



# Risk Assessment

Course/Road(s) Assessed: Whaddon

Course: F5W10

Date of Assessment/Review: 21/7/2020

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**Course Description:** Circular course Starting on Calverton Road Stony Stratford and finishing in the lay by between the Shoulder of Mutton and Calverton Road

**Traffic Flows:** Low rural roads

**Course/Event History:** Used for many years for club events

## Key Identified Risks

| Distance | Location   | Identified Significant Risk/Hazards                     | Level of Risk Low/Med/High | Measures to reduce Risk (if applicable)                         |
|----------|--|---|----------------------------|---|
| 0 Miles  | <b>Start: Calverton Road and Milford Avenue</b>          | Riders warming up/ lining up                            | Low                        | 2 Warning signs before and after start to warn oncoming traffic |
| 0.2      | <b>Calverton Road</b>                                    | Traffic priority island<br>Y Junction                   | Low<br>Low                 | Riders warned   |
| 1.5      | Between Stony Stratford and Beachampton                  | S Bends with poor road surface                          | Low                        | Riders warned   |
| 2.2      | Beachampton  | Road narrows into left hand bend                        | Low                        | Riders warned   |
| 3.9      | Nash – Whaddon cross roads                               | Staggered cross roads – Public awareness                | Low                        | 2 Warning signs approaching crossroads                          |
| 4.1      | After turning left towards Whaddon                       | Possibly poor road surface from here to Whaddon         | Low                        | Riders warned   |
| 5.6      | Whaddon<br>After turning left at Nash Road on to High St | T Junction with possibly cars parked after turning left | Low                        | Warning sign  |
| 5.8      | High St  | Traffic priority island in riders favour                | Low                        | Riders warned   |

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|-----|---|---|------------|---|
| 7.4 | Stratford Road between Whaddon and Upper Weald  | Some surfaces renewed but some gravel still in places<br>Possible standing water if wet | Low<br>Med | Riders warned<br>To be assessed when appropriate  |
| 8.1 | Upper Weald/ Calverton Lane T Junction  | Public awareness  | Low        | Warning sign  |
| 9.0 | Lower Weald   | Sharp left hand bend with parked cars on the left                                       | Med        | Warning sign at entrance to the hamlet to warn riders to slow down. A marshal to warn public of oncoming cyclists<br>A sign to warn traffic approaching from Stony Stratford of oncoming cyclists |
| 9.3 | Lower Weald   | Approaching cyclists passing parked cars  | Med        |   |
| 9.5 | Lower Weald<br>Shoulder of Mutton PH<br>Finish in lay-by just after Shoulder of Mutton PH | Public awareness  | Low        | Sign  |

The small junctions or entrances to farms/ facilities that are not identified in this risk assessment have been considered, however are not considered significant to pose a risk and therefore have not been noted. The part of the course between Whaddon and the finish will need to be assessed on the night after heavy rain particularly the bend at 7.5 m  
Note with Covid-19 restrictions all signs are the same size so they can be safely stored in a container.

**Date of original assessment: 2016. Re-assessed 22/1/2019 – Mick Atkinson**

### Rider notes

1. Riders warming up should not interfere with the race or those waiting to start – no turning in sight of the time keepers
2. Traffic priority island close to the start although the priority is in favour of the course – exercise care in case of approaching traffic
3. At 1.5 there is an S bend with poor road surface
4. At 2.2 Beachampton the road narrows into a left-hand bend
5. After turning left at Nash crossroads the road surface is poor all the way to Whaddon
6. After turning left at Whaddon Village there will be cars parked on your side of the road – proceed with care although the road is wide enough not to be an issue
7. Coming out of Whaddon village there is a traffic island in your favour but be aware of cars not giving way
8. At 7.5m onwards after the steep hill there may be gravel and standing water after heavy rain which will be assessed on the night
9. Lower Weald has a fast downhill approach into a sharp left hand bend and parked cars on your side of the road which means you will need to pass on the wrong side of the road – adjust your speed and be prepared to stop
10. At the finish please warm down away from the course and stay away from the timekeepers