

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

The Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Variation Eight Inverness Order 2024 (DRAFT)

Statement of reasons

The Council proposes to make the Order above in exercise of its powers under Sections 1(1), 2(1), 2(2), 4, 19, 32, 35, 45, 46,47 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended and of the Road Traffic Act 1991

This Traffic Order is required to deliver proposed streetscape changes for Academy Street altering the location of waiting & Loading on Academy Street, Church Street, Queensgate, Union Street as part of the Places for Everyone Project delivery.

The effect of the proposed Order is to:

1. Manage waiting & loading within the streets identified by amending existing arrangements.
 - a. provide more frequent access to Disabled Parking Bays,
 - b. define additional Disabled Bays,
 - c. alter the location of some Loading bays and Bus Bays to accommodate the redesign of Academy Street,
 - d. adjust waiting & loading where required,
 - e. provide an additional Taxi Rank on Station Lane.

The Academy Street Project, funded by Transport Scotland's Places for Everyone fund as part of the wider Places for Everyone Project, has been in development for over 8 years, through successive Council administrations, public and stakeholder consultation, and design iterations.

The objectives of the project are to:

- provide a seamless connection of the East to West City Active Travel Corridor (walking, wheeling & Cycling), through a coherent city centre link.
- improve the public realm, making Academy Street a more attractive place to spend time in, whilst being respectful of the architectural history, identity, and importance of Academy Street within Inverness city.
- make Academy Street safer and more accessible for Active Travel users.
- Ensure strong links with active and sustainable transport projects, where wider improvements to the urban realm and sustainable transport connectivity across the city and region encourages active and sustainable transport as an attractive and realistic choice for more people in Inverness and the Highland region for more of their everyday journeys.; and
- inspire and support stakeholders and the wider community by involving them in the redesign of their streets and neighbourhood and ensuring current and future needs are a key driver for change.

- seek to promote sustainable transport by providing regulated Bus Lanes as scheduled within the Order and to allow the reduction of vehicles on Academy Street by restricting the carriageway use at certain locations to Buses, Taxis & Cycles.

The Highland Council as part of their plans to improve the environment within the city centre intend to provide high quality paving, seating and planting within Academy Street. The scheme seeks to manage traffic within the city centre whilst maintaining access for all. The Council set out their vision at the Inverness City Committee on 28 August 2023. The Council have engaged with stakeholders throughout 2023 and 2024 to inform them of the plans and to shape the design. A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to amend waiting & loading restrictions is a necessary part of the proposed traffic management scheme.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

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THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL in exercise of its powers under Sections 1(1), 2(1), 2(2), 4, 19, 32, 35, 45, 46, 47 and 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act of 1984") as amended and of the Road Traffic Act 1991 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Constable of Police Scotland in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, hereby proposes to make the following Order.

1. This Order shall come into operation on the _____ and may be cited as "The Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Variation Eight Inverness Order 2024"
2. The Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the Interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
3. The prohibitions and restrictions imposed by this Order shall be in addition to and not in derogation from any restriction or requirement imposed by any regulation made or having effect as if made under the Act of 1984 or by or under any other enactment provided that where a prohibition or restriction which is imposed, varied or revoked by this Order is in conflict with a prohibition or restriction imposed by a previous Order, then the provision of this Order shall prevail.
4. If a court, Transport Scotland or the Parking and Bus Lane Tribunal Service for Scotland, declares any part of this Order to be invalid or un-enforceable, such declaration shall not invalidate the remainder of this Order.

5. The Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the “Principal Order”) is hereby varied as follows: the plans specified in Schedule 1 to this Order are deleted from the Principal Order and the plans specified and attached in Schedule 2 to this Order are substituted therefor and hereby added and incorporated into schedule 1 to the Principal Order.

This Order and the Schedules annexed hereto are sealed with the Common Seal of The Highland Council

THE COMMON SEAL of XXXX)
COUNCIL was hereunto affixed)
This day of 2024)
in the presence of:-)

This is the Schedule 1 referred to in the foregoing The Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Variation Eight Inverness Order 2024

SCHEDULE 1

On Street Plans with the following Map Numbers thereon are deleted from The Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2016 as amended:

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This is the Schedule 2 referred to in the foregoing The Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Variation Eight Inverness Order 2024

SCHEDULE 2

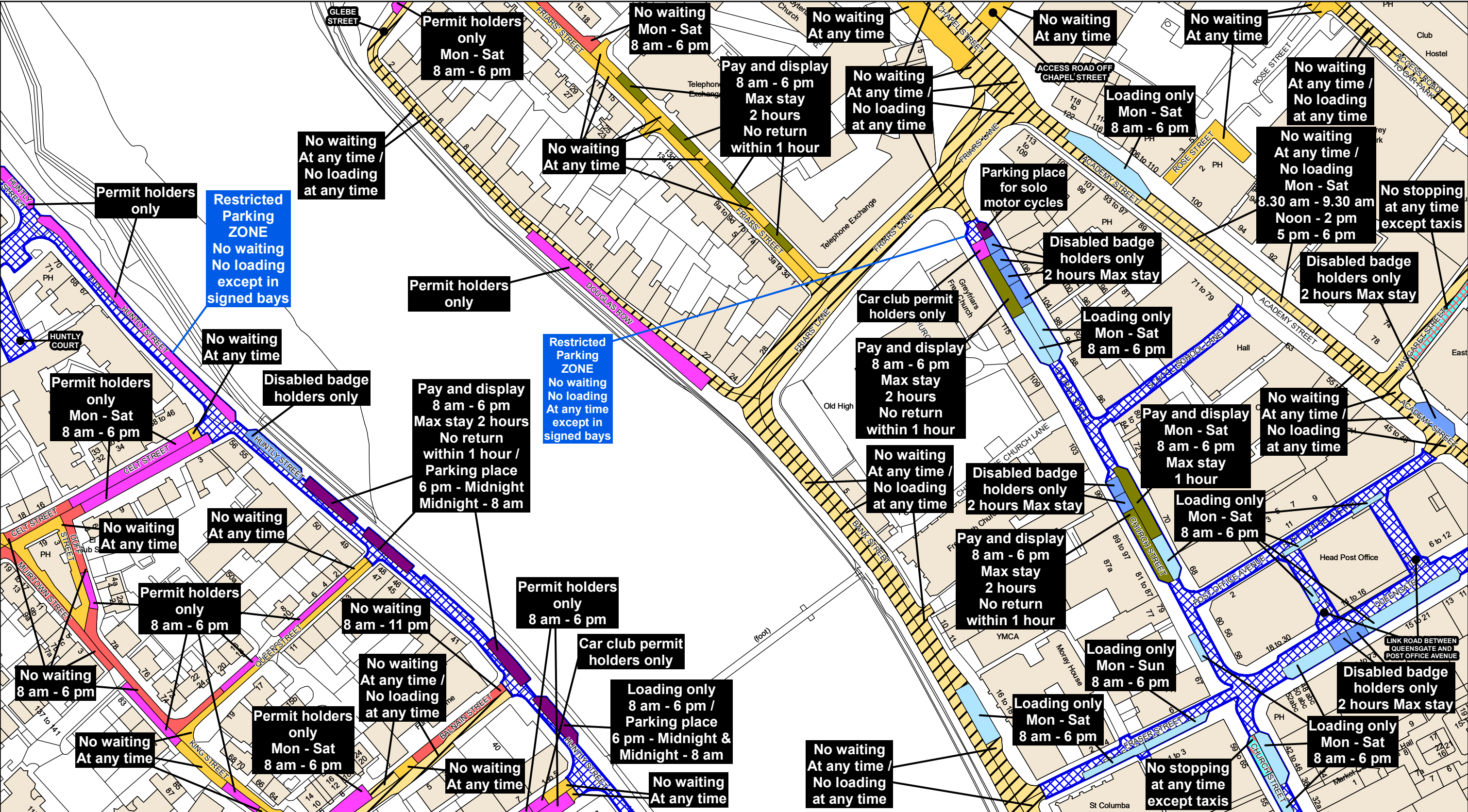
Substitute On Street Plans attached with the following Map Numbers thereon are added and incorporated into schedule 1 to The Highland Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2016 as amended


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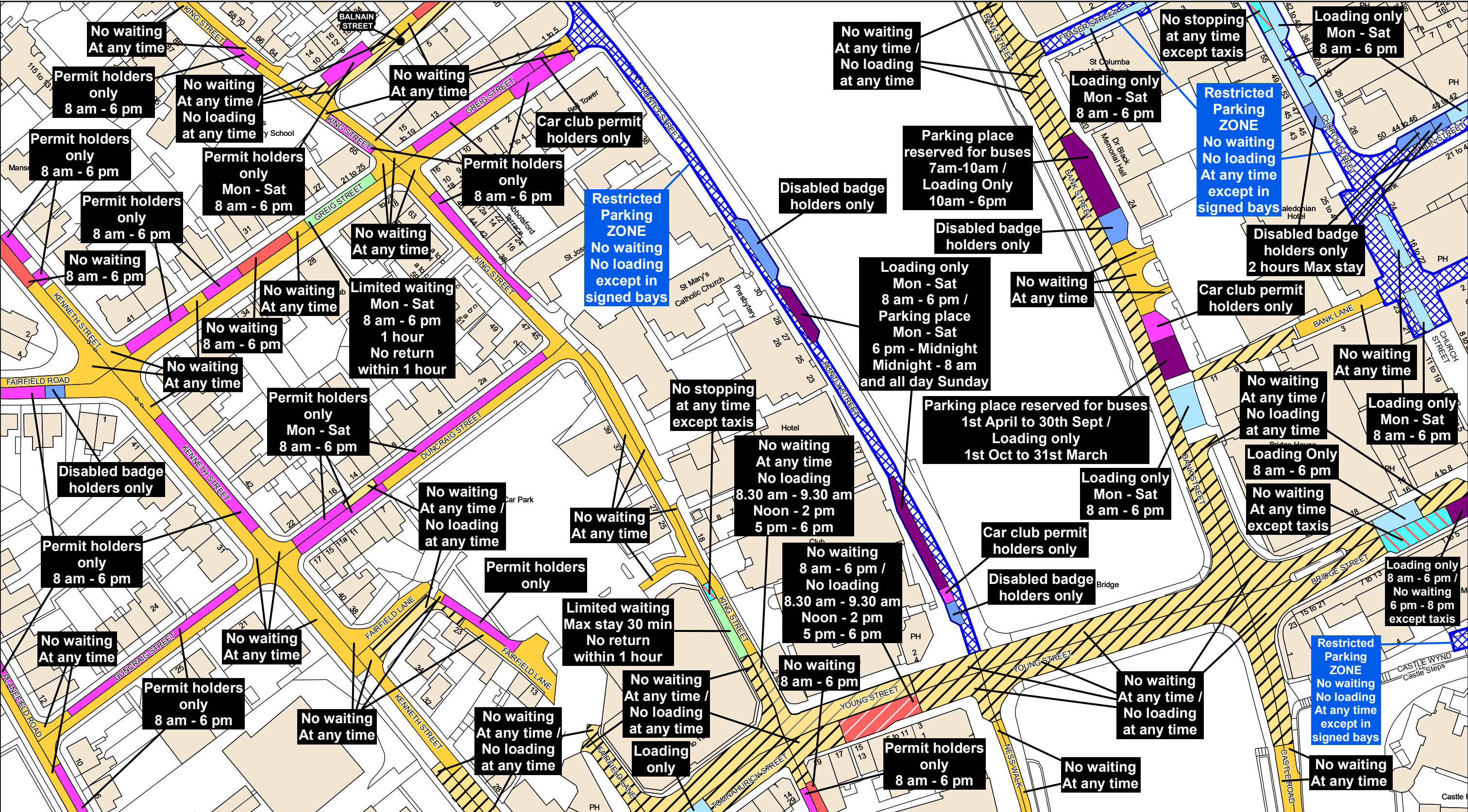
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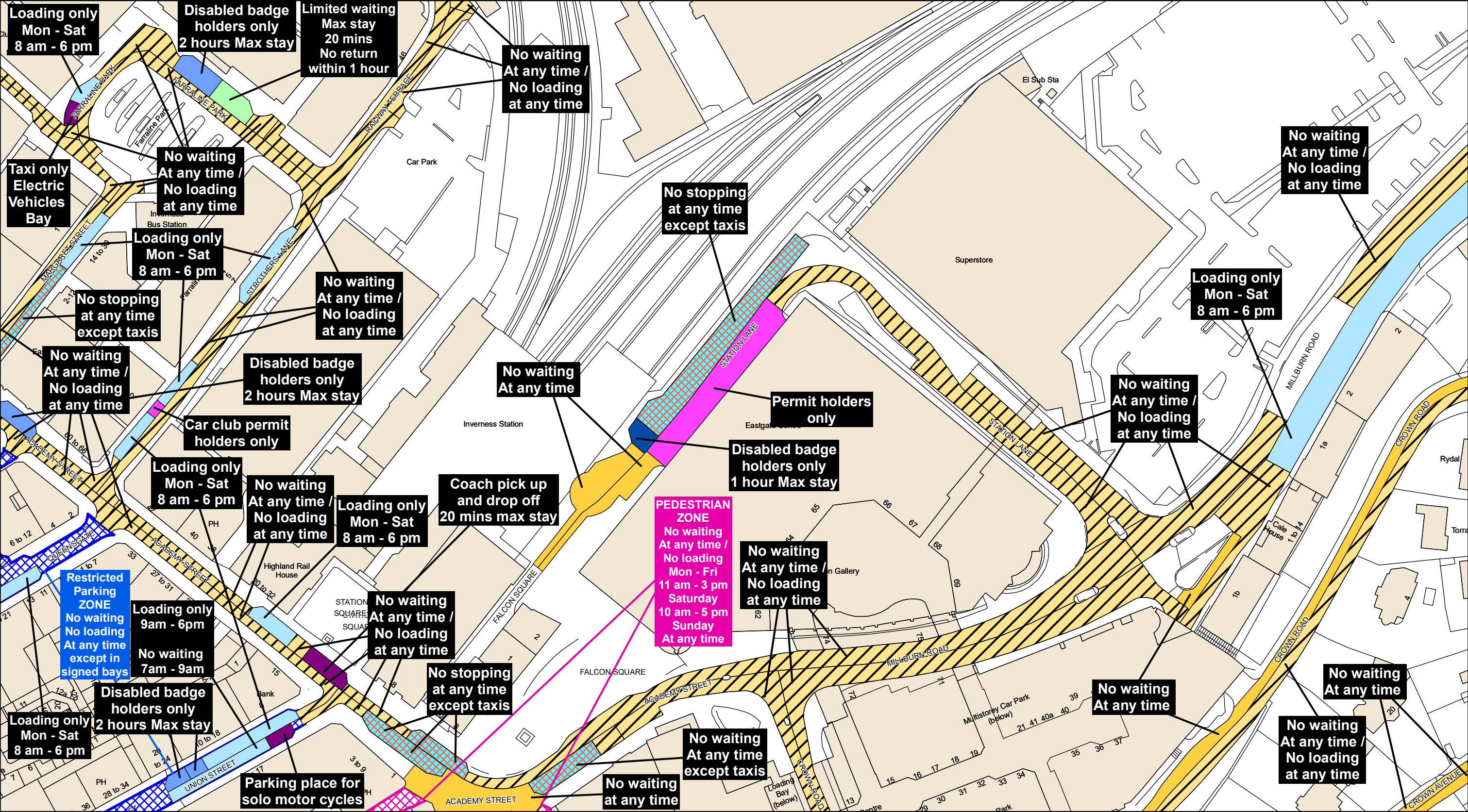
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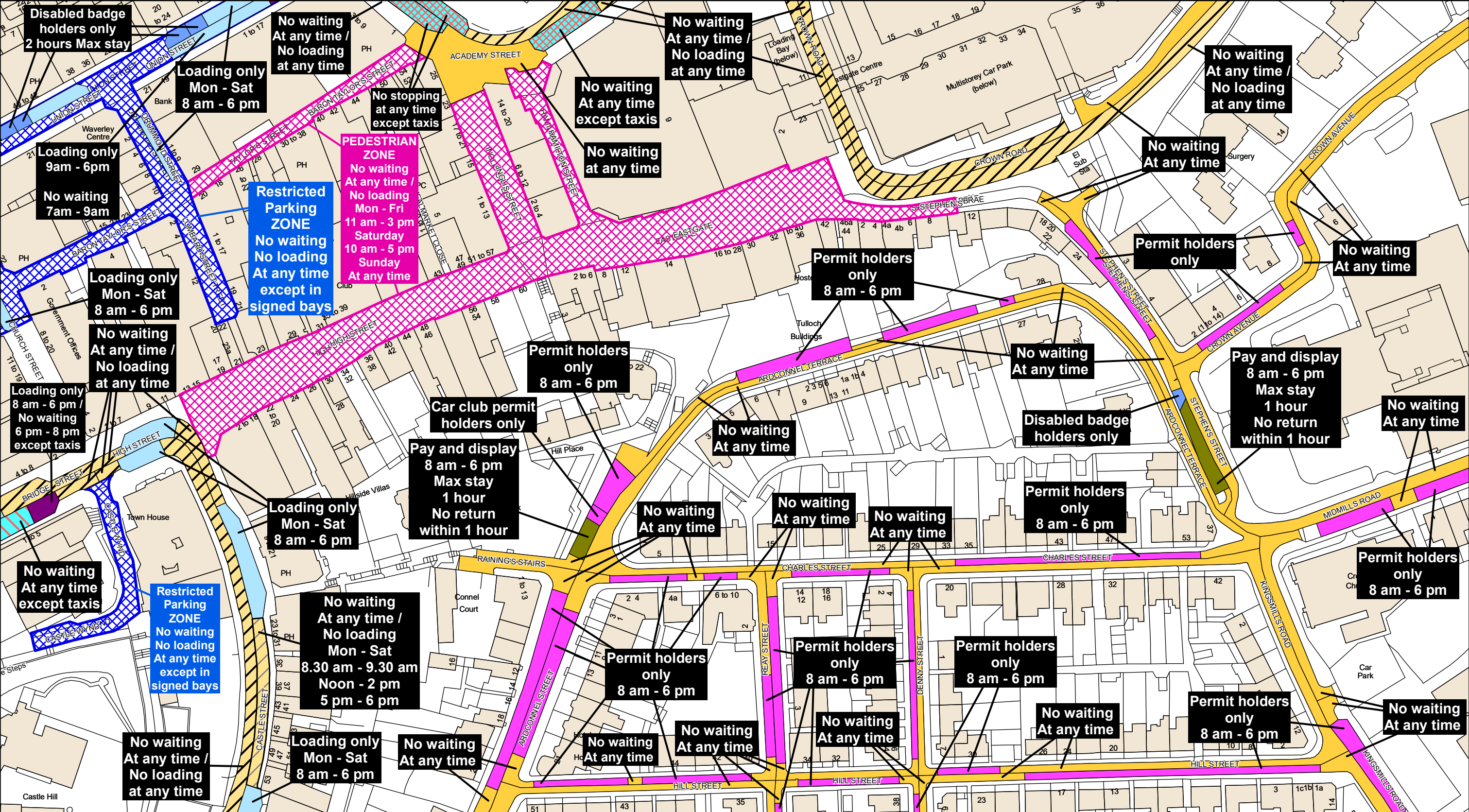
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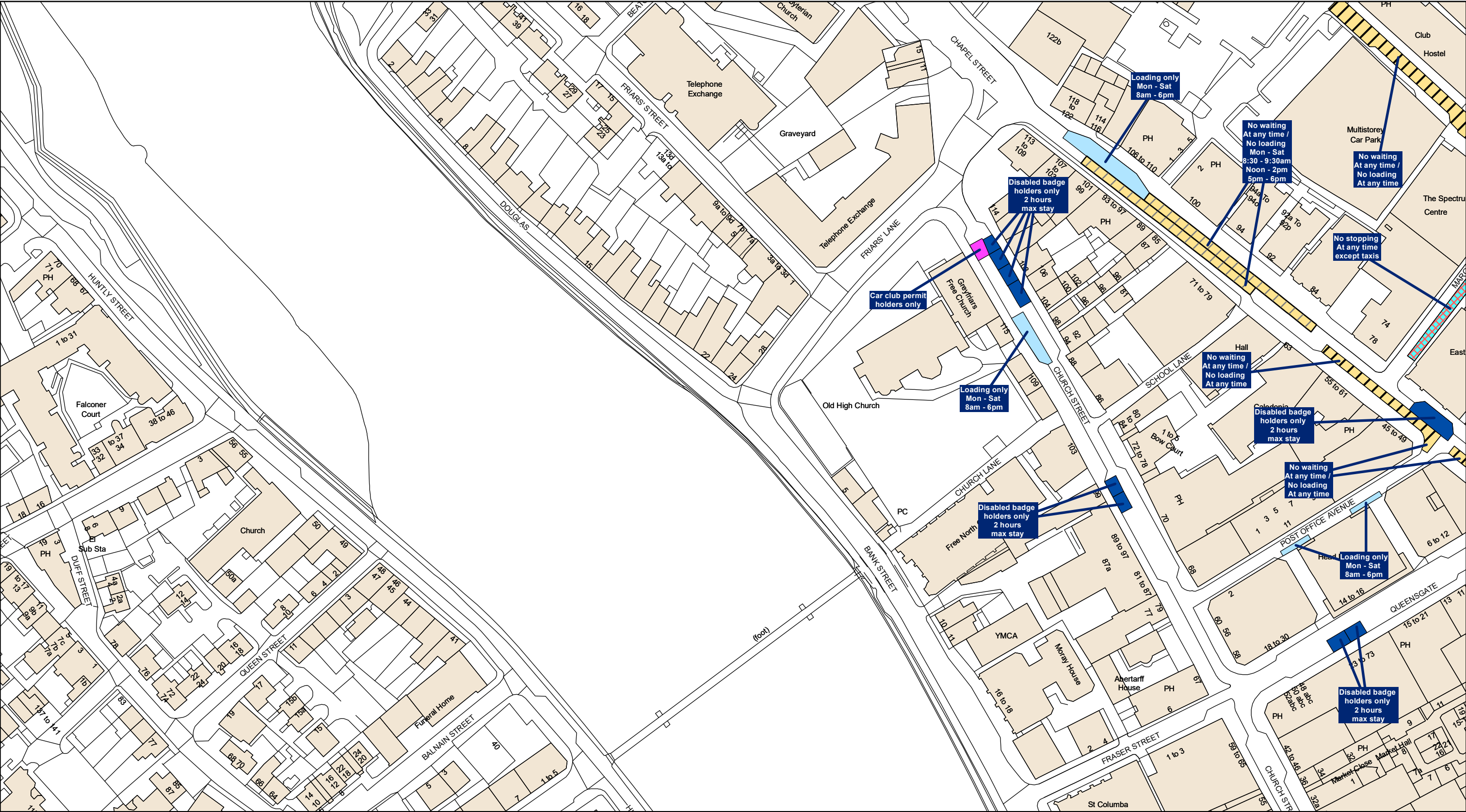
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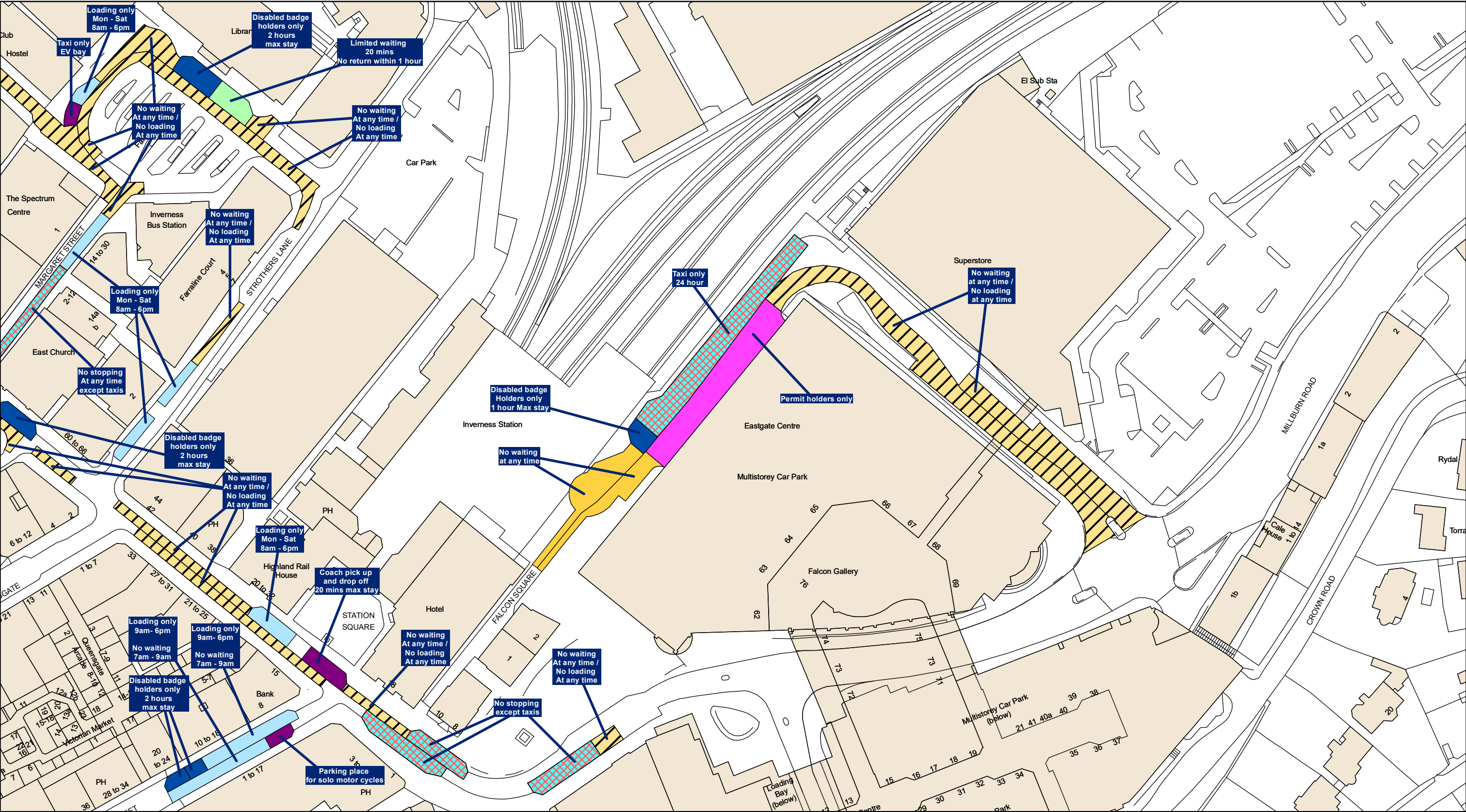
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