

Appendix L: Greenways and Countryside Sites

1. HS2 - Existing and Proposed Greenway Crossings and potential opportunities

The following notes identify the crossing points on the currently proposed alignment of the HS2 railway for both the existing and proposed multi-user routes and cycle-ways (Greenways) in Derbyshire. To maximise access opportunities to places of employment, education, commerce and countryside, it is essential that those Greenways already established are protected and that consideration is given to those proposed to enhance this network.

Note:

1. This is not a 'definitive' list and other proposed routes may be identified as opportunities arise, however it identifies the locations that we would seek to work closely with HS2 on to avoid any conflicts or unintended severing of proposed Greenways corridors. There is a significant opportunity to improve and create new links within the wider corridor of the HS2 line. It is essential that the HS2 line does not create another physical barrier but accommodates the routes listed below, maximising the potential for further route provision.

2. The grid references show the exact location in relation to built routes but may be either exact or approximate locations for the proposed new Greenways connections. The 'proposed' Greenways corridors may alter their alignment due to changing opportunities but where identified as such the purpose and connection will be described in the comments box. The Greenways Corridors relate to the adopted East Derbyshire Greenways Strategy, Derbyshire County Council (DCC) 1998.

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Existing & Proposed Greenway Routes

North East Derbyshire District					
Grid Reference	Name of Greenway	Existing/ Proposed/Both	Location	Ownership/Status	Comments
SK 4485 8125	Halfway link	Existing	Killamarsh – county boundary		Built 2012 through Connect2 Sustrans/Dft funding, part of a wider project to create cycling links between Sheffield, Rotherham and Derbyshire.
SK 4479 8092	Trans Pennine Trail & NCN67	Existing	Killamarsh	DCC owned countryside site	HS2 route crosses this route at the connection of the Killamarsh Greenway, Killamarsh public footpaths 6, 17 and 75. The Killamarsh Greenway at this point follows the alignment of the Chesterfield Canal.
SK 4463 8012	Trans Pennine Trail & NCN 67	Existing and Proposed crossroads and connection	Eckington	DCC owned countryside site	HS2 crosses within the corridor of the TPT but also public footpath Killamarsh 7 which is a proposed greenway to form a valuable community connection across the trail between Westhorpe and Eckington
SK 4461 8001	Trans Pennine Trail & NCN 67	Existing	Eckington	DCC owned countryside site	HS2 line may affect a significant section of the trail at this point.
SK 4459 7991	Trans Pennine Trail connection	Proposed	Boiley Lane, Westhorpe	Farm accommodation track leads to	Important proposed connection from community of Westhorpe to both Chesterfield Canal Towpath and Trans Pennine Trail
SK 4435 7781	Trans Pennine Trail & NCN 67	Existing	Clinker Wood Renishaw	DCC owned countryside site	

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Chesterfield Borough					
Grid Reference	Name of Greenway	Existing/ Proposed/Both	Location	Ownership/Status	Comments
SK 4450 7581	Chesterfield Canal Greenway	Proposed	Staveley / Norbriggs	Footpath Staveley 71	Proposed Chesterfield Canal and Greenway corridor between Staveley and Norbriggs
SK 4499 7325	Markham Vale	Proposed	Poolsbrook / Markham Vale		Within this vicinity it is vital that a connection is made from Poolsbrook Country Park to the Clowne Branch Line (a proposed Greenway to Creswell and the Archaeological Way), and the Markham Vale Business Park. This location has been identified as a possible connecting route.
SK 4510 7271	Markham Vale	Existing	Markham Vale		The HS2 alignment may run within 60m of a recently built cycle route to connect residents from Chesterfield to the Markham Vale Business Park.
SK 4524 7140	Markham Vale	Proposed	Markham Vale/ Bolsover		Further proposed greenway is identified on Markham Vale planning permission designs as paralleling Buttermilk Lane. The location of this route may change but the principle is to connect the Stockley Trail and Bolsover to the Business Park and on to Poolsbrook, Staveley and the Trans Pennine Trail.

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Grid Reference	Name of Greenway	Existing/ Proposed/Both	Location	Ownership/Status	Comments
SK 4526 7110	Markham Vale	Proposed	Markham Vale/ Bolsover		Further proposed greenway is identified on Markham Vale planning permission designs as paralleling Chesterfield Road, A632. The location of this route may change but the principle is to connect the Stockley Trail and Bolsover to the Business Park and on to Poolsbrook, Staveley and the Trans Pennine Trail.
SK 5432 7025	Goit Greenway	Proposed	Carr Vale, New Bolsover	Public footpath Sutton cum Duckmanton 18	The HS2 line crosses this public footpath which is proposed to be upgraded to Bridle way status to allow greenway development between the existing Stockley Trail and Trans Pennine Trail at Chesterfield, in order to link the communities of Carr Vale, Bolsover, Arkwright Town and Inkersall. This path leads to a rare underpass of the M1 motorway and a connecting route is therefore essential in this vicinity.
SK 4523 6687	Doe Lea	Existing	Doe Lea	Highway infrastructure	A cycle path exists around the southern part of the Junction 29 roundabout flyover which forms a valuable east-west cross motorway link between the communities of Doe Lea and Heath.

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Grid Reference	Name of Greenway	Existing/ Proposed/Both	Location	Ownership/Status	Comments
SK 4513 6399	Hardwick Hall	Proposed			There are ambitions to find a connecting Greenway in this area between the Five Pits Trail and Hardwick Hall National Trust Estate. This would connect some smaller villages onto the Greenway network and provide a valuable tourism asset. Past difficulties have included crossing the M1 motorway barrier, if this could be overcome as well as a route through the HS2 corridor a major new link could be established of regional significance.
SK 4524 5994	Silverhill Greenway	Existing	East of M1 Motorway	Derbyshire Countryside Site	HS2 crosses a major existing Greenway to be dedicated as public bridleway. This route forms a significant cross county boundary link and connects to the Greenways of Nottinghamshire.
SK 4597 5795	Blackwell Trail	Existing	Hilcote	Derbyshire Countryside Site	HS2 crosses a major existing Greenway to be dedicated as public bridleway. This route forms a significant cross county boundary link and connects to the Greenways of Nottinghamshire.
SK 4605 5774	Blackwell Trail	Proposed	Hilcote		Proposed connection to Huthwaite industrial estates in Nottinghamshire.

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Grid Reference	Name of Greenway	Existing/ Proposed/Both	Location	Ownership/Status	Comments
SK 4724 5498	Pinxton Greenway	Proposed	Pinxton		HS2 crosses a developing route extending from Pinxton into Nottinghamshire across the former Langton Colliery through restoration programme. Again a valuable cross boundary connecting is being formed.
SK 4834 3820	Nutbrook Trail/ Erewash Valley Trail/ Erewash Canal/ NCN67	Existing	Stanton Gate	Canal and River Trust Towpath & public footpath Stanton By Dale 21	HS2 crosses a significant existing Greenway, recently resurfaced by British Waterways (now Canal & River Trust). This route will provide a vital connection to the major mixed use development site of the former Stanton Ironworks, which will provide both employment areas and a sizable new neighbourhood. An opportunity exists to create a connection from Stanton Gate along the former railway sidings directly into the development area. The route also forms part of the National Cycle Network and the Erewash Valley Trail, a locally important loop route connecting many communities between Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

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Grid Reference	Name of Greenway	Existing/ Proposed/Both	Location	Ownership/Status	Comments
SK 48273754	Nutbrook Trail/ Erewash Valley Trail/ Erewash Canal/ NCN67	Existing and proposed connection	Ilkeston Road, Sandiacre	Canal and River Trust Towpath & public footpath Sandiacre 19	As above plus there is a convergence of several public footpaths in this location. It is a desire to upgrade a route between north Sandiacre and Stapleford. Both physical and natural barriers have made this difficult, as the preferred route public footpath Sandiacre 16 crosses the Erewash Canal, the live railway line and the River Erewash to Mill Road, Stapleford in Nottinghamshire. An improved community link here would be a valuable asset to reduce community severance.
SK 49503345	NCN 6 Derby to Nottingham	Existing and Proposed	Station Road, Long Eaton		This National Cycle Network route crosses the proposed HS2 and live railway at this location. Also there is a desired route to develop along public footpath Long Eaton 72 running parallel to the railway line, to create a route to Meadow Lane Industrial Estate to encourage cycling to work
SK 49643312	Meadow Lane Greenway	Proposed	Main Street, Long Eaton		This location crosses Main Street near the entrance to the Meadow Lane Industrial Estate which also forms part of the proposed links to encourage cycling to work.
SK 49863143	Trent Valley Greenway	Existing	Cranfleet Canal	Canal and River Trust Towpath & public footpath Long Eaton 12	This is a significant location on the Trent Valley Greenway between Trent Lock and Attenborough Nature Reserve. It also forms part of a Traffic free route between Long Eaton and Nottingham.

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2. DCC Greenways/ Trails immediately impacted by the proposed line of HS2

Nutbrook Trail (National Cycle Network (NCN) 67).

HS2 parallels the Trail, 100m to the east, 0.5km south of the proposed Toton station. HS2 severs the Trail at two places: adjacent to Church Farm, Sandiacre and at Stanton Gate.

Route Section HSL13:

Blackwell Trail: HS2 severs the Trail, 800m east of Hilcote.

Silverhill Greenway: HS2 severs the Greenway 400m east of the M1 motorway at Newton

Stockley Trail: Near Boilsover, HS2 parallels the Stockley Trail 400m to its west. Any deviation of the HS2 line eastwards may impact on this Trail.

Trans-Pennine Trail (NCN 67). HS2 parallels the line of the Trans-Pennine Trail (TPT) between Renishaw and the County Boundary north of Killamarsh, running in close proximity, and less than 200m from it for much of this 5km length, crossing it in 5 places. The identified line for the Staveley Maintenance depot also crosses the TPT north of Staveley.

3. DCC Countryside Sites Close to the proposed line of HS2DCC Countryside Sites

Peter Fidler Local Nature Reserve (LNR): HS2 runs 200m to the west of the reserve, near Bolsover, but on its current alignment does not cross its boundary.

Westthorpe Hills Countryside Site: HS2 lies 300m to the west of this countryside site, which sits on the western boundary of Westthorpe.