
Winkfield Neighbourhood Plan

TOPIC: Green Infrastructure and Landscape

Supplement B: Proposed Cycle Routes through Winkfield Parish

Synopsis: The Green Infrastructure and Landscape Topic Papers will provide evidence to support the policy approach being taken in the Winkfield Neighbourhood Plan with regard to the natural environment. This document ‘**Supplement B: Proposed Cycle Routes through Winkfield Parish**’ is one of 4 documents that make up the Green Infrastructure and Landscape Topic Papers:

- **wnspg_green_infra_evidence:** The main evidence document which contains many maps and photos
- **wnspg_green_infra_assessment_local_green_space:** Supplement A: Assessment of Local Green Space in Winkfield Parish
- **wnspg_green_infra_cycle_route_proposals:** Supplement B: Proposed Cycle Routes through Winkfield Parish
- **wnspg_green_infra_summary:** Winkfield NP Green Infrastructure and Landscape Summary Document

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2.Introduction

This document is a Supplement to a topic paper that will provide evidence to support the policy approach being taken in the Winkfield Neighbourhood Plan with regard to the natural environment.

2.1. NPPF Paragraph 35

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/6077/2116950.pdf

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the Government's planning policies for England and how these are to be applied. The NPPF is the major policy framework that influences the BFC Core Strategy. Greg Clark MP (Minister for Planning) included the following statement in his introduction to the NPPF.

"Development that is sustainable should go ahead, without delay – a presumption in favour of sustainable development that is the basis for every plan, and every decision. This framework sets out clearly what could make a proposed plan or development unsustainable." Multiple exceptions to the above-described presumption include NPPF Paragraph 35 which states *"Plans should protect and exploit opportunities for the use of sustainable transport modes for the movement of goods or people. Therefore developments should be located and designed where practical to*

- *Accommodate the efficient delivery of goods and supplies*
- *Give priority to pedestrian and cycle movements, and have high quality public transport facilities*
- *Create safe and secure layouts which minimise conflicts between traffic and cyclists or pedestrians, avoiding street clutter and where appropriate establishing home zones*
- *Incorporate facilities for charging plug-in and other ultra-low emission vehicles*
- *Consider the needs of people with disabilities by all modes of transport"*

This document provides opportunities to bring BFC back in line with NPPF Paragraph 35.

2.2. Sustrans



Figure 1 Sustrans Greener Greenways

Sustrans has begun a large-scale project to survey, protect and enhance biodiversity along some of the traffic-free sections of the National Cycle Network. Properly managed Cycle Greenways shelter wildlife, transpire oxygen, sequester carbon and pollutants, and add grace and tranquillity to the landscape. We suggest that this is an opportunity for the Crown Estates, RBWM and BFC to comply with NPPF Paragraph 35, by supporting Sustrans, protecting wildlife in Thames Basin Heaths and promoting Cycle Greenways.

Cycleways and Walkways provide safe off-road pedestrian paths and cycle routes for young and old. On-road cycling is too dangerous for many people. Additional safe off-road cycle routes would encourage people to use this healthier means of transport, thereby ameliorating the gridlock traffic congestion already harming our health twice daily in Forest Road, Winkfield Road, Windsor Road and London Road. We live in a car-dominated culture which must change for the sake of our children's health.

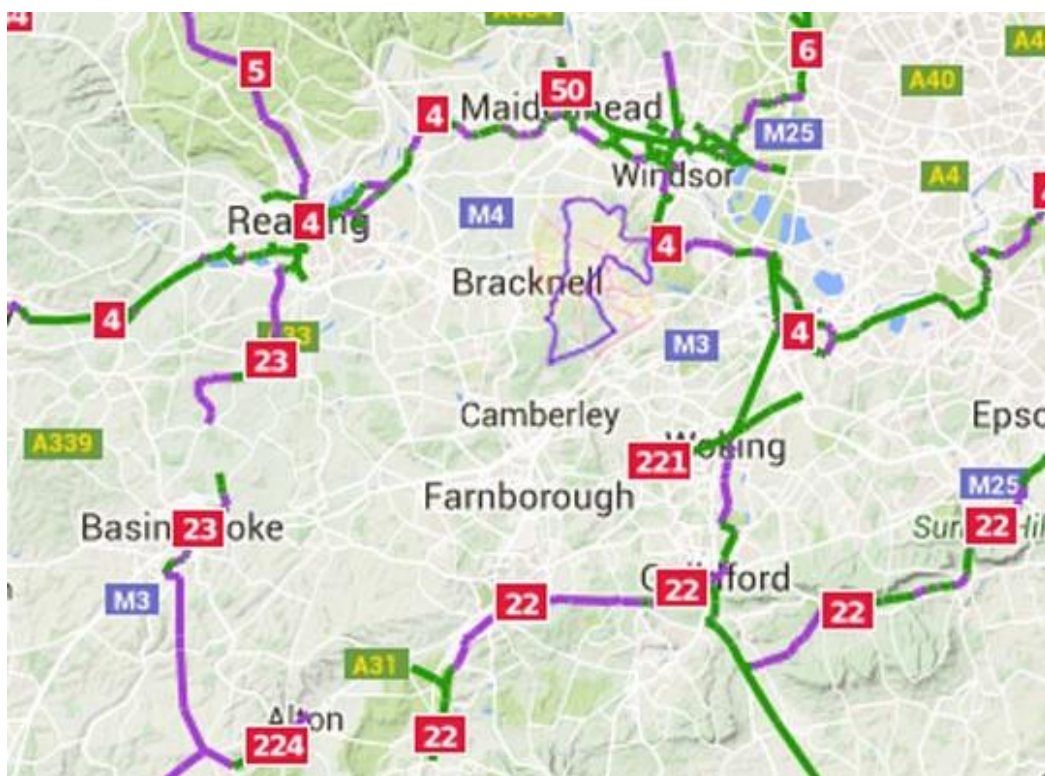


Figure 2 NCRs around Winkfield Neighbourhood

Sustrans has developed the National Cycle Network. Despite close proximity, there is no Safe Cycle Route to connect to National Cycle Route 4 from Woodside Village.

2.3. Winkfield Parish's Isolation from Bracknell and Windsor

BFC has done an excellent job making it safe for people to cycle off-road in areas surrounding Bracknell Town, but there is a shortage of

- safe cycle routes from Ascot to Bracknell
- safe cycle routes from Ascot to Windsor

2.4. Winkfield Parish Disconnected from NCR4

To comply with NPPF Paragraph 35, Winkfield Neighbourhood needs Safe Cycle Routes to connect to National Cycle Route 4.

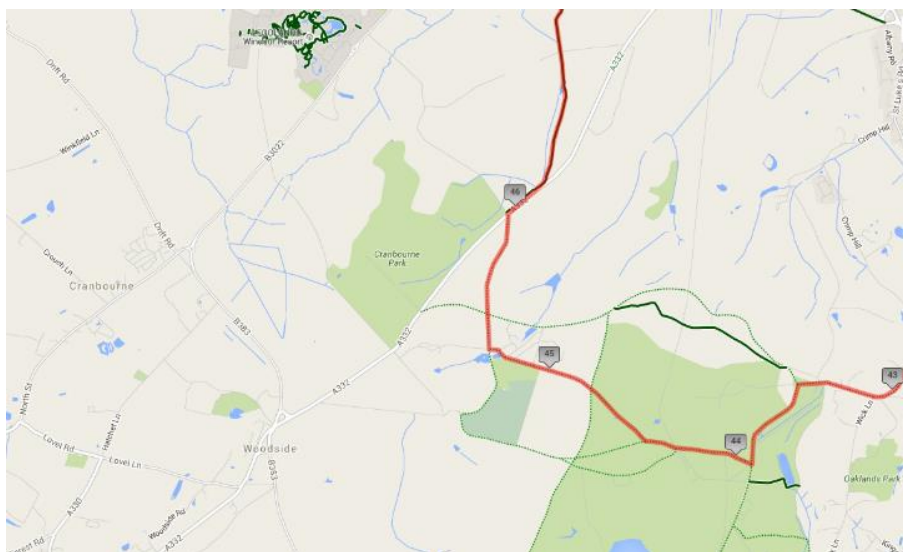


Figure 3 Winkfield's isolation from NCR4

Bicycle accidents have happened near the Woodside Peanut Roundabout which is unsafe for most cyclists, thereby isolating Ascot from Windsor. Windsor ABC has ascertained that there is no safe commutable cycle route from Ascot to Windsor. The above map shows National Cycle Route 4 (in red) from A328 in the east, heading north towards Windsor, with a safe crossing (Rangers Gate closed at night) over Sheet Street Rd (B332).

2.5. Cycleways Needed from Bracknell to Ascot

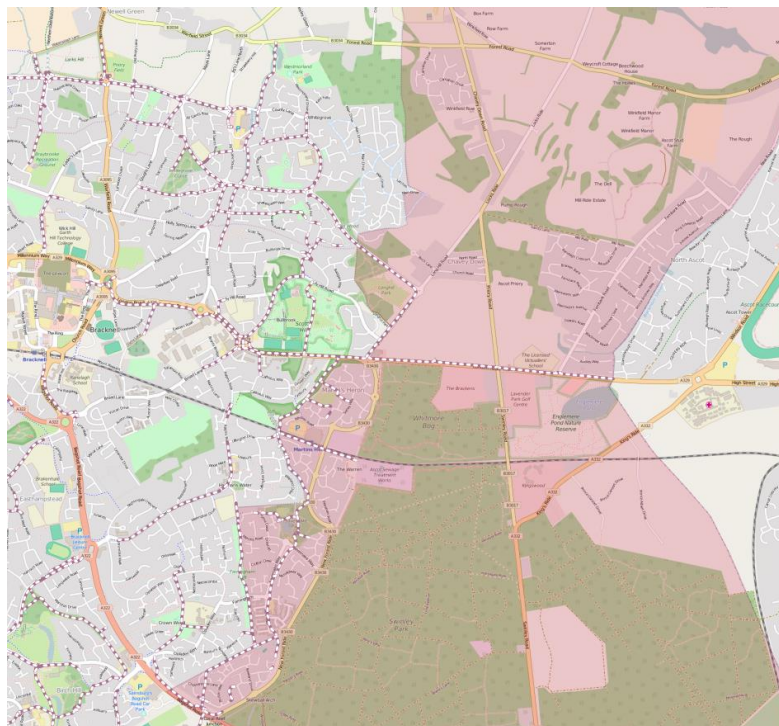


Figure 4 Cycleways East of Bracknell

The above map (Figure 4 Cycleways East of Bracknell) shows that Warfield Park and Forest Park are well served by combined Cycleways/Walkways connecting to Bracknell Town, but Winkfield Parish is not well served. There are plenty of combined Cycleways/Walkways west of Martin's Heron and Chavey Down. To the east of Martin's Heron there is only one Cycleway/Walkway, which continues along the A329 London Road to Ascot. There are no combined Cycleways/Walkways east of Martin's Heron to the South or North of the A329.

2.6. Cycle Routes Needed for Commuting to Windsor

In May 2016 RBWM's new mayor confirmed that there will never be a safe commutable cycle route through Windsor Great Park. Alternative routes are therefore included in this document.

2.7. CIL Cycleway Projects Neglect Winkfield Parish

CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) is a system of funding infrastructure through planning charges that BFC can ask developers to pay for most new building projects. The money can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure improvement projects, including Education, Libraries, Sports, SANGS, Transport, Footpaths and Cycleways. BFC have identified 26 CIL-funded footpath/cycleway projects in Bracknell Forest, but only 2 of these are in Winkfield Parish (the largest of all the parishes).

3. Proposed Safe Cycle Routes

So that BFC can comply with NPPF Paragraph 35, we suggest that the following safe cycle routes are developed to safely link Bracknell to Windsor via Ascot. Each Proposed Cycle Route has a reference (WNP.PCR.01 and WNP.PCR.03) used in the Policies Section of the main evidence document (wnspg_green_infra_evidence).

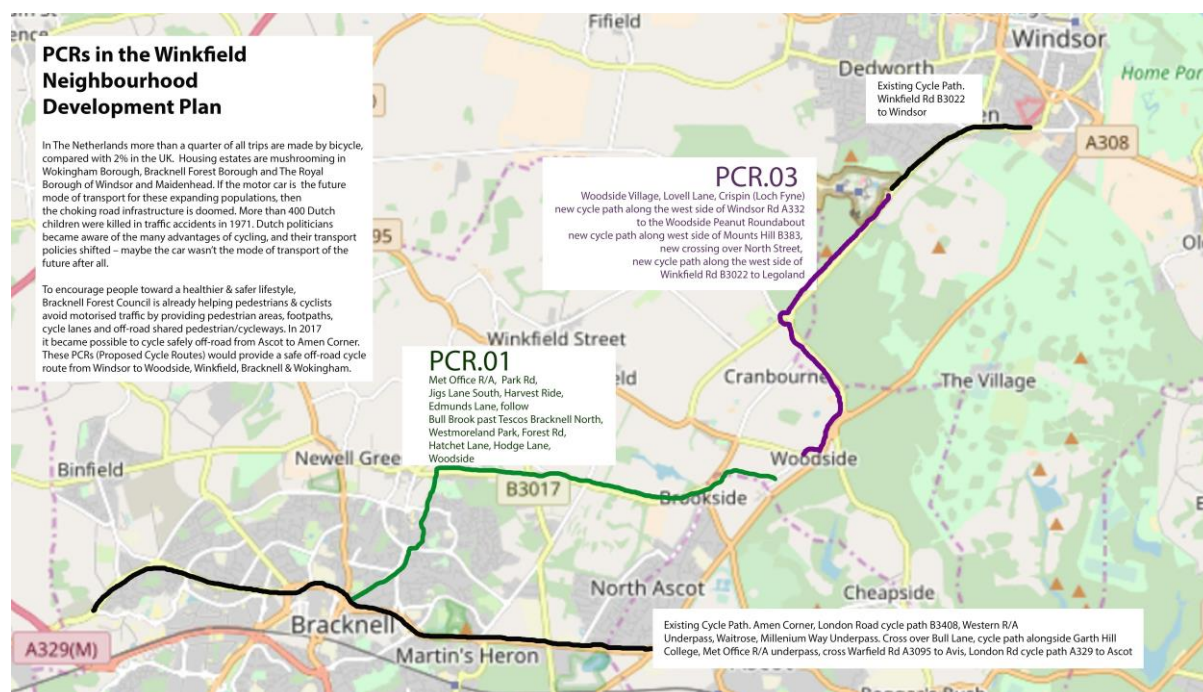


Figure 5 Proposed Safe Cycle Routes from Wokingham to Windsor

3.1. WNP.PCR.01: Met Office R/A, Forest Rd, Woodside

This route will need additional Cycleways along Forest Road

- Met Office Roundabout, Park Road, Jigs Lane South
- Right onto Harvest Ride and left onto Edmunds Lane
- Follow Bull Brook past Tesco Bracknell North and Westmoreland Park
- Right onto Forest Road
- New Cycleway/Walkway needed from Westmoreland Park along Forest Road
- Extend existing combined Cycleway/Walkway along Forest Rd to Hatchet Lane
- Left into Hatchet Lane and right into Hodge Lane Bridleway/Cycle Path
- Woodside Village

3.2. WNP.PCR.03: Woodside to Legoland, Windsor

This route will need additional Cycleways along Windsor Rd A332, Mounts Hill B383 and Winkfield Rd B3022

- Woodside Village
- Lovell Lane
- Crispin (Loch Fyne)
- PURPLE route in below map: From Lovell Lane along the west side of Windsor Rd A332 to the Woodside Peanut Roundabout
- RED route in below map: Along the west side of Mounts Hill B383, crossing over North Street, along the west side of Winkfield Rd B3022 to Legoland

4. Links to other Cycle Maps

| ROUTE | MAP |
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| Blue Cycle Route: Coral Reef to Lily Hill Park | http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/blue-route-cycle-map.pdf |
| Red Cycle Route: The Look Out Discovery Centre and Coral Reef Waterworld to Bracknell town centre | http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/red-route-cycle-map.pdf |
| Yellow Cycle Route: Bracknell town centre via Wildridings, Great Hollands and Hanworth to South Hill Park | http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/yellow-route-cycleway-map.pdf |
| Green Cycle Route: Bracknell to Ascot | http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/green-route-map.pdf |