

Welcome to the **Make Your Way – Key Links** online consultation to improve active travel infrastructure between:

- Abington – Abington Services
- Douglas – NCN74
- Leadhills – Wanlockhead

Your feedback from this consultation will help identify routes and priorities for access, as part of the development of a Feasibility Study for the three locations, due to be completed by May 2021. Information gathered will be used to develop more detailed designs in 2021. The consultation is taking place alongside discussions with landowners and stakeholders and is open until Sunday 13th December 2020.

The main elements of these proposals can also be viewed at Abington General Store, Douglas Main Street Community Notice Board, Crossburn Service Station, Leadhills Community Notice Board and Wanlockhead Community Notice Board.



Paper versions of the surveys can be picked up from and returned to Abington General Store, Crossburn Service Station and Leadhills General Store.

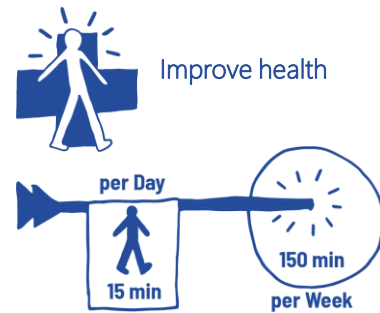
A virtual drop-in will be held, on Wednesday 2nd December between 4pm and 7pm, where members of the community can ask questions to Project Officers in more detail about the plans. Use the following link to join the drop-in at the above date and time: www.ironsidefarrar.com/keylinks/drop_in.html

Please encourage your friends, family and neighbours to complete this online or paper survey, to help build momentum and provide the evidence required to drive the project to the next stage.



What is active travel?

Active travel is making journeys by physically active means including walking, cycling and wheeling. It is an important focus of transport policy, at both a national and local level, as a means of attaining a greener, more sustainable future, as well as achieving health and wellbeing outcomes and saving money.



Reach exercise targets



Reduce carbon emissions

Make You Way – Key Links Vision

"To provide a network of easily navigated routes from Abington, Douglas, Leadhills and Wanlockhead, linking key community facilities, making it an easy and safe choice to walk, wheel or cycle to access the village centres for education, employment, transport and other everyday uses."

Aims

- There will be more everyday journeys made by walking, cycling and wheeling.
- Communities will be involved in planning strategic active travel routes.
- Communities will have a better understanding of active travel.
- People will be more confident using multi-modal transport.

The project is funded by Sustrans' Places for Everyone programme and managed by Rural Development Trust's Community Action Lanarkshire programme. Ironside Farrar have been appointed as project consultants.



Please read through the information provided on these boards and click the post-it at the bottom right hand side of the screen to provide comments.



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What You Have Already Told Us

The three routes: Abington – Abington Services; Douglas – NCN74; Leadhills – Wanlockhead, were identified as priorities through consultations for the development of nine Sustainable Travel Action Plans in 2019 and Make Your Way active travel workshops in 2020. Thank you to all who took part – without you, these Feasibility Studies would not be taking place.



Priorities identified included:

Abington:

- Detailed feasibility study with a budget costed sketch design for cycle and path provision to / from Abington Services and the village centre, as far as Station Road, via the NCN
- Road and footpath repair and improvements including pavement widening, resurfacing and safer pedestrian crossing points, particularly in relation to the Primary School and shop
- Costed design proposals for the creation of a more attractive / pedestrian friendly central public space / village core at the junction of the A702 and Carlisle Road
- Improved signage, interpretation and seating to the recreational path network

You Said:

"Foot and cycle path next to the A702 and Lanark Road – off the actual road."

"Traffic calming measures with visible and enforced parking restrictions."

"Pathway to Services for staff, no lighting or pavement at present. Crossing point for kids on main road, traffic lights? Traffic calming would be safer too, speeding is a big issue for the village."

"Footpath to Services."

"Cycle paths and footpaths off the rural roads. More likely to take my children with me too."



Make Your Way, Have Your Say

Douglas:

- Brief for cycle path provision connecting Douglas with the NCN74 and the former quarry restoration and New Mains
- Costed action plan for measures to reduce traffic speeds and improve pedestrian safety on main roads, particularly the A70 / Ayr Road, including the provision of wider footpaths and safer pedestrian crossing points etc
- Costed design proposals for the creation of more attractive / pedestrian friendly town centre public spaces; particularly at the junction of the A70 / Ayr Road and Main Street
- Improved signage, interpretation and seating to the recreational path network

You Said:

"Reduce traffic speeds".

"A sustainable transport link to existing hubs such as Lesmahagow."

"Good quality provision for walking and cycling along major routes."

"A tarmac cycle route out of Douglas to join cycle paths south and north would make a huge difference".

Leadhills:

- Options appraisal with budget costs for measures to promote active travel patterns / reduce traffic speeds on B797
- Village wide detailed road and footpath repair and improvements audit, including the provision of additional pavements, pavement widening, resurfacing, street lighting and safer pedestrian crossing points
- Costed design proposals for the creation of more attractive / pedestrian friendly town centre public spaces; particularly in front of The Hopetoun Arms and the Village Hall

You Said:

"Cobbled village square – slow down traffic, provide space for safe events."

"The speed cars go at because there is a Primary School at 3pm. You see a lot of kids walking home and cars still speed through."

"Improved connections locally."



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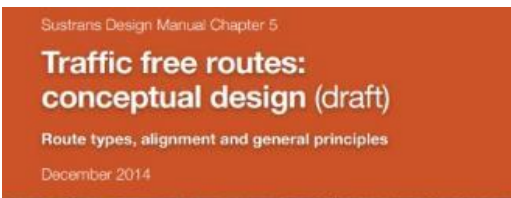
Key Links – Active Travel Routes: Design Criteria

Active travel routes require to be inclusive and suitable for cycling, wheeling and walking / running.

The “Places for Everyone” programme notes that routes should be “suitable for an unaccompanied 12 year old”.

The design will be informed by Sustrans and Cycle by Design (Scotland) standards and the principles of “Places for Everyone”. This is likely to include:

- 3m wide sealed surfaced path (asphalt or similar) with verge, accessible gradients and rest points.
- Design to allow route to fit within local landscape – though sensitive material finishes, accommodation work associated with adjacent land-use, interpretation, entrance features, habitat mitigation and improvements and the provision of opportunities for community involvement.



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Placemaking

An active travel link should be more than just a utilitarian route connecting two points. The developed design will have the potential to provide a route that has a strong sense of place, fits in with the landscape and creates wider opportunities for local people. Examples could include:

- Surface materials and detailing that reflect and utilise locally resourced materials – for example red stone used in traditional Lanarkshire road construction.
- Habitat planting and restoration – wildflower meadows, woodland, hedgerows, peatland restoration etc.
- Gateway features to help identify route – including use of vernacular detailing.
- Introduction of historic / natural history interpretation along route.
- Drystone walling and other rural construction features that could enable community involvement and development of skills.
- Introduction of informal play, shelter and seating to enrich experience and encourage inclusive use.



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Option Appraisal

In order to analyse each of the links, site visits were undertaken and the landscape character, strengths and constraints of each potential option recorded and considered.

These options looked at the potential for routes adjacent or close to the existing road corridor and also whether there were further options within the landscape to both the west and east.

This initial analysis was associated with physical attributes of the broad options. However landowner, stakeholder and community views will all influence the final choice.

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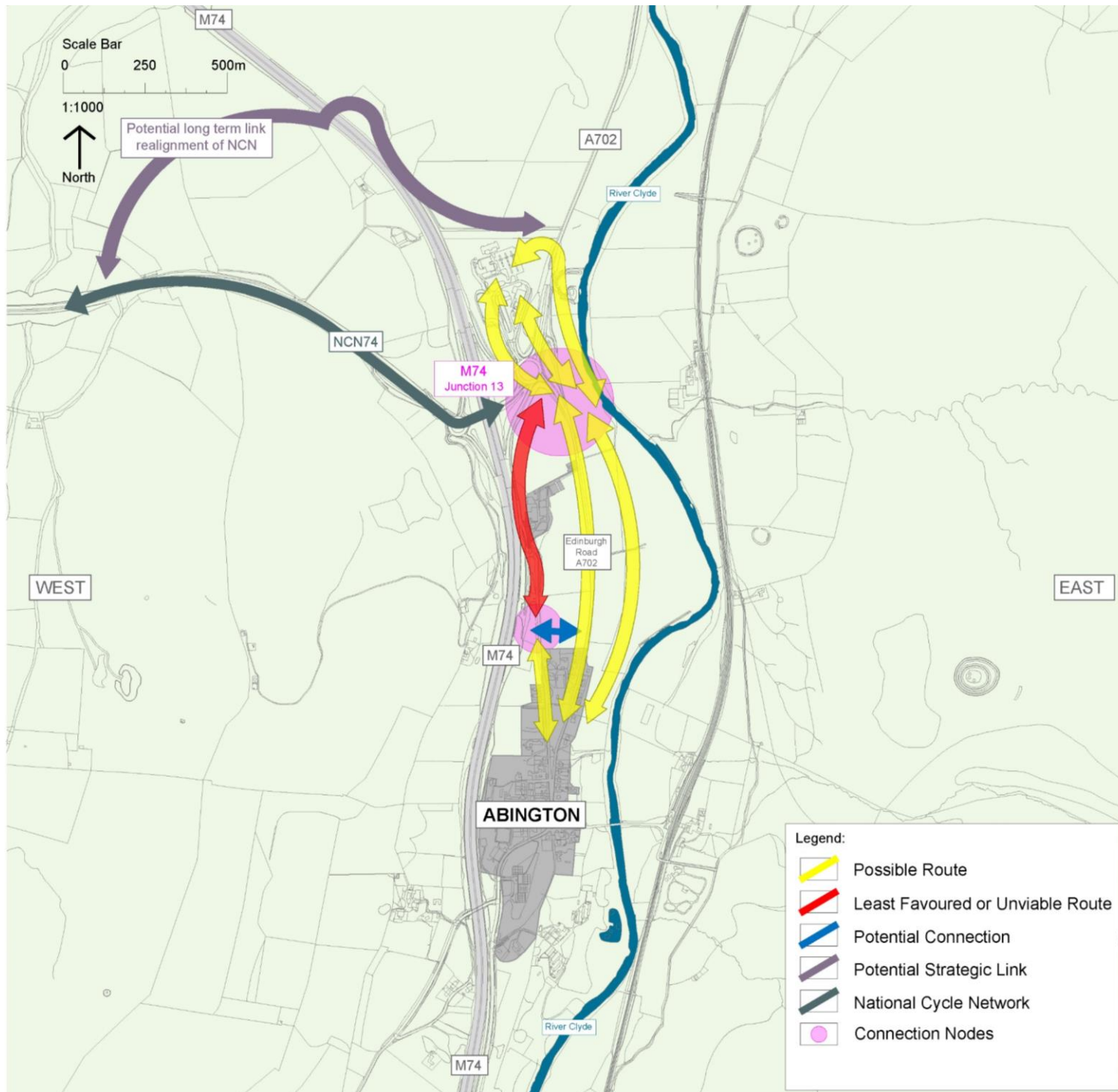
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Topography – routes that had the potential to provide the optimal topographical profile (least level changes and smoothest grades) were more favoured.

Directness – routes with the potential to provide the shortest distance between destinations were more favoured.

Constraints – routes with the fewest identified physical constraints – such as steep embankments were more favoured.

Existing Surfaces – routes with established pedestrian and / or cycle access were more favoured.

For Abington this assessment did not identify a single, strongly favoured route, but rather there were several possibilities, all with strengths and weaknesses. The road crossing to Abington Services was also identified as a particular challenge.



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North



A70



South

Option Appraisal

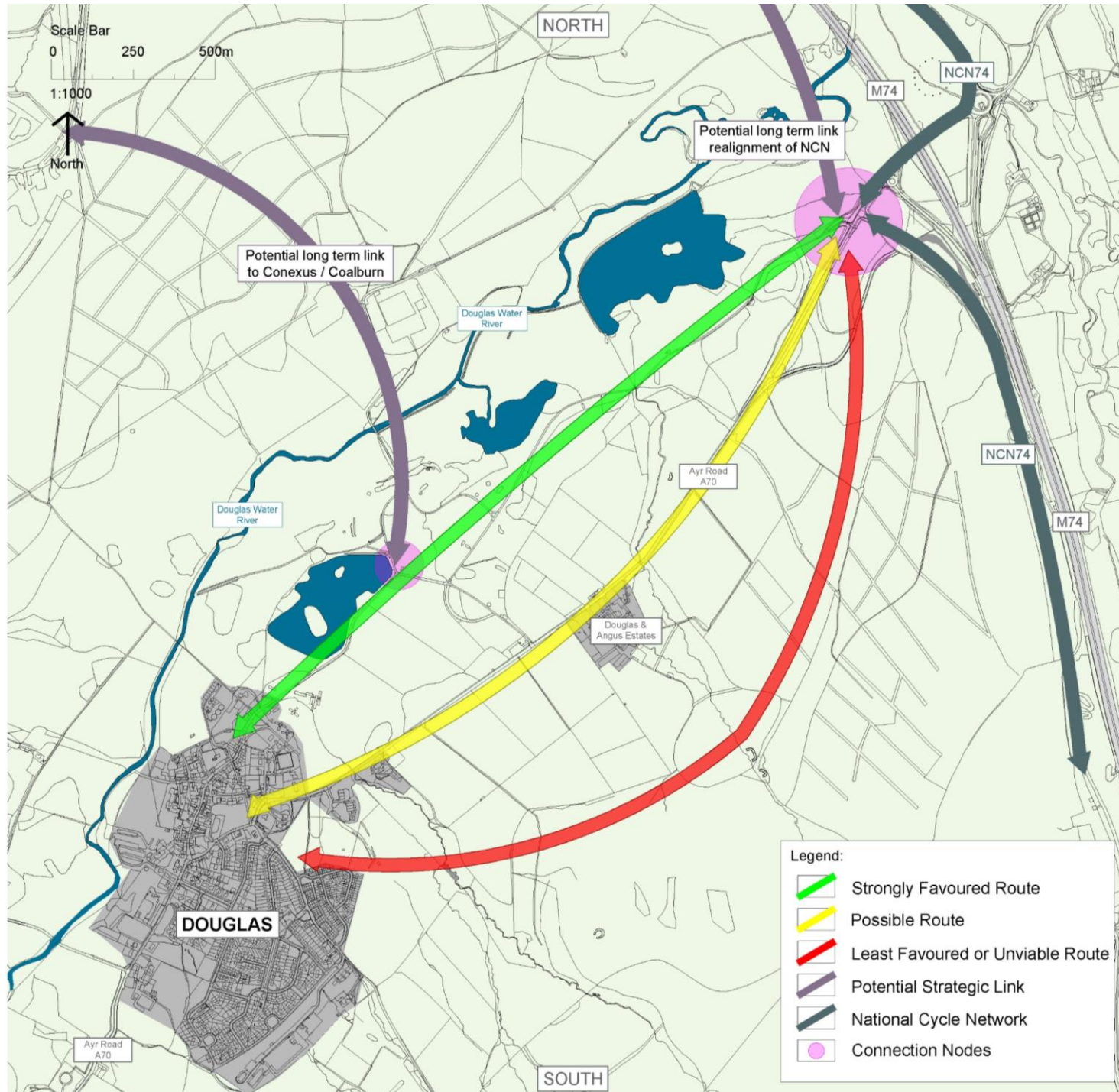
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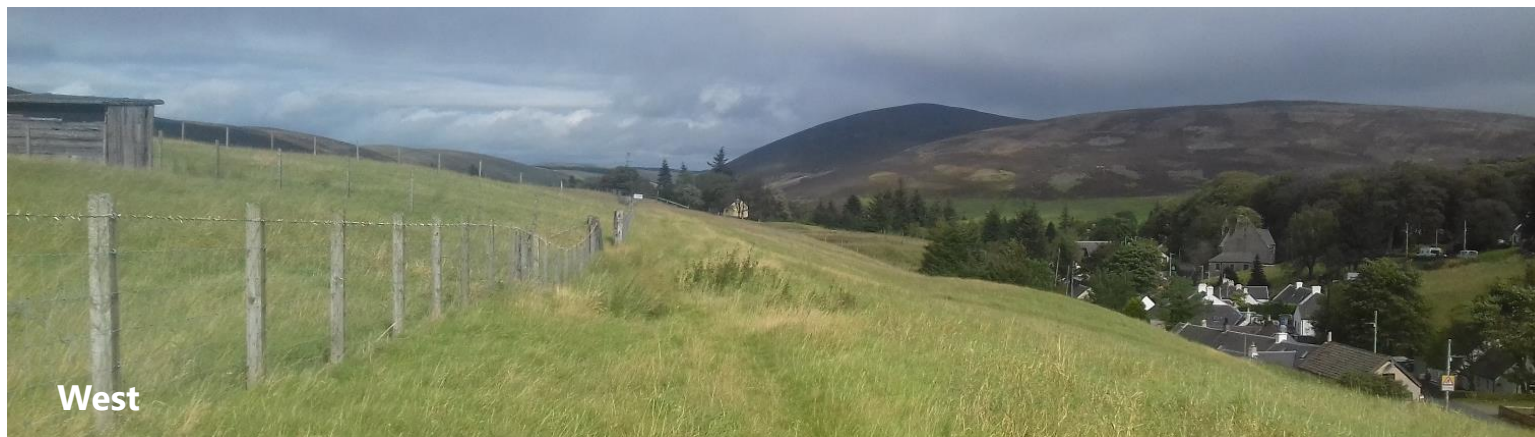
For Douglas safe crossing of the A70 was identified as a particular challenge. As part of the assessment of the links to the National Cycle Network some further long term strategic links were identified – although they are not presently part of the project.



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West



B797



East

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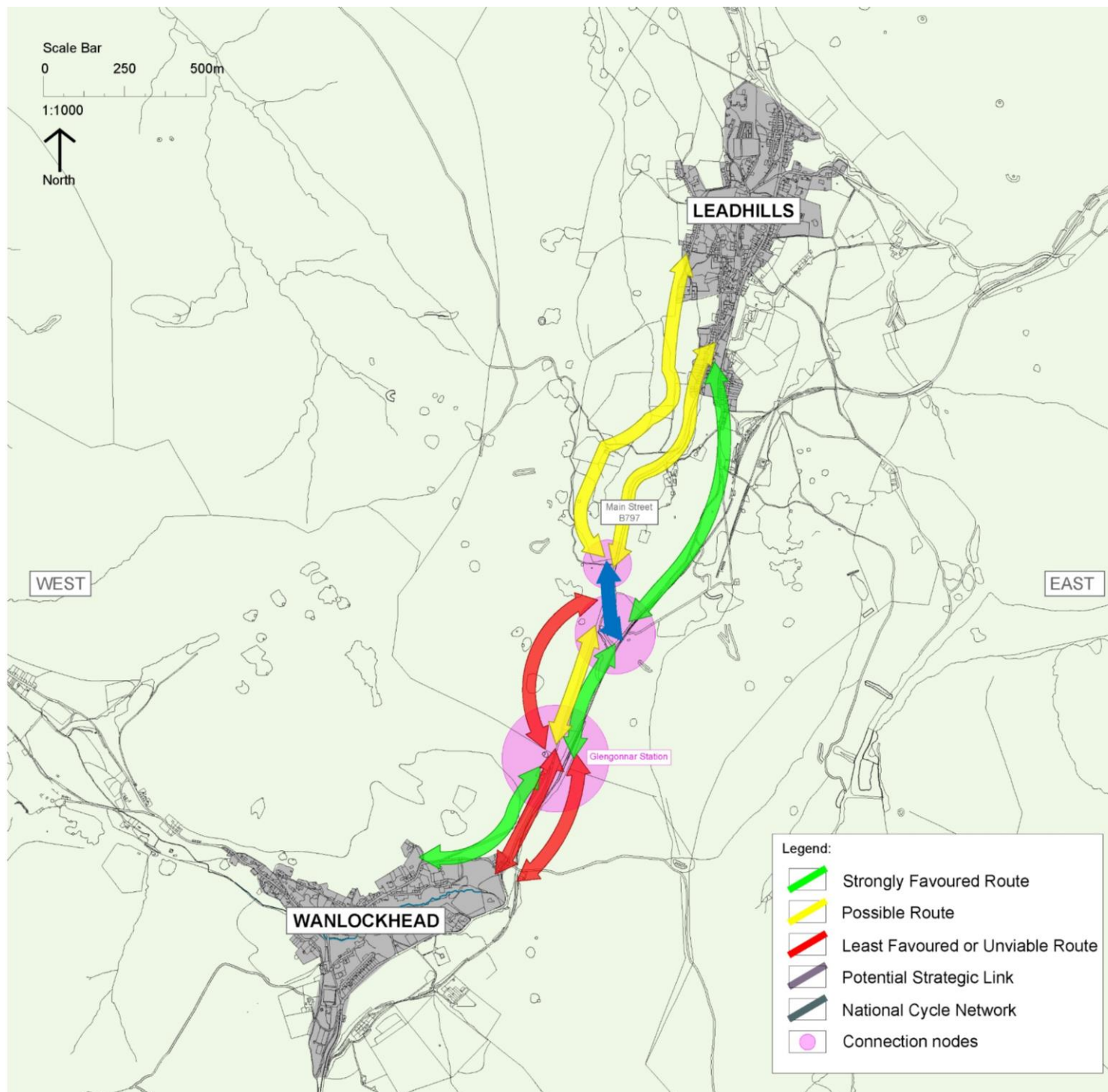
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For Leadhills to Wanlockhead the most likely route options would require to cross the B 793. Consideration will be required as to the best way to achieve this.



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