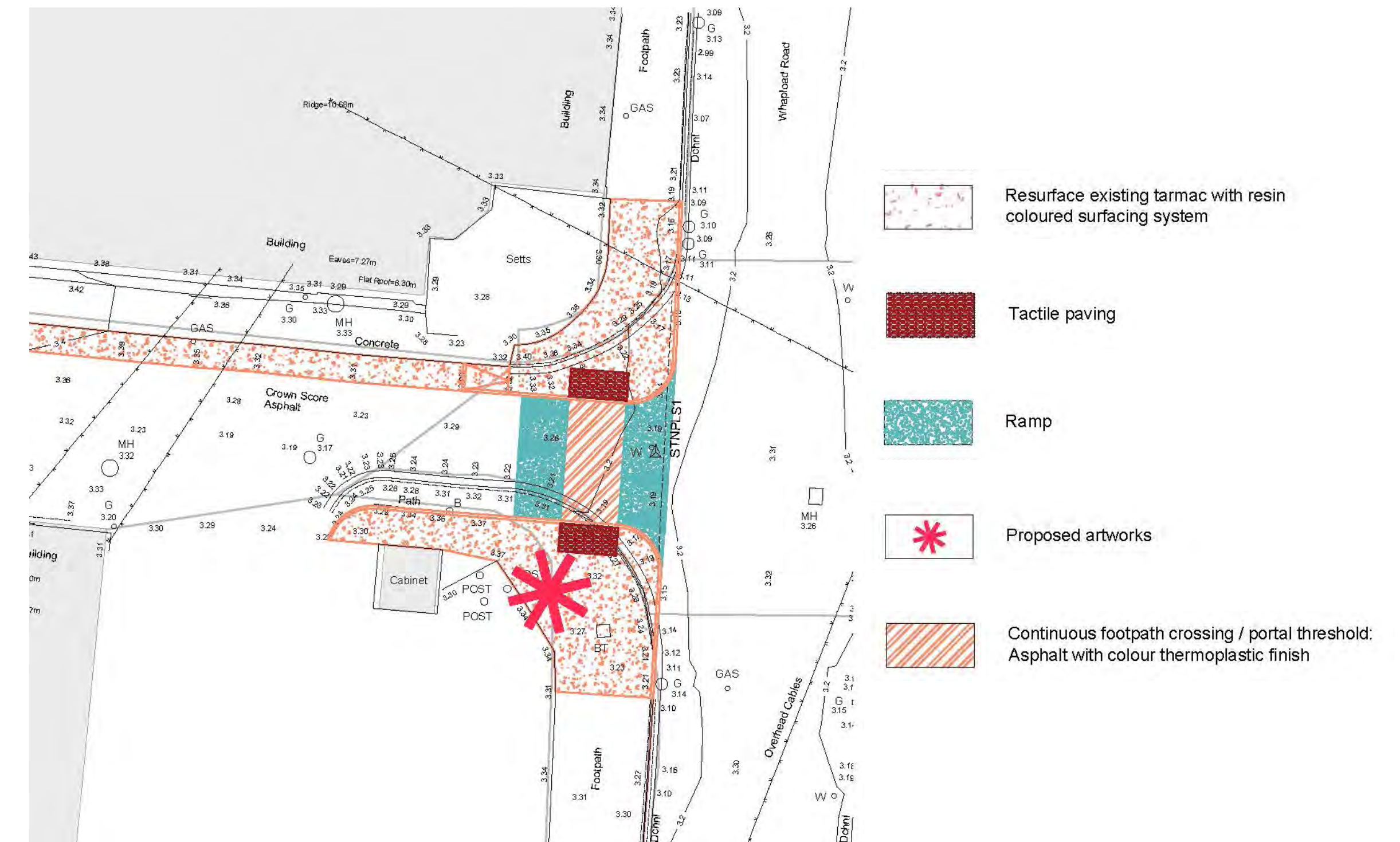
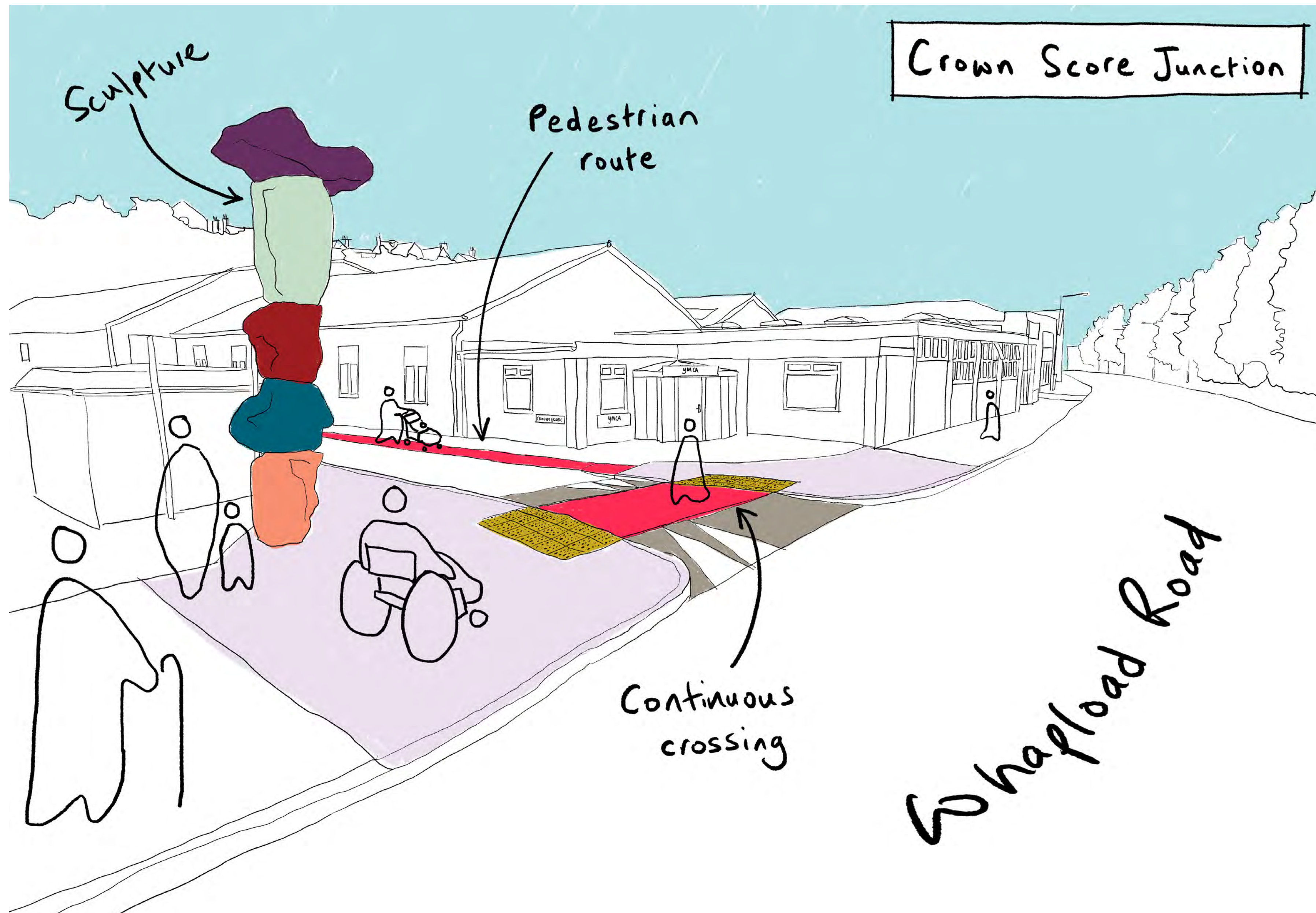


8 - Pedestrians First

Whapload Road is currently dominated by vehicular traffic, including vans and heavy goods vehicles, making it an unappealing place to navigate as a pedestrian.

The aim here is to prioritise pedestrians by slowing traffic and creating clear, accessible crossing points and walkways for pedestrians to use. This will make Whapload Road safer and easier to navigate as well as making it a more stimulating and engaging experience for all users.

As the areas to the east of Whapload Road get developed and PowerPark is completed, there will be greater incentive for people to use Whapload Road as an access route to the sea front.



Plan showing typical junction with tightened corner radii

Continuous Crossings and Pedestrian Routes

Continuous pedestrian crossings will be constructed where suitable at key junctions. There is an opportunity to highlight the pedestrian priority routes with the use of coloured resin finishes. The final design will be developed and agreed in consultation with accessibility groups to ensure that the public realm is legible and accessible for all users.

Sections of Mariners, Crown, Rant, Wildes and Spurgeon Scores do not have footpaths for pedestrians to use. The proposals include areas marked on the highway street, to help people navigate these Scores. This proposal will be subject to road safety audits and approval from the highway authority.

Traffic Calming

Where possible, junctions to Whapload Road will be narrowed and the corner radii (angles) reduced to slow vehicular traffic, and reduce crossing distance to make it safer for pedestrians to cross.