

Appendix B – Route Summaries

Route 1 – Staplegrove – Bindon Road (east) – Town Centre



Route

Staplegrove West – Manor Road – Hudson Park – Hudson Way – Bindon Road – Staplegrove Road – Chip Lane – The Avenue – Staplegrove Road – Bridge Street

Type of user

- Younger users and commuters

Key connections made

- Staplegrove convenience store
- Staplegrove Primary School
- Bindon Road Employment Area
- Taunton School
- North Town Primary School
- Town Centre

Onward connections to

- Station via existing Trenchard Way provision.
- French Weir Health Centre, The Castle School, Bridgwater & Taunton College and Longrun Meadow open space via Route 25 and onwards to MPH via Route 5a.
- Taunton Pool via Route 17.

Opportunities responded to

- Connection of Staplegrove West to key destinations.
- Alongside route 1a, facilitates access to key destinations for Ford Farm.
- Alongside routes 17, 25 and 5a, facilitates access to key destinations for Firepool.
- Enhancement of the West Deane Way. Also, downgrading and traffic calming of Manor Road.
- Enables wider community access to employment in Staplegrove West.
- Links in with BSIP aim to introduce parking enforcement measures on Bindon Road (east).
- Tackles existing barrier to walking/cycling over Staplegrove Bridge.
- Utilises and enhances existing cycling route via Chip Lane and the Avenue.
- Tackles existing barrier to walking/cycling at Bridge St/Staplegrove Rd/ Station Rd Jn.
- Links in with existing and proposed provision along the Station-Vivary link.
- Delivery of LCWIP “purple route” south-east to north-west corridor in town centre.

Constraints to route design

- Third party land between highway and site boundaries on Manor Road.
- Staplegrove Road narrow on approach to junction with Manor Road and Tree Protection Orders in Hudson Park may necessitate reduced standard of route.
- Bus and HGV access on Bindon Road. Also, bridge structural review required.
- Traffic flow/capacity at Staplegrove Rd/Manor Rd Jn and Bridge St/Staplegrove Rd Jn.

Consultation Comments

- All comments received unhappy/dissatisfied with existing provision.
- Several people felt route was bad for walking and cycling due to speeding traffic and traffic calming measures in a number of places and a separate cycle lane would help alleviate issues.
- Consider Taunton School vehicular movements with drop-off and pick-up on Staplegrove Road.
- Need for safer provision of walking and cycling movements across the railway bridge, consider links into Bindon Rd and greater cycling priority on Staplegrove Rd/Trenchard Way roundabout.
- Consider removal of islands at Staplegrove Rd/Bridge St junction, which waste valuable space.

Route 1a – Silk Mills Lane – Bindon Road (west) – Route 1



Route

Silk Mills Road – Bindon Road (western section) – joining Route 1

Type of user

- Younger users and commuters

Key connections made

- Bindon Road Employment Area

Onward connections to

- Taunton School via Route 1.
- Staplegrove Primary School using quiet street of Hudson Way and potential interventions from Route 1.
- Station via Route 1 and existing provision along Trenchard Way.
- French Weir Health Centre, The Castle School and Bridgwater & Taunton College via Route 25 and MPH via Route 5a.
- Taunton Pool via Route 17.
- Town Centre via Route 1 and Station to Vivary Link.
- Open space connection at Longrun Meadow using Route 26.

Opportunities responded to

- Connection of Staplegrove West and Ford Farm to key destinations.
- Alongside route 1 and provision on Great Western Way, facilitates access to key destinations for Ford Farm.
- Enables wider community access to employment in Staplegrove West and Ford Farm.
- Tackles existing barrier to walking/cycling along Bindon Road.
- Utilises and enhances existing cycling route on Silk Mills Lane.
- Enhances delivery of LCWIP “green route” east-west corridor.

Constraints to route design

- Bus and HGV access on Bindon Road and existing on-street parking.
- Considerations to ground levels and root protection areas.

Consultation Comments

- All comments received unhappy/dissatisfied with existing provision on Bindon Road.
- Speeding traffic along Bindon Road where segregated, off-road facilities are needed with better footpath provision.

Route 2 – Staplegrove – Corkscrew Lane – Taunton Academy



Route
Staplegrove West – Corkscrew Lane – Kingston Road – Hope Corner Lane – Cheddon Road – Taunton Academy

Type of user

- Younger and leisure users

Key connections made

- Taunton Academy
- Wellsprings Leisure Centre
- Local Convenience Store
- Kingston Road Bus Stop
- Corkscrew Ln allotments

Onward connections to

- Wellsprings Primary School via Route 15.
- Taunton Station via Route 3 or onwards to French Weir Health Centre/ Town Centre via existing rail bridge provision & Route 1.
- Lyngford Park Surgery via Route 16/31.
- Kingston St Mary via GI-led Route 33 link.

Opportunities responded to

- Connection of Staplegrove West to key destinations.
- Alongside Route 15 and 16, facilitates access to key destinations for Firepool.
- Improvements to pedestrian links to Taunton Academy.
- Downgrading and traffic calming of Corkscrew Lane.
- Enables wider community access to employment in Staplegrove West.
- Tackles existing barrier to walking/cycling over Corkscrew Lane.
- Improves walking/cycle access at Corkscrew Lane/Hope Corner Lane junction and across Kingston Rd.
- Provides walking/cycling access to link in with Gipsy Lane with added crossing facility.
- Alongside Route 3, facilitates access to Taunton Station.
- Facilitates access to green space at Taunton Green and along Kingston Stream.

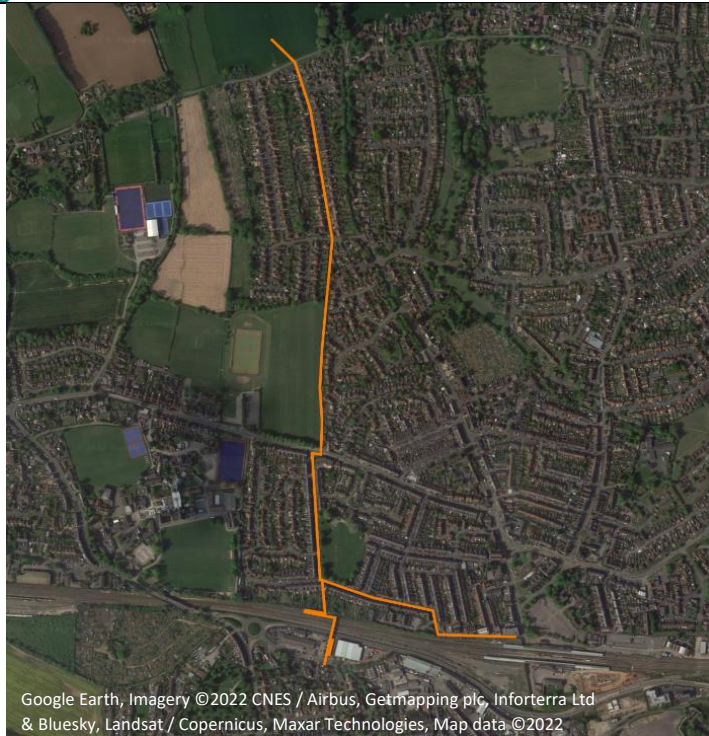
Constraints to route design

- Constrained adopted highway along Corkscrew Lane and sections of Hope Corner Lane with narrow carriageway may necessitate a reduced standard of route – securing a route via Staplegrove East bypassing the narrowest section west of Clifford Avenue may be beneficial.
- Kingston Road crossing amendments subject to the design of the proposed signalised junction at Hope Corner Lane/ Kingston Road/ Corkscrew Lane.
- Route subject to the location of Tree Protection Orders.

Consultation Comments

- All comments were unhappy/dissatisfied with current provision, would support interventions.
- Suggestions that creating safe routes to school are of critical importance if young people and their parents/carers are to gain more confidence on a bike.
- Wider footpath provision around The Taunton Academy needed to prevent walking on road.
- Traffic calming such as removing a lane or narrowing the street is needed and reducing the speed limit with enforcements should form part of the interventions.
- (Widen My Path) Better maintenance and resurfacing needed on Corkscrew/Hope Corner Ln.

Route 3 – Staplegrove – Clifford Ave – Taunton Station



Route

Staplegrove East – Clifford Ave – path along playing fields – Leslie Ave – Cyril Street – Rupert Street – Herbert Street – Railway Street – Taunton Station

Type of user

- Younger users and commuters

Key connections made

- Taunton Station

Onward connections to

- Priorswood Primary School via Route 23.
- French Weir Health Centre and Longrun Meadow via existing rail bridge and onwards using Route 1 and 25..
- Taunton Pool/ Town Centre via Route 17/1.
- Firepool and onwards to Nexus via Route 17 and Route 24.
- Richard Huish College via existing provision, Route 1 and Killams Link.
- Bridgwater & Taunton College/Castle School via, Route 1 and Route 25.
- Kingston St Mary via Route 2 and GI-led Route 33.

Opportunities responded to

- Connection of Staplegrove East to key destinations.
- Improvements to pedestrian/cycle links to Taunton Station.
- Enables wider community access to employment in Staplegrove East and West.
- Connections onto wider destinations including Firepool, Nexus, Richard Huish College, Bridgwater & Taunton College and Castle School.
- Delivery on LCWIP “purple route” south-east to north-west corridor.

Constraints to route design

- Constrained adopted highway along route, particularly on path along playing fields, which may necessitate reduced standard of route or land will need to be acquired.
- Parking on narrow residential streets of Leslie Ave/Railway St limits ability for intervention.
- Movement of station entrance to focus on south side.

Consultation Comments

- All comments unhappy/dissatisfied with existing infrastructure.
- All comments suggested the route was unsafe for walking and cycling and could be improved by better maintaining the existing paths and cycleways e.g., hedge cuttings and clearing of debris, improvements to cycle markings along the path next to the school field.
- Longstanding need for a crossing on Kingston Road to northern Taunton Station entrance.

Route 4 – Ford Farm – B3227 – Staplegrove West



Route

Ford Farm – Station Road – B3227 – A358 – Staplegrove Road – Staplegrove West

Types of users

- Younger and leisure users

Key connections made

- Orchard Medical Centre
- Norton Fitzwarren
- Staplegrove local centre, employment and school
- Cross Keys

Onward connections to

- Norton Fitzwarren Primary School through quiet lanes (Church Yard).
- Bindon Road Employment Area via Route 1a and Route 26.
- Musgrove Park Hospital via Route 26, 27 and 5a.
- Taunton Station via Route 26, 1a, 1 and existing infrastructure on Trenchard Way.
- Town Centre via Route 26, 1a and 1.
- Castle School/ B&T College via Route 26 and 27.
- Bishops Lydeard via GI-led Route 32.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Ford Farm to key destinations.
- Delivery on LCWIP “green route” east-west cycle corridor.
- Rethinking the role of the B3227 through Norton Fitzwarren with the implementation of Great Western Way, which is to serve as the main route into Taunton.
- Connecting Taunton into Norton Fitzwarren, better improving access to Norton Hillfort as part of Green Infrastructure Opportunity 6.
- Helping to deliver connections into Taunton town centre from Bishop’s Lydeard and Cotford St Luke from the GI-led Route 32 link.
- Access to Collet Park, green space, using existing provision and improving access to Norton Fitzwarren Playing Fields and Norton Fitzwarren Hill Fort.

Constraints to route design

- Limited carriageway width through Cross Keys and Norton village centre.
- BSIP improvement measures from Cross Keys to Staplegrove village.
- Great Western Way (NFW bypass) emerging creates questions about role of B3227 while this is also an opportunity.

Consultation Comments

- All comments were unhappy or dissatisfied with existing infrastructure. Some comments that Great Western Way would present better value for money, as space through village limited.
- Speeding traffic along route alongside limited highway space resulting in dangerous vehicle overtakes of cyclists, therefore, need for segregated cycle path.
- Improvements to signage in Norton Fitzwarren and connections to Great Western Way.

Route 5 – Comeytrowe – Galmington Stream – Castle Street – Town Centre



Route

Comeytrowe – Comeytrowe Ln – Queensway – Galmington Stream – Galmington Rd – Hoveland Crescent – Hoveland Ln – Parkfield Drive – Manor Rd – Castle St – Tower St – Town Centre

Types of users

- Younger users and commuters

Key connections made

- Bishop Henderson School
- Musgrove Park Hospital
- Parkfield Primary School
- Supermarket (Tesco and Lidl)
- Taunton Town Centre
- Park & Bus on A38

Onward connections to

- Taunton Station via Route 1/ Route 17.
- Taunton Pool via Route 1/ Route 17.
- Somerset College & Castle School via Route 5a.
- Firepool via Route 1/ Route 17.
- Taunton Academy via FHSF Vivary Park to Station link and Routes 1, 17 and 15.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting of Comeytrowe to key destinations.
- Improvements to pedestrian/cycle links to nearby schools.
- Alongside route 5a, facilitates access to the key destination Musgrove Park Hospital.
- Alongside route 1 and route 17, facilitates access to Taunton Station.
- Wider community access to employment and local centre in Comeytrowe.
- Downgrading of Comeytrowe Road/ Lane and improved walking and cycling linkages.
- Overcoming barrier of Tangier, creating simplified cycleway.
- Providing walking/cycle access from site to Lloyd Close utilising Galmington Stream.
- Delivery on LCWIP “blue route” and sections of LCWIP “green route” east-west corridor.
- Improving access to green space along Galmington Stream and onwards to Longrun Meadow.

Constraints to route design

- Tree Protection Orders along Galmington Stream need to be confirmed.
- Character of Parkfield Drive (preference to be retained with only advisory intervention).
- Bus and emergency vehicle access along Parkfield Drive.
- Modelling of Castle Street/ Wellington Road junction for “transformational” signals.
- Third party land ownership in some areas may necessitate a reduced standard of provision.
- Location of private driveways along Galmington Road need to be confirmed.

Consultation Comments

- Majority unhappy/dissatisfied with existing infrastructure. Consider alternative/additional routing via Corporation St/Parkfield Drive and onward to Firepool/station via Tangier Way/Wood St.
- Consider reducing vehicle speeds to 20mph along Galmington Road.
- Address area of conflict between Hoveland Crescent and Musgrove Park Hospital such as (Widen My Path) suggestion to swap cycle path to opposite side along Hoveland Lane.
- Improve active travel visibility between Hoveland Crescent and Parkfield Drive and improve overlooking of path by managing vegetation along Musgrove Park Hospital boundary.
- Current unsafe provision along Castle St, could be improved with greater segregation.
- Remove barriers along Galmington Stream path at Claremont Drive.

Route 5a – Henley Road – Long Run Meadow – Tangier



Route
Parkfield Drive – Henley Road – Wellington Road – Longrun Lane – Longrun Meadow – Tesco – Tangier

Types of users

- Younger and leisure users

Key connections made

- Musgrove Park Hospital
- Somerset College
- Castle School
- Supermarket (Tesco)
- Longrun Meadow

Onward connections to

- Taunton Station via Route 1/ Route 17.
- Taunton Pool via Route 1/ Route 17.
- Firepool via Route 1/ Route 17.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Comeytrowe to key destinations.
- Improvements to pedestrian/cycle links to nearby schools and nearest supermarkets.
- Alongside route 5, facilitates access to the key destination Musgrove Park Hospital.
- Alongside route 1, 5 and 17, facilitates access to Taunton Station and Taunton Pool.
- Widening capacity of route through Longrun Meadow to provide the capacity for commuting, leisure and utility journeys alongside school and college students.
- Delivering LCWIP “green” route on section through south west of Longrun Meadow.
- Potential for a low traffic neighbourhood around Henley Road/ Manor Road.

Constraints to route design

- Widening and resurfacing of cycleway through Longrun Meadow is subject to detailed mapping of existing trees and subject to review by the relevant specialist.
- Constrained highway width on Henley Rd may necessitate reduced standard of route.
- Bus lane to be provided on Wellington Road creates little room to widen the existing footpath and cycleway running along the southern side.
- Widening of foot and cycle path along Longrun Lane to an extent will require conversations with the landowner as it may lead to potential loss of disabled parking.
- Section running north of Tesco car park (Marshalsea Walk) does not sit within adopted highway land and has limited capacity for widening. Instead, an option could be to divert via SWT land along the top of existing levee banks and connect via a new bridge south of French Weir. This is subject to detailed costings and mapping.
- Section running north-east of Tesco does not sit within adopted highway land subject to confirmation that it can be used for cycle improvements as it is within an LNR and LWS.

Consultation Comments

- Part of route connecting Longrun Meadow at Longrun Ln is an active artificial badger set.
- Consider onwards connections to Firepool/station such as via French Weir/Wood Street.

Route 6 – Honiton Road – Spine Road – Comeytrowe Road – Wellington New Road



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Route

Church Road – Comeytrowe Spine Road – Comeytrowe Road – Comeytrowe Lane – Wellington New Road/ Stonegallows

Types of users

- Leisure users and commuters

Key connections made

- Trull Primary School
- Convenience store
- Wellington New Road

Onward connections to

- Wellington via Wellington Link.
- Cornishway Industrial Estate including local convenience store via Route 7.
- Staplegrove West via route 7 and 26 and onwards to Ford Farm via Route 4 or 16.
- Bindon Road Employment Area via Route 26 and 1a.
- Musgrove Park Hospital via Route 5 and 8.
- Richard Huish College/ Bishop Fox's Community School via Route 28, 9 and SCC Killams Link (currently being built out) or Route 28, 9, GI-led 37 and SCC Killams Link.
- Nexus via Route 28, 9, 37 and 18.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Comeytrowe and Trull to key destinations.
- Improvements to pedestrian/cycle links to nearby schools and employment.
- Road closure and priority to cycle/walking links along Comeytrowe Road/ Lane.
- Alongside route 5, 8, facilitates access to the key destination Musgrove Park Hospital.
- Improved walking and cycling linkages with Eastern Neighbourhood.
- Considerations given to walking/cycle provisions on Honiton Road.
- Improving access to green space in Trull and provisions in Comeytrowe garden community.

Constraints to route design

- Tree Protection Orders along Comeytrowe Road.
- Traffic modelling of Comeytrowe Road and Lane to understand function.
- Limited adopted highway through Comeytrowe Rd, may necessitate reduced standard of route.
- Gradient of Comeytrowe Lane on northern section.

Consultation Comments

- All comments unhappy/dissatisfied/neutral with existing infrastructure. However, concern was raised in relation to removal of parking associated with Trull Primary School.
- Comment suggested 20mph speed limit would benefit safety in the area.

Route 7 – Wellington Road



Route

Stonegallows – Wellington New Road – Wellington Road – Castle Street/Tangier

Types of users

- Leisure users (possible Wellington link) and commuters.

Key connections made

- Cornishway Industrial Estate/ Convenience store
- Bridgwater & Taunton College
- The Castle School

Onward connections to

- Wellington via Wellington Link.
- Musgrove Park Hospital via Route 5a.
- Staplegrove West via Route 26 and onwards to Ford Farm via Route 4 or 16.
- Bindon Road Employment Area via Route 26 and 1a.
- Town Centre/ Taunton Station via Route 1 and FHSF Station to Vivary Link.
- Longrun Meadow/French Weir via Route 5a.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Comeytrowe to key destinations.
- Improvements to pedestrian/cycle links to nearby schools and employment.
- Connecting cycle lane from Wellington into Taunton Town Centre.
- Alongside route 5a, facilitates access to the key destination Musgrove Park Hospital.
- Delivery on LCWIP strategic “missing links”.
- Improving access to green space at Longrun Meadow.

Constraints to route design

- Bus priority corridor measures along Wellington Road (A38) as part of the County Council Bus Service Improvement Plan (also acts as an opportunity for cycling).
- Limited adopted highway space along Wellington Road, alongside bus corridor, may necessitate a reduced standard of route.

Consultation Comments

- All comments unhappy/dissatisfied with existing provision; high level of support for route.
- All comments agreed that Wellington Rd/Silk Mills Rd roundabout is very dangerous for cyclists as it is too small with a high volume of fast-moving traffic. A reduction in speed limit and redesign of the roundabout to a ‘Dutch-style’ was suggested.
- Reduced speed limit on A38 on approach to Orchard Grove and provide a safe crossing.

Route 8 – Comeytrowe – College Way



Route

Comeytrowe Road – College Way – Galmington Road – Hoveland Crescent

Types of users

- All types of users.

Key connections made

- Comeytrowe Park
- College Way Surgery
- Convenience Store
- Primary school/ playing pitches on site.

Onward connections to

- Musgrove Park Hospital and Galmington Stream via Route 5 and onto The Castle School, Bridgwater & Taunton College, and Longrun Meadow via Route 5a.
- Town Centre/ Taunton Station via Route 5 and 17.
- Queens College & Richard Huish College, Bishop Fox's School via Route 9 and SCC Killams Link.
- Nexus and Blackbrook Leisure Centre/ Business Park via Route 9/9a and LCWIP "red" route (or green strategic link across green wedge, Route 37).

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Comeytrowe to key destinations.
- Improvements to pedestrian/cycle links to nearby GP, schools and employment.
- Alongside Route 5, facilitates access to the key destination Musgrove Park Hospital.
- Connecting existing communities to new Comeytrowe Primary School site.
- Improving green space access at Comeytrowe Park and Penny's Fields Open Space.

Constraints to route design

- Exact location of access between Comeytrowe development and College Way to be determined.
- Impacts of the significant removal of vegetation will need to be discussed.
- Location of Tree Protection Orders along College Way will require detailed mapping.
- Crossing between College Way and Claremont Lane subject to land ownership.

Consultation Comments

- Mixed support for route. Many respondents happy with existing infrastructure in Comeytrowe Park and suggested route should be redirected through Barrington Close to avoid children's play area and dog walkers.
- Reduce speed limit along College Way to 20mph and widen cycle path where provided.
- Address cycle access to shops on Galmington Road and access to Manor Orchard.

Route 9 – College Way – Trull Road – Vivary Park – South Road



Route
College Way – Claremont Lane – Trull Road – Sherford Road – Middleway – Churchill Way – Cherry Tree Lane – Fons George – Vivary Park – Upper High Street – Mount Street – Stockwell Stream cycle path – Calway Road – South Road

Types of users

- All types of users.

Key connections made

- Queens College
- Vivary Park
- Richard Huish College
- King's College
- Bishops Fox's School

Onward connections to

- Blackbrook Leisure Centre, Blackbrook Business Park and Nexus via Route 9a/ LCWIP "red" route.
- Town Centre through FHSF Vivary Park to Station route.
- Taunton Station via FHSF Vivary Park to Station route.
- Richard Huish College/ Bishop Fox's Community School via Route 37 and SCC Killams Link.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Comeytrove and Trull to key destinations.
- Delivering on LCWIP "red route" north-south corridor.
- Links to Blackdown Hills AONB through Green Infrastructure Strategy Opportunity 1.
- Improving access to green space at Vivary Park and the green wedge using Route 37.

Constraints to route design

- Limited adopted highway along Trull Road and Upper High Street, may necessitate a reduced standard of provision.
- Constrained width through Fons George and Vivary Park, may necessitate a reduced standard of provision.
- Claremont Lane runs through third party land; ownership will need to be determined.

Consultation Comments

- Unanimously felt that this route is bad for cycling due to the speed of traffic and poor path surfacing and a separate cycle lane away from traffic where possible would be of benefit.
- Consider cycle connections into High Street as currently no cycling is allowed, as such there is no direct route from Vivary Park to the town centre.
- Connections from East Reach to Musgrove Park Hospital need to be considered.

Route 10 – Monkton Heathfield – Creech Castle – UKHO – Wheatley Crescent



Route

Bridgwater Rd/ A38 Roundabout at MH2 – Bridgwater Rd/ A38 Roundabout (south) – Bridgwater Rd/A38 – Creech Castle/ Toneway junction – Bridgwater Rd (extends south to Hamilton Rd) – Roman Rd – Outer Circle – Moorland CI – Moorland Rd – other leg through Seabrook Close. Extra: Admiralty Way – Creechbarrow Rd – Wheatley Crescent to Toneway underpass.

Types of users

- Mainly commuter with some leisure and initial younger users on northern section.

Key connections made

- Monkton Heathfield 2
- West Monkton CoE School
- Aldi/ Asda supermarkets
- Creech Castle (and to some extent Hankridge Retail Park)
- Halcon/ UKHO

Onward connections to

- Firepool via Route 14 connecting to Crown Medical Centre or Route 19 with connections to Taunton Station and onwards connections to the town centre on Route 17 and Route 1.
- Multiple possibilities for access to Bridgwater & Taunton College, from Route 14/ 19, take Route 17-1-25 or Route 17-1-5/5a connecting to Musgrove Park Hospital.
- Blackbrook Leisure Centre via Route 18 and connections to Bishop Fox School and Richard Huish College via Killams Link. Take Route 19 to Nexus.
- Hankridge Retail Park via Route 29.
- Heathfield Community School, Maidenbrook Country Park, Nerrols Primary School, Nerrols, The Taunton Academy, Wellsprings Leisure Centre via Route 11.
- Creech St Michael Primary School via existing cycle path on A38 and Route 12.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Monkton Heathfield to key destinations.
- Providing part of the aspirational route connecting Halcon towards the Quantock Hills AONB through improving cycle and walking connections to Monkton Heathfield.
- Delivery on LCWIP “blue route” (south west to north east corridor) and missing links.
- Improving access to green space within Monkton Heathfield and along the canal.

Constraints to route design

- Limited carriageway width along route, particularly sections of Bridgwater Rd and Creechbarrow Rd may necessitate a reduced standard of provision.

Consultation Comments

- All comments unhappy/dissatisfied or neutral with existing provision.
- Some comments regarding the priority of active travel provision at Toneway/Bridgwater Rd.
- Consistent width and provision of cycle path needed along Bridgwater Road (north).
- Segregated and safer cycle infrastructure provision needed on Bridgwater Road (south).
- Crossing over Creechbarrow Road to connect to Wheatley Crescent will be needed.

Route 11 – Monkton Heathfield – Nerrols – Taunton Academy



Route

Bridgwater Rd/ A38 – through green space to School Rd – Milton Hill (and extension to Western Relief Road) – Yallands Hill – A3259 – Batt Drive – Stubby Lane – Nerrols Drive – via proposed Nerrols development to Cheddon Rd – Taunton Academy.

Types of users

- Mainly leisure and younger users with commuters on A3259.

Key connections made

- Heathfield Community School and Sixth Form College
- Maidenbrook Country Park
- Nerrols Primary School
- Nerrols Garden Community
- Taunton Academy
- Wellsprings Leisure Centre

Onward connections to

- Taunton Station via Route 30 and Route 17, from here take Route 1 for Taunton Town Centre or Route 1 – Route 25 – Route 5a for Bridgwater & Taunton College and Musgrove Park Hospital.
- Priorswood including Lyngford Park Surgery, Lyngford Park Primary School, and Eastwick Rd services via Route 31.
- Firepool and Taunton Station via Route 30 and onto Route 14/16/19 (canal).

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Monkton Heathfield to key destinations.
- Providing walking and cycling connections to Maidenbrook Country Park and Hestercombe House Green Infrastructure link from the canal through improvements to active travel provision Milton Hill and Yallands Hill and the A3259.
- Connecting from proposed 'Park and Bus' at Monkton Heathfield phase 2.
- Responding to Climate Emergency by providing filtered permeability for walking and cycling, and potentially public transport only through the proposed development at Lyngford Lane.

Constraints to route design

- Limited carriageway width along route, particularly Yallands Hill, Milton Hill and A3259, which may necessitate a reduced standard of provision.
- Route depends on third party land (through Nerrols) and will be subject to site design.

Consultation Comments

- Link from Bossington Drive to Cheddon Road needs to bear in mind land ownership opportunities and constraints and the modes of travel that will be permitted on the route.
- (Widen My Path) Consider 20mph speed limits around schools along route.

Route 12 – Monkton Heathfield – Creech St Michael



Route

A38/ Langaller Lane Roundabout – A38 – Hyde Ln through fields – St Michaels Road

Types of users

- Mainly younger users.

Key connections made

- Creech Medical Centre
- Creech St Michael Primary School & Pre-School
- Open space facilities and convenience store.

Onward connections to

- Ruishton and Nexus via Route 36 GI-led link.
- A358/ Ilminster via Route 36 and 40 GI-led links.
- Onto Route 10 via existing infrastructure on A38 to connect into the centre of Taunton.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Monkton Heathfield to key destinations and enabling existing communities in Creech St Michael to safely and sustainably access facilities within Monkton Heathfield.
- Reviewing existing pedestrian/cycles bridges over the M5, the location and ability to accommodate cyclists as well as pedestrians.
- Improving access to green space such as Creech St Michael Park.

Constraints to route design

- Narrow width on pedestrian bridge over M5, will need a structural and capacity review.
- Route may require access to third party land from A38 to Hyde Lane and route will therefore be determined by any development sites coming forward in this area.
- Limited carriageway width along Hyde Lane through Creech St Michael may necessitate a reduced standard of provision where applicable.

Consultation Comments

- No comments of note in relation to this route.
- (Widen My Path) Consider 20mph speed limit around school.

Route 13 – Monkton Heathfield – Yallands Hill via Bawler Rd



Route

Monkton Heathfield 2 access at A38/ Bridgwater Rd roundabout – Bridgwater Rd – Bawler Rd – Monkton Heathfield Rd (heading north east and south west) – Yallands Hill

Types of users

- All types of users

Key connections made

- West Monkton Cricket Club
- Existing development of Monkton Heathfield
- Monkton Elm Garden Centre
- New district centre and all through school

Onward connections to

- Bridgwater and Durston via Route 38 and Route 39 GI-led links from Monkton Heathfield 2.
- Taunton Academy, Nerrols Primary School, Priorswood and Maidenbrook Country Park/ Hestercombe House via Route 11 and Route 34.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Monkton Heathfield to key destinations.
- Linking Garden Communities to Hestercombe House & Gardens as part of Green Infrastructure Strategy Opportunities 1 and 4.
- Improving connections to on-site facilities in Monkton Heathfield 2 and beyond to Bridgwater and Durston through GI-led projects.
- Completion of Western Relief Road enables review of function and permeability of the existing A3259 through Monkton Heathfield.
- Improving access to green space in Monkton Heathfield.

Constraints to route design

- Limited carriageway width along Monkton Heathfield Road may necessitate a reduced standard of provision.
- Role of Monkton Heathfield Road as part of any bus priority measures.

Consultation Comments

- No comments of note in relation to this route.

Route 14 – Monkton Heathfield – Canal tow path



Route

A38/Bridgwater Rd – Bridgwater Rd – Dyers Lane – southern path along canal – A3259/Priorswood Rd roundabout – Winckworth Way/ Firepool bridge

Types of user

- Leisure users and commuters.

Key connections made

- Crown Industrial Estate
- Crown Medical Centre
- Nerrols Primary School

Onward connections to

- Taunton Town Centre via Routes 16, 19 and FHSF Station to Vivary Link with Firepool cycle and walking infrastructure provision along the River Tone. Onwards to:
 - Musgrove Park Hospital via Route 5.
 - Bridgwater & Taunton College via Route 5a.
 - Richard Huish College via SCC Killams Link.
- Taunton Station via Route 16 and existing provision on Abbey Close and Trenchard Way.
- Firepool via Routes 16 and 19.
- Priorswood/ Pyrland local centre and Taunton Academy via Route 16.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Monkton Heathfield to key destinations.
- Improving walking and cycle priorities at major roundabouts in Taunton.
- Linking to Hestercombe House through aspirational Green Infrastructure link.
- Creates links to A3259 Roundabout connecting to future cycleway north of A3259 through to Maidenbrook Country Park.
- Well-used existing route. Also, improving access to green space and the natural environment.

Constraints to route design

- Third party ownership of land adjacent to canal waterways may prevent any adjustments to provision of walking and cycling infrastructure along the canal.
- Flood risk and management from the canal running parallel to the route may prevent adding impermeable surfacing or widening the existing surfacing.
- Limited space along the canal to widen existing walking/ cycling path and the wide range of users to accommodate may necessitate a reduced standard of provision.
- Additional lighting to be determined regarding ecological impacts.
- Landscape, heritage and character impacts to be considered and mitigated.

Consultation Comments

- Most comments unhappy/dissatisfied with existing provision. Comments stating interventions should not harm wildlife, character of the path and flood risk. There was a comment stating the canal route should be left as is to maintain green space and wildlife.
- Several comments that the path needs widening and better surfacing to support likely increased use from new developments.

Route 15 – Cheddon Road



Route

Cheddon Rd – Cheddon Rd/ Priorswood Rd Junction

Types of users

- All types of users.

Key connections made

- Wellsprings Primary School
- Convenience store

Onward connections to

- Taunton Academy/ Wellsprings Leisure Centre via Route 2.
- Firepool and Town Centre via Route 17 and FHSF Station to Vivary Link.
- Bridgwater & Taunton College via Route 17, 1 and 25 and onwards to Musgrove Park Hospital via Route 5a.
- Priorswood Primary School via Route 23.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Firepool to key destinations such as Taunton Academy. Also plays an important role for Staplegrove East and Nerrols.
- Connecting Priorswood/ Pyrland into Taunton Centre, alongside Routes 2 and 26 as part of the aim to connect areas of socio-economic deprivation and GI Opportunity 5.
- Implementing LCWIP “red” route north-south corridor and major junctions.
- Improving access to green space such as Taunton Green or other spaces around Taunton.

Constraints to route design

- Narrow adopted carriageway along entirety of Cheddon Rd, but particularly the section of bends around the shop mean that for improved cycle and walking infrastructure provision, the role of the road will need to be better understood. Greater considerations are needed to traffic flows and importance of road.

Consultation Comments

- No comments of note in relation to this route from consultation.
- (Widen My Path) Management of vegetation growth would help widen footpath.

Route 16 – Firepool – Priorswood Road – Lyngford Park – Cheddon Road



Route

Canal path (south) – Winckworth Way bridge – Winckworth Way – Obridge Rd – Priorswood Road – Lyngford Road – Victory Road – Woodland Road – Lyngford Park – Eastwick Road – Dorchester Road – Bodmin Road – St Michaels Crescent (north) – St Patricks Road – St Albans Place – Cheddon Road

Types of users

- Younger users with some leisure and commuting.

Key connections made

- Taunton Academy/ Wellsprings Leisure Centre
- Firepool/ Town Centre
- Lyngford Park
- Priorswood Post Office/ Shops
- Winckworth Way allotments

Onward connections to

- Kingston St Mary via Route 2 and 33.
- Firepool via Route 19.
- Taunton Station via existing provision on Abbey Close and Trenchard Way.
- Taunton Town Centre via Route 19 and FHSF Station to Vivary Link.
- Priorswood Primary School via Route 23.
- Nerrols/ Lyngford Park Surgery via Route 31.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Firepool to key destinations.
- Connecting Priorswood/ Pyrland Park as part of Green Infrastructure Strategy Opportunity 5 and aim of connecting areas of socio-economic deprivation.
- Delivering on LCWIP strategic missing links on Firepool to Wellsprings section.
- Potential to link in with updating flood defences along River Tone
- Steep path up to Winckworth Way bridge an existing barrier for some – could be addressed.
- Improving access to green space such as Lyngford Park and Bridgwater & Taunton Canal.

Constraints to route design

- Third party land along canal including canal path may restrict ability to widen.
- Adjustments to gradient of the path at Winckworth Way bridge dependent on further consultation and investigation re services and flood defences.
- Limited carriageway width particularly on Winckworth Way and Obridge Rd (north).
- Woolaways project diverts route away from Dorchester Road as potential for such walking and cycling infrastructure provision may now create conflict.
- Crossing time on Priorswood Road dependent on traffic flow and modelling by SCC.

Consultation Comments

- No comments of note in relation to this route.

Route 17 – Station Road



Route

Kingston Road/ Clifton Terrace – Station Road – Bridge Street/ Staplegrove Junction (includes Priory Bridge Road junction and southern access to Taunton Station)

Types of users

- Commuters and some younger users during peak times.

Key connections made

- Firepool
- Supermarket (Morrisons)
- Taunton Pool/ Deane House
- Taunton Station
- St Andrew's Church School

Onward connections to

- Taunton Academy/ Wellsprings Leisure Centre via Route 15.
- Kingston St Mary via Route 3, 2 and 33.
- Town Centre via Route 1.
- North Town Primary School via Route 1.
- St James Primary School via Route 24.
- Bridgwater and Taunton College via Route 1, 25 and onwards to Musgrove Park Hospital via Route 5a.
- Nexus via Route 24, 20 and 19.
- Bishop Fox's Community School and Richard Huish College via Route 1, FHSF Station to Vivary and SCC Killams Link.

Opportunities responded to


- Connecting all Garden Communities to key destinations, in particular, Firepool.
- Connecting Firepool to key facilities (Taunton Pool and towards North Town Primary).
- Missing links and major junctions addressed as part of LCWIP (Kingston Rd/ Priorswood Road/ Clifton Terrace junction).
- Delivering on part of LCWIP "red route" north-south corridor.
- Public realm and GI opportunities alongside improved access to green spaces.

Constraints to route design

- Potential for Station Road to become a bus priority corridor/ sustainable transport corridor – cycling will still remain a considered use along this road.
- HGV access for deliveries and drop-off bays, particularly along northern section.
- Need to understand the role and importance of Station Road with traffic modelling.
- Need to consider Priory Bridge Road and Firepool proposals and how they link into Station Road particularly at the existing junction.

Consultation Comments

- All comments unhappy/dissatisfied with existing provision.
- Consider northern movements from Station Road to Cheddon Road in designs.
- Consider movements north from Wood Street at Staplegrove Road/Bridge Street junction.
- Provide crossing on Station Road side of Staplegrove Rd/Bridge St junction.

Route 18 – South Road – Ilminster Road via Blackbrook Way	
	
Route South Road – Path behind allotments – Fields End – The Square – Hillyfields – Upper Holway Road – cycle path connecting to Haywood Road – Blackbrook Way – Ilminster Road – Bridgwater Road/ Hamilton Road junction (include Hamilton Road side street)	
Types of users <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commuters and some leisure users. 	
Key connections made <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackbrook Leisure Centre • Blackbrook Business Park • Blackbrook cycle path 	Onward connections to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nexus via Route 19. • Hankridge Retail Park via Route 29. • Richard Huish College and Bishop Fox's Community School via SCC Killams Link. • Monkton Heathfield/ Creech Castle via Route 10. • Town Centre via Route 19, 20 and East Street. • Firepool/ Taunton Station via Route 19 and walking/ cycle infrastructure to be provided at Firepool or Route 20, 24 and FHSF Station to Vivary Link. • Comeytrowe via Route 37, 9 and 8.
Opportunities responded to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting Comeytrowe, Nexus25 and Monkton Heathfield to key destinations. • Serves existing employment area at Blackbrook Business Park. • Delivery of LCWIP strategic missing links through Blackbrook Way. • Resolving existing well-used but poor quality infrastructure along Blackbrook Way including dangerously wide access to Blackbrook Leisure Centre. • Improving access to green space such as Holway Park or areas around Blackbrook. 	
Constraints to route design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited carriageway width on route may necessitate a reduced standard of provision on Blackbrook Way with pinch points in some sections. 	
Consultation Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All comments dissatisfied/neutral with existing provision and would support interventions. • Greater signage and active travel markings needed along Blackbrook Way. • Walking/cycling access into Blackbrook Business Park to allow access to Kiddi Caru Nursery. • Manage vegetation along Blackbrook Way to increase space for pedestrians and cyclists and move the path away from the busy road and improve existing limited visibility. • (Widen My Path) Narrow road by removing hatched centre-line to create space/reduce speeds. 	

Route 19 – Nexus – Blackbrook – Lambrook – Firepool



Route

Nexus – under M5 – along Blackbrook – Blackbrook Park Ave – Blackbrook – Severn Drive – northern path through Hamilton Gault Park – cross Hamilton Road – Lambrook Rd – Wheatley Crescent – under Toneway and Obridge – Childrens Wood path – Firepool

Types of users

- Commuters.

Key connections made

- Nexus 25
- Blackbrook Business Park
- Blackbrook Community Primary School
- Hamilton Gault Park
- Firepool
- Taunton Station (via infrastructure to be provided in Firepool site)

Onward connections to

- From Firepool side, UKHO (onto Monkton Heathfield) via Route 10. From Nexus, UKHO (onto Monkton Heathfield) via Route 18 and Route 10.
- From Nexus, Town Centre via Route 20 and East Street and onwards to MPH via Route 5.
- From Gateway P&R, Ruishton, Creech St Michael and Ilminster on the GI-led links Routes 36 and 40.
- From Nexus to Bridgwater & Taunton College via Route 20, East Street, Route 5 and 7. Onwards to Silk Mills P&R via Route 5a, 27 and 26.
- Taunton Station via on-site Firepool walking/ cycling infrastructure or Route 16 and Trenchard Way provision or Routes 20, 24 and FHSF Station Link.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Firepool and Nexus to key destinations, although route acts as a crucial link for all the Garden Communities. Also a well-used existing route.
- Implementing Green Infrastructure Opportunity 3 aim to create a cycle/ pedestrian link from Taunton along the Blackbrook path towards Ruishton via GI-led Route 36.
- Delivery on LCWIP “green” route and “blue” route and providing LCWIP aim for M5 underpass connecting Nexus into Taunton via active travel.
- Improving access to green spaces inc. Blackbrook/Hamilton Park/Bridgwater & Taunton Canal.

Constraints to route design

- Runs through LNR/ flood plain along Blackbrook, and this section of the canal, which may restrict path widening and resurfacing. Impact to biodiversity to be considered.
- Limited highway width along Lambrook Road, may necessitate a reduced standard of provision. Blackbrook path ownership to be confirmed around Avill Crescent section.
- Lack of overlooking in places may not be suitable for all users or in the dark.
- Additional lighting in certain locations to be confirmed due to ecological impacts.
- Recommended “box-jack” solution for the underpass requires further investigation.

Consultation Comments

- Mixed comments in relation to support for the potential M5 crossing with some suggesting it is necessary and would provide great benefit in relation to Blackbrook Business Park and others suggesting improving infrastructure should be prioritised within the town.
- Some comments ‘happy’ with Children’s Wood canal path and Blackbrook path, but general support for improvements such as maintenance and widening.

Route 20 – East Reach – Lisieux Way



Route

Lisieux Way at cycle path south east of Taunton Vale Healthcare – Wordsworth Drive – Grays Terrace – East Reach up to East Street junction

Types of users

- Commuters.

Key connections made

- East Reach
- Taunton Vale Healthcare

Onward connections to

- Taunton Town Centre via East Street project.
- St James Primary School/Victoria Park/Firepool via Route 24.
- Musgrove Park Hospital via East Street and Route 5. On to The Castle School and Bridgwater & Taunton College using either Route 7 or Route 5a.

Opportunities responded to

- Implementing Green Infrastructure Opportunity 3 by connecting the cycle/pedestrian link along Blackbrook to the town centre also improving access to green open space.
- Integral to delivering East-West corridor in LCWIP “green” route.
- Enhancement of East Reach including GI and public realm opportunities.
- Downgrading and traffic calming of East reach and junction with Chritchard Way and Wordsworth Drive (highlighted as hotspot by TACC).
- Acts as a potential “transformational” route for Taunton.

Constraints to route design

- Route dependent on traffic modelling on whether capacity can be reduced on East reach and given to cycle space. The role of the street needs to be understood.
- Questions around East Reach/ Wordsworth Way/ Chritchard Way junction and what a suitable design is here to enable safe walking and cycling use. A detailed review of the junction is required including modelling to understand capacity and inform design.
- Need to consider public realm and placemaking uses and designs here as well.
- HGV and bus use also need to be accounted for as well as loading bay space.

Consultation Comments

- All comments unhappy/dissatisfied with existing provision.
- Unanimous agreement that junction is terrible for cyclists and pedestrians with too many crossings and traffic lights causing major delays. Therefore, greater priority needed.
- Priority for cyclists also needed across side roads along Lisieux Way.

Route 21 – Manor Road



Route

Manor Road/ Staplegrove Rd – Manor Rd – Corkscrew Ln (stops shy of Whitmore Lane)

Types of users

- All types of users.

Key connections made

- Manor Road park
- Staplegrove post office/ convenience store
- Staplegrove West
- Taunton Vale Sports Club (through Gipsy Lane improvements)

Onward connections to

- Kingston St Mary via Route 2 and 33.
- Taunton Academy/ Wellsprings Leisure Centre/ Kingston Rd bus stops/ Corkscrew Lane allotments via Route 2.
- Norton Fitzwarren and Ford Farm via Route 22 and 16.
- Town Centre and Taunton Station via Route 1 and existing provision on Trenchard Way for the Station or via Route 3, rail bridge and Route 1.
- Castle Secondary School/ Bridgwater & Taunton College via Routes 22, 26 and 27 and onwards to Musgrove Park Hospital via Route 5a.
- Orchard Medical Centre via Route 22.
- Bus stops on A358 and Bindon Road Employment Area via Route 1.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Ford Farm and Staplegrove to key destinations.
- Addressing objective to make Manor Road and Corkscrew Lane safer for pedestrians, cyclists and all road users.
- Downgrading and traffic calming works on Manor Road addressed.
- Connecting Staplegrove and Ford Farm residents to Taunton Academy and Wellsprings Leisure Centre.
- Partly improving West Deane Way and associated access to green spaces.

Constraints to route design

- Role of Manor Rd still to be determined.
- Dependent upon delivery of new Spine Road and appropriate traffic flow and modelling studies.
- Limited adopted carriageway width due to adjacent third party land.

Consultation Comments

- No comments of note in relation to this route. See comments for Routes 2 and 22.

Route 22 – Great Western Way – Showell Park – Manor Road



Route

Great Western Way – Mill Rise – through Showell Park – Showell Park (heading north) – Staplegrove Road – Manor Road

Types of users

- All types of users.

Key connections made

- Collet Park
- Nuffield Health Taunton Hospital
- Ford Farm/ Norton Fitzwarren
- Staplegrove West

Onward connections to

- Bishops Lydeard/ Cotford St Luke via Route 32.
- Kingston St Mary via Route 21 and 33.
- Taunton Academy and Wellsprings Leisure Centre via Route 21 and 2.
- Bindon Road Employment via Route 26 and 1a.
- Castle School/ Bridgwater & Taunton College via Route 26 and 27 and onwards to Musgrove Park Hospital via Route 5a.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Ford Farm and Staplegrove to key destinations.
- Addressing objective to make Manor Road and Corkscrew Lane safer for pedestrians, cyclists and all road users.
- Connecting Staplegrove and Ford Farm residents to Taunton Academy and Wellsprings Leisure Centre.
- Improvements to existing informal route through Showell Park.
- Improving access to open green spaces including Collet Park and Showell Park.
- Provides an alternative link to Silk Mills – Manor Rd via Staplegrove Rd with width constraints.

Constraints to route design

- Role of Manor Rd to be determined once Staplegrove is nearer completion.
- Limited adopted carriageway width with adjacent third party land through Mill Rise.

Consultation Comments

- Staplegrove Road/A358 bus stop is inadequate. Removal of the left turn lane at this point would enable a bus stop with shelter and seating to be provided and prevent buses cutting across left-turning traffic to resume their journey towards the town centre.
- Link should continue on from Ford Farm to Bishops Lydeard.
- (Widen My Path) Consider maintenance at Silk Mills junction to improve visibility.

Route 23 – Clifford Ave – Lyngford Road via Cheddon Road



Route

Clifford Avenue – Turner Road – Kingston Road – Wellsprings Road – through green space along Kingston Stream – Enmore Road – Cheddon Road – Wedlands – through green space via Grange Walk – Grange Drive – Lyngford Road

Types of users

- Younger users.

Key connections made

- Priorswood Primary School
- Rowbarton Allotments

Onward connections to

- Cheddon Road convenience store via Route 15.
- Taunton Station/ Taunton Pool/ Firepool via Route 15 and 17.
- Town Centre via Route 15, 7 and 1.
- Crown Industrial Centre via Routes 16 and 30.
- Nexus via Routes 16 and 19.

Opportunities responded to

- Connection of Staplegrove East to key destinations.
- Alongside route 3 and 21, facilitates access to key destinations for Staplegrove West.
- Partially addresses LCWIP “red” route north-south corridor for Cheddon Road and the need to widen and resurface footways and potential conversations around low traffic neighbourhoods or traffic calming.
- Utilises Taunton’s waterways through creating a cycle path along Kingston Stream, as part of the aim of Green Infrastructure Opportunity 2, also improving access to green spaces. Enables wider community access to employment in Staplegrove West.

Constraints to route design

- Possible impact to biodiversity and flood risk will need to be considered.
- Limited adopted carriageway along Kingston Road and Cheddon Road may necessitate a reduced standard of provision.
- Provision of walking and cycling infrastructure dependent on capacity for bus use along Kingston Road and role of Cheddon Road after traffic modelling is undertaken.

Consultation Comments

- No comments of note in relation to this route from consultation.
- (Widen My Path) Review speed limit on Kingston Road and around schools on route.

Route 24 – Priory Bridge Road – East Reach via Victoria Park



Route

Priory Bridge Road – Winchester Street – Cranmer Road – path south of St James School off Hugo Street – Victoria Gate – Alfred Street – Grays Terrace

Types of users

- Younger users – some commuters.

Key connections made

- Firepool
- Supermarket
- St James Church School
- Victoria Park/ Play Area
- Somerset County Cricket Club

Onward connections to

- Nexus/ Blackbrook Business Park via Routes 20 and 19.
- Taunton Station via FHSF Vivary to Station Link.
- Taunton Pool via Route 17.
- Town Centre via FHSF Station to Vivary Link or via Route 20 and East Street.

Opportunities responded to

- Connection of Firepool to key destinations.
- Linking Firepool and Nexus through a route suitable for all users throughout the day with greater natural surveillance.
- Alongside, routes 19/20, facilitates access to key destinations for Firepool and Nexus.
- Enables wider access to employment and leisure uses in Firepool.
- Tackles existing barrier to cycling along Priory Bridge Road through enhancements
- Enhances existing cycle route through Victoria Park and improves access to this green space.
- Delivery of part of LCWIP “green” route east-west cycle corridor such as Victoria Park, Victoria Gate and potential adjustments to Hugo Street.
- Links in with proposed provision within the Firepool site and along the River Tone.
- Opportunity to provide GI or EV charging points within breaks of on-street parking as well as potential for loading space for home shopping delivery vehicles and cycle parking.

Constraints to route design

- Bridge structural review required on Priory Bridge Road.
- Considerations to potential bus and likely HGV access on Priory Bridge Road.
- Limited carriageway and adopted highway space with narrow residential streets with parking including Cranmer Road, Winchester Road and Alfred Street.
- Victoria Park entrance narrow and close to mature trees, may restrict widening.
- High level of parking along street may cause conflict for removal or reduction.

Consultation Comments

- High level of support for this route, though some suggested use of alternative streets.
- Consider 20mph speed limit on Alfred Street and the 20mph on Cranmer Road should be extended to the adjoining streets (possible Low Traffic Neighbourhood).
- Safer junction needed in the wide road bend on Cranmer Street on the southern end.
- Consider the location of access into St James Primary School and the management of vegetation to influence drop-off behaviour.
- Control ‘rat runs’ along St Augustine St and Winchester St by closing to private vehicles.
- Consider alternative route direction along St Augustine Street to connect existing crossing.

Route 25 – Staplegrove Road – Bridgwater & Taunton College via Longrun Meadow



Route

Staplegrove Road – French Weir Avenue – French Weir Park – across Longrun Meadow south of Longrun Barn following the cycle path to Longrun Lane

Types of users

- All types of users.

Key connections made

- French Weir Medical Centre
- The Castle School
- Bridgwater & Taunton College
- French Weir Park/ Longrun Meadow

Onward connections to

- Musgrove Park Hospital via Route 5a.
- North Town Primary and Town Centre via Route 1.
- Tangier supermarkets via 5a.
- Firepool via Route 1, 17 and 24.
- Taunton Station/ Taunton Pool via Route 1 and 17.
- Staplegrove East via Route 1, Staplegrove West via Route, existing rail bridge and Route 3.
- Comeytrowe via Route 5.

Opportunities responded to

- Connection of the Garden Communities to key destinations, particularly Staplegrove.
- Linking Staplegrove East residents to Castle School and Bridgwater & Taunton College through a route with greater surveillance (as opposed to the entire length of Longrun meadow from the 'park and bus'). The link also provides a link to a large green space area.
- Alongside Route 1, facilitates access to key destinations for Staplegrove West.
- Alongside Route 1 and 3 (using existing rail bridge), facilitates access to key destinations for Staplegrove East.
- Alongside Route 1 and 17, facilitates access to key destinations for Firepool.
- Enhancement of Staplegrove Road, tackling an existing barrier.
- Enhances existing cycle route through Longrun Meadow while delivering part of LCWIP "green" and "purple" routes by upgrading the existing path.

Constraints to route design

- Considerations given to flood risk in Longrun Meadow and issues with widening and resurfacing the existing path in terms of flooding impact.
- Greater understanding of land ownership and costs associated with a new bridge.
- Limited capacity on French Weir Park/ Long Run Meadow bridge, may necessitate a reduced standard of provision or widened bridge.

Consultation Comments

- No comments of note in relation to this route.
- (Widen My Path) Consider impact of flooding on the route, especially during winter.
- (Widen My Path) Consider intervention to blind junction on Staplegrove Road/French Weir Ave.

Route 26 – Silk Mills Road



Route

Staplegrave Rd/ Silk Mills Roundabout – Silk Mills Ln – Silk Mills Rd – Wellington New Rd

Types of users

- All types of users – mainly commuters and younger users.

Key connections made

- Silk Mills P&R
- Cornishway Industrial Estate

Onward connections to

- Bindon Road Employment Area via Route 1/1a.
- Staplegrave Primary School via Route 1/1a.
- Taunton School via Route 1/1a.
- French Weir Medical Centre via Route 1/1a.
- Castle School/ Bridgwater & Taunton College via Route 27
- Musgrove Park Hospital via Route 27 and 5a.
- Supermarkets (Tesco and Lidl) via Route 27 and 5a.
- Norton Fitzwarren/ Ford Farm/Bishops Lydeard via Route 22.

Opportunities responded to

- Connection of Ford Farm and Staplegrave West to key destinations.
- Linking Staplegrave West residents to Castle School, Bridgwater & Taunton College and Musgrove Park Hospital through a well-overlooked route.
- Improving cycle connections from Silk Mills P&R into Taunton.
- Alongside Route 5a/ 27, facilitates access to key destinations for Staplegrave West.
- Alongside Route 1/1a, 6 and 7, facilitates access to key destinations for Comeytrowe.
- Enhancement of southern-end of Silk Mills Road, tackling an existing barrier.
- Delivering on part of LCWIP “green” route along Silk Mills Lane.
- Utilises and enhances the existing cycle route along Silk Mills Lane/Silk Mills Road.
- Improving a link that connects to paths into Longrun Meadow for green space access.

Constraints to route design

- Limited width/ adopted highway on southern-end of Silk Mills Road, may necessitate a reduced standard of provision
- Bridge structural review may be required for enhanced provision.

Consultation Comments

- Markings for cyclists to cross at the traffic lights on NC3 are confusing and could benefit from being made clearer. Also, the footpath entrance by the river from Silk Mills Rd could be made accessible to cyclists so they can join directly to Longrun Meadow rather than via Heron Drive.

Route 27 – Heron Drive



Route
Silk Mills Road – Heron Drive – Longrun Lane

Types of users

- Younger users.

Key connections made

- The Castle School
- Bridgwater & Taunton College

Onward connections to

- Musgrove Park Hospital via Route 5a.
- Town Centre/Tangier supermarkets Route 5/5a.
- Nexus via Route 5a, 5, East Street, 20 and 19.

Opportunities responded to

- Connection of Ford Farm and Staplegrove West to key destinations alongside route 26, route 4 and route 5a.
- Enables wider community access to employment in Staplegrove West.
- Creates a well-overlooked walking/ cycle link to school and employment destinations.
- Tackles existing barrier to walking/ cycling along Silk Mills Rd/ Heron Drive including poor alignment of existing crossing point on Silk Mills Road.
- Improving access to green space with connections to Longrun Meadow/French Weir Park.

Constraints to route design

- Third party land through Bridgwater & Taunton College site.
- Some instances of pinch points in carriageway along Heron Drive.

Consultation Comments

- No comments of note in relation to this route.
- (Widen My Path) Consider speed limit in close proximity to school/college.

Route 28 – Wild Oak Lane



Route
Church Road – Wild Oak Lane – Trull Road

Types of users

- All types of users – mainly younger users.

Key connections made

- Trull Church of England Primary School

Onward connections to

- Trull convenience store via Route 6.
- Comeytrove on site services via Route 6.
- Bishop Fox's Community School, Richard Huish College, Queen's College and Town Centre via Route 9 or GI-led Route 37.

Opportunities responded to

- Connection of Comeytrove and Trull to key destinations.
- Alongside route 6/9, facilitates access to key destinations for Comeytrove and Trull.
- Enhances LCWIP "red" route by extending south in to Trull along Wild Oak Lane.
- Creates walking/cycle link through Trull, enhancing the existing barrier of Honiton Rd.
- Traffic calming and downgrading of Wild Oak Lane.
- Improving access to green spaces within Trull or onwards to green spaces on Route 9.

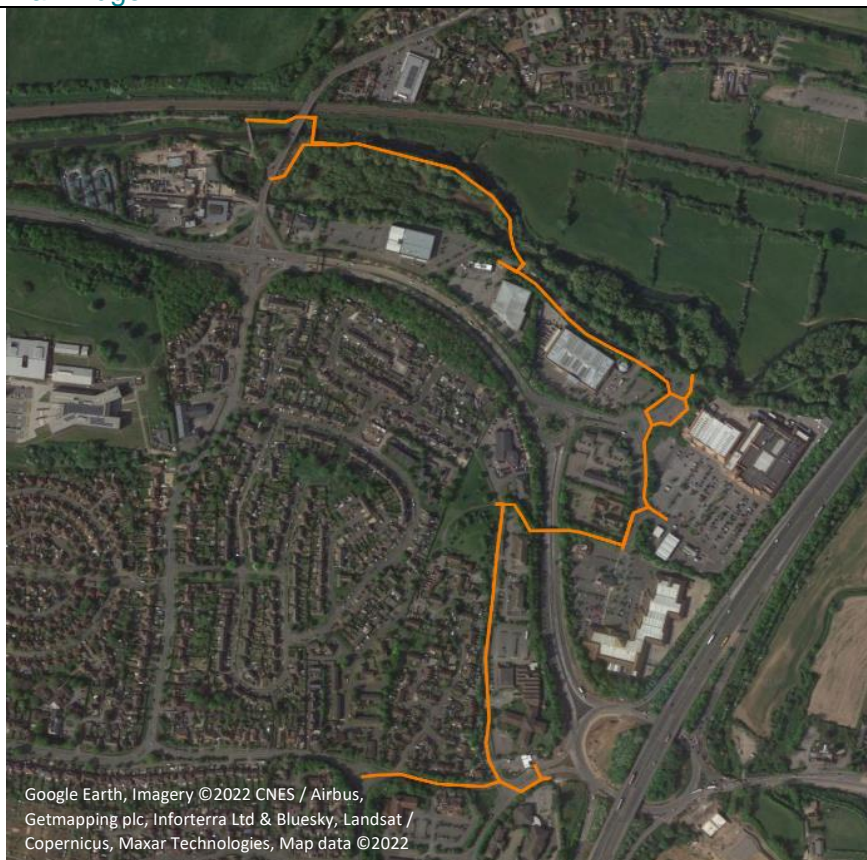
Constraints to route design

- Limited carriageway width along Wild Oak Lane and parking along southern end, which may necessitate a reduced standard of provision.
- Traffic flow and modelling study to be undertaken for Wild Oak Lane to understand the role of the road and ability to traffic calm.

Consultation Comments

- Reduction in speed limit, traffic calming measures, lighting and improved safety for walking would benefit Wild Oak Lane. Also improve visibility onto Trull Road from Wild Oak Lane.

Route 29 – Hankridge Link



Route

River Tone northern path crossing over bridge to south path/ A38 path heading north to River Tone south path – along the river to Heron Gate – River Tone Roundabout – Heron Gate – Hankridge Way – path running south of The Hankridge Arms crossing Toneway – Deane Gate Ave – Blackbrook Park Ave (east)/ bus and bike only route – Ilminster Road/ Blackbrook Way roundabout

Types of users

- Mainly leisure users.

Key connections made

- Hankridge Farm Retail Park inc. Sainsburys
- J25 Roundabout

Onward connections to

- Ruishton and Nexus via Routes 35 and 36 GI-led links.
- Blackbrook via Route 18.
- Town Centre via Route 10, 19 and Station to Vivary link.
- Monkton Heathfield and Halcon via Route 10.
- Hestercombe House via GI-led Route 34.

Opportunities responded to

- Helping to deliver Green Infrastructure Opportunity 11 by connecting a cycling/ walking path onto a potential pedestrian/ cycle bridge over the M5 towards Ruishton/ Nexus.
- Improving access to green spaces along the River Tone path.
- Formalising an existing route with many barriers to pedestrian and cyclist movements.
- Improving access for all communities to facilities on Hankridge Farm.

Constraints to route design

- The route runs through the floodplain of the River Tone which may restrict the ability to widen or resurface the existing path.
- The path also runs through a Local Nature Reserve (Children's Wood/ Riverside) and therefore widening and resurfacing the existing path will need to be considered in relation to biodiversity, movements and habitat.

Consultation Comments

- All comments either dissatisfied or neutral in relation to existing provision.
- Currently poor surfacing along River Tone path, needs an improved surface..
- Removal of barrier on path on Deane Gate Ave side.

Route 30 – Priorswood Road



Route

Priorswood Rd/ Batt Dr junction – Priorswood Rd - Clifton Terrace/ Priorswood Rd junction

Types of users

- Commuters.

Key connections made

- Crown Industrial Estate

Onward connections to

- Taunton Station via GI-led Route 41 and existing infrastructure on Trenchard Way or Route 17. Onwards into Firepool using the Station to Vivary Link.
- Town Centre via Route 17 and 1 or GI-led Route 41, Trenchard Way and Station to Vivary Link.
- The Castle School/ Bridgwater & Taunton School via Route 17, 1, 25 and onwards to Musgrove Park Hospital using Route 5a.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Nerrols and Monkton Heathfield to key destinations.
- Enables wider community access to facilities within Nerrols and Monkton Heathfield.
- Delivery of Obridge roundabout improvements as part of the S106 Agreement.
- Serves as a fast, direct, more overlooked and potentially more deliverable alternative to the Canal tow path.
- Providing alternative and improved access to Maidenbrook Country Park open space.

Constraints to route design

- Bus routes along A3259/ A358 and HGV access to Crown Industrial Estate.
- Role of road (A-road) and the adjacent side road access for the industrial estate may necessitate a reduced standard of provision if it cannot be utilised.

Consultation Comments

- Reduce speed limit on A3259 east of Obridge roundabout to 30mph.
- (Widen My Path) Warning signs at Obridge roundabout to raise awareness of cyclists and possible rumble strips to discourage fast approaching speeds.
- (Widen My Path) Consider parking restrictions along parallel Priorswood Road.

Route 31 – Bossington Drive – Eastwick Road



Route

Bossington Drive – Selworthy Road – Eastwick Road

Types of users

- Mainly younger users – will be some commuting and leisure trips.

Key connections made

- Lyngford Park Surgery
- Lyngford Park Primary School
- Lyngford Park
- Priorswood/ Pyrland local centre

Onward connections to

- Firepool/Taunton Station via Route 16 and Trenchard Way existing provision or using Route 19 to access Firepool and continuing through the Garden Community.
- Town Centre, Taunton Pool and Morrisons via Route 16, 19 and Station to Vivary Link.
- The Castle School/ Bridgwater & Taunton College via Route 16, 30, 17, 1 and 25 and onwards to Musgrove Park Hospital using Route 5a.

Opportunities responded to

- Connection of Nerrols to key destinations.
- Linking into and extending the LCWIP “missing link” route on Eastwick Road.
- Ensuring new facilities on site can be accessed safely by cycle and on foot by the wider community.
- Connecting Nerrols to Cheddon Road by walking/ cycle links through route 16 delivery or LCWIP “missing link”.
- Utilising and enhancing the existing cycle route provided along Nerrols Drive.
- Improving access to green spaces such as Lyngford Park.

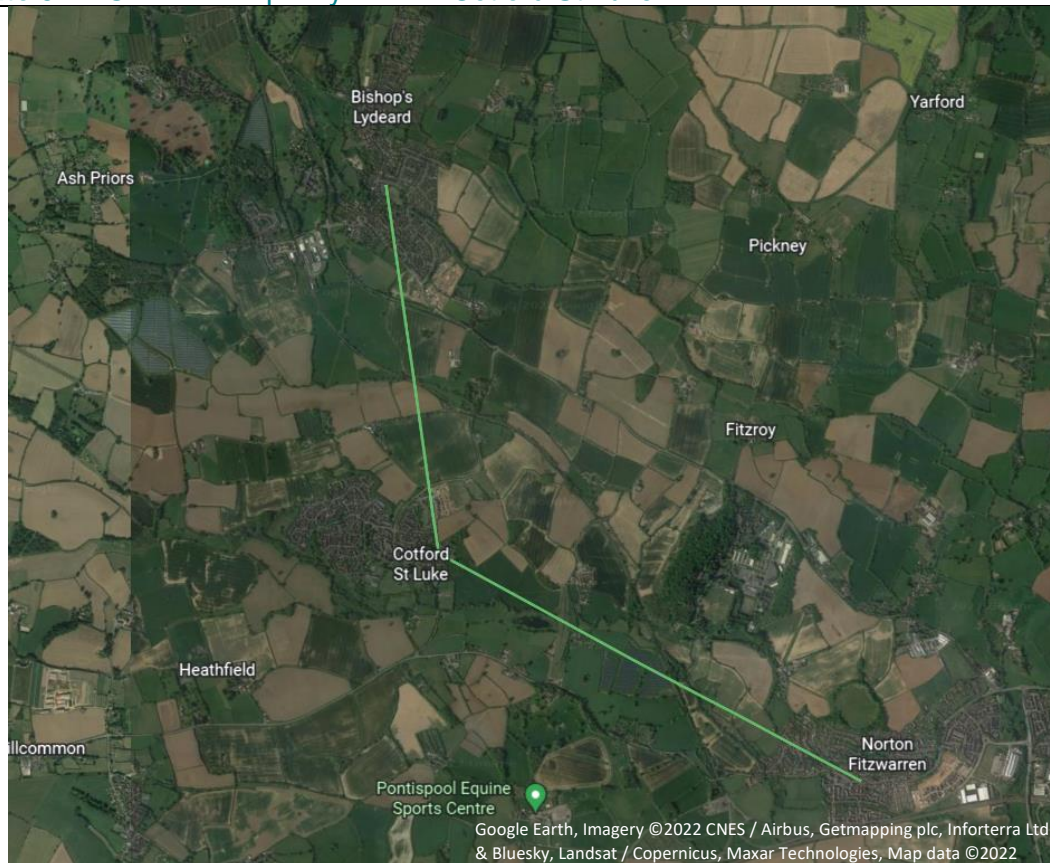
Constraints to route design

- Constrained adopted highway in some areas, which may offer difficulties in delivering segregated provision of active travel infrastructure along the whole route.

Consultation Comments

- Reduce speed limits to 20mph for the whole area.

Route 32 – GI-led Bishop's Lydeard – Cotford St Luke Link



Route

Norton Fitzwarren – Cotford St Luke – Bishop's Lydeard

Key connections made

- Norton Fitzwarren
- Cotford St Luke
- Bishop's Lydeard

Onward connections to

- Taunton Town Centre via Route 22, 26 and 1a and 1 and onwards to Taunton Station via existing provision on Trenchard Way.
- The Castle School/ Bridgwater & Taunton College via Route 22, 26 and 27.

Opportunities responded to

- Encouraging walking and cycling for local commuting, leisure and utility journeys.
- Connecting into and extending the LCWIP "green" route.
- Enhancing access to Norton Fitzwarren including to Norton Camp Hillfort as part of the aspirations for Green Infrastructure Objective 6.
- Community aspirations for such a route.
- Potentially improving access to green spaces and connection to the natural environment.

Constraints to route design

- Third party ownership of land running parallel to West Somerset Railway.
- Legal status of the path has not yet been considered.
- Funding sources have not been identified.
- Impact to biodiversity by implementing such a walking and cycling path.

Consultation Comments

- All comments unhappy/dissatisfied with existing provision.
- All comments feel that Cotford St Luke has been forgotten about and desperately needs good pedestrian and cycle routes to Taunton and Bishops Lydeard as there are so few services within Cotford St Luke. Preference would be for a shared use, segregated path.

Route 33 – GI-led Taunton – Kingston St Mary Link



Route

Whitmore Lane – Dodhill Road – Taunton Road (north) – Kingston Road

Key connections made

- Kingston St Mary
- Taunton
- Taunton School International Middle School

Onward connections to

- Taunton Town Centre via Route 2, 3, rail bridge and 1.
- Taunton Train Station via Route 2 and 3.
- Taunton Academy/ Wellsprings Leisure Centre via Route 2.
- Staplegrove on-site facilities accessed via spine road or using Routes 2 and 21.

Opportunities responded to

- Encouraging walking and cycling for local commuting, leisure and utility journeys and potentially improving access to the natural environment.
- Connecting into and extending the LCWIP “green” route.
- Community aspirations for such a route.

Constraints to route design

- Funding sources have not been identified.
- Impact to biodiversity by implementing such a walking and cycling path.
- Main road (Kingston/Taunton Road) unlikely sufficient width within highway boundaries. Consider more direct option across third party land.
- Third party land ownership along route.
- Narrow carriageway along route may necessitate a reduced standard of provision.

Consultation Comments

- All comments unhappy with existing provision.
- Agreed within consultation responses that road conditions, speed of traffic and lack of footpath makes this a highly dangerous route for walkers and cyclists. Segregated path is needed.

Route 34 – GI-led Hestercombe Link



Route

Bridgwater Road (A38) – across green space and canal – path along Allen's Brook – A3259/ Yallands Hill – north through Maidenbrook Country Park – Cheddon Fitzpaine – Hestercombe House & Gardens (exact path unknown)

Key connections made

- Maidenbrook Country Park
- Hestercombe House & Gardens
- Quantock Hills AONB
- Cheddon Fitzpaine
- Monkton Heathfield and Nerrols

Onward connections to

- Taunton Town Centre via Route 10, 19 and Station to Vivary Link.
- Nexus via Route 29 and GI-led links 35 and 36.

Opportunities responded to

- Community aspirations for such a route.
- Linking external and rural communities into Taunton.
- Walking/cycling route acts as a gateway to the Quantock Hills AONB helping to deliver Green Infrastructure Opportunity 1 and improving access to green spaces.
- Connection from Taunton urban area and the planned garden communities of Monkton Heathfield and Nerrols to Monkton Heathfield Country Park and beyond to Hestercombe House, a heritage asset, and Quantock Hills AONB contributing to Green Infrastructure Opportunity 4 creating a north/south route.

Constraints to route design

- Funding sources have not been identified.
- Impact to biodiversity by implementing such a walking and cycling path.

Consultation Comments

- Mixed support for route. Comment made that the proposed footpath/cycleway should not go through the middle of the Country Park due to the potential disturbing of wildlife along hedging.

Route 35 – GI-led Monkton – Ruishton – Nexus Link



Route

Hankridge Farm Retail Park/ Ruishton Lane – Monkton Heathfield (exact route unknown)

Key connections made

- Hankridge Farm Retail Park
- Ruishton
- Monkton Heathfield

Onward connections to

- Nexus and Creech St Michael via GI-led Route 36.
- Ilminster via A358 GI-led Route 40 link.

Opportunities responded to

- Long-held ambition to connect Monkton Heathfield with Nexus, Hankridge Retail Park and Ruishton.
- Helping to enhance Taunton's waterways, contributing to Green Infrastructure Opportunity 2 by improving the route under the M5.
- Improving access to open spaces and the natural environment features along the route.

Constraints to route design

- Third party ownership of land.
- Legal status of the path has not yet been considered.
- Funding sources have not been identified.
- Impact to biodiversity and flood risks from lighting and surfacing associated with implementing such a walking and cycling path will need to be identified and mitigated.

Consultation Comments

- Comment received that while this is a great cycle route into town, it can feel unsafe in the dark as the underpass and footpath to Hankridge is unlit.
- Support expressed by a local landowner to work towards delivery where reasonable/ practical.

Route 36 – GI-led Ruishton – Creech St Michael Link



Route

Nexus – J25 Park & Ride – Ruishton Lane – Creech St Michael (exact route unknown)

Key connections made

- Nexus
- J25 Park and Ride
- Creech St Michael local centre

Onward connections to

- Creech St Michael Primary School/Creech Medical Centre via Route 12.
- Taunton Town Centre via Route 19, 20 and East Street. Onwards to Musgrove Park Hospital using Routes 5 and 5a.
- Blackbrook Leisure Centre/ Business Park via Route 19 and 18 and onwards to Richard Huish College and Bishop Fox's Community School using SCC Killams Link.
- Hankridge Retail Park via Route 19, 18 and 29 or GI-led Route 35.
- Halcon/ UKHO via Route 19, 18 and 10 or 35, 29 and 10.
- Taunton Station via Route 19 and using Firepool provision.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Nexus Garden Community to Taunton urban area and other Garden Communities.
- Contributing to Green Infrastructure Opportunity 3 to create a cycle/ walking link along the Blackbrook path to Ruishton from Nexus (connecting from Route 19).
- Extending the LCWIP "green" route east-west corridor to Ruishton and Creech St Michael, connecting from Nexus and Taunton.
- National Highways' A358 Henlade Bypass proposals potentially present an opportunity to secure the first section of this route.
- Community aspirations for such a route.
- Improving access to green spaces and the natural environment along this route.

Constraints to route design

- Third party ownership of land.
- Legal status of the path has not yet been considered.
- Funding sources have not been identified.
- Impact to biodiversity and flood risks from lighting and surfacing associated with implementing such a walking and cycling path will need to be identified and mitigated.

Consultation Comments

- All comments unhappy/dissatisfied with existing provision and would be happy or satisfied with improving walking and cycling infrastructure.
- All comments express concerns that there are no safe routes out of Ruishton and Creech St Michael, which is travelled regularly by school children and Lipe Lane only has a single person width footpath on a very busy 60mph road. Footpath widening, separate cycle path and potential for speed limit reductions were suggested as interventions.
- Improved access to Gateway Park and Ride and Heathfield Community School needed.
- Widespread support for providing an alternative route to using J25.

Route 37 – GI-led Sherford – Mountfields Link



Route

Cherry Tree Lane – Sherford Road – Mountfields Road (exact route unknown)

Key connections made

- Killams development and open space play area

Onward connections to

- Bishop Fox's Community School and Richard Huish College using SCC Killams Link.
- Blackbrook/ Nexus via Route 18 and 19 (for Nexus).
- Comeytrove and Trull via Route 9 and 28/ 8.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Comeytrove to key destinations.
- Long-held ambition to create a walking/cycling link across the green wedge.
- Connecting LCWIP "red" and "purples" routes.
- Community aspirations for such a route.
- Improving access to the green spaces and natural environment features along this route.

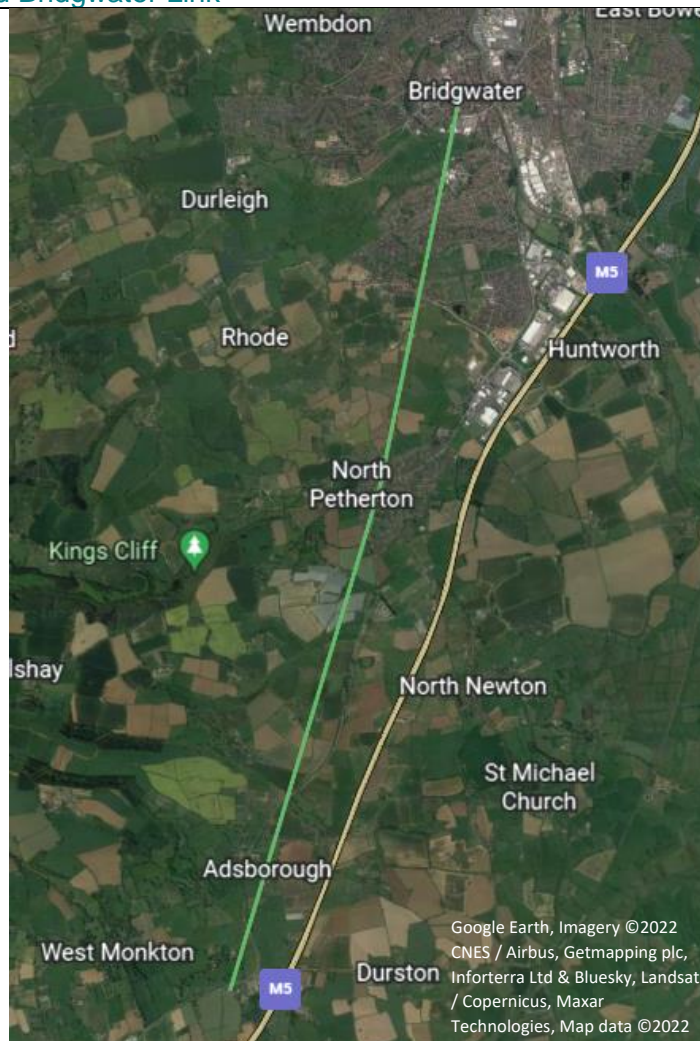
Constraints to route design

- Third party ownership of land.
- Legal status of the path has not yet been considered.
- Funding sources have not been identified.
- Impacts to biodiversity by implementing such a walking and cycling path will need to be identified and mitigated.

Consultation Comments

- All comments received were unhappy with existing provision and would support interventions.
- The route, which connects Richard Huish College, may feel unsafe, especially for young people and good street lighting and CCTV would alleviate this issue and should form part of delivery.
- Consider onwards connection to Richard Huish College such as via Killams Link along South Road, but also improving the connection via Mountfields Park.

Route 38 – GI-led Bridgwater Link



Route

Monkton Heathfield – A38 Park and Ride – Adsborough – North Petherton – Bridgwater (exact route unknown)

Key connections made

- Adsborough
- Shearston
- North Petherton
- Bridgwater

Onward connections to

- Taunton Town Centre via Route 10, 19 and Station to Vivary Link. Onwards to Wellington using Route 5, 7 and Wellington Link after reaching Stonegallows.
- Ilminster via A38 existing provision and GI-led links of Routes 35, 36 and 40.

Opportunities responded to

- Connecting Monkton Heathfield to key destinations.
- Linking in external and rural communities into Taunton.
- Improving walking/cycling routes between Taunton and Bridgwater.
- Encouraging walking and cycling for local commuting, leisure and utility journeys.
- Extending north the LCWIP “blue” route from Monkton Heathfield phase 2.

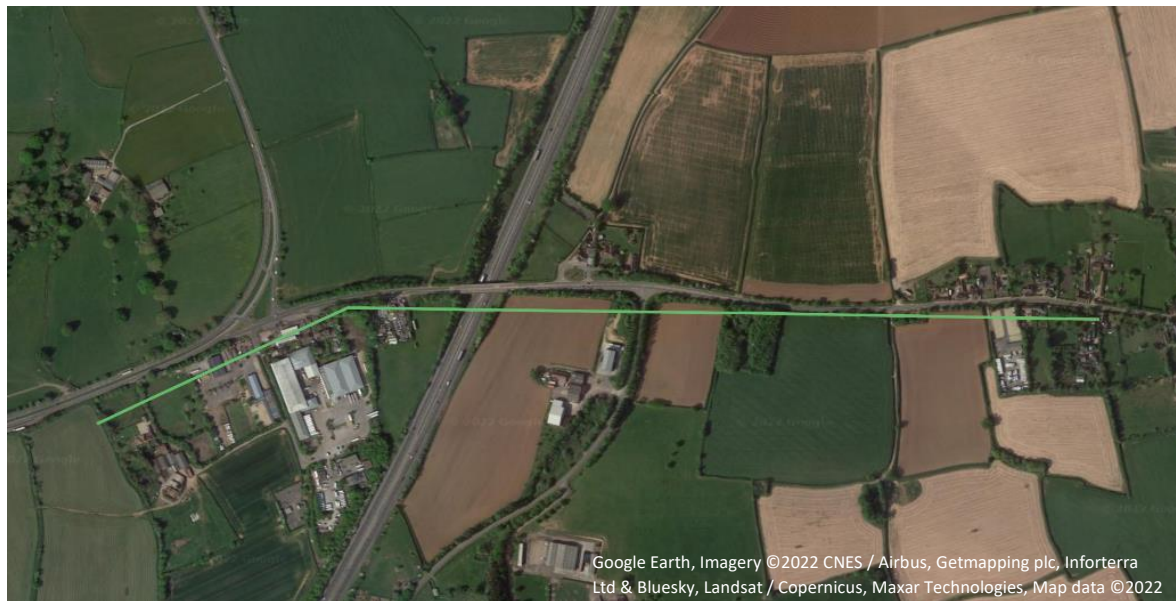
Constraints to route design

- Funding sources have not been identified.
- Impact to biodiversity by implementing such a walking and cycling path.
- Third party ownership of land.
- Possible heritage, flood risk and other landscape impacts will need to be identified.

Consultation Comments

- Both comments received unhappy/dissatisfied with existing provision and would support interventions to encourage commutes by bike between Taunton and Bridgwater.

Route 39 – GI-led Durston Link



Route

A38 (Monkton Heathfield Park and Ride) – A361 - Durston

Key connections made

- Durston
- Monkton Heathfield Park and Ride

Onward connections to

- Hankridge Retail Park via existing A38 provision and Route 35 (or 10 and 29). Onwards to Nexus using Route 36.
- Taunton Town Centre and Taunton Station via Route 10, 19 and Station to Vivary Link.
- North Petherton/ Bridgwater via GI-led Route 38.
- Creech St Michael via Route 12.
- Taunton Academy via Route 13 and 11.

Opportunities responded to

- Linking external and rural communities into Taunton and facilities within Monkton Heathfield.
- Encouraging walking and cycling for local commuting, leisure and utility journeys.
- Encouraging use of the park and ride facilities around Taunton.
- Building on Green Infrastructure Opportunity 11 with the aim to install pedestrian and cycle crossings over the M5 by improving an existing bridge north-east of Taunton.

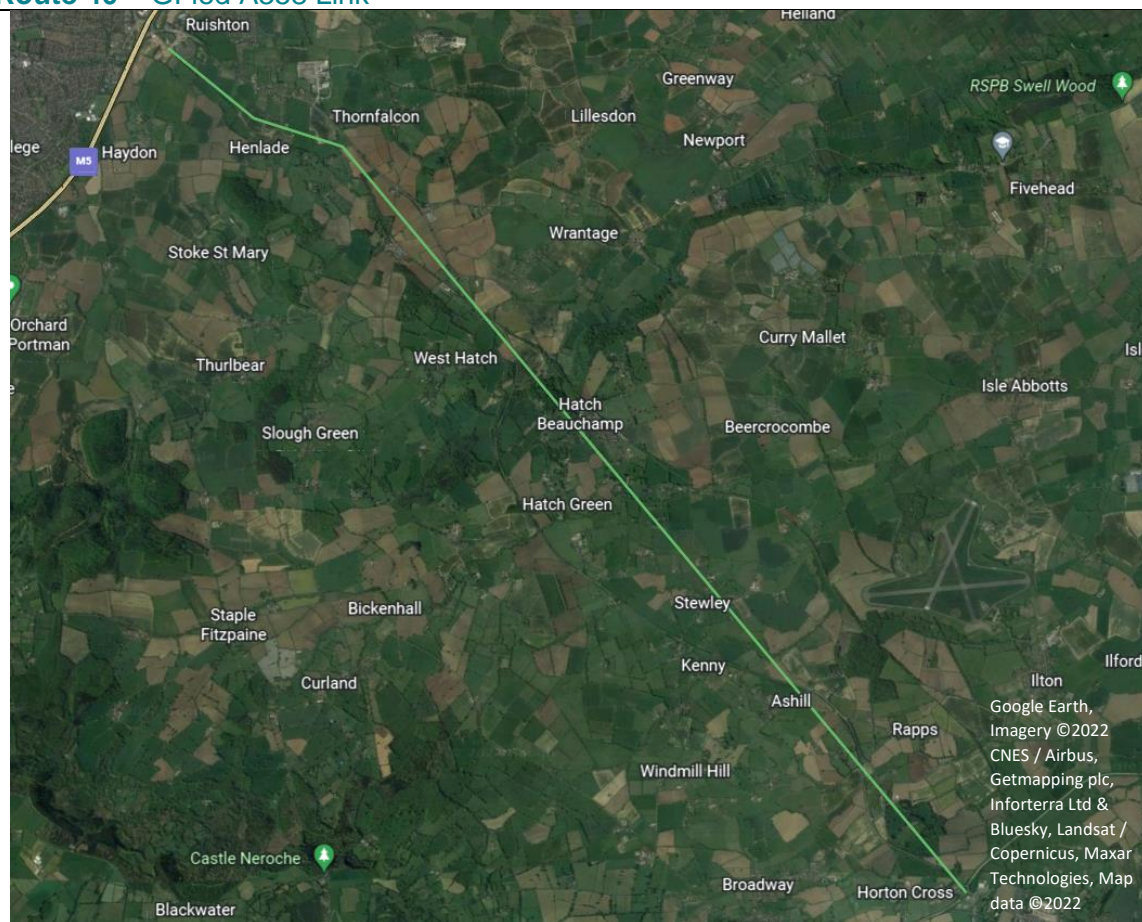
Constraints to route design

- Funding sources have not been identified.
- Impact to biodiversity by implementing such a walking and cycling path.
- Bridge structural review required on A361.

Consultation Comments

- No comments of note in relation to this route.

Route 40 – GI-led A358 Link



Route

J25 – Ilminster via Henlade and Hatch Beauchamp along existing A358

Key connections made

- Nexus/ J25
- Henlade
- Hatch Beauchamp
- Ilminster (Southfields Roundabout)

Onward connections to

- Taunton Town Centre via Route 19, 20 and East Street.
- Onwards to Wellington via Route 5, 7 and on the Wellington Link.
- Bridgwater via Route 36, 35, existing infrastructure on A38 and through Monkton Heathfield and Route 38.

Opportunities responded to

- National Highways A358 Taunton to Southfields scheme a key opportunity to deliver this as a fast, dedicated direct link. Ensuring the new A358 becomes an opportunity and not a barrier to active travel and community connectivity.
- Provision of a direct cycle route connecting to Ilminster, a long-held ambition.
- Can enable wider connections into this route from other rural areas and sites of interest.

Constraints to route design

- Space for cycle and walking infrastructure dependent on planning permission granted for the A358 bypass proposal.
- Impact to biodiversity by possibly widening the existing path and resurfacing.
- Third party ownership of land.
- Possible heritage, flood risk and landscape impacts of such a path will need to be identified.

Consultation Comments

- Both comments unhappy/dissatisfied with existing infrastructure.
- Some suggestions about use of old A358 for a cycleway once the dualling scheme is complete.

Route 41 – GI-led Firepool Railway Bridge Link



Route

Trenchard Way – over rail line – onto existing cycle path south of Heavitree Way

Key connections made

- Firepool

Onward connections to

- Taunton Station via existing segregated cycle and walking path on Trenchard Way. Onwards to Firepool using infrastructure to be provided within the site.
- Priorswood Primary School via 30, 16 and 23 or 30 and 15.
- Taunton Town Centre via Station to Vivary Link.
- Taunton Pool via Trenchard Way provision and Route 17.
- Taunton Academy/ Wellsprings Leisure Centre via Route 30 and 16.
- Winckworth Way/ Obridge allotments using existing cycle path.

Opportunities responded to

- Connection of Firepool to key destinations.
- Encouraging walking and cycling for local commuting, leisure and utility journeys.
- Linking into LCWIP “red” route, north-south corridor.
- Links in with the walking/cycling provision on Firepool boulevard connecting into the town centre and on to Vivary Park through the Future High Streets Fund.
- Tackles existing lack of north-south walking/cycle connections in Taunton.
- Responds to GI Strategy and Town Centre Design Code SPD aspiration for new bridge creating faster, more direct links with North Taunton and Firepool / town centre.

Constraints to route design

- Third party/ Network Rail ownership of land running across the Exeter-Bristol train line.
- Legal status of the path has not yet been considered.
- Funding sources have not been identified.
- Impact to biodiversity by implementing such a walking and cycling path.

Consultation Comments

- No comments made in relation to this route.