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Welcome to the exhibition for the East and West Looe Valleys Trail

Our vision is to create a new walking and cycling trail network linking Liskeard, Looe and Bodmin, centred on the East and West Looe Valleys.
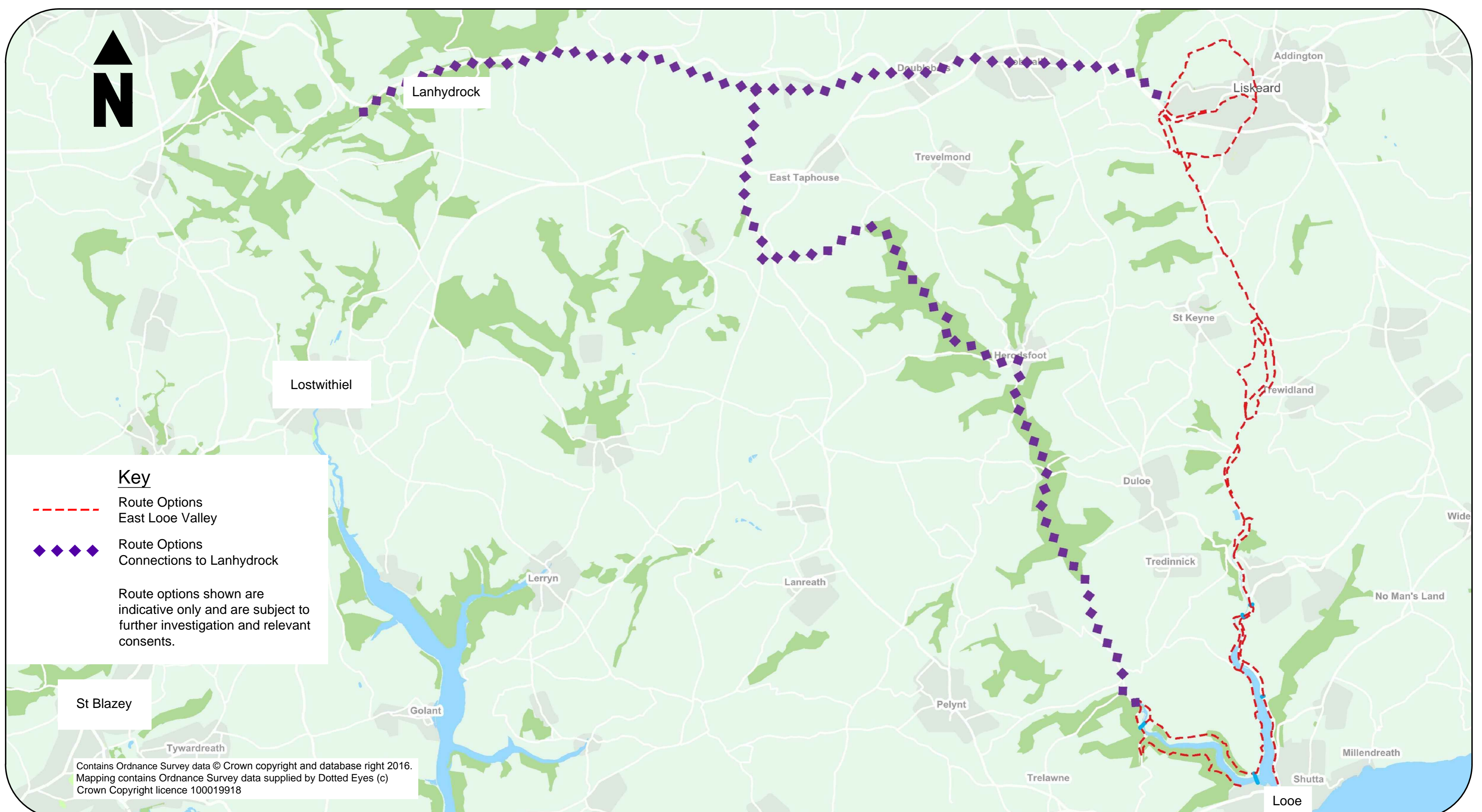
This project would further open up access to some of the most beautiful and distinctive landscape in Cornwall: the Looe Estuary with its rich wildlife and ancient woodland. It would help stimulate the local economy and increase opportunities for community wellbeing.

The **East Looe Valley route** tells the story of how the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site around Caradon Hill was connected to the port of Looe via the Liskeard and Looe railway and canal. This section would offer families and leisure cyclists a great day out combining a ride along the valley, with the opportunity to travel back on the branch line railway.

The **West Looe Valley route** between Liskeard, Looe and Lanhydrock will attract more experienced cyclists and offers the prospect of a coast-to-coast ride by linking up with the Camel Trail at Bodmin.

Funding has been secured from Cornwall Council, the EU LEADER programme, Liskeard Town Council, Looe Town Forum and the Cornish Mining World Heritage Site for a feasibility study into the East Looe route. This study, overseen by Looe Development Trust, began in September 2016 and is due to report in the spring of 2017. The study will look at route design, heritage and ecology, and potential business and community involvement in the project. Funding has been secured from Looe Town Council and Cornwall Council for further work on the Lanhydrock link.

Funding contributions towards a similar study on the west Looe to Lanhydrock section have been offered by Cornwall Council and Looe Town Council. Additional funding is still being sought to complete the package.

Key

- – – – Route Options
  East Looe Valley

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  Connections to Lanhydrock

Route options shown are indicative only and are subject to further investigation and relevant consents.

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We are keen to hear your views on this exciting project. Please feel free to ask any questions of the project team who will be delighted to talk to you and discuss any comments you may have.

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