**West DC: Risk Assessment**



**Cycling Time Trials – West DC** Course Risk Assessment Document. The measures to reduce risk identified in the right hand column must be included on the start sheet or implemented for the duration of the event as applicable. Failure to comply with the requirements of this document may result in approval being withheld with respect to subsequent race promotions by the promoting club.

(CTT Guidance Note 22 – Appendix 2 – Issue 2 September 2011 provides additional advice)

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| **Course/Road(s) Assessed:  Elmore,** Farleys End, Longney and back to Elmore  **UC189** | **Course: UC189** (Will be a “U” course for West DC)  **Distance (in miles):** 6.5 Miles | |
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| **Date of Assessment/Review:** 5th May 2023 | **Name of Assessor: Dan SMITH SVV Committee** | |
| **Course Description:** The course traces a circular route around Elmore, Farleys End, Longney and back to Elmore. Start on Elmore Road in layby between the junctions of Elmore Lane West and Weir Lane. Travel in a clockwise direction through Farleys End and Longney to the junction with Haywicks Lane, turn left and proceed back to the layby for one circuit (6.5 miles).  (This should allow major turns, start and finish to be identified. This may be the course description used in the Police Notification Form.)  **Link**:  https://www.strava.com/routes/3085946525226204760 | | |
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| **Traffic Flows:** Country lanes with farm traffic and occasional movement of livestock.  1 car every 3 minutes in a 15 minute period. | |
| **Course / Event History: Used by GCCC for club events for a number of years without incident.** | |

**Key Identified Risks**

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| No. | Distance / Location | **Risk/Hazard** | **Level of Risk** (L / M / H) | Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable) |
| **a) Introduction** | | | |  |
| 1 | General Requirements | Time of Road Usage meets CTT Traffic Standards | L | Traffic counts within acceptable numbers |
| **b) HQ to Start** | | | |  |
| 2 | Before Start | Competitors signing on in layby  Competitors warming up | L | Instructions given verbally at sign on, prohibition on warming up past the start and awareness off traffic and riders turning. |
| 3 | Area of Start:  Grid Reference or What3Words with description, drain cover, bus stop, etc | Competitors wait in lay by off the road | L | Instructions given verbally at sign on - warning against making ‘U’ turns, queue in single file ; Cycle Event Warning signs |
| **c) Start to Finish** | | | |  |
|  | Description of road feature with cumulative running distance total   * Left turn * RAB * S Bend | Description of Hazard | Assessed level of risk | Mitigation to reduce risk |
| 4 | **START:** Start in layby near the junction with Elmore Lane West. | Riders start on the carriageway adjacent to the layby.  Riders can safely wait in the layby. | Low | Place cycle event warning sign approximately 50m prior to the start.  Timekeeper to wear hi-vis tabard.  Prohibition on warming up past the start. |
| 5 | Whole course | Circuit is on country lane with good visibility and low traffic count. Circuit ridden in anticlockwise direction, no right turns. | Low | None |
| 6 | Whole course | Road surface condition: Some issues with road damage due to farm traffic. | Moderate | Provide map or verbal description of damaged road surface at sign-on. |
| 7 | Whole course | The circuit has left hand bends and there may be a temptation for riders to cut these. | Low | Warning notice at start highlighting dangerous riding and warning of disqualification. |
| 8 | Junction with Epney Road | Traffic may be turning onto the circuit from Epney Road | Moderate | Place cycle event warning sign on Epney Road approximately 50m before junction. |
| 9 | Junction with Haywicks Lane | Left turn on to Haywicks Lane.  There is a tendency for there to be gravel on this junction. | Moderate | Sweep corner of gravel before race.  Cycle event warning signs before junction for traffic on Haywicks Lane.  Marshal (with Hi-vis tabard) positioned with sight of traffic. |
| 14 | **FINISH:** | Road Users – riders performing U turns after the finish |  | Warning not to perform ‘U’ turns at the finish. Also a note to be aware of surroundings and other road users at the finish. |
| 15 | After finish | Competitors returning to sign on | L | Sign on layby. |

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| **Notes**   1. 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 2. 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. 3. Consideration must be given to the use of this course used on weekends due to higher traffic counts. |

You may wish to include a jpg image of the course, which indicates key features.

<https://www.strava.com/routes/3085946525226204760>

This document remains live and any changes to the items listed above or new hazards/risk that arise should be notified to the district committee at the earliest opportunity. This document was last updated on 25th April 2023.