

Falkirk Council Revised Core Paths Plan (Draft)



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Introduction

Part 1 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 gives everyone a right of responsible access to most land and inland water in Scotland. This Act also places a duty on all local authorities to prepare a Core Paths Plan and review it periodically. This is Falkirk Council’s first review since adopting the plan in May 2010.

The Core Paths Plan identifies a network of paths that gives people reasonable (non-motorised) access throughout the Falkirk Council area. Although the whole path network should provide for a range of recreational access - walking, cycling, horse riding, canoeing, etc - and for all abilities of use, not every individual path caters for every type of user.

Falkirk Council’s network of core paths has emerged and developed through extensive consultation with local communities, landowners and other key agencies and organisations. This review takes into account the development of the network since 2010.

The path network in the Council area has grown significantly since 2010. Between 2014 and 2018 over £6M was secured for investment in the path network. The table below shows the growth of the path network since the last Core Paths Plan:

Year	Length of Maintained Path Network	Length of Core Path Network	Length of Total Path Network
2010	239 km	387 km	431 km
2018	509 km	471 km	617 km

The core paths network forms the basic system of paths in the Falkirk Council area. These link into the wider path network and connect with paths in neighbouring council areas.

Reviewing the Core Paths Plan

Selecting the Core Paths

Falkirk Council uses a set of criteria developed by the Falkirk Area Access Forum to help determine which paths should be identified as core paths. Originally approved by the Environment & Heritage Committee on 11th April 2006, Falkirk Council and Falkirk Area Access Forum consider these criteria still fit for purpose for this review. The criteria for a core path are:

1. Is the path fit for multi-use?
2. Does it create or enhance routes, preferably loops, in and around settlements and centres of population?
3. Does the route allow people access to, and appreciation of visitor attractions historic or natural heritage sites?
4. Does it contribute to the network of routes of varying lengths around settlements/attractions?
5. Does the path help create links between settlements, facilities (e.g. shops, banks, schools), transport links and attractions?

A core path must meet 3 or more of the above criteria. Routes meeting less than three of these criteria are part of the wider path network or fall within general access rights.

Review of Core Paths Plan Consultation

Since the adoption of the Core Paths Plan in May 2010 there has been considerable investment in our path network which is the driver for this review. We are proposing 118 new core paths, 9 Realigned/Alternative paths and 1 path being deleted, which equates to over 83 km of additional routes across the path network.

To make sure a wide range of interested parties have a chance to comment on the proposals a 12-week formal consultation will take place between **February and April 2019**.

This consultation targets only the routes which are being:

1. **Proposed as New Core Paths**
2. **Proposed as Realigned Core Paths**
3. **Proposed for Removal from the Core Paths Plan**

If you have any objections to the proposed changes to the Core Paths Plan these will only be considered if they relate to the above.

Where no change to a core path is proposed these routes are not part of this consultation.

If you wish to propose a new Core Path which does not already appear in the Core Path Plan, you can submit this as a valid objection. We will consider suggestions for new Core Paths by assessing them against the five criteria for a core path highlighted above. If we agree that a new Core Path should be designated then we will re-consult on that proposal alone.

Timetable for Reviewing Core Paths Plan

May 2010	Core Paths Plan Adopted
May 2010 - December 2018	Continued Development of Path Network
September 2017 - June 2018	Falkirk Council Review Core Paths Plan
March - June 2018	Falkirk Area Access Forum Review of Criteria and Core Paths Plan
February 2019	Review of Core Paths Plan (Draft) Presented to Falkirk Council Executive Committee
March 2019 - May 2019	Undertake 12 week formal consultation of Review of Core Paths Plan (Draft)
June - July 2019	Analyse the representations and objections
June - September 2019	Resolve objections where possible
September 2019	Public Inquiry (if necessary)
September 2019	Ministerial Direction
December 2019*	Present Core Paths Plan to Council for approval
2020*	Adopt Finalised Core Paths Plan

* subject to there being no Public Inquiry



Meeting the Needs of Different Users

Through consultation with path users, agencies and the Falkirk Area Access Forum, the needs and aspirations of different types of user have been considered. These include walkers, cyclists, horse riders, canoeists, and people with disabilities, local communities and visitors. Not all core paths will be suitable for all users; however, in line with Core Paths Planning Guidance the path network as a whole should provide reasonable access for different users. As suggested in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, it is up to individual users to decide if a particular path is suitable for their intended use.

Meeting the Needs of Land Managers

The Core Paths Plan takes account of land management interests. The views of land managers have helped shape the path network and, where designated, core path status assists with land management activities. Dialogue with land managers in relation to core paths and wider access matters will continue.

Proposed New Core Paths

These are routes identified and developed since May 2010 which meet 3 or more of the criteria for being a core path.

Proposed Realignment of Core Paths

These are routes where:

- Land owners or land managers have helped create alternative routes to assist with their land management activities and minimise conflict with path users;
- Core paths have been affected by development. Through the planning process alternative routes have been developed which enhance the value of the network in the local area.

Proposed Removal of Core Paths

These are paths which no longer meet the minimum criteria to be a core path or alternative more resilient routes have been identified. Access rights may still apply on these routes.

Monitoring and Managing the Core Paths Network

Falkirk Council currently manages and maintains many of the paths highlighted in the Core Paths Plan. These arrangements will continue.

Inspection and maintenance of the path network:

Falkirk Council Ranger Service undertakes regular inspection of the full path network which now extends to in excess of 600km. Our Rangers check the paths are safe for public use and fix any issues they may find. The Ranger Service also manages our 40 Volunteer Path Wardens who assist in this inspection regime.

Falkirk Council Roads Service maintains adopted roads, cycleways and footways.

Other paths are owned and managed by a variety of agencies and individual land owners. Existing arrangements for managing paths will also continue and Falkirk Council will assist in this where possible within financial and other resource constraints. Core path status does not change the underlying ownership or management arrangements.

Existing arrangements for monitoring the effects of the use of Natura sites will also continue. Scottish Natural Heritage has a responsibility to monitor and report on the condition of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI's) with a similar regime in place for monitoring the status of sites designated under the Habitats Directive, including Special Protection Areas (SPA's) and Special Areas of Conservation (SAC's).

The path network within the Slamannan Plateau SPA is subject to an ongoing programme of monitoring carried out by fieldworkers through the Bean Goose Working Group. This provides an excellent opportunity to share data and information relating to changes in the quantity and type of public access in order to assess any changes in the behaviour of the birdlife.

Monitoring of the path network of the Firth of Forth SPA will be carried out by Falkirk Council's Ranger Service. The Ranger Service will visit the area on no less than two occasions per year to assess the overall condition of the site and report any notable changes in its condition. They will also note any changes in the behaviour of visitors and species of birdlife present during these visits.

Falkirk Council will also explore the opportunity of working with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and/or other relevant organisations to minimise the potential for disturbance to birdlife within the vicinity of the SPA's. In addition, there is an opportunity to monitor public use of these paths/sites through installing people counters at appropriate locations on core paths near sensitive natural heritage areas.



Linking with Other Plans, Policies and Strategies

The Revised Core Paths Plan (Draft) supports a number of Falkirk's important plans, policies and strategies as set out in Falkirk Council's Green Network Strategy and Open Space Strategy.

Core Paths Planning directly supports the implementation of the Green Network Strategy, Open Space Strategy and Local Development Plan by providing an area wide framework for outdoor access provision. Future revisions of the strategy will further strengthen the links between the Core Paths Network and other area wide plans and programmes.

Core Paths Planning has already helped identify important local access and land management issues. The plan will therefore continue to provide a focus for future paths management.

The need for each local authority to produce a Core Paths Plan (CPP) is detailed in sections 17-23 of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act (LRA). The duties and powers enshrined in the LRA are expanded upon in the Scottish Executives publication "Part 1 Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, Guidance for Local Authorities and National Park Authorities" (2005), (hereafter referred to as the Guidance). This sets out the wider framework and requirements to enable local authorities to meet their obligations under this new legislation.

Falkirk Area Biodiversity Action Plan.

Throughout the Core Paths Planning process consideration has been given to the area in relation to the designation and sensitivity of natura sites and species.

Designated Sites and Natural Heritage Issues

Part 1 of The Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 places a duty on all public bodies to further the conservation of biodiversity, having regard to (a) the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy and (b) the UNEP Convention on Biological Diversity.

More specifically it states that "It is the duty of every public body and office-holder, in exercising any functions, to further the conservation of biodiversity so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions".

Falkirk Council will take a precautionary approach to any proposals in relation to core paths that could affect natural heritage interests, such as:

- Constructing new paths;
- Upgrading existing paths;
- Any changes to maintenance regimes; or
- Improving promotion in ways likely to increase path use or change the type of use.

As such no additional works to implement core paths will be carried out if they could affect Natura sites unless Falkirk Council is sure that the proposals will not adversely affect the integrity of the site.

Due consideration will be given to European protected species or other protected species in any access improvement work undertaken.

How to Comment

We are seeking your views on this review of Falkirk Council’s Core Paths Plan. The formal consultation period will run from February to April 2019. Please see the comments and feedback section below for details about how to tell us what you think.

Comments and Feedback

You can contact the team online by e-mail or by post. Please note that formal objections must be made in writing to be considered. You can do this by a number of ways:

online [\(Citizen Space web address\)](#)

Email this form to: outdooraccess@falkirk.gov.uk

Mail:
 Print and Post or write to: Outdoor Access Team
 Falkirk Council
 Abbotsford House
 David’s Loan
 Falkirk
 FK2 7YZ

Next Steps

At the end of consultation period Falkirk Council will collate and review all representations. Within 4 weeks of the end of the consultation period you will receive an acknowledgment of your representation.

Below is detail of the next stages of the review process and approximate timetable.

June - July 2019	Analyse the representations and objections
June - September 2019	Resolve objections where possible
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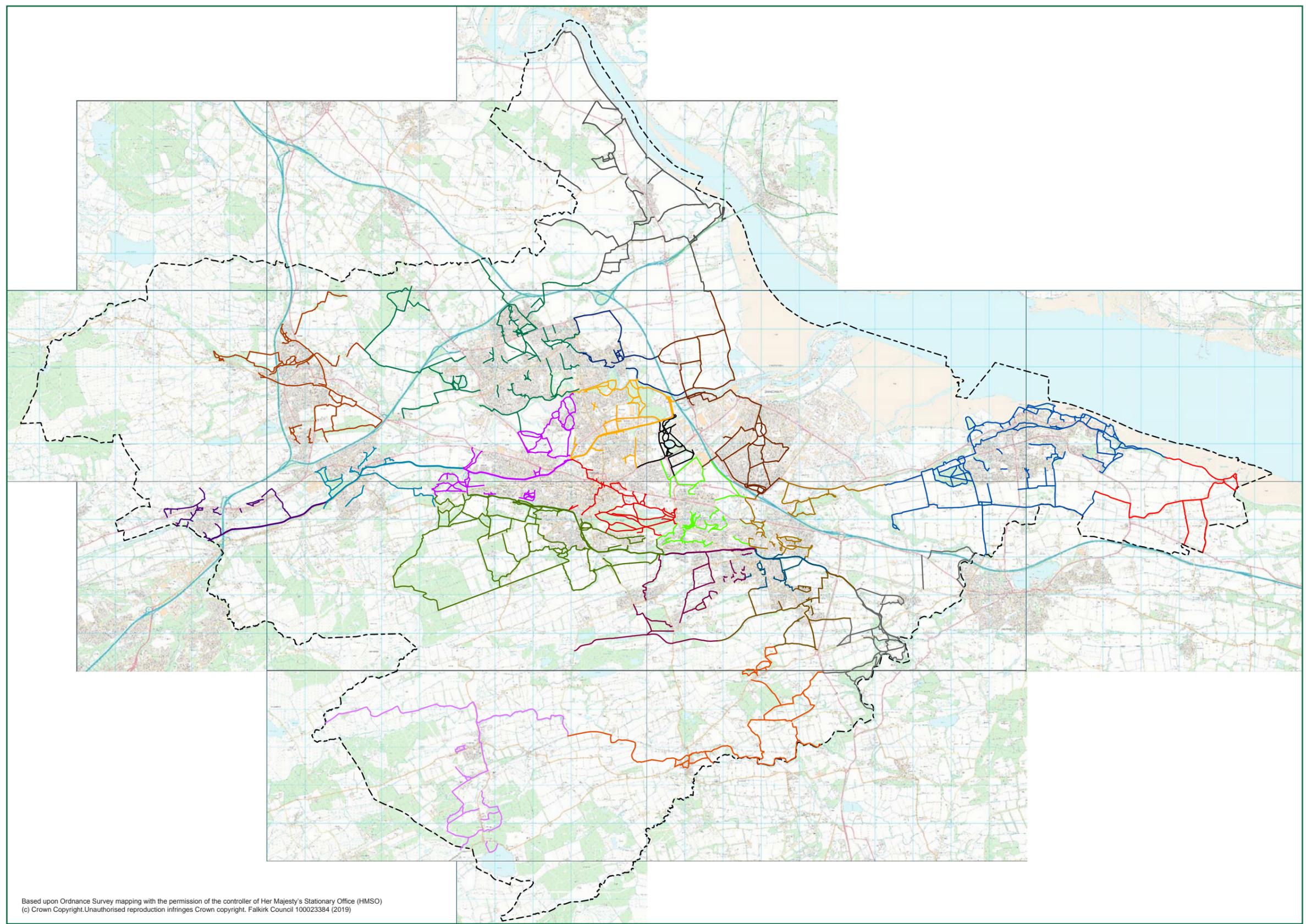
Future Review

The Falkirk Council Core Paths Plan, will continue to evolve and develop over time and will be formally reviewed as required.

Falkirk Council's Core Paths Network Map Key

-  001 Camelon, Bantaskine and Tamfourhill
-  002 Falkirk Central
-  003 Hallglen, Glen Village and Lochgreen
-  004 Bainsford, Langlees and New Carron
-  005 Grahamston, Middlefield and Westfield
-  006 Grangemouth including Skinflats
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-  022 Avonbridge and Standburn
-  023 Slamannan and Limerigg
-  Falkirk Council Boundary

Falkirk Council's Core Paths Network Map



001 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 47

Existing Network Length: 20.8 km

Description: This network includes a range of routes taking in 2000 years of history. These are paths to the Roman Fort on the Antonine Wall at Roughcastle, round the Falkirk Wheel, along the Forth & Clyde Canal towpaths, Summerford Park, as well as newly created path networks at Mungal Riverside.

Places of Interest: Antonine Wall, Roughcastle Roman Fort, the Falkirk Wheel, Forth & Clyde Canal and Dorrator Bridge.

Network Links: Mill Lade, Dorrator Bridge to Larbert, Bantaskine Estate and the South Falkirk Path Network.

Future Opportunities: Extension along the River Carron towards Denny, extension of the network across Stirling Road Playing Fields, Carmuir's Public Park and Camelton Public Park.

Proposed Additions:

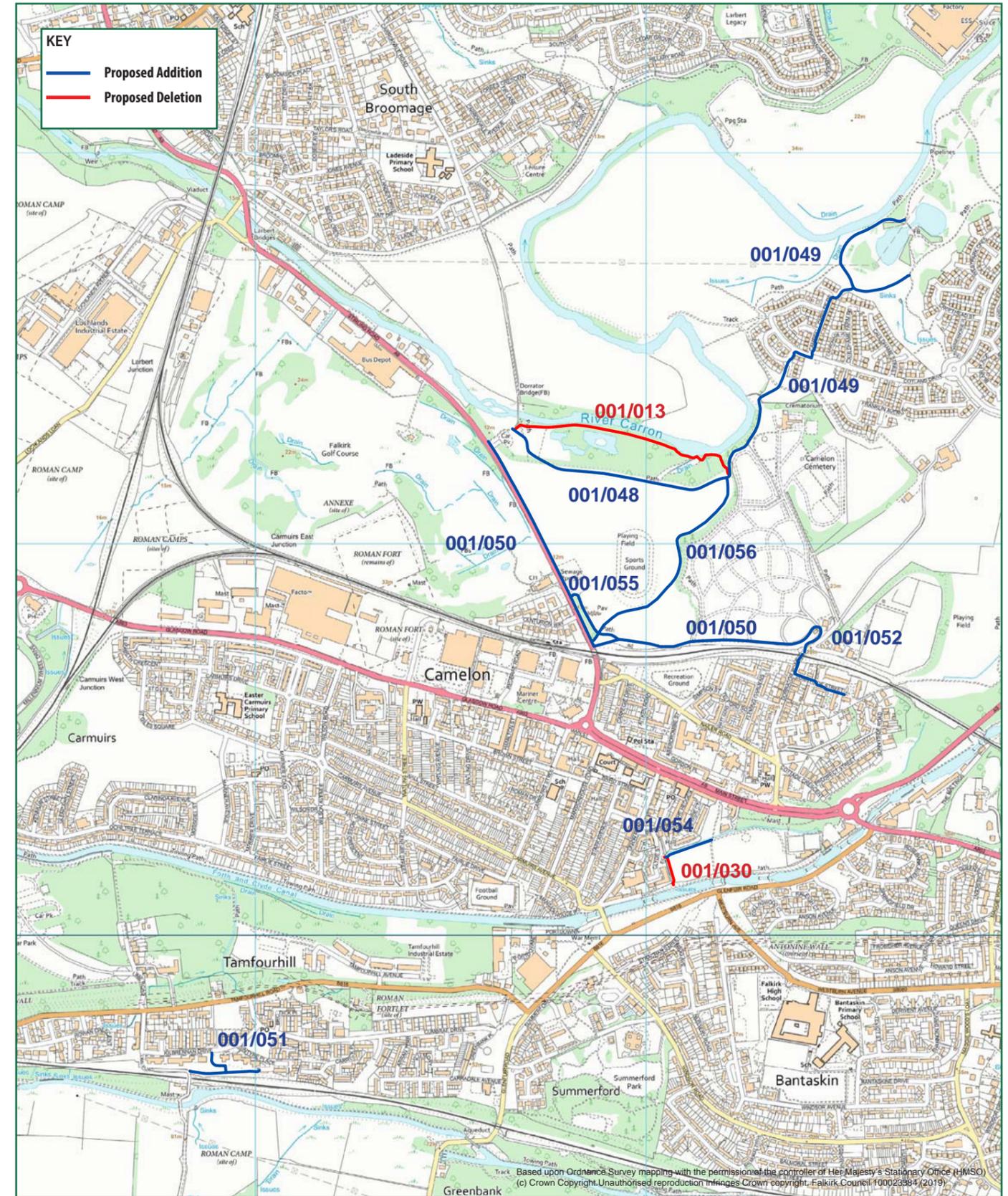
001/048	651 m	River Carron Path: Swing Bridge to Camelton Cemetery
001/049	1077 m	River Carron Path: Mungal Loop
001/050	1276 m	Dorrator Bridge to Cemetery Loop
001/051	259 m	Tamfourhill Union Canal Link
001/052	198 m	Cemetery to Sunnyside Street
001/054	125 m	Camelton Public Park
001/055	188 m	Stirling Road Playing Fields
001/056	604 m	Stirling Road Playing Fields to River Carron Path

Total 4378 m

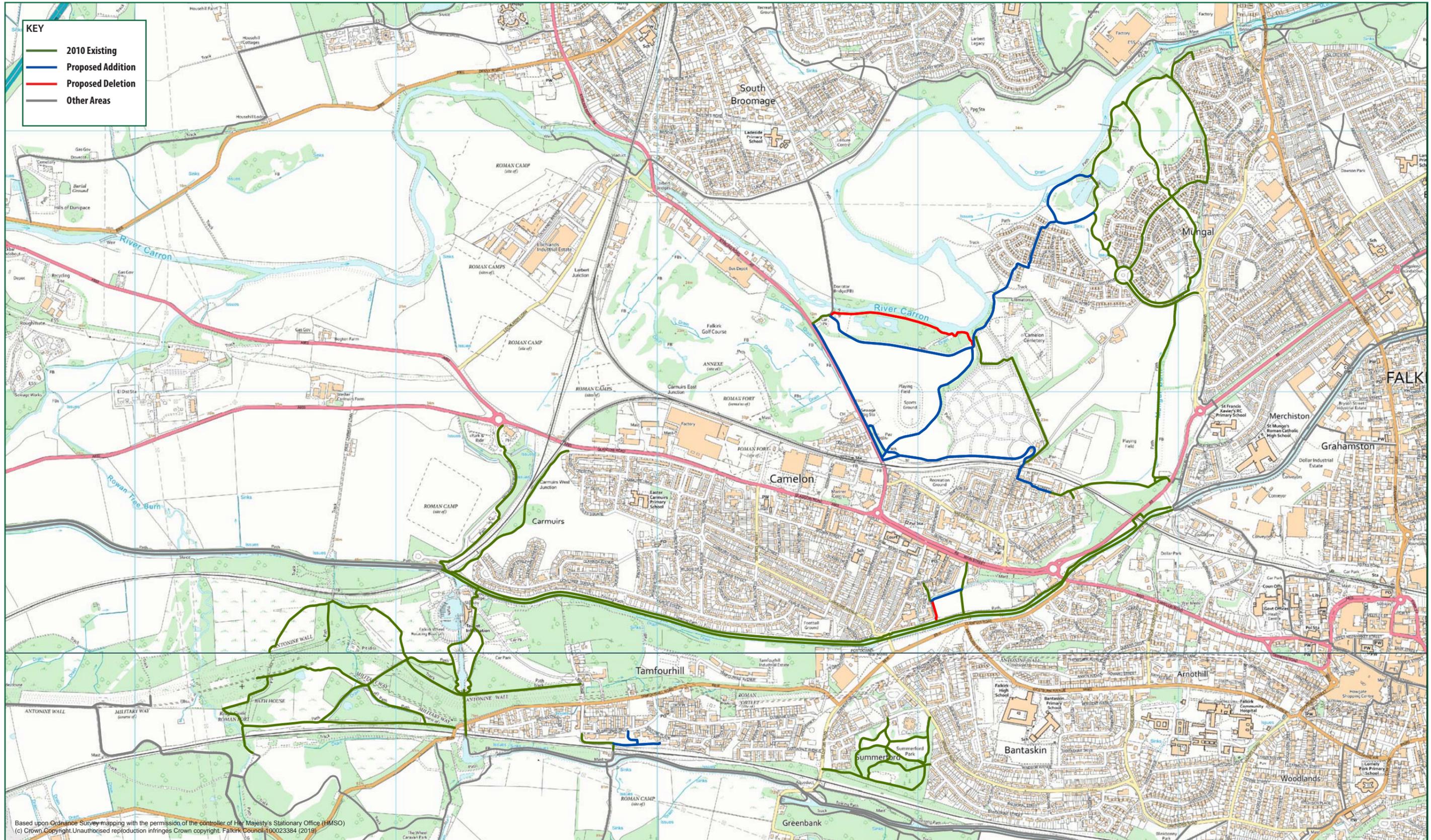
Proposed Deletions:

001/013	615 m	River Carron Path: Swing Bridge to Camelton Cemetery (Alternative Route Identified 001/048 above)
001/030	80 m	Lock 16 (2) (Alternative Route Identified 001/054 above)

Total 695 m



001 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and Proposed Amendments



002 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 36

Existing Network Length: 13.9 km

Description: Falkirk High Street remains one of the longest pedestrianised streets in the country. Other Paths of note in this particular area are concentrated in and around Callendar House, Callendar Park and Callendar Woods, including a section of John Muir Way opened in April 2014.

Places of Interest: Falkirk Town Centre, Callendar House, Callendar Park, Callendar Woods, The Antonine Wall and the Forth & Clyde Canal.

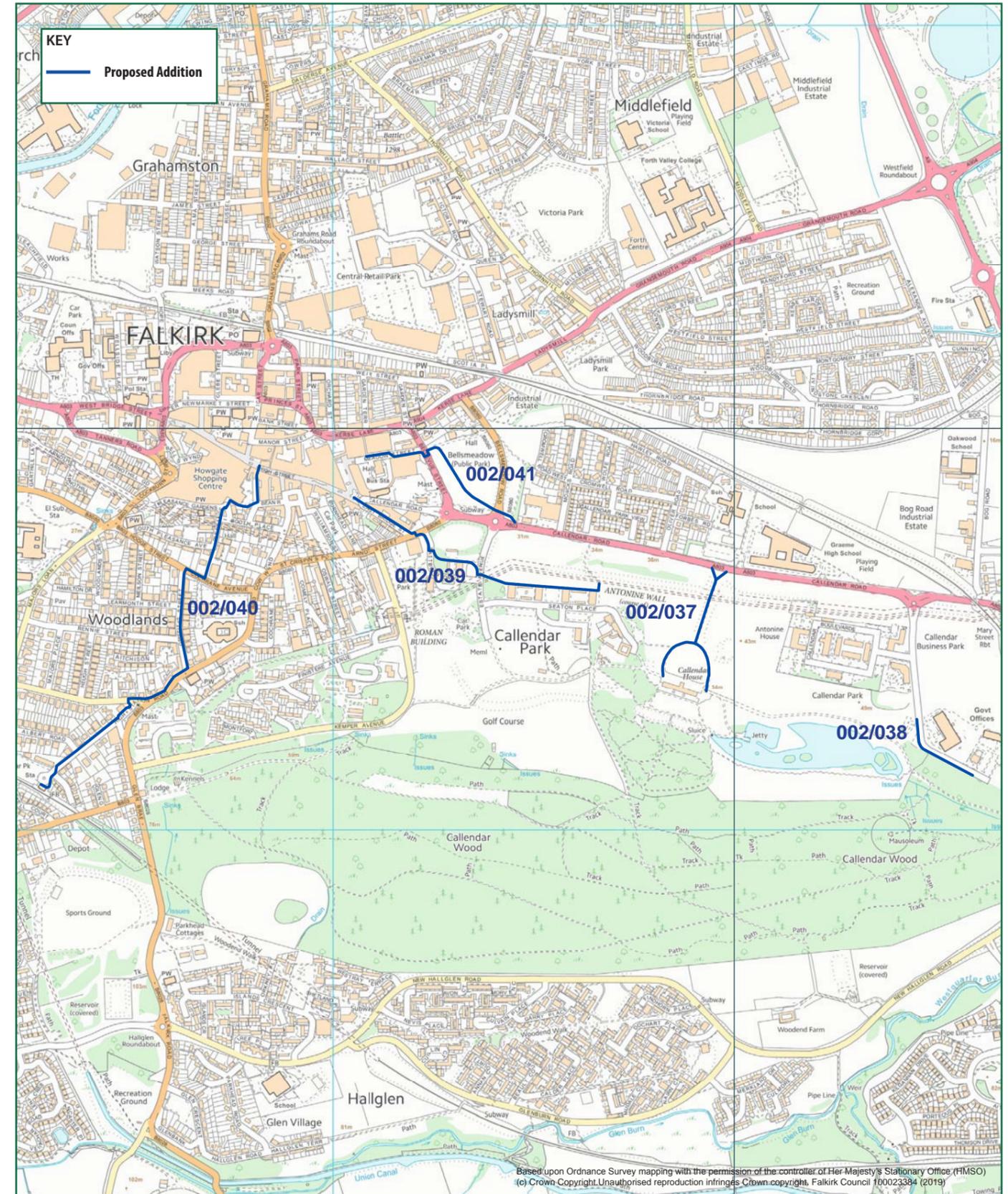
Network Links: Hallglen, Glen Village, The Union Canal and the local woodland network.

Future Opportunities: On-going improvements to signage around Falkirk Town Centre, improved links from Falkirk Town Centre to the Forth & Clyde Canal and East towards Callendar Park and Graham High School.

Proposed Additions:

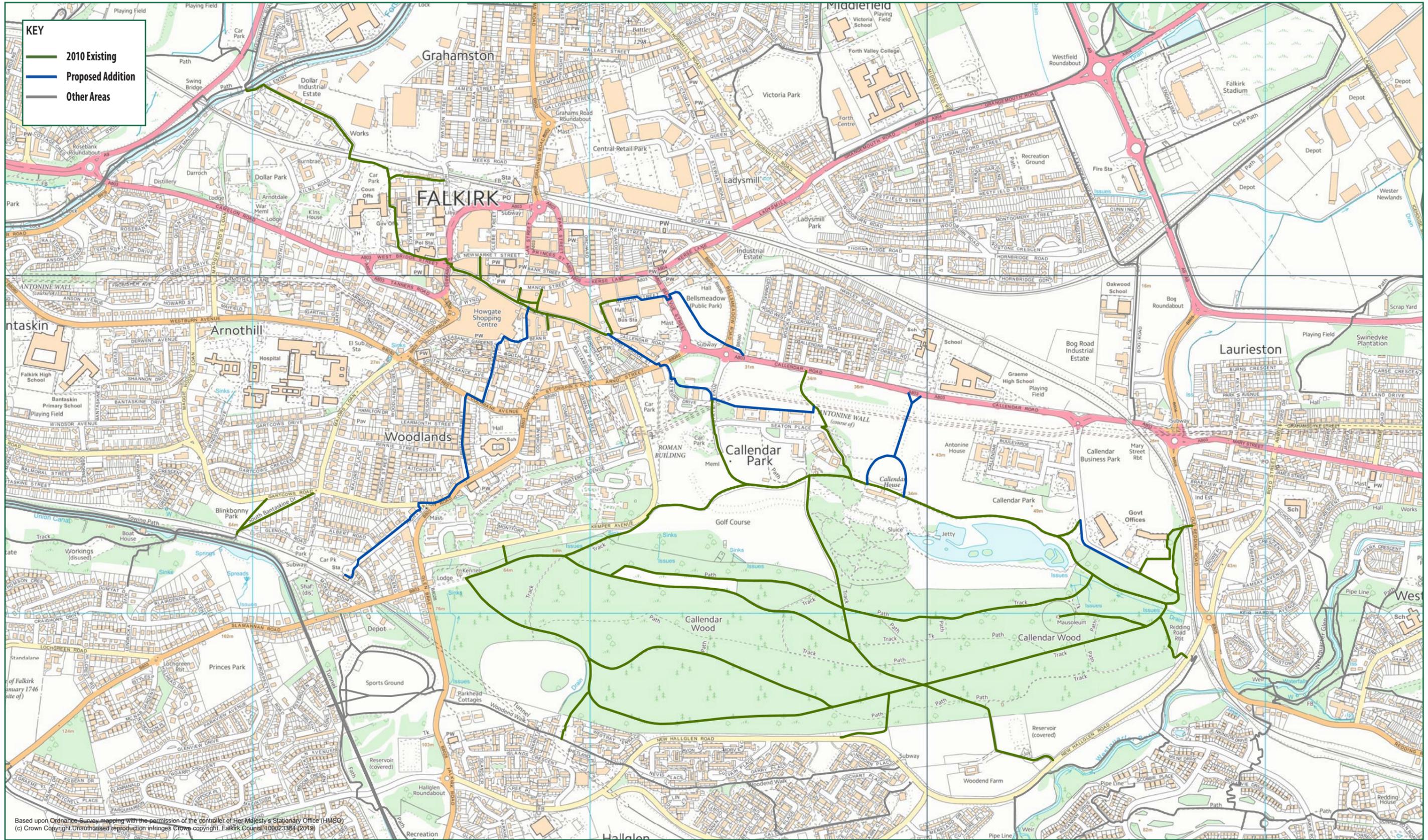
002/037	497 m	Callendar House Drive
002/038	217 m	Callendar Business Park
002/039	723 m	Town Centre to Callendar Park
002/040	1193 m	Falkirk High to Town Centre
002/041	483 m	Falkirk Bus Station to Bellsmeadow Road

Total 3113 m



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002 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and Proposed Amendments



003 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 63

Existing Network Length: 42.2 km

Description: The path network in this area is extensive and includes the Union Canal Towpath, circular routes through vast woodland areas within Callendar Estate as well as Bantaskine Park, the recently opened Battle of Falkirk Trail and two sections of the John Muir Way which was opened in April 2014.

Places of Interest: Callendar Estate and Bespoke Mountain Bike Trails, Lionthorn Community Woodland, Falkirk Tunnel, The Union Canal, Battle of Falkirk Trail, John Muir Way and Bantaskine Park.

Network Links: This network is extensive in its own right but also provides great links to Roughcastle Roman Fort, The Antonine Wall, Falkirk Wheel and Callendar Park.

Future Opportunities: Improved links to and around the Union Canal.

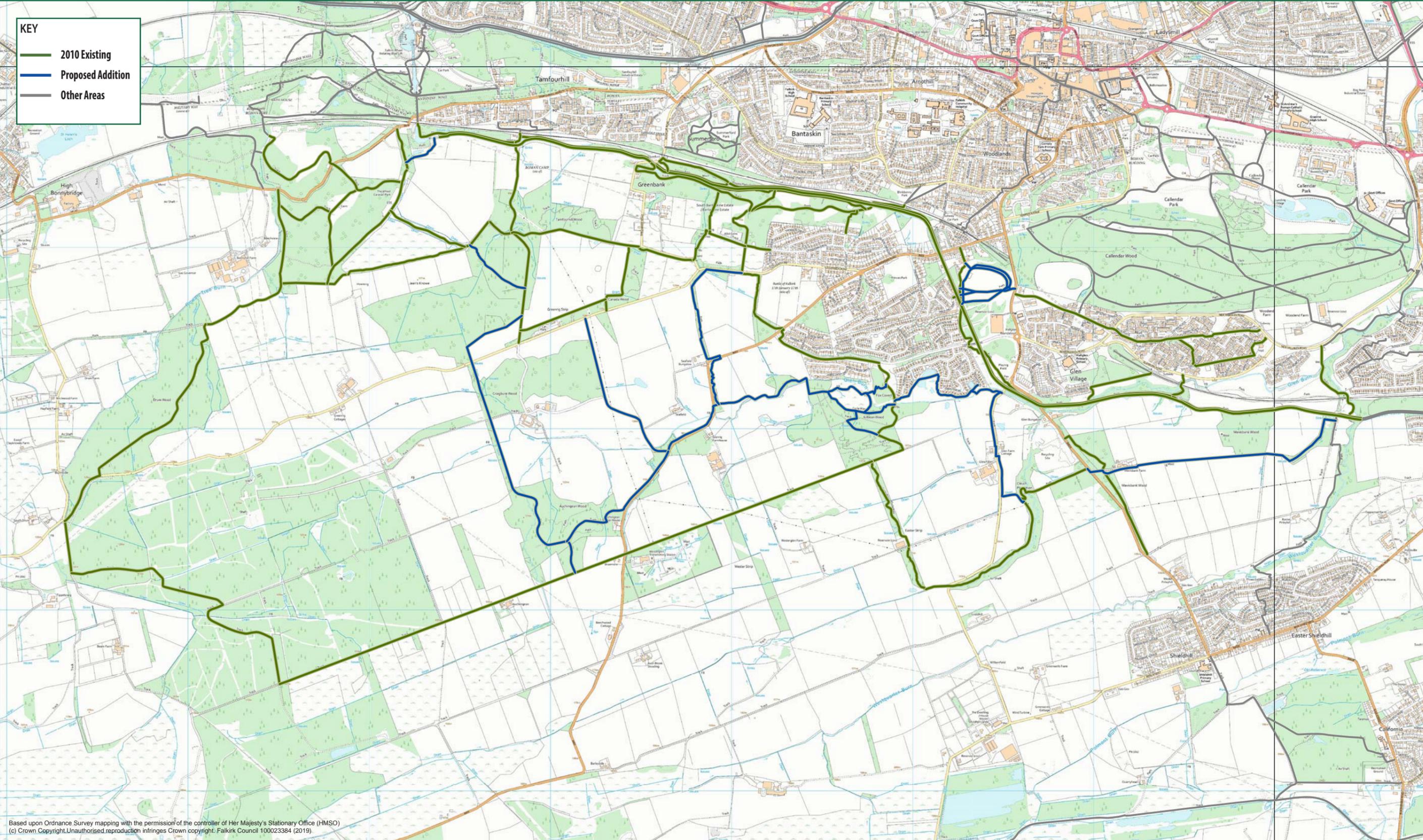
Proposed Additions:

003/064	1610 m	Cleuch to Lionthorn via Milkbarn
003/065	1534 m	Cleuch to Union Canal
003/066	405 m	Greenrig to Roughcastle
003/067	3382 m	Lionthorn to Lochgreen Road
003/068	231 m	Union Canal to Roughcastle Community Woodland
003/069	1501 m	Policy Bing
003/070	1895 m	Auchingean Wood to Greenrig Strip
003/071	827 m	Auchingean Wood to Seafield
003/072	1147 m	Glenrig to South Bantaskine Estate

Total 12533 m



003 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and Proposed Amendments



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004 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 30

Existing Network Length: 17.3 km

Description: The network in this area includes the Forth & Clyde Canal towpath, extensive path networks in Cobblebrae and Abbotshaugh Community Woodlands and routes adjacent to the River Carron as well as a new bridge connection across the River Carron at Abbotshaugh.

Places of Interest: Abbotshaugh Community Woodland, Cobblebrae Community Woodland, Forth & Clyde Canal sea lock and the River Carron.

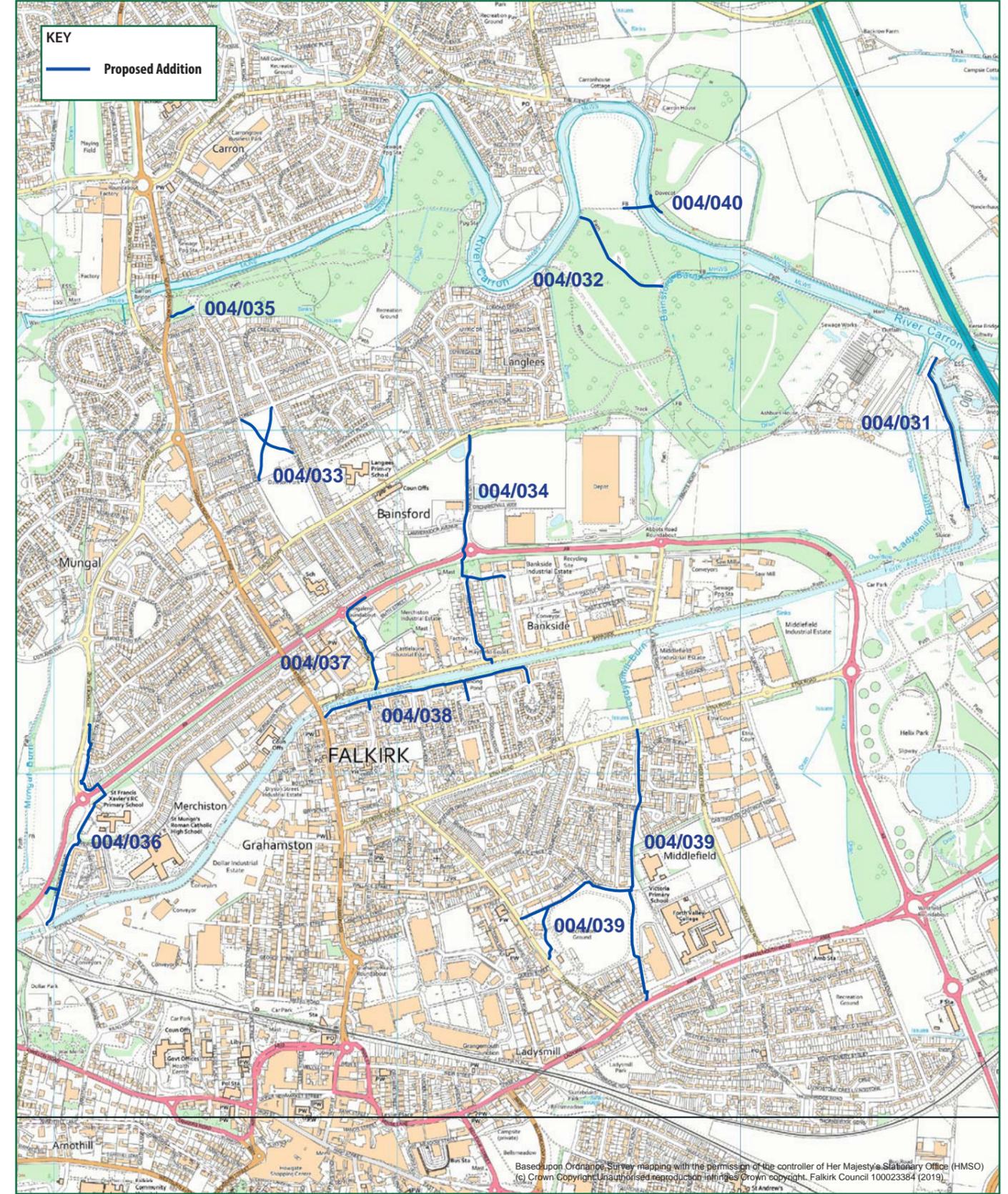
Network Links: Mill Lade and Larbert, Helix Park, the Kelpies Community and Falkirk Stadium.

Future Opportunities: Upgrades to the network within Abbotshaugh Community Woodland and to key parks and open spaces.

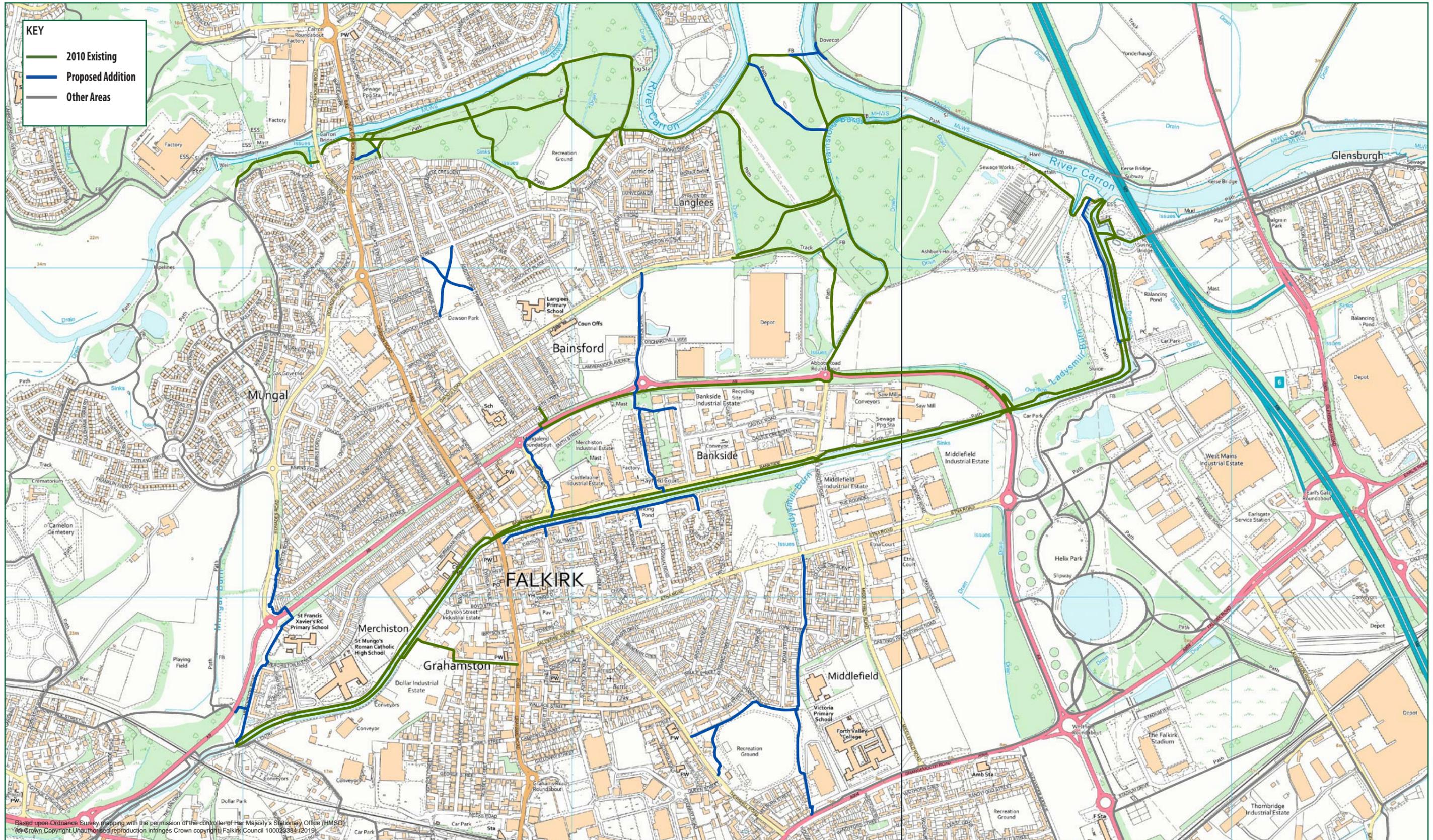
Proposed Additions:

004/031	460 m	Kelpies Basin West
004/032	335 m	Love and Kisses Way
004/033	400 m	Dawson Open Space
004/034	825 m	Langlees to Bankside Link
004/035	71 m	Cobblebrae to Carron Bridge
004/036	775 m	St.Mungos Shared use route
004/037	324 m	Bankside to Northern Distributor Road
004/038	737 m	Forth and Clyde Canal South Bank
004/039	1341 m	Victoria Park to Etna Road
004/040	150 m	Abbotshaugh Bridge

Total 5419 m



004 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and Proposed Amendments



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005 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 17

Existing Network Length: 6.8 km

Description: There is an extensive path network around the Helix Park, Kelpies and the wider Helix Around Town Network including paths around Falkirk Stadium.

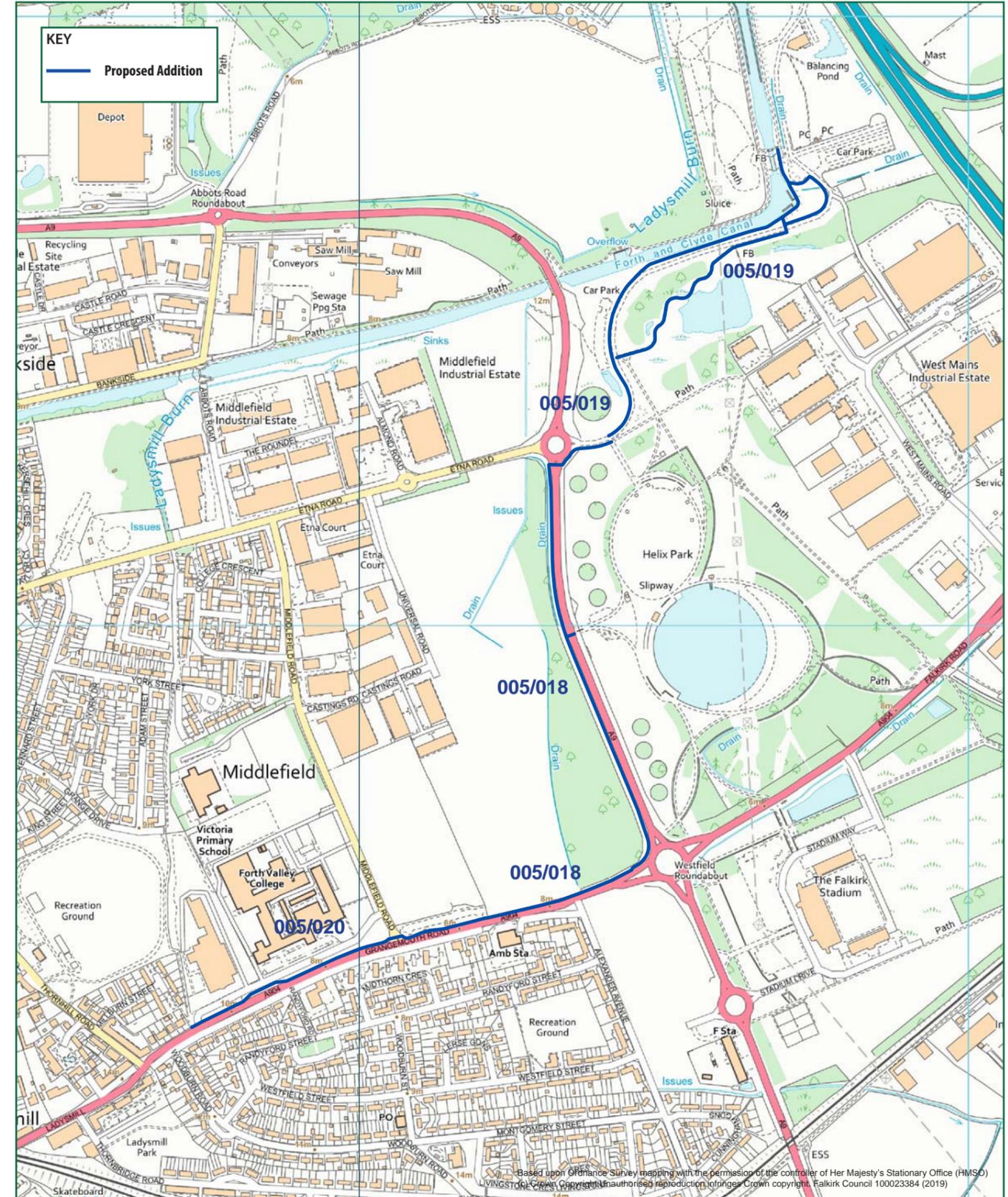
Places of Interest: The Helix Park, Kelpies and the Falkirk Stadium.

Network Links: To Forth & Clyde Canal, Abbotshaugh Community Woodland along the canal extension to Grangemouth Old Town and east to Beancross.

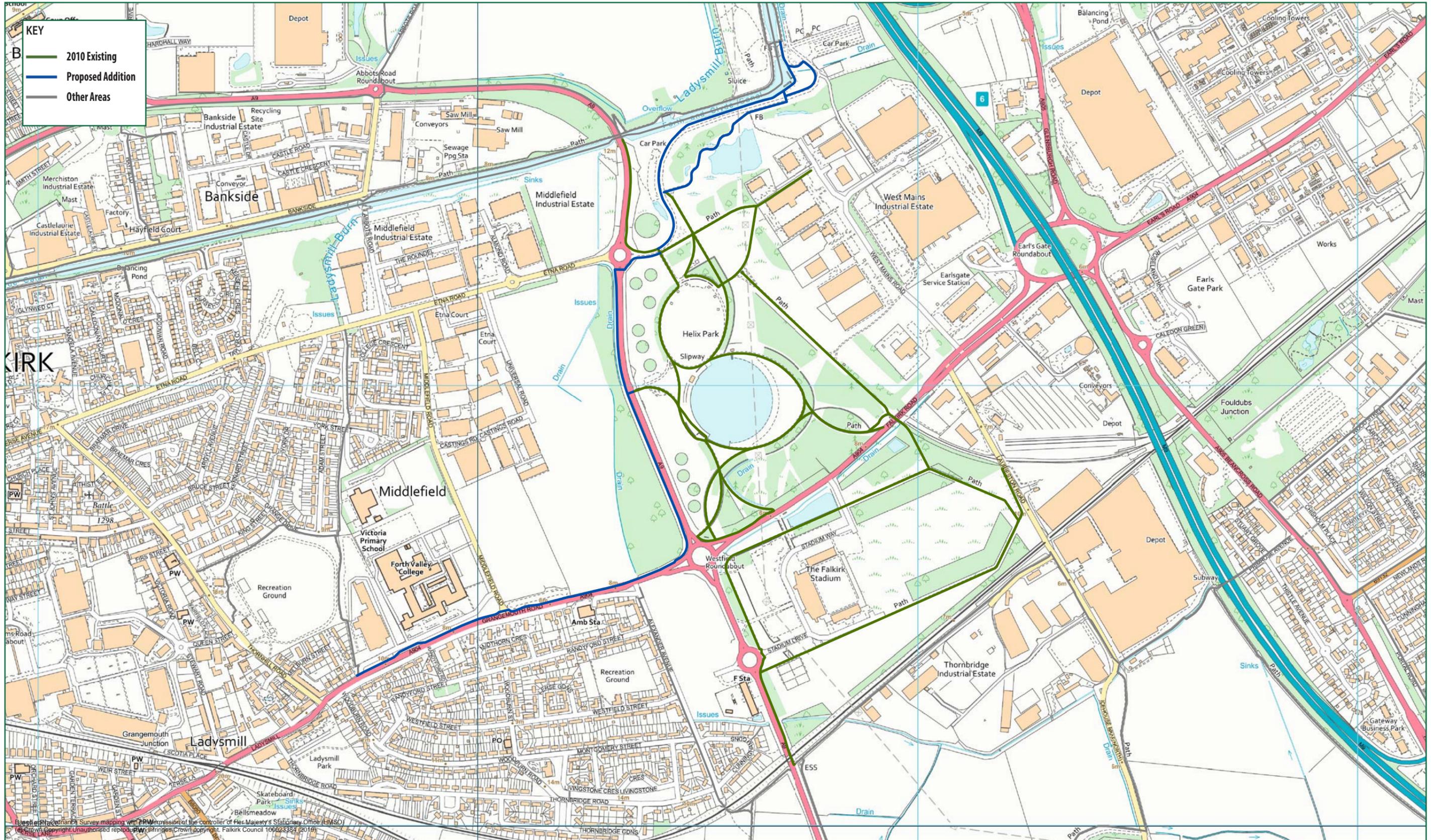
Future Opportunities: Opportunities exist around the delivery of the new Falkirk College site to better connect the Helix to Falkirk Town Centre.

Proposed Additions:

005/018	1092 m	Grangemouth Road to Helix Park
005/019	1271 m	Helix Park North
005/020	521 m	Grangemouth Road
Total	2884 m	



005 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and Proposed Amendments



006 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 40

Existing Network Length: 21 km

Description: The network in this area includes a mixture of riverside routes, Zetland Park and other key parks and open spaces around Grangemouth including the National Cycle Network Route 76.

Places of Interest: Skinflats-ponds, woodlands and wildlife, views across the River Forth, Zetland Park, Rannoch Park, Inchyra Park and the Rope Walk path and canal link to the Kelpies.

Network Links: To Helix Park, the Kelpies, Falkirk Stadium, Carronshore, Airth and Bo'ness.

Future Opportunities: Future upgrades to the extensive network to and around Grangemouth and to the path network within Zetland Park as part of the Parks masterplan.

Proposed Additions:

006/041	1112 m	Primrose Avenue to Zetland Park
006/042	1087 m	Rannoch Park to Newlands Road
006/043	1804 m	Wood Street to Zetland Park
006/044	1410 m	Skinflats Network (1)
006/045	1302 m	Skinflats Network (2)
006/046	137 m	Rannoch Park (2)
006/047	279 m	Rannoch Park to Inchyra Road
006/048	247 m	Dalgrain Park
006/049	335 m	Zetland Park (6)

Total 7712 m



007 No Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 14

Existing Network Length: 10.1 km

Description: The foreshore path from Blackness to the fishery at Stacks is a fantastic route to explore the local area and provides great views of the River Forth. The other paths in this area of the network include the John Muir Way and National Cycle Network Route 76 as well as surfaced paths through the Strip Woodland and a circular path around Blackness Castle.

Places of Interest: Blackness Castle, John Muir Way and views across the Forth estuary.

Network Links: To West Lothian, and the network around Bo'ness.

Future Opportunities: Improved links to West Lothian as part of the John Muir Way and National Cycle Network.

Proposed Additions:

None

007 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and (No Proposed Amendments)



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008 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 79

Existing Network Length: 25.2 km

Description: The paths in and around Bo'ness contain a mixture of routes through woodlands, farmland, through open spaces and parkland and a vast network along the shore of the Forth and through Kinneil Estate.

Places of Interest: Carriden Beach, Kinneil Woods, Kinneil House, Boness Foreshore Nature Reserve, Antonine Wall, Boness Steam Railway, John Muir Way and National Cycle Network Route 76.

Network Links: To West Lothian, Blackness, Grangemouth and Whitecross.

Future Opportunities: Further improvements to the south from West Lothian Golf Club to Fishers Brae and Bo'mains Meadow and to the east from the Drum Estate and Bridgeness. Extension of River Avon Heritage Trail downstream from Linlithgow Bridge to Polmont Woods and Birkhill Clay Mine.

Proposed Additions:

008/080	741 m	St Marys to Drum
008/081	158 m	Carriden Boatyard Link
008/082	209 m	Snab Brae
008/083	490 m	Victoria Park
008/084	148 m	Boness Harbour
008/085	805 m	Drum to Muirhouses
008/087	1244 m	Kinneil Estate East John Muir Way
008/088	60 m	Braefoot Road
008/089	113 m	Shafto Place
008/090	17 m	Henry Street
008/091	549 m	Kinglass Drive to Muirend Court (1)
008/092	411 m	Kinglass Drive to Muirend Court (2)
008/093	110 m	Bo'ness Harbour to Boundary Street (2)

Total 5054 m

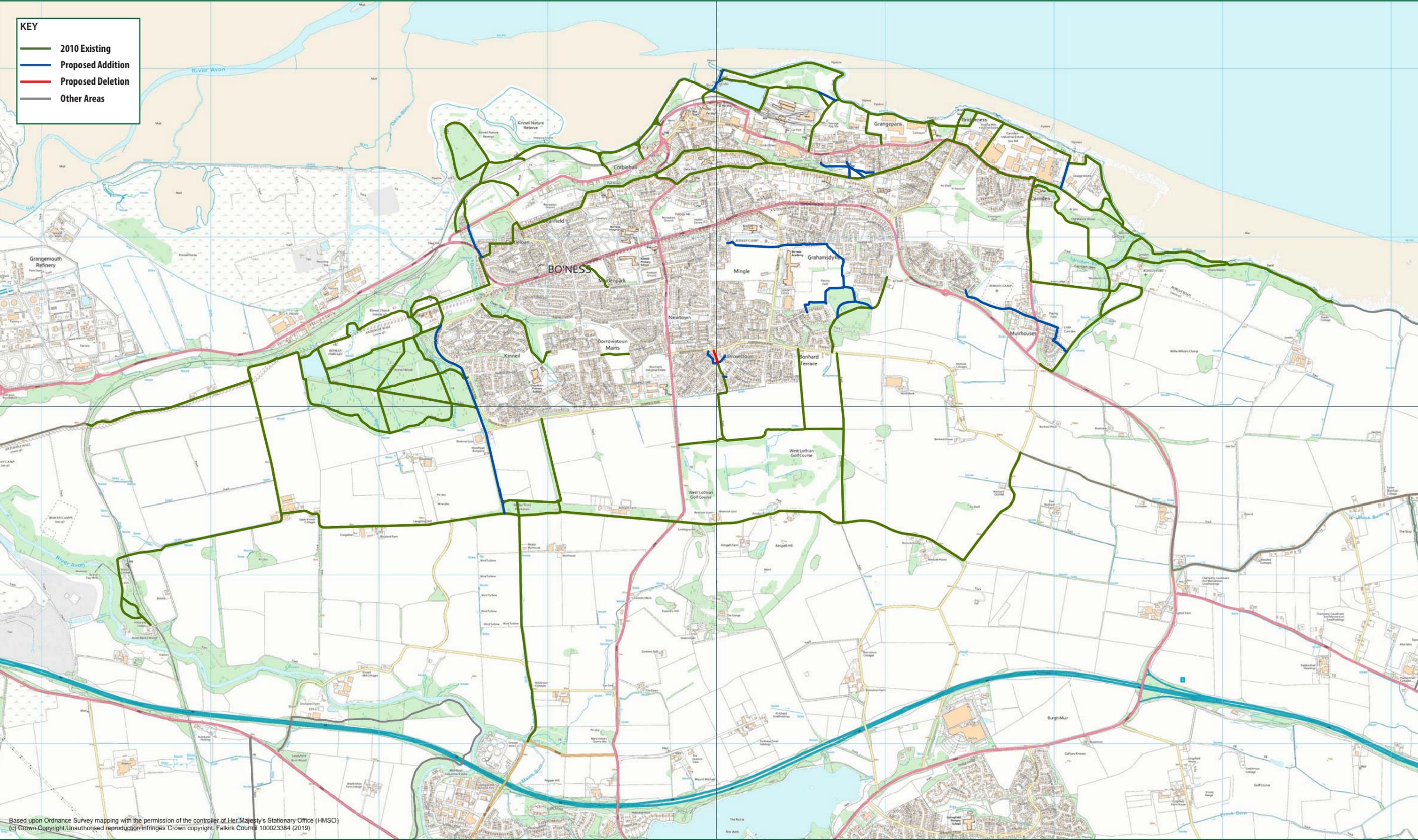
Proposed Deletions:

008/086	76 m	Shafto Place (Alternative Route Identified 008/089 above)
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Total 76 m



008 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and Proposed Amendments



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009 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 16

Existing Network Length: 8.7 km

Description: Carron and Carronshore network consists of a mixture of farmland tracks, on road routes and surfaced paths along the River Carron to the new Abbotshaugh Bridge with connections to the extensive Helix Network.

Places of Interest: River Carron corridor, Gairdoch Park, Carron Dams SWT Nature Reserve and the new Abbotshaugh Bridge.

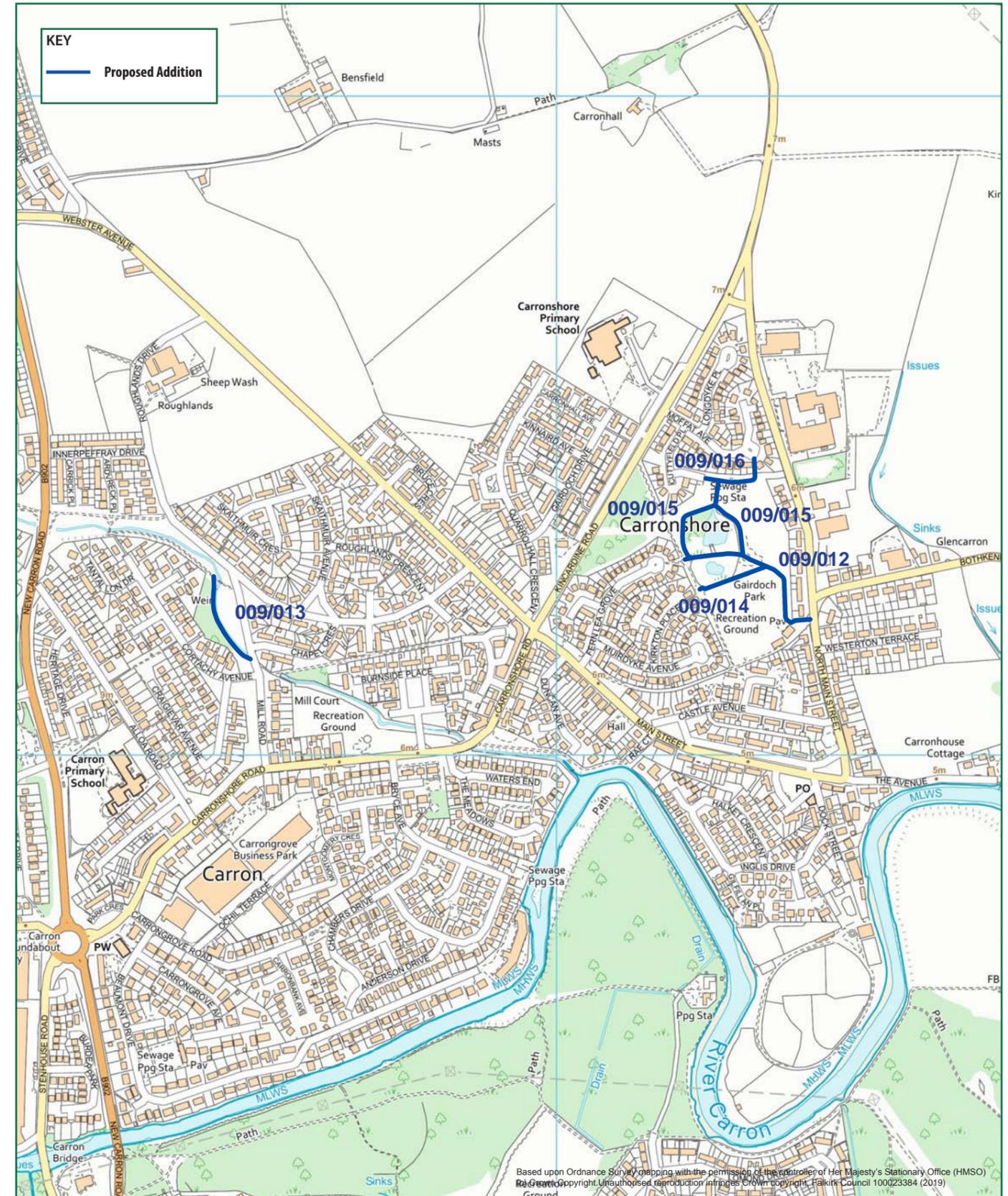
Network Links: To Skinflats path network, Abbotshaugh and Cobblebrae Community woodlands, Grangemouth and Skinflats.

Future Opportunities: Improved links from Gairdoch Park through Carronshore to Larbert and Stenhousemuir.

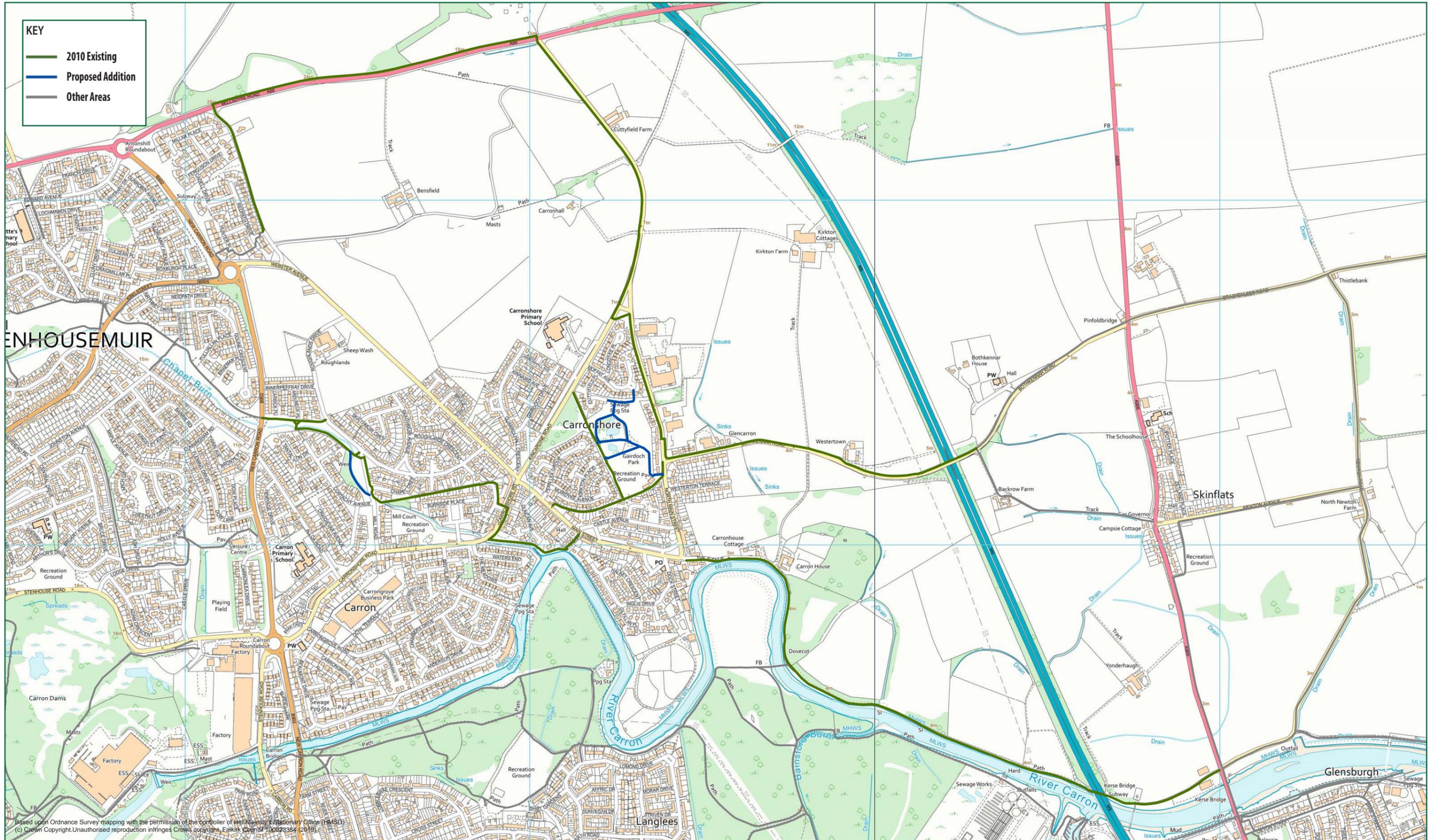
Proposed Additions:

009/012	262 m	Gairdoch Park (1)
009/013	147 m	Mill Road Burn side
009/014	108 m	Gairdoch Park (2)
009/015	210 m	Gairdoch Park (3)
009/016	144 m	Gairdoch Park (4)

Total **871 m**



009 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and Proposed Amendments



010 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 26

Existing Network Length: 28.7 km

Description: Airths network includes paths through woodlands, along the River Forth, through farmland and past historic buildings of The Pineapple and Airth Castle.

Places of Interest: River Forth and The Pineapple.

Network Links: To Stirling, Skinflats and Larbert.

Future Opportunities: Circular route between South Alloa, Dunmore and Airth. Improvements to the network within Dunmore Woods and south towards Skinflats.

Proposed Additions:

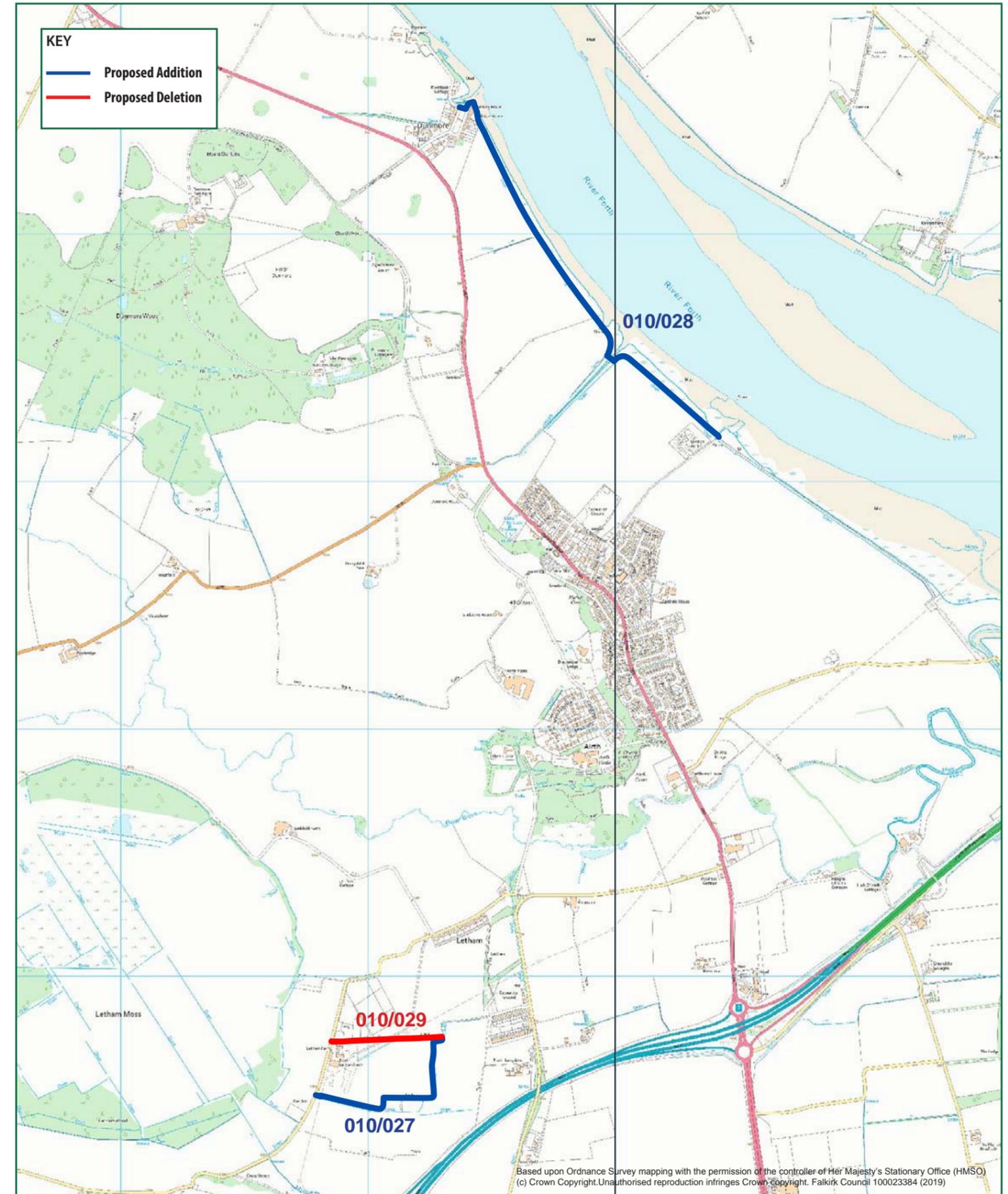
010/027	794 m	010/027 Letham Farm
010/028	1842 m	010/028 Airth to Dunmore

Total 2836 m

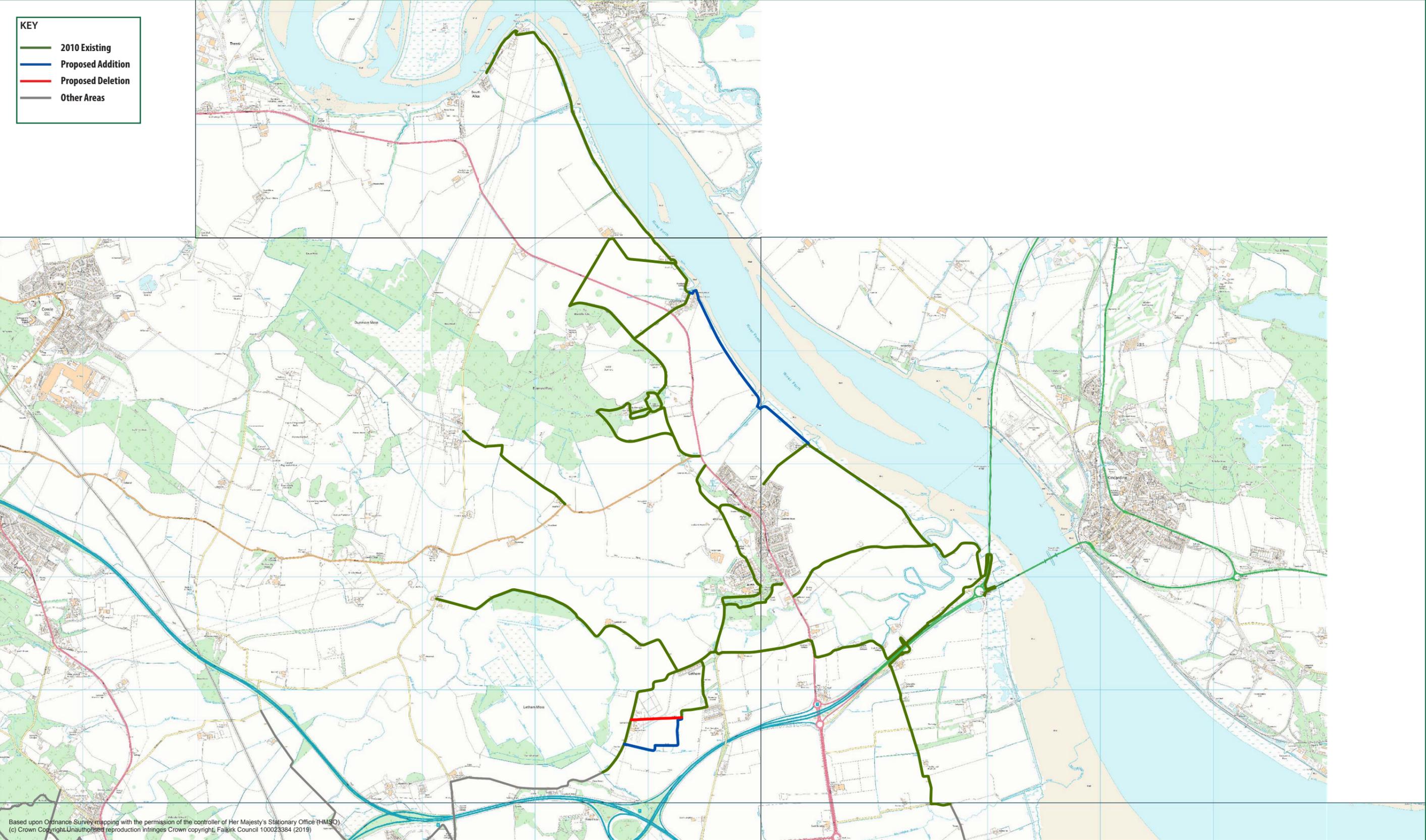
Proposed Deletions:

010/029	447 m	Letham Cottages to Letham Farm (part) (Alternative Route Identified 010/027 above)
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Total 447 m



010 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and Proposed Amendments



011 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 47

Existing Network Length: 25.4 km

Description: A mixture of routes including through woodlands, farmland, golf courses, along the Mill Lade and through open spaces and parks including the extensive open space and woodlands around Forth Valley Hospital.

Places of Interest: Torwood Castle, Tappoch Broch, Larbert Mill Lade, Carron Dams, Forth Valley Hospital grounds and the River Carron.

Network Links: Denny, Mungal and Airth networks, Stirling Council's network and Cobblebrae Community Woodland.

Future Opportunities: Extension of the River Carron path upstream of Lochlands to Denny and Bonnybridge.

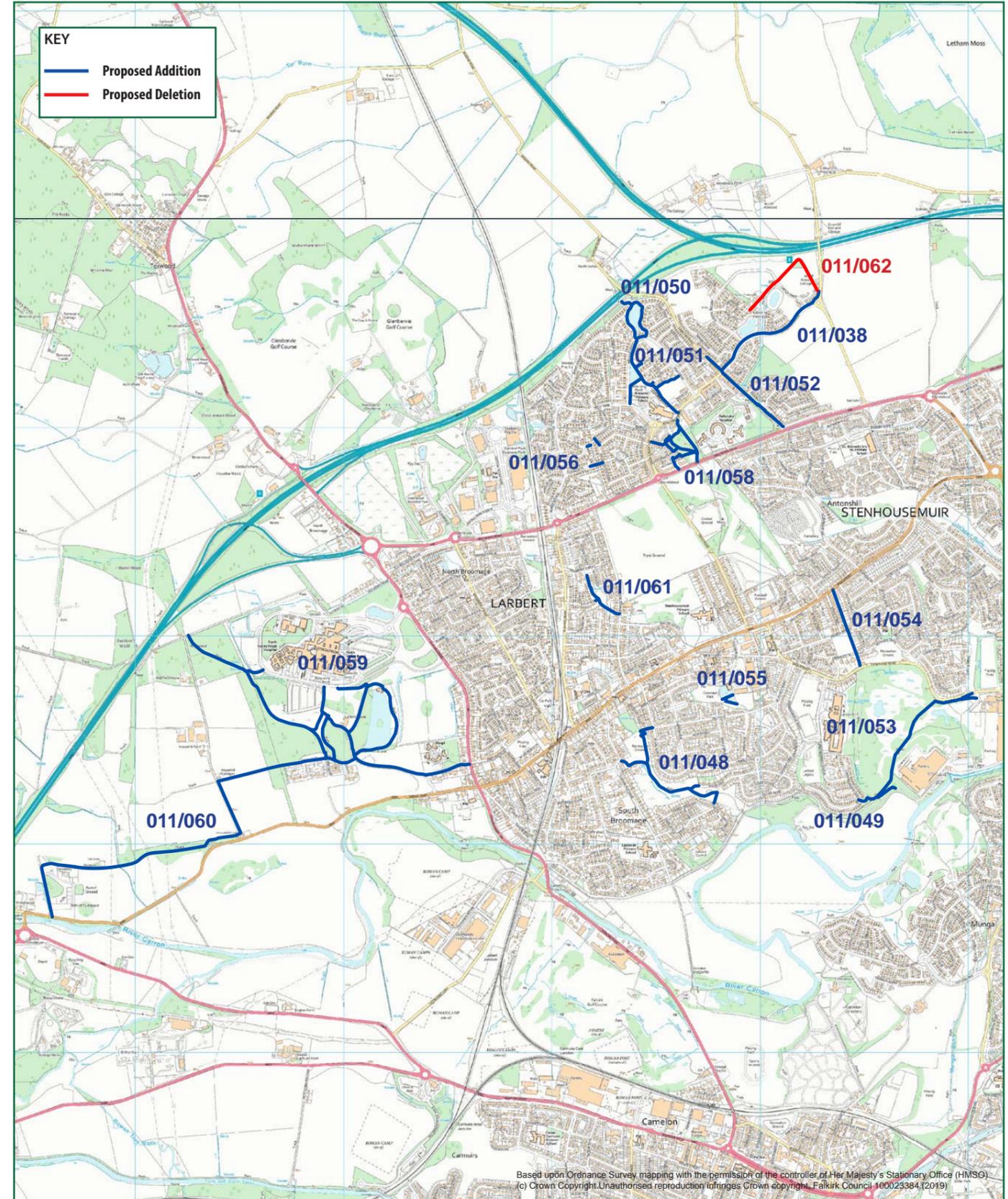
Proposed Additions:

011/038	643 m	Hamilton Road to Hill O’Kinnaird Cottage
011/048	919 m	Russel Park to Mill Lade
011/049	196 m	Carron Landfill Site to Carrongrange
011/050	513 m	Kinnaird Village SUDS
011/051	775 m	Kinnaird Village Links
011/052	510 m	Hamilton Road
011/053	819 m	Carron Dams Through Route
011/054	386 m	Stenhouse Road to King Street
011/055	129 m	Stenhousemuir Town Centre
011/056	121 m	Kinnaird Village Network West
011/058	865 m	Kinnaird Villlage Network South
011/059	3503 m	Forth Valley Royal Hospital Network
011/060	2051 m	Forth Valley Royal Hospital to Hills of Dunipace
011/061	275 m	Chapel Burn

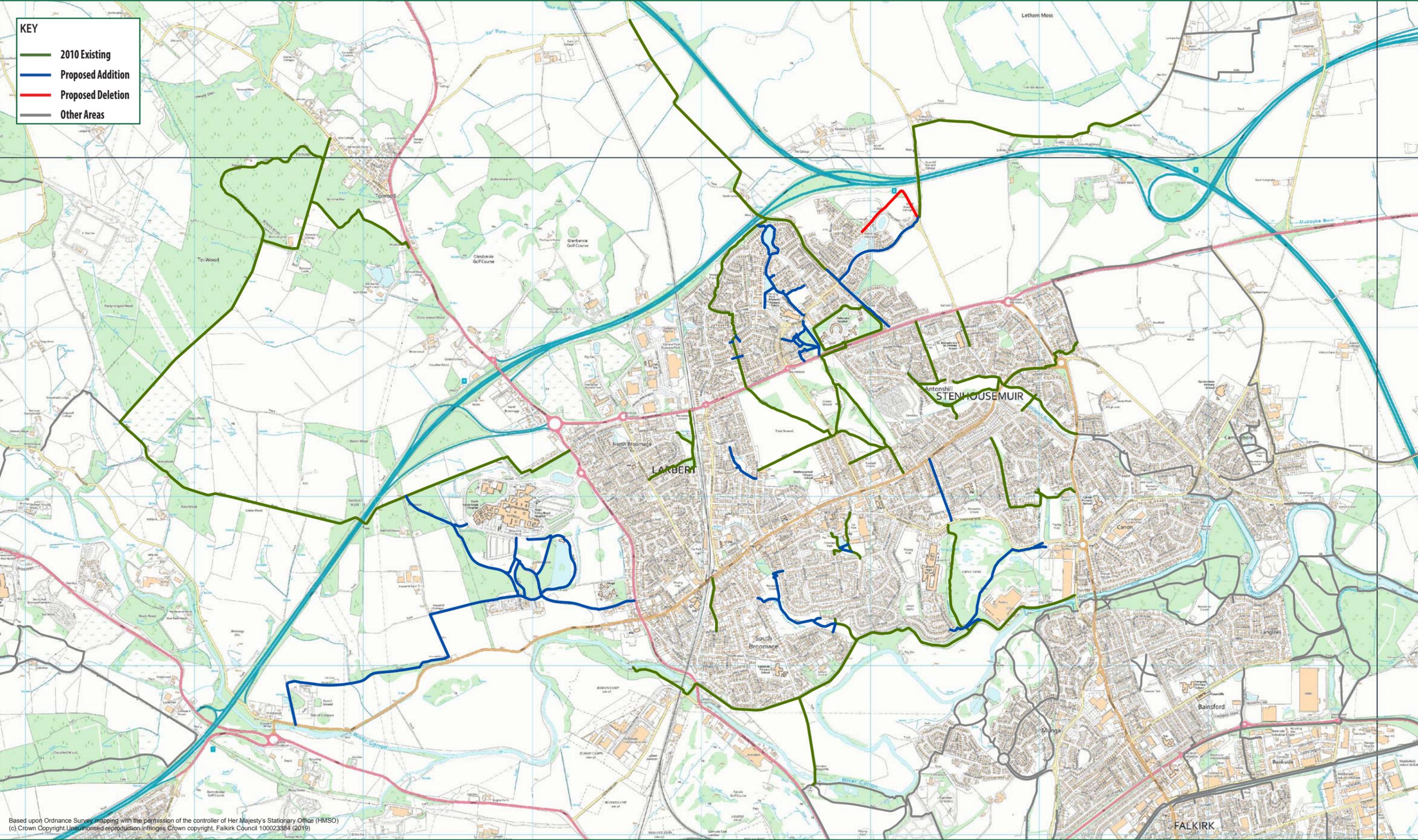
Total 11705 m

Proposed Deletions:

011/062	513 m	Hamilton Road to Hill O’Kinnaird Cottage (Alternative Route Identified 011/038 above)
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011 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and Proposed Amendments



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012 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 42

Existing Network Length: 23.8 km

Description: There is a mix of riverside, farmland, woodland and park routes along with an range of paths to shops, schools and local amenities.

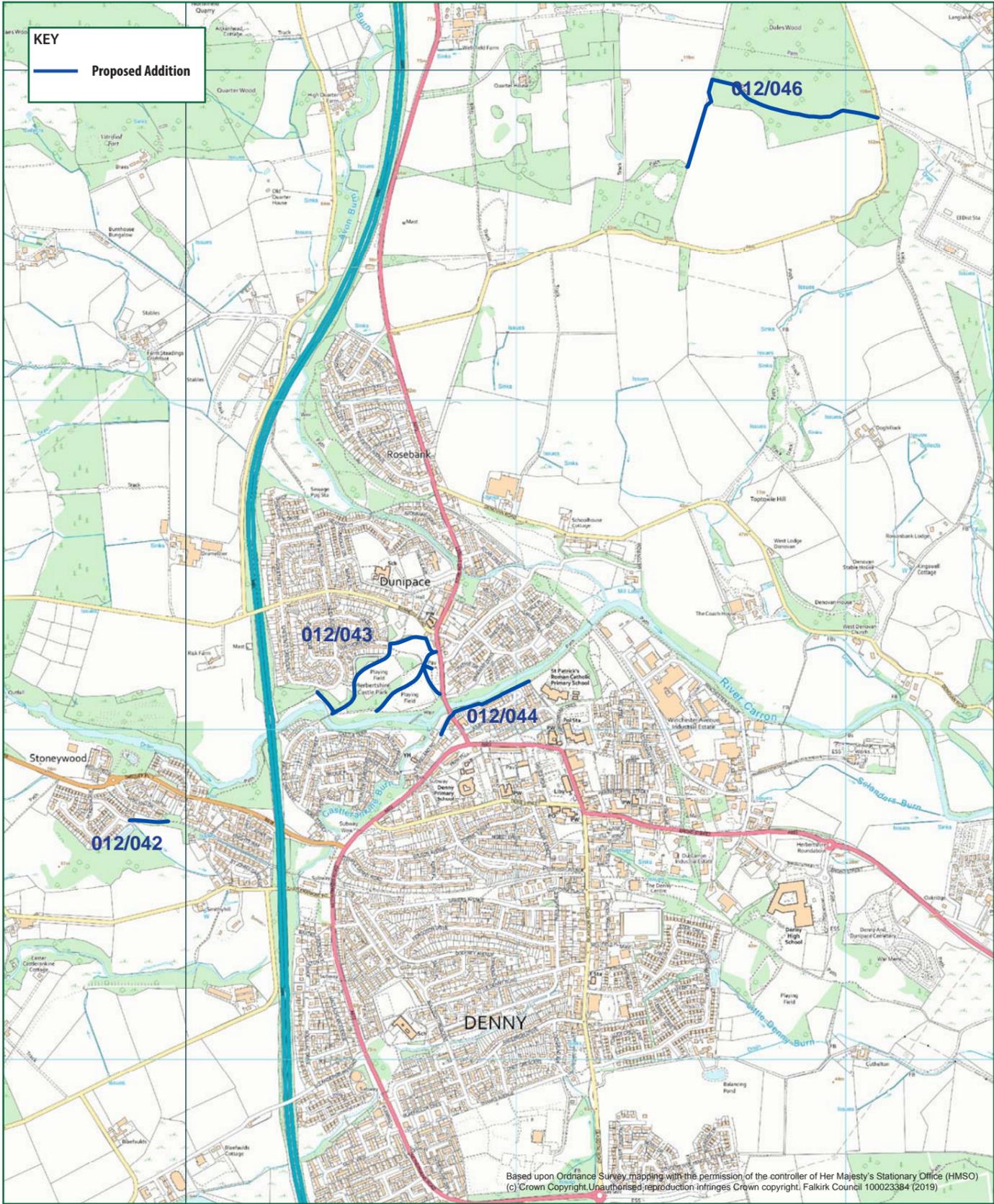
Places of Interest: River Carron, Carron Glen SWT Reserve, Rosebank Community Woodland, Chasefield Wood and Gala Park.

Network Links: Torwood, Larbert.

Future Opportunities: Improved links to Banknock and Bonnybridge and along the disused railway to Falkirk and following the River Carron downstream to Larbert.

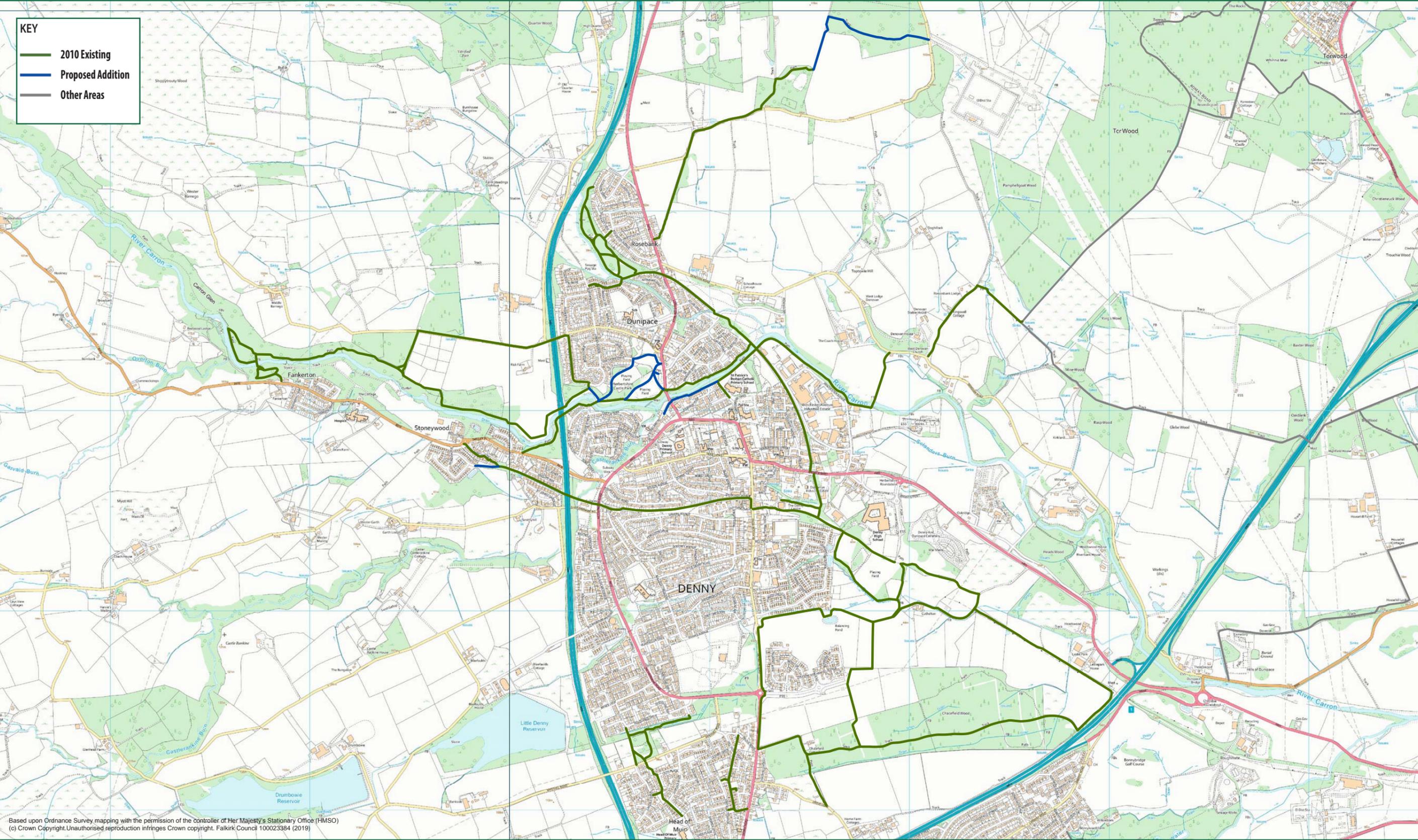
Proposed Additions:

012/042	117 m	Stoneywood Route to School
012/043	935 m	Gala Park Network
012/044	328 m	St. Patricks to West Boreland Road
012/046	824 m	Dales Wood to Quarter Bing
Total	2204 m	



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013 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 27

Existing Network Length: 16.1 km

Description: Routes through Bonnyfield Nature Park to Forth and Clyde Canal towpath and links to Roman Fort sites at Seabegs, Roughcastle and The John Muir Way.

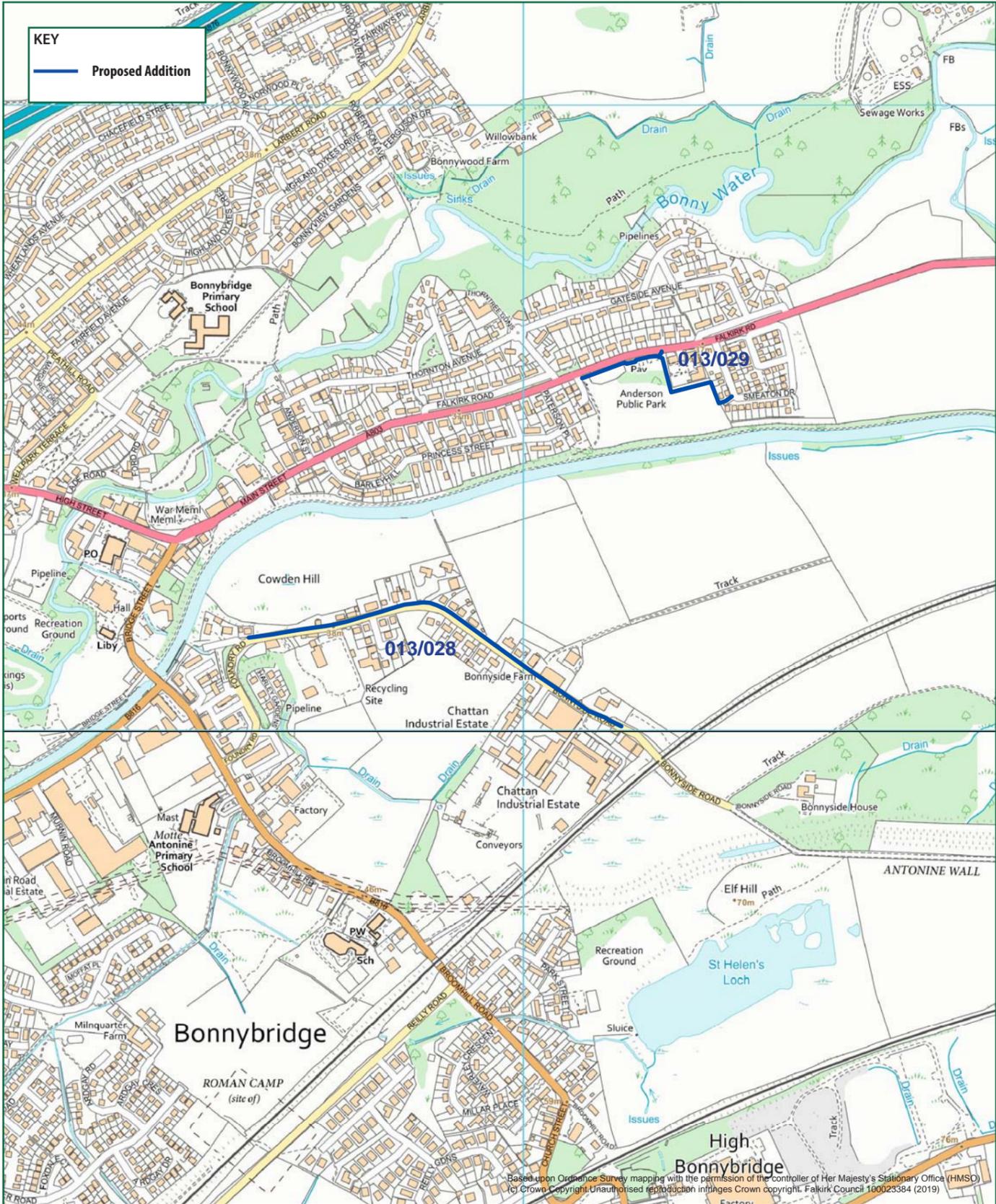
Places of Interest: Forth and Clyde Canal, Bonnyfield Nature Park, Antonine Wall and The John Muir Way.

Network Links: Roman Forts at Seabegs and Roughcastle, Falkirk Wheel, South Falkirk Path Network, Banknock and North Lanarkshire.

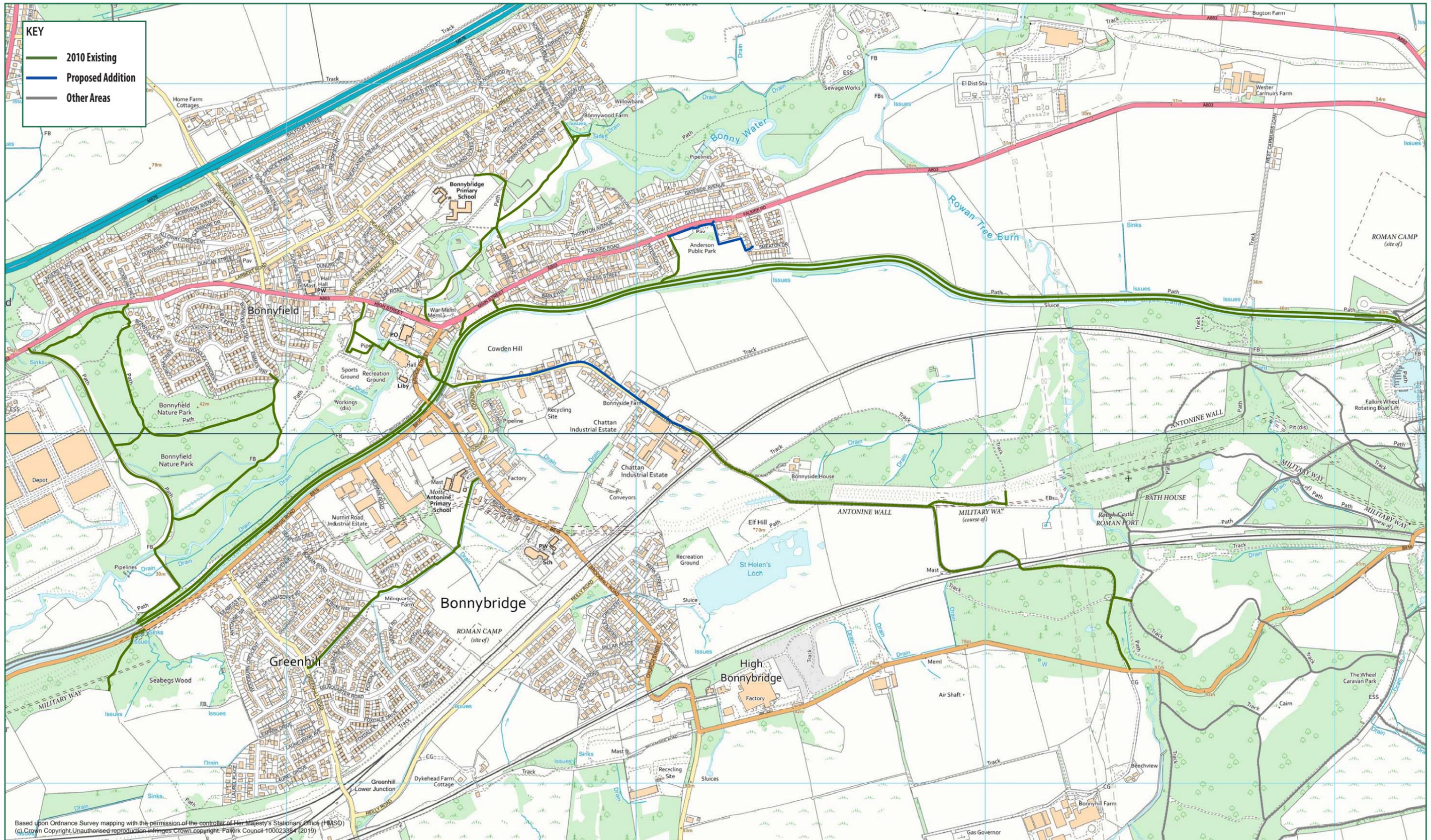
Future Opportunities: Link between Bonnyfield Nature Park and recreation ground, with links to and improvements of the former railway line between Bonnybridge, Denny and Falkirk.

Proposed Additions:

013/028	663 m	Bonnyside Road
013/029	329 m	Anderson Park
Total	992 m	



013 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and Proposed Amendments



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014 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 22

Existing Network Length: 13.1 km

Description: Routes along old railways as well as through farmland and areas of former industry. There are also a number of connections onto the Forth and Clyde canal towpath.

Places of Interest: Forth and Clyde Canal, Antonine Wall and The John Muir Way.

Network Links: North Lanarkshire Council area, Bonnyfield Nature Park, Seabegs Wood and the Forth & Clyde Canal.

Future Opportunities: Improved links to Denny and improved access into the development site at Braeface Road and improved links to the Forth & Clyde Canal.

Proposed Additions:

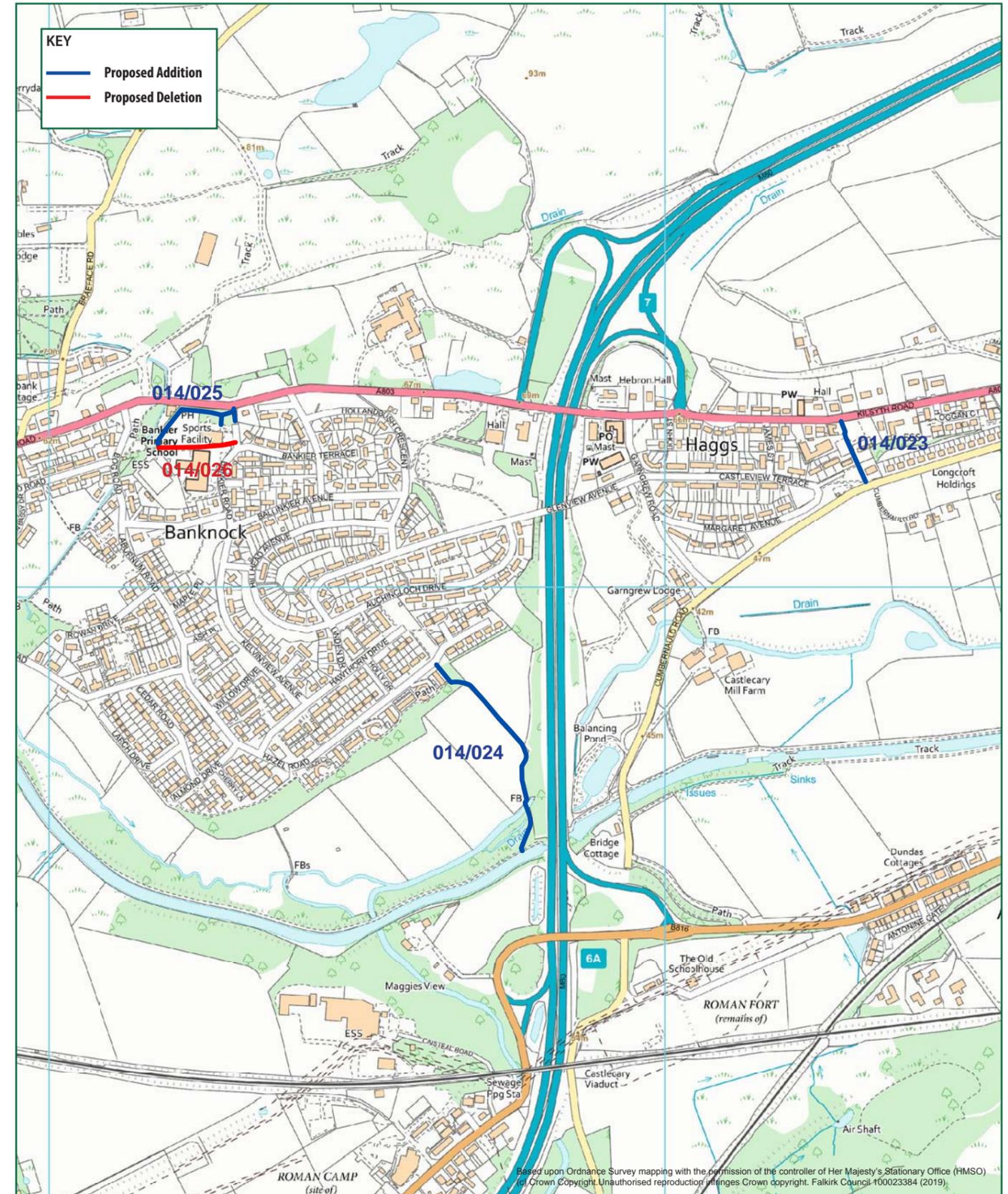
- 014/023 107 m Kilsyth Road to Cumbernauld Road
- 014/024 378 m Hazel Road to Forth & Clyde Canal
- 014/025 198 m Laburnum Road to Kilsyth Road

Total 683 m

Proposed Deletions:

- 014/026 125 m Bankier Primary School (Alternative Route Identified 014/025 above)

Total 125 m



015 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 25

Existing Network Length: 9.4 km

Description: Routes to Falkirk Stadium and the Helix Around Town network, The Helix Park, Kelpies, Beancross and through Westquarter Glen.

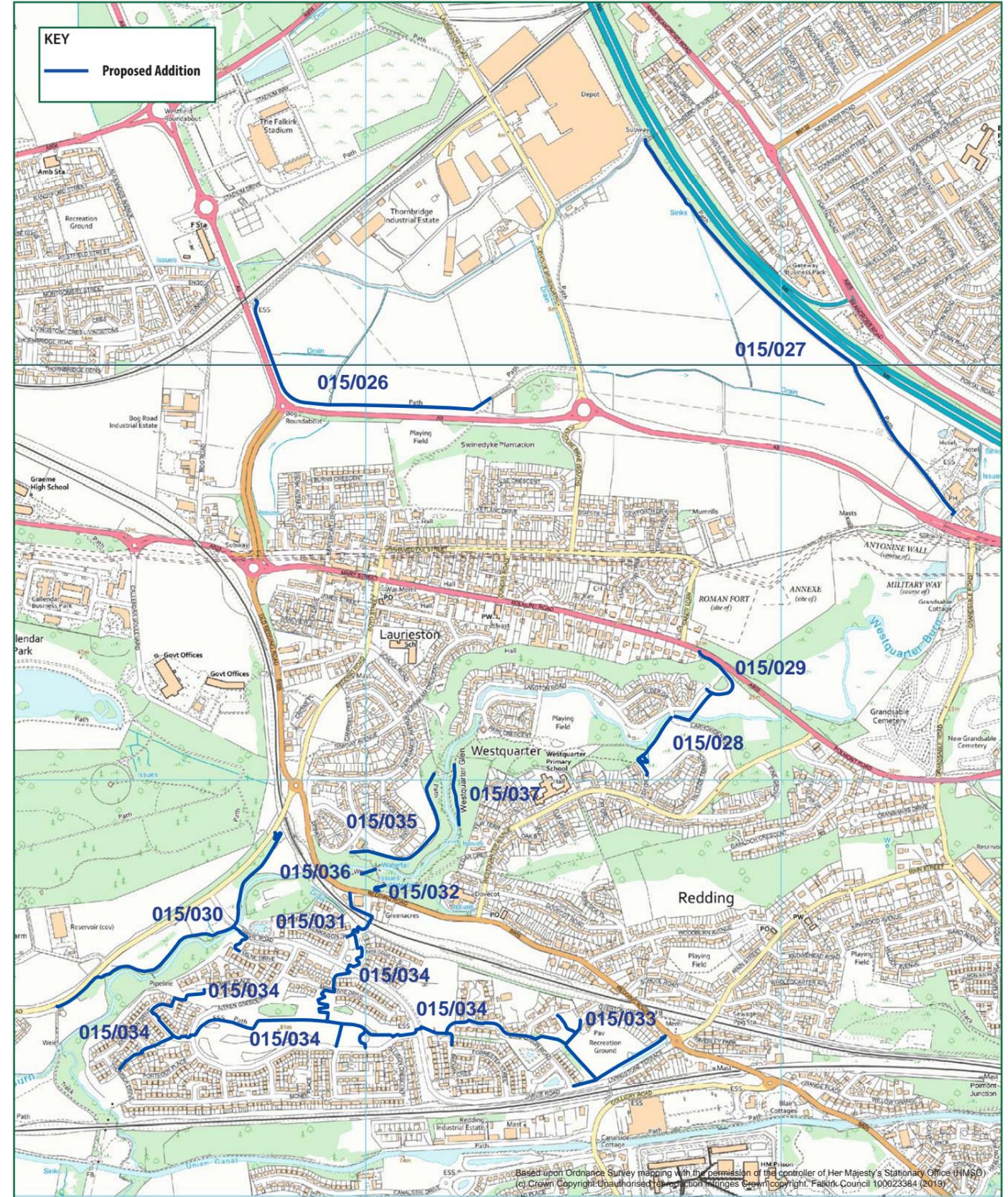
Places of Interest: Westquarter Glen, Antonine Wall, Helix Park and The Kelpies.

Network Links: Falkirk Stadium, Union Canal, Callendar Woods, Grangemouth and The Helix Park.

Future Opportunities: Further Improved links to Falkirk Stadium and opportunities around The Helix Park and South to the Union Canal.

Proposed Additions:

015/026	745 m	015/026 Laurieston Link Road to Newlands Road
015/027	1186 m	015/027 Primrose Avenue to Beancross
015/028	219 m	015/028 Westquarter Link
015/029	317 m	015/029 Westquarter to Polmont Road
015/030	801 m	015/030 Hallglen to Westquarter
015/031	190 m	015/031 Overton to Westquarter
015/032	40 m	015/032 Westquarter Glen (6)
015/033	584 m	015/033 King George V Park (1)
015/034	2011 m	015/034 King George V Park (2)
015/035	384 m	015/035 Westquarter Glen (7)
015/036	35 m	015/036 Westquarter Glen (8)
015/037	147 m	015/037 Westquarter Glen (9)
Total	6659 m	



016 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 38

Existing Network Length: 14.3 km

Description: A range of routes in the Polmont network including woodland walks, parkland and on-road routes: Polmont Woods, Gray-Buchanan Park and The Union Canal, National Cycle Network Route 76 and The John Muir Way.

Places of Interest: Polmont Woods, Antonine Wall, Gray-Buchanan Park, Union Canal - John Muir Way.

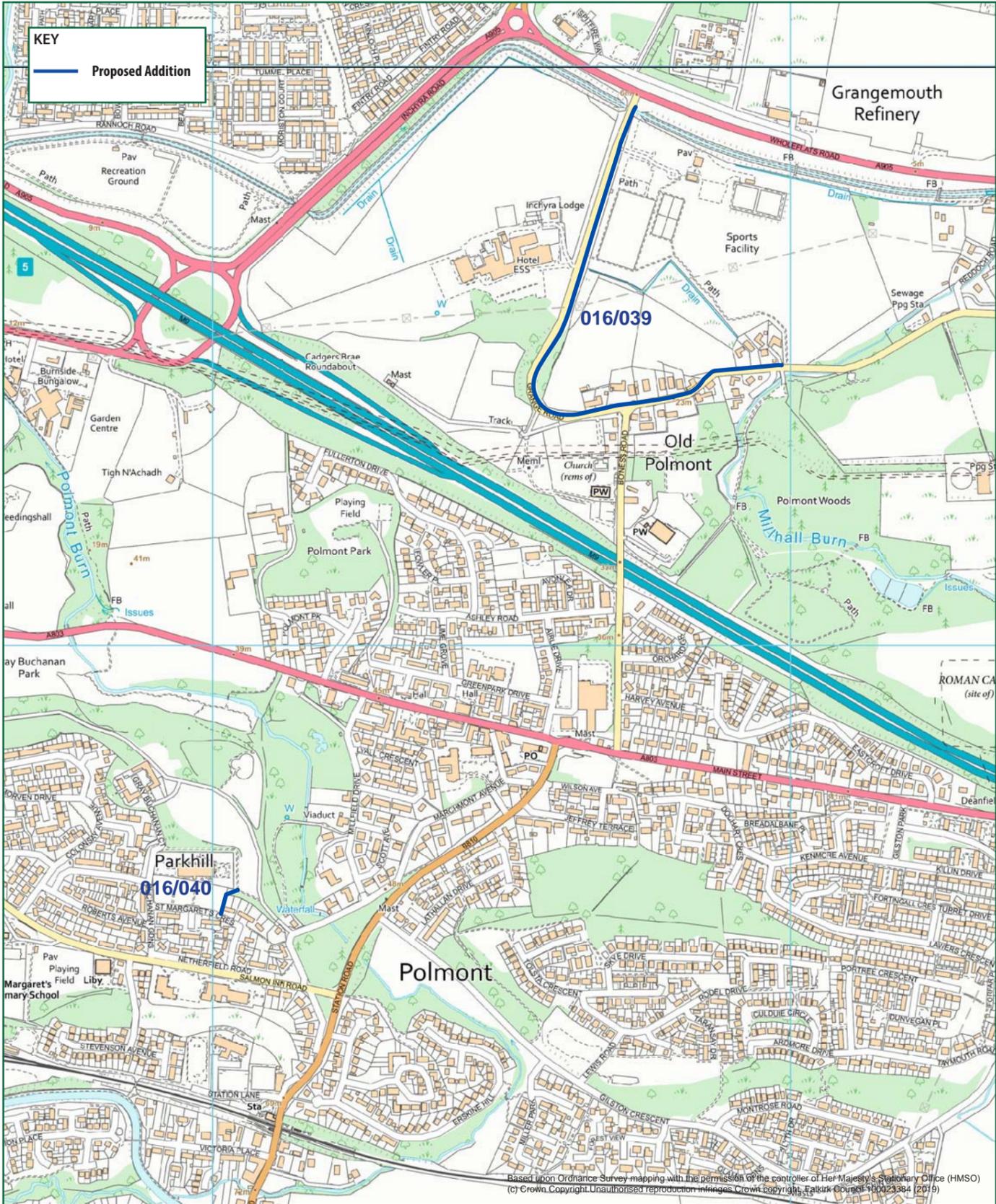
Network Links: Union Canal, Bo'ness, Grangemouth, Brightons.

Future Opportunities: Improvements to the path network around Gray-Buchanan Park, enhanced network between Polmont and Grangemouth and opportunities to extend The River Avon Heritage Trail downstream from Linlithgow Bridge to Polmont Woods.

Proposed Additions:

- 016/039 991 m Polmont Woods to Wholeflats Road
- 016/040 56 m St. Margarets Link

Total 1048 m



017 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 12

Existing Network Length: 7.8 km

Description: Routes to and along Union Canal towpath connecting to Ercall Road through woodland and into Laurie Park.

Places of Interest: Union Canal, Laurie Park.

Network Links: Maddiston, Polmont, Union Canal, The Haining path network.

Future Opportunities: On-going Improved Links south to Maddiston and Rumford.

Proposed Additions:

017/014	801 m	Ercall Road to Cleuch Place
017/015	556 m	Quarry Park

Total 1357 m

Proposed Deletions:

017/006	280 m	Battock Road (Alternative Route Identified 017/014 above)
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Total 280 m



018 No Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 14

Existing Network Length: 10.5 km

Description: Path network takes in woodland routes, paths along disused railway lines and connection through to Shieldhill and onto California using the Old Drove Road.

Places of Interest: Burnside Community Woodland, Bellsrigg Community Woodland, Old Drove Road.

Network Links: Maddiston, Hallglen, Wallacestone.

Future Opportunities: Improved access to the canal network. Improved off-road access south towards Avonbridge and Slamannan.

018 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and (No Proposed Amendments)



019 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 7

Existing Network Length: 7.9 km

Description: Paths through farmland to connect Reddingmuirhead and Wallacestone to California with links to Burnside Community Woodland.

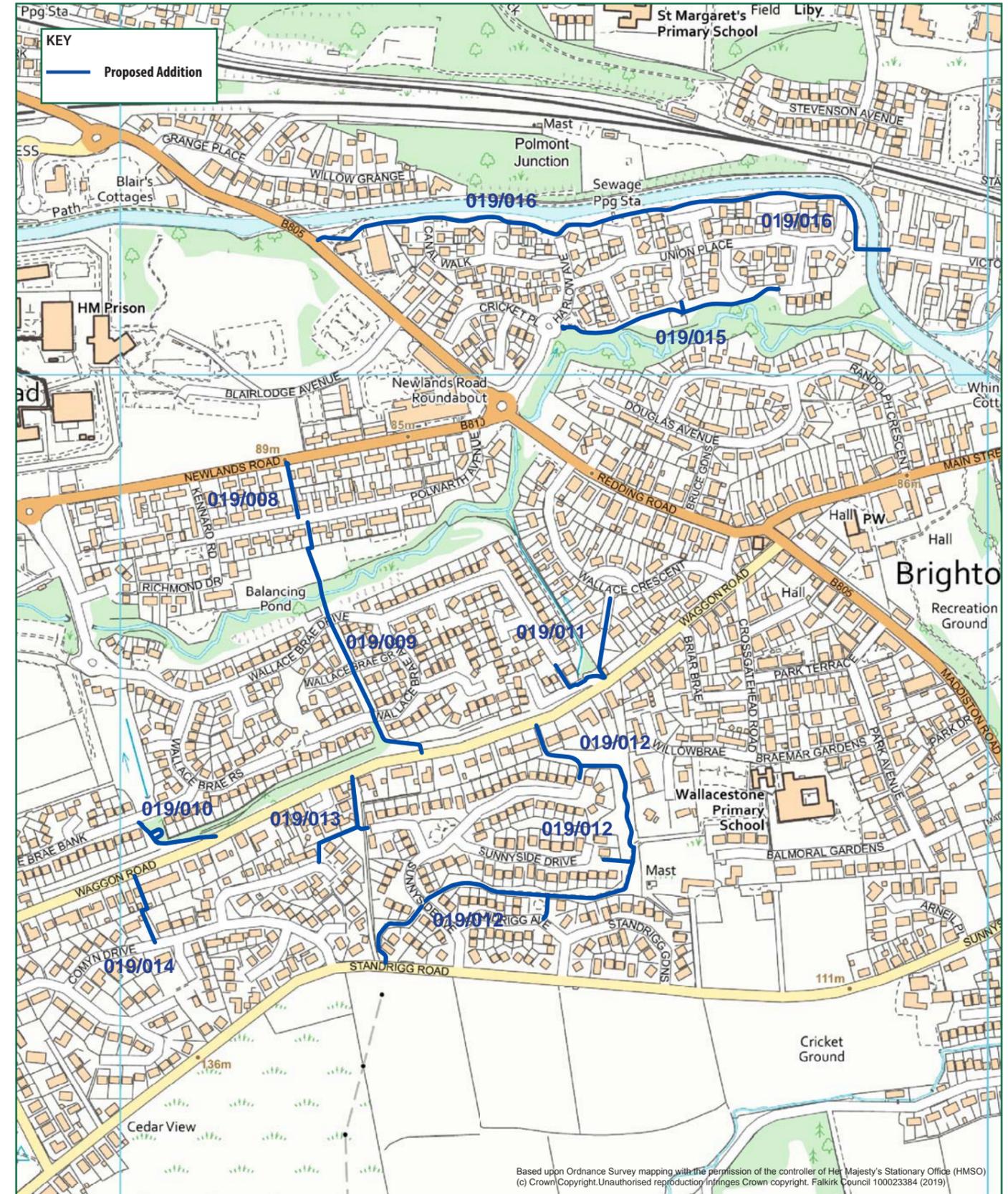
Places of Interest: Burnside Community Woodland, Union Canal.

Network Links: California, Union Canal

Future Opportunities: Further Improvements to the access network from Reddingmuirhead to Burnside Community Woodland.

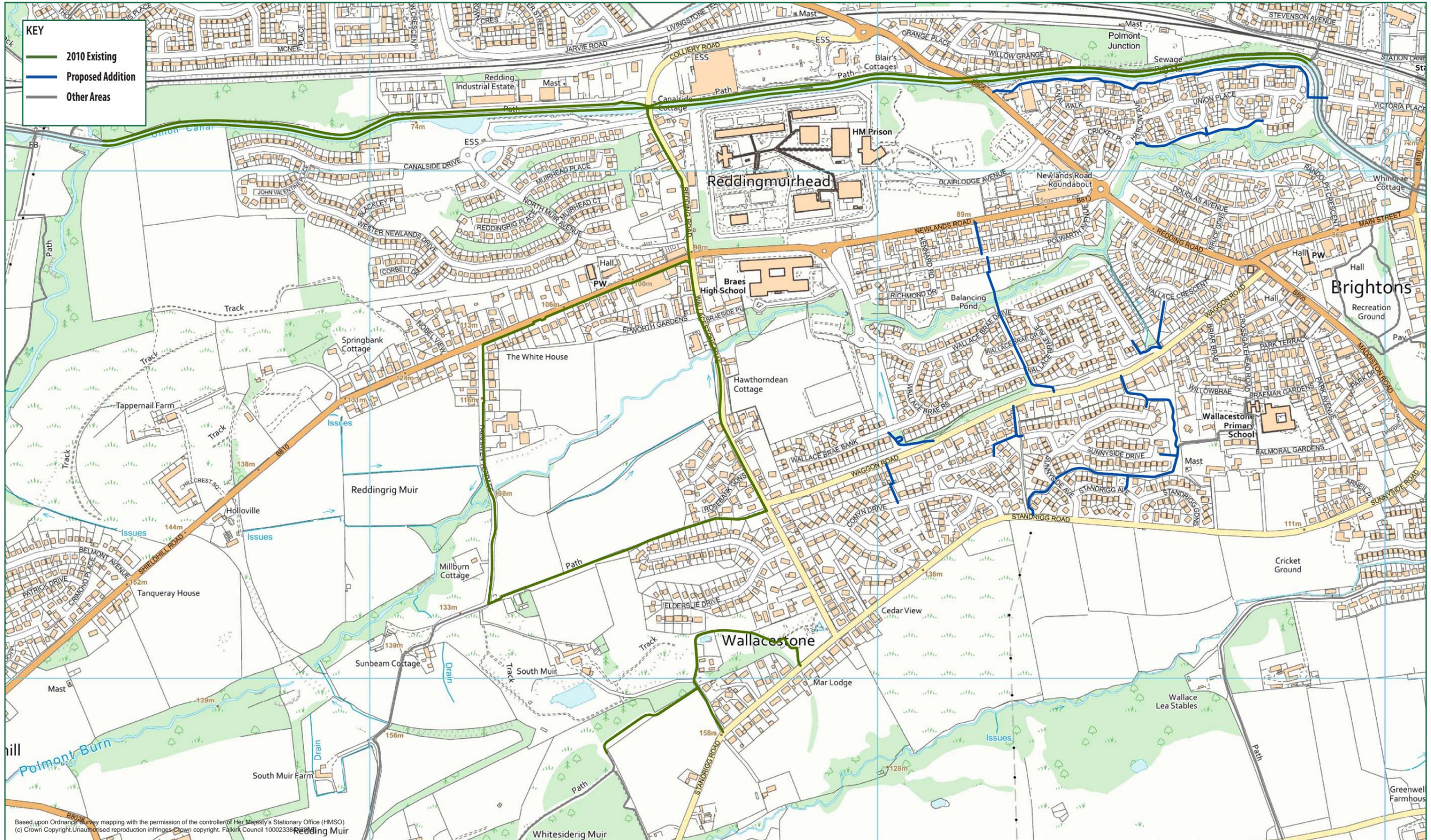
Proposed Additions:

019/008	67 m	Newlands Road to Polwarth Avenue
019/009	324 m	Polwarth Avenue to Waggon Road
019/010	130 m	Wallace Brae Bank to Waggon Road
019/011	169 m	Wallace Brae Gardens to Wallace Crescent
019/012	686 m	Waggon Road to Standrigg Road
019/013	141 m	Waggon Road to Comyn Drive and Sunnyside Court
019/014	87 m	Waggon Road to Comyn Drive
019/015	277 m	Union Place
019/016	727 m	Victoria Place to Redding Road
Total	2608 m	



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019 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and Proposed Amendments



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020 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 16

Existing Network Length: 11.2 km

Description: Variety of routes through farmland, along Union Canal towpath and the disused railway, as well as through the park area at Manuel Burn and around the new development at Glendevon Drive connecting to the Haining.

Places of Interest: Union Canal, disused railway lines and sites of former industry.

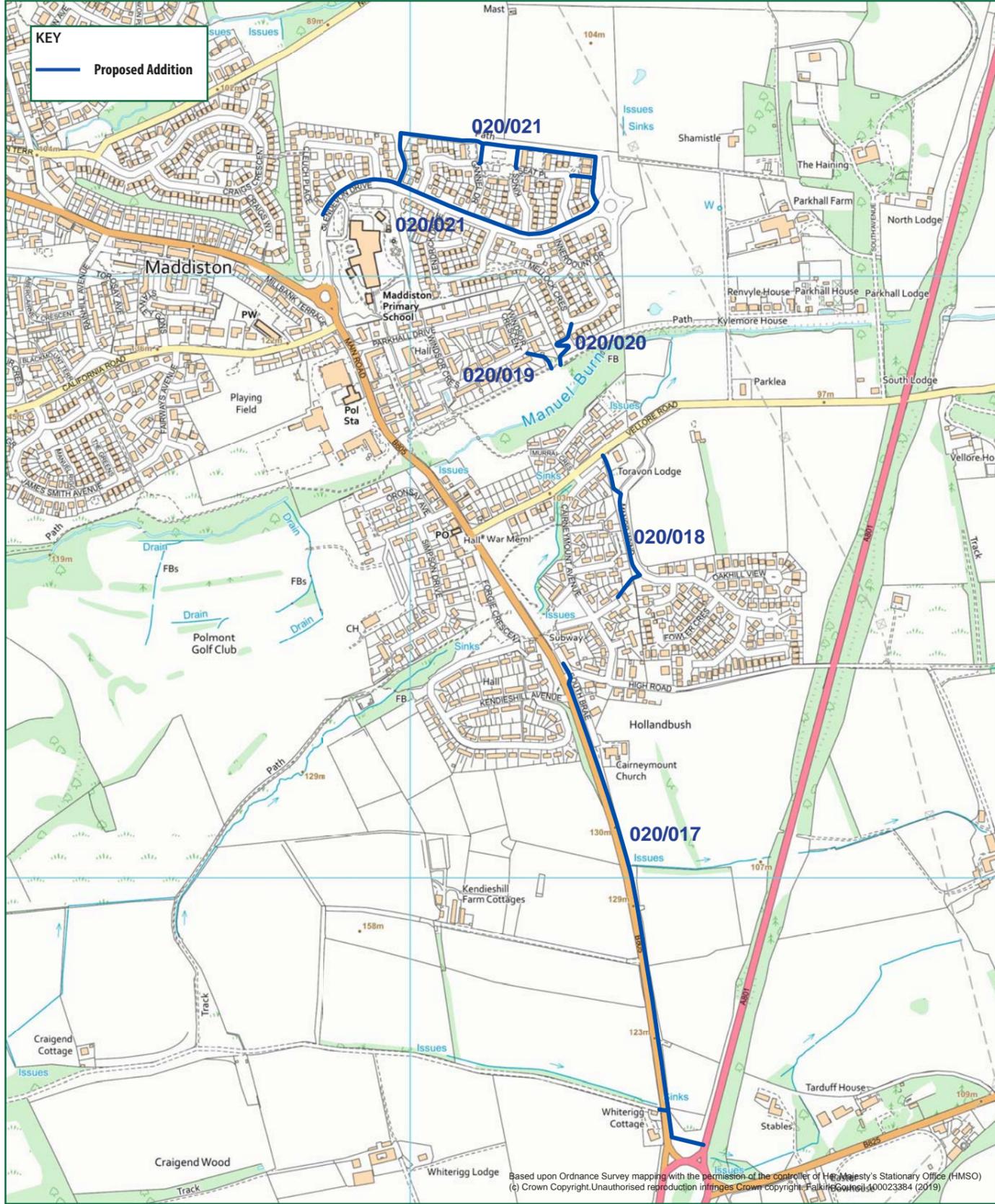
Network Links: The Loan and Muiravonside Country Park, Union Canal, Brightons and Drumbowie Community Woodland, Standburn.

Future Opportunities: Path improvements around Parkhall Farm between Maddiston and Bethankie Bridge. Improved access between Standburn and Maddiston and better links to Muiravonside Country Park.

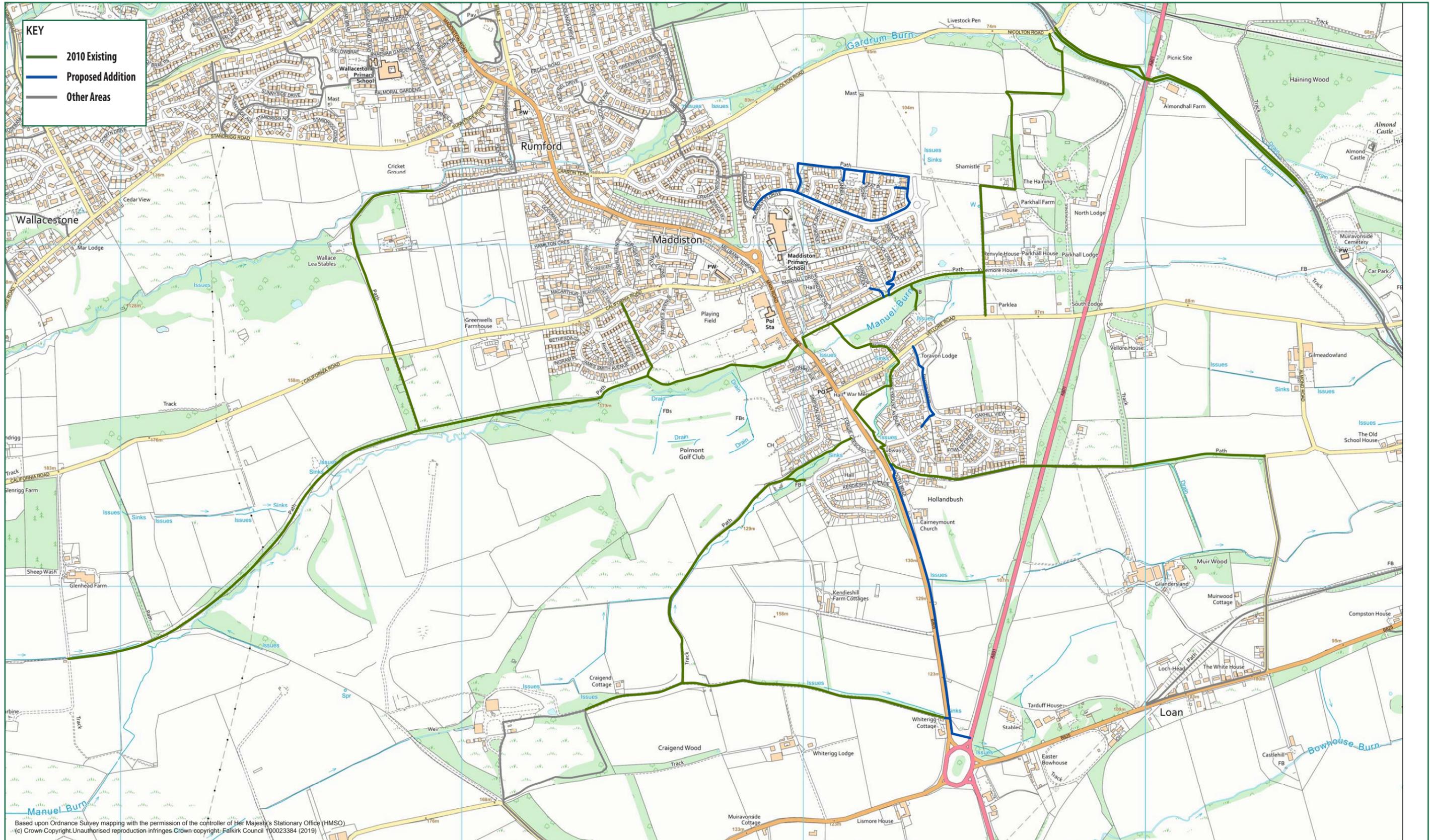
Proposed Additions:

020/017	882 m	Maddiston High Road to Bowhouse Roundabout
020/019	52 m	Windsor Crescent to Valley Park
020/020	104 m	Valley Park to Mellock Crescent
020/021	1115 m	Glendevon Drive to Kings Seat Place
020/018	268 m	Manor Wynd to Vellore Road

Total **2420 m**



020 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and Proposed Amendments



021 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 31

Existing Network Length: 20.2 km

Description: Circular routes using Union Canal towpath and disused railway lines to connect with surrounding villages, to Muiravonside Country Park and sections of The River Avon Heritage Trail with a mix of woodland, farmland and park routes.

Places of Interest: Union Canal, River Avon Heritage Trail, Muiravonside Country Park.

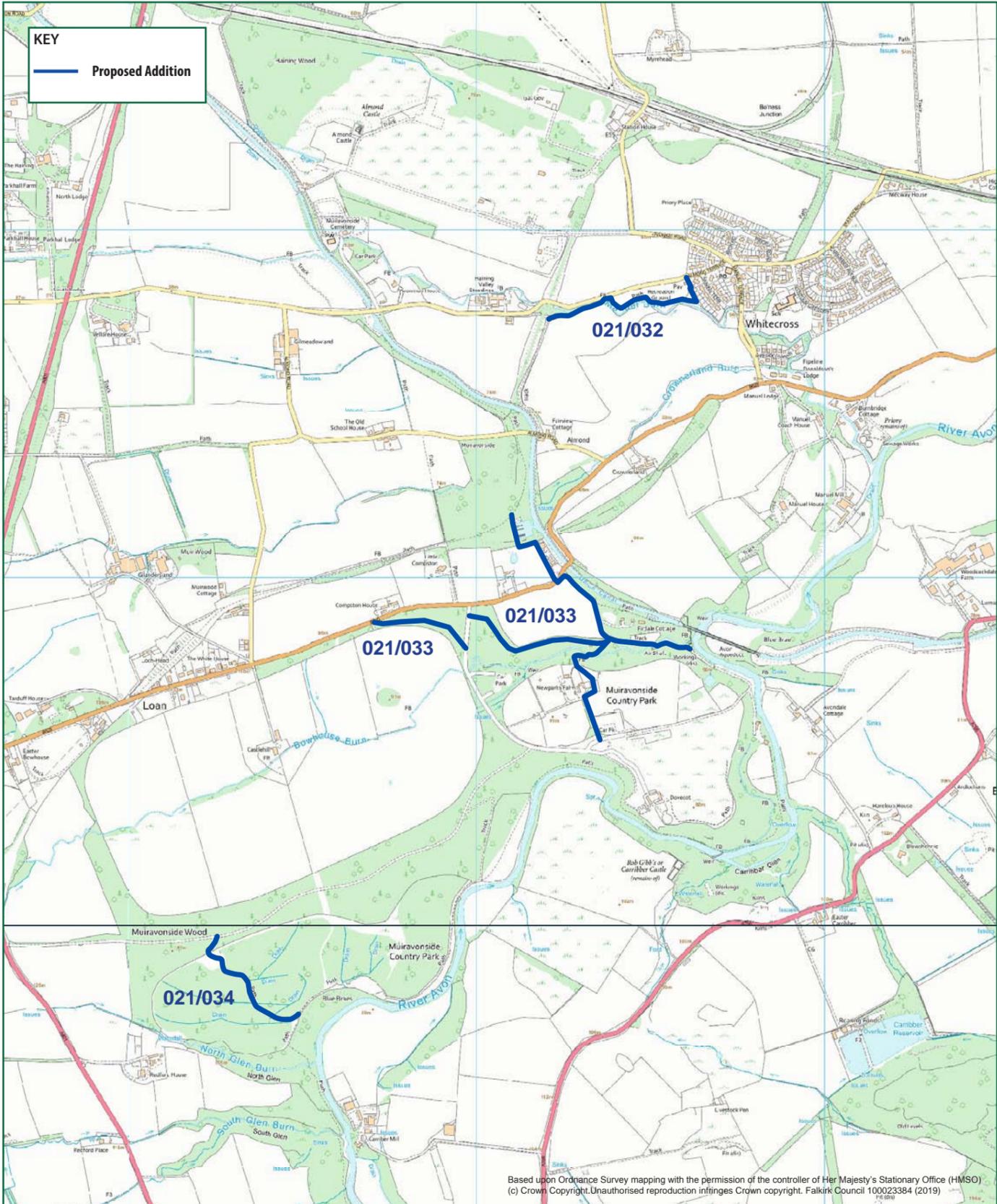
Network Links: Avonbridge, Linlithgow Bridge, Maddiston, Candiehead and Standburn.

Future Opportunities: Improved access from Candie and Whitecross to Muiravonside Country Park.

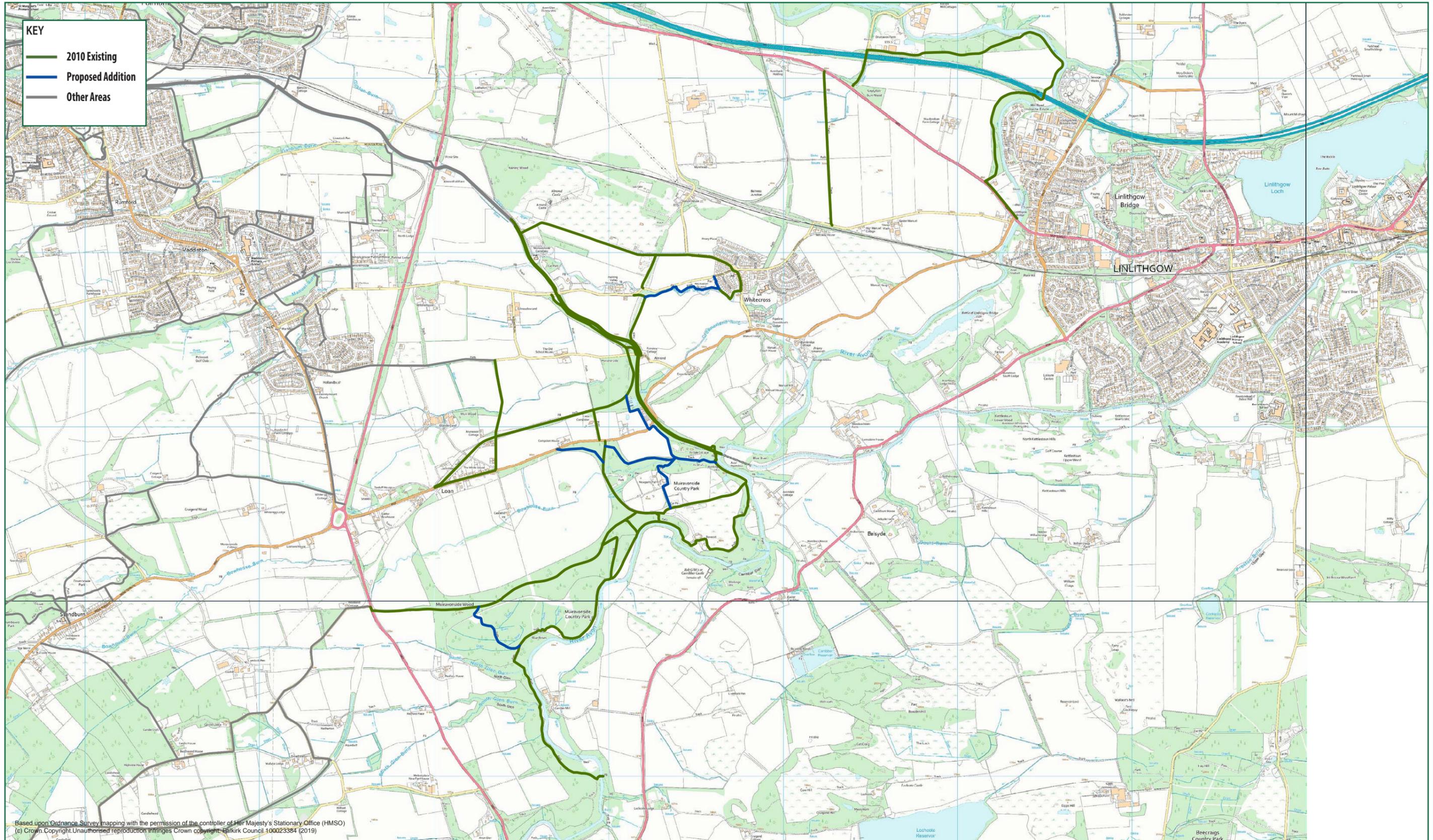
Proposed Additions:

- 021/032 549 m Manuel Burn to Haining Valley
- 021/033 1935 m Muiravonside Country Park North
- 021/034 421 m Muiravonside Country Park West to River Avon Heritage Trail

Total 2905 m



021 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and Proposed Amendments



022 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 22

Existing Network Length: 16 km

Description: Network of mixed routes on open farmland and woodland paths along the River Avon, links to key open spaces and to community woodlands with routes using the local road network.

Places of Interest: Drumbowie Community Woodland, Standburn and The River Avon Heritage Trail.

Network Links: Muiravonside Country Park and Linlithgow Bridge, Slamannan, Maddiston.

Future Opportunities: Improved access in and around Avonbridge and better connections to Standburn, Maddiston and Muiravonside Country Park.

Proposed Additions:

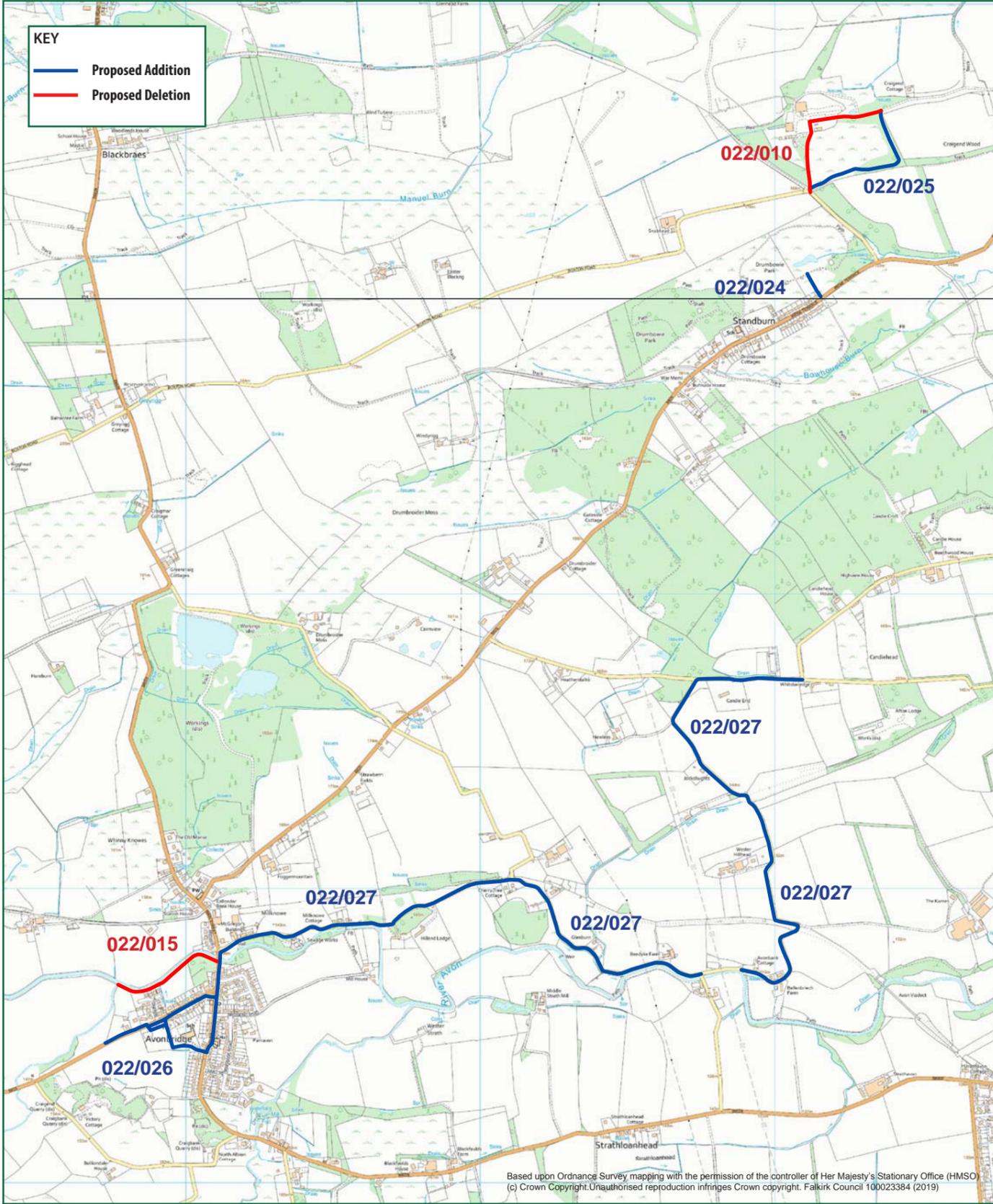
022/024	90 m	Drumbowie Nature Park South East Entrance
022/025	507 m	Boxton Road to Craigend Cottage
022/026	1060 m	Avonbridge Primary to Playing Fields
022/027	3708 m	Avonbridge to Candie Quiet Road

Total 5365 m

Proposed Deletions:

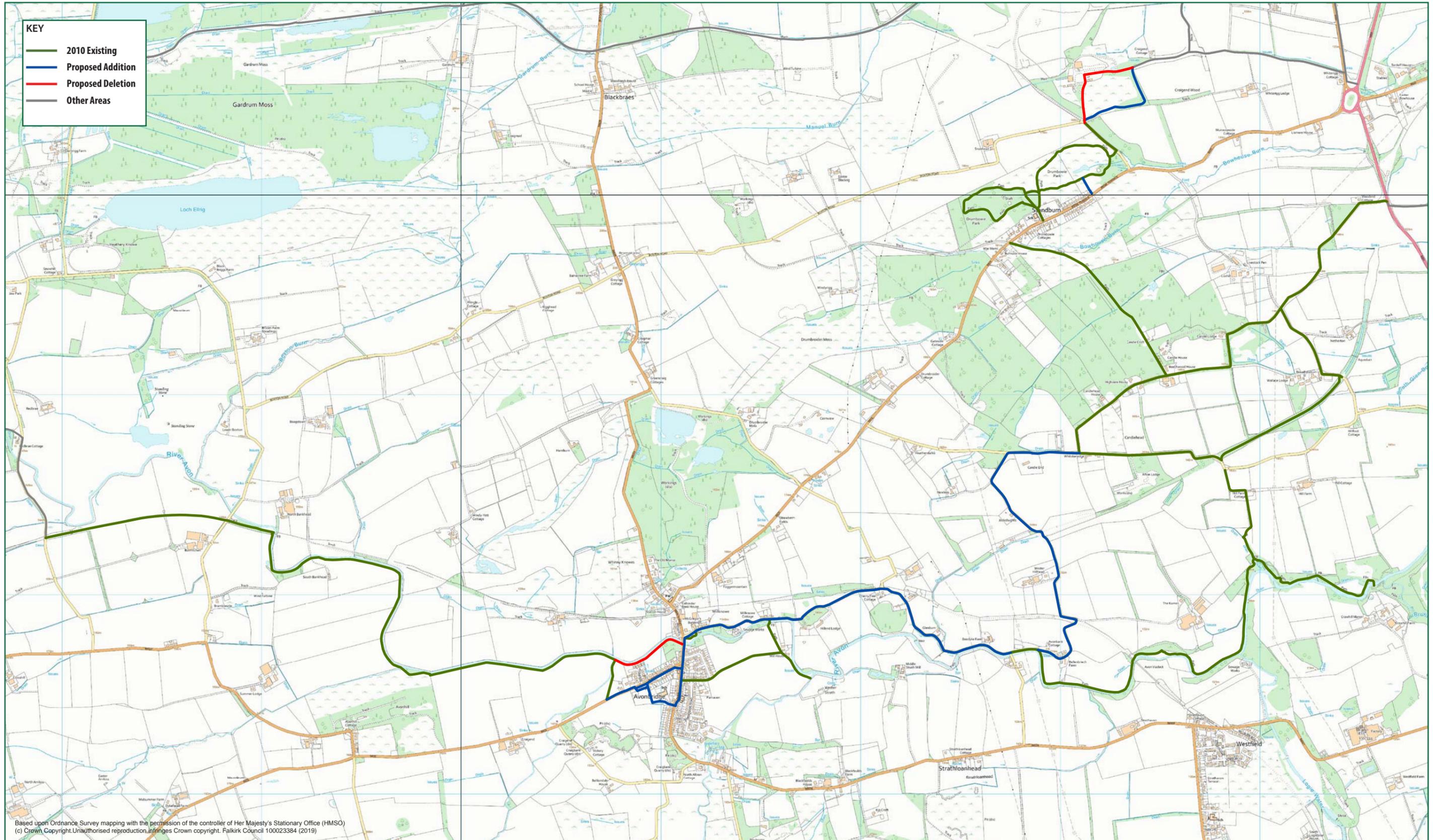
022/010	491 m	Craigend (Alternative Route Identified 022/025 above)
022/015	386 m	River Avon, Avonbridge to South Bankhead Farm (Alternative Route Identified 022/026 above)

Total 877 m



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022 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and Proposed Amendments



023 Proposed Amendments

No. of Existing Paths: 20

Existing Network Length: 16.6 km

Description: Through farmland and woodlands and circular routes around local open spaces and parks.

Places of Interest: Limerigg Woodland, Slamannan Plateau (Bean Geese).

Network Links: Avonbridge, North Lanarkshire Council area.

Future Opportunities: Further access improvements along disused railway and through commercial Forest areas to create circular off-road route around Slamannan and Limerigg, connecting to community woodlands in the North Lanarkshire area. Improved access north to rest of network is constrained by SPA designation and land management issues.

Proposed Additions:

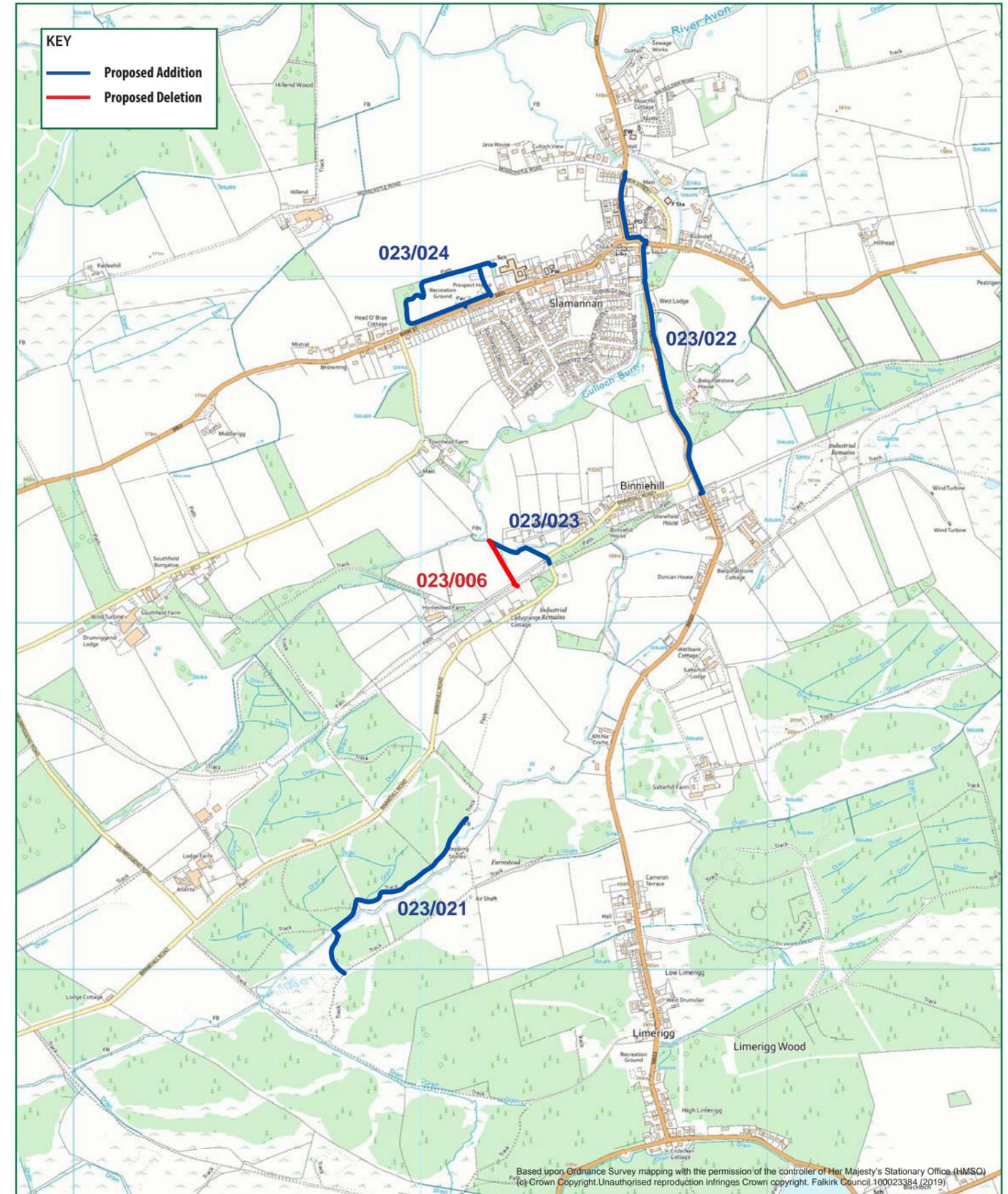
023/021	693 m	Culloch Burn to Limerigg Forest
023/022	1019 m	Binniehill to Slamannan (1)
023/023	203 m	Binniehill to Slamannan (2)
023/024	739 m	Blinkbonny Park

Total 4797 m

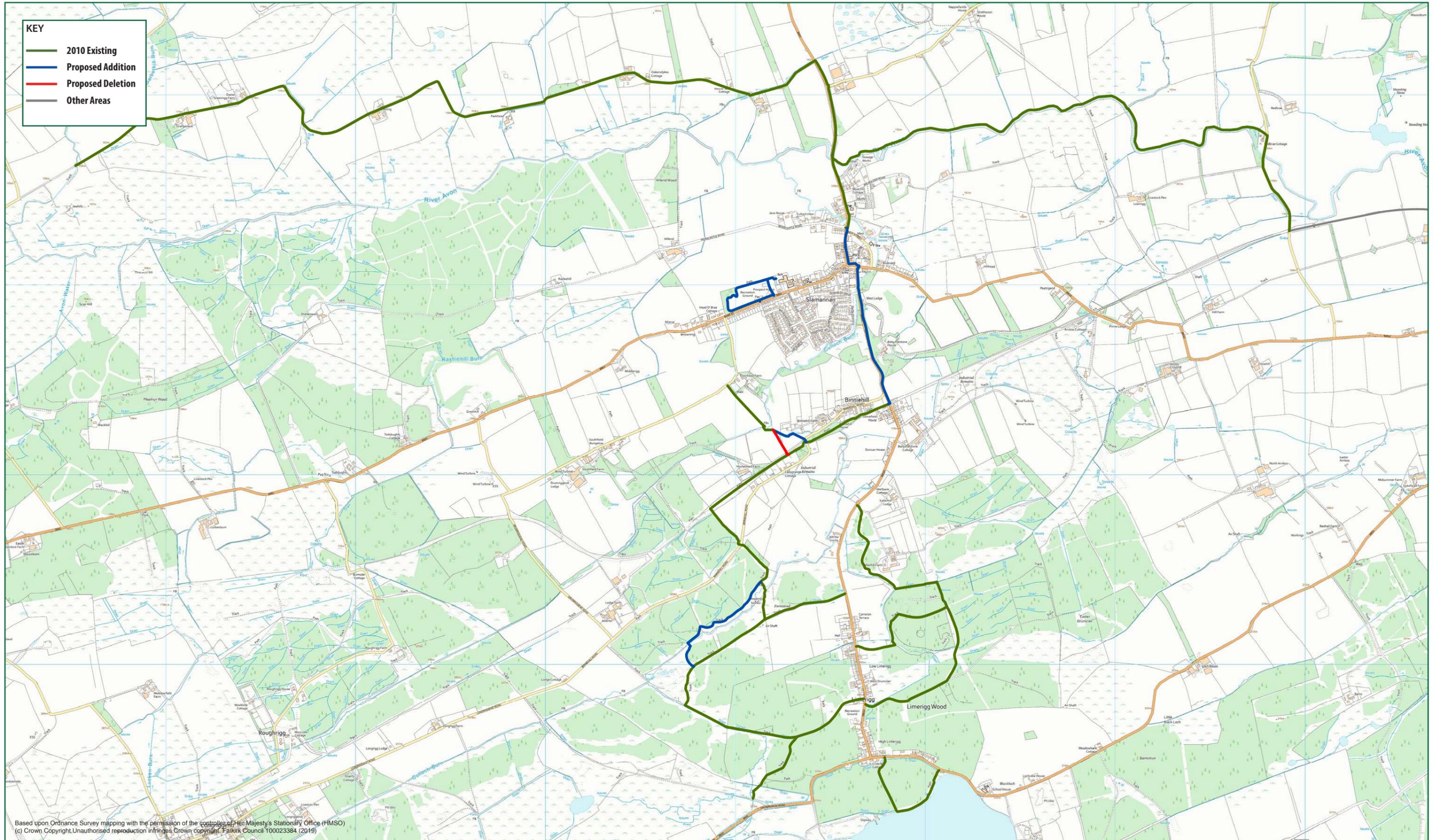
Proposed Deletions:

023/006	156 m	Binniehill to Townhead (Alternative Route Identified 023/023 above)
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Total 156 m



023 Existing 2010 Core Path Network and Proposed Amendments



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