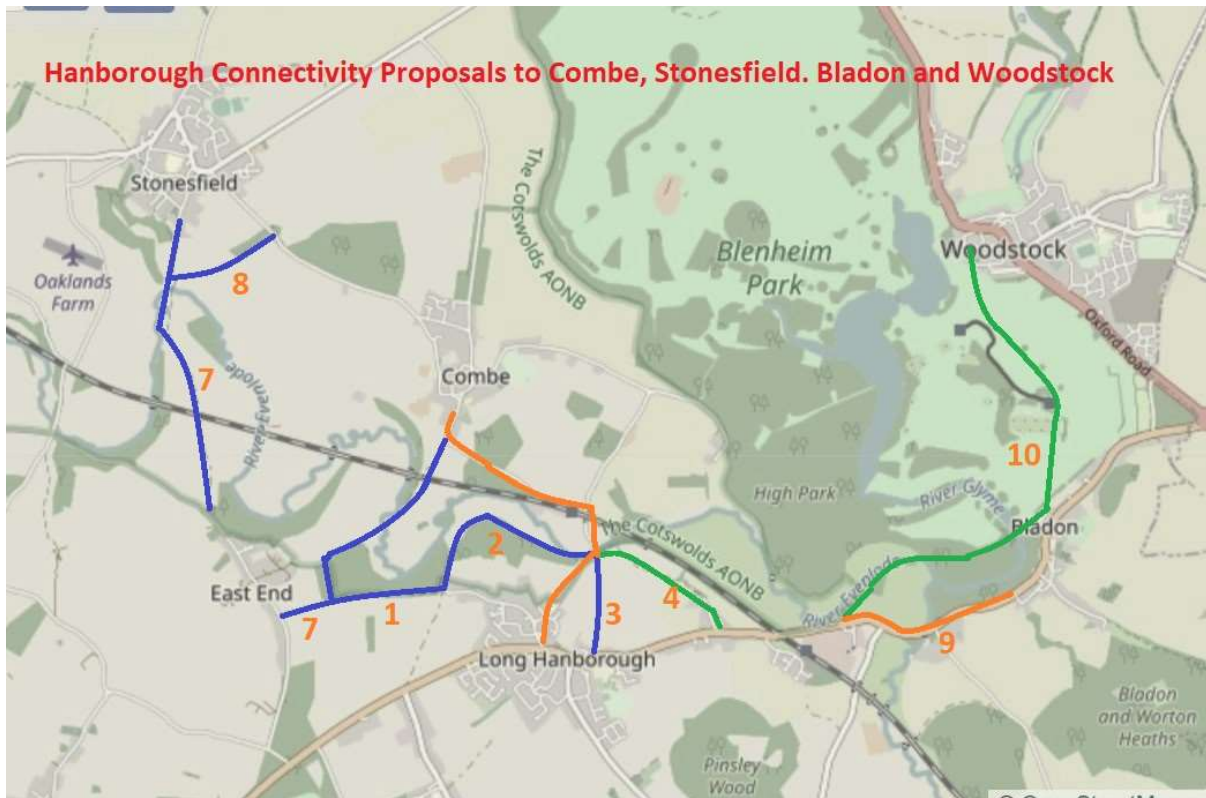


Hanborough Connectivity to other VTN villages



Routes to Combe

Pedestrian Routes

Route 1 Bridleway from Millwood End, past Abel Wood, turning onto footpath at far end of the Wood, and after the Wood, following the footpath up to Grintley Hill Bridge, and to the road leading to the centre of Combe. **The road is narrow, does not have pavements, the speed limit is 30mph**, but it is only a short distance. **This is a spectacular walk offering a marvellous of views across the fields to North Leigh Common, up to East End, through the Wood by the stream, across the meadow, and up to Grintley Hill Bridge from which you can see in one direction the great Combe Valley, and in the other the railway line stretching far below to Fawler in the distance.**

Route 2 Footpath from Millwood End skirting Mill Wood, to reach Swan Hill, and to Combe crossing Combe Bridge and up the hill past Combe Station, or up the hill towards Combe Gate. After the footpath, none of these roads, which are all narrow and winding, has pavements and the traffic speed is derestricted. Potentially dangerous for pedestrians

Route 3 Footpath from centre of Hanborough down Dagger's Hill to Combe Bridge. See above for potential problems of roads.

Route 4 Bridleway from Park Lane to Combe Bridge. See above for potential problems of roads.

Cycle Routes

Route 4 Bridleway from Park Lane to Combe Bridge. Then roads up into Combe. The bridleway needs improving for safe cycle use.

Note: Swan Hill to Combe Bridge, but since Swan Hill is derestricted at 60mph, winding, narrow, without pavements, and with poor visibility, this route is not recommended.

Routes to Stonesfield

Pedestrian Routes

Route 7 Bridleway and footpaths from Millwood End to East End, North Leigh. Short walk on road to bridleway and footpath, by Roman Villa, leading into Stonesfield by Stockey Bottom

Cycle Routes

Route 7 Bridleway from Millwood End to East End. Short ride on road to bridleway by Roman Villa, leading into Stonesfield by Stockey Bottom. *Whether on foot or by bike, this route brings together long open views from Hanborough to North Leigh, the wide expanse of landscape between Combe and Fawler, leading to the dramatic setting of Stockley Bottom and Bagg's Bottom, before coming into Stonesfield.*

Routes to Wootton/Glympton

Hanborough routes will link in with Stonesfield's route to Wootton for connectivity

Pedestrian

Route 8 Pedestrian route to Stonesfield, and at Bagg's Bottom take Oxfordshire Way. *Combining the walk to Stonesfield with that along Oxfordshire Way is one of the best walks of West Oxfordshire.*

Routes to Bladon

Pedestrian

Route 9 Only current route is along the A4095. Pavement along only one side of road. In many places less than 1m wide and the regulatory width for pedestrians; further narrowed by overgrown vegetation; pedestrians must walk single file; very poor surface adjacent to carriageway; A4095 heavily used by HGVs travelling at 50mph; road unlit because outside 30mph; ditch running alongside and bridge likely to restrict widening of pavement in all. Scary and dangerous. Unacceptable conditions for pedestrian movement on highway route. It urgently requires OCC major work, and we have received notification that OCC plan to undertake this in the current financial year, but we do not have details of the work to be done.

Route 10 Alternative new route would be via the private footpath from Blenheim Gate that crosses the Evenlode and connects to the circular road within the Park. This leads to the path/road that leads to Bladon Lodge. Establishing an entry and link to the Park requires the agreement of the Blenheim Estate.

Leaving aside the safety of travel that this route provides, it would be one of the very spectacular Blenheim walks: dropping down from Hanborough Gate into the Evenlode Valley meadows, crossing the river by the old 18th century bridge, and passing through an ash wood, whose trees rival the glory of the Blenheim oaks and then reaching the open land of the Park.

Cycle

Route 9 Only current route is on the A4095 since the shared pedestrian/cycle route from Witney ends by Hanborough Gate. From this point cyclists should ride on the A4095, with HGVs and all traffic passing at 50mph. Because of HGV debris, the near side of the road is very gritty, so not providing safe cycling conditions. The pedestrian pavement is not enough for shared cycling/pedestrian use – see Pedestrian above – and because of the ditch is unlikely to be made so, within the immediate future, if at all.

Route 10 Alternative new route would be via the private footpath from Hanborough Gate, see pedestrian, which is already used as a vehicle track. However, the footpath would have to be converted to a bridleway and would require the agreement of the

Blenheim Estate for it to be used publicly, for its conversion, and for public cycling in the Park. *A journey for connoisseurs, be they walking or cycling.*

Routes to Woodstock

Pedestrian Routes

Via Combe Connectivity Routes. Then via Combe Gate, and through the Park to Woodstock exits, although this requires a Blenheim Annual Pass

Route 10 Alternative new route, via Hanborough Gate, see Bladon Pedestrian, and through Park to Woodstock exits, with Blenheim Annual Pass and Blenheim Estate agreements. *Walking through the Park is always a great experience, whichever route you choose.*

Cycle Routes

Current situation: A4095 to A44. Shared pedestrian cycle route up to Hanborough Gate and then again on A44, but otherwise on carriageway.

Via Combe and Combe Gate, as for Pedestrian route. Would require Blenheim Estate agreement for cycling in Park

Route 10 Alternative new route, via Hanborough Gate, see Bladon cycle, through Park to Woodstock exits. Would require Blenheim Annual Pass and Blenheim Estate agreements for public cycling in Park. *Similarly, cycling through the Park would be very exciting for its exponents.*