**Anstruther to Pittenweem Path Survey**

**Route analysis**

Comparison showing detailed differences between the two routes based upon our research to date.

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|  | A917 Route | Core Path 246 Route |
| Strengths | This route is advanced in design and land negotiation.  High profile route, clearly visible from main road.  Fife Council has agreed to maintain this route.  Community funding raised by ACC for this route.  Good personal security due to proximity of Pittenweem Road traffic.  Shortest route for entry to the centre of Anstruther for daily work and business.  Links to the access road of the proposed distillery visitor centre and to Reaper Lane form part of their planning approvals.  This route was supported by a previous Anstruther public consultation in 2015 | Off-road track, avoiding traffic noise and pollution.  Direct connection across established core path.  Follows the route that walkers and cyclists would normally take to the Waid Academy and the Co-op.  Could consider using upgraded hardcore path rather than needing tarmac.  Connects to the Rum Distillery at Milton Muir Farmhouse - if constructed will provide tarmac road along part of core path, useful visitors stop with café and toilet and some external lighting for this section  PCC eager to raise matching funding for the route |
| Weaknesses | Alongside busy main road.  Noise and air pollution from traffic.  Vehicle lights at night may be glaring to path users.  Path has exits at Spindrift and Milton Road onto main road. | More remote from A917 that not everyone might feel safe with.  May require to be widened and strengthened at points to allow agricultural machinery to cross/use the route for access.  Less advanced in terms of land negotiation but in principle landowners have no objection to this route being upgraded  Fife Council have not yet agreed to maintain this route, but are committed to listening to what route local people want |
| Opportunities | Much of the path could be incorporated into the existing maintenance protocols for Pittenweem Road by Fife Council.  Traffic calming measures and crossings will be introduced on the A917 approaches to both communities, thereby delivering a safer experience. | Improves the surface of an existing core path.  Maintenance access via half mile core path (261).  Traffic calming measures and crossings will be introduced at spur junctions with the A917 in Pittenweem, thereby delivering a safer experience. |
| Threats | Nil. | Nil |