

**AGENDA ITEM 5  
REPORT NO. LA/3/19**

**HIGHLAND COUNCIL**

**Committee:** Lochaber Area Committee

**Date:** 23 January 2019

**Report Title:** West Highland and Islands Amended Core Paths Plan,  
Lochaber Area

**Report By:** Director of Development & Infrastructure

**1. Purpose/Executive Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present a Draft Amended Core Paths Plan for the Lochaber area.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members are asked to approve the Lochaber area of the West Highland and Islands Amended Core Path Plan to be published for formal consultation

### 3 Introduction

- 3.1 The development of the existing Core Paths Plan was part of The Highland Council's duties provided by the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003 (LR(S)A 2003). The existing plan was adopted by the full Council in September 2011 after the plan had been through the statutory consultation process and a Public Local Inquiry (PLI).
- 3.2 The review and amendment of the Core Path Plan is to be undertaken by the local authority when considered appropriate. The review for the West Highlands and Islands area commenced in 2016.
- 3.3 The review aims to consider:-
- paths that have been built, or will soon be built, since the first Core Path Plan;
  - routes suggested through public consultation;
  - the recommendations of the Public Local Inquiry report on The Highland Council's first Core Path Plan to include more long distance, strategic routes;
  - where there might otherwise be gaps in the sufficiency of the Core Path network; and
  - the removal of routes or sections or routes that have disappeared, become overgrown and where better alternatives are available
- 3.4 The list of candidate core paths and changes to core paths ( the Amendments) for Lochaber has been approved by the Lochaber Local Access Forum
- 3.5 The formal consultation period for an amended core paths plan is 12 weeks after which, subject to no outstanding objections, the amended core paths plan can be submitted to Environment, Development and Infrastructure (EDI) Committee for adoption. If any objection is made and not withdrawn, the Plan must not be adopted unless directed by Scottish Ministers, who may call a public local inquiry. The consultation is on the Amendments only, not existing core paths.

### 4. The Amended Core Paths Plan

- 4.1 The West Highland and Islands Amended Core Path Plan is a series of maps showing where Amendments are proposed. The Plan for the Lochaber area is attached to this report as **Appendix 1**.

Each map has been presented at a scale to show clarity, although this may be an irregular scale and inconsistent. For the consultation there will be greater consistency in scales used and in presentation.

The existing Core Path Plan can be viewed on the Highland Council website at [https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/379/countryside\\_facilities\\_and\\_wildlife/161/outdoor\\_access/4](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/379/countryside_facilities_and_wildlife/161/outdoor_access/4) .

There are no associated policies or implementation timescales.

- 4.2 The Highland Council has a duty, under the Land Reform (Scotland) Act to notify owners and occupiers of land where a core path is proposed for the first time.
- 4.3 Any objections received during the formal consultation will, after having been assessed as

competent, be addressed directly by officers to try and resolve the reasons for the objection. Any further changes as a result may require further consultation as a Modified Amended Core paths Plan.

- 4.4 After the formal consultation and a period of time to resolve objections, the Amended (or Modified) Core Paths Plan will be put to the Environment, Development and Infrastructure (EDI) Committee for approval to adopt (where there are no objections) or approval to submit to Scottish Ministers (where there are outstanding objections).

## **5. Implications**

- 5.1 Resource – Advertisement of the formal consultation, notifying landowners, adoption notice and publication of the amended core paths plan are statutory duties and will incur costs and staff resource to the Council. Further implementation of the core paths plan is discretionary.
- 5.2 Legal - The Highland Council has a statutory duty to produce a core paths plan sufficient for the purpose of giving the public reasonable access throughout their area. The Plan must be reviewed and amended at such times as appropriate, a period of between 5 and 10 years is deemed appropriate.
- 5.3 Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural) - Improvement and promotion of Core Paths increases community connectivity, encourages healthy lifestyles and are available to all users equally.
- 5.4 Climate Change/Carbon Clever - Improvement and promotion of Core Paths can contribute to reduced car usage.
- 5.5 Risk – Risk to The Highland Council is minimal, Scottish Ministers will decide whether to direct the Council to adopt the plan where there are outstanding objections or they may cause a Public Local Inquiry to be called at their cost. The existing Core Paths Plan remains in place and used to promote and protect the public's access rights.
- 5.6 Gaelic - Where installed, signs to direct users to core paths will be bilingual subject to consultation with Community Councils.

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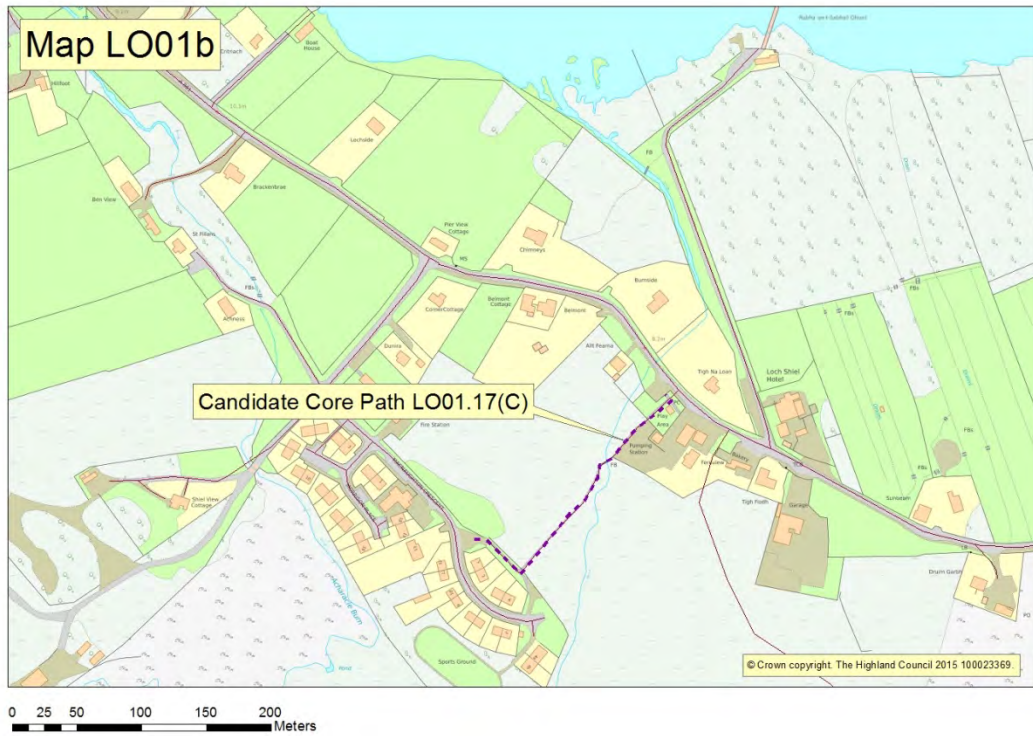
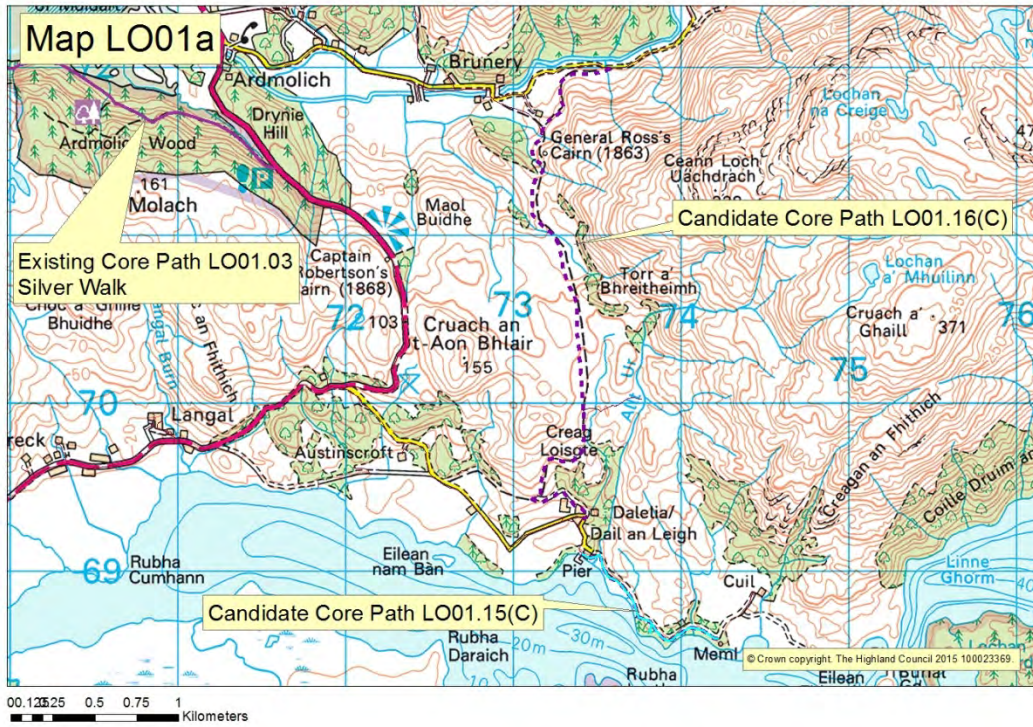
## Appendix 1 Overview of amendments proposed for Lochaber Core Paths Plan

Map ref. no.	Path ref. no. and name	Length	Description	Community Council
LO01a	LO01.15(C) Dalelia Shore Walk	1.2km	Track	Acharacle
LO01a	LO01.16(C) Glen Moidart to Dalelia	3.7km	Hill Track	Acharacle
LO01b	LO01.17(C) Acharacle Village Link Path	250m	Aggregate Path	Acharacle
LO01c	LO01.18(C) Sailean nan Cuileag (The Bay of Flies)	630m	Aggregate Path	Acharacle
LO04	LO04.05(C) Arisaig to Druimindarroch	2.4km	Track	Arisaig
LO05a	LO05.10 New path to memorial.	50m	Aggregate path	Ballachulish
LO05b	LO05.12 Ballachulish to Duror Public Right of way	9km	Beaten earth and forest roads	Ballachulish; Duror and Kentallen
LO05c	LO05.13 Glen Salachan to Duror Cemetery	2.2km	Bitmac cyclceway	Duror and Kentallen
LO05d	LO05.14 Caledonia Way NCN78		Various	Duror & Kentallen, Ballachulish, Nether Lochaber, Fort William, Caol, Kilmallie, Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry
LO07a	LO07.35 Montrose Avenue to A82	250m	Beaten earth path	Fort William
LO07b	LO07.36 Perth Place to Peat Road	150m	Beaten Earth	Fort William
LO07c	LO07.37 Achriabhach and Polldubh to Youth Hostel Bridge	4.3km	Beaten Earth	Fort William
LO07d	LO07.38 A82 to Lundavra Road via Charles Kennedy Building	150m	Bitmac path	Fort William
LO07e	LO07.53 A82 to Lairig via Puggy Line	16km	Beaten Earth and Forest Roads	Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry
LO07f	LO07.39 Ben Nevis Tourist Path	7km	Hill Path	Fort William

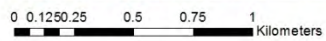
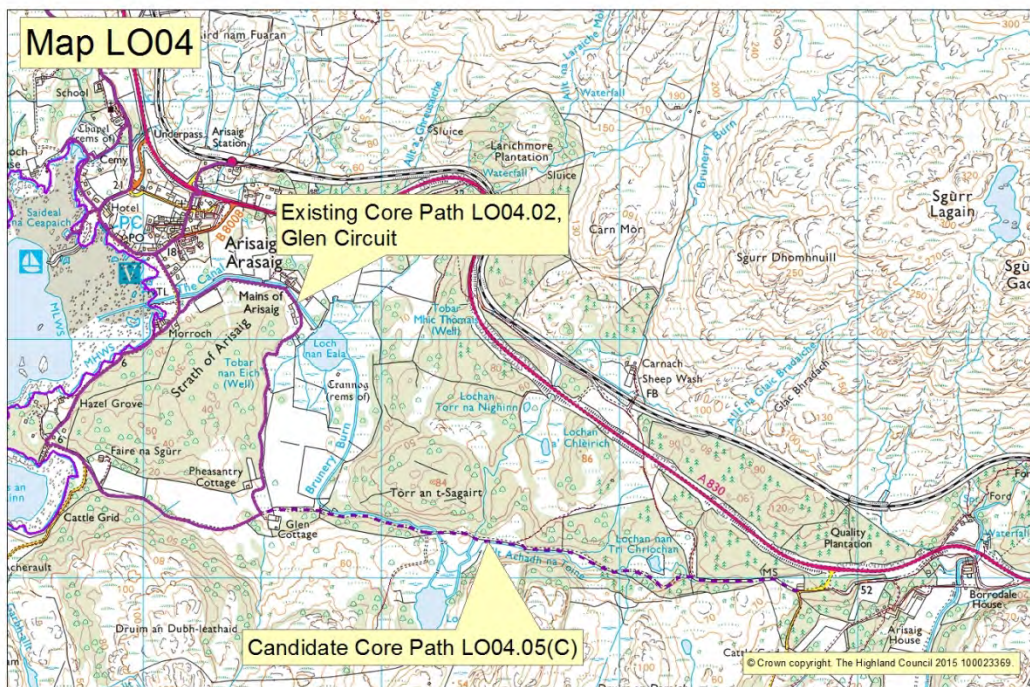
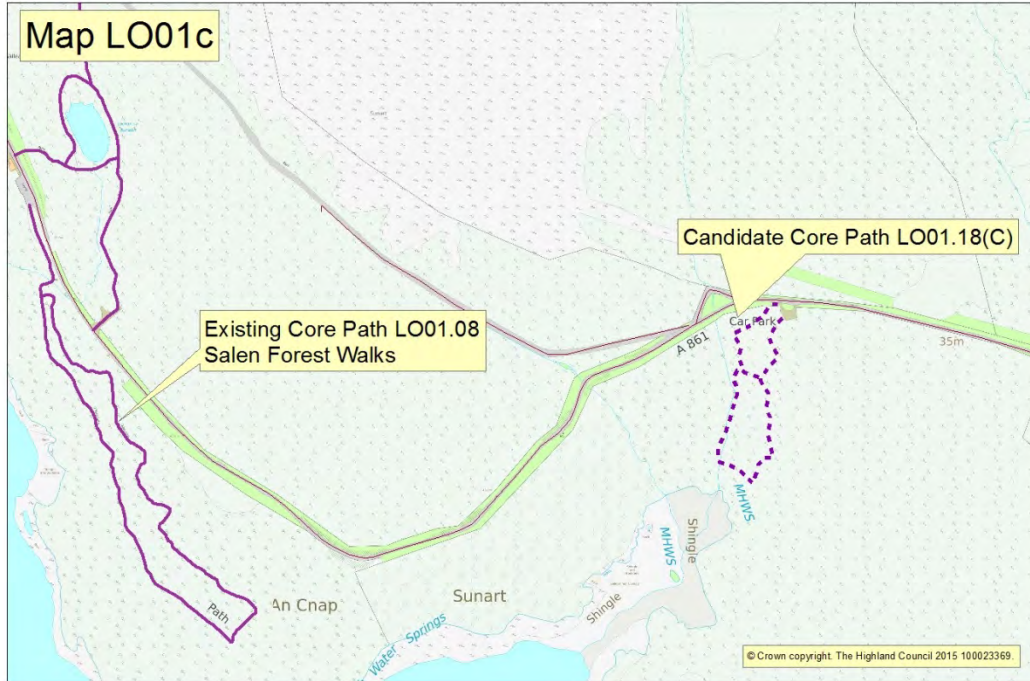
LO07g	LO07.40 Glen Nevis to Steall Meadows	2.6km	Hill Path	Fort William
LO07h	LO07.41 Allt a Mhuilinn path	4km	Hill Path	Fort William
LO07i	LO07.01 Braveheart Car Park All Abilities Path	1km	Aggregate Path	Fort William
LO07j	LO07.43 Glen Nevis Visitor Centre to Youth Hostel Bridge	1.5km	Aggregate Path	Fort William
LO07k	LO07.44 Caledonian Canal	12.5km	Canal	Kilmallie
LO07l	LO07.45 Tomacharich to Highbridge	8km	Beaten Earth	Inverlochty & Torlundy, Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry
LO07m	LO07.48 West Highland Way to Dun Deardil	600m	Aggregate Path	Fort William
LO07n	LO07.49 A82 to Puggy Line by Distillery	1.2km	Beaten Earth	Inverlochty & Torlundy
LO07o	LO07.50 Errocht to Inverskillavulin	1.2km	Beaten Earth	Kilmallie
LO07p	LO07.51 River Ness-side Substation to Glen Nevis Visitor Centre	1.4km	Beaten Earth	Fort William
LO07q	LO07.52 West Highland Way	37km	Various	Fort William, Kinlochleven, Glencoe & Glen Etive
LO08	LO08.01(C) Arivegaig to Borrodale/Laga	13km	Hill Path/Track	West Ardnamurchan & Acharacle
LO09a	LO09.12 Kingshouse to Rannoch Station	7.5km	Track	Glencoe & Glen Etive
LO09b	LO09.13 Buchaille Etive Beag circuit	12km	Beaten Earth/Aggregate Path	Glencoe & Glen Etive
LO09c	LO09.09 Glencoe Orbital as built and planned	6km	Aggregate Path	Glencoe & Glen Etive
LO10a	LO10.08(C) Callop to Inverscaddle Bay	25km	Track/Hill Path	Glenfinnan/Ardgour
LO10b	LO10.09(C) Glenfinnan to Polloch	20km	Forest Road	Glenfinnan/Sunart
LO12a	LO12.01 Kilchoan Shore Paths (Remove)	0.75km	Do not exist	West Ardnamurchan
LO12b	LO12.08(C) Sanna Path Network Link	900m	Aggregate Path	West Ardnamurchan
LO14a	LO14.01 Extend Ciaran	5km	Hill Path	Kinlochleven

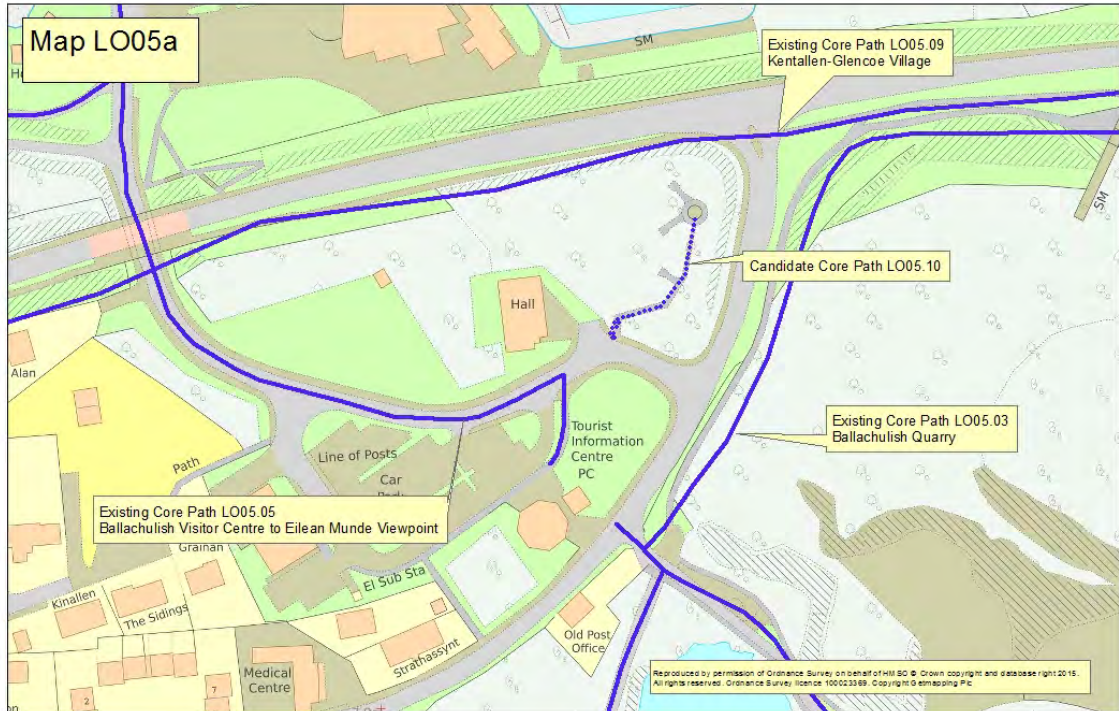
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LO14b	LO14.12 Kinlochleven to Corriechoille	30km	Tracks and Hill Paths	Kinlochleven, Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry
LO14c	LO14.13 Callert to Lairgmore	5.5km	Hill Path	Kinlochleven
LO15	LO15.02 Knoydart Forest Network (Remove section)	171m	Curtilage of Sawmill	Mallaig
LO15	LO15.05(C) Forest Network Link to Village	200m	Aggregate Path	Mallaig
LO16a	LO16.03 Struthan Circuit (Remove section)	700m	Overgrown/does not exist	Morvern
LO16a	LO16.13(C) Struthan to Savary	5km	Forest Track	Morvern
LO16b	LO16.16(C) Laudale to Glencripesdale	24km	Hill/Coastal Track	Morvern/Sunart
LO17a	LO17.01(C) Addition to Mallaig Circular	200m	Aggregate Path	Mallaig
LO17b	LO17.05(C) Mallaig to Loch an Nostarie	2.1km	Hill Path/ Beaten Earth	Mallaig
LO21a	LO21.04 Corriechoille to Corrou Station	22km	Various	Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry
LO21b	LO21.05 Corrou Station to Loch Eigheach	9km	Track	Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry
LO21c	LO21.06 Glen Roy to Melgarve via Brae Roy	18km	Various	Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry, Laggan
LO21d	LO21.07 Roughburn to Cairn at Tom Mor	8km	Hill Path	Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry
LO22a	LO22.04(C) Glamisdale Circuit, Eigg	3.2km	Track	Small Isles
LO22a	LO22.07(C) An Sgurr, Eigg	2.7km	Hill Path	Small Isles
LO22b	LO22.05(C) Glamisdale Circuit, Eigg	5.7km	Forest Track/Beaten Earth	Small Isles
LO22b	LO22.06(C) Camus Sgiotaig (Singing Sands), Eigg	1 km	Beaten Earth	Small Isles
LO22c	LO22.08(C) Kinloch to Kilmory, Rum	4.6km (from Harris Junction)	Track	Small Isles
LO22c	LO22.09(C) Kinloch to	9.6km	Track	Small Isles

	Harris, Rum			
LO22d	LO22.10(C) Coire Dubh, Rum	1.8km	Built Hill Path	Small Isles
LO23a	LO23.07 Extend network of paths in Leanachan Forest		Tracks	Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry
LO23b	LO23.08 Corriechoille to Glen Nevis	16km	Beaten Earth	Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge and Achnacarry, Fort William
LO24a	LO24.09(C) Arderly Forest Walks	1.1km	Forest Track	Sunart
LO24b	LO24.10(C) Loch Doilet	3.5km	Forest Track	Sunart
LO24b	LO24.11(C) Loch Doilet to Scotstown	6.3km	Forest Track/Hill Path	Sunart
BS04a	BS04.01 Dalwhinnie to Ben Alder Cottage	20km	Various	Dalwhinnie, Laggan
BS04b	BS04.03 Loch Pattack to Tor nan Damh	10km	Track	Laggan
BS04c	BS04.02 Access to Caochan Woods	2km	Track	Laggan
BS09a	BS09.01 Corrieyairack Pass	25km	Track	Laggan, Fort Augustus and Glenmoriston

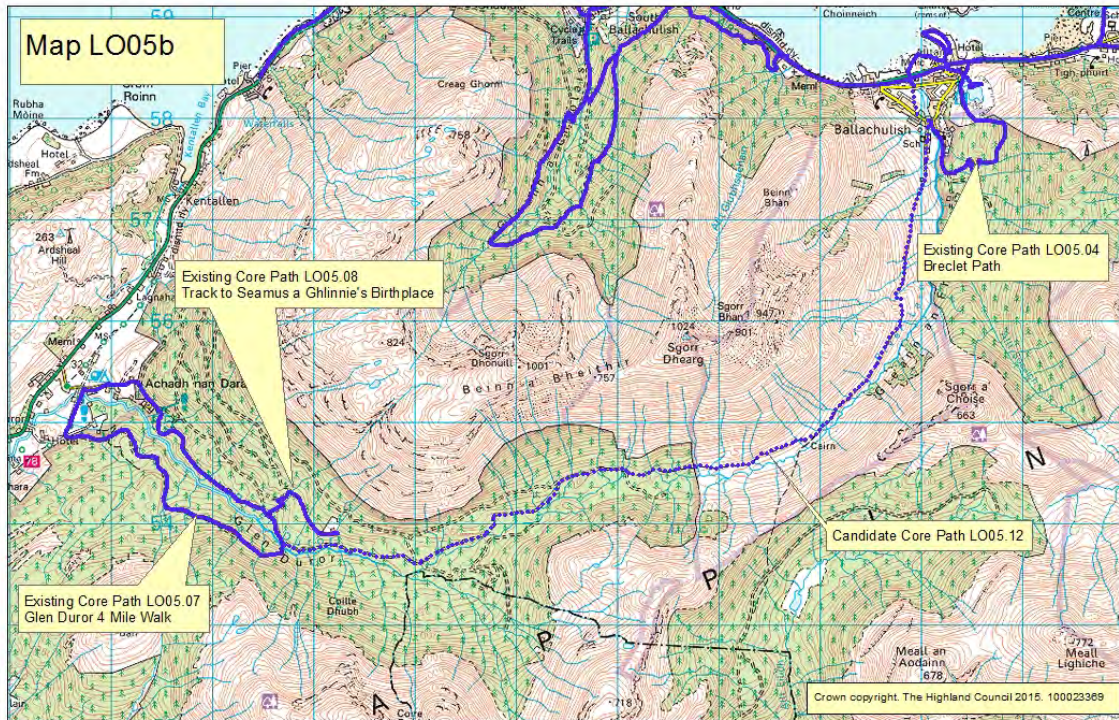








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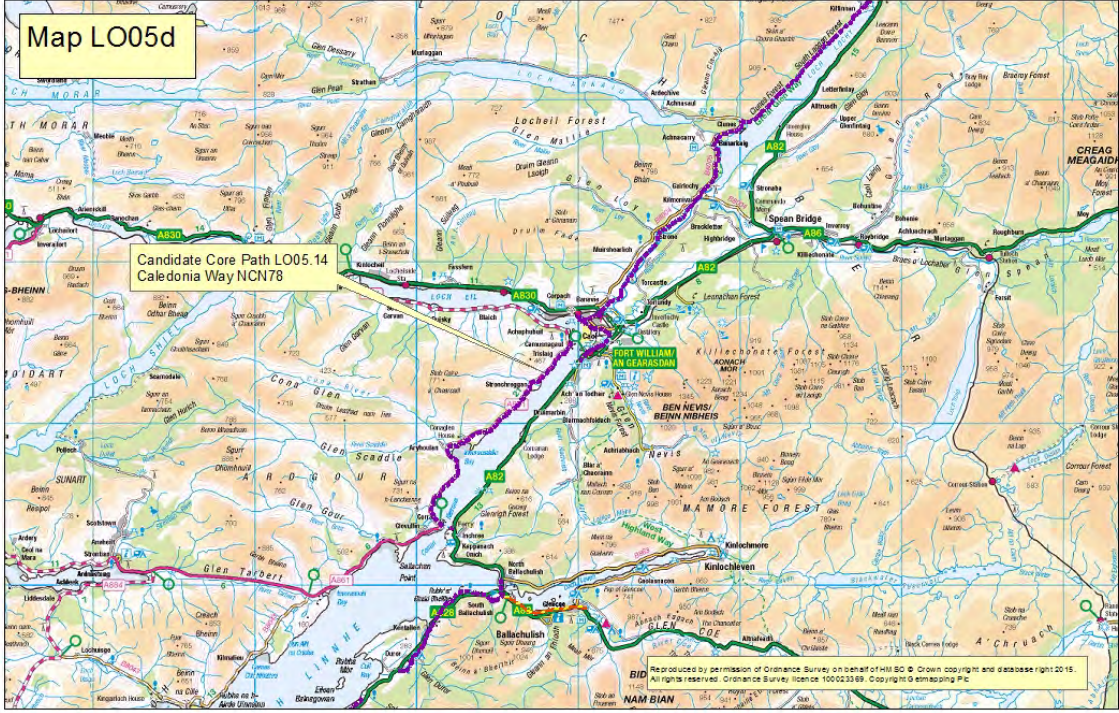
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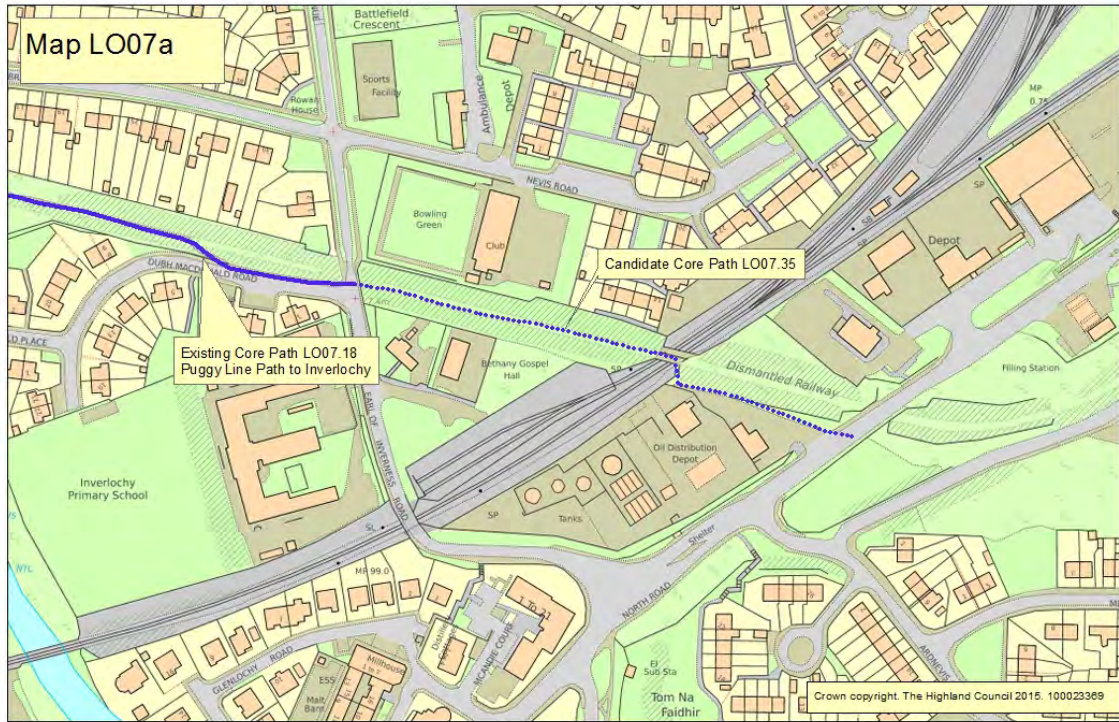


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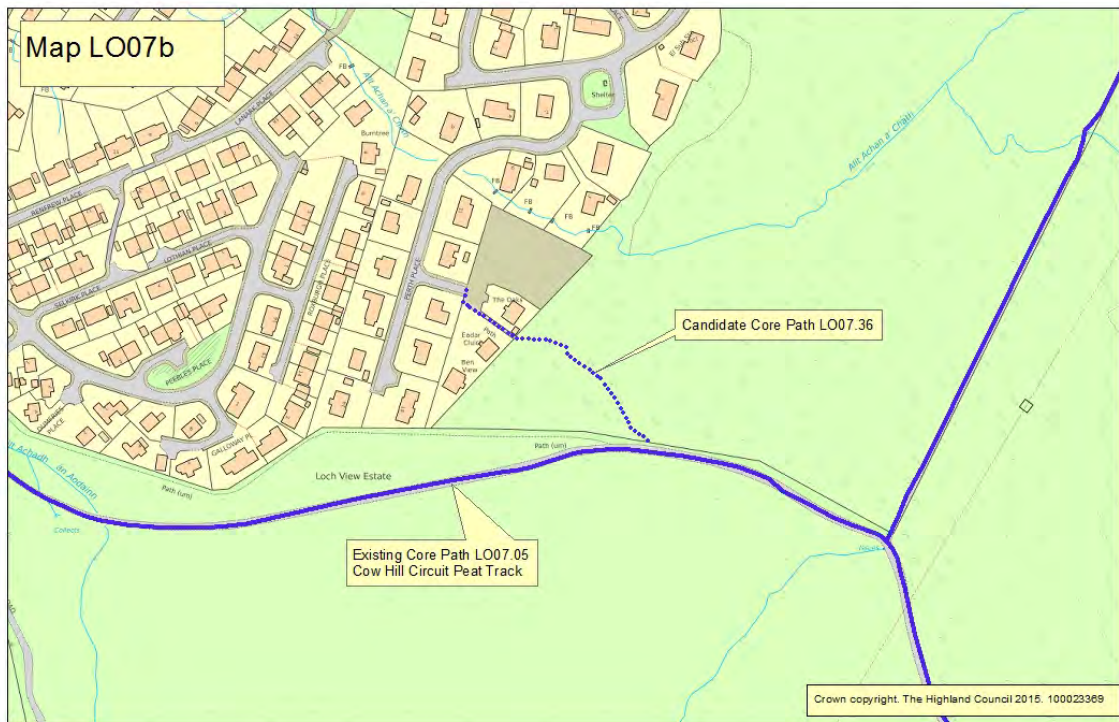


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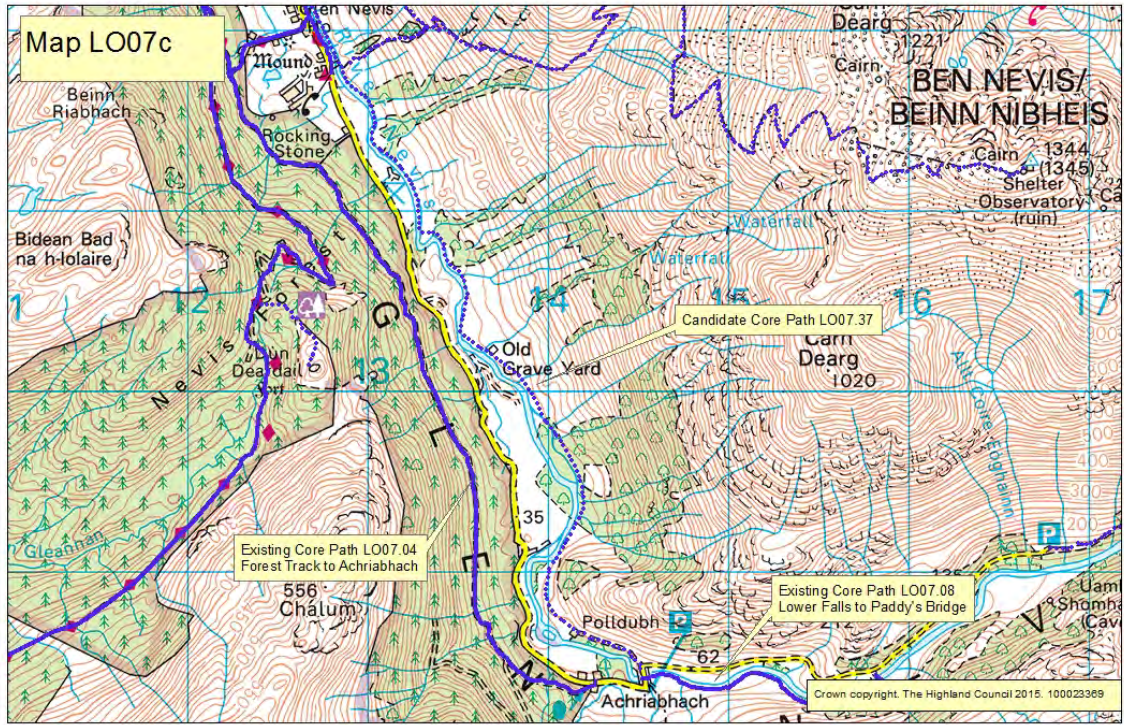




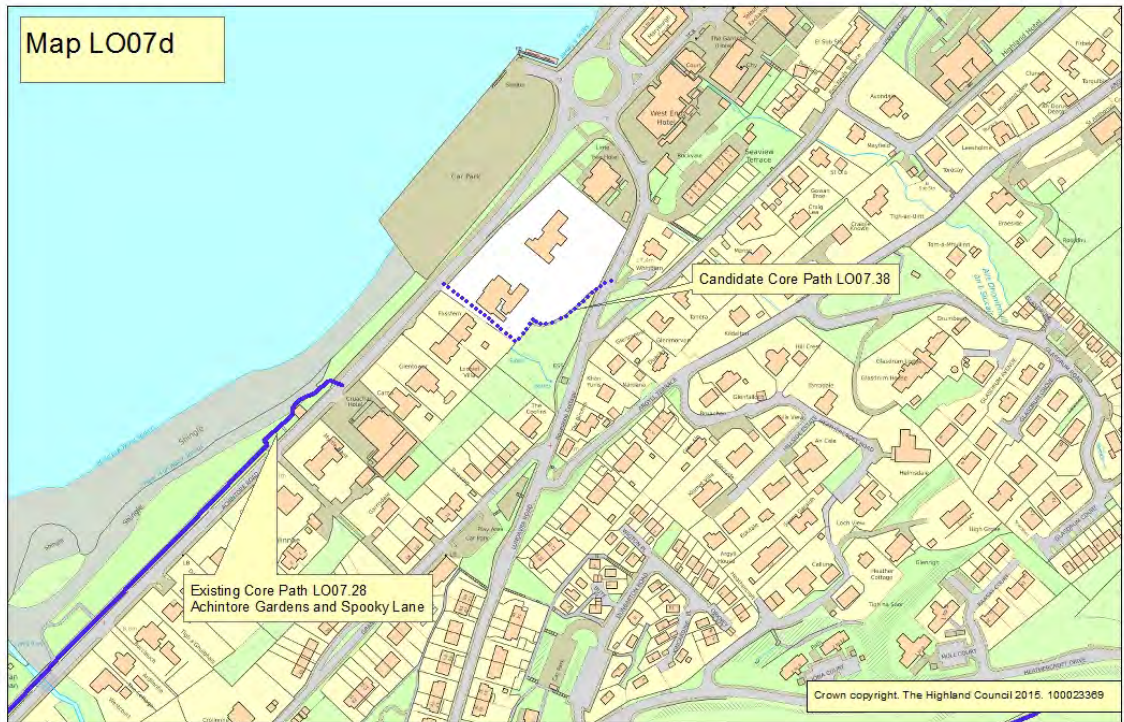
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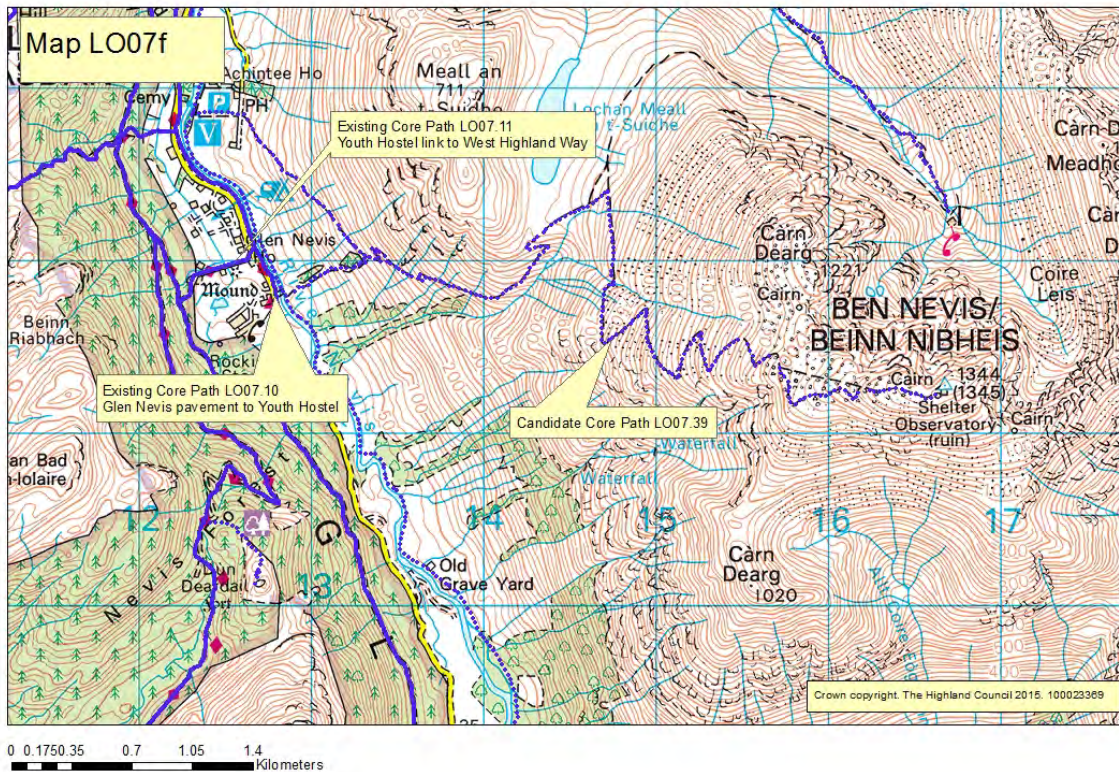
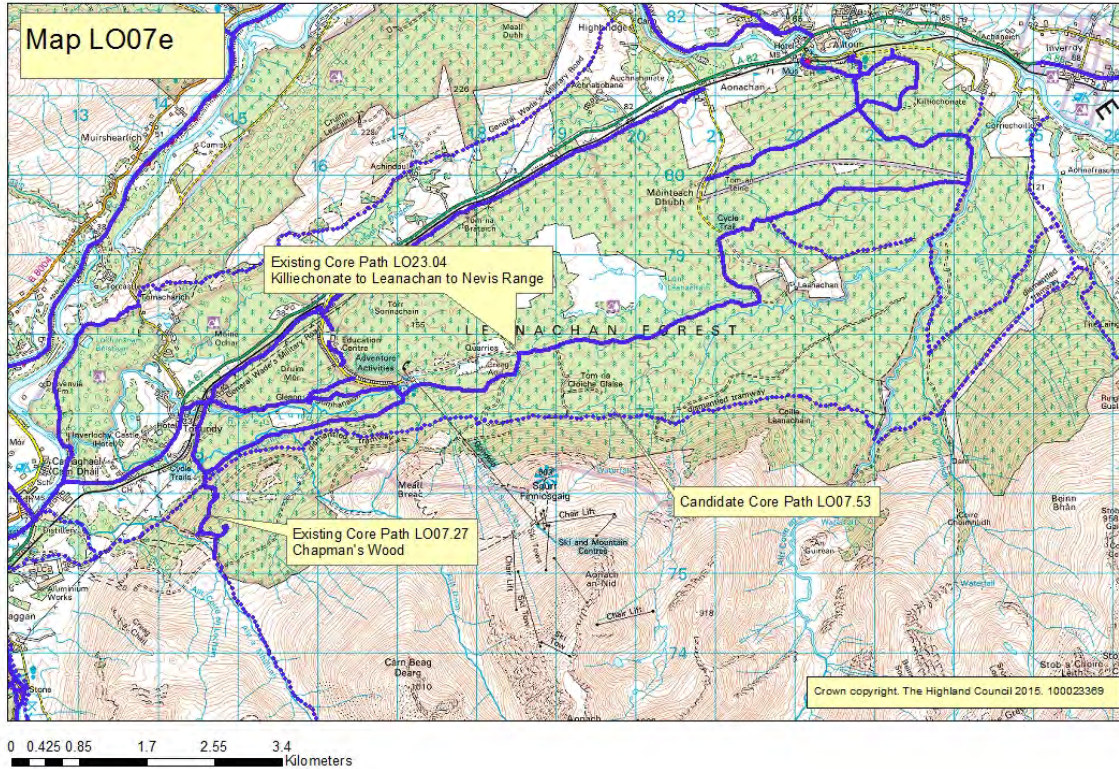
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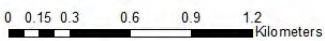
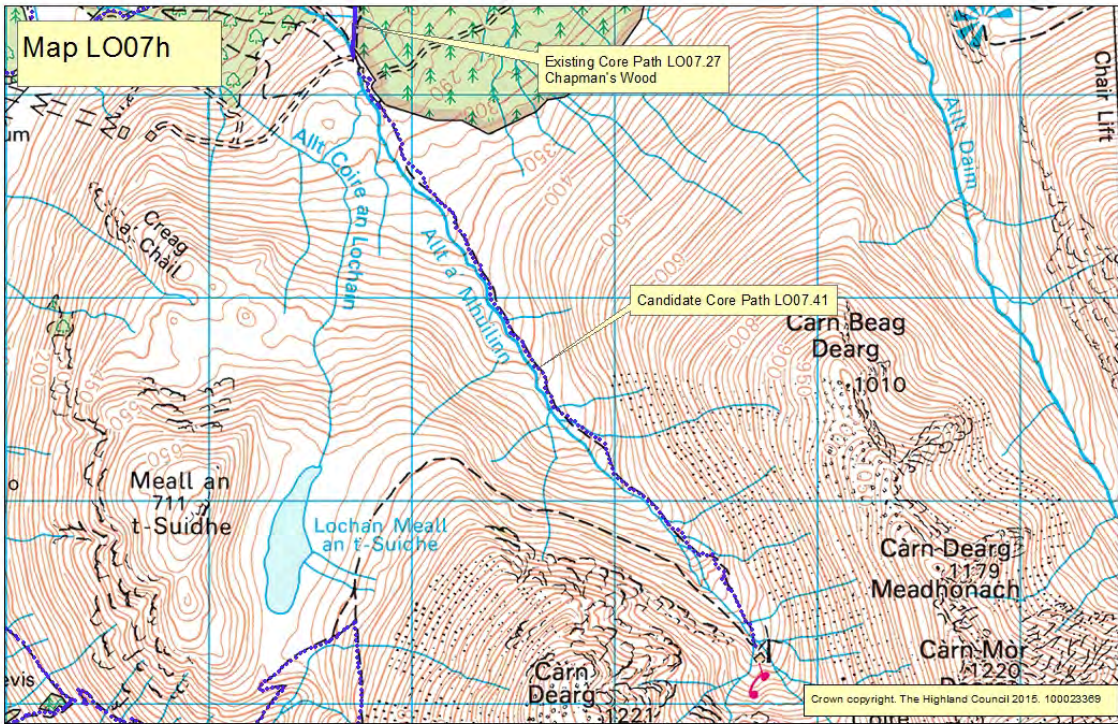
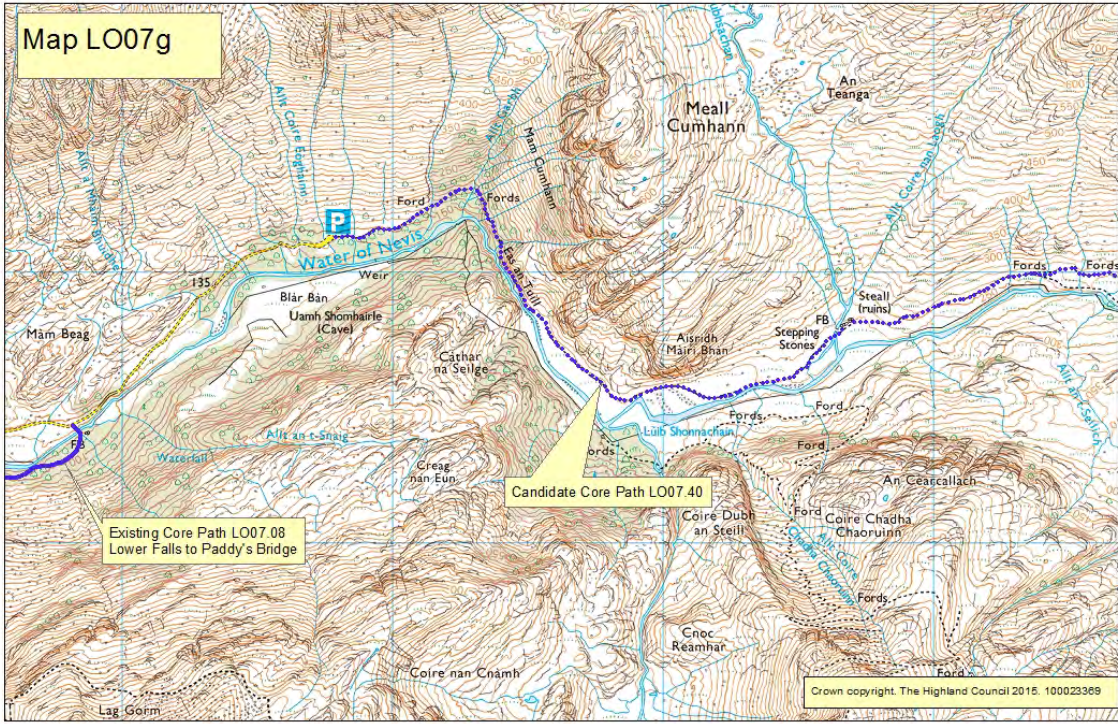


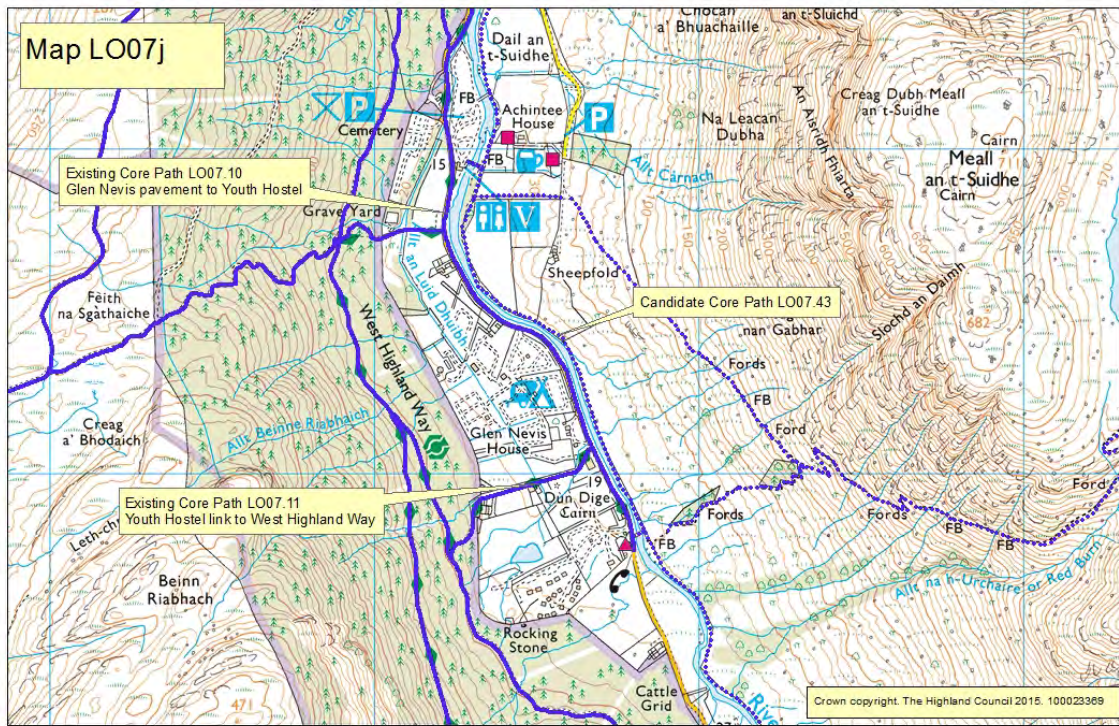
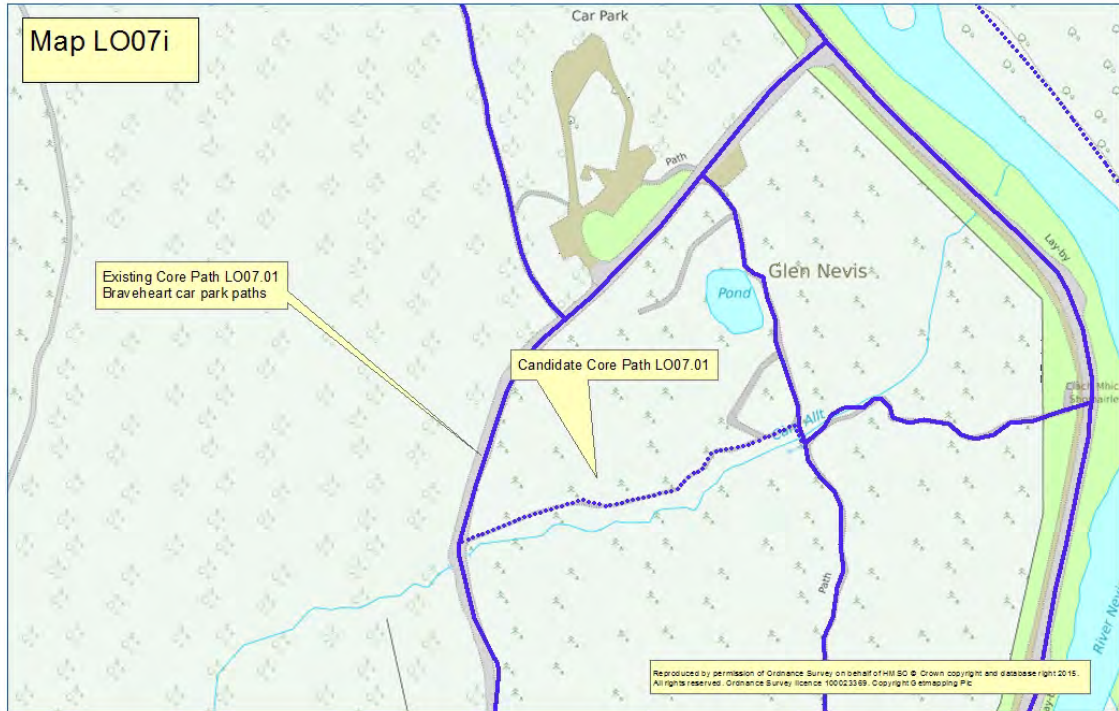
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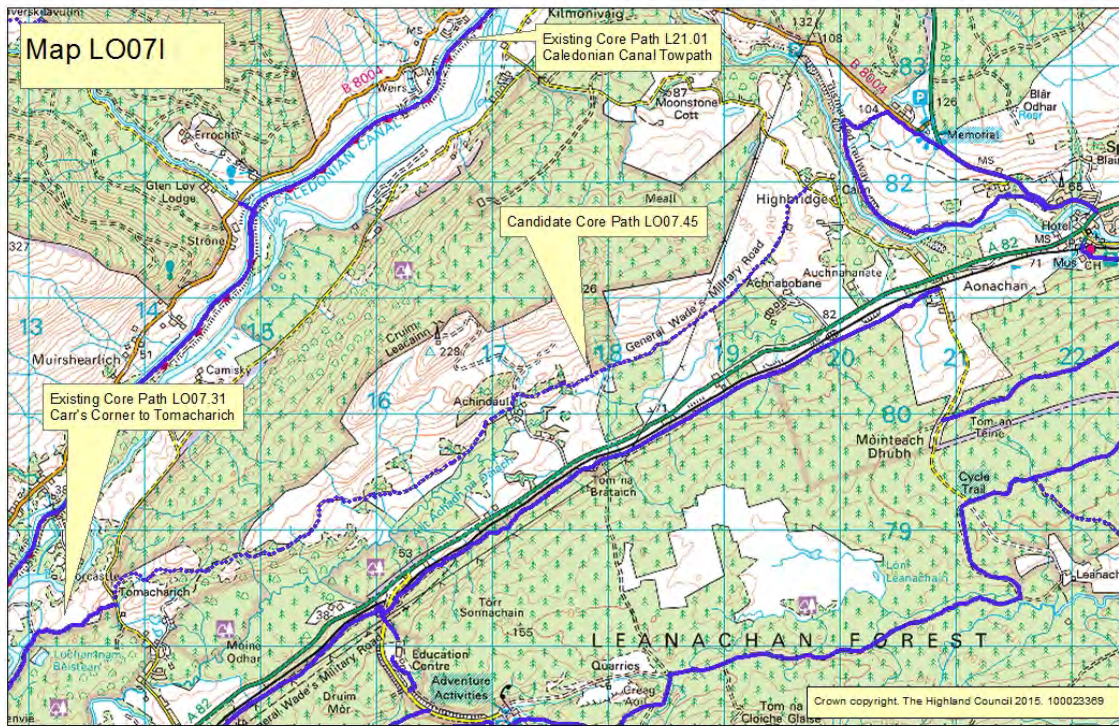
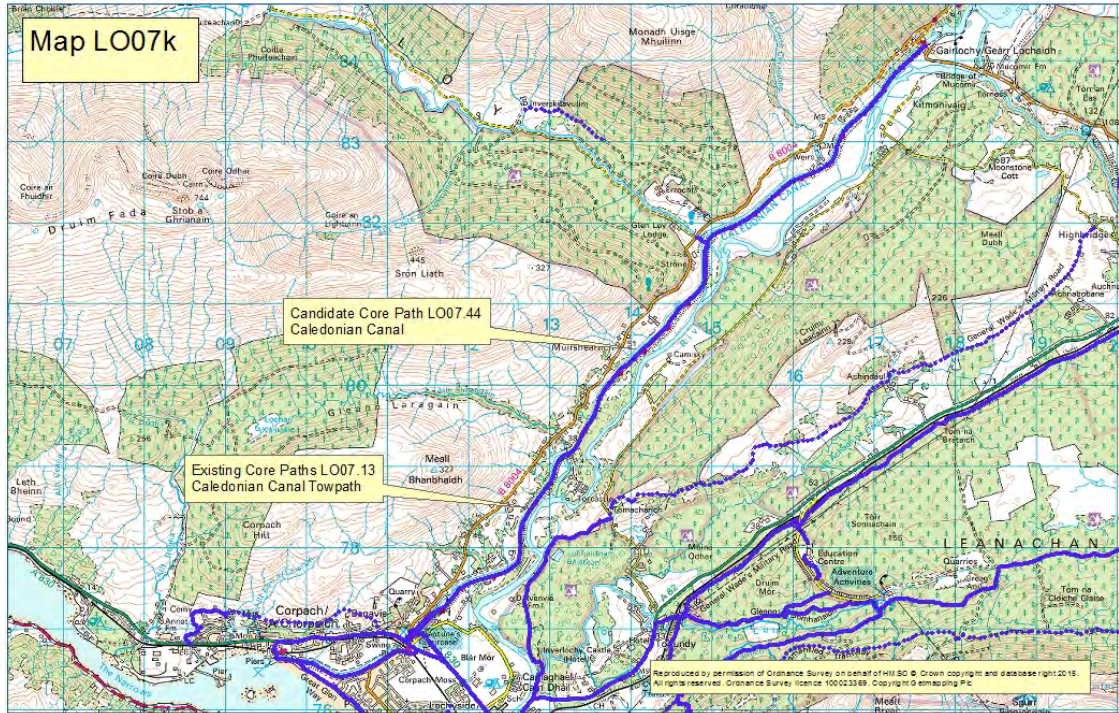




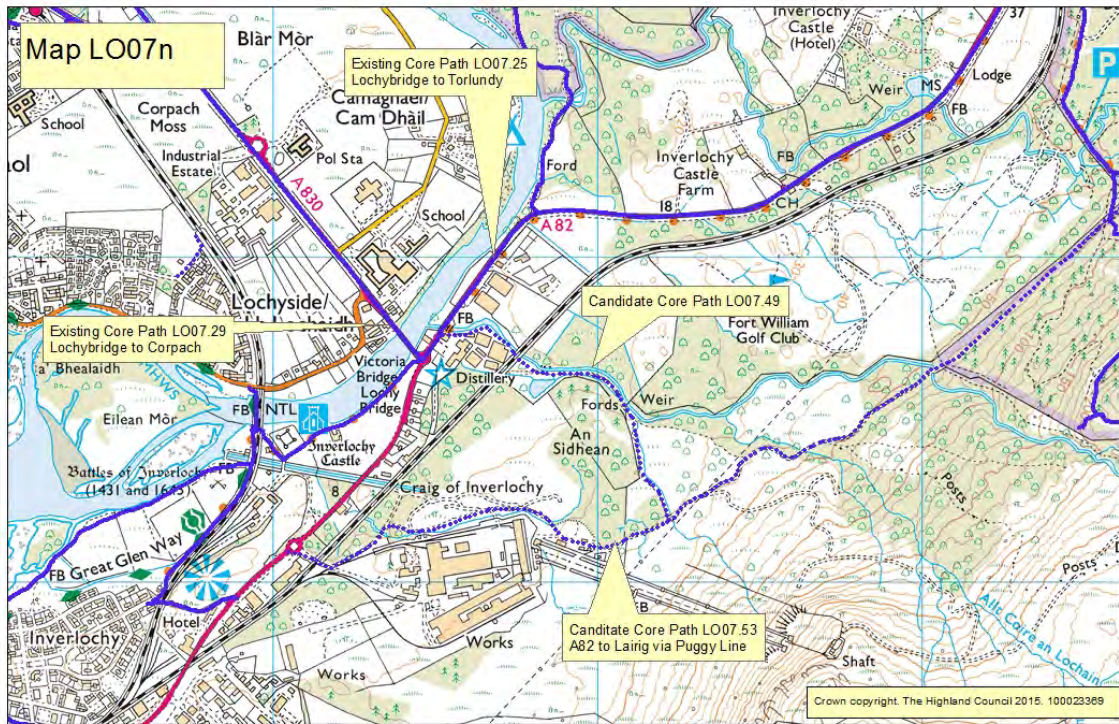
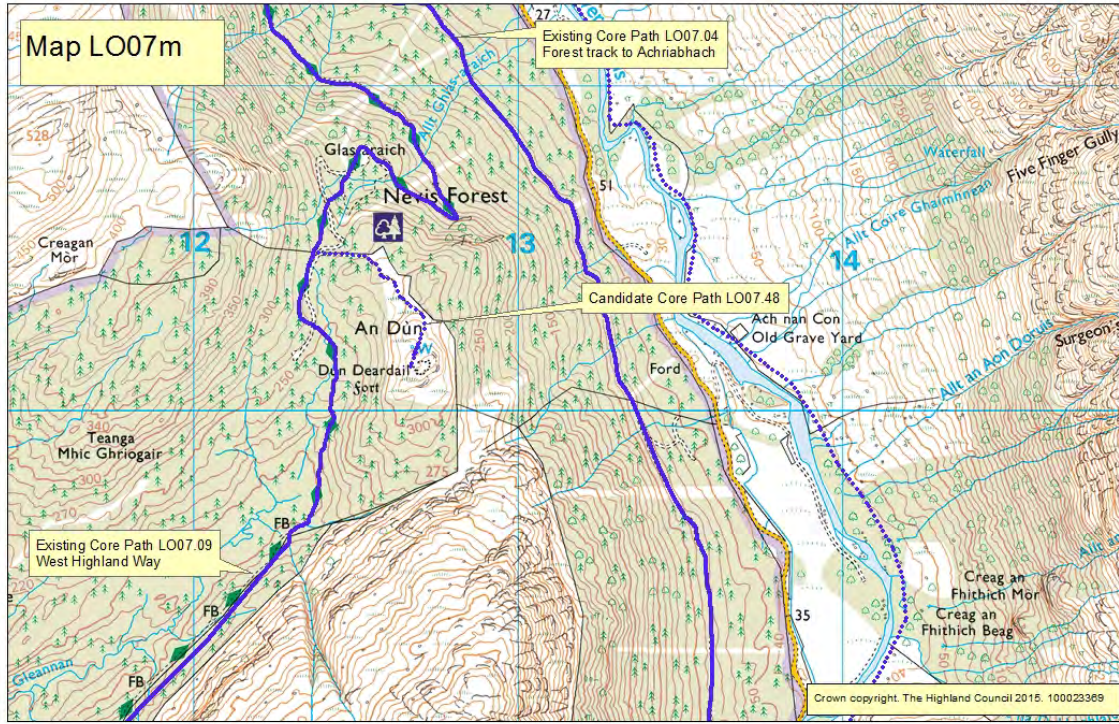


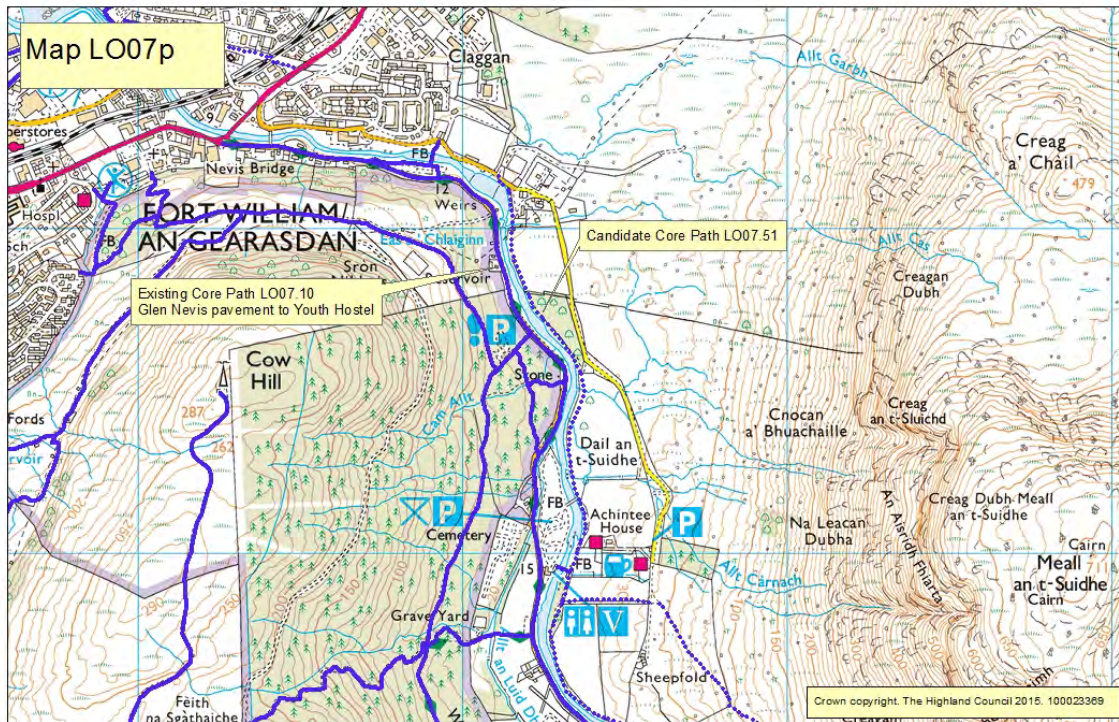
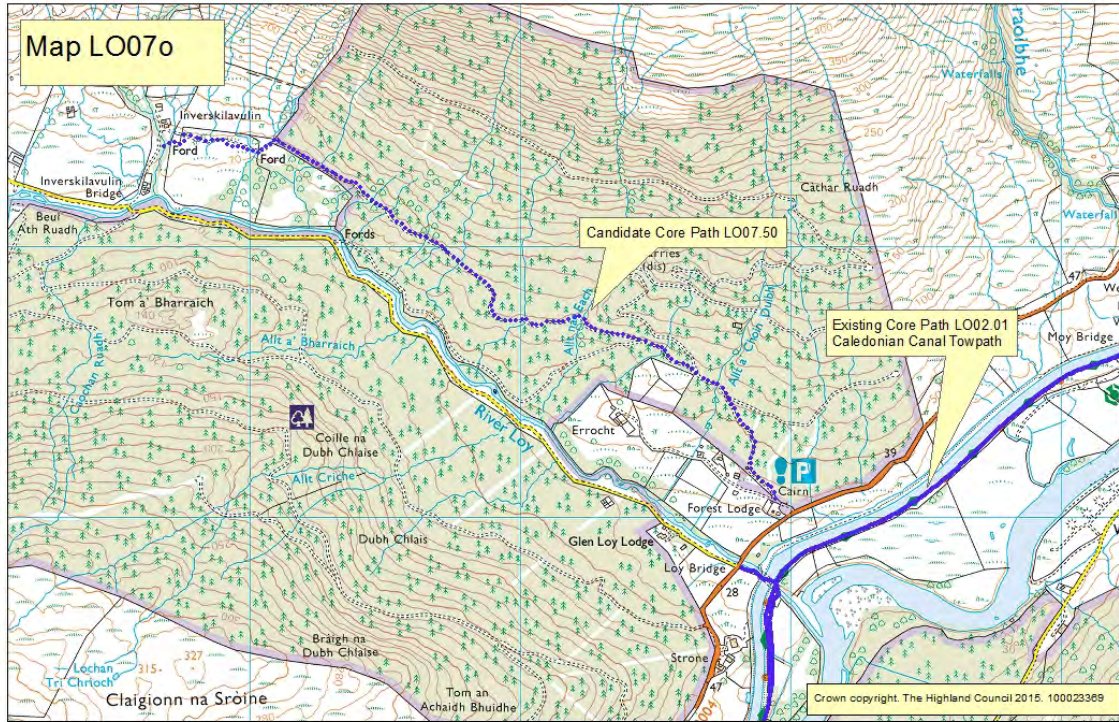
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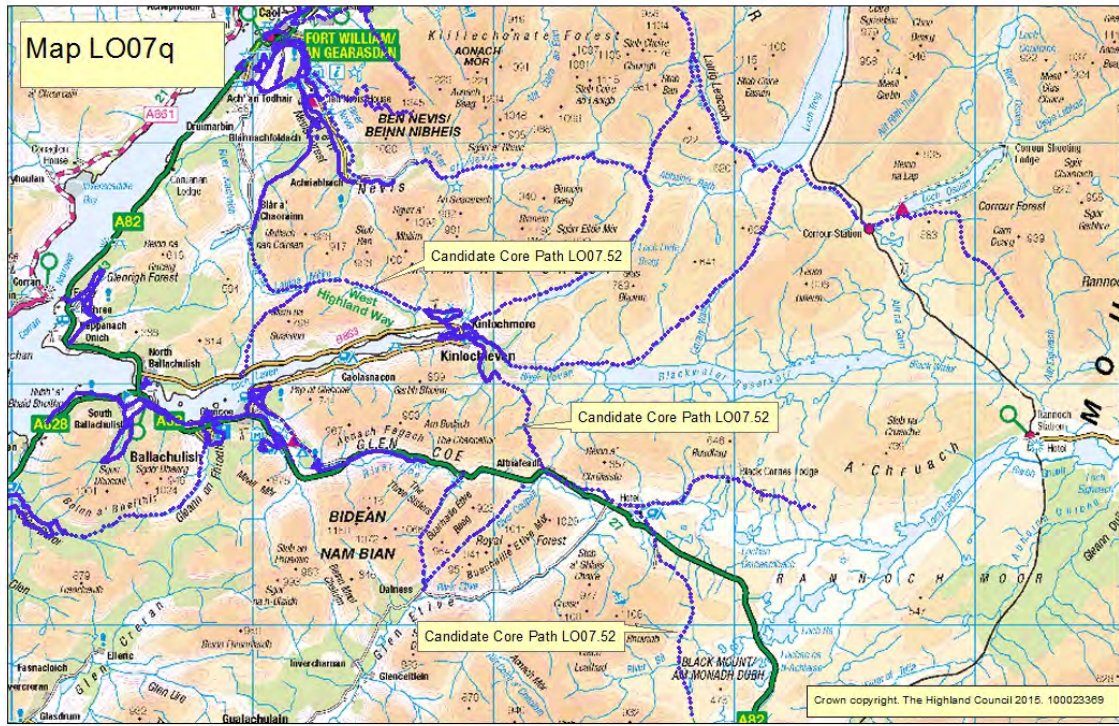


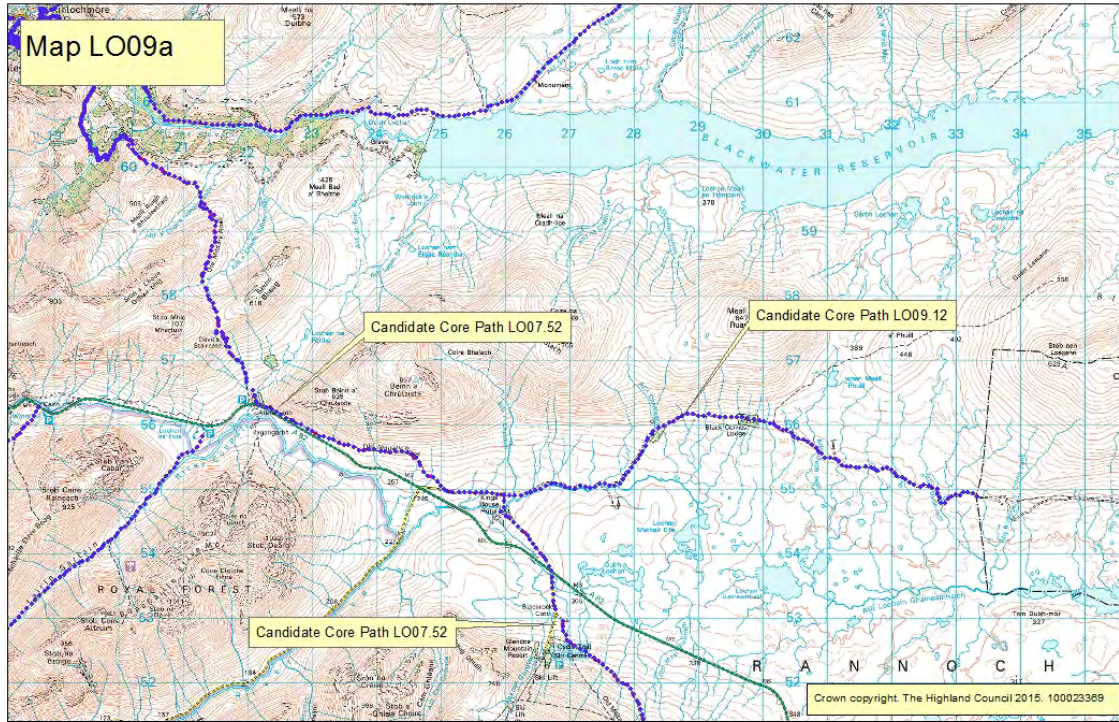


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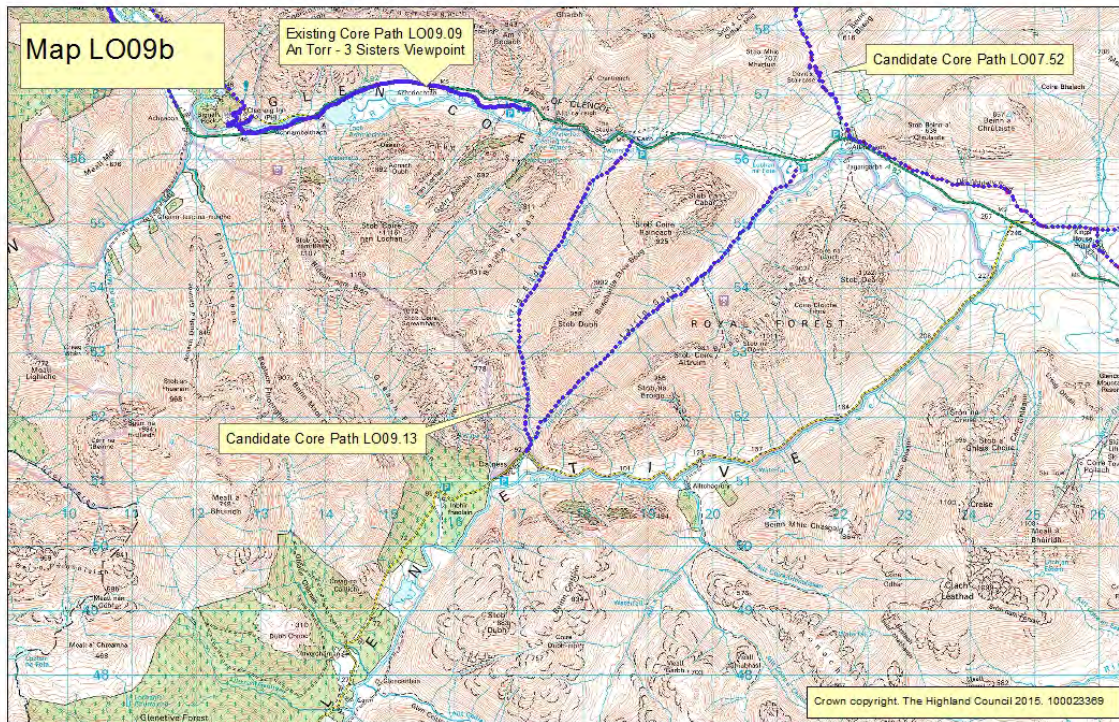




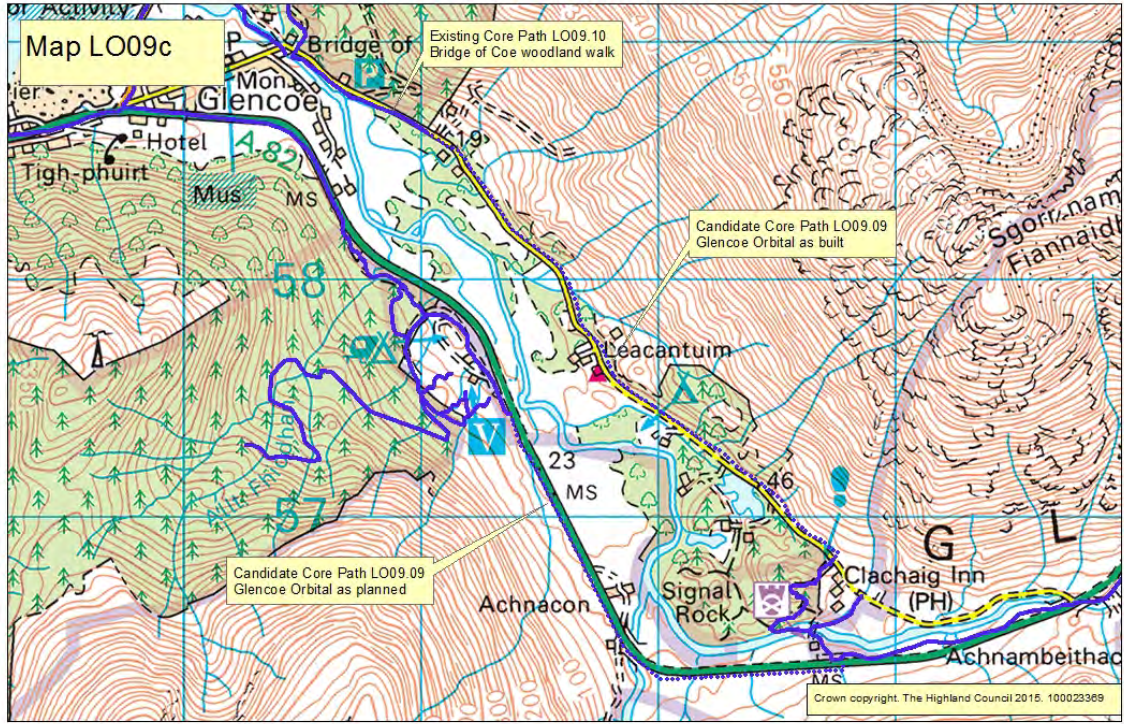




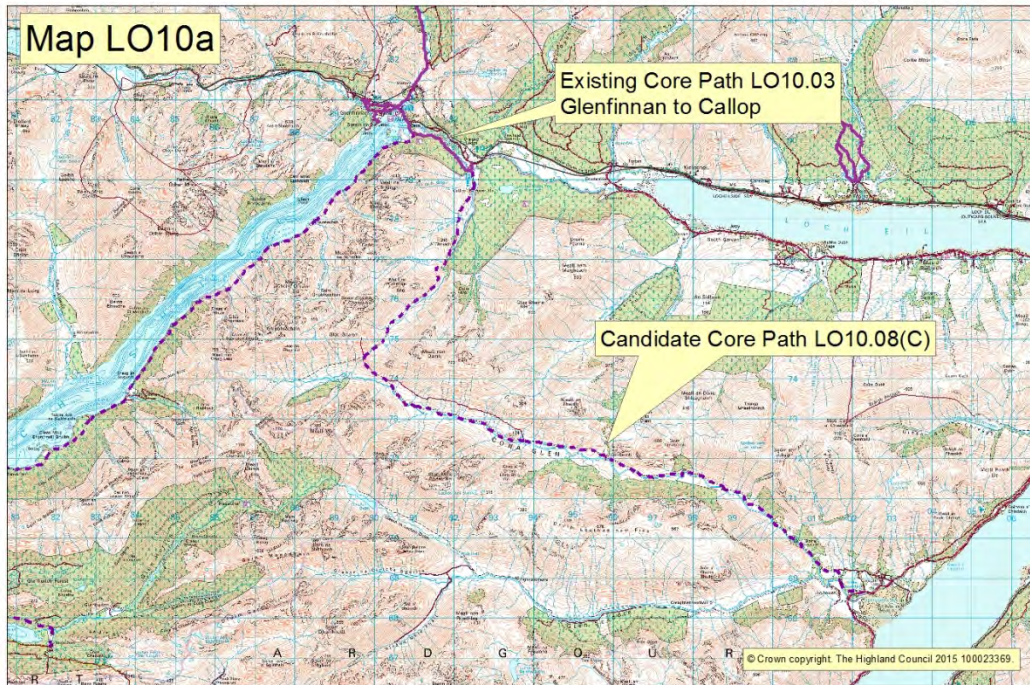
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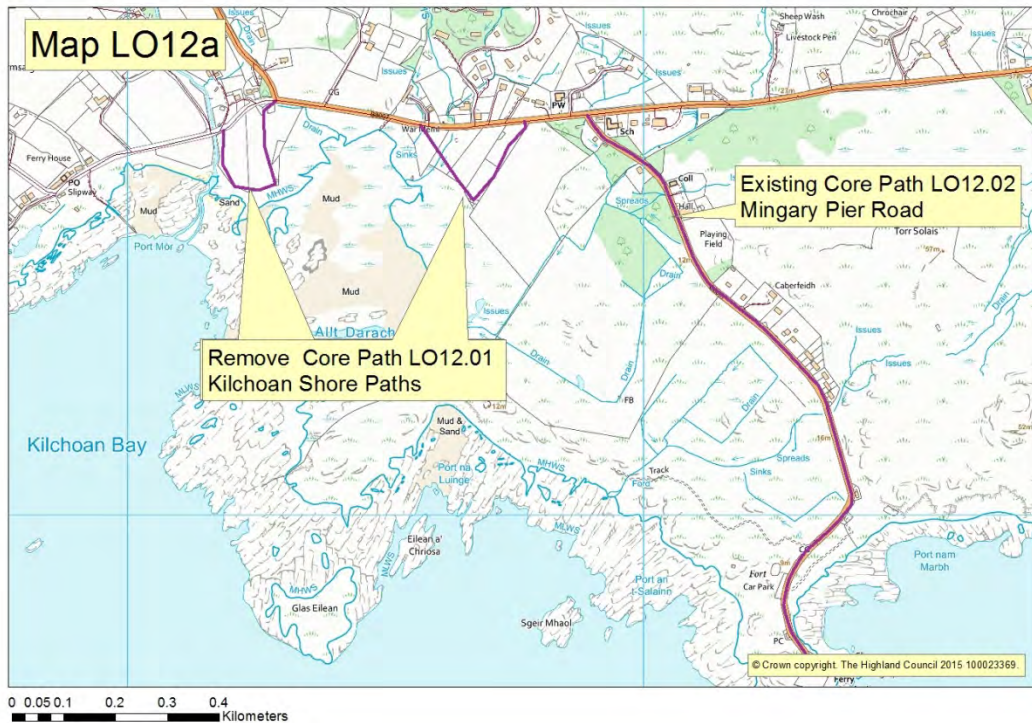
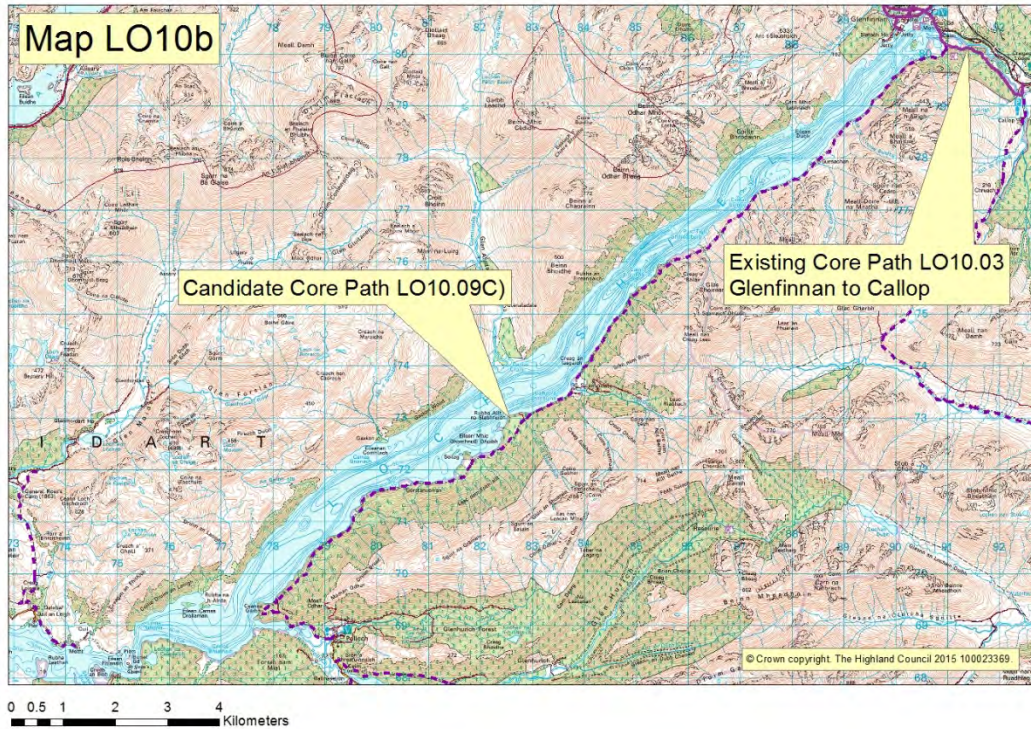
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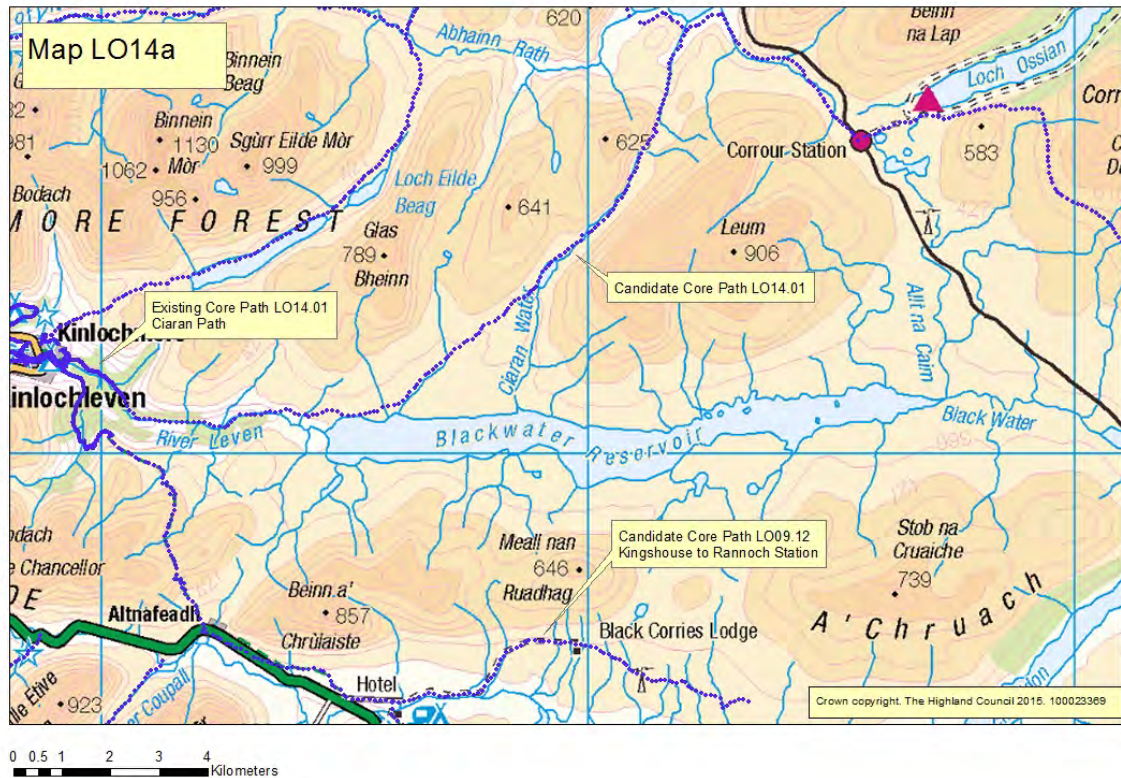
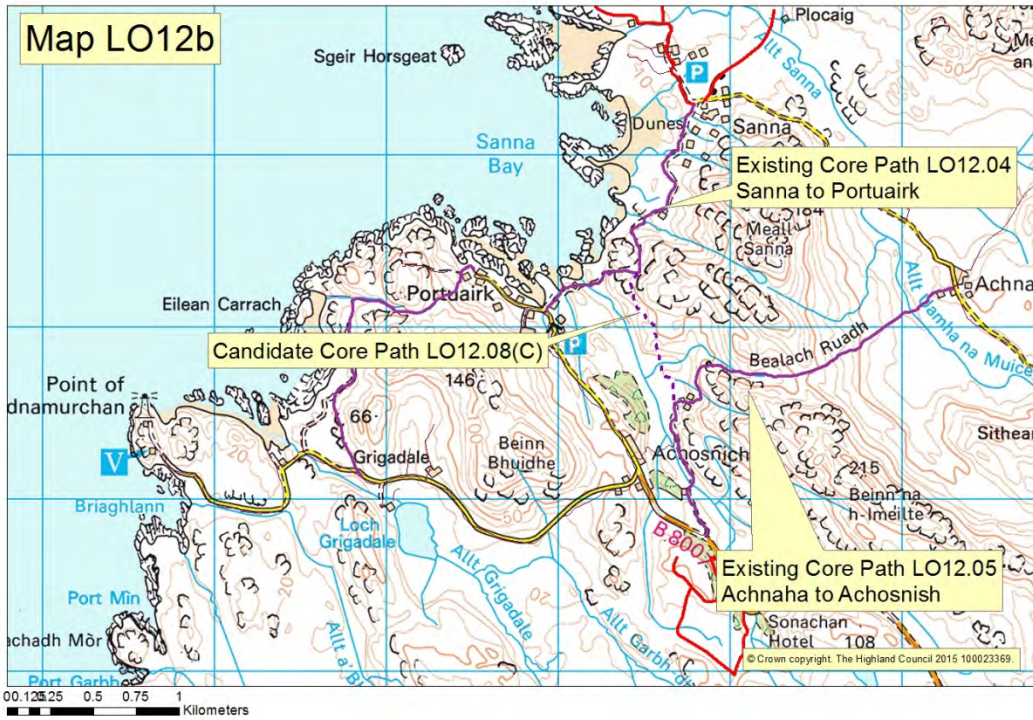


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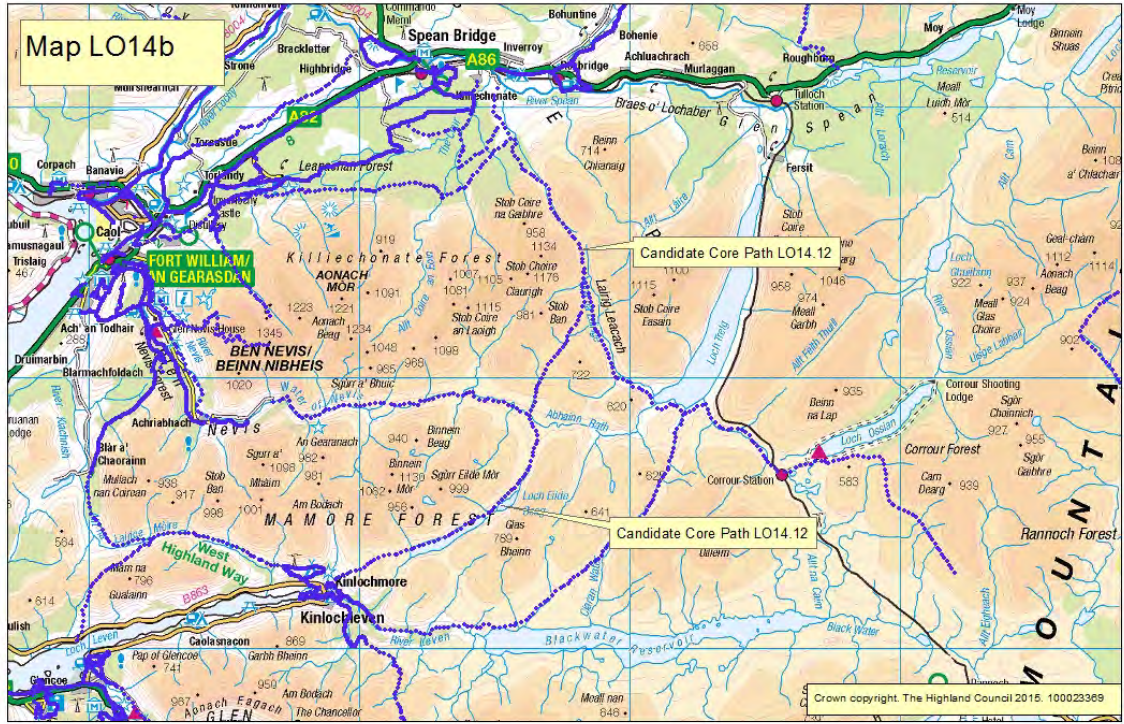


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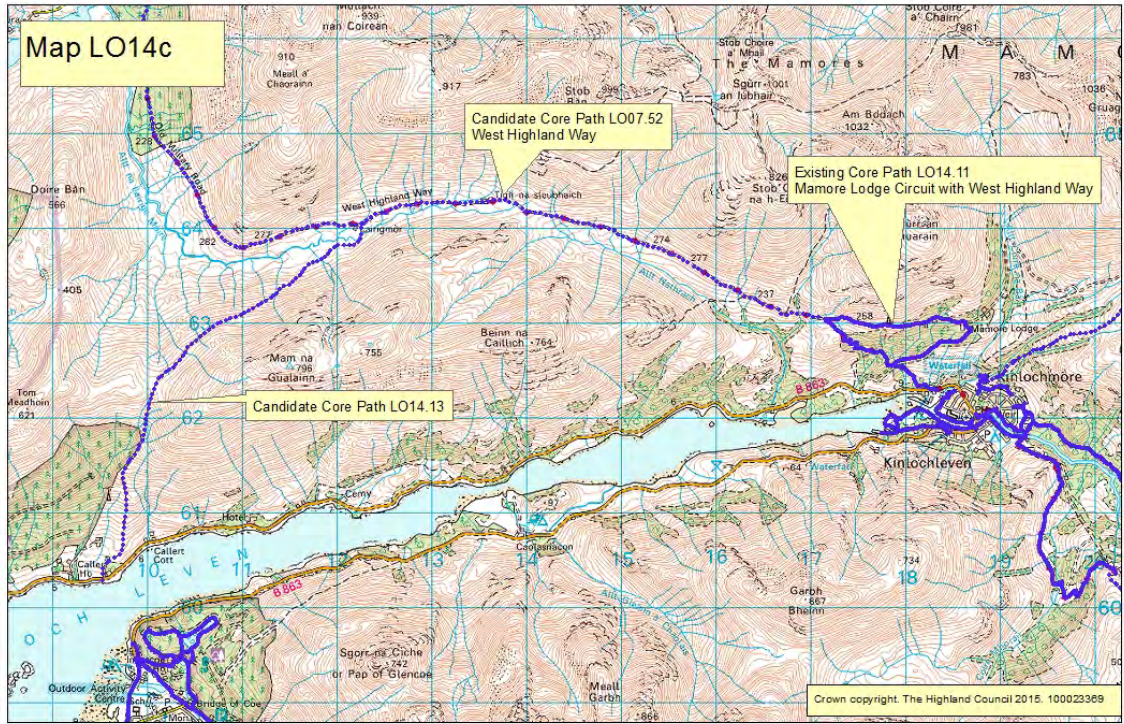




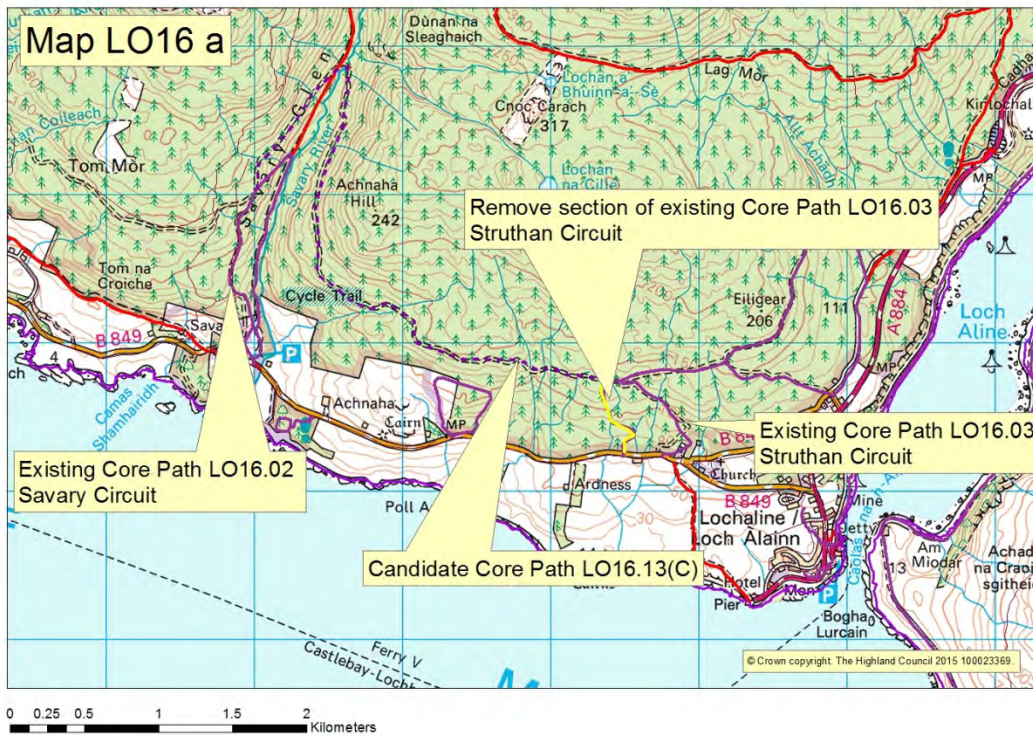
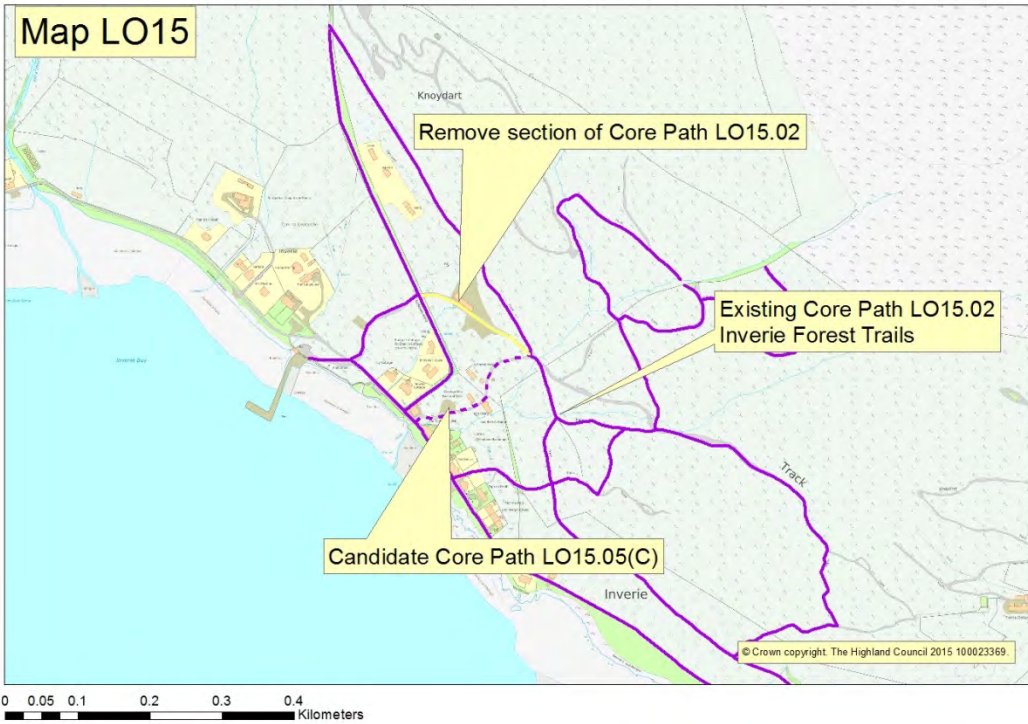


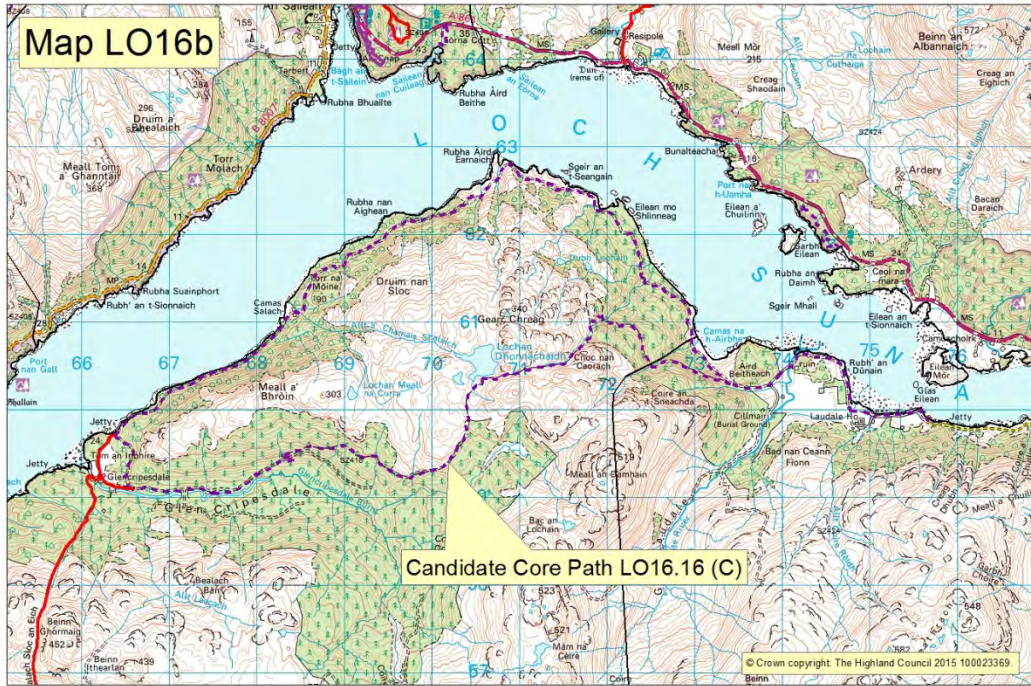


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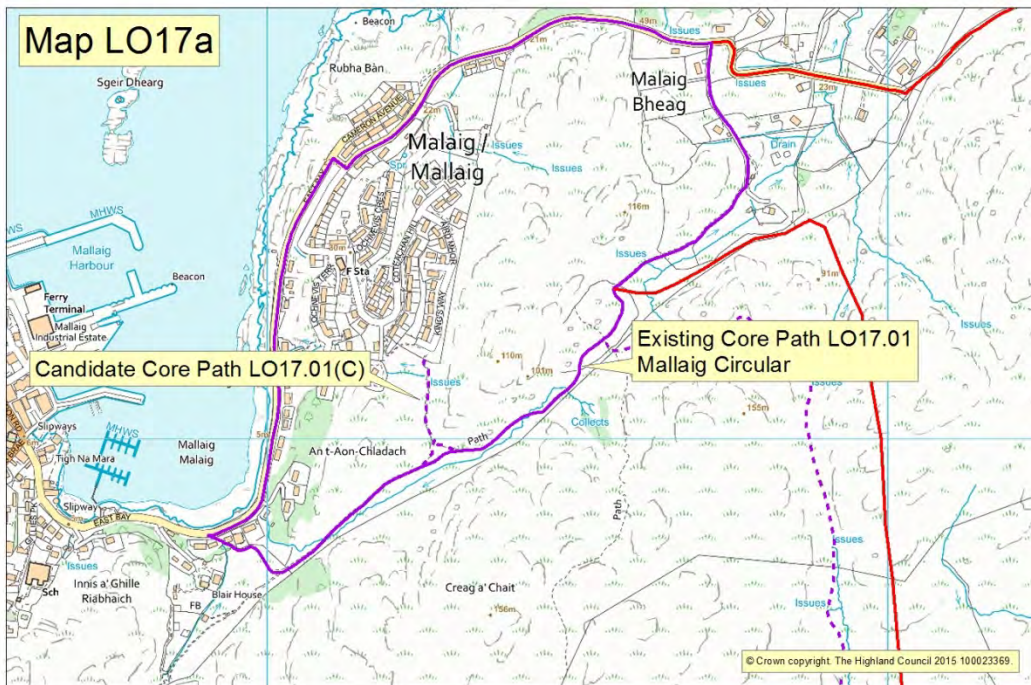


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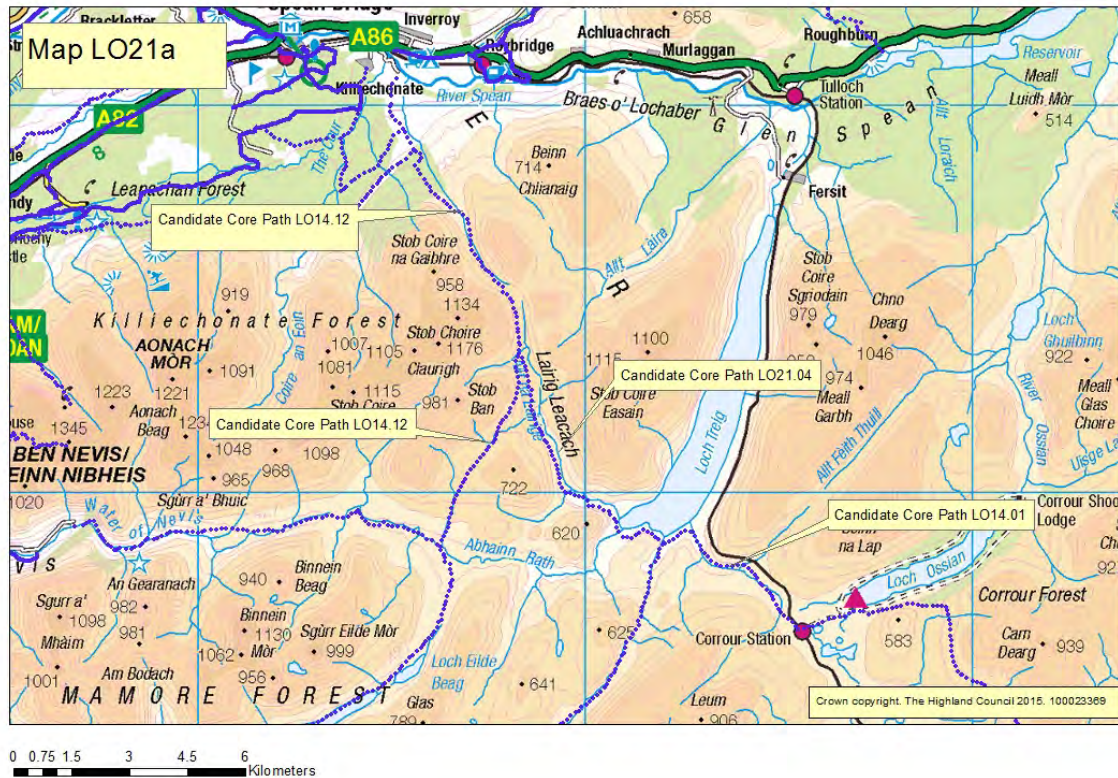
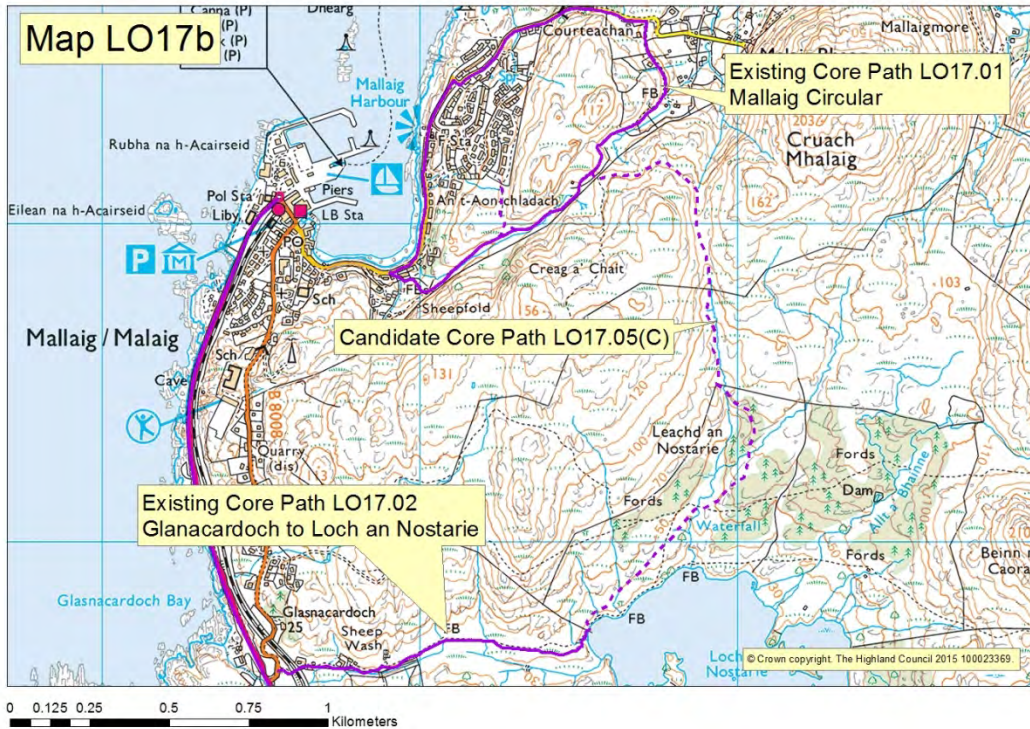


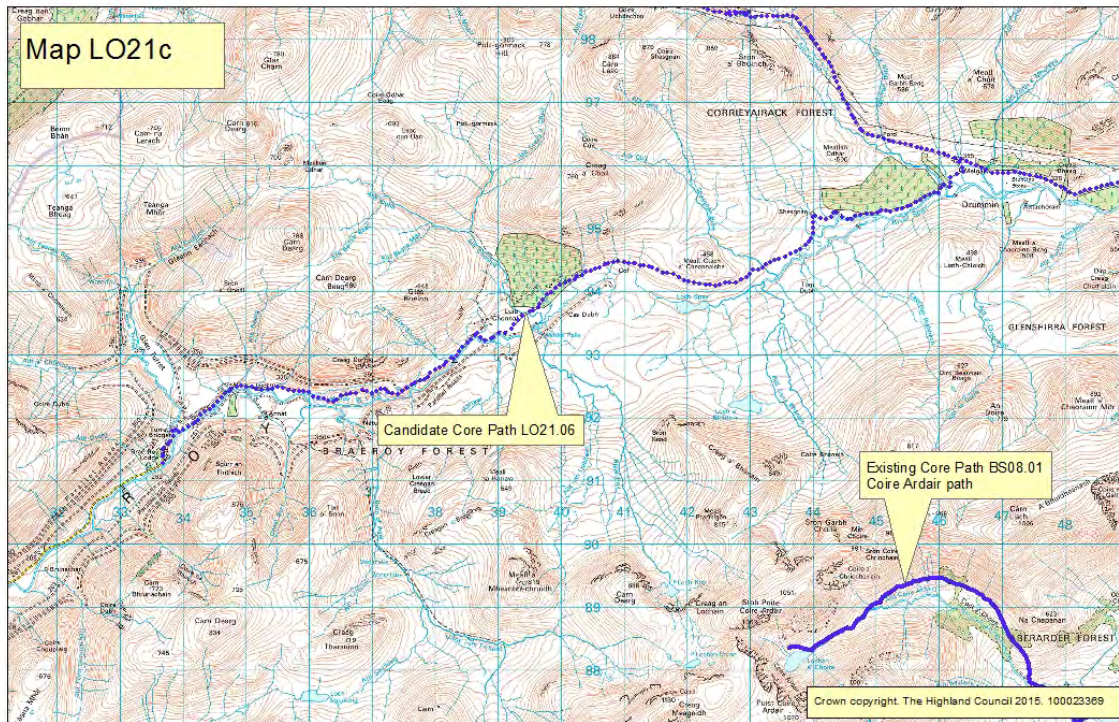
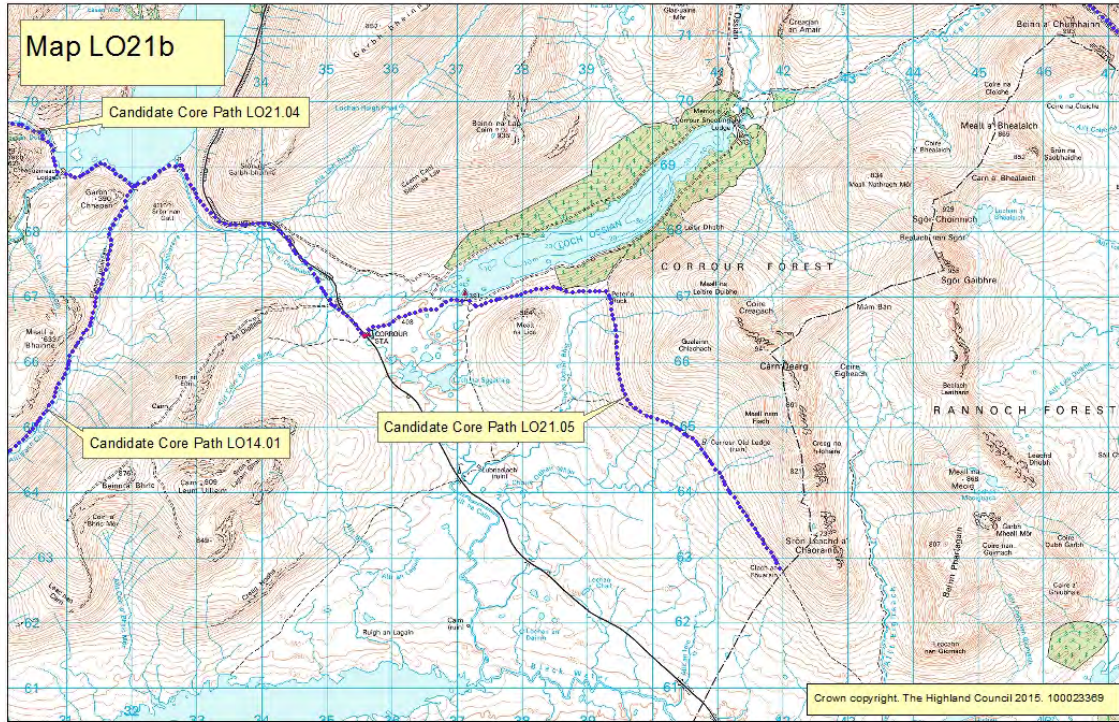


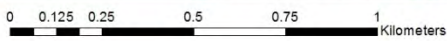
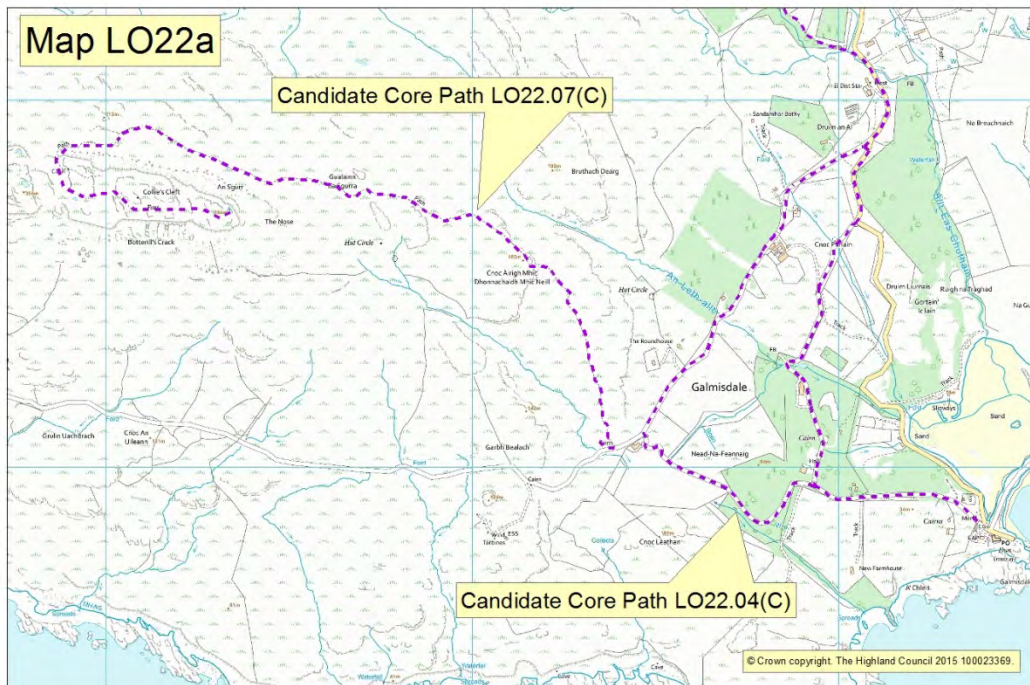
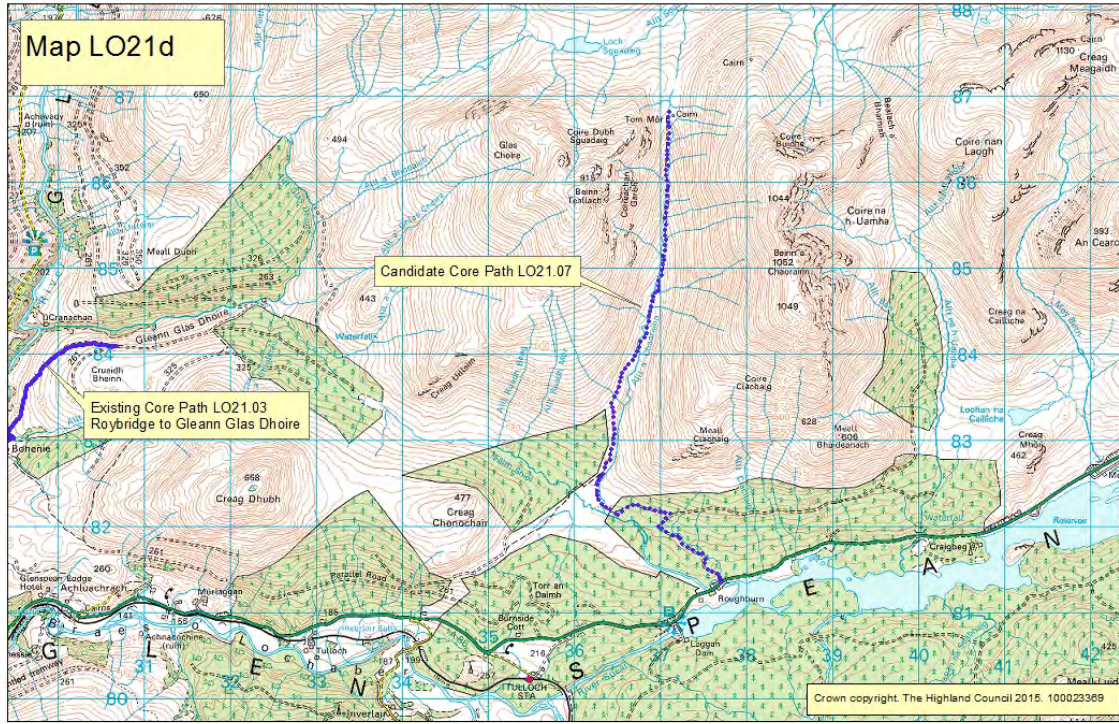
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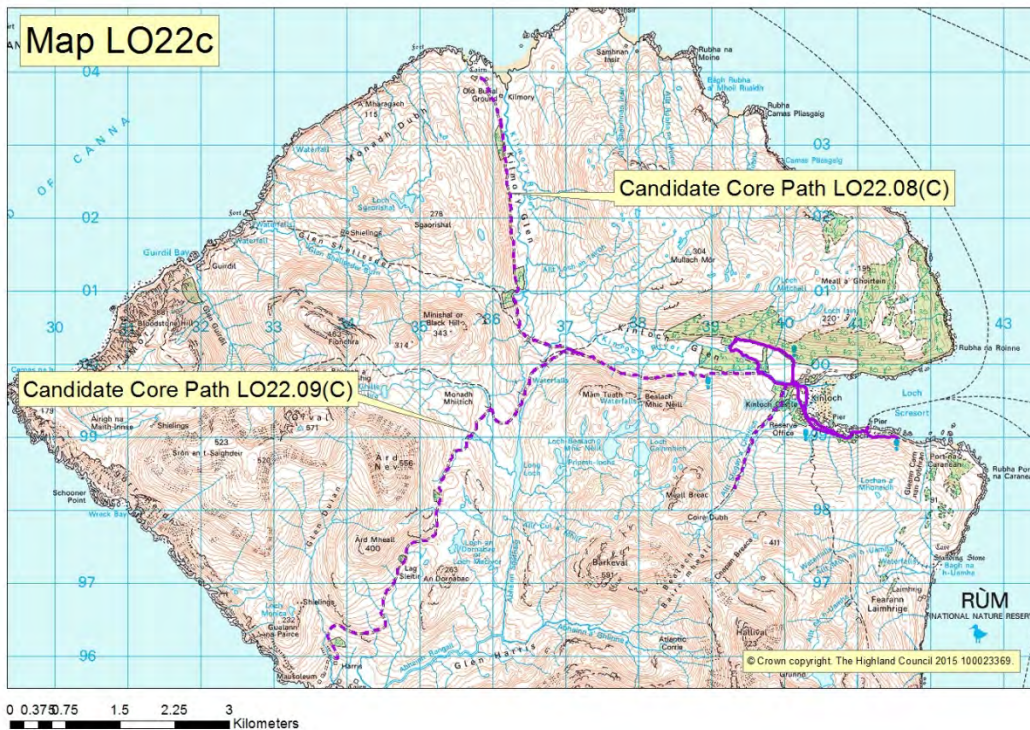


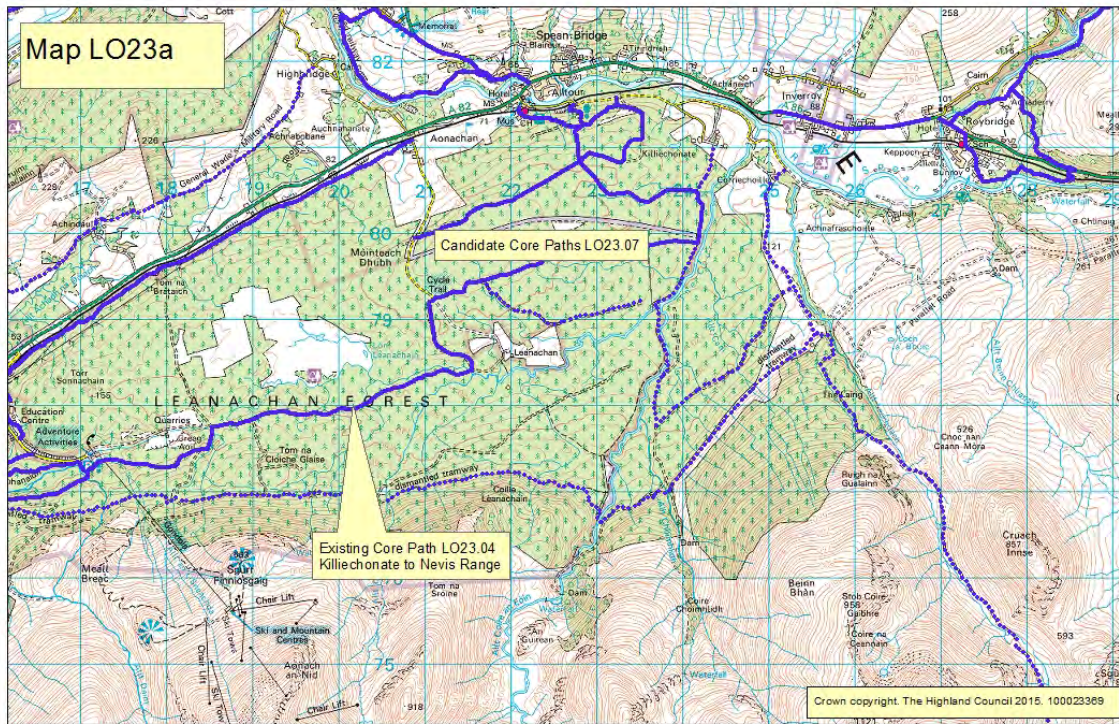
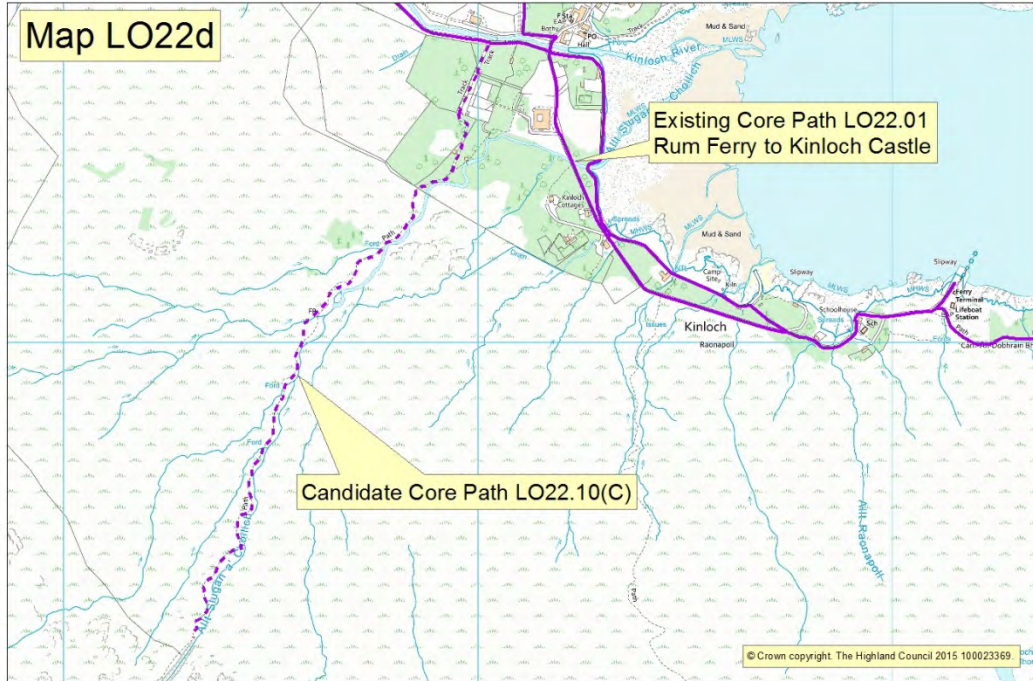
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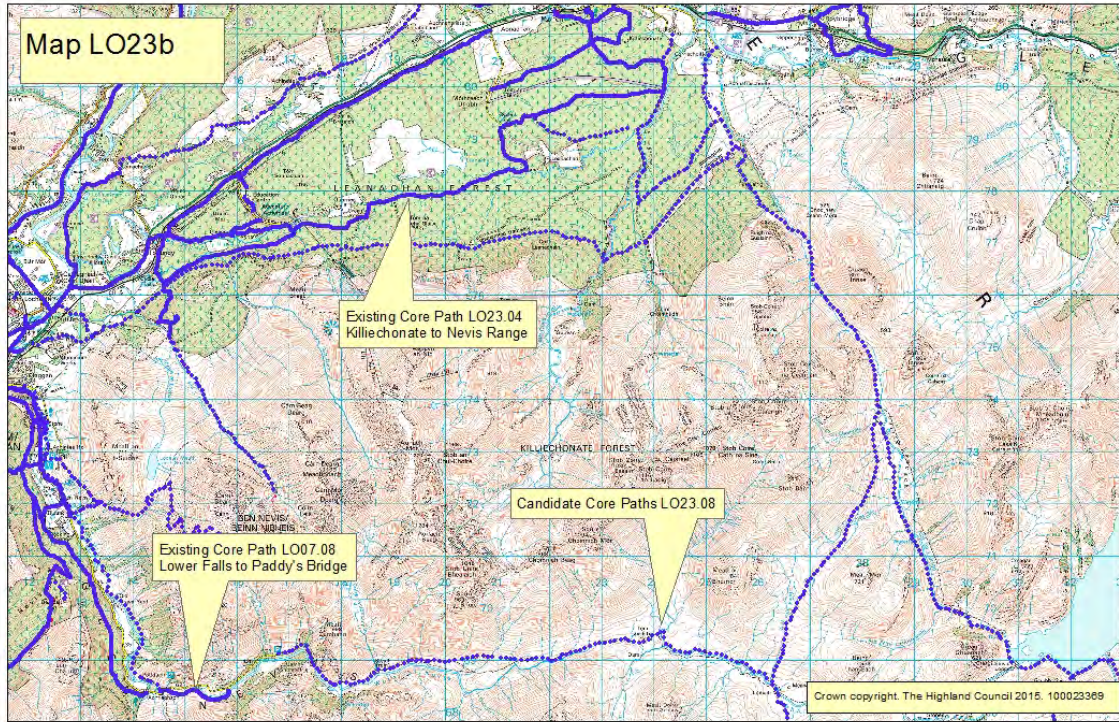








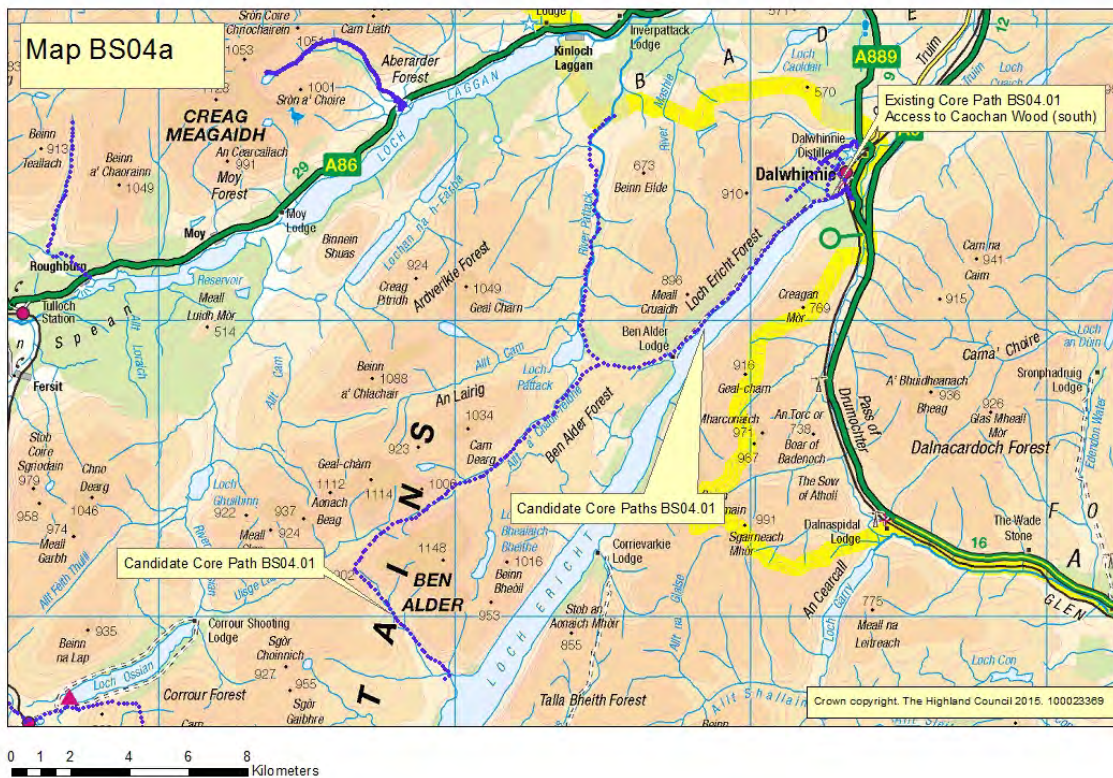
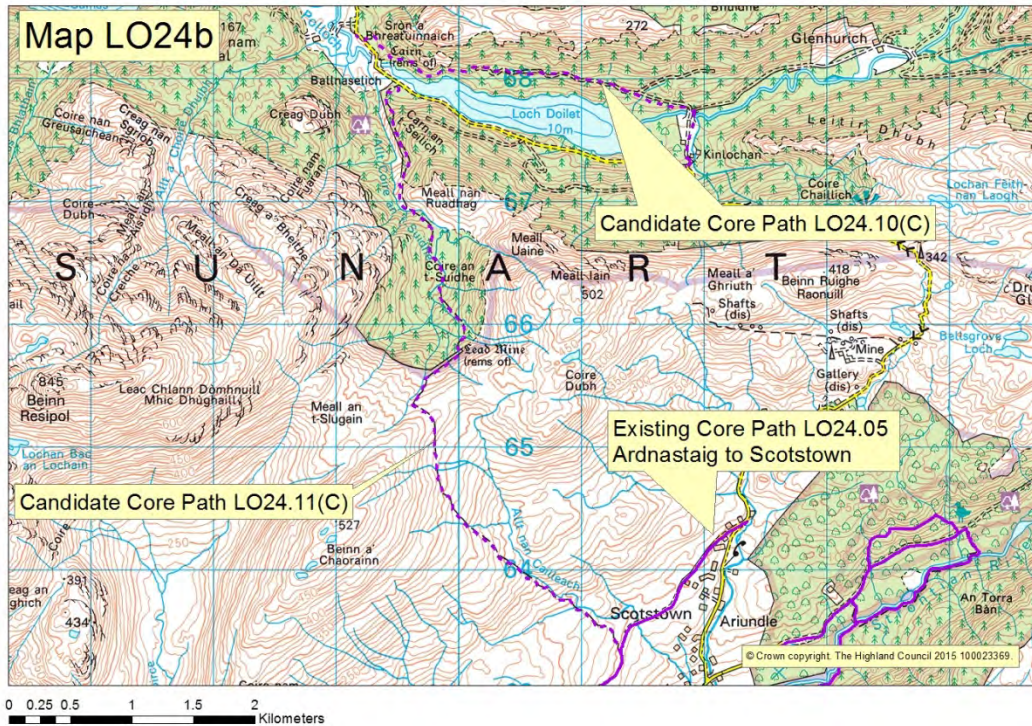


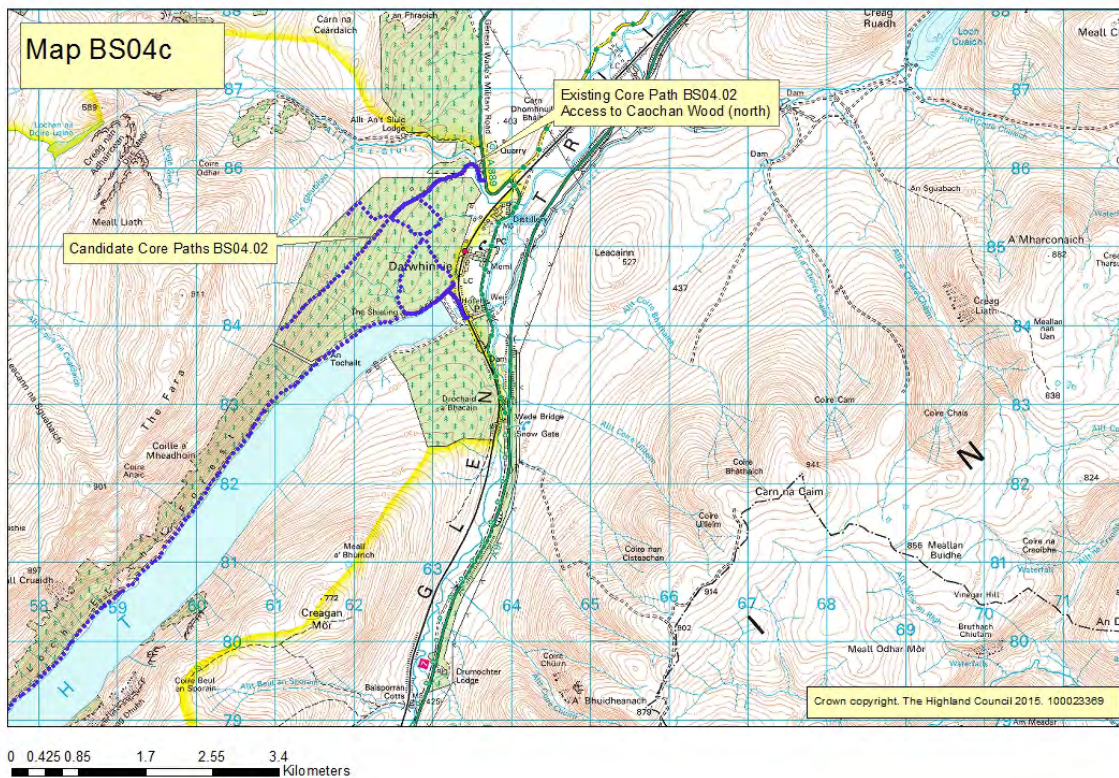
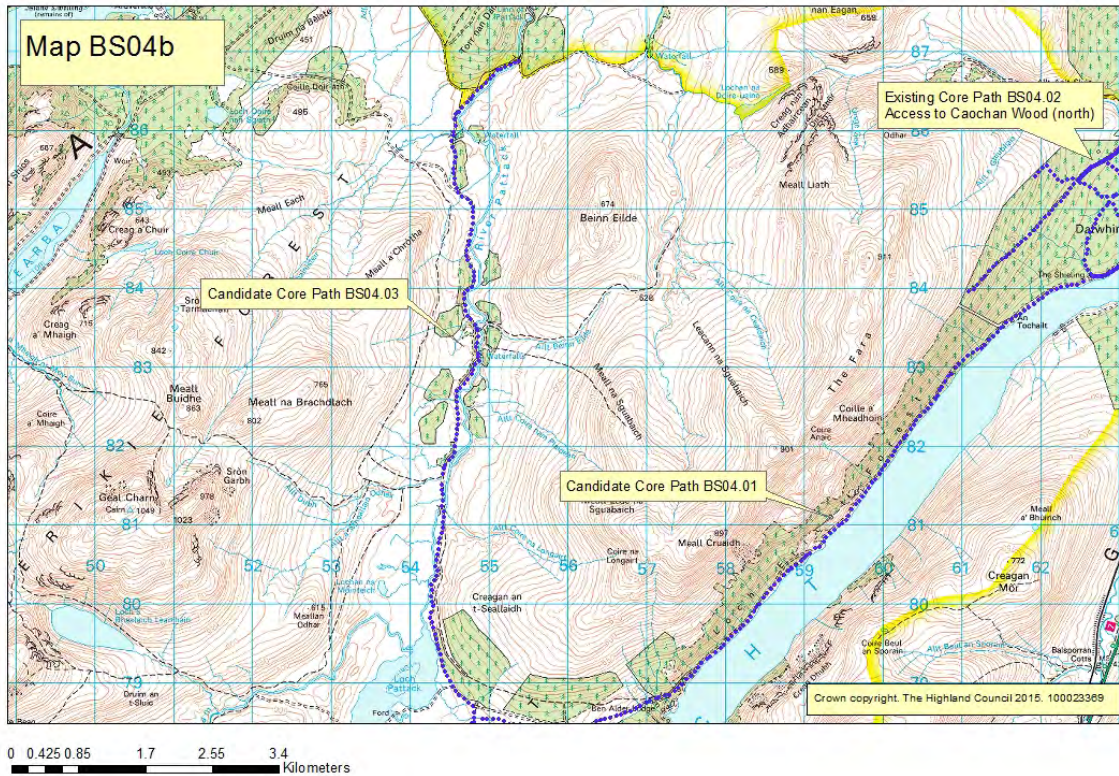


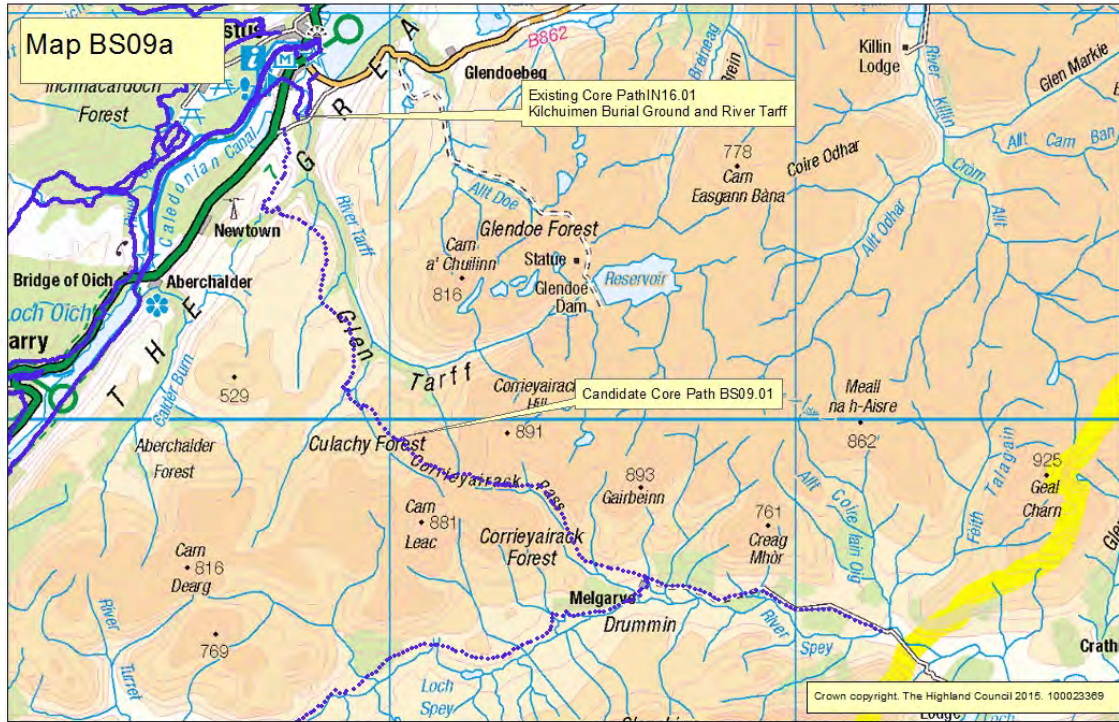
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