

# Cycle Route 403 Cross Council Working Group

## Terms of Reference

### 1. Introduction

The Cycle Route 403 Cross Council Working Group was established by the Calne Area Transport Group (now the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group), at the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

### 2. Membership

The Working Group has been set up with representation from town and parish councils along Route 403 between Chippenham and Avebury, with the option to include representatives from interested community groups.

The current membership is as follows:

Calne Town Council	Rob MacNaughton & Rob Mercer
Calne Without Parish Council	John Barnes & Doug Price
Bremhill Parish Council	Isabel McCord
Cherhill Parish Council	Martin Purslow
Chippenham Town Council	<i>to be advised</i>
Avebury Parish Council	<i>to be advised</i>

Additional community representatives are:

Sustainable Calne	Celia Stevens
Sustrans	Max Longley
Chippenham Cycle Network Development Group	Nick Murry

### 3. Aims and Objectives

The Working Group has been set up with the following aims and objectives.

#### 3.1 Aims

To preserve and enhance the 403 Sustrans Route between Chippenham and Avebury as a multi-user route for active travel and leisure, well-being and commuting purposes, and to promote its use to, and care by, the local community.

#### 3.2 Objectives

- (a) Secure a long-term future for Cycle Route 403 by:
- Establishing a comprehensive record of land ownership, leases and rights of way.
  - Seeking improvements to lease arrangements.
  - Promoting additional designations (such as designation as a commuter route).
  - Working with Wiltshire Council, landowners and other stakeholders.

(b) Improve Route 403 for cyclists by:

- Re-aligning the route where better alternatives exist.
- Improving the surface of the track to encourage use and remove barriers to commuting.
- Improving maintenance along parts of the route.

(c) Improve signage along the route to:

- Provide clarity to new users along the route.
- Manage the competing interests of cyclists and walkers, reminding users to show consideration and courtesy to each other.

(d) Encourage more people to make use of the route by:

- Promoting the use of the cycle route for both leisure and commuting.
- Removing barriers to the use of the route by users of wheelchairs and mobility scooters.
- Enhancing the route with additional furniture such as benches and bins.
- Improving connections onto the route, such as stiles and kissing gates.
- Providing information boards.
- Considering opportunities for the provision of cycle hire facilities.
- Seeking redress to specific issues, such as litter through the Lower Compton landfill site.
- Promoting the linkage between Chippenham and Calne with the World Heritage site at Avebury and the Great West Way.

#### 4. Timescales

The Working Group shall remain in existence until such time as either the Group or the Calne Area LHFIF consider that its aims and objectives have been completed. The continuing existence of the Working Group and its Terms of Reference shall be reviewed on an annual basis.

#### 5. Reporting

The Working Group shall submit regular reports as required to the Calne Area Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIF).