

In 2015, the Bath City Riverside Enterprise Area was launched within which was incorporated the Sustainable Transport Route, connecting Newbridge and Twerton all the way through to Green Park Station, removing cycle traffic from the inadequate and narrow river path. In the same year, due to the foresight of the then Liberal Democrat Councillor Nigel Roberts, the council worked with Walk Ride Bath, , to submit a successful £3.8 million bid to the Cycle City Ambition Grant 2 fund. This had three deliverables:

- 1) Upgrade the Kennet & Avon Towpath between Sydney Gardens, Bathampton and link to Larkhall.
- 2) Deliver a new sister bridge to Halfpenny bridge at the back of the Bath Spa Train Station.
- 3) Renovate Locksbrook Bridge, including building a new access ramp to connect the east and west sections of the Sustainable Transport Route removing all cycle traffic off the riverside path.

By 2018,, neither of the two bridges had progressed and money was at risk of being returned to the Department for Transport. Thankfully, with the support of Walk Ride Bath, the DfT permitted £3M to be spent on the Newark Quays Bridge with an extra £1.8M funding from WECA to complete it.

Since 2015, Walk Ride Bath members have been custodians of the Sustainable Transport Route engaging directly with private developers ensuring that the route is preserved with millions invested by them to incorporate the route in their plans to ensure its eventual delivery.

The Locksbrook Bridge requires £100s of thousands, not millions, to be delivered, a significant element of which DfT has confirmed is available as a dowry. It is a vital Active Travel link connecting Bristol, Keynsham, Saltford and the Bath Spa University Campus to the heart of Bath.

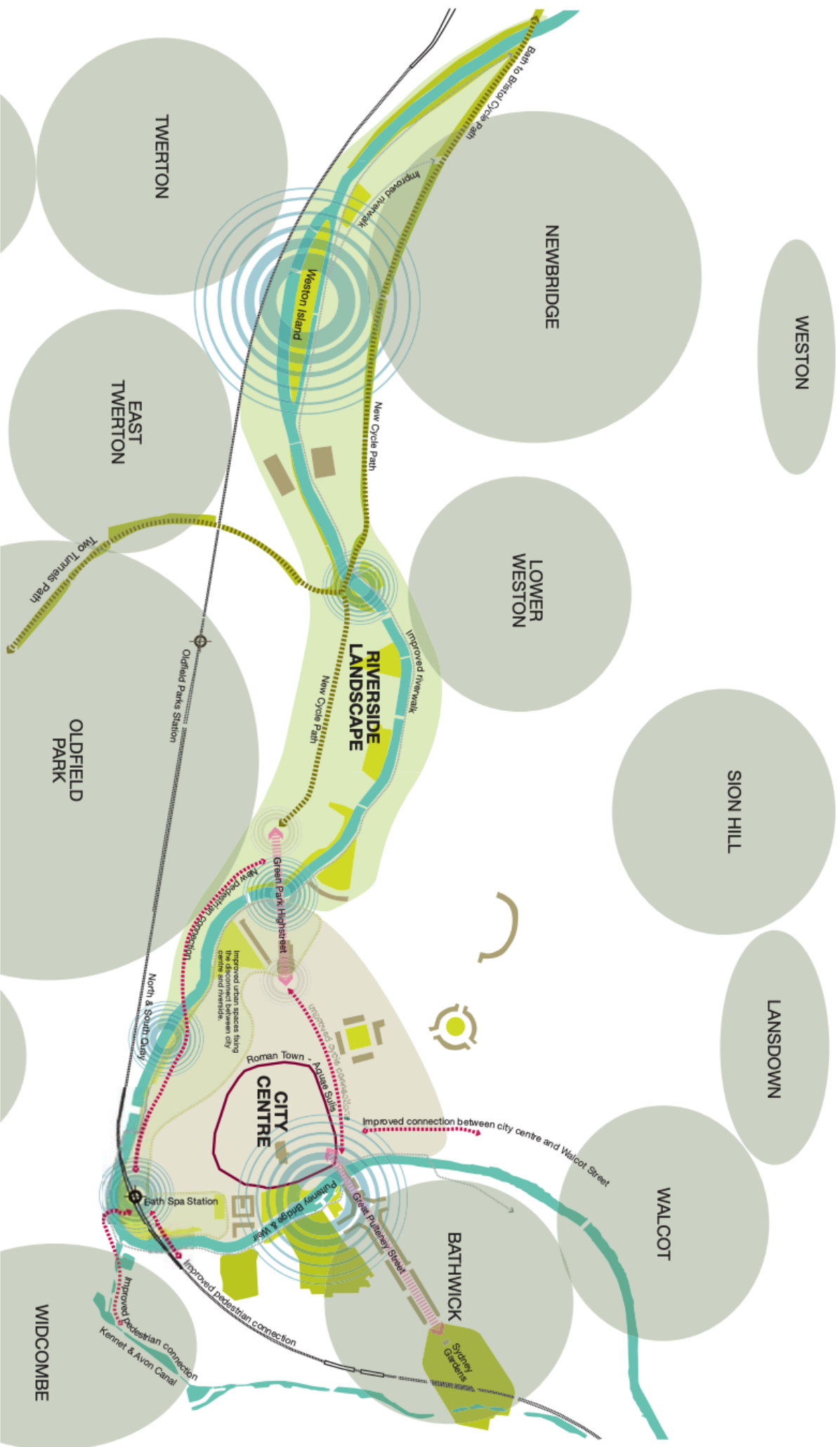
The Locksbrook Bridge is enshrined in the Bath City Riverside Enterprise Area Master Plan, and Local Plan ST2 and ST2A.

With details of the BaNES £147 million City Region Sustainable Transport settlement consultations now known it is concerning that key links are missing and we are failing to create good end to end routes that connect our communities to each other.

Walk Ride Bath requests that the council:

- a. Issues a statement of intent to deliver Locksbrook Bridge (e.g. as part of CRSTS2),
- b. assigns a project manager to take ownership of delivering the STR, and
- c. begins meaningful engagement with the DfT to take ownership of the bridge.

Thank you. Oh fantastic news on announcing the 4 new Liveable Neighbourhoods. Really well done! Can we have more please?



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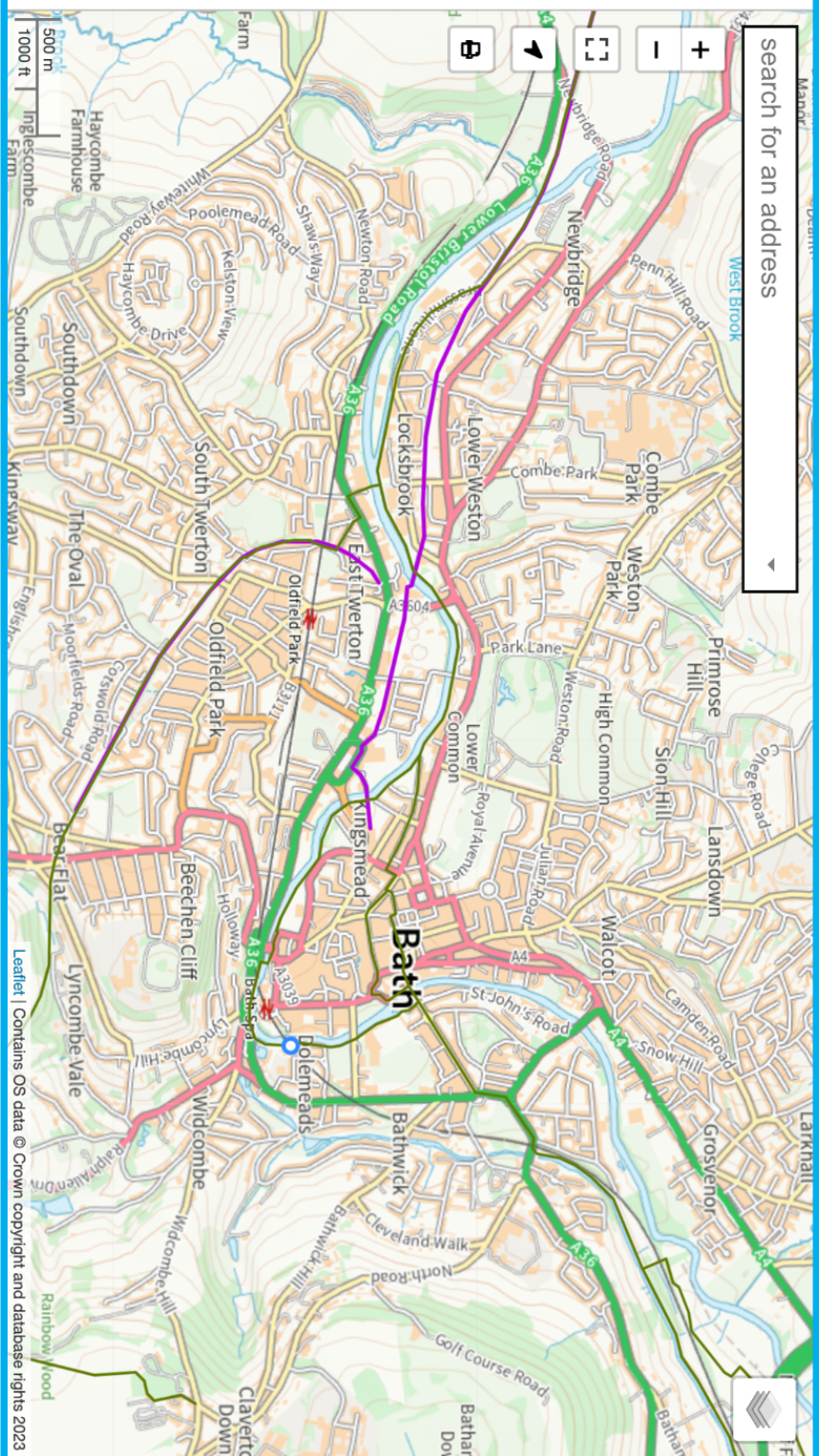
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