



Risk Assessment

Course/Road(s) Assessed: 1Z/10

Course: Local to Bedfordshire Road Cycling Club

Date of Assessment/Review: 18/8/23

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Course Description: A Sporting Course utilising country roads around Central Bedfordshire starting and finishing in the vicinity of the BRCC clubhouse.

Traffic Flows: These rural roads only receive light local traffic.

Course/Event History: This course has been used by BRCC for their Evening League and SPOCO events for in excess of 40 years now. This Risk Assessment relates to a review of the overall course with

Key Identified Risks

Distance	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
0 miles	Start line, Southill Road, Cardington. At drain in road near farm gates on North East side of BRCC clubhouse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic Congestion. Parked vehicles. Cyclists finishing the race. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. Medium. Medium. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors form orderly queue. Cycle Event sign to warn traffic. No parking signs deployed. Rider "heads up" warning sign at start.
0.1 miles	Left bend.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic, possibly overtaking returning competitors. Possible worn road surface. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low Low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution.
0.5 miles	Sharp bends and blind rise over bridge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic, possibly overtaking returning competitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution.
0.9 miles	S bends with limited visibility due to trees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic, possibly overtaking returning competitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution.

2.6 miles	Blind rise at the crest of 'Hillfoot'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic, possibly overtaking returning competitors. Slower riders to pass. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution when passing.
3.2 miles	Sharp blind bends and road junction to the right.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming vehicles using all of the road width. Traffic joining the course. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low Low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution. As above.
3.3 miles	Series of lowered manhole covers in road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slippery when wet and may upset stability if ridden over. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution.
4 miles	T-junction, turn right. Good visibility in both directions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic approaching from both sides. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution.
4.8 miles	Sharp left bend followed by sharp right bend under narrow width bridge passing junction on left.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic. Worn road surface (often loose gravel in road). Traffic joining from left. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. Low. Low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution.
5.3 miles	Right turn at junction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other traffic using junction. Often loose gravel in road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution.
5.3 miles	'Bunny Lane'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The length of 'Bunny Lane' is narrow and prone to gravel and potholes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution.
6.7 miles	Blind rise over narrow bridge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic. Potholes and loose gravel on far side of bridge. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution.
6.8 miles	T-junction, turn left. Good visibility in both directions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic approaching from both sides. Possibility of later starters approaching from the left and traffic overtaking them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution.
7.4 miles	Steep descent down 'Hillfoot' bending to the left at the bottom.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors can reach speeds in excess of 40mph. Exposed to crosswinds at bottom of hill. Farm buildings either side of road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. Low. Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution.

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9 miles	S bends with limited visibility due to trees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic, possibly overtaking returning competitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution.
9.3 miles	Sharp bends and blind rise over bridge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic, possibly overtaking later starting competitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution.
9.9 miles	Sharp right bend leading to finish line.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic, possibly overtaking later starting competitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution.
10 miles	Finish line, Southill Road, Cardington. Just past the entrance to Duck Lane Farm on its North Eastern side.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic, possibly overtaking later starting competitors. Clubhouse on nearside after finish – risk of pedestrians. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium. Medium. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycle Event sign to warn traffic. Warning sign in clubhouse garden.

NOTES:

- The use of a vehicle for the timekeeper(s) at start and finish is where appropriate and is only identified as an example for the action to be taken
- The small junctions or entrances to farms/ facilities (garage, eatery, etc) that are not identified in this risk assessment have been considered, however are not considered significant to pose a risk and therefore have not been noted.

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