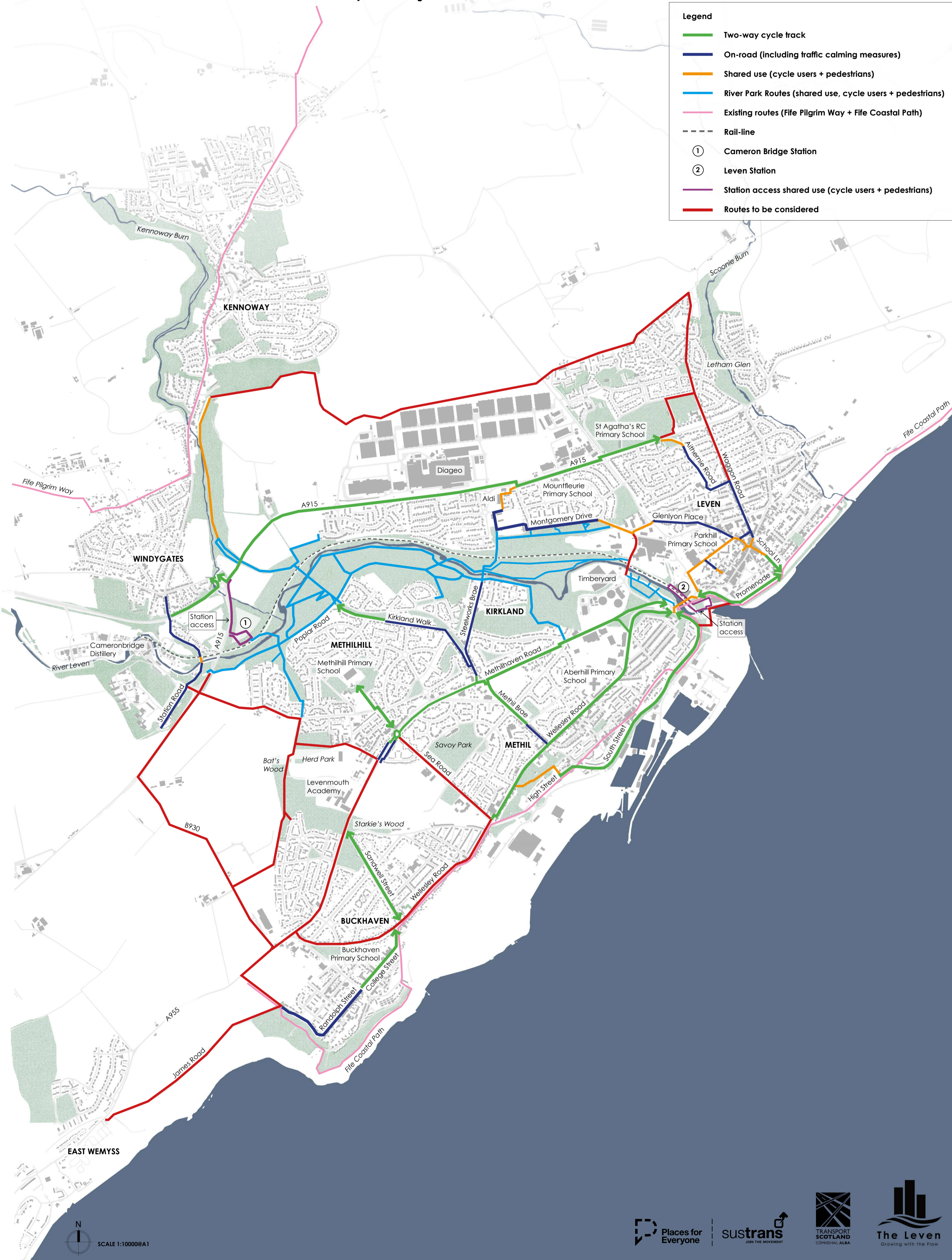


LEVENMOUTH ACTIVE TRAVEL NETWORK

Levenmouth Connectivity Project



OVERVIEW

The River Park Routes are part of the wider Levenmouth Connectivity Project (see plan left) which is funded by Sustrans Scotland and Transport Scotland through the Places for Everyone programme. Places for Everyone aims to create **safer, more attractive, healthier, and inclusive places** by increasing and diversifying the number of trips made by walking, wheeling, or cycling for everyday journeys.



The River Park Routes provide **off-road active travel links** within the River Leven valley, designed for **shared use by walkers, wheelers and cycle users**.



The network is formed of approximately **11km** of which **Primary paths** will be between 3.5m-4m wide and **Secondary paths** which will be 3m wide.

The visualisation above provides an indicative illustration of how the 4m wide proposed Primary route would fit in between the existing tree avenue adjacent to Poplar Road in Methilhill.

In addition to upgrading existing paths within the river valley, the River Park Routes will also link:



- to the wider **Levenmouth on-road active travel network**
- to and from **Leven town centre**
- to and from the **new rail stations**
- across the river and rail to **better connect communities** on either side.

Rail and river bridge crossings are indicated on the River Park Routes plan, as well as key existing pedestrian routes Fife Pilgrim Way and Fife Coastal Path.



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The River Park Routes path network will provide improvements, including:

The visualisation above provides an indicative illustration of how the 3m wide proposed Secondary route would fit in between the housing to the east of Steelworks Brae in Kirkland and the edge of the existing riverbank.

- The upgrading of existing paths and desire lines into a **new active travel network of approximately 11km** within the river valley
- The provision of paths that are **accessible to all** in accordance with Sustrans Cycling by Design Guidance 2021
- New **lighting** alongside the path network to **improve visibility and safety**
- New **benches and seating** at regular intervals to provide rest areas alongside the path network
- Natural play opportunities** alongside the path network, such as large tree trunks, boulders and earth mounds
- New **native tree, shrub, hedgerow and wildflower planting** to reinforce woodlands, create a continuous pollinator corridor and **improve biodiversity**
- The integration of sustainable urban drainage systems (Suds) to **improve water drainage** as part of the path network
- A new **river crossing (see left) and public space** at the Burn Mill Garden with associated public realm improvements such as **seating, lighting, heritage features and a bird hide/shelter**



YOUR FEEDBACK IS VALUED



We would like to hear your views on the proposals and have put together a short consultation survey with a series of questions which cover the River Park Routes network and the proposed improvements listed above. Please use the QR code provided to access the survey.