

Aspirational Path Report for A094 Dumbarton to Helensburgh cycle path

1. Proposed Aspirational 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Respondent Name	Organisation/ Group	Objection Summary	Respondents proposed action	Respondent Ref No.	Objection withdrawn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	this is a horrendous route to walk-path should be below railway	Amend	P004	

3. History of Access

- i. Right of Way Status: The majority of the route is expected to follow the A814 a public road.
- ii. Recorded Access Issues: none

4. Site Visit

The site was not visited in connection with this objection.

5. Alternative Route/s

N/A

6. Consultation with Objectors & Other Interested Parties

The A814 road is horrendous. There has been a long held desire to have a coastal route along the shore or failing that away from the A814.

7. Access Officer's Initial Comments

This is an Aspirational path indicative of The Dumbarton –Helensburgh cycleway project identified in the Argyll and Bute Local Transport Strategy 2007-2010. The actual route of the cycleway has not been finalised and may follow a different line possibly across agricultural land adjacent to the A814. It is intended to provide a route primarily for cycle commuters rather than local walkers although it may help to link up other local paths for walkers and equestrian users. Some sections have already been constructed and are adjacent to the A814 on footways because of the difficulty of negotiating a route closer to the shore with the land owners.

If a route were to be proposed along the foreshore the need to protect habitats used by birds from disturbance would become an issue. Any proposal to construct a path along the shore is likely to raise objections from the RSPB and SNH.

The adjoining streets in Helensburgh include a large number of cul-de-sacs and crescents which would make the route very difficult to navigate if the route was taken away from the A814. There is the potential to align the route along the shore to the south of East Clyde Street between Glenfinlas Street and the Swimming Pool although this would require the support of all the owners of private property adjacent to the proposed path. The cost of constructing this route could be prohibitive in any case since it would require the construction of over 350 metres of sea wall. However it is an option worth considering when design options for this section of the route are being considered.

I recommend that this route continues to be promoted as an Aspirational Path and that the comments made by Alison Rutherford are considered when developing further sections of this route. However I do not believe that there are many alternative routes available which would take this path away from the A814 and resolve this objection.

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

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Official Use Only	Date Received	Ref No.
Argyll & Bute Council Finalised Draft Core Paths Plan Comments & Objections Form		
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Signature	Alison Rutherford	Date 15 February 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 to the moor.

The use of the A814 trunk road (C279e) A094 is depressing for non-drivers - it's like a mini version of the A77 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 or Drumfry (the same in Annconnel woods tho' it does have paths in it)

C264(b)	1)	Good the new walk is included
A094	object	Ardmore coastal route welcome. It is a long-held wish to have a coast route below the railway; failing that, below the A814. This is a horrendous place to walk! Frightening for humans, terrifying for dogs
e 518	support	Good to reach a part of our best sands

Appendix II. Copies of relevant correspondence

Appendix III. Copies of responses additional consultations

Appendix IV. Additional supporting documents