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East and West Looe Valleys Trail Sandplace to Looe

Route Description

This section of the East Looe Valley Trail will travel from Sandplace to Looe, utilising a new traffic free route and road/rail/river crossings.

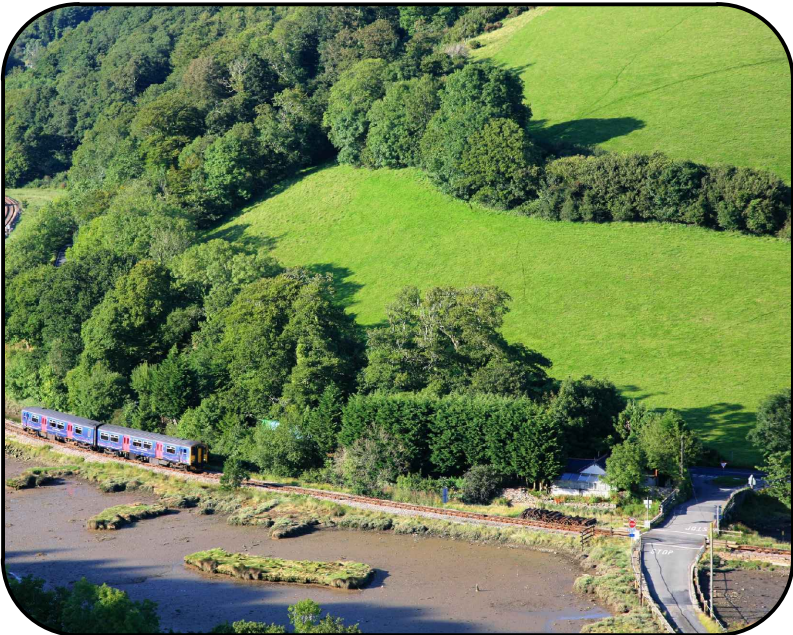
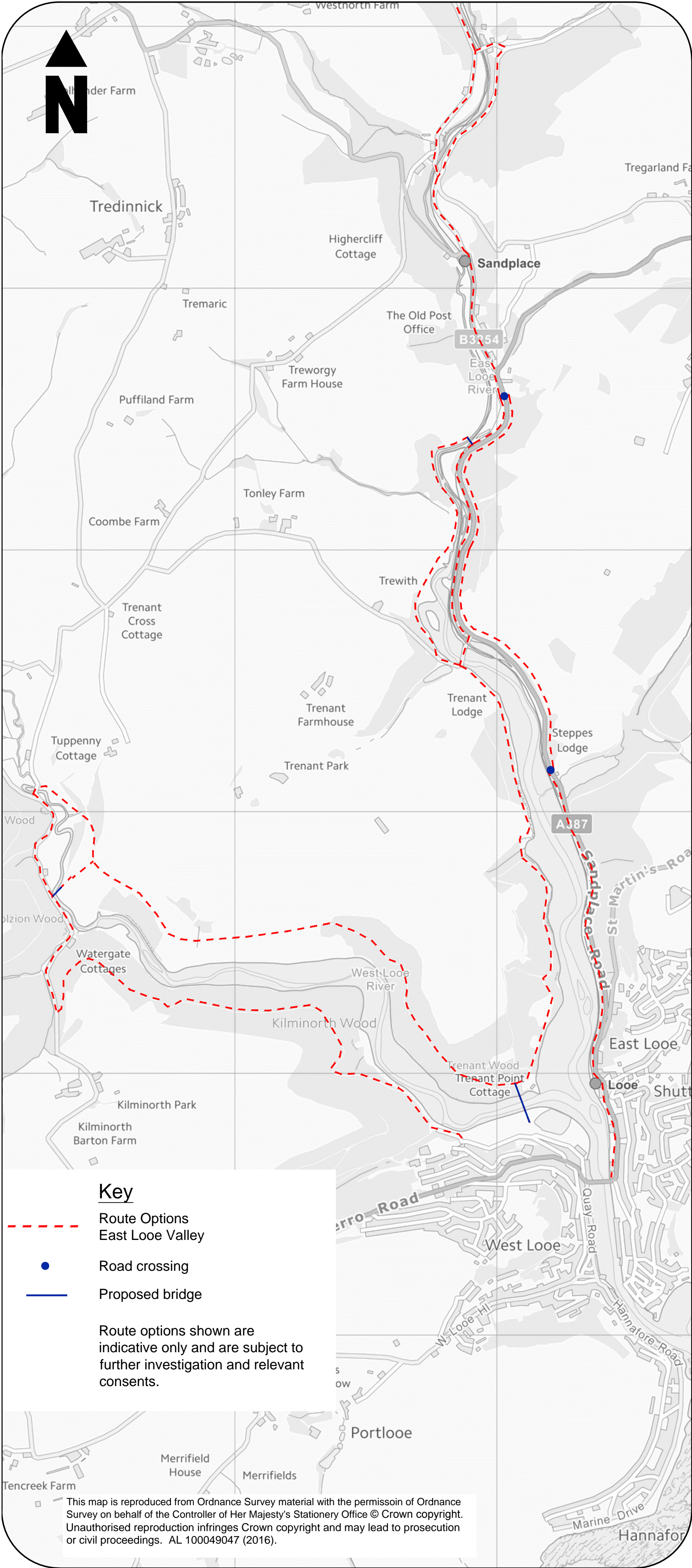


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Terras Bridge



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Kilminorth Wood



Millpool



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Looe Station

Key Issues and Opportunities

Route

- 3 route options (east, central and west of the rail/river/canal).
- Various crossing point options.
- Potential new bridge at Trenant Point to Millpool.
- Links to potential West Looe circuit/route to Lanhydrock.
- Links to branchline railway.

Environment

- A classic south Cornish river estuary landscape characterised by ancient oak woodlands overhanging the estuary edge.
- Extensive areas of ancient woodland, marshy grassland and estuarine habitats, including reedbeds, saltmarsh and mudflats.
- Entire valley, estuary and the majority of adjacent grasslands and woodlands are designated as County Wildlife Sites.
- Estuary is a Voluntary Marine Conservation Area important for birds. The potential crossing of the West Looe by a bridge might cause disturbance.
- Potential to contribute to improved water quality through fencing off grazed river bank areas.
- Enhancement opportunities relating to wetlands, woodlands and unmanaged grasslands.

Heritage

- Link with Looe Museum and the Sardine Factory.
- Telling the valley story - community heritage projects.