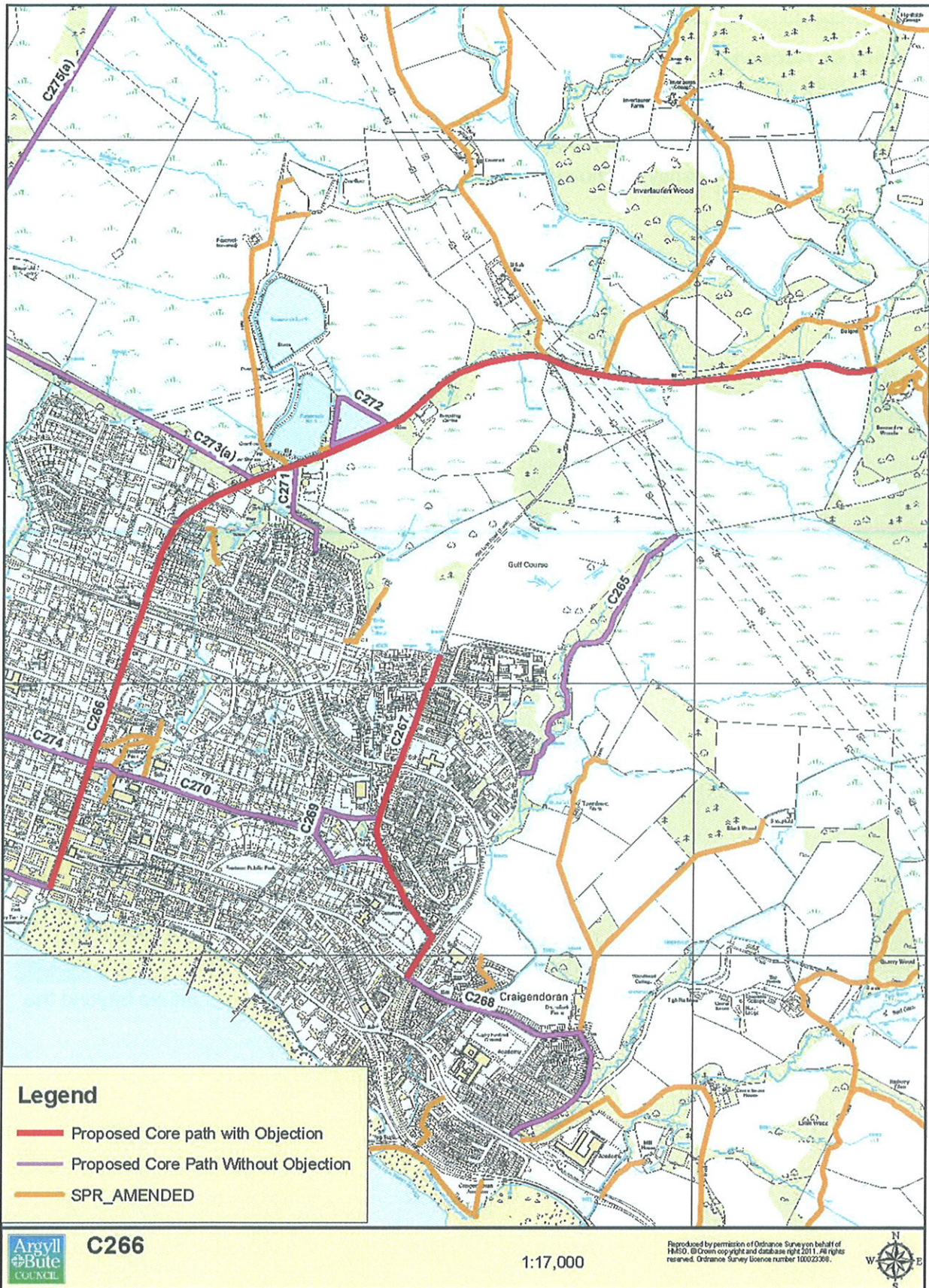


Core Path Report for C266

Cycle Path Helensburgh Pier to Arden (ABC boundary)

1. Proposed Core Path



2. Summary of Representations Received

Representation	Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summary	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn
Objection	Alison Rutherford	East Esplanade Protection Group	Health & Safety	Delete	P004	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: The proposed Core Path follows the footway of an adopted public road parts of which have been re-determined to allow the public to cycle on them.
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: none
- iii. The route is currently promoted as Regional Route 41: Arden to Helensburgh by Sustrans

4. Site Visit:



Section of off road cycle path looking east towards Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park



Off road cycle path continuing on into Helensburgh and is part of Regional Route 41



Entering the 30 mph zone in Helensburgh



The off road cycle lane continues beyond the 30mph zone



The cycle route crosses the road at this point and continues on the western side of the road



The cycle route continues on the opposite side of the road because the pavement on the east side of the road is not wide enough



Typical wide pavement east side of the road



Typical narrower section of pavement cycle route marked by white line on road carriageway



Typical section previous width returned, cycle route on road carriageway



Typical pavement at Victoria Halls



Argyll Street East



Sinclair Street at Princes Street East



Sinclair Street at Clyde St East



C266 ends at Junction with Clyde Street East

5. Alternative Route/s

N/A

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

Horrendous roar of traffic is used by brave cyclists.

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

The route is nationally promoted for cyclists as Regional Route 41 linking Arden in Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park with Helensburgh. There is a dedicated off road cycle lane for the majority of the route outwith the 30mph limit. The cycle path joins the road carriageway after the 30mph limit and continues into the centre of Helensburgh.

Although the cycle route is on the road carriageway within the 30mph limit of Helensburgh this is because there are a couple of pinch points where the footway is not wide enough to be shared by cyclists and pedestrians. The majority of the footway is wide enough to accommodate multiple-use by pedestrians and cyclists. Where it is not cyclists are directed onto the road carriageway where a separate cycle lane is marked to warn motorists to expect cyclists.

Although the path is admittedly noisy and close to a large volume of traffic it does provide a quick convenient route into the National Park from Helensburgh and will suit commuter cyclists heading for the town centre and railway station.

Conclusion:


The route should continue to be promoted as a Core Path in the Plan. Its function providing a cycle path linking Helensburgh and the National Park is important and it should be recognised as a key part of the local path network. Although much of the route lies beside the main road which is noisy and busy this is not a reason for it not to be designated as a Core Path, the choice of whether or not to use the route lies with the user. Therefore I am recommending that the Council continues to promote this path as a Core Path.

8. Advice received from the Access Forum**9. Access Officer's Final Recommendations**

10. Appendices

Appendix I. Copies of the representations received during the formal consultation

PO04

Official Use Only	Date Received	Ref No.
Argyll & Bute Council Finalised Draft Core Paths Plan Comments & Objections Form		
Name	ALISON RUTHERFORD	
Organisation (if appropriate)	EAST ESPLANADE PROTECTION GROUP	
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Daytime telephone number	[REDACTED]	
Email address	o	
Signature	Alison Rutherford	Date (15 February 2011)

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16 FEB 2011

Our group has one driver, so we walk a lot, but do not seek rough going, but we do like to get out from traffic noise & fumes - we feel there is not yet a sufficiency of links from settlement to settlement or to woods & the moor.
 The use of the A814 trunk road (C279e) A094 is depressing for non-drivers - it's like a mini version of the A17 down the Argyshire coast, frightening, noisy & very unwelcome to pedestrians. There were hopes long ago for a coastal route to Cardross, below the railway. Also no Core Paths cross the area behind Colgrain Farm, Craighendorn & Drumtork (the same in Ardenconnel Woods (tho' it does have paths in it))

C 270	"	East Monroest very busy.
C 266	object	Horrific roar of traffic! Is used by brave cyclists
A 219	support	This would be our group's dream come true - to line the East & West Esplanades on a vehicle-free path
[See next sheet]		

Appendix II. Copies of relevant correspondence

Appendix III. Copies of responses additional consultations

Appendix IV. Additional supporting documents:

The GoBike – Strathclyde Cycling Campaign Website lists this route as a Regional Route which forms part of the National Cycle Network.



Regional Route 41: Arden - Helensburgh

A route mainly on roadside paths leaving the Balloch to Tarbet Regional Route 40 at Arden, next to Loch Lomond, and linking over the hill to Helensburgh.



Source: <http://www.gobike.org/routes.php>