

Dumfries and Galloway Council
BRIEFING FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN WARDS (4) CASTLE DOUGLAS AND
CROCKETFORD, (6) NORTH WEST DUMFRIES, AND (9) NITH

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Report Title: UCI PARA-CYCLING ROAD CHAMPIONSHIPS 9 – 12 AUGUST 2023	
<u>Purpose of the Report:</u> To provide information on community engagement, business engagement and other stakeholder engagement for UCI Para-Cycling Road Championship, which take place in Dumfries and Galloway on 9 – 12 August 2023.	
<u>Summary:</u> The UCI (Union Cyclist Internationale) 2023 Cycling World Championships will be the biggest cycling event in history, bringing 13 separate cycling world championship disciplines together into one global event for the first time, hosted over 11 days and across 10 host locations. Scotland welcomes the first combined world championships focussed around Glasgow and other Scottish locations including Dumfries where we will host the World Para-Cycling Road Championships. At a meeting of Communities Committee on 24 August 2021 our Council agreed that ‘Dumfries and Galloway Council will host the road para-cycling events which is part of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships, Glasgow and Scotland in August 2023. Event dates are now confirmed for the world Para-Cycling Road Championships as Wednesday, 9 August – Saturday, 12 August 2023. Para-athletes will compete in either traditional racing bikes, hand bikes, tandems or trikes depending upon their entry. Route details are detailed in Diagram 1 further down this briefing. Part of this event is identified to take place within Wards (4) Castle Douglas and Crocketford, (6) North West Dumfries, (7) Nith. This is a very exciting and unique opportunity for our region but we also know from experience that hosting such events requires close work with the local communities, businesses and other stakeholders who are within the route. Therefore, an Engagement Working Group has been established to ensure that community engagement, business engagement and other stakeholder engagement are at the centre of the planning and implementation of the event. The working group members include ward officers Sean O’Toole – Castle Douglas and Crocketford, Darren Burns – North West Dumfries, Chris Woodness – Nith, and Jaime Nicholson – Annandale South. Chris and Jaime also sit on the Event Project Team. The Community Engagement Plan will detail a sequence of actions to ensure engagement is effective, efficient and fair, with views gathered to help implement appropriate and realistic mitigations to allow the world championships to be effectively implemented, whilst ensuring essential activity in our communities can still happen.	
<u>Context:</u> Strategic Overview of arrangements: The UCI as the world body for cycling have overseen the creation of the ‘2023 Cycling World Championships Limited’ a private company limited by guarantee to deliver the 2023 World Championships.	

- Each of the 13 World Championships then has an event delivery partner appointed to operationally run the World Championship event, for the Para-Cycling Road World Championships this is Pennine Events.
- Pennine Events lead a Local Organising Committee (LOC) for the Para-Cycling Road World Championships. This is the multi-agency focal point for event coordination featuring local and national Policing, NHS resilience, SFRS, Anti-Terrorism, Amey Highways, Transport Scotland, and Council services (Roads Managers, Leisure and Events, Sustainable Transport, Communications, Ward Working). The LOC has now met on four occasions, this will continue monthly.
- Our Council has an internal project team to coordinate our Council responsibilities for supporting the delivery of the 2023 Para-Cycling Road World Championships. We have also established an Engagement Working Group that will ensure effective, efficient and fair engagement with communities, business and other stakeholders, and all are kept up to date with the event. The engagement will identify areas of concern and allow consideration of mitigations, it will also identify areas for potential community celebration.
- Further our Council is facilitating a 'Summer of Cycling' Working Group with community organisations to maximise the impact of cycling and arts in the build up to and during the championships.
- The Ward Working team support community development and empowerment, including assisting communities to prioritise what's important to them, making informed choices about community assets and volunteering with our council in their locality. The team also coordinates local community planning and working with local partners and supporting locality hubs <https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/wardworking>

Considerations:

Governance arrangements

A Host Agreement is finalised between our Council and 2023 Cycling World Championships detailing responsibilities of each organisation.

Pennine Events are finalising a separate 'venue use agreement' with the Crichton Trust, which will host the start and finish of the Road Race events.

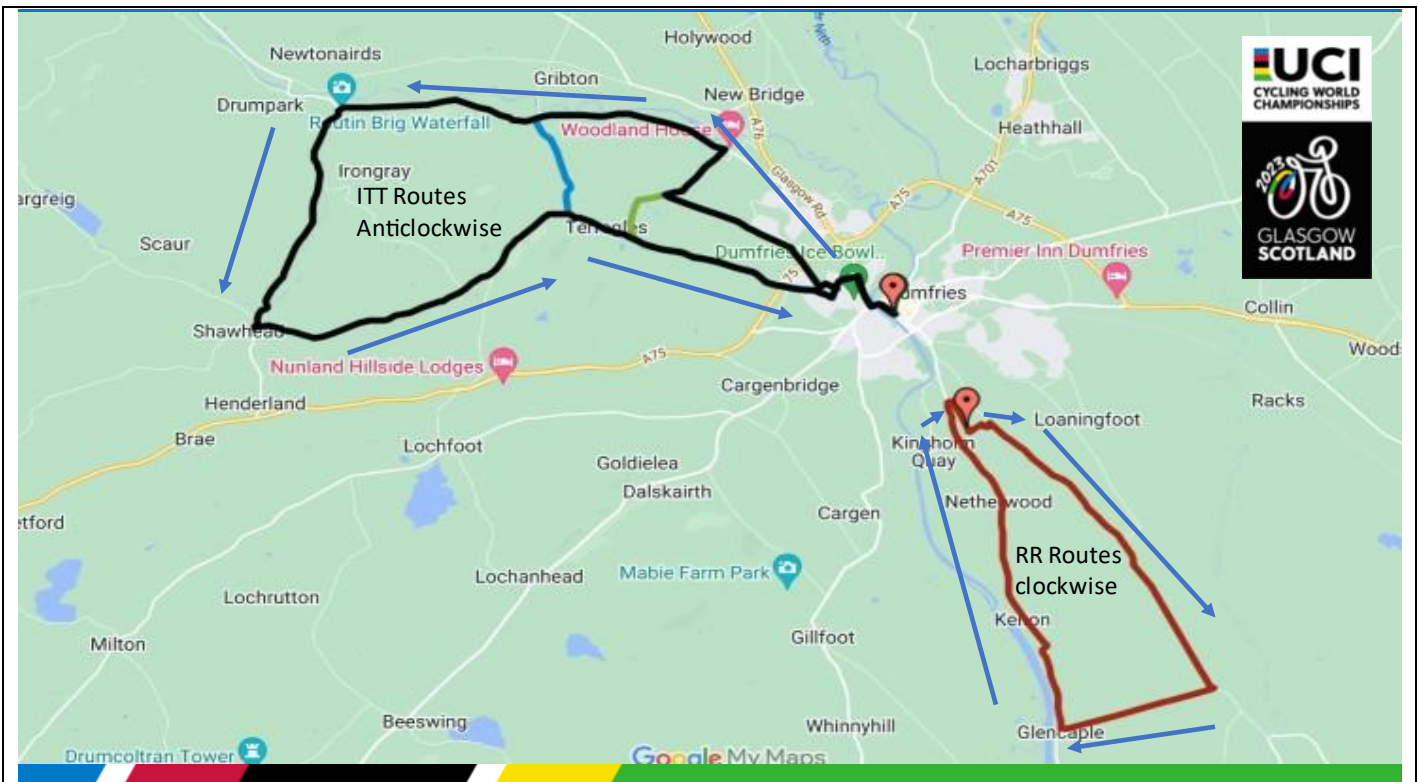
Community Information

Our Council will lead on wider dialogue to inform all members of the community, organisations and wider businesses within the route areas. Whilst these Championships will showcase our region, provide international broadcast coverage and deliver a significant level of economic impact, a level of disruption is unavoidable within communities on the routes as full road closures will be required. Community dialogue will identify areas of concern and allow consideration of mitigations e.g. how to ensure care packages are delivered or medical appointments achieved, it will also identify areas for potential community celebration as we welcome part of the largest ever international cycling event to our region.

Routes

UCI delegates have been in regular discussion with our Council's Roads Managers and Amey Highways to finalise the identification of routes which meet the required technical specifications of UCI and take cognisance of local traffic flow arrangements and maintain emergency diversions in the event of any A75 euroroute closure.

Diagram 1 below illustrates the agreed routes of the 2023 Cycling World Championships Time Trials and Road Races which will take place across Council Wards 4, 6 and 9.



Scheduled dates for each of the events are as follows:

- Wednesday, 9 August 2023 – Time Trials
- Thursday 10 August 2023 – Time Trials
- Friday, 11 August 2023 – Road Races
- Saturday, 12 August 2023 – Road Races

The range of athlete abilities and para classifications does provide a greater degree of challenge for route selection and scheduling with multiple classifications taking place in each race, therefore different classifications will require to undertake different distances. Therefore, for the Time Trial routes there requires to be three route lengths, whereas for the road race different classifications will undertake differing numbers of laps.

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