

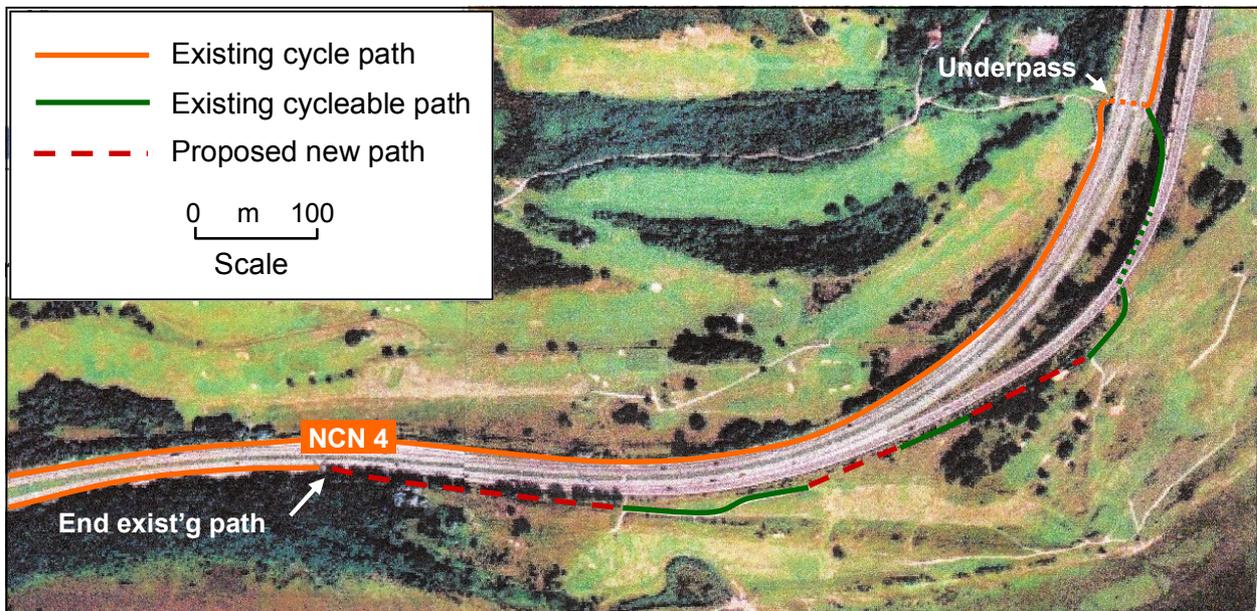
Proposed Fabian Way cycle link

This link would connect the east end of the existing cycle path on the south side of Fabian Way (A483) to NCN 4 at the underpass SW of the Briton Ferry Bridge. The purpose of the link is to remove the need for cyclists to use the dangerous cycle crossing on the north side of the Amazon Roundabout (just off the aerial view below to the left, ie west).

With this link in place cyclists travelling east along NCN 4 could use the existing crossing west of the Roundabout to get to the existing cycle path on the south side of Fabian Way. They would then follow the new link to rejoin NCN 4 where it emerges from the underpass. It would also serve cyclists who prefer to use the path south of Fabian Way all the way to or from Swansea.

The total length of the proposed link is about 900m, half of which could use existing paths. (shown as green lines on the aerial view). The rest (red broken lines) would cross sandy scrub land. This should make construction straight forward. The eastern 250m would follow the existing path which runs under the M4 slip road from the NCN 4 underpass to a golf course. For the next 400m the path would skirt the edge of the golf course with the westerly 250m through virgin scrub.

This path could form the easterly part of a future cycle route linking Briton Ferry to Swansea which would take in the proposed University campus south of Fabian Way.



The photo is looking east along the most westerly of the sections of existing path. ie from the junction of the westerly red broken line and the green line on the aerial view.

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