

Recommendations for permanent signs NCN 4 from Loughor Bridge to Blackpill

Introduction

This report is a revision of the Signing Audit prepared by David Naylor in Oct. 2010. It incorporates comments on the Audit from Fraser Arnot (by email to Rob Wachowski and DN on 28 July 2011) and at a meeting of AF, DN & RW on 3 Nov. 2011. As discussed in this meeting the suggested infrastructure changes have been put in a separate report (*Recommendations for infrastructure changes*) so that this one only covers the signing.

The purpose of the report is to indicate the location and content of permanent signs to be put up by CCS. They mostly replace *Sustrans* stick-on signs.

It is one of three covering Swansea County. The other two cover NCN 4 east of Blackpill, and NCN 43 from the coast northwards.

Destination distances in miles are in []. This assumes that a proposal that times rather than distances be shown is not adopted. (The views of *Wheelrights* members and *Sustrans* supporters on this are being sought.)

1. Loughor Bridge (GR 562980)

1a: at east end of the bridge north side shared path.

1b: crossing of A4240

1c: View NE from crossing.

Comment.

The “Cyclists Dismount” signs are a distraction as it is not necessary to dismount. See Nov. 2011 Infrastructure report for proposed new alignment here

Recommendations.

Remove “Cyclists Dismount” signs (1a and 1c). Replace the two signs at 1c by destination signs to Llanelli [7] and Gowerton [2½] respectively. Their location needs to be reviewed if the route is realigned..

2. Station Road junction (GR 563980)

If the recommended crossing is adopted here the signing and road markings will need changing.



3. Park/Bwrw Rd junction (GR 567979)

Turn the sign to *not* point up Bwrw Rd.

4. Bwrw/Culfor Rd junction (GR 568981)

Remove these redundant signs.



5. End of new section (GR 572977).
Fingerpost destination signs are suggested here: pointing west to Loughor Bridge [1] and south to Gowerton [1½].



6. By Afon Lliw Bridge (GR 578971)
N. end of Pont y Cob Road.

Recommendation.

Replace signs by destination signs pointing to Llanelli [8], Gowerton [1] and Gorseinon [1].



7. S. end Pont y Cob Road (GR 581966)

7a: on NW (Penclawdd) side of junction.

7b: on NE (Gowerton) side of junction.



Recommendation.

Replace signs 7a by destination signs pointing to Penclawdd [2½], Llanelli [8½] and Loughor Bridge [2*] and 7b by destination signs pointing to Gowerton [½] and Swansea Bay [5½].

8. Mill St crossing, Gowerton (GR 589966)

The stick-ons are destination signs: the upper pointing to Loughor Bridge [2½] and Llanelli (9); the lower to Gorseinon [1½].

Recommendation.

Put this information on fingerpost signs.



9. Toucan crossings by Commercial (GR 592963)

9a is looking SE towards the Commercial; 9b is looking NE across the Toucan, Commercial on right; 9c is a detail of the signs on the left in 9b viewed from the Commercial. 9d is looking NW across the Sterry Road Toucan. (9b is taken from its far side.) 9e (over page), taken from near 9d, is looking across the B4295.

Recommendation.

Remove "Cyclists Dismount" sign (9a) and mark this crossing continuous across the car park entrance (eg as a red strip). 9b & c signs are OK. If the recommendation to take Route 4 across Sterry Road is accepted the left fingerpost (9e) will need turning slightly to point towards Sterry Road.



* Corrected from the previous value of 2½ miles.



10. Woodlands (GR 593961)

This confirmation sign (10) indicates the route follows Woodlands.

Recommendation.

Replace stick-on sign with permanent “4”. Remove a spurious fingerpost off picture to right.

11. Oakwood Drive/Clyne path (GR 595956)

The lamp post, which has a stick-on pointing to the right, is not well placed so the sign is easily missed. The painted signs on the road are key. These have recently been repainted so are OK.

Recommendation.

Remove the stick-on sign.



12. Clyne Valley path: north from Dunvant.

(No photos)

Stick-ons in two places confirm the route.

Recommendation.

None: signs OK.

13. Dunvant (GR 595939)

The Millennium milepost (13a) has recently been painted (by a local ranger) and serves its purpose well.

The sign showing the way to NCN 4 (13b) was a makeshift effort and is grotty.

Recommendation.

Replace sign 13b.

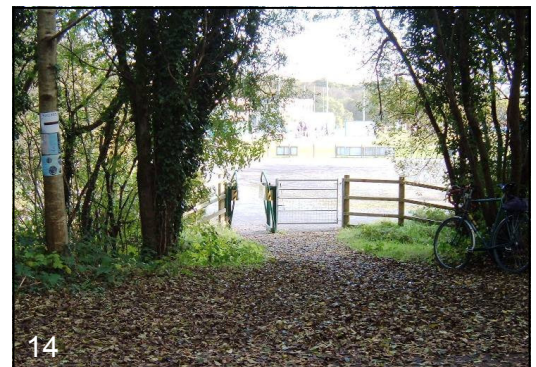


14, Dunvant RFC (GR 596926)

Link to the RFC.

Recommendation.

Provide sign “Dunvant RFC” The tree with existing sign (on left in photo) would be a suitable location.



15. Killay (GR 592931)

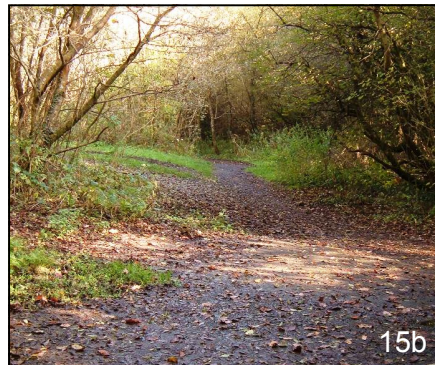
15a: sign on tree points north up path. It is immediately to the left of 15b

15b: link to Woodcote.

Recommendation.

Provide sign to Killay [1]. (The widening and surfacing of the link to Woodcote is recommended in the Infrastructure report.)

Replace sign 15a.



16. Railway Inn (GR 598924)

16a is on the A4118 by the Railway Inn turn off. It is a "this way to" sign.

16b points to and shows distances to Swansea Bay [2] and Mumbles [4].

Recommendation.

Replace both 16a and 16b with fingerpost signs. (Include the distances on 16b.)



17. Blackpill. (GR 619908)

The stick-ons are on NE side of the path on the land side of Toucan.

Recommendation.

Replace stick-ons by fingerpost signs with distances, ie Mumbles [2], City Centre [3], Gowerton [5].



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