



WL10 Bathgate to Newbridge Cycle Path

Start, route and finish

A total of 7.3 miles (11.7km) of this cycle path is in West Lothian and of this 6 miles (9.6km) has been constructed in two sections. The path starts at the Boghall Roundabout (O1), starting to the north of the road it crosses to the south of the A89 and heads east until the roundabout with Deans Road is reached. There is then a gap of 1.3 miles (2.1km) until the cycleway begins again (O2) at the entrance to the former Bangour Village Hospital to the west of Dechmont. From here it heads east, again on a purpose built cycle path on the south side of the A89. The section from the hospital grounds to South Middleton Roundabout in Uphall has recently been completed. The cycle path begins on the south side of the A89 but where it meets WL31 Loan Path, part of the Livingston Greenway path network, it crosses over to the north side to Dechmont. It then continues east to cross the A899 at Dechmont Roundabout after which it again crosses to the south side as far as the South Middleton Roundabout. Here (O3) it again switches to the north side where it continues past Broxburn and on to Newbridge. All the crossings of the A89 and the A899 are provided with traffic islands.

Surfaces and features

This is a purpose built tarmac cycle path with a number of pelican road crossings including four crossings of the A89 itself and one the A899 at the roundabout. A number of side roads have to be crossed but again these have pelican crossings or traffic islands.

The experience

The route is on the southern edge of Uphall and Broxburn so there are views across central West Lothian. However, the A89 is a busy road so the route will be mainly used by cycling commuters or people using short sections of the route to make local circular journeys.

Opportunities and constraints

There are long term plans to complete the missing link by means of the redevelopment of the former Bangour Village Hospital site in the next few years. More signage will be required to promote what will be a significant cyclepath for the district. This link will connect with WL28 Nell Burn Path to provide another access point into the Livingston Greenway path network.

WL17 Uphall to East Calder (southern section of this path is shown on Map P)

The full description of this route is on page 48.



