



Risk Assessment

Course/Road(s) Assessed: 1Z/12.7 (new course)

Course: Local to Bedfordshire Road Cycling Club

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Course Description: A Sporting Course utilising country roads around Central Bedfordshire starting and finishing in the vicinity of the BRCC clubhouse.

Traffic Flows: These rural roads only receive light local traffic.

Course/Event History: This course is made up of routes that have been used by BRCC for their Evening League and SPOCO events for in excess of 40 years now. This Risk Assessment relates to a change to the course to avoid newly put in place speed restrictions on the old 11.3 mile EL course.

Key Identified Risks

Distance	Location	Identified Significant Risk/Hazards	Level of Risk Low/Med/High	Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)
0 miles	Start line, Southill Road, Cardington. At drain in road near farm gates on North East side of BRCC clubhouse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic Congestion. Parked vehicles. Cyclists finishing the race. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. Medium. Medium. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors form orderly queue. Cycle Event sign to warn traffic. No parking signs deployed. Warning sign in clubhouse garden.
0.1 miles	Left bend.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic, possibly overtaking returning competitors. Possible worn road surface. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low Low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution.
0.5 miles	Sharp bends and blind rise over bridge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic, possibly overtaking returning competitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycle Event sign to warn traffic and competitors to exercise caution.

0.9 miles	S bends with limited visibility due to trees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic, possibly overtaking returning competitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution.
2.6 miles	Blind rise at the crest of 'Hillfoot'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic, possibly overtaking returning competitors. Slower riders to pass. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution when passing.
3.2 miles	Sharp blind bends and road junction to the right.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming vehicles using all of the road width. Traffic joining the course. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low Medium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycle Event sign to warn traffic. As above.
3.3 miles	Series of lowered manhole covers in road.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slippery when wet and may upset stability if ridden over. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution.
4 miles	T-junction, turn right.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic approaching from both sides. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Right turn sign for competitors and Cycle Event sign to warn traffic.
4.8 miles	Sharp right bend followed by sharp left turn after narrow width bridge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic. Loose gravel in road under bridge Manhole cover directly after left turn Traffic joining from right. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. Low. Low Medium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution Left turn sign for competitors and Cycle Event sign to warn traffic.
5.0 miles	Road dips before it rises and this frequently floods in heavy rain and doesn't drain away very well – may force riders and traffic to the centre of the road and poor surface conditions and mud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic Mud / debris on road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution
5.2 miles	Sharp rising right under narrow bridge, poor visibility for oncoming traffic, keep left	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic Poor road surface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution.
5.3 miles	Left turn at junction, awkward visibility to right, take extra care for oncoming traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Med. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Left turn sign for competitors Competitors to exercise caution. Cycle Event sign to warn traffic
5.5 miles	Sharp left at obscured triangle junction, immediately over blind rise of disused railway bridge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Left turn sign for competitors Cycle Event sign to warn traffic Competitors to exercise caution.

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6.1 miles	Sharp left into Southill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gravel on road Caution not to cross into opposite lane 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Left turn sign for competitors Competitors to exercise caution.
6.4 miles	Sharp right bend, poor road surface, some gravel likely.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor road surface Some gravel likely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution.
6.5 miles	Sharp left turn, poor road surface, some gravel likely.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor road surface Some gravel likely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Left turn sign for competitors Competitors to exercise caution.
6.7 miles	Rider direction is straight on but is effectively a left turn as road continues to the right. Poor road surface, some gravel in middle of road. Possible traffic joining from right	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor road surface Some gravel likely Traffic from right 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution Cycle Event sign to warn traffic
7.2 miles	Sharp left bend, keep left	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors exercise caution
8.3 miles	Left turn at T Junction in Old Warden onto Bedford Road. Possible traffic on right.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic joining the course. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Left turn sign for competitors Cycle Event sign to warn traffic.
8.6 miles	Sharp right on rise out of Old Warden at turn onto Bedford Road. Limited visibility of oncoming traffic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic approaching from both sides and from behind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Right turn sign Cycle Event sign to warn traffic Marshall at junction to warn riders of oncoming traffic.
9.9 miles	Steep descent down 'Hillfoot' bending to the left at the bottom.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors can reach speeds in excess of 40mph. Exposed to crosswinds at bottom of hill. Farm buildings either side of road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. Low. Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution. Competitors to exercise caution.
11.7 miles	S bends with limited visibility due to trees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic, possibly overtaking returning competitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors to exercise caution.
12.0 miles	Sharp bends and blind rise over bridge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic, possibly overtaking later starting competitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycle Event sign to warn traffic.

12.5 miles	Sharp right bend leading to finish line.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic, possibly overtaking later starting competitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low. 	Competitors to exercise caution.
12.7 miles	Finish line, Southill Road, Cardington. Just past the entrance to Duck Lane Farm on its North Eastern side.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oncoming traffic, possibly overtaking later starting competitors. Clubhouse on nearside after finish – risk of pedestrians. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium. Medium. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cycle Event sign to warn traffic. Warning sign in clubhouse garden.

NOTES:

1. 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.