

ANGUS COUNCIL – 16 MARCH 2023

THE 2023 UCI CYCLING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS – GRAN FONDO TIME TRIAL

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ABSTRACT

The report advises on proposals for the Gran Fondo Time Trial event to be held in Angus on Monday 7 August 2023 as part of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships, which is an 11-day international event taking place across Scotland. Members are asked to agree to hosting the event in Angus and the provisional route along the A92 dual carriageway between Arbroath and Dundee.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Council:

- (i) agrees to jointly hosting the Gran Fondo Time Trial event with Dundee City Council on Monday 7 August 2023 as part of the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships; and
- (ii) agrees to the provisional route for the event, as detailed in Appendix 1, and authorises the Director of Infrastructure and Environment to agree the final route and sign the delivery agreement with the event organiser.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN

Priority 1: Economy – We want Angus to be a 'go-to' area for businesses

- We will make Angus a low-carbon, sustainable area.

Priority 3: Place - We want our communities to be strong, resilient and led by citizens

- We will continue to reduce the council's carbon footprint with the aim of reducing our net carbon emissions to zero by 2045.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The 2023 UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) Cycling World Championships is an 11-day event taking place in Glasgow and across Scotland from 3 to 13 August 2023. It is multi-disciplined cycling event (road, track, mountain biking, BMX) and it is the first time all 13 UCI World Championship competitions will be combined into one 'mega-event'. This new combined event format will now take place every 4 years, one year ahead of the Olympics.
- 3.2 UCI expect approximately 2,600 able bodied and para-athletes from around 120 countries to take part and say that this will make it a cycling event unmatched in size and scale. It is expected that this will be the largest sporting event in Scotland over the next five years and that the anticipated global TV audience will place the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships in the top-10 most watched sporting events in the world. Further information is available at <https://www.cyclingworldchamps.com/>
- 3.3 Tayside have been provided the opportunity host the Gran Fondo (which translates as Big Race). Perth & Kinross Council have been invited to host the Gran Fondo Road Race on Friday 4 August and Angus and Dundee City councils the Gran Fondo Time Trial on Monday 7 August. The Gran Fondo is an amateur but 'qualified for' event. The top 20% of riders from 30 qualifying events held around the world have been invited to compete in Scotland. Approximately 600 riders from around the world will compete in the Gran Fondo Time Trial.

- 3.4 There would be the direct economic benefit to Angus associated with around 600 participants from around the world, and their friends, families and support teams, visiting the region. The organiser has estimated the direct economic benefit to the Tayside region as a whole at over £2.7m. Council officers would engage with our partners and seek to maximise the immediate and long-term economic benefits of the event to Angus.
- 3.5 There would also be the following benefits to Angus.
- Angus would become part of the overall World Championship marketing campaign.
 - International exposure, further building the reputation of Angus as a location to visit and for major events to be held.
 - Inspiring people to ride their bikes and the alignment with national and regional plans, policies and strategies relating to health, wellbeing, the environment and more active travel.
- 3.6 Whilst the event itself is expected to generate significant economic benefit and media attention in August, the event is also intended to have legacy benefits. There is a Scottish Government ambition for the Championships to be a catalyst for significant change and progress in Scotland as regards making cycling part of the normal, everyday lives of everyone.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 Council officers were originally approached about a route for the event starting and finishing in Camperdown Park, Dundee and travelling through, or close by, the villages of Birkhill, Muirhead, Lundie, Piperdam, Fowlis and Liff. After review by officers and engagement with elected members for the Monifieth & Sidlaw Ward, it was concluded the route was unsuitable due to the impact it would have on local communities and businesses. Several villages, businesses and community facilities would have had no road access ('locked in') for a full day.
- 4.2 Further engagement with the organiser led to an alternative route being identified using the westbound carriageway of the A92 dual carriageway between Dundee and Arbroath. It was considered this new route would have a lesser impact on local communities. It was recognised that there would be the need for significant road diversions but unlike the original proposed route it would avoid a large number of residents and businesses being effectively 'locked in' for the day.
- 4.3 This new route has now been agreed in principle with the organiser. The A92 from Dundee (Claypotts) to Arbroath (Elliot) is a private road and subject to a contractual agreement between Angus Council and Claymore Roads. BEAR Scotland operate and maintain the road on behalf of Claymore Roads. Representatives of Claymore Scotland and BEAR Scotland have been consulted and have confirmed their support in principle for the event.
- 4.4 Dundee City Council (DCC) officers have been party to discussions with the organiser and are also supportive of the new route and hosting the event base at a location within Dundee. The start and finishing line on the A92 would be within the DCC boundary. There has also been engagement with Police Scotland.
- 4.5 UCI have appointed the experienced sports events company Golazo as their delivery partner, and we are now engaging with them to progress matters and confirm all the details and plans associated with the event.

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Gran Fondo Time Trial event is held in Angus on Monday 7 August 2023. It is proposed that the Director of Infrastructure and Environment agrees the final route and all other arrangements with the organiser on the basis it will closely align with the provisional route that is detailed in Appendix 1.
- 5.2 The event base (and assembly point for participants) is to be confirmed by Dundee City Council but will be in Dundee and competitors will travel along an agreed, marshalled route to the start/finish line on the A92.

- 5.3 The organiser will be responsible for appointing a traffic management contractor for the event. The contractor will provide a traffic management plan that will require the agreement of the partner councils and Bear Scotland. The implementation of the plan, including provision, placement and maintenance of signage and traffic cones, will be the responsibility of the contractor.
- 5.4 The diversion routes are to be confirmed but indicative diversion routes are provided in Appendix 2. The start and finish times of the event are to be confirmed but it is anticipated that the road closure will be in place from approximately 0700 hours to 1700 hours on Monday 7 August 2023. Consideration will also be given to the management of spectators along the route.
- 5.5 A communication plan will be agreed with the organiser and Dundee City Council. This will aim to maximise awareness of the road closure and diversion routes prior to the event. There will also be direct communication with households and businesses that may have their access restricted due to the event.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There will be no direct financial contribution from Angus Council towards the event and the organiser will cover the costs associated with traffic management, however the Council is providing the road asset and the support and expertise of officers at no charge to the organiser.
- 6.2 As joint hosts, Angus Council would be a member of the local organising committee for the event and will require to commit a significant amount of officer time towards the variety of host and organisational duties associated with project management, traffic planning, community consultation, communications, and public safety. It is anticipated that the cost of officer time input will be an opportunity cost rather than a direct additional cost so no negative impact on the Council's budget is expected from participation in the event.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and is attached as Appendix 3.

8. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, Director of Finance, Director of Legal and Democratic Services and Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth were consulted in the preparation of this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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Appendix 1 – Provisional route of the Gran Fondo Time Trial

Appendix 2 – Anticipated Diversion route

Appendix 3 – Equalities Impact Assessment

Appendix 1 – Provisional route of the Gran Fondo Time Trial

The map below shows the provisional 26.8km route. The riders would start on the A92 to the east of the Panmurefield Village roundabout. They would ride along one lane of the westbound carriageway towards Arbroath and would turn round and ride along the other lane of the carriageway back to the start/finish line.

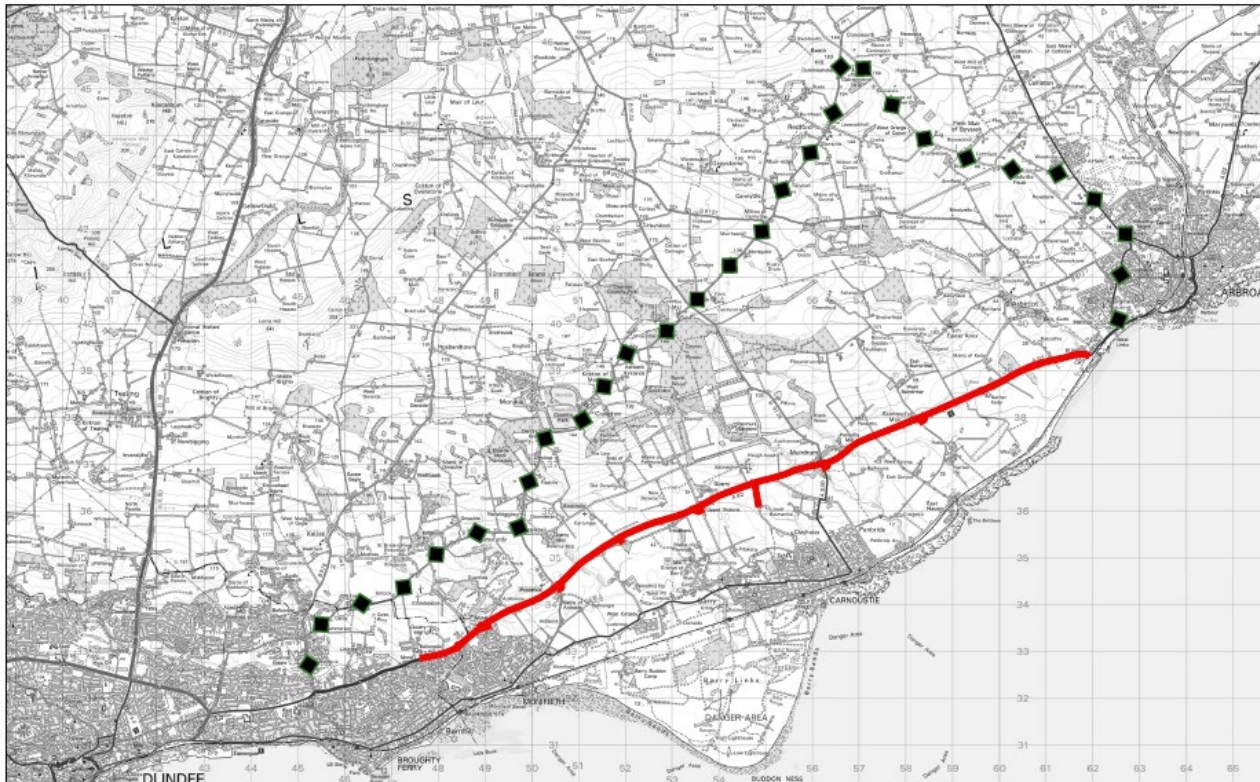
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Appendix 2 – Anticipated Diversion route

Only the westbound A92 dual carriageway would be closed for the event and the eastbound carriageway would remain open. The traffic management arrangements are to be confirmed, but there is an established diversion route between Arbroath and Dundee for a closure/emergency on the A92, as shown below. This diversion route is already incorporated on existing directional road signs at junctions and shown with a black diamond on a yellow background.

Communities to the south of the A92 closure will still have road access to Dundee and diversion routes would be identified.



- Road Closed
- ◆ Diversion



Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment Form

Step 1

Name of Proposal (includes e. g. budget savings, committee reports, strategies, policies, procedures, service reviews, functions):

Holding the Gran Fondo time trial event in Angus as part of the 20223 UCI Cycling World Championship

Step 2

Is this only a **screening** Equality Impact Assessment ~~Yes/No~~
(A) If Yes, please choose from the following options **all** reasons why a full EIA/FSD is not required:

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| (i) It does not impact on people | Yes/No |
| (ii) It is for information only | Yes/No |
| (iii) It is reflective e.g. of budget spend over a financial year | Yes/No |
| (iv) It is technical | Yes/No |

If you have answered yes to any of points above, please go to **Step 16**, and sign off the Assessment.

(B) If you have answered No to the above, please indicate the following:

Is this a full Equality Impact Assessment	Yes/No
Is this a Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment	Yes/No

If you have answered Yes to either or both of the above, continue with Step 3.
If your proposal is a **strategy** please ensure you complete Step 13 which is the Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment.

Step 3

(i) Lead Directorate/Service: **Infrastructure & Environment, Roads & Transportation**

(ii) Are there any **relevant** statutory requirements affecting this proposal? If so, please describe.

Creation of Temporary Traffic Restriction Orders under The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(iii) What is the aim of the proposal? Please give full details.

To hold an international cycling event in Angus that will raise the profile of Angus, encourage more active travel, promote cycling and deliver benefit to the local economy.

(iv) Is it a new proposal? **Yes/No** Please indicate **OR**

Is it a review of e.g. an existing budget saving, report, strategy, policy, service review, procedure or function? **No** Please indicate

Step 4: Which people does your proposal involve or have consequences for?

Please indicate all which apply:

Employees **Yes/No**

Job Applicants **Yes/No**

Service users **Yes/No**

Members of the public **Yes/No**

Step 5: List the evidence/data/research that has been used in this assessment (links to data sources, information etc which you may find useful are in the Guidance). This could include:

Internal data (e.g. customer satisfaction surveys; equality monitoring data; customer complaints).

Traffic measurement data for A92 was reviewed to identify typical traffic volumes.

Internal consultation (e.g. with staff, trade unions and any other services affected).

There has been internal consultation on the proposals through the committee reporting procedure and officers from different directorates consulted.

External data (e.g. Census, equality reports, equality evidence finder, performance reports, research, available statistics)

Not applicable.

External consultation (e.g. partner organisations, national organisations, community groups, other councils).

There has been consultation with representatives from Dundee City Council, Police Scotland, Claymore Roads and BEAR Scotland.

Other (general information as appropriate).

Not applicable.

Step 6: Evidence Gaps.

Are there any gaps in the equality information you currently hold? **-No**

If yes, please state what they are, and what measures you will take to obtain the evidence you need.

Step 7: Are there potential differential impacts on protected characteristic groups? Please complete for each group, including details of the potential impact on those affected. Please remember to take into account any particular impact resulting from **Covid-19**.

No – there will be a traffic management plan agreed and sign posted diversion routes in place. Checks will be done to make sure that no one is adversely affected in terms of access in and out of the property along the route and road closure. There will be direct communication with anyone who is adversely affected, and suitable measures put in place as required. Public transport, emergency services and health care providers will be able to use the diversion routes put in place.

Please state if there is a potentially positive, negative, neutral or unknown impact for each group. Please state the reason(s) why.

Age

Impact: Neutral.

Disability

Impact: Neutral.

Gender reassignment

Impact: Neutral.

Marriage and Civil Partnership

Impact: Neutral.

Pregnancy/Maternity

Impact: Neutral.

Race - (includes Gypsy Travellers)

Impact: Neutral.

Religion or Belief

Impact: Neutral.

Sex

Impact: Neutral.

Sexual orientation

Impact: Neutral.

Step 8: Consultation with any of the groups potentially affected

If you have consulted with any group potentially affected, please give details of how this was done and what the results were.

If you have not consulted with any group potentially affected, how have you ensured that you can make an informed decision about mitigating action of any negative impact (Step 9)?

Not applicable.

Step 9: What mitigating steps will be taken to remove or reduce potentially negative impacts?

Step 10: If a potentially negative impact has been identified, please state below the justification.

Step 11: In what way does this proposal contribute to any or all of the public sector equality duty to: eliminate unlawful discrimination; advance equality of opportunity; and foster good relations between people of different protected characteristics?

Step 12: Is there any action which could be taken to advance equalities in relation to this proposal?

No actions to be taken.

Step 13: FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY – NOT APPLICABLE

This step is only applicable to **strategies** which are key, high level decisions. If your proposal is **not** a strategy, please leave this Step blank, and go to Step 14.

Links to data sources, information etc which you may find useful are in the Guidance.

Step 13(A) What evidence do you have about any socio-economic disadvantage/inequalities of outcome in relation to this strategic issue?

Step 13(B) Please state if there are any gaps in socio-economic evidence for this strategy and how you will take measures to gather the evidence you need.

Step 13(C) Are there any potential impacts this strategy may have specifically on the undernoted groupings? Please remember to take into account any particular impact resulting from **Covid-19**.

Please state if there is a potentially positive, negative, neutral or unknown impact for each grouping.

Low and/or No Wealth (e.g. those with enough money to meet basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future).

Material Deprivation (i.e. those unable to access basic goods and services e.g. repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure and hobbies).

Area Deprivation (i.e. where people live (e.g. rural areas), or where they work (e.g. accessibility of transport)).

Socio-economic Background i.e. social class including parents' education, people's employment and income.

Other – please indicate

Step 13(D) Please state below if there are measures which could be taken to reduce socio-economic disadvantage/inequalities of outcome.

Step 14: What arrangements will be put in place to monitor and review the Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment?

As noted in Step 13(B), the importance of monitoring and evaluating outcomes from the Strategy, Action Plan and deliverables do need to be strengthened.

Step 15: Where will this Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment be published?

With the published report to council committee.

Step 16: Sign off and Authorisation. Please state name, post, and date for each:

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