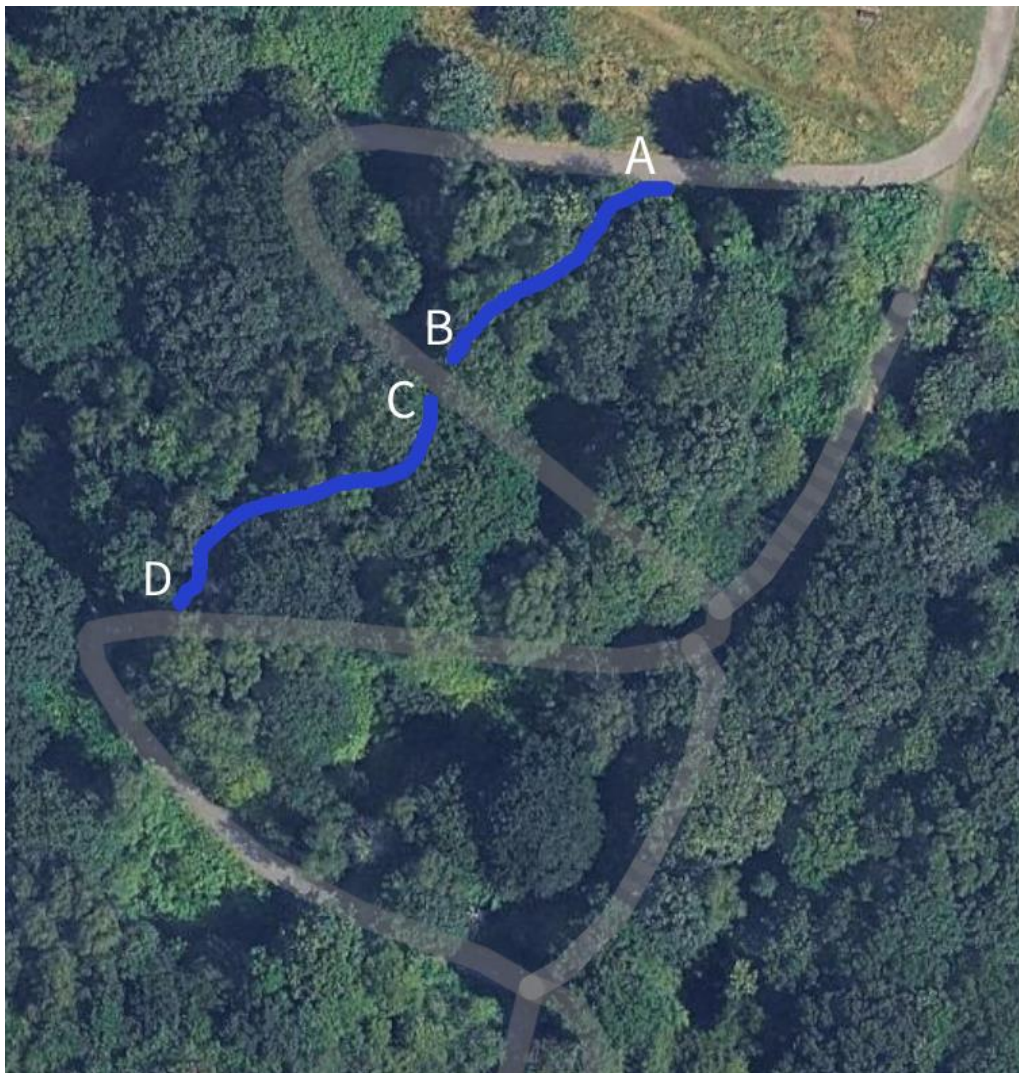


Rodway Common – New Trail

This document records a newly created mountain bike trail identified during a recent inspection of Rodway Common. The trail crossed a public footpath and included a jump over the path, presenting a significant risk to public safety. The photographs below show the route of the trail, its interaction with the public footpath and the associated impact on vegetation and trees. The document has been prepared to explain why remedial action was required.

The newly created trail intersecting the zig-zag footpath through Rodway Common.



A = Trail Entrance.

B = Jump.

C = Trail and Tree Cutting.

D = Trail Exit.

The photos below refer to the points marked on the map above.

A



The start of the new trail, cut through the bracken.

B



Jump crossing the public footpath.



The jump and the path.



The newly constructed jump directed riders across a public footpath used by walkers, dog walkers and families.



Due to the potential for collision between trail users and pedestrians, the feature represented an unacceptable safety risk and was subsequently removed.

C



Continuation of the trail beyond the footpath crossing.



Cutting of the trees.



D



The trail ends on the edge of the footpath, where two existing trails also end/start.

While the Town Council recognises that mountain biking is a valued recreational activity on Rodway Common, the newly created trail introduced both public safety concerns and environmental impacts. In particular, the jump crossing the public footpath posed an immediate risk to other users of the Common and therefore required removal. The Council remains committed to balancing opportunities for recreation with the safety of all visitors and the protection of the Common's natural environment.