Witney North and East to Witney High Street: Proposed cycle route network, and footpath widening measures

This document focuses on cycle routes in Witney North and East, as well as Witan Way. It also identifies pedestrian paths (not an exhaustive list), that need widening to maintain social distancing, across the area and in Witney High Street.

The map below (fig 1) shows the proposed cycle network to link-up the area's schools and town centre effectively. This is the medium to long-term vision for a viable cycle network (from the north side of the river Windrush), to generate a substantial shift in journeys from motor vehicles to cycling, mobility scooter, and walking.

- Blue-dashed lines show existing cycle paths
- Yellow lines show proposed cycle paths along the main routes
- Blue circles with cycle show proposed foot and cycle crossing points for the network (a few of these are already in place)
- Blue circles with C show where there are existing bike racks potential new locations to be identified

The rest of the document shows locations and photo images along the existing road and footpath network, which require specific interventions. It is not an exhaustive list but is designed to illustrate some of the key priorities and weak points in the area, and to help visualise current on-the-ground conditions. Numbers are provided where there is a cross-reference in the MS Excel document 'Witney Reallocating Road Space Proposals.xlsx'. The numbers in brackets reference the original table in the draft consultation.

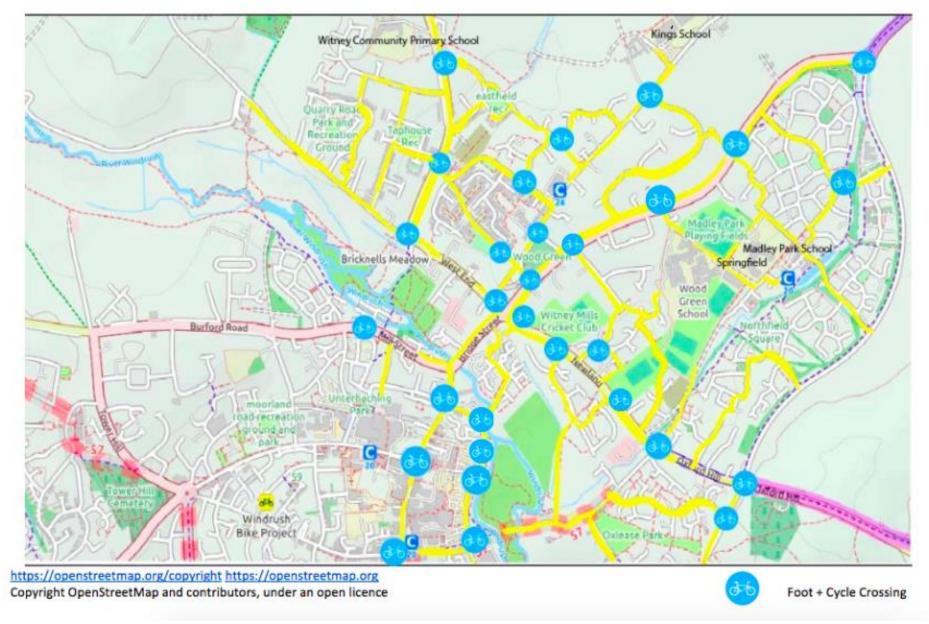


Figure 1 Witney North and East cycle network: medium to long-term vision

Section II: Illustrations and suggestions for specific interventions, locations and routes

'1J' Aquarius Development (16)

Sign-post route off Bridge Street past Mill House Care Home, across Aquarius Estate to Witan Way (avoiding most of AQMA). Pictures show view from Aquarius Estate to Bridge Street and back through Estate to Witan Way.



Figure 2 Edge of Aquarius development looking towards Bridge Street



Figure 3 Looking from Bridge Street end into Aquarius Estate



Figure 4 Witan Way entrance to Aquarius

Open direct access to Newland through metal gate (avoiding most of AQMA).



Figure 5 Residents gate from Aquarius and Bridge Street to back-off Newland flats



Figure 6 Looking up from Aquarius end to Newland



Figure 7 Looking towards potential cycle/footpath entrance across to Aquarius from Newland. (avoiding Bridge Street AQMA)

Alternative is to obtain permission for route through back-of Mill House Care Home car park shown below (knock through wall).



Figure 8 Mill House Care Home Car Park

Witan Way (17, 38)

Join up Langel Common cycle path and Town Centre to Sainsbury's and Station Lane Industrial Estate's cycle paths This can be achieved either by forming a cycle path alongside the eastern Leisure Centre side and forming a new crossing to Farm Mill Lane; or widening the existing footpath on the western side of Witan Way.

First photo shows view towards Sainsbury's roundabout (Vegetation needs cutting back). Other photos along western side to Langdale gate (last photo).



Figure 9 Looking along Witan Way towards Sainsbury's roundabout and farm Mill Lane



Figure 10 Witan Way from St Mary's Mead towards Landale Gate and Leisure Centre.



Figure 11 Witan Way existing pedestrian crossing to Leisure Centre and looking towards Landale Gate junction roundabout



Figure 12 Witan Way/Langdale Gate junction. Crown lane path across Langel Common to Newland is right (not in picture)



Figure 13 Looking along Langdale Gate from Witan Way end towards High Street

'1K'

There needs to be a clear cycle route along Langdale Gate, joining the High Street to Witan Way, and to the Langel Common Path. The section at the High Street End needs to be allocated to pedestrians and cycles.



Figure 14 Langdale Gate from High Street end looking towards Witan Way



Figure 15 Langdale Gate looking towards Witan Way

The pedestrian path could then continue to the left and a new right-hand cycle path be added to the right of the tree, and along the current grass verge shown in the second photo.



Figure 16 Langdale Gate towards Witan Way, public toilets to left (out of picture)



Figure 17 South side of Langdale Gate from Evenlode Ct, looking towards Witan Way junction and Crown Lane

'2F'. The traffic island and crossing in Witan Way needs enlarging to ensure sufficient space for safe crossing of bikes as well as mobility scooters and pedestrians. Pedestrians and cycles need to be given priority at busy, but slow intersection.



Figure 18 Witan Way traffic Island crossing from Crown Lane, Langel Common towards Langdale Gate Car Park and Town Centre.

Make a cycle path along this short path through to Leisure Centre. Requires limited path widening, vegetation clearance and signposting. (34)



Figure 19 View from end of Crown Lane/Langel Common path along Witan Way to Leisure Centre

'2'. Pavement widening sites

High Street/Centre

Widen both sides to provide wider, safer, and better access for mobility scooters, wheelchairs, and pedestrians along the paths. Move disabled parking bays to areas where footpath is wider.



Figure 20 High Street looking towards Welch Way junction

Widen pavement on right-hand side, next to 'Harpers'.



Figure 21 High Street/Welch Way junction from Town Centre

High Street/Bridge Street end



Figure 22 High Street towards north-west end junction of Witan Way

Corn Street, North end (22)



Figure 23 High Street end of Corn Street looking west



Figure 24 Corn Street looking east towards High Street

Newland, King George's Park (16)

Widen footpath along narrow segments of Newland/Oxford Hill, where too much traffic to zigzag safely across road e.g. next to. Photos shown start at Bridge Street/West End (mini roundabouts) and follow route in south easterly direction as far as St. George's Park. Narrow Footpaths need to be widened on Oxford Hill too (not shown).



Figure 25 Newland, looking south-east from Woodstock Road/West End/Bridge Street junction end.



Figure 26 Newland, looking south-east past Witney Mills Cricket ground and towards Newland Mill junction .



Figure 27 Newland looking south-east past Pensclose junction on left



Figure 28 Newland, south entrance King George's park

West End

Widen footpaths, allow for safe passing places or road crossing at narrowest points. Enforce no parking on payment rules. (Pictures shown move from Hailey Road/North-West end to South-West/Bridge Street end).



Figure 29 West End looking south east from Hailey Road end



Figure 30 West End looking south-east



Figure 31 West End, wider footpath section, looking south-east



Figure 32 West End, looking south-east



Figure 33 West End looking towards Bridge Street/Newland/Woodstock Road junction

West End/New Yatt Road junction (Narrow Hill) (15)

Bike contraflow or change to access only for bikes, pedestrians, and residents



Figure 34 West End, looking up Narrow Hill



Figure 35 Narrow Hill (New Yatt Road) looking up towards Wood Green

3.C.Potential cycle route through widening path around the edge of Wood Green (from Narrow Hill) and adding cycle paths along both sides of Woodstock Road to Wood Green School.



Figure 36 Wood Green looking east towards Woodstock Road



Figure 37 Wood Green looking north-east towards Woodstock Road



Figure 38 Woodstock Road looking north, Wood Green square to left



Figure 39 Woodstock Road looking towards Wood Green (north end) and Woodlands Road junction on right



Figure 40 Looking back south on Woodstock Road to Wood Green on right



Figure 41 Right-hand side of Woodstock Road looking north



Figure 42 Woodstock Road, looking north, past The Crescent junction on right



Figure 43 Woodstock Road, looking north towards Wood Green School on right



Figure 44 Woodstock Road, looking back south.

'3.C' and '10.B' Woodlands Road to Wood Green School, Newland, King George's Park, and Church Lane/Langel Common route

Pictures from Woodstock Road end to Newland (turning right) or Pensclose end (turning left through current barrier) with access to south-west entrance of Wood Green School from Pens Close.



Figure 45 Woodlands Road, looking east from junction with Woodstock Road



Figure 46 Pensclose end of Woodlands Road, right-hand footpath to Pensclose



Figure 47 Left-hand footpath from Woodlands Road to Pensclose



Figure 48 Pensclose from Woodlands Road, left turn for Wood Green School south-side entrance

Pensclose through King George's field to Kingsfield Crescent and Newland to Church Lane and Langel Common. King George's field needs a hard surface crossing to encourage cycling and walking when wet.



Figure 49 Pensclose through to King George's park



Figure 50 North end of King George's park, Kingsfield Crescent in background



Figure 51 Footpath from King George's park to Kingsfield Crescent



Figure 52 Looking back to King George's park from Kingsfield Crescent (ramp access required)

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