







# 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)

<b>Course/Road(s) Assessed:</b> A38 Woodford – Wanswell - B4066 Berkeley – A38 Slimbridge - Stone	<b>Course:</b> U17A <b>Distance (in miles):</b> 25 Miles
<b>Date of Assessment/Review:</b> 29 June 2023	<b>Name of Assessor:</b> Amendment of U17 RA to change start and finish due to roadworks
<b>Course Description:</b> Incorporates part of the U7B '10' course plus a side loop repeated twice making up the 25 mile distance. Start in layby before junction of B4066/A38 (///enlighten.prowl.afflicted). North on A38 to minor road at Berkeley Road (GR717001) (4.01 miles). Left (SP Breadstone, Halmore, Purton) to Wanswell where left at give way sign to RAB with B4066, 1st exit (SP Gloucester, Bristol, A38), at 2nd RAB take 1st exit (SP Gloucester, Bristol, A38), to give way sign on A38. Left on A38 to complete circuit (10.41 miles). Repeat circuit (16.81 miles) and continue north on A38 to Slimbridge RAB where turn and finish near the Princess of Wales Hotel (//nutrients.pouting.cherubs) (25 miles).  Link:  All images are hyperlinked to Google Street View	
<b>Traffic Flows:</b> Traffic flows are low and no issues have been encountered.	
<b>Course / Event History:</b> Main course has been in use since at least 2010. It is used for the WTTA Hardriders and has also been used for University 3 Up races. There was a minor incident in 2021 when a driver joined the course at B4066 junction without carrying out proper observations. <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@51.6995793,-2.4069885,3a,75y,232.16h,75.28t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1s7EiXYDshf9YpGGehL2D41Q!2e0!7i16384!8i8192">https://www.google.com/maps/@51.6995793,-2.4069885,3a,75y,232.16h,75.28t/data=!3m6!1e1!3m4!1s7EiXYDshf9YpGGehL2D41Q!2e0!7i16384!8i8192</a> at junction of Berkeley Road/A38. This course does 3 laps of main loop as start has moved.	

No.	Distance / Location	Risk/Hazard	Level of Risk (Low/ Med/ High)	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
1	General Requirements	Time/Traffic Volume meets CTT Standards	Low	Traffic Counts undertaken: well within limits.
<b>a) Falfield or Stone village hall to start of U17</b>				
2	Village hall	Riders turning left to join A38 north	Medium	Cycle Event Warning signs on A38 approaching village hall in both directions

3	A38 Layby before junction B4066/A38	<p>Riders at start point.</p> 	Low	<p>Start Observer. <b>Warning on start sheet – no U-turns.</b> Cycle Event Warning signs on A38 approaching start</p>
<b>b) Start to turn off A38 onto minor road to Wanswell</b>				
4	Junction with Berkeley Road B4066	<p>Riders continue on A38; traffic and riders completing circuits joining A38</p> 	Medium	<p>Observer; Cycle Event Warning sign on A38 south of junction</p>
5	A38 through Newport	<p>Vehicles exiting/entering numerous laybys, residential driveways and public house access in Newport village</p>	Low	<p>Warning on start sheet</p>
<b>c) Turn off A38 onto minor road to Wanswell, B4066 Berkeley bypass, and back to the A38: two circuits</b>				
6	Turn left off A38 before bridge over railway	<p>Riders turn left off A38 and onto minor road to Wanswell. Turn is tight, c. 70 degrees so risk of drifting in to opposing traffic.</p> 	Low	<p>Observer (optional riders have right of way)</p> <p>Turn Left sign with an advance notice arrow; Warning on start sheet of sharp left turn. Cycle Event Warning signs on A38 on south and north approaches to the junction and on minor road approach to junction.</p>
7	T junction in Wanswell, riders turn left onto minor road	<p>Riders give way to traffic from the right. Parked cars opposite junction can force northbound traffic on to opposite side of road in conflict with riders.</p> 	Medium	<p>Turn Left sign; Cycle Event Warning signs on both approaches to the junction. Riders advised to look BOTH ways at junction on start sheet.</p>

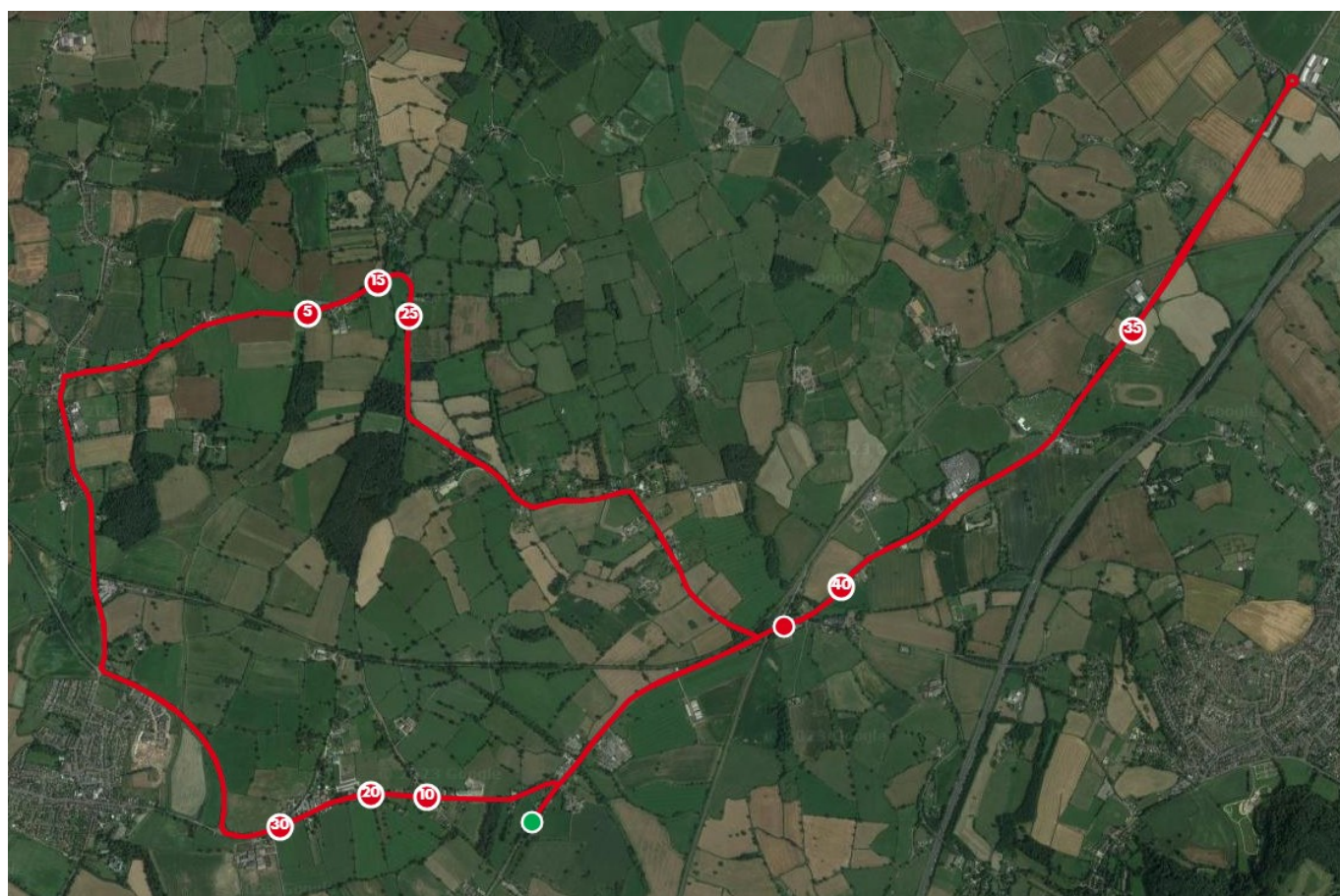
8	B4066 roundabout	Riders turn left to bypass Berkeley 	Medium	Turn Left sign; Cycle Event Warning signs on all approaches to the roundabout Riders have good visibility
9	B4066 roundabout	Riders turn left to stay on B4066 	Medium	Turn Left sign; Cycle Event Warning signs on all approaches to the roundabout Riders have good visibility
10	B4066 / A38	Riders turn left from B4066 and join the A38 going north 	Medium	Observer as per 4; Turn Left sign on approach to junction; Cycle Event Warning sign on A38 south of junction
11	Repeat circuit x 2	Repeat 5 to 9 as above		
<b>d) A38 Berkeley Junction to Slimbridge Roundabout</b>				
12	Car Auctions road layout	Road narrows; traffic may turn right across riders into car auctions premises	Medium	Warning on Start Sheet; Cycle Event Warning Sign on northbound approach
13	Slimbridge roundabout – turn	2 Lane approach (north bound), Riders changing lanes. Traffic joining roundabout. Riders in centre of carriageway so as to turn 	Medium	Observer on joining road from East; Turn sign; Cycle Event Warning Signs on all approaches
<b>e) A38 Slimbridge Roundabout to Finish</b>				
14	Car Auctions road layout	Road narrows; traffic may turn queue waiting to turn left into car auctions premises	Low	Warning on Start Sheet; Cycle Event
15	Finish	Finish is after the Berkeley Road junction with A38. Drivers joining A38 may not observe properly	Low	Riders have right of way. Warning signs on Berkeley Road
				
16	Finish	Riders sprinting to finish before road narrows over rail bridge	Medium	See 16



17	Finish	<p>Road Users – riders performing U turns after the finish  This is unlikely as HQ is south of finish so riders have no need to perform U turn</p>	Low	<p>Warning on start sheet not to perform 'U' turns at the finish. Also a note to be aware of surroundings and other road users at the finish. Cycle Event Warning sign on northbound side south of the finish area.</p>
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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. The course should not be used on public bank holiday weekends or when there are major local events or traffic may be diverted of the M5 unless an early start is used. E.g. Womad, Badminton, Polo Competition, Air Show, etc



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 in February 2006.

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