



# Core Paths in Glasgow:

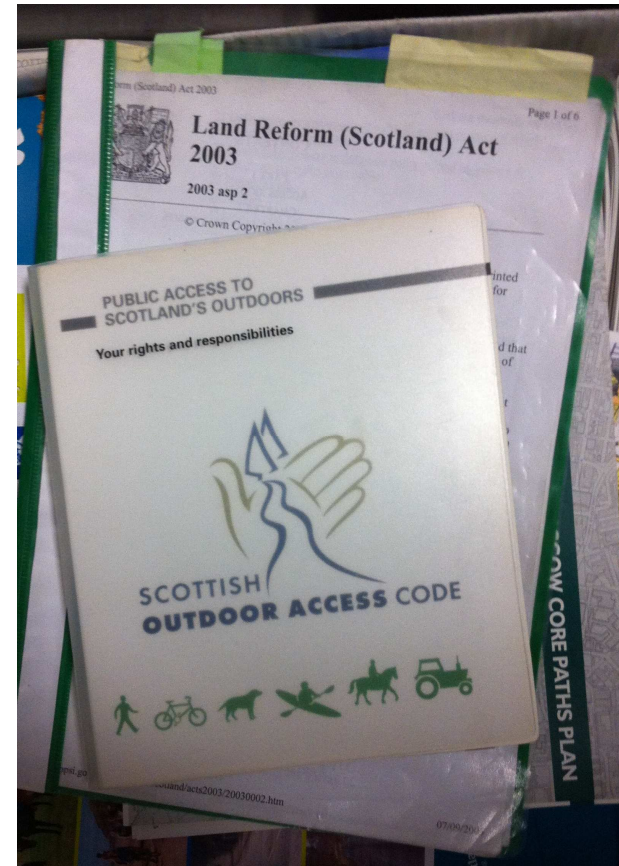
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...the whys and wherefores

**Go Bike meeting 12.3.14**

# Legislative Framework

- Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003
  - General right of responsible access
  - Core Paths Plan
- Scottish Outdoor Access Code (statutory guidance)





## Core Paths Plan

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- Statutory duty to develop '*...a plan for a system of paths ("core paths") sufficient for the purpose of giving the public reasonable access throughout their area.*'
- A power, but not a duty, to maintain core paths
- Glasgow's Core Paths Plan was adopted by the Council in April 2012.



## Core Paths Planning – the process

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- 1<sup>st</sup> draft based on in-house knowledge and access forum input > identifying key routes > informal consultation
- 2<sup>nd</sup> draft > statutory consultation
- Consider comments and resolve objections
- Amend and adopt plan



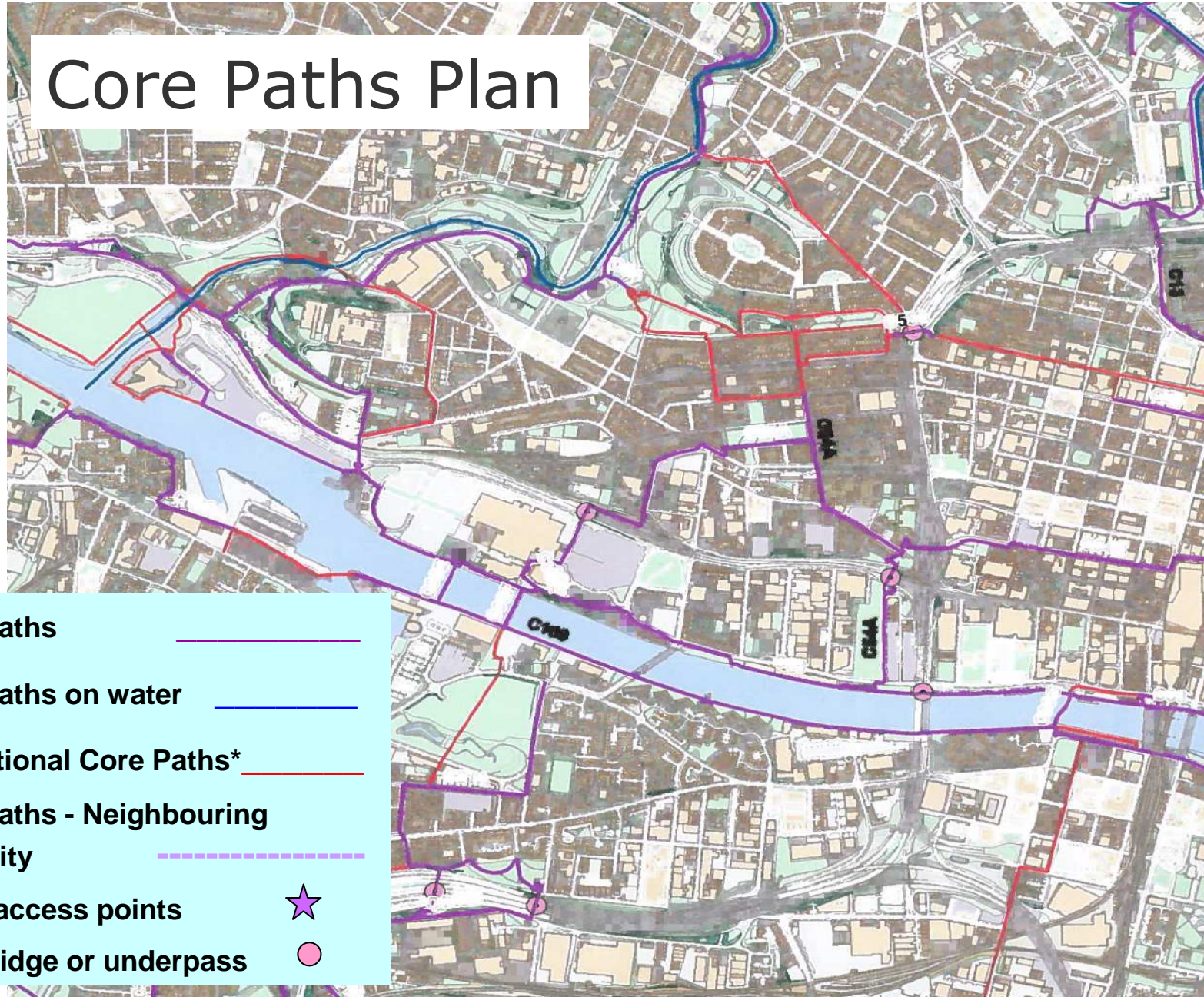
## Future changes to the Plan

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- Adding core paths = review with full consultation (LDP cycle)
- Changing or removing core paths = local review with relevant consultation
- Diversion and stopping-up in relation to a planning application
- Temporary closures of core paths: section 11 order; H&S and/or site management (N.B. Commonwealth Games – Glasgow 2014)



# Core Paths Plan



**Core Paths** \_\_\_\_\_

**Core Paths on water** \_\_\_\_\_

**Aspirational Core Paths\*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Core Paths - Neighbouring Authority** \_\_\_\_\_

**Water access points** ★

**Overbridge or underpass** ●



# Core Paths - characteristics

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## What is a core path?

- Appears on Core Paths Plan
- No defined specification (can be any width, gradient or surface, incl. water)
- May, or may not, also be a right of way
- Can be used by all non-motorised users provided they take access responsibly
- 24 hour access\*
- Not necessarily suitable for all users



# Core Paths Plan – role in Glasgow

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- Mainly a planning tool
  - Enables forward planning by highlighting gaps in network
  - designation provides some 'protection' in planning decisions
- Assists with prioritisation of resources
- 'Raw material' for network promotion (leaflets, maps)





## Core Paths Plan – role within the planning framework

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- Supporting document to Local Development Plan – will be ‘supplementary guidance’ in future
- Supports various policies (incl. placemaking, connectivity, health, green network, etc)
- Core paths are a material consideration in planning decisions



## Core Paths & Cycling

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- Cyclists can use core paths , provided it is safe & responsible to do so (see Outdoor Access Code)
- Core paths on roads: cycling on the footway is authorised by default – but responsibility clause still applies
- ‘Horses for courses’ – e.g. footway more suitable for young and/or inexperienced riders: common sense approach.

\*incls. mobility scooters, etc



# Some Core Paths in Glasgow





## Core Paths Plan – info.

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- Online – public website:  
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- Sue Hilder, Outdoor Access Officer:  
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