

A16.1 Baseline Conditions for NMU

Table 1: Baseline Description of all NMU Routes within the Study Area

Path Ref.	Designation	Users	Path type	Description	Access to Outdoors Areas
IN08.10	Core Path	Pedestrians / equestrians	Footpath / access track	Core path along an access track to Ashton Farm, to the east of the Inverness Retail and Business Park. The path connects the A96 Aberdeen – Inverness Trunk Road with the U1124 Caulfield Road. The route links the residential areas of Smithton and Cradlehall with the Inverness Retail and Business Park and provides access to the Moray Firth. The path has immediate views of surrounding farmland, with long distant views of the black isle to the north and Culloden to the south.	Route provides access to the Moray Firth.
IN08.11	Core Path	Pedestrians	Footpath	A short core path through woodland to Cradlehall Court.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
IN19.15	Core Path	Pedestrians / cyclists	Road	Core path to the north of Raigmore Hospital, connecting with core path IN19.16.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
IN19.16	Core Path	Pedestrians / cyclists	Road	Core path to the east of Raigmore Hospital.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
IN08.23	Core Path	Pedestrians / cyclists	Old A96 road	Core path along the old A96 running parallel to and providing access to the Moray Firth. The route provides direct access to the beach and has stunning long distance views of the Moray Firth and Black Isle.	Route provides access to the Moray Firth.
IN08.30	Core Path	Pedestrians	Footpath	Core path to the north of the A96, approximately 300m east of the Inverness Retail and Business Park roundabout. The path runs through a farm at Seafield, before crossing under the Aberdeen to Inverness Railway Line and linking in with core path IN08.23.	Route provides access to the Moray Firth.
IN08.31	Core Path	Pedestrians	Footpath	A short core path through woodland to Cradlehall Court.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
AP1	Aspirational path	Pedestrians	Footpath	Aspirational path along the residential area of Cradlehall Meadow, to the east of the Inverness College University of Highlands and Islands Campus (UHI Campus). The route appears to have been historically severed by the construction of housing along Cradlehall Meadow.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
AP2	Aspirational path	Pedestrians	Footpath	Aspirational path routed along the eastern edge of the Inverness Retail and Business Park. The path runs along the local cycle route, described below. The path has pleasant immediate views of agricultural land, with long distance views north over the Black Isle.	Route provides access to the Moray Firth.
AP3	Aspirational path	Pedestrians	Footpath	Aspirational path from the Ashton Farm access track to Stratton and Cairnlaw. The path provides access to and from the A96 Aberdeen – Inverness Trunk Road and has immediate views of agricultural land, with long distance views north over the Black Isle.	Route provides access to the Moray Firth.
AP4	Aspirational path	Walkers	Footpath	Track connecting an access road to Inshes House with WN.2. The path has pleasant immediate agricultural views, with further views of the A9.	No access to outdoor areas provided.

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AP5	Aspirational path	Pedestrians	Footpath	Track through farmland from the Cradlehall Business Park access road. The track then loops through the residential area off Cradlehall drive.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
AP6	Aspirational path	Pedestrians	Footpath	Aspirational path along the back of residential housing. The path has pleasant views of the Black Isle at its northern extent and is likely to be used by local residents of Cradlehall.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
AP7	Aspirational path	Pedestrians	Footpath	Track through agricultural fields to the west of the B8082, likely to be used by dog-walkers.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
AP8	Aspirational path	Pedestrians / school children	Footpath	Path through Inshes Primary School.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
AP9	Aspirational path	Pedestrians	Footpath	Track linking the A996 at Smithton Junction, with the old A96 road. The amenity of the track is constrained by surrounding vegetation.	Route provides access to the Moray Firth.
AP10	Aspirational path	Pedestrians	Footpath	Aspirational path used to access the Inverness Retail and Business Park.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
AP11	Aspirational path	Pedestrians	Footpath	Aspirational path north of the A96, to the north of the Inverness Retail and Business Park.	Route provides access to the Moray Firth.
LP1	Link on road	Pedestrians / cyclists	Pavement along road	Pavement along the B9006 Culloden Road (Millburn Roundabout – Culcabock – Castle Hill – Culloden Moor – Croy – Gollanfield – Fort George Road), before connecting with LP2 and NCN Route 1. The path predominantly passes through residential areas, with glimpsed views of the Black Isle to the north.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
LP2	Link on road	Pedestrians / cyclists	Pavement along road	Pavement along U1058 Caulfield Road North (Castlehill – Cradlehall – Smithton – Stratton Lodge Road) in the east and Culloden Road to the west. The path experiences immediate views to the east over the Inverness College (UHI Campus), as well as long distant views over the Highlands and Black Isle.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
LP3	Link on road	Pedestrians / cyclists	Pavement along road	Path along C1032 Barn Church Road crossing the A96 at Smithton Junction. The path has long distance views over the Moray Firth heading towards the Smithton roundabout.	Route provides access to the Moray Firth.
LP4	Link on road	Pedestrians / cyclists	Pavement along road	Pavement along the B8082.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
LP5	Link on road	Pedestrians / cyclists	Pavement along road	Pavement to the north of the A96. The route experiences distant views of agricultural land and the residential areas of Culloden to the west, with glimpsed views of the Moray Firth to the east.	Route provides access to the Moray Firth.
LP6	Link on road	Pedestrians / cyclists	Pavement along road	Pavement to the south of the A96. The route experiences distant views of agricultural land and the residential areas of Culloden to the east, with glimpsed views of the Moray Firth to the west.	Route provides access to the Moray Firth.

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Path Ref.	Designation	Users	Path type	Description	Access to Outdoors Areas
WN.1	Wider network path	Pedestrians	Footpath	Small stretch of track through agricultural land which ties in with AP5.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
WN.2	Wider network path	Pedestrians / walkers / cyclists	Footpath / cycle track	Path along a residential road to the east of the Inshes Retail Park, before orientating through an agricultural landscape to the south.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
WN.3	Wider network path	Pedestrians / cyclists	Pavement along road	Path along the entrance road to Inverness College (UHI Clampus).	No access to outdoor areas provided.
WN.4	Wider network path	Walkers	Footpath	Track through Inshes Wood, to the south Culloden. The track is accessed from Birchwood Road and has views of woodland which then become open farm land.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
NCN Route 1	National Cycle Network Route	Pedestrians / cyclists	Cycle track	NCN Route 1 orientates along Caulfield Road North in the east and Culloden Road to the west. The path experiences immediate views to the east over Inverness College (UHI Campus), as well as long distant views over the Highlands and Black Isle.	No access to outdoor areas provided.
Local cycle route connecting Inverness College (UHI Campus) and the Inverness Retail and Business Park	Local cycle route	Pedestrians / cyclists	Cycle track	Local cycle route to the north-west of Cradlehall, connecting Inverness College (UHI Campus) with the Inverness Retail and Business Park. The path has pleasant immediate views of agricultural land, with long distance views north over the Black Isle.	No access to outdoor areas provided.