Current cycle infrastructure issues in Swansea County

This document lists works awaiting implementation. They are mainly minor and are not in any order of priority. It is suggested that they be fitted in with existing work schedules as and when they can be. The items below are listed geographically from west to east.

1. NCR 4: Western approach to Loughor Bridge. (GR 563980)

Reroute NCR 4 from the east to the west side of Castle Street (A4240) and move the crossing to where the cycle path joins Castle Street. Details of the recommended changes are contained in the report "Review of NCR4 crossing at E. end of Loughor Bridge" downloadable from www.wheelrights.org.uk/loughorNCR4rev.pdf on the 'Infrastructure' page of Wheelrights website. The report covers a site visit on 1 Dec. 2011.

The reason for these changes is that the existing route is unsafe and should be deemed unacceptable in a cycling audit.

2. NCR 4: Crossing of Sterry Road and Gowerton Bypass. (GR 592723)

Alter the existing route to make use of the Toucans across both Sterry Road and the Bypass. Photo 1 is looking NW across Sterry Road and shows the crossing. The Bypass crossing is behind the red light. Apart from signing the only work needed is to provide a dropped kerb in the foreground of the picture. The barrier would remain. It serves to stop cyclists speeding across the junction.

This alteration would remove the need for cyclists to use a short section of the B4295. (Off the picture to the right.)



3. Advance Stop Lines

Junctions identified by *Wheelrights* as candidates for ASLs are shown on the 'Infrastructure' page downloadable file "Advance Stop Lines" (www.wheelrights.org.uk/SwanASLs.pdf). It has been suggested that the Gwydyr Crescent crossing (Bottom left on the drawing.) be given priority.

4. Morfa Distributor Road

Having seen preliminary plans for this road at the 1 Dec. 2015 CAP we are concerned about the apparent lack of continuity/right of way across minor junctions. If these crossings do not already conform to Active Travel Act Guidance notes we request that the plans be altered so that they do.

The relevant sections are DE016, DE025 and DE026. DE016 applies to cycle lanes as opposed to cycle paths, so if the route is not a lane then the carriageway would need to be widened over short distances to enable the path to become a cycle lane on the approaches to the junction. DE025 would be a satisfactory alternative but it does require more land. Finally DE026 provides a direct line for cyclists across the junction but does require them to give way.

5. Clydach: NCR 43 crossing. (GR 610014)

This crossing (Photo 2) is below standard. It needs upgrading to make it safe for cyclists and pedestrians. The Active Travel Act Guidance notes DE043, DE044 or DE045 apply. A zebra crossing adapted to include cyclists (DE043) may be the most suitable.

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