



NORTHERN
MIDLANDS
COUNCIL

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING # 5

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, 06 SEPTEMBER 2023

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
13 SMITH STREET, LONGFORD

1 ATTENDANCE

1.1 Members

Cr Lambert
Mr Cullimore
Mr Aalbregt
Mr Cocker
Mr Mackinnon
Mr Atkinson

1.2 Apologies

Cr McCullagh

2 DECLARATIONS OF ANY PECUNIARY INTEREST BY A MEMBER (OR CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF THE MEMBER) OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

As per the *Local Government Act 1993*, Part 5, S48A – S56, a councillor or member of a Special Committee must not participate in any discussion or vote on any matter in respect to which the councillor/member:

- a) has an interest; or
- b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

A councillor/member has an interest in a matter if the matter was decided in a particular manner, receive or have an expectation of receiving or likely to receive a pecuniary benefit or pecuniary detriment.

Local Government Act 1993, Part 5 - Pecuniary Interests

48. Declaration of pecuniary interest by councillor

(1) A councillor must not participate at any meeting of a council, council committee, special committee, controlling authority, single authority or joint authority in any discussion, nor vote on any matter, in respect of which the councillor–

- (a) has an interest; or
- (b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 20 penalty units.

(2) A councillor must declare any interest that the councillor has in a matter before any discussion on that matter commences.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 50 penalty units.

(3) On declaring that he or she has an interest, the councillor is to leave the room in which the meeting is being held.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 20 penalty units.

(4) The councillor, by notice in writing, is to advise the general manager of the details of any interest that the councillor has declared under this section within 7 days of so declaring.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 20 penalty units.

(5) The general manager is to –

- (a) ensure that the declaration of interest is recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made; and
- (b) record the details of any interest declared in the register of interests kept under section 54.

(6) In addition to any penalty imposed under this section, a court may make an order –

- (a) barring the councillor from nominating as a candidate at any election for a period not exceeding 7 years; and
- (b) dismissing the councillor from office.

48A. Declaration of pecuniary interest by member

(1) At any meeting of a special committee or controlling authority, or the board of a single authority or joint authority, a member must not participate in any discussion, or vote on any matter, in respect of which the member –

- (a) has an interest; or
- (b) is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 20 penalty units.

(2) A member must declare any interest that he or she has in a matter before any discussion on that matter commences.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 50 penalty units.

(3) On declaring an interest that he or she has, the member is to leave the room in which the meeting is being held.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 20 penalty units.

(4) A member of a special committee or controlling authority, by notice in writing, is to advise the general manager of the details of any interest that he or she has declared under this section within 7 days of that declaration.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 20 penalty units.

(5) A member of a board of a single authority or joint authority, by notice in writing, is to advise the chief executive officer of that authority of the details of any interest declared by the member under this section within 7 days of that declaration.

Penalty: Fine not exceeding 20 penalty units.

(6) The general manager or chief executive officer is to –

- (a) ensure that the declaration of interest is recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made; and
- (b) record the details of any declared interest in the register of interests kept under section 53B or 54A.

3 COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT & APPOINTMENTS

3.1 Committee Establishment

The Bicycle Advisory Committee was established as a special committee of the Northern Midlands Council on 28 June 2021 (min. ref. 212/21) pursuant to section 24 of the *Local Government Act 1993*

At the Council meeting of 16 May 2022, Minute reference 22/170, the Membership of the Committee was appointed, membership comprises:

- Health Sector Representative:
 - Marcus Burston, Perth
- Recreation Sector Representative;
 - Tony Cullimore, Longford
- Community Members representing the Cycling Community
 - Eric Aalbregt, Longford
 - Hugh Mackinnon, Longford
 - Colin Cocker, Longford
 - Sam Miller, Perth

Mr Trent Atkinson has been appointed as the Council's officer delegate to the Committee.

At the Council Meeting of the 28th November 2022 Minute reference 22/390 the following Councillors were appointed

- Councillors Lambert and McCullagh

3.2 Purpose & Roles And Responsibilities

The Terms of Reference has identified the following:

Purpose:

The Bicycle Advisory Committee ('the Committee') has been established to provide advice and recommendations on:

- Preparation of the Northern Midlands Council: Municipal Bicycle and Shared Path Plan; and
- Implementation of actions identified in the Northern Midlands Council: Municipal Bicycle and Shared Path Plan that include:
 - Planning for the development of bicycle pathways and routes which link key assets of our municipality;
 - Prioritisation of developments, ensuring changes are coordinated and reflect the needs of the community and users;
 - Improvements to the safety of users and community members accessing the bicycle pathways;
 - Opportunities to increase participation in cycling usage across the municipality.

Roles & Responsibilities

The Committee is empowered to do the following:

- Recommend development of bicycle tracks and shared pathways;
- Provide feedback regarding suggested changes or modifications to bicycle tracks and shared pathways;
- Identify and report public risk issues relevant to bicycle tracks and shared pathways;
- Consult with users and the local community so that, where possible, funding allocations and improvements reflect the needs of bicycle tracks and shared pathways users;
- Disseminate information to user groups and interested parties relevant to bicycle tracks and shared pathways.

The Committee does not have the power to commit Council to any decision or action, or to direct Council staff in their duties. The Committee may make recommendations for consideration by Council, but Council reserves the right to accept or reject recommendations from the Committee. This includes recommendations regarding the expenditure of funds allocated to the Committee, if applicable.

3.3 Meeting Schedule

In accordance with the Terms of Reference, meetings of the Committee will be held on a bi-monthly basis.

It is suggested that meetings be held at 4pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

The following schedule of dates has been identified for the remainder of the 2023 calendar year:

- 6 September 2023
- 6 December 2023

4 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Town Maps – Potential Bicycle Treatments

Decision *Mr Aalbregt /Mr Cullimore*

Bicycle Advisory Committee endorse the following maps for inclusion & consideration into the Northern Midlands Council municipal bicycle and shared path plan or strategy:

- *Potential Bicycle Treatment Routes Ross*
- *Potential Bicycle Treatment Routes Cressy*
- *Potential Bicycle Treatment Routes Evandale*
- *Potential Bicycle Treatment Routes Longford*
- *Potential Bicycle Treatment Routes Campbell Town*
- *Existing and Potential Bicycle Treatment Route Perth*
- *Potential Bicycle Connectivity for the Northern Towns Rev 2 (includes Devon Hills)*
- *Potential Bicycle Connectivity for Longford and Cressy*
- *Potential Bicycle Treatments for the Central Midlands*

With the inclusion of the following amendments:

- *Powranna Road link*
- *Brumbys creek*
- *Campbell town Macquire link*
- *Leighlands Road*
- *Nile, Clarendon & Deddington link*

Voting for the Motion:

Mr Cullimore, Mr Aalbregt, Mr Cocker, Mr Atkinson & Cr Lambert

4.2 Bicycle/shared pathways Priorities List

Decision *Mr Cullimore/Mr Cocker*

Bicycle Advisory Committee endorse the Bicycle/Shared Pathways priorities List for inclusion & consideration into the Northern Midlands Council municipal bicycle and shared path plan or strategy.

Voting for the Motion:

Mr Cullimore, Mr Aalbregt, Mr Cocker, Mr Atkinson & Cr Lambert

4.3 Municipal Bicycle and Shared Pathway Strategy (subject to Item 4.1 & 4.2 being endorsed by Committee)

Decision Mr Aalbrecht /Mr Cullimore

The Bicycle Advisory Committee has now Identified potential bicycle treatments and listed their priorities. The committee would like Council to initiate the commencement of a municipal bicycle and shared pathway strategy by Council Officers, prior to public consultation, bring the draft strategy back to the committee for comment & endorsement. Once the Strategy has been endorsed by Council, Council to allocate funding annually for implementation and seek external funding opportunities when they arise.

Voting for the Motion:

Mr Cullimore, Mr Aalbrecht, Mr Cocker, Mr Atkinson & Cr Lambert

5 Discussion Items

Longford

Bicycle pathway going East from the bridge along that part of the causeway to the main road. Plenty of surplus between the barriers and the bank for cyclist, head down under the old bridge. Floating bridge/barge to cross the river.

- Route/pathway has been identified on the Longford maps with bridge over the South Esk

Devon Hills

Inclusion of Shared pathway etc. to the Devon Hills area (have been included in the town maps under agenda item 4.1)

- A Devon Hills loop and a connection to Mill Road is included and endorsed by the Committee in the maps.
- Agenda item to be tabled at December meeting for its inclusion into the committees priorities list.
- Lots of riders come in and use the Devon Hills road currently
- No safe pathway, other than the road for families to use
- Keppoch Lodge subdivision will only increase users in this area

Mr Mackinnon entered the meeting at 4:36pm

Long Bridge, South Esk River Crossing Option

Explore this option further with Council and key Stakeholders:

- Safety
- Security
- Flooding frequency
- Length of crossing
- New loop for users/residents
- Current Timeframes/delays with existing proposal
- Eliminates proximity to TasRail infrastructure

CLOSURE & NEXT MEETING

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 4:54pm.

The next meeting to be held at the Council Chambers on 6th December at 4:00pm



ROSS

..... Potential Bicycle Treatment Route

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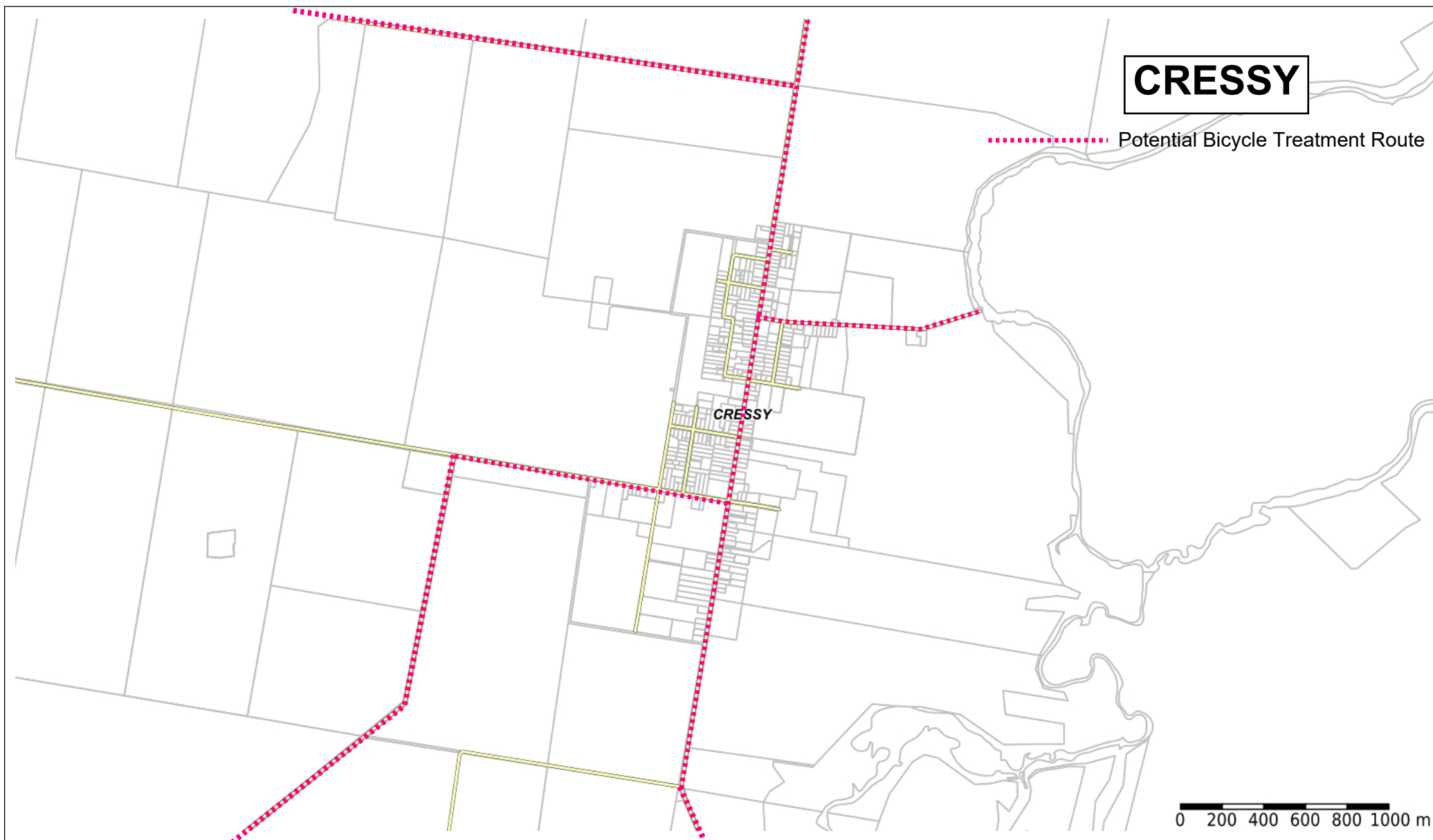
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Potential Bicycle
Treatment Routes
For Ross

15/03/2023

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CRESSY

..... Potential Bicycle Treatment Route

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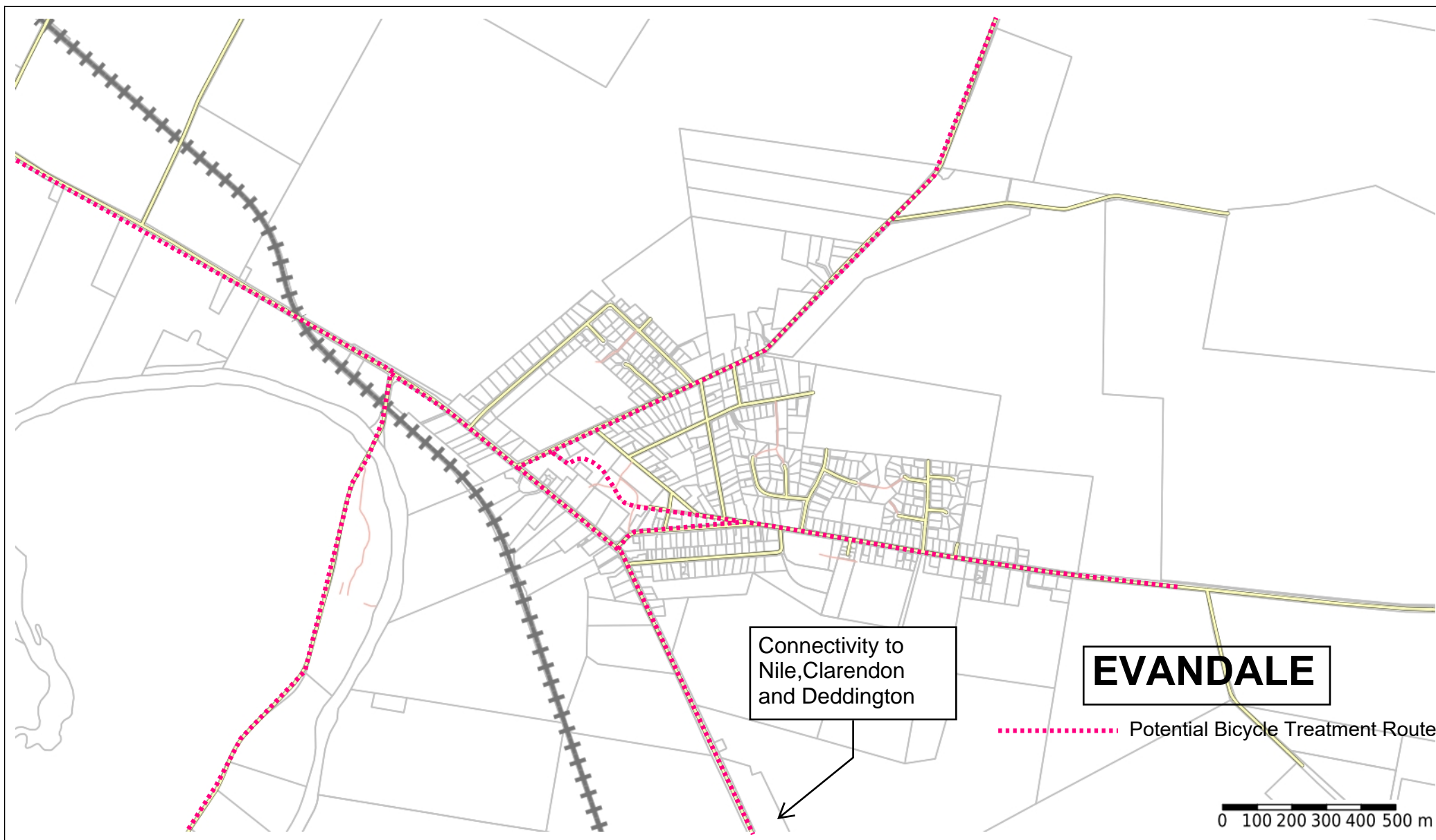
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Potential Bicycle
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For Cressy

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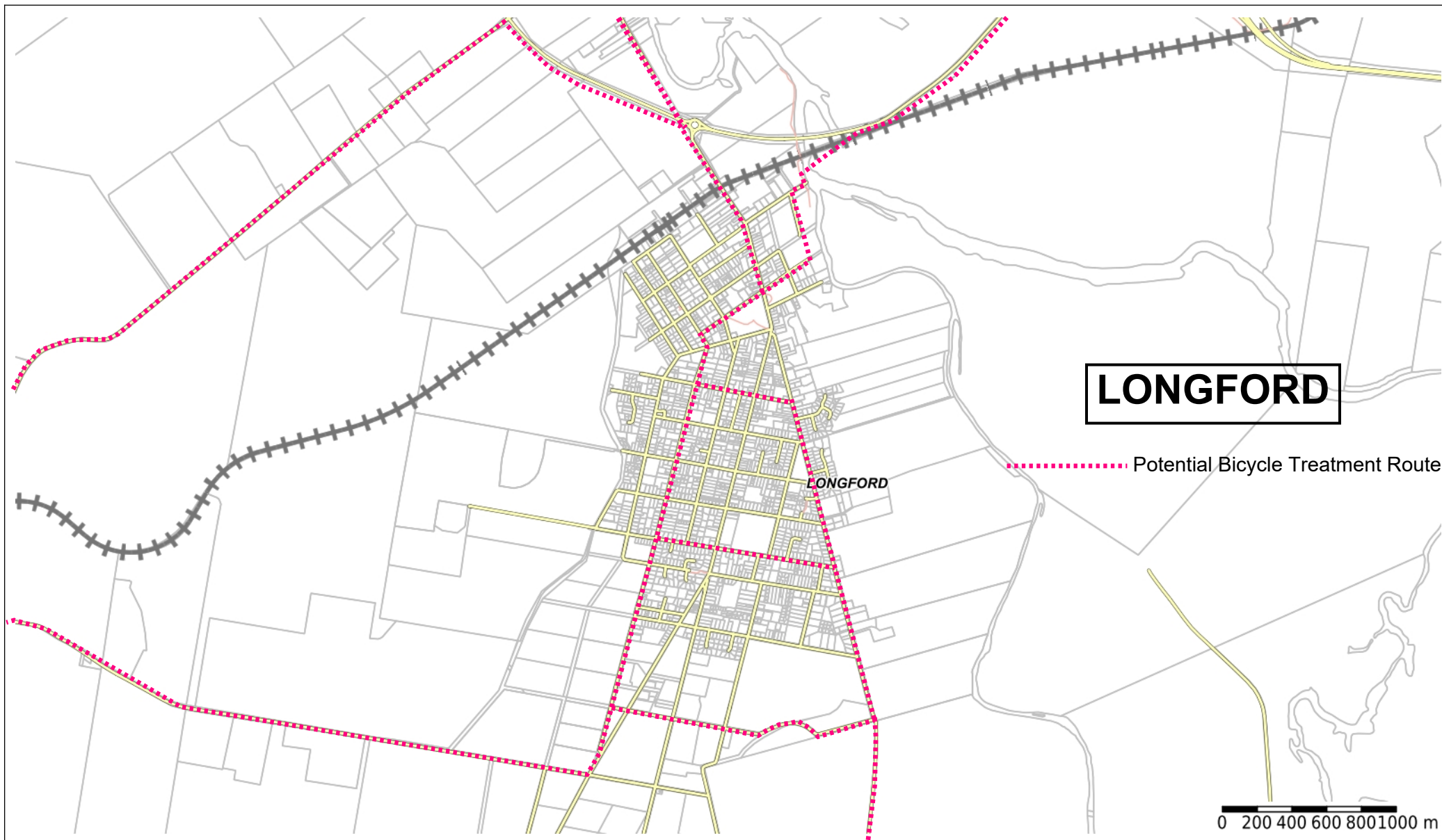
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Potential Bicycle
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For Evandale

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LONGFORD

..... Potential Bicycle Treatment Route

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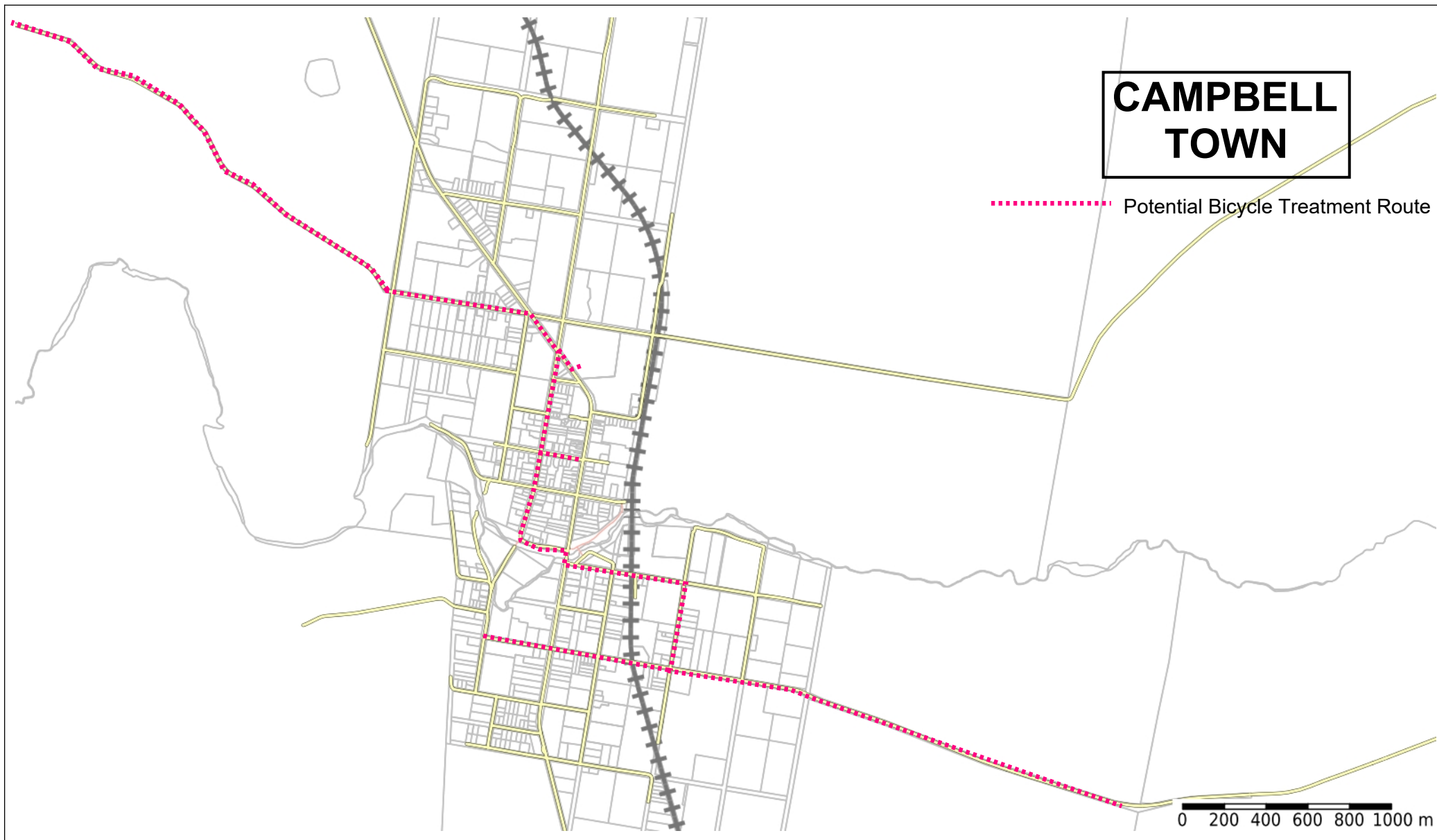
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Potential Bicycle
Treatment Routes
For Longford

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Potential Bicycle
Treatment Routes For
Campbell Town

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PERTH

- Existing Shared Path
- Potential Bicycle Treatment Route



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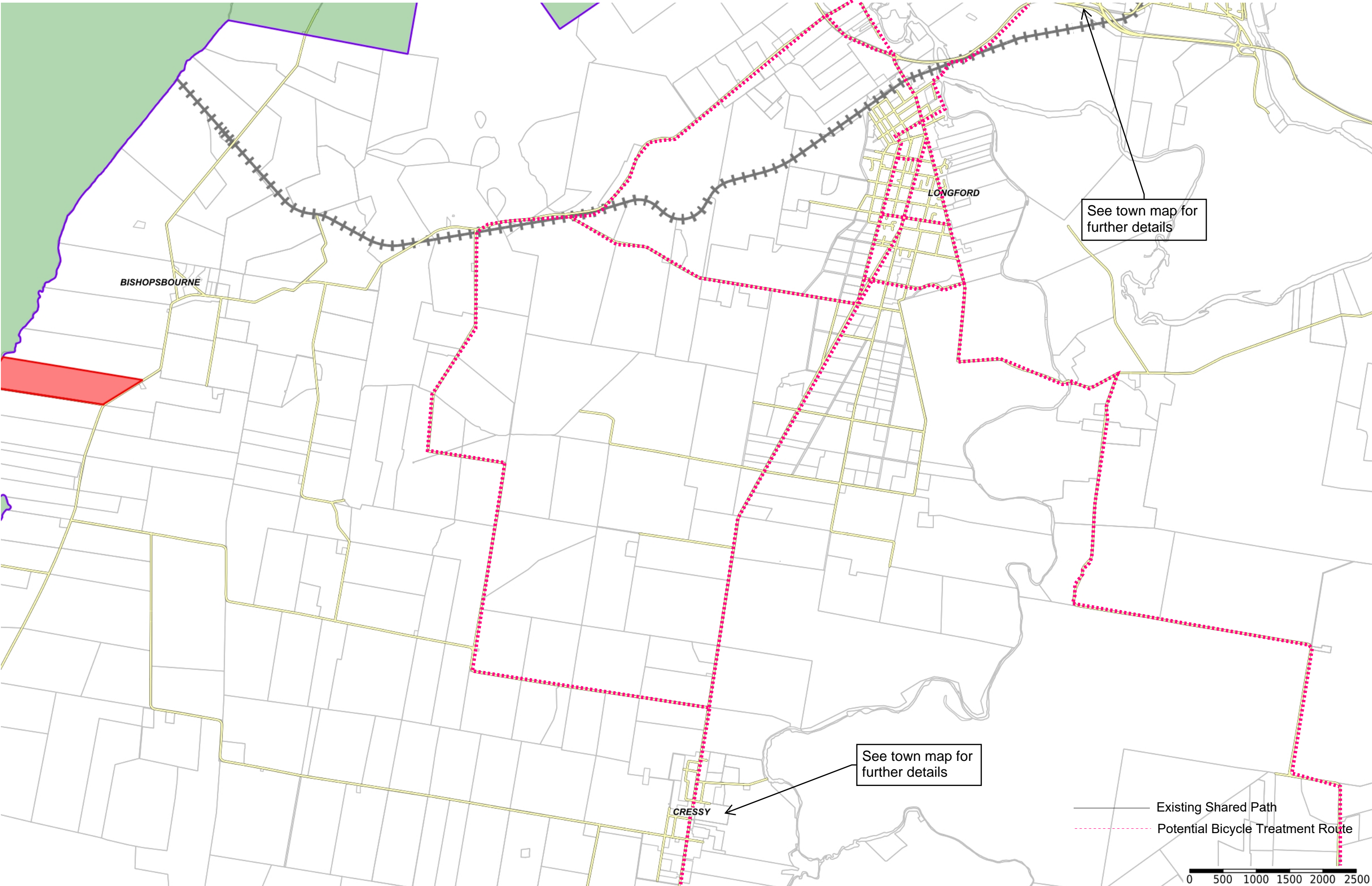
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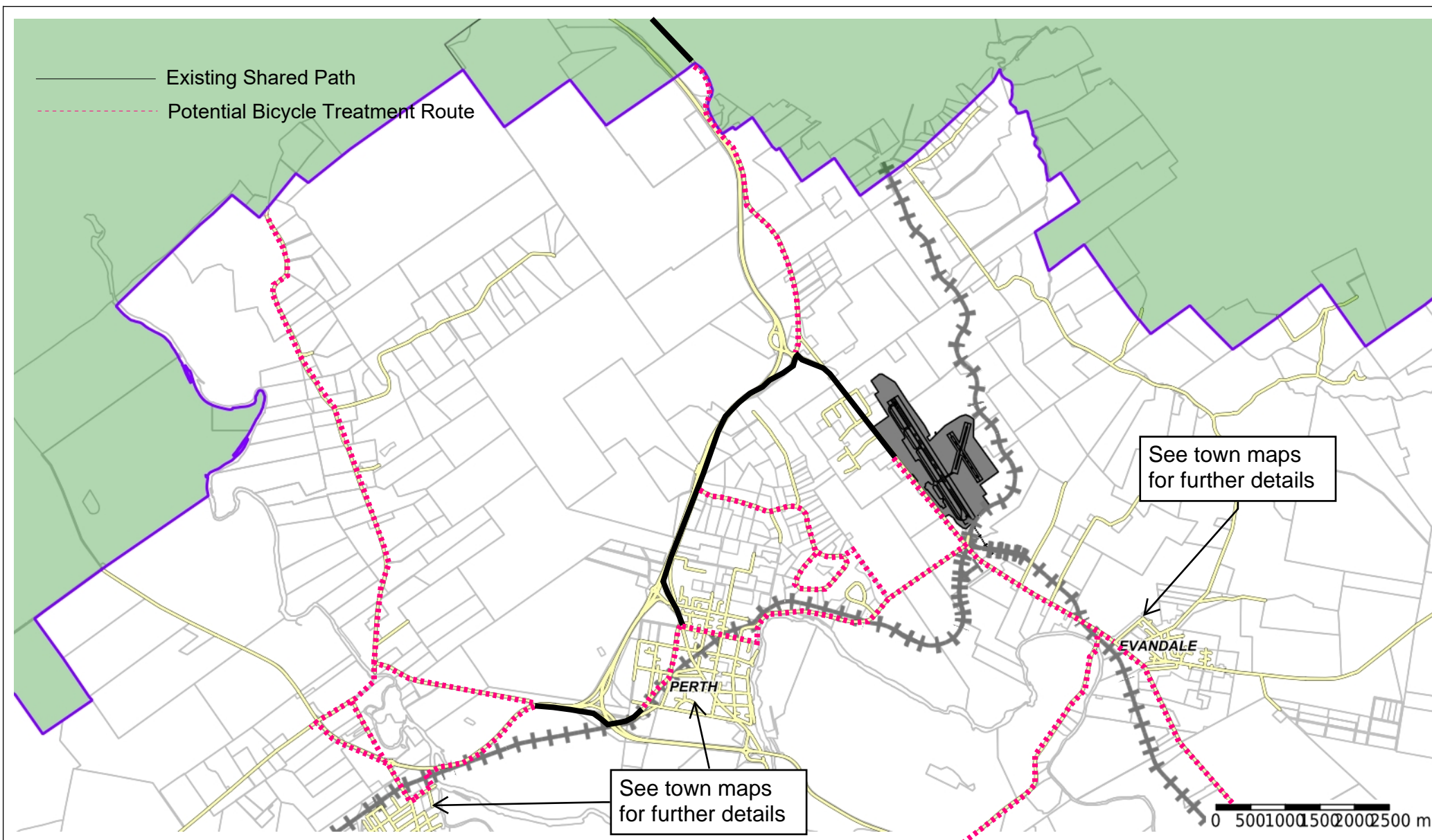
Existing and
Potential Bicycle
Treatment Routes
For Perth

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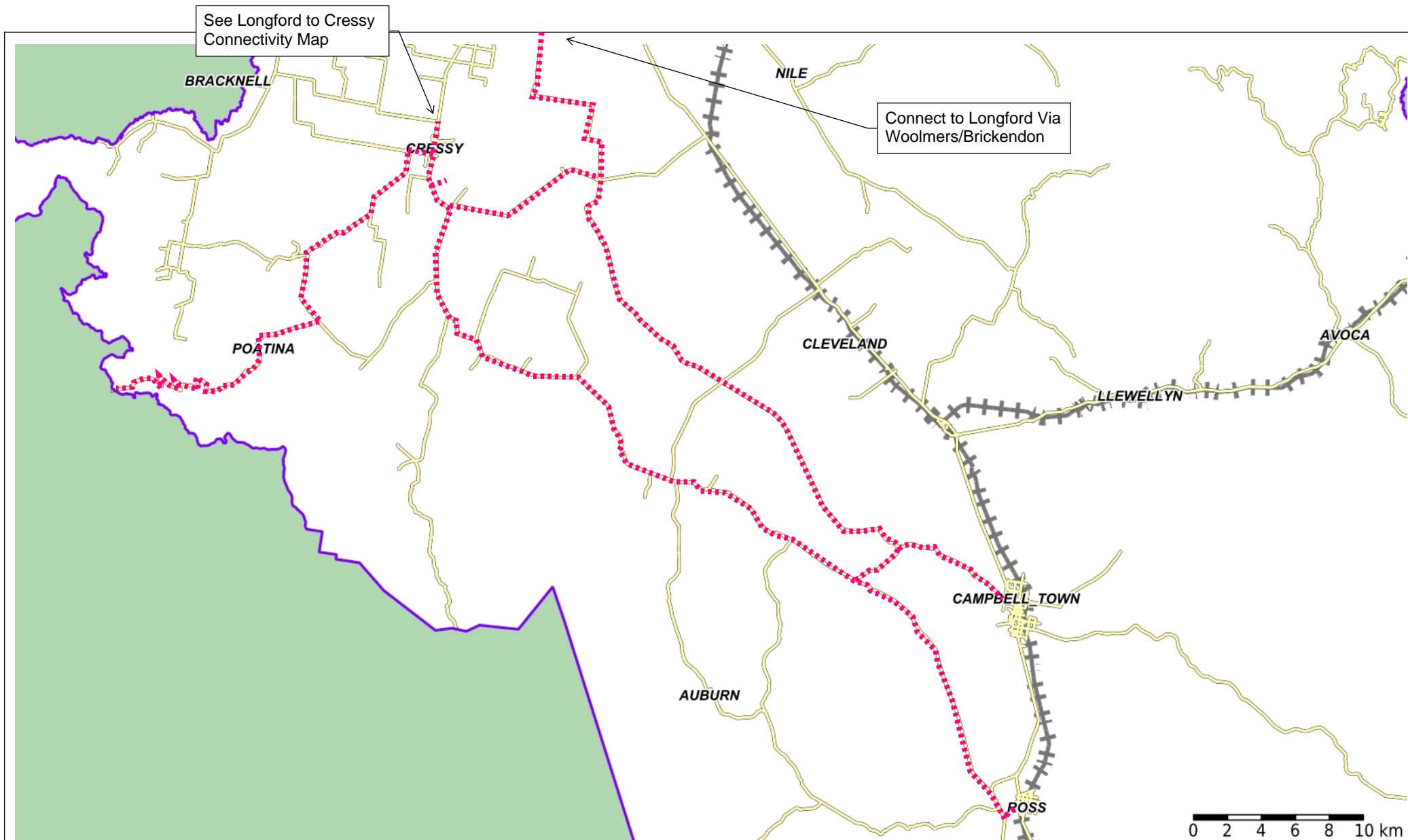
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Potential Connectivity Map For The Northern Towns

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Potential Bicycle Treatments for the Central Midlands

6/09/2023

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Bicycle/Shared Pathways Priorities List

Location:	Rank
Hobart Road To Breadalbane	1
Pateena Road to Longford, Including South Esk Crossing	2
Breadalbane to Perth (tidy up Haggerston Road)	3
Pateena Road to Bishopsbourne Road over South Esk at Long bridge	4
In and around Perth	5
In and around Longford	6
Airport to Evandale	7
Pateena Road to Launceston	8
Perth to Evandale	9
Longford to Cressy	10
In and around Evandale	10
In and Around Campbell Town	11
In and around Cressy	12
In and around Ross	13