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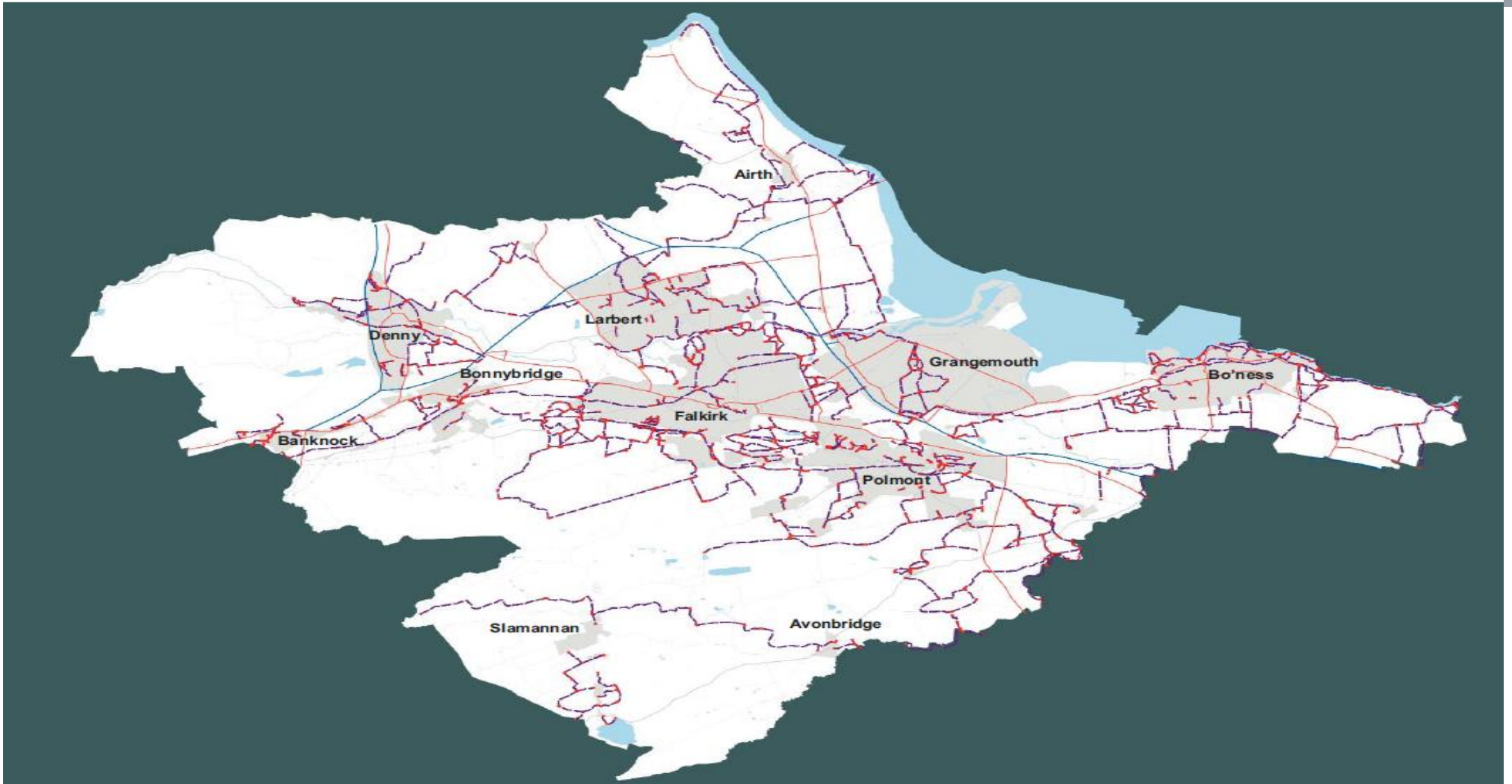
Falkirk, Denny and Bonnybridge: Stage 0-2



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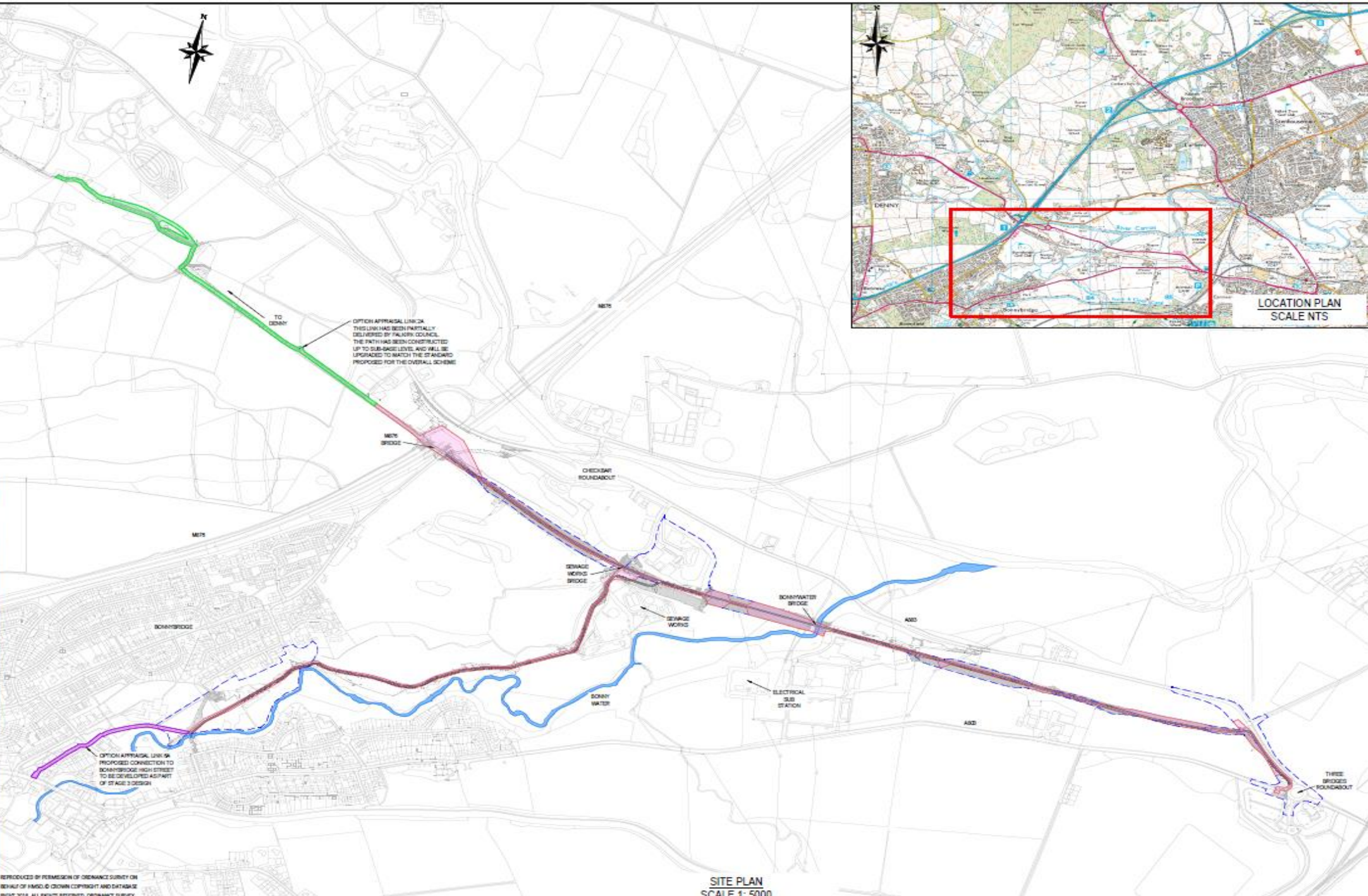


Falkirk Council's Core Path Network Map



FALKIRK, DENNY, AND BONNYBRIDGE PROPOSAL: BACKGROUND

- Project aspiration for Falkirk Council since 2000.
- Poor walking, wheeling and cycling provision for the communities of Denny and Bonnybridge into central Falkirk
- Extensive and complex project: 4km of path, utilities, new bridge over M876 and utilising two existing bridge structures.
- Pre 2019 unable to deliver due to cost.
- Estimated cost £10 million
- Population of 14,000 with pockets of social deprivation
- Subject to new housing developments in last decade
- One High School and five primary schools
- Bus service every 30 mins

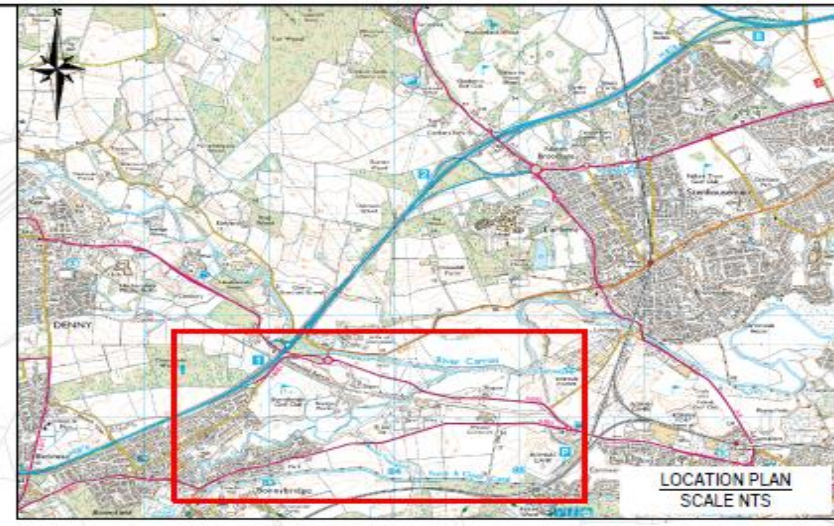


TO DENNY

OPTION APPRAISAL LINK 2A
THIS LINK HAS BEEN PARTIALLY
DELIVERED BY FALKIRK COUNCIL.
THE PATH HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED
UP TO SUB-BASE LEVEL AND WILL BE
UPGRADED TO MATCH THE STANDARD
PROPOSED FOR THE OVERALL SCHEME

OPTION APPRAISAL LINK 5A
PROPOSED CONNECTION TO
BONNYBRIDGE HIGH STREET
TO BE DEVELOPED AS PART
OF STAGE 3 DESIGN

SITE PLAN
SCALE 1:5000



LOCATION PLAN
SCALE NTS

- DO NOT SCALE
- KEY**
- SITE BOUNDARY (EXTENT OF WORKING AREA 82,742m², PLANNING APPLICATION BOUNDARY)
 - OPTION APPRAISAL ROUTE LINK 2A, PARTIALLY COMPLETED BY FALKIRK COUNCIL
 - OPTION APPRAISAL ROUTE LINK 5A
 - LAND OWNED BY THE APPLICANT (FALKIRK COUNCIL) OUT WITH PLANNING APPLICATION BOUNDARY
 - PROPOSED DESIGN
- NOTES**
1. DRAWING TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALL RELEVANT CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, DRAWINGS, REPORTS AND SPECIFICATION APPENDICES.
 2. ALL UNITS IN METRES UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

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FALKIRK TO DENNY CYCLEWAY

LOCATION PLAN

SCALE:	AS SHOWN	ISSUED:	CM	APPROVED:	PA
PROJECT NO:	72155	DESIGNED:	BB	DRAWN:	BB
DATE:	May 22	SCALE:	NTS	NO:	P02
PROJECT NAME:	WSP-72155-0100-001				

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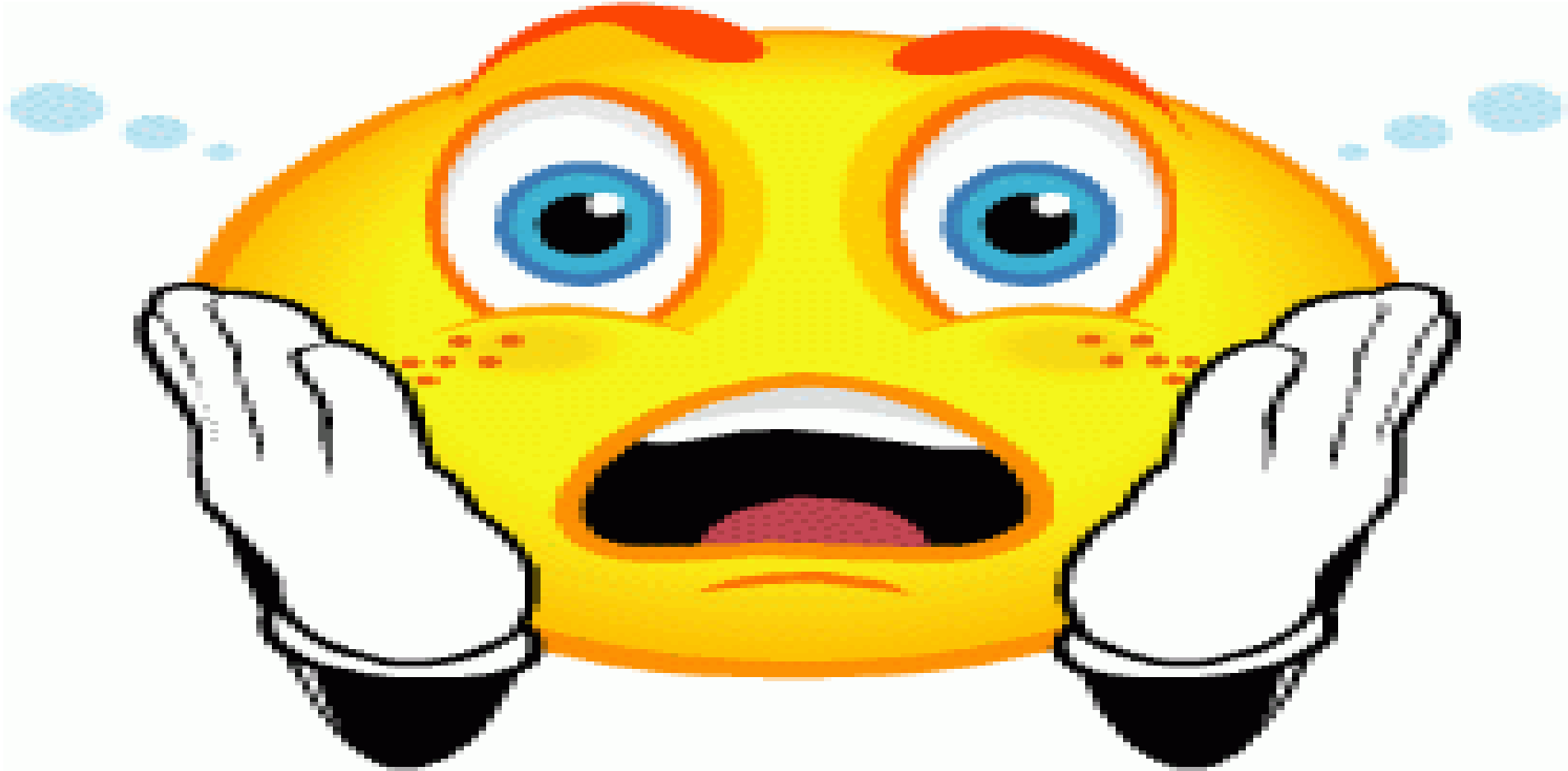
- Create a 4km shared used path connecting Denny, Bonnybridge to the Falkirk Wheel; utilising the route of a historical railway rack (mid 1800s)
- Create a bespoke cycle and pedestrian bridge over the M876 motorway
- Utilise two existing bridges; Roughmote and Bonnywater (mid 1800s).
- Future proof onward connections into Denny, Bonnybridge and central Falkirk



PLACES FOR EVERYONE: 2019/20 BID

- 2019/20 bid was submitted to Sustrans for construction only.
- Early 2020 bid was **rejected** : public engagement wasn't recent, no options appraisal and the engineering drawing had not been subject to collaborative comments/input from Sustrans or public.
- Advised to bring project back from a Stage 5 bid to a Stage 0-2 bid

OH DEAR !!





PLACES FOR EVERYONE: 2020 REVISED BID

- Reframed - now a new project.
- Engaged a transport consultant to support project from Stage 0-2 and beyond.
- Engaged with Sustrans to discuss how we create a successful bid.



PLACES FOR EVERYONE: REVISED BID

- Stage 0-2 funding application was created on portal
- Created a working group with Sustrans, WSP (consultant) and Falkirk Council

FALKIRK COUNCIL: lead authority responsible for identifying infrastructure and are custodians of infrastructure

SUSTRANS: lead funder, on behalf of Transport Scotland, to administer funding for active travel infrastructure throughout Scotland

CONSULTANTS: provide a service to local authority to deliver tasks associated with project/infrastructure implementation

- **PLACES FOR EVERYONE: NEW APPLICATION**

- **Developed a brief** with appointed transport consultants, WSP: PRE, DURING and POST tasks
 - PRE – brief preparation
 - DURING - all Stage 0-2 tasks
 - POST - tasks include funding claims, preparation for Stage 3-4.
- Application submitted

PLACES FOR EVERYONE: JULY 2020 BID APPROVED





STAGE 0-2: DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

TASKS

1. Strategic Definition: Aims of Project
2. Preparation of Brief: Feasibility, budget, options appraisal, EIA and risk register
3. Concept Design : Arrangement drawings, topographical study , road safety audit.

Retained Options

- Route 1
- Route 2
- Route 3
- Route 5
- Route 6

Route 2

Reasons for Retaining:

- Facilitates a direct route between Falkirk and Denny.
- Route free from general traffic.

Route 1

Reasons for Retaining:

- Facilitates a direct route between Falkirk and Denny.
- Potential to separate cyclists from general traffic.
- Potential to connect to Falkirk Wheel via Millenium Wheel Drive.

Route 5

Reasons for Retaining:

- Facilitates a spur between Bonnybridge and a direct Falkirk to Denny route.

Route 6

Reasons for Retaining:

- Facilitates a spur between Bonnybridge and Falkirk to Denny route.
- Route free from general traffic.

Route 3

Reasons for Retaining:

- Facilitates a connection between Denny, Bonnybridge and Falkirk.





STAGE 0-2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

TASKS

1. Stakeholder Map
2. Production of drawing for consultation
3. Engagement: workshops, events, online
4. Findings
5. Identify on-going engagement

CASE STUDY: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Denny, Bonnybridge and Falkirk
Community Consultation

VIRTUAL ROOM



STAGE 0-2: COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

BENEFITS VIRTUAL CONSULTATION:

- Link created that could be sent to stakeholders, press team and social media platforms,
- Can be used to target hard to reach groups
- Safe – virtual so no public facing activity during COVID 19 pandemic
- Time saving and available 24 hrs
- Less resource intensive
- Can be developed and utilised throughout project
- 200 responses – exceeded expectations



STAGE 0-2 BEHAVIOUR CHANGE

- Behaviour Change Plan – Stage 0-7
- Identify groups/audiences
- Soft interventions in lead up to project – I Bike, School Travel Planning, etc.
- Stage 5-7: More intensive Behaviour Change



STAGE 0-2 PERMISSIONS AND OBLIGATIONS

1. Land Ownership
2. Planning Permission
3. Committee Approvals
4. Transport Scotland (BEAR) trunk road network
5. Internal Stakeholders: lighting, maintenance



STAGE 0-2 COMMUNICATION

Communication Plan:

- Stakeholder map, audience identification, media platforms, etc.
- Key Stages of projects; press release, social media, social media posts
- Committee timelines



STAGE 0-2 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- 1. Develop a monitoring and evaluation plan; cycle counters, surveys, feedback loops.
- 2. Outcomes and objective report.

PLACES FOR EVERYONE: LEARNING AND FEEDBACK

- Looking at project from a Falkirk Council perspective only
- Sustrans and consultant found process more manageable and comfortable to deliver – we all knew our roles.
- Opportunity to review project and start ‘fresh’
- Engaging with partners and stakeholders has enhanced the project and design
- Discovered new ways of working and learning from partner insights
- Project delivered in a methodical fashion
- Project is more accountable and the work to date, and going forward, will help with scrutiny – complaints, councillor enquires, etc.
- Each stage done well and delivered will enhanced the next application.....

PLACES FOR EVERYONE: STAGE 3-4 BID 2022





STAGE 0-2 TIPS

- Read the guidance thoroughly and break down the tasks
- Prepare for substantial increase in workloads
- Project will take longer, potentially adding months to years
- Key stage is developing your initial brief with your consultant (or internal teams) this sets the scene and will be your overall work plan and foundation of entire project.
- Never too early to engage with partners, ask for permissions, raise concerns.
- Be considerate of partner needs.
- Embrace change and see process as an opportunity to view project from different perspectives
- Adopt new technologies and approaches – virtual consultation, new building materials, etc.
- Communicate with stakeholders and alert them of process and the need for patience



QUESTIONS ?

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