

Theme 5: A city with a modern and sustainable transport infrastructure

The transport theme includes maps 11 and 12, dealing with pedestrian and cycling issues respectively. The maps are referred to in paragraph 4.190, which expands on the requirements of Policy T1 in respect of the assessment of the accessibility of developments. Developers should have regard to the issues identified on the maps when preparing transport statements and transport assessments. Planning officers would also need to take account of these issues when assessing the transport impacts of planning applications. The maps can also be used as a source of potential off-site improvements which might be achieved via planning obligations, as outlined in paragraph 4.192 of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The maps are also referred to in Appendix A of the plan, in Project 17, which proposes that a rolling programme of physical infrastructure improvements be carried out, taking into account the findings summarised in maps 11 and 12.

The Department for Transport's Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy, published in April 2017, recommends that local authorities draw up a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). The technical guidance document recommends that those drawing up neighbourhood plans engage with the LCWIP process (para. 2.28) and that people's concerns about making journeys on foot or by cycle be included in the analysis (para. 4.4). Neighbourhood plans are among the sources of information listed in paragraph 4.7 of the guidance. Thus these maps should also be used by the local authority to assist in developing an LCWIP.

Map 11: Pedestrian issues

The map included in the draft plan document occupies a single page, so some of the features overlap. This document has the map blown up and split across four pages, allowing all the issues to be distinguished. A detailed listing of all the issues is provided, together with National Grid references. This provides in a list format the extra information which can be obtained via the interactive online version of the map.

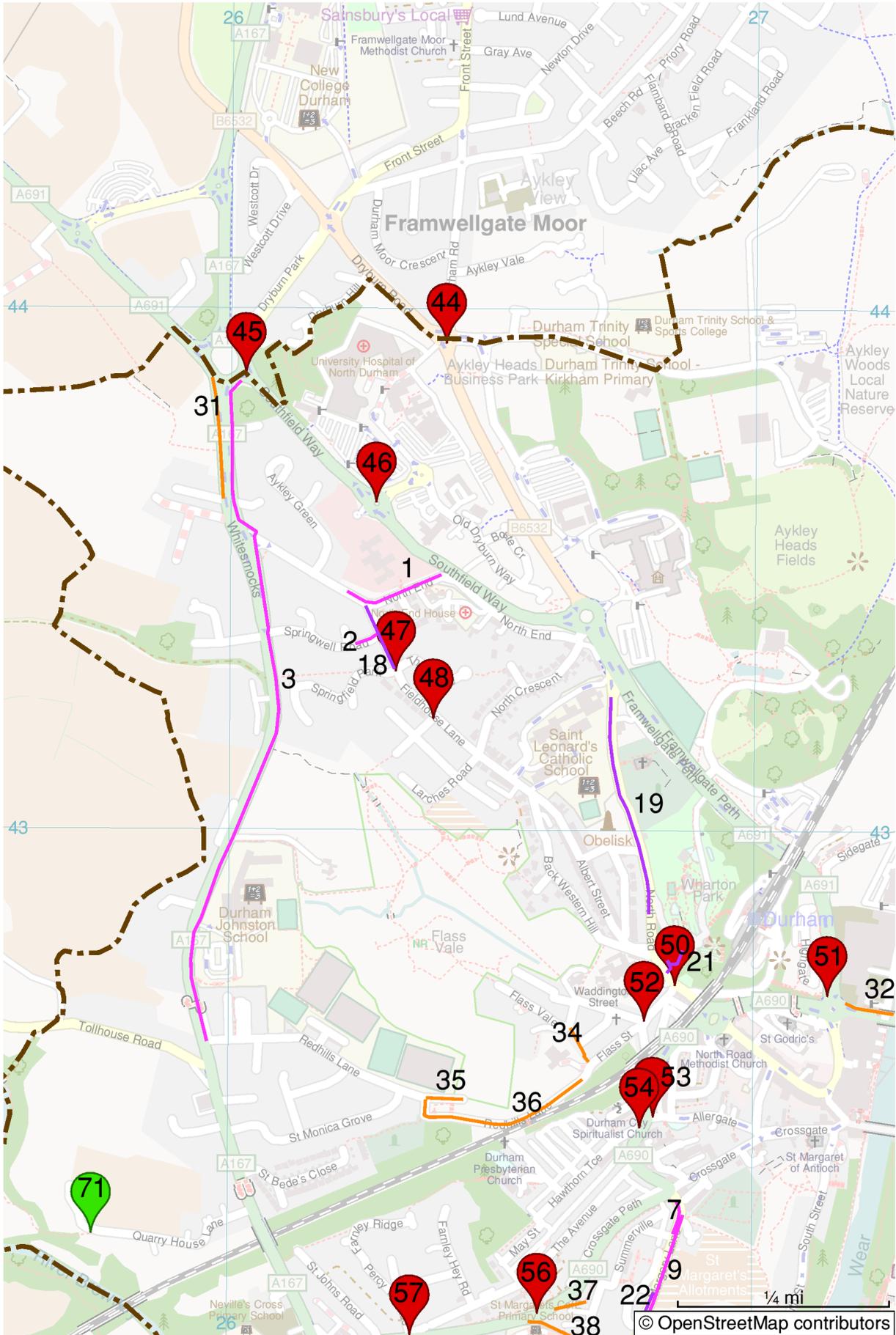
The issues identified on the map came out of a public consultation event, and have been supplemented with similar issues across Our Neighbourhood identified by the transport theme co-ordinators and other members of the working group. Further analysis should be undertaken to critically assess the scale and nature of these issues, as recommended in *Design Guidance: Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013* (Welsh Government, 2014) paragraph 5.6.44, p. 78. This analysis would help identify which issues should be prioritised and possible solutions.

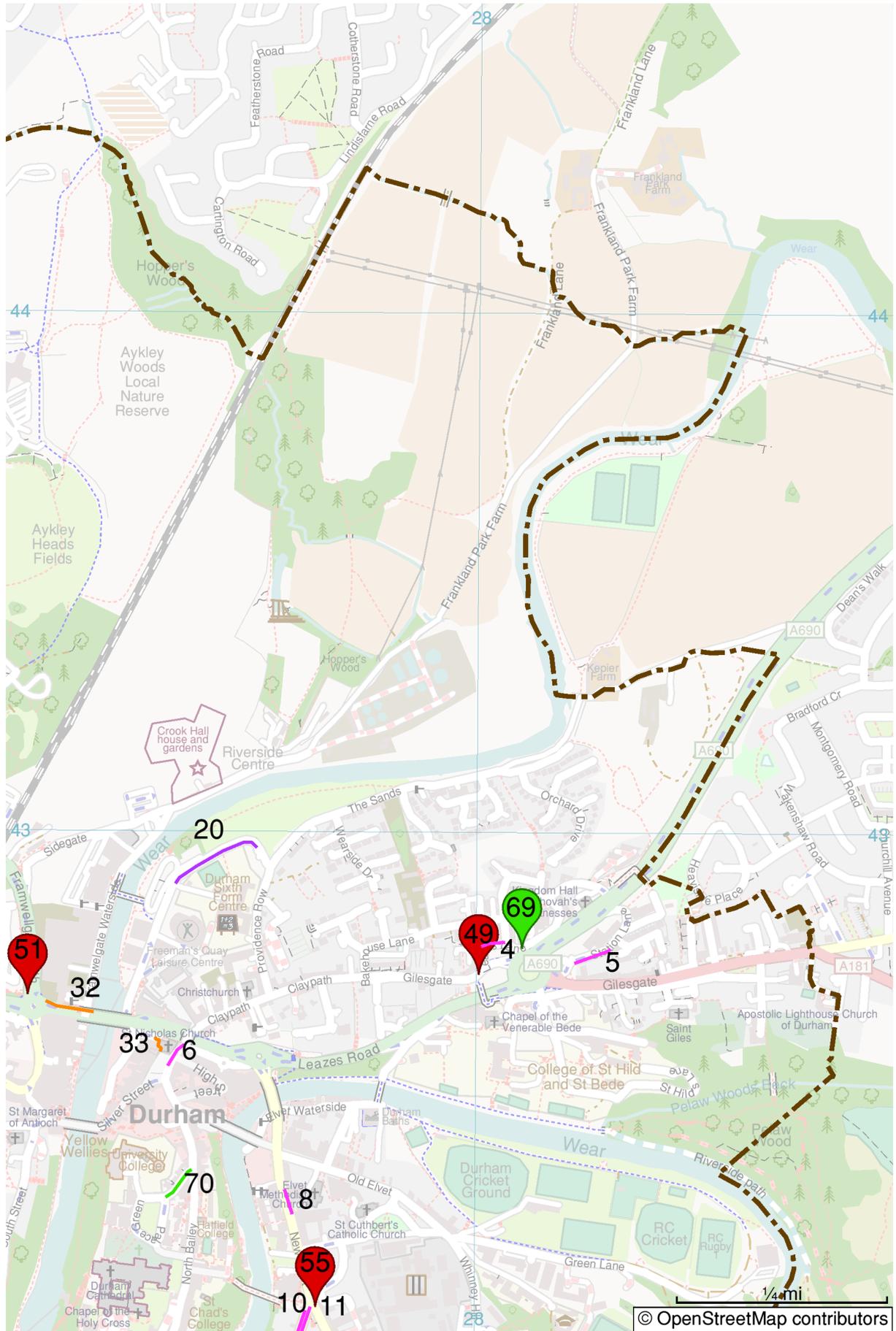
The issues are broadly categorised and colour-coded on the map as follows:

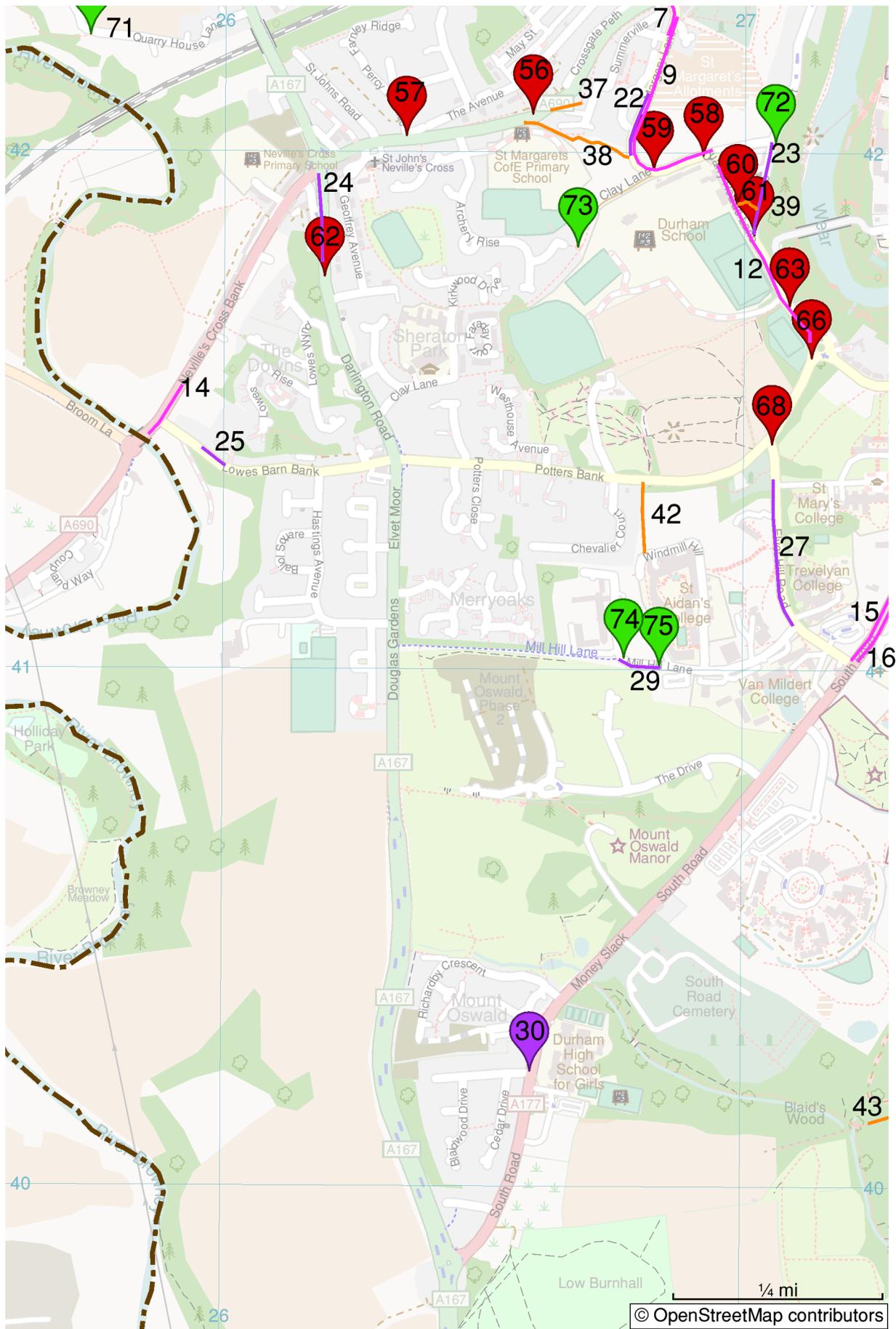
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| Wheelchair/ buggy issues |  |
| Difficult road crossings |  |
| Missing pavements |  |
| Narrow pavements |  |
| Poor surfaces |  |

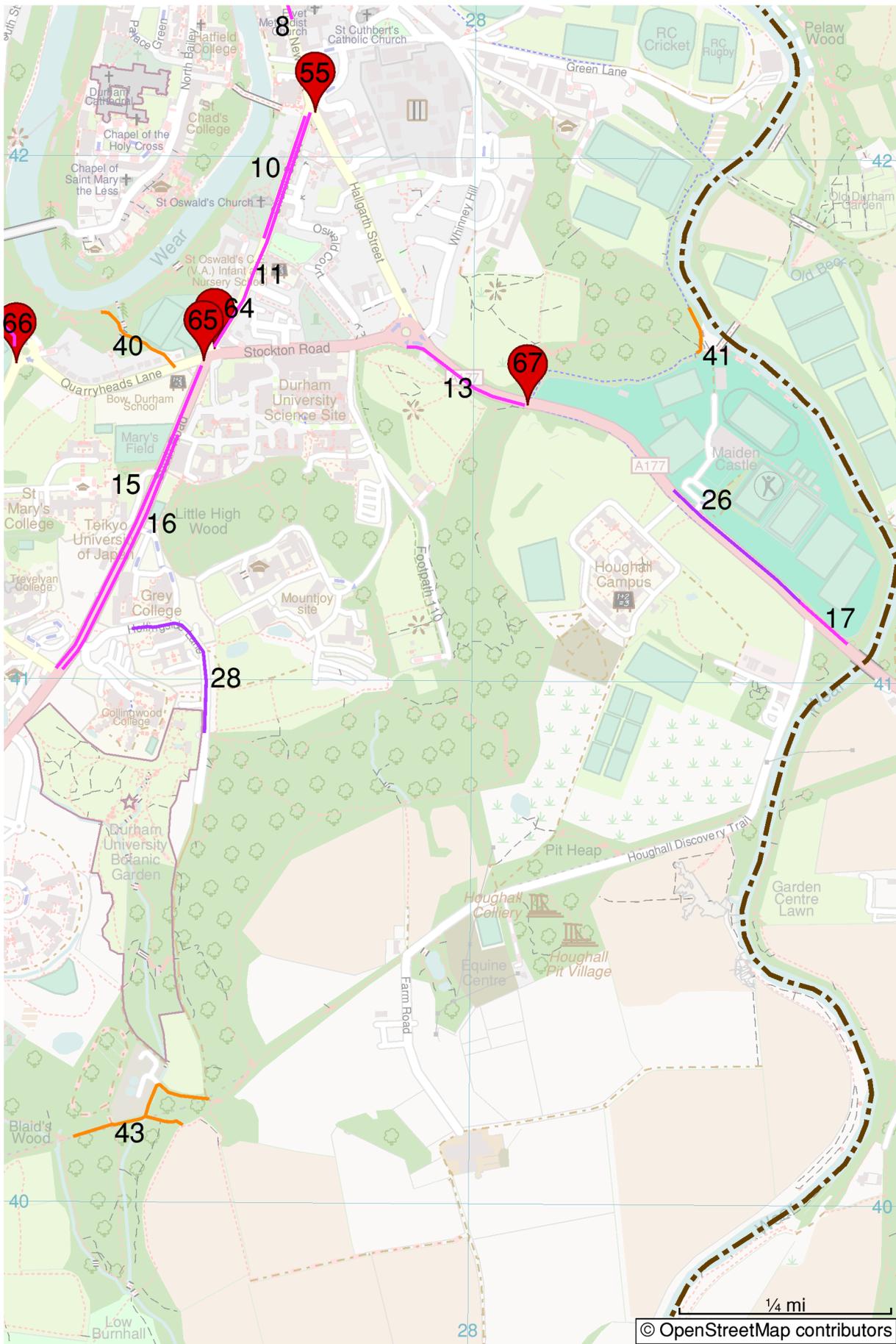
In the lists which follow, the issues are sorted roughly from north to south, in order to make it easier

to locate them on the maps.









Narrow pavements

| No. | Grid reference | Name | Description |
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| | | | |
| 1 | NZ26274343 | North End | Footway on north side of North End is narrow from the path through to Southfield Way to beyond Fieldhouse Lane |
| 2 | NZ26244335 | Springwell Road | Pavement on north side of Springwell Road quite narrow as it approaches Fieldhouse Lane |
| 3 | NZ26094323 | A167 east side, Crossgate Moor | Pavement between Redhills Lane and Sniperley roundabout is not wide enough for sharing with cycles, especially at school times. |
| 4 | NZ28044279 | Leazes Lane | Very narrow footway on Leazes Lane between the end of Renny Street and Ellis Leazes |
| 5 | NZ28254277 | Station Lane | Narrow footway on Station Lane |
| 6 | NZ27424256 | By St Nicholas Church | Events in the marketplace sometimes encroach on the space, making it hard to avoid walking in the carriageway. |
| 7 | NZ26864226 | Margery Lane | Narrow pavement made narrower by overhanging plants alongside Palatine View |
| 8 | NZ27644228 | New Elvet | Pavement too narrow by bus stop on east side of New Elvet outside the former Three Tuns Hotel |
| 9 | NZ26794198 | Margery Lane | Narrow footway along Margery Lane: very busy with students in term time |
| 10 | NZ27644196 | Church Street west | Pavement on west side of Church Street too narrow for the volume of term-time pedestrian traffic |
| 11 | NZ27584177 | Church Street east | Church Street pavement too narrow for the volume of term-time pedestrian traffic |
| 12 | NZ27054175 | Quarryheads Lane | Narrow pavement between Durham School and the roundabout at the bottom of Potters Bank. Drainage also poor. |

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| 13 | NZ27944160 | Shincliffe Peth | Pavement up Shincliffe Peth is too narrow for the volume of pedestrians, especially when people try cycling on it too. |
| 14 | NZ25894149 | Neville's Cross Bank | No safe space for cycles on Neville's Cross Bank, so some people cycle down the pavement. Pavement too narrow with the blind corner at junction with Lowes Barn Bank. |
| 15 | NZ27364130 | South Road, west side | Pavements on both sides of South Road are too narrow between Elvet Hill Road and Stockton Road |
| 16 | NZ27344123 | South Road, east side | Pavements on both sides of South Road are too narrow between Elvet Hill Road and Stockton Road |
| 17 | NZ28674111 | A177 | Narrow footway leading up to Shincliffe Bridge |

Missing pavements

| No. | Grid reference | Name | Description |
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| 18 | NZ26284336 | Fieldhouse Lane | No pavement on west side from Springfield Park to the junction with North End |
| 19 | NZ26744305 | North Road (north) | Pavement narrows and disappears, even between car parking and school entrance. |
| 20 | NZ27514296 | Freeman's Place | No pavement around back of Sixth Form Centre from leisure centre to The Sands |
| 21 | NZ26854274 | Wharton Park | Former path via steps from North Road into Wharton Park could be reopened as part of more direct route to railway station and from Aykley Heads to North Road. |
| 22 | NZ26784202 | Margery Lane | Margery Lane: No pavement on west side between Blind Lane and Briardene |
| 23 | NZ27034190 | Pimlico | No pavement on Pimlico, which can sometimes be an issue if cars take it too fast. |
| 24 | NZ26184187 | A167 west side | Poor pavement: Cross View Terrace has pavements obstructed by parked cars. The alternative, by the A167, involves walking |

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| | | | on the grass verge. |
| 25 | NZ25984140 | Lowes Barn Bank | No pavement on north side of Lowes Barn Bank by Kipling Terrace |
| 26 | NZ28584119 | A177 | Gap in the footway on the Maiden Castle sports centre side |
| 27 | NZ27074114 | Elvet Hill Road | West side pavement narrows then disappears. |
| 28 | NZ27474106 | Hollingside Lane | No footway on Hollingside Lane |
| 29 | NZ26784100 | Mill Hill Lane | Gap in footway on south side of Mill Hill Lane means people have to cross twice or walk in the road |
| 30 | NZ26594022 | St Oswald's Drive | The footway on the north side of St Oswald's Drive runs out when you reach the post box on the corner, so people have to walk in the street to join the footway on South Road. |

Poor surfaces

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| 31 | NZ25974383 | A167 (west side) south of Sniperley roundabout | Poor footway surface, possibly because of tree roots |
| 32 | NZ27214266 | Milburngate Bridge, north side | Puddles and poor surfaces on the north side of Milburngate Bridge by Milburngate House |
| 33 | NZ27394258 | Steps from market place to Fleshergate | Steps behind St Nicholas' Church from the market place down to Fleshergate need renewing |
| 34 | NZ26684257 | Flass Street steps | Steps down from Flass Street in poor condition, and rest of path overgrown or muddy |
| 35 | NZ26434248 | Grays Terrace | Potholes on Grays Terrace |
| 36 | NZ26524243 | Redhills Lane | Steep slope on Redhills Lane needs to be gritted in the winter. Drainage also poor and footway narrow. |
| 37 | NZ26664209 | Path to Nevilledale Terrace | Path often muddy, but might have a decent |

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| 38 | NZ26684203 | Blind Lane | Blind Lane is usually muddy or thick with leaves, but it has a good surface underneath: needs sweeping more. |
| 39 | NZ27004190 | Footpath from Pimlico | Often muddy or deep with leaves. |
| 40 | NZ27334165 | Footpath by Chorister School playing field | Steep footpath from corner of playing field at New Inn junction down to river is difficult when muddy |
| 41 | NZ28434165 | Maiden Castle | Can be very muddy round the bottom of Maiden Castle |
| 42 | NZ26804129 | Footpath from St Aidan's College to Potters Bank | Footpath often too muddy. Would otherwise be a useful link, for example for journeys to the primary school at St Margaret's to avoid walking along the busy A167. |
| 43 | NZ27294014 | Footpath 31 by sewage works | Very muddy by the sewage works at the south end of Hollingside Lane (footpath 31) |

Difficult road crossings

| No. | Grid reference | Name | Description |
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| 44 | NZ26414393 | B6532 hospital roundabout | Poor crossing facilities for pedestrians at roundabout |
| 45 | NZ26024387 | A691 (Southfield Way) at Sniperley roundabout | Crossing the A691 Southfield Way at Sniperley roundabout: this crossing has to be done by schoolchildren going to Durham Johnston |
| 46 | NZ26274362 | Land Registry roundabout | The A691 roundabout by the entrance to the Land Registry and the hospital has poor crossing facilities for walking and cycling |
| 47 | NZ26314330 | Springfield Park | Crossing towards The Grove from Springfield Park: poor visibility. |
| 48 | NZ26384321 | Flassburn Road | Mouth of Flassburn Road is excessively wide |
| 49 | NZ28004272 | By Claypath doctors' surgery | Crossing from the Claypath doctors' surgery to reach the footbridge over the A690 |

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| 50 | NZ26854270 | Sutton Street and Station Approach | Walking along the north-east or the south-west side of North Road there are difficult crossings of Sutton Street and of Station Approach. It is also hard to cross North Road from Sutton Street to access the railway station. |
| 51 | NZ27144268 | Crossing A691 by Milburngate roundabout | Crossing from the west side of Framwellgate Peth (A691) to the middle, using the pedestrian crossing at the Milburngate roundabout is risky, because cars turning left out of St Godric's Road (A690) do not realise there is another stop line so soon |
| 52 | NZ26794263 | End of Flass Street and Waddington Street | Crossing the end of Flass Street and Waddington Street: drivers do not always indicate and the junction is very wide. |
| 53 | NZ26814245 | Allergate, west end | At the west end of Allergate the mouth of the road is wide, and takes a long time to cross. |
| 54 | NZ26784243 | Hawthorn Terrace, east end | At the east end of Hawthorn Terrace the mouth of the road is wide, taking a long time to cross. |
| 55 | NZ27694208 | Hallgarth Street | Crossing Hallgarth Street from the end of Church Street: there is no pedestrian phase, it is hard to see the traffic lights, and the left filter from New Elvet catches pedestrians out. |
| 56 | NZ26594207 | Crossgate Peth | Steps in poor repair. Speed of vehicles makes crossing harder. |
| 57 | NZ26354203 | Percy Terrace | The turning to Percy Terrace has guard rails that prevent people walking the shortest distance across. The junction could be redesigned to dispense with these. |
| 58 | NZ26924199 | Quarryheads Lane by Durham School | Crossing Quarryheads Lane by Durham School |
| 59 | NZ26824196 | Quarryheads Lane / Margery Lane | Crossing Quarryheads Lane / Margery Lane at the end of Clay Lane |
| 60 | NZ26984190 | Footpath exit on Quarryheads Lane | Blind exit from top of steps up from footpath. |
| 61 | NZ27014184 | Pimlico | Crossing Quarryheads Lane to turn into Pimlico |

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| 62 | NZ26194175 | A167 just south of car rental | Poor visibility at pedestrian refuge, and traffic fast. |
| 63 | NZ27084170 | Quarryheads Lane by Prebends Bridge road | Crossing to/from the road leading to Prebends Bridge |
| 64 | NZ27504163 | New Inn | Crossing from Church Street to the triangular island at the New Inn junction, people tend to forget to look behind for left-turning traffic |
| 65 | NZ27484161 | New Inn | The traffic islands at the New Inn get very crowded at peak times. More frequent pedestrian phases at this junction would help accommodate the flow. |
| 66 | NZ27134160 | Foot of Potters Bank | Pedestrian refuge too small and cars too fast approaching the roundabout |
| 67 | NZ28104152 | Shincliffe Peth | Speed of vehicles and poor visibility makes crossing at foot of Shincliffe Peth harder |
| 68 | NZ27054143 | Elvet Hill Road / Potters Bank | Pedestrian refuge located where you cannot see round the corners onto Potters Bank. |

Difficult with wheelchairs or buggies

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| 69 | NZ28084277 | Leazes Lane | Dropped kerbs needed to cross from Gilesgate roundabout to pavement alongside Leazes Lane |
| 70 | NZ27434232 | Owengate | The pavements on each side of Owengate are narrow, and the road surface is bumpy so those with wheelchairs and buggies have particular difficulty. |
| 71 | NZ25744222 | Access to footpath from Quarry House Lane | Access from Quarry House Lane onto footpath down to River Browney hard with a buggy (footpath 9) |
| 72 | NZ27064201 | Steps at end of Grove Street | Steps onto footpath from the end of Grove Street (leading to Prebends Bridge) hard to get a buggy down. No convenient alternative access to river. |

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| 73 | NZ26684181 | Steps from Archery Rise to Clay Lane | Steps from the end of Archery Rise onto Clay Lane are hard with a buggy and impossible by wheelchair. |
| 74 | NZ26774102 | Mill Hill Lane | No dropped kerb to allow wheelchairs to get onto the footway when coming from public footpath. |
| 75 | NZ26844100 | Mill Hill Lane | No dropped kerb when footway swaps sides on Mill Hill Lane |