APPENDIX 2

Hassocks NCN 20 Extension Study

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust proposal

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Introduction

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust is an industry leader in the development of practical, high quality active travel designs, with extensive experience working environmentally sensitive, spatially constrained and rural locations.

This project aims to consider practical, deliverable, options for an extension of NCN 20 from Pyecombe to Clayton, as part of a broader ambition to link NCN20 from Brighton through to Hassocks, Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath and Crawley as a replacement to the de-designated NCN20 route that used to follow the A23. This alternative corridor would likely attract more funding due to the settlements it links.

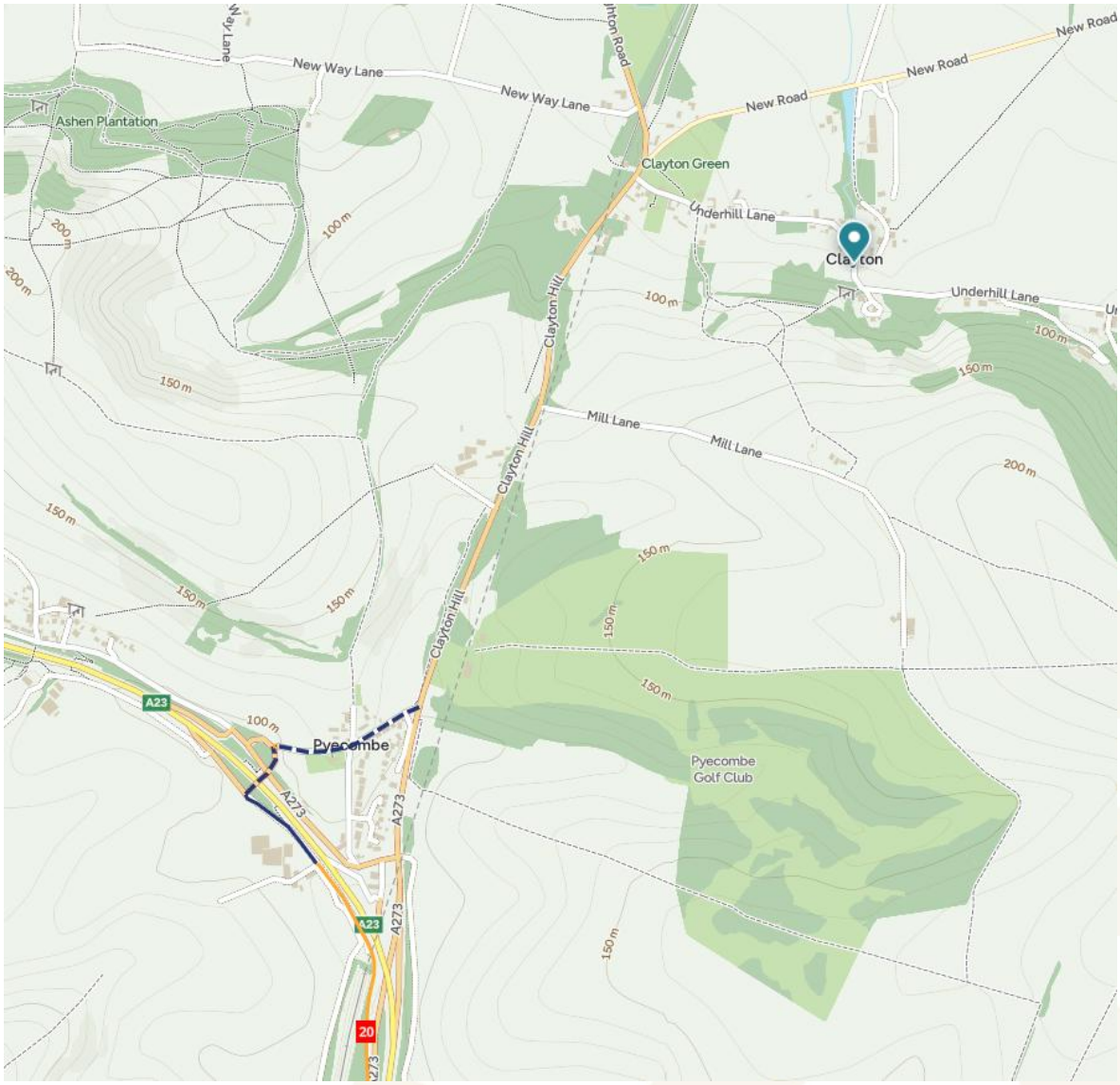


Figure 1: Map showing location of Underhill Lane, Clayton in relation to Pyecombe and NCN 20

Proposed Scope

For this study, two potential route alignments will be considered between Pyecombe and the Jack and Jill public house in Clayton;

a) The A273 Clayton Hill corridor,

b) The alternative of a route following the bridleway to the west of the A273.

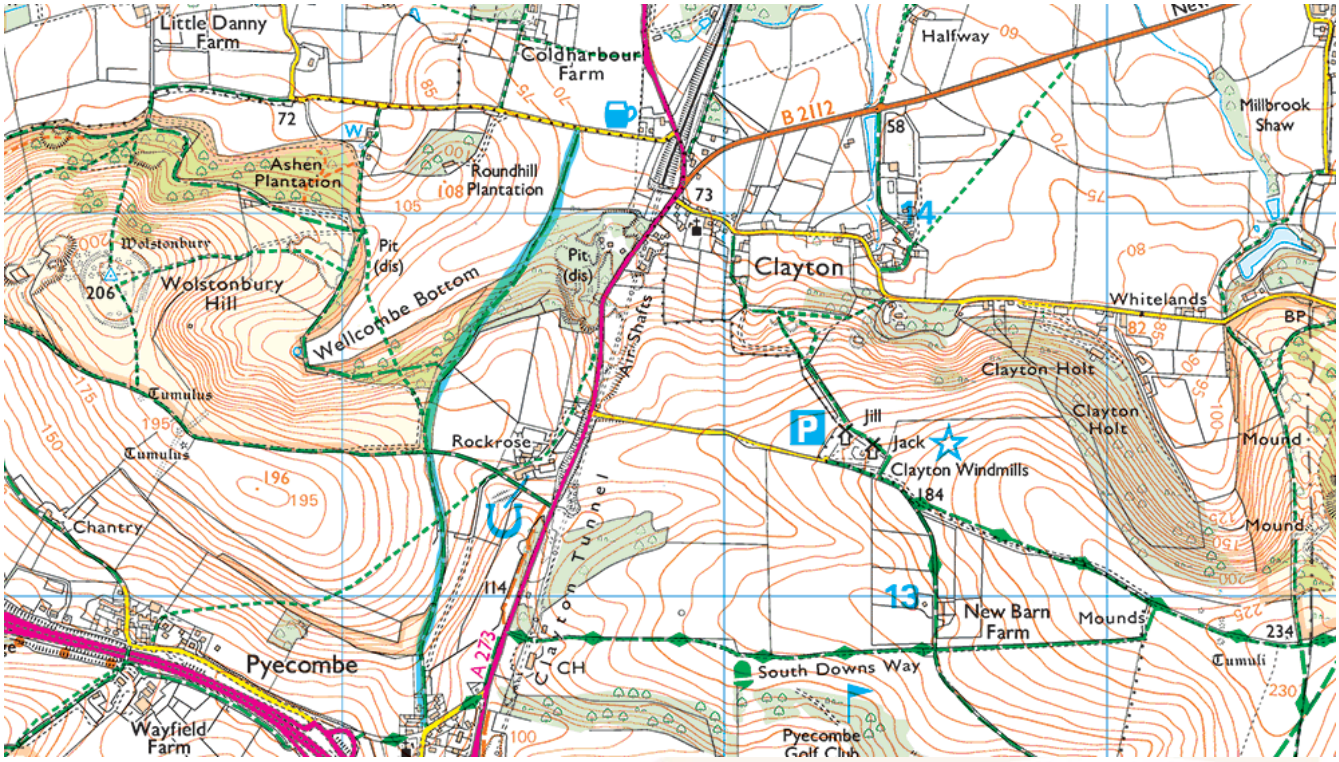


Figure 2: Map showing A273 corridor and the bridleway to the west (the latter highlighted in light blue) [Copyright Ordnance Survey]

For this study, the below will be carried out;

- Desktop review of existing walking and cycling routes, including interface with existing Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans and Network Development Plan
- Review of any existing traffic data, and land registry for any sections which are not a public right of way or public highway
- Review of any client supplied data and local information
- Ecological desk study
- Site visit by an experienced Engineer to look at the suggested route alignments, and how the alignments could connect to Clayton and beyond - communicated via a marked-up map
- Review of opportunities, co-benefits, challenges and constraints
- Consideration of criteria for inclusion of the route on the National Cycle Network and quality shortfalls

- High level report which summarises the above and includes recommended next steps

Additionally, we have allowed for one online meeting with local councillors to discuss the findings and next steps.

Costs

The fixed price cost for this proposal is £7,237

We have used reduced staff rates in this proposal to minimise costs and maximise value to the Client.

Programme

Dates to be agreed with Client. Indicatively, the study could be carried out within 3 months of commencement, subject to availability at time of commencement.

Proposed team

CVs of proposed project team available on request.

Assumptions and exclusions

- For the purposes of the Construction, Design and Management (CDM) regulations, it is assumed that Walk Wheel Cycle Trust will be Designer, Hassocks Parish Council will be the client, and that no Contractor has yet been appointed

- Any activities and deliverables not explicitly included in the scope are not included, and would be subject to an additional fee
- We will not carry out any community or stakeholder engagement or consultation, except for that listed in this proposal. Walk Wheel Cycle Trust will not prepare other bespoke responses to stakeholders' or consultees' communication. The scope does not allow for liaison with external consultants.

- No cost has been included for purchase of OS mapping license: we assume a Public Sector Geospatial Agreement (PSGA) will be signed by the Client (free of charge), or a license number will be provided by the Client
- As part of the site visit our Engineers will only visit locations where it is safe to do so. If there are specific locations where access is not possible (e.g. where it is not safe to cross a road to look at a verge), those specific locations will be assessed based on desktop information such as OS Mastermap and Google Streetview