

**Course/Road(s) Assessed:** R10/22A

**Course:** Local to

**Resolven**

**Date of Assessment / Review:** 05/05/2022

**Name of Assessor:**

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## Course Description:

START on the Vale of Neath Supplier Estate service road opposite Lamp Post No. 18. Proceed eastwards along the service road to the Resolven Roundabout (0.458 miles). (Safety Notice:- Do not cross the centre line of the road on the right hand bend). Take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit left along A465 dual carriageway westbound to the 1st exit left (4.862 miles). Continue up the loop to the small Tonna Roundabout where take the 1st exit to the large Aberdulais Interchange. Take the 4<sup>th</sup> exit (5.505 miles) to proceed down the slip road to re-join A465 dual carriageway. Proceed eastbound to the Resolven Roundabout where take 1<sup>st</sup> exit left to FINISH at the access road to the Canal Car Park on the cross-valley link road (10.006 miles).

**Traffic Flows:** On a Saturday afternoon in early May our assessment is; Very Light on the unclassified service road, Light/Moderate on the A465 Dual Carriageway and Light on the cross-valley link road.

**Course/Event History:** A moderately fast course, quite popular and regularly used for both Club and Open events. N.B. Marshals are not allowed on the A465 dual carriageway.

## Key Identified Risks

Distance	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measure to reduce Risk (if applicable)
0.00 miles	START: on Service Road on the Vale of Neath Business Park.	Traffic passing riders waiting to start.	LOW	Cycle Event sign at side of road 20 metres behind the start. Officials to wear high visibility jackets / bibs. Riders to wear fluorescent numbers on their backs to attract attention.
0.46 miles	Continue to Resolven roundabout take 1st exit (left).	Traffic approaching/at roundabout.	MEDIUM	Cycle Event sign on rbt. and on all approach roads. Marshal to wear high visibility jacket / bib.

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4.86 miles	TURN - Take exit slip to Aberdulais roundabout (signpost Seven Sisters).	Sighting of Direction arrow (for riders).	LOW	Direction arrow placement - access must be made from Station Road (2 <sup>nd</sup> exit Tonna roundabout, take next left) by Aberdulais Royal British Legion. Climb embankment alongside canal to locate arrow on countdown marker post on A465T – take care!
5.12 miles	Climb loop to Tonna roundabout take 1 <sup>st</sup> exit	Traffic approaching/at roundabout.	LOW	Direction arrow. Cycle Event signs on all approach roads. Marshall to wear high visibility jacket / bib.
5.37 miles	Aberdulais interchange take 4 <sup>th</sup> exit	Traffic approaching/at roundabout.	HIGH	Direction arrows. Cycle Event signs on all approach roads. Marshal with hi viz jacket on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> exits.
5.51 miles	Enter slip road and descend to A465	Join dual carriageway (A465T) at spear point junction.	HIGH	Cycle Event sign on Dual Carriageway 100 metres before junction.
9.97	Resolven roundabout take 1st exit (left)	Traffic approaching/at roundabout.	MEDIUM	Direction arrow. Warning signs on all approach roads.
10.00 miles	FINISH	Route to finish passes a 'T' junction (car park entrance/exit).	MEDIUM	Cycle Event signs on all approach roads including the car park exit. Officials to wear high visibility jackets / bibs. Marshal on the 'T' junction.

**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. Any small junctions or entrances to farms/facilities (garage, eatery, etc) that are not identified in this risk assessment have been considered but are not considered to be of significant risk and have therefore not been noted.
3. No warming-up on the course is allowed once the event has started.
4. No U-Turns within sight of start/finish timekeeper are allowed once the event has started.
5. Anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated.