

HOFF Access and Connectivity Strategy

1. The following **criteria** will be used in developing an access network :
 - a. Linking to strategic routes
 - b. Link villages to points of interest locally;
 - c. Make the most of the Cycle Centre;
 - d. Make the most of existing investment;
 - e. Link to existing amenities;
 - f. Routes that provide utilitarian access as well (e.g. to school, work and shop)
2. The following **strategic linkages** will, in the long term, be targeted for development:
 - a. To the North Cycle centre to Worthington
 - b. To the south to Measham and the Ashby Canal
 - c. West to Yoxall and the National Memorial Arboretum and Rosliston Forestry Centre; and
 - d. To the East to Ashby and Coalville.
3. The following **short term priorities** have been identified for development (These are shown on the map and are listed below in descending order of priority. The criteria listed in Para 1 that each scheme would help deliver are set out at the end of each scheme):
 - a. A connector for Hicks Lodge circuits to the Conkers Trail/Moira Furnace/Donisthorpe Woodland and the Ashby Wouds Heritage Trail. This connector would go through Newfield Colliery (now owned by Forestry Commission) and use the incline to connect to the Moira Furnace and the wider network. This route (currently a public footpath) is believed to be owned by Matthew Granger (It was part of Lot 1 when UK Coal disposed of its Hicks Lodge ownership)[bcde]
 - b. A connector for Shellbrook Woods to Ashby – timing would potentially depend on appropriate timing for enabling development. Need to speak to Planners to gauge this.[abcde]
 - c. A connector that would link southern end of Hicks Lodge/Oakthorpe Picnic Area/Willesley Woodland Trust site to the Ashby wouds heritage Trail and thereby provide circular route opportunities. Pastures lane is believed to be owned by Mr Redfern. [abcde]
 - d. A route between Conkers Trail and Rosliston Forestry centre. [abdef]
 - e. A route to link Rawdon Country Park/ Maybury Wood with Boothorpe and New Albion – this is somewhat longer term and will only be needed once New Albion is restored and Donington Island 2 is transferred to the NFCT. [de]
 - f. Consider crossings of A42 and links to Staunton Harold area at the next meeting. [ab]
 - g. Public Transport routes into the area, particularly from Burton Station – agreed that this is a freestanding priority
 - h. Promotion of on-road promoted routes listed below. [abcdef]

TITLE	PRODUCED BY	DATE	LENGTH	DESCRIPTION
1 Walking and Cycling in the Ashby Woulds	NWLDC	2001	6.5 mile walk	Conkers walk mostly on public footpaths and roads
2 The Horseshoe Trail	SDDC	2011	15 mile walk, cycle, ride	Foremark reservoir circuit on and off road
3 Cycle Guide 1 – Stately Homes	NWLDC	2000?	13 mile cycle (extension to Foremark 17 miles)	Worthington on road
4 Cycle Guide 12 – Frog and Cuckoo	NWLDC	2000?	19 miles cycle	Hermitage on road
5 Cycle Guide 3- The heritage Trail	NWLDC	2000?	13 miles cycle	Ashby de la Zouch on road
Cycle Guide 4 – Four Counties Ride	NWLDC	2000?	14 miles cycle	Appleby Magna on road
Cycle Guide 5 Discovery Lanes	NWLDC	2000?	14 miles cycle	Snibston Discovery park Cycle on road
Cycle Guide 6	NWLDC	2000?	24 miles (with 12, 17 and 21 mile options) cycle	lbstock on road
Cycle Guide 7 National forest trail	NWLDC	2000?	26 miles with 11, 18, 21 and 23 mile options	Conkers on road
Cycle Guide 8 Three Counties Ride	NWLDC	2000?	16 miles cycle	Appleby magna On road
Cycle Guide 9 Bricks and Teapots	NWLDC	2000?	21 miles	Measham On road
Cycle Guide 10 Abbeys and priories	NWLDC	2000?	32 miles (hilly)	Worthington On road

8 routes in S Derbyshire mix of existing and proposed	S Derbyshire	2011		Existing and proposed
National Memorial Arboretum to Catton Hall	Stuart Batchelor (route appears to be similar to S Derbyshire Greenway route)	2011		Route identification
S Derbyshire Greenways Strategy	Derbyshire County Council/SDDC	2006		Strategy for development of network
Cycling Map – Coalville area	Leics County council	2011		All routes gazetteer
Cycling Map Derbyshire	Derbyshire CC	2011		All routes gazetteer