

Route Descriptions

Route Numbers reflect those marked on Core Paths Plan maps)

The following descriptions of each proposed core path (CP) and longer term aspirational path (AP) are provided in order to give an indication of the type of path, why it has been designated as a core path or referred to as a longer term aspirational path, and any other relevant details. The route descriptions are not meant as route guides for people to use to navigate them. Where a suggestion is given on the suitability of routes for different user types and abilities (e.g. walkers, cyclists, horse riders, watersports, wheelchairs), this is for the purposes of giving an indication of the extent to which the Plan caters for the range of users that it is required to cater for. The outdoors must be enjoyed responsibly and the Scottish Outdoor Access Code should be referred to for further guidance.

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Aspirational Routes

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AP10	Milltimber - Bieldside

CP1 - Blackburn to Kirkhill Forest			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A predominantly trod earth route in good condition with various gradients. The path is suitable for multi use.	The route travels predominantly through woodland and links Blackburn in Aberdeenshire to other City core paths. The route can be used to access Kirkhill Forest for recreation and onwards to Kirkhill Industrial Estate for work. The Stone Circle to the north east of Kirkhill Forest can also be accessed from other paths linked to Path 1. Part of the route is promoted as a forest cycle route.	Parts of this route will be subject to closure during forest operations for health and safety reasons. A viable diversion exists.	
CP2: East of Coreshill to Kirkhill Forest			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A stone surface route in moderate condition with a mixture of steep and easy gradients. The route is suitable for multi use.	The route travels through the green space network of Kirkhill Forest and links to various other paths and trails within the Forest. The area is very popular with recreational users, especially mountain bikers.	For health and safety reasons this route will be subject to closure during forest operations. A viable diversion exists but it will extend the route significantly.	
CP3: Kirkhill Forest to Kirkhill Industrial Estate			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
The route links Kirkhill Industrial Estate with Kirkhill Forest and the various paths and trails within it.	Route travels through attractive open green space network and connects with other paths to provide a useful link to the Kirkhill Industrial Estate. Route links with other paths providing access to places of interest, such as Tyrebagger Hill. The path is well used by industrial estate employees for recreation and is popular with mountain bikers.	This route will be affected by the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR): it is proposed that the path will be diverted to the Kirkhill Overbridge.	
CP4: Kirkhill to Bucksburn			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Route includes various path types, including quiet road, tarmac path, land rover track and trodden earth. Some improvement measures are required particularly if it is to be promoted for use as a route to work.	Kirkhill Forest is an extremely well-used recreation area, owned and managed by the Forestry Commission. Access to it from the City is most commonly by car or bus, although there is demand for a path link to it. Although the path was very well used in the past, and formed a historic route into the City, since a bridge over Dyce Drive was knocked down, the route has been used less. The route also runs close by Kirkhill Industrial Estate but due to continuity and quality issues it is probably not currently used much for access to work.	The route could, with some improvement, provide a key strategic link between the City and Kirkhill Forest (a key recreation area), Kirkhill Industrial Estate (a major centre of employment) and on to Aberdeenshire. There are a number of developments planned in the area, which should consider the route as a sustainable travel linkage. Through the land use planning process the route may require to be altered and enhanced. The AWPR plans include diverting this route via the A96 near Chapel of Stoneywood.	
CP5: Formartine and Buchan Way			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Route is mostly granite dust with a small section of tarmac and in good condition. Route is an easy gradient and is suitable for multi use.	Former railway line, forms part of a wider route providing access between Ellon and Dyce. The path is adjacent to open green space in parts, including playing fields. The route forms part of the National Cycle Network and is well used by cyclists and walkers. It is also well used by rail commuters.	There is a minor drainage issue at Pitmedden Road, which could be addressed.	
CP6: Dyce to Bridge of Don			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A long linear route with links to many other paths. The route is made of a mixture of trod earth and tarmac. The route is of easy gradient in most places, with occasional moderate gradients. The path has been upgraded over recent years, these sections now being suitable for all. Other sections are not currently suitable for all but upgrading is planned. Some sections of the longer distance route are referred to as aspirational paths as they do not currently exist and could take longer to have in place.	A long route travelling along the River Don, with some sections referred to as aspirations for longer term development. The route links into many communities along its length, and on to Aberdeenshire. It travels through green space network and the areas of Woodside, Tillydrone and Seaton. It provides access to many facilities including Dyce railway station (via CP5), bus stops, primary and secondary schools, business sites, playing fields, gym, superstore, shopping complex, and parks. The route links in with many other paths and would also provide access to the proposed new community at Mugiemoor Mill.	The route travels through some areas that are vulnerable to flooding. The sections between Stoneywood Mills and Persley and around what was Donside Paper Mills do not currently exist as paths but with several developments planned in these areas, the opportunity exists to install the route as part of these developments. This would provide an excellent facility for recreation and sustainable travel. (See Aspirational Path (AP) 6). The route provides access to the river for watersports, with main access / egress points being at Riverside Drive, Seaton Park and Donmouth, with opportunities for improvement of an access point at Persley.	

CP7: Persley Bridge to Grandholm Bridge (South Don)			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
This granite dust and trod earth route travels from Grandholm Bridge to Persley Bridge along the south bank of the River Don.	The path provides a recreational link between areas of Woodside along the river, through woodland and open space. It can be used as part of a link between Woodside/Tillydrone (regeneration areas) and Danestone. It links residential areas to sports grounds and playing fields. A good recreational route alongside the river. The path links in very well with the wider paths network and it can be used in conjunction with other paths in the network to create long and short distance circular routes.	Needs some minor improvement in places.	
CP8: Auchmill Golf Course			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Route around Auchmill Golf Course. Improvements have recently been made to this route as part of the Woodlands In and Around Towns project.	The route travels through a large area of open green space and is within the residential area of Heathryfold and Middlefield. The route offers a traffic free route around the golf course with good links to public transport.		
CP9: Aberdeen Airport to Inverurie Road			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A linear route travelling along a wide dual-use pavement of good quality surface. It has a reasonably flat gradient.	The route passes two playing fields and passes close to Craibstone Estate where there is a network of trails. There are several bus stops along the route. The path also links to the airport, Kirkhill Industrial Estate, Bankhead and on to the City, creating various options for recreation and travel use.		
CP10: Fairview Street to Fairview Brae			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A linear off road route running east to west within the Danestone area of the City.	The route links many residential areas to the school. It also provides a route to the supermarket on Laurel Drive. Around half of the route travels through green space network and it passes the school playing fields. The route offers opportunities for active travel between residential areas and the school/ supermarket.		
CP11: Kirkhill Forest via Tyrebagger Summit			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
The route provides a circular loop in Kirkhill Forest including passing over the summit of Tyrebagger Hill.	The entire path runs through Kirkhill Forest creating a circular route by linking with CPs 1 and 2. Suitable for multi-use. Moderate gradients and rough surface.	Drainage and surface improvements may make this route more suitable for more user types.	
CP12: River Don – Westfield Park			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Path is mainly trod earth surface. Links the River Don with the centre of Bridge of Don, through link through Aberdeen Science and Technology Park. This path was added as a core path at the final stage, at the request of Bridge of Don Community Council.	The path provides a link between the river and the centre of Bridge of Don, where Bridge of Don Academy, Westfield Park, other community facilities and residential areas are located. It also provides an additional circular route option, combined with other core paths.		
CP13: Brig O' Balgownie to Ashwood			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Route consists of dust, grass and tarmac, generally in good condition. Gradient ranges from easy to steep in parts. Suitable for multi-use.	Path travels through Westfield Park and its playing fields and parks. It links properties in Balgownie and Scotstown to primary and secondary schools located around the park. The route also provides access to doctor and dental surgeries, as well as library, local shops and chemist located to the south of Westfield Park. A sports centre is also located within Westfield Park. At its southern end, the path links to the mouth of the River Don, passing the historical Brig o' Balgownie.	Possible construction of a crossing across The Parkway would make route safer for all.	

CP14: Lochside/Denmore Woods to Perwinnes Moss			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A circular route consisting of trod earth of average quality, dust-surface and roadside pavement. Gradient of route varies from easy to steep in parts. A leg of the route runs along Lochside Road to link with the Parkway.	Path travels through open green space network, including District Wildlife Sites of Lochside/Denmore and Scotstown Moor/Perwinnes Moss. The route is used more as a recreational route than for travel. Bus stops located in close proximity to Perwinnes Moss along Dubford Road.	Path surface could be improved in places.	
CP15: Manor Avenue – Eric Hendrie Park			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Majority of route follows pavements / roads, with small sections following amenity grassland paths. Generally fairly flat route.	Key route to several schools, provides a key link between facilities such as sport centre, Hilton Woods, Eric Hendrie Park, with various residential areas. Passes through the areas of Middlefield and Cummings Park.	Opportunities for promotion of the various linkages this route provides.	
CP16: Whitestripes to Perwinnes Moss			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Route consists of tarmac, trod earth and dust, the majority of which is in good condition. Easy gradient and suitable for most user types and abilities.	Path links Newburgh and Middleton Park housing estates with the Ashford and Woodcroft areas. Path travels through open green space network including District Wildlife Sites of Glashie How and Perwinnes Moss. It provides access from west (including future new community area) to other paths that link directly to key facilities in Bridge of Don, such as Oldmachar Academy, leisure centre, surgery, and the Asda superstore.	Opportunities for better promotion of the route.	
CP17: Seaton – Aberdeen Beach			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
New path created and added as a core path at the request of Aberdeen Cycle Forum. The path provides a link across King's Links Golf Course, between Seaton and the beach.	The route links the area of Seaton with the very popular recreation area of Aberdeen beach. It offers several circular routes when combined with other core paths.	The path was installed in April 2009.	
CP18: Murcar Beach			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Route is made up completely of sand as it follows the beach. It is overall an easy gradient although there are some steep sand dunes. Part of North Sea Trail coastal path.	Path travels through open green space network providing access to Murcar beach. Public transport located in close proximity on Ellon Road. Route is currently used by a wide range of users including dog-walkers, joggers, and families while it also provides access to the sea for those wishing to participate in water sports and wind-based sports like power-kiting / land yachting.	Opportunities for further promotion of North Sea Trail and links with businesses, with associated economic benefits.	
CP19: Beach Esplanade to Bridge of Don to Footdee			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Flat, tarmac path along Aberdeen beachfront, linking Donmouth Local Nature Reserve and the historic fishing village of Footdee. The route also forms part of the North Sea Coastal Path.	Links the area of Seaton and Bridge of Don with Footdee and towards City Centre. Extremely popular recreational route with families, joggers, cyclists, in-line skaters, and all abilities. Route passes by a range of attractions including the cinema and amusement complex, leisure centre, restaurants and of course the beach itself.	Further promotion of the route as the North Sea Trail, with economic development opportunities. Linkages between Seaton and the beach should be enhanced.	
CP20: University to Beach via Linksfeld and Broad Hill			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Part of the route is tarmac travelling along pavements beside roads. Broad Hill follows off road paths which are steeply sloping.	Path travels through open green space network, including playing fields, and provides access to the football stadium and also to the beachfront. The route can be used in conjunction with other paths to provide a circular route. Public transport is located nearby on King Street and Park Road.	The section known as Accommodation Road is on-road with no footway. There is an opportunity for creation of a path separate from the road.	

CP21: River Don – City Centre			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Suitable for use by pedestrians and cyclists, though steep gradients and narrow pavements could make this unsuitable for use by wheelchair users.	Route links city centre to Old Aberdeen and the River Don via Mounthooly. It provides access to the historic Old Aberdeen area of the City and provides access to key destinations on Aberdeen's Granite Trail i.e. Marischal College and Provost Skene's House as well as other City landmarks/ facilities including public offices, St Nicholas House and the Town House. The route passes through Seaton Park and leads on to the River Don path. It links to other core paths throughout Old Aberdeen and to the network of city centre routes.	Opportunities for better promotion of the route's links with other paths.	
CP22: Rosehill Drive to Don Terrace via Stewart Park			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
The route travels from Rosehill Drive through Hilton Woods and Stewart Park. It continues along urban streets to meet with Don Terrace. The route follows flat to moderate gradients and is suitable for walkers and cyclists. Stewart park is suitable for wheelchair use	The path travels through open green space network including playing fields. Route also travels through the Hilton Woods District Wildlife Site and provides access to Stewart Park and the River Don path. It links residential properties to sports facilities and the community centre. There are a number of schools and nurseries located within close vicinity of this route and therefore, it may be used in part as a safe route to school.	On entering the park at Rosehill Drive there is a muddy, wet section near the quarry which will require drainage.	
CP23: Westburn Park			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A popular tarmac circular path in good condition with easy gradient that would be suitable for all abilities.	Route may be used as a shortcut for some, but on the whole the route is used primarily for recreational purposes. Path travels through open green space network and provides access to sports facilities (e.g. playing fields and tennis courts). There are a number of schools located around the vicinity of Westburn Park and public transport is located in close proximity on Westburn Drive.	Opportunities for better promotion of the route.	
CP24: Victoria Park			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A popular circular route running through Victoria Park. The route is tarmac and in excellent condition and suitable for all.	The route may be used as a shortcut for some, but will be used primarily for recreational purposes. It travels through open green space network and there are a number of schools located around the vicinity of Westburn Park. Public transport is located in close proximity on Westburn Road.		
CP25: Union Terrace Gardens			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A circular tarmac route, in good condition, with a mixture of steep and easy gradients. Steep steps to access the gardens. Alternative access from Woolmanhill below Denburn Viaduct.	Route may be used as a shortcut for some, but primarily for recreational purposes. The path travels through open green space network. Public transport is located in close proximity on Union Terrace and Rosemount Viaduct.	The steep slopes surrounding the park mean that the use of steps, although limiting to some types of users, is unavoidable. Due to the lack of open, public greenspace in the city centre, and the popularity of the park, core path designation is thought to be appropriate.	
CP26: Jesmond Drive to Grandholm Drive			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A linear route which travels through woodland. Generally good quality surface although some sections could be a bit steep for some users.	Links the communities of Danestone and Bridge of Don to the wider path network, with access to the Sports Centre, Danestone Gardens and Aberdeen Science and Technology Park. Access to the River Don can be achieved by following other linking core paths. The route is close to Middleton Park Primary and Academy and could be used for travel to school.		

CP27: Den of Maidencraig to Anderson Drive			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Consists of a mixture of trod earth, tarmac and dust with moderate to easy gradients and good path condition. The path is thought to be suitable for all.	The path travels through open green space network and links to Den of Maidencraig Local Nature Reserve. The route provides access to businesses in the Rubislaw area and could also be used by some to access the hospital. The route links to various other paths and could potentially link with local paths to form circular routes.	Drainage could be enhanced on one part of the path.	
CP28: Skene Road to Sheddocksley			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Tarmac path with steep gradient at the northern end running to the east of Queens Den, along the boundary of the Den of Maidencraig Local Nature Reserve and into Sheddocksley. Suitable for multi use.	The route links neighbourhoods of Sheddocksley and Woodend and travels through open green space network, running adjacent to the Den of Maidencraig. It provides access to other paths, Hazlehead Academy, recreational facilities and public transport links.	If rest points were incorporated into the steep gradient the whole route may be wheelchair accessible. The path could potentially link with local paths to form a circular route. The route links up with route 27 through Denburn. Opportunities for signage to promote the path's links with other routes.	
CP29: Kingswells to Lang Stracht/Maidencraig Woods			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A linear path of mixed surface but mostly granite dust and tarmac with easy to moderate gradients. The condition of the route is fairly good.	The route links Kingswells village to the Lang Stracht and Sheddocksley area of the City, with other paths travelling in and out of the City. The path travels through open green space network and provides access to Den of Maidencraig. Public transport is located on Kingswood Drive and on the Lang Stracht.		
CP30: Bridge of Don			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A linear off-road route with attractive views running through a residential area.	Provides a link right through the centre of Bridge of Don. Links with Danestone when used in conjunction with other core paths. The path links residential areas in Bridge of Don to Glashieburn Primary and other schools. The path has several links to the wider path network and other core paths which allows users to form circular routes and to travel to various destinations.	A section of this path has recently been improved in order to provide a better link to Glashieburn School.	
CP31: Kingswells Avenue to Old Skene Road			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A linear route through Kingswells village from Kingswells Avenue to Old Skene Road.	Links the school and community centre, the local shop, post office, the pharmacy, and the school playing field. The route provides a safe route to the primary school by linking paths and pavement throughout Kingswells. It also links many other paths in and around Kingswells and to those which lead on into Aberdeen and to Westhill. These offer a range of circular routes.	The path will link the new development to the south of Kingswells to the heart of Kingswells.	
CP33: Hillhead of Derbeth to North Kingswells			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A multi use linear grass path in good condition but with narrow parts. A moderate to easy gradient.	The path travels through open green space network and provides access into the Brimmond Hill District Wildlife Site, a popular recreation area. The route links to other proposed core paths including paths north to Brimmond Hill.	Some overgrown parts, a couple of small drainage issues. Although the AWPR plans include passing across the route of this path, it will be maintained via the North Kingswells underpass.	
CP34: Brimmond Hill			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A combination of grass, trod earth path and sealed surface, which has a steep gradient throughout.	Path travels through open green space network including Brimmond Hill - a popular recreation area, and it links into other proposed core paths to the south and Elrick Hill, via West Woods to the north.	The route is heavily encroached with gorse, which needs to be addressed.	

CP35: Clinterty Woods to Elrick Country Park			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A trod earth path with a variety of gradients, including some very steep. The route is suitable for multi-use in most sections.	The route links countryside, passing the Sculpture Trail and woodlands, also linking part of the March Stones Trail. It provides good access to a number of paths throughout Clinterty Woods, Elrick and Brimmond Country Parks.	Some path improvements required.	
CP36: Clinterty Woods to Brimmond Country Park			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A trod earth path in average condition, with largely prolonged stretches of moderate gradient but also some steep sections. The route would be suitable for multi use with some improvement.	This path links Clinterty Woods, Elrick Country Park, Craibstone Golf Course and Brimmond Country Park. It allows access to forest trails, archaeological/historical site on Brimmond Hill (example of Rigg and Furrow), also allows access to Tyrebagger Sculpture Park.	There are two drainage issues that need to be addressed and some cutting back of vegetation required.	
CP37: Clinterty Woods to Craibstone Estate			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A popular trod earth path in average condition, with mostly easy gradients. There is one very steep section running in a north/south direction.	Route travels through Craibstone college providing access to Clinterty Woods and Elrick Country Park. It also links with further paths which allow access to Brimmond Country Park and provide an off-road route near to Kirkhill Forest. Improves access to visitor attractions such as Tyrebagger Country Park, and forest walks throughout Clinterty Woods.	Overhanging trees and drainage issue need to be addressed.	
CP38: A96/ Sclattie Place roundabout to Craibstone Estate			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Route is mainly tarmac with a small dust path leading to the student halls. It is in good/average condition. Gradient is easy to moderate and is suitable for multi-use.	Links the student community at SAC, Craibstone with local services, and communities in north west Aberdeen with countryside. Route travels through expansive area of open green space. The path can be used in conjunction with the wider network to access more countryside sites such as Elrick Country Park and Clinterty Woods. Provides access to bus services for students.	Dust path leading to halls of residence could be improved. The AWPR plans propose that this route will be diverted via the Craibstone Junction sliproad.	
CP39: Craibstone Estate Route			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A mostly trod earth flat and narrow path, with some sections of tarmac and stone.	The route provides access to Craibstone Estate and the Agricultural College. Path also provides access to a walled garden and arboretum. Path forms a key section of a wider circular network that allows numerous route options. The route is within open green space through local countryside.	This route is due to be diverted as a result of the AWPR via the Craibstone Junction sliproad. An extension of the path to the south would link it better with other routes. This is likely to be possible following the AWPR due to reduced traffic on local roads.	
CP40: Central Park, Dyce			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A new linear off-road route running east to west through parkland. The surface is tarmac and flat, suitable for all.	The path provides an important link through the centre of Dyce, running through Central Park. The path links to residential areas at both its eastern and western sides and many local facilities including the primary school, high school, library, superstore and health centre.	Path was created through a community project to enhance the park. Opportunity to create further links through the park, in a north/south direction. Desire from the community to create this additional link.	
CP42: Kingswells – Howes Road			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Mainly flat linear path consisting of granite dust, boardwalk and farm track. The route is well used as a recreational route.	A section of the route runs along the edge of the village of Kingswells, giving access to the rest of the core path network. There are bus stops located in the vicinity. The path forms part of the Bucksburn Valley Path Network.	The area is locally valued for quiet informal recreation. The path has recently been improved in order to be more suitable for a wider range of users. There is a strong demand locally for a path linking Kingswells with the new Bucksburn Academy, enabling children to cycle to school. Any improvements should be in keeping with the surroundings however.	

CP44: Newhills Avenue to Auchmill Road and Deveron Road			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Road stopped-up to traffic. Very well used link between communities of Northfield (regeneration area) and Bucksburn. Moderate gradient on some sections, mostly suitable for multi-use.	Used as a link to schools, employment, shops, public transport and to gain access to the Bucksburn Valley Path Network. The majority of the path travels through open space. At the southern end the path travels through Eric Hendrie Park.	Drainage problem at one location needs to be addressed. Newhills Avenue spur requires some upgrading.	
CP45: Deveron Road to Gillahill Croft			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A linear route with a tarmac and trod earth surface and an easy gradient. The route is of variable condition, sections through Eric-Hendry Park are suitable for wheelchair users however, westwards the surface becomes rougher. One section is currently impassable.	The route provides a link to Sheddocksley, the Sports Centre and playing fields and connects with another path linking to Kingswells. Although the route is linear it offers some circular options and the route is surrounded by open green space. Bus stops located close to the end point of the path on Lewis Road.	The width of the route is currently reduced by overgrown gorse. One section of the route is due to be improved as part of the Cockers Garden Centre development, in order to provide a sustainable travel link to the site.	
CP46: Sheddocksley - Kingswells			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A linear route which links Kingswells and Sheddocksley along with other core paths. The route is mostly trod earth in average condition with some grass sections. The gradient is moderate with some steep parts.	Path provides a key north-south link between Bucksburn, Sheddocksley and Kingswells and travels mainly through open green space surrounded by farmland. The nearest bus stop is located on Lewis Road, 600m from the start of the path at Fernhill Cottage.	Some minor and inexpensive works could enhance accessibility for more user types and abilities.	
CP47: Manor Avenue to Auchmill Road			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Path surface comprised of both grass and trod earth. It is in fairly poor condition with wet and muddy sections.	Route is within the residential area of Middlefield. It provides links to settlements along Auchmill Road, and direct access to the Community Centre and also Sunnybank Junior's football ground. The path also runs close to playing fields along Manor Walk. Route travels through large area of open green space. There are excellent links to public transport at both the start and end points of the route on Auchmill road and Provost Rust Drive.	Opportunity for improvement of path surface.	
CP48: Gairnhill Wood to Kingsford			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
The surface of this route varies between stone and trod earth, with a moderate gradient. The path is suitable for multi use.	Very scenic and popular route, close to a car park at Gairnhill. The path links into the wider path network allowing many more routes to be accessed throughout Gairnhill woodland. The path could be used by occupiers of a number of detached dwellings to access bus links from Kingsford.	There is potential for existing businesses, e.g. equine centres to be supported by users of the path. The AWPR plans include diversion of this route, connecting with the Gairn Farm accommodation underpass.	
CP49: Kingshill Wood			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Gentle circular woodland route with some steep sections on the west path. Suitable for multi use.	Links into other core paths, and provides a popular circular route.	Drainage issues need to be addressed. Path forms part of timber haulage route on which lorries regularly run. This route will be subject to closure during forest operations for health and safety reasons. A viable diversion exists.	
CP50: Kingshill Wood to Loanhead Equestrian Centre			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A mostly trod earth path with an easy gradient and in good condition. The path is suitable for multi use.	The path is a popular recreational route. It provides access to the Loanhead Equestrian Centre.	Drainage at certain points could be improved.	

CP51: Gairnhill Wood to Guttrie Hill			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A combination of dust and tarmac make up this path. There are moderate gradients and the ground condition is good to average. The route is thought to be suitable for wheelchairs.	The path incorporates woodland and the surrounding countryside. It links to the wider path network in and around Gairnhill Wood and north of Peterculter. Although the path is used mainly for recreation, it could act as a sustainable and active travel route between sites.	The route could benefit from signage advising people of the surrounding links. At Contlaw Road the AWPR is due to cross this path. The plans propose that the path will be maintained via the Contlaw Road overbridge.	
CP52: Buckleburn Road to Easter Anguston Cottage			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Mainly trod earth, this path travels from the north of Peterculter at Buckleburn Road to Easter Anguston Cottage, just west of Peterculter, travelling through woodland along the northern edge of Peterculter.	Links Peterculter with countryside to the West.	The proposed developments at Malcolm Road and Crombie Park, Peterculter could increase use of the path. The enhancement of the eastern end of Buckleburn Road would create a longer route, see aspirational path (AP4).	
CP54: Foggieton Woods to Kirk Brae			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Route begins at Kirk Brae and runs westwards through Foggieton Woods. Off-road path through woodland.	Route runs through Foggieton Woods green space. Provides a link from residential areas of Cults to Foggieton Woods, popular recreational routes. Used in conjunction with other core paths and the wider paths network the route provides both long and short circular routes.	The route could benefit from signage advising people of wider links.	
CP55: Cults Avenue to Gairnhill Wood			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A well sign posted dust, trod earth and grass path with moderate to easy gradients and suitable for multi use.	The route links residential area of Cults to green space network. Cults Primary and Academy are within easy walking distance. Therefore could provide largely traffic-free routes to these schools for more isolated properties or potentially for school classes to access the woods for education purposes.	This route will be subject to closure during forest operations for health and safety reasons. Minor drainage issues in specific areas on the path to be addressed.	
CP56: Hazlehead Golf Course			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Popular, well-used paths in Hazlehead Park. Generally good quality, suitable for all, although one section has a poorer quality, rough surface.	Well-used path linking urban areas in the west of Aberdeen with Hazlehead Park, and its facilities including golf course. Bus access is good and it links to a number of other paths.	The section alongside the golf course is of a poorer, rough standard and could be enhanced.	
CP57: Hazlehead to Gairnhill Wood			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Path travels from Skene Road, Hazlehead to the eastern entrance of Gairnhill Wood, passing predominantly through woodland. The path is dust and trod earth with easy gradients.	Interesting woodland walk in a location that can be accessed on foot or by public transport. Promotes active travel by linking residential area with woodland. Links Hazlehead to green spaces, forests and District Wildlife Sites. Also links with Loanhead Equestrian Centre.	The path is suitable for multi use at present however potential for upgrading to all abilities access.	
CP58: Hazlehead Park			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
The path is easy gradient and consists of a mixture of trod earth and tarmac. Suitable for all, although unsealed sections have tree roots which could cause difficulty to some.	Path links proposed core paths running from the built up areas at the west of the City with other paths throughout woodland and Hazlehead Park. Links with golf course, equestrian centre and playing fields. Runs nearby Hazlehead Academy.		

CP59: Stonehaven Road to Auldearn Road			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Urban route running from the roundabout at the south side of King George VI Bridge, along a tree-lined path set back from Provost Watt Drive. Long, moderate slope may be unattractive to some users.	<p>This link travels along a tree lined path and provides access to a range of community facilities, including schools.</p> <p>The route also connects with a number of other paths providing access north into the City, and south towards Kincorth Hill.</p>		
CP60: Anderson Drive to Den Wood via Craigiebuckler			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Linear route that follows a series of surfaced and dust paths. Some sections are suitable for all abilities.	The route links communities close to Hazledene Rd, Craigiebuckler, Springfield Rd and Rubislaw Park Crescent, as well as Kepplestone. Path travels through open green space network providing almost traffic free access to Hazlehead Park, Walker Dam and Johnstone Gardens. Path provides access to Gordon Highlanders Museum. Linear route but excellent strategic, off-road link to Hazlehead Park and wider network.	Some minor work could be carried out to improve the route, particularly around the Walker Dam area, where drainage can be an issue.	
CP61: Hazledene Road to Countesswells Road			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
<p>A multi user circular path through woodland and green space. The path is mostly trod earth with a few tarmac sections and is easy to moderate in gradient.</p> <p>A promoted all abilities tarmac circuit, with parking forms part of route 61.</p>	<p>The route runs through public woodlands and green space and could be used as part of a longer link between North Cults and the west of the City.</p> <p>The route links well with the existing paths network and allows access to a number of facilities within Hazlehead Park. The route passes close to the Dobbies Garden Centre and Hayfield riding stables. The riding stables frequently use the route as a horse riding route.</p>	Drainage works would be advisable along several sections to improve walking conditions to a reasonable standard - reducing the amount of mud which appears in wet weather.	
CP62: Queens Road to Hazledene Road via Hazlehead Avenue			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A tarmac route which is generally wheelchair accessible, with easy gradient and in good to average condition.	Useful shortcut within Craigiebuckler / Hazlehead community with good links to Hazlehead Academy and Primary, Hazlehead Community Education Centre as well as to Hazlehead Park. Path runs through wooded area with bus facilities located on Queens Road and Hazledene Road, bus stop near to end of path.	Tree roots on the southern section of the path may reduce accessibility to some.	
CP63: Den of Cults (north)			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A narrow path in fairly good condition consisting of tarmac and dust, most of which is an easy gradient, but one section at the southern end is very steep.	The route runs through a large part of Cults linking it to Hazlehead Park. It also serves the large proposed housing development between Craigton Road and Countesswells. The path provides direct access to a Post Office and other convenience shops in Cults along North Deeside Road as well as bus facilities and the Deeside Way (CP66), giving good access to the city centre.	Widening in places could enhance access for more user types and abilities.	
CP64: Pinewood Park to Springfield Place			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A good, short linear route, mostly tarmac with some dust and trod earth sections and easy gradient.	The route is within green space and provides a short link from the top of Countesswells through to Springfield Road. The path provides a useful shortcut from the bus terminus to surrounding residential areas as it runs through Airyhall terminus and also provides links to bus facilities on both Craigiebuckler Avenue and Springfield Road.	Along the dust/trod earth path there are muddy areas that could be addressed.	

CP65: Hazlehead to River Dee Path			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
The route consists of a mixture of roads / pavements, tarmac paths and dust paths. It follows the western edge of the urban area of the west end of the City.	Route provides a long, north-south link between Hazlehead and the River Dee. The path links residential areas and provides access to a wide range of facilities including playing fields, the RGU Campus at Garthdee, and schools. It also links with a wide range of other core paths, including paths that provide access into the City and to the wider countryside.	The section of the route linking to the River Dee Path is marked as an aspirational path and opportunities will be explored to enhance this link, including the possibility of extending further south via a new bridge over the Dee for non-motorised users. There will also be opportunities to integrate and improve the path through the Pinewood and Hazledene developments.	
CP66: Deeside Way			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Path follows the route of the old Deeside Railway Line from Duthie Park to the City boundary, west of Peterculter. The track is in good order, generally flat and consists of a mixture of tarmac sections and granite dust. The majority of the route is wheelchair accessible, although some access points require improvement.	Popular route which links all of the lower Deeside communities in the City and Shire. The route terminates at its east end at Duthie Park, which contains Grampian's top visitor attraction, the David Welch Winter Gardens. The route is also a District Wildlife Site. There are links to public transport along the length of the route, via the parallel North Deeside Road. This and CP70 (River Dee Path) offer various circular route options. It is extremely well used for recreation and for travel.	The sections at the western end, near Peterculter could be enhanced. Opportunities for promotion as a regional asset for residents and visitors are being explored with Aberdeenshire Council, Scottish Enterprise Grampian, Cairngorms National Park and Sustrans. AWPR plans include diverting the Deeside Way onto Station Road and over the AWPR via the Milltimber Brae overbridge.	
CP67: Rocklands Road			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
An easy gradient path made of dust, tarmac and trod earth. The path is in average to good condition. The path is multi use at present.	The majority of the route travels through green space and links residents of Cults and Braeside through a reasonably short and direct route. Several facilities are served by the route including: Braeside Nursery Infant School and the Marcliffe Hotel. The route links to the wider path network especially in Cults and intersects with route 65 giving access north to Hazlehead and south to the River Dee.	In some parts of the path, the surface gets quite muddy and rutted which could be improved. However, given the occasional vehicle use of the route, this may not be appropriate.	
CP68: Den of Cults			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Route travels between the Deeside Way and the River Dee Path via the Den of Cults, steep in places.	Route travels in a picturesque area through green space network alongside the Den of Cults and provides access to the River Dee Path from the Deeside Way.		
CP69: Duthie Park			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A wheelchair accessible circular route around Duthie Park with mostly easy gradient and tarmac in good condition.	The path is contained within Duthie Park, a popular attraction including the winter gardens, café and open playing fields and links well with other routes. Public transport is located in close proximity to the start point of the route on Deemount Terrace.	Some parts could benefit from improvement where there are pot holes.	

CP70: River Dee Path (north bank)			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
<p>An off-road path comprised of two sections following alongside the River Dee.</p> <p>The first section runs from Victoria Bridge, near the harbour, to Allan Park, south of Cults. The eastern, more urban end includes roadside pavement and granite dust surfacing, suitable for all user types and abilities.</p> <p>The second section runs from Mains of Murtle, south of Milltimber, to Peterculter in the west. The western, more rural end is mainly a narrow, trodden earth path. Both sections provide access to the River Dee for watersports. The path is very well used. A length of path between the two sections has not been included as a core path due to safety issues resulting from erosion of the riverbank. Please see aspirational path 9 for more information.</p>	<p>Extremely popular path passing through the River Dee Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The eastern end links with Torry and incorporates a section of the North Sea Trail. It also passes Duthie Park, which includes the David Welch Winter Gardens, Grampian's top visitor attraction. The route also passes close by the Bridge of Dee retail area and Robert Gordon's University (RGU).</p> <p>There are many links between this route and other paths, including CP66 (Deeside Way), offering many circular routes. The path is used in several places for the purposes of accessing the river for water sports. Key access/egress points are at Maryculter Bridge, Inchgarth Reservoir, Duthie Park and Queen Elizabeth Bridge boathouses.</p>	<p>The less formal western sections of the path, require some improvements, including installation of a bridge over a small burn and some points being eroded by the river. There is an opportunity to aid land management and improve access by enhancing some of the water access points. Nestrans has funded the improvement of the eastern section as a sustainable travel link with RGU and there is potential for extending this work to include improvements to other links, including a link to Aberdeenshire's paths network to the south through a new crossing of the Dee, proposed by RGU. Any works will need to be carefully planned and managed in order to avoid negative impacts on the River Dee SAC, although some positive environmental measures may be possible. The path will pass under the AWPR's bridge over the Dee.</p>	 
CP71: Dyce Airport Cycle Path			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
<p>Route consists of dual-use pavements and is a flat surface of good quality. Recommended for use by walkers and cyclists.</p> <p>Suitable for all abilities except stairs to bridge over railway at northern end.</p>	<p>The path forms part of a route which links Dyce Rail Station with Aberdeen Airport and on to Kirkhill Industrial Estate.</p> <p>Route links residential areas in Dyce with the cricket ground. The path also links very well with the wider paths network.</p>	<p>Some dropped kerbs on Farburn Terrace may assist access for all abilities.</p>	
CP72: North Deeside Road to River Dee			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
<p>A linear route with a mixture of stone and tarmac in good condition with moderate to easy gradients. Suitable for multi-use.</p>	<p>A short and useful link between North Deeside Road and the River Dee path, as well as offering links to Milltimber. The route provides access to open green space and links directly with the Deeside Way.</p>	<p>The access point linking CP72 and the Deeside Way (CP66) could be improved.</p>	
CP73: Old Ferry Road			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
<p>Tarmac and trod earth path with easy gradient, suitable for multi use although track is rough. Farm vehicles use this track.</p>	<p>The path links Newton Dee village to Bielside and acts as the main route out of Newton Dee village.</p> <p>There is access to facilities in Cults and Bielside, and the path links with the Deeside Way and River Dee Path.</p> <p>Public transport is located to the north of the path on North Deeside Road.</p>	<p>Drainage issues at certain points could be addressed and encroaching vegetation cut back in places.</p>	
CP74: Hillview Crescent to River Dee via Allan Park			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
<p>A linear route which leads to the River Dee Path via Allan Park consisting mostly of pavement with some dust and trod earth sections. It is in good to average condition with easy to moderate gradients. Suitable for multi use.</p>	<p>The path gives access to open green space and local playing fields and runs along side Deeside Golf Course. The path runs throughout Allan Park and also allows access to the River Dee Path and the Deeside Way. It goes directly past Cults Academy.</p> <p>This is not a traffic free route although it does travel along quiet residential roads, well-used for access to the school. There are two bus stops located in close proximity to the route, both on North Deeside Road.</p>	<p>Drainage could be improved in places.</p>	

CP75: Bon Accord Crescent Gardens			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A circular tarmac route with average conditions and gradients fluctuating from very easy to very steep throughout.	The route allows several useful entry and exit points to the Gardens for city centre residents and links to Ferryhill Community Centre. Residents to the south of the park are offered potential short cuts to the city centre. The route may be considered a safe route to Ferryhill Primary School for some. It requires crossing Willowbank Road but pedestrian facilities exist.	Drainage problems have caused areas of stagnant water to seep onto the path in places however some of the paths have recently been resurfaced.	
CP76: Culter House Road to the River Dee			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Route travels between Culter House Road and the River Dee. Largely consists of a worn track between Culter House Road and North Deeside Road.	Path travels through open green space network and provides access to the Deeside Way and the River Dee Path. It follows the eastern edge of the residential area of Peterculter and provides access to Albyn School Playing Fields and services on North Deeside Road. The route links to other paths both to the north and south and can be used in conjunction with other paths to provide a circular route.		
CP77: Coronation Park			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
This route incorporates two sections of path through open green space in the centre of Peterculter. The routes were recently installed with the support of the local community.	Route provides access to Peterculter Health Centre and Sports Centre. It links to local paths in the area, which in turn link into other proposed core paths. Route travels through open green space network and is attractive for recreation and active travel.		
CP78: Coastal Path South			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
The path is a mixture of grass and trod earth in average condition. Mostly easy to moderate gradients, but some steep and exposed parts. The path is narrow near the cliff top meaning that it is most suitable for pedestrians. A popular route with locals and visitors, for short and long walks.	Links Cove and Torry and onwards to the city centre. The route offers links to several places of interest e.g. Balnagask golf course, Girdleness Lighthouse, Cove Harbour and Torry Battery. Possible links to Altens industrial estate. The route connects well with the surrounding path network and bus facilities, allowing various circular options to be formed. It forms part of the North Sea Trail. The route is used mainly for recreation.	Drainage issues at certain points need to be addressed. There is an opportunity to continue the coastal path south of Cove, into Aberdeenshire. Various practical and land use constraints limit this prospect at present but could be a longer term aspiration.	
CP79: Kincorth Hill			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A circular route consisting of trod earth, dust and tarmac with varying gradients, in good condition. Generally suitable for multi-use. Gradients would restrict access for wheelchairs.	The route provides a pleasant traffic free way of getting from the east to the west side of Kincorth and a popular recreational area. There are a number of paths that lead from Nigg Way on to the residential and service area of Kincorth and various facilities and services that are close to the route including Kincorth Library & Community Education Centre, police station, Kirkhill Primary School, Kincorth Academy, Craighill Primary School, and a number of bus routes.	Minor resurfacing would be required to remove minor drainage issues at specific points along the route.	
CP80: Cove to Wellington Road			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Trod earth paths throughout rough ground in village of Cove. Part of the path is on currently contaminated land which is due to be remediated and developed.	Well used by dog-walkers and other local people for recreation. Path is adjacent to surrounding housing and runs towards Charlestown Primary School, thereby offering a route for travelling to and from school. At the southern end the path links onto roads with bus services, people from the surrounding residential areas may therefore use the path as a shortcut to bus stops.	In need of some surface improvements. Area is zoned for development in the Finalised Aberdeen Local Plan. This could mean that the line of the paths could be altered (and surfaces improved) to fit within the layout of any future residential development. There is significant demand, which will increase with more development, to enhance the wider links, including across the A90 to Kincorth and Loirston Loch.	

CP81: Cove Road			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Tarmac path with easy gradient and in good condition. The route is thought to be wheelchair accessible.	Safe link to Loirston Primary School & Community Education Centre. Route travels within green space and has good links to bus stops.	Linear route although it could link with other local paths to provide circular route options.	
CP82: Kincorth – Loirston Loch			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A network of routes linking Kincorth with Loirston Loch. Generally multi-use and the paths around Lochinch Countryside Interpretation Centre are suitable for all abilities.	The route links the recreation area at Lochinch with Kincorth and potentially Cove (once aspirational path number (AP) 3 is implemented). It provides access to the Lochinch Countryside Interpretation Centre and Loirston Loch District Wildlife Site, which can be sensitive due to its bird population.	The route links into other paths which lead to the coast at Cove. Improved access across Wellington Road would be required to make this opportunity a more attractive and safe link.	
CP83: Souter Head Road to Cove Crescent			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A mixture of tarmac and trod earth path with easy to moderate gradients, some vehicles use the route but it is very popular with families on foot and bike.	The route passes through and alongside green space and links the north and south of Cove. It also links with Altens Community Centre and Industrial Estate. The route links into other paths creating circular route options. Parts of it could also be used as a route to Charlestown Primary.	Surface could be improved in places. Part of the route follows paths recently improved through the Woodlands In and Around Towns initiative.	
CP85: Abbotswell Road to Bridge of Dee			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
From the Bridge of Dee, the route travels along the edge of the Inverdee Playing Fields, under the King George VI Bridge and along the south bank of the Bridge of Dee. Most of it is a tarmac surface, forming part of the cycle path to Altens Industrial Estate.	The route runs along the northern boundaries of Kincorth providing links with other core paths and circular routes. The whole route travels through open green space along the banks of the River Dee. Bus stops are situated at a variety of locations close to the path, including, Great Southern Road, Provost Watt Drive and West Tullos Road.	Route could benefit from signposting of surrounding links.	
CP86: Bucklerburn Rd – Deeside Way			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
The route involves a mixture of track, road/pavement, and tarmac paths. It links Malcolm Road to the north of Peterculter, through the village to the Deeside Way.	The path travels close to open green space network and passes by Culter Primary School. Route provides onward access for residents (e.g. in Crombie Circle, Johnstone Gardens etc.) to shops and services on North Deeside Road. Route can be used in conjunction with other paths to provide circular routes. The route links onwards to the River Dee path.		
CP87: Denwood - Cults			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A route suitable for all, which is completely tarmac with easy to moderate gradients.	A linear route with excellent potential for directly linking the large path networks around Hazlehead Park and all of its associated facilities with the north of Cults. Cults Primary and Academy are close by the path and the route runs directly through the site of proposed new housing between Countesswells Road and Craigton Road.	Craigton Road heading north towards Countesswells Road is a busy road with no pavement. Consideration could be given to separating the pedestrians from the vehicles on this section of the proposed route.	
CP89: Hillhead Road			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A long linear route running along country tracks.	Entire length of path passes through green space network. Route also links to Gairnhill Wood and the Deeside Way. It is mainly a recreational route, accessible by public transport, and offers several circular route options by linking with other paths.		

CP90: Gairnhill Wood			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A linear route running in a north easterly direction through Gairnhill Wood.	The path runs through Gairnhill Wood which is green space network. It creates circuits with the other core paths in the vicinity. The path is primarily used for recreation.		
CP91: Westhill to Queens Road			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A new route predominantly designed as a cycle commuting link between Westhill and Aberdeen.	A route which links Westhill with Aberdeen and to many other routes and facilities. It links a number of communities and passes close by Hazlehead Park, several schools and the Den of Maidencraig.	The phased project to create this route is still underway, with the latter phase involving the section at the eastern end. The AWPR plans include maintaining this route via traffic signals on the A944 junction.	
CP92: Kingswells Crescent			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Linear route following tracks, paths and roads / pavements linking the centre of the village of Kingswells with the Bucksburn Valley Path Network. The natural topography of this area could pose problems for those in wheelchairs/ pushing prams.	The route mainly follows the edge of Kingswells, linking with many other proposed core paths which can be used in conjunction with the route to create circular routes.		
CP93: Sheddocksley Urban Circuit			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
The route runs around Sheddocksley in a U-Shape, providing access along mainly off-road paths into the wider countryside path network. The path is suitable for multi-use.	Route links Sheddocksley to green space network and with a bus route which runs into the centre of the city and to Heathryfold. Provides a connection from Sheddocksley path network to the Kingswells path network. Could form part of a route to school.		
CP95: Cove - the Coast			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Most of the path is off-road through open countryside. Route is popular and well used.	The path links residential areas of Cove and Burnbanks with Altens Industrial Estate. The route links with other core paths and with the wider paths network, offering circular routes.		
CP96: Castlegate – Anderson Drive			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
The route provides an east – west link through the City Centre from the Castlegate to Anderson Drive.	Route passes through many city centre and west end neighbourhoods and is a key strategic link from the City Centre towards the paths network on the west of the City. Various schools and other facilities and services are located along the way. The route provides access to various sites of historical and cultural importance, including destinations on Aberdeen's Granite and Sculpture Trails. Public transport located along the route on Union Street, Albyn Place and Queen's Road.	Route may benefit from signposting advising of the surrounding links.	
CP97: City Centre – Duthie Park			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
The route provides an important north–south link between the City Centre and areas in the south of Aberdeen. It is a linear route following pavements of a relatively flat gradient.	The route provides an important north – south link between the City Centre and areas in the south of Aberdeen. It links the City Centre to the important recreational area of Duthie Park and leads on to the River Dee Path and the Deeside Way. It also passes close by Bon Accord Crescent Gardens. Route travels in close proximity to Ferryhill Primary School.		

CP98: Union Street – Victoria Bridge			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
Relatively flat route, although the north section is steep. Tarmac and stone surfaces.	Route directly links Torry with the city centre. It also links with the River Dee, and on to the rest of the path network to the south. Public transport is located on Union Street (at the start of the route) and along Market Street. The route passes close by Aberdeen Railway Station and Bus Station.		
CP99: Schoolhill			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A linear route that travels through the centre of Aberdeen, on pavements / roads. The route has a little section of moderate gradient.	Path links to Union Terrace Gardens and with other City Centre routes, passing various places of interest including Robert Gordon's University, His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen Art Gallery and various monuments included in Aberdeen's Sculpture Trail.		
CP100: Aberdeen Beach – City Centre			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A linear route linking the beach to the city centre. The path runs on pavements / roads, generally of good quality. Easy gradient with many pedestrian crossings.	Route is used by a wide range of users for recreation and travel. It provides access to green space (Queens Links), to Aberdeen beach, to the beach esplanade and the range of facilities there. It also links to shops, facilities and public transport in the city centre.		
CP101: Stoneywood Path			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
This route consists of a mixture of roads / pavements and off-road tarmac paths.	The route provides a direct off-road link between residences to the north and the secondary school to the south. It may also be used in part to provide access to The Rowett Institute. Along with CP 4 and 71 it forms a very popular recreational circuit.	Opportunity for addition of some dropped kerbs to make the route more accessible to all.	
CP102: The Green			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A linear route running through a conservation area linking the train station and bus station to the city centre. The route passes through the Green, with various shops and restaurants. It may not be attractive to some due to its cobblestones.	With the exception of Guild Street, route provides a traffic free route beneath Union Street. The Green is a very attractive traffic free area, with shops and restaurants. Route passes through a conservation area, part of the City's Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.	There are significant opportunities for the route to be enhanced, forming a key pedestrian route from the Bus and Rail Stations and forthcoming shopping centre development to the other shopping centres in the city centre, places of work and visitor attractions. Such enhancement is planned as part of the THI project.	
CP103: North Balnagask Road to Wellington Road			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A long linear route running at the edge of residential and industrial areas, mostly on roads / pavements. Generally fairly flat surface.	Links communities of Torry (a regeneration area), Balnagask and Kincorth. It forms an alternative (or circular) route to the paths through Tullos Hill / Ness former Landfill Site. The route links onwards to St Fitticks Church, Balnagask (Nigg Bay) Golf Course, Tullos Hill and Tullos Primary School. Public transport is located in close proximity to start of the route on Balnagask Road and Girdleness Road.	The Tullos Hill / Ness Landfill Site, although no longer active, needs extensive remediation work to bring it to a safe and environmentally acceptable standard. This will involve long-term closure of parts of the site but will bring opportunities for significant enhancement as a greenspace in future. Access staff have been working closely with the site restoration team in order to ensure, where possible, access to the site during the works.	
CP104: Balnagask			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A linear route travelling through the open green space of Balnagask Headland, using the road / pavement. Thought to be accessible for all.	Route links Torry with the Coastal Path and Balnagask greenspace. It links with St Fitticks Church and Balnagask Golf Course. The route provides access to the Coastal Path and the other paths within Torry, including links that continue into the city centre and out towards Deeside.		

CP105: Kincorth Hill to Stonehaven Road			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
The route follows a combination of off-road paths and pavements	Useful link through the centre of Kincorth and provides access to a range of community facilities including the Kincorth Playing fields, Kincorth Academy and Abbotswells Primary School. It also provides a link to Kincorth Hill.		
CP107: Dubford Road to Denmore Road			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
A linear route that runs between Lochside Road and Denmore Road. The route passes through residential areas and woodland, but is mostly on paths with a little section on the road / pavement.	The route is situated within green space, for the majority of the way passing playing fields. It could provide a safe route to Greenbrae Primary School The route offers recreational opportunities, linking with Scotstown Moor Local Nature Reserve.	Existing gates / barriers at one end could be removed or altered to enhance accessibility. Some minor surface improvements would also improve the route.	
CP108: Torry – Coastal Path, Nigg Bay			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities / Other information	
This route travels off-road through open space.	Provides links between Torry and the coastal path. Nearby public transport on Balnagask Road.		

SPIRATIONAL ROUTES (Routes that in a future review of the Core Paths Plan could become core paths once they are developed)

AP1: Denmore Road - Beach			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities	
The route will travel from Denmore Road, eastwards towards Ellon Road until it reaches the beach. Various consultation comments were received relating to the need to enhance the links between Bridge of Don and the Coast.	The route provides a link to the beach from Bridge of Don, the Denmore Industrial Estate and the future development sites at Berryhill and Findlay Farm. There are links to public transport routes on Ellon Road. The path is likely to be used for recreational and travel.	Within the Finalised Aberdeen Local Plan, there are two opportunity sites for development – Berryhill and Findlay Farm - and the need for this route will increase following these developments. These routes could be planned into the development of these sites, at which point, access across the golf course at this point can also be discussed in order to complete the link with the North Sea Trail.	
AP2 : Bucksburn - Newhills to Craibstone			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities	
The route will travel from Kepplehills Road, Bucksburn to Brimmond Lodge at Newhills and on to the Craibstone Estate. The route is on-road and therefore has a sealed and robust surface. At present the section between Newhills and Craibstone is very heavily used by motorised traffic and not currently suitable for non-motorised users.	The route will provide an important link in the core path network allowing the creation of circular routes. The route will be suitable for multi-user types and will be important for both recreation and sustainable travel.	Parts of this route are currently too busy with motorised traffic to be designated as a core path however, after completion of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route much of the traffic should be removed providing a safe recreational route. Other routes in the area, diverted as a result of the AWPR, will result in a longer, direct traffic free route running north-south.	
AP3 : Cove			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities	
An east-west link through the village of Cove, linking with Loirston Primary School and west to Loirston Recreation Area, continuing to Kincorth Hill.	The route would provide a safe route to school and would act as a key route through the centre of the community within greenspace, as well as link the communities of Kincorth and Cove.	A significant amount of development is proposed in the area, which will increase the need for good connections to surrounding facilities and places of interest, on foot and by bike. Developer contributions towards the creation of this route would be appropriate as a means of enhancing sustainable travel in the area.	
AP4 : Peterculter - Milltimber			
Description	Purpose	Opportunities	
Much of this route is on a busy road, which would be unsafe at present as a core path. However, with some improvement, e.g. a separate footway, the route would form a useful link.	The route links the community of Milltimber with the fairly extensive path network to the west and Peterculter.	There may be opportunities to implement these improvements through works planned as part of the Local Transport Strategy. As part of the planned AWPR, Culter House Road will be closed. As a result, the path will be diverted north and will cross the Milltimber Junction overbridge before travelling down a new track linking back to Culter House Road.	

AP5 : Kingswells - Bucksburn		
Description	Purpose	Opportunities
An off-road path linking the communities of Kingswells and Bucksburn. The line of this route was decided following consultation with the communities.	There is a significant demand for a path link between the communities, especially to enable children to cycle to the new Bucksburn Academy. The route will provide opportunities for sustainable travel as well as being a popular recreational route.	It was agreed by the Area North Committee in February 2009 that the existing part of the route should be upgraded and that the new section should be installed gradually, with use over time carefully monitored. Any upgrade should take into account the recreational uses and other considerations such as land management and environmental impacts.
AP6 : River Don (New National Cycle Network Route 1)		
Description	Purpose	Opportunities
A major new continuous, off-road route planned along the River Don.	This will form the new National Cycle Network Route 1, which currently follows busy roads. Taken as a whole, including the sections of CP6 which already exist, it creates a long distance, off-road path providing a major route for people to commute on foot or bike, to access facilities and for recreation.	The sections of this new route which does not exist at present pass through a number of sites proposed for development. The installation of the route offers excellent sustainable travel opportunities for those who, in future may live or work in these sites. Once this link in the core paths network is created, there will be opportunities for those who live in the lower Donside communities to travel on foot or bike to work at the Kirkhill Industrial Estate, or into the City Centre via CP21. There may be opportunities to enhance access to the river for watersports by creating a better access/egress point near Persley Bridge.
AP7 : Kingswells (Fairley) – Brimmond Hill		
Description	Purpose	Opportunities
The route contains a mixture of trod earth, tarmac and stone, with moderate to steep gradient covering most of the route. The route is not currently suitable for multi use due to a lack of space for oncoming access vehicles.	Although this is an existing route which provides access into the Brimmond Hill recreation area from Kingswells, widening of some sections is required to make the route more suitable as a core path. It links well with other core paths and connects to public transport links in Kingswells.	Requires some improvement in order to become a good core path. The route will be dissected by the AWPR north of Fairley Home Farm. The road plans propose that the track will be straightened and taken across the road via the Derbeth overbridge. It may be possible for the improvement works (e.g. widening of some sections to allow vehicles and path users to pass each other safely) to be carried out as part of the AWPR construction.
AP8 : River Dee Path		
Description	Purpose	Opportunities
The section of the popular riverside path along the north bank of the River Dee between Camphill and Allan Park has sustained significant erosion over recent times. This is to the extent that the path is not safe and therefore cannot be promoted as a core path until this is addressed.	The path is part of a longer distance route following the length of the river within the City. It is a very popular route and finding a solution to address the safety problems should be a priority.	The possible solutions to the problems of erosion by the river need to be addressed in order that the path can be reconsidered as a core path in future reviews of the Core Paths Plan.
AP9 : Kincorth – Tollohill Wood via Den of Leggart		
Description	Purpose	Opportunities
Some sections of this path exist at present but in order to link with the City, some sections need to be created. The landowner intends to install these as part of a development proposal.	Provides opportunity for Kincorth (and other City residents) to access Tollohill Woods and Aberdeenshire. Tollohill Woods have been improved vastly over recent years, creating a popular recreation area. There are bus stops located towards the start of the path on Leggart Terrace. The National Cycle Route 1 passes by the western edge of the route on the Causey Mounth Road.	The link between Tollohill Woods and the City needs to be created, and could provide an important recreational facility for local residents. There is also an opportunity to link from this path to the City to the north, via a new pedestrian/cycle bridge over the Dee, as proposed by landowners. This would create links with more communities and a range of facilities. There is also an opportunity to enhance links from Kincorth to the wider countryside of Aberdeenshire, particularly Tollohill Woods, by improving facilities for crossing the A90 dual carriage-way.
AP10 : Milltimber - Bieldside		
Description	Purpose	Opportunities
A new path is needed to link the communities of Milltimber and Bieldside. The route marked as AP10 in the maps could vary as further, detailed consultation and design takes place.	This aspirational route was added as a result of representations submitted during the consultation on the Final Draft. There is a strong local desire for a path that links the north of the two communities, as alternatives for walking or cycling are unattractive, involving lengthy detours.	The intended timescale for developing the route is within five years from adoption of this Core Paths Plan. The line of the route marked is not definitive, but represents the need to link the two communities, preferably with as direct a route as possible. The steep gradients of the Den of Murtle will be a challenging obstacle, and if this proves to be an insurmountable obstacle, the path may need to follow a route further north. The desire for a route that school pupils could use for cycling or walking to school would suggest that the shorter and more direct the route is, the more it will be used for this purpose.