 **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:** Wenchford Circuit  New Road – A48 – Cindersford Road – The Roman Road | **Course:** UC502  **Distance (in miles):** 6.7 | |
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| **Date of Assessment/Review:**  01 February 2024 | **Name of Assessor:**  John Linden | |
| Review History: First Produced (if known): N/K Last Review: 25 Jan 2023 | Sponsoring Club or Organisation: Royal Dean Forest CC | |
| **Course Description:**  Start (GR SO 65372 07783) by the entrance to Wenchford car park, proceed south and east onto New Road to turn left onto A48 towards Blakeney. Proceed about 400m on A48 then left turn onto Cinderford Road and follow this road through Soudley. After passing through Soudley village turn left on the corner up Roman Road, at the T junction at the end of the road turn left to finish at start.  **Link**:  <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41862140> | | |
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| **Course Type:**   1. Single Carriageway 2. Circuit 3. No traffic calming identified | |
| **Traffic Flows:**  The A48 carries by far the highest flows, the other minor roads have low traffic.  25th January 2023  19:15 A48: 148 units/hr (220 units/hr in other direction) (15min sample) 19:30 New Road, Blakeney: 30 units/hr (66 units/hr in other direction) (10min sample) 20:00 Top Road, Upper Soudley: 6 units/hr (0 units/hr in other direction) (10min sample) 20:00 The Roman Road: 12 units/hr (28 units/hr in other direction) (10min sample) | |
| **Course / Event History:**  30yrs ago kilometre sprint by Wenchford | |

**Key Identified Risks: Upper Start**

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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 riding from Event HQ; Competitors warming up | L | Instructions on Start Sheet and at event HQ signing on advising riders of safe routes ; prohibition on warming up past the start |
| 3 | Area of Start:  GR SO654078 Wenchford Car Park | Competitors wait down the car park entrance track, off the road | L | Instructions on Start Sheet and at event HQ signing on - warning against making ‘U’ turns, queue in single file ; Cycle Event Warning signs |
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| **c) Start to Finish** | | | |  |
| 4 | Parked cars on New Road (in Nibley) | Riders may need to slow down to pass parked cars if there is oncoming traffic | M | Riders new to course made aware before start.  Warning on Start Sheet. before start. |
| 5 | Junction with A48 | Riders must give way to join the main road with good visibility | M | Sign on A48 south of the junction for approaching traffic  Riders visibility to right is good |
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| 6 | Blakeney Left Turn | Cars turning across riders | L | Riders have priority |
|  | Into Cinderford Road |  | | |
| 7 | Left Turn onto The Roman Road after narrow bridge | Cars turning across riders | L | Riders have priority |
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| 8 | Narrow Bridge | Approaching cars | L | Riders must not try to push through |
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| 9 | Blackpool Bridge | Riders encountering oncoming traffic may need to give way | M | Riders new to course made aware before start.  Warning on Start Sheet. before start  Warning sign for traffic turning onto Roman Road at Blackpool Bridge T Junction |
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| 10 | Blackpool Bridge T Junction | Riders must give way to join the main road with good visibility | M | Sign on north of the junction for approaching traffic |
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| 11 | Finish: as start | Awareness of surroundings | L | No u-turns. |
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| **Notes**   * The course should only be used in weekday evenings. |