

'An Audit to Assess Wendover's Provision for Off Road Cyclists and Recommendations for Improvements'

Cycling UK comments - we have just a few concerns that the whole area might become like Wendover Woods, which has its downsides, with over-use, litter, etc. But overall very supportive.

Specifics - p47 Clock Tower is a currently a meeting point for CUK riders. Coming back onto the road can be dangerous being so close to the busy roundabout. Some signage warning drivers of possible cyclists opposite the Menswear Shop could be a good idea.

p54 The Shoulder of Mutton. This has an excellent large garden with seating and will be on the Wendover Cycleway Scheme. Really worth pushing this for cyclists.

p52 It would be good to use the draw of visiting Chequers, not really mentioned, and include Buckmoorend Farm Shop as a coffee stop *en route*, i.e. add to the list of cafes.

Wendover Cycleway Scheme (WCS) - would be good to request that the ramp up to the station from Coombe Avenue is max 5%. This is the LTN standard (Cycle infrastructure design (LTN 1/20) and would benefit less experienced cyclists.

It would be good to extend the WCS to get to the High Street, via Dobbins Lane, or the commercial benefits mentioned. Is it too late to add to the consultation?

No mention of Halton Housing Redevelopment. Once the base has moved, next year (?), it would be good to open up access to McEween Road (currently RAF access only at the back of Halton House) so as to exit near The Forestry Commission office on the B4009. This avoids slowing all the traffic heading up to the Aston Hill Down Hill Trail using the direct route to/from the station

General comment - I know some less experienced off roaders prefer the flatter routes in the Vale. There could be an excellent alternative route that links Aylesbury - Marsh - Longwick - Phoenix Trail - Emmington - Sydenham - Aston Rowant - Ridgeway, all quiet lanes / off road. This is different to the Icknield Way Riders route which is pretty tough from Princes Risborough to Wendover, but that's probably outside the scope of the brief for Wendover.

Specific Outside Scope - p11 has a diagram "Propensity To Cycle - Census 2011". I have seen this used in the Aylesbury Garden Town project as well. It is very misleading with regard to the RADIAL ROUTES OUT OF AYLESBURY. I would be concerned if there was another version in the pipeline after this year's census. There should be some sense checking, or context setting, before use in council planning decisions. Ideally including cycling representation.

Main comment

Good work!"

Regards,

Richard