key requirement of the allocation is to provide a new link road to relieve existing congestion in Dunchurch village and reduce air quality issues, whilst enabling the delivery of new housing in Rugby.

The allocation also requires proposals to provide a significant buffer between Rugby and Dunchurch, which incorporates a **Green Infrastructure Corridor** from Cock Robin Wood to Cawston Spinney.



## Indicative alignment (October 2020)



## The Homestead Link

- The evidence supporting the Local Plan identified areas with traffic congestion issues.
- Dunchurch Crossroads was identified as an area of constraint due to considerable traffic queuing and delays, particularly in the morning and evening, creating air quality issues.
- The Local Plan requires the delivery of the South West Link Road (SWLR) to enable the wider allocation to be brought forward.
- The plan below shows the indicative route of the SWLR. The section between the B4429 and the A426 is known as the Homestead Link and provides direct relief to the Dunchurch Crossroads.

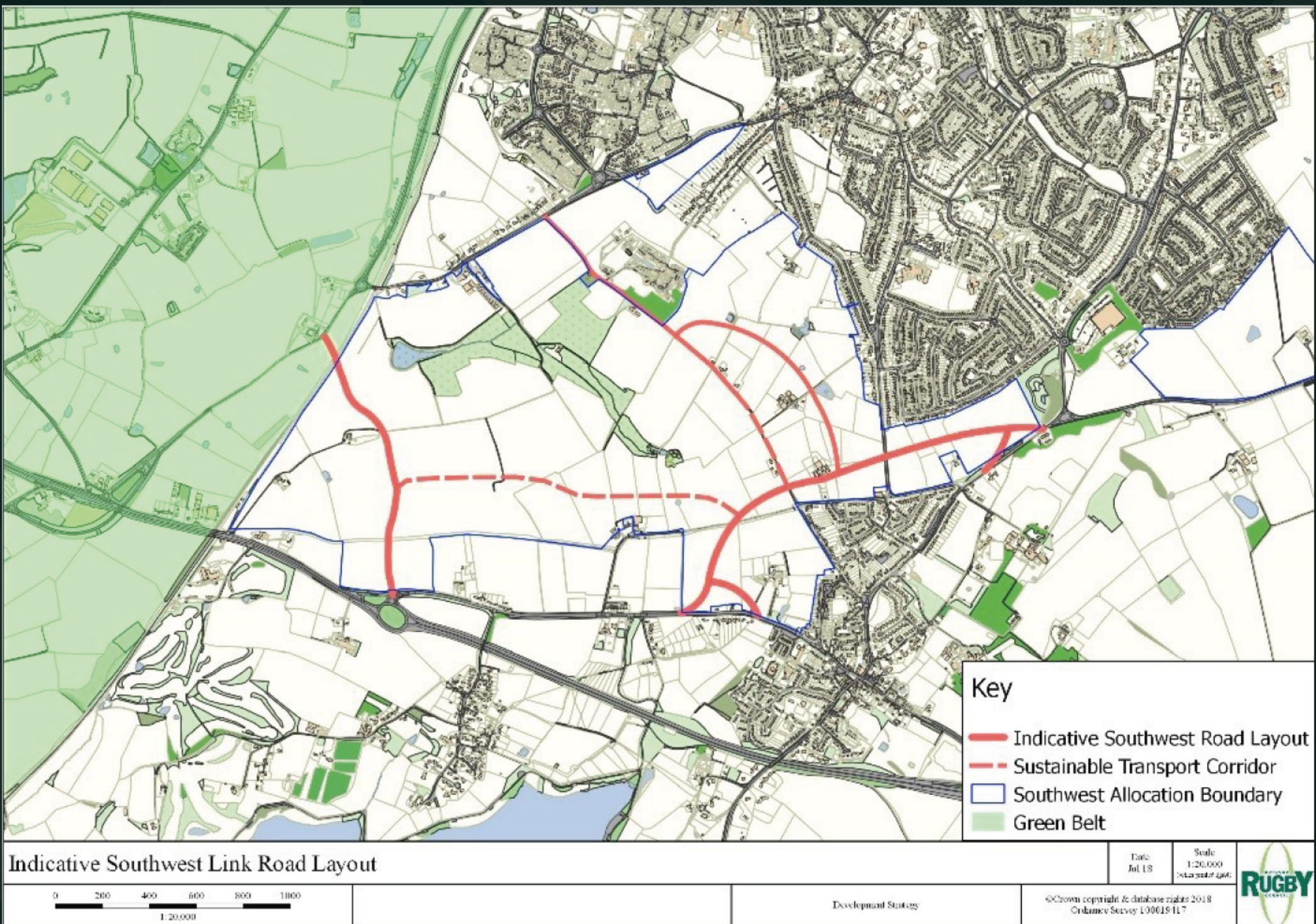
## South West Rugby SPD

Rugby Borough Council (RBC) has adopted a supplementary planning document (SPD) to provide further guidance on the emerging proposals at South West Rugby. The South West Rugby SPD (June 2021) identifies that:

- The SWLR is needed to minimise impact upon the highway network and to relieve pressure on areas of constraint, such as Dunchurch Crossroads.
- The buffer between Rugby and Dunchurch which must form an integral part of proposals for the site.
- The precise alignment and design of the Homestead Link are matters for detailed consideration through the planning application for the road.

As part of the preparation of the SPD, options for the Homestead Link were considered by RBC and WCC, resulting in the preferred indicative alignment.

## Indicative SWLR Layout from Rugby Local Plan 2011 – 2031



Source: Policy DS9, Rugby Local Plan 2011 - 2031

## Purpose of this consultation

The purpose of this consultation is not to test the need for the road and its location or alignment, which has been accepted in planning policy. We do want to seek the local community's views on the detailed proposals, particularly the design of the significant landscape corridor alongside the road. This will be

an important asset for both the existing and new communities in the local area.

A key objective of this consultation is to ensure that the best outcome possible is achieved, considering a balance of ecology and wildlife, habitats and trees, leisure and recreation, vehicular movements, cycling and walking.