



Green Loop & Wayfinding Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Green Loop? The Green Loop is a circa 7km (about 4 ½ miles) route that runs around Whitehill & Bordon, connecting green space on the edge of the town into a circuit for leisure, recreation and active, healthy enjoyment of the natural environment.

You may previously have heard it referred to as the Green Grid Green Loop, during engagement it was decided that 'Green Grid' was too confusing and was therefore adopted into the Green Loop title. This encompasses the 7km Green Loop and the routes into and out of the town and town centre.

Can you cycle the route? Yes, there is a cyclable route around the whole town, although parts of it remain quite narrow (e.g. through the Deadwater Valley), so an alternative is provided on-street along Conde Way.

Can you use push chairs on the loop? Yes, the Green loop is paved with a mixture of Fittleworth stone, limestone chippings and in certain areas, tarmac which is generally suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Why isn't there a path from the back of Whitehill Village Hall? The path behind Whitehill Village Hall is one of a number of sections of the Green Loop to be delivered across private (MOD) land. This is phased to come forward as part of wider works on the former Garrison site.

Why can't I get through from Oakmoor School to Station Road? This is currently a live construction site, and health and safety requirements prevent the mixing of pedestrians, cyclists and construction activity. As soon as the haul road that occupies this section of the Green Loop is decommissioned, the Green Loop will connect these two areas again.

How can I navigate the Green Loop? There are maps placed at key entrances to the Green Loop and an online version is available on EHDC website at <http://whitehillbordon.com/>.

How long is the Loop? The Green Loop will be circa 7km (about 4 ½ miles) long once fully complete, although current detours mean that the present alignment is a little longer.

How long does it take to walk the Loop? At a comfortable pace, it should be possible to walk the whole of the Green Loop in about 2hrs. Persons with young children or less able/agile persons may find it takes longer to complete the route.

How can I work out my route? Try using the map that is available on the EHDC website at <http://whitehillbordon.com/>.

The route is confusing, sometimes I can't work out where I'm going? The wayfinding posts and totems have been installed to make navigating the Green Loop easier. Look out for the coloured posts, maps and markers which contain directional information and (on the larger totems) a 'you are here' indicator.

Why are the arrows pointing the wrong way? The smaller posts contain direction finding metal plates that point in the direction of items engraved on them. All totems also feature 'chevron' branding (similar to the stripes for a non-commissioned officer) which usually points in the direction of the Green Loop. This is the branding for the wayfinding and has been designed to be eye-catching and visible in the outdoor environment.

Why are the totems rusting? On purpose! Special 'Corten' weathering steel was chosen for the totem bases, bands and plaques, allowing the metal to better blend with the natural environment. Rusting is a chemical reaction the surface of the steel only and has no impact on the structural integrity of the totems.

Why have those colours been chosen? The choice of several colour palettes was consulted on via community workshop and sessions with local stakeholders. The colours used draw on some of the natural colours in the environment (e.g. Heather) as well as the logos and colours of local organisations so as to harmonise with what's already happening in the town.

Who paid for it? – The study was funded by the EM3 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and managed by EHDC with assistance from HCC. Local contractors and fabricators from within and around Whitehill & Bordon were selected ensure the value of funding was reinvested back into the local economy and foster civic pride in the community.

Why do the times seem so quick? The times allocated are based on national walking averages and are intended to show the most direct route, this may not be necessary via the loop where a shorter route is available