

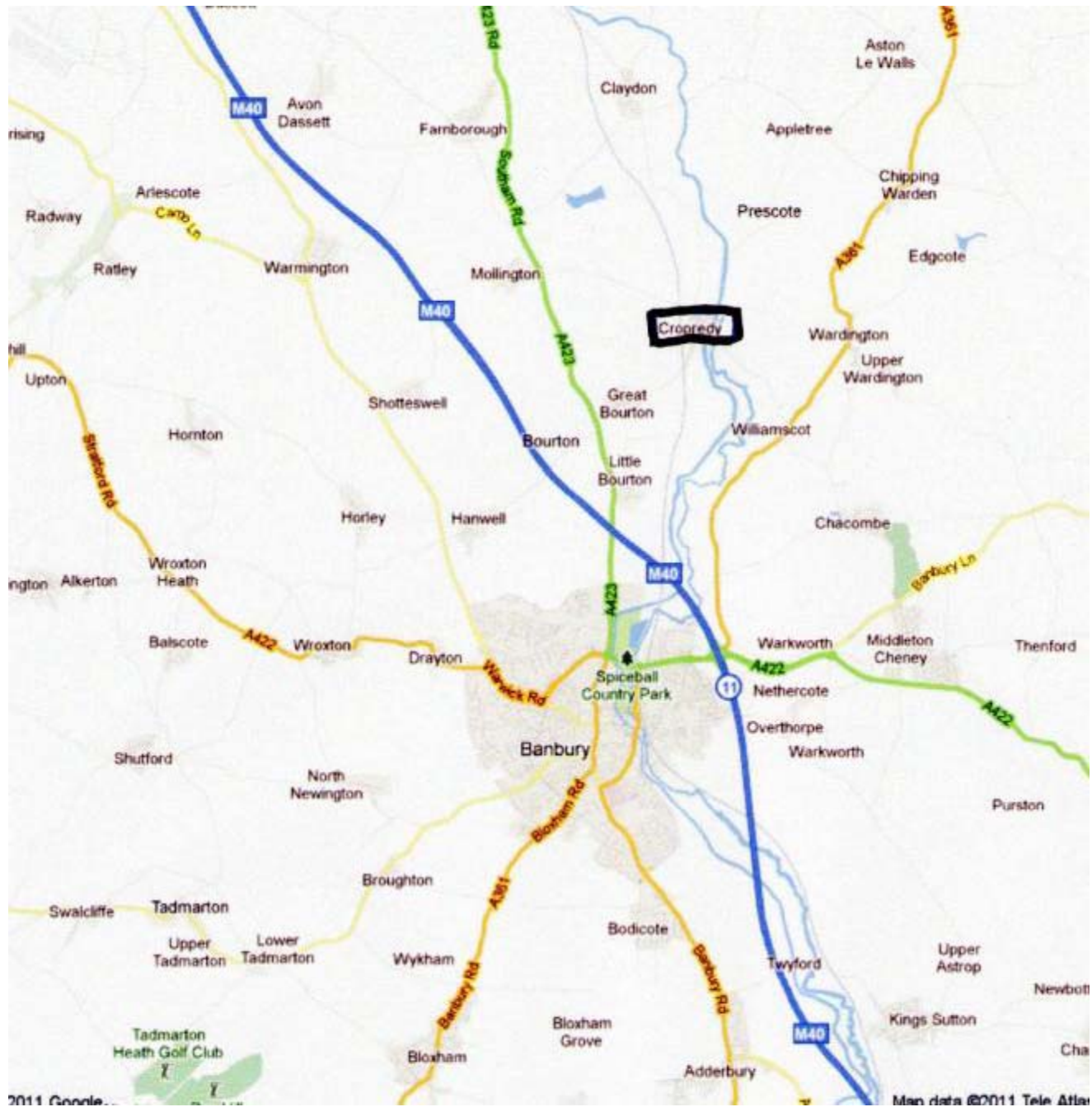


# **Road Closures and Traffic Management**

## ***Fairport's Cropredy Convention's Experience***



- Now in its 32<sup>nd</sup> Year
- A three day Festival - Thursday, Friday & Saturday
- Held at Cropredy in rural Oxfordshire





- Festival for 20,000 people
- Covers 165 acres of countryside
- Camping alongside cars
- One vehicle ~ one camping pass
- Over 5,000 camping pitches

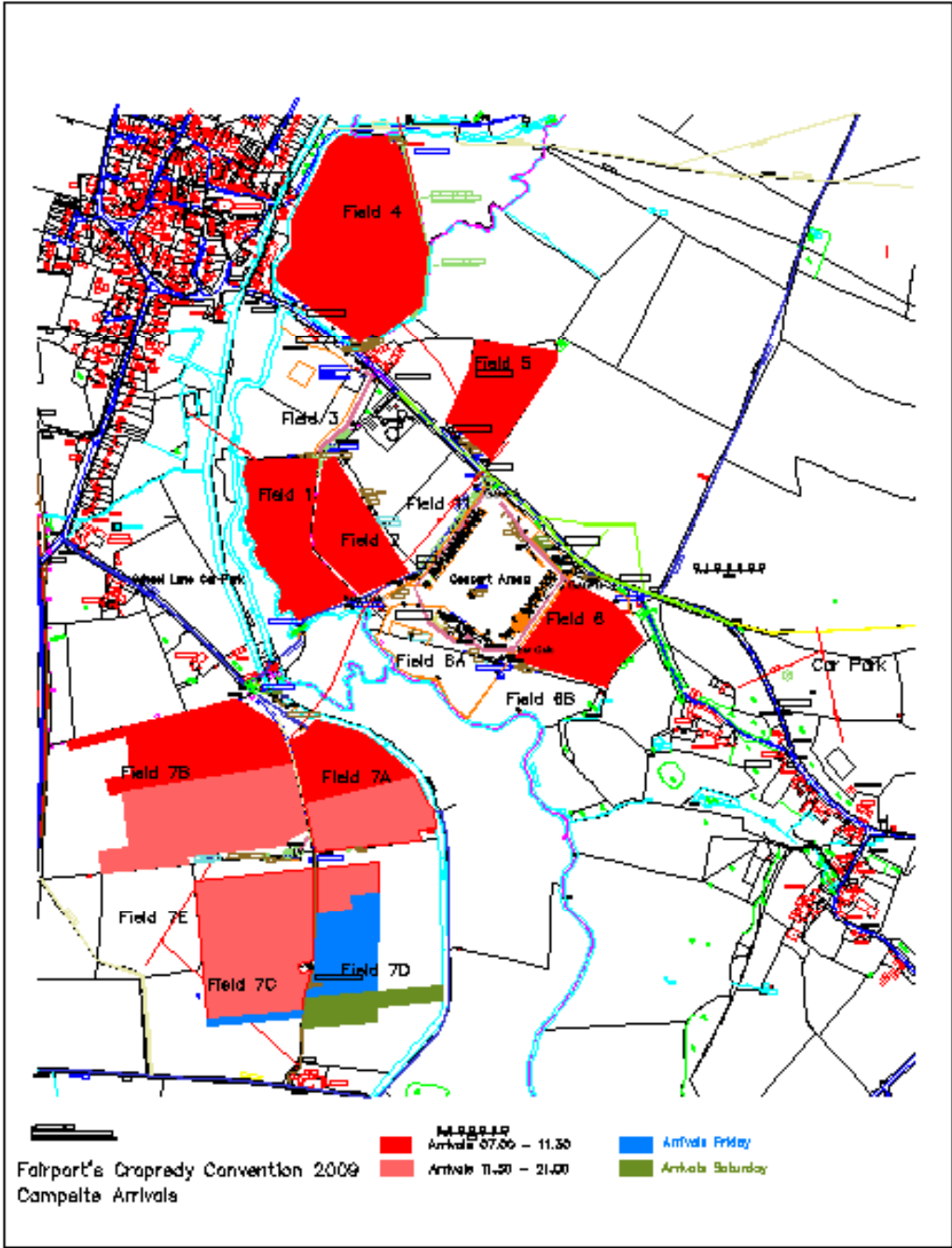




# The Big Problem

**M40**

**Junction 11**







- Planning, Planning, Planning.....
- Original plan
- Planning 2005 – full Traffic Management Plan
- Multi agency – primarily Oxfordshire Highways and Thames Valley Police



- Plan has
  1. Clearly defined routes
  2. Good signage
  3. No waiting restrictions
  4. One way system
  5. Police support on the day

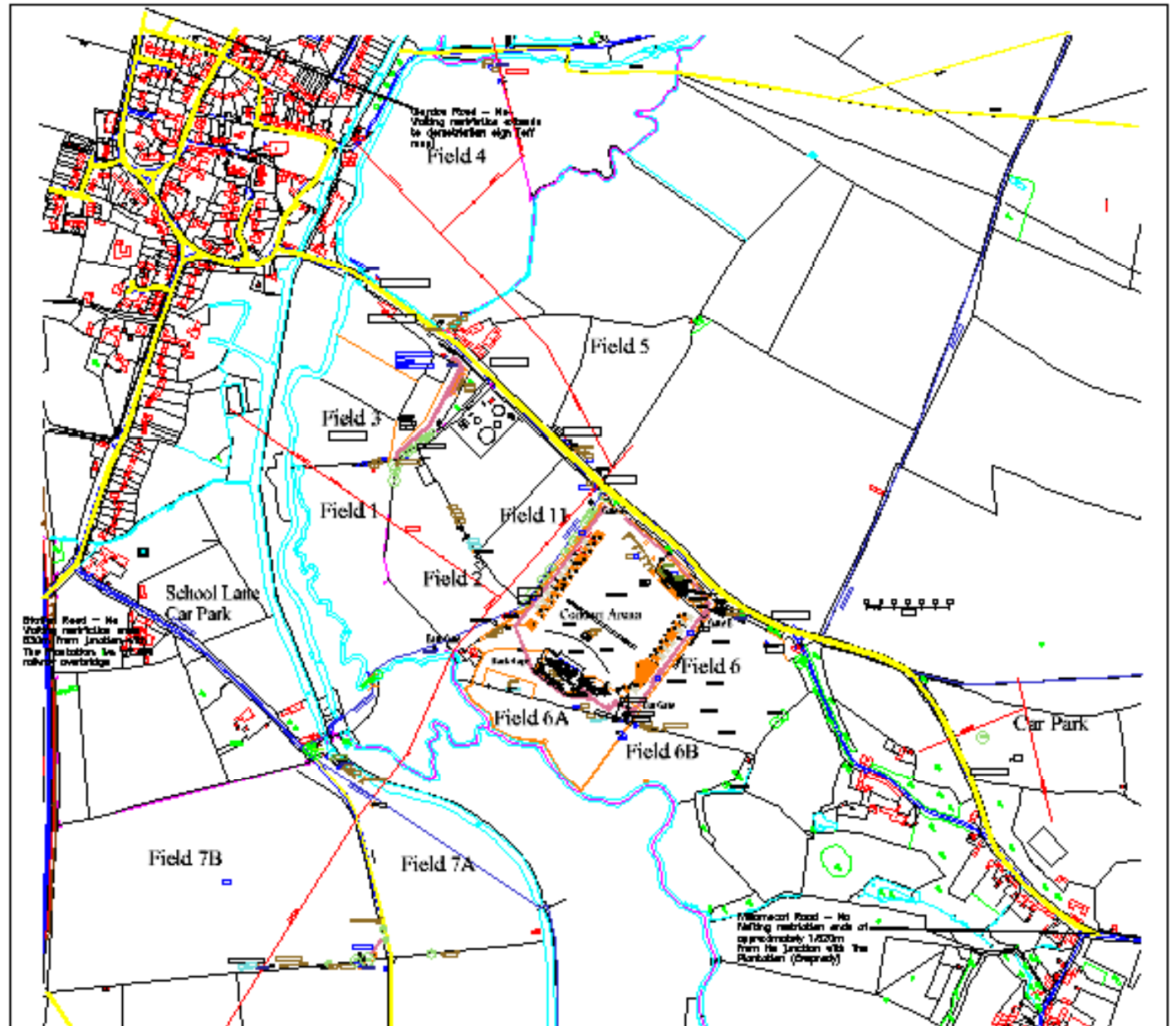




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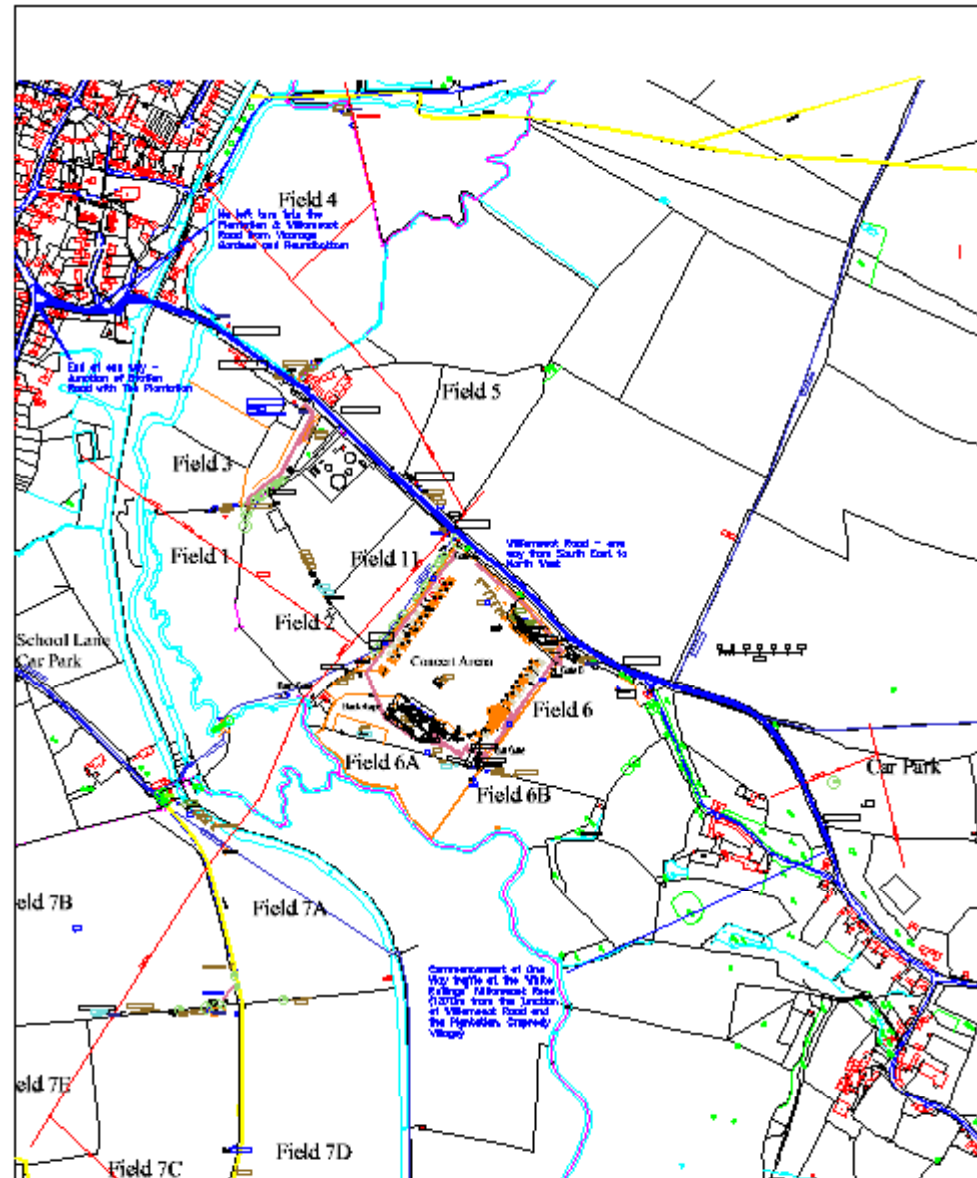
No Waiting  
Restrictions



# Fairport's Croppedy Convention

One Way System

Thursday 03.00 – 13.00





- On the day:
  - Good organisation, stewards and scouts
  - Good policing
  - Good control and liaison



- But.... things can still go awry
  - Police unable to assist
  - Drivers not reading signs
  - Accidents and incidents
  - Lost gate teams
  
- And then.....



The main A361 to the site is  
closed



**Not for an hour  
but for 6 months**



- Major impacts on the event
  - Delays
  - Loosing punters
  - Annoying villagers
  - Breaking traffic regulations with overweight vehicles



## Fairport's Action Plan:

- Get information – research routes
- Involve all parties:
  - Highways (Oxford and Northants)
  - Environment Agency (their scheme)
  - EA Contractors
  - Police
  - Parish Councils



## Plan included

- Identifying potential routes – narrow lanes and villages
- Signage on the route
- Weight restrictions
- Potential for queues back to **J11 M40**



## New Plan

- New route agreed with both councils
- One way system required for part of the route
- AA signs – additional signs, doubled up
- Weight restrictions lifted
- Local parish councils informing residents





## Results

- No tail backs, no queues
- General appreciation of what we had done to avoid villages

**A361 CLOSED  
HERE  
28TH MARCH  
TO 12TH NEVER**

14/8/2011