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Subject: FW: Planning Application 182314 Southern Link Road

Hi Kelly

Please find below with a map attached, a response to Mr Wride's comments.

The proposed haul route being considered allows Southern Link Road (SLR) haulage vehicles and construction traffic exclusive use of the bridge under the railway to service construction sites either side of the line. If progressed, we would need to block off the eastern section of Merryhill Lane between the end of the Great Western Way (GWW) / National Cycle Network (NCN) route 46 and Grafton Lane. This is largely to provide access between the sections of the road either side on the railway line, for example spoil excavated on the western side will be used to build the embankment for the bridge over Grafton Lane on the eastern side. Although Grafton Lane itself is not affected by the haul road, we will also need to close Grafton Lane to allow construction of the bridge across it.

Currently NCN46 uses Merryhill Lane east to Grafton Lane via Portway to Knockerhill Lane where the route offers two options. An on-road route turns right onto Haywood Lane then left toward Tram Inn and on to Kivernoll. The alternative route, more suitable for off-road cycles, uses a farm track through the Duchy's Dewsall Estate through to Kivernoll.

To allow continued use of the National Cycle Network route 46 we are proposing to temporarily divert NCN46 west up Merryhill Lane to Haywood Lane to rejoin the NCN near the point where the two options divide. The diversion is of a comparable length (60m difference) to the existing section of NCN46 and in bringing the western section Merryhill Lane up to a cycleable standard while still deterring its use by motor vehicles, results in option that will remain available after the SLR construction is complete.

Traffic joining the Great Western Way from the A49 south of Hereford will be able to join the diverted NCN via Callow village

We are also aware that GWW is popular as part of a recreational loop route from the city and propose to sign an alternative 5 mile loop via Haywood Lane and the Haywood Country Park. Cyclists can rejoin the GWW via either Waterfield Road or Treago Grove depending on cyclists' ultimate destination. This will also continue to be available after the SLR is constructed and with the existing five mile loop we currently promote should open up a few more attractive route options for leisure cycling particularly as other traffic currently using these lanes transfers to the SLR.

Kind regards

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For the attention Of Kelly Gibbons,

Many thanks for the notification of the amended plans for the above.

However I'm still trying to decipher whether or not it will be possible to use the cycle track to access Grafton Lane? There will be a temporary re-routing of the cycle track to allow access to Merryhill Lane going westward but its not clear as to what is occurring if you wish to go eastward to Grafton Lane.

Should it be closed off whilst the 'Haul Road' is constructed that would be a fairly short time and acceptable but if it has to be closed while the whole of the new road is constructed then I feel that this would be far too greater length of time to be without this very useful cycling route.

If you could please allay my fears I would be most grateful.

Regards,

John Wride

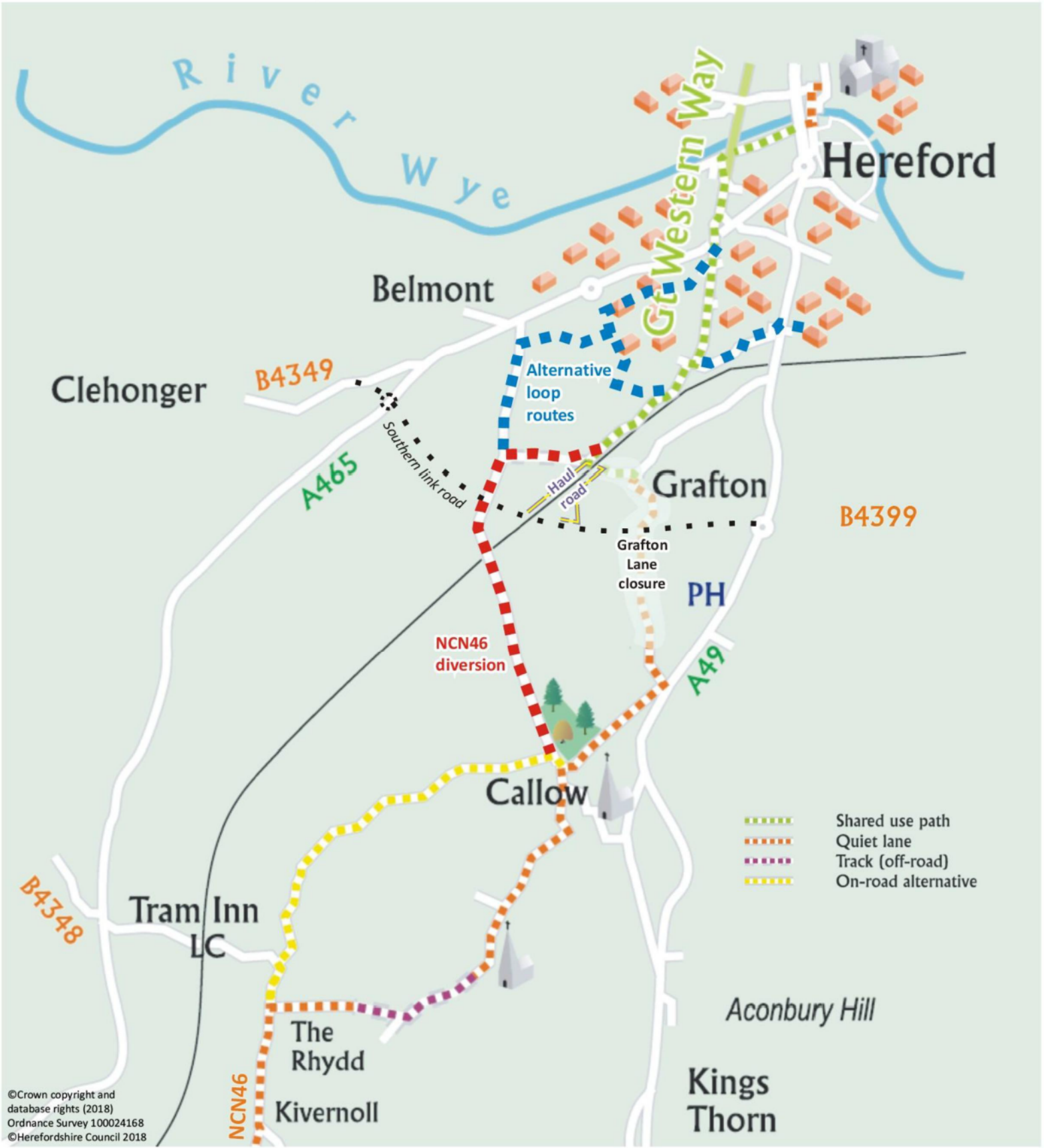
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Haul road diversion to National Cycle Network and loop rides



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