

A417 Missing Link



Improvements for walkers, cyclists, and horse riders, including disabled users

We try to accommodate everyone's needs on our road improvement schemes and want to leave a positive legacy for local communities and visitors to the area.

Both the users of the Cotswold Way National Trail and the Gloucestershire Way currently cross over the busy A417, which impacts on visitors' and locals' experience of the area.

We've been working closely with local authorities and groups who have an interest in public rights of way to improve the walking, cycling and horse riding network for everyone, including disabled users.

We're proposing to:

- repurpose parts of the existing A417, creating a new traffic free route between the new proposed parking area near the Golden Heart Inn and Barrow Wake and improving access to and enjoyment of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). We're planning to call this the Air Balloon Way, which will be for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, including disabled users
- reconnect the Cotswold Way National Trail and Gloucestershire Way with two new crossings of the A417
- create a new connection for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, including disabled users, along and between Dog Lane and Cold Slad Lane, which will improve pedestrian links between Brockworth and Nettleton Bottom via Crickley Hill, the Cotswold Way crossing and the new Air Balloon Way
- link some popular, local lanes to the wider walking, cycling and horse riding network
- create more car parking away from sensitive areas such as Barrow Wake and the Crickley Hill Country Park. Located near the Golden Heart Inn, the new car park would include disabled and horse box spaces, and help everyone access this special area
- create earth banks which would reduce road noise for residents and users of public rights of way in the area