

To: Donald Yell, Principal Transport Planner, Guildford Borough Council (GBC)

Feedback from Guildford Bike User Group (G-BUG) on the proposals for a Guildford Cycle Network

Dear Donald

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Cycle Network study conducted by your consultants, as presented to the G-BUG open meeting held on June 12th.

We are very supportive of the study findings: G-BUG was consulted during the study and we are pleased that the consultants have taken our views on board, notably about specific routes (drawing on our 'tube maps') and also the concept of 'villagisation' (or 'neighbourhood zones'). Although there will be lots of detailed issues to be considered, we believe the findings will provide an excellent foundation for at last developing a coherent cycle network, and generally making our town more 'cycle friendly'.

We have some observations:

- It is not clear whether the network maps show routes as they are now, or as they are intended to be – see Map 1
- There are some notable omissions from the route map – see Map 2
- Links to surrounding communities should be noted, and included as part of any network development – see Map 3
- More detail could be provided of routes within the town centre, including how a hub will be provided, and the relationship to gyratory improvement, North Street redevelopment etc – see Map 4
- The network does not include 'Red' zero bikability areas of the town, presumably because they are judged too hilly: this should be revisited especially as the bike share scheme is likely to use electric bikes – see Map 5
- It is not obvious why some areas are excluded from 'Village' status: an obvious omission seems Onslow Village - see Map 6
- GBC should share more of the detailed examples which the consultants said they had developed of improvements to aid cycling (eg for London Road).

We recommend that GBC prioritise the elements of the network for improvement into short term, low cost 'quick wins', medium term and long term measures. This will naturally need to be done in conjunction with finalising plans for the Bike Share scheme, and also in the light of current plans – for example for the SMC, links to the railway station and improvements to the gyratory. Although we recognise funding will be tight, we need a prioritised list which can be called off to take advantage of funding schemes as and when they become available (eg LEP, development levies and other central government funds dedicated to improving sustainable transport). G-BUG looks forward to contributing to this process. Meanwhile we would be very happy to discuss our response in more detail.

Yours sincerely

Sent electronically

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On behalf of G-BUG
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Guildford Cycle Network: route typologies

MAP 1

Does this represent the current state or desired future state of the network?

Some streets here are rat runs in rush hour

Existing 'Broken white line' cycle lanes along Epsom Road and Boxgrove Road are omitted. Are these deliberate omissions implying these should be removed?

Stoke Road shown as a quiet street. Not really true at present, is this an aspiration to make it a quiet street?

Urgent to join up ideas with SCC's imminent plans for cycle route along London Road

Key

- Segregated cycle tracks
- Greenway shared paths
- Urban paths
- Quiet streets

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MAP 2

Some missing routes

Shared use pavement beside A3 from Cathedral Business Park to University

Clay Lane shared use pavement. Joins with Jacobs Well Road to provide route to Woking Road/Slyfield.

Green route could continue beside A3 embankment from Weylea Farm to Sutherland Park

An easy 'interchange' between River Wey green route and SMC is essential

Trodds Lane could be closed to through traffic

A footpath at the end of High Path Road gives access to the Farnham Road, providing a link to NCN22 to Puttenham

Footbridge over River plus footpath beside Cricket Ground

Lido Road > Stocton Road > Faraday Road > existing Urban Path on East bank of River Wey. Potential quiet alternative to SMC.

Route along Boxgrove Road?

Potential route not shown along whole length of Epsom Road?

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- Local cycle network
- Greenway

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Woking via shared use pavement alongside A320

NCN223 via Blanchards Hill to Woking

A3 cycleway to Ripley, London

MAP 3

Emphasise links to routes to surrounding communities

Link from Applegarth Ave to Christmas Pie Trail to Ash etc

To Horsleys along A246 (pavement could be made shared use)

NCN22 via Puttenham to Farnham

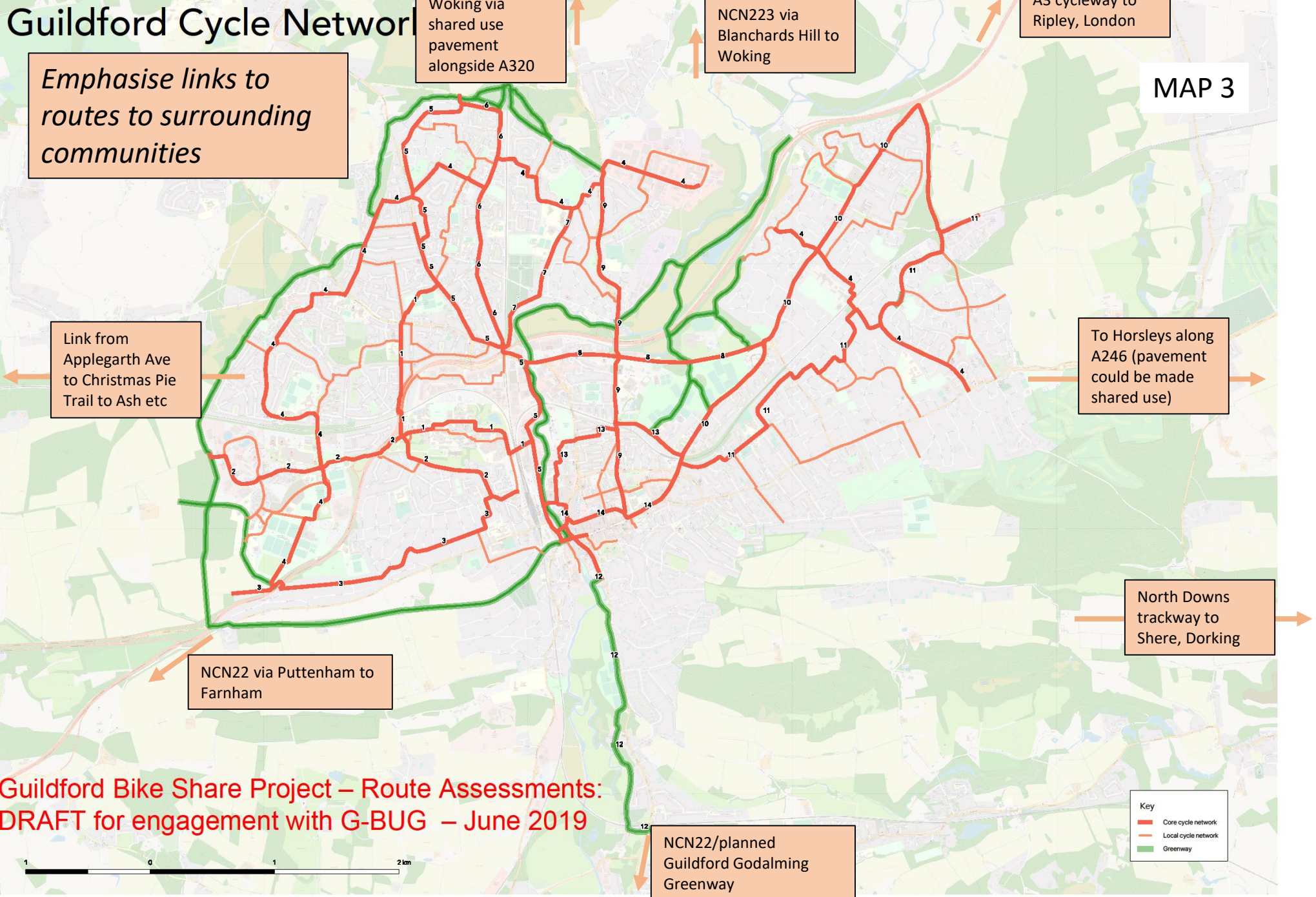
North Downs trackway to Shere, Dorking

NCN22/planned Guildford Godalming Greenway

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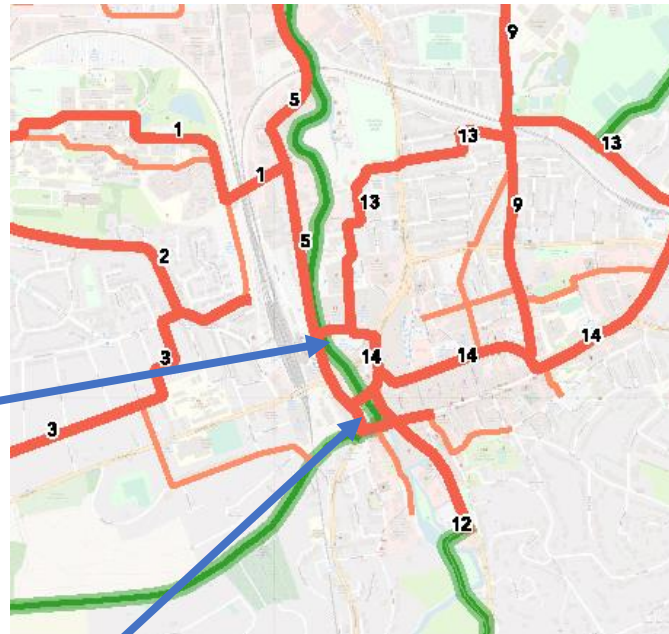
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More detailed plan needed for the Town Centre.

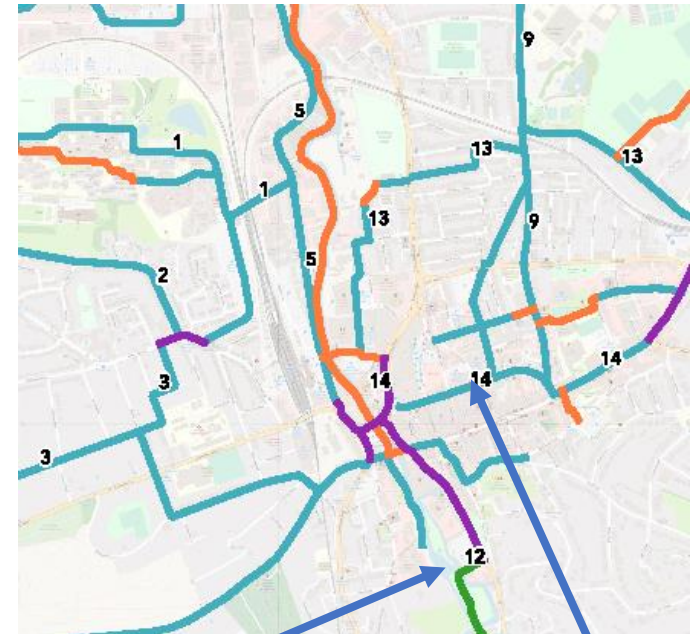
Need a Hub linking the routes together, and providing a focus for the bike share scheme.

Relationship to SMC through town centre? Need good link between SMC and River Wey green route



Cycling link from new Walnut Bridge to Town Centre still unclear

Opportunity to provide cycling route around gyratory, and make the 'plaza' outside the Electric Theatre a cycling hub.

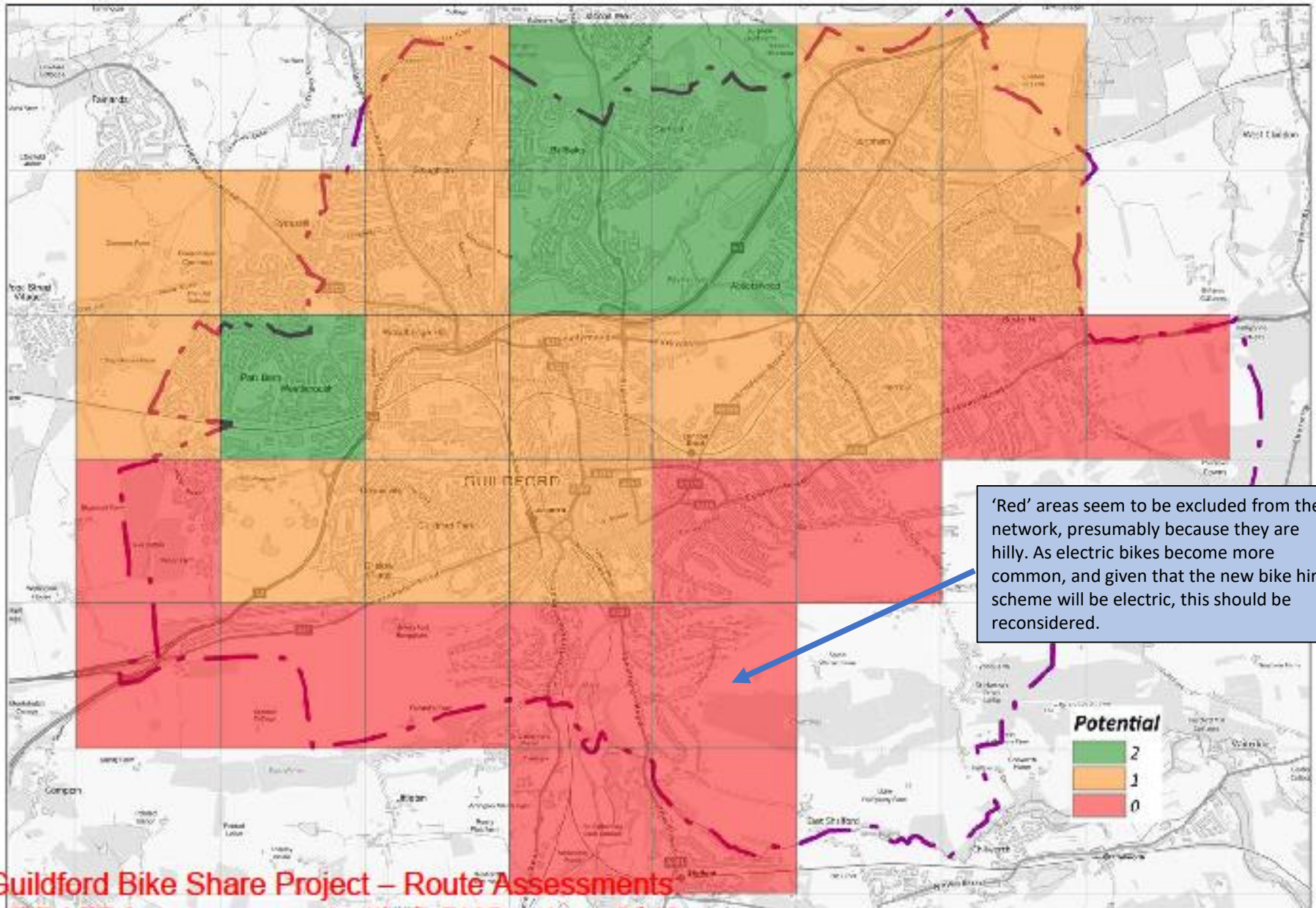


Link over Millmead footbridge omitted

Relationship to North Street redevelopment

Cycling potential

MAP 5



'Red' areas seem to be excluded from the network, presumably because they are hilly. As electric bikes become more common, and given that the new bike hire scheme will be electric, this should be reconsidered.

Suggested interventions: villages

