



VILLAGETRAVELNETWORK

This document sets out possible ideas for new connectivity between the villages of the VTN. Not all will be developed further, Where routes are within land managed by Blenheim Estates they may be conditional permissive routes subject to controls and conditions required by the estate.

Woodstock

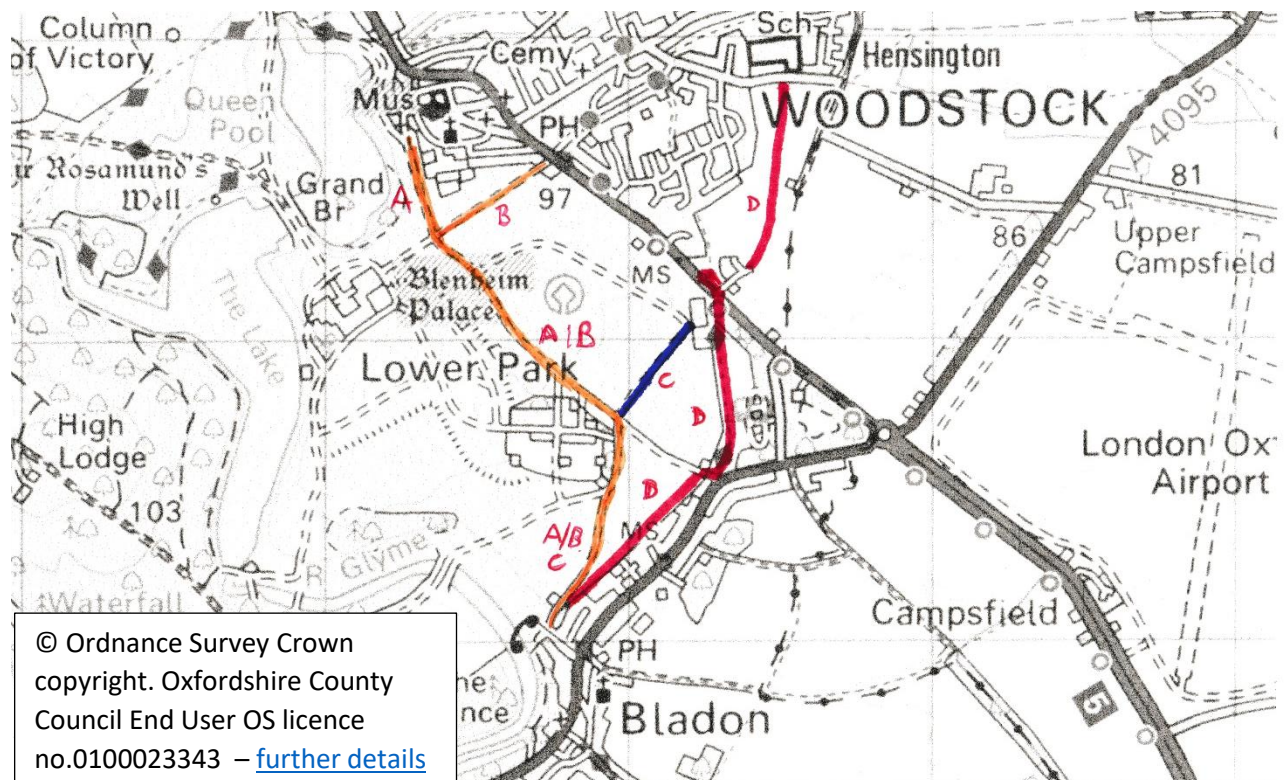
Proposal No 1 provides options for direct off-road connections for cyclists and pedestrians between the Town Centre, Woodstock schools and Bladon.

A - Existing tarmac road through the park linking Bladon Gate to Woodstock Town Gate. Much of it is shared with motor traffic but the road is wide and traffic is slow-moving. Access at both ends would be limited to pass-holders

B - As A but using the Hensington Gate

C - From Bladon Gate to the A44 crossing via the Cowyards. A more direct route than D but access around the Ridge & Partners offices could be problematic and could require a new breach in the listed Blenheim wall. Gates would require a pass.

D - Would require new path from Bladon Gate to Eagle Lodge and improved path and gates from Eagle Lodge to the A44 crossing. From A44 would use Park View roads or paths to the Marlborough School



Proposal No 2 provides options for the essential link onwards from Bladon to Hanborough Railway Station.



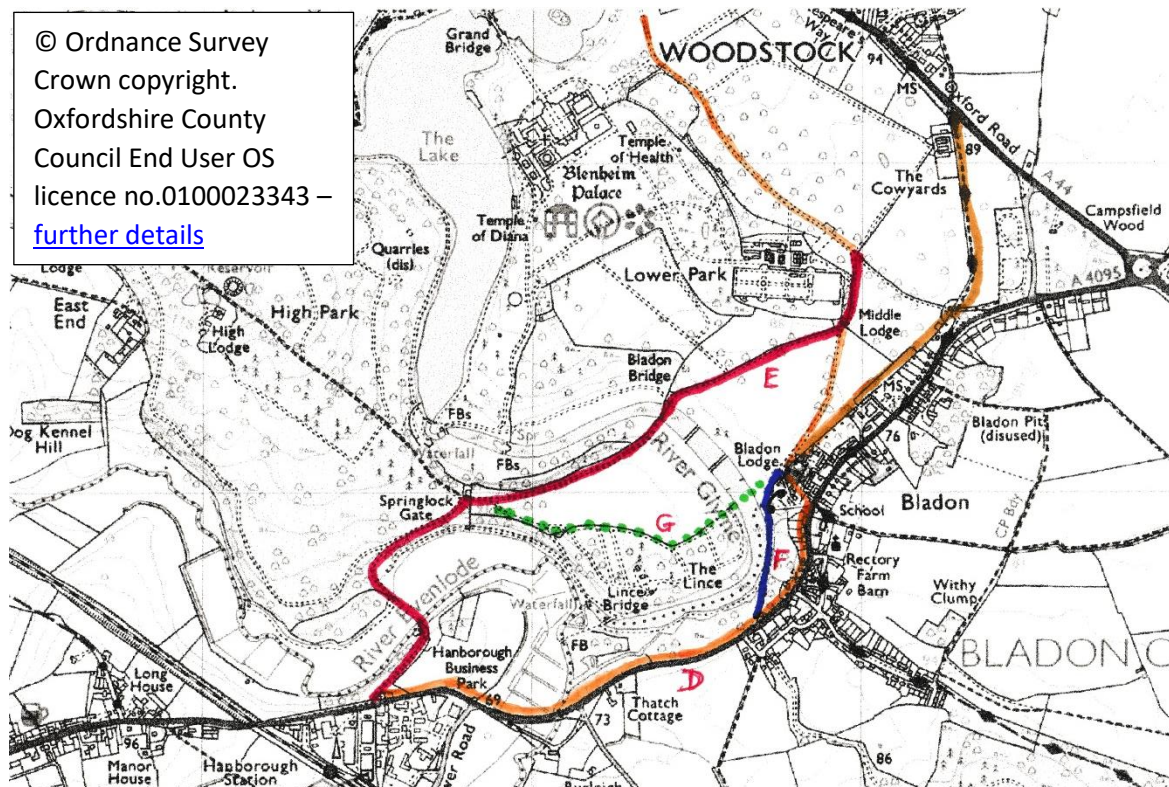
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D - From Woodstock to Bladon using previously suggested routes, then along a segregated cycle path along the A4095.

E - Using existing paths through Blenheim via Middle Lodge, Bladon Bridge, Springlock Gate and Hanborough Gate

F - Path from Bladon Gate via The Lince to the A4095 and segregated cycle track

G - A new cycle/walking bridge crossing the river near Bladon Gate linking to the track running north of The Lince to Springlock Gate, then Route E to Hanborough



Proposal No 3 provides options for the onward link to Combe and Stonesfield via Blenheim's High Lodge Gate (currently in use by Marlborough School pupils); to Blenheim's Ditchley Gate for access to Stonesfield, Charlbury and Wootton; and a segregated cycle track alongside the busy A44 for better access to Wootton village

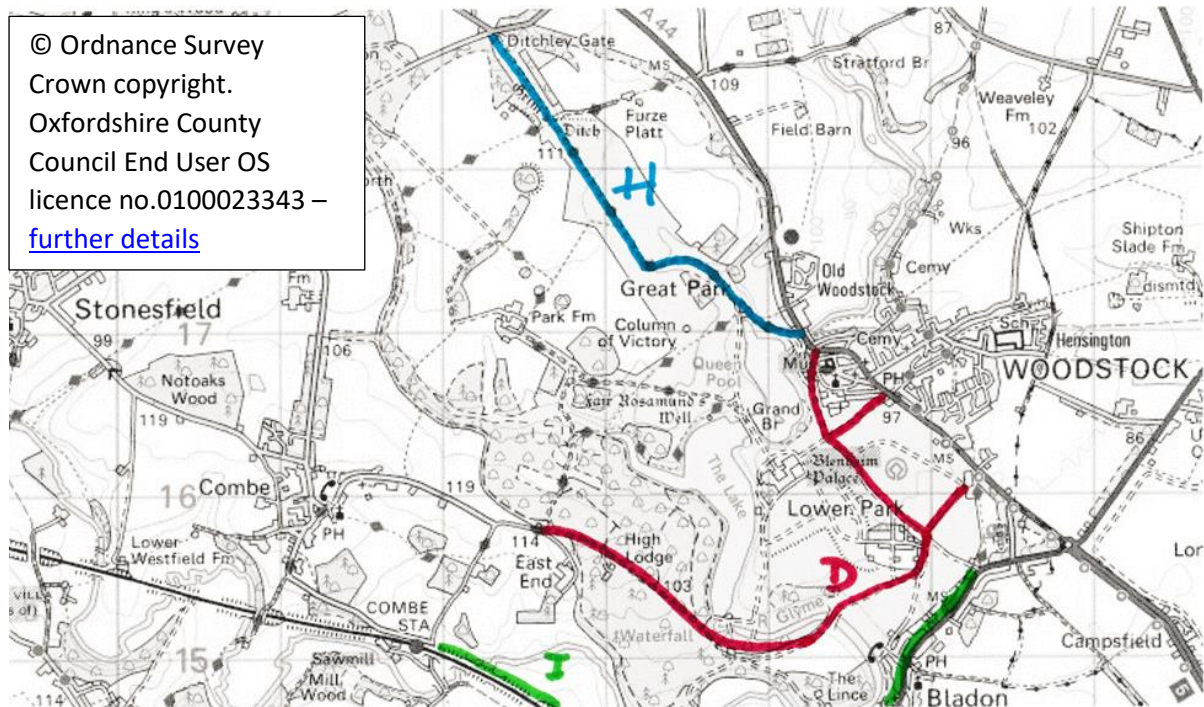
D - Continuation of previously outlined routes, along Blenheim roads via Springlock Gate and High Lodge to unclassified roads in Combe and Stonesfield

H - Extending existing bridleway from Mill House (95 Oxford Street) through Blenheim to Ditchley Gate

I - Segregated cyclepath alongside A44



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Wootton Village

Wootton's representatives on the VTN propose three options for linking Wootton village to Woodstock avoiding the busy A44.

The Blue Route

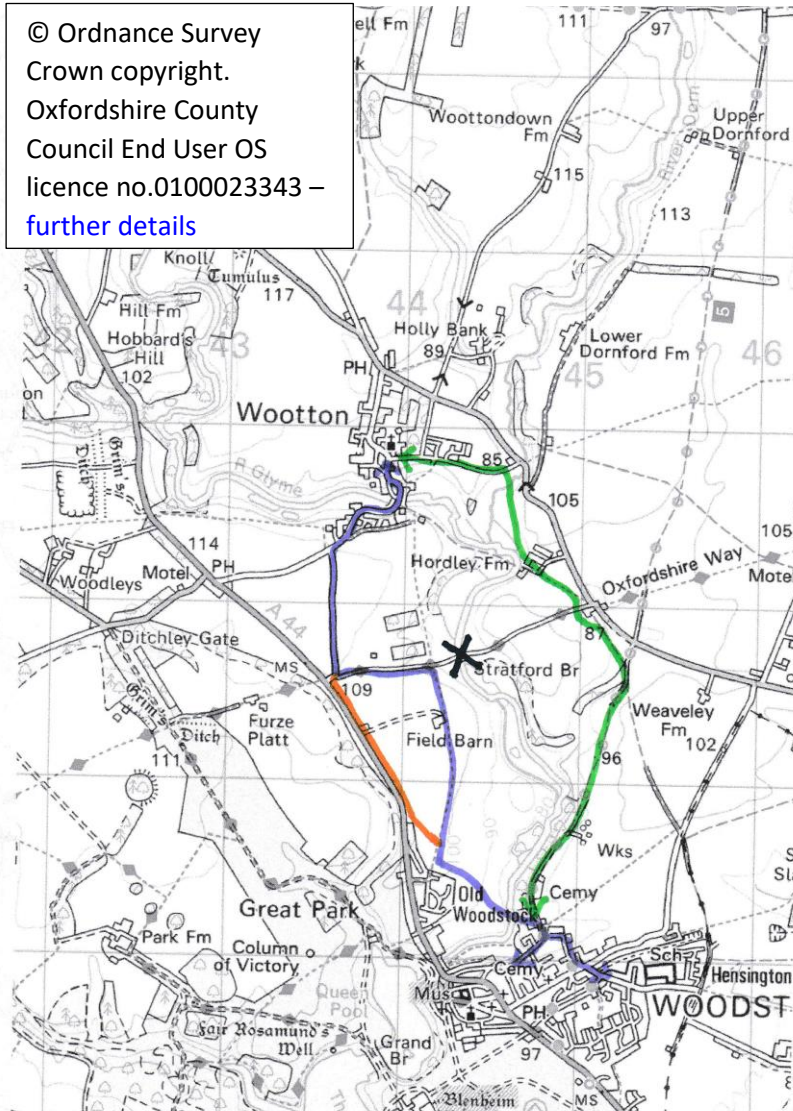
Parallel to A44, but using "Hollyhock" footpath, through new housing development, to Old Woodstock. But three challenges:

- 1) From centre of Wootton village – no obvious alternative to the steep narrow road out of the village (over bridge, through West End and up)
 - Then along road to Wootton Turn is good
- 2) From Wootton Turn down Stratford Lane to footpath / possible new cycle way – a narrow fast and busy rat run – would need cycle paths in adjoining fields? *When Ian Hudspeth was our Councillor he and I agreed that the best solution for Stratford Lane would be to close it to through traffic. It really is not necessary as a rat run. I believe this should be a real possibility particularly as the road doubles as the Oxfordshire Way.*
- 3) From Old Woodstock to Woodstock town centre/school – only route is A44 Past Black Prince, which is busy, steep and narrow.
 - a. Solution (marked X) offered by new Blenheim circular walk, "Old Woodstock Wood" and new river crossing to Woodstock end of National Cycle Route 5. *I think an off-road route between Old Woodstock and Green Lane, Woodstock is likely to happen once Blenheim get their planning consent for the Hill Rise development.*



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The Green Route

This is an ambitious but very interesting route – it will take some professional design detailing

More ambitious – could deliver traffic-free route all the way from Wootton to Woodstock

- 1) Cycle Path from Milford Lane across Wootton Conservation Trust land to link to the new bridge across the Dorn
- 2) New bridge across the Dorn
- 3) Bridge links into new Blenheim woodland “Hordley Forest School” – with an off-road cycle path that could be graded relatively gently to climb out of the valley
- 4) Hordley to Drama School
 - a. Either use existing footpath across the field (but conflict with farming)
 - b. Or develop edge of field cycle path

5) B4027 past Drama School is very narrow – develop edge of field cycle path around back for Drama School, and link to National Cycle Route 5

6) Follow National Cycle Route 5 into Woodstock – no work required.

Also shown as an additional route (i.e. not intended as a replacement for either the blue or green route) is an orange route as a segregated cycle route alongside the busy A44 and then linking into the blue route through the proposed Hill Rise development and towards the town centre and schools.

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Bladon – to follow

Hanborough – to follow

Combe – to follow

Stonesfield – to follow

Glympton – to follow