

Recommendations for permanent signs

NCN 4 from Blackpill to Swansea County E. boundary

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.

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 from the Loughor Bridge to 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. Blackpill (S. side) (GR 620908)

1a: is a useful sign but destinations repeated on nearby finger post 1b.

1c: Y junction approaching Blackpill from Swansea. Note: distances to Gowerton [5] and Llanelli [14] are repeated on 1a & 1b. The former is also repeated on N. side of crossing.

Recommendation

Replace 1a and 1c with permanent signs (Note: no destinations on 1c.) Query if destinations needed on 1a since already on 1b?) .

2. Sketty lane (GR 627915) No photo.

Important access to/from University.

Recommendation

Signs needed to show this. (None at present.)

3. Y junction west of Civic Centre (GR 648923)

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Photo 3a: looking east towards Civic Centre.

3b: looking west; other side of 3a.

Recommendation

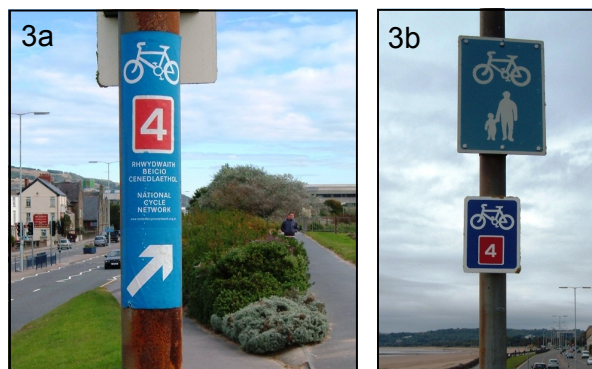
Replace both (3b because it is grotty).

4. Civic Centre (GR 652923)

There are arguably surplus signs (5) to the Civic Centre; just one to the café.

Recommendation

Consider removing surplus signs.



5. Marina (W. end) (GR 655923)

Recommendation

Provide arrow to divert cyclists to left.

6. Marina (further E.) (GR 656923)

Recommendation

Consider addition of sign to show NCN 4 does not go this way?

7. By observatory (GR 660923)

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This arrow now points the wrong way as the route goes straight on.,

Recommendation

Replace by fingerpost signs (to show route 4 goes both ways).



Observatory to Sail Bridge
All the signs on this old section will need removing (or replacing by signs to indicate permissive route for cyclists?) This includes the relatively new section between the Yacht Club and the Sail Bridge

8. Sail Bridge: west (GR 662929)

The Millennium sign on the left of 8a (behind the white shirted pedestrian) and the signs on the post 8b are now incorrect due to the relocation of Route 4 on the other side of the bridge.

Recommendation

Move the Millenium sign to the other side of the bridge and correct 8b, possibly just by removing "4" and "43". Consider a "This way to 4" sign to replace the Millenium sign



9. Sail Bridge: east (GR 663929)

Photo 9 shows the barrier installed in October 2011. Irrespective of if and when it is removed the stick-on sign on King's Rd in the background will need to be removed. Finger post signs near the end of the bridge (on a new post?) are needed to show that route 4 crosses here. An additional "City centre" sign pointing back across the bridge would also be appropriate..

Recommendation

Remove the sign on King's Rd and install these new ones. "4 east" and "4 west" is suggested for the two Route 4 signs. (Destination signs may be more appropriate at the start of NCR 43 and Trafalgar Bridge?)



10. King's Road/Fabian Way (GR 662932)

These three finger post signs are pointing in the right direction but the location of the post needs to be reviewed in the light of the new crossing arrangements. Additional signing may be necessary to make it clear that the way to Route 43 is from the island in the middle of this junction.

Recommendation

Move the post and/or add additional signing if necessary..

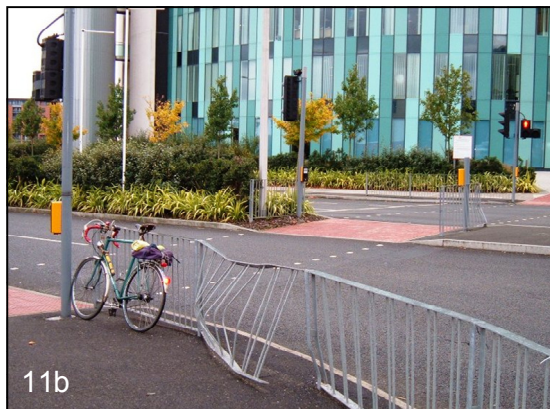


11 Fabian Way/Langdon Road link (GR 667932)

The fingerpost signs, 112a on the east and 11c on the west of the junction (11b), are easily missed.

Recommendation

Replaced them by a single pair on the post in the central reservation: the white post in 12b.



12. Bus Lane crossing (GR 663929)

12, taken in June 2010 when the bush completely obscured sight of an approaching bus, shows this crossing looking east. (The bush was pruned later.) Action to place warning signs and surface markings was recommended by CCS's Safety Officer following a site visit in April 2008 but this has not been implemented.

Recommendation

Provide the recommended signs and markings as a minimum. (Traffic lights would be better.)



13. Fabian Way P & R. (GR 679932)
Junction of path with Wern Fawr Road.

Recommendation:

None. Existing fingerpost signs OK

14 Wern Fawr Rd/Neath Rd
(GR 680932)

14a & b are on the same post; 14a points towards Fabian Way).

Recommendation

Replace these: stick-ons with finger posts.



15 Junction with Fabian Way (GR 680932)

15a: left turn off Neath Rd; 15b points to right turn on to Neath Rd.

Recommendation

Replace these: stick-ons with finger posts.

16 Turn to N. at County Boundary (GR 692932)

No photo. This is the turn-off leading to Elba Crescent.

Recommendation:

Fingerpost signs needed here.



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