Stanmore Garden Community Proposal

Abstract from recommendation by PJA for connection route from Stanmore Village centre to Bridgnorth. August 2019.

Potential Footpath/Cycleway through Hermitage Ridge to Bridgnorth.

There are potential opportunities to create a path on stilts to even out the gradient whilst limiting tree loss and damage to roots (example below in Figure 1). This could create a nice feature through the woodland rather than detracting from the woodland setting. To the south of the woodland in the open ground there are ample opportunities to create a more gradual path by looping the path down the slope potentially with some more direct steps through the middle and as all this land is in Apley Estate ownership it would be possible to create more than one connection to avoid any steps.

The illustration below could (with modification) restrict access into and protect woodland but provide a pleasant walking route. This was installed at Wrexham and from observation on our site visit to the Ridge at Stanmore, there is a significant gap (circled in red) through the woodland (see aerial view below) where trees appear to have been felled to accommodate overhead electric power lines. This could therefore be dedicated as a new PROW and would form a reasonably direct route.

Raised Walkway through woodland

We note there are a number of informal paths through the Ridge which appear to be well used by walkers, possibly also to gain access to and from the Business Park. There may be options to improve or formalise these. Various alternative routes could be created west of the woodland on land in Apley ownership, to ease gradients and lead to different destinations.

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