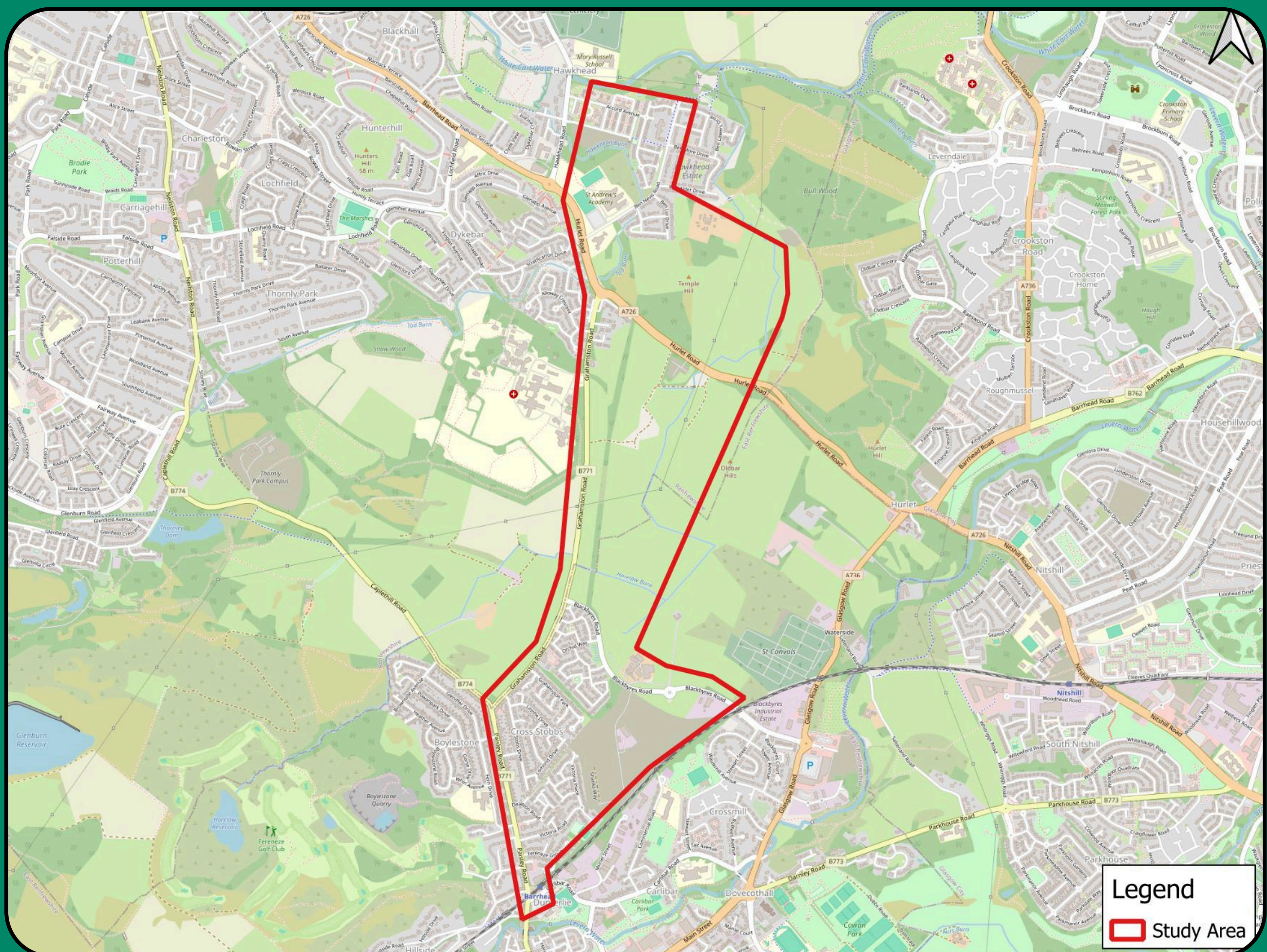


Paisley to Barrhead Active Travel Link

AECOM has been commissioned by Renfrewshire Council, with support from East Renfrewshire Council, to undertake an option appraisal and develop concept design proposals for the creation of a new, high-quality, safe and sustainable active travel link that will connect Paisley to Barrhead.

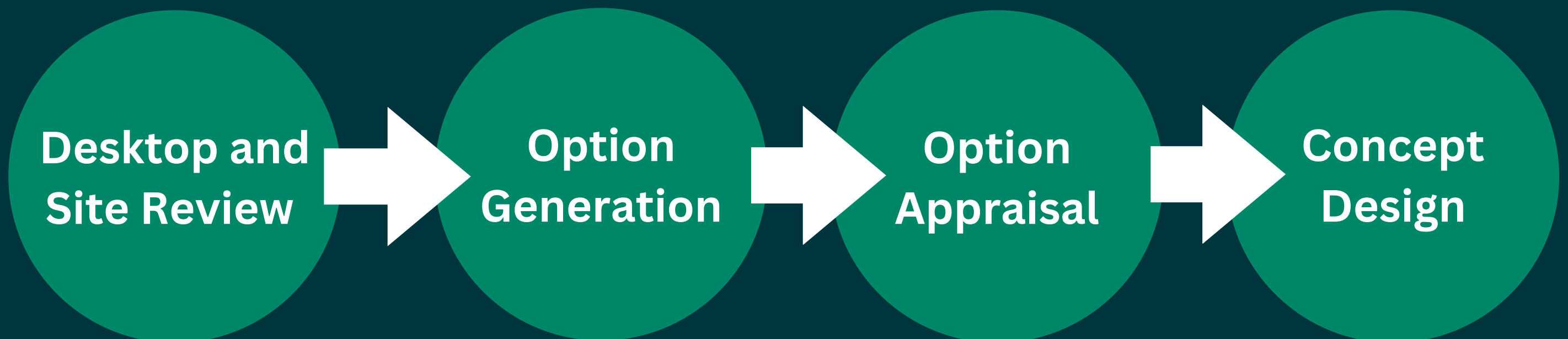
The study area under consideration lies between National Cycle Network Route 7 at the northern extent of Ben Nevis Road in Paisley and Barrhead Train Station.

We are looking to hear the views of the local community to help develop a route that will best meet the needs of the people who live, work and travel in the area.



The Story So Far

The study is following the process set out below.



AECOM are currently at the option appraisal stage of the project. As part of this the identified options will be assessed against core design principles and deliverability criteria.

Safety

Coherence

Directness

Comfort

Attractiveness

Adaptability

Feasibility

Affordability

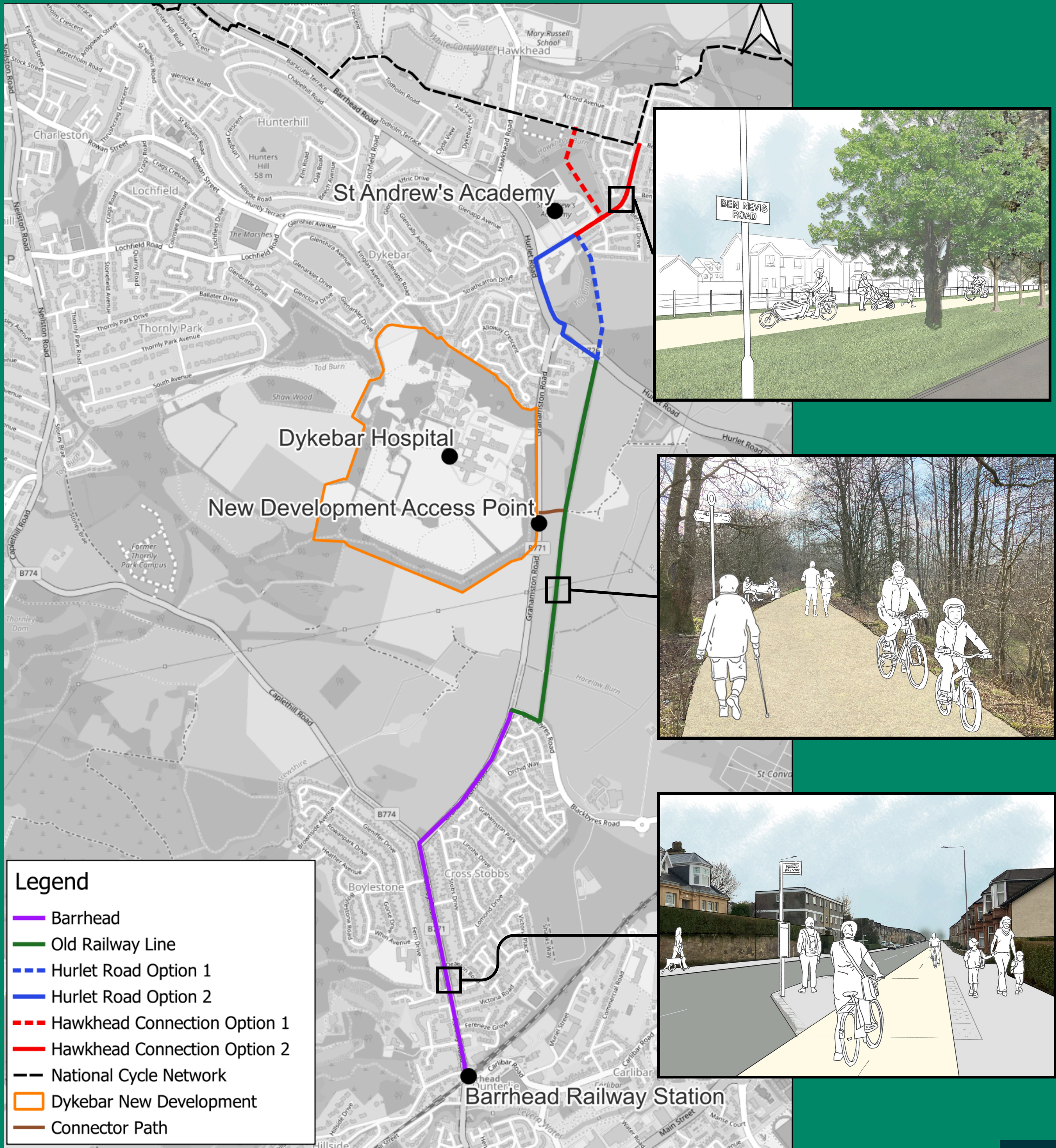
Public Acceptability

To support the option appraisal process, we would like to hear your thoughts on the route options as well as your thoughts on the project as a whole.

Your input will help inform the identification of a preferred option to progress to concept design.

Options Overview

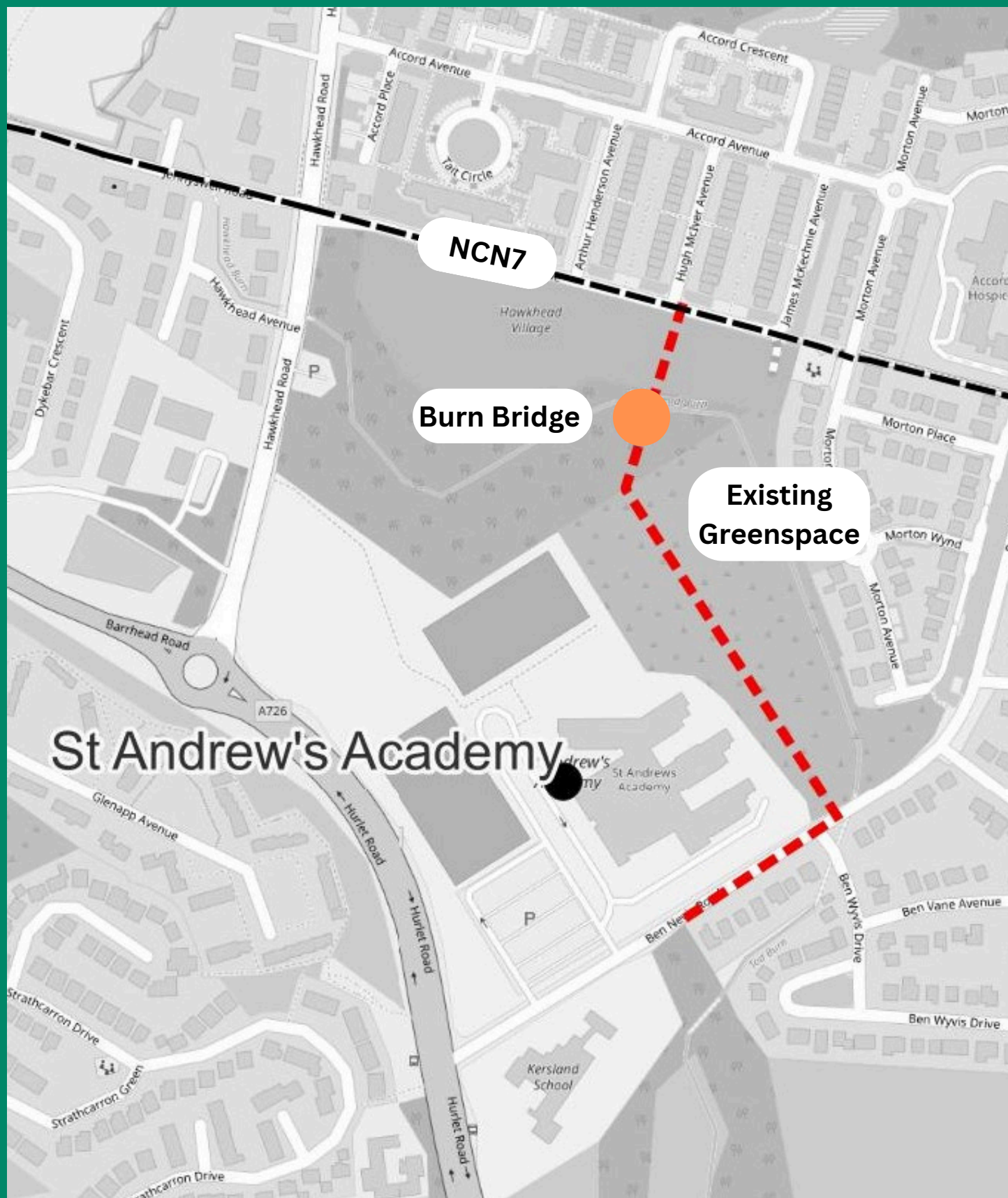
The project has been split into four sections, with multiple options for each section. Sketches have been provided to illustrate what the route could look like at various locations.



Hawkhead Connection

Two options have been identified to allow users to provide the connection from St Andrew's Academy to the National Cycle Network and Hawkhead.

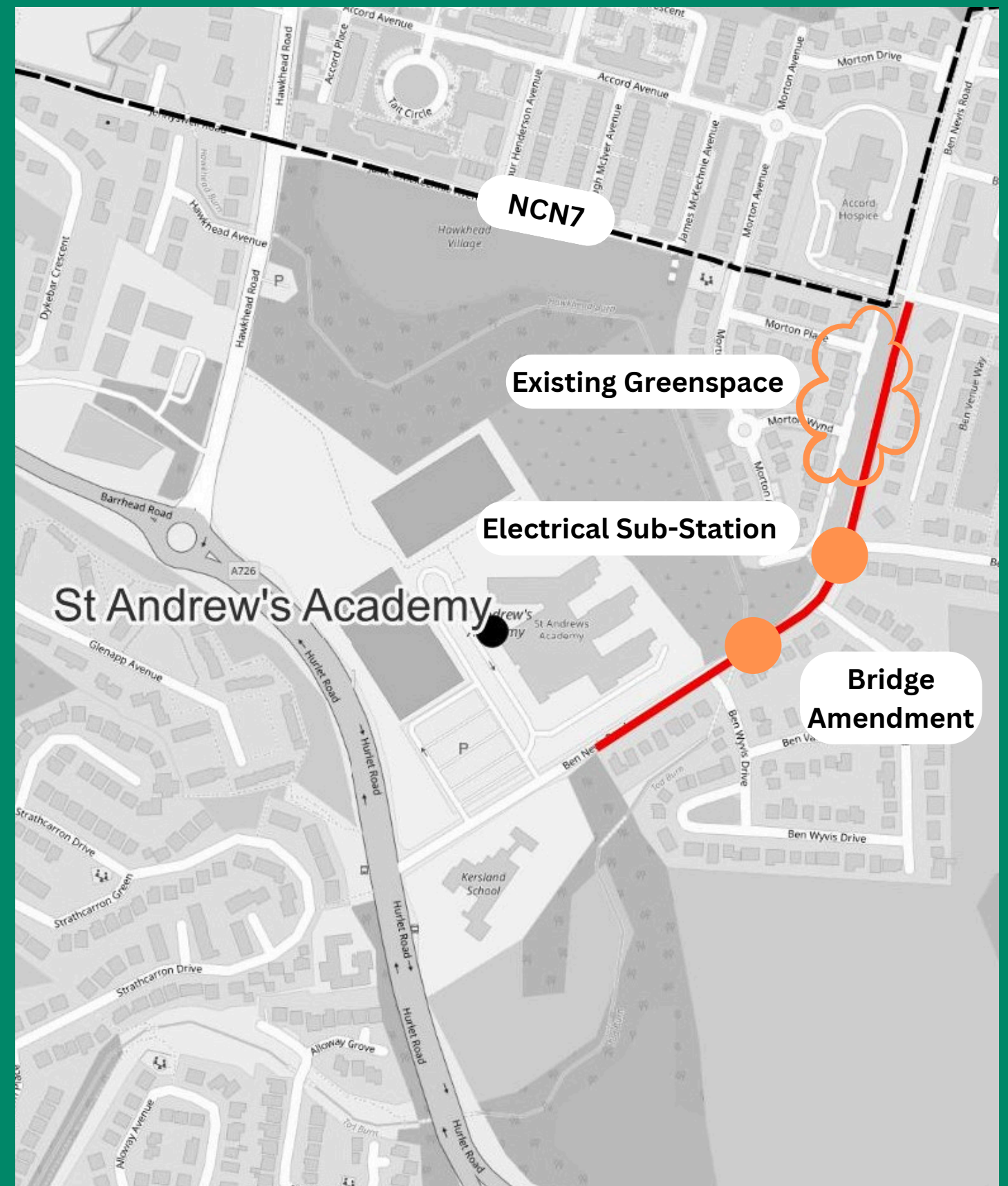
Option 1



Option 1 would provide a shared use path on Ben Nevis Road until the eastern extent of St Andrew's Academy where the route would then follow the periphery of the new development, through existing greenspace, before joining NCN7 at Arthur Henderson Drive.

A small bridge would be required to cross Hawkhead Burn.

Option 2



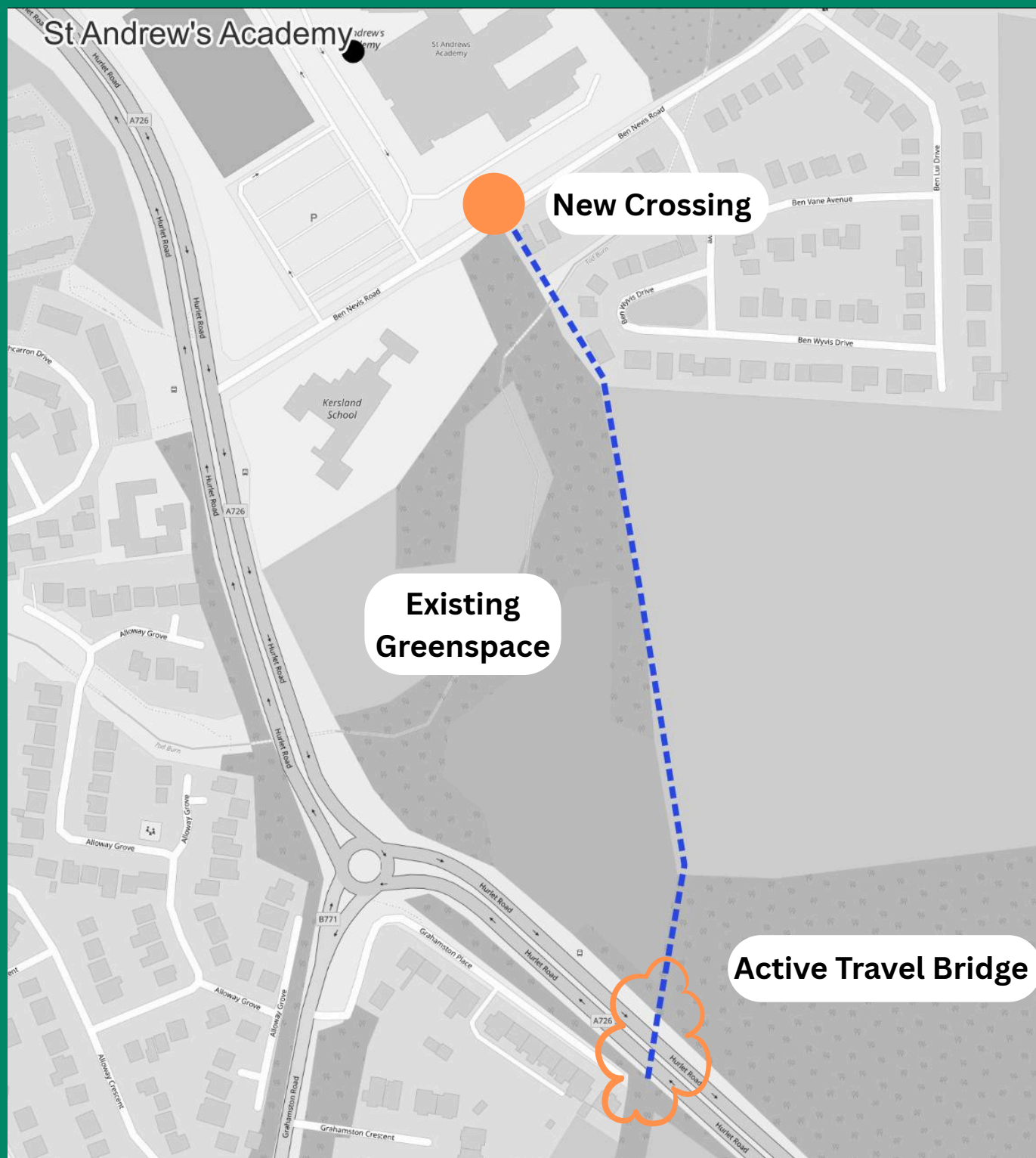
Option 2 would provide a shared use path on Ben Nevis Road, tying into NCN7 at Ben More Drive.

Amendments to existing structures may be required to support navigating Hawkhead Burn. Such as widening the footway on the existing bridge.

Hurlet Road

Two options have been identified to allow users to transition between the old railway line and Ben Nevis Road at St Andrew's Academy.

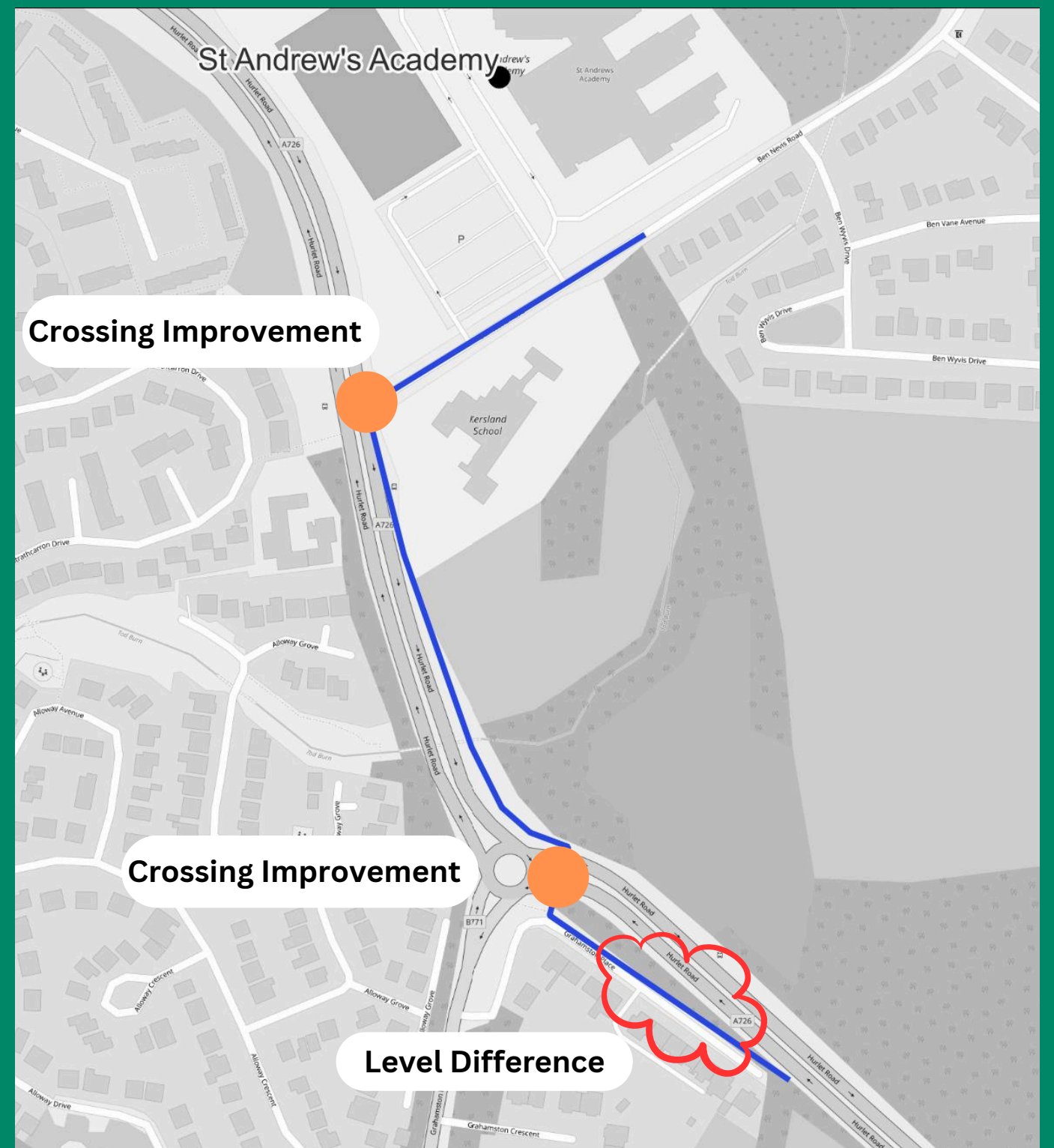
Option 1



Option 1 would provide a shared use path following the old railway alignment, supporting coherence of the route and tying into Ben Nevis Road west of Ben Wyvis Drive.

An active travel bridge over Hurlet Road would be required to be constructed.

Option 2



Option 2 would provide a shared use path adjacent to Hurlet Road and Ben Nevis Road to St Andrew's Academy.

A new crossing point over Hurlet Road and improved crossing facilities at the Ben Nevis Road junction are proposed to support active travel movements.

The level difference between the old railway line and Hurlet Road may present difficulties in ensuring the route is suitable for all user types.

Old Railway Line

The old railway line runs parallel to Grahamston Road and would provide a connection between Barrhead and the South of Paisley at Hurlet Road. This is proposed to take the form of a shared use path.



The proposed routing would support a direct connection away from the carriageway, which can be subject to high motor vehicle speeds. A connector path would form part of the proposals to allow a connection to Dykebar Hospital as well as the new development.

Vegetation would be required to be removed to facilitate construction, however, this will be done sensitively and minimised wherever possible to support the natural environment and screening of traffic noise.

Barrhead

To provide a connection between Barrhead Railway Station and Blackbyres Road, a two-way segregated cycle track on the east side of Paisley Road is proposed, continuing as a shared use path to Blackbyres Road.



This would provide a direct route with users remaining adjacent to carriageway and supporting connections for local residents and active travel access to local businesses and Cross Arthurlie Primary School.

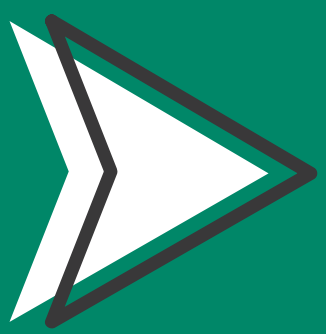
As part of these works, opportunities exist to improve the Paisley Road junction with Grahamston Road and the Grahamston Road junction with Blackbyres Road for people walking, wheeling and cycling.

What do you think?

Use the QR Code below to let us know what you think about the options via our survey.



Next Steps



Results from the consultation will be analysed and used to inform the the option appraisal.



The preferred option alignment from the appraisal will be progressed to concept design.



Renfrewshire Council will progress design work towards construction.