



Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan 2015

Community Greenways Clarification Booklet



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Preamble

The draft Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan (BMAP) was published in 2004. This introduced Policy OS 2: Community Greenways and designated 28 Community Greenways in the District Proposals. A public Inquiry was conducted by the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) to consider draft plan objections, including the Community Greenway Policy and Plan Designations. The Public Inquiry concluded in May 2008 and the Department received the last of the PAC Reports, containing their recommendations in January 2012.

In relation to Community Greenways, the PAC recommended to the Department that the adopted BMAP Community Greenway Proposals should provide:

- Accurate details of the routes of designated Community Greenways and criteria for their layout; and
- The amplification text relating to policy OS 2 should make it clear that development proposals involving amendments to the identified routes will be acceptable provided that the alternative arrangements maintain the overall integrity of the route and meet the designation's layout criteria.

The Department has now considered the Report from the PAC and is publishing this Community Greenway Clarification Booklet and amending the Community Greenway Policy to address the PAC recommendations. In the adopted BMAP, the Community Greenway Policy OS 1 replaces Draft Plan Policy OS 2. The Department is designating 31 greenways in the adopted plan, an increase of three from the draft plan.

This document should be read in conjunction with the Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan 2015 and in particular, with the adopted BMAP Policy OS 1: Community Greenways.

Introduction

Community Greenways are part of the green space network, which enhance existing open space provision by linking urban green space areas and the countryside. They can serve recreational, ecological, environmental and visual amenity roles.

The RDS 2035 highlights the importance of community greenways and require these areas to be protected and enhanced as part of the network of open spaces in the BMUA (SFG5: Protect and enhance the quality of the setting of the BMUA and its environmental assets).

Planning Policy Statement 8 (PPS 8): Open Space, Sport and Outdoor Recreation sets out regional planning policies for open space, sport and outdoor recreation and refers to the strategic function of open space as ‘defining and separating urban areas; providing community greenways, ‘green lungs’ or landscape buffers within urban areas; better linking of town and country; and serving recreational needs over a wide area;’.

In reference to zoning for future open space development, PPS 8 requires the Department to take into account ‘the importance of protecting linear open spaces such as pedestrian and cycle routes, community greenways, former railway lines and river and canal corridors, many of which are valuable in linking large areas of open space;’.

The Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan contains Policy OS1 for Community Greenways in Volume 1, Plan Strategy & Framework and has designated 31 Community Greenways in the relevant District Proposals. It should be noted that whilst not detailed in this document, Urban Landscape Wedges also function as Community Greenways.

This document offers supplementary guidance for the consideration and operation of Community Greenway designations contained within the Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan.

Community Greenways serve a variety of functions including:

- Offering pedestrians and cyclists the opportunity to travel from one green area to another via pleasant green surroundings; and
- Providing an ecological haven and green linkage along river corridors, pathways and disused railway lines.

Private open space can also serve an important role as part of the greenways. Even where public access is not permitted, the green space can still provide important linkages and visual amenity within the urban area. Where public access is not available, an alternative pedestrian route is detailed to provide a means of circumventing the private areas. These routes are intended to retain an appreciation of the greenway route.

Since the publication of Draft BMAP, various groupings including Community Organisations and District Councils have embraced the greenway concept and have carried out projects to develop these greenways such as:

- The development of the Comber Greenway which has a pedestrian and cycle path along the greater part of the abandoned Comber to Belfast railway line.

While a number of the Greenways have existing formal pathways along their entire length, others are more aspirational and would benefit from further investment/development. Therefore, protection of the route is important to allow potential development of formal provision as a medium to long term aspiration. Throughout this document, in instances where access is restricted, appropriate short diversions are suggested within the grey boxes.

As a number of the undeveloped routes are aspirational, the Department does not consider it appropriate to specify individual greenway land-take. Instead, it considers the greenway route, as defined in the adopted Plan map and detailed in the supplementary guidance, sufficient.

In instances where permission is being sought to develop adjacent to a designated Community Greenway, development proposals should include, where appropriate, open space linkages to designated Community Greenways.

Community Greenway Role

Community Greenways are intended to provide corridor linkages between urban areas of open space and between urban areas of open space and the countryside/coast.

Community Greenway Layout Criteria

Criteria for Community Greenway layout should meet at least one of the following:

- Offer recreational linkage;
- Offer ecological/environmental linkage; or
- As a source of visual / recreational amenity.

Belfast

1. BT 147/01 Carr's Glen/Waterworks (Map No. 1)

The first section of this greenway from Ballysillan Road to Westland Road is currently inaccessible by foot; the section between Ballysillan Road and Sunningdale Park is fenced off and the Golf Course is private property. For an alternative pedestrian linkage to the remainder of the greenway, please follow the route in the grey box.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

Begin at Carr's Glen Linear Park on the Ballysillan Road. Cross the road and follow the river south to the rear of the houses in Sunningdale Gardens, then travel around the periphery of Cliftonville Golf Course exiting at Glenburn Park. Follow the course of the stream from Old Westland Road out onto Westland Road. Turn right along Westland Road and enter the Waterworks via land adjacent to the fire station.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

From the entrance of Carr's Glen Linear Park, cross the Ballysillan Road and turn right. Take the second left, Sunningdale Gardens, until it reaches Sunningdale Park. Turn left down Sunningdale Park until it reaches Cavehill Road. Travel down Cavehill Road in a southerly direction until you reach Westland Road on the right. Rejoin the Greenway at the lands adjacent to the Fire Station on Westland Road.

The following section of the greenway is fully accessible to pedestrians

Travel through the Waterworks in a southerly direction, exiting at the Antrim Road/Cavehill Road junction. Cross the road and turn left and travel to the junction with the Limestone Road. Turn left, down the Limestone Road and into Castleton Gardens via Camberwell Terrace and turn right into Alexandra Park. Travel through the park in an easterly direction and exit at Deacon Street. At the bottom of Deacon Street, cross North Queen Street and travel in a southerly direction to Seaview Street and continue south on the York Road until its junction with Dock Street where the greenway ends.

At the end of the greenway, it is possible to join the National Cycle Network.

2. BT 147/02 Forth River/Glencairn/Ligoniel Route (Map No.2)

The initial section of this greenway between FG Wilson and the Ballygomartin Road is currently inaccessible by foot; the boundary of FG Wilson is fenced off, preventing access to the green space off the Springfield Road, which is in turn fenced off, restricting access. The Springfield Road lands are private

property and inaccessible to the public. For an alternative pedestrian linkage to the remainder of the greenway, please follow the route in the grey box detailed below.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

Begin at the Springfield Road, adjacent to the Springvale Training / Learning Centre. Travel along the northern side of the training centre, Springfield Drive, and continue on to Millennium Way and into Springvale Industrial Estate.

Before reaching the Springvale Gardens Roundabout, turn right and travel north east along the boundary of FG Wilson and out onto the Springfield Road. Cross the road and travel north through the Springvale Complex lands, past the playing fields at Woodvale Park, exiting on the Ballygomartin Road.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

Begin at the Springvale Training Centre on the Springfield Road and travel in a northerly direction to Lanark Way. Continue along Lanark Way and turn left at Mayo Link. At the junction with Mayo Street, turn left and continue on through March Street. At the next junction veer right onto Woodvale Avenue and enter Woodvale Park. Follow the designated paths through the park and exit on the Ballygomartin Road. Turn left and travel to the junction with Forthriver Road and rejoin the Greenway.

The following section of the greenway is fully accessible to pedestrians

Cross the road and continue into Forthriver Glen, following the river upstream. Continue to travel in a north westerly direction along the route of the glen past Glenbank Park towards Ligoniel. The greenway ends at the Belfast Hills Access Point adjacent to Thornberry Glen, Ligoniel.

Alternatively, upon reaching the Ballygomartin Road, turn left and cross the road, following the Glencairn Road past Glencairn Park into the Belfast Hills where the greenway ends.

3. BT 147/03 Shore Road/Belfast Hills (Map No. 3)

The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Begin at the Shore Road Playing Fields. Cross the Shore Road and travel west along Gray's Lane with Fortwilliam Golf Course on either side. Upon reaching the top of Gray's Lane, turn left, cross the Antrim Road and continue west along the laneway adjacent to 702 Antrim Road, which leads to Cavehill Country Park where the greenway ends. The Cavehill Country Park enables access to the Belfast Hills.

4. BT 147/04 Lagan Valley Regional Park (LVRP)/Bog Meadows/Whiterock Route (Map No. 4)

Sections of this greenway are currently inaccessible by foot; the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society (RUAS) showgrounds are contained by fencing and cannot be accessed via Harberton Park. Balmoral Golf Club is private property and has no pedestrian access. Also, the Bog Meadows cannot be accessed from Blackstaff Way. For an alternative pedestrian linkage to the remainder of the greenway, please follow the route in the grey box detailed below.

Begin at Shaws Bridge within the LVRP and travel in a northerly direction, past the Queens University Playing Fields and the House of Sport. At the Malone Roundabout, travel west along the Upper Malone Road, cross the road and travel along Harberton Park.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

Travel along the periphery of the RUAS Showgrounds and Balmoral Golf Club.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

Travel to the end of Harberton Park and turn left down Balmoral Avenue. At the junction with the Upper Lisburn Road, turn left and travel in a south westerly direction until you reach the railway bridge leading into Musgrave Park where you can rejoin the Greenway

The following section of the greenway is fully accessible to pedestrians

Turn left and travel along the Upper Lisburn Road to no. 24. Cross the road here and continue down the narrow footpath and across the railway footbridge into Musgrave Park. Travel north west through Musgrave Park and out onto Stockmans Lane. Turn left along Stockmans Lane and travel towards the motorway (M1) roundabout, before passing under the M1 bridge to reach Kennedy Way.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

Travel north along Kennedy Way before turning right into Blackstaff Road and a further right into Blackstaff Way. At the bottom of Blackstaff Way, turn left onto the vacant ground. Travel around the boundary of Milltown Cemetery and through St Galls GAC Playing Fields onto Milltown Row. Travel west to the top of Milltown Row, cross the Falls Road and enter the Falls Park.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

Travel along Kennedy Way. At the roundabout beside the Westwood Shopping Centre, turn right onto the Andersonstown Road. Continue along this road, which becomes the Falls Road, in a north westerly direction. At the Falls Road / Glen Road roundabout, continue straight on, passing Milltown Cemetery on the right. Enter Falls Park on the left and rejoin the Greenway at this point.

The following section of the greenway is fully accessible to pedestrians

Follow the pathway in a northerly direction through Falls Park, past the playing fields and Belfast City Cemetery, out onto Whiterock Close and along the Whiterock Road into the Belfast Hills where the greenway ends.

Alternatively, exit the Bog Meadows at St James's Road and travel in a northerly direction along St James's Crescent and onto the Donegall Road. Travel west to the top of the Donegall Road and turn left along the Falls Road. At the Falls Road / Whiterock Road roundabout, turn right and continue up the Whiterock Road.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

Travel through the Belfast Metropolitan College Campus past St. Johns GAC grounds to Corpus Christi Church. Cross Springhill Drive and continue along the Springhill open space, past the playground and onto the Springfield Road. Turn left and continue along the Springfield Road and connect back into the greenway route at the Whiterock Road beside New Barnsley Parade.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

From the Whiterock Road, travel past the Belfast Metropolitan College Campus and turn right along the Ballymurphy Road. Turn right along Springhill Drive and then continue north along the Springhill open space to rejoin the Greenway at this point.

5. BT 147/05 Ballymurphy Route (Map No. 5)

A small section of this greenway is currently inaccessible by foot; the site of the former Beechmount Leisure Centre is closed for redevelopment. For an alternative pedestrian linkage to the remainder of the greenway, please follow the route in the grey box detailed below.

Begin at the Bog Meadows exit on St Katherines Road and travel in a northerly direction along St James's Crescent onto the Donegall Road. Turn left and travel to the top of the Donegall Road and turn right along the Falls Road.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

Continue to the site of the former Beechmount Leisure Centre and out onto Beechview Park before turning right along Britton's Parade and continue north through the grounds of Corpus Christi College to link up with the Forth River / Glencairn /Ligoniel Route Community Greenway (Ref: BT 147/02) where the greenway ends.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

Continue to Beechview Park and travel up it until it reaches Britton's Parade. On Britton's Parade, head in a northern direction to Corpus Christi College and rejoin the Greenway at this point.

6. BT 147/06 Comber Greenway (Belfast) (Map No. 6)

This is a new greenway, introduced since the draft Plan. The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Begin at the Ballymacarret Walkway on Dee Street and travel east along it to Hollywood Arches via Manderson Street. At the Hollywood Arches junction, cross over the Hollywood Road and the Upper Newtownards Road and travel along the Bloomfield walkway. This pathway continues on towards Comber along the route of the old Belfast to Comber railway line and is known as the 'Comber Greenway'. It can be accessed via the Beersbridge Road, North Road, Sandown Road, Knock Road and Barnetts Road/Kings Road where the greenway ends. From this point, the Castlereagh section of the Comber Greenway Community Greenway (Ref: MCH 41/06) begins and leads on towards Comber.

7. BT 147/07 Odyssey/Tullycarnet Park/Ormeau Park (Map No. 7)

Large sections of this greenway are currently inaccessible by foot; at Elmgrove Primary School the path is impassable and does allow access to Dixon Playing Fields. Also, there is no access to Grosvenor Grammar School, through Orangefield grounds onto Laburnum Playing Fields. Once in Laburnum, there is no access to the Knock Road or Shandon Golf Club. For an alternative pedestrian linkage to the remainder of the greenway, please follow the route in the grey box detailed below.

Begin at the Odyssey Arena and travel east along the Sydenham Road, crossing via the bridge to Dee Street. Before Tamar Street, turn left and travel along the Ballymacarrett Walkway.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

Follow the Connswater River, continuing along the Flora Street Walkway. At Elmgrove Primary School, follow the Knock River to Dixon Playing Fields, exiting on Grand Parade.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

Where the Ballymacarrett walkway meets the Newtownards Road turn right onto the Albertbridge Road. Take Templemore Street on the right and then Avoniel Road. Access the Flora Street walkway from the Leisure Centre. On meeting the Beersbridge Road, turn left and take the first right onto Abetta Parade. At Dunraven Avenue turn right and continue in a south westerly direction. You can access Dixon Playing Fields and rejoin the Greenway here.

The following section of the greenway is fully accessible to pedestrians

Cross Grand Parade and continue through Orangefield Park.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

Travel around the periphery of Orangefield High School and Grosvenor Grammar School's playing fields and onto Laburnum Playing Fields. Cross the Knock Road and continue around the periphery of Shandon Golf Course.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

Exit Orangefield Park at Orangefield Lane and turn right onto Orangefield Avenue until its end. At the junction with Orangefield Road turn right and continue along Sandhill Gardens. At its junction with Clara Park turn left and travel over Sandown Road to join the Comber Greenway for a short time until its junction with the Kings Road. Travel in a south easterly direction along the Kings Road until turning right onto the Gilnahirk Road. Rejoin the Greenway here.

The following section of the greenway is fully accessible to pedestrians

Travel on through Gilnahirk Park, onto the Gilnahirk Road before turning right and continuing onto Geary Road and into Tullycarnet Park where the greenway ends.

An alternative limb of the greenway after Beersbridge Road is as follows:

After Elmgrove Primary School, link to the Loop River and follow its course to Orby Link. Turn left onto the Castlereagh Road and follow the path of the river into Loop Park. Turn right and travel past Gibson Park playing fields along Gibson Park Avenue. Turn left onto Ardenlee Avenue and follow Ardenlee Street to enter Pirrie Park playing fields, exiting onto Broughton Gardens. Turn left onto the Ravenhill Road, travel approximately 50m south and turn right into the Ormeau Park. Travel through the park until reaching the exit at the Ormeau Bridge where the greenway ends.

This route can be extended by joining the Lagan Walkway and linking in to the BT 147/09 North Belfast/South Belfast/LVRP Greenway to the North Foreshore/LVRP.

Please note that part of Odyssey / Tullycarnet Park Community Greenway falls within Castlereagh District but is designated within the Belfast Community Greenways section (See Volume 2, Belfast District Proposals - Odyssey / Tullycarnet Park / Ormeau Park Community Greenway – Ref: BT 147/07).

8. BT 147/08 Odyssey/Stormont (Map No. 8)

The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Begin on the Sydenham Road beside the Odyssey Arena and travel east, continue along the Sydenham by-pass, travelling past Victoria Park and then cross over into Inverary Drive via the footbridge. Continue in a north easterly direction until reaching Inverary Community Centre and the Tommy Patton Millennium Park. Travel through the park in a north easterly direction, past the bowling club and childrens play area, exiting on the Holywood Road opposite Ashfield Girls High School before turning left onto the Holywood Road and continuing to the Circular Road. Travel along Circular Road onto Cairnburn Road and enter Belmont Park after the CIYMS Grounds. Travel through Belmont Park and take the footbridge over Parkway into the eastern side of the park and then exit on the Belmont Road. Travel north along the path past Netherley Lake onto Massey Avenue. At the eastern end of Massey Avenue, enter the Stormont grounds and follow the paths past the Maynard Sinclair Pavilion playing fields. Continue onto the Upper Newtownards Road, turn left and travel along the road for a short time to Knock Golf Course where the greenway ends.

9. BT 147/09 North Belfast/South Belfast/Lagan Valley Regional Park (LVRP) (Map No. 9)

The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Begin on the North Foreshore Coastal Path adjacent to the M2/M5 junction and continue south along the coastal path until it ends at Dargan Road.

Please note that whilst there is a break in the Community Greenway between Dargan Road and Donegall quay, a cycle lane (Sustrans cycle lane Ref: Loughshore Way) exists into the City Centre along Duncrue Road, Duncrue Street, Whitla Street, Garmoyle Street, Corporation Street and Donegall Quay. From Dargan Road or Donegall Quay, you can rejoin the Greenway.

Follow the path along the river to the rear of the Waterfront Hall and continue past the site of the former Maysfield Leisure Centre, the Gasworks and the housing at the Lower Ormeau. Continue to follow the riverside pathway south alongside the Lagan, across the Ormeau Bridge and turn right along Annadale Embankment. Continue along the embankment, cross the road at the bend and continue into the Lagan Valley Regional Park where the greenway ends.

Carrickfergus

10. CS 27/01 Woodburn Road (Map No. 10)

The first section of this greenway is currently inaccessible by foot; access to Woodburn Glen is restricted. For an alternative pedestrian linkage to the remainder of the greenway, please follow the route in the grey box.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

Begin at Woodburn Glen, cross the Woodburn Road and follow the river downstream, past the rear of the houses at Woodlawn Avenue to the river pathway. Follow this alongside the Carrickfergus Council owned Woodburn Playing Fields and out onto the Woodburn Road.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

The first section of this greenway is not accessible. If on foot, start at the playing fields on Woodburn Road and rejoin the greenway here.

The following section of the greenway is fully accessible to pedestrians

Turn right and travel down the Woodburn Road, past the Carrickfergus Rugby Club grounds, cross the road and continue past the maintained grass area in front of the houses at Elmwood Park and turn left onto Salthill playing fields. Follow the pathway through the playing fields and past the housing on Fergus Avenue and continue past the maintained grass area at the end of Fergus Avenue. Cross the road and continue into Wildflower Meadow where the greenway joins up with the Love Lane Community Greenway (Ref: CS 27/02) to reach the seafront.

11. CS 27/02 Love Lane (Map No. 11)

A small section of this greenway cannot currently be accessed publicly, as Carrickfergus Golf Course is private property. For an alternative pedestrian linkage to the remainder of the greenway, please follow the route in the grey box.

Begin on Oakfield Drive, at the entrance to Oakfield Glen. Follow the path in a southerly direction, past Oakfield Primary School and the community centre. Continue along the footpath, past the rear of the houses at Dunluskin Gardens to Prince Andrew Way. Cross the road and continue along Taylor's Avenue which runs parallel to Carrickfergus Golf course.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

Before Fairymount Terrace turn right and travel along the south eastern boundary of the Golf Course.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

Continue along the length of Taylor's Avenue and turn right onto Prince William Way. Enter the leisure centre grounds and rejoin the greenway here.

The following section of the greenway is fully accessible to pedestrians

Turn left onto Prince William Way, continue through the leisure centre playing fields and follow the pathway under the railway lines to Shaftsbury Park. Travel through the park and out onto Joymount. Cross the road and continue through Marine Gardens, across the Marine Highway and onto the seafront where the greenway finishes.

12. CS 27/03 Cemetery Loanen (Map No. 12)

The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Begin on the Marshallstown Road, just past the housing at Bashfordsland. Follow the pathway south, past the housing at Redfort Drive and Victoria Rise to the junction with Prince Andrew Way. Cross the road to continue south along the Victoria Road and then turn left into Victoria Cemetery where the greenway finishes.

13. CS 27/04 Harts Loanen (Map No. 13)

The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Begin on the Marshallstown Road, at the laneway between the housing at Bradford Heights and Copperwood Avenue. Continue south along the laneway, past the rear of the housing at Copperwood Close and Bradford Heights. Continue along the laneway, past the rear of the Broadlands housing development and the housing at Victoria Rise / Victoria Crescent onto Prince Andrew Way where the greenway finishes.

Castlereagh

14. MCH 41/01 Annadale/Lagan Valley Regional Park (LVRP) (Map No. 14)

The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Begin at Annadale Allotments on Annadale Avenue. Cross the road and enter the LVRP access gate to follow the established footpath through the parkland to the rear of the Hampton Park housing development and on through the LVRP. Continue along the footpath past The Lock Keepers Inn and under the Old Shaw's Bridge to the finish point adjacent to the Edenderry Road.

Please note that the northern portion of the Annadale / LVRP Community Greenway falls within Belfast District and the southern portion of the Annadale / LVRP Community Greenway falls within Lisburn District but it is designated within the Castlereagh Community Greenways section (See Volume 5, Castlereagh District Proposals – Ref: MCH 41/01).

15. MCH 41/02 Annadale/Castlereagh Escarpment (Map No. 15)

A section of this greenway is not currently accessible by foot; the grounds of Forster Green Hospital are not easily negotiated by pedestrians or cyclists due to barriers and fencing. For an alternative pedestrian linkage to the remainder of the greenway, please follow the route in the grey box.

The following section of the greenway is fully accessible to pedestrians

Begin on the Annadale Embankment; travel east along Annadale Avenue to the junction with the Ormeau Road. Turn right and travel past the entrance to the Hampton Park housing development onto Church Road. Continue past Knockbreda Cemetery to Purdy's Lane.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

At the busy junction of the Upper Knockbreda Road / Saintfield Road, travel in a north westerly direction, around the boundary of Forster Green Hospital and continue along the rear of the houses at Glencregagh Road. Turn right onto Glencregagh Road and continue into the Castlereagh Hills where the greenway ends.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

At the busy road junction, travel in a northerly direction along the Upper Knockbreda Road until its junction with Glencregagh Road. Travel up the Glencregagh Road. Rejoin the Greenway here.

Please note that the northern portion of the Annadale / Castlereagh Escarpment Community Greenway falls within Belfast District but is designated within the Castlereagh Community Greenways section (See Volume 5, Castlereagh District Proposals – Ref: MCH 41/02).

16. MCH 41/03 Castlereagh Escarpment/Lagan Valley Regional Park (LVRP) (Map No. 16)

A section of this greenway is not currently accessible by foot; the grounds of Knockbracken Healthcare Clinic are not easily negotiated by pedestrians due to fencing and barriers. For an alternative pedestrian linkage to the remainder of the greenway, please follow the route in the grey box.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

Begin on the Saintfield Road, across from Saintfield Lodge Private Nursing Home. Cross the road and travel into the grounds of Knockbracken Healthcare Clinic, following the road past the buildings and along the boundary of the hospital grounds. Continue along the Purdysburn Road and then along Alderwood Hill and back out onto the Purdysburn Road continuing past the grassland and woodland on the left.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

Begin on the Saintfield Road, across from Saintfield Lodge Private Nursing Home. Travel up the Saintfield Road in a northerly direction, past the hospital grounds, and left onto the Purdysburn Road. At the roundabout veer left and continue along the Purdysburn Road, past Alderwood Hill, Royal Oaks and the grassland and woodland on the left. Rejoin the Greenway here.

The following section of the greenway is fully accessible to pedestrians

At the junction of the Purdysburn Road / Milltown Road, continue in a north westerly direction along the southern side of the Milltown Road past Minnowburn Terrace, then turn left along the rear of the houses at Ballycairn Close and follow the pathway into the LVRP where the greenway finishes.

17. MCH 41/04 Castlereagh Escarpment/Lagan Valley Regional Park (LVRP) at Belvoir (Map No. 17)

The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Begin at the edge of the Knockbracken Healthcare Clinic grounds and continue back onto the Saintfield Road, then turn left onto the Purdysburn Road. At the mini roundabout, continue straight onto the Beechill Road and past Beechill House on the

left. Continue to the end of the Beechill Road and cross the Newtownbreda Road. Turn right and travel a short distance before accessing the footbridge over the dual carriageway on the left. Once over the footbridge, travel in a south westerly direction along the dual carriageway and take the first right into Belvoir Drive. From here follow one of the numerous pathways into Belvoir Forest Park and through the LVRP where the greenway finishes.

18. MCH 41/05 Enler Greenway (Map No. 18)

The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Begin at the entrance to Moat Park on the Upper Newtownards Road. Travel through the park in a southerly direction, exiting at the entrance to Dundonald Primary School. Travel along the path to the south of the playing field and follow the route through the open space at the rear of the houses on the Comber Road. Exit onto the Comber Road. The Comber Greenway (Community Greenway Ref: MCH 41/06) can be accessed at this point at the junction with the Grahamsbridge Road where the greenway finishes.

19. MCH 41/06 Comber Greenway (Castlereagh) (Map No. 19)

This is a new greenway, introduced since the draft Plan. The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Following on from the Belfast section of the Comber Greenway (BT 147/06), the Castlereagh section begins at Abbey Road, travelling east along the route of the old Belfast to Comber railway line past other residential accesses at North Sperrin, Upperlands Walk, East Link Road, Quarry Lane, Comber Road, Old Dundonald Road, Millmount Road to the Billy Neil Centre for Soccer Excellence on Comber Road where the greenway ends at the Plan boundary.

Lisburn

Lisburn City

Community Greenway LC 39/01 (Friend's School/Belfast Hills) was extended Post BMAP Public Inquiry to link up with Community Greenways (LC 39/02, LC 39/03 & LC 39/04) at Friends School via Duncan's Road, Antrim Road and Clonevin Park. This offers greenway connections from the River Lagan/LVRP to the Belfast Hills.

20. LC 39/01 Friend's School/Belfast Hills (Map No. 20)

A section of this greenway is currently not accessible on foot; there is no access from the Stockdam Road past the reservoir, parallel to the Magheralave Road because of dense vegetation. For an alternative pedestrian linkage to the remainder of the greenway, please follow the route in the grey box.

The following section of the greenway is fully accessible to pedestrians

Begin at Friend's School on the Magheralave Road and travel along Clonevin Park, Antrim Road and Duncans Road to the entrance of Duncan's Park on Beechdene Drive. This part of the greenway follows an established footway through this residential area. At the entrance to Duncan's Park, follow the pathway north through the park and exit on Stockdam Road.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

Cross the Stockdam Road and continue along the reservoir, following the pathway and continuing parallel to the Magheralave Road and into the Belfast Hills where the greenway ends.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

Exit on the Stockdam Road, and travel in a southerly direction until it joins the Duncan's Road and then travel north west to join the Magheralave Road. Continue travelling north along the Magheralave Road to the Derriaghly Road and join the Greenway here.

21. LC 39/02 Friend's School/River Lagan (Map No. 21)

The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Begin at the Friends School playing fields on the Magheralave Road. Continue to travel south down the Magheralave Road, past Wallace Park. At the end of the Magheralave Road, turn left onto Railway Street, and then at the end of the street, turn left again onto Castle Street and through Castle Gardens, exiting on Queen's Road. Cross the road and continue parallel to the Lagan in a south westerly

direction, crossing the busy junction with Sloan Street to reach the Lagan riverside path. Continue along the riverside path for approximately 2-3km to west Lisburn where the greenway ends.

22. LC 39/03 Friend's School/Wallace Park /Millbrook/ Lagan Valley Regional Park (LVRP) (Map No. 22)

The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Begin at Friend's School on the Magheralave Road. Travel down the Magheralave Road and turn left into Wallace Park. Travel through the park, exiting the park on the Belfast Road. Turn right and continue south for 300m to join Millbrook Road. At the end of Millbrook Road, travel across the redeveloped Millbrook/Huguenot Riverside Park to the Blue Bridge. Cross the bridge and join the towpath beside Ashmount Gardens, through to the LVRP, where the greenway ends.

23. LC 39/04 Friend's School/Lagan Valley Regional Park (LVRP) (Map No. 23)

The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Begin at Friend's School on the Magheralave Road. Travel down the Magheralave Road, past Wallace Park. At the end of the Magheralave Road, turn left onto Railway Street and then at the end of the street turn left again onto Castle Street and through Castle Gardens, exiting on Queen's Road. Cross onto Lagan Valley Island, follow the pathway past the rear of the housing at Mandeville Avenue and through the open space at Ashmount Gardens, continuing into the LVRP, where the greenway ends.

Metropolitan Lisburn

The LVRP/Colin Valley Golf Course Greenway (ML 23/02), along with the Lady Dixon/Belfast Hills Community Greenway (ML 23/01), are interlinked and form a network of pathways, enabling access to the Belfast Hills from the Lagan Valley Regional Park and Lady Dixon's Park. Post draft Plan, the route of greenway ML 23/02 has been amended to end at the Colin Valley Golf Course, where the option exists to join ML 23/01 and travel onto the Belfast Hills. This aims to remove route overlap and improve map clarity.

24. ML 23/01 Lady Dixon/Belfast Hills (Map No. 24)

Sections of this greenway are not currently accessible on foot; Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park has no entrance/exit on Dunmurry Lane. Also, there is no access from the Old Golf Course Road into the Colin Valley Golf Course and into Suffolk Playing Fields. For an alternative pedestrian linkage to the remainder of the greenway, please follow the route in the grey box below.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

Begin in Sir Thomas & Lady Dixon's Park and follow the existing pathway in a north westerly direction onto Dunmurry Lane.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

Begin at the lower carpark in Sir Thomas & Lady Dixon's Park and travel through the park in a northerly direction and exit onto the Upper Malone Road. Continue along the road in a northerly direction and turn left at Dunmurry Lane. Rejoin the greenway along Dunmurry Lane.

The following section of the greenway is fully accessible to pedestrians

Turn left and continue along Dunmurry Lane as it crosses over the motorway (M1). After the M1 bridge, turn left into Glenburn Road and cut across the playing fields at Fullerton Park and then through Jubilee Park. Cross road onto Glebe Road.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

Follow the riverside path across the railway and continue along the railway path. Exit the railway path at Edenvale Park housing development and travel north onto the Old Golf Course Road. Cross the road and follow the boundary of the Colin Valley Golf Course to Suffolk Playing Fields. Follow the Glen River and the Colin River, through Colin Glen Forest Park into the Belfast Hills where the greenway ends.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

Continue up Glebe road until it joins Upper Dunmurry Lane. Follow Upper Dunmurry Lane to the Michael Ferguson Roundabout and then turn right along the Stewartstown Road. Approximately 300m east of the roundabout, enter the Colin Glen Forest Park and rejoin the greenway here.

Please note that the portion of the Lady Dixon/Belfast Hills Community Greenway south of the M1 falls within Belfast District but is designated in the Lisburn District Proposals.

25. ML 23/02 Lagan Valley Regional Park (LVRP)/Colin Valley Golf Course (Map No. 25)

A section of this greenway is currently not accessible on foot; there is no access along the rear of the houses at Thornhill Manor from Kingsway onto McComb Cricket grounds. For an alternative pedestrian linkage to the

remainder of the greenway, please follow the route in the grey box detailed below.

The following section of the greenway is fully accessible to pedestrians

Begin at 'Ballyskeagh Riverside Park', then cross the Lagan Canal and the River Lagan via Ramblers Bridge into the Seymour Hill housing development, then turn right and follow Oak Tree Walk through the Derriaghy Glen Linear Park and out onto Kingsway.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

Cross the road and follow the river upstream in a northerly direction past the rear of the houses at Thornhill Manor, McComb Cricket Grounds on the right and the open space area to the rear of the housing at Areema Drive.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

Turn right along Kingsway and continue towards Dunmurry in a north easterly direction. Turn left opposite Dunmurry Presbyterian Church Halls and cross the pedestrian railway crossing onto Sunnymead Park / Ashley Park. Continue along Ashley Park and travel along the footway to the right of the entrance to Dunmurry Recreational Football Club until it reaches Areema Drive and rejoin the Greenway here.

The following section of the greenway is fully accessible to pedestrians

Cut out onto Areema Drive and continue onto Upper Dunmurry Lane, passing the grassed open space on the left. Follow the road past the housing at Credenhill and Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel on the left. At the junction with the Old Golf Course Park Road, turn left and cross the road to the Colin Valley Golf Course where the greenway ends.

At the end of this greenway, an opportunities exists to link up with Community Greenway ML 23/01 (Lady Dixon Park to Belfast Hills) to form a route from the LVRP/Lady Dixon Park to the Belfast Hills.

Newtownabbey

The greenway routes in Newtownabbey (MNY 48/01, MNY 48/02 & MNY 48/03 as detailed below) are interlinked and form a network of pathways enabling access to Belfast, the Belfast Lough shorefront, Carnmoney Hill, Carrickfergus Escarpment, Cavehill and the wider countryside. Post draft Plan, the three designated greenways have been rationalised to remove route overlap and improve map clarity.

26. MNY 48/01 Monkstown to Cavehill (Map No. 26)

The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Begin at the walkway on Cashel Drive and travel in a southerly direction, following the path of the Three Mile Water River, through Monkstown Wood and the Bleach Green Viaducts to continue south, through Glen Park. Turn right onto the Shore Road and join MNY 48/02 (which links Loughshore Park to Belfast) along the shore front adjacent to Hazelbank Park. Continue through the park, leaving MNY 48/02 and follow the path under the Motorway and around Gideon's Green. Exit Gideon's Green at the Shore Road and cross the road continuing into Glas-Na-Bradán Glen in a north westerly direction. Exit the Glen on Church Road and continue into the Valley Playing Fields and through the Valley Park. Exit at O'Neill Road and travel west to the junction with the Antrim Road, then turn left along the Antrim Road and cross into Belfast Zoo, following the sign posted pathways into Cavehill Country Park.

27. MNY 48/02 Loughshore to Belfast (Map No. 27)

The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Start at Loughshore Park, Jordanstown and travel along the coastal path in a southerly direction, past Hazelbank Park, along the North Foreshore to Dargan Crescent.

Please note that the southern portion of the Loughshore to Belfast Community Greenway falls within Belfast District but is designated within the Newtownabbey Community Greenways section (See Volume 6, Newtownabbey District Proposals – Ref: MNY 48/02).

28. MNY 48/03 Valley Park to Carrickfergus Escarpment (Map No. 28)

The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Begin at the Valley Park exit on O'Neill Road, turn right and travel towards the roundabout then turn left and travel along Prince Charles Way, past Carnmoney Cemetery. After the cemetery, take the next right and travel along the Glebe Road until its junction with Prince Charles Way. Continue briefly along Prince Charles Way then turn right onto Carnhill Road. Travel along Carnhill Road, turning right onto

Carnhill Parade and then right again onto Fairhill Road. Continue along Fairhill Road and then turn right onto Ballyduff Road and then along the Ballyduff Road, turning left onto the Doagh Road into the Three Mile Water Playing Fields. Follow the path of the river through the linear park and continue north west to the Manse Road. Cross the road and follow the sign-posted pathways, past the rear of the housing at Ravensdale and past the Newtownabbey Borough Council Offices at Mossley Mill. Continue on around the Council grounds and turn right onto Carnmoney Road North and continue north along Carntall Road towards Carrickfergus Escarpment.

North Down

29. HD 18 Holywood (Map No. 29)

A section of this greenway is currently not accessible on foot; the fields to the rear of the Health Club are fenced off. For an alternative pedestrian linkage to the remainder of the greenway, please follow the route in the grey box.

The following section of the greenway is fully accessible to pedestrians

The greenway begins at Holywood Yacht Club and continues east along the North Down Coastal Path past the Ministry of Defence lands and the sewage treatment works and then turn travel across the pedestrian bridge. When across the bridge, turn left and travel past the B&Q and Sainsbury's retail units.

The following section of the greenway is inaccessible to pedestrians

At the roundabout beside the Sainsbury's retail unit, turn left and continue across the bridge over the A2 and then take the path from the bridge to the health club. At the rear of the club, travel south east across the fields to the houses at Richmond Avenue.

The following section of the greenway is fully accessible to pedestrians

Cross Richmond Avenue and continue south towards Henderson Court and out onto Knocknagoney Road. Travel east up the Knocknagoney Road and then turn left along the Old Holywood Road. Approximately 100m past No. 189 Old Holywood Road, turn left and follow the path into Redburn Country Park.

Alternative Pedestrian Linkage

At the roundabout beside the Sainsbury's retail unit, turn left and then at the mini roundabout, turn right and travel in a southerly direction down the Belfast Road, alongside the Tillysburn Urban Wildlife Reserve. Take the underpass on the left leading to a small area of open space, then take the next underpass, again, on the left, leading to the junction between the Holywood Road and the Knocknagoney Road. Travel along the Knocknagoney Road in an easterly direction past the Tesco's retail unit and rejoin the Greenway at the junction of the Knocknagoney Road and the Old Holywood Road.

30. Bangor: BR 33/01 Ballycrochan Walkway (Map No. 30)

The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Begin at the entrance to Ballycrochan Linear Park on the Albany Road, adjacent to Ballymagee Primary School. Continue north along the path, crossing the road at Briarwood Nook and back into Ballycrochan Linear Park. Follow the path to the end, past the rear of the houses at Briarwood and Pinehill. Cross the Silverbirch Road and follow the path to the right hand side of Ballycrochan Presbyterian Church. Continue north west along the path, past Kilmaine Primary School and along the rear of the houses at Fernmore Road to the East Circular Road, where the greenway ends.

31. Bangor: BR 33/02 Bangor Parks Walkway (Map No. 31)

The entire greenway is accessible to pedestrians

Begin at the pathway, adjacent to the gate lodge at 1 Abbey Street. Follow the pathway through Castle Park, onto Valentine Road and travel north onto Castle Park Road. Turn right on Castle Park Road and continue past the Technical College to Castle Street. Cross Castle Street and continue into Ward Park, past the tennis courts, bowling green and playing fields and out onto Broadway, where the greenway ends.

Appendix 1: List of Maps

Map No.	Designation	Name
1	BT 147/01	Carr's Glen/Waterworks
2	BT 147/02	Forth River/Glencairn/Ligoniel Route
3	BT 147/03	Shore Road/Belfast Hills
4	BT 147/04	LVRP/Bog Meadows/Whiterock Route
5	BT 147/05	Ballymurphy Route
6	BT 147/06	Comber Greenway (Belfast)
7	BT 147/07	Odyssey/Tullycarnet Park/Ormeau Park
8	BT 147/08	Odyssey/Stormont
9	BT 147/09	North Belfast/South Belfast/LVRP
10	CS 27/01	Woodburn Road
11	CS 27/02	Love Lane
12	CS 27/03	Cemetery Loanen
13	CS 27/04	Harts Loanan
14	MCH 41/01	Annadale/LVRP
15	MCH 41/02	Annadale/Castlereagh Escarpment
16	MCH 41/03	Castlereagh Escarpment/LVRP
17	MCH 41/04	Castlereagh Escarpment/LVRP at Belvoir
18	MCH 41/05	Enler Greenway
19	MCH 41/06	Comber Greenway (Castlereagh)
20	LC 39/01	Friend's School /Belfast Hills
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22	LC 39/03	Friend's School/Wallace Park/Millbrook/LVRP
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